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## **Transport Provider Interface (TPI)**

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The Transport Provider Interface (TPI) defines an interface for drivers that provide transport services. The TPI specifies the set of messages and their formats which the driver must generate or process.

This specification has been developed from the original TPI Specification which was generated by UNIX International (UI). UI intellectual property rights were subsequently acquired by UNIX System Laboratories (USL), who in turn were later acquired by Novell Inc. See also the Acknowledgements page.

## Intended Audience

This specification assumes the reader is familiar with OSI Reference Model terminology, OSI transport services and STREAMS.

## Structure

The structure of this specifications is:

- Chapter 1, **Introduction**, describes the transport provider interface (TPI) as it is defined in the STREAMS environment
- Chapter 2, **Mapping to OSI**, describes the mapping of transport primitives to OSI
- Chapter 3, **Allowable Sequence of TPI Primitives**, describes the possible events and states for TPI
- Chapter 4, **Transport Primitive Precedence**, defines transport primitives precedence for stream *write* and *read* queues
- Chapter 5, **Message Formats**, gives the man-page definitions for the TPI message formats (structures)
- Appendix A, **Connection Acceptance**, offers background information to explain connection acceptance under existing common implementations, to help understanding of existing implementations and design of new ones.

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  - environment variables, which are also shown in capitals
  - utility names
  - external variables, such as *errno*
  - functions; these are shown as follows: *name()*; names without parentheses are C external variables, C function family names, utility names, command operands or command option-arguments.

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## *Referenced Documents*

The following documents are referenced in this specification:

TPI-SMD

UNIX Press (A Prentice Hall Title) book "STREAMS Modules and Drivers", published 1992,  
ISBN 0-13-066879-6.

XNS, Issue 5

CAE Specification, February 1997, Networking Services, Issue 5 (ISBN: 1-85912-165-9, C523).

## **1.1 STREAMS-based Transport Provider Interface**

The Transport Provider Interface (TPI) is an interface for drivers that provide transport services. The TPI defines the set of messages and their formats that the driver must generate/process.

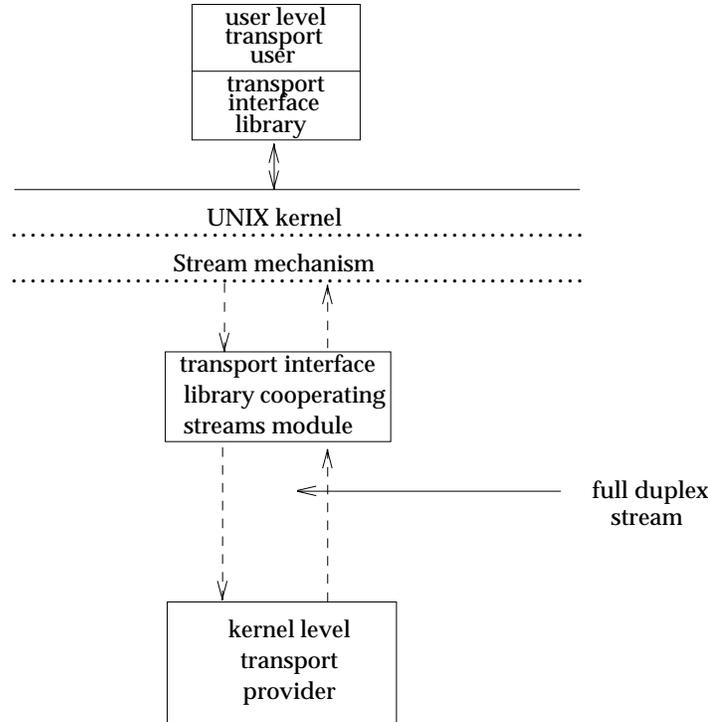
This chapter introduces the STREAMS-based Transport Provider Interface (TPI). TPI is a service interface that maps to strategic levels of the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) Reference Model. TPI supports the services of the Transport Layer for connection-mode and connectionless-mode services.

One advantage to using TPI is its ability to hide implementation details of a particular service from the consumer of the service. This enables system programmers to develop software independent of the particular protocol that provides a specific service.

This chapter focuses on TPI as it is defined within the STREAMS environment. Although there are no formal standards for a STREAMS environment, extensive descriptions STREAMS and STREAMS programming can be found in the referenced document **TPI\_SMD**.

## 1.2 How TPI Works

TPI defines a message interface to a transport provider implemented under STREAMS. A user communicates to a transport provider via a full duplex path known as a *stream* (see Figure 1-1). This *stream* provides a mechanism in which messages may be passed to the transport provider from the transport user and vice versa.



**Figure 1-1** Example of a Stream from a User to a Transport Provider

The STREAMS messages that are used to communicate between the transport user and the transport provider may have one of the following formats:

- A **M\_PROTO** message block followed by zero or more **M\_DATA** message blocks. The **M\_PROTO** message block contains the type of transport service primitive and all the relevant arguments associated with the primitive. The **M\_DATA** blocks contain transport user data associated with the transport service primitive.
- One **M\_PCPROTO** message block containing the type of transport service primitive and all the relevant arguments associated with the primitive.
- One or more **M\_DATA** message blocks containing transport user data.
- One **M\_ERROR** message block indicating that an unrecoverable error has occurred.
- One **M\_FLUSH** message block indicating that queued requests should be discarded.

Chapter 5 contains descriptions of the transport primitives which define both a connection-mode and connectionless-mode transport service. There are also primitives that pertain to both transport modes.

For each type of transport service, two types of primitives exist:

- Primitives which originate from the transport user.

These make requests to the transport provider or respond to an event of the transport provider.

- Primitives which originate from the transport provider.

These are either confirmations of a request or are indications to the transport user that an event has occurred.

For the connection-mode transport service, a connection is associated with a single stream and, except while processing inbound connections, a stream will have at most one connection associated with it.

Chapter 2 lists the primitive types along with the mapping of those primitives to the STREAMS message types and the transport primitives of the ISO IS 8072 and IS 8072/DAD transport service definitions (see referenced documents). The format of these primitives and the rules governing the use of them are described in Chapter 3.

## 1.3 Overview of Error Handling Capabilities

There are two error handling facilities available to the transport user:

- one to handle non-fatal errors
- one to handle fatal errors.

### 1.3.1 Non-fatal Errors

The non-fatal errors are those that a transport user can correct, and are reported in the form of an error acknowledgment to the appropriate primitive in error. Only those primitives which require acknowledgments may generate a non-fatal error acknowledgment. These acknowledgments always report a syntactical error in the specified primitive when the transport provider receives the primitive. The primitive descriptions above define those primitives and rules regarding the acknowledgment of them. These errors are reported to the transport user via the T\_ERROR\_ACK primitive, and give the transport user the option of reissuing the transport service primitive that caused the error. The T\_ERROR\_ACK primitive also indicates to the transport user that no action was taken by the transport provider on receipt of the primitive which caused the error.

These errors do not change the state of the transport service interface as seen by the transport user. The state of the interface after the issuance of a T\_ERROR\_ACK primitive should be the same as it was before the transport provider received the interface primitive that was in error.

The allowable errors that can be reported on the receipt of a transport initiated primitive are presented in the description of the appropriate primitives.

### 1.3.2 Fatal Errors

Fatal errors are those which can not be corrected by the transport user, or those errors which result in an uncorrectable error in the interface or in the transport provider.

The most common of these errors are listed under the appropriate primitives. The transport provider should issue fatal errors only if the transport user can not correct the condition which caused the error or if the transport provider has no means of reporting a transport user correctable error. If the transport provider detects an uncorrectable non-protocol error internal to the transport provider, the provider should issue a fatal error to the user.

Fatal errors are indicated to the transport user via the STREAMS message type **M\_ERROR** with an appropriate UNIX system error. **EPROTO** should be used if the user has broken the TPI protocol. The message **M\_ERROR** will result in the failure of all the operating system service routines on the **stream**. The user must then close the stream and, if required, attempt to open a new stream to the provider. Note that some providers may reject the “open” if, for example, the reason for the fatal error is that the provider has been shut down.

## 1.4 Rules for Transport Service Interface Sequence of Primitives

The allowable sequence of primitives are described in the state diagrams and tables in Chapter 3, for both the connection-mode and connectionless-mode transport services. The following are rules regarding the maintenance of the state of the interface:

- It is the responsibility of the transport provider to keep record of the state of the interface as viewed by the transport user.
- The state of the endpoint known by the transport user may differ from that kept by the provider (and returned in T\_INFO\_ACK messages) if there are messages queued on the read or write side of the stream.
- The transport provider must not generate a primitive that is illegal in the current state of the endpoint.
- The uninitialized state of a **stream** is the initial and final state, and it must be bound (see the T\_BIND\_REQ primitive, *T\_BIND\_REQ* on page 24) before the transport provider may view it as an active **stream**.
- If the transport provider sends a **M\_ERROR** upstream, it should also drop any further messages received on its write side of the **stream**.

