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## **1** Introduction

FIX Performance Session Layer (FIXP) is a "lightweight point-to-point protocol" introduced to provide an open industry standard for high performance computing requirements currently encountered by the FIX Community. FIXP is a derived work. The origin and basis for FIXP are the FIX session layer protocols and the designed and implemented by NASDAQOMX, SoupTCP, SoupBinTCP, and UFO (UDP for Orders). Every attempt was made to keep FIXP as close to the functionality and behavior of SoupBinTCP and UFO as possible. Extensions and refactoring were performed as incremental improvements. Every attempt was made to limit the FIXP to establishing and maintaining a communication session between two end points in a reliable manner, regardless of the reliability of the underlying transport.

**FIXP** features

- Binary protocol
- Very simple lightweight point-to-point session layer for reliable communication.
- Communication protocol independent
- Encoding independent
- Restricted to initiating, maintaining, and reestablishing a session.

The idea to provide an open standard high performance session layer with SoupBinTCP as its source came from two simultaneous sources.

- 1. The BVMF (Brazil) began investigating SoupBinTCP as a lightweight and simple alternative for market data delivery due to issues with Multicast IP infrastructure at member firms. The idea to align packet types to existing FIX message types was created during a meeting prior to the start of the High Performance Working Group.
- 2. Pantor Engineering prototyped a solution for high performance computing that used FAST datatypes (without field operators) carried over a SoupBinTCP session. Anders Furuhed presented the concept at the FIX Nordic event.

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## 1.2 Relevant and Related Standards

#### 1.2.1 Sources

These standards were sources for concepts but are non-normative for FIXP.

| Reference      | Version   | Relevance  | Normative |
|----------------|-----------|--|-----------|
| UFO (UDP for   | Version   | Basis for high performance session layer.          | No        |
| Orders) NASDAQ | 1.0, July |  |           |
| OMX            | 3, 2008   |  |           |
| SoupBinTCP     | 3.00      | Basis for high performance session layer.          | No        |
| NASDAQ OMX     |           |  |           |
| FIXT Session   | 1.1       | The previous FIX session layer specification       | No        |
| Layer          |           |  |           |
| Specification  |           |  |           |
| XMIT           | alpha15   | High performance session protocol design by Pantor | No        |
|                |           | Engineering  |           |

### 1.2.2 Related FIX Standards

The FIX Simple Open Framing Header standard governs how messages are delimited and has a specific relationship mentioned in this specification. FIXP interoperates with the other FIX standards at application and presentation layers, but it is not dependent on them. Therefore, they are considered non-normative for FIXP.

| <b>Related Standard</b> | Version  | Reference location | Relationship       | Normative |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Simple Open             | RC1      |                    | Optional usage at  | Yes       |
| Framing Header          |          |                    | presentation layer |           |
| FIX message             | 5.0 SP 2 |                    | Presentation and   | No        |
| specifications          |          |                    | application layers |           |
| FIX Simple Binary       | RC2      |                    | Optional usage at  | No        |
| Encoding                |          |                    | presentation layer |           |
| Encoding FIX            | Draft    |                    | Optional usage at  | No        |
| Using ASN.1             | Standard |                    | presentation layer |           |
| Encoding FIX            | RC2      |                    | Optional usage at  | No        |
| Using GPB               |          |                    | presentation layer |           |

### 1.2.3 Dependencies on Other Specifications

FIXP is dependent on several industry standards. Implementations of FIXP must conform to these standards to interoperate. Therefore, they are normative for FIXP. Other protocols may be used by agreement between counterparties.

| Related Standard  | Version | Reference location                 | Relationship      | Normative |
|-------------------|---------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| RFC 793           | N/A     | http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc793  | Uses transport    | Yes       |
| Transmission      |         | and related standards              |                   |           |
| Control Program   |         |                                    |                   |           |
| (TCP)             |         |                                    |                   |           |
| RFC 768 User      | N/A     | http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc768  | Uses transport    | Yes       |
| Datagram          |         |                                    |                   |           |
| Protocol (UDP)    |         |                                    |                   |           |
| RFC4122 A         | N/A     | http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4122 | Uses              | Yes       |
| Universally       |         |                                    |                   |           |
| Unique Identifier |         |                                    |                   |           |
| (UUID) URN        |         |                                    |                   |           |
| Namespace         |         |                                    |                   |           |
| UTF-8, a          | N/A     | http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3629 | Uses encoding     | Yes       |
| transformation    |         |                                    |                   |           |
| format of ISO     |         |                                    |                   |           |
| 10646             |         |                                    |                   |           |
| Various           | N/A     |                                    | Optional usage at | No        |
| authentication    |         |                                    | session layer     |           |
| protocols         |         |                                    |                   |           |

## 1.3 Intellectual Property Disclosure

| Related Intellection Property                       | Type of IP<br>(copyright,<br>patent) | IP Owner    | Relationship to proposed standard            |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Blink   | Copyright                            | Pantor      |  |
| http://blinkprotocol.org/spec/BlinkSpec-            |                                      | Engineering |  |
| beta3.pdf   |                                      |             |  |
| XMIT  | Copyright                            | Pantor      | Basis for design of                          |
|   |                                      | Engineering | protocol                                     |
| Soup, SoupBinTCP, UFO (UDP for Orders), and MoldUDP | Copyright                            | NASDAQOMX   | FIXP is intended to<br>provide functionality |
|   |                                      |             | equivalent to these protocols.               |

## 1.4 Definitions

| Term   | Definition   |  |  |  |
|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Client | Initiator of session.  |  |  |  |
| Server | Acceptor of session  |  |  |  |
| ТСР    | Transmission Control Protocol                                      |  |  |  |
| UDP    | User Datagram Protocol   |  |  |  |
| IPC    | Inter-Process Communication  |  |  |  |
| IP MC  | IP Multicast   |  |  |  |
| IDEMP  | Idempotence means that an operation that is applied multiple times |  |  |  |
|        | does not change the  |  |  |  |
|        | outcome, the result, after the first time                          |  |  |  |

## 2 Requirements

## 2.1 Business Requirements

Create an enhanced session protocol that can provide reliable, highly efficient, exchange of messages to support high performance financial messaging, over a variety of transports.

Protocol shall be fit for purpose for current high message rates, low latency environments in financial markets, but should be to every extent possible applicable to other business domains. There is no reason to limit or couple the session layer to the financial markets / trading business domain without extraordinary reason.

Support common message flow types: Recoverable, Unsequenced and Idempotent (operations guaranteed to be applied only once).

Protocol shall support asymmetric models, such as market participant to market, in addition to peer-topeer (symmetric). Allow the communication of messages to multiple receivers (broadcast).

The session protocol does not require or recommend a specific authentication protocol. Counterparties are free to agree on user authentication techniques that fit their needs.

## 2.2 Technical Requirements

### 2.2.1 Protocol Layering

This standard endeavors to maintain a clear separation of protocol layers, as expressed by the Open Systems Interconnection model (OSI). The responsibilities of a session layer are establishment, termination and restart procedures and rules for the exchange of application messages.

