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| Resolutions for some comments on 11mc/D4.0 | | | | |
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Abstract

This submission proposes resolutions for CIDs 5096, 5097, 5098, 6099, 6100, 5171, 5226, 5227, 6029, 6030, 6031, 6042, 6046, 6870, 6896, 6897, 6898, 6877 on 11mc/D4.0.

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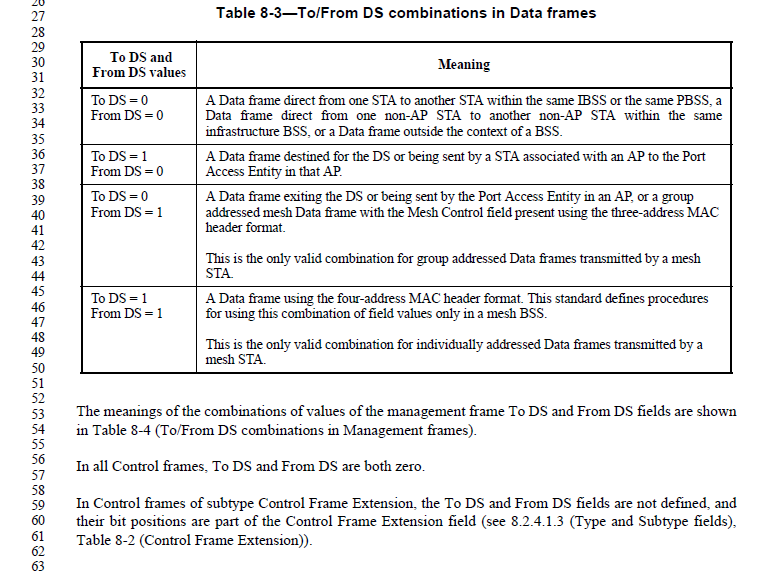
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| CID 5096  Yang, Yunsong  8.2.4.1.4  565.56 | Under Table 8-3, the third paragraph seems to contradict to the "all" statement made by the second paragraph. | Change the second paragraph to "In all Control frames, To DS and From DS are both zero, except the following:"; and indent the third paragraph so that it appears as an exception of the previous "all" statement. |
| CID 6099  Mark Hamilton  8.2.4.1.4  565.59 | Under Table 8-3, the third paragraph seems to contradict to the "all" statement made by the second paragraph. | Change the second paragraph to start, "In all Control frames with subtype not equal to Control Frame Extension, the ..." |

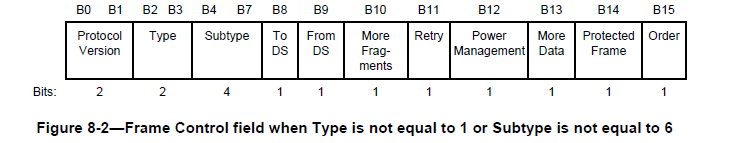
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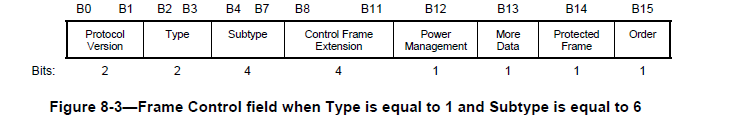
Here is the section in question.



Second para states “In all Control frames, To DS and From DS are both zero.” But para 3 states “the To DS and From DS are not defined” for subtype Control Frame Extension. In fact they are simply not there!

For a Control Frame Extension the Type is 1 and the subtype is 6 (0110). Here are the two Frame Control fields and we see clearly that B8 and B9 are not To DS or From DS in Figure 8-3. Hence, the statement “not defined” is actually “they ain’t there”, “they ain’t needed”.





For a Control Frame Extension the Type is 1 and the subtype is 6 (0110). The two Frame Control fields are shown above and we see clearly that B8 and B9 are not To DS or From DS in Figure 8-3. Hence, the statement “not defined” is actually “they ain’t there”, “they ain’t needed”. In fact why refer to them at all?

There is an argument to be made that the third para should be deleted because why talk about bits that are not present?

Two solutions come to mind:

1. In Control frames, To DS and From DS, when present, are both zero.  
   And delete para 3, as why refer to something that is not there?

OR

1. Use the existing terminology to indicate a control field that is not a Control Field extension  
   And delete para 3, as why refer to something that is not there?

