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**Abstract**

Mass Software Upgrade [MSU] is a reliable network protocol for carrying out simultaneous firmware/software upgrade process of a large number of systems. It uses a combination of multicast and unicast datagram packets for data transfer. Reliability is achieved by selective re-transmission of the desired portion of the data upon request from the systems participating in the upgrade process.

1. **Abbreviations**

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| **Abbreviation** | **Expansion** |
| MSU | Mass Software Upgrade |
| UDP | User Datagram Protocol |
| IGMP | Internet Group Management Protocol |
| FA | Firmware Archive |
| CN | Chunk Number |
| SN | Sequence Number |
| CCM | Chunk Complain Mode |
| SCM | Sequence Complain Mode |
| CM | Complain Mode |
| GM | Group Message |
| IM | Individual Message |

1. **Introduction & Overview**

The objectives of Mass Software Upgrade process are: 1) to simultaneously upgrade firmware/software on many systems, 2) to encourage indirect or implicit (via programs) use of remote computers, 3) to transfer data reliably and efficiently even on high traffic network. 4) Automatic recovery of upgrade process even in cases of network re-establishment.

This paper assumes knowledge of the “**User Datagram Protocol**” (UDP), “**IGMP**” (Internet Group Message Protocol), and “**Unicast & Multicast**” data transmission over the Ethernet.

1. **Terminology**
2. Mass Software Upgrade [MSU] – The process of carrying out simultaneous upgrade process of a large number of clients which require the same set of firmware package and/or configuration files.
3. Firmware Archive [FA] – Refers to a single binary file or a number of firmware files archived to form a single package. The files mentioned here may also refer to configuration files containing plain text. The terms FA and File are used interchangeably in this document.
4. Server System(s) – The system(s) which is the source of the firmware archive. Note: Although a number of server systems can be present on the same network, at a particular instant of MSU process, only one system is expected to be participating. The term server used in this document refers to the Server System.
5. Client System(s) – The system(s) in which the firmware needs to be updated. Note: The term client(s) used in this document refers to the Client System(s).
6. Chunk – Binary file or firmware archive broken down into a number of pieces of equal and predefined size. Note: The last chunk of the file may be of a different length when compared to the other chunks. Each chunk is numbered incrementally starting from one. This number is referred to as the chunk number [CN].
7. Sequence Number [SN] – Each chunk is further divided into a predefined number of units referred to with numbers starting from one.
8. Complain Mode – Selective re-transmission of a part of the firmware archive.
9. **Summary of Operation**

MSU process uses a combination of Multicast and Unicast datagram packet for communication over the Ethernet for data transfer. It involves reliable data transfer using a mode of operation referred to as the complain mode for selective re-transmission of a part of the firmware archive.

Figure 1 shows an example setup for MSU process.

Server

Client 1

Client 5

Client 3

Client 2

Client 6

Ethernet Switch

Client 4

Client

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Figure 1 - Example of MSU Process Setup

1. **Design Goals & Constraints**

MSU process has been designed to make use of the advantages of multicast datagram protocol to upgrade systems on a large scale simultaneously in order to save time and increase the network’s efficiency to a large extent.

1. **Reliability**

Reliable data delivery over the unreliable network is achieved by using complain mode in the MSU process. The MSU process enters into complain mode after the transfer of each of the chunks hereby referred to as sequence complain mode [**SCM**] for re-transmission of a selected part of the chunk indicated by the SN.

By the end of the complete FA transfer, the MSU process enters into complain mode for re-transmission of the selected chunk indicated by the CN. This process is hereby referred to as the chunk complain mode [**CCM**].

1. **Precondition**

* + 1. Each of the client systems must have a unique MAC address.
    2. Each of the client systems must have unique IP address.
    3. Router must support IGMP in case of multiple subnet.

1. **Protocol Data Format**

All the data in the MSU protocol header definitions are represented in the **Big-Endian** format.

1. **Device Discovery Messages**

The server sends the '**Who-Is'** multicast message on the default multicast IP address and port number to discover all the clients on the network. The clients reply with the ‘**I-Am’** unicast message.

* + - * 1. **Who-Is**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Byte 0 | Byte 1 | Byte 2 | Byte 3 |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | IsRange | Msg\_type | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| Start Range/Device ID [0] | | | |
| Start Range/Device ID [1] | | | |
| Start Range/Device ID [2] | | | |
| Start Range/Device ID [3] | | | |
| Start Range/Device ID [4] | | | |
| Start Range/Device ID [5] | | | |
| Start Range/Device ID [6] | | | |
| Start Range/Device ID [7] | | | |
| Start Range/Device ID [8] | | | |
| Start Range/Device ID [9] | | | |
| End Range/Device ID[0] | | | |
| End Range/Device ID[1] | | | |
| End Range/Device ID[2] | | | |
| End Range/Device ID[3] | | | |
| End Range/Device ID[4] | | | |
| End Range/Device ID[5] | | | |
| End Range/Device ID[6] | | | |
| End Range/Device ID[7] | | | |
| End Range/Device ID[8] | | | |
| End Range/Device ID[9] | | | |

Table 1 - Who-Is Discovery Message Format (GM)

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|  | Optional Field |
|  | Fixed Length Field |
|  | Variable Length Field |

* **Opcode** - MSU\_DEVICE\_DISCOVER (2)
* **Subcode** – WHO\_IS (1)

* **IsRange** - TRUE (1) or FALSE (0). If TRUE, the Start Range and End Range should be provided. If FALSE, Start Range is interpreted as the Device ID and the End Range is filled with zeros/null character. These fields must be 40 byte character arrays respectively, to extend IPv6 support.
* **Msg\_type** – This field contains different flag definitions.