The protocol shall be independent of message encoding (presentation layer), to provide the maximum utility. Encoding independence applies both to session layer messages specified in this document as well as to application messages. It is simpler if session protocol messages are encoded the same way as application messages, but that is not a requirement of this session protocol.

Users are free to specify message encodings by agreement with counterparties. FIX provides Simple Binary Encoding as well as mappings of FIX to other high performance encodings such as ASN.1, and

Google Protocol Buffers. See the list of related standards above. Other recognized encodings may follow in the future.

Of necessity, the session protocol makes some adaptations for transport layer protocols used by the session layer since the capabilities of common transports are quite different. In particular, TCP is connection- and stream-oriented and implements its own reliable delivery mechanisms. Meanwhile, UDP is datagram-oriented and does not guarantee delivery in order. Unfortunately, these characteristics bleed across protocol layers.

## 2.2.2 Low overhead

Minimum overhead is added to the messages exchanged between peers, using only the strictly necessary control messages.

By agreement between counterparties, a message framing protocol may be used to delimit messages. This relieves the session layer of application message decoding to determine message boundaries. FIX offers the Simple Open Framing Header standard for framing messages encoded with binary wire formats. See standards references above.

## **3 FIX Performance Session Layer**

### 3.1 Usage and naming conventions

All symbolic names for messages and fields in this protocol should follow the same naming convention as other FIX specifications: alphanumeric characters plus underscores without spaces.

## 3.2 Datatypes

Datatypes are abstract. Actual encoding of FIXP is left to the implementation.

| Logical Type   | Range                   | Native Type | Comments   |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| u8             | 02^8-1                  |             |  |
| u16            | 02^16-1                 |             |  |
| u32            | 02^32-1                 |             |  |
| u64            | 02^64-1                 |             |  |
| UUID           | RFC 4122 compliant UUID |             | The requirement is to provide a<br>mechanism that can be self-<br>generated and guaranteed free of<br>collision.<br>Implementers are encouraged to<br>adopt version 4. |
| String         | text                    |             | UTF-8, length may need to be specified as part of the encoding.  |
| Bool           | true / false            | u8          |  |
| nanotime       | Time in nanoseconds     | u64         |  |
| DeltaMillisecs | Number of milliseconds  | u32         |  |
| Object         |                         |             | Unspecified data content<br>Requires some way to determine<br>length   |

## 3.3 FIXP Session Messages

Each message starts with a message type as the first field.

### 3.3.1 Message Type Identification

The session layer messages have high type id values as these messages are relatively uncommon. The potentially more compact lower values are therefore left for other use by applications.

There is one exception: the Sequence message, which is common and therefore is assigned a low type id value. This session layer reserves the type id 0x01 for Sequence and the range #0x10000 to 0x10210 for other messages.

All other values between 0x02 and 0x0FFFF are available for use in identifying application messages. A FIXP Processor shall make the application messages available to the application layer without decoding or processing.

| Purpose               | Start Hexadecimal | End Hexadecimal |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Sequence Message      | 0x01              |                 |
| Application Messages  | 0x02-             | 0x0FFFF         |
| FIXP Session Messages | 0x10000           | 0x10210         |

## 3.4 Message Sequencing

#### 3.4.1 Sequence numbering

Sequence numbering supports ordered delivery and recovery of messages. In FIXP, only application messages are sequenced, not session protocol messages. A Sequence message is used to start a sequenced flow of application messages. Any applications message passed after a Sequence message is implicitly numbered, where the first message after Sequence has the sequence number NextSeqNo.

| Sequence                                   |     |   |      |   |  |  |  |
|--|-----|---|------|---|--|--|--|
| Field name Type Required Value Description |     |   |      |   |  |  |  |
| MessageType                                | u32 | Y | 0x01 |   |  |  |  |
| NextSeqNo                                  | u64 | Y |      | The sequence number of the next message after the Sequence message. |  |  |  |
|  | 1   |   | 1    |   |  |  |  |

### 3.4.2 Message framing

FIXP does not require application messages to have a session layer header. Application messages may have their own presentation layer header, depending on encoding. However, application messages may immediately follow Sequence without any intervening session layer prologue.

Optionally, application messages may be delimited by use of the Simple Open Framing Header. This is most useful if session message encoding is different than application message encoding or if a session carries application messages in multiple encodings. The framing header identifies the encoding of the message that follows and gives its overall length. If it is used, then FIXP need not parse application messages to determine length and keep track of message counts in a flow.

### 3.4.3 Application message sequencing considerations

An application layer defined on top is obviously free to put any required application level sequencing inside messages.

#### 3.4.4 Datagram oriented protocol considerations

Using a datagram oriented transport like UDP, each datagram carrying a sequenced flow, the Sequence message is key to detecting packet loss and packet reordering and must precede any application messages in the packet.

FIXP provides no mechanism for fragmenting messages across datagrams. In other words, each application message must fit within a single datagram on UDP.

### 3.4.5 Multiplexed session considerations

If sessions are multiplexed over a transport, they are framed independently. When multiplexing, the Context message expands Sequence to also specify the session being sequenced.

If flows are multiplexed over a transport, the transport does not imply the session. Context is used to set the session for the remainder of the current datagram (in a datagram oriented transport) or until a new Context is passed. In a sequenced flow, Context can take the role of Sequence by including NextSeqNo (optimizes away the Sequence that would otherwise follow).

| Context     |      |          |         |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|------|----------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Field name  | Туре | Required | Value   | Description  |  |  |  |
| MessageType | u32  | Y        | 0x10050 |  |  |  |  |
| SessionId   | UUID | Y        |         | Session Identifier   |  |  |  |
| NextSeqNo   | u64  | Ν        |         | The sequence number of the next message after the Context message. |  |  |  |
|             |      |          |         |  |  |  |  |

### 3.4.6 Sequence context switches

A change in session context ends the sequence of messages implicitly and the sender must pass a Sequence or Context message again before starting to send sequenced messages. A Sequence message must be sent if the session is not multiplexed and Context must be sent if it is multiplexed. Changes of session context include:

- Interleaving of new, real-time messages and retransmitted messages.
- Switching from one multiplexed session to another when sharing a transport.

## 3.5 Session Properties

#### 3.5.1 Session identification

Each session is identified by a unique Session ID encoded as a UUID version 4 (RFC 4122) assigned by the client. The benefit of using an UUID is that it is effortless to allocate in a distributed system. It is also simple and efficient to hash and therefore easy to look up at the endpoints. The downside is a larger size overhead. The identifier however does not appear in the stream except once at the start of each datagram, when using UDP, or when sessions are multiplexed, regardless of the underlying transport that is used. For a non-multiplexed TCP session, the identifier therefore appears only once during the lifetime of the TCP session. A UUID is intended to be unique, not only amongst currently active sessions, but for all time. Reusing a session ID is a protocol violation.

### 3.5.2 Session lifetime

A logical session is established between counterparties and lasts until information flows between them are complete. Commonly, such flows are concurrent with daily trading sessions, but no set time limit is imposed by this protocol. Rather, timings for session start and end are set by agreement between counterparties.

