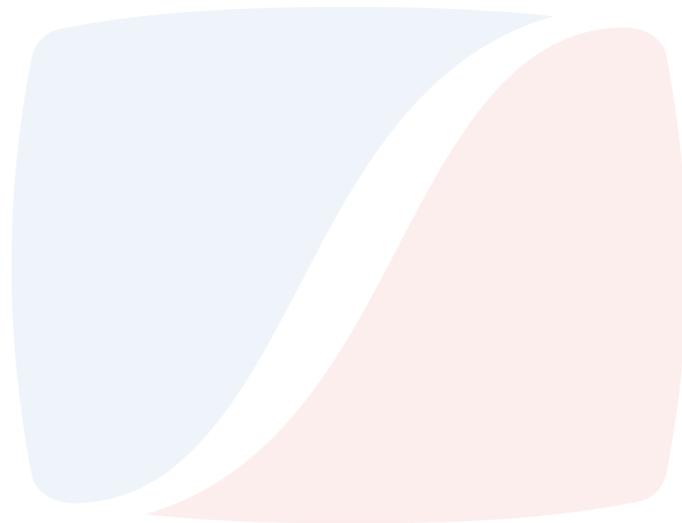


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## **Internet Protocol Media Experience (IPMX): HDCP Key Exchange Protocol**

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## Executive Summary

Internet Protocol Media Experience (IPMX) was created to foster the adoption of open standards-based protocols for interoperability over IP in the media and entertainment (M&E) and professional audio/video industries.

SMPTE ST 2110 and/or IPMX devices may be connected to baseband equipment which incorporates protection (specifically High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection System (HDCP)) to prevent the unauthorized copying content while in transit between sources and sinks. In this case, equipment which transports and streams this protected content must comply with HDCP standards.

This document describes interoperability requirements for devices implementing the "High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection System: Direct Adaptation Amendment, Revision 2.3, May 19, 2021" amendment of the "High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection System: Interface Independent Adaptation, Revision 2.3, May 02, 2018" specification.

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## 1 Introduction (Informative)

This VSF Technical Recommendation (TR) describes the HDCP Key Exchange Protocol (HKEP) for devices implementing the ST 2110 and/or IPMX and HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 standards and technical recommendations.

The objective, at the system level, is to distribute HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 encryption keys among a set of ST 2110/IPMX devices producing and consuming audio-video HDCP Content over multicast IP networks. The protocol aims at being as efficient and lightweight as possible, because IPMX devices are expected to vary greatly in terms of capabilities and processing power, and because we seek to have IPMX implemented in low cost devices.

The HKEP protocol is based on the "HDCP Direct Adaptation Amendment Rev. v2.3" amendment of the Digital Content Protection LLC (DCP LLC) specification "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3". It requires ST 2110/IPMX devices to have an HDCP v2.2+ compliant public certificate issued by the DCP LLC consortium as a minimum.

The HKEP protocol defines the behaviors of ST 2110/IPMX devices with respect to optional features or behaviors of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification. It also defines operational guidelines to obtain a high level of device interoperability. The HKEP specification does not change or replace any of the requirements or behaviors of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification. Devices implementing the HKEP protocol are expected to behave according to the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification and be fully compliant with it.

The HKEP and HDCP protocol messages are exchanged through an out-of-band TCP/IP channel. The encrypted content is transmitted over RTP/UDP/IP channels as per the ST 2110 standard and IPMX specifications. These channels taken together behave as an HDCP-protected Interface Port as per the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification. The TCP/IP and RTP/UDP/IP channels can be on the same or on different network interfaces.

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### 3 Normative References

HDCP Direct Adaptation Amendment Rev. 2.3: "High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection System: Direct Adaptation Amendment, Revision 2.3, May 19, 2021"

HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3: "High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection System: Interface Independent Adaptation, Revision 2.3, March 02, 2018"

HDCP 2.3 on HDMI Specification: "High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection System: Mapping HDCP to HDMI, Revision 2.3, February 28, 2018"

HDCP 2.3 on DisplayPort Specification: "High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection System: Mapping HDCP to DisplayPort, Revision 2.3, January 22, 2019"

HDCP 2.3 on HDBaseT Specification: "High-bandwidth Digital Content Protection System: Mapping HDCP to HDBaseT, Revision 2.3, July 26, 2019"

JT-NM TR-1001-1:2020, v1.1: "Joint Task Force on Networked Media, Technical Recommendation TR-1001-1:2020 v1.1, November 11, 2020, System Environment and Device Behaviors For SMPTE ST 2110 Media Nodes in Engineered Networks - Networks, Registration and Connection Management"

VSF\_TR-10-1:2022: "VSF Technical Recommendation: Internet Protocol Media Experience (IPMX): System Timing and Definitions"

VSF\_TR-10-8:2022: "VSF Technical Recommendation: Internet Protocol Media Experience (IPMX): NMOS"

AMWA IS-04 NMOS v1.3.1: "AMWA IS-04 NMOS Discovery and Registration Specification v1.3.1"

### 4 Acronyms

AMWA	Advanced Media Workflow Association
LRU	Least Recently Used
IPMX	Internet Protocol Media Experience
NMOS	Networked Media Open Specifications

HDCP	High bandwidth Digital Content Protection system
HKEP	HDCP Key Exchange Protocol.

## 5 Definitions

HDCP v2.2+	HDCP version greater than or equal to version 2.2
HDCP Content	As per "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3"
HDCP Device	As per "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3"
HDCP Device Key Set	A Device Key Set as per "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3"
HDCP <sub>HDMI</sub>	HDCP corresponding to media transmitted on an HDMI interface.
HDCP Protocol Descriptor	Protocol Descriptor value of an HDCP Device Key Set.
HDCP Receiver	As per "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3"
HDCP Receiver ID	As per "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3"
HDCP Repeater	As per "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3"
HDCP <sub>RTP</sub> v2.3	HDCP corresponding to media encapsulated in RTP as described in the "HDCP Direct Adaptation Amendment Rev. 2.3" specification of the DCP LLC "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3."
HDCP System	As per "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3"
HDCP Transmitter	As per "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3"
NodeId	A globally unique identifier associated with a Sender that corresponds to the AMWA IS-04 NMOS node_id

attribute of the Sender in an NMOS environment or to any other globally unique identifier in other environments. In both cases the identifier remains the same for all time (much in the same way as a serial number).

Null Topology	A topology described by an HDCP <sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 RepeaterAuth_Send_ReceiverID_List message having MAX_DEVS_EXCEEDED and MAX_CASCADE_EXCEEDED set to false, DEVICE_COUNT and DEPTH set to 0. Having DEPTH equal to 0 for an HDCP Repeater serves as an indication that the REPEATER is no longer subscribing to HDCP Content and is no longer considered part of the topology tree.
PortId	A locally unique identifier associated with a group of HDCP Content streams produced by a Sender.
ProtocolMaxContentStreams	An integer indicating the maximum number of content streams that can be declared in an HDCP <sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 RepeaterAuth_Stream_Manage message.
ProtocolVersionMajor	An integer in the range from 1 to 15 inclusively indicating the major version of the HKEP protocol.
ProtocolVersionMinor	An integer in the range from 0 to 15 inclusively indicating the minor version of the HKEP protocol.
ProtocolTimeout	An integer expressed in milliseconds indicating the maximum amount of time allowed for a protocol operation to complete successfully.
Receiver	As per "JT-NM TR-1001-1:2020, v1.1", it is a "Receiver Media Node" that consumes ST 2110/IPMX media streams.
Repeater	A "Media Node" that is both a Sender and a Receiver. It is described as having a Receiver side and a Sender side. Unless otherwise specified the Receiver side is referenced as a Receiver and the Sender side as a Sender.
RX Port	An HDCP Receiver as per "HDCP 2.3 on HDMI Specification", "HDCP 2.3 on DisplayPort Specification", "HDCP 2.3 on HDBaseT Specification" or any other adaptation that is not based on the "HDCP Direct Adaptation Amendment Rev. 2.3" specification.

RX <sub>ip</sub> Port	An HDCP Receiver that uses RTP/UDP/IP protocol to encapsulate the media and TCP/IP to transport messages as per "HDCP Direct Adaptation Amendment Rev. 2.3" specification of the DCP LLC "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3."
Self-Subscribing HDCP Repeater	An HDCP Repeater that virtually subscribes to itself as an active downstream HDCP Receiver when no other active downstream HDCP Devices are connected or authenticated.
Sender	As per "JT-NM TR-1001-1:2020, v1.1", it is a "Sender Media Node" that produces ST 2110/IPMX media streams.
ST 2110	SMPTE 2110 is a suite of standards from the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE) that describes how to send digital media over an IP network.
TX Port	An HDCP Transmitter as per "HDCP 2.3 on HDMI Specification", "HDCP 2.3 on DisplayPort Specification", "HDCP 2.3 on HDBaseT Specification" or any other adaptation that is not based on the "HDCP Direct Adaptation Amendment Rev. 2.3" specification.
TX <sub>ip</sub> Port	An HDCP Transmitter that uses RTP/UDP/IP protocol to encapsulate the media and TCP/IP to transport messages as per "HDCP Direct Adaptation Amendment Rev. 2.3" specification of the DCP LLC "HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3."

## 6 A Sender in an HDCP System

A Sender in an IP-based HDCP System is either an HDCP Transmitter or an HDCP Repeater. As an HDCP Repeater it shall have at least one TX<sub>ip</sub> Port and it shall have exactly one RX Port and no RX<sub>ip</sub> Port. It may have any number of TX Ports. As an HDCP Transmitter it shall have exactly one TX<sub>ip</sub> Port.

A Sender participating in an HDCP System shall produce media streams compliant with HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 and the normative text of this technical recommendation. The Sender shall behave in compliance with HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 and the normative text of this technical recommendation.

A Sender shall have an associated NodeId.

A Sender shall use the same HDCP session key  $k_s$  and initial vector  $r_{iv}$  for all its encrypted HDCP Content streams.

Note: A physical device may have connectors and ports that are not part of the description of a Sender in an HDCP System (see section 9 for more details on HDCP Systems). This is because this specification is interested only in the ports that connect the devices in an HDCP System topology tree.

### 6.1 Examples of Senders in an HDCP System (informative)

The first row of Figure 1 illustrates Senders as HDCP Repeaters while the second row illustrates them as HDCP Transmitters.

