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| Proposed Resolution for REVme SB1 Editor1 ad-hoc Comments |
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##### This submission present proposed resolutions for comments in the Editor1 ad-hoc group.

##### The proposed changes are based on REVme/D4.0

##### Revision history:

##### R0 – initial version

R1 – Incorporated the feedback from the discussion on 10/11/2023.

R2 – added more comments.

R3- Incorporated the feedback from the discussion on 11/31/2023.

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| 6587 | 1798.00 | 10.3.2.10.1 |  | after SIFS isn't proper grammar. | Change to "after a SIFS". I counted 38 instances through the Standard. Also "after PIFS" (3 occurrences). Also, a naked PIFS or SIFS in other contexts, like P1798.38 and P1798.46. |

***Discussion:***

38 instances: “after SIFS”

3 instances: “after PIFS”

1798.38: “PIFS shall be used as the interval between CTS1 and CTS2”

1798.46: “SIFS shall be used as the interval between CTS1 and CTS2”

***Proposed Resolutions****:*

Revised.

Change “after SIFS” to ““after a SIFS”, thoughout the draft, 38 instanaces.

Change “after PIFS” to ““after a PIFS”, thoughout the draft, 3 instanaces.

Change “PIFS” to “A PIFS” at 1798.38

Change “SIFS” to “A SIFS” at 1708.46

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| 6568 |  |  |  | "The construction "between x and y", "x to y" or "x-y"" should have x and y in italics. Also the hyphen should be a minus or en dash (but in other places hyphens or em dashes are also sometimes used) | Change "The construction "between x and y", "x to y" or "x-y"" to have x and y in italics, and the hyphen as a minus (or en dash if that is within the available glyphs) |

***Discussion***:

Cited text at 171.37:



The cited text in D4.0 is shown as the comment suggested. No change is required.

***Proposed Resolutions:***

Rejected.

Rejected Reason: The cited text in D4.0 is shown as the commenter suggested. No change is required.

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| 6364 |  | 3 |  | Per CID 1630, "time priority Management frame:" etc. needs to become "time priority management frame:" | As it says in the comment |

***Discussion:***

Cited text at 233.52:

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 Assigned to Mark R. Submission Required.

***Proposed Resolutions:***

Rejected.

Rejected Reason: The cited text in D4.0 is shown as the commenter suggested. No change is required.

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| 6018 | 1125.50 | 9.4.2.84 |  | "Peer-to-peer link indication" is not only used for P2P link indication, but also used for any off-channel and off-link operation indication. The term "Peer-to-peer link indication" can be changed to a broader name. It is actually an unavailability indication (i.e., unavailable to infrastructure BSS) | Change "Peer-to-peer link indication" to "Unavailability indication".  |

***Discussion***:

Cited text:



Transfered to MAC ad hoc and assigned to Emily

More work required.

***Proposed resolution:***

Accepted.

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| 6029 | 993.40 | 9.4.2.24 |  | "Peer-to-peer TWT" support is not only used for P2P link indication, but also used for any off-channel and off-link operation indication (e.g., off-channel scanning). The term ""Peer-to-peer TWT" can be changed to a broader name. "Peer-to-peer TWT" is an unavailability schedule (i.e., unavailable to infrastructure BSS).  | Change "Peer-to-peer TWT Support" to "Unavailability Support"; Change "Peer-to-peer TWT schedule(ing)" to "Unavailability schedule(ing)"; Change "Peer-to-peer TWT agreement" to "Unavailability notification". Change "Peer-to-peer TWT SP" to "Unavailability period", globally, clone case. |

***Discussion***:

At 993.40, 2612.7, 2612.33:

Change "Peer-to-peer TWT Support" to "Unavailability Support"; 3 instances

At 2611.51, 2612.2, 2612.6, 2612.28, 2612.12, 2613.57:

Change "peer-to-peer TWT schedule" to "unavailability schedule", 6 instances.

At 2613.42, 2614.19,

Change "Peer-to-peer TWT scheduling" to "Unavailability scheduling", 2 instances.

At 1648.62, 1649.61,

Change "if used for the establishment of a peer-to-peer TWT agreement with a range of TWT parameter values" to " if used for the unavailability notification with a range of TWT parameter values". 2 instances

At 2611 to 2614,

Change " (a) peer-to-peer TWT agreement" to "(an) unavailability notification", 19 instances.