A logical session is identified by a session ID, as described above, until its information flows are finalized. After finalization, the old session ID is no longer valid, and messages are no longer recoverable. Counterparties may subsequently start a new session under a different ID.

A logical session is bound to a transport, but a session may outlive a transport connection. The binding to a transport may be terminated intentionally or may be triggered by an error condition. However, a client may reconnect and bind the existing session to the new transport. When re-establishing an existing session, the original session ID continues to be used, and recoverable messages that were lost by disconnection may be recovered.

#### 3.5.3 Summary of messages that control lifetime

Logical sessions are created by using the Negotiation message. The session ID is sent in the Negotiation message and that ID is used for the lifetime of the session.

After negotiation is complete, the client sends an Establish message to reach the established state. Once established, exchange of application messages may proceed. The established state is concurrent with the lifetime of a connection-oriented transport such as TCP. A client can re-establish a previous session after reconnecting without any further negotiation. Thus, Establish binds the session to the new transport instance.

To signal a counterparty that a disconnection is about to occur, a Terminate message is sent. This unbinds the transport from the session, but it does not end a logical session.

A session that has a recoverable flow may be re-established by sending Establish with the same session ID, and an exchange of messages may continue until all business transactions are finished.

A logical session is ended by sending a FinishedSending message. Thereafter, no more application messages should be sent. The counterparty responds with FinishedReceiving when it has processed the last message, and then the transport is terminated for the final time for that session. Once a flow is finalized and the transport is unbound, a session ID is no longer valid and messages previously sent on that session are no longer recoverable.

## 3.6 Session Initiation and Negotiation

A negotiation dialog is provided to support a session negotiation protocol that is used for a client to declare what id it will be using, without having to go out of band. There is no concept of resetting a session. Instead of starting over a session, a new session is negotiated - a SessionId in UUID form is cheap.

The optional session negotiation is expected to occur at session initiation.

### 3.6.1 Flow Type

The negotiation protocol identifies the types of message flow that can occur, Recoverable, Unsequenced or Idempotent.

#### FlowType = Recoverable | Unsequenced | Idempotent

From highest to lowest delivery guarantee, the flow types are:

- **Recoverable**: Guarantees exactly-once message delivery. If gaps are detected, then missed messages are recovered by retransmission.
- **Idempotent**: Guarantees at-most-once delivery. If gaps are detected, the sender is notified, but recovery is under control of the application, if it is done at all.

• **Unsequenced**: Makes no delivery guarantees (best-effort). This choice is appropriate if guarantees are unnecessary or if recovery is provided at the application layer or through a different communication channel.

By agreement between counterparties, only certain of these flow types may be supported for a particular service.

## 3.6.2 Initiate Session Negotiation

Negotiate message is sent from client to server.

| Negotiate   |          |          |         |   |  |  |  |
|-------------|----------|----------|---------|---|--|--|--|
| Field name  | Туре     | Required | Value   | Description   |  |  |  |
| MessageType | u32      | Y        | 0x10000 |   |  |  |  |
| Timestamp   | nanotime | Y        |         | Time of request   |  |  |  |
| SessionId   | UUID     | Y        |         | Session Identifier  |  |  |  |
| ClientFlow  | FlowType | Y        |         | Type of flow over the session   |  |  |  |
| Credentials | Object   | Ν        |         | Optional credentials to authenticate session<br>initiator. Format and protocol for<br>authentication to be determined by<br>agreement between counterparties. |  |  |  |

#### 3.6.3 Accept Session Negotiation

When a session is accepted by a server, it sends a NegotiationResponse in response to a Negotiate message.

| NegotiationResponse                        |          |   |         |                               |  |  |  |  |
|--|----------|---|---------|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Field name Type Required Value Description |          |   |         |                               |  |  |  |  |
| MessageType                                | u32      | Y | 0x10001 |                               |  |  |  |  |
| RequestTimestamp                           | nanotime | Y |         | Matches Negotiate. Timestamp  |  |  |  |  |
| SessionId                                  | UUID     | Y |         | Session Identifier            |  |  |  |  |
| ServerFlow                                 | FlowType | Y |         | Type of flow over the session |  |  |  |  |
|  |          |   |         |                               |  |  |  |  |

## 3.6.4 Reject Session Negotiation

When a session cannot be created, a server sends NegotiationReject to the client, giving the reason for the rejection. No further messages should be sent, and the transport should be terminated.

NegotiationRejectCode = Credentials | Unspecified | FlowTypeNotSupported | DuplicateId

**Rejection reasons** 

- Credentials: failed authentication because identity is not recognized, keys are invalid, or the user is not authorized to use a particular service.
- FlowTypeNotSupported: server does not support requested client flow type.
- DuplicateId: session ID is non-unique.
- Unspecified: Any other reason that the server cannot create a session.

If negotiation is re-attempted after rejection, a new session ID should be generated.

| NegotiationReject |                       |          |         |                             |  |  |  |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Field name        | Туре                  | Required | Value   | Description                 |  |  |  |
| MessageType       | u32                   | Y        | 0x10002 |                             |  |  |  |
| RequestTimestamp  | nanotime              | Y        |         | Matches Negotiate.Timestamp |  |  |  |
| SessionId         | UUID                  | Y        |         | Session Identifier          |  |  |  |
| Code              | NegotiationRejectCode | Y        |         |                             |  |  |  |
| Reason            | string                | Ν        |         | Reject reason details       |  |  |  |
|                   |                       |          |         |                             |  |  |  |

## 3.6.5 Session Negotiation Sequence Diagram



Figure 1 Session Negotiation Sequence Diagram

## 3.7 Session Establishment

Establish attempts to bind the specified logical session to the transport that the message is passed over. The response to Establish is either EstablishmentAck or EstablishmentReject.

## 3.7.1 Establish

The client sends Establish message to the server and awaits acknowledgement.

There is no specific timeout value for the wait defined in this protocol. Experience should be a guide to determine an abnormal wait after which a server is considered unresponsive. Then establishment may be retried or out-of-band inquiry may be made to determine application readiness.

| Establish         |                |          |         |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|----------------|----------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Field name        | Туре           | Required | Value   | Description  |  |  |  |
| MessageType       | u32            | Y        | 0x10010 |  |  |  |  |
| Timestamp         | nanotime       | Y        |         | Time of request  |  |  |  |
| SessionId         | UUID           | Y        |         | Session Identifier   |  |  |  |
| KeepaliveInterval | DeltaMillisecs | Y        |         | The longest time in milliseconds the initiator<br>will remain silent before sending a keep<br>alive message                      |  |  |  |
| NextSeqNo         | u64            | N        |         | For re-establishment of a recoverable server<br>flow only, the next application sequence<br>number to be produced by the client. |  |  |  |
| Credentials       | object         | Ν        |         | Credentials for session authorization  |  |  |  |
|                   |                |          |         |  |  |  |  |

Counterparties may agree on a valid range for KeepaliveInterval.

