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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

Note that this specification is the standard Multicast TOP specification for the Cboe Futures Exchange ("CFE") platform.

CFE participants may use the CFE Multicast TOP protocol to receive real-time top of book quotations direct from CFE. Market data received through Multicast TOP is less timely than receiving the same data from the CFE Multicast PITCH Depth of Book feed. The TOP protocol offers approximately 66% reduction in the number of events and 66% reduction in the number of bytes of application data sent, compared to the CFE Multicast PITCH protocol.

The quotations received via Multicast TOP provide an aggregated size and do not indicate the size or number of individual orders at the best bid or ask. The Multicast TOP protocol also provides last trade price and size and cumulative volume data.

Complete depth of book market data can be received via the CFE Multicast PITCH protocol.

TOP cannot be used to enter orders. For order entry, refer to the appropriate CFE FIX or BOE Specification.

All versions of the Multicast TOP feed are WAN-shaped (maximum 100 Mb/s) and are available from one or both of CFE's datacenters. Participants may choose to take one or more of the following Multicast TOP feeds depending on their location and connectivity to CFE.

Multicast TOP Feed Descriptions:

Exchange	Shaping	Served From Data Center (Primary/Secondary)	Multicast Feed ID
CFE	WAN	Primary	FCT
CFE	WAN	Primary	FDT
CFE	WAN	Secondary	FET

1.2 Feed Hours and System Restart

The TOP feed will startup on Sunday at approximately 10:00 a.m. CT and shutdown on Friday at approximately 4:05 p.m. CT. A daily restart occurs between 4:05 and 4:45 p.m. CT each day at which time sequences will be reset. The daily restart is typically observed between 4:05 and 4:10 p.m. CT, but could occur later if needed for operational reasons. Feed startup and shutdown times may be adjusted without notice.

Under normal operations, it is expected that the order books will be cleared (including GTC and GTD orders), prior to the daily restart and reset of sequences. Persisted GTC and GTD orders will be added back onto the order books immediately after restart.

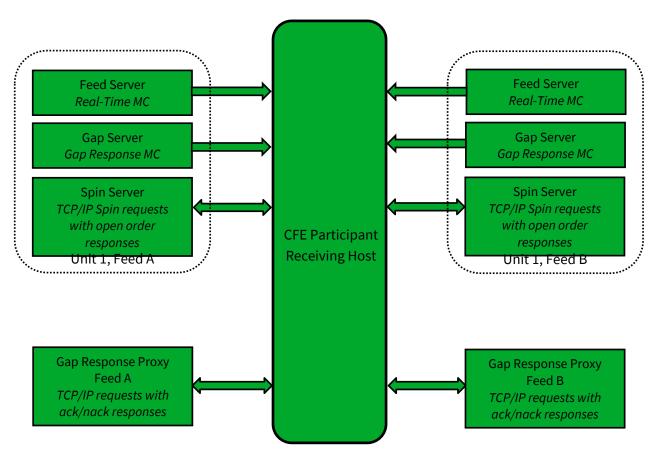
1.3 Feed Connectivity Requirements

WAN-Shaped feeds are available to participants who meet the minimum bandwidth requirements to CFE via cross-connect, dedicated circuit, or a supported carrier.

Participants with sufficient connectivity may choose to take both the FCT and FDT feeds from the CFE's primary datacenter and arbitrate the feeds to recover lost data. Alternatively, participants may choose to arbitrate feeds from both datacenters. It should be noted that feeds from the secondary datacenter will have additional latency for those connected with CFE in the primary datacenter due to proximity and business continuity processing.

CFE Multicast TOP real-time events are delivered using a published range of multicast addresses divided by symbol range units. Dropped messages can be requested using a TCP/IP connection to one of CFE's Multicast TOP Gap Request Proxy ("GRP") servers with replayed messages being delivered on a separate set of multicast ranges reserved for packet retransmission. Intraday, a spin of all open orders may be requested from a Spin Server. Alternatively, the Periodic Refresh mechanism may be used by latency insensitive participants to recover missed messages or gaps. This allows a client to become current without requesting a gap for all messages up to that point in the day.

The following diagram is a logical representation Multicast TOP feed message flow between CFE and a participant feed handler that is listening to the "A" and "B" instances of two units:



1.4 Symbol Ranges, Units, and Sequence Numbers

Products will be separated into units and <u>product distribution</u> will not change intra-day. CFE does, however, reserve the right to add multicast addresses or change the product distribution with 48 hours prior notice to participants. Care should be taken to ensure that address changes, address additions, and product distribution changes can be supported easily.

Message sequence numbers are incremented by one for every sequenced message within a particular symbol unit. It is important to understand that one *or more* units will be delivered on a single multicast address. As with symbol ranges, unit distribution across multicast addresses will not change intra-day, but may change after notice has been given.

Symbol distribution across units as well as unit distribution across multicast addresses are identical for real-time and gap response multicast addresses.

1.5 Futures Specific Symbol Processing

CFE has implemented a symbol mapping mechanism (Futures Instrument Definition message) for the Multicast TOP feeds, which maps each specific simple futures contract or spread instrument to a six character, ASCII Symbol. For example, the weekly VX11 contract expiring March 14, 2017 might be represented by the Symbol '0abC12'. This symbol mapping significantly reduces the size of the Multicast TOP feed for futures and allows participants to use the same symbol handling mechanisms for the Cboe operated equity, options, and futures exchanges. This symbol mapping is the same as the Multicast PITCH feed.

Mapping occurs on a continuous basis on each unit's multicast feed. Futures Instrument Definition messages can be both un-sequenced and sequenced. Un-sequenced messages are sent from pre-market through the end of trading in a continuous loop that will complete approximately once every minute. Once the same contract has been seen twice, the user can be certain the full loop has been observed. The rate is variable and will be adjusted as bandwidth allows.

Spread instruments may be occasionally created intra-day. In these cases, the Futures Instrument Definition message will be sent as a sequenced message on the real-time feed and from the Spin Server before any other messages that reference an instrument created intra-day are sent.

In addition to the symbol mapping events available on the Multicast TOP feed, a downloadable file with current mappings is available via the CFE website.

Production symbol files:

Simple

Spread

Certification symbol files:

Simple

Spread

1.6 Periodic Refresh

The CFE Multicast TOP feed will periodically broadcast un-sequenced Futures Instrument Definition, Price Limits, and Market Snapshot messages that participants can use to recover from gaps or that may be used by late joiners to obtain a current state of the top of book for each Symbol. Un-sequenced messages are sent in a continuous loop. The Price Limits, and Market Snapshot messages complete their loop approximately once every three seconds. The Futures Instrument Definition message completes its loop once a minute.

Participants that are not latency sensitive can use the Periodic Refresh mechanism as a substitute for the sequenced, real-time TOP messages. These participants would process only the un-sequenced Futures Instrument Definition, Price Limits, and Market Snapshot messages to get a periodic view of the top of book quote and volume for each Symbol.

1.7 Gap Request Proxy and Message Retransmission

Requesting delivery of missed sequenced data is achieved by establishing a TCP connection to a CFE Gap Request Proxy ("GRP") port. This GRP port is specific to Multicast TOP and is NOT shared with the Multicast PITCH GRP port. Participants who do not wish to request missed messages do not need to connect to a GRP port for any reason or listen to the multicast addresses reserved for message retransmission. Participants choosing to request missed data will need to connect to their assigned GRP port, log in, and request gap ranges as necessary. All gap requests will be responded to with a Gap Response message. A Gap Response Status code of 'A'ccepted signals that the replayed messages will be delivered via the appropriate gap response multicast address. Any other Gap Response Status code will indicate the reason that the request cannot be serviced.

Gap requests are limited in message count, frequency, and age by the GRP. Gap requests will only be serviced if they are within a defined sequence range of the current multicast sequence number for the requested unit. Participants will receive a total daily allowance of gap requested messages. In addition, each participant is given renewable one second and one minute gap request limits.

If more than one gap request is received for a particular unit/sequence/count combination within a short timeframe, all requests will receive a successful Gap Response message from the GRP, but only a single replayed message will be sent on the gap response multicast address.

If overlapping gap requests are received within a short period of time, the gap server will only send the union of the sequence ranges across grouped gap requests. Participants will receive gap responses for their requested unit/sequence/count, but receivers should be prepared for the gap responses to be delivered via multicast in non-contiguous blocks.

Gap acknowledgements or rejects will be delivered to users for every gap request received by the GRP. Users should be prepared to see replayed multicast data before or after the receipt of the gap response acknowledgement from the GRP.

1.8 Spin Servers

A Spin Server is available for each unit. The server allows participants to connect via TCP and receive a spin of the inside book and symbols with limited trading conditions on that unit. By using the spin, a participant can get the current CFE book quickly in the middle of the trading session without worry of gap request limits. The Spin Server for each unit is assigned its own address and/or TCP port.

Upon successful login and periodically thereafter, a Spin Image Available message is sent which contains a sequence number indicating the most recent message applied to the book. Using a Spin Request message, a participant may request a spin for the orders up to a sequence number noted within one of the *last ten* Spin Image Available messages distributed. If the Spin Request submitted does not present a sequence number that matches one of the last ten Spin Image Available messages distributed, the spin will return orders up to the <u>next</u> closest sequence number reported through a Spin Image Available message that is greater than the sequence number requested.