At 2612.63, 2614.11/12/14,

Change "peer-to-peer TWT SP" to "unavailability period", 4 instances.

Transfered to MAC ad hoc and assigned to Emily.

More work required.

***Proposed Resolution:***

Revised.

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| 6028 | 1648.62 | 9.6.13.24 |  | "except if used for the establishment of a peer-to-peer TWT agreement with a range of TWT parameter values". "establishment" is redundant. Remove "the establishment of". | remove "the establishment of” at 1648.62 and 1649.49. |

***Discussion***:



Transfered to MAC ad hoc and assigned to Emily

More work required.

***Proposed Resolution:***

Accepted.

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| 6322 |  | 9.6.19.17 |  | "The BA Control field is defined in 9.3.1.8 (BlockAck frame format). The (#4200)Block Ack Starting Sequence Control field is defined in 9.3.1.8 (BlockAck frame format)" should be combined, per similar text earlier for BAR (or the earlier text should be decombined) | As it says in the comment |

***Discussion:***

Cited text:



I couldn’t see anything wrong with cited tex.

***Proposed Resolutions:***

***Revised.***

Change paragraphs at 1684.22 to 1684.28 to:

“The BA Control, Block Ack Starting Sequence Control and BlockAck Bitmap fields are defined in 9.3.1.8 (BlockAck frame format). The Block Ack Starting Sequence Control field is set to the corresponding value within the immediately previously received Relay Ack Request frame.”

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| 6317 | 573.00 | 8.3.5.15.2 |  | "GROUP\_ID or PARTIAL\_AID filtering " should be "group ID or partial AID filtering " | As it says in the comment |

***Discussion:***

Cited text at 573.19:



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***Proposed Resolutions:***

Accepted.

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| 6316 | 331.00 | 4.10.3.3 |  | "Password or PSK" should be lowercase "password" | As it says in the comment |

***Discussion:***

Cited text:



~~I also found other two instances on "Password or PSK" at 2882.61 and 2883.15~~

***Proposed Resolutions:***

Accepted.

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| 6295 | 367.00 | 6.4 |  | "The presence of the protected parameter " should be "The presence of the Protected parameter " | As it says in the comment |

***Discussion***

Cited text at 367.2



***Proposed Resolutions:***

***Accepted.***

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| 6292 |  | 9.8.5.2 |  | "The frame body of a PV1 Management frame of subtype Action is described in 9.3.3.13 (Action frame format) and the format of the Action field formats allowed is described in 9.5.7 (EDMG BRP field(11ay)). " -- broken xref (also next para) | Fix the broken xrefs |

***Discussion***

***Proposed Resolutions***

***Revised.***

At 1753.24 and 1753.28, change “9.5.7 (EDMG BRP field(11ay))” to “9.6 (Action frame format details)”.

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| 6412 |  |  |  | The spec uses both "compliant" and "conformant" (and associated verbs, nouns, adverbs, etc.). I have a feeling these are not the same, and one is more "legal" (compliance) and the other is more "technical"/"moral" (conformance). Use "compliant" only when there is a legal requirement | Change "comply" to "conform" etc. except when this is about regulatory compliance. E.g. in 15.4.5.8 change "The transmit power ramps shall be constructed such that the DSSS PHY emissions comply with the spurious frequency product specification defined in 15.4.4.6" to "The transmit power ramps shall be constructed such that the DSSS PHY emissions conform to the spurious frequency product specification defined in 15.4.4.6" |

***Discussion:***

CID 6412 is the same comments as CID 1472, 2144, 3548

Those three comments were rejected as:

REJECTED (ED1: 2023-03-17 10:59:50Z) - The comment fails to identify changes in sufficient detail so that the specific wording of the changes that will satisfy the commenter can be determined.

***Proposed Resolution:***

Rejected.

The comment fails to identify changes in sufficient detail so that the specific wording of the changes that will satisfy the commenter can be determined.

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| 6228 |  |  |  | Text in figures should be searchable (i.e. a find in a normal PDF viewer should find it). This is sometimes the case, but not always, especially for older figures | As it says in the comment |  | ED1 |

***Discussion:***

CID 6228 is the same comment as: CIDs 265, 2016, 4211,

Those three comments were rejected as:

REJECTED (ED2: 2021-11-12 16:52:03Z) The comment fails to identify changes in sufficient detail so that the specific wording of the changes that will satisfy the commenter can be determined.