The following rules apply only to the connection-mode transport services:

- A transport connection release procedure can be initiated at any time during the transport connection establishment or data transfer phase.
- The state tables for the connection-mode transport service providers include the management of the sequence numbering when a transport provider sends multiple T\_CONN\_IND requests without waiting for the response of the previously sent indication. It is the responsibility of the transport providers not to change state until all the indications have been responded to. Therefore the provider should remain in the TS\_WRES\_CIND state while there are any outstanding connect indications pending response. The provider should change state appropriately when all the connect indications have been responded to.
- The state of a transport service interface of a **stream** may only be transferred to another **stream** when it is indicated in a T\_CONN\_RES primitive. The following rules then apply to the cooperating **streams**:
  - The **stream** which is to accept the current state may be unbound, or bound but not connected to a peer.
  - The user transferring the current state of a **stream** must have correct permissions for the use of the protocol address bound to the accepting **stream**.
  - The **stream** which transfers the state of the transport interface must be placed into an appropriate state after the completion of the transfer.

## 1.5 Rules for Precedence of TPI Primitives on a Stream

The following rules apply to the precedence of transport interface primitives with respect to their position on a **stream**:

- The transport provider has responsibility for determining precedence on its *stream write* queue, as described in the rules in Chapter 4. This section specifies the rules for precedence for both the connection-mode and connectionless-mode transport services.
- The transport user has responsibility for determining precedence on its *stream read* queue, as described in the rules in Chapter 4.
- All primitives on the **stream** are assumed to be placed on the queue in the correct sequence as defined above.

**Note:** The **stream** queue which contains the transport user initiated primitives is referred to as the *stream write* queue. The **stream** queue which contains the transport provider initiated primitives is referred to as the *stream read* queue.

The following rule applies only to the connection-mode transport services:

- There is no guarantee of delivery of user data once a T\_DISCON\_REQ primitive has been issued.

## 1.6 Rules for Flushing Queues

The following rules pertain to flushing the stream queues. No other flushes should be needed to keep the queues in the proper condition.

- The transport providers must be aware that they will receive **M\_FLUSH** messages from upstream. These flush requests are issued to ensure that the providers receive certain messages and primitives. It is the responsibility of the providers to act appropriately as deemed necessary by the providers.
- The transport provider must send up a **M\_FLUSH** message to flush both the read and write queues after receiving a successful T\_UNBIND\_REQ message and before issuing the T\_OK\_ACK primitive.

The following rules pertain only to the connection-mode transport providers.

- If the interface is in the TS\_DATA\_XFER, TS\_WIND\_ORDREL or TS\_WACK\_ORDREL state, the transport provider must send up a **M\_FLUSH** message to flush both the read and write queues before sending up a T\_DISCON\_IND.
- If the interface is in the TS\_DATA\_XFER, TS\_WIND\_ORDREL or TS\_WACK\_ORDREL state, the transport provider must send up a **M\_FLUSH** message to flush both the read and write queues after receiving a successful T\_DISCON\_REQ message and before issuing the T\_OK\_ACK primitive.



## Transport Primitives

The following table lists the TPI primitives with a brief description, and gives the streams message type.

Transport Primitives	Description	Stream Message Types
T_BIND_REQ	Bind Protocol Address Request	M_PROTO
T_BIND_ACK	Bind Protocol Address Acknowledgement	M_PCPROTO
T_CONN_REQ	Connection Request	M_PROTO
T_CONN_IND	Connection Indication	M_PROTO
T_CONN_RES	Connection Response	M_PROTO
T_CONN_CON	Connection Confirm	M_PROTO
T_DATA_REQ	Data Request	M_PROTO
T_DATA_IND	Data Indication	M_PROTO
T_DISCON_REQ	Disconnect Request	M_PROTO
T_DISCON_IND	Disconnect Indication	M_PROTO
T_ERROR_ACK	Error Acknowledgement	M_PCPROTO
T_EXDATA_REQ	Expedited Data Request	M_PROTO
T_EXDATA_IND	Expedited Data Indication	M_PROTO
T_INFO_REQ	Transport Protocol Parameters Request	M_PCPROTO
T_INFO_ACK	Transport Protocol Parameters Acknowledgement	M_PCPROTO
T_OK_ACK	Success Acknowledgement	M_PCPROTO
T_OPTDATA_REQ	Data Request with Options	M_PROTO
T_OPTDATA_IND	Data Indication with Options	M_PROTO
T_OPTMGMT_REQ	Options Management Request	M_PROTO
T_OPTMGMT_ACK	Options Management Acknowledgement	M_PCPROTO
T_ORDREL_REQ	Orderly Release Request	M_PROTO
T_ORDREL_IND	Orderly Release Indication	M_PROTO
T_UDERROR_IND	Unitdata Error Indication	M_PROTO
T_UNBIND_REQ	Unbind Protocol Address Request	M_PROTO
T_UNITDATA_REQ	Unitdata Request	M_PROTO
T_UNITDATA_IND	Unitdata Indication	M_PROTO

**Table 2-1** Transport Service Primitives



## *Allowable Sequence of TPI Primitives*

The following tables describe the possible events that may occur on the interface and the possible states as viewed by the transport user that the interface may enter due to an event. The events map directly to the transport service interface primitives as described in Chapter 1.

### 3.1 State Table

Possible States			
State		Description	Service Type
Name	Abbreviation		
TS_UNBND	<i>sta_0</i>	unbound	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
TS_WACK_BREQ	<i>sta_1</i>	awaiting acknowledgment of T_BIND_REQ	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
TS_WACK_UREQ	<i>sta_2</i>	awaiting acknowledgment of T_UNBIND_REQ	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
TS_IDLE	<i>sta_3</i>	idle - no connection	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
TS_WACK_OPTREQ	<i>sta_4</i>	awaiting acknowledgment of T_OPTMGMT_REQ	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
TS_WACK_CREQ	<i>sta_5</i>	awaiting acknowledgment of T_CONN_REQ	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
TS_WCON_CREQ	<i>sta_6</i>	awaiting confirmation of T_CONN_REQ	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
TS_WRES_CIND	<i>sta_7</i>	awaiting response of T_CONN_IND	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
TS_WACK_CRES	<i>sta_8</i>	awaiting acknowledgment of T_CONN_RES	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
TS_DATA_XFER	<i>sta_9</i>	data transfer	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
TS_WIND_ORDREL	<i>sta_10</i>	awaiting T_ORDREL_IND	T_COTS_ORD
TS_WREQ_ORDREL	<i>sta_11</i>	awaiting T_ORDREL_REQ	T_COTS_ORD
TS_WACK_DREQ6	<i>sta_12</i>	awaiting acknowledgment of T_DISCON_REQ	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
TS_WACK_DREQ7	<i>sta_13</i>	awaiting acknowledgment of T_DISCON_REQ	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
TS_WACK_DREQ9	<i>sta_14</i>	awaiting acknowledgment of T_DISCON_REQ	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
TS_WACK_DREQ10	<i>sta_15</i>	awaiting acknowledgment of T_DISCON_REQ	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
TS_WACK_DREQ11	<i>sta_16</i>	awaiting acknowledgment of T_DISCON_REQ	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD

*sta\_0, sta\_1, etc.* are convenient abbreviations used in the state tables later in this Chapter.

**Table 3-1** Kernel Level Transport Interface States

### 3.2 Variables

The following table describes the variables used in the state tables.

Variable	Description
<i>q</i>	queue pair pointer of current <b>stream</b>
<i>rq</i>	queue pair pointer of responding <b>stream</b> as described in the T_CONN_RES primitive
<i>outcnt</i>	counter for the number of outstanding connection indications not responded to by the transport user

**Table 3-2** State Table Variables

### 3.3 Outgoing Events

The following outgoing events are those which are initiated from the transport service user. They either make requests of the transport provider or respond to an event of the transport provider.

EVENT	DESCRIPTION	SERVICE TYPE
bind_req	bind request	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
unbind_req	unbind request	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
optmgmt_req	options mgmt request	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
conn_req	connection request	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
conn_res	connection response	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
discon_req	disconnect request	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
data_req	data request	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
exdata_req	expedited data request	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
optdata_req	data request with options	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
ordrel_req	orderly release request	T_COTS_ORD
unitdata_req	unitdata request	T_CLTS

**Table 3-3** Kernel Level Transport Interface Outgoing Events

### 3.4 Incoming Events

The following incoming events are those which are initiated from the transport provider. They are either confirmations of a request or are indications to the transport user that an event has occurred.

EVENT	DESCRIPTION	SERVICE TYPE
bind_ack	bind acknowledgment	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
optmgmt_ack	options mgmt acknowledgment	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
error_ack	error acknowledgment	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
ok_ack1	ok acknowledgment outcnt == 0	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, T_CLTS
ok_ack2	ok acknowledgment outcnt == 1, q == rq	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD,
ok_ack3	ok acknowledgment outcnt == 1, q	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD, = rq
ok_ack4	ok acknowledgment outcnt > 1	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD,
conn_ind	connection indication	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
conn_con	connection confirmation	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
data_ind	data indication	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
exdata_ind	expedited data indication	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
optdata_ind	data indication with options	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
ordrel_ind	orderly release indication	T_COTS_ORD
discon_ind1	disconnect indication outcnt == 0	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
discon_ind2	disconnect indication outcnt == 1	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
discon_ind3	disconnect indication outcnt > 1	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
pass_conn	pass connection	T_COTS, T_COTS_ORD
unitdata_ind	unitdata indication	T_CLTS
uderror_ind	unitdata error indication	T_CLTS

**Table 3-4** Kernel Level Transport Interface Incoming Events

### 3.5 Transport Service State Tables

The next three tables describe the possible next states the interface may enter, given a current state and event.