In the case a participant sends a sequence number in a Spin Request that is higher than the sequence number reported by the most recent Spin Image Available message, the next spin image to be generated will be returned when it is available. If the requested sequence number is still higher at that time, an "O" (Out of Range) error will be generated.

A spin consists only of Market Snapshot, Futures Instrument Definition, Settlement, Price Limits, Time Reference and Time messages for symbols that have had orders that day or had a limited trading state. While receiving the spin, the participant must buffer multicast messages received. If the Spin Image Available message sequence number is the participant's reference point, multicast messages with larger sequence numbers should be buffered. If a non-Spin Image Available sequence number is the participant's reference point which they send in their Spin Request, they should buffer from that point on, but note that within the spin they may receive sequence numbers beyond that point which they may disregard. When a Spin Finished message is received, the buffered messages must be applied to spun copy of the book to bring it current.

<u>Section 4.7</u> shows an example flow of messages between a participant and CFE's Multicast TOP feed and Spin Server.

2 Protocol

CFE users may use the TOP protocol over multicast to receive real-time top of book quotations and execution information direct from CFE.

TOP cannot be used to enter orders. For order entry, refer to the CFE FIX or BOE Specification.

All orders and executions are reflected via the TOP feed. All orders and executions are anonymous, and do not contain any participant identity.

2.1 Message Format

The messages that make up the TOP protocol are delivered using the CFE Sequenced Unit Header which handles sequencing and delivery integrity. All messages delivered via multicast as well as to/from the Gap Request Proxy ("GRP") or Spin Server will use the Sequenced Unit Header for handling message integrity.

All UDP delivered events will be self-contained. Developers can assume that UDP delivered data will not cross frame boundaries and a single Ethernet frame will contain only one Sequenced Unit Header with associated data.

TCP/IP delivered events from the GRP may cross frames as the data will be delivered as a stream of data with the TCP/IP stack controlling Ethernet framing.

The TOP data feed is comprised of a series of dynamic length sequenced messages. Each message begins with *Length* and *Message Type* fields. CFE reserves the right to add message types and grow the length of any message without notice. Participants should develop their decoders to deal with unknown message types and messages that grow beyond the expected length. Messages will only be grown to add additional data to the end of a message.

2.2 Data Types

The following field types are used within the Sequenced Unit Header, GRP messages, and TOP.

- > Alphanumeric fields are left justified ASCII fields and space padded on the right.
- ➤ **Binary** fields are unsigned and sized to "Length" bytes and ordered using Little Endian convention (least significant byte first).
- > **Signed Binary** fields are signed and sized to "Length" bytes and ordered using Little Endian convention (least significant byte first).
- ➤ **Binary Price** fields are signed Little Endian encoded 8 byte binary fields with 4 implied decimal places (denominator = 10,000).

- ➤ **Binary Short Price** fields are signed Little Endian encoded 2 byte binary fields with 2 implied decimal places (denominator = 100).
- ➤ **Bit Field** fields are fixed width fields with each bit representing a boolean flag (the 0 bit is the lowest significant bit; the 7 bit is the highest significant bit).
- ➤ **Printable ASCII** fields are left justified ASCII fields that are space padded on the right that may include ASCII values in the range of 0x20 0x7e.
- ➤ **Binary Date** fields are 4 byte unsigned Little Endian values where the base-10 representation is the YYYYMMDD representation of that date. For example, October 30, 2023 would be represented as 20,231,030 (20231030).
- > **Time Offset** are 4 byte unsigned Little Endian values that represent the number of nanoseconds since the last Time message.

2.2.1 Trade Date

Throughout this document, the term "Trade Date" is synonymous with the term "Business Date". The term Trade Date is used within this document to match identically named fields in the CFE FIX and BOE specs.

2.3 Message Framing

Top of book update messages will be combined into single UDP frame where possible to decrease message overhead and total bandwidth. The count of messages in a UDP frame will be communicated using the CFE Sequenced Unit Header. Framing will be determined by the server for each unit and site. The content of the multicast across feeds (e.g. A/B) will be identical, but framing will not be consistent across feeds. Receiving processes that receive and arbitrate multiple feeds cannot use frame level arbitration to fill gaps.

2.4 CFE Sequenced Unit Header

The CFE Sequenced Unit Header is used for all CFE Multicast TOP messages as well as messages to and from the Gap Request Proxy ("GRP") and Spin Servers.

Sequenced and un-sequenced data may be delivered using the Sequenced Unit Header. Unsequenced headers will have a 0 value for the *Hdr Sequence* field and potentially for the *Hdr Unit* field. All messages sent to and from the GRP and Spin Server are un-sequenced while multicast may contain both sequenced and un-sequenced messages.

Sequenced messages have implied sequences with the first message having the sequence number contained in the header. Each subsequent message will have an implied sequence one greater than the previous message up to a maximum of count messages. Multiple messages can follow a Sequenced Unit Header, but a combination of sequenced and un-sequenced messages cannot be sent within one header.

The sequence number for the first message in the next frame can be calculated by adding the *Hdr Count* field to the *Hdr Sequence*. This technique will work for sequenced messages and Heartbeats.

	Sequenced Unit Header							
Field Offset Leng		Length	Value/Type	Description				
Hdr Length	0	2	Binary	Length of entire block of messages. Includes this				
				header and <i>Hdr Count</i> messages to follow.				
Hdr Count	2	1	Binary	Number of messages to follow this header.				
Hdr Unit	3	1	Binary	Unit that applies to messages included in this				
				header.				
Hdr	4	4	Binary	Sequence of first message to follow this header.				
Sequence								
Total Length	Total Length = 8 bytes							

2.5 Heartbeat Messages

The CFE Sequenced Unit Header with a count field set to "0" will be used for Heartbeat messages. During trading hours Heartbeat messages will be sent from the GRP, Spin Server, and all multicast addresses if no data has been delivered within one second. Heartbeat messages never increment the sequence number for a unit, but can be used to detect gaps on the real-time multicast channels during low update rate periods.

Heartbeats on the real-time multicast addresses during trading hours will have a *Hdr Sequence* value equal to the sequence of the next sequenced message to be sent for the unit. Heartbeats on gap multicast addresses will always have the *Hdr Sequence* field set to 0. All Heartbeat messages sent to and from the GRP and Spin Server are considered un-sequenced and should have sequence and unit fields set to 0.

Outside of trading hours CFE sends Heartbeat messages on all real-time and gap channels with a sequence of "0" to help users validate multicast connectivity. Heartbeat messages might not be sent outside of normal trading hours.

CFE expects Heartbeat messages to be sent to the GRP on live connections no less than every 5 seconds. Failure to receive two consecutive Heartbeat messages will result in the GRP or Spin Server terminating the client connection.

2.6 TOP Messages

With the exception of Time messages, each TOP message reflects the update of the top of book or execution of an order in the system.

2.7 Time

A Time message is immediately generated and sent when there is a TOP event for a given clock second. If there is no new sequenced TOP event for a given clock second, then no Time message is sent for that second. All subsequent time offset fields for the same unit will use the new Time value as the base until another Time message is received for the same unit. The *Time* field is the number of seconds relative to midnight Central Time, which is provided in the Time Reference message. The Time message also includes the *Epoch Time* field, which is the current time represented as the number of whole seconds since the Epoch (Midnight January 1, 1970).

	Time							
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description				
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.				
Message Type	1	1	0x20	Time Message				
Time	2	4	Binary	Number of whole seconds from midnight				
				Central Time.				
Epoch Time	6	4	Binary	Number of whole seconds since the Epoch				
				(Midnight January 1, 1970 UTC).				
Total Length = 1	Total Length = 10 bytes							

2.8 Unit Clear

The Unit Clear message instructs feed recipients to clear all market snapshots for the CFE book in the unit specified in the Sequenced Unit Header. It would be distributed in rare recovery events such as a data center fail-over. It may also be sent on system startup (after daily restart) when there are no persisted GTCs or GTDs.

Unit Clear							
Field Name Offset		Length	Type/(Value)	Description			
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.			
Message Type	1	1	0x97	Unit Clear Message			
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from last unit			
timestamp.							
Total Length = 6	5 bytes						

2.9 Time Reference

The Time Reference message is used to provide a midnight reference point for recipients of the feed. It is sent whenever the system starts up and when the system crosses a midnight boundary. All subsequent Time messages for the same unit will the use the last *Midnight Reference* until another Time Reference message is received for that unit. The Time Reference message includes the *Trade Date*, so most other sequenced messages will not include that information.

Time Reference messages will be included in a spin response.

	Time Reference							
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description				
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.				
Message Type	1	1	0xB1	Time Reference Message				
Midnight	2	4	Binary	Midnight Central Time reference time for				
Reference				subsequent Time messages, expressed as				
				number of whole seconds since the Epoch				
				(Midnight January 1, 1970 UTC).				
Time	6	4	Binary	Number of whole seconds from midnight				
				Central Time.				
Time Offset	10	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from last unit				
				timestamp.				
Trade Date	14	4	Binary Date	Current Trade Date				
Total Length = 18 bytes								

2.10 Futures Instrument Definition

The Futures Instrument Definition message can be sent as a sequenced message or an unsequenced message. It is sent as a sequenced message when the system starts up at the beginning of a trading session or an the instrument is created or modified during a trading day. A new sequenced message may be sent for a *Symbol* that does not visibly change any attribute. One un-sequenced Futures Instrument Definition message for each *Symbol* is also sent in a continuous loop, which completes approximately once every minute as part of the Periodic Refresh mechanism.

