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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

This document defines a Recommended Standard for the CCSDS Licklider Transmission Protocol (LTP) and associated service for application in the space environment. LTP provides optional reliability mechanisms on top of an underlying (usually data link) communication service.

1.2 SCOPE

LTP is intended for use over the current and envisaged packet delivery services used in the space environment, including:

- CCSDS conventional packet telecommand;
- CCSDS conventional packet telemetry.

For space data links, LTP will typically be deployed over a CCSDS data link that supports CCSDS Encapsulation Packets so that one LTP segment can be encapsulated in a single Encapsulation Packet. LTP may also operate over a wide variety of ground-network services including those specified by the CCSDS for cross-support purposes.

1.3 ORGANIZATION OF THE DOCUMENT

This Recommended Standard is organized as follows:

- a) Section 2 contains a descriptive overview of LTP operation as well as a brief history of the protocol's heritage. Users not already familiar with LTP may want to start with this section.
- b) Section 3 contains a profile of RFC 5326 (reference [3]) for use by CCSDS.
- c) Section 4 contains the abstract service specification for LTP.
- d) Section 5 specifies the services that LTP requires from the underlying system.
- e) Section 6 contains conformance requirements for the CCSDS profile of LTP.
- f) Section 7 defines a client operations service that allows multiple layer-(N+1) SDUs to be aggregated into a single LTP block in order to improve efficiency.
- g) Annex A contains the Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma.
- h) Annex B specifies how to layer LTP over the CCSDS Space Packet Service or the CCSDS Encapsulation Service.
- i) Annex C contains the Management Information Base (MIB) for the protocol.

- j) Annex D discusses security, SANA, and patent considerations related to the specification.
- k) Annex E is a list of informative references.
- l) Annex F is a list of abbreviations and acronyms that appear in the document.

1.4 CONVENTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.4.1 TERMS

1.4.1.1 Definitions from OSI Basic Reference Model

This Recommended Standard makes use of a number of terms defined in reference [1]. The use of those terms in this Recommended Standard is to be understood in a generic sense, i.e., in the sense that those terms are generally applicable to any of a variety of technologies that provide for the exchange of information between real systems. Those terms are:

- entity;
- Protocol Data Unit (PDU);
- service;
- Service Access Point (SAP);
- Service Data Unit (SDU).

Figure 1-1 illustrates the relationship of the LTP protocol defined in this document and protocols at the layers above and below LTP. From the point of view of protocols above LTP (e.g., Bundle Protocol), the service LTP provides is optionally reliable delivery of layer-(N+1) PDUs across a link. For LTP, the interface to the data link is via either direct encapsulation in CCSDS Space Packets or via the CCSDS Encapsulation Service.

Figure 1-1 illustrates the general service user-service provider relationships among layers. For the specific case of LTP in the CCSDS stack, the LTP service sits between the Data Link Layer and the Network Layer.

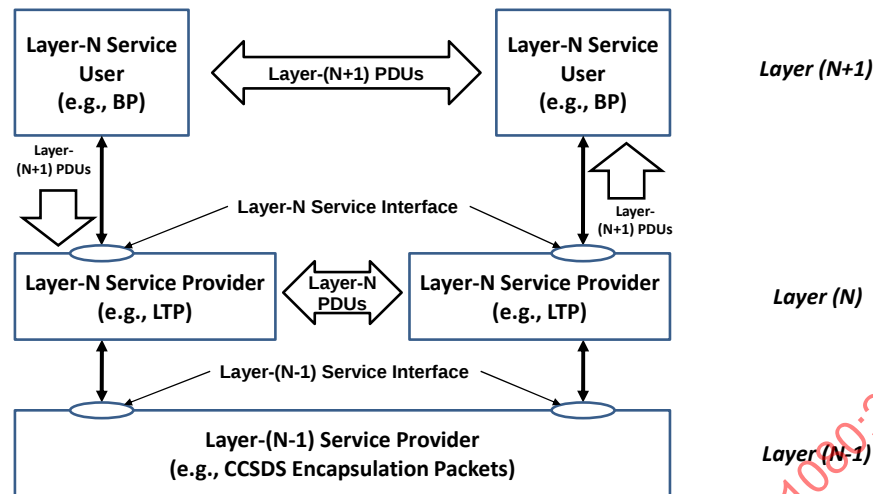


Figure 1-1: LTP's Relationship to Neighboring Protocols

1.4.1.2 Definitions from Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) Service Definition Conventions

This Recommended Standard makes use of a number of terms defined in reference [2]. The use of those terms in this Recommended Standard is to be understood in a generic sense, i.e., in the sense that those terms are generally applicable to any of a variety of technologies that provide for the exchange of information between real systems. Those terms are:

- indication;
- primitive;
- request;
- response.

1.4.1.3 Definitions from RFC 5326

This Recommended Standard makes use of a number of terms defined in reference [3]. Some of the definitions needed for section 2 of this document are reproduced here for convenience.

engine ID: An integer that uniquely identifies a given LTP engine, within some closed set of communicating LTP engines.

NOTE – When LTP is operating underneath the Delay-Tolerant Networking (DTN) Bundle Protocol (BP), the convergence layer adapter mediating the two will be responsible for translating between DTN endpoint IDs and LTP engine IDs in an implementation-specific manner.

block: An array of contiguous octets of application data handed down by the upper layer protocol (typically BP) to be transmitted from one LTP client service instance to another.

Any subset of a block comprising contiguous octets beginning at the start of the block is termed a 'block prefix', and any such subset of the block ending with the end of the block is termed a 'block suffix'.

red-part: The block prefix that is to be transmitted reliably, i.e., subject to acknowledgment and retransmission.

green-part: The block suffix that is to be transmitted unreliably, i.e., not subject to acknowledgments or retransmissions. If present, the green-part of a block begins at the octet following the end of the red-part.

session: A thread of LTP protocol activity conducted between two peer engines for the purpose of transmitting a block. Data flow in a session is unidirectional: data traffic flows from the sending peer to the receiving peer, while data-acknowledgment traffic flows from the receiving peer to the sending peer.

sender: The data-sending peer of a session.

receiver: The data-receiving peer of a session.

client service instance: A software entity, such as an application or a higher-layer protocol implementation, that is using LTP to transfer data.

segment: The unit of LTP data transmission activity. It is the data structure transmitted from one LTP engine to another in the course of a session. Each LTP segment is of one of the following types: data segment, report segment, report-acknowledgment segment, cancel segment, cancel-acknowledgment segment.

end of block, EOB: The last data segment transmitted as part of the original transmission of a block. This data segment also indicates that the segment's upper bound is the total length of the block (in octets).

end of red-part, EORP: The segment transmitted as part of the original transmission of a block containing the last octet of the block's red-part. This data segment also indicates that the segment's upper bound is the length of the block's red-part (in octets).

checkpoint: A data segment soliciting a reception report from the receiving LTP engine. The EORP segment must be flagged as a checkpoint, as must the last segment of any retransmission; these are 'mandatory checkpoints'. All other checkpoints are 'discretionary checkpoints'.

client service ID: Numeric identifier of the upper-level service to which the segment is to be delivered by the receiver. It is functionally analogous to a TCP port number. If multiple

instances of the client service are present at the destination, multiplexing must be done by the client service itself on the basis of information encoded within the transmitted block.

self-delimiting numeric value, SDNV: A representation of integer values in binary format where the length of the representation is a function of the value being represented.

NOTE – Definition (20) of RFC 5326 (reference [3]) or RFC 6256 (reference [E4]) can be consulted for additional explanation and examples.

1.4.1.4 Other Definitions

application process identifier, APID: Part of the path ID used to identify a logical data path for CCSDS Space Packets.

underlying communication protocols, UCP: The communication protocols used by LTP to transfer segments between LTP engines.

1.5 NOMENCLATURE

1.5.1 NORMATIVE TEXT

The following conventions apply for the normative specifications in this Recommended Standard:

- a) the words 'shall' and 'must' imply a binding and verifiable specification;
- b) the word 'should' implies an optional, but desirable, specification;
- c) the word 'may' implies an optional specification;
- d) the words 'is', 'are', and 'will' imply statements of fact.