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| **ID** | **Flag\_Name(bit position)** | **Description** |
| 1 | Client/Slave(7) | Device is Client or Slave\* |
| 2 | Master (6) | Scan all the masters on the network\*\* |
| 3 | Authentication(5) | Authentication must be performed |
| 4 | Authentication\_level(4) | When set authentication must be performed at the group level.  Else it must be performed for every device individually. |
| 5 | Reserved (3-0) |  |

Table 2 – Msg\_Type

**For the discovery request, only flags 1 and 2 are applicable. Rests are not used and hence their values must be set to zero.**

**\***MSU V1.0 only use Client **\*\***MSU V1.0 does not support master

* IP header field

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| --- | --- | --- |
| ID | Field Name(bit position) | Description |
| 1 | IP version(7) | This value set implies IPv4  Otherwise IPv6 support |
| 2 | Protocol Version(6-4) | This field should be set to 1. ”V1.0” |
| 3 | Reserved field(3-0) |  |

Table 3 – IP header field

* Start Range – Starting IP address in the discovery process. This is applicable if IsRange is TRUE.
* Device ID – IP address of the device, applicable if IsRange is FALSE.
* End Range – End IP address in the discovery process. This is applicable if IsRange is TRUE.
  + - * 1. **I-Am**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | GroupID | Msg\_type | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| Device ID[0] | | | |
| Device ID[1] | | | |
| Device ID[2] | | | |
| Device ID[3] | | | |
| Device ID[4] | | | |
| Device ID[5] | | | |
| Device ID[6] | | | |
| Device ID[7] | | | |
| Device ID[8] | | | |
| Device ID[9] | | | |
| T/F | HW\_ID\_Len | T/F | Product\_ID\_Len | T/F | Product\_Name\_Len | T/F | Model\_Name\_Len |
| T/F | Vendor\_ID\_Len | T/F | FW\_SW\_Ver\_Len | T/F | Major\_Minor\_Revison\_Len | T/F | Device\_Loc\_Len |
| T/F | MSU\_Comm\_Param\_Len | Reserved | | |
| Variable Length Data | | | |
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Table 4- I-Am Discovery Message Format (IM)

* Opcode - MSU\_DEVICE\_DISCOVER (2)
* Subcode – I\_AM (2)
* GroupID – Group number to which this device belongs. The GroupID - If the device is not yet assigned to any Group, by default, the GroupID is set to zero.
* Msg\_type – This field contains different flag definitions.

Client/ Slave(7)-This bit indicates if the device serves as a client or slave. For this version all devices are Clients. Slave bit has been reserved for future use in the two tier architecture.

Master(6)-The device serves as a Master in the two tier architecture. For Future use in the two tier architecture.

Authentication(5)-When set, User authentication must be performed.

When Authentication bit has not been set, the server must connect to the device and continue with notification. The presence and absence of this bit only pontificates the desirability of User Authentication.

Authentication\_level(4)-This bit is valid only when bit 5- The Authentication bit is set. When set, the server must perform authentication for every individual device.

Flag value 0 implies that the devices can be authenticated at the group level.

Reserved(3-0)-

* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* DeviceID – Unique representation of the device such as the IP address for Ethernet devices. This field is again a 40 byte character array, to extend support for IPv6.
* T/F – Bit to suggest if the field exists or not.
* HW\_ID\_Len – Length of the Hardware Identification string.
* Product\_ID\_Len – Length of the Product Identification string.
* Product\_Name\_Len – Length of the Product Name string.
* Model\_Name\_Len – Length of the Model Name string.
* Vendor\_ID\_Len – Length of the Vendor Identification string.
* FW\_SW\_Ver\_Len – Length of the Firmware Software Version string.
* Major\_Minor\_Revison\_Len – Length of the Major and Minor Revision string.
* Device\_Loc\_Len – Length of the Device Location string.This can be used as device name or for unique identification such as the name along with the location.
* MSU\_Comm\_Param\_Len – Length of the MSU Communication Parameter field. This field is as shown in Table 5.
* The server, having collected the information from all the clients has to use the largest of all the values in the corresponding fields. This is in order to support even the slowest of all the clients.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Size in Bytes** | **Units** | **Description** |
| Sequence\_Delay | 2 | milliseconds | Delay between consecutive data packets |
| SCM\_Delay | 2 | milliseconds | Time gape for server before start new Chunk transfer. To allow device complain if any sequence misses in last chunk |
| CCM\_Delay | 2 | milliseconds | Time gape for server after the last chunk transfer. To allow device complain if any chunk missed |
| CCM\_Retry | 1 | number (0, 1,…255) | Number of CCM retries |
| SCM\_Retry | 1 | number (0, 1,…255) | Number of SCM retries |
| Timeout\_Val | 1 | Seconds | Timeout value between any two consecutive packet/sequence transmission from the MSU server |
| Sequence Limit | 1 | Integer | Number of Sequence in a chunk Range Min 1 to Max 32 |

Table 5- MSU Communication Parameter Field

* Variable Length Data – String of variable length, the length is specified by the previous field. For example, File Name Length field specifies the length of this field.

1. **Connect Message**

Keeping compliance with the security standards, MSU performs authentication (connection permissibility) at three levels. Level-1 is mandatory while Level-(2&3) are optional.