The contents of each box represent the next state, given the current state (column) and the current incoming or outgoing event (row). An empty box represents a state/event combination that is invalid. Along with the next state, each box may include an action. The transport provider must take the specific actions in the order specified in the state table.

EVENT	STATE				
	TS_UNBND <i>sta_0</i>	TS_WACK_BREQ <i>sta_1</i>	TS_WACK_UREQ <i>sta_2</i>	TS_IDLE <i>sta_3</i>	TS_WACK_OPTREQ <i>sta_4</i>
bind_req	<i>sta_1</i>				
unbind_req				<i>sta_2</i>	
optmgmt_req	<i>sta_4</i> [5]			<i>sta_4</i> [5]	
bind_ack		<i>sta_3</i>	[1]		
optmgmt_ack					<i>sta_3</i>
error_ack		<i>sta_0</i>	<i>sta_3</i>		<i>sta_3</i>
ok_ack1			<i>sta_0</i>		

[1] outcnt = 0

[5] return to previous state

*sta\_0, sta\_1, etc.* are convenient abbreviations for different states — see Table 3-1 on page 10.

**Table 3-5** Initialization State Table

EVENT	STATE														
	TS_UNBND	TS_IDLE	TS_WACK_CREQ	TS_WCON_CREQ	TS_WRES_CIND	TS_WACK_CRES	TS_DATA_XFER	TS_WIND_ORDREL	TS_WREQ_ORDREL	TS_WACK_DREQ6	TS_WACK_DREQ7	TS_WACK_DREQ9	TS_WACK_DREQ10	TS_WACK_DREQ11	
	<i>sta_0</i>	<i>sta_3</i>	<i>sta_5</i>	<i>sta_6</i>	<i>sta_7</i>	<i>sta_8</i>	<i>sta_9</i>	<i>sta_10</i> **	<i>sta_11</i> **	<i>sta_12</i>	<i>sta_13</i>	<i>sta_14</i>	<i>sta_15</i>	<i>sta_16</i>	
conn_req		<i>sta_5</i>													
conn_res					<i>sta_8</i>										
discon_req				<i>sta_12</i>	<i>sta_13</i>		<i>sta_14</i>	<i>sta_15</i>	<i>sta_16</i>						
data_req							<i>sta_9</i>		<i>sta_11</i>						
exdata_req							<i>sta_9</i>		<i>sta_11</i>						
** ordrel_req							<i>sta_10</i>		<i>sta_3</i>						
conn_ind		<i>sta_7</i> [2]			<i>sta_7</i> [2]										
conn_con				<i>sta_9</i>											
data_ind							<i>sta_9</i>	<i>sta_10</i>							
exdata_ind							<i>sta_9</i>	<i>sta_10</i>							
** ordrel_ind							<i>sta_11</i>	<i>sta_3</i>							
discon_ind1				<i>sta_3</i>			<i>sta_3</i>	<i>sta_3</i>	<i>sta_3</i>						
discon_ind2					<i>sta_3</i>		[3]								
discon_ind3					<i>sta_3</i>		[3]								
optmgmt_req		<i>sta_4</i> [5]	<i>sta_4</i> [5]		<i>sta_4</i> [5]	<i>sta_4</i> [5]		<i>sta_4</i> [5]	<i>sta_4</i> [5]	<i>sta_4</i> [5]					
error_ack			<i>sta_3</i>			<i>sta_7</i>				<i>sta_6</i>	<i>sta_7</i>	<i>sta_9</i>	<i>sta_10</i>	<i>sta_11</i>	
ok_ack1			<i>sta_6</i>							<i>sta_3</i>		<i>sta_3</i>	<i>sta_3</i>	<i>sta_3</i>	
ok_ack2						<i>sta_9</i> [3]					<i>sta_3</i> [3]				
ok_ack3						<i>sta_3</i> [3] [4]					<i>sta_3</i> [3]				
ok_ack4						<i>sta_7</i> [3] [4]					<i>sta_7</i> [3]				
pass_conn	<i>sta_9</i>	<i>sta_9</i>													

\*\* Only supported if service is type T\_COTS\_ORD

[2] outcnt = outcnt + 1

[3] outcnt = outcnt = 1

[4] pass connection to queue as indicated in the T\_CON\_RES primitive

[5] return to previous state.

*sta\_0*, *sta\_3*, etc. are convenient abbreviations for different states — see Table 3-1 on page 10.

**Table 3-6** Data Transfer State Table for Connection Oriented Service

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>STATE</b>
unitdata_req	TS_IDLE
unitdata_ind	TS_IDLE
uderror_ind	TS_IDLE

**Table 3-7** Data Transfer State Table for Connectionless Service







## TPI Message Formats

### SYNOPSIS

```
include <sys/types.h>
include <sys/ddi.h>
```

### DESCRIPTION

The Transport Provider Interface (TPI) Message Formats define the message formats (structures) used by the service primitives. These are classified as connection-mode, connectionless-mode, or both. They are further classified as being either user-originated or provider-originated.

Two **types** are used to build the TPI primitives. The normative definitions of **t\_scalar\_t** and **t\_uscalar\_t** are to be found in the Networking Services Specification (see the referenced XNS specification), but are repeated here for informational purposes.

**t\_scalar\_t** and **t\_uscalar\_t** are, respectively, a signed and an unsigned opaque integral type of equal length of at least 32 bits<sup>1</sup>.

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1. To forestall portability problems, it is recommended that applications should not use values larger than  $2^{32} - 1$ .

**NAME**

T\_ADDR\_ACK - Protocol Address Acknowledgment

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PCPROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_addr_ack {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_ADDR_ACK */
    t_scalar_t    LOCADDR_length;
    t_scalar_t    LOCADDR_offset;
    t_scalar_t    REMADDR_length;
    t_scalar_t    REMADDR_offset;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport user the local and remote protocol addresses currently associated with the transport endpoint.

**PARAMETERS**

The fields of this message have the following meanings:

*PRIM\_type*

the primitive type.

*LOCADDR\_length*

the length of the local address associated with the transport endpoint.

*LOCADDR\_offset*

the offset from the beginning of the M\_PCPROTO message block where the local address begins.

*REMADDR\_length*

the length of the remote address associated with the transport endpoint.

*REMADDR\_offset*

the offset from the beginning of the M\_PCPROTO message block where the remote address begins.

The proper alignment of the addresses in the M\_PCPROTO message block is not guaranteed.

**RULES**

If the transport endpoint is not bound to a local address, the *LOCADDR\_length* field is set to 0.

If the transport endpoint is not associated with a remote address, the *REMADDR\_length* field is set to 0.

**MODES**

Both connection-mode and connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_ADDR\_REQ - Get Protocol Address Request

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of a M\_PCPROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_addr_req {  
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_ADDR_REQ */  
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive requests the transport provider to return the local and remote protocol addresses currently associated with the transport endpoint.

**PARAMETERS**

*PRIM\_type*  
indicates the primitive type.

Note that the T\_ADDR\_REQ and T\_ADDR\_ACK primitives have no effect on the state of the transport provider and do not appear in the state tables.

**RULES**

This primitive requires the transport provider to generate one of the following acknowledgments on receipt of the primitive and that the transport user wait for the acknowledgment before issuing any other primitives:

Successful  
Acknowledgment of the primitive via T\_ADDR\_ACK

Non-fatal errors  
These errors will be indicated via T\_ERROR\_ACK.

**MODES**

Both connection-mode and connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user.

**NAME**

T\_BIND\_ACK - Bind Protocol Address Acknowledgment

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PCPROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_bind_ack {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;          /* Always T_BIND_ACK */
    t_scalar_t    ADDR_length;
    t_scalar_t    ADDR_offset;
    t_uscalar_t   CONIND_number;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport user that the specified protocol address has been bound to the stream, that the specified number of connect indications are allowed to be queued by the transport provider for the specified protocol address, and that the stream associated with the specified protocol address has been activated.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

indicates the primitive type.

*ADDR\_length*

is the length of the protocol address that was bound to the stream.

*ADDR\_offset*

is the offset from the beginning of the M\_PCPROTO block where the protocol address begins.

*CONIND\_number*

is the accepted number of connect indications allowed to be outstanding by the transport provider for the specified protocol address.

Note that this field does not apply to connectionless transport providers.

The proper alignment of the address in the M\_PCPROTO message block is not guaranteed.

**RULES**

The following rules apply to the binding of the specified protocol address to the stream:

- If the *ADDR\_length* field in the T\_BIND\_REQ/O\_T\_BIND\_REQ primitive is 0, then the transport provider is to assign a transport protocol address to the user.
- The transport provider is to bind the transport protocol address as specified in the T\_BIND\_REQ/O\_T\_BIND\_REQ primitive.
- If the transport provider cannot bind the specified address, it may assign another address to the user if the primitive O\_T\_BIND\_REQ was used. In this case, it is the transport user's responsibility to check the protocol address returned in the T\_BIND\_ACK primitive to see if it is the same as the one requested, and take appropriate action. If T\_BIND\_REQ was used, the provider should return an error.