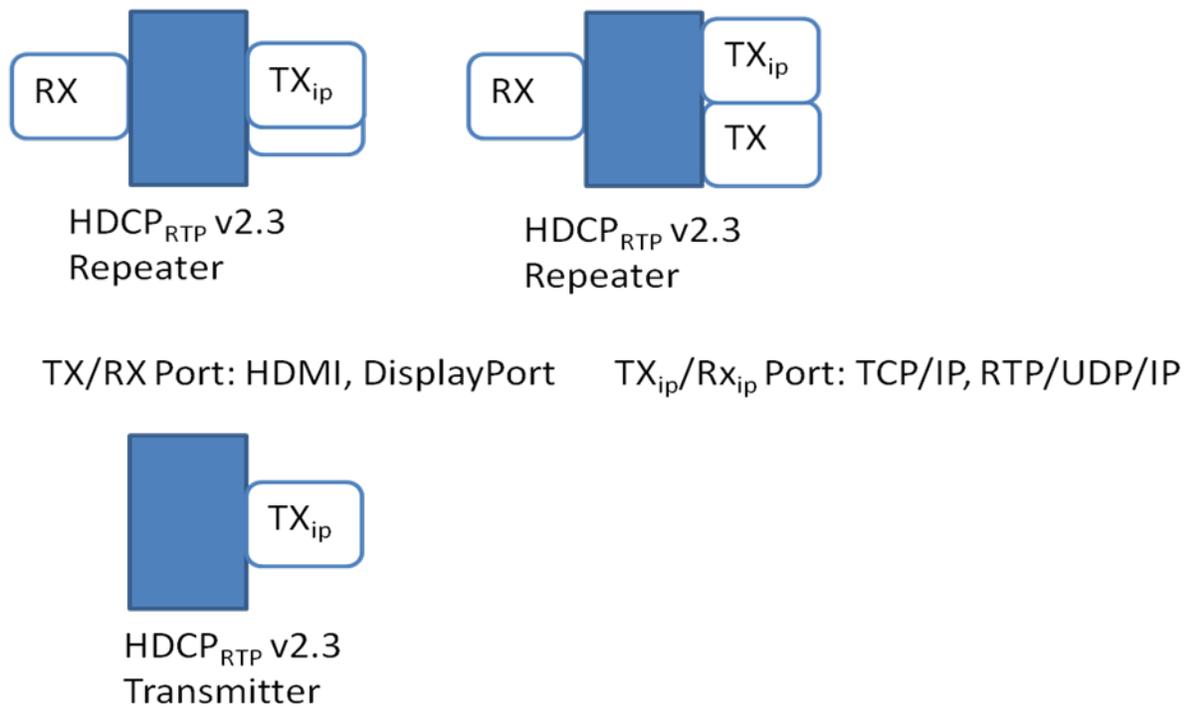


Figure 1- Examples of Senders

## 7 A Receiver in an HDCP System

A Receiver in an IP-based HDCP System is an HDCP Repeater since HKEP does not support true HDCP Receivers. It shall have at least one RX<sub>ip</sub> Port and it shall have no TX<sub>ip</sub> Port. It may have any number of TX Ports.

A Receiver participating in an HDCP System shall consume media streams compliant with HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 and the normative text of this technical recommendation. The Receiver shall behave in compliance with HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 and the normative text of this technical recommendation.

A Receiver subscribing to a Sender's HDCP Content shall behave as a Self-Subscribing HDCP Repeater unless at least one active downstream HDCP Device is connected and authenticated to prevent a transition from C5 to C0 as shown in "Figure 2.17. HDCP Repeater Upstream Authentication Protocol State Diagram" of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol.

A Receiver shall unsubscribe from a Sender's HDCP Content when no active downstream HDCP Devices are connected or authenticated, unless it is acting as a Self-Subscribing HDCP Repeater.

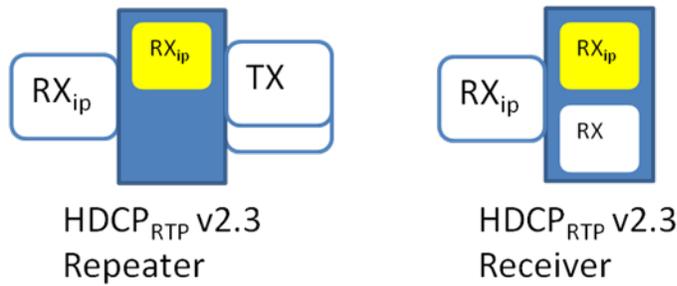
Note: This implies that a Receiver cannot appear in an HDCP System as an HDCP Receiver. It will always appear as an HDCP Repeater, possibly as a Self-Subscribing HDCP Repeater or as an HDCP Repeater having an internal active downstream HDCP Receiver. As such, a Receiver without any physical output connector cannot count for less than 2 HDCP Devices in an HDCP System topology tree (the RX<sub>ip</sub> Port and either an internal Self-Subscribing RX<sub>ip</sub> Port or an internal RX Port). This restriction relates to the normative text of section 2.10 of the HDCP Interface Independent Adaptation Specification Revision 2.3 which states, "If an HDCP Repeater has no active downstream HDCP Devices, it must authenticate as an HDCP Receiver with REPEATER set to 'false' if it wishes to receive HDCP Content, but must not pass HDCP Content to downstream devices." In the case of HKEP, if an HDCP Repeater has no real active downstream HDCP Devices and it wishes to receive HDCP Content, it must authenticate as an HDCP Repeater with REPEATER set to 'true' and declare a virtual active downstream HDCP Device (Self-Subscribing).

A Receiver shall have an associated HDCP Receiver ID.

Note: A physical device can have connectors and ports that are not part of the description of a Receiver in an HDCP System (see section 9 for more details on HDCP Systems) because this specification is interested only in the ports that connect the devices in an HDCP System topology tree.

## 7.1 Examples of Receivers in an HDCP System (informative)

In Figure 2 the yellow internal RX<sub>ip</sub> Port is the Self-Subscribing virtual downstream HDCP Receiver and the white internal RX Port represent an internal HDCP Receiver.



TX/RX Port: HDMI, DisplayPort    TX<sub>ip</sub>/RX<sub>ip</sub> Port: TCP/IP, RTP/UDP/IP

Figure 2 - Examples of Receivers

## 8 A Repeater in an HDCP System

A Repeater in an IP-based HDCP System is an HDCP Repeater. It shall have at least one TX<sub>ip</sub> Port and it shall have exactly one RX<sub>ip</sub> Port and no RX Port. It may have any number of TX Ports.

A Repeater participating in an HDCP System shall consume and produce media streams compliant with HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 and the normative text of this technical recommendation. The Repeater shall behave in compliance with HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 and the normative text of this technical recommendation.

The behavior of a Repeater is described either as a Repeater when considering the whole device, a Receiver when considering only the RX<sub>ip</sub> side, or a Sender when considering only the TX<sub>ip</sub> side. In this technical recommendation, unless otherwise specified, a Receiver refers to either the Receiver side of a Repeater, or a simple Receiver. Similarly, unless otherwise specified, a Sender refers to either the Sender side of a Repeater, or a simple Sender.

A Repeater subscribing to a Sender's HDCP Content shall behave as a Self-Subscribing HDCP Repeater unless at least one active downstream HDCP Device is connected and authenticated in order to prevent a transition from C5 to C0 as shown in "Figure 2.17. HDCP Repeater Upstream Authentication Protocol State Diagram" of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol.

A Receiver shall unsubscribe from a Sender's HDCP Content when no active downstream HDCP Devices are connected or authenticated, unless it behaves as a Self-Subscribing HDCP Repeater.

A Repeater shall have an associated NodeId.

A Repeater shall use the same HDCP session key  $k_s$  and initial vector  $r_{iv}$  for all its encrypted HDCP Content streams.

Note: A physical device can have connectors and ports that are not part of the description of a Repeater in an HDCP System (see section 9 for more details on HDCP Systems) because this specification is interested only in the ports that connect the devices in an HDCP System topology tree.

### 8.1 Examples of Repeaters in an HDCP System (informative)

In Figure 3 the yellow internal RX<sub>ip</sub> Port is the Self-Subscribing virtual downstream HDCP Receiver.

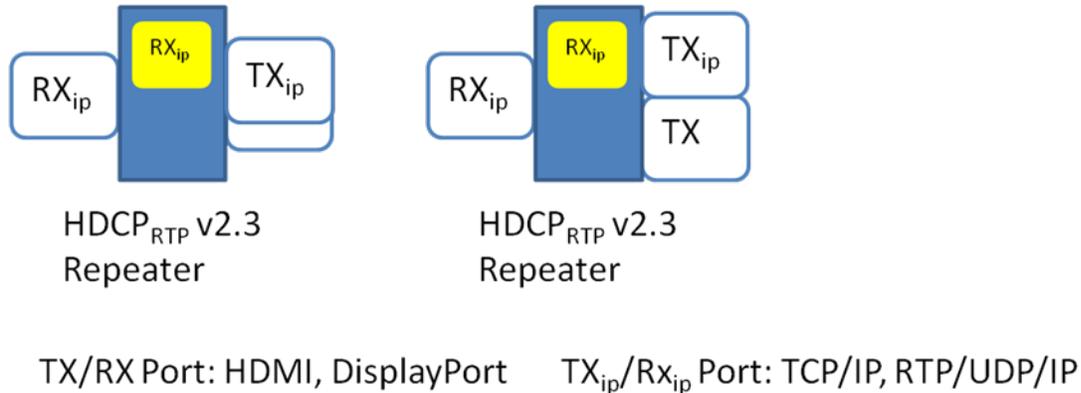


Figure 3 - Examples of Repeaters

## 9 HDCP System

An HDCP System represents a topology tree of devices through which flow HDCP Content. At the root of the tree there is an HDCP Transmitter (the most upstream device). In between the root and the leaves there are a number of optional layers of HDCP Repeaters. Finally, at the leaves of the tree there are a non-zero number of HDCP Receivers (the most downstream devices).

HDCP Content flows from the HDCP Transmitter at the root of the topology tree to either an HDCP Repeater (receiver side) or an HDCP Receiver. HDCP Content flows from an HDCP Repeater (sender side) to another HDCP Repeater (receiver side) or an HDCP Receiver.

HDCP Content flows through the HDCP System through RX Ports, TX Ports, RX<sub>ip</sub> Ports and TX<sub>ip</sub> Ports.

The group of streams making the HDCP Content that originates from the TX<sub>ip</sub> Port of a Sender acting as an HDCP Transmitter at the root of the topology tree, shall have an associated PortId value. It is such a group of streams, or a subset of such a group of streams, that flow through the HDCP System.

Similarly, the group of streams making the HDCP Content that originates from the TX Port of an HDCP device, acting as an HDCP Transmitter at the root of the topology tree, shall have an

associated PortId value. It is such a group of streams, or a subset of such a group of streams, that flow through the HDCP System.

The topology tree of an HDCP System describes the devices through which flow all or a subset of the HDCP Content streams originating from the HDCP Transmitter at the root of the topology tree. Each Sender or Repeater in a topology tree shall associate a PortId value to such a group or sub-group of HDCP Content streams.

The PortId value shall be locally unique for a given Sender or Repeater identified by a globally unique NodeId value. The PortId value identifies the HDCP Content flowing through an HDCP System.

Note: For example, an HDCP Transmitter having an HDMI output connector transmitting HDCP Content can carry multiple audio/video streams. Such a group of HDCP Content streams is associated with a PortId value. The concept of PortId is straightforward for HDMI and DisplayPort interfaces as it identifies all the content streams transmitted through a given physical connector. For an ST 2110/IPMX interface the concept of PortId does not refer to a physical interface but to the HDCP Content flowing through an ST 2110/IPMX interface in an HDCP System.

Note: A Sender, Repeater or Receiver may simultaneously participate in multiple topology trees. For example, a Sender acting as an HDCP Repeater having two physical HDMI input connectors (A and B) can participate in two HDCP Systems: a first having the HDCP Transmitter connected to the physical HDMI connector A as the root of the topology tree and a second having the HDCP Transmitter connected to the physical HDMI connector B as the root of the topology tree. Each HDCP System operates independently of the others. The HDCP Content streams flowing through the HDMI connector A must be identified independently of the HDCP Content streams flowing through the HDMI connector B.

