

A Mechanism for Transporting User to User Call Control Information in SIP

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History

- Initial version draft-johnston-sipping-cc-uui-00 was submitted in 2006.
- Most of the text adopted from draft-johnston-sipping-cc-uui-09.
- Revised as draft-johnston-cuss-sip-cc-uui-00 after formation of CUSS WG
 - Added James Rafferty as co-author

Mechanism Background

- Based on the requirements and use cases in draft-johnston-cuss-cc-uui-reqs-00
- Why INFO is not used
 - INFO can only be sent in a dialog
 - Call control UUI needs to be transported at time of dialog establishment
- Why Other Protocol Encapsulation Not Used
 - Some protocols (ISDN, NSS, etc.) have UUI transport
 - If these protocols are being encapsulated, there is no need for a native SIP UUI mechanism
 - However, it is unreasonable to implement one of these protocols just to get UUI transport

Mechanism Options

- MIME body
- URI parameter
- Header field
- Others?

MIME Body

- SIP can carry any body without any extensions
- Bodies are difficult to work with in redirection and REFER scenarios (REQ-3)
- Bodies can not be removed by proxies (REQ-9)
- Bodies for UUI will require Multipart MIME when SDP is present

URI Parameter

- UUI could be carried as a URI parameter in the Request-URI
- Does not survive proxy retargeting (REQ-4)
- Does not work for terminating requests (REQ-2)

Header Field

- Just like Call-Info header field, but without URL to dereference
 - Similar to what SALUD WG is doing for Alert-Info header field
- Meets all requirements
- Multiple instances of deployed running code today
- Also need a SIP option tag to meet REQ-8

Proposed Mechanism

```
UUI = "User-to-User" HCOLON uui-data *(SEMI uui-param)
uui-data      = token
uui-param     = enc-param | cont-param | purp-param |
                generic-param
enc-param     = "encoding=" ("hex" | "IA5" | token)
cont-param    = "content=" token
purp-param    = "purpose=" token
```

- Encoding, content, and purpose require an IANA registry
- Need to define values for ISDN interworking
 - Separate draft
- Need to add quoted string for IA5 encoding

Next Steps

- More discussion of mechanism

Backup Slides

Call Flows 1

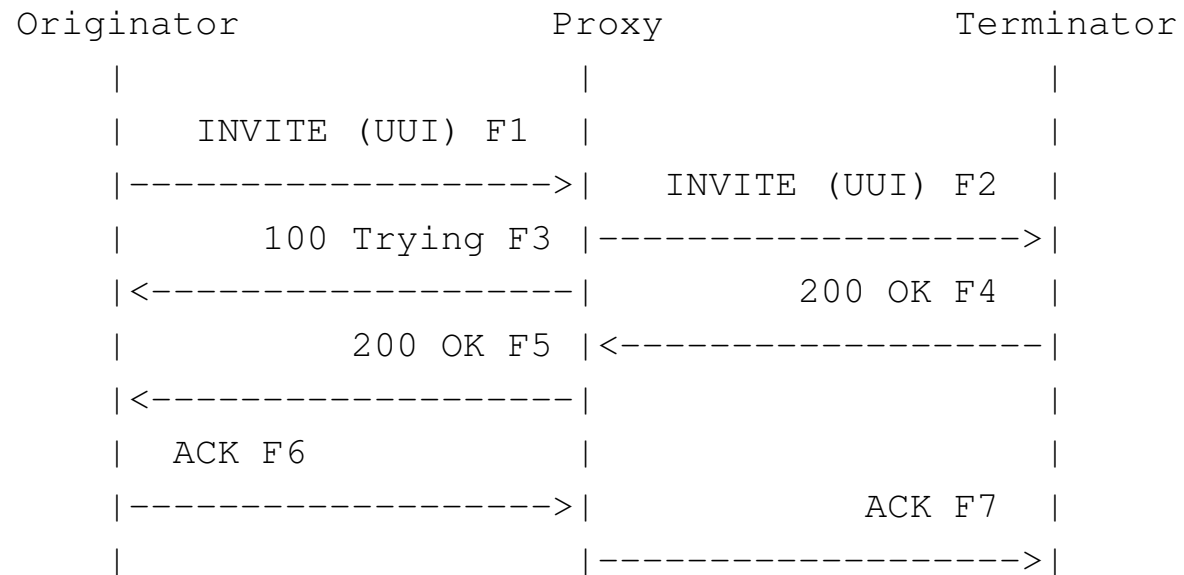


Figure 1. Call flow with UUI exchanged between Originator and Terminator.