If the instrument is a spread (*Leg Count* > 0) then the message contains one or more repeating groups of leg definitions beginning at the field indicated by *Leg Offset*. There is a limit of 4 leg definitions.

If the instrument is a variance future (*Variance* bit in *Futures Flags* = 1) then the message contains a block of Variance Future parameters beginning at the offset indicated by *Variance Offset*. A Futures Instrument Definition may have a Variance Futures block or Leg definitions, but not both. If the values for the Variance Future block are not available at the beginning of the trading day, "0" will be sent for those values until they are available. At that point, a sequenced Futures Instrument Definition message will be sent with the updated values.

The *Leg Offset* and *Variance Offset* fields are provided to support adding additional fields to this message between the offset fields and the Variance Future block and Leg definitions.

The *Report Symbol* field will contain either the weekly (e.g. VX01) or the monthly (e.g. VX) symbol for any simple futures contract. The *Report Symbol* will always contain the standard futures root symbol (e.g. VX) for all spread instruments.

Futures Instrument Definition messages are included in a spin response. Simple leg Futures Instrument Definition messages will be disseminated before complex leg Futures Instrument Definition messages sent in a spin response.

Offset 0	Length	Type/(Value)	Description
0	1		
		Binary	Length of this message including this field.
1	1	0xBB	Futures Instrument
			Definition Message
2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from last unit
			timestamp or <i>Unit Timestamp</i> in
			this message if it is non-zero.
6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.
12	4	Binary	Unit timestamp expressed as
			number of whole seconds since
			the Epoch (Midnight, January 1,
			1970 UTC).
16	6	Alphanumeric	Symbol for product or
			underlying security.
22	1	Bit Field	Bit 0 – Variance (1: Variance
			Future, 0: Standard Future)
23	4	Binary Date	Expiration Date of Instrument.
27	2	Binary	Contract size of Instrument.
29	1	Alphanumeric	A = Active
			I = Inactive
			T = Test
30	8	Binary Price	Minimum Price Increment.
38	1	Binary	Values greater than 0 indicate
			this is a spread instrument.
39	1	Binary	Leg definitions, if any, begin at
			this offset from the beginning of
			the message. Possible values are
			0 (no legs present) or 45 (spread
			instrument).
	2 6 12 16 22 23 27 29	2 4 6 6 12 4 16 6 22 1 23 4 27 2 29 1 30 8 38 1	2 4 Binary 6 6 Printable ASCII 12 4 Binary 16 6 Alphanumeric 22 1 Bit Field 23 4 Binary Date 27 2 Binary 29 1 Alphanumeric 30 8 Binary Price 38 1 Binary

				Cboe reserves the right to change these values without prior notice.
Variance Block Offset	40	1	Binary	Variance Future parameter block begins at this offset from the beginning of the message. Possible values are 0 (no Variance Block) or 45 (Variance Block present). Choe reserves the right to
				change these values without prior notice.
Contract Date	41	4	Binary Date	Populated for single leg instruments only. Zero-filled for spread instruments.
				The date that should be used in describing the future's third party symbol and the measurement period of the contract.
				Set to same value as Expiration Date for futures that have a Contract Date that does not differ from expire date.
The f	following fields are	only presei	nt if <i>Variance</i> bit ir	n Futures Flags = 1.
Realized Variance	45	8	Signed Binary	Realized Variance to date (signed 64-bit decimal with 8 implied decimal places)
Num Expected Prices	53	2	Binary	Number of expected S&P500 prices to be used for calculating returns during the life of the contract
Num Elapsed Returns	55	2	Binary	Number of returns elapsed as of the beginning of the trading day
Previous Settlement	57	8	Binary Price	Previous day Settlement Value
Discount Factor	65	8	Signed Binary	Discount Factor (signed 64-bit decimal with 16 implied decimal places)
Initial Strike	73	8	Binary Price	Initial strike

Previous ARMVM	81	8	Signed Binary	ARMVM that was used to adjust
				the previous day settlement
				price (signed 64-bit decimal
				value with 6 implied decimal
				places)
Fed Funds Rate	89	8	Signed Binary	Fed Funds rate of prior day
				(signed 64-bit number with 6
				implied decimal places)
The followi	ng fields repeat <i>Leg</i>	Count time	es (maximum of 4)	for spread instruments.
Leg Ratio	Leg Offset +	4	Signed Binary	Leg ratio (positive for bid-side,
	(10 * Leg Index)			negative for ask-side).
Leg Symbol	Leg Offset + 4 +	6	Alphanumeric	Symbol of leg.
	(10 * Leg Index)			
Variable Total Lengt	h = 45 (+ 52 if Varia	ance Futur	e) + (Leg Count *	10) bytes

2.11 Price Limits

The Price Limits message can be sent as a sequenced or un-sequenced message. As a sequenced message, it is sent out at the start of the session for products that are subject to price limits per the contract specifications. The Price Limits message does not signal whether price limits are in effect for that symbol; it simply provides those values for when they are in effect. If multiple Price Limits messages are received for the same Symbol, the most recent values will override the previous values.

As an un-sequenced message, it is sent out with a Market Snapshot message as part of the Periodic Refresh mechanism.

Price Limits messages are included in a spin response.

	Price Limits										
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description							
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.							
Message Type	1	1	0xBE	Price Limits Message							
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from last unit timestamp.							
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.							
Upper Price Limit	12	8	Binary Price	Upper price limit							
Lower Price Limit	20	8	Binary Price	Lower price limit							
Total Length = 28 bytes											

2.12 Refresh and Spin Messages

2.12.1 Market Snapshot

A Market Snapshot message provides a snapshot of the price and size for the bid and ask, last trade price, total number of contracts traded, and the current trading status of a single symbol. The Market Snapshot message will be included during a Spin for all products traded so far this Trade Date. Finally, Market Snapshot messages will also be sent in a continuous loop as part of the Periodic Refresh mechanism.

The *Unit Timestamp* field is provided because the timestamp for a Market Snapshot is the last time an event occurred on that *Symbol*. Since the Futures market can cross midnight Central Time, the Epoch (midnight, January 1, 1970 UTC) is used as a reference point.

The Market Snapshot message comes in two variants: Market Snapshot (Long) and Market Snapshot (Short). The Market Snapshot (Short) is used whenever possible, but the Market Snapshot (Long) version is used if any of the *Price* fields cannot be represented by a Binary Short Price (-327.68 to +327.67) or any of the *Quantity* fields cannot be represented by an unsigned 16-bit value (65536).

		Marl	ket Snapshot (Short)	
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including
				this field.
Message Type	1	1	0xB2	Market Snapshot (Short)
				Message
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from <i>Unit</i>
				Timestamp in this message.
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.
Unit Timestamp	12	4	Binary	Last unit timestamp expressed as
				number of whole seconds since the
				Epoch (Midnight, January 1, 1970
				UTC).
Bid Price	16	2	Binary Short Price	Bid price (may be a zero or negative
				price for some instruments).
Bid Quantity	18	2	Binary	Number of contracts on the bid side
				of the inside book (a zero value
				denotes the <i>Bid Price</i> is invalid).
Ask Price	20	2	Binary Short Price	Ask price (may be a zero or negative
				price for some instruments).

Ask Quantity	22	2	Binary	Number of contracts on the ask side		
				of the inside book (a zero value		
				denotes the Ask Price is invalid).		
Last Trade Price	24	2	Binary Short Price	Price of last execution (this can be		
				zero or negative for some		
				instruments).		
Last Trade Size	26	2	Binary	Number of contracts traded on the		
				last trade (if this value is 0 the <i>Last</i>		
				Trade Price is invalid).		
Last Trade	28	1	Alphanumeric	Trade Condition for Last Trade		
Condition				(Space) = Normal trade		
				0 = Opening trade		
				S = Spread trade		
				B = Block trade		
				E = ECRP trade		
				X = Trade break		
				D = Derived		
Total Volume	29	4	Binary	Total number of contracts traded on		
				the current business day.		
Trading Status	33	1	Alphanumeric	See Trading Status field of Trading		
				Status message.		
Reserved	34	3	Alphanumeric	Reserved for use in other markets.		
Total Length = 37 l	Total Length = 37 bytes					

	Market Snapshot (Long)						
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description			
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including			
				this field.			
Message Type	1	1	0xB3	Market Snapshot (Long)			
				Message			
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from <i>Unit</i>			
				Timestamp in this message.			
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.			
Unit Timestamp	12	4	Binary	Last unit timestamp expressed as			
				number of whole seconds since the			
				Epoch (Midnight, January 1, 1970			
				UTC).			
Bid Price	16	8	Binary Price	Bid price (may be a zero or negative			
				price for some instruments).			
Bid Quantity	24	4	Binary	Number of contracts on the bid side			
				of the inside book (a zero value			
				denotes the <i>Bid Price</i> is invalid).			