Maybe we have a straw poll on which approach? I have used the second option at the moment below

Proposed Resolution

REVISED,

Make the following changes:

P565 L56 edit as follows:

“In all Control frames when the value of the Type subfield is not equal to 1 or the value of the Subtype subfield is not equal to 6, To DS and From DS are both zero.”

Delete P565 Lines 59 to 61:

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| CID 6100  Mark Hamilton  8.2.4.1.5  566.24 | Under Table 8-4, the second paragraph seems to contradict to the "all" statement made by the last sentence of the first paragraph. Same problem in 8.2.4.1.6. | Add to the end of the last setence of the first paragraph, "except Control frames of subtype Control Frame Extension." Same change to similar sentence in first paragraph of 8.2.4.1.6. |
| CID 5097 Yang, Yunsong  8.2.4.1.5  566.24 | The second paragraph under this subclause should be an exception of the "all" statement made by the last sentence in the first paragraph. | Change the last sentence in the first paragraph to "It is set to 0 in all other frames, except the following:"; and indent the second paragraph so that it appears as an exception of the previous "all" statement. |

Discussion:

**8.2.4.1.5 More Fragments field**

The More Fragments field is 1 bit in length and is set to 1 in all Data or Management frames that have another fragment of the current MSDU or current MMPDU to follow. It is set to 0 in all other frames.

In Control frames of subtype Control Frame Extension, the More Fragments field is not defined, and its bit position is part of the Control Frame Extension field (see 8.2.4.1.3 (Type and Subtype fields), Table 8-2

(Control Frame Extension)).

The More Fragments bit is Bit 10 and only used in Frame Control fields that are not Control Frame Extensions.

Proposed changes:

Options:

1. If present, it is set to 0 in all other frames.
2. (As per below.)

As per discussion in previous CID s, the More Fragment bit is not there and hence why refer to it? The Figure 8-3 is clear.

Proposed resolution:

REVISED

P566 L22 edit as follows:

The More Fragments field is 1 bit in length and is set to 1 in all Data or Management frames that have another fragment of the current MSDU or current MMPDU to follow. It is set to 0 in all other frames when the value of the Type subfield is not equal to 1 or the value of the Subtype subfield is not equal to 6.

Delete P566 L26 to L41,

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| CID 5098  Yang, Yunsong  8.2.4.1.6  566.36 | The second paragraph under this subclause should be an exception of the "all" statement made by the second last sentence in the first paragraph. | . |

Discussion:

(First of all shame on Mark for not seeing this one.)

**8.2.4.1.6 Retry field**

The Retry field is 1 bit in length and is set to 1 in any Data or Management frame that is a retransmission of an earlier frame, except as specified in 9.24.3 (Data and acknowledgment transfer using immediate block ack policy and delayed block ack policy). It is set to 0 in all other frames. A receiving STA uses this indication to aid in the process of eliminating duplicate frames.

In Control frames of subtype Control Frame Extension, the Retry field is not defined, and its bit position is part of the Control Frame Extension field (see 8.2.4.1.3 (Type and Subtype fields), Table 8-2 (Control Frame Extension)).

Retry bit is Bit 11 and hence part of the Control Frame Extension b8 – b11).

Proposed changes:

Same arguments as before

1. When present, it is set to 0 in all other frames

OR as per below

Proposed Resolution

REVISED

P566 L33 edit as follows:

The Retry field is 1 bit in length and is set to 1 in any Data or Management frame that is a retransmission of an earlier frame, except as specified in 9.24.3 (Data and acknowledgment transfer using immediate block ack policy and delayed block ack policy). It is set to 0 in all other frames when the value of the Type subfield is not equal to 1 or the value of the Subtype subfield is not equal to 6. A receiving STA uses this indication to aid in the process of eliminating duplicate frames.

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| Identifiers | Comment | Proposed change |
| CID 5171  Adachi, Tomoko  B.4.4.1  2668.6 | I don't think the condition of M/O for FST is related to SAE. | Change "PC39:M" in Status column to "PC40:M". |

Discussion:

First, display Page 2668. Note that:

* PC40.1 is “FST Setup”
* PC40 is “Multi-band Operation” refers to 10.33.
* PC39 is Simultaneous authentication of equals (SAE). Refers to 11.3 Authentication using a password.

In D4.1 the Editor noted, why is PC40 and PC40.1 referenced to SAE which is a Mesh Feature?

