

SDP Identity Attribute

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BACKGROUND & ASSUMPTION



BACKGROUND:

- Some issues and questions related to the SDP Identity attribute were raised in the SDP directorate review of the attribute
 - https://www.ietf.org/mail-archive/web/rtcweb/current/msg17124.html

ASSUMPTION:

- The SDP Identity attribute is a generic attribute, that can be used to carry identity assertions in different environments
 - Not WebRTC specific



QUESTION:

— Is it allowed to use some other information than fingerprint to create the identity assertion?

ANSWER:

- From a protocol perspective, it is allowed to use other information
- Outside the scope of the rtcweb draft

WAY FORWARD:

- Indicate that it is allowed to user other information than fingerprint to create identity assertions
- Indicate that the associated procedures, JSON structure for the Identity attribute value etc must be defined



ISSUE: Updated identity

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QUESTION:

- Is it allowed to update the identity in a subsequent offer/answer?
 - Could happen e.g., in a call transfer scenario where an endpoint receives a subsequent offer with SDP information associated with a new peer

ANSWER:

- From a protocol perspective, it is allowed to update the identity
- May not be supported by the receiver
 - WebRTC does not allow updating the identity of the peer

WAY FORWARD:

- Indicate that it is allowed to update the identity in a subsequent offer or answer
- Indicate that, if the receiver does not support the update, it must not accept the offer or answer

THE WAY FORWARD

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- Create Pull Request(s)
 - Fix/clarify the technical issues
 - Adopt "template" for SDP attributes
 - Sending initial offer, Sending answer, etc.
- Existing Pull Request for related issues
 - https://github.com/rtcweb-wg/security-arch

THE END

