

How to deal with fragmented UDP packets

Applies to VoipNow 3.5.X!

As mentioned in the [upgrade notes](#), VoipNow 3.5 introduced a couple of new features like ICE support and several extra codecs. These updates ultimately led to larger SIP packages being sent (specifically packets with SDP like INVITE and 200 OK).

Out of the box, the INVITE of a call through a SIP channel looks as shown below:

1	2015-09-23 14:35:18.119994	192.168.3.186	SIP/SDP	10.150.20.71	1004 Request: INVITE sip:9002@10.150.20.71;transport=UDP
2	2015-09-23 14:35:18.131246	10.150.20.71	SIP	192.168.3.186	444 Status: 100 trying -- your call is important to us
3	2015-09-23 14:35:18.131407	10.150.20.71	SIP/SDP	10.150.20.71	1333 Request: INVITE sip:9002@10.150.20.71:5050
4	2015-09-23 14:35:18.161447	10.150.20.71	SIP	10.150.20.71	752 Status: 100 Trying
5	2015-09-23 14:35:18.299122	10.150.20.71	SIP/SDP	10.150.20.71	2535 Request: INVITE sip:9002@10.150.20.14:5060
6	2015-09-23 14:35:18.302325	10.150.20.71	SIP	10.150.20.71	368 Status: 100 trying -- your call is important to us
7	2015-09-23 14:35:18.309961	10.150.20.71	IPv4	10.150.20.14	1516 Fragmented IP protocol (proto=UDP 17, off=0, ID=3c7c)
8	2015-09-23 14:35:18.321319	10.150.20.14	SIP	10.150.20.71	399 Status: 100 trying -- your call is important to us
9	2015-09-23 14:35:18.538215	10.150.20.14	SIP	10.150.20.71	671 Status: 180 Ringing
10	2015-09-23 14:35:18.539301	10.150.20.71	SIP	10.150.20.71	640 Status: 180 Ringing
11	2015-09-23 14:35:18.540461	10.150.20.71	SIP	10.150.20.71	768 Status: 180 Ringing
12	2015-09-23 14:35:18.541081	10.150.20.71	SIP	192.168.3.186	645 Status: 180 Ringing
13	2015-09-23 14:35:20.900900	10.150.20.14	SIP/SDP	10.150.20.71	1004 Status: 200 OK
14	2015-09-23 14:35:20.901462	10.150.20.71	SIP/SDP	10.150.20.71	973 Status: 200 OK
15	2015-09-23 14:35:20.907948	10.150.20.71	SIP	10.150.20.71	549 Request: ACK sip:9002@10.150.20.14:5060

Frame 7: 1516 bytes on wire (12128 bits), 1516 bytes captured (12128 bits)

Linux cooked capture

Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.150.20.71 (10.150.20.71), Dst: 10.150.20.14 (10.150.20.14)

Data (1480 bytes)

Data: 13c413c40a0d843b494e56495445207369703a3930303240...

[Length: 1480]

Step-by-step guide

To see the contents of a fragmented packet, right-click the **Data** field in the packet and select **Copy >> Bytes >> Printable Text Only**.

INVITE sip:9002@10.150.20.14:5050 SIP/2.0 Record-Route: <sip:10.150.20.14;lr;ftag=as62688aa0;did=b81.56bd3304> Record-Route: <sip:10.150.20.71;ftag=as62688aa0;lr;did=b81.0792> Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 10.150.20.14:5060;branch=z9hG4bKb503.fb127c11.0 Via: SIP/2.0/UDP 10.150.20.71:5060;branch=z9hG4bKb503.27e6d8eace70b8b11962bd6487ee5284.0 Max-Forwards: 15 From: "Anonymous" <sip:0003*002@anonymous.invalid>;tag=as62688aa0 To: <sip:9002@10.150.20.14:5060> Call-ID: 3e34fd7b4ae896b838f69d6a03fe388d@10.150.20.71 Contact: <sip:0003*002@10.150.20.71:5060> CSeq: 102 INVITE User-Agent: VoipNow PBX Date: Wed, 23 Sep 2015 11:43:31 GMT Min-SE: 1800 Allow: INVITE, ACK, CANCEL, OPTIONS, BYE, REFER, SUBSCRIBE, NOTIFY, INFO, PUBLISH Supported: replaces, timer P-Asserted-Identity: <sip:+136476374382@vn-latest> X-voipnow-extension: 0003*004 X-voipnow-pbx: 1dbfe69097 X-voipnow-infrastructureid: b32c8de7 Privacy: header; session Remote-Party-ID: "Default user" <sip:+136476374382@10.150.20.71>;party=calling;privacy=full;screen=yes Content-Type: application/sdp Content-Length: 1617 X-voipnow-orgext: 0003*002 X-voipnow-user: 0003*002 v=0 o=root 1094204853 1094204853 IN IP4 10.150.20.71 s=VoipNow c=IN IP4 10.150.20.71 b=CT:384 t=0 0 a=msid-semantic: WMS m=audio 11860 RTP/AVP 8 109 115 102 117 119 97 100 96 108 0 9 107 112 3 101 c=IN IP4 10.150.20.71 a=rtcp:11861 IN IP4 10.150.20.71 a=rtpmap:8 PCMA/8000 a=rtpmap:109 opus/48000/2 a=fmtp:109 maxplaybackrate=16000;maxaveragebitrate=28000;stereo=1;useinbandfec=1 a=ptime:20 a=maxptime:20