Note: A second example of this is a Receiver acting as an HDCP Repeater with an internal HDCP Receiver doing picture-in-picture which can participate in two HDCP Systems: a first having a Sender identified by NodeId X which HDCP Content flows as the main picture on the screen, and a second having a Sender identified by NodeId Y which HDCP Content flows as the sub-picture on the screen. Each HDCP System operates independently of the others. The HDCP Content streams flowing through the Receiver as the main picture must be identified independently of the content streams flowing through the Receiver as the sub-picture.

Note: A Repeater or Receiver participating in a topology tree gets the PortId value of the HDCP Content produced by a Sender from the port-id parameter of the a=hkep: session attribute of the SDP transport file associated with the subscribed ST 2110/IPMX media stream. It is locally unique on the Sender but it may not be locally unique on the Repeater which generates a new locally unique PortId for the HDCP Content streams it produces.

## 9.1 HDCP on HDMI versus HDCP on RTP (informative)

As illustrated in Figure 4, with HDCP 2.3 on HDMI (HDCP<sub>HDMI</sub>) the HDMI cable provides two independent channels: the TMDS (transition-minimized differential signaling) unidirectional media channel to transport the content, and the I<sup>2</sup>C channel to transport the status and control messages.

With HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 there is a similar model where RTP/UDP/IP provides a high-speed unidirectional multicast media channel to transport the content, and TCP/IP provides a reliable channel to transport the status and control messages.

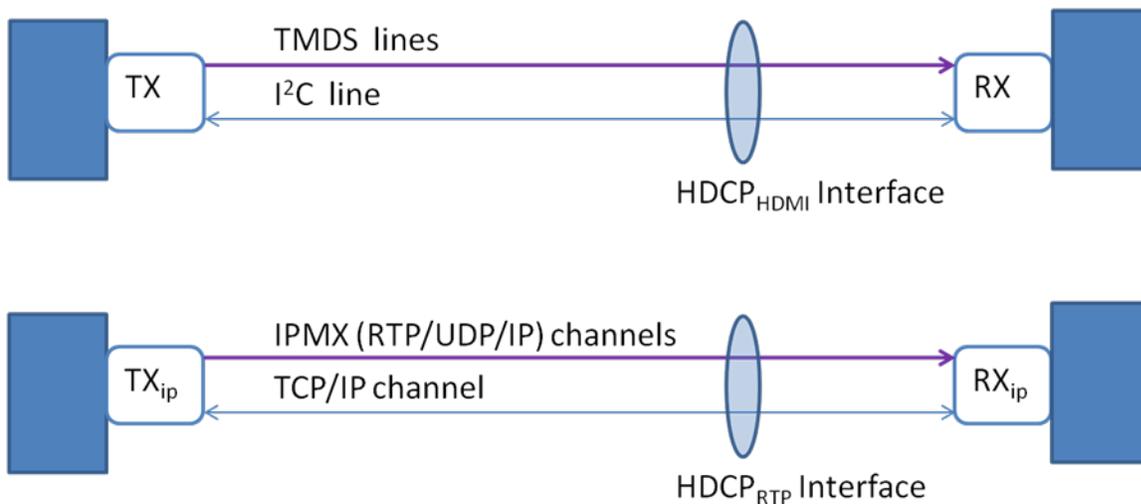


Figure 4 - HDCP on HDMI versus HDCP on RTP

A major distinction between the two systems is that an HDMI cable permanently and persistently connects a TX Port's physical HDMI output connector to an RX Port's physical HDMI input connector. It is a peer-to-peer connection where both the transport of status and control messages and media content are interrupted when the cable is disconnected. There may be a live signal on the TX Port but it is only when an HDMI cable is connected from the RX Port to the TX Port that media content starts to flow between the two ports. Similarly, it is only when an HDMI cable is connected from the RX Port to the TX Port that status and control messages start to flow between the two ports.

In an HDCP on RTP system the TCP/IP connection between the TX<sub>ip</sub> Port and RX<sub>ip</sub> Port is neither permanent nor persistent, and the multicast RTP/UDP/IP media channels represent a one-to-many distribution system. A disconnect of the TCP/IP channel does not interrupt the transport of media channels. A Receiver unsubscribing from a media channel does not interrupt the transport of media content to other subscribers or the transport of status and control messages. There may be a live signal on a media channel's multicast address but it is only when a Receiver subscribes to the media channel's multicast address that media content starts to flow between the

two ports. Similarly, it is only when a Receiver connects to a Sender through TCP/IP that status and control messages start to flow between the two ports.

Although the most generic model is described with multicast RTP/UDP/IP media channels, unicast RTP/UDP/IP media channels are also possible.

The multicast/unicast RTP/UDP/IP media channels may involve redundancy channels and/or error correction channels or any other mechanisms associated with the transport of the media content.

## 9.2 Non-HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 Connections

The connection between an RX Port and a TX Port in a non-IP based HDCP System shall behave according to an HDCP interface specific specification such as the "HDCP 2.3 on HDMI Specification", the "HDCP 2.3 on DisplayPort Specification", the "HDCP 2.3 on HDBaseT Specification" or any other HDCP interface specific specification that is not HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3.

Note: For example, the "HDCP 2.3 on HDMI" protocol is used between a TX Port and an RX Port, each corresponding respectively to physical HDMI output and input connectors.

## 9.3 HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 Connections

The connection between an RX<sub>ip</sub> Port and a TX<sub>ip</sub> Port in an IP-based HDCP System shall behave according to the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 interface specific specification and the normative text of this technical recommendation.

The HDCP Device Key Set associated with an RX<sub>ip</sub> Port shall have an HDCP Protocol Descriptor value equal to 0x01 to indicate an HDCP v2.2+ compliant device.

A Receiver subscribing to HDCP Content streams associated with a given PortId from a Sender shall create a TCP/IP connection from an RX<sub>ip</sub> Port (the client) of the Receiver and a TX<sub>ip</sub> Port (the server) of the Sender. After the TCP/IP "connect" operation, the client and server shall execute the HKEP protocol defined in this technical recommendation. The execution of the HKEP protocol results in the exchange of HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 messages. After a successful execution of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol, the Receiver obtains the encryption key used by the Sender to encrypt the subscribed HDCP Content streams.

The HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol is used between a TX<sub>ip</sub> Port and an RX<sub>ip</sub> Port to distribute encryption keys and exchange HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 messages.

Note: The TCP/IP connection is used to exchange HKEP and HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 messages, while the encrypted HDCP Content is transmitted by a Sender to a number of Receivers using multicast RTP/UDP/IP according to the ST 2110/IPMX protocol.

Note: The TCP/IP and RTP/UDP/IP channels may reside on the same or on different network interfaces of a Sender or Receiver device.

### 9.3.1 About Receivers

A Receiver may subscribe to HDCP Content from a number of Senders, thus participating simultaneously in multiple HDCP Systems. All the  $RX_{ip}$  Ports of a Receiver shall share the same HDCP Device Key set, hence the same HDCP Receiver ID. As per the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification "HDCP Receivers and HDCP Repeaters with multiple inputs may share the same Public Key Certificates and Private Keys across all inputs".

### 9.3.2 About Repeaters

A Repeater may subscribe to HDCP Content from a number of Senders thus participating simultaneously in multiple HDCP Systems. All the  $RX_{ip}$  Ports of a Repeater shall share the same HDCP Device Key set, hence the same HDCP Receiver ID. As per the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification "HDCP Receivers and HDCP Repeaters with multiple inputs may share the same Public Key Certificates and Private Keys across all inputs".

### 9.3.3 About $TX_{ip}$ and $RX_{ip}$ Ports

The  $TX_{ip}$  Port of a Sender is spawned from a TCP/IP server socket associated with a given server address-port pair (server IP address, server port number). Each TCP/IP connection from a client spawns a new  $TX_{ip}$  Port corresponding to a socket associated with a new server address-port pair (server IP address, dynamic server port number). Multiple instances materialize when clients connect to the server and spawn multiple  $TX_{ip}$  Ports.

The  $RX_{ip}$  Port of a Receiver corresponds to a TCP/IP client socket associated with a given client address-port pair (client IP address, client port number). There are as many  $RX_{ip}$  Ports on a Receiver as there are connections to different Senders but because of the properties of the HDCP System, only one such  $RX_{ip}$  Port is used in a given topology tree. A Receiver shall use a single TCP/IP connection for all the HDCP Content streams produced by a given Sender.

### 9.3.4 About Protocol Layers (informative)

Figure 5 illustrates the various protocol layers of the system.

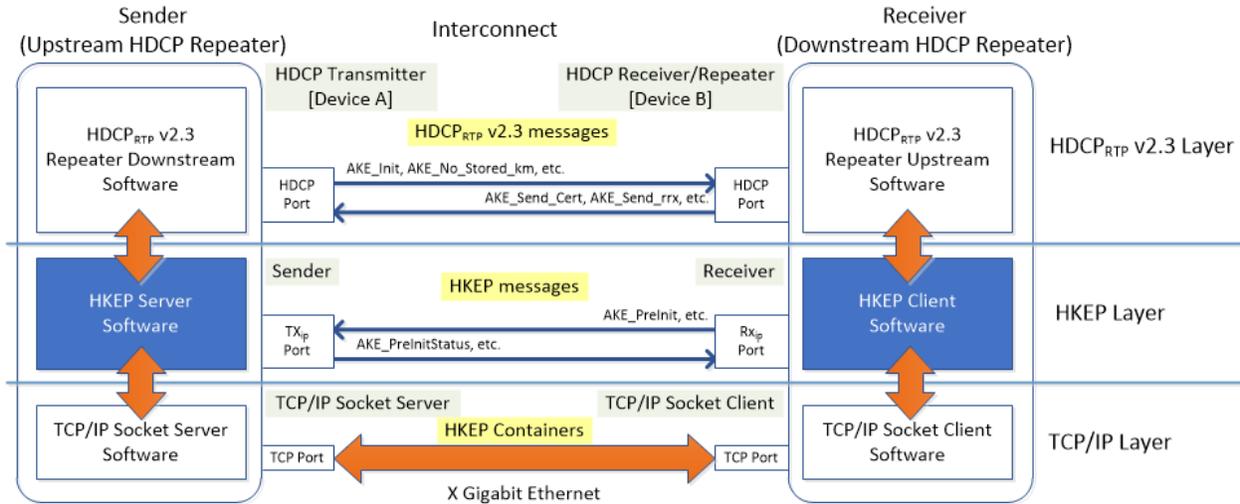


Figure 5 - Protocol Layers

- The HKEP software receives an HKEP container transferred from its lower layer TCP/IP socket software.
- The HKEP software gets the protocol message from the HKEP container and checks the msg\_id value. If it is in the range from 1 to 31 inclusively, the message is an HDCP RTP v2.3 protocol message, otherwise if it is in the range from 32 to 63 inclusively the message is an HKEP protocol message, otherwise the message is invalid.
- If the message is an HKEP protocol message, the HKEP software processes it. Otherwise, if the message is an HDCP RTP v2.3 protocol message the HKEP software forwards it to the HDCP RTP v2.3 software for processing.