The following rules apply to negotiating the *CONIND\_number* argument:

- The returned value must be less than or equal to the corresponding requested number as indicated in the T\_BIND\_REQ/O\_T\_BIND\_REQ primitive.
- If the requested value is greater than zero, the returned value must also be greater than zero.

- Only one stream that is bound to the indicated protocol address may have a negotiated accepted number of maximum connect requests greater than zero. If a O\_T\_BIND\_REQ primitive specifies a value greater than zero, but another stream has already bound itself to the given protocol address with a value greater than zero, the transport provider should assign another protocol address to the user.
- If a stream with *CONIND\_number* greater than zero is used to accept a connection, the stream will be found busy during the duration of that connection and no other stream may be bound to that protocol address with a *CONIND\_number* greater than zero. This will prevent more than one stream bound to the identical protocol address from accepting connect indications.
- A stream requesting a *CONIND\_number* of zero should always be valid. This indicates to the transport provider that the stream is to be used to request connections only.
- A stream with a negotiated *CONIND\_number* greater than zero may generate connect requests or accept connect indications.

**ERRORS**

If the above rules result in an error condition, then the transport provider must issue an T\_ERROR\_ACK primitive to the transport user specifying the error as defined in the description of the T\_BIND\_REQ/O\_T\_BIND\_REQ primitive.

**MODES**

Both connection-mode and connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_BIND\_REQ/O\_T\_BIND\_REQ - Bind Protocol Address Request

**SYNOPSIS**

These messages consist of one M\_PROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_bind_req {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;          /* Always T_BIND_REQ */
    t_scalar_t    ADDR_length;
    t_scalar_t    ADDR_offset;
    t_uscalar_t   CONIND_number;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

These primitives request that the transport provider bind a protocol address to the stream, negotiate the number of connect indications allowed to be outstanding by the transport provider for the specified protocol address, and activate the stream associated with the protocol address.

- Note that a stream is viewed as active when the transport provider may receive and transmit TPDUs (transport protocol data units) associated with the stream.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

indicates the primitive type.

*ADDR\_length*

is the length of the protocol address to be bound to the stream.

*ADDR\_offset*

is the offset from the beginning of the M\_PROTO block where the protocol address begins.

Note that all lengths, offsets, and sizes in all structures refer to the number of bytes.

*CONIND\_number*

is the requested number of connect indications allowed to be outstanding by the transport provider for the specified protocol address.

Note that the *CONIND\_number* should be ignored by those providing a connectionless transport service.

Also note that if the number of outstanding connect indications equals *CONIND\_number*, the transport provider need not discard further incoming connect indications, but may choose to queue them internally until the number of outstanding connect indications drops below *CONIND\_number*.

The proper alignment of the address in the M\_PROTO message block is not guaranteed. The address in the M\_PROTO message block is however, aligned the same as it was received from the transport user.

**RULES**

For rules governing the requests made by these primitives, see the T\_BIND\_ACK primitive.

These primitives require the transport provider to generate one of the following acknowledgments on receipt of the primitive, and the transport user must wait for the acknowledgment before issuing any other primitives:

**Successful**

Correct acknowledgment of the primitive is indicated via the T\_BIND\_ACK primitive.

**Non-fatal errors**

These errors will be indicated via the T\_ERROR\_ACK primitive described in reference TPI-SMD.

**ERRORS**

The allowable errors are as follows:

**[TACCES]**

This indicates that the user did not have proper permissions for the use of the requested address.

**[TADDRBUSY]**

This indicates that the requested address is in use. In other words, the transport user attempted to bind a protocol address to a second transport end point with a *CONIND\_number* greater than zero. This error will only be returned for T\_BIND\_REQ. See T\_BIND\_ACK for the behavior of O\_T\_BIND\_REQ in this instance.

**[TBADADDR]**

This indicates that the protocol address was in an incorrect format or the address contained invalid information. It is not intended to indicate protocol errors.

**[TNOADDR]**

This indicates that the transport provider could not allocate an address.

**[TOUTSTATE]**

The primitive would place the transport interface out of state.

**[TSYSERR]**

A system error has occurred and the UNIX system error is indicated in the primitive.

**MODES**

Both connection-mode and connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user.

**NAME**

T\_CONN\_CON - Connection Confirm

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by zero or more M\_DATA blocks if any user data is associated with the primitive. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_conn_con {
    t_scalar_t  PRIM_type;      /* Always T_CONN_CON          */
    t_scalar_t  RES_length;    /* Responding address length */
    t_scalar_t  RES_offset;
    t_scalar_t  OPT_length;
    t_scalar_t  OPT_offset;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the user that a connect request has been confirmed on the specified responding address.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive type.

*RES\_length*

is the length of the responding address that the connection was accepted.

*RES\_offset*

is the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) where the responding address begins.

*OPT\_length*

is the length of the confirmed options associated with the primitive.

*OPT\_offset*

is the offset from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) of the confirmed options associated with the primitive.

The proper alignment of the responding address and options in the M\_PROTO message block is not guaranteed.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_CONN\_IND - Connect Indication

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by zero or more M\_DATA blocks if any user data is associated with the primitive. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_conn_ind {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_CONN_IND */
    t_scalar_t    SRC_length;
    t_scalar_t    SRC_offset;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_length;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_offset;
    t_scalar_t    SEQ_number;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport user that a connect request to the user has been made by the user at the specified source address.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive type.

*SRC\_length*

is the length of the source address

*SRC\_offset*

is the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) where the source address begins.

*OPT\_length*

is the length of the requested options associated with the primitive.

*OPT\_offset*

is the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) of the requested options associated with the primitive.

*SEQ\_number*

should be a unique number other than -1 to identify the connect indication.

The proper alignment of the source address and options in the M\_PROTO message block is not guaranteed.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_CONN\_REQ - Connect Request

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by zero or more M\_DATA blocks if any user data is specified by the transport user. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_conn_req {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_CONN_REQ */
    t_scalar_t    DEST_length;
    t_scalar_t    DEST_offset;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_length;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_offset;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive requests that the transport provider connect to the specified destination.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive type.

*DEST\_length*

is the length of the destination address

*DEST\_offset*

is the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) where the destination address begins.

*OPT\_length*

is the length of the requested options associated with the primitive.

*OPT\_offset*

is the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) of the requested options associated with the primitive.

The proper alignment of the destination address and options in the M\_PROTO message block is not guaranteed. The destination address and options in the M\_PROTO message block are however, aligned the same as they were received from the transport user.

**Note:** The information located by the defined structures may not be in the proper alignment in the message blocks, so the casting of structure definitions over these fields may produce incorrect results. It is advised that the transport providers supply exact format specifications for the appropriate information to the transport users.

**RULES**

This primitive requires the transport provider to generate one of the following acknowledgments on receipt of the primitive, and the transport user must wait for the acknowledgment before issuing any other primitives:

**Successful**

Correct acknowledgment of the primitive is indicated via the T\_OK\_ACK primitive described in reference **TPI-SMD**.

**Non-fatal errors**

These errors will be indicated via the T\_ERROR\_ACK primitive described in reference TPI-SMD.

**ERRORS**

The allowable errors are as follows:

**[TACCES]**

This indicates that the user did not have proper permissions for the use of the requested address or options.

**[TADDRBUSY]**

The transport provider does not support multiple connections to the same destination address. This error indicates that a connection already exists for the requested destination.

**[TBADADDR]**

This indicates that the protocol address was in an incorrect format or the address contained invalid information. It is not intended to indicate protocol connection errors, such as an unreachable destination. Those error types are indicated via the T\_DISCON\_IND primitive.

**[TBADDATA]**

The amount of user data specified was invalid.

**[TBADOPT]**

This indicates that the options were in an incorrect format, or they contained invalid information.

**[TNOTSUPPORT]**

This primitive is not supported by the transport provider.

**[TOUTSTATE]**

The primitive would place the transport interface out of state.

**[TSYSERR]**

A system error has occurred and the UNIX system error is indicated in the primitive.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user.

**NAME**

T\_CONN\_RES - Connection Response

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by zero or more M\_DATA blocks if any user data is specified by the transport user. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_conn_res {
    t_scalar_t  PRIM_type;          /* always T_CONN_RES      */
    t_uscalar_t ACCEPTOR_id;       /* accepting endpoint ID  */
    t_scalar_t  OPT_length;        /* options length         */
    t_scalar_t  OPT_offset;        /* options offset         */
    t_scalar_t  SEQ_number;        /* sequence number        */
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive is sent by a transport user to the transport provider on a listening transport endpoint (hereafter, for brevity, referred to as the listener) on which the transport user received a T\_CONN\_IND. This primitive requests that the transport provider should accept the connection indication identified by *SEQ\_number* on the response transport endpoint specified by *ACCEPTOR\_id*.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive type.

*ACCEPTOR\_id*

identifies the transport provider endpoint which should be used to accept the connect request. The mapping of the contents of *ACCEPTOR\_id* to the internal reference to a transport endpoint (often a pointer to a *streams* queue) is transport-provider defined. Some example mechanisms for using *ACCEPTOR\_id* are given in Appendix A on page 61.

*OPT\_length*

is the length of the responding options.

*OPT\_offset*

is the offset from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block where the responding options begin.

*SEQ\_number*

is the sequence number which identifies the connection being responded to.