The server should evaluate NextSeqNo to determine whether it missed any messages after reestablishment of a recoverable flow. If so, it may immediately send a RetransmitRequest after sending EstablishAck.

## 3.7.2 Establish Acknowledgment

Used to indicate the acceptor acknowledges the session. If the communication flow from this endpoint is recoverable, it will fill the NextSeqNo field, allowing the initiator to start requesting the replay of messages that it has not received.

| EstablishmentAck  |  |   |         |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--|---|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Field name        | Field name Type Required Value Description |   |         |  |  |  |  |  |
| MessageType       | u32  | Y | 0x10011 |  |  |  |  |  |
| SessionId         | UUID                                       | Y |         | SessionId is included only for robustness, as<br>matching RequestTimestamp is enough                   |  |  |  |  |
| RequestTimestamp  | nanotime                                   | Y |         | Matches Establish. Timestamp   |  |  |  |  |
| KeepaliveInterval | DeltaMillisecs                             | Y |         | The longest time in milliseconds the<br>acceptor will wait before sending a keep<br>alive message      |  |  |  |  |
| NextSeqNo         | u64  | Ν |         | For a recoverable server flow only, the next application sequence number to be produced by the server. |  |  |  |  |

The client should evaluate NextSeqNo to determine whether it missed any messages after reestablishment of a recoverable flow. If so, it may immediately send a RetransmitRequest.

### 3.7.3 Establish Reject

EstablishmentRejectCode = Unnegotiated | AlreadyEstablished | SessionBlocked | KeepaliveInterval | Credentials | Unspecified

Rejection reasons:

- Unnegotiated: Establish request was not preceded by a Negotiation or session was finalized, requiring renegotiation.
- AlreadyEstablished: EstablishmentAck was already sent; Establish was redundant.
- SessionBlocked: user is not authorized
- KeepaliveInterval: value is out of accepted range.
- Credentials: failed authentication because identity is not recognized, keys are invalid, or the user is not authorized to use a particular service.
- Unspecified: Any other reason that the server cannot establish a session.

| EstablishmentReject |                         |          |         |                              |  |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Field name          | Туре                    | Required | Value   | Description                  |  |  |
| MessageType         | u32                     | Y        | 0x10012 |                              |  |  |
| SessionId           | מווווו                  | v        |         | SessionId is redundant and   |  |  |
| 5655101110          | 0010                    | I        |         | included only for robustness |  |  |
| RequestTimestamp    | nanotime                | Y        |         | Matches Establish.Timestamp  |  |  |
| Code                | EstablishmentRejectCode | Y        |         |                              |  |  |
| Reason              | string                  | Ν        |         | Reject reason details        |  |  |
|                     |                         |          |         |                              |  |  |





Figure 2 Session Establishment Sequence Diagram

### 3.8 Transport termination

Terminate is a signal to the counterparty that this side is dropping the binding between the logical session and the underlying transport. A session may terminate its transport if there are no more messages to send but it intends to restart at a later time. Additionally, a transport should be terminated

if an unrecoverable error occurs in message parsing or framing, or if the counterparty violates this protocol.

An established session becomes terminated (stops being established) for the following reasons:

- One of the peers sends of receives a Terminate message;
- The transport level session is disconnected;
- The keep-alive interval expired and no keep-alive message received. It is recommended to allow some leniency in timeout to allow for slight mismatches of timers between parties.

TerminationCode = Finished | UnspecifiedError | ReRequestOutOfBounds | ReRequestInProgress

| Terminate   |                 |          |         |  |  |  |
|-------------|-----------------|----------|---------|--|--|--|
| Field name  | Туре            | Required | Value   | Description                              |  |  |
| MessageType | u32             | Y        | 0x10015 |  |  |  |
| Cassiand    |                 | V        |         | SessionId is redundant and included only |  |  |
| Sessioniu   | 0000            | ř        |         | for robustness                           |  |  |
| Code        | TerminationCode | Y        |         |  |  |  |
| Reason      | string          | N        |         |  |  |  |
|             | •               |          |         |  |  |  |

#### 3.8.1 Terminate Session Sequence Diagram



Figure 3 Termination Session Sequence Diagram

## 3.9 Session heartbeat

Each party must send a heartbeat message during each interval in which no application messages were sent. A client's heartbeat timing is governed by the KeepaliveInterval value it sent in the Establish message, and a server is governed by the value it sent in EstablishAck.

Each party should check whether it has received any message from its counterparty in the expected interval. Silence is taken as evidence that the transport is no longer valid, and the session is terminated in that event.

For recoverable or idempotent flows, the gap detection can be achieved by sending Sequence messages respecting the keepalive interval.

For unsequenced flows, there is the UnsequencedHeartbeat message to detect that a logical session has disappeared or that there is a problem with the transport, allowing the peer to terminate session state timely and to potentially reestablish the session.

| UnsequencedHeartbeat |      |          |         |             |  |  |  |
|----------------------|------|----------|---------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Field name           | Туре | Required | Value   | Description |  |  |  |
| MessageType          | u32  | Y        | 0x10020 |             |  |  |  |
|                      |      |          |         |             |  |  |  |

When a session is being finalized, but the FinishedReceiving message has not yet been received, then FinishedSending message is used as the heartbeat.

On TCP, it is recommended that Nagle algorithm be disabled to prevent the transmission of heartbeats and other messages from being delayed, potentially causing unnecessary session termination.

## 3.10 Resynchronization

When receiving a recoverable message flow, a peer may request sequenced messages to be retransmitted by sending a *RetransmitRequest* message, which is answered by one or more *Retransmission* messages (or with a *Terminate* message if the request is invalid). Sending a RetransmitRequest to the sender of an idempotent or unsequenced flow is a protocol

violation. In that case, the session should be terminated.

| RestransmitRequest |          |          |         |             |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|----------|----------|---------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Field name         | Туре     | Required | Value   | Description |  |  |  |  |
| MessageType        | u32      | Y        | 0x10021 |             |  |  |  |  |
| SessionId          | UUID     | Y        |         |             |  |  |  |  |
| Timestamp          | nanotime | Y        |         |             |  |  |  |  |
| FromSeqNo          | u64      | Y        |         |             |  |  |  |  |
| Count              | u32      | Y        |         |             |  |  |  |  |

*Retransmission* implies that the subsequent messages are sequenced without requiring that a Sequence message is passed. In a datagram oriented transport, Retransmission is passed in every single retransmission datagram.

| Restransmission  |          |          |         |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|----------|----------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Field name       | Туре     | Required | Value   | Description                                    |  |  |  |  |
| MessageType      | u32      | Y        | 0x10022 |  |  |  |  |  |
| SessionId        | UUID     | Y        |         | Defeats the need for Context when multiplexing |  |  |  |  |
| NextSeqNo        | u64      | Y        |         |  |  |  |  |  |
| RequestTimestamp | nanotime | Y        |         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Count            | u32      | Y        |         |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |          |          |         |  |  |  |  |  |

In a datagram transport without builtin flow control, like UDP, resending many messages in a short time may result in packet loss. *RetransmitRequest* and *Retransmission* messages must therefore be

exchanged in a way that the correspondence is rate paced. Unless the underlying transport provides guaranteed delivery, the sender must limit how many messages are retransmitted per request to what can be sent in a single datagram.