Call Flows 2

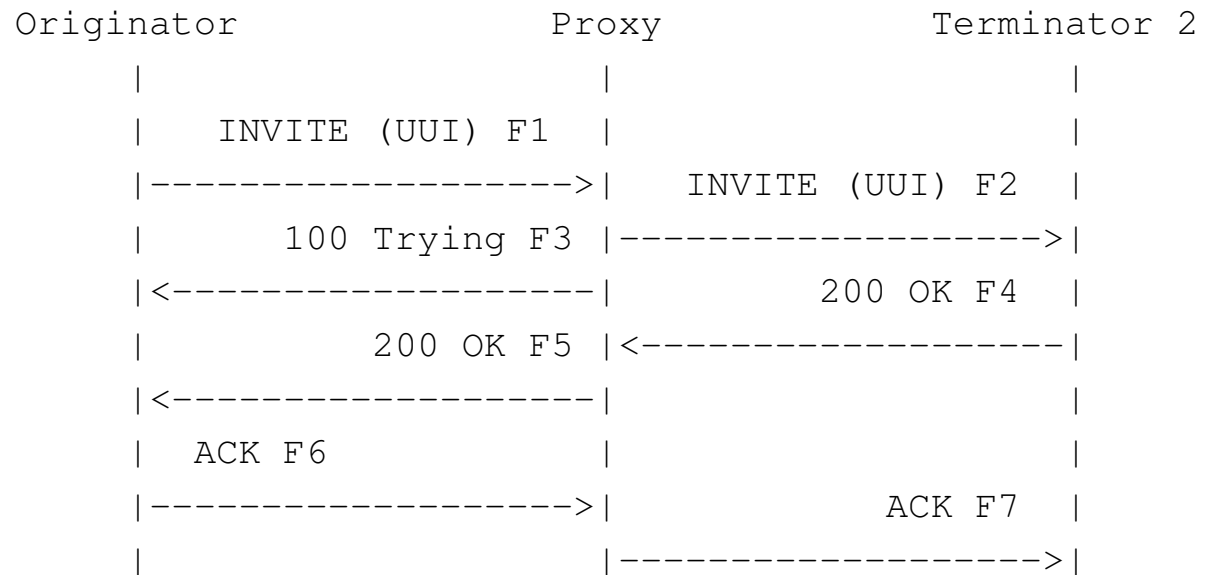


Figure 2. Call flow with Proxy Retargeting.