* 1. Basic authentication – Verification of Username and Password alone. This a mandatory requirement.
  2. IP white list – The leech device accepts data packets from those servers whose address falls in the IP white list.

Packets from any other server must not be consumed.

The IP white list is fed into the device through a binary file at the time of commissioning.

White listing is optional and list content & size is configurable and subjected to realization.

* 1. MAC – This is the superset, and it further incorporates server MAC address authentication at the device level.

This information is again present with the device through the configuration file.

To add another layer to device safety, the correctness of the hardware and the image to be transferred is cross- verified at the device level.

If the authentication fails at any level, the device returns an error code defining the cause of the failure and disengages from the upgrade process.

This field is optional and list content & size is configurable and subjected to realization.

The protocol also allows explicit disconnect. On receiving the disconnect message, the client must disengage from the Upgrade process.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| opcode(4)|subcode(4) | Reserved | Msg\_type | IP version(1)| Protocol Version(3)|reserved(4) |
| Server Ip[0] | | | |
| Server Ip[1] | | | |
| Server Ip[2] | | | |
| Server Ip[3] | | | |
| Server Ip[4] | | | |
| Server Ip[5] | | | |
| Server Ip[6] | | | |
| Server Ip[7] | | | |
| Server Ip[8] | | | |
| Server Ip[9] | | | |
| Transaction ID | | | |
| MAC[0] | MAC[1] | MAC[2] | MAC[3] |
| MAC[4] | MAC[5] | Conncetion\_timeout | T/F|Filename\_len |
| T/F|HardwareId\_len | T/F|ModelName\_len | T/F|ModelName\_len | T/F|Password\_len |
| T/F|Username\_len | T/F|F/w-Ver\_Len | T/F|S/w-Ver\_Len | T/F|Vendor\_Id\_len |
| T/F|Product\_Name\_len |  |  |  |
| Variable Length Data | | | |

Table 6 **–** Connect Request Message Format (IM)

* Opcode - MSU\_DEVICE\_CONNECTION (4)
* Subcode – REQ (1)
* Msg\_type – Refer to Table 2 for description.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Server IP – IP address of the server.
* Transaction ID – Randomly generated number which uniquely represents one MSU cycle
* MAC ID – MAC address of the server. Set to 0 if not available
* Connection-timeout- On Communication failure for a period greater than this timeout value, the Client/Server MUST exit from the current process and become available for next update cycle without participating for the rest of the current update process, unless connection is explicitly established again.
* T/F – Bit to suggest if the field exists or not.
* Filename\_len – Length of the image filename.
* HW\_ID\_Len – Length of the Hardware Identification string.
* Product\_ID\_Len – Length of the Product Identification string.
* Model\_Name\_Len – Length of the Model Name string.
* Password\_len – Length of the password.
* Username\_len – Length of the username.
* FW\_SW\_Ver\_Len – Length of the Firmware Software Version string.
* Product\_Name\_Len – Length of the Product Name string.
* Variable Length Data – String of variable length, the length is specified by the previous field. For example, File Name Length field specifies the length of this field.

1. **Disconnect Message**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| opcode(4)|subcode(4) | Reserved | Msg\_type | IP version(1)| Protocol Version(3)|reserved(4) |
| Server Ip[0] | | | |
| Server Ip[1] | | | |
| Server Ip[2] | | | |
| Server Ip[3] | | | |
| Server Ip[4] | | | |
| Server Ip[5] | | | |
| Server Ip[6] | | | |
| Server Ip[7] | | | |
| Server Ip[8] | | | |
| Server Ip[9] | | | |
| Transaction ID | | | |

Table 7 **–** Disconnect Message Format (IM)

* Opcode - MSU\_DEVICE\_AUTHENTICATION (4)
* Subcode – DISCONNECT (3)
* Msg\_type – Refer to Table 2 for description.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 for description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Server IP – IP address of the server.
* Transaction ID – This is the same as the transaction id contained in the connect message. If it is not the same the device must discard the message.

1. **Connect/Disconnect Response Message**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Byte-0 | Byte-1 | Byte-2 | Byte-3 |
| opcode(4)|subcode(4) | Errorcode | Error Subcode | ` IP version(1)| Protocol Version(3)|reserved(4) |
| Append more data (only 4 bytes as of now) | | | |

Table 8 **–** Connect/Disconnect response Message Format (IM)

* Opcode - MSU\_DEVICE\_AUTHENTICATION (4)
* Subcode – AUTHENTICATION\_RESPONSE (2)
  + - DISCONNECT\_RESPONSE(4)
* Errorcode – 0 implies the absence of error.

1 implies the presence of error.

* Error Subcode – The value of this field defines the reason of the failure.

MSU\_CONNECTION\_ERRSUBCODE\_IP = 1,

MSU\_ CONNECTION \_ERRSUBCODE\_WHITELISTIP = 2,

MSU\_ CONNECTION \_ERRSUBCODE\_LOGININFO = 3,

MSU\_ CONNECTION \_ERRSUBCODE\_FILENAME = 4,

MSU\_ CONNECTION \_ERRSUBCODE\_HARDWAREID = 5,

MSU\_DISCONNECT\_ERRSUBCODE\_IP = 25

MSU\_DISCONNECT\_ERRSUBCODE\_AUTHENTICATIONLEVEL = 26,

MSU\_DISCONNECT\_ERRSUBCODE\_TRANSACTIONID = 27

MSU\_DISCONNECT\_ERRSUBCODE\_TIMEOUT = 28

* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 for description

* Protocol Version (3) - Refer to Table 3 description.