***Proposed Resolution:***

Rejected.

The comment fails to identify changes in sufficient detail so that the specific wording of the changes that will satisfy the commenter can be determined.

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| 6153 |  |  |   | Sometimes it's "IEEE SA", sometimes "IEEE-SA" | Use whichever of the two is the correct/preferred form |  | ED1 |

***Discussion:***

 “IEEE SA” is correct form.

***Proposed Resolution:***

Revised.

Change “IEEE-SA” to “IEEE SA” at 6.51, 6.54, 6.56, 4791.11, 5065.26 (D 4.1).

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| 6181 |  | 9 |  | "Operating Class and Channel Number fields" is confusing because this is a set of "Operating Class and Channel Number" fields, not a set of "Operating Class" and "Channel Number" fields | Change "and" to "And" in "Operating Class and Channel Number" throughout (in 9.4.1.22 Operating Class and Channel field, 9.4.2.69.3 Location Indication Channels subelement, 9.4.2.84 Channel Usage element, 9.9.3.3 WUR Discovery frame format, 11.21.15 Channel usage procedures) |  | ED1 |

***Discussion:***

“Operating Class and Channel Number fields" is a set of "Operating Class" and "Channel Number" fields, not a set of “Operating Class and Channel Number" fields.

“The Operating Class and Channel Number field” is not defined in 802.11. Instead, “The Operating Class and Channel field” is defined in 9.4.1.22.

I found 29 instances of “Operating Class and Channel Number fields”. They are all correct. No confusion. We should not change “and” to “And” in those instances.

The term “Operating Class and Channel Number” field(s) is not used in 9.4.1.22, 9.4.2.69.3,9.4.2.84 etc ….

Here is an example of definition:



I found 29 instances of “Operating Class and Channel field”. They all state correctly.

However, I did find a typo at 1042.1:



 At 1042.1, change “Operating Class and Channel Number field” to ““Operating Class and Channel Number fields”

***Proposed Resolution:***

Revised.

At 1042.1, change “Operating Class and Channel Number field” to “Operating Class and Channel Number fields”

The current draft standard clearly defines and properly uses “Operating Class and Channel Number fields”. No confusion. No need to change “and” to “And” in either “Operating Class and Channel Number fields” or “Operating Class and Channel field”.

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| 6026 |  |  |  | MDR comment: the "Unicast" is still used in this subclause. Please review and decide whether they are appropriate. | See as comment. |

***Discussion:***

Editorial style guide:

### Unicast and Multicast

When used to describe MAC entities, the adjectives “unicast” and “directed” are deprecated in favor of “individually addressed” or “that is an individual address” and the adjective “multicast” is deprecated in favor of “group addressed” or “that is a group address.

* To modify a noun such as frame, MPDU, MSDU, PPDU, etc., or a conceptual object such MAC entity, use “individually addressed frame” or <example with MAC entity>.
* To describing a type of address, use “that is an individual address” or “that is a group address.” For example, “destination address that is an individual address” or “RA that is a group address.”

The terms “unicast” (or “directed”) and “multicast” may be used with non-MAC entities, for example:

* Unicast communication
* MIB object names
* directed multicast service
* Flexible multicast service
* Multicast parameters for FMS Request
* Multicast Diagnostic
* FMS multicast rate
* multicast integrity protocol
* Multicast Triggered Reporting
* multicast group
* multicast reception
* multicast traffic
* broadcast/multicast transmitter,

I found 7 instances in D4.0 and 15 instances in D4.1, which means 11az introduces 8 more instances.

7 instances are from ARP Proxy;

8 instances are from 11az.

***Proposed Resolution:***

Revised.

