



Presence Reporting Area

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Feature Summary and Revision History

Summary Data

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| Applicable Product(s) or Functional Area | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P-GW• SAEGW• S-GW |
| Applicable Platform(s) | ASR 5500 |
| Feature Default | Disabled - Configuration Required |
| Related Changes in This Release | Not Applicable |
| Related Documentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Command Line Interface Reference</i>• <i>P-GW Administration Guide</i>• <i>SAEGW Administration Guide</i>• <i>S-GW Administration Guide</i> |

Revision History

| Revision Details | Release |
|-------------------|---------|
| First introduced. | 21.4 |

Feature Description

This feature adds support for the Presence Reporting Area (PRA) functionality to comply with the 3GPP standards.

The Presence Reporting Area is an area defined within the 3GPP packet domain for reporting of UE presence within that area. This is required for policy control and in charging scenarios. In E-UTRAN, the PRA may consist in a set of neighbor or non-neighbor Tracking Areas, or eNBs or cells. There are two types of Presence Reporting Areas: "UE-dedicated Presence Reporting Areas" and "Core Network pre-configured Presence Reporting Areas" that apply to an MME pool.

This feature has the following highlights:

- This feature is supported for LTE/S4-SGSN related RAT-type. For any other RAT type, P-GW ignores PRA information received from the PCRF.
- Currently single PRA-ID is supported per session as specification compliance.
- Currently, in P-GW, core network pre-configured presence reporting area is supported.
- For ICSR to N-1 release, PRA feature is not supported.
- PRA-ID is not supported on CDR interface, that is, Gz, Gy and Rf.

How It Works

During an IP-CAN session, the PCRF determines whether the reports for change of the UE presence in the PRA are required for an IP-CAN session. This determination is made based on the subscriber's profile configuration and the supported AVP features. The parameter CNO-ULI is set for the same. If the reporting is required for the IP-CAN session, the PCRF provides Presence-Reporting-Area-Information AVP, which contains the PRA identifier within the Presence-Reporting-Area-Identifier AVP to the PCEF. For a UE-dedicated PRA, PCRF provides the list of elements consisting of the PRA within the Presence-Reporting-Area-Elements-List AVP to the PCEF. The PCRF might activate the reporting changes of the UE presence in the PRA by subscribing to the CHANGE_OF_UE_PRESENCE_IN_PRESENCE_REPORTING_AREA_REPORT event trigger at the PCEF at any time during the entire IP-CAN session.

When the UE enters or leaves the PRA, PCEF reports the CHANGE_OF_UE_PRESENCE_IN_PRESENCE_REPORTING_AREA_REPORT event. Also, the PCEF also reports the PRA status within the Presence-Reporting-Area-Status AVP and PRA identifier within Presence-Reporting-Area-Identifier AVP included in Presence-Area-Information AVP.

Following table describes the scenario and its associated behavior:

| Scenario | Behavior |
|---|---|
| When PCRF sends a new PRA ID different than the initial call setup. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P-GW receives the new PRA ID during the initial call setup and stores the PRA ID information. • In RAR, the PRA_EVENT_TRIGGER is registered. • P-GW send PRA_ACTION PRA ID="A", ACTION=start. • In CCA-U, a new PRA ID is received. • P-GW stores new PRA ID information • P-GW sends PRA_ACTION PRA ID = "B", Action=start but does not send Action=stop for the earlier PRA. <p>Important Ideally, in above condition, PCRF disables the event triggers first and sends a new PRA-ID=B and enables the event trigger in subsequent message.</p> |
| When PCRF sends a new PRA ID which is same as the initial call setup. | PRA ID does not send any PRA Action toward S-GW and P-GW ignores this. |
| PRA ID Decode Behavior | If PRA ID received is "core network pre-configured presence reporting area", then, P-GW ignores the "Element List" coming from PCRF. Otherwise, if PRA ID is "UE-dedicated Presence Reporting Area", then, P-GW parses the "Element List" and forwards it toward the access side. |
| If PRA ID values from PCRF are 1 octet, 2 octets, and 3 octets. | <p>MSB of the value received from the PCRF is evaluated to find the PRA type. While encoding, GTPC side zeros are prepended to make it 3 octets.</p> <p>For example, if PRA ID = FC (1111 1100) is received from PCRF it is considered as UE-dedicated PRA and while decoding it is decoded as 00 00 FC.</p> <p>P-GW forwards PRA information toward the roaming subscriber if it is received from the PCRF or from UE.</p> <p>Important Change of UE presence in the Presence Reporting Area reporting does not apply to the roaming scenario.</p> |
| Roaming Scenario | <p>Change of UE presence in the Presence Reporting Area reporting does not apply to the roaming scenario.</p> <p>When the serving EPC node (MME, S4-SGSN) is changed, the Presence Reporting Area identifier is transferred for all PDN connections as part of the MM Context information to the target serving node during the mobility procedure. The list of Presence Reporting Area elements are also transferred if they are provided by the P-GW.</p> |