The proper alignment of the options in the M\_PROTO message block is not guaranteed. The options in the M\_PROTO message block are, however, aligned the same as they were received from the transport user.

**RULES**

The following rules apply when the transport endpoint referenced by *ACCEPTOR\_id* is not the same as the listener:

- If the endpoint referenced by *ACCEPTOR\_id* is not bound at the time that the T\_CONN\_RES primitive is received by the transport provider, the transport provider will automatically bind that endpoint to the same protocol address as that to which the listener is bound.
- If the endpoint referenced by *ACCEPTOR\_id* is already bound when the T\_CONN\_RES primitive was received by the transport provider, it must be bound to a protocol address with a *CONIND\_number* of zero and must be in the TS\_IDLE state.

In all cases, this primitive requires the transport provider to generate one of the following acknowledgments on receipt of the primitive, and the transport user wait for the acknowledgment before issuing any other primitives:

**Successful**

Correct acknowledgment of the primitive is indicated via the T\_OK\_ACK primitive described in reference **TPI-SMD**.

**Non-fatal errors**

These errors will be indicated via the T\_ERROR\_ACK primitive described in reference **TPI-SMD**.

**ERRORS**

The allowable errors are as follows:

[TACCES]

This indicates that the user did not have proper permissions for the use of the options or response id.

[TBADADDR]

The specified protocol address (the one bound to the endpoint referenced by *ACCEPTOR\_id*) was in an incorrect format or contained illegal information.

[TBADDATA]

The amount of user data specified was invalid.

[TBADF]

This indicates that the response acceptor identifier was invalid.

[TBADOPT]

This indicates that the options were in an incorrect format, or they contained invalid information.

[TBADSEQ]

The sequence number specified in the primitive was incorrect or invalid.

[TNOTSUPPORT]

This primitive is not supported by the transport provider.

[TOUTSTATE]

The primitive would place the transport interface out of state.

[TPROVMISMATCH] This indicates that the response *ACCEPTOR\_Id* does not identify a transport provider of the same type as the listener.

[TRESADDR]

The transport provider requires both transport endpoints (that is, the one referenced by *ACCEPTOR\_id* and the listener) to be bound to the same address.

[TRESQLEN]

The endpoint referenced by *ACCEPTOR\_id* was different from the listener, but was bound to a protocol address with a *CONIND\_number* that is greater than zero.

[TSYSERR]

A system error has occurred and the UNIX system error is indicated in the primitive.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user.

**NAME**

T\_DATA\_IND - Data Indication

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by zero or more M\_DATA message blocks where each M\_DATA message block contains at least one byte of data. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_data_ind {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_DATA_IND */
    t_scalar_t    MORE_flag;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport user that this message contains a transport interface data unit. One or more transport interface data units form a transport service data unit. This primitive has a mechanism which indicates the beginning and end of a transport service data unit. However, not all transport providers support the concept of a transport service data unit.

**PARAMETERS**

*PRIM\_type* identifies the primitive type.

*MORE\_flag*

when greater than zero, indicates that the next T\_DATA\_IND primitive is also part of this transport service data unit.

**RULES**

If a TSDU spans multiple T\_DATA\_IND message blocks, then an ETSDU may be placed in between two T\_DATA\_IND message blocks. Once an ETSDU is started, then the ETSDU must be completed before any T\_DATA\_IND message blocks defining a TSDU is resumed.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_DATA\_REQ - Data Request

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by zero or more M\_DATA message blocks where each M\_DATA message block contains zero or more bytes of data. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_data_req {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_DATA_REQ */
    t_scalar_t    MORE_flag;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport provider that this message contains a transport interface data unit. One or more transport interface data units form a transport service data unit (TSDU).

Note that the maximum transport service data unit size allowed by the transport provider is indicated to the transport user via the T\_INFO\_ACK primitive.

This primitive has a mechanism which indicates the beginning and end of a transport service data unit. However, not all transport providers support the concept of a transport service data unit.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive type.

*MORE\_flag*

when greater than zero, indicates that the next T\_DATA\_REQ primitive is also part of this transport service data unit.

**RULES**

The transport provider must also recognize a message of one or more M\_DATA message blocks without the leading M\_PROTO message block as a T\_DATA\_REQ primitive. This message type will be initiated from the **write(2)** operating system service routine.

For example, on systems that support the *tirdwr* STREAMS module, if that module is pushed onto a stream corresponding to a transport provider supporting the TPI, then the **write(2)** operating system service routine may be used to send data on that transport endpoint. In this case there are no implied transport service data unit boundaries. Data is passed down the stream as a series of M\_DATA messages.

This primitive does not require any acknowledgments, although it may generate a fatal error. This is indicated via a M\_ERROR message type which results in the failure of all operating system service routines on the stream.

**ERRORS**

The allowable errors are as follows:

**[EPROTO]**

This indicates one of the following unrecoverable protocol conditions:

- The transport service interface was found to be in an incorrect state. If the interface is in the TS\_IDLE state when the provider receives the T\_DATA\_REQ primitive, then the transport provider should just drop the message without generating a fatal error.
- The amount of transport user data associated with the primitive defines a transport service data unit larger than that allowed by the transport provider.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user.

**NAME**

T\_DISCON\_IND - Disconnect Indication

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of a M\_PROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_discon_ind {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_DISCON_IND */
    t_scalar_t    DISCON_reason;
    t_scalar_t    SEQ_number;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the user that either a request for connection has been denied or an existing connection has been disconnected. The format of this message is one M\_PROTO message block possibly followed by one or more M\_DATA message blocks if there is any user data associated with the primitive.

**PARAMETERS**

*PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive type

*DISCON\_reason*

is the reason for disconnect. The reason codes are protocol specific.

*SEQ\_number*

is the sequence number which identifies which connect indication was denied, or it is -1 if the provider is disconnecting an existing connection.

**RULES**

The SEQ\_number is only meaningful when this primitive is sent to a passive user who has the corresponding connect indication outstanding. It allows the transport user to identify which of its outstanding connect indications is associated with the disconnect.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_DISCON\_REQ - Disconnect Request

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by one or more M\_DATA message blocks if there is any user data specified by the transport user. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_discon_req {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_DISCON_REQ */
    t_scalar_t    SEQ_number;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive requests that the transport provider deny a request for connection, or disconnect an existing connection.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive type.

*SEQ\_number*

identifies the outstanding connect indication that is to be denied. If the disconnect request is disconnecting an already existing connection, then the value of *SEQ\_number* will be ignored.

**RULES**

This primitive requires the transport provider to generate the following acknowledgment on receipt of the primitive, and the transport user must wait for the acknowledgment before issuing any other primitives:

## Successful

Correct acknowledgment of the primitive is indicated via the T\_OK\_ACK primitive described in reference **TPI-SMD**.

## Non-fatal errors

These errors will be indicated via the T\_ERROR\_ACK primitive described in reference **TPI-SMD**.

**ERRORS**

The allowable errors are as follows:

## [TBADDDATA]

The amount of user data specified was invalid.

## [TBADSEQ]

The sequence number specified in the primitive was incorrect or invalid.

## [TNOTSUPPORT]

This primitive is not supported by the transport provider.

## [TOUTSTATE]

The primitive would place the transport interface out of state.

## [TSYSERR]

A system error has occurred and the UNIX system error is indicated in the primitive.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user.

**NAME**

T\_ERROR\_ACK - Error Acknowledgment

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of a M\_PCPROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_error_ack {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_ERROR_ACK */
    t_scalar_t    ERROR_prim;      /* Primitive in error */
    t_scalar_t    TLI_error;
    t_scalar_t    UNIX_error;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport user that a non-fatal error has occurred in the last transport-user-originated primitive.

For an overview of the error handling capabilities available to the transport provider see reference **TPI-SMD**.

**PARAMETERS**

*PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive.

*ERROR\_prim*

identifies the primitive type that caused the error

*TLI\_error*

contains the Transport Level Interface error code.

*UNIX\_error*

contains the UNIX system error code. This may only be non zero if TLI\_error is equal to TSYSERR.

**RULES**

This may only be initiated as an acknowledgment for those primitives that require one. It also indicates to the user that no action was taken on the primitive that caused the error.

**ERRORS**

The list of Transport Level Interface error codes are listed in Appendix F of the referenced **XNS** specification.

**MODES**

Both connection-mode and connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_EXDATA\_IND - Expedited Data Indication

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by one or more M\_DATA message blocks containing at least one byte of data. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_exdata_ind {  
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_EXDATA_IND */  
    t_scalar_t    MORE_flag;  
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport user that this message contains an expedited transport interface data unit. One or more expedited transport interface data units form an expedited transport service data unit.

This primitive has a mechanism which indicates the beginning and end of an expedited transport service data unit. However, not all transport providers support the concept of an expedited transport service data unit.

**PARAMETERS**

*PRIM\_type*  
identifies the primitive type.

*MORE\_flag*  
when greater than zero, indicates that the next T\_EXDATA\_IND primitive is also part of this expedited transport service data unit.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_EXDATA\_REQ - Expedited Data Request

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by one or more M\_DATA message blocks containing at least one byte of data. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_exdata_req {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_EXDATA_REQ */
    t_scalar_t    MORE_flag;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport provider that this message contains an expedited transport interface data unit. One or more expedited transport interface data units form an expedited transport service data unit.