1. **Update Process**

Server initiates the MSU process by multicasting notification message. The default multicast IP address, port number, the number of times this message is sent and the delay between each of the notification messages are implementation specific. The Notification message packet contents are shown in Table 9.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | File Number | | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| File Size (in bytes) | | | |
| Number of Chunks | | | |
| Sequence Number Limit | | Sequence Size Limit (in bytes) | |
| Multicast Address[0] | | | |
| Multicast Address[1] | | | |
| Multicast Address[2] | | | |
| Multicast Address[3] | | | |
| Multicast Address[4] | | | |
| Multicast Address[5] | | | |
| Multicast Address[6] | | | |
| Multicast Address[7] | | | |
| Multicast Address[8] | | | |
| Multicast Address[9] | | | |
| CM Multicast Address[0] | | | |
| CM Multicast Address[1] | | | |
| CM Multicast Address[2] | | | |
| CM Multicast Address[3] | | | |
| CM Multicast Address[4] | | | |
| CM Multicast Address[5] | | | |
| CM Multicast Address[6] | | | |
| CM Multicast Address[7] | | | |
| CM Multicast Address[8] | | | |
| CM Multicast Address[9] | | | |
| Port Number | | CM Port Number | |
| TransactionID | | | |
| File CRC | | | |
| T/F | File\_Name\_Len | T/F | Dest\_Path\_Name\_Len | T/F | GroupId | Update Timeout |
| Variable Length Data | | | |
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Table 9 – Notification Message Format (GM)

* Opcode – MSU\_DEVICE\_UPDATE (1)
* Subcode – UPGRADE (1)

DOWNGRADE (2)

FORCE\_UPGRADE (3)

* File Number – In case of upgrade process involving multiple files, this number represents the index of the file that is being transferred. This number starts from 1.
* File Size – Size of the file in bytes that is being transferred.
* Number of Chunks – Total number of chunks in the current file transfer.
* Sequence Number Limit – Maximum number of sequences in the first chunk up to the last but one chunk. Note that the last chunk may have a smaller number of sequences depending on the file size. This limit should not be more than 32. This value MUST less then and equal to the value sequence limit present in protocol parameter table-2
* Sequence Size Limit – Maximum size in bytes of the data payload of a single packet sequence. Note that the last sequence of the last chunk may have a smaller size depending on the file size.
* Multicast Address – The client systems that are interested in participating in the MSU process need to join this multicast address.
* TransactionID – Randomly generated number which uniquely represents one MSU cycle and MUST be same as generated in connection message.
* Port Number – The client systems that are interested in participating in the MSU process need to listen on this port to receive multicast messages.
* CM Multicast Address – The client systems which are interested in participating in the CM either in SCM or CCM need to join this multicast address. Not used in this version kept for future version.
* CM Port Number – The client systems which are interested in participating in the CM either in SCM or CCM need to listen on this port to receive CM multicast messages. Not used in this version kept for future version.
* File CRC – 32-bit CRC of the file.
* T/F – Bit to suggest if the field exists or not.

1 – Field exists.

0 – Field does not exist.

* File Name Len. – Length of the file name.
* Dest. Path Name Len. – Length of the destination path of the file under transfer.
* GroupID – De-scoped in V1.0 onwards, is a redundant field with connection message. Can be put as a reserved field .
* Variable Length Data – String of variable length, the length is specified by the previous field. For example, File Name Length field specifies the length of this field.
  1. The file [FA] is divided into smaller units called Chunks.
  2. The chunk is divided into smaller units called SN.

CHUNK 1

CN 1

CN 2

CN 3

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CN n

SN 1

SN 2

SN 3

SN n

FILE

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Figure 2 File – Chunk - Sequence Structure

* 1. Server prepares the chunks of the file which it needs to send over the network to the clients. Refer Figure 2.
  2. The chunks are further divided into a number of parts depending on the maximum datagram payload size, optimization requirements and datagram fragmentation. These numbers are the sequence numbers [SN]. Refer Figure 2. Please refer to Number of Chunks, Sequence Number Limit and Size of Sequence fields of Table .
  3. Server waits for a predefined JOIN\_MSU\_WAIT\_TIME time (refer Appendix A) for the clients to join the multicast group.
  4. Server starts sending the data packet from the first chunk to the end of the chunk.
  5. While sending each chunk of data, the server inserts the SN in the message. The data transfer message format is shown in the Table 10.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | File Number | | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| Chunk Number [CN] | | | |
| Sequence Number (Min 1 - Max 32) | Data Length | | File/Chunk Transfer States (2)| reserved (6) |
| TransactionId | | Reserve | |
| Variable Length Data | | | |
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Table 10 - Data Transfer Message Format (GM)

* Opcode – MSU\_DEVICE\_UPDATE (1)
* Subcode – DATA\_TRANSFER (4)
* File Number - Refer Table 9 for description.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* CN – Refers to the chunk number that is being transferred. It starts from 1.
* SN – Refers to the sequence number that is sent in this message. It starts from 1, maximum being Sequence Number Limit. Please refer Table 5 for Sequence Number Limit.
* Data Length – Length of the variable length data in bytes.
* File/Chunk Transfer States – FILE\_START [0]/END[1] – BIT 0