| Scenario | Behavior |
|--|---|
| Handover Behavior: How the PRA identifier is communicated from source MME/S4-SGSN to target MME/S4-SGSN. | <p>MME/S4-SGSN gets the PRA Identifier from source MME/S4-SGSN as part of MM Context information.</p> <p>When the serving EPC node (MME, S4-SGSN) is changed, the Presence Reporting Area identifier is transferred for all PDN connections as part of the MM Context information to the target serving node during the mobility procedure. The list of Presence Reporting Area elements are also transferred if they are provided by the P-GW.</p> |
| Handoff Behavior: How PRA is disabled when the new access type is not supported PRA. | <p>Depending on the access type and internal configuration PCRF deactivates the PRA, if the new access PRA is not supported.</p> <p>During an IP-CAN session, P-GW notifies the PCRF that the UE is located in an access type, where local PCRF configuration is such that the reporting changes of the UE presence in the PRA are not supported. The PCRF unsubscribes to the change of UE presence in the PRA, if previously activated.</p> |
| Behavior if for E-UTRAN some nodes do not support PRA. | <p>If PRA is enabled from PCRF, then EPC nodes supports it. If all nodes are not supported, then PRA PCRF activates the Location Change Reporting.</p> <p>Important For E-UTRAN access, homogeneous support of reporting changes of UE presence in a Presence Reporting Area in a network is assumed. When the PCRF configuration indicates that reporting changes of the UE presence in a PRA is supported for E-UTRAN, this means all P-GWs, all MME, and all S-GW support it, including the MME and S-GW working in the network sharing mode. If the change of UE presence in the PRA reporting is not supported, the PCRF may instead activate the location change reporting at the cell or serving area level.</p> |
| When access side procedure failure or collision occurs (Create or Update Bearer procedure) | <p>In Update or Create bearer procedure failure where the PRA action was sent in the request message and if PRA information was not received in response message, P-GW attempts to send the PRA action in next control procedure toward the remote peer.</p> <p>In Update or Create bearer procedure failure where PRA action was sent in the request message and if PRA information was not received in the response message, P-GW assumes it as PRA action was successfully communicated toward the remote peer.</p> <p>In the Update or Create bearer collision scenario where PRA action was sent in the request message and Update or Create procedure got aborted, P-GW attempts to send the PRA action in next control procedure toward the remote peer.</p> |

Multiple Presence Reporting Area



Important This feature is introduced in release 21.9.1.

P-GW supports negotiation of Multiple-Presence Reporting Area feature in Feature-List-ID 2 over Gx interface with PCRF. The CNO-ULI feature will be used only when the P-GW and/or the PCRF does not support Multiple-PRA and both P-GW and PCRF support CNO-ULI.

When the Multiple-PRA feature is supported during the lifetime of the IP-CAN session P-GW handles the change of UE Presence in Reporting Area(s) request from PCRF in PRA-Install AVP including the Presence-Reporting-Area-Information AVP(s) which each contains the Presence Reporting Area Identifier within the Presence-Reporting-Area-Identifier AVP.

P-GW Handling the Event Trigger

CHANGE_OF_UE_PRESENCE_IN_PRESENCE_REPORTING_AREA_REPORT from PCRF for the activation of the reporting changes of UE presence in Presence Reporting Area(s).

P-GW handles the PRA Identifier(s) modify request from PCRF with the new PRA within the PRA-Install AVP as described above and/or by removing the existing PRA(s) within the PRA-Remove AVP. In this case, the Presence-Reporting-Area-Identifier AVP of the removed PRA must be included within the Presence-Reporting-Area-Information AVP(s).