Note that the maximum size of a expedited transport service data unit is indicated to the transport user via the T\_INFO\_ACK primitive.

This primitive has a mechanism which indicates the beginning and end of an expedited transport service data unit. However, not all transport providers support the concept of an expedited transport service data unit.

**PARAMETERS**

*PRIM\_type*  
identifies the primitive type.

*MORE\_flag*  
when greater than zero indicates that the next T\_EXDATA\_REQ primitive is also part of this expedited transport service data unit.

**RULES**

This primitive does not require any acknowledgments, although it may generate a fatal error. This is indicated via a M\_ERROR message type which results in the failure of all operating system service routines on the stream.

**ERRORS**

The allowable errors are as follows:

[EPROTO]

This indicates one of the following unrecoverable protocol conditions:

- The transport service interface was found to be in an incorrect state. If the interface is in the TS\_IDLE state when the provider receives the T\_EXDATA\_REQ primitive, then the transport provider should just drop the message without generating a fatal error.
- The amount of transport user data associated with the primitive defines an expedited transport service data unit larger than that allowed by the transport provider.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user.

**NAME**

T\_INFO\_ACK - Protocol Information Acknowledgment

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of a M\_PCPROTO message block formatted as follows:

```

struct T_info_ack {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_INFO_ACK    */
    t_scalar_t    TSDU_size;        /* Max TSDU size        */
    t_scalar_t    ETSDU_size;       /* Max ETSDU size       */
    t_scalar_t    CDATA_size;       /* Connect data size    */
    t_scalar_t    DDATA_size;       /* Disconnect data size */
    t_scalar_t    ADDR_size;        /* TSAP size            */
    t_scalar_t    OPT_size;         /* Options size         */
    t_scalar_t    TIDU_size;        /* TIDU size            */
    t_scalar_t    SERV_type;        /* Service type         */
    t_scalar_t    CURRENT_state;    /* Current state        */
    t_scalar_t    PROVIDER_flag;    /* Provider flag        */
};

```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport user any relevant protocol-dependent parameters. It should be initiated in response to the T\_INFO\_REQ primitive described above. The format of this message is one M\_PCPROTO message block.

**PARAMETERS**

The fields of this message have the following meanings:

*PRIM\_type*

This indicates the primitive type.

*TSDU\_size*

A value greater than zero specifies the maximum size of a transport service data unit (TSDU); a value of zero specifies that the transport provider does not support the concept of TSDU, although it does support the sending of a data stream with no logical boundaries preserved across a connection; a value of -1 specifies that there is no limit on the size of a TSDU; and a value of -2 specifies that the transfer of normal data is not supported by the transport provider.

*ETSDU\_size*

A value greater than zero specifies the maximum size of an expedited transport service data unit (ETSDU); a value of zero specifies that the transport provider does not support the concept of ETSDU, although it does support the sending of an expedited data stream with no logical boundaries preserved across a connection; a value of -1 specifies that there is no limit on the size of an ETSDU; and a value of -2 specifies that the transfer of expedited data is not supported by the transport provider.

*CDATA\_size*

A value greater than or equal to zero specifies the maximum amount of data that may be associated with connection establishment primitives; and a value of -2 specifies that the transport provider does not allow data to be sent with connection establishment primitives.

*DDATA\_size*

A value greater than or equal to zero specifies the maximum amount of data that may be associated with the disconnect primitives; and a value of -2 specifies that the transport provider does not allow data to be sent with the disconnect primitives.

*ADDR\_size*

A value greater than or equal to zero indicates the maximum size of a transport protocol address; and a value of -2 specifies that the transport provider does not provide user access to transport protocol addresses.

*OPT\_size*

A value greater than or equal to zero indicates the maximum number of bytes of protocol-specific options supported by the provider; and a value of -2 specifies that the transport provider does not support user-settable options.

*TIDU\_size*

This is the amount of user data that may be present in a single T\_DATA\_REQ or T\_EXDATA\_REQ primitive. This is the size of the transport protocol interface data unit, and should not exceed the tunable system limit, if non-zero, for the size of a STREAMS message.

*SERV\_type*

This field specifies the service type supported by the transport provider, and is one of the following:

## T\_COTS

The provider service is connection oriented with no orderly release support.

## T\_COTS\_ORD

The provider service is connection oriented with orderly release support.

## T\_CLTS

The provider service is a connectionless transport service.

*CURRENT\_state*

This is the current state of the transport provider.

*PROVIDER\_flag*

This field specifies additional properties specific to the transport provider and may alter the way the transport user communicates. The following flags may be set by the provider:

## SENDZERO

This flag indicates that the transport provider supports the sending of zero-length TSDUs.

## XPG4\_1

This flag indicates that the transport provider supports XPG4 semantics.

**RULES**

The following rules apply when the type of service is T\_CLTS:

- The ETSDU\_size, CDATA\_size and DDATA\_size fields should be -2.
- The TSDU\_size should equal the TIDU\_size.

**MODES**

Both connection-mode and connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_INFO\_REQ - Get Transport Protocol Parameter Sizes

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of a M\_PCPROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_info_req {  
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_INFO_REQ */  
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive requests the transport provider to return the sizes of all relevant protocol parameters, plus the current state of the provider.

**PARAMETERS**

*PRIM\_type*  
indicates the primitive type.

Note that the T\_INFO\_REQ and T\_INFO\_ACK primitives have no effect on the state of the transport provider and do not appear in the state tables.

**RULES**

This primitive requires the transport provider to generate one of the following acknowledgments on receipt of the primitive and that the transport user wait for the acknowledgment before issuing any other primitives:

Successful  
Acknowledgment of the primitive via the T\_INFO\_ACK.

Non-fatal errors  
There are no errors associated with this primitive.

**MODES**

Both connection-mode and connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user.

**NAME**

T\_OK\_ACK - Success Acknowledgment

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PCPROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_ok_ack {
    t_scalar_t  PRIM_type;      /* Always T_OK_ACK */
    t_scalar_t  CORRECT_prim;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport user that the previous transport-user-originated primitive was received successfully by the transport provider. It does not indicate to the transport user any transport protocol action taken due to issuing the T\_INFO\_REQ primitive. This may only be initiated as an acknowledgment for those primitives that require one.

**PARAMETERS**

*PRIM\_type*  
identifies the primitive.

*CORRECT\_prim*  
contains the successfully received primitive type.

**MODES**

Both connection-mode and connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_OPTMGMT\_ACK - Option Management Acknowledgment

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of a M\_PCPROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_optmgmt_ack {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;          /* Always T_OPTMGMT_ACK */
    t_scalar_t    OPT_length;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_offset;
    t_scalar_t    MGMT_flags;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This indicates to the transport user that the options management request has completed.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

indicates the primitive type

*OPT\_length*

is the length of the protocol options associated with the primitive

*OPT\_offset*

is the offset from the beginning of the M\_PCPROTO block where the options begin.

The proper alignment of the options is not guaranteed. *MGMT\_flags* should be the same as those specified in the T\_OPTMGMT\_REQ primitive with any additional flags as specified below.

**RULES**

The following rules apply to the T\_OPTMGMT\_ACK primitive.

- If the value of *MGMT\_flags* in the T\_OPTMGMT\_REQ primitive is T\_DEFAULT, the provider should return the default provider options without changing the existing options associated with the stream.
- If the value of *MGMT\_flags* in the T\_OPTMGMT\_REQ primitive is T\_CHECK, the provider should return the options as specified in the T\_OPTMGMT\_REQ primitive along with the additional flags T\_SUCCESS or T\_FAILURE which indicate to the user whether the specified options are supportable by the provider. The provider should not change any existing options associated with the stream.
- If the value of *MGMT\_flags* in the T\_OPTMGMT\_REQ primitive is T\_NEGOTIATE, the provider should set and negotiate the option as specified by the following rules:
  - If the *OPT\_length* field of the T\_OPTMGMT\_REQ primitive is 0, then the transport provider is to set and return the default options associated with the stream in the T\_OPTMGMT\_ACK primitive.
  - If options are specified in the T\_OPTMGMT\_REQ primitive, then the transport provider should negotiate those options, set the negotiated options and return the negotiated options in the T\_OPTMGMT\_ACK primitive. It is the user's responsibility to check the negotiated options returned in the T\_OPTMGMT\_ACK primitive and take appropriate action.
- If the value of *MGMT\_flags* in the T\_OPTMGMT\_REQ primitive is T\_CURRENT, the provider should return the currently effective option values without changing any existing options associated with the stream.

**ERRORS**

If the above rules result in an error condition, the transport provider must issue a T\_ERROR\_ACK primitive to the transport user specifying the error as defined in the description of the T\_OPTMGMT\_REQ primitive.

**MODES**

Both connection-mode and connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_OPTDATA\_REQ - Data request with options

**SYNOPSIS**

The message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by zero or more message blocks, where each M\_DATA message block contains zero or more bytes of data. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_optdata_req {
    t_scalar_t PRIM_type;          /* always T_OPTDATA_REQ          */
    t_scalar_t DATA_flag;        /* flag bits associated with data */
    t_scalar_t OPT_length;        /* options length                 */
    t_scalar_t OPT_offset;        /* options offset                 */
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

The primitive indicates to the transport provider that the message contains a transport interface data unit. One or more transport interface data units form a transport service data units (TSDU).