In addition to resetting the implicit sequence number, the *Retransmission* message signals that the request has been or is being processed and also informs the consumer whether it needs to issue a follow up *RetransmitRequest* message.

The sender will terminate the session with the **ReRequestInProgress** code if it sees a premature retransmit request. If the RetransmitRequest is used to request messages that are not available a Terminate is issued with the **ReRequestOutOfBounds** code.



### 3.10.1 **Retransmission Sequence Diagram**

Figure 4 Retransmission Sequence Diagram

## 3.11 Finalizing a Session

Finalization is a handshake that ends a logical session when there are no more messages to exchange.

### 3.11.1 Finish Sending

A FinishedSending message is sent to begin finalizing a logical session when the last application message in a flow has been sent.

The sender of this message awaits a FinishedReceiving response. It the wait takes longer than KeepaliveInterval for the flow, it should send FinishedSending messages as heartbeats until finalization is complete.

| FinishedSending |      |          |         |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|------|----------|---------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Field name      | Туре | Required | Value   | Description   |  |  |  |  |  |
| MessageType     | u32  | Y        | 0x10025 |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| SessionId       | UUID | Y        |         | SessionId is redundant and included only for robustness |  |  |  |  |  |
| LastSeqNo       | u64  | N        |         | Populated for an idempotent or recoverable flow         |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 |      |          |         |   |  |  |  |  |  |

The counterparty should evaluate LastSeqNo to determine whether it has processed the flow to the end. If received on a recoverable flow, the counterparty may send a RetransmitRequest to recover any missed messages before acknowledging finalization of the flow. On an idempotent flow, it should send NotApplied to notify the sender of the gap.

## 3.11.2 Finish Receiving

Upon processing the last application message indicated by the FinishedSending message (possibly received on a retransmission), a FinishedReceving message is sent in response.

When a FinishedReceiving has been received by the party that initiated the finalization handshake, a Terminate message is sent to unbind the transport. At that point, the session is considered finalized, and its session ID is no longer valid.

| FinishedReceiving |      |          |         |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|------|----------|---------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Field name        | Туре | Required | Value   | Description   |  |  |  |  |  |
| MessageType       | u32  | Y        | 0x10026 |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| SessionId         | UUID | Y        |         | SessionId is redundant and included only for robustness |  |  |  |  |  |
|                   | •    | •        | •       |   |  |  |  |  |  |





Figure 5 Recoverable Session Termination Sequence Diagram

## 3.12 Idempotent Flow

When using the idempotent flow, the protocol ensures that each application message is an idempotent operation that will be guaranteed applied only once.

To guarantee idempotence, a unique sequential identifier has to be allocated to each operation to be carried out. The response flow must identify which operations that have been carried out, and is sequenced. The lack of acknowledgment of an operation triggers the operation to be reattempted (at least once semantics). The lack of acknowledgment can be triggered by the acknowledgment of a later operation or by the expiration of a timer. The side carrying out an operation must filter out operations with a duplicate identifier (at most once semantics). If a transaction has already been applied, a duplicate request should be silently dropped. The combination of at-most-once and at-least-once semantics provide exactly-once semantics, making any operation tagged with a unique id to be idempotent.

The sequence number is implicit and is defined using a Sequence message. The first message after Sequence has the sequence number NextSeqNo. The same lifetime rules apply for the implicit sequence number in the idempotent flow, as for the implicit sequence number in the recoverable flow. Unless the recoverable server return flow identifies the result of operations at the application level, implementers may opt to use the following *Applied* or *NotApplied* messages to return the status of the operation.

### 3.12.1 **Applied**

This is an optional application response for non-standard messages. Standard FIX semantics provide application layer acknowledgements to requests, e.g. Execution Report in response to New Order Single. The principle is to use application specific acknowledgement messages where possible; use the Applied message where an application level acknowledgement message does not exist.

| Applied     |      |          |         |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|------|----------|---------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Field name  | Туре | Required | Value   | Description                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| MessageType | u32  | Y        | 0x10201 |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| FromSeqNo   | u64  | Y        |         | The first applied sequence number   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Count       | u32  | Y        |         | How many messages have been applied |  |  |  |  |  |
|             |      |          |         |                                     |  |  |  |  |  |

Since Applied is an application message, it will be reliably delivered if returned on a recoverable flow.

## 3.12.2 NotApplied

NotApplied response is given if a receiver recognizes a gap in sequence numbers on an idempotent flow. The sender of the missed requests then has a responsibility to make a decision about recovery at an application layer. It may decide to resend the transactions with new sequence numbers, to send different transactions, or to do nothing.

Like Applied, the NotApplied message is handled as an application message. That is, it consumes a sequence number.

Sending NotApplied for a recoverable or unsequenced flow is a protocol violation. On a recoverable flow, RetransmitRequest should be used instead.

| NotApplied  |      |          |         |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|------|----------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Field name  | Туре | Required | Value   | Description                            |  |  |  |  |
| MessageType | u32  | Y        | 0x10202 |  |  |  |  |  |
| FromSeqNo   | u64  | Y        |         | The first not applied sequence number  |  |  |  |  |
| Count       | u32  | Y        |         | How many messages haven't been applied |  |  |  |  |
|             |      |          |         |  |  |  |  |  |



## 3.12.3 Idempotent Flow Sequence Diagram

Figure 6 Idempotent Flow sequence diagram

## 4 Session Messages

| Message Name         | Message Type | Purpose                                     |
|----------------------|--------------|---|
| Sequence             | 0x01         | Initiate a new session                      |
| Negotiate            | 0x10000      |   |
| NegotiationResponse  | 0x10001      |   |
| NegotiationReject    | 0x10002      |   |
| Establish            | 0x10010      |   |
| EstablishmentAck     | 0x10011      |   |
| EstablishmentReject  | 0x10012      |   |
| Terminate            | 0x10015      |   |
| UnsequencedHeartbeat | 0x10020      |   |
| RetransmitRequest    | 0x10021      |   |
| Retransmission       | 0x10022      |   |
| FinishedSending      | 0x10025      |   |
| FinishedReceiving    | 0x10026      |   |
| Context              | 0x10050      | Identify a context of a session             |
| Applied              | 0x10201      | Returns the status of idempotent operations |
| NotApplied           | 0x10202      | Returns the status of idempotent operations |

## 5 Appendix A - Usage Examples

## 5.1 Session Creation/Negotiation

### 5.1.1 Session negotiation (both Recoverable)

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client Flow | Server Flow | Credentials |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Recoverable |             | 123         |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             | Recoverable |             |

## 5.1.2 Session negotiation (both Unsequenced)

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client Flow | Server Flow | Credentials |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Unsequenced |             | 123         |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             | Unsequenced |             |

## 5.1.3 Session negotiation (Client Idempotent and Server Recoverable)

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client Flow | Server Flow | Credentials |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Idempotent  |             | 123         |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             | Recoverable |             |

## 5.1.4 Session negotiation (Client Recoverable and Server Unsequenced)

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client Flow | Server Flow | Credentials |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Recoverable |             | 123         |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             | Unsequenced |             |

### 5.1.5 Session negotiation (Client Unsequenced and Server Recoverable)

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client Flow | Server Flow | Credentials |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Unsequenced |             | 123         |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             | Recoverable |             |

## 5.1.6 Session negotiation (rejects)

#### 5.1.6.1 Bad credentials

For example – Valid Credentials are 123 but Negotiate message is sent with Credentials as 456 then it will be rejected.