Makes changes as shown below:

At 287. 13:

The Proxy ARP service enables an AP to avoid forwarding to the BSS broadcast ARP frames forIPv4 (IETF RFC 826) and IP layer multicast packets IPv6 ND messages for IPv6 (IETF RFC 4861 and IETFRFC 4862) which target not match the address of an associated STA. If the target matches the address of anassociated non-AP STAs, the Proxy ARP service can either respond on behalf of the non-AP STA, orpreferably send the frames as individually addressed frames ~~unicast transmissions~~ to the target STA(s) only. As a result, an associated STAthat is not a target is not exposed to extraneous IPv4 ARP frames or IPv6 Neighbor Discovery packets. Thisway, the Proxy ARP service reduces the amount of broadcast transmissions and enables associated STAs toremain in power save for longer periods of time.

At 692.24

The RA field, and the CS Required and UL BW subfields in the Common Info field of the Ranging Triggerframe are identical to the Basic Trigger frame described in 26.5.2 (UL MU operation) and 9.3.1.22 (Triggerframe format(11ax)), except that the RA field in Ranging Trigger frames with only one User Info field maybe either ~~unicast or broadcast~~ individual address or group address.

At 2489.32:

(11az)Class 1a frames

In an infrastructure BSS when PTKSA from PASN authentication exists

1) Protected Fine Timing frames (9.6.34 (Protected Fine Timing frame details(11az)))

2) ~~Unicast~~ SA Query Request frames sent to an individual address (11.13 (SA Query procedures))

At 2680.37,

The Ranging NDP Announcement frame shall be ~~unicast~~ an individually addressed frame with the RA field set to the address of the RSTA, and contain one STA Info field with the AID11 subfield set to 0.

At 2695.44:

NOTE 1—A 6-octet parameter representing the value of the Secure HE-LTF Counter subfield is sufficient because a ~~unicast~~ protected individually addressed management frame that uses a 6-octet PN is used to convey the LTF sequence information that carries the counter.

At 2957.1:

In a protected ~~unicast~~ individually addressed management Action frame, bit 4 of the Key ID octet equals 1 if the frame is a Protected Fine Timing frame—see Table 9-51 (Category values). In other protected ~~unicast~~ individually addressed frames, bit 4 is reserved.

At 2972.8

(11az)In a protected ~~unicast~~ individually addressed management Action frame, bit 4 of the Key ID octet is set to 1 if the frame is a Protected Fine Timing frame—see Table 9-81 (Category values). In other protected ~~unicast~~ individually addressed frames, bit 4 reserved

**11.21.14 Proxy ARP service**

Implementation of the proxy ARP service is optional for a WNM STA. A STA that implements the proxy ARPservice has dot11ProxyARPImplemented equal to true. When dot11ProxyARPImplemented is true,dot11WirelessManagementImplemented shall be true. When dot11ProxyARPActivated is true, the Proxy ARPService bit in the Extended Capabilities field shall be set to 1 to indicate that the AP supports the proxy ARPservice. When dot11ProxyARPActivated is false, the Proxy ARP Service bit shall be set to 0 to indicate that

the AP does not support the proxy ARP service.

(#1208)When the AP sets the Proxy ARP field to 1 in the Extended Capabilities element, the AP shall maintaina Hardware Address to Internet Address mapping for each associated STA and for each IPv4 and IPv6 addressof the STA, and shall update the mapping when one of the addresses of the associated STA changes. A ProxyARP service receives and processes three types of messages: IPv4 ARP requests, IPv6 ND address lookups,and IPv6 ND duplicate address detection (DAD) messages. These messages are all received as groupaddressed. If the target address is not known, the Proxy ARP service does not forward the request to the BSS. Ifthe target address is known, the Proxy ARP service can either respond directly on behalf of a STA or forwardthe request as an individually addressed ~~unicast~~ frame to the intended STA. For fixed devices in doze state, a direct response is preferable. Otherwise, forwarding as an individually addressed frame ~~unicast~~ is recommended, to avoid responding with misleading information.

(#1208)For IPv4, when the address being resolved in the ARP request (IETF RFC 826) is used by a non-APSTA currently associated to the BSS, the proxy ARP service shall either respond on behalf of the STA to anARP request or an ARP probe (IETF RFC 5227) or preferably turn the ARP request into an individually addressed ~~unicast~~ frame sent to that STA.

(#1208)When an AP receives an IPv4 ARP request from one associated STA or from the DS with a target IPv4address that corresponds to a second associated STA, the AP that decides to form a proxy ARP response frameshall insert the second STA MAC address as the (#479)sender's MAC address in the ARP response.