CHUNK\_START [0]/END [1] – BIT 1

* Transaction Id- Transaction Id assigned for current upgrade process.
* Variable Length Data – The actual FA data that needs to be transferred.
  1. The client builds a database of all the frames received with CN and SN information.
  2. After sending one complete chunk, the Server waits for a predefined SCM\_WAIT\_TIME time (refer Appendix A) for the SCM. In this mode, the clients request the server all the frames that were missed. These missed frames are indicated by the SN. The server re-transmits all the missed frames on the Multicast Address (optionally, if CM Multicast Address is supported, then, this address will be used). The Unicast SCM Message Format is shown in Table 11

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | File Number | | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| Chunk Number [CN] | | | |
| Number of Sequences | Transaction Id | | Reserved |
| Bit Map of Sequences | | | |

Table 11 - SCM Message Format (IM)

* Opcode – MSU\_DEVICE\_UPDATE (1)
* Subcode – SEQUENCE\_COMPLAIN\_MODE (5)
* File Number - Refers to the number of the file to which this SCM belongs.
* IP Version – Refer Table 3 for description.
* Protocol Version- Refer Table 3 for description.
* CN – Refers to the number of the chunk to which this SCM belongs.
* Number of Sequences – The total number of missed frames.
* Transaction Id – Transaction Id assigned for current upgrade process.
* Bit Map of Sequences – The missed sequence numbers are represented by bits. The 0th bit indicates SN=1 and so on.
  1. After the SCM\_WAIT\_TIME has elapsed, the server sends the SCM completed message for the current chunk which it has just transferred. The message format is shown in Table 12. If the SCM\_Retry\_Flag field is non-zero, then the client has another time interval of SCM\_WAIT\_TIME to form and send SCM message for those sequences it still has not received. This process of SCM retries continue until the server sends a SCM completed message with SCM\_Retry\_Flag field set to zero after which any further SCM messages from the client will be ignored by the server for the current chunk.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | File Number | | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| SCM\_Retry\_Flag | Transaction Id | | Reserved |

Table 12 - SCM Completed Message Format (GM)

* Opcode – MSU\_DEVICE\_UPDATE (1)
* Subcode – SCM\_TRANSFER\_COMPLETED (10)
* File Number – Refers to the index of the file that was transferred.
* SCM\_Retry\_Flag – count decremented value at every retry for individual chunk. 0 value no retry left
* Transaction Id – Transaction Id assigned for current upgrade process.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
  1. Server re-transmits all the SCM requested packets. The clients receive this re-transmitted data and recover the malformed chunk. If there are no packets requested by any of the clients, the server proceeds with the transfer of the next chunk.
  2. Server repeats the same procedure until all the chunks are sent, including the last chunk.
  3. After the SCM process for the last chunk, the server must send the Transfer Completed Message with the Subcode set to TRANSFER\_COMPLETED. Setting File/Chunk Transfer States field to FILE\_COMPLETED is OPTIONAL. The Multicast Transfer Completed Message Format is shown in Table 13.
  4. The number of times the server sends the Transfer Completed message is implementation specific.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | File Number | | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| Transaction Id | | More Files | Reserve |

Table 13 - Transfer Completed Message Format (GM)

* Opcode – MSU\_DEVICE\_UPDATE (1)
* Subcode – TRANSFER\_COMPLETED (7)
* File Number – Refers to the index of the file that was transferred.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Transaction Id - Transaction Id assigned for current upgrade process.
* More Files - Server informs client, there is more file left to transfer. If value set to **1** there is more file left if value set to **0** no file left to transfer.
  1. After the complete file transfer including the SCM for the last chunk and after the server sends the Transfer Completed Message, the MSU process goes into CCM. In this mode, the clients request for complete chunk re-transmission by sending the missed chunk number using the CCM Message. The server gathers the information from the clients within a window of time meant for CCM. The Unicast CCM Message Format is shown in Table 14.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | File Number | | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| Transcation Id | | Reserve | |
| Number of Chunks | | | |
| Chunk Number [CN] | | | |
| . | | | |
| Chunk Number [CNs] | | | |

Table 14 - CCM Message Format (IM)

* Opcode - MSU\_DEVICE\_UPDATE (1)
* Subcode – CHUNK\_COMPLAIN\_MODE (6)
* File Number - Refers to the number of the file to which this CCM belongs.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Transaction Id – Transaction Id assigned for current upgrade process.
* Number of Chunks – This is the number of missed/malformed chunks.
* CN – Refers to the missed chunk number that the client wants the server to re-transmit. Each chunk number takes four bytes in the message format stacked one below the other as indicated by Variable Length CNs.
  1. Server waits for a predefined CCM\_WAIT\_TIME time (refer Appendix A) allocated for the CCM. After this time, the server re-transmits the requested chunks one by one in ascending order until all the chunks are transmitted. The frame format and the procedure for sending the chunks remains same as before including the SCM states.
  2. After receiving Transfer completed message and the CCM, the clients verify the sanity of the received file using CRC. Optionally, the clients can verify CRC immediately after receiving the last chunk of the file if they do not need to participate in the CCM. This step is implementation specific.
  3. The server sends the CCM completed message after every iteration of the CCM. The number of iterations of the CCM is implementation specific. This number is predefined and known to the server and the clients. The format of this message is shown in Table 15. The CCM cycle is carried out more than once to increase the success rate of file transfer.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | File Number | | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| Transaction Id | | Reserve | |