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent       | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client<br>Flow | Code               | Reason              | Credentials |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                       | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Idempot<br>ent |                    |                     | 456         |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Reject | 0x10002         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |                | Bad<br>Credentials | Invalid<br>Password |             |

#### 5.1.6.2 Flow type not supported

For example – Recoverable flow from Client is not supported but Negotiate message is sent with Client Flow as Recoverable then it will be rejected.

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent       | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client<br>Flow  | Code                     | Reason                                      | Credentials |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                       | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Recover<br>able |                          |   | 123         |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Reject | 0x10002         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |                 | FlowTypeNot<br>Supported | Client<br>Recoverable<br>Flow<br>Prohibited |             |

### 5.1.6.3 Invalid session ID

For example – Session ID does not follow UUID or GUID semantics as per RFC 4122 and Negotiate message is sent with Session ID as all zeros then it will be rejected.

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent       | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client<br>Flow | Code        | Reason                         | Credentials |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                       | 0x10000         | 000                  | 0         |                      | Idempot<br>ent |             |                                | 123         |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Reject | 0x10002         | 000                  |           | 0                    |                | Unspecified | Invalid<br>SessionID<br>Format |             |

## 5.1.6.4 Invalid request timestamp

For example – Timestamp follows Unix Epoch semantics and is to be sent with nanosecond level precision but Negotiate message is sent with Timestamp as Unix Epoch but expressed as number of seconds then it will be rejected.

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent       | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client<br>Flow | Code        | Reason                         | Credentials |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                       | 0x10000         | ABC                  | 86400     |                      | Idempot<br>ent |             |                                | 123         |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Reject | 0x10002         | ABC                  |           | 86400                |                | Unspecified | Invalid<br>Timestamp<br>Format |             |

## 5.1.6.5 Mismatch of sessionID/RequestTimestamp

For example – the session identifier and the request timestamp in the NegotiationResponse do not match with the Negotiate message then the acknowledgment MUST be ignored and an internal alert may be generated.

| Message<br>Received  | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client Flow     | Server Flow | Credentials |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Negotiate  |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | Τ1        |                      | Recoverabl<br>e |             | 123         |  |  |  |
|  | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | DEF                  |           | Т2                   |                 | Recoverable |             |  |  |  |
| Ignore NegotiationResponse message since it contains incorrect Session ID and/or RequestTimestamp and Generate Internal Alert and<br>Possibly Retry> |                         |                 |                      |           |                      |                 |             |             |  |  |  |
| Negotiate  |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | Т3        |                      | Recoverable     |             | 123         |  |  |  |

## 5.2 Establishment and Reestablishment

## 5.2.1 Establishment (Recoverable)

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client Flow | Keep Alive<br>Interval | Next<br>SeqNo | Server Flow |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Recoverable |                        |               |             |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             |                        |               | Recoverable |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |             | 10                     |               |             |
|                     | Establishme<br>ntAck    | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Т2                   |             | 10                     | 1             |             |

### 5.2.2 Establishment (Unsequenced)

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client Flow | Keep Alive<br>Interval | Next<br>SeqNo | Server Flow |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Negotiat<br>e       |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Unsequenced |                        |               |             |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             |                        |               | Unsequenced |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |             | 10                     |               |             |
|                     | Establish<br>mentAck    | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Т2                   |             | 10                     |               |             |

## 5.2.3 Establishment (idempotent)

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client Flow | Keep Alive<br>Interval | Next<br>SeqNo | Server Flow |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Idempotent  |                        |               |             |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             |                        |               | Recoverable |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |             | 10                     |               |             |
|                     | Establish<br>mentAck    | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | T2                   |             | 10                     | 1             |             |

## 5.2.4 Establishment rejects

### 5.2.4.1 Unnegotiated

For example – Trying to send an Establish message without first Negotiating the session will result in the Establishment message being rejected.

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent             | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Code         | Reason   | Keep<br>Alive<br>Interval |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------|--|---------------------------|
| Establish           |                             | 0x10010         | ABC                  | T2        |                      |              |  | 10                        |
|                     | Establish<br>ment<br>Reject | 0x10012         | ABC                  |           | Τ2                   | Unnegotiated | Establishment<br>Not Allowed<br>Without<br>Negotiation |                           |

### 5.2.4.2 Already established

For example – Trying to send an Establish message when the session itself is already Negotiated and Established will result in the Establishment message being rejected.

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Code                   | Reason                            | Keep Alive<br>Interval |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |                        |                                   |                        |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |                        |                                   |                        |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |                        |                                   | 10                     |
|                     | Establish<br>mentAck    | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Т2                   |                        |                                   | 10                     |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т3        |                      |                        |                                   | 10                     |
|                     | Establish<br>mentReject | 0x10012         | ABC                  |           | Т3                   | Already<br>Established | Session is Already<br>Established |                        |

### 5.2.4.3 Session blocked

For example – if a particular Session ID has been blocked for bad behavior and is not allowed to establish a session with the counterparty then also the Establishment message will be rejected.

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Code               | Reason  | Keep Alive<br>Interval |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |                    |   |                        |
|                     | NegotiationR<br>esponse | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |                    |   |                        |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |                    |   | 10                     |
|                     | Establishmen<br>tReject | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Τ2                   | Session<br>Blocked | Session Has Been<br>Blocked, Please<br>Contact Market<br>Operations | 10                     |

## 5.2.4.4 Invalid keep alive interval

For example – if the bilateral rules of engagement permit a KeepAliveInterval no smaller than 10 milliseconds then an Establishment message sent with a KeepAliveInterval of 1 millisecond will be rejected.

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Code                  | Reason                        | Keep Alive<br>Interval |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |                       |                               |                        |
|                     | NegotiationR<br>esponse | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |                       |                               |                        |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |                       |                               | 1                      |
|                     | Establishmen<br>tReject | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Т2                   | KeepAlive<br>Interval | Invalid KeepAlive<br>Interval | 1                      |

### 5.2.4.5 Invalid session ID

For example – Session ID does not follow UUID or GUID semantics as per RFC 4122 and Establishment message is sent with Session ID as all zeros then it will be rejected.