NOTE – These conventions do not imply constraints on diction in text that is clearly informative in nature.

1.5.2 INFORMATIVE TEXT

In the normative sections of this document, informative text is set off from the normative specifications either in notes or under one of the following subsection headings:

- Overview;
- Background;
- Rationale;
- Discussion.

1.6 REFERENCES

The following publications contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this document. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All publications are subject to revision, and users of this document are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the publications indicated below. The CCSDS Secretariat maintains a register of currently valid CCSDS publications.

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2 OVERVIEW

2.1 GENERAL

CCSDS has identified requirements for a protocol to sit between an internetworking protocol such as the Bundle Protocol (reference [E1]) and the various CCSDS data links (see reference [E3]). The two requirements identified in reference [E3] for such a layer-N protocol are reliable delivery of layer-(N+1) PDUs and the ability to aggregate multiple layer (N+1) PDUs into a single layer-N PDU for the purposes of reliable delivery across the link.

Reliable data delivery is accomplished by the red-part delivery service of the LTP protocol described in section 3 of this document. Aggregation of multiple layer-(N+1) SDUs into a single layer-N PDU (LTP block) is achieved by the implementation of the standardized 'Service Data Aggregation' client operation described in section 7. Such an adaptor is envisaged by figure 2-4 of reference [E3], which lists an 'LTP/ENCAP Convergence Layer Adaptor' as a work item. The rationale for aggregating multiple layer-(N+1) PDUs into a single layer-N PDU for the purposes of reliable delivery is that it may allow the system to reduce the acknowledgement-channel bandwidth in the case that the layer-(N+1) (and higher) protocols transmit many small PDUs, each of which might otherwise require independent acknowledgement.

The Licklider Transmission Protocol (LTP) sits between the Data Link and the Network Layers of the ISO stack and provides optionally reliable communications over a single data link hop. While LTP can be deployed over multi-hop services (e.g., UDP) on the ground, this document recommends that LTP be terminated at the ends of each long-delay, error-prone, or disruption-prone link (such as a space link) in what might be a multi-hop path. Thus when considering LTP's suitability for use on space links, it is enough to consider its functionality, its scalability to multiple 1-hop peers, and its interaction with other protocols on a single space link. The main restriction on LTP's scalability to multiple peers is the storage required to maintain data for retransmission between contacts to a particular peer. Because of the sparseness of space communications, it is not envisioned that this scalability with the number of peers will be an issue.

LTP was originally developed for space communication and is largely derived from the Acknowledged-mode procedures of the CCSDS File Delivery Protocol (CFDP). The protocol specification below is a reproduction of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Request for Comments (RFC) 5326, Licklider Protocol Specification. A separate motivational RFC (reference [E2]) provides the motivation behind the IETF specification of the protocol and may be informative in this context.

The IETF's classification of the Licklider Transmission Protocol RFC as 'experimental' should be considered in the context of LTP's deployment on the global Internet, where millions of end systems are exchanging millions of data flows at any given instant, and where protocols such as LTP are typically thought of as 'transport' or 'end-to-end' protocols operating across multiple data links. In the Internet context, issues such as scalability to millions of nodes, congestion control, and non-destructive coexistence with other established protocols (in particular the Transmission Control Protocol [TCP]), are of extreme

importance. The specification's status as 'experimental' for use in the Internet is independent of and orthogonal to its applicability for space use. As stated above, because this document recommends LTP for use over individual space links, the scalability concerns associated with LTP deployment in the Internet do not pertain to CCSDS.

While LTP could be used as a bearer mechanism for cross-support between CCSDS Agencies across the Internet, it is more likely that Internet protocols such as TCP mentioned above would be used for that purpose, in part because of the issues that cause LTP to be marked as 'experimental' for use in the Internet.

2.2 ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS

The architectural elements of LTP are depicted in figure 2-1.

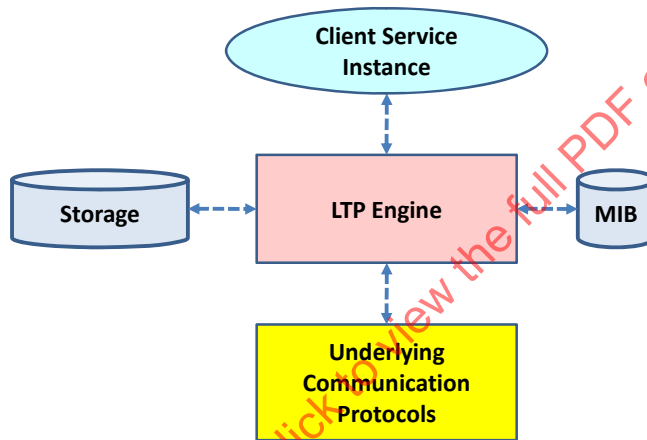


Figure 2-1: Protocol Stack View of LTP Architectural Elements

2.3 SERVICE PROVIDED BY LTP

2.3.1 GENERAL

LTP provides a data transmission service to move blocks of data from one LTP engine to another, where in general the two engines are resident in separate data systems, often with a single connecting space link.

Each block consists logically of two parts, either of which may be of length zero. The first part, termed the 'red-part', is transmitted reliably between LTP entities, using acknowledgements and retransmissions to ensure that the entire red-part is received reliably at the receiver; this provides a reliable transmission service. The second part of the block, termed the 'green-part', consists of data to be transmitted unreliably. Data in the green-part is not subject to acknowledgements and retransmissions and therefore provides an unreliable service. The LTP Client Service Instance controls what data in a block is 'red' and what is

‘green’. A Client Service Instance that desires completely reliable data transfer must therefore specify that all of the data be sent as ‘red’ (reliable) data. In this specification, the ability to send/receive green-part data is optional. However, if green-part capability is supported, then both transmission and reception must be supported. Block transmission may span periods of disconnection. During these periods, retransmission timers maintained by LTP are suspended.

As depicted in figure 2-2, below, the data transmission procedures constitute the interaction between two LTP engines. LTP uses an underlying communication service as described in 5.2 to transmit and receive LTP segments.

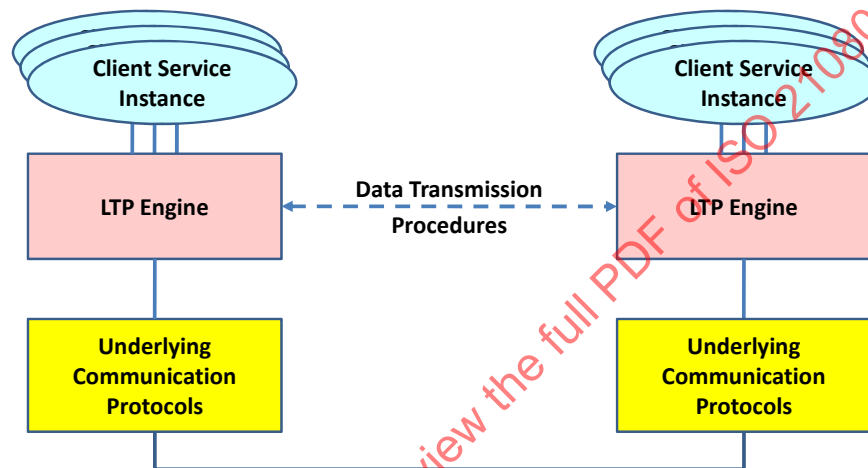


Figure 2-2: Communications View of LTP

Figure 2-3 illustrates an LTP block transmission operation involving both red (reliable) and green (unreliable) parts. In the figure, the sender generates an asynchronous checkpoint (third red segment) to which the receiver responds with a report segment. The segment containing the EORP is lost, as well as the second green-part segment. The EORP segment is retransmitted; the lost green segment is not.

Section 7 of this document describes LTP Service Data Aggregation (SDA). SDA reduces the acknowledgement overhead associated with multiple small red LTP blocks by aggregating them together for the purposes of transmission and reporting. Figure 2-4 illustrates the operation of LTP when using Service Data Aggregation.