Table 15 - CCM Completed Message Format (GM)

* Opcode – MSU\_DEVICE\_UPDATE (1)
* Subcode – CCM\_TRANSFER\_COMPLETED (9)
* File Number – Refers to the index of the file that was transferred.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Transaction Id – Transaction Id assigned for current upgrade process.
  1. At any point of time during the MSU process, the Server can send MSU abort message to all the participating clients to exit from the current MSU process by sending the TRANSFER\_ABORTED message as shown in Table 16.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | File Number | | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| Transaction ID | | | |

Table 16 - Transfer Aborted Message Format (GM)

* Opcode – MSU\_DEVICE\_UPDATE (1)
* Subcode – TRANSFER\_ABORTED (8)
* File Number – Refers to the index of the file that was transferred.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Transaction ID- Transaction ID unique to the given upgrade cycle.
  1. If the clients receive MSU abort, they have to undo all the MSU process which is subject to a clients’ local matter.
  2. Status Message – This message is sent (unicast) by the clients to the server with the Subcode set to CLIENT\_STATUS\_UPDATE\_RESPONSE. Two packets (number of packets is implementation specific) are sent in succession with a delay of STATUS\_MESSAGE\_GAP after the completion of CRC calculation.

The server can explicitly request for this message from the clients by sending (unicast) with the Subcode CLIENT\_STATUS\_UPDATE\_REQUEST. Refer Table 17 for the message format.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | Status | Error Code | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| TransactionID | | | |
| Device ID[0] | | | |
| Device ID[1] | | | |
| Device ID[2] | | | |
| Device ID[3] | | | |
| Device ID[4] | | | |
| Device ID[5] | | | |
| Device ID[6] | | | |
| Device ID[7] | | | |
| Device ID[8] | | | |
| Device ID[9] | | | |
| CCM Retry | SCM Retry | Reserved | |

Table 17 – Status Message Format (IM)

* Opcode - MSU\_DEVICE\_UPGRADE (1)
* Subcode – CLIENT\_STATUS\_UPDATE\_REQUEST (11)

CLIENT\_STATUS\_UPDATE\_RESPONSE (12)

* Status - PASS (0)

FAIL (1)

IN\_PROGRESS (3)

* Error Code - Failure code (0 if there is no failure)
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* TransactionID – The latest TransactionID stored by the client for the current MSU cycle.
* Device ID – Device Identification
* CCM Retry – Number of times the client had participated in CCM processes (Just for diagnostic purpose).
* SCM Retry – Number of times the client had participated in SCM processes (Just for diagnostic purpose). Counter will hold the value of complete a process instead of individual chunk.

1. **Note**
   1. Upon the completion of each chunk, only those clients go into SCM that have missed any packet in that chunk sent by the server.
   2. Upon the completion of all the chunks, only those clients go into the CCM that has missed any chunk sent by the server.
   3. Clients that have received complete chunk must ignore the SCM/CCM transactions.
   4. Server collects the packet numbers from the clients during the SCM and CCM and form a sequence of all the missed packets/chunks. Forming of sequence is done to avoid the overlapping of missed packets/chunks of multiple clients. This avoids the multiple re-transmission of the same packet/chunk to more than one client.
   5. During CCM, the server sends the requested malformed chunks to clients, one chunk at a time until all the requested chunks get transferred.
   6. The rules of SCM and CCM apply as it is for all the chunks irrespective of whether the chunk is in the normal MSU process or in the malformed chunk re-transmission process**.**
   7. The clients which are participating in the malformed chunk re-transmission processhave to analyze by the end of each re-transmitted chunk if they have any more malformed chunksstill left.
   8. Clients must discard duplicate packets received on the network.
   9. Clients must handle out of sequence reception of packets based on the SN.
   10. This protocol is not restricted to firmware. It may be used for any file on the client. That is, the configuration file, file system, special files etc.
2. **Post file transfer process:** Once file is transfer to the device successfully it’s time to apply the upgrade successfully. To achieve same there are sequence of command need to send the device. All these commands are “**one to many**” (Multicast) and can be sent multiple time, in that case device who received multiple time have to ignore the redundant one. The definition of all this group commands are platform specific and none of them are mandatory. Platform can decide which are the relevant for them and only those need to be send. MSU should provide the mechanism to platform who can register the command on their need basis. Precondition for these command is successfully file transfer.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | **Reserve** | | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| **Transaction Id** | | **Reserve** | |

**Serialization Message (GM)**

* 1. Stop - Stop the services if any needed to be stop. E.g. services those are not useful during upgrade process by stopping them device may get more performance and result in less retransmission, or the services cannot function during the upgrade process.
* Opcode - MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_CMD
* Subcode - MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_STOP
* TransactionId: Transaction ID unique to the given upgrade cycle.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
  1. Init - preparation before transferring Image/file to their active location. E.g. extern memory initialization, mounting file system, cleanup memory etc…
* Opcode: - MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_CMD
* Subcode: - MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_INIT
* TransactionId: Transaction ID unique to the given upgrade cycle.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
  1. Apply - Transfer the file to active memory location
* Opcode: - MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_CMD
* Subcode: - MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_APPLY
* TransactionId: Transaction ID unique to the given upgrade cycle.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
  1. Commit: Commit the upgrade
* Opcode: - MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_CMD
* Subcode: - MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_COMMIT
* TransactionId: Transaction ID unique to the given upgrade cycle.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
  1. Start: restart the stop services, or power cycle the device to complete the upgrade process in case needed, this is implementation/platform specific. In case of power cycle the device may impact the network if immediately reboot on reception on start command, result in few device may not able to receive start command from server. To avoid same it is recommended to have small time gape so that all device in network must receive start command.
* Opcode: - MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_CMD
* Subcode: - MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_START
* TransactionId: Transaction ID unique to the given upgrade cycle.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.