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a=rtpmap:115 G7221/32000
a=fmtp:115 bitrate=48000
a=rtpmap:102 G7221/16000
a=fmtp:102 bitrate=32000
a=rtpmap:117 speex/16000
a=rtpmap:119 speex/32000
a=rtpmap:97 iLBC/8000
a=fmtp:97 mode=20
a=rtpmap:100 speex/8000
a=rtpmap:96 SILK/16000
a=fmtp:96 maxaveragebitrate=30000
a=fmtp:96 usedtx=0
a=fmtp:96 useinbandfec=1
a=rtpmap:108 SILK/24000
a=fmtp:108 usedtx=0
a=fmtp:108 useinbandfec=1
a=rtpmap:0 PCMU/8000
a=rtpmap:9 G722/8000
a=rtpmap:107 G726-32/8000
a=rtpmap:112 AAL2-G726-32/8000
a=rtpmap:3 GSM/8000
a=rtpmap:101 telephone-event/8000
a=fmtp:101 0-16
a=ptime:20
a=ssrc:1746168018 cname:audio_video_sync
a=ssrc:1746168018 msid:audiomsid
a=sendrecv
m=video 16914 RTP/AVP 120 99 98 34 31
c=IN IP4 10.150.20.71
a=rtcp:16915 IN IP4 10.150.20.71
a=ssrc:1650435408 cname:audio_video_sync
a=ssrc:1650435408 msid:videomsid
a=rtpmap:120 VP8/90000
a=rtcp-fb:120 ccm fir
a=rtpmap:99 H264/90000
a=fmtp:99 redundant-pic-cap=0;parameter-add=0;packetization-mode=0;level-asymmetry-allowed=0
a=rtpmap:98 h263-1998/90000
a=fmtp:98 F=0;I=0;J=0;T=0;K=0;N=0;BPP=0;HRD=0
a=rtpmap:34 H263/90000
a=fmtp:34 F=0;I=0;J=0;T=0;K=0;N=0;BPP=0;HRD=0
a=rtpmap:31 H261/90000
a=recvonly

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UDP fragmentation occurs when the datagram size exceeds the MTU size of the network it is passing through.

Once fragmented, an IP datagram is not reassembled until it has reached its final destination. While there are mechanisms that can reassemble the UDP packets, some providers or extensions fail to respond to fragmented UDP packets.

In such cases, re-transmissions with the fragmented INVITE occur until VoipNow eventually times out and cancels the call. To solve this problem, you may perform the following operations on the VoipNow server:

1. Use TCP instead of UDP.
2. Disable the codecs that you're not using. This will decrease the size of the SDP. You can do this either for channels, or extensions. To apply the changes immediately, run the following command:

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asterisk -rx "sip reload"
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3. Disable ICE and AVPF support by performing the following operations:

In /etc/asterisk/sip.conf, set these parameters to "no":

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icesupport=yes           ; ICE is enabled
avpf=yes                 ; Enable audio-video profile for feedback

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In /etc/asterisk/rtp.conf, set this parameter to "false":

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icesupport=true
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All these changes will require an Asterisk restart.

Related articles

- [How to create a configuration template for a certain SIP device](#)
- [How to set up a SIP channel to interconnect with Skype forBusiness account](#)
- [Understanding SIP devices provisioning permissions](#)
- [How to set up Snom 300/320/360 SIP phones to connect to VoipNow](#)
- [How to set up Cisco/Linksys SPA phones to connect to VoipNow](#)