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Code        | Reason                       | Keep Alive<br>Interval |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |             |                              |                        |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             |                              |                        |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | 000                  | Т2        |                      |             |                              | 10                     |
|                     | Establish<br>mentReject | 0x10011         | 000                  |           | T2                   | Unspecified | Invalid Session ID<br>Format | 10                     |

### 5.2.4.6 Invalid request timestamp

For example – Timestamp follows Unix Epoch semantics and is to be sent with nanosecond level precision but Establishment message is sent with Timestamp as Unix Epoch but expressed as number of seconds then it will be rejected.

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Code        | Reason                      | Keep Alive<br>Interval |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |             |                             |                        |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             |                             |                        |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | 86400     |                      |             |                             | 10                     |
|                     | Establish<br>mentReject | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | 86400                | Unspecified | Invalid Timestamp<br>Format | 10                     |

## 5.2.4.7 Bad credentials

For example – Valid Credentials are 123 but Establishment message is sent with Credentials as 456 then it will be rejected.

| Message<br>Received | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Code               | Reason           | Credentials |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |                    |                  | 123         |
|                     | NegotiationR<br>esponse | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |                    |                  |             |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |                    |                  | 456         |
|                     | Establishmen<br>tReject | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | T2                   | Bad<br>Credentials | Invalid Password |             |

### 5.2.4.8 Mismatch of sessionID/RequestTimestamp

For example – the session identifier and the request timestamp in the EstablishmentAck do not match with the Establishment message then the acknowledgment MUST be ignored and an internal alert may be generated.

| Message<br>Received                      | Message<br>Sent  | Messag<br>e Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client Flow | Keep Alive<br>Interval | Next<br>SeqNo | Server Flow |  |
|--|--|------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| Negotiat<br>e                            |  | 0x10000          | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Sequenced   |                        |               |             |  |
|  | Negotiation<br>Response  | 0x10001          | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             |                        |               | Recoverable |  |
| Establish                                |  | 0x10010          | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |             | 10                     |               |             |  |
|  | Establish<br>mentAck   | 0x10011          | DEF                  |           | Т3                   |             | 10                     | 1             |             |  |
| <lgnore esta<br="">Possibly Ref</lgnore> | <ignore alert="" and="" contains="" establishmentack="" generate="" id="" incorrect="" internal="" it="" message="" or="" possibly="" requesttimestamp="" retry="" session="" since=""></ignore> |                  |                      |           |                      |             |                        |               |             |  |
| Establish                                |  | 0x10010          | ABC                  | T4        |                      |             | 10                     |               |             |  |

## 5.3 Termination

#### 5.3.1 Time out

When the KeepAliveInterval has expired and no keep alive message is received then the session is terminated and will need to be re-established. The transport level connection is still open (TCP socket) therefore Negotiation is not required.

| Message<br>Received   | Message<br>Sent         | Message Type        | Session<br>ID (UUID) | Timestamp      | Request<br>Timestamp | Client<br>Flow  | Keep Alive<br>Interval | Code         | Reason                               |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Negotiate   |                         | 0x10000             | ABC                  | T1             |                      | Recoverab<br>le |                        |              |                                      |
|   | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001             | ABC                  |                | T1                   |                 |                        |              |                                      |
| Establish   |                         | 0x10010             | ABC                  | T2             |                      |                 | 10                     |              |                                      |
|   | Establish<br>mentAck    | 0x10011             | ABC                  |                | Т2                   |                 | 10                     |              |                                      |
| <time inter<="" td=""><td>val Greater Than</td><td>NKeep Alive Interva</td><td>al Has Lapsed</td><td>Without Any Me</td><td>ssage Being Ree</td><td>ceived&gt;</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></time> | val Greater Than        | NKeep Alive Interva | al Has Lapsed        | Without Any Me | ssage Being Ree      | ceived>         |                        |              |                                      |
|   | Terminate               | 0x10015             | ABC                  |                |                      |                 |                        | Timed<br>Out | Keep Alive<br>Interval Has<br>Lapsed |
| Establish   |                         | 0x10010             | ABC                  | Т3             |                      |                 | 10                     |              |                                      |
|   | Establish<br>mentAck    | 0x10011             | ABC                  |                | Т3                   |                 | 10                     |              |                                      |

### 5.3.2 **Deliberate termination**

When the session has been deliberately terminated for example due to invalid RetransmitRequest then it will need to be re-established. The transport level connection is still open (TCP socket) therefore Negotiation is not required.

| Message<br>Received   | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Next<br>SeqNo | From<br>SeqNo | Count | Code                         | Reason                                  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|------------------------------|---|
| Negotiate             |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |               |               |       |                              |   |
|                       | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |               |               |       |                              |   |
| Establish             |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |               |               |       |                              |   |
|                       | Establish<br>mentAck    | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Т2                   | 1000          |               |       |                              |   |
| Retransmit<br>Request |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т3        |                      |               | 1             | 1000  |                              |   |
|                       | Terminate               | 0x10015         | ABC                  |           |                      |               |               |       | ReRequest<br>OutOf<br>Bounds | Resent<br>Request<br>Exceeds<br>Maximum |
| Establish             |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | T4        |                      |               |               |       |                              |   |
|                       | Establish<br>mentAck    | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Τ4                   | 1000          |               |       |                              |   |

## 5.3.3 Disconnection

When the transport level session itself (TCP socket) has been disconnected then the session needs to be Negotiated and Established.

| Message<br>Received   | Message<br>Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session<br>ID (UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Client Flow | Keep Alive<br>Interval | Code | Reason |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|------|--------|
| Negotiate   |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      | Recoverable |                        |      |        |
|   | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |             |                        |      |        |
| Establish   |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |             | 10                     |      |        |
|   | Establish<br>mentAck    | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Т2                   |             | 10                     |      |        |
| <tcp socket<="" th=""><th>t connection is di</th><th>sconnected&gt;</th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th></tcp> | t connection is di      | sconnected>     |                      |           |                      |             |                        |      |        |
| Negotiate   |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | Т3        |                      | Recoverable |                        |      |        |
|   | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | Т3                   |             |                        |      |        |
| Establish   |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т4        |                      |             | 10                     |      |        |
|   | Establish<br>mentAck    | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | T4                   |             | 10                     |      |        |

## 5.4 Sequence

#### 5.4.1 **Recoverable flow**

Over TCP – a Client would send a Sequence message at the very beginning of the session upon establishment. The counterparty would not use it initially as it is provided in the EstablishmentAck message.

| Message<br>Received | Message Sent         | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Next<br>SeqNo | Implicit<br>SeqNo |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Negotiate           |                      | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |               |                   |
|                     | Negotiation Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |               |                   |
| Establish           |                      | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |               |                   |
|                     | EstablishmentAck     | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Т2                   | 1000          |                   |
| Sequence            |                      | 0x01            |                      |           |                      | 100           |                   |
| NewOrder<br>Single  |                      | 0x02            | ABC                  | Т3        |                      |               | 100               |
|                     | ExecutionReport      | 0x03            | ABC                  | Т4        |                      |               | 1000              |

#### 5.4.1.1 Higher sequence number

The Sequence, Context, EstablishmentAck and Retransmission messages are sequence forming. They turn the message flow into a sequenced mode since they have the next implicit sequence number. Any other Session message makes the flow leave the sequenced mode. If the message is sequence forming then the flow does not leave the sequenced mode, but the message potentially resets the sequence numbering.