Ask Price	28	8	Binary Price	Ask price (may be a zero or negative price for some instruments).
Ask Quantity	36	4	Binary	Number of contracts on the ask side
- ,				of the inside book (a zero value
				denotes the Ask Price is invalid).
Last Trade Price	40	8	Binary Price	Price of last execution (this can be
				zero or negative for some
				instruments).
Last Trade Size	48	4	Binary	Number of contracts traded on the
				last trade (if this value is 0 the <i>Last</i>
				Trade Price is invalid).
Last Trade	52	1	Alphanumeric	Trade Condition for Last Trade
Condition				(Space) = Normal trade
				0 = Opening trade
				S = Spread trade
				B = Block trade
				E = ECRP trade
				X = Trade break
				D = Derived
Total Volume	53	4	Binary	Total number of contracts traded on
				the current business day.
Trading Status	57	1	Alphanumeric	See <i>Trading Status</i> field of
		_		Trading Status message.
Reserved	58	3	Alphanumeric	Reserved for use in other markets.
Total Length = 61	bytes			

2.13 Market Update Messages

Market Update messages reflect real-time events to the current state of the market. These messages are always sequenced and may be recovered via the Gap Request Proxy ("GRP").

2.13.1 Single Side Update

Single Side Update messages provide an updated price and size for a single side of a *Symbol*. The side is denoted by the *Side* field. One Single Side Update message may reflect one or more updates to the inside book that were processed at the same time, but will only be done so in a way that can be arbitrated between A/B feeds.

Single Side Update messages come in two variants: Single Side Update (Long) and Single Side Update (Short). The Single Side Update (Short) message is used whenever possible, but the Single Side Update (Long) message is used whenever the *Price* cannot be represented by a Binary Short Price or the *Quantity* cannot be represented by an unsigned 16-bit integer.

Single Side Update (Short)						
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description		
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including		
				this field.		
Message Type	1	1	0xB4	Single Side Update		
				(Short) Message		
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from last unit		
				timestamp.		
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.		
Side	12	1	Alphanumeric	B = Bid side		
				S = Ask side		
Price	13	2	Binary Short Price	Price (may be a zero or negative		
				price for some instruments).		
Quantity	15	2	Binary	Number of contracts on the inside		
				book (a zero value denotes the <i>Price</i>		
				is invalid).		
Total Length = 17	bytes					

Single Side Update (Long)					
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description	
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including	
				this field.	
Message Type	1	1	0xB5	Single Side Update (Long)	
				Message	
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from last unit	
				timestamp.	
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.	
Side	12	1	Alphanumeric	B = Bid side	
				S = Ask side	
Price	13	8	Binary Price	Price (may be a zero or negative	
				price for some instruments).	
Quantity	21	4	Binary	Number of contracts on the inside	
				book (a zero value denotes the <i>Price</i>	
				is invalid).	
Total Length = 25	bytes				

2.13.2 Two Side Update Message

Two Side Update messages provide an updated price and size for both sides of a Symbol. One Two Side Update message may reflect one or more updates to the inside book that were processed at the same time, but will only be done so in a way that can be arbitrated between A/B feeds.

Two Side Update messages come in two variants: Two Side Update (Long) and Two Side Update (Short). The Two Side Update (Short) message is used whenever possible, but the Two Side Update (Long) message is used whenever the *Price* cannot be represented by a Binary Short Price or the *Quantity* cannot be represented by an unsigned 16-bit integer.

Two Side Update (Short)						
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description		
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including		
				this field.		
Message Type	1	1	0xB6	Two Side Update (Short)		
				Message		
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from <i>Unit</i>		
				Timestamp in this message.		
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.		
Bid Price	12	2	Binary Short Price	Bid price (may be a zero or negative		
				price for some instruments).		
Bid Quantity	14	2	Binary	Number of contracts on the bid side		
				of the inside book (a zero value		
				denotes the <i>Bid Price</i> is invalid).		
Ask Price	16	2	Binary Short Price	Ask price (may be a zero or negative		
				price for some instruments).		
Ask Quantity	18	2	Binary	Number of contracts on the ask side		
				of the inside book (a zero value		
				denotes the Ask Price is invalid).		
Total Length = 20) bytes		L.			

	Two Side Update (Long)						
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description			
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including			
				this field.			
Message Type	1	1	0xB7	Two Side Update (Long)			
				Message			
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from <i>Unit</i>			
				Timestamp in this message.			
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.			
Bid Price	12	8	Binary Price	Bid price (may be a zero or negative			
				price for some instruments).			
Bid Quantity	20	4	Binary	Number of contracts on the bid side			
				of the inside book (a zero value			
				denotes the <i>Bid Price</i> is invalid).			
Ask Price	24	8	Binary Price	Ask price (may be a zero or negative			
				price for some instruments).			
Ask Quantity	32	4	Binary	Number of contracts on the ask side			
				of the inside book (a zero value			
				denotes the Ask Price is invalid).			
Total Length = 36	bytes						

2.13.3 TOP Trade Message

The TOP Trade message provides information about executions of orders on the CFE book. TOP Trade messages are necessary to calculate CFE execution-based data. TOP Trade messages do not alter the book. One or more Single Side Update or Two Side Update messages will follow a TOP Trade message to reflect the updated book (for example, an aggressive order may take out one or more price levels and establish a new level on the opposite side).

Any order may be executed in parts. A complete view of all CFE executions can be built from all TOP Trade messages.

The TOP Trade message sends the trade price, trade quantity, execution id, and trade condition of a trade as well as the cumulative volume for the business day. A TOP Trade message will be sent for each execution, but not every TOP Trade message indicates a trade. The *Trade Condition* value of 'X' (Trade Break) is sent whenever an execution on CFE is broken. Trade breaks are rare and only affect applications that rely upon CFE execution-based data. Trade breaks will contain the *Symbol*, *Quantity*, *Price*, and *Execution Id* of the original trade. The *Total Volume* field will be reduced by the number of shares reported in the *Quantity* field.

	TOP Trade						
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description			
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including			
				this field.			
Message Type	1	1	0xB8	TOP Trade Message			
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from last unit			
				timestamp.			
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.			
Quantity	12	4	Binary	Incremental number of contracts			
				executed or corrected (see <i>Trade</i>			
				Condition).			
Price	16	8	Binary Price	The execution price of the order.			
Execution Id	24	8	Binary	CFE generated day-unique			
				execution identifier of this trade.			
				Execution Id is also referenced in the			
				Trade Break message.			
Total Volume	32	4	Binary	Total number of contracts traded on			
				the current business day (may			
				decrease if the <i>Trade Condition</i> field			
				indicates a canceled trade).			
Trade Condition	36	1	Alphanumeric	(Space) = Normal trade			
				0 = Opening trade ¹			
				S = Spread trade ¹			
				B = Block trade			
				E = ECRP trade			
				D = Derived			
				¹ Sent for simple (non-spread)			
				symbols only.			
Total Length = 37	bytes		<u> </u>	•			

2.14 End of Day Messages

Several different message types are sent after the close to signify the end of a Trading Day.

2.14.1 Settlement

Settlement messages are used to provide information concerning indicative, approved, or corrected daily and final settlement prices for CFE products. An indicative daily settlement price (Issue = I) is calculated by the system and sent immediately after an instrument closes trading but before the settlement price is approved. An approved settlement price (Issue = S) is sent once the CFE Trade Desk approves a settlement price for an instrument. If there is an error in the approved settlement price, then it may be re-issued (Issue = R). For symbols that settle each day using VWAP, the system will begin disseminating an intermediate indicative price update (Issue = i) at 2:59:35 (following the first interval

of the VWAP calculation) that will be sent every five seconds leading up to the receipt of the indicative daily settlement price (Issue = I).

Settlement messages will be included in a spin response.

	Settlement						
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description			
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including			
				this field.			
Message Type	1	1	0xB9	Settlement Message			
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from last unit			
				timestamp.			
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.			
Trade Date	12	4	Binary Date	Trade Date for the settlement.			
Settlement Price	16	8	Binary Price	Settlement Price			
Issue	24	1	Alphanumeric	i = Periodic Indicative Settlement			
				I = Indicative Settlement			
				S = Initial Settlement			
				R = Re-issued Settlement			
Total Length = 25	bytes		•				

2.14.2 End of Day Summary

The End of Day Summary is sent out right after trading ends for a symbol. No more Market Update messages will follow an End of Day Summary for a particular symbol. A value of zero in the *Total Volume* field means that no volume traded on that symbol for the day. The *Total Volume* field reflects all contracts traded during the day. Block, ECRP, and Derived trades are included in the *Total Volume* field, but they are also reported separately to provide more detail.

The Summary Flags field provides additional information on how to interpret the High Price and Low Price fields, especially in instruments that had no volume for the day and/or where 0 is a valid price (e.g. Trade At Settlement products). There are flags that indicate whether or not the High Price and Low Price fields are valid. If they are not valid, then there was no High (and/or Low) Price for the day. There are also flags that indicate whether the High Price was set by the highest bid and the Low Price was set by the lowest offer rather than a trade.

All End of Day Summary message values will span the full trading day, including all extended hours trading and all trading segments.

