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Abstract

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The messages used for mobility management across the RP interface include Registration Request, Registration Reply, Registration Update and Registration Acknowledge. Both Registration Request and Registration Update messages MUST be sent with UDP using well-known port number 697.

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC-2119].

2. Glossary

| CDMA        | Code Division Multiple Access |
| FA          | Foreign Agent                |
| HA          | Home Agent                   |
| MN          | Mobile Node                  |
| PDSN        | Packet Data Serving Node     |
| RNN         | Radio Network Node           |
| RP          | Interface between the RNN and the PDSN |

3. cdma2000 Network RP Interface Overview

The high level architecture of a third generation cdma2000 network RP interface is shown in Figure 1.

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+---------+            +---------+         +---------+
|         |            |         |         |         |
|   RNN   |----RP------|  PDSN   |---------|  HA     |
|         | Interface  |         |         |         |
+---------+            +---------+         +---------+
    /|                    |
   | \                    |
   |  Visited Access     |
   |  Provider Network   |
   |
   |
   |
   +--------+
    \      |
     Mobile |
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       |
       Node
       +--------+
```

Figure 1: The Third Generation cdma2000 Network RP Interface
In above figure 1, the PDSN will be responsible for establishing, maintaining, and terminating the link layer to the Mobile Node. It initiates the authentication, authorization, and accounting for the Mobile Node and optionally, securely tunnels to the Home Agent.

The RNN is responsible for mapping the Mobile Node identifier reference to a unique link layer identifier used to communicate with the PDSN. RNN validates the Mobile Station for access service and manages the physical layer connection to the Mobile Node.

4. Mobile IP Extensions

This section describes extensions to the Mobile IP protocol for the RP interface within the third generation cdma2000 network.

4.1 Registration Request

In a cdma2000 network, the mobile node initiates a connection by sending a call setup indication to the RNN across the radio network. When this indication is received by a RNN, a Registration Request will be sent from the RNN to the PDSN to setup a new RP session.

A RNN MUST send a Registration Request with the GRE encapsulation and the reverse tunneling bit set. The Home Address field is set to zero. The Home Agent field will be assigned to the IP address of the PDSN and the Care-of Address field will be assigned to the IP address of RNN.

When a Registration Request is received by a PDSN, the information from the Session Specific Extension (see next section) will be used to identify a RP session. When a registration is accepted, a GRE tunnel will be created for this Mobile Node.

The fields of the Registration Request message are shown below:

```
0                   1                   2                   3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-
|     Type      |S|B|D|M|G|V|T| |          Lifetime             |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-
|                          Home Address                         |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-
|                           Home Agent                          |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-
|                        Care-of Address                        |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-
```

The message is sent with UDP using well-known port number 697.
Type: 1 (Registration Request)

G: This bit MUST be set to 1 for GRE tunneling.

T: This bit MUST be set to 1 for reverse tunneling.

Home Address: The field is set to zero.

Home Agent: This field is assigned to the IP address of the PDSN.

Care-of Address: This field is assigned to the IP address of RNN.

Extensions: The Session Specific Extension as described in the next section MUST be included along with the ones described in RFC2002. Specifically, the MN-HA Authentication extension as described in RFC2002 MUST be included along with this extension.

4.2 Session Specific Extension

This extension is defined to carry information related to the session between a Mobile Node and its serving PDSN.

The detailed format of the extension is shown as follows.