## 10 SDP Transport File

A Sender shall provide an SDP transport file for signalling the parameters of an ST 2110/IPMX media stream.

In an NMOS environment, a Sender shall make an associated SDP transport file available through the method described in VSF\_TR-10-8.

The SDP transport file shall contain at least one "hkep" session attribute when the associated ST 2110/IPMX media stream is HDCP Content. The format is as follows:

**a=hkep:<port> <nettype> <addrtype> <unicast-address> <node-id> <port-id>**

<port> shall be the server port number of the Sender TCP/IP socket listening for HKEP connections.

<nettype> shall be IN

<addrtype> shall be either IP4 or IP6

- <unicast-address> shall be the IPv4 or IPv6 address of the Sender TCP/IP socket listening for HKEP connections.
- <node-id> shall be the NodeId value of the Sender producing the HDCP Content, formatted as a sequence of 32 hexadecimal digits formatted as xxxxxxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxxxxxxxxxx
- <port-id> shall be the PortId value associated with the HDCP Content produced by the Sender, formatted as a sequence of 10 hexadecimal digits formatted as xx-xx-xx-xx-xx

The SDP transport file may contain multiple "hkep" session attributes, listed in order of preference from the point of view of the Sender.

A Receiver shall try the first item of the list and fallback to the next one if it cannot connect using the first one and so on.

Upon a successful connection with the Sender using the parameters from an entry of the list, a Receiver shall continue using the same parameters until a connection attempt fails, in which case the Receiver shall restart from the first entry of the list.

## 11 Constants

In this technical recommendation the following definitions shall have the following values

ProtocolVersionMajor	1
ProtocolVersionMinor	0
ProtocolTimeout	7000 milliseconds
ProtocolMaxContentStreams	128

## 12 The HKEP Protocol

The HKEP protocol describes a preamble to the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol and prescribes the expected behavior of optional aspects of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol. It also describes the interactions of Senders and Receivers implementing the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol.

The HKEP protocol shall transport the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol messages over TCP/IP. The HKEP protocol layer is made of the AKE\_PreInit and AKE\_PreInitStatus messages and the encapsulation of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol messages.

### 12.1 HKEP Overview (informative)

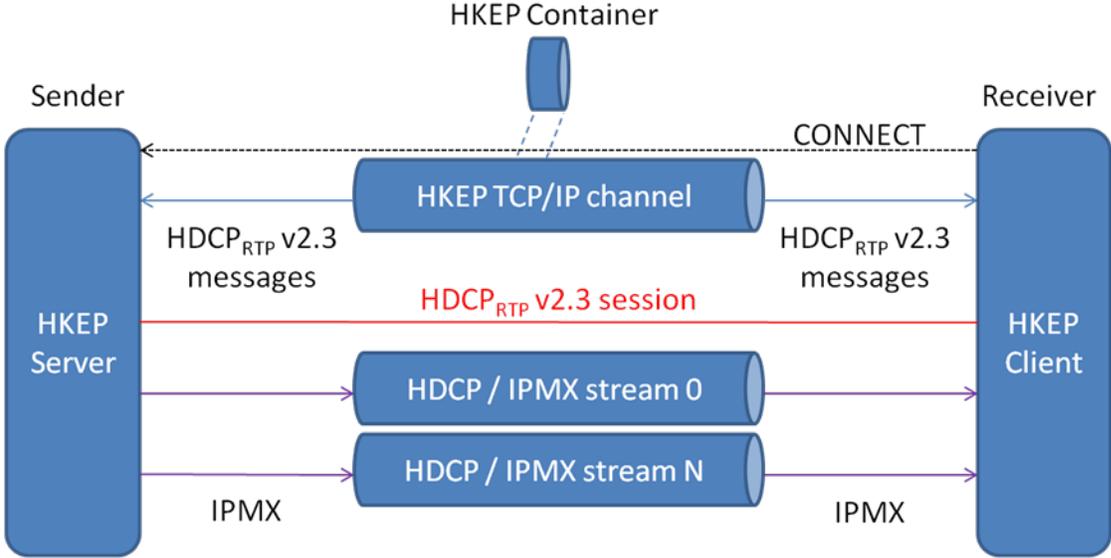


Figure 6 - HKEP Overview

### 12.2 HKEP Container

An HKEP container corresponds to the aggregation of { msgSize, HDCEP RTP v2.3 message or HKEP message, a number of msgExtraBytes }. An "HDCEP RTP v2.3 message" refers to an HDCEP RTP v2.3 protocol message only, and an "HKEP message" refers to an HKEP protocol message only. An "augmented HDCEP RTP v2.3 message" refers to the aggregation of { msgSize, HDCEP RTP v2.3 message }, and an "augmented HKEP message" refers to the aggregation of { msgSize, HKEP message }.

Layer	Payload
HKEP	msgSize
HDCEP / HKEP	HDCEP RTP v2.3 message or HKEP message
HKEP	a number of msgExtraBytes

### 12.3 HKEP Message Size

All the HDCEP RTP v2.3 protocol messages are augmented by a 2-byte unsigned integer (uint) prefix msg\_size, indicating the total size of the HKEP container, including msg\_size. The msg\_size value shall be larger or equal to the sum of the sizes of the augmented HDCEP RTP v2.3 message and msg\_size. The message shall be decoded according to the HDCEP RTP v2.3 specification of the message, and the extra bytes shall be ignored unless otherwise specified.

Similarly, all the HKEP protocol messages shall be augmented by a 2-byte uint prefix msg\_size, indicating the total size of the HKEP container, including msg\_size. The msg\_size value shall be greater than or equal to the sum of the sizes of the augmented HKEP message and msg\_size. The message shall be decoded according to the HKEP specification of the message, and the extra bytes shall be ignored unless otherwise specified.

The `msg_size` value shall be in big-endian format.

Note: A typical implementation would perform a message receive operation by first reading the big-endian `msg_size` from the TCP/IP stream and then read (`msg_size - 2`) bytes to get the remaining part of the augmented HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 or the augmented HKEP message and possibly trailing extra bytes. The known elements of the message are processed and the trailing extra bytes are ignored.

Note: The `msg_size` prefix provides the necessary information to delimit the messages of the TCP/IP stream. Without such information full parsing of the messages is required in order to properly delimit them. Using a size prefix is a common approach of delimiting messages of a TCP/IP stream.

## 12.4 HKEP Messages

The HKEP protocol layer uses two `msg_id` values (message types) outside the valid range from 1 to 20 inclusively and the reserved range from 21 to 31 defined by the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol. There is no interference with the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol because HKEP messages are exchanged only during the preamble of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol.

The HKEP protocol defines the following messages:

Message Type	msg_id value
AKE_PreInit	32
AKE_PreInitStatus	33

### 12.4.1 Protocol Version

The `version_major:version_minor` attribute of the HKEP messages encodes the HKEP protocol version. The version is encoded into a byte with the `version_major` number in the 4 most significant bits and the `version_minor` number in the 4 least significant bits. The `version_major` and `version_minor` values shall be the `ProtocolVersionMajor` and `ProtocolVersionMinor` values defined in this document.

Both the client and server sides of a TCP/IP connection shall use the same HKEP protocol version. The server side may select a protocol version matching the protocol version of the client, as defined in the `AKE_PreInit` message. If the server side cannot match the client protocol version, it shall fail and respond with an `AKE_PreInitStatus` message with the `version_major:version_minor` attribute set to the highest version supported by the server and the status attribute set to `statusInvalidParameters`. The client may retry to execute the HKEP protocol using the version from the `AKE_PreInitStatus` response. If the server side can match the client protocol version, it shall respond with an `AKE_PreInitStatus` message with the `version_major:version_minor` attribute of the client `AKE_PreInit` message.

Note: All the versions of the HKEP protocol will have as the first two bytes of the messages: `msg_id` and `version_major :version_minor`. Newer versions of the HKEP protocol may add new





## 12.5 Vendor Extensions

The AKE\_PreInit and AKE\_PreInitStatus messages allocate 16 bytes for vendor specific extensions of the HKEP protocol. The content of the vendorExtension attribute of those messages is not specified by this technical recommendation. An optional behavior is proposed to allow a minimum interoperability across vendors.

A Sender should copy the value of the vendorExtension attribute from an AKE\_PreInit message into the vendorExtension attribute of the AKE\_PreInitStatus message response. This is the recommended cross-vendor behavior of a Sender.

A Sender could also respond with a value of the vendorExtension attribute in the AKE\_PreInitStatus message which is different from the one received in an AKE\_PreInit message. This is the recommended same-vendor behavior of a Sender.

Note: The vendorExtension space allocated within AKE\_PreInit and AKE\_PreInitStatus messages should allow vendors to easily add debugging extensions/information to their systems and help in reaching a high level of stability both in same-vendor and cross-vendor scenarios.

## 12.6 The receiver protocol

The following protocol shall be executed when the receiver attribute of an AKE\_PreInit message is true.

The AKE\_PreInit message shall always be the first message exchanged after a TCP/IP connection from a client to a server. The server shall be a Sender and the client shall be a Receiver. The AKE\_PreInit.receiver attribute of the message shall be true.

The client and server instances of the TCP/IP connection shall enter the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol right after the exchange of the AKE\_PreInit and AKE\_PreInitStatus messages (see sections 12.8 Figure 11, Figure 12 and 12.9 Figure 13, Figure 14 for associated server and client flowcharts).

The HDCP Transmitter interface port of a TCP/IP link shall assume a "Receiver Connected Indication" after the successful exchange of the AKE\_PreInit and AKE\_PreInitStatus messages, at the moment an AKE\_Init message is sent by the Sender to the Receiver. At this time such Receiver may start subscribing to the associated HDCP Content from such Sender.

The HDCP Transmitter interface port of a TCP/IP link shall assume a "Receiver Disconnected Indication" when the HKEP session associated with an HDCP session expires.

An HKEP session shall bind a Receiver HDCP Receiver ID to a Sender NodeId and to an HDCP Content PortId. Those attributes are part of the AKE\_PreInit message as receiverId, nodeId and portId respectively. Once an HKEP session becomes valid at a Sender (see section 13.2 for more details) it shall not expire unless it becomes inactive, or the associated HDCP session key is invalidated. Once an HKEP session becomes valid at a Receiver (see section 13.2 for more details) it shall not expire unless it becomes inactive, or the Receiver unsubscribes from the

associated HDCP Content. The validity of an HDCP session shall match the validity of an HKEP session.

An HKEP session shall become inactive at a Sender when the associated Receiver presents a Null Topology to the Sender, by sending an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List message with the DEVICE\_COUNT and DEPTH attributes set to 0.

An HKEP session may become inactive at a Receiver at any time after the Receiver unsubscribes from the associated HDCP Content.

A Receiver shall close the TCP/IP connection when the HKEP or HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocols fail, and it shall expire the associated HKEP session which remains invalid. A Receiver detects that the HKEP or HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocols failed when the Sender closes the TCP/IP connection before an HDCP session becomes valid (see section 13.2 for more details).