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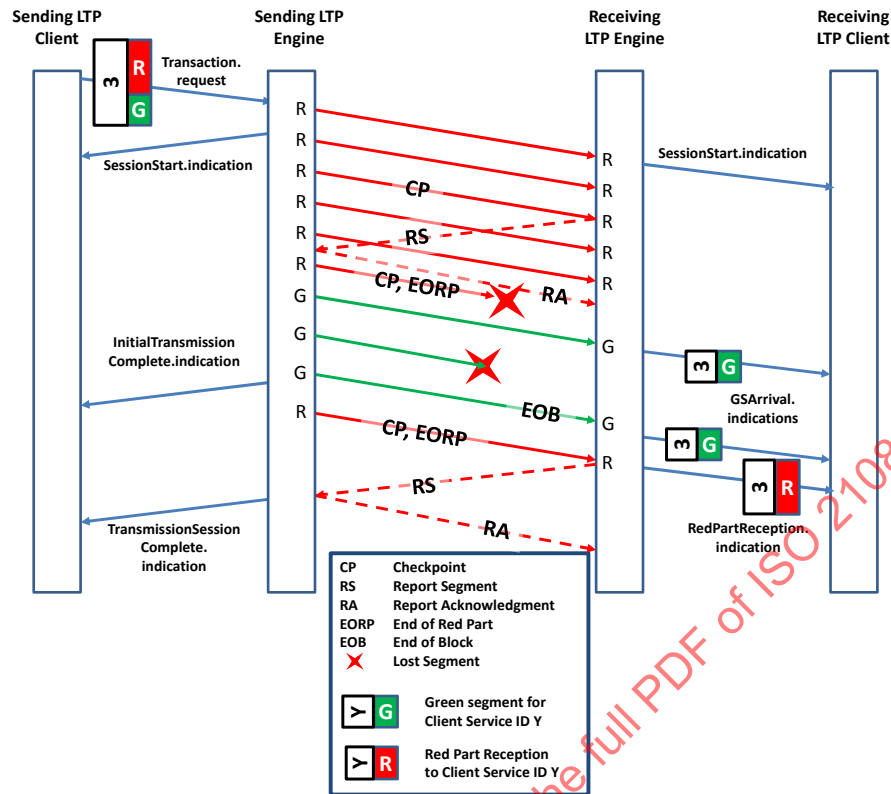


Figure 2-3: Overview of LTP Interactions

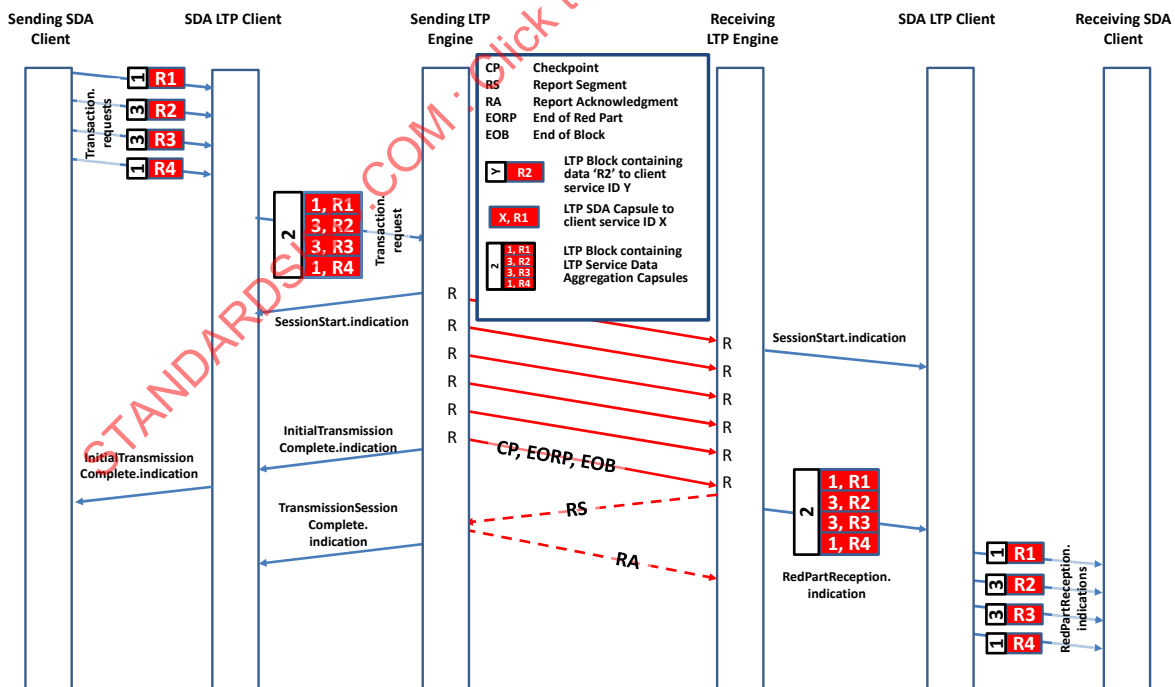


Figure 2-4: Transmission Using Service Data Aggregation

2.3.2 SERVICES NOT PROVIDED BY LTP

LTP does not provide an ‘in-order delivery’ service between different LTP blocks. That is, the order of arrival of LTP blocks may not be the order in which they were submitted to the sending LTP engine for transmission. This is especially true when multiple blocks are sent concurrently, as retransmissions of segments from the first block may cause the (red part of) that block to be delivered to the destination LTP client after a block that started transmission later.

NOTES

- 1 If in-order delivery is desired, the Delay-Tolerant Payload Conditioning (DTPC) service of the Bundle Protocol for CCSDS should be considered.
- 2 A sending LTP client application can ensure in-order delivery of a sequence of LTP blocks at the cost of performance by waiting for confirmation of the delivery of block N to the receiver (a `TransmissionSessionCompletion.indication`, see section 4.4.9) before submitting block $N+1$ for transmission.

2.3.3 ADDRESSING

For CCSDS, every LTP engine deployed in space will have a unique engine ID. At each LTP engine location, address look-up capabilities are provided using information contained in the associated MIB. This look-up capability provides translation between the engine ID and the information needed to communicate with that engine using the UCP, which may in reality be an IP address, radio device buffer, APID, virtual channel number, or other implementation-specific mechanism.

3 CCSDS PROFILE OF RFC 5326

3.1 BASE SPECIFICATIONS

3.1.1 This document adopts the Licklider Transmission Protocol (LTP) as specified in Internet RFC 5326 (reference [3]), with the constraints and exceptions specified in section 3 of this document.

3.1.2 This document adopts the Licklider Transmission Protocol security extensions as specified in Internet RFC 5327 (reference [4]) with the constraints and exceptions specified in section 3 of this document.

3.2 AMBIGUITY RESOLUTION

Ambiguities or contradictions between the text of section 3 and the text of RFC 5326 or RFC 5327 shall be resolved in favor of the RFC.

NOTE – Section 3 of this protocol profile restricts some parameters of the LTP specification as defined in RFC 5326, while section 7 defines a client operation that aggregates multiple LTP segments in order to reduce the overhead of the mechanisms LTP uses to provide reliable data transfer.

3.3 LTP OVER CCSDS SPACE LINKS

When used in support of CCSDS missions and across space links, LTP should be deployed across individual space data links and should be terminated at the ends of each space data link.

NOTES

- 1 The LTP protocol was not designed to address issues associated with communication over a concatenation of multiple space data links with heterogeneous characteristics.
- 2 When used with an underlying communication service, such as UDP, that provides multi-hop data delivery, it may be desirable to extend LTP connections across multiple hops in the underlying network. This might especially be the case for LTP segments crossing the terrestrial Internet, for example.

3.4 LTP OVER UDP

3.4.1 This document allows UDP to be used as an underlying communication service for LTP when deployed in private networks.