Reading 10.33 “Multiband operation” (let’s look at it) at P1817, at line 41 it talks about “FST session”.

Then at 10.33.2 we have “FST set up protocol”

Clearly then, FST is part of Multiband operation, or else we have a lot of changes to make.

Hence, the commentor is right.

Proposed resolution:

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| CID 5226  Adachi, Tomoko  C.3  2910.00 | Isn't dot11RSNABIPMICErrors the same with dot11RSNAStatsCMACICVErrors? The reason of thinking like that is because, in 11.4.4.6 BIP reception d), it is said that "... If the result does not match the received MIC value, then the receiver shall discard the frame and increment the \*dot11RSNAStatsCMACICVErrors\* counter by 1, and terminate BIP processing for this reception." and BIP uses CMAC integrity check. The parameter, dot11RSNAStatsCMACICVErrors, is the counter that is used when there is an error in BIP CMAC integrity check and dot11RSNABIPMICErrors seems to be unnecessary. | Delete dot11RSNABIPMICErrors. |

Discussion:

dot11RSNABIPMICErrors is never mentioned in text at all, hence it could be considered a good candidate for deletion. Hence I agree with the commenter

Proposed changes:

Delete dot11RSNABIPMICErrors.

Proposed resolution:

REVISED

Delete “dot11RSNABIPMICErrors”references at the following locations:

P2907 line 65

P2910 Lines 21 to line 31,

P3314 Line 51

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| Identifiers | Comment | Proposed change |
| CID 5227  Adachi, Tomoko  C.3  2907.00 | In Dot11RSNAStatsEntry, there is no counter to count MIC errors of unicast robust management frames. Such kind of counter seems to be necessary. There are 3 counters for 11w, which are dot11RSNAStatsCMACICVErrors (when a MIC error occurs in 11w groupcast), dot11RSNAStatsCMACReplays (when IPN is not sequential in 11w groupcast), and dot11RSNAStatsRobustMgmtCCMPReplays (when PN number in CCMP header is not sequential for robust management frames). That is, there are two counters, dot11RSNAStatsCMACICVErrors and dot11RSNAStatsCMACReplays, for 11w groupcast, but only 1 counter, dot11RSNAStatsRobustMgmtCCMPReplays, lacking the one for MIC errors, for 11w unicast. | Add a counter that is counted up when a MIC error occurs in a unicast robust management frame. |

Discussion:

This is line 41.

Dot11RSNAStatsEntry is an entry in the dot11RSNAStatsTable.

The entries referred to by the commenter are in the StatsEntry list.

The complaint is that a counter ‘seems to be necessary”. dot11RSNAStatsRobustMgmtCCMPReplays is looking at sequential PNs (packet numbers) and increments when not in sequence.

MIC is the message intergrity code for TKIP. “The use of TKIP is deprecated”, P130 L1.

Hence, I propose not to make any changes that effect TKIP. One would hope that PMF does not use TKIP.

Proposed resolution:

REJECT

MIC is part of TKIP and TKIP is deprecated. The changes required to satisfy this comment are not trivial and are not considered to be necessary as per the statement “The use of TKIP is deprecated. The TKIP algorithm is unsuitable for the purposes of this standard.” (reference: page 130, line 1)

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| Identifiers | Comment | Proposed change |
| CID 6031  Bahr, Michael  13.2.4  2078.56 | This text specifies a certain situation where the comparison takes place. The clause, however, describes when mesh STA configurations are the same independent from the situation. This should be reflected in this parameter. | change text into: "For VHT mesh STAs, the Basic VHT-MCS and NSS fields are identical."If you want to keep the specifics of the new text, add them as a specific situation / example. ("During Mesh Peering Management, these are the Basic VHT-MCS and NSS fields in the VHT Operation element of the MLME-START.request and the Basic VHT-MCS and NSS fields in the VHT Operation element received in the MLME-MESHPEERINGMANAGEMENT.indication." |

Discussion:

**13.2.4 Mesh STA configuration**

The mesh STA configuration consists of the mesh profile (see 13.2.3 (Mesh profile)), the Supported Rates and BSS Membership Selectors element, the Extended Supported Rates and BSS Membership Selectors element, the HT Operations element (if present), and the VHT Operations element (if present).