A Sender shall close the TCP/IP connection when the HKEP or HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocols fail, and it shall expire the associated HKEP session which remains invalid. A Sender detects that the HKEP or HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol failed when the Receiver closes the TCP/IP connection before an HDCP session becomes valid (see section 13.2 for more details).

A Sender may close the TCP/IP connection after a first successful exchange of the RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List and RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage messages with a Receiver once an HKEP session becomes valid (see section 13.2 for more details).

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### 12.6.1 With explicit pairing

When the AKE\_PreInit.pairing flag is true, it indicates that the connection shall perform only the AKE stage of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol and terminate. When this flag is true, only the msg\_id, version\_\*, pairing, receiver and vendorExtension attributes of the AKE\_PreInit message are valid and the remaining attributes shall be ignored.

The Sender shall respond with an AKE\_PreInitStatus message with the status attribute set to statusInvalidParameters if some of the AKE\_PreInit attributes are invalid, and it shall close the TCP/IP connection.

Otherwise, the Sender shall respond with an AKE\_PreInitStatus message with the status attribute set to statusPairingExpired, and it shall start the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol by sending the AKE\_Init message to the Receiver. If the Sender already has pairing information available for the Receiver, it should signal AKE\_Stored\_km to the Receiver. Otherwise it shall signal AKE\_No\_Stored\_km to the Receiver.

The Receiver, after sending the AKE\_PreInit message, shall wait for the AKE\_PreInitStatus response, and it shall start the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol by receiving the AKE\_Init message. After sending the AKE\_Send\_Pairing\_Info message, the Receiver should wait until the TCP/IP connection is closed by the Sender. Upon receiving the AKE\_Send\_Pairing\_Info message, the Sender shall store the associated pairing information in a slot of an LRU cache in memory and close the TCP/IP connection. It should also store the associated pairing information in a secure non-volatile memory to recover it upon device restarts.

A Sender may support a limited number of pairing slots. The pairingSlots attribute of the AKE\_PreInitStatus message shall indicate the maximum number of pairing slots available on the Sender. The Sender shall maintain an LRU cache of the pairing information using the AKE\_PreInit.receiverId attribute as the key.

The sessionSlots attribute of the AKE\_PreInitStatus message shall indicate the maximum number of session slots available on the Sender.

The pairing of Receivers with Senders should be performed "offline" such that the Senders and Receivers can accelerate the execution of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 AKE protocol phase.

### 12.6.2 With implicit pairing

When the AKE\_PreInit.pairing flag is false, it indicates that the connection shall perform the full the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol. When this flag is false, all the attributes of the AKE\_PreInit message are valid.

The Sender shall respond with an AKE\_PreInitStatus message with the status attribute set to statusInvalidParameters if some of the AKE\_PreInit attributes are invalid, and it shall close the TCP/IP connection.

Otherwise, the Sender shall respond with an AKE\_PreInitStatus message with the status attribute set to statusPairingExpired if the pairing with the Receiver identified by the AKE\_PreInit.receiverId attribute has not been performed or has expired. Then it shall start the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol by sending the AKE\_Init message to the Receiver.

Otherwise, the Sender shall respond with an AKE\_PreInitStatus message with the status attribute set to statusSessionExpired if the Receiver identified by the AKE\_PreInit.receiverId attribute attempts to join an expired/invalid HKEP session or the Receiver has set the restart/REAUTH\_REQ flag. Then it shall start the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol by sending the AKE\_Init message to the Receiver. If the Sender has pairing information available for the Receiver it should signal AKE\_Stored\_km to the Receiver otherwise it shall signal AKE\_No\_Stored\_km to the Receiver.

Otherwise, the Sender shall respond with an AKE\_PreInitStatus message with the status attribute set to statusOk if the HKEP session is valid and has not expired. Then it shall restart an existing HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 session at the Authentication with Repeaters stage.

A Receiver may connect to a Sender with the restart/REAUTH\_REQ flag of the AKE\_PreInit message set to true at any time. It could be because it restarted, it reached the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 unauthenticated state, or because of any other reason.

When a Receiver sets the AKE\_PreInit restart/REAUTH\_REQ flag to true, or the AKE\_PreInitStatus response has the status attribute set to statusPairingExpired or statusSessionExpired, the topology information stored in an active HKEP session of the Sender shall remain effective, even if the HDCP protocol restarts at the AKE\_Init stage. Only a fully authenticated HDCP Repeater shall be allowed to change the state (topology) of an active HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 session.

The Receiver, after sending the AKE\_PreInit message, shall wait for the AKE\_PreInitStatus response to detect a success or failure as follow.

If the AKE\_PreInitStatus response has the status attribute set to statusInvalidParameters, the Receiver shall close the TCP/IP connection.

Otherwise if the AKE\_PreInitStatus response has the status attribute set to statusPairingExpired or statusSessionExpired, the Receiver shall start the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol by receiving the AKE\_Init message. After receiving the AKE\_Send\_Pairing\_Info message, the Sender shall store the associated pairing information in a slot of an LRU cache in memory. It should also store the associated pairing information in a secure non-volatile memory to recover it upon device restarts. A Sender may support a limited number of pairing slots. The pairingSlots attribute of the AKE\_PreInitStatus message shall indicate the maximum number of pairing slots available on the Sender. The Sender shall maintain an LRU cache of the pairing information using the AKE\_PreInit.receiverId attribute as the key.

Otherwise if the AKE\_PreInitStatus response has the status attribute set to statusOk, the Receiver shall restart an existing HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 session at the Authentication with Repeaters stage.

A Receiver subscribing to HDCP Content produced by a Sender shall connect to the Sender and shall send an AKE\_PreInit message filled with the receiverId attribute set to the Receiver HDCP Receiver ID, the nodeId attribute set to the NodeId of the Sender and the portId attribute set to the PortId of the subscribed HDCP Content. The Sender shall respond with an AKE\_PreInitStatus message indicating that the receiver is joining a new HKEP session (statusPairingExpired or statusSessionExpired), or an active HKEP session (statusOk).

The `nodeId` attribute of the `AKE_PreInit` message shall identify the Sender targeted by the connection and producing the HDCP Content. It shall uniquely identify the Sender and correspond to the `node-id` parameter of the SDP transport file "hkep" session attribute.

The `portId` attribute of the `AKE_PreInit` message shall identify the HDCP Content targeted by the connection and consumed by the Receiver, and shall correspond to the `port-id` parameter of the SDP transport file "hkep" session attribute.

The `receiverId` attribute of the `AKE_PreInit` message shall correspond to the Receiver HDCP Receiver ID establishing the connection and consuming the HDCP Content.

Senders and Receivers shall cache their active HKEP sessions. A Sender shall reuse a cached session unless it becomes inactive or expired. A Receiver shall reuse a cached session unless the session becomes inactive, expired, the Receiver sets the `restart/ REAUTH_REQ` flag on an `AKE_PreInit` message, or the status attribute of an `AKE_PreInitStatus` response from a Sender is not set to `statusOk`.

Senders and Receivers may support a limited number of session slots. The attribute `sessionSlots` of the `AKE_PreInitStatus` message shall indicate the maximum number of slots available on the Sender. The Sender shall maintain an LRU cache of the session information using the `AKE_PreInit.receiverId` and `AKE_PreInit.portId` attributes as the key. The Receiver shall maintain a cache of the session information using the `AKE_PreInit.nodeId` and `AKE_PreInit.portId` attributes as the key.

A Receiver should make its HKEP session inactive at a Sender when it no longer subscribed to the associated HDCP Content by sending an `HDCP_RTP v2.3`

`RepeaterAuth_Send_ReceiverID_List` message with the `DEVICE_COUNT` and `DEPTH` attributes set to 0 (Null Topology). Only a fully authenticated HDCP Repeater shall be allowed to change the state (topology) of an active `HDCP_RTP v2.3` session.

Note: A Receiver that unsubscribes from the HDCP Content of a Sender but that does not terminate its HKEP sessions, consumes resources on the Sender and remains in the downstream topology observed by the Sender. This may become problematic if multiple Receivers do not make their HKEP session inactive on the Sender.

### 12.6.3 With reconnect

A Receiver should reconnect to a Sender with the `restart/REAUTH_REQ` attribute of the `AKE_PreInit` message set to `false` after an HKEP session has become valid (see section 13.2 for more details) when topology information associated with an HKEP session has changed, the `streamCtr` value received along with an encrypted HDCP Content stream associated with an HKEP session is not found in the last `RepeaterAuth_Stream_Manage` message received from the Sender, or to make an HKEP session inactive.

When a Receiver reconnects to a Sender with the restart/REAUTH\_REQ attribute of the AKE\_PreInit message set to false, it shall either send an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List message (new topology information) or an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 Null message (no new topology information). The Sender reconnecting to an active HKEP session with a Receiver shall either send an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage message (new stream types), or an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 Null message (no new stream types).

The Sender and Receiver may close the TCP/IP connection after successfully exchanging RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List and RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage messages with each other.

Note: The objective of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 Null message (msg\_id 1) is to quickly indicate to the peer that there is no new information available (see section 13.2 for more details).