NOTE – If LTP is deployed over UDP, then as far as LTP is concerned, the UDP path serves as a single virtual data link. In this case, designers should consider the approach to be taken to control network congestion, since neither LTP nor UDP mandates mechanisms for congestion control. LTP implementations could provide rate control, congestion control, or other mechanisms to mitigate the chance of congestion in shared networks. An alternative could be to deploy LTP over the Datagram Congestion Control Protocol (DCCP) rather than directly over UDP.

3.4.2 Implementations of LTP over UDP should use the ‘ltp-deepspace’ UDP port number, 1113 decimal, as specified in the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) Port Number Registry (reference [5]).

NOTE – Individual sender/receiver pairs can choose alternate port numbers for communication. Using the ‘standard’ port of 1113 (ltp-deepspace) can facilitate the use of network management/debugging equipment and software that assumes LTP uses port 1113.

3.5 LIMITS ON THE RANGES OF LTP FIELD VALUES

3.5.1 Session numbers chosen by sending LTP engines must be in the range $[1, 2^{32}-1]$.

NOTES

- 1 It is suggested that CCSDS implementations choose sequential session numbers. The rationale for this suggestion is given in the notes below.
- 2 RFC 5326 section 3.1 states: “The format and resolution of session number are matters that are private to the LTP sender; the only requirement imposed by LTP is that every session initiated by an LTP engine MUST be uniquely identified by the session ID.”
- 3 Green-part data is not reliably transmitted under LTP. In particular, if there is green-part data in a block, the LTP segment containing the EOB marker may not be delivered to the destination. As a consequence, if the session contains green-part data there is no way for a sending LTP engine to know when an LTP receiver has closed a session.
- 4 LTP does not require in-order delivery from the underlying system; thus it might be possible for LTP PDUs to be misordered by the underlying communication system. If the sender re-uses a sessionID from a session that contained red-part data and then an old segment is delivered (either an old data segment to the receiver or an old report to the sender), it could cause errors.
- 5 Thus in the general case where the underlying system may deliver PDUs out of order, the only way within the bounds of the LTP protocol for the sender to ensure that it meets the requirements as stated in RFC 5326 is never to re-use LTP session

- identifiers. It may be possible for mechanisms outside the protocol to determine when LTP session identifiers can be reused.
- 6 At a rate of 10 sessions per second continuously 24 hours per day, it would take roughly 13.6 years to consume the entire sessionID space. The Commercial Generic Bioprocessing Apparatus (CGBA) nodes on the international space station downlinked about a million files between 2005 and 2010, or roughly 25 per hour. At that rate the CGBA equipment could run for roughly 1,900 years before expending all 2^{32} session IDs.
 - 7 Ensuring uniqueness of session numbers across anomalies such as system restarts is outside the scope of this protocol.
 - 8 Ensuring uniqueness of LTP session numbers across spacecraft anomalies such as system resets can be difficult. If there is persistent storage that is maintained across such anomalies, it can be used to store LTP session numbers used. If such storage is not available, other mechanisms will need to be invoked after anomalies to identify which LTP session numbers are available for future use. Such mechanisms might include time-based selection or management via mechanisms outside the LTP protocol.

3.5.2 The initial checkpoint serial number values used by conformant implementations must be in the range $[1, 2^{14}-1]$.

3.5.3 The initial checkpoint serial number values used by conformant implementations should be chosen at random.

3.5.4 If the value of the checkpoint serial number for a given session exceeds 2^{32} , the session sender must cancel the session with reason code SYS_CNCLD.

3.5.5 The initial report serial number values used by conformant implementations must be in the range $[1, 2^{14}-1]$.

3.5.6 The initial report serial number values used by conformant implementations should be chosen at random.

3.5.7 If the value of the report serial number for a given session exceeds 2^{32} , the session receiver must cancel the session with reason code SYS_CNCLD.

NOTES

- 1 The above requirements (3.5.2, 3.5.4) make it easier to implement LTP on 32-bit processors and also impose a level of bit efficiency on CCSDS implementations of LTP. The resulting full ranges of allowable values for each of the fields can be encoded in SDNVs of at most five octets.
- 2 Limiting the initial report and serial number values to the range $[1, 2^{14}-1]$ ensures that the initial values will fit into two-byte SDNVs.

3.6 AGENCY USE OF LTP ENGINE IDS

3.6.1 All instances of LTP for deployment in support of CCSDS missions must use LTP engine IDs allocated by the CCSDS Space Assigned Numbers Authority (SANA) (reference [6]).

3.6.2 The space of Engine IDs allocated to SANA for management by IANA shall be as defined in RFC 7116 (reference [7]).

NOTES

- 1 LTP engine IDs are represented in the LTP protocol with SDNVs. Values up to $2^{14}-1$ can be represented in two bytes.
- 2 The process for obtaining assignments of LTP engine IDs from SANA is defined in annex D of this document.

3.7 GREEN-PART DATA

3.7.1 Support for green-part (unreliable) data is optional for CCSDS implementations.

3.7.2 If an implementation supports any green-part operation (i.e., sending or receiving) then it must support both sending and receiving of green-part data.

3.8 LTP EXTENSIONS

3.8.1 Implementations must ignore LTP extensions that they do not know how to process on receipt.

3.8.2 LTP implementations that transmit segments with LTP extensions must identify those extensions using the values prescribed by the IANA registry for LTP extension tags (reference [8]).

NOTE – New LTP extensions are assigned by IANA. The registration procedure for LTP extensions, as of the publication of this document, is ‘Specification Required’.

3.9 LTP SECURITY

NOTE – This specification defines authentication mechanisms that can be used to ensure the identity of a sending LTP engine. The management of key material is via the management information base of the LTP node. Future CCSDS work may define a more comprehensive security architecture that could require changes to the security mechanisms described here. Such updates will be addressed in future versions of this specification.

3.9.1 Compliant LTP implementations may implement the authentication mechanisms defined in section 2.1 of RFC 5327.

3.9.2 Compliant LTP implementations must not implement the cookie security extension defined in section 2.2 of RFC 5327.

3.9.3 If authentication is implemented, elements of the MIB must dictate when particular security mechanisms must be used for sending, receiving, or both.

NOTE – The security policy that determines when particular security mechanisms must be invoked is outside the scope of this document.

3.9.4 If an implementation provides LTP authentication service, it must identify the ciphersuite used in accordance with the IANA registry for LTP ciphersuites (reference [8]).

3.9.5 If LTP authentication is required for receiving data from a particular peer, the management information base must contain the key material to be used with that peer.

NOTE – The LTP authentication mechanism is designed to protect a receiver from a denial-of-service attack from malicious transmitters. Each sending LTP engine may use a single key to authenticate itself to all peers to which it transmits.

3.9.6 If authentication is used, it must be included on either all LTP segments or none.

4 LTP SERVICE SPECIFICATION

4.1 SERVICES AT THE USER INTERFACE

4.1.1 The following services provided by the protocol shall be made available to the LTP client:

- Initiate a data transfer;
- Cancel an ongoing data transfer;
- Receive transfer of data from a remote entity.

4.1.2 Implementations may provide additional services beyond those described in section 4 of this document.

NOTE – Whether and how such services are invoked is an implementation matter. For example, an implementation might want to provide a service to deliver partial red-part data before the entire red-part of the block is received.

4.2 SUMMARY OF PRIMITIVES

4.2.1 The LTP service shall consume all the following request primitives:

- `Transmission.request`;
- `CancelTransmission.request`;
- `CancelReception.request`.

4.2.2 The LTP service shall deliver the following indication primitives:

- `TransmissionSessionStart.indication`;
- `ReceptionSessionStart.indication`;
- `GreenPartSegmentArrival.indication`;
- `RedPartReception.indication`;
- `TransmissionSessionCompletion.indication`;
- `TransmissionSessionCancellation.indication`;
- `ReceptionSessionCancellation.indication`;
- `InitialTransmissionCompletion.indication`.