Mesh STA configurations are identical if the following conditions hold:

* The mesh profiles are identical.
* The BSSBasicRateSet parameter of the MLME-START.request is identical to the basic rate set indicated by the Supported Rates and BSS Membership Selectors element and Extended Supported Rates and BSS Membership Selectors element, if present, received in the MLMEMESHPEERINGMANAGEMENT.indication.
* For HT mesh STAs, the Basic MCS Set field of the HT Operation parameter of the MLMESTART.request is identical to the HT Operation element received in the MLMEMESHPEERINGMANAGEMENT.indication.
* For VHT mesh STAs, the Basic VHT-MCS and NSS fields in the VHT Operation element of the MLME-START.request are identical to the Basic VHT-MCS and NSS fields in the VHT Operation element received in the MLME-MESHPEERINGMANAGEMENT.indication.

The cited text refers to the fourth bullet.

My first question: is “are Mesh STA configutations identical is ANY of the following conditions, or ALL of the following conditions hold?” I suspect it is ANY.

My second question: Do we use the term “hold”? Should it not be “are true”?

The term ‘hold’ should to be used as referring to possessing something “hold” or keep something steady. , e.g. “hold CCA busy for…”

Places where it is used with the “are true” context are only in three places P1884 L24 and L28; P2078 L 42, P2159 L48.

OK back to the comment:

I have read this over and over and have to admit I do not see the comment’s point. The cited “problem” appears to be that the bullet is referring to a situation, in this case Mesh Peering Management rather than a straight comparison of fields? I read it as comparing two sets of fields present in two places. I feel that changing the text as proposed does reference the comparison to a specif moment in time, that may be true, but I don’t know if always true.

Hence, my inclination is to reject this. Maybe a Mesh expert needs to confirm?

Proposed resolution:

REJECT the CID

The text is unambiguous.

BUT do propose the following changes:

Edit P2078 Line 42 as follows:

Mesh STA configurations are identical if any of the following conditions are true:

Edit P1884 L24 and L28

“…conditions is not true.”

P2159 L48

Replace “hold” with “are true”.

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| Identifiers | Comment | Proposed change |
| CID 6042  Bahr, Michael  8.4.2.106  979.5 | It is confusing to read about the MCCAOP Setup Request element in the clause on the MCCAOP Setup \_Reply\_ element. (although it is correct, if you have read the clause on the MCCAOP Setup Request element and spent a second thought). | Since the MCCAOP Setup Request element corresponds to an MCCAOP reservation, replace "MCCAOP Setup Request element" with "MCCAOP reservation" (page 979, lines 5 and 7). Make a similar replacement in the clause on the MCCAOP Setup Request element. (page 978, lines 5 and 7) |

Discussion:

I note that CID 2069 affected this same text but that was editorial (adding ‘element’)

MCCAOP Set up Request is 8.4.2.105.1 which preceeds. Both the Setup Request and Setup reply have the “MCCAOP Reservation ID”

The cited text is:

If **this** MCCAOP Setup Request element is for an individually addressed transmission, the MCCAOP Reservation ID is between 0 and 127. If **this** MCCAOP Setup Request element is for a group addressed transmission, the MCCAOP Reservation ID is between 128 to 254. The value 255 is not used to identify a single MCCAOP reservation.”

Obviously the use of the word “this” seems strange, but probably because the Request preceeded the Reply, but the text is clearly referring to the values in the CCAOP Reservation ID and it is copied from the Request.

Two possible changes come to mind:

1. Change “this” to “the”   
   If **the** MCCAOP Setup Request element is for an individually addressed transmission, the MCCAOP Reservation ID is between 0 and 127. If **the** MCCAOP Setup Request element is for a group addressed transmission, the MCCAOP Reservation ID is between 128 to 254.
2. Change Request to Reply  
   If this MCCAOP Setup Reply element is for an individually addressed transmission, the MCCAOP Reservation ID is between 0 and 127. If this MCCAOP Setup Reply element is for a group addressed transmission, the MCCAOP Reservation ID is between 128 to 254

These require no change to P978. Lines 5 and 7.

Proposed changes:

Proposed resolution:

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Edit P979 L 5 as follows:

If this MCCAOP Setup Reply element is for an individually addressed transmission, the MCCAOP Reservation ID is between 0 and 127. If this MCCAOP Setup Reply element is for a group addressed transmission, the MCCAOP Reservation ID is between 128 to 254.