Note that the maximum transport service and data unit sizes allowed by transport provider is indicated to the user by T\_INFO\_ACK primitive.

This primitive has a mechanism that indicates the beginning and end of a transport service data unit. However not all transport providers support the concept of a transport service data unit.

This primitive also provides mechanisms to have options associated with the data being transferred.

**PARAMETERS**

The fields of this message have the following semantics:

*PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive type

*DATA\_flag*

This field specifies bit fields specific general properties associated with the data being transferred. The following settings are currently defined:

**T\_ODF\_MORE**      When set, this bit indicates that the next T\_OPTDATA\_REQ primitive is also part of this transport service data unit.

*OPT\_length*

the length of the requested options associated with the primitive

*OPT\_offset*

the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) where the options associated with this primitive begin.

**RULES**

It is possible to use this primitive with no associated options, in which case the *OPT\_length* field is zero.

The primitive does not require any acknowledgements, although it may generate a fatal error. This is indicated via a M\_ERROR message type, which results in the failure of all operating system service routines on the stream.

**ERRORS**

The allowable errors are as follows:

[EPROTO]

This indicates of the following unrecoverable protocol conditions:

- The transport service interface was found to be in an incorrect state. If the interface is in TS\_IDLE state when the provider receives the T\_OPTDATA\_REQ primitive, then the transport provider should just drop the message without generating a fatal error.
- The amount of transport user data associated with the primitive defines a transport service data unit larger than that allowed by the transport provider.

**MODES**

Only connection mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_OPTDATA\_REQ - Data request with options

**SYNOPSIS**

The message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by zero or more message blocks, where each M\_DATA message block contains zero or more bytes of data. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_optdata_req {
    t_scalar_t PRIM_type;          /* always T_OPTDATA_REQ          */
    t_scalar_t DATA_flag;        /* flag bits associated with data */
    t_scalar_t OPT_length;        /* options length                 */
    t_scalar_t OPT_offset;        /* options offset                 */
};
```

**DESCRIPTION:**

The primitive indicates to the transport provider that the message contains a transport interface data unit. One or more transport interface data units form a transport service data units (TSDU).

Note that the maximum transport service and data unit sizes allowed by transport provider is indicated to the user by the T\_INFO\_ACK primitive.

This primitive has a mechanism that indicates the beginning and end of a transport service data unit. However not all transport providers support the concept of a transport service data unit.

This primitive also provides mechanisms to have options associated with the data being transferred.

**PARAMETERS**

The fields of this message have the following semantics:

*PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive type

*DATA\_flag*

This field specifies bit fields specific general properties associated with the data being transferred. The following settings are currently defined:

**T\_ODF\_MORE**      When set, this bit indicates that the next T\_OPTDATA\_REQ primitive is also part of this transport service data unit.

*OPT\_length*

the length of the requested options associated with the primitive

*OPT\_offset*

the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) where the options associated with this primitive begin.

**RULES**

It is possible to use this primitive with no associated options, in which case the *OPT\_length* field is zero.

The primitive does not require any acknowledgements, although it may generate a fatal error. This is indicated via a M\_ERROR message type, which results in the failure of all operating system service routines on the stream.

**ERRORS**

The allowable errors are as follows:

**[EPROTO]**

This indicates of the following unrecoverable protocol conditions:

- The transport service interface was found to be in an incorrect state. If the interface is in TS\_IDLE state when the provider receives the T\_OPTDATA\_REQ primitive, then the transport provider should just drop the message without generating a fatal error.
- The amount of transport user data associated with the primitive defines a transport service data unit larger than that allowed by the transport provider.

**MODES**

Only connection mode

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user

**NAME**

T\_OPTMGMT\_REQ - Options Management

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of a M\_PROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_optmgmt_req {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_OPTMGMT_REQ */
    t_scalar_t    OPT_length;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_offset;
    t_scalar_t    MGMT_flags;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive allows the transport user to manage the options associated with the stream. The format of the message is one M\_PROTO message block.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

indicates the primitive type

*OPT\_length*

is the length of the protocol options associated with the primitive

*OPT\_offset*

is the offset from the beginning of the M\_PROTO block where the options begin.

*MGMT\_flags*

are the flags which define the request made by the transport user. The allowable flags are:

**T\_NEGOTIATE**

Negotiate and set the options with the transport provider

**T\_CHECK**

Check the validity of the specified options

**T\_DEFAULT**

Return the default options

**T\_CURRENT**

Return the currently effective option values.

The proper alignment of the options is not guaranteed. The options are, however, aligned the same as received from the transport user.

**RULES**

For the rules governing the requests made by this primitive see the T\_OPTMGMT\_ACK primitive.

This primitive requires the transport provider to generate one of the following acknowledgments on receipt of the primitive, and that the transport user wait for the acknowledgment before issuing any other primitives:

**Successful**

Acknowledgment of the primitive via the T\_OPTMGMT\_ACK.

**Non-fatal errors**

These errors will be indicated via the T\_ERROR\_ACK primitive described in Section 1.3 on page 3.

**ERRORS**

The allowable errors are as follows:

**TACCES**

The user did not have proper permissions for the use of the requested options.

**TBADFLAG**

The flags as specified were incorrect or invalid.

**TBADOPT**

The options as specified were in an incorrect format, or they contained invalid information.

**TOUTSTATE**

The primitive would place the transport interface out of state.

**TNOTSUPPORT**

This primitive is not supported by the transport provider.

**TSYSERR**

A system error has occurred and the UNIX system error is indicated in the primitive.

**MODES**

Both connection-mode and connectionless-mode.

**Originator**

Transport user.

**NAME**

T\_ORDREL\_IND - Orderly Release Indication

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of a M\_PROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_ordrel_ind {  
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_ORDREL_IND */  
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport user that the user on the other side of the connection is finished sending data. This primitive is only supported by the transport provider if it is of type T\_COTS\_ORD.

**PARAMETERS**

*PRIM\_type*  
identifies the primitive type.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_ORDREL\_REQ - Orderly Release Request

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of a M\_PROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_ordrel_req {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_ORDREL_REQ */
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport provider that the user is finished sending data. This primitive is only supported by the transport provider if it is of type T\_COTS\_ORD.

**PARAMETERS**

*PRIM\_type*  
identifies the primitive type.

**RULES**

This primitive does not require any acknowledgments, although it may generate a fatal error. This is indicated via a M\_ERROR message type which results in the failure of all operating system service routines on the stream.

**ERRORS**

[EPROTO]  
This indicates the unrecoverable protocol condition that the primitive would place the interface in an incorrect state.

**MODES**

Only connection-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user.

**NAME**

T\_UDERROR\_IND - Unitdata Error Indication

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of a M\_PROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_uderror_ind {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_UDERROR_IND */
    t_scalar_t    DEST_length;
    t_scalar_t    DEST_offset;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_length;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_offset;
    t_scalar_t    ERROR_type;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport user that a datagram with the specified destination address and options produced an error.

**PARAMETERS**

**PRIM\_type**

identifies the primitive type.

**DEST\_length**

is the length of the destination address.

**DEST\_offset**

is the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) where the destination address begins.

**OPT\_length**

is the length of the requested options associated with the primitive.

**OPT\_offset**

is the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) of the requested options associated with the primitive.

**ERROR\_type**

defines the protocol dependent error code.

The proper alignment of the destination address and options in the M\_PROTO message block is not guaranteed.

**MODES**

Only connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_UNBIND\_REQ - Unbind Protocol Address Request

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of a M\_PROTO message block formatted as follows:

```
struct T_unbind_req {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_UNBIND_REQ */
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive requests that the transport provider unbind the protocol address associated with the stream and deactivate the stream.

**PARAMETERS**

*PRIM\_type*  
indicates the primitive type.

**RULES**

This primitive requires the transport provider to generate the following acknowledgments on receipt of the primitive and that the transport user must wait for the acknowledgment before issuing any other primitives:

**Successful**

Correct acknowledgment of the primitive is indicated via the T\_OK\_ACK primitive described in reference **TPI-SMD**.

**Non-fatal errors**

These errors will be indicated via the T\_ERROR\_ACK primitive described in reference **TPI-SMD**.

**ERRORS**

The allowable errors are as follows:

**[TOUTSTATE]**

The primitive would place the transport interface out of state.

**[TSYSERR]**

A system error has occurred and the UNIX System error is indicated in the primitive.

**MODES**

Both connection-mode and connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user.

**NAME**

T\_UNITDATA\_IND - Unitdata Indication

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by zero or more M\_DATA message blocks where each M\_DATA message block contains at least one byte of data. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_unitdata_ind {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_UNITDATA_IND */
    t_scalar_t    SRC_length;
    t_scalar_t    SRC_offset;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_length;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_offset;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive indicates to the transport user that a datagram has been received from the specified source address.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive type.

*SRC\_length*

is the length of the source address.

*SRC\_offset*

is the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) where the source address begins.

*OPT\_length*

is the length of the requested options associated with the primitive.

*OPT\_offset*

is the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) of the requested options associated with the primitive.

The proper alignment of the source address and options in the M\_PROTO message block is not guaranteed.

**MODES**

Only connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport provider.