1. **Pass through Message:** MSU provide mechanism to users, where user can send customize command to device which is defined by them. To use this messages device has to register the definition with MSU client services. There are two kind of services supported in pass through message 1. Confirm Service 2. Unconfirmed Services.

**Confirm service:** server will send the request and wait for response and can try many time incase first type packet miss due to network limitation. Number of retry is matter implementation.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | Reserve | | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| Transaction Id | | Message Length | |
| Message (Stream of Bytes) | | | |
|
|

**Pass through Message Request (IM)**

* Opcode - MSU\_PASSTHROUGH\_CMD
* Subcode - MSU\_PASSTHROUGH\_CONFIRMED\_REQ
* TransactionId: Transaction ID unique to the given upgrade cycle.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Message Length - length of message(Stream of Bytes)
* Message - Message is a stream of bytes and variable in length.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | Msg Status | Error Code | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| Transaction Id | | Message Length | |
| Message (Stream of Bytes) | | | |
|
|

Pass through message response (IM)

* Opcode - MSU\_PASSTHROUGH\_CMD
* Subcode - MSU\_PASSTHROUGH\_CONFIRMED\_RES
* Msg Status - message delivery status from MSU to register interface. 0 = successfully deliver else message not deliver.
* Error Code - The reason of failure .This field is only valid In case Msg Status is none zero else it is don’t care field
* TransactionId: Transaction ID unique to the given upgrade cycle.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Message Length - length of response message (Stream of Bytes).
* Message - Message is a stream of bytes and variable in length.

**Unconfirmed Service:** This service can be used to send “**one to one** “or “**one to many**” device depend on how device expected. In case all device need same pass through message, Server can send as a group message. But if individual device need specific message, Server need to send in unicast message. This message does not except any response form the other end device. For reliability of transmission sever can send many time, number of retransmission is Implementation specific.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Byte-0** | **Byte-1** | **Byte-2** | **Byte-3** |
| Opcode (4) | Subcode (4) | Reserve | | IP Version (1) | Protocol Version (3) | reserved (4) |
| Transaction Id | | Message Length | |
| Message (Stream of Bytes) | | | |
|
|

**Pass Through Unconfirmed Request (IM/GM)**

* Opcode - MSU\_PASSTHROUGH\_CMD
* Subcode - MSU\_PASSTHROUGH\_UNCONFIRMED\_REQ
* TransactionId: Transaction ID unique to the given upgrade cycle.
* IP Version – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Protocol Version (3) – Refer to Table 3 description.
* Message Length - length of message(Stream of Bytes)
* Message - Message is a stream of bytes and variable in length.

1. **Point of attention** 
   1. Considered only IPV4
   2. Server and Client devices must support file system

**Appendix A**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **NAME** | **DEFAULT VALUES\*** | **UNITS** |
| JOIN\_MSU\_WAIT\_TIME | 5 | seconds |
| SCM\_WAIT\_TIME | 3 | seconds |
| CCM\_WAIT\_TIME | 5 | Seconds |
| STATUS\_MESSAGE\_GAP | 10 | Milliseconds |
| UPDATE\_TIMEOUT | 10 | seconds |

\*The values indicated are configurable and are a local matter of the products that are participating in the MSU process.

Table 18 – Default Values

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **No.** | **OpCode** | **SubCode** |
| 1 | MSU\_DEVICE\_CODE\_UNDEF (0) | NA |
| 2 | MSU\_DEVICE\_UPGRADE (1) | UPGRADE (1) |
| DOWNGRADE (2) |
| FORCE\_UPGRADE (3) |
| DATA\_TRANSFER (4) |
| SEQUENCE\_COMPLAIN\_MODE (5) |
| CHUNK\_COMPLAIN\_MODE (6) |
| TRANSFER\_COMPLETED (7) |
| TRANSFER\_ABORTED (8) |
| CCM\_TRANSFER\_COMPLETED (9) |
| SCM\_TRANSFER\_COMPLETED (10) |
| CLIENT\_STATUS\_UPDATE\_REQUEST (11) |
| CLIENT\_STATUS\_UPDATE\_RESPONSE (12) |
| 3 | MSU\_DEVICE\_DISCOVER (2) | WHO-IS (1) |
| I-AM (2) |
| 4 | MSU\_DEVICE\_AUTHENTICATION(4) | CONNECT\_REQ (1) |
| CONNECT\_DISCONNECT\_RES(2) |
| DISCONNECT\_REQ(3) |
| 5 | MSU\_PASSTHROUGH\_CMD(5) | CONFIRMED\_REQ(1) |
| CONFIRMED\_RES(2) |
| UNCONFIRMED\_REQ(3) |
| 6 | MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_CMD (15) | MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_STOP (1) |
| MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_INIT (2) |
| MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_APPLY (3) |
| MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_COMMIT(4) |
| MSU\_UPGRADE\_SERIALIZATION\_START(5) |