Call Flows 3

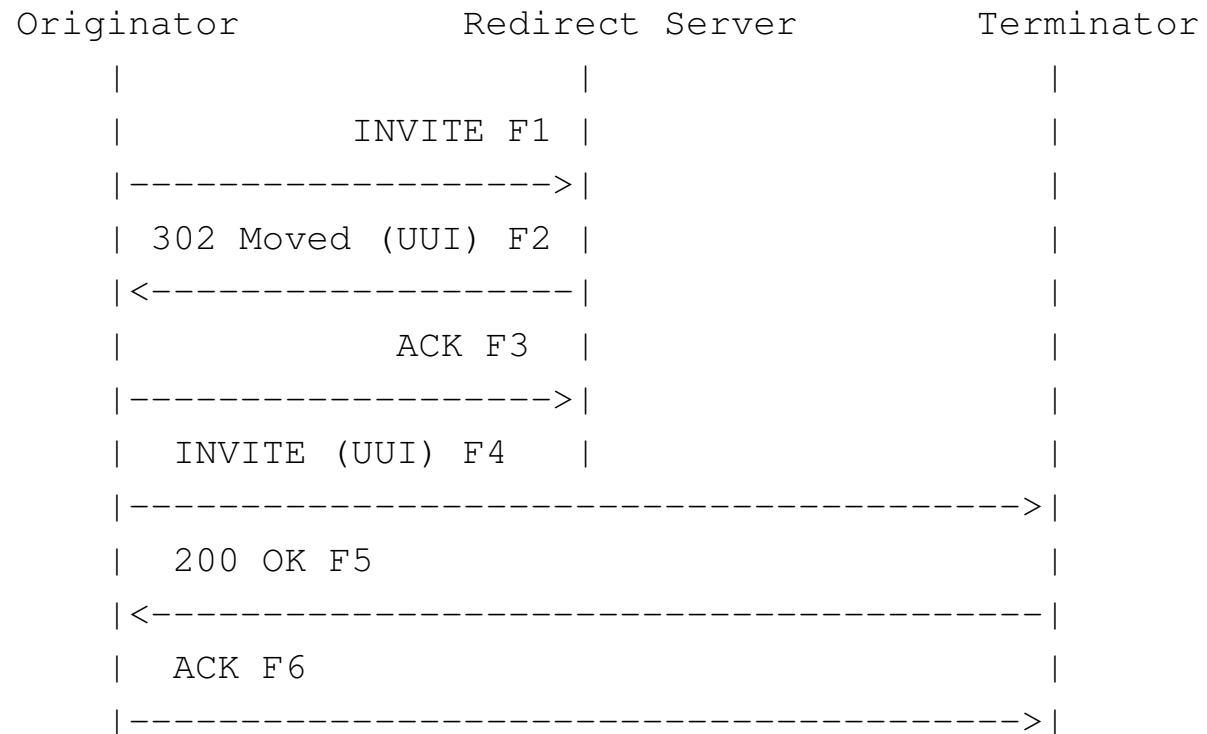


Figure 3. Call flow with UUI exchanged between Redirect Server and Terminator

Call Flows 4

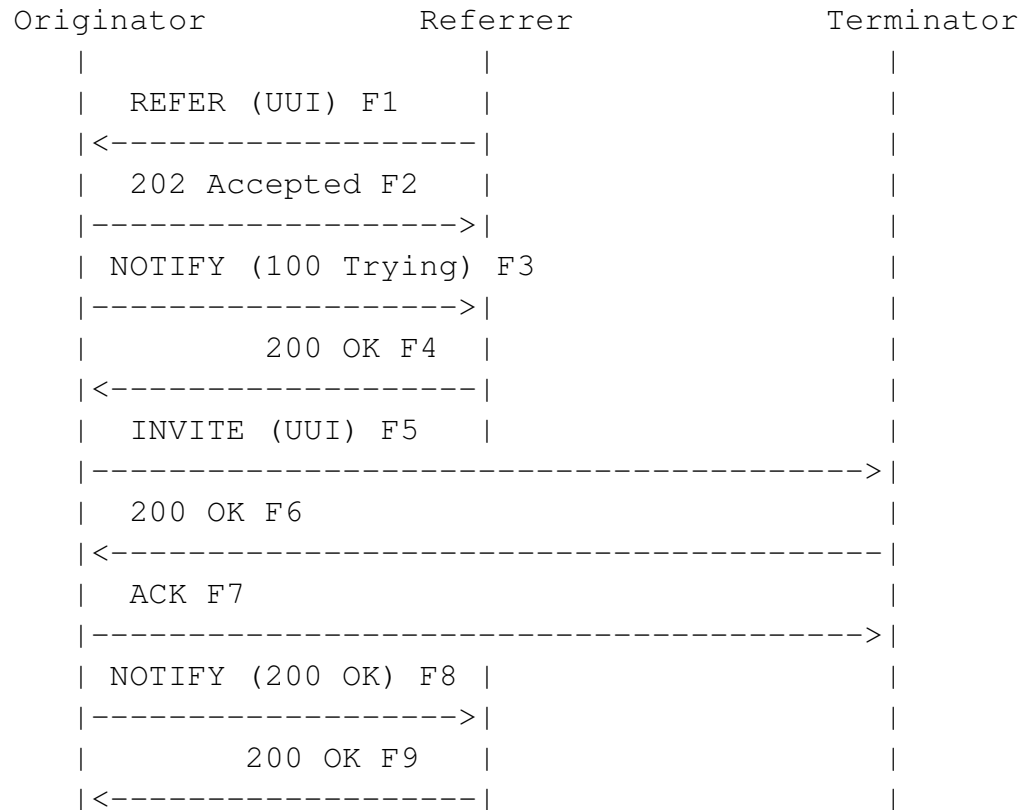


Figure 4. Call flow with transfer after answer.

Requirements 1

- REQ-1: The mechanism will allow user agents (UAs) to insert and receive UUI data in SIP call setup requests and responses.
- REQ-2: The mechanism will allow UAs to insert and receive UUI data in SIP call teardown requests and responses.
- REQ-3: The mechanism will allow UUI to be inserted and retrieved in SIP redirects to INVITEs.
- REQ-4: The mechanism will allow UUI to be able to survive proxy retargeting.

Requirements 2

- REQ-5: The mechanism should not require processing entities to dereference a URL to retrieve the UUI information.
- REQ-6: The mechanism will minimize reliance on SIP extensions or uncommon SIP behavior.
- REQ-7: The mechanism will support interworking with call control related ITU-T Q.931 User to User Information Element (UU IE) [Q931] and ITU-T Q.763 User to User Information Parameter [Q763].

Requirements 3

- REQ-8: The mechanism will allow the inserter of UUI to be sure that the recipient understands the call control UUI mechanism.
- REQ-9: The mechanism will allow proxies to remove a particular type of UUI information from a request or response, or to block requests based on the presence of a particular type of UUI.