4.3 SUMMARY OF PARAMETERS

4.3.1 DESTINATION CLIENT SERVICE ID NUMBER

The client service ID number identifies the layer-(N+1) service to which the segment is to be delivered by the receiving LTP engine that is providing the N-layer service.

4.3.2 SOURCE LTP ENGINE ID

The Source LTP engine ID is the LTP engine ID of the LTP engine that is the transmitter of data blocks.

4.3.3 DESTINATION LTP ENGINE ID

The Destination LTP engine ID is the LTP engine ID of the LTP engine that is to be the receiver of data blocks.

4.3.4 CLIENT SERVICE DATA TO SEND

Client Service Data to Send is the client data to be transmitted.

NOTE – It is assumed that this includes the client data itself as well as the length of the client data.

4.3.5 SESSION ID

4.3.5.1 The session ID uniquely identifies, among all transmission sessions between the sender and receiver, the session to which the segment belongs.

4.3.5.2 The session ID comprises the following:

- session originator: the engine ID of the sender;
- session number: as discussed in 3.5, above.

4.3.6 REASON CODE

Reason Code is an integer that identifies to a remote LTP engine the reason behind a particular action (typically the cancellation of a transmission).

NOTE – The LTP reason codes that may be carried in cancel segments are listed in section 3.2.4 of RFC 5326.

4.3.7 OFFSET

The offset of a byte within a block is the number of bytes that precede it in the block.

4.3.8 LENGTH

Length is the number of octets in a logical group of octets.

4.3.9 GREEN PART BYTES/RED PART BYTES

The green-part (red-part) data delivered by LTP to a destination LTP client.

NOTE — It is assumed that this includes the data itself as well as the length of the client data.

4.3.10 END-OF-BLOCK INDICATIONS

The RedPartReception and GreenPartReception indications include a notification to the receiver as to whether the received object is the end of an LTP block or not. Logically this is a Boolean value but is expressed in the service specification simply as an indication.

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4.4 LTP SERVICE PRIMITIVES

NOTES

- 1 Section 8.1 of RFC 5326 contains a state transition diagram for sending LTP engines.
- 2 Section 8.2 of RFC 5326 contains a state transition diagram for receiving LTP engines.

4.4.1 `Transmission.request`

4.4.1.1 Function

The `Transmission.request` primitive shall be used by the LTP client to request delivery of a sequence of bytes to the destination client service.

4.4.1.2 Semantics

4.4.1.2.1 `Transmission.request` shall provide parameters as follows:

```
Transmission.request ( destination client service ID,  
                      destination LTP engine ID,  
                      client service data to send,  
                      length of the red-part of the data)
```

4.4.1.2.2 The value of length of the red-part of the data must be in the range from zero to the total length of data to be sent.

4.4.1.3 When Generated

`Transmission.request` may be generated by the LTP client at any time.

4.4.1.4 Effect on Receipt

Receipt of a `Transmission.request` shall cause the LTP engine to initiate transmission of the data.

4.4.1.5 Discussion—Additional Comments

The `Transmission.request` results in the delivery of a `TransmissionSessionStart.indication` to the application so that the transmission may be subsequently uniquely identified.

The ability to send/receive green-part (unreliable) data is **optional** in the CCSDS specification. If the implementation does not support green-part data then the length of the client service data to send must equal the length of the red-part of the data.

4.4.2 CancelTransmission.request

4.4.2.1 Function

The CancelTransmission.request primitive shall be issued by the LTP service client to request cancellation of transmission of a data block.

4.4.2.2 Semantics

CancelTransmission.request shall provide parameters as follows:

CancelTransmission.request (session ID)

4.4.2.3 When Generated

CancelTransmission.request may be generated by the LTP client at any time.

4.4.2.4 Effect on Receipt

On receipt, the data transmission associated with the LTP session ID provided by the service client shall be stopped as described in section 4.2 of RFC 5326.

4.4.2.5 Discussion—Additional Comments

None.

4.4.3 CancelReception.request

4.4.3.1 Function

The CancelReception.request primitive shall be issued by the LTP service client to request cancellation of reception of a data block.

4.4.3.2 Semantics

CancelReception.request shall provide parameters as follows:

CancelReception.request (session ID)

4.4.3.3 When Generated

CancelReception.request may be generated by the LTP client at any time.

4.4.3.4 Effect on Receipt

On receipt, the data reception associated with the LTP session ID provided by the service client shall be stopped as described in section 4.2 of RFC 5326.

4.4.3.5 Discussion—Additional Comments

None.

4.4.4 TransmissionSessionStart.indication

4.4.4.1 Function

At the sender, the `TransmissionSessionStart.indication` primitive shall be used to inform the client service of the initiation of the transmission session.

4.4.4.2 Semantics

`TransmissionSessionStart.indication` shall provide parameters as follows:

`TransmissionSessionStart.indication` (session ID)

4.4.4.3 When Generated

At the sender, a `TransmissionSessionStart.indication` shall be generated by an LTP engine once the LTP engine has consumed a transmission request from the sender.

4.4.4.4 Effect on Receipt

The effect of receipt of a `TransmissionSessionStart.indication` is application-dependent.

4.4.4.5 Discussion—Additional Comments

This indication is provided to the sending application so that the sending application can subsequently identify the transmission. Exactly how the indication is associated with a particular transmission request is an implementation matter.

On receiving this notice the client service may, for example, release resources of its own that are allocated to the block being transmitted, or remember the session ID so that the session can be canceled in the future if necessary.

4.4.5 ReceptionSessionStart.indication

4.4.5.1 Function

At the receiver, ReceptionSessionStart.indication primitive shall be used to indicate the beginning of a new reception session.

4.4.5.2 Semantics

ReceptionSessionStart.indication shall provide parameters as follows:

ReceptionSessionStart.indication (session ID)

4.4.5.3 When Generated

At the receiver, a ReceptionSessionStart.indication shall be generated by the LTP engine upon the arrival of the first data segment carrying a new session ID.

4.4.5.4 Effect on Receipt

The effect of receipt of a ReceptionSessionStart.indication is application-dependent.

4.4.5.5 Discussion—Additional Comments

On receiving this notice the client service may, for example, remember the session ID so that the session can be canceled in the future if necessary.

4.4.6 GreenPartSegmentArrival.indication

4.4.6.1 Function

At the LTP receiver, a `GreenPartSegmentArrival.indication` primitive shall be used to indicate to the service client that a segment containing green (unreliable) data has been received and shall pass the received data to the service client.

4.4.6.2 Semantics

`GreenPartSegmentArrival.indication` shall provide parameters as follows:

`GreenPartSegmentArrival.indication` (session ID,
green-part bytes,
offset of the data segment's
content from the start of
the block,
indication as to whether or not
the last byte of this data
segment's content is also
the last byte of the block,
source LTP engine ID)

4.4.6.3 When Generated

A `GreenPartSegmentArrival.indication` shall be generated by the LTP engine on receipt of each green data segment.

4.4.6.4 Effect on Receipt

The effect of receipt of a `GreenPartSegmentArrival.indication` is application-dependent.

4.4.6.5 Discussion—Additional Comments

Support for green-part data is optional in this specification.

4.4.7 RedPartReception.indication

4.4.7.1 Function

At the LTP receiver, a `RedPartReception.indication` primitive shall be used to indicate to the service client that the reception of the red-part of a block is complete and shall pass the data to the service client.

4.4.7.2 Semantics

`RedPartReception.indication` shall provide parameters as follows:

```
RedPartReception.indication ( session ID,  
                             red-part bytes,  
                             indication as to whether or not the  
                             last byte of the red-part is also  
                             the last byte of the block,  
                             source LTP engine ID)
```

4.4.7.3 When Generated

A `RedPartReception.indication` shall be generated by the LTP engine once the entire red-part of a block has been successfully received.

4.4.7.4 Effect on Receipt

The effect of receipt of a `RedPartReception.indication` is application-dependent.

4.4.7.5 Discussion—Additional Comments

None.

4.4.8 InitialTransmissionCompletion.indication

4.4.8.1 Function

An InitialTransmissionCompletion.indication primitive shall be used to inform the sending client service that all segments of a block (both red-part and green-part) have been transmitted.