```
0                   1                   2                   3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
|     Type      |     Length    |         Protocol Type         |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
|                                 Key                              |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
|         Reserved           |         MN Connection ID      |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
|        MN ID Type             | MN ID Length  |      MN ID    |
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
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|                           MN ID  ...
+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+-+
```

Type: 39 (not-skippable).

Length: This is a one octet field and it indicates the length (in bytes) of the extension, NOT
including the Type and Length fields.

Protocol Type
This is a two octet field. It indicates the type of the protocol to be tunneled across the RP interface. It is same as the Protocol Type field in the GRE header.

Key
This is a four octet value assigned by the RNN and inserted in every GRE frame across the RP interface during user data tunneling.

Reserved
This is a two octet field. It is not used and is set to zero.

MN Connection ID
This is a two octet field and it is used to differentiate the multiple sessions from the same Mobile Node. It is locally unique to a Mobile Node.

MN ID Type
This is a two octet field and it indicates the type of the following Mobile Node ID value.

Type value 1 will be reserved for International Mobile Station Identity (IMSI) encoded in ASCII format. For detailed description of the IMSI, see reference [8].

MN ID Length
This is a one octet field and it indicates the length (in bytes) of the following Mobile Node ID field. For IMSI MN ID encoded in ASCII format, the length field value ranges from 10 to 15 bytes.

MN ID
This is the Mobile Node ID, which is globally unique. It is used to uniquely identify a Mobile Node.

For Type 1 MN ID, the most significant digit of IMSI will be coded in ASCII and stored as the most significant byte of the MN ID.

This extension MUST be included in the Registration Request, Registration Reply, Registration Update and Registration Acknowledge (see section 4.5) messages. It will be included before the MN-HA Authentication extension in the Registration Request and Registration Reply messages and before the Registration Update
Authentication Extension in the Registration Update and Registration Acknowledge messages.

The MN ID and the MN Connection ID together will uniquely identify a Mobile Session.

4.3 Registration Reply

The Registration Reply will be sent by a PDSN following the procedure as described in [1]. The Home Address field will be the same value as the Home Address field from the corresponding Registration Request message received by the PDSN.

The message is sent with UDP to the source port of the received Registration Request message.

4.4 Registration Update/Acknowledge

Two new messages are defined to support PDSN initiated RP tunnel tear down and to speed up resource reclamation on the RNN.

The Registration Update message is used for notification of the change of the registration associated with a call. It shall be sent by the PDSN to the previous RNN when a RNN to RNN handoff happens.

The Registration Update message is sent with UDP using well-known port number 697. And the Registration Acknowledge message is sent with UDP to the source port from the received correspondent Registration Update message.

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The format of the Registration Update message is illustrated above, and contains the following fields:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Reserved</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Home Address</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Home Agent Address</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Identification</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Extensions ...

The format of the Registration Update message is illustrated above, and contains the following fields:

Type 20

Reserved Sent as 0; ignored on reception.

Home Address Sent as 0;
Home Agent Address
The IP Address of the PDSN.

Identification
A 64-bit number assigned by the node sending the Registration Update message. It is used to assist in matching requests with replies, and in protecting against replay attacks.

Extensions
Both Registration Update Authentication Extension (see section 4.6) and Session Specific Extension (see section 4.2) SHALL be included.

A Registration Update shall be sent by a PDSN to indicate the closure of a RP session. The RNN may reclaim the resource associated with that session.

A Registration Acknowledge message is used to acknowledge receipt of a Registration Update message. It MUST be sent by a node receiving a Registration Update message.

The format of the Registration Acknowledge message is illustrated above, and contains the following fields:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Reserved</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Home Address</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Care Of Address</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Identification</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Extensions ...</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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The format of the Registration Acknowledge message is illustrated above, and contains the following fields:

Type 21