End of Day Summary						
Field Name	nme Offset Length Type/(Value) Description					
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.		
Message Type	1	1	0xBA	End of Day Summary Message		

Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from last unit timestamp.
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.
Trade Date	12	4	Binary Date	Trade Date for the message.
Open Interest	16	4	Binary	Prior Trade Date Open Interest for this symbol.
High Price	20	8	Binary Price	The higher of highest bid price and highest trade
				price for the day. Block and ECRP trades (<i>Trade</i>
				Condition = B or E) do not update High Price.
Low Price	28	8	Binary Price	The lower of lowest offer price and lowest trade
				price for the day. Block and ECRP trades (<i>Trade</i>
				Condition = B or E) do not update Low Price.
Open Price	36	8	Binary Price	The first trade on the day (in any session) will set
				the Open Price for the day (valid only if Total
				Volume > 0). Block and ECRP trades (Trade
				Condition = B or E) do not update Open Price.
Close Price	44	8	Binary Price	The last trade on the day (in any session) will set
				the Close Price for the day (valid only if Total
				Volume > 0). Block and ECRP trades (Trade
				Condition = B or E) do not update Close Price.
Total Volume	52	4	Binary	Total number of contracts traded for the day,
				including Block, ECRP, and Derived trades.
Block Volume	56	4	Binary	Total number of block contracts traded for the
				day.
ECRP Volume	60	4	Binary	Total number of contracts traded for the day.
Summary Flags	64	1	Bit Field	Bit 0 = High Price Valid - Set if High Price is a
				valid value.
				Bit 1 = High Price is bid – Set if High Price was
				set by the highest bid (rather than a
				trade).
				Bit 2 = Low Price Valid – Set if Low Price is a
				valid value.
				Bit 3 = Low Price is offer – Set if Low Price was
				set by the lowest offer (rather than a
				trade).
				Bit 4 = Open/Close Valid – Set if both. Open
				Price and Close Price fields contain
				valid values
				Bit 5-7 = Reserved
Total Length = 65	bytes			

2.15 Trading Status

The Trading Status message is used to indicate the current trading status of a Futures contract. A Trading Status message will be sent whenever a security's trading status changes. If a Trading Status has not been received for a symbol, then the *Trading Status* for the symbol should be assumed to be "S = Suspended". The following summarizes the Trading Status values in the CFE system:

- S = Suspended. A contract is in a suspended state when the associated product is closed and not accepting orders.
- Q = Accepting orders for queuing. Queuing state is used during the Pre-Open for all products. It is also used for spread instruments that may not be tradeable due to Threshold Width.
- T = Trading. Used for both Extended and Regular Hours trading.
- H = Halt state. This state is used for Supervisory Halts initiated by the Trade Desk. Orders are not being accepted in this state.

	Trading Status					
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description		
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.		
Message Type	1	1	0x31	Trading Status message		
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from last unit		
				timestamp.		
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.		
Reserved1	12	2	Alpha	Reserved		
Trading Status	14	1	Alpha	S = Suspended		
				Q = Queuing		
				T = Trading		
				H = Halted		
Reserved2	15	3	Alphanumeric	Reserved		
Total Length = 1	Total Length = 18 bytes					

2.16 Open Interest

The Open Interest message is sent to communicate a symbol's open interest, usually for the prior trading date. This message will be sent when open interest information is made available to CFE and may be sent multiple times if there are changes to the open interest for a symbol. The open interest is also populated in the End of Day Summary message.

Open Interest					
Field Name Offset Length Type/(Value) Description					
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.	
Message Type	1	1	0xD3	Open Interest Message	
Time Offset	2	4	Binary	Nanosecond offset from last unit timestamp.	
Symbol	6	6	Printable ASCII	Six character, base 62 symbol.	

Trade Date	12	4	Binary Date	Trade Date for the Open Interest data.	
Open Interest	16	4	Binary	Open Interest for this symbol.	
Total Length = 20 bytes					

2.17 End of Session

The End of Session message is sent for each unit when the unit shuts down. No more sequenced messages will be delivered for this unit, but heartbeats from the unit may be received.

End of Session					
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description	
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.	
Message Type	1	1	0x2D	End of Session Message	
Timestamp 2 4 Binary Nanosecond offset from last unit timestamp.					
Total Length = 6 bytes					

3 Gap Request Proxy Messages

The following messages are used for initializing a TCP/IP connection to the Gap Request Proxy ("GRP") and to request message retransmissions. Participants only need to implement the following messages if gap requests will be made. The following messages will not be delivered using multicast.

3.1 Login

The Login message is the first message sent to the GRP by a user's process after the connection to the GRP is established. Failure to login before sending any other message type will result in the connection being dropped by the GRP.

Login						
Field	Offset	Length	Value/Type	Description		
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this		
				field.		
Message	1	1	0x01	Login Message		
Туре						
SessionSubId	2	4	Alphanumeric	SessionSubId supplied by CFE.		
Username	6	4	Alphanumeric	Username supplied by CFE.		
Filler	10	2	Alphanumeric	(space filled)		
Password	12	10	Alphanumeric	Password supplied by CFE.		
Total Length =	Total Length = 22 bytes					

3.2 Login Response

The Login Response message is sent by the GRP to a user's process in response to a Login message. The status field is used to reflect an accepted login or the reason the session was not accepted. If login fails, the connection will be dropped after the Login Response message is sent.

	Login Response					
Field	Offset	Length	Value/Type	Description		
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this		
				field.		
Message Type	1	1	0x02	Login Response Message		
Status	2	1	Alphanumeric	Accepted or reason for reject.		
Total Length = :	3 bytes					
		Login	Response - Statu	s Codes		
'A'	Login Acc	epted				
'N'	Not authorized (Invalid Username/Password)					
'B'	Session in use					
'S'	Invalid Se	ssion				

3.3 Gap Request

The Gap Request message is used by a user's process to request retransmission of a sequenced message (or messages) by one of CFE's gap servers.

Gap Request					
Field	Offset	Length	Value/Type	Description	
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this	
				field.	
Message Type	1	1	0x03	Gap Request Message	
Unit	2	1	Binary	Unit that the gap is requested for.	
Sequence	3	4	Binary	Sequence of first message	
				(lowest sequence in range).	
Count	7	2	Binary	Count of messages requested.	
Total Length = 9 bytes					

3.4 Gap Response

The Gap Response message is sent by the GRP in response to a Gap Request message. The *Unit* and *Sequence* fields will match the values supplied in the Gap Request message. A Gap Response message, with a Status of Accepted or reason for failure, will be sent for each Gap Request message received by the GRP.

	Gap Response						
Field	Offset	Length	Value/Type	Description			
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this			
				field.			
Message Type	1	1	0x04	Gap Response Message			
Unit	2	1	Binary	<i>Unit</i> the gap was requested for.			
Sequence	3	4	Binary	Sequence of first message in request.			
Count	7	2	Binary	Count of messages requested.			
Status	9	1	Alphanumeric	Accepted or reason for reject*.			
Total Length = :	Total Length = 10 bytes						
		Gap	Response - Status	Codes			
'A'	Accepted						
' O'	Out of ra	nge (ahead of	sequence or too far	behind)			
'D'	Daily gap	request alloc	ation exhausted				
'M'	Minute gap request allocation exhausted						
'S'	Second gap request allocation exhausted						
,C,	Count request limit for one gap request exceeded						
'1'	Invalid U	nit specified ir	request				
'U'	Unit is cu	ırrently unavai	ilable				

^{* -} All non-'A' status codes should be interpreted as a reject.

4 Spin Messages

4.1 Login

The Login message is the first message sent to the Spin Server by a user's process after the connection to the Spin Server is established. Failure to login before sending any other message type will result in the connection being dropped by the Spin Server.

The format of the Login message for the Spin Server is identical to that of the GRP described previously in Section 3.1.

4.2 Login Response

The Login Response message is sent by the Spin Server to a user's process in response to a Login message. The status field is used to reflect an accepted login or the reason the session was not accepted. If login fails, the connection will be dropped after the Login Response message is sent.

The format of the Login Response message for the Spin Server is identical to that of the GRP described previously in Section 3.2.

4.3 Spin Image Available

The Spin Image Available message is sent once per second and indicates through what sequence number a spin is available.

Spin Image Available					
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description	
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.	
Message Type	1	1	0x80	Spin Image Available Message	
Sequence	2	4	Binary	Spin is available which is current through this	
				sequence number.	
Total Length = 6 bytes					

4.4 Spin Request

The Spin Request message is used by a user's process to request transmission of a spin of the unit's order book. Refer to Section 1.8 for more complete details regarding Sequence specification as well as buffering requirements.

Spin Request					
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description	
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.	
Message Type	1	1	0x81	Spin Request Message	
Sequence	2	4	Binary	Sequence number from a Spin Image	
				Available message received by the	
				participant.	
Total Length = 6 bytes					

4.5 Spin Response

The Spin Response message is sent in response to a user's Spin Request message indicating whether a spin will be sent.

			Spin Respo	onse		
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description		
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.		
Message Type	1	1	0x82	Spin Response Message		
Sequence	2	4	Binary	Sequence number from a Spin Image		
				Available message received by the		
				participant.		
Order Count	6	4	Binary	Number of Add Order messages which will be		
				contained in this spin.		
Status	10	1	Alphanumeric	Accepted or reason for reject*.		
Total Length = :	11 bytes					
	Spin Response - Status Codes					
'A'	Accepted					
'O'	Out of Range (Sequence requested is greater than Sequence available by the next spin)					
'S'	Spin alr	eady in pro	ogress (only one spir	r can be running at a time).		

^{* -} All non-'A' status codes should be interpreted as a reject.

4.6 Spin Finished

The Spin Finished message is sent to indicate that all messages for the spin requested have been sent. A Spin Finished message is only sent if a Spin Request was not rejected. Upon receipt of a Spin Finished message, any buffered multicast messages should be applied to the participant's copy of the book to make it current.