**NAME**

T\_UNITDATA\_REQ - Unitdata Request

**SYNOPSIS**

This message consists of one M\_PROTO message block followed by zero or more M\_DATA message blocks where each M\_DATA message block contains zero or more bytes of data. The format of the M\_PROTO message block is as follows:

```
struct T_unitdata_req {
    t_scalar_t    PRIM_type;        /* Always T_UNITDATA_REQ */
    t_scalar_t    DEST_length;
    t_scalar_t    DEST_offset;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_length;
    t_scalar_t    OPT_offset;
};
```

**DESCRIPTION**

This primitive requests that the transport provider send the specified datagram to the specified destination.

**PARAMETERS***PRIM\_type*

identifies the primitive type.

*DEST\_length*

is the length of the destination address

*DEST\_offset*

is the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) where the destination address begins.

*OPT\_length*

is the length of the requested options associated with the primitive.

*OPT\_offset*

is the offset (from the beginning of the M\_PROTO message block) of the requested options associated with the primitive.

The proper alignment of the destination address and options in the M\_PROTO message block is not guaranteed. The destination address and options in the M\_PROTO message block are, however, aligned the same as they were received from the transport user.

This primitive does not require any acknowledgment. If a non-fatal error occurs, it is the responsibility of the transport provider to report it via the T\_UDERROR\_IND indication. Fatal errors are indicated via a M\_ERROR message type which results in the failure of all operating system service routines on the stream.

**ERRORS**

The allowable fatal errors are as follows:

**[EPROTO]**

This indicates one of the following unrecoverable protocol conditions:

- The transport service interface was found to be in an incorrect state.
- The amount of transport user data associated with the primitive defines an transport service data unit larger than that allowed by the transport provider.

**MODES**

Only connectionless-mode.

**ORIGINATOR**

Transport user.

# Connection Acceptance

Connection acceptance with TPI is not easy to understand without the benefit of knowing how it has evolved. This Appendix therefore offers background information to explain the state of affairs under existing common implementations, and hence assist the reader in understanding an existing implementation or designing a new one.

The following text is provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as imposing normative requirements.

For brevity in the following discussion:

<i>user</i>	means a <i>transport user</i>
<i>provider</i>	means a <i>transport provider</i>
<i>address</i>	means a <i>transport address</i>
<i>endpoint</i>	means a <i>transport endpoint</i> .

## A.1 Accepting Incoming Connections

In order to field an incoming connection request, a user must establish an endpoint and use the T\_BIND\_REQ message (with a CONIND\_number greater than zero) to bind to the local address. The CONIND\_number in that message expresses the number of outstanding incoming connection requests the endpoint should support. There may be more than one endpoint bound to the same local address, but only one of them at a time may have a CONIND\_number greater than zero. Such an endpoint, if it exists, is called a *listener*. The other endpoints, if any, bound to the same address will either be conducting outgoing connections or carrying out incoming connections which were processed by a listener. There can only be one listener for each local address because the provider needs to know where to send any T\_CONN\_IND messages for that address.

Each listening endpoint can only be listening on one local address. When an incoming connection request is detected by the provider it looks for a matching listener in the TS\_BIND state. If it does not find one, it fails the connection request, otherwise it constructs a T\_CONN\_IND message and sends it up the listener to the user. The user sends a T\_CONN\_RES if it wants to accept the connection, or a T\_DISCON\_REQ if it does not.

It is permissible for the listener to conduct the actual connection, but this is unusual in practice because, while it is doing so, it cannot also perform its listening task because it will be in some other state than TS\_BIND. By far the more usual methodology is for the user to establish a new endpoint and use that for conducting the actual connection while the listener continues to listen for further incoming connections. The T\_CONN\_RES message contains a field *ACCEPTOR\_id* which is used to identify the endpoint on which the user wishes to conduct the connection. The encoding of this field is implementation specific as are the methods of acquiring a valid value for it, and the method employed by the provider in interpreting it.

In older versions of the TPI standard the *ACCEPTOR\_id* field was called *QUEUE\_ptr* and had the type **queue\_t** \*. This unfortunately exposed an implementation detail which made the use of TPI difficult on systems where a pointer is a different length at different times (for example a 64-bit system supporting both 32-bit and 64-bit user applications), and also on systems where transport provider operates in a different address space from other parts of the operating system. Nevertheless, on many systems, the *ACCEPTOR\_id* is still given the value of the

provider queue pair read pointer of the endpoint which is to be used to conduct the connection. This remains a perfectly good implementation strategy for those systems which do not suffer the problems mentioned above. The value of the *QUEUE\_ptr* variable was never used by the user as any more than an opaque identifier value (in fact most implementations did not even expose the value to the user).

## A.2 The Common Single Type Model Implementation

The provider constructs a T\_CONN\_IND message with the source address of the originating (usually remote) user. It includes any (protocol specific) options and creates a unique reference number which it places in *SEQ\_number*. The encoding and origin of this field is implementation specific under the constraint that it must be unique during the lifetime of the connection acceptance. Some implementations use the address of a kernel data structure associated with the connection request. Others use an incrementing counter and trust that less than 4,294,967,296 incoming connection requests do not occur on this provider before the user responds (this is a fairly safe assumption). The user is then sent the message on the listener.

When the user receives the T\_CONN\_IND message, it usually opens an entirely new endpoint (to the same transport provider). It may choose to bind that new endpoint to a local address, or it may leave the provider to perform that task on receipt of the T\_CONN\_RES. Any address it binds to must satisfy the requirements of the provider for the connection. The new endpoint should not have a *CONIND\_number* greater than 0.

The user constructs a T\_CONN\_RES message. It copies in the *SEQ\_number* from the T\_CONN\_IND (otherwise the transport will not know to which connection it is responding), removes (if necessary) the options it is not prepared to support, and copies the remainder into the T\_CONN\_RES. The T\_CONN\_RES is now complete except for the *ACCEPTOR\_id*. The user does not directly have the information to include in this field; only the operating system kernel can derive that. The usual solution is for the kernel to supply a special **ioctl(2)** call called *I\_FDINSERT* which expects as argument a T\_CONN\_RES message and the file-descriptor of the new (accepting) endpoint. This **ioctl(2)** call is specially treated. Before the message is sent down to the provider, the kernel uses the file-descriptor to access the endpoint. It extracts the value of the provider read queue pointer from that endpoint and places its value in the *ACCEPTOR\_id* field. Then it sends the message to the provider.

The provider cross-references the *SEQ\_number* and determines that it has such a pending connection, then it checks that the *ACCEPTOR\_id* matches the read queue pointer of a valid endpoint (it must exist and obey all the general and provider specific rules). If it is not already bound to a local address the provider will bind it to the same address as that to which the listener is bound. If the *ACCEPTOR\_id* identifies the listener, then the listener becomes the acceptor and further incoming connection requests for its address will fail, at least until the connection terminates. In the usual case, however, a new endpoint is used to conduct the new connection.

If the listener concocts an *ACCEPTOR\_id* which does not represent one of its own endpoints, and gets it exactly correct, then it is possible that it could foist one of its own connections off onto an unsuspecting endpoint if it was in the correct state, etc. This could be a denial of service attack. What it cannot do, is to hijack a connection from another listener.

### A.3 Possible Multiple Type Model Implementation Methodologies

On 64-bit systems, a decision needs to be made about how to provide a consistent *ACCEPTOR\_id* which has the property of being unique within each transport provider. If the *I\_FDINSERT ioctl(2)* call is still used, then the *ACCEPTOR\_id* encoding must be based on data which is accessible to the *STREAM* head when the *I\_FDINSERT* call is made. It is likely to be simplest just to encode the 64-bit value of the read queue pointer in the 32-bit *ACCEPTOR\_id*, possibly simply by truncation. The key is to preserve the uniqueness of the value as an identifier.

The *STREAM* head generates the identifier and places the result in *ACCEPTOR\_id*. When the *T\_CONN\_RES* message reaches the provider, it decodes the *ACCEPTOR\_id* to identify the accepting endpoint.



# **/** *Glossary*

## **CLTS**

Connectionless mode of service, in which the origin and destination addresses are included in each message packet so that a direct connection or established session between origin and destination is not required.

## **COTS**

Connection-oriented mode of service, requiring a direct connection or established session between origin and destination.

## **IP**

Internet Protocol

## **STREAMS**

A feature of UNIX that provides a standard way of dynamically building and passing messages up and down a protocol stack. Upstream messages are passed from the network driver through the STREAMS modules to the application. Downstream messages flow from the application to the network driver. A STREAMS module would be a transport layer protocol (e.g. TCP) or a network layer protocol (e.g. IP).

## **TCP**

Transmission Control Protocol

## **TPI**

Transport Provider Interface

## **Type Model**

A mapping of the C language fundamental types onto the data formats supported by a computer architecture. Examples of type models are ILP32 (char 8 bits, short 16 bits, int, long and pointer 32 bits), and LP64 (char 8 bits, short 16 bits, int 32 bits, long and pointer 64 bits).

## **UI**

UNIX International. This organization developed the original specification for TPI. It was subsequently acquired by UNIX System Laboratories.

## **USL**

UNIX System Laboratories. This organization acquired the TPI specification rights from UI. It was subsequently acquired by Novell Inc.



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