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## Stream Control Transmission Protocol

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### Abstract

This document describes the Stream Control Transmission Protocol (SCTP). SCTP is designed to transport PSTN signaling messages over IP networks, but is capable of broader applications.

SCTP is a reliable transport protocol operating on top of a connectionless packet network such as IP. It offers the following services to its users:

- acknowledged error-free non-duplicated transfer of user data,
- data fragmentation to conform to discovered path MTU size,

- sequenced delivery of user messages within multiple streams, with an option for order-of-arrival delivery of individual user messages,
- optional bundling of multiple user messages into a single SCTP packet, and
- network-level fault tolerance through supporting of multi-homing at either or both ends of an association.

The design of SCTP includes appropriate congestion avoidance behavior and resistance to flooding and masquerade attacks.

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