#### 12.6.4 Protocol illustration with explicit pairing (informative)

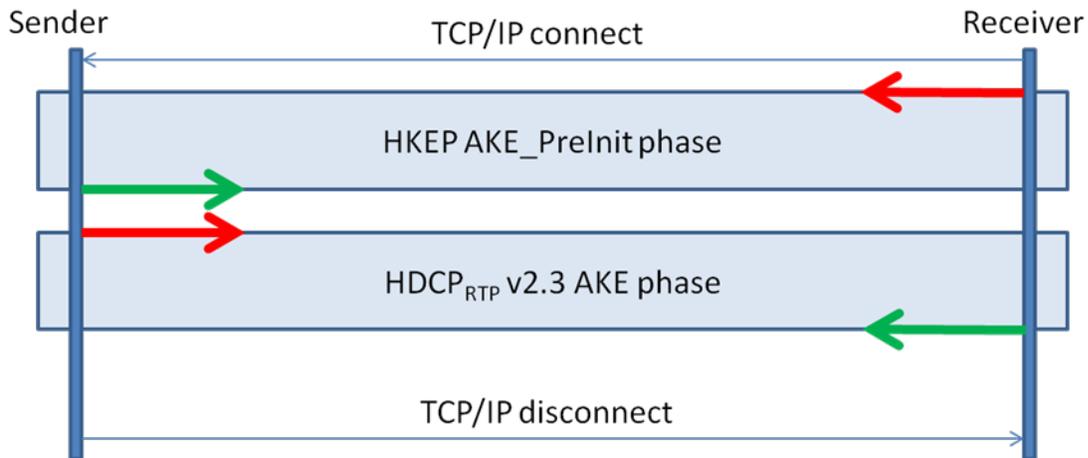


Figure 7 - Protocol with explicit pairing

### 12.6.5 Protocol illustration with implicit pairing (informative)

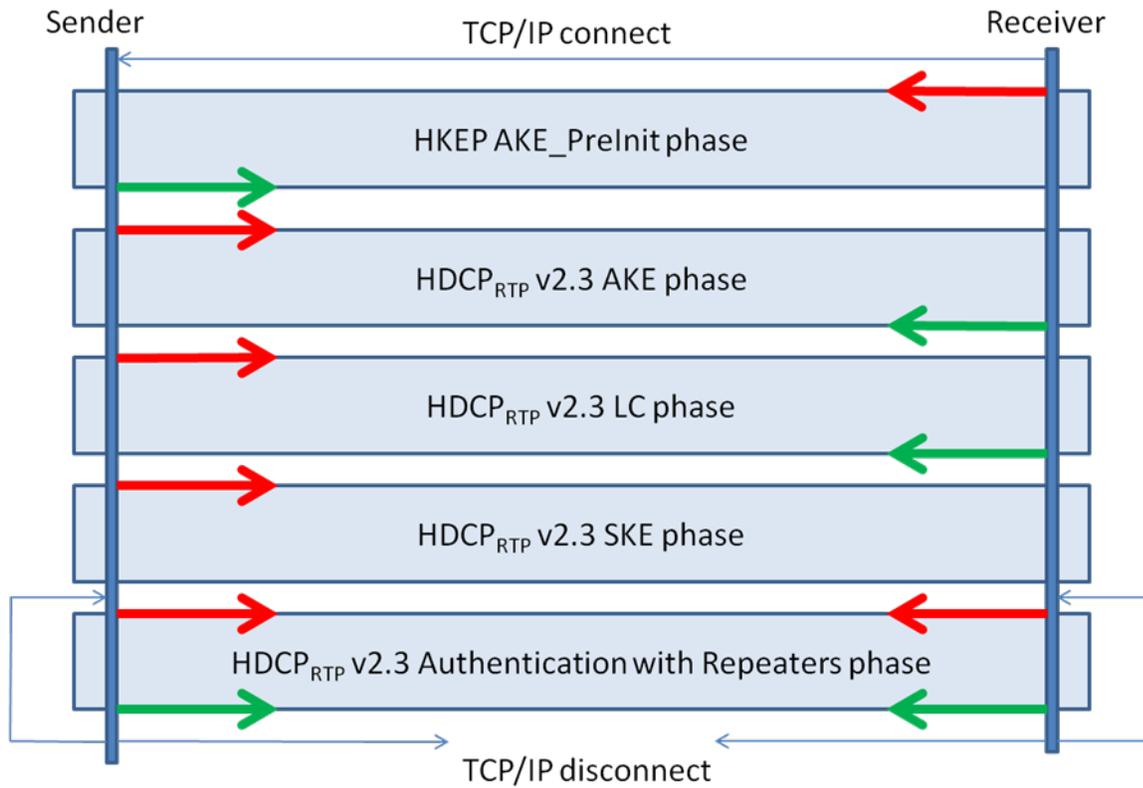


Figure 8 - Protocol with implicit pairing

### 12.6.6 Protocol illustration with reconnect (informative)

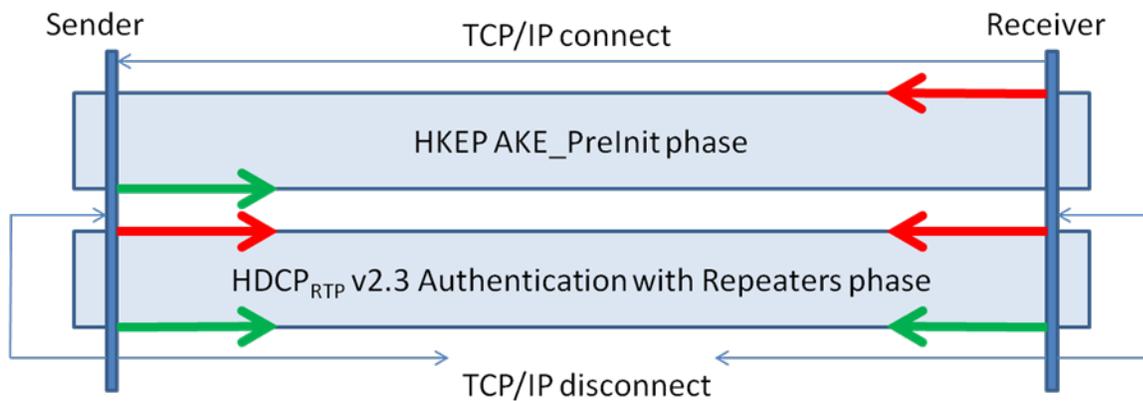


Figure 9 - Protocol with reconnect

## 12.7 The non-receiver protocol

The following protocol shall be executed when the receiver attribute of an AKE\_PreInit message is false.

Note: In an NMOS environment, an AMWA NMOS controller may use this protocol to inspect the HKEP pairingSlots and sessionSlots capabilities of a Sender.

The pairingSlots and sessionSlots attributes of the AKE\_PreInitStatus message shall indicate the maximum number of slots supported by the device.

Note: There is no mechanism for retrieving the actual number of slots available at any given time.

The AKE\_PreInit message shall be the first message exchanged after a TCP/IP connection from a client to a server. The server shall be a Sender and the client could be of any type. The receiver attribute of the message shall be false and the pairing attribute shall be true.

The client and server instances of the TCP/IP connection shall only exchange the AKE\_PreInit and AKE\_PreInitStatus messages (see sections 12.8 and 12.9 for associated server and client flowcharts).

Only the msg\_id, version\_\*, pairing, receiver and vendorExtension attributes of the AKE\_PreInit message are valid and the remaining attributes shall be ignored.

If some of the AKE\_PreInit attributes are invalid, the Sender shall respond with an AKE\_PreInitStatus message with the status attribute set to statusInvalidParameters, and shall close the TCP/IP connection.

If all the AKE\_PreInit attributes are valid, the Sender shall respond with an AKE\_PreInitStatus message with status attribute set to statusOk, and the pairingSlots and sessionSlots attributes shall indicate the maximum device capabilities.

Note: The pairing flag indicates that the connection performs the AKE stage of the protocol and terminate, but as the connecting device is not a Receiver, there is no such AKE stage to execute, and so the Sender will close the TCP/IP connection after sending the AKE\_PreInitStatus response.