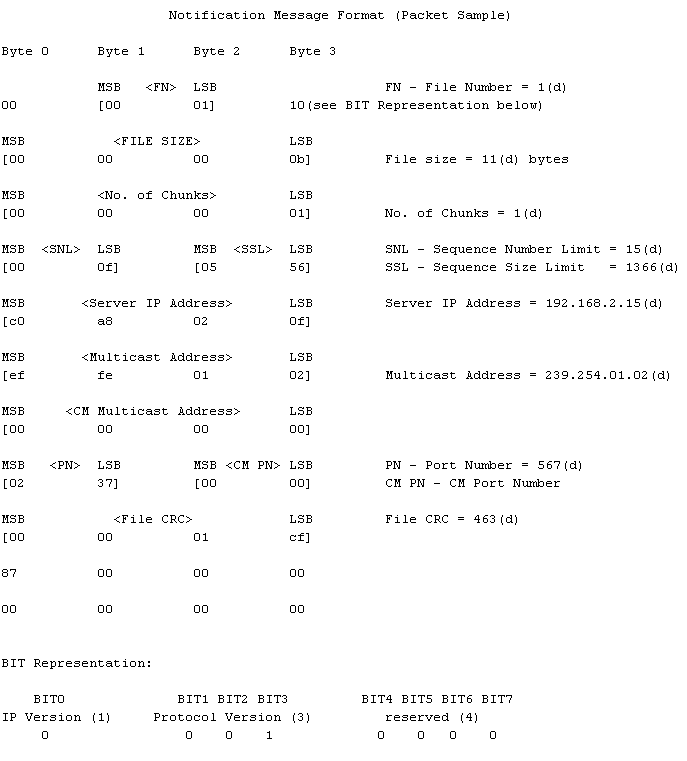
Table 19 – Command List

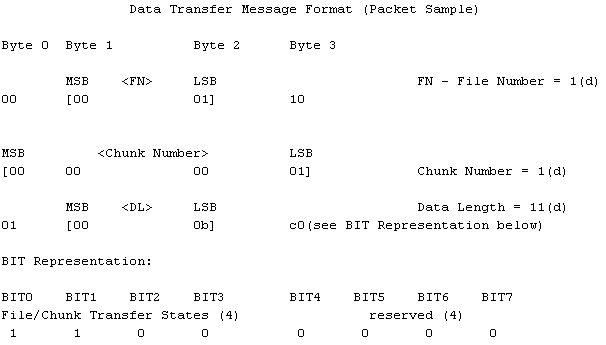
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| --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Value** |
| **MSU\_CLIENT\_STATUS** | **1** |
| **MSU\_MASTER\_STATUS** | **0** |
| **MSU\_AUTHENTICATION\_TAG** | **1** |
| **MSU\_AUTHETICATION\_LEVEL\_TAG** | **1** |
| **MSU\_MAX\_IP\_FIELDS** | **1** |
| **MSU\_MAX\_FILES\_SUPPORTED** | **3** |
| **MSU\_DEFAULT\_SERVER\_IP** | **3232236043** |
| **MSU\_DEFAULT\_USERNAME** | **“admin”** |
| **MSU\_DEFAULT\_PASSWORD** | **“admin”** |
| **MSU\_DEFAULT\_FILENAME** | **“App2.out”** |
| **MSU\_DEFAULT\_FILENAME1** | **“text1.txt”** |
| **MSU\_DEFAULT\_FILENAME2** | **“text2.txt”** |

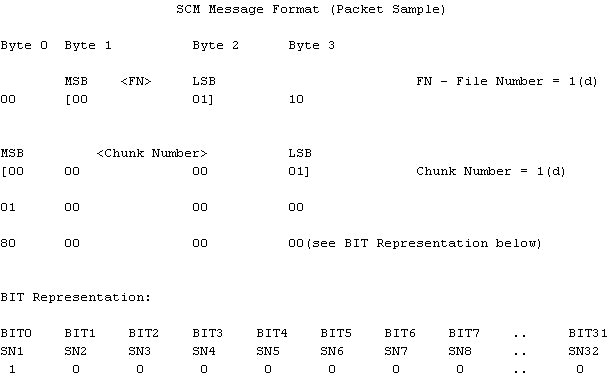
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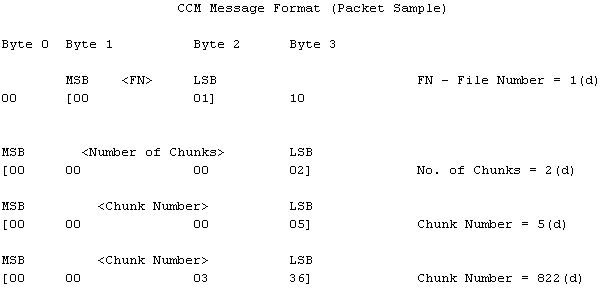
**Appendix B**

**Appendix B represents samples of Notification Message Format as per** Table 9**; Data Transfer Message Format as per Table10; SCM Message Format as per Table 11; CCM Message Format as per Table 14. These formats are illustrated as seen on the wire.**





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**Appendix C**



Figure 3 - Client Flow Chart

**Init** – Initialization operation

**Config** – Configuration operation

**Listening** – listen for unconnected message

**Connected** - Authenticated and wait for Notification message

**Update Mode** – Main mode of MSU operation

**Explicit Commands** – Who-Is, I-am, Status commands, etc.

**CCM** - Chunk Complain Mode of operation

**SCM** - Sequence Complain Mode of operation

**Abort** - Abort operation handling

**Finalization** - CRC calculation, status determination

Appendix –d