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| Identifiers | Comment | Proposed change |
| CID 6046  Bahr, Michael  9.23.3.7.2  1352.30 | lines 30-37: The 3 terminology definitions of TX-RX, broadcast, and interference report are actually backward definitions. The TX-RX / broadcast / interference report are the set of TX-RX / broadcast /interference periods that are reported in the TX-RX / broadcast / interference report field. The content of the report fields is derived from the reports, the reports are NOT defined by the content of the report fields! Keep in mind that this section is on the originater of an MCCA advertisement. So the reports are its MCCAOP reservations transmitted to its neighbors. | change text into:  "-- TX-RX report: the TX-RX periods of the mesh STA to be reported in the TX-RX Periods Report field of an MCCAOP element  -- Broadcast report: the broadcast periods of the mesh STA to be reported in the Broadcast Periods Report field of an MCCAOP element  -- Interference report: the interference periods of the mesh STA to be reported in the Interference Periods Report field of an MCCAOP element" |

Discussion:

Original text:

The following terminology is used in this subclause:

* TX-RX report: an MCCAOP Reservation field contained in the TX-RX Periods Report field of an MCCAOP element
* Broadcast report: an MCCAOP Reservation field contained in the Broadcast Periods Report field of an MCCAOP element
* Interference report: an MCCAOP Reservation field contained in the Interference Periods Report field of an MCCAOP element

In the MCCAOP Advertisement Element Information field (8.4.2.108.2 Figure 8-467) we have the “TX-RX Report present” bit. Similarly the Broadcast Report Present bit, and the Interference Report Present bit. True the text makes it clear that they are referring to the TX-RX **Periods** Report field, Broadcast Periods Report, and the Interference Periods Report. But suffice it to say that the use of the term TX-RX Report is clear.

In the cited text we have a similar situation and the term “Report” is used exactly the same way, i.e. to indicate the presence of a “Period Report field”. Hence, it seems to me that this is quite clear in its intention and is following exactly how it was defined in the “Report Present” context.

The only possible problem is with the term “MCCAOP element” as I can’t find such a beast anywhere else but here. From what I can see the correct reference should be to the MCCAOP Advertisement element.

Proposed resolution:

Edit P 1352 L 30 to 37 as follows:

* TX-RX report: an MCCAOP Reservation field contained in the TX-RX Periods Report field of an MCCAOP Advertisement element
* Broadcast report: an MCCAOP Reservation field contained in the Broadcast Periods Report field of an MCCAOP Advertisement element
* Interference report: an MCCAOP Reservation field contained in the Interference Periods Report field of an MCCAOP Advertisment element

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| CID 6070  Bahr, Michael  9.35.3  1440.00 | The text talks about "Address 3 and Address 4 correspond to the destination end station and the source end station of a mesh path." This is technically correct. However, the term destination/source end station is used in all other occurences as the destination/source of the end-to-end path potentially being longer than the mesh path (see Figure 9-54). This possible terminology confusion should be avoided by using destination/source mesh station for the mesh path. | Change text into: "Address 3 and Address 4 correspond to the destination mesh station and the source mesh station of a mesh path." |

Discussion:

At Line 51

“In individually addressed Mesh Data and Multihop Action frames, Address 1 and Address 2 correspond to the mesh STA receiver address (RA) and the mesh STA transmitter address (TA) for a particular mesh link. Address 3 and Address 4 correspond to the destination end station and the source end station of a mesh path.”

9.35.4.1 is pretty clear

* Address 1: The address of the next-hop mesh STA (toward the destination mesh STA according to the forwarding information—see 9.35.2 (Forwarding information))
* Address 2: The address of the transmitter mesh STA
* Address 3: The address of the destination mesh STA
* Address 4: The address of the source mesh STA

Proposed resolution:

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| Identifiers | Comment | Proposed change |
| CID 6877  Thomas, Angela  8.4.2.24.2  819.00 | The OUI field should be able to contain either an OUI or CID. The WG may choose to keep the field name, but make it clear that the field may also contain a CID. | Assuming field name is preserved, change to read: "The order of the OUI field is described in 8.2.2 (Conventions). The OUI field value may contain either an OUI (organizationally unique identifier) or a CID (Company ID). |

Discussion:

Proposed changes:

Proposed resolution:

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| Identifiers | Comment | Proposed change |
| CID 6896  Thomas, Angela  8.42.68.5  921.42 | not found with OUI search delete organizationally | delete organizationally |
| CID 6897  Thomas, Angela  8.6.6  1106.32 | not found with OUI search delete organizationally | delete organizationally |
| CID 6898  Thomas, Angela  8.6.6  1120.62 | not found with OUI search delete organizationally | delete organizationally |

*Background*

Reference <https://standards.ieee.org/faqs/regauth.html>

There are currently 3 different size blocks of MAC Addresses:

* MA-L (MAC Address Block Large), previously named OUI
  + 2^24
* MA-M (MAC Address Block Medium)
  + 2^20
* MA-S (MAC Address Block Small)
  + 2^12

There is also a CID (Company ID) a unique 24 bit identifier. A CID cannot be used to generate iniversally unique MAC addresses.

OUI is “Organizationally Unique Identifier” and is “referenced by various standards”. An OUI is assigned with a MA-L identifer block.

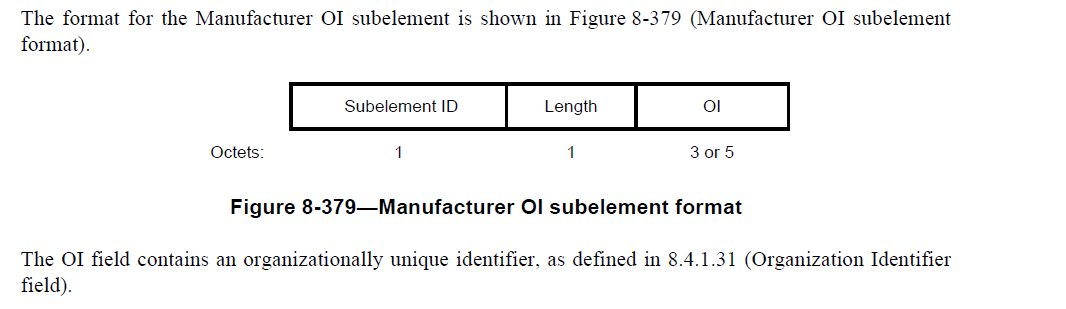
Beginning 1/1/2014 CID or OUI may be used as a globally unique 24 bit identifier of a company, entity or manufacturer.

EUI is “Extended unique identifier”.

A 48-bit universally unique MAC address is EUI-48. A 64-bit universally unique MAC address is EUI-64.

Let’s now look at the cited text:

P921.42



This seems clear enough and is saying that the OI contains an OUI, which it does. So let’s look at the OI field.

**8.4.1.31 Organization Identifier field**

The Organization Identifier field contains a public organizationally unique identifier assigned by the IEEE. The order of the Organization Identifier field is described in 8.2.2 (Conventions). The IEEE has assigned public organizationally unique identifiers both of 24-bit length (OUI) and longer length. In the latter case specific OUI values are shared over multiple organizations, e.g., using 36-bit length identifiers (OUI-36) (see IEEE Registration Authority [B19]). The length of the Organization Identifier field (*j*) is the minimum number of octets required to contain the entire organizationally unique identifier (see Figure 8-97 (Organization Identifier field)), and the first 3 octets contain the OUI portion of the identifier. Thus, the Organization Identifier field is 3 octets in length if the organizationally unique identifier is an OUI, or 5 octets in length if the organizationally unique identifier is 36 bits in length. The IEEE assigns 36-bit organizationally unique identifiers such that the OUI portion indicates that total length of the identifier is 36 bits.

So the OI field contains an OUI and maybe 2 other octets.

“The IEEE Regitsraion Authority also recognizes and assignes an OUI-36 which is specified in various standards”. So clearly 3 or 5 octets is still an “OUI”, an organizationally unique identifier.

Proposed changes:

I see nothing wrong with text as is. It is clear and correct.

The only problem I have is why the field is “3 or 5” octets. I see nothing that can make it 5 octets?

The OI field is clearly limited to 3 or 5 octets so it is the OUI not the EUI, which would enforce a change.

Proposed resolution:

REJECT

The present text is correct, OUI is “organizationally unique identifier” and OI is “organization Identifier field”.

Proposed changes:

I see nothing wrong with text as is. It is clear and correct. However, I don’t know what a 36 bit OUI is?

Proposed resolution:

REJECT

The present text is correct, OUI is “organizationally unique identifier” and OI is “organization Identifier field”.