### 12.7.1 Protocol illustration for non-receivers (informative)

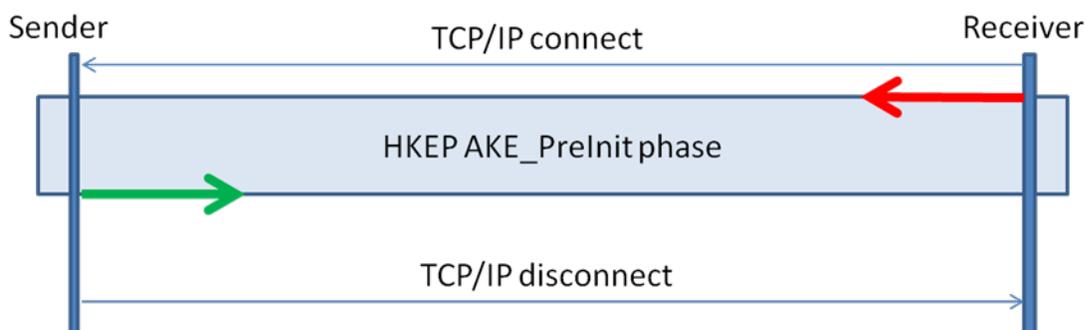


Figure 10 - Protocol for non-receivers

## 12.8 Sender (server side) protocol flowcharts (informative)

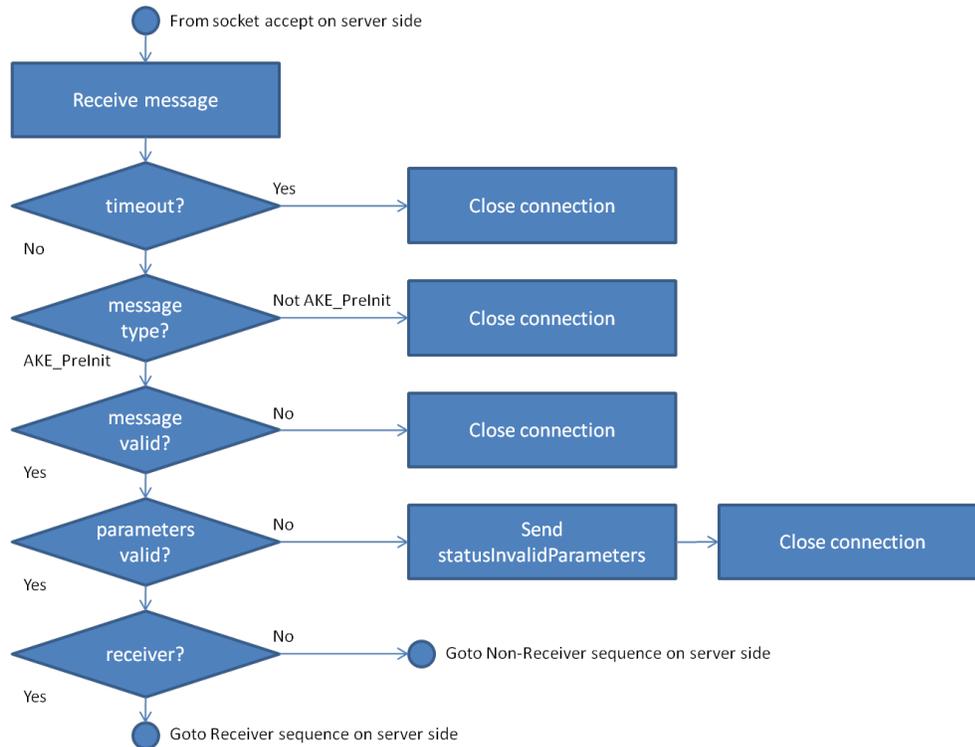


Figure 11 - Sender (server side) protocol

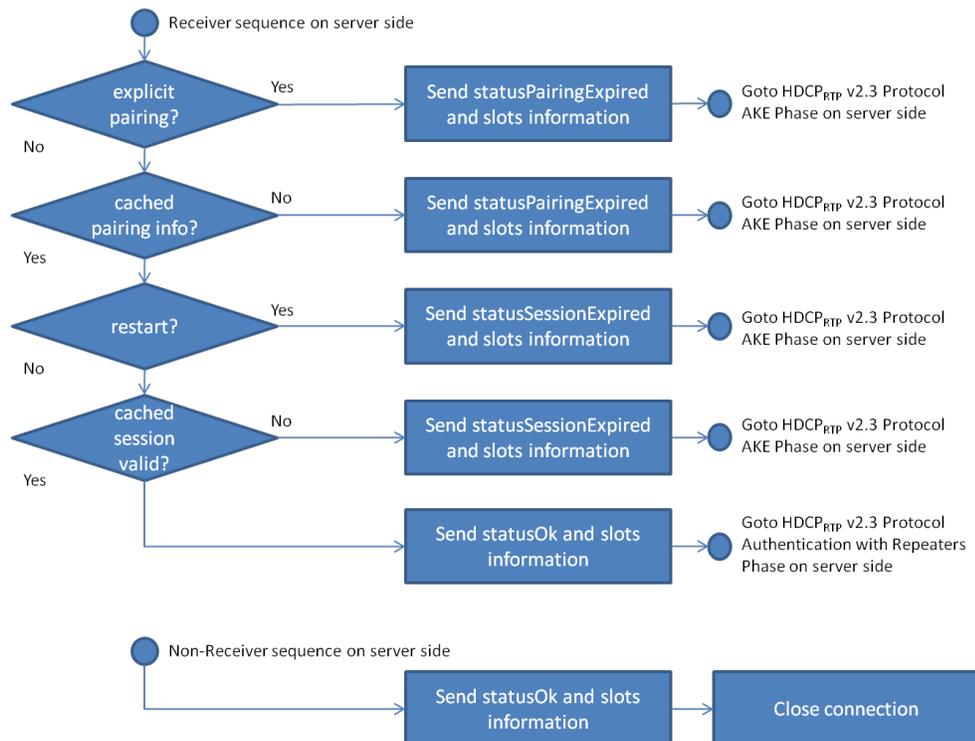


Figure 12 - Sender (server side) protocol

## 12.9 Receiver (client side) protocol flowcharts (informative)

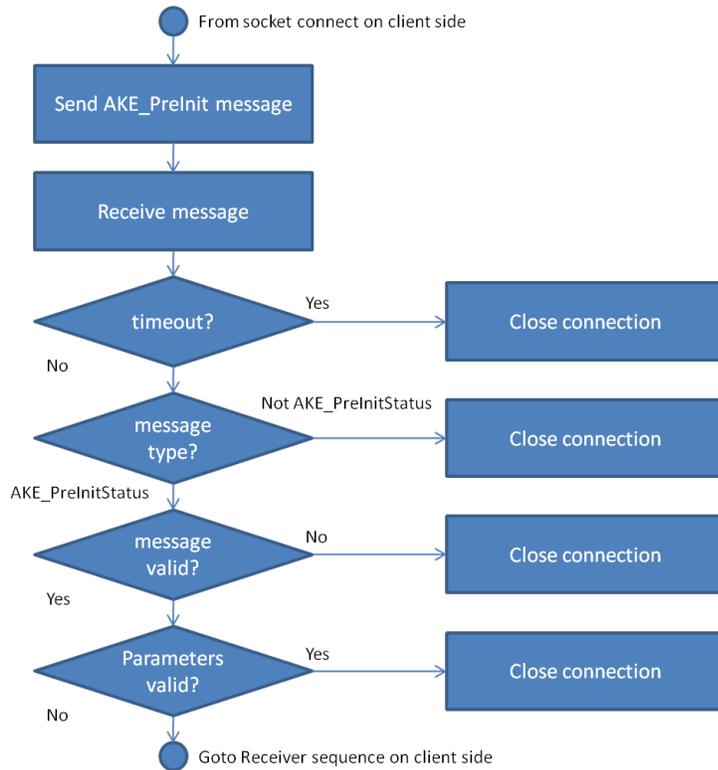


Figure 13 - Receiver (client side) protocol

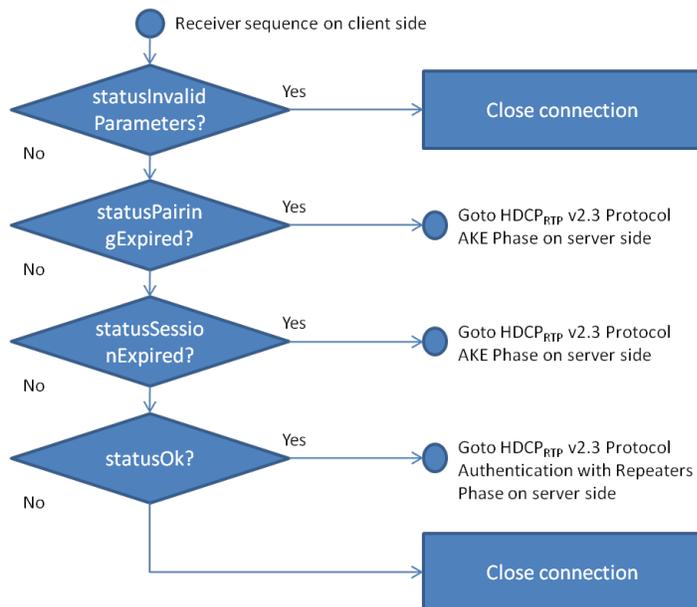


Figure 14 - Receiver (client side) protocol

## 12.10 Protocol sequence of a TCP/IP Connection (informative)

A TX<sub>ip</sub> Port on a Sender listens to incoming Receiver connections. Each connection starts a new instance of the HKEP protocol. Once the initial AKE\_PreInit message has been processed and properly acknowledged with an AKE\_PreInitStatus message, the HKEP protocol transports the messages of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol.

An HDCP Session as specified in the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification takes place in a TCP/IP connection when the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol executes successfully and ends when the associated HKEP session expires.

In the following table some symbols are used to illustrate the flow of information: → sending a message/response from the Sender to the Receiver, ← sending a message/response from the Receiver to the Sender, sW sender waiting for a connection, a message or a response, rW receiver, waiting for a message or a response.

Step	Sender	→ ←	Receiver
0	listen		
1	accept	sW	
2	Spawn a new HKEP process at state 4	←	connect
3	goto 1		
4	<p>Receives AKE_PreInit from socket</p> <p>The operation times out after ProtocolTimeout seconds and closes the connection.</p> <p>If the message type is not AKE_PreInit close the connection.</p> <p>Verify the message. On error close the connection.</p> <p>Check the AKE_PreInit message parameters. On error return the AKE_PreInitStatus message with statusInvalidParameters and close the connection.</p> <p>If the pairing attribute is true and the receiver attribute is true, return the AKE_PreInitStatus message at step 5 with statusPairingExpired and start the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 authentication protocol by sending the AKE_Init message at step 55.</p> <p>If the pairing attribute is true and the receiver attribute is false, return the AKE_PreInitStatus message at step 5</p>	sW	

	<p>with statusOk and close the connection at step 60.</p> <p>If the pairing attribute is false, check for pairing information for the incoming receiverId. If not found, return the AKE_PreInitStatus message at step 5 with statusPairingExpired and start the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 authentication protocol by sending the AKE_Init message at step 55. Otherwise check for a cached HKEP session. If it is expired/invalid return the AKE_PreInitStatus message at step 5 with statusSessionExpired and start the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 authentication protocol by sending the AKE_Init message at step 55. Otherwise return the AKE_PreInitStatus message at step 5 with statusOk and restart a previous session at step 58.</p>		
		←	Construct an AKE_PreInit message and send it to the sender.
5	<p>Send the AKE_PreInitStatus message.</p> <p>If the status is statusPairingExpired or statusSessionExpired start a fresh protocol with AKE at step 55 if the receiver attribute is true, otherwise if the status is statusOk restart a previous session at step 58, otherwise close the connection.</p>	→	
		rW	<p>Receive AKE_PreInitStatus</p> <p>The operation times out after ProtocolTimeout seconds and closes the connection.</p> <p>If the message type is not AKE_PreInitStatus close the connection.</p> <p>If the status is statusSessionExpired or statusPairingExpired start a fresh protocol with AKE at step 55, otherwise if the status is statusOk restart a previous session at step 58, otherwise close the connection.</p>
55			
AKE as per HDCP <sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification			
56			
LC as per HDCP <sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification			
57			
SKE as per HDCP <sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification			
58			
Authentication with Repeaters as per HDCP <sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification			

59	Close the connection and be done.		
60	branch here on error  Expires the HKEP session if not already valid.  Close the connection		branch here on error  Expires the HKEP session if not already valid.  Close the connection

## 13 The HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol

This section describes how the optional behaviors / aspects of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification shall be implemented by HKEP compliant devices.

### 13.1 Locality check

The locality check sequence described at section 2.3 of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification shall be performed as follows by HKEP compliant devices.

Senders and Receivers shall set the flags TRANSMITTER\_LOCALITY\_PRECOMPUTE\_SUPPORT and RECEIVER\_LOCALITY\_PRECOMPUTE\_SUPPORT to true in the AKE\_Transmitter\_Info and AKE\_Receiver\_Info messages.

In the case of a locality check failure due to a mismatch of L and L' at the HDCP Transmitter, the locality check shall be reattempted by the HDCP Transmitter for a maximum of 1023 additional attempts (for a maximum allowed 1024 total trials) with the transmission of an LC\_Init message containing a new r<sub>n</sub>.

The Sender shall send a new LC\_Init message as soon as it observes a mismatch of L and L' from the LC\_Send\_L\_prime message. If the Sender does not receive the LC\_Send\_L\_prime message within ProtocolTimeout milliseconds of the sending of the RTT\_Challenge message, it shall abort the protocol and shall close the TCP/IP connection.

### 13.2 Authentication with repeaters

The authentication with repeaters sequence described in section 2.5 of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification shall be performed as follows by HKEP compliant devices.

Refer to the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification for the applicable state diagrams:

- Figure 2.16. HDCP Repeater Downstream Authentication Protocol State Diagram
- Figure 2.17. HDCP Repeater Upstream Authentication Protocol State Diagram
- Figure 2.13. HDCP Transmitter Authentication Protocol State Diagram

Authentication with repeaters and stream content management shall be implemented in parallel with the flow of encrypted HDCP Content and HDCP link synchronization.

The content stream management shall be performed as follows:

On the Sender the F9 state shall be implemented on the transitions from F6 to F7 {F6-F9-F7}, from F5 to F7 (if receiving RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List) {F5-F9-F7} or from F5 to F5 (if receiving an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 Null message) {F5-F9-F5}.

On the Receiver the state C7 shall be implemented on the transition from C5 to C6 (if sending RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List) {C5-C7-C6} or from C8 to C8 (if sending an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 Null message) {C8-C7-C8}.

For pure HDCP Transmitter the A9 state shall be implemented on the transition from A6 to A7 {A6-A9-A7}, from A5 to A7 (if receiving RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List) {A5-A9-A7} or from A5 to A5 (if receiving an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 Null message) {A5-A9-A5}.

Note: The objective for specifying the precise sequence involving the content stream management is to ensure that an HKEP session becomes valid on a Receiver only if it is also valid on the Sender. When receiving the RepeaterAuth\_Send\_Ack message a Receiver knows for sure that the HKEP session on the Sender became valid because the Sender does not return this message before it successfully receives a RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Ready message from the Receiver.

### 13.2.1 Exchange sequence

Refer to Figure 15 of section 13.2.5 for an illustration of the exchange sequence described in the following paragraphs.

A Receiver executing the Authentication with Repeaters phase of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol shall initially either send an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List message or an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 Null message. A Sender shall initially either send an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage message or an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 Null message. After sending their initial message, the Receiver and the Sender shall attempt to receive the initial message from their peer. If the receive operation does not complete within ProtocolTimeout milliseconds, the TCP/IP connection shall be closed. Otherwise, the Receiver and Sender shall process the message received.

A Receiver executing the Authentication with Repeaters phase of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol shall send a RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Ready message if it initially received a RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage message. Then it shall attempt to receive the RepeaterAuth\_Send\_Ack message, if it initially sent a RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List message.

A Sender executing the Authentication with Repeaters phase of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol shall attempt to receive a RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Ready message if it sent an initial RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage message. Then it shall send a RepeaterAuth\_Send\_Ack message if it initially received a RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List message.

