
Programmer Guide: Dialog Usage Manager

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Concepts

Major Components

The DialogUsageManager (or DUM) is the unit that keeps track of all the data structures and sits on top of the transaction layer of the stack. It keeps track of multiple DialogSet which contains Dialogs. Each DialogSet contains all the Dialog that were created by a common initial request. They all share the same SIP Call-Id and from tag from the original request. Inside a specific dialogSet there can be some type of BaseCreator that represents the initial request that generated the dialog. This will only exist on the UAC side. The DialogSet also contains several objects derived from BaseUsage that are using this particular dialog. There are several types of things that are a Usage of this dialog. There can be one InvSession, one Registration, one Publication, multiple Subscriptions and multiple OutOfDialogRequests. Note the name OutOfDialog is a little weird - they are actually in a thing a lot like a dialog but are transactions that are not in one of the other categories. Typically messages that result in OutOfDialogRequests are MESSAGE and OPTIONS.

An initial SIP Request is created by calling the makeX interfaces on the DUM. It is then sent using the send interface on the DUM. This will create some internal data structures and return a DialogSetID that can be used to find all the state associates resulting from this. When a response comes into this, a callback from one of the Handler classes will be called to notify the application about incoming events. This will pass up some type of client or server usages class that can be used to send additional messages and responses in the context of this particular usage of the Dialog.

Definitions

DialogUsage Manager - Main class that keeps track of all the DialogSets, Dialogs, and Usages.

DialogSet - A set of dialogs that were generated from a common request. They share the same call-id and the same from tag in the request that generated the dialog.

Dialog - A container holding such things as local and remote CSEQ, URI, Call-ID and such as defined by the SIP standard.

DialogID - An identifier that uniquely finds a Dialog by Call-ID, and to and from tags.

DialogSetID - An identifier that uniquely identifies a Dialog-Set and is formed from Call-ID and

Usages - These are the objects are using a dialog. They include ClientInviteSession, ClientOutOfDialogReq, ClientPublication, ClientRegistration, ClientSubscription, ServerInviteSession, ServerOutOfDialogReq, ServerPublication, ServerRegistration, and ServerSubscription. These have various operations that can be called on them to

Handlers - These are objects used to derive class from that allow callbacks from this layer to the application using it. They include InviteSessionHandler, OutOfDialogHandler, RegistrationHandler, SubscribeHandler, and PublicationHandler.

Handles - All the Usages and Handlers are not really exposed to the applications using this layer. Instead, handles to them are passed out. When the application goes to use a handle, the underlying object may have been deleted and the application must be prepared for this not to work.

Handling Invite Sessions - Client

Initially a client can call `makeNewInvite` on the DUM and get a `SipMessage`. It can take this and modify it such as adding SDP. It then calls `send` on the DUM and sends the message. This will cause the creation of a `DialogSet` for the Dialogs resulting from this request. When a response (such as a 180) comes back that causes the creation of an early dialog, the `onEarly` callback in the Handler will be called. This will pass in a `ClientInviteSession` to the applications and the actual message received. When an offer or answer is received, the `onAnswer` or `onOffer` callback will be called. In the typical case where the INVITE sent and offer and the 180 has SDP but it is not an answer, only the `onEarly` will be called. If the 180 was reliable so that it was an answer, then both the `onEarly` and the `onAnswer` would be called.

If the client which sent a new answer or offer it must call the `setAnswer` or `setOffer` object with the new SDP. This saves it but does not send a message. The client then calls `sendAnyAnswer` or `sendAnyOffer` to cause the appropriate message to be sent to send a new offer or answer. This might be a PRACK, an UPDATE, a reINVITE depending on the current state of the dialog.

Handling Invite Sessions - Server

When the server first receives an INVITE, it will call the `onNewInvSession` handler and pass a handle to a `ServerInviteSession`. If the UA is busy this could be rejected with the `reject` method. If the INVITE contained an offer, the `onOffer` callback gets called. When this happens, the server needs to call the `setAnswer` function to set the new offer. This will not send the offer. The server must then call the `sendAnswerInAnyMessage` to actually send the offer. This sequence of two calls seems a little weird but is required to make all the cases work when doing PRACK stuff.

From this point on there can be several rounds of sending and receiving offers and answers. When the UA which sent a 200 and "answer" the call, it calls the `accept` method. Finally when it wishes to end the call it calls the `end` method. If the other side ends the call, the `onTerminated` callback will get called.

INFO messages can be received in the dialog with the `onInfo` callback. Refer is a topic all on its own and covered later in this document.

Handling Registration - Client

The client forms a new registration message by calling `makeRegistration` in the DUM. This returns a SIP

messages which is sent by calling send on the DUM. This will initiate the registration process.

If it succeeds or fails, the appropriate onSuccess or onFailure will be called. The DUM will continue to run the times and keep this registration alive. This may result in an onFailure callback at any time.

The callback passes back a handle to a ClientRegistration which provides several methods for the client to discover and manipulate the contacts for the registration. myContacts refers to contacts this UA has registered while allContacts refers to any contact that has been registered for this AOR. The add and remove binding calls allow for manipulation of contacts this UA registered and for contacts that other UA registered.

Handling Registrations - Server

When a new registration is received the onAdd will be called. The server needs to either accept this or reject it using the corresponding function in the ServerRegistration class. If the registration is refreshed by the client onRefresh will be called and if it expires before it is refreshed, onExpired will be called. If the client removes one of the contacts, onRemoveOne will be called and if the client removes all the contacts, onRemoveAll will be called.

Handling Subscriptions - Client

Handling Subscriptions - Server

Gets a onNewSubscription callback when it is created and onRefresh or OnTerminated as the client updates it.

Handling Publications - client

Handling Publications - Server

Dealing with Refer

Dealing with Digest authentication

Dealing with complex offer/answer

When you receive an offer, you need to send an answer. If you don't like something about the SIP message with the offer you can totally reject it at the sip level, but if you don't like the media it proposed, you need to send an answer with all the m lines you don't like zeroed out. You can then instantly send a counter offer to propose something new.