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# 1 Foreword

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## 3 Abstract

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SPDM is designed to be an effective interface and data model that enables efficient access to low-level security capabilities and operations.

SPDM over MCTP binding defines the format of SPDM messages transported over MCTP.

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## 4.1 Scope

This document defines the format of Security Protocol and Data Model (SPDM) over MCTP messages.

This document describes:

- [SPDM over MCTP binding](#)
- [Common format for SPDM over MCTP messages](#)

## 4.2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this specification. For dated or versioned references, only the edition cited (including any corrigenda or DMTF update versions) applies. For references without a date or version, the latest published edition of the referenced document (including any corrigenda or DMTF update versions) applies.

- DMTF DSP0236, *MCTP Base Specification 1.3.0*, [https://dmtof.org/sites/default/files/standards/documents/DSP0236\\_1.3.0.pdf](https://dmtof.org/sites/default/files/standards/documents/DSP0236_1.3.0.pdf)
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- DMTF DSP0274, *Security Protocol and Data Model (SPDM) Base Specification 1.0.0*, [https://dmtof.org/sites/default/files/standards/documents/DSP0274\\_1.0.0.pdf](https://dmtof.org/sites/default/files/standards/documents/DSP0274_1.0.0.pdf)
- *ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, Principles and rules for the structure and drafting of ISO and IEC documents*,



<https://isotc.iso.org/livelink/livelink.exe?func=ll&objId=4230456&objAction=browse&sort=subtype>

- IETF RFC5234, *Augmented BNF for Syntax Specifications: ABNF*, January 2008, <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5234>

## 4.3 Terms and definitions

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The terms that [DSP0236](#), [DSP0239](#), and [DSP0274](#) define also apply to this document.

## 4.4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

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The abbreviations defined in [DSP0236](#), [DSP0239](#), and [DSP0274](#) apply to this document.

## 4.5 SPDM over MCTP binding

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This specification defines how the Security protocol and data models transported over MCTP communications. SPDM is supported as a message type over MCTP. SPDM over MCTP binding defines the format of SPDM messages transported over MCTP. [DSP0274](#) defines the common fields for SPDM messages and their usage.

### 4.5.1 SPDM over MCTP message fields

Figure 1 shows the fields of an MCTP message body carrying an SPDM message.

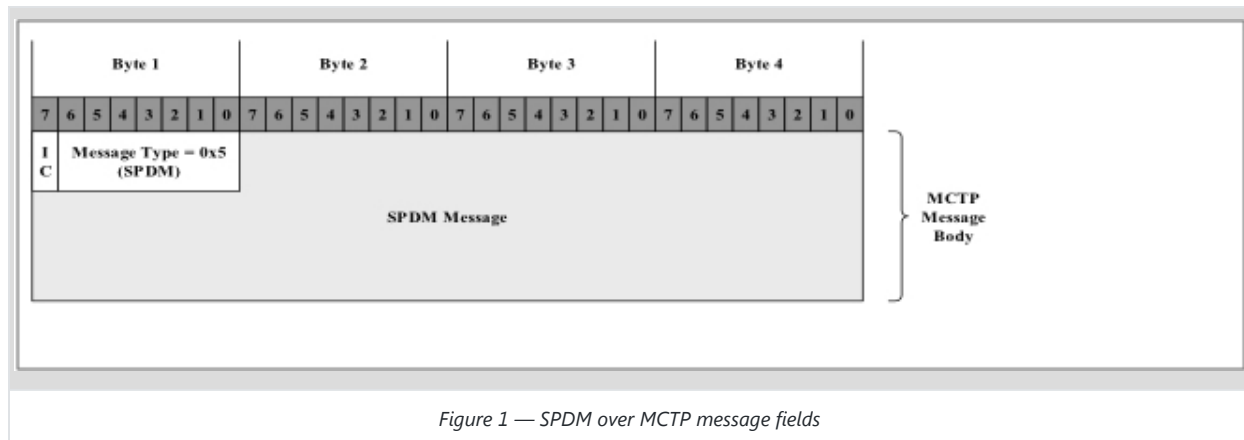


Table 1 defines the fields for the SPDM over MCTP message.

**Table 1: SPDM over MCTP message field descriptions**

Field name	Field size	Description
IC	One bit	Check bit = 0b SPDM over MCTP messages do not include an overall message integrity check field.
Message type	Seven bits	SPDM = 0x05 (000_0101b) Indicates that the MCTP message contains an SPDM message.
SPDM message	Variable	<a href="#">DSP0274</a> defines the base SPDM message fields.

## 4.5.2 Requester and responder tracking

The responder shall use the Source EID in the request message to track each SPDM requester. The requester shall use the Source EID in the response message to track each SPDM responder.

## 4.6 ANNEX A (informative)

### 4.6.1 Change log

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