4.4.8.2 Semantics

InitialTransmissionCompletion.indication shall provide parameters as follows:

InitialTransmissionCompletion.indication (session ID)

4.4.8.3 When Generated

InitialTransmissionCompletion.indication shall be generated by an LTP engine once all segments of a block have been transmitted.

4.4.8.4 Effect on Receipt

The effect of receipt of a InitialTransmissionCompletion.indication is service-client-dependent.

4.4.8.5 Discussion—Additional Comments

This notice indicates only that original transmission is complete; retransmission of any lost red-part data segments may still be necessary.

4.4.9 TransmissionSessionCompletion.indication

4.4.9.1 Function

A TransmissionSessionCompletion.indication primitive shall be used to inform the client service that all bytes of the indicated data block have been transmitted **and** that the receiver has received the red-part of the block.

4.4.9.2 Semantics

TransmissionSessionCompletion.indication shall provide parameters as follows:

TransmissionSessionCompletion.indication (session ID)

4.4.9.3 When Generated

TransmissionSessionCompletion.indication shall be generated by a sending LTP engine once all bytes of the session have been transmitted and the receiver has indicated that all bytes of the red-part of the block have been received correctly.

4.4.9.4 Effect on Receipt

The effect of receipt of a TransmissionSessionCompletion.indication is application-dependent.

NOTES

- 1 The application may, for example, choose to release resources associated with the transmission once all of the bytes have been successfully transmitted.
- 2 This does not mean that all bytes have been received correctly at the destination.

4.4.9.5 Discussion—Additional Comments

(See also InitialTransmissionCompletion.indication.)

4.4.10 TransmissionSessionCancellation.indication

4.4.10.1 Function

A TransmissionSessionCancellation.indication primitive shall be used to inform the sending client service that the indicated session was terminated.

4.4.10.2 Semantics

TransmissionSessionCancellation.indication shall provide parameters as follows:

TransmissionSessionCancellation.indication (session ID,
reason code)

4.4.10.3 When Generated

TransmissionSessionCancellation.indication shall be generated by a sending LTP engine when a session is terminated either by the receiver or as the result of an error or a lack of resources in the local LTP engine.

4.4.10.4 Effect on Receipt

The effect of receipt of the TransmissionSessionCancellation.indication is application-dependent.

NOTE – An application might record the cancellation, declare an error state, and/or attempt to retransmit the data.

4.4.10.5 Discussion—Additional Comments

When a sender receives a TransmissionSessionCancellation.indication there is no assurance that the destination client service instance received any portion of the data block.

4.4.11 ReceptionSessionCancellation.indication

4.4.11.1 Function

A ReceptionSessionCancellation.indication primitive shall be used to inform the receiving client service that the indicated session was terminated.

4.4.11.2 Semantics

ReceptionSessionCancellation.indication shall provide parameters as follows:

ReceptionSessionCancellation.indication (session ID,
reason code)

4.4.11.3 When Generated

ReceptionSessionCancellation.indication shall be generated by a receiving LTP engine when a session is canceled either by the sender or as the result of an error or a resource quench condition in the local LTP engine.

4.4.11.4 Effect on Receipt

The effect receipt of ReceptionSessionCancellation.indication is service-client-dependent.

4.4.11.5 Discussion—Additional Comments

No subsequent indications will be issued for this session.

5 SERVICES LTP REQUIRES OF THE SYSTEM

5.1 RELIABLE STORAGE SERVICE

LTP engines require access to a reliable storage service.

NOTES

- 1 Reliable storage is required even if unreliable (green-part) data is sent, since LTP may need to store the data between contacts with a peer (i.e., while timers are suspended).
- 2 This storage mechanism may be in dynamic memory or via a persistent mechanism such as a solid-state recorder or file system.
- 3 The implementation of this storage may be shared among multiple elements of the communication stack so that reliability mechanisms at multiple layers do not have to maintain multiple copies of the data being transmitted.
- 4 Volume of storage required and duration of storage are mission- and implementation-dependent.

5.2 UNDERLYING COMMUNICATION SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

5.2.1 This document adopts the functional requirements on the underlying communication layers as described in section 5 of RFC 5326, namely:

5.2.2 The LTP authentication extension should be used when the likelihood of datagram corruption by the underlying communication service is non-negligible.

NOTE – The LTP authentication mechanism provides an integrity service as a byproduct.

5.2.3 LTP assumes that the service provided by the protocols underlying LTP (not necessarily only the layer-(N–1) protocol) provides a service that is:

- without error (that is, all bits of any layer-(N–1) service data unit that arrives at a destination LTP engine are guaranteed to have the values that were originally transmitted by the source LTP engine);
- possibly incomplete (that is, not all transmitted layer-(N–1) service data units are guaranteed to arrive);
- possibly ‘not in sequence’ (that is, the order in which layer-(N–1) service data units arrive is not guaranteed to be the order in which they were transmitted).

5.2.4 The following information must be available to LTP, either from the local operating environment or from the underlying communication service provider:

- indications of when the link to a specific LTP destination transitions between being available and being unavailable for LTP transmissions;
- schedule of times when a remote LTP engine is set to commence or terminate communication with the local engine based on the engines' operating schedules;
- for each transmission opportunity to a peer, the maximum LTP segment size that should be used to send LTP segments during that opportunity;
- for each transmission opportunity to a peer, the nominal data rate available to LTP for transmission;
- for each reception opportunity from a peer, the nominal data rate at which LTP data will be received;
- the current distance (in light seconds) to any peer engine in order to calculate timeout intervals;
- the times when the underlying communication service provider transmits a checkpoint, report segment, or cancel segment so that timers can be started.

NOTES

- 1 The means by which this information is accessed by LTP is implementation-dependent.
- 2 These capabilities may be provided via a MIB.

5.2.5 The layer-(N-1) service must deliver only complete layer-(N) PDUs (LTP segments) to the receiving LTP engine.

5.2.6 The requirement in RFC 5326 that each layer-(N-1) SDU must carry an integral number of LTP segments in each layer-(N-1) PDU may be ignored.

NOTE – So long as the layer-(N-1) service provides only complete layer-N (LTP) PDUs to the receiving LTP engine, LTP does not care how the layer N-1 service is implemented.

5.2.7 If the service presented to LTP by layer-(N-1) provides integrity checking, then it must discard layer-(N-1) SDUs that are determined to be corrupted at the receiver.

NOTE – LTP assumes that, if necessary to the overall design, the service presented to LTP by layer-(N-1) provides a cap on the rate at which a sending LTP engine can inject data into the layer N-1 service. If such a capability is needed and is not provided by the layer N-1 service, it may be possible to provide it as part of the LTP interface to the layer N-1 service.

6 CONFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

6.1 PICS PROFORMA

An implementer shall prepare a Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) based on the defined proforma in annex A of this document.

6.2 LICKLIDER TRANSMISSION PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS

6.2.1 MAJOR CAPABILITIES

6.2.1.1 All LTP Engines

All LTP engines must implement the following capabilities:

- a) LTP segment structure as described in RFC 5326 sections 2.0, 3.0, 3.1, 3.1.4, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 6.0, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.16, 6.17, 6.18, 6.19, 6.20, 6.21, 7.1, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 8.1 [as pertains to red data], 8.2 [as pertains to red data], 10.2;
- b) network management information described in annex C of this document.

NOTE – Section 2.0 of RFC 5326 is included above specifically to cover the definition of SDNVs. Self-Delimiting Numeric Values are also defined in RFC 6256 (reference [7]).

6.2.1.2 LTP Authentication

LTP implementations may implement the authentication measures described in 3.1.2, 3.9.1, and 3.9.3–3.9.6 of this document and section 2.1 of RFC 5327 (reference [4]).

6.2.1.3 LTP Security Cookies

LTP implementations must **not** implement the LTP cookie mechanism described in section 2.2 of RFC 5327.