Spin Finished					
Field Name	Offset	Length	Type/(Value)	Description	
Length	0	1	Binary	Length of this message including this field.	
Message Type	1	1	0x83	Spin Finished Message	
Sequence	2	4	Binary	Sequence number from the Spin Request	
				message.	
Total Length = 6 bytes					

4.7 Spin Server Usage Example

The following diagram (see next page) shows the exchange of messages over time between a participant and CFE's Multicast TOP feed and Spin Server. Note that while the example may seem to imply Market Snapshot messages only would be sent on a Spin, this is not the case. Trading Status message may be sent at the beginning of the spin session and Time messages may be found mixed between Market Snapshot messages according to their timestamps.

At time 1, the participant has no state of the book and desires to become current. The participant caches the received Multicast TOP messages (sequences 310172 and 310173) for later use. Since the participant has no book, they cannot yet be applied.

At time 5, the participant has successfully logged into the Spin Server and has cached another message, sequence 310174.

At time 7, the participant receives a Spin Image Available message which indicates that the spin server is capable of giving them a spin of all symbols as of sequence 310169. The participant does not have all messages cached after 310169 (they are missing 310170 and 310171), so this spin is not useful to the participant.

At time 10, the participant receives a Spin Image Available message which is useful since it would be a spin of all orders up to and including sequence 310175 and the participant has all messages after 310175 cached.

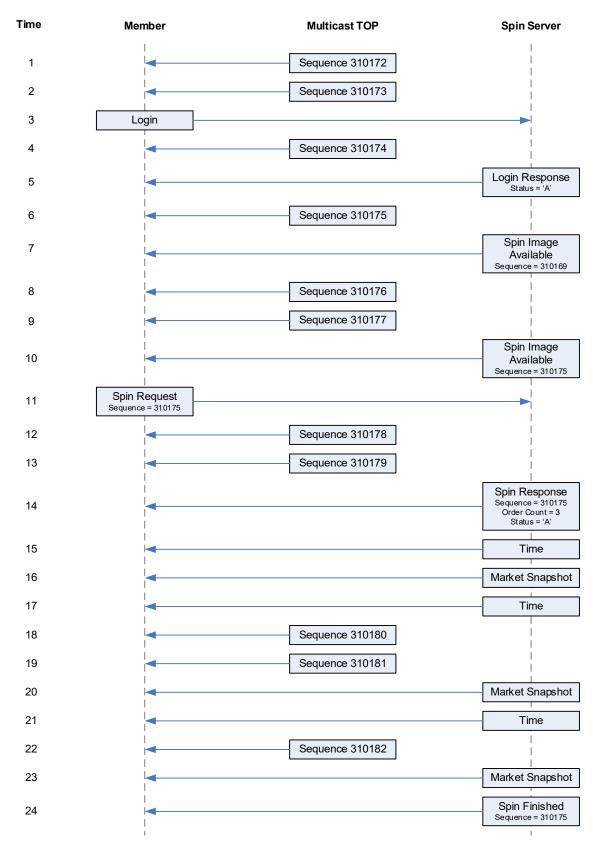
At time 11, the participant sends a Spin Request for all messages up to and including 310175 and continues to cache Multicast TOP messages received.

At time 14, the Spin Server acknowledges the Spin Request and indicates that three symbols will be sent.

At time 24, the spin server indicates that it has finished sending all open orders. The participant must then apply the cached messages from sequence number 310176 through current.

Notes:

• Spin Servers are available for each unit. Participants may need to employ multiple Spin Servers depending upon their architecture.



5 Message Types

5.1 Gap Request Proxy Messages

0x01 Login

0x02 Login Response 0x03 Gap Request 0x04 Gap Response

5.2 Spin Server Messages

0x01 Login

0x02 Login Response

0x80 Spin Image Available

0x81 Spin Request 0x82 Spin Response 0x83 Spin Finished

5.3 TOP Messages

0x20 Time

0x2D End of Session 0x31 Trading Status 0xB1 Time Reference

0xB2Market Snapshot (Short)0xB3Market Snapshot (Long)0xB4Single Side Update (Short)0xB5Single Side Update (Long)0xB6Two Side Update (Short)0xB7Two Side Update (Long)

0xB8 TOP Trade 0xB9 Settlement

0xBA End of Day Summary

0xBB Futures Instrument Definition

0xBE Price Limits 0xD3 Open Interest

6 Example Messages

Each of the following message types must be wrapped by a sequenced or un-sequenced unit header as described in <u>Section 2.4</u>. Note that in the following examples, each byte is represented by two hexadecimal digits.

6.1 Login Message

Length	16	22 bytes
Type	01	Login
SessionSubId	30 30 30 31	"0001 <i>"</i>
Username	46 49 52 4D	"FIRM"
Filler	20 20	w //
Password	41 42 43 44 30 30 20 20 20 20	"ABCD00 "

6.2 Login Response Message

Length	03	3 bytes
Type	02	Login Response
Status	41	Login accepted

6.3 Gap Request Message

Length	09	9 bytes
Type	03	Gap Request
Unit	01	Unit 1
Sequence	3B 10 00 00	First message: 4155
Count	32 00	50 messages

6.4 Gap Response Message

Length

08

Type	04	Gap Response
Unit	01	Unit 1
Sequence	3B 10 00 00	First message: 4155
Status	41	Accepted

8 bytes

6.5 Spin Image Available Message

Length	06	6 bytes
Type	80	Spin Image Available
Sequence	3B 10 00 00	Sequence: 4155

6.6 Spin Request Message

Length	06	6 bytes
Type	81	Spin Request
Sequence	3B 10 00 00	Sequence: 4155

6.7 Spin Response Message

Length	0B	11 bytes
Type	82	Spin Request
Sequence	3B 10 00 00	Sequence: 4155
Order Count	42 00 00 00	66 orders
Status	41	Accepted

6.8 Spin Finished Message

Length	06	6 bytes
Type	83	Spin Finished
Sequence	3B 10 00 00	Sequence: 4155

6.9 Time Message

Length	0A	10 bytes
Type	20	Time
Time	98 85 00 00	34,200 seconds =
		09:30 AM Central
Epoch Time	F8 27 94 5A	1519659000 =
		February 26, 2018
		9:30:00 AM Central

6.10 Unit Clear

Length	06	6 bytes
Type	97	Unit Clear
Time Offset	18 D2 06 00	447,000 ns since last
		Time Message

6.11 Time Reference

Length	12	18 bytes
Type	B1	Time Reference
Midnight	E0 50 92 5A	2018-02-25 00:00:00
Reference		Central (1519538400
		seconds since the
		Epoch)
Time	00 E1 00 00	16:00:00
Time Offset	00 00 00 00	Exactly 16:00:00
Trade Date	02 ED 33 01	20180226
		February 26, 2018

6.12 Market Snapshot (Short)

Length	25	37 bytes
Type	B2	Market
		Snapshot (Short)

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Time Offset Symbol Unit Timestamp	30 31 32 33 34 35	625,237,000 ns 012345 2018-03-02 12:27:18 Central (1520036838 seconds since the
		Epoch)
Bid Price	41 01	\$3.21
Bid Size	BC 02	700 contracts
Ask Price	во 01	\$4.32
Ask Size	84 03	900 contracts
Last Trade Price	8F 01	\$3.99
Last Trade Size	FE FF	65,534 contracts
Last Trade Condition	20	(space) Normal Trade
Total Volume	32 54 76 98	2,557,891,634 contracts
Trading Status	54	T - Trading
Reserved	31 20 20	Reserved

6.13 Market Snapshot (Long)

Length	2 D							61 bytes
Type	В3							Market
								Snapshot (Long)
Time Offset	08 50	44	25					625,237,000 ns
Symbol	30 31	. 32	33	34	35			012345
Unit Timestamp	E6 EF	3 99	5A					2018-03-02 12:27:18
								Central (1520036838
								seconds since the
								Epoch)
Bid Price	9C 82	PF.	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	\$-3.21
Bid Size	BC 02	2 00	00					700 contracts
Ask Price	E0 F4	8F	04	00	00	00	00	\$7,654.32
Ask Size	84 03	3 00	00					900 contracts
Last Trade	DC 9E	3 00	00	00	00	00	00	\$3.99
Price								
Last Trade	64 00	00	00					100 contracts
Size								
Last Trade	20							(space) Normal Trade
Condition								
Total Volume	78 56	34	12					305,419,896 contracts
Trading Status	54							T - Trading
Reserved								

6.14 Single Side Update (Short)

Length	11	17 bytes
Туре	B4	Single Side
		Update (Short)
Time Offset	30 FA D3 29	701,758,000 ns since
		last Time Message
Symbol	30 31 32 33 34 35	012345
Side	42	B (Buy)
Price	0C 30	\$1.23
Quantity	64 00	100 contracts

6.15 Single Side Update (Short, Negative Price)

Length	11	17 bytes
Type	B4	Single Side
		Update (Short)
Time Offset	30 FA D3 29	701,758,000 ns since
		last Time Message
Symbol	30 31 32 33 34 35	012345
Side	42	B (Buy)
Price	85 FF	\$-1.23
Quantity	C8 00	200 contracts

6.16 Single Side Update (Long)

Length	1B	27 bytes
Туре	B5	Single Side
		Update (Long)
Time Offset	30 FA D3 29	701,758,000 ns since
		last Time Message
Symbol	30 31 32 33 34 35	012345
Side	42	B (Buy)
Price	OC 30 00 00 00 00 00 00	\$1.23
Quantity	64 00 00 00	100 contracts

