

# WebRTC Error Reporting

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# General Principles

- Error types
  - Programming errors get exceptions
  - Other errors get callbacks
- WebIDL does type checking
- Try not to fail silently

## Calls after pc.close()

- Some methods generate `InvalidStateError` (e.g., `addStream()`) and some don't (e.g., `createAnswer()`)
- This is confusing for programmers
- Proposed behavior
  - Any call other than `close()` generates `InvalidStateError`
  - Asynchronous calls followed by `close()` simply never happen
    - \* Some of the descriptions have them happen but then not generate callbacks
  - `close()` fails silently
- This should all be written in one place

## **Multiple calls to addStream() with same stream**

- Currently this is ignored
- Proposed behavior
  - Throw ResourceInUse

## Trying to send on a closed DataChannel (§ 5.2.)

- Currently behavior
  - Increment bufferedAmount (step 3)
  - Then silently abort
- Proposed behavior
  - Throw `InvalidStateError`

## Create RTCDTMFSender on non-audio track

- Unclear what current behavior is
  - Probably create it with `.canInsertDTMF === false`
- Proposed behavior
  - Generate an `InvalidParameter` exception

## **Call `insertDTMF()` when `.canInsertDTMF` is `false`**

- Current behavior
  - Silently ignore
- Proposed behavior
  - Generate `InvalidStateError`

## Insert DTMF with bogus values (Guduru)

- Generate InvalidParameter exception

## Unused errors (§ 4.6.2.1)

- `IncompatibleConstraintsError`
- `incompatibleMediaStreamTrackError`
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- Propose removing these

## RTCSdpError (§ 4.6.2)

- This is defined but never used
  - Even though it's semi-referenced
- Proposed resolution
  - Edit set{Local,Remote}Description sections to make clear it is passed to error callbacks

## `addIceCandidate()` **in wrong state**

- Claim 1: this should be queued
- Claim 2: Any attempt to `addIceCandidate()` in wrong state should get `InvalidStateError` (just like everything else)

## addIceCandidate() **bogus data**

“If the candidate could not be successfully applied, the user agent must queue a task to invoke failureCallback with a DOMError object whose name attribute has the value TBD (TODO InvalidCandidate and InvalidMidIndex).”

NOTE What errors do we need here? Should we reuse the \*SessionDescriptionError names or invent new ones for candidates? Should this method be queued?

- The session description errors just say “it’s busted” and give line number
  - Assume we don’t want to change that
  - And even if they did, it would just say “ICE candidate is busted”
- Proposed resolution
  - InvalidCandidate, InvalidMid and InvalidMLineIndex with obvious meanings

## **failure callbacks for createOffer() and createAnswer()**

If the SDP generation process failed for any reason, the user agent must queue a task to invoke failureCallback with an DOMError object of type TBD as its argument.

- Can anything go wrong here?
- ... other than InternalError?
- Can pretty much be called in any state

## failure callbacks for `setLocalDescription()` and `setRemoteDescription()`

- Currently the following errors
  - `InvalidSessionDescriptionError` — SDP is bogus; need to specify line number
  - `IncompatibleSessionDescriptionError` — can't apply SDP; freeform text to explain the problem?
- Also add
  - `InvalidStateError` — e.g.,  
`setLocalDescription(answer)`
  - `InvalidPeerIdentityError` — e.g., if the target identity doesn't match the remote description
  - What should we use for bogus changes to SDP?  
`InvalidSessionDescriptionError`?

# Spontaneous Errors

- Some kinds of errors just happen
  - TURN errors
  - DTLS connection error
  - “Internal errors”
- These aren’t tied to any API call

## .onerror or something

- Throws some typed object

```
interface RTCRuntimeError : DOMError {  
  readonly attribute explanation;  
};
```

- The .name property should tell us what happened (machine readable)
- The .explanation should be freeform
- Individual errors could have their own attributes
  - E.g., TURN server URL for TURN errors
  - Idea is that it should be processable by app

# What about state?

- How do I distinguish fatal from nonfatal
- State needs to change *first*
- So that the event handler can interrogate it

## Are there enough of these?

- TURN errors
- DTLS connection error
- “Internal errors”
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- Are there really enough of these to design a general facility?