6.2.1.4 LTP over UDP

Implementations that run using UDP as an underlying communication service must do so according to 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 of this document, and section 10.1 of RFC 5326.

6.2.1.5 Session Number Selection

LTP session numbers must be chosen according to 3.5.1 of this document.

6.2.1.6 Checkpoint Serial Number Selection

The checkpoint serial numbers must be chosen according to 3.5.2 and 3.5.3 of this document.

6.2.1.7 LTP Extensions

Implementations must ignore unknown extensions on receipt as described in 3.8.1 of this document.

6.2.1.8 LTP Encapsulation in CCSDS Encapsulation Packets

Implementations that use CCSDS Encapsulation Packets as the mechanism to access the underlying space data link must do so as described in B2 of this document.

6.2.1.9 LTP Encapsulation in Space Packets

Implementations that use CCSDS Space Packets as the mechanism to access the underlying space data link must do so as described in B3 of this document.

6.2.1.10 Report Serial Number Selection

The checkpoint serial numbers must be chosen according to 3.5.5 and 3.5.6 of this document.

6.2.1.11 Green (Unreliable) Data

If an implementation supports sending or receiving of green (unreliable) data, it must support both sending and receiving of green data as described in sections 6.1, 6.10, and 7.2 of RFC 5326, and the portions of sections 8.1 and 8.2 of RFC 5326 that pertain to green data.

6.2.1.12 LTP Service Data Aggregation

LTP implementations must implement Service Data Aggregation in accordance with the LTP Service Data Aggregation Client Operations described in this document. In particular

- a) the client service interface of 7.2.2 of this document;
- b) service data formatted according to 7.2.3.2 of this document;
- c) the procedures described in 7.2.3.3 through 7.2.3.5.2, inclusive, of this document.

6.2.2 NETWORK MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Conformant systems shall maintain the management information identified in annex C of this document. Neither the method for remote access to this information (e.g., via the Simple Network Management Protocol [SNMP]) nor the format of this information for remote transmission (e.g., ASN.1 Basic Encoding Rules) are specified by this document.

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7 CLIENT OPERATIONS

7.1 OVERVIEW—LTP SERVICE DATA AGGREGATION

This section describes standard interoperable procedures which are not included in LTP itself but which use the services provided by LTP.

Since LTP acknowledgements are issued, at minimum, at ‘block’ granularity, the volume of positive and negative acknowledgment traffic generated by LTP may be roughly regulated by controlling the minimum size of the ‘red parts’ of the blocks transmitted. Because retransmission is performed at ‘segment’ granularity, the amount of retransmitted data sent in response to corrupted/lost segments can be roughly controlled by adjusting the size of the LTP segments.

However, by definition each LTP block contains exactly one client service data unit. Requiring a lower limit on the size of LTP client SDUs in order to increase block size and thereby minimize acknowledgement traffic would be unreasonable.

Instead, this section defines a standard *LTP Service Data Aggregation* client service, to which LTP clients may present client data units of arbitrary size, which will aggregate small client data units (as necessary) into service data units whose size is normally no less than some asserted minimum LTP block red-part size.

That is, LTP clients may interact with SDA rather than with LTP itself. SDA will aggregate client data units into service data units as necessary, present those possibly aggregated service data units to LTP for transmission, acquire possibly aggregated service data units received by LTP, extract individual client data units from those service data units as necessary, and present the received client data units to the client.

Only client data units requiring assured transmission may be presented to SDA; that is, the ‘red length’ of each client data unit presented to the SDA must be equal to the total length of that client data unit.

7.2 LTP SDA SPECIFICATION

7.2.1 DISCUSSION—LTP SDA DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are used in the LTP Service Data Aggregation:

aggregated SDA service data unit: The client service data unit passed by SDA to LTP. Each aggregated service data unit is comprised of one or more SDA client data capsules.

SDA client data capsule: The encapsulation of client data for transmission via LTP SDA. An SDA client data capsule contains the client service ID of the destination and the data.

7.2.2 SERVICE INTERFACE

7.2.2.1 LTP SDA shall present to clients the `Transmission.request`, `InitialTransmissionCompletion.indication` and `RedPartReception.indication` primitives that are defined in the LTP service specification.

7.2.2.2 The SDA service shall accept only `Transmission.request` requests where the length of the red-part of the data is equal to the total length of the data to be transmitted.

NOTES

- 1 Actions taken by the service for other requests are an implementation matter.
- 2 Any data loss such as would be possible if part of the SDA PDU were sent as green data might make it impossible to recover all client data units at the receiver. A receiver attempting to cache and reorder green data segments to reconstruct the client data units they contain might also be vulnerable to a denial-of-service attack where multiple green data segments are received but not enough information is provided to extract any client data units.

7.2.3 PROCEDURES

7.2.3.1 Client Service ID

The client service ID passed by SDA to LTP shall be '2', signifying 'LTP Service Data Aggregation'.

7.2.3.2 Client Service Data

7.2.3.2.1 The client service data unit passed by SDA to LTP shall be a single aggregated SDA service data unit. Each aggregated SDA service data unit shall be the concatenation of one or more SDA client data capsules. Each SDA client data capsule shall comprise:

- a single SDNV containing the LTP client service ID passed to SDA by the client in a `Transmission.request` primitive, e.g., '1' signifying 'Bundle Protocol';
- a single complete client data unit as passed to SDA by the client in that same `Transmission.request` primitive.

NOTE – The different SDA capsules contained in an aggregated SDA service unit may have different client service identifiers.

7.2.3.2.2 The entire client service data unit passed by SDA to LTP (an aggregated SDA service data unit) shall be 'red' (reliably transmitted) data.

NOTE – The length of a client data unit in an SDA service data unit is not constrained in any way by the lengths of the LTP data *segments* in which portions of the service data will be transmitted.

7.2.3.2.3 A sending LTP engine may impose an upper limit on the red length of an SDA service data unit.

NOTE – Mechanisms by which SDA may determine the red length limit are an implementation matter.

7.2.3.3 Session Start

Procedures to be performed by SDA upon reception of a `TransmissionSessionStart.indication/ReceptionSessionStart.indication` from the LTP engine are an implementation matter.

7.2.3.4 Transmission

7.2.3.4.1 Transmission Initiation

7.2.3.4.1.1 General

Upon reception of a `Transmission.request` primitive from the client, SDA shall retain the client service ID and the client data unit in an SDA client data capsule for inclusion in an aggregated SDA service data unit destined for the indicated remote LTP engine.

7.2.3.4.1.2 Size Limit Reached

7.2.3.4.1.2.1 If the sum of the lengths of all SDA client data capsules currently retained for inclusion in the next aggregated SDA service data unit for the indicated remote LTP engine is now greater than or equal to the configured service data unit size threshold for transmission to that engine, then SDA shall submit a `Transmission.request` primitive to the LTP engine.

7.2.3.4.1.2.2 The service data unit for this primitive shall be the aggregated SDA service data unit for the indicated remote LTP engine as described above.

7.2.3.4.1.2.3 The `Transmission.request` presented by SDA to LTP shall indicate that the entire SDA PDU is comprised of 'red' data.

7.2.3.4.1.2.4 The SDA client data capsules included in the service data unit for the `Transmission.request` to LTP shall be removed from the SDA set of retained client data.

7.2.3.4.1.3 Time Limit Reached

7.2.3.4.1.3.1 When the difference between the current time and the earliest time at which an SDA client data capsule was retained for inclusion in the next aggregated SDA service data unit for some remote LTP engine exceeds the configured Service Data Aggregation interval threshold for transmission to that engine, SDA shall submit a `Transmission.request` primitive to the LTP engine.

7.2.3.4.1.3.2 The service data unit for this primitive shall be the aggregated SDA service data unit for the indicated remote LTP engine as described above.

7.2.3.4.1.3.3 The Transmission.request presented by SDA to LTP shall indicate that the entire SDA PDU is comprised of 'red' data.

7.2.3.4.1.3.4 The SDA client data capsules included in the Transmission.request to LTP shall be removed from the SDA set of retained client data.