For example – here the second Sequence message is increasing the NextSeqNo even though it was sent as a keep alive message within a sequenced flow.

| Message<br>Received | Message Sent            | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Next<br>SeqNo | Implicit<br>SeqNo | From<br>SeqNo | Count |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |               |                   |               |       |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |               |                   |               |       |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |               |                   |               |       |
|                     | Establishment<br>Ack    | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Т2                   | 1000          |                   |               |       |
| Sequence            |                         | 0x01            |                      |           |                      | 100           |                   |               |       |
| NewOrder<br>Single  |                         | 0x02            | ABC                  | Т3        |                      |               | 100               |               |       |
|                     | Execution<br>Report     | 0x03            | ABC                  | Τ4        |                      |               | 1000              |               |       |
| Sequence            |                         | 0x01            |                      |           |                      | 200           |                   |               |       |
| NewOrder<br>Single  |                         | 0x02            | ABC                  | Т5        |                      |               | 200               |               |       |
|                     | NotApplied              | 0x10202         |                      |           |                      |               |                   | 101           | 100   |
|                     | Execution<br>Report     | 0x03            | ABC                  | Т6        |                      |               | 1001              |               |       |

## 5.4.1.2 Lower sequence number

This is an example of a Sequence message being sent with a lower than expected NextSeqNo value even though it was sent as a keep alive message within a sequenced flow.

| Message<br>Received | Message Sent            | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Next<br>SeqNo | Implicit<br>SeqNo | From<br>SeqNo | Count |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------|
| Negotiate           |                         | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |               |                   |               |       |
|                     | Negotiation<br>Response | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |               |                   |               |       |
| Establish           |                         | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |               |                   |               |       |
|                     | EstablishmentAck        | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Т2                   | 1000          |                   |               |       |
| Sequence            |                         | 0x01            |                      |           |                      | 100           |                   |               |       |
| NewOrder<br>Single  |                         | 0x02            | ABC                  | Т3        |                      |               | 100               |               |       |
|                     | ExecutionReport         | 0x03            | ABC                  | T4        |                      |               | 1000              |               |       |
| Sequence            |                         | 0x01            |                      |           |                      | 50            |                   |               |       |
|                     | NotApplied              | 0x10202         |                      |           |                      |               |                   | 50            | 1     |

## 5.5 Multiplexing sessions

#### 5.5.1 **Context**

#### 5.5.1.1 Context flow

The Context message is needed to convey that a context switch is taking place from one Session ID (ABC) to another (DEF) over the same transport. This way – two FIX sessions (ABC & DEF) could be multiplexed over one TCP connection and there is a one to one relation between the two such that they need to be negotiated and established independently. They will have independent sequence numbering and the EstablishmentAck response will depend on where the particular session is sequence wise. There is no need to send a Context message before an application message if the previous application message was destined for the same session. A Context message has to be sent before an application message if the previous application message was destined for another session. This is an example where a Context message is necessary since the previous message was for a different session.

| Message<br>Received | Message Sent        | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Next Seq<br>No | Implicit<br>SeqNo |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Negotiate           |                     | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |                |                   |
|                     | NegotiationResponse | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |                |                   |
| Establish           |                     | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |                |                   |
|                     | EstablishmentAck    | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | T2                   | 1000           |                   |
| Negotiate           |                     | 0x10000         | DEF                  | Т3        |                      |                |                   |
|                     | NegotiationResponse | 0x10001         | DEF                  |           | Т3                   |                |                   |
| Establish           |                     | 0x10010         | DEF                  | Т4        |                      |                |                   |
|                     | EstablishmentAck    | 0x10011         | DEF                  |           | Т4                   | 2000           |                   |
| Context             |                     | 0x10050         | ABC                  |           |                      | 100            |                   |
| NewOrder<br>Single  |                     | 0x02            | ABC                  | Т5        |                      |                | 100               |
|                     | Context             | 0x10050         | ABC                  |           |                      | 1000           |                   |
|                     | ExecutionReport     | 0x03            | ABC                  | Т6        |                      |                | 1000              |
| Context             |                     | 0x10050         | DEF                  |           |                      | 200            |                   |
| NewOrder<br>Single  |                     | 0x02            | DEF                  | Τ7        |                      |                | 200               |
|                     | Context             | 0x10050         | DEF                  |           |                      | 2000           |                   |
|                     | ExecutionReport     | 0x03            | DEF                  | Т8        |                      |                | 2000              |

## 5.5.1.2 Context flow using sequence

This is an example where a Context message is not necessary since the previous message was for the same session and a Sequence message will suffice.

| Message<br>Received | Message Sent        | Message<br>Type | Session ID<br>(UUID) | Timestamp | Request<br>Timestamp | Next<br>SeqNo | Implicit<br>SeqNo |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Negotiate           |                     | 0x10000         | ABC                  | T1        |                      |               |                   |
|                     | NegotiationResponse | 0x10001         | ABC                  |           | T1                   |               |                   |
| Establish           |                     | 0x10010         | ABC                  | Т2        |                      |               |                   |
|                     | EstablishmentAck    | 0x10011         | ABC                  |           | Т2                   | 1000          |                   |
| Sequence            |                     | 0x01            |                      |           |                      | 100           |                   |
| NewOrder<br>Single  |                     | 0x02            | ABC                  | Т3        |                      |               | 100               |
|                     | ExecutionReport     | 0x03            | ABC                  | T4        |                      |               | 1000              |
| Negotiate           |                     | 0x10000         | DEF                  | Т5        |                      |               |                   |
|                     | NegotiationResponse | 0x10001         | DEF                  |           | Т5                   |               |                   |
| Establish           |                     | 0x10010         | DEF                  | Т6        |                      |               |                   |
|                     | EstablishmentAck    | 0x10011         | DEF                  |           | Т6                   | 2000          |                   |
| Sequence            |                     | 0x01            |                      |           |                      | 200           |                   |
| NewOrder<br>Single  |                     | 0x02            | DEF                  | Τ7        |                      |               | 200               |
|                     | ExecutionReport     | 0x03            | DEF                  | Т8        |                      |               | 2000              |

## 6 Appendix B – FIXP Rules of Engagement

This checklist is an aid to specifying a full protocol stack to be used for communication between counterparties

| Stack layer                | Client                        | Server |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Application Layer          |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Application level recovery |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| supported?                 |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| FIX version                |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Service pack               |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Extension packs            |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Presentation Layer         |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Message encoding           | □ Simple Binary Encoding      |        |  |  |  |  |
| Version                    | GPB                           |        |  |  |  |  |
| Schema/templates           | LI ASN.1                      |        |  |  |  |  |
|                            | LI FIX tag-value              |        |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Framing                    | Li Simple Open Framing Header |        |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Supported now types        |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Security protocols         |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Security protocols         |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Authentication             |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Transport Layer            |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Transports supported       |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
|                            |                               |        |  |  |  |  |
| Other network protocols    |                               |        |  |  |  |  |