6.17 TOP Trade

Length	25	37 bytes
Type	В8	Trade
Time Offset	10 84 D4 23	601,130,000 ns since
		last Time Message
Symbol	36 35 34 33 32 31	654321
Quantity	BC 02 00 00	700 contracts
Price	08 E2 01 00 00 00 00 00	\$12.34
Execution Id	34 2B 46 E0 BB 00 00 00	0AAP09VEC

Total Volume	40 42	2 OF 00 00 00 00 00	1,000,000 contracts
Trade Condition	20		Normal Trade (space)

6.18 TOP Trade (Condition = Trade Break)

Length	25						37 bytes
Type	В8						Trade
Time Offset	10 84	D4 23					601,130,000 ns since
							last Time Message
Symbol	36 35	34 33	32	31			654321
Quantity	BC 02	00 00					700 contracts
Price	08 E2	01 00	00	00 0	00	00	\$12.34
Execution Id	34 2B	46 E0	BB	00 0	00	00	0AAP09VEC
Total Volume	84 3F	0F 00	00	00 0	00	00	999,300 contracts
Trade Condition	58						X - Trade Break

6.19 Settlement

Length	19							25 bytes
Type	В9							Settlement
Time Offset	60 84	8E	00					9,340,000 ns since
								last Time Message
Symbol	36 35	34	33	32	31			654321
Reserved	20 20							
Trade Date	03 EI	33	01					20180227
								February 27, 2018
Settlement	4C F8	06	00	00	00	00	00	\$45.67
Price								
Issue	53							S - Initial
								Settlement

6.20 Open Interest

Length	19	20 bytes
Type	D3	Open Interest
Time Offset	60 84 8E 00	9,340,000 ns since
		last Time Message
Symbol	36 35 34 33 32 31	654321
Trade Date	A9 3C 34 01	20200617
		June 17, 2020
Open Interest	B1 68 DE 3A	987,654,321 contracts

6.21 End of Day Summary

Length	41								65 bytes
Type	ВА								End of Day Summary
Time Offset	18	D2	06	00					447,000 ns since last
									Time Message
Symbol	39	38	37	36	35	34			987654
Open Interest	В1	68	DE	3A					987,654,321 contracts
High Price	DC	FB	09	00	00	00	00	00	\$65.43
Low Price	08	E2	01	00	00	00	00	00	\$12.34
Open Price	ΕO	49	08	00	00	00	00	00	\$54.32
Close Price	F8	Α9	08	00	00	00	00	00	\$56.78
Total Volume	15	CD	5B	07	00	00	00	00	123,456,789 contracts
Block Volume	88	13	00	00					5,000 Block contracts
ECRP Volume	E8	03	00	00					1,000 ECRP contracts
Summary Flags	15								High Price Valid 0x01
									Low Price Valid 0x04
									Has Open/Close 0x10

6.22 Futures Instrument Definition (*Contract Date Different from Expiration Date***)**

Length	2 D								45 bytes
Type	ВВ								Futures Instrument
									Definition Message
Time Offset	E8	61	BF	23					599,745,000 ns since
									Last Time Message
Symbol	30	30	30	33	6C	4E			00031N
Unit Timestamp	75	2 D	40	5E					2020-02-09 10:04:05
									Central Time
									(1581264245 seconds
									since Epoch)
Report Symbol	41	4 D	42	33	20	20			AMB3
Futures Flags	00								0
Expiration Date	D4	3D	34	01					20200916 -
									September 16, 2020
Contract Size	19	00							25
Listing State	41								A - Active
Price Increment	C4	09	00	00	00	00	00	00	\$0.25
Leg Count	00								0 legs
Leg Offset	00								0 - No Legs
Variance Block	00								0 - No Variance Block
Contract Date	Α9	3C	34	01					20200617 -
									June 17, 2020

6.23 Futures Instrument Definition (Contract Date Same as Expiration Date)

Length Type	2D BB	45 bytes Futures Instrument
Time Offset	80 A3 14 27	Definition Message 655,664,000 ns since Last Time Message
Symbol	30 30 30 33 69 34	0003i4
Unit Timestamp	75 2D 40 5E	2020-02-09 10:04:05
		Central Time
		(1581264245 seconds
		since Epoch)
Report Symbol	56 58 20 20 20 20	VX
Futures Flags	00	0
Expiration Date	A9 3C 34 01	20200617 -
		June 17, 2020
Contract Size	E8 03	1000
Listing State	41	A - Active
Price Increment	F4 01 00 00 00 00 00 0	00 \$0.05
Leg Count	00	0 legs
Leg Offset	00	0 - No Legs
Variance Block	00	0 - No Variance Block
Contract Date	A9 3C 34 01	20200617 -
		June 17, 2020

6.24 Futures Instrument Definition w/ 2 Legs(Contract Date Populated with Zero value)

Length Type	41 BB								65 bytes Futures Instrument Definition Message
Time Offset	E8	61	BF	23					599,745,000 ns since Last Time Message
Symbol	30	30	30	33	6C	52			00031R
Unit Timestamp	75	2 D	40	5E					2020-02-09 10:04:05
									Central Time
									(1581264245 seconds
									since Epoch)
Report Symbol	41	4 D	42	33	20	20			AMB3
Futures Flags	00								0
Expiration Date	Α9	3C	34	01					20200617 -
									Wednesday, June 17,
									2020
Contract Size	19	00							25
Listing State	41								A - Active
Price Increment	C4	09	00	00	00	00	00	00	\$0.25
Leg Count	02								2 legs

Leg Offset	2D	Legs begin at byte 45
Variance Block	00	0 - No Variance Block
		Offset
Contract Date	00 00 00 00	0
Leg #1 Ratio	FF FF FF FF	-1 (1 Sell)
Leg #1 Symbol	30 30 30 33 67 75	0003gu
Leg #2 Ratio	01 00 00 00	1 (1 Buy)
Leg #2 Symbol	30 30 30 33 6C 4E	00031N

6.25 Trading Status Message

Length	12	18 bytes
Type	31	Trading Status
Time Offset	18 D2 06 00	447,000 ns since last
		Time Message
Symbol	39 39 38 38 37 37	998877
Halt Status	54	T = Trading
Reserved	30 20 20	Reserved

6.26 Price Limits

Length	1C						28 bytes
Type	BE						Price Limits
Time Offset	18 D2	06 00					447,000 ns since last
							Time Message
Symbol	31 32	33 34	35	20			12345
Upper Price	08 E2	01 00	00	00 0	0 C	00	\$12.34
Limit							
Lower Price	8C 81	01 00	00	00 0	0 C	00	\$9.87
Limit							

6.27 Sequenced Unit Header with 2 Messages

Sequenced Unit Header:

Hdr Length	3E 00	62 bytes, including
		header
Hdr Count	02	2 messages to follow
Hdr Unit	01	Unit 1
Hdr Sequence	01 00 00 00	First message has
		sequence number 1

Message 1: Trade Length 25

Length	25	37 bytes
Type	B4	Trade
Time Offset	10 84 D4 23	601,130,000 ns since
		last Time Message
Symbol	36 35 34 33 32 31	654321

Reserved	20 20	
Quantity	BC 02 00 00	700 contracts
Price 08 E2 01 00 00 00 00 \$12.34		00 \$12.34
Execution Id	34 2B 46 E0 BB 00 00	00 0AAP09VEC
Total Volume	40 42 OF 00 00 00 00	00 1,000,000 contracts
Trade Condition	20	Normal Trade (space)

Message 2: Single Side Update

Length	11	17 bytes
Type	B4	Single Side
		Update (Short)
Time Offset	30 FA D3 29	701,758,000 ns since
		last Time Message
Symbol	36 35 34 33 32 31	654321
Side	42	B (Buy)
Price	0C 30	\$1.23
Quantity	64 00	100 contracts

7 Multicast Configuration

7.1 Production Environment Configuration

7.1.1 Limitations/Configurations

The following table defines the configuration for network and gap request limitations. These limitations are session based. CFE reserves the right to adjust the gap request limitations to improve the effectiveness of the gap request infrastructure.

Period/Type	Limit/Setting	Notes
MTU	1500	CFE will send UDP messages up to 1500 bytes.
		Participants should ensure that their infrastructure is
		configured accordingly.
WAN-Shaped	100 Mb/s	The real-time and gap multicast head ends are
Throttle		configured to shape their output to this level to minimize
		packet loss.
Gap Response Delay	2 ms	The Gap Server will delay resending sequenced
		messages via multicast for the specified limit in order to
		satisfy multiple GRP gap requests with one multicast
		response.
Count	100	Any single gap request may not be for more than this
		number of dropped messages.
1 Second	320 Requests	This is the maximum number of retransmission requests
		allowed per second for each session. This is renewed
		every clock second.
1 Minute	1,500 Requests	This is the maximum number of retransmission requests
		allowed per minute for each session. This is renewed
		every clock minute.
Day	100,000 Requests	This is the maximum number of retransmission requests
		allowed per day for each session.
Within Range	1,000,000 Messages	Users' retransmission requests must be within this many
		messages of the most recent sequence sent by the real-
		time feed per session.

7.1.2 Unit/Product Distribution

The following table describes the CFE symbol distribution across units.