7.2.3.4.2 Completion of Initial Transmission

Procedures to be performed by SDA upon reception of an InitialTransmissionCompletion.indication primitive are an implementation matter.

7.2.3.4.3 Transmission Completion

Upon reception of a TransmissionSessionCompletion.indication primitive from the LTP engine, SDA shall issue a TransmissionSessionCompletion.indication primitive for each SDA client data capsule in the SDA service data unit.

7.2.3.4.4 Transmission Cancellation

Procedures to be performed by SDA upon reception of a TransmissionSessionCancellation.indication primitive from the LTP receiver engine are an implementation matter, but in particular SDA shall not issue a TransmissionSessionCompletion.indication primitive for any SDA client data capsule in the SDA service data unit.

7.2.3.5 Reception

7.2.3.5.1 Red-Part Reception

7.2.3.5.1.1 Upon reception of a RedPartReception.indication from the LTP engine, SDA shall extract all SDA client data capsules from the service data and deliver the encapsulated client data units to the indicated clients in RedPartReception.indication primitives.

7.2.3.5.1.2 The manner in which SDA client data capsules are extracted from the service data shall be dependent upon the client service ID noted at the start of each capsule but is otherwise an implementation matter.

7.2.3.5.2 Reception Cancellation

Upon reception of a ReceptionSessionCancellation.indication primitive from the sending LTP engine, SDA shall deliver one ReceptionSessionCancellation.indication for each SDA client data capsule in the service data of the canceled LTP transaction; each such indication shall be delivered to the client identified by the client data capsule's client service ID.

ANNEX A

PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION CONFORMANCE STATEMENT PROFORMA

(NORMATIVE)

A1 OVERVIEW

This annex provides the Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) Requirements List (RL) for CCSDS-compliant implementations of LTP. The PICS for an implementation is generated by completing the RL in accordance with the instructions below. An implementation shall satisfy the mandatory conformance requirements of the base standards referenced in the RL.

An implementation's completed RL is called the PICS. The PICS states which capabilities and options of the protocol have been implemented. The following can use the PICS:

- a) the protocol implementer, as a checklist to reduce the risk of failure to conform to the standard through oversight;
- b) the supplier and acquirer or potential acquirer of the implementation, as a detailed indication of the capabilities of the implementation, stated relative to the common basis for understanding provided by the standard PICS proforma;
- c) the user or potential user of the implementation, as a basis for initially checking the possibility of interworking with another implementation (it should be noted that, while interworking can never be guaranteed, failure to interwork can often be predicted from incompatible PICSes);
- d) a protocol tester, as the basis for selecting appropriate tests against which to assess the claim for conformance of the implementation.

A2 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE RL

An implementer shows the extent of compliance to the protocol by completing the RL; that is, compliance to all mandatory requirements and the options that are not supported are shown. The resulting completed RL is called a PICS. In the Support column, each response shall be selected either from the indicated set of responses, or it shall comprise one or more parameter values as requested. If a conditional requirement is inapplicable, N/A should be used. If a mandatory requirement is not satisfied, exception information must be supplied by entering a reference Xi, where i is a unique identifier, to an accompanying rationale for the noncompliance.

A3 NOTATION

A3.1 The following symbols are used in the RL to indicate the status of features.

Table A-1: Symbols Used in PICS ‘Status’ Column

Symbol	Meaning
M	Mandatory.
O	Optional.
X	Excluded or prohibited.
<index>:	Conditional. The status indicated applies only when the PICS states that the features identified by <index> are supported.

A3.2 The following symbols shall be used in the ‘Support’ column of the PICS.

Table A-2: Symbols to Be Used in PICS ‘Support’ Column

Symbol	Meaning
Y	Yes, the feature is supported by the implementation.
N	No, the feature is not supported by the implementation.
N/A	The item is not applicable.

A4 REFERENCED BASE STANDARDS

A4.1 The base standards referenced in the RL shall be:

- CCSDS LTP (this document);
- RFC 5326 (reference [3]).

A4.2 In the tables below, the notation in the Reference column combines one of the short-form document identifiers above (e.g., CCSDS-LTP) with applicable subsection numbers in the referenced document. RFC numbers are used to facilitate reference to subsections within the Internet specifications.

A5 GENERAL INFORMATION**A5.1 IDENTIFICATION OF PICS**

Ref	Question	Response
1	Date of Statement (DD/MM/YYYY)	
2	PICS serial number	
3	System conformance statement cross-reference	

A5.2 IDENTIFICATION OF IMPLEMENTATION UNDER TEST (IUT)

Ref	Question	Response
1	Implementation name	
2	Implementation version	
3	Name of hardware (machine) used in test	
4	Version of hardware (machine) used in test	
5	Name of operating system used during test	
6	Version of operating system used during test	
7	Additional configuration information pertinent to the test	
8	Other information	

A5.3 IDENTIFICATION

Ref	Question	Response
1	Supplier	
2	Point of contact for queries	
3	Implementation name(s) and version(s)	
4	Other information necessary for full identification (e.g., name(s) and version(s) for machines and/or operating systems)	

A5.4 PROTOCOL SUMMARY

Ref	Question	Response
1	Protocol version	
2	Addenda implemented	
3	Amendments implemented	
4	Have any exceptions been required? NOTE – A YES answer means that the implementation does not conform to the protocol. Non-supported mandatory capabilities are to be identified in the PICS, with an explanation of why the implementation is non-conforming.	1. Yes 2. No
4	Date of statement (DD/MM/YYYY)	

A6 REQUIREMENTS

Item	Protocol Feature	Reference	Status	Support
baseLTP	The mechanisms required to effect red-part data transmission/reception from RFC 5326 except as noted in section 3 of this document.	This document, 3.1.1, 3.2–3.8. RFC 5326 sections 2.0, 3.0, 3.1, 3.1.4, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 6.0, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9, 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.16, 6.17, 6.18, 6.19, 6.20, 7.1, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 8.1 [as pertains to red data], 8.2 [as pertains to red data], 10.2.	M	
LTPSec	LTP Security Extensions from RFC 5327 except as noted in section 3 of this document.	This document, 3.1.2, 3.9; RFC 5327 section 2.1.	O	
ltpUDP	LTP over User Datagram Protocol.	3.3 of this document; RFC 5326 section 10.1.	O	
sessionNo	LTP Session Number selection.	3.5.1 of this document.	M	
initCheckpointSerNo	Initial Checkpoint Serial Number selection.	3.5.2–3.5.3 of this document.	M	
checkpointSerNo	Cancel sessions when checkpoint serial number exceeds 2^{32} .	3.5.4 of this document.	M	
initReportSerNo	Initial Report Serial Number selection.	3.5.5–3.5.6 of this document.	M	
reportSerNo	Cancel sessions when report serial number exceeds 2^{32} .	3.5.7 of this document.	M	
ltpUnknownExt	Ignore unknown extensions on receipt.	3.8.1 of this document.	M	
ltpExt	LTP extensions in outbound segments identified correctly.	3.8.2 of this document.	M	
ltpAuth	LTP authentication.	3.9.1 of this document.	<LTPSec>:O	

Item	Protocol Feature	Reference	Status	Support
ltpCookie	LTP Cookie mechanism.	3.9.2 of this document.	<ltpAuth>:X	
authMIB	Authentication information in managed information base.	3.9.3 and 3.9.4 of this document.	<ltpAuth>:M	
ltpEncap	LTP encapsulation in CCSDS Encapsulation Packets.	B2 of this document.	O	
ltpSpacePacket	LTP encapsulation in CCSDS Space Packets.	B3 of this document.	O	
supportsGreen	The implementation supports transmission and reception of green-part (unreliable) data.	This document, 3.7; RFC 5326 section 6.1 and 8.1 [as pertain to green data]; RFC 5326 sections 6.10, 7.2 and 8.2 [as pertain to green data].	O	
serviceDataAggregation	SDA presents the Transmission.request, InitialTransmissionCompletion.indication, and RedPartReception.indication primitives that are part of the LTP specification.	7.2 of this document.	M	