(#1208)In contrast to IPv4, Stateless Address Autoconfiguration (SLAAC), which is part of IPv6 NeighborDiscovery (ND), enables a node to form multiple addresses, some of them temporary and with a particularattention paid to privacy. SLAAC addresses may be formed and deprecated asynchronously to the association.Even if the knowledge of IPv6 addresses used by a STA can be obtained by snooping protocols such as IPv6ND and DHCPv6, or by observing data traffic sourced at the STA, such methods provide only an imperfectknowledge of the state of the STA at the AP, in particular when SLAAC is enabled. Running a Proxy ARPservice on an incomplete set of addresses may result in a loss of connectivity, in particular for addresses rarelyused and in situations of mobility.

(#1208)This nondeterministic representation of IPv6 address location and binding may also result inundesirable state persistence in the AP when a STA ceases to use an IPv6 address. It follows that protocolsnooping is not a recommended technique and that snooping should only be used as last resort. IETF RFC 8505defines an address registration mechanism that enables the AP to maintain a deterministic knowledge of all theIPv6 addresses of all the associated STAs. IETF RFC 8929 defines a proxy ND service that leverages the

address registration to maintain an accurate proxy state that follows the movements of the STAs, while IETF

RFC 8928 protects the address ownership against impersonation attacks and address spoofing.

(#1208)The proxy ARP function for IPv4 and IPv6 shall support snooping of DHCPv4, DHCPv6, and IPv6

ND to discover the IPv4 and IPv6 addresses owned by the STA.

(#1208)For IPv6, since the state obtained by snooping SLAAC is unreliable, the proxy ARP function shallsupport the backbone router function defined in IETF RFC 8929, which creates a binding state based on anIETF RFC 8505 registration by the STA. The proxy ARP function should support IETF RFC 8928 to protectthe ownership of the addresses. The non-AP STA shall support the address registration mechanism defined inIETF RFC 8505 and should support the address protection mechanism defined in IETF RFC 8928.

(#1208)IPv6 ND uses IP layer multicast Internet Control Message Protocol version 6 (ICMPv6) NeighborSolicitation (NS) messages (section 4.3 of IETF RFC 4861) for address resolution (section 7.2 of IETF RFC4861), which is the equivalent of ARP request, and for duplicate address detection (DAD). The proxy ARPfunction shall discard those messages if the target IP address does not correspond to an associated STA.(#3683)NS messages are sent as IP layer unicast for neighbor unreachability detection (NUD) (section 7 of IETF RFC

4861). The proxy ARP function shall not operate on IP layer unicast NS messages.

(#1208)With the IPv6 ND proxy operation defined in IETF RFC 8929, the backbone router function at the APtypically operates as a bridging proxy though operation as a routing proxy is also possible. As a bridging proxy,the NS lookups are replied with the MAC address of the STA, and the packets to the STA are bridgednormally; as a routing proxy, the backbone router function replies to lookups from the wired backbone with itsown MAC address and then routes to the STA at the IP layer. The routing proxy isolates the layer-2 domains

and hides the MAC address of the STA in the wired backbone, for a better stability and scalability of the

bridged domain. The Proxy ARP function shall support the bridging proxy and may support the routing proxy

operation.

(#1208)When the target IPv6 address of a IP layer multicast NS message corresponds to an associated STA,the Proxy ARP service may respond on behalf of an associated low-power STA with a neighbor advertisement(NA) message (section 4.4 of IETF RFC 4861) with the override flag set to zero, to conserve energy.Preferably, though, the Proxy ARP service should transmit the IP layer multicast NS message as an individually addressed ~~unicast~~ frame to the STA and let the STA respond, as recommended in IETF RFC 8929. When MAC addressmappings change, the AP may send unsolicited Neighbor Advertisement messages on behalf of a STA if the

IPv6 Neighbor Discovery function at the STA failed to do so.

(#1208)The IPv6 ND function at the STA shall register all of the IPv6 addresses on the interface (see section 10of IETF RFC 8929) to the proxy ARP service at the AP to ensure that the proxy ARP service is aware of allthose addresses and will proxy for them. The proxy ND operation may support address mobility (section 6 ofIETF RFC 8929) to transfer a role of ND proxy for this STA to the AP with which the STA is associatedfollowing a mobility event.