A Receiver should send a Receiver\_AuthStatus message as required by the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification but a Sender shall not use it to establish the validity of an HKEP or HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 session. A Sender shall ignore the message if it receives it, as allowed by the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification. A Receiver communicates the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 REAUTH\_REQ state to the Sender through the AKE\_PreInit message using the restart/REAUTH\_REQ flag. A Receiver shall close the TCP/IP connection either instead of, or after sending a Receiver\_AuthStatus message with REAUTH\_REQ set to true. A Receiver shall not send a Receiver\_AuthStatus message with REAUTH\_REQ set false.

### 13.2.2 A first successful exchange

A Sender shall mark the current HKEP session as valid after a first successful exchange of the topology (RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List and RepeaterAuth\_Send\_Ack messages) and stream management information (RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage and RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Ready messages) with the Receiver. This marking shall happen after successfully sending the RepeaterAuth\_Send\_Ack message to the Receiver while executing the sequence described at section 13.2.1. Once an HKEP session becomes valid, and therefore, an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 session has become valid, timeouts, disconnects or protocol errors shall not invalidate the session. A Sender may invalidate an inactive HKEP session at any time, but it shall not invalidate active HKEP sessions unless it also invalidates the associated HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 session key.

A Receiver shall mark the current HKEP session as valid after a first successful exchange of the topology (RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List and RepeaterAuth\_Send\_Ack messages) and stream management information (RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage and RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Ready messages) with the Sender. This marking shall happen after receiving successfully the RepeaterAuth\_Send\_Ack message from the Sender while executing the sequence described at section 13.2.1. Once an HKEP session becomes valid, and therefore, an HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 session has become valid, timeouts, disconnects or protocol errors shall not invalidate the session.

A Receiver shall not decrypt an encrypted HDCP Content stream until its HKEP session becomes valid. The SKE stage completes before the HKEP session becomes valid, but it is only after a first successful exchange of the RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List and RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage messages, that the HKEP session becomes valid. Only then shall decryption of an encrypted HDCP Content stream start.

### 13.2.3 A subsequent successful exchange

After a first successful exchange of the topology and stream management information with a Receiver, a Sender shall consider a subsequent exchange successful when one of the following conditions occurs:

- When it has successfully received the Null message from the Receiver and it has successfully sent the Null message to the Receiver,
- When it has successfully received the Null message from the Receiver and it has successfully performed an exchange of the RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage and RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Ready messages with the Receiver,
- When it has performed a successful exchange of the RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List and RepeaterAuth\_Send\_Ack messages with the Receiver and it has successfully sent the Null message to the Receiver,
- When it has performed a successful exchange of the RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List and RepeaterAuth\_Send\_Ack messages with the Receiver and it has successfully performed an exchange of the RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage and RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Ready messages with the Receiver.

The exact moment when such subsequent exchange is considered successful shall be after successfully executing the sequence described in section 13.2.1.

After a first successful exchange of the topology and stream management information with a Sender, a Receiver shall consider a subsequent exchange successful when one of the following conditions occurs:

- When it has successfully received the Null message from the Sender and it has successfully sent the Null message to the Sender,
- When it has successfully received the Null message from the Sender and it has performed a successful exchange of the RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List and RepeaterAuth\_Send\_Ack messages with the Sender,
- When it has performed a successful exchange of the RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage and RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Ready messages with the Sender and it has successfully sent the Null message to the Sender,
- When it has performed a successful exchange of the RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage and RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Ready messages with the Sender and it has performed a successful exchange of the RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List and RepeaterAuth\_Send\_Ack messages with the Sender.

The exact moment when such subsequent exchange is considered successful shall be after successfully executing the sequence described in section 13.2.1.

### 13.2.4 Null Topology

A Receiver unsubscribing from the HDCP Content of a Sender may choose to make its HKEP session inactive at the Sender by sending an RepeaterAuth\_Send\_ReceiverID\_List message with the DEVICE\_COUNT and DEPTH attributes set to 0 (Null Topology) during the execution of the sequence described in section 13.2.1. As a result the Receiver will no longer self-subscribe to

the HDCP Content, it will no longer be part of the topology tree associated with the HDCP Content, and it will perform a transition to state C0 in the "Figure 2.17. HDCP Repeater Upstream Authentication Protocol State Diagram" of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol.

### 13.2.5 Exchange sequence illustration (informative)

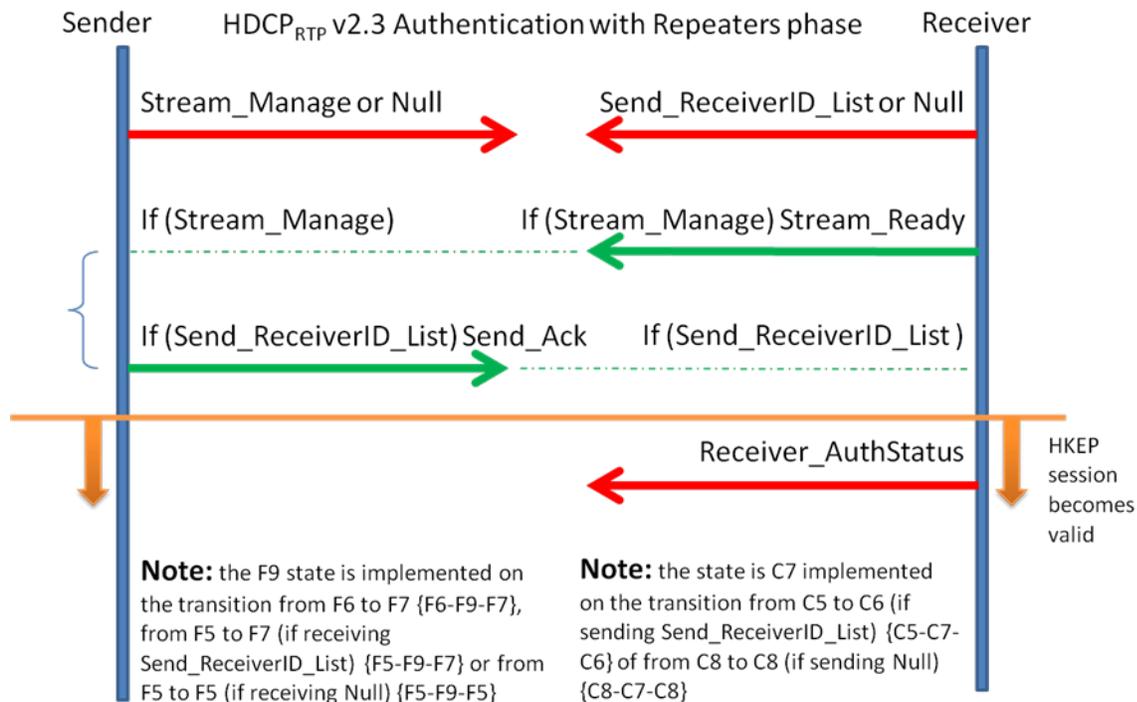


Figure 15 - Exchange sequence

### 13.3 RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage

The RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage message described in section 4.3.15 of the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification shall be constructed as follows by HKEP compliant devices.

A Sender shall construct a RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage message as follow:

- For each content stream of a given session, associate a unique streamCtr value to a Type value and to one or multiple ContentStreamID values.
- The Type and ContentStreamID values associated with a streamCtr value shall be immutable for the duration of a session. A given streamCtr value shall be associated with given Type and ContentStreamID values once for the lifetime of the Sender session key.

Note: For example, if streamCtr value 1 is associated with { Type: 0, ContentStreamID: 0xabcdef } it cannot later in time become associated with { Type: 1, ContentStreamID: 0xabcdef }. A new streamCtr value must be used for the new association. Receivers should be aware that a

streamCtr value may be associated with multiple ContentStreamID values. This scenario may arise when the definition of ContentStreamID relates to some transport channel identifier and a given content stream is transmitted over multiple transport channels.

The attribute k of the RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage message shall be bounded to a maximum value of (2 \* ProtocolMaxContentStreams). The objective is to have a practical maximum size for the RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage message. There shall not be more than ProtocolMaxContentStreams different values of streamCtr in a given RepeaterAuth\_Stream\_Manage message, which effectively limits the number of audio/video streams to half the range allowed for k. The remaining entries allow the association of a streamCtr value to multiple ContentStreamID values.

## 14 HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 media stream private data

A Sender shall embed the following information in each ST 2110/IPMX media stream through RTP header extensions as specified in the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 specification. The HDCP Full IV Counters extension header provides all the frz flag, streamCtr and inputCtr values. The HDCP Short IV Counters extension header provides only the least significant bit of the inputCtr value.

State	Description
frz	Indicate that the byte stream is not encrypted by $k_s$ (cipher disabled)
streamCtr	Uniquely identify the byte stream.
inputCtr	Position within the byte stream of the start of the current picture, buffer, sequence of bytes, etc...

The HDCP Full and Short IV Counters extension headers shall be the first header extension of an RTP packet.

When the frz flag is false, it shall indicate that the HDCP Content is encrypted with the HDCP session key. When frz is true, it shall indicate that the content is unencrypted.

The streamCtr and inputCtr values shall be used by the stream cipher to encrypt/decrypt the HDCP Content. The streamCtr shall also be used to associate stream management information to a ST 2110/IPMX media stream and to signal Receivers about Sender state changes.

### 14.1 Signaling the receivers

A Receiver shall monitor the streamCtr value received along with a subscribed ST 2110/IPMX media stream. A change of streamCtr value indicates that the state of the associated Sender has changed. If a Receiver is not in possession of the stream management information related to the new streamCtr value, it shall connect or reconnect with the Sender and execute the HDCP<sub>RTP</sub> v2.3 protocol.

A Sender shall change the streamCtr value of a content stream to signal that the associated stream management information has changed.



- The `type` field shall be 0x0010.
- The `length` field shall be 1 dw.
- The `hkep_version` field shall be an unsigned integer and shall increment by one when the value of an "a=hkep" attribute of an SDP transport file changes.
- The `f_id` field shall define the ID of the HKEP's FULL RTP Extension Header.
- The `s_id` field shall define the ID of the HKEP's SHORT RTP Extension Header.
- The `rsvd1`, `rsvd2` and `rsvd3` fields shall be set to 0 by a Sender and ignored by a Receiver.

The presence of an HKEP media info block indicates that a media stream is HDCP Content. If the stream's associated SDP transport file has an "a=hkep" attribute, the Sender Report transmitted by a Sender shall include an HKEP media info block. If the stream's associated SDP transport file does not have an "a=hkep" attribute, the Sender Report shall not include an HKEP media info block.

Note: When the HKEP Media Info Block appears or disappears from the IPMX Info Block, the `block_version` of the IPMX Info Block increments.

## 17 IANA Registration

The "a=hkep" SDP attribute defined in this Technical Recommendation is not currently registered with IANA. In IANA attribute registry terms, its Usage Level is "session, media", meaning that a session-level `hkep` attribute represents the default value for each media-level `hkep` attribute unless an explicit media-level `hkep` attribute is provided for the corresponding "m=" section. Accordingly, an SDP transport file may convey HKEP information at the session level, at the media level, or at both levels.

In the HKEP specification, the use of the expression "hkep session attribute" does not define the usage level of the `hkep` attribute but simply refers to it at its most generic level, which is the session level.