Symbol Range Start	Unit
VX,VXT,VXM,VXMT	1
All Other Products	2

Note - CFE reserves the right to add units and/or change symbol distribution with 48 hours of notice and no migration period. Notice will be given that the distribution will change on a certain date. Care should be taken to support mappings in these tables via software configuration.

7.1.3 Multicast Routing Parameters

Data Center	Rendezvous Point
Primary Data Center C feed	74.115.128.164
Primary Data Center D feed	74.115.128.165
Secondary Data Center E feed	170.137.16.128

7.1.4 Address/Unit Distribution

The following tables describe the unit distribution across the CFE Multicast TOP feeds.

	imary WAN-Shaped [FCT] WAN-Shaped [Image] acenter 74.115.133.96/29 74.115.133.104				
Unit	IP Port	Real-time MC	Gap Resp. MC	Real-time MC	Gap Resp. MC
1	30101				
2	30102	224.0.131.134	224.0.131.135	233.130.124.134	233.130.124.135

Note - CFE reserves the right to add multicast addresses with prior notice, but no migration period. Notice will be given that the distribution will change on a certain date. Care should be taken to support mappings in these tables via software configuration.

Secondary Datacenter		WAN-Shaped [FET] 170.137.16.80/29	
Unit	IP Port	Real-time MC	Gap Resp. MC
1	31101	233.182.199.2	233.182.199.3
2	31102	233.182.199.2	233.182.199.3

Note - CFE reserves the right to add multicast addresses with prior notice, but no migration period. Notice will be given that the distribution will change on a certain date. Care should be taken to support mappings in these tables via software configuration.

7.2 Certification Environment Configuration

7.2.1 Unit/Product Distribution

The following table describes the CFE symbol distribution across units.

Symbol Range Start	Unit
VX,VXT,VXM,VXMT	1
All Other Products	2

Note - CFE reserves the right to add units and/or change symbol distribution with 48 hours of notice and no migration period. Notice will be given that the distribution will change on a certain date. Care should be taken to support mappings in these tables via software configuration.

7.2.2 Certification Multicast Routing Parameters

Data Center	Rendezvous Point
Primary Data Center feed	74.115.128.130

7.2.3 Address/Unit Distribution

The following tables describe the unit distribution across the certification CFE Multicast TOP feeds.

Primary Datacenter		WAN-Shaped [Cert] 174.136.160.16/28	
Unit	IP Port	Real-time MC	Gap Resp. MC
1	32101	224 0 74 100	224 0 74 100
2	32102	224.0.74.198	224.0.74.199

Note - CFE reserves the right to add multicast addresses with prior notice, but no migration period. Notice will be given that the distribution will change on a certain date. Care should be taken to support mappings in these tables via software configuration.

8 Connectivity

8.1 Supported Extranet Carriers

The WAN-Shaped feed will be made available to participants through extranet carriers that have completed their multicast implementation and certified with CFE on a per-market basis. CFE has certified a number of carriers defined in the CFE Connectivity Manual with respect to redistribution of CFE Multicast data feeds. For more information on receiving Multicast TOP through any of these providers, reach out to the vendor contact noted in the Extranet Providers section of the Connectivity Manual.

8.2 Bandwidth Recommendation

The WAN-shaped feeds require 100Mbps of bandwidth. CFE will use 90% of these respective bandwidths for Multicast TOP to allow participants to use the same physical connection for order entry if desired.

9 Support

Please e-mail questions or comments regarding this specification to cfetradedesk@cboe.com.

9.1 Canned Test Data

Customers are strongly encouraged to capture their own test data from the Certification environment to ensure that their systems can correctly decode the TOP feed and all available message types. To assist firms with their own testing a TOP sample (taken from the Certification environment) is made available at the link below. Cboe does not guarantee that all message types will appear in test data and cautions that canned test data will be updated infrequently and may not fully reflect the current specification.

CFE TOP Test Data (last updated 1/4/18)

Revision History

Document Version	Date	Description	
1.0.0	05/01/17	Initial version.	
1.0.1	06/28/17	Updated description for Report Symbol, Leg Offset and Variance Block Offset fields in Futures Instrument Definition message. Updated descriptions of Variance Futures fields in Futures Instrument Definition message. Added Execution Id field to TOP Trade message. TOP Trade messages are no longer aggregated; a separate message is generated for every execution. Added Price Limits message.	
1.0.2	07/11/17	Added Rendevous Points, Source IP addresses, and Multicast IP addresses.	
1.0.3	08/08/17	Replaced Binary Long Price with Binary Price. Updated Data Types to include definition of Binary Price.	
1.0.4	09/21/17	Renamed Trade Date message to Time Reference. Added <i>Epoch Time</i> field to Time message. Fixed discrepancies between Spec and Example Messages.	
1.0.5	09/26/17	Corrected feed reference labels in section 8.	
1.0.6	10/17/17	Added clarification on Trading Status messages for Complex Instruments going in and out of Queuing because of Threshold Width. Cboe branding/logo changes.	
1.0.7	12/08/17	Removed <i>LegOffset</i> = 93 value as this value is not possible to be sent. Price limits may apply during any trading hours subject to contract specifications.	
1.0.8	12/11/17	Updated Top Trade examples to reflect correct message type.	
1.0.9	12/29/17	Trading Status messages for Complex instruments transitioning in and out of Queuing on account of Threshold Width no longer surpressed. Removed associated commentary from Trading Status message section. Added "I=Inactive" as possible Listing State. Updated Realized Variance, Discount Factor, Previous ARMVM, and Fed Funds Rate to Signed Binary data type. Corrected the offsets for Leg Ratio and Leg Symbol.	
1.0.10	01/10/18	Corrected examples for TOP Trade. Added Canned Test Data section.	
1.0.11	01/17/18	Block and ECRP trades (<i>Trade Condition</i> = B or E) do not update <i>High Price</i> or <i>Low Price</i> .	

1.0.12	01/25/18	Updated field description of <i>Symbol</i> to remove "padding" language. The <i>Symbol</i> field is always six characters, base 62. Price Limits are included in a spin. Added Feed Hours and System Restart section. Clarified cases where the Unit Clear message would be sent. More specifics added to how End of Day Summary values are determined. If no Trading Status has been received for a <i>Symbol</i> , then the <i>Trading Status</i> is "S= Suspended".
1.0.13	02/01/18	Added links to certification and production symbol mapping files.
1.0.14	02/21/18	Fixed discrepancy with the Secondary Data Center listed as CH4 instead of 400 S La Salle. Updated <i>Trade Condition</i> field values to demonstrate that some values are only sent for simple instruments. Additional clarifications added around daily restart based on customer feedback.
1.0.15	03/01/18	Updated description of High Price and Low Price in End of Day Summary message.
1.1.0	03/22/18	The End of Day Summary message will be enhanced and expanded to 65 bytes. • Total Volume will be updated to include Block and ECRP volume. • Block Volume field will be added. • ECRP Volume field will be added. • Bit Fields field will be added. End of Day Summary example was updated.
1.1.1	03/23/18	Updated effective date of End of Day Summary message change from 1.1.0 to be effective 06/03/18.
1.1.2	05/10/18	Clarified the cases when sequenced Futures Instrument Definition messages are sent.
1.1.3	11/08/18	Updated Overview and and Multicast Routing Parameter sections with new Multicast Feed IDs (A to FC, B to FD, E to FE). Added note clarifying simple leg FID messages come before complex leg FID messages sent in Spin responses. Updated multicast feed ids in section 1.3 to follow standard naming convention.
1.1.4	04/08/19	Updated Multicast Routing Parameter Data Center feed names to align with references in unit distribution table.
1.1.5	01/16/20	Clarified definition of Time message. Time messages are only sent when there is a new TOP message in a given second.
1.1.6	02/14/20	Added Contract Date field to Futures Instrument Definition message. Effective trade date 04/27/20.

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1.1.7	02/24/20	Variance Offset and Leg Offset values will be set at 45 as a result of the change to add Contract Date. Refer to Futures Instrument Definition message for more details.
1.1.8	04/07/20	Corrected WAN-Shaped feed IDs from "FAT and FBT' to "FCT and FDT" in Feed Connectivity Requirements section.
1.1.9	07/27/20	Updated symbols listed in Unit/Product Distribution tables to include VXT, VXM, and VXMT.
1.1.10	01/21/21	Added new value of "I = Indicative Settlement" to the <i>Issue</i> field on the Settlement message (effective 03/22/21).
1.2.0	08/17/21	Added new value of "i = Periodic Indicative Settlement" to the <i>Issue</i> field on the Settlement message (effective 10/17/21). Added new Open Interest message (effective 10/17/21).
1.2.1	10/26/21	Added note indicating CFE will eliminate the 15 minute trading pause for VX , VXM, and AMERIBOR futures products (effective 12/06/21).
1.2.2	11/01/21	Corrected hyperlinks to Production symbol files and Certification symbol files.
1.2.3	12/15/21	Minor formatting updates.
1.2.4	10/09/23	Added new value of 'D=Derived' to Last Trade Condition and Trade Condition fields in the Top Trade and Market Snapshot messages, and updated section 2.14.2 to indicate Derived trades will be included in the Total Volume field (effective 12/11/23).
1.2.5	11/28/23	Updated hyperlinks to symbol mappings in production and certification environments.
1.2.6	12/27/23	Updated description of Trading Status 'Q=Accepting orders for queuing' to indicate the Queuing state is used for all products, with no exceptions.