

# draft-ietf-xrblock-rtcp-xr- discard-rle-metrics

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# Re-cap

- Discards packets arriving early or late
- Discard due to duplication not reported
- Two Report blocks
  - Run-length encoded
    - `begin_seq` to `end_seq`
  - Bytes discarded
    - 32 bits unsigned
    - Counts payload bytes of discarded packets

# IESG Review

- Stephen Farrell (and SecDir Review)

*I don't agree with the assertion in section 7 - sometimes more precision is in fact enough to cause a security issue, so the statement is just wrong. Was security really considered?*

## TEXT in -06 version:

The security considerations of [RFC3550], [RFC3611], and [RFC4585] apply. Since this document offers only a more precise reporting for an already existing metric, no further security implications are foreseen.

- RFC3611 defines LOSS RLE

# Section 7 (Proposal)

The Discard RLE block provides per-packet statistics so the risk to confidentiality documented in Section 7, paragraph 3 of [RFC3611] applies. In some situations, returning very detailed error information (e.g., over-range measurement or measurement unavailable) using this report block can provide an attacker with insight into the security processing. Where this is a concern, the implementation should apply **encryption** to this report block. This can be achieved by using the AVPF profile together with the Secure RTP profile as defined in [RFC3711]; as a prerequisite, an appropriate combination of those two profiles (an "SAVPF") is being specified [RFC5124].

Additionally, The security considerations of [RFC3550], [RFC3611], and [RFC4585] apply.

- Packets are discarded based on timestamp and de-jitter buffer.

# PM Directorate Review

- Thank you Alan Clark,
  - editorial changes + 1 open issue
- discard bytes block
  1. Keep with RLE block, update title and add RFC6390 template  
RTP Control Protocol (RTCP) Extended Reports (XR) for Bytes Discarded and Run Length Encoding (RLE) of Discarded Packets
  2. Move Discarded bytes to Packet discard draft
    - Packet discard draft is in RFC-EDITOR Queue

# Next Steps

- **OPTION 1:** impacts only a single draft
  - update title and add RFC6390 templates.