Core Protocol Spec

draft-hamilton-quic-transport-protocol-01

Draft Outline

- Overview of QUIC features
- Packet Types and Formats
- Life of a Connection
 - Describes Version Negotiation and Crypto handshake requirements
- Frame Types and Formats
- Packetization and Reliability
- Streams: QUIC's Data Structuring Abstraction
- Flow Control
- Error Codes
- Security Considerations

Current State

Draft documents QUIC version Q034, which is tethered to the current Google deployment.

- "Diversification Nonce" is for QUIC crypto; not useful with TLS 1.3
- Timestamps are in a home-grown floating-point format
- Numbers are little-endian

If adopted, based on wg discussion and consensus, the draft will move away from Q034 design.

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- Endian-ness
 - Q034 uses little-endian numbers, since Chrome runs only on little-endian machines.
 - Also, there are about 21 big-endian machines left in the world.
 - However, IETF uses big-endian for everything.
 - QUIC will interact with HTTP/2 and with TLS, both of which use big-endian.

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 - 0xffff5100 and up as corresponding to versions of the draft
 - (Also, ALPN label tracks QUIC version referred to by HTTP mapping doc)

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- Suggestion: Wiki page for experimental versions
 - Is self-registration adequate?

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- Packet size / Path MTU recommendation
- Functional API, ala RFC 793 (?)