Status If the Status is nonzero, this acknowledgment is negative.

Reserved Sent as 0; ignored on reception.

Home Address Copied from the Registration Update message being acknowledged.
Care of Address
The IP address of the RNN.

Identification
Copied from the Registration Update message being acknowledged.

Extensions
Both Registration Update Authentication Extension (see section 4.6) and Session Specific Extension (see section 4.2) SHALL be included.

Allowable values for the Status include:

0  successful acknowledgement
128 reason unspecified
129 administratively prohibited
131 sending node failed authentication
133 identification mismatch
134 poorly formed Registration Update

4.5 Registration Update Authentication Extension

The Registration Update Authentication extension is used to authenticate the Registration Update and Registration Acknowledge messages. It has the same format and default algorithm support requirements as the authentication extension defined for Mobile IP protocol [1], but with a different type (40). The authenticator value is computed from the stream of bytes including the shared secret, the UDP payload all prior extensions in their entirety, and the type and length of this extension, but not including the authenticator field itself nor the UDP header. The secret used for computing the authenticator field is shared between the RN and PDSN. This extension is required in both Registration Update and Registration Acknowledge messages.

4.6 Summary

The extensions to Mobile IP include enabling the GRE encapsulation and reverse tunneling during Registration. A new extension called Session Specific Extension is defined and is mandatory in the Registration Request, Registration Reply, Registration Update and Registration Acknowledge messages. The Home Address field MUST be set to zero in the Registration Request, Registration Reply, Registration Update and Registration Acknowledge messages.

Two new messages (Registration Update and Registration Acknowledge) are defined to support the RP session disconnection in order to speed up resource reclamation.

5.0 GRE Encapsulation
GRE encapsulation as described in [3] shall be supported during user data transmission. A new protocol type might be required to support the link layer protocol defined for the third generation cdma2000 network. The Key field shall be required and its value shall be same as the one from the Session Specific Extension as described above. The sequence number may be required, depending on the requirement of the protocol encapsulated within the GRE frame.

During traffic tunneling, the sender will insert the Key value from the Registration Request message into the Key field of the GRE header. The receiver will use the Key value from the GRE header to decide where to forward the user data.

6.0 IANA Considerations

This document specifies two new messages and two new extensions to Mobile IP protocol [1]. The numbers to be assigned to these messages and extensions have been taken from the numbering space assigned to Mobile IP in RFC 2002 [1] and extended in RFC 2356 [4].

The Registration Request and Registration Update messages MUST be sent with UDP using well-known port number 697. This port number is chosen from the unassigned port range as specified in RFC1700 [9].

The Registration Update and Registration Acknowledge messages defined in section 4.4 MUST be assigned the Type values of 20 and 21 respectively.

The Session Specific Extension defined in section 4.2 MUST be assigned the Type value of 39, and the Registration Update Authentication Extension defined in section 4.5 MUST be assigned a value of 40. The Status values defined in section 4.4 are the error codes defined in RFC 2002 [1]. They correspond to the error values conventionally associated with a rejection by a home agent (i.e., the values from the range 128-255). The IANA MUST record the Status values as defined in section 4.4 of this document.

With these assignments, the Type values assigned to the two new messages and to two new extensions, and the error values for the Status field, have been identified as not conflicting with any numbers defined for Mobile IP to date and documented at http://www.isi.edu/in-notes/iana/assignments/mobileip-numbers.

7.0 Security Considerations

The protocol presented in this draft is designed for use over a protected, private network between RNN and PDSN. Pre-arranged security associations in the style of Mobile IPv4 are assumed to exist among every (RNN, PDSN) pair that will form an RP connection. Also, it is assumed that the session specific information is authenticated by means outside the scope of this draft.
Several potential vulnerabilities exist if these assumptions are not met. First, if the network connecting the RNN and PDSN is accessible to an attacker, user traffic may be intercepted and/or spoofed if there are no other end-to-end security mechanisms in place. Second, the Mobile IP control messages must be authenticated, to prevent tunnel setup and tear down by unauthorized parties. Mobile IP Authentication Extensions are used to provide this additional protection for control messages. Finally, if session specific information is not authenticated, a denial-of-service attack is possible if a RNN unknowingly sends a registration request to the PDSN with a spoofed session specific extension. The PDSN would then send an explicit tunnel tear down to the previous RNN, causing user traffic to be misdirected to the new RNN. This would cause a loss of service and possibly interception of traffic, depending on what other security measures are in place.

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