P-GW supports PRA-Install and PRA-Remove AVPs from PCRF in the following messages:

- CC-Answer (CCA) Command
- Re-Auth-Request (RAR) Command

The P-GW handles the request from PCRF to unsubscribe to the change of UE presence in Presence Reporting Area wherein PCRF provides the Event-Trigger AVP with the value CHANGE_OF_UE_PRESENCE_IN_PRESENCE_REPORTING_AREA_REPORT (48) removed, if previously activated.

P-GW supports the maximum of 4 PRA(s) for a IP-CAN session at any given point of time. The maximum number of PRAs is configurable in PCRF and must be capped to 4. P-GW will ignore the Presence Reporting Area Identifiers entries beyond 4.

When the P-GW receives the presence reporting area information from the serving node over S5/S8 interface indicating that the UE is inside or outside of one or more presence reporting areas or any of the presence reporting areas is set to inactive, the P-GW will check if the reported presence reported area identifier corresponds to a presence reporting area that is relevant for the PCRF. In that case, the P-GW reports the CHANGE_OF_UE_PRESENCE_IN_PRESENCE_REPORTING_AREA_REPORT event in the Event-Trigger AVP additionally, the P-GW also reports the presence reporting area status within the Presence-Reporting-Area-Status AVP and presence reporting area identifier within Presence-Reporting-Area-Identifier AVP included in Presence-Reporting-Area-Information AVP(s) for each of the presence reporting areas reported by the serving node.

The P-GW de-activates the relevant IP-CAN specific procedure for reporting change of UE presence in Presence Reporting Area, when the PCRF and OCS unsubscribe to change of UE presence in Presence Reporting Area.

PRA-Install AVP (3GPP-EPS access type) Definition

The PRA-Install AVP (AVP code 2845) is of type Grouped, and it is used to provision a list of new or updated Presence Reporting Area(s) for an IP-CAN session.

AVP Format:

```
PRA-Install ::= < AVP Header: 2845 >
  * [ Presence-Reporting-Area-Information ]
  * [ AVP ]
```

PRA-Remove AVP (3GPP-EPS access type) Definition

The PRA-Remove AVP (AVP code 2846) is of type Grouped, and it is used to stop the reporting of a list of Presence Reporting Area(s) for an IP-CAN session.

AVP Format:

```
PRA-Remove ::= < AVP Header: 2846 >
  * [ Presence-Reporting-Area-Identifier ]
  * [ AVP ]
```

Configuring Presence Reporting Area

Configuring PRA

Use the following configuration to enable the PRA:

```
configure
  context context_name
    ims-auth-service service_name
      policy-control
        diameter encode-supported-features cno-uli
        { default | no } diameter encode-supported-features
      end
```

NOTES:

- **diameter encode-supported-features:** Enables or disables encoding and sending of Supported-Features AVP.
- **cno-uli:** Enables Presence Reporting Area Information Reporting feature.
- **no:** Removes the previously configured supported features.
- **default:** Applies the default setting for this command.

Configuring Multiple-PRA

Use the following configuration to enable Multiple Presence Reporting Area (Multiple-PRA) Feature.

```
configure
  context context_name
    ims-auth-service service_name
      policy-control
        diameter encode-supported-features multiple-pra
```

```
{ default | no } diameter encode-supported-features
end
```

NOTES:

- **ims-auth-service** *service_name*: Creates an IMS authentication service. *service_name* must be an alphanumeric string of 1 through 63 characters.
- **policy-control**: Configures Diameter authorization and policy control parameter for IMS authorization.
- **diameter encode-supported-features**: Enables encoding and sending of Supported-Features AVP.
- **multiple-pra**: Enables the Multiple Presence Reporting Area Information Reporting feature.
- **no**: Removes the previously configured supported features.
- **default**: Applies the default setting for this command.

Monitoring and Troubleshooting

The following sections describe commands available to monitor the feature.

Show Commands and Outputs

This section provides information regarding show commands and their outputs in support of this feature.

show ims-authorization service name <service-name>

The output of the above command is modified to display the negotiated conditional policy features related information. The modified output is as follows:

```
Context: ha
IMS Authorization Service name: imsa-Gx
.....
Diameter Policy Control:
Endpoint: gx.st16.starentnetworks.com
Origin-Realm: starentnetworks.com
Dictionary: r8-gx-standard
Supported Features:
  mission-critical-qcis
  conditional-policy-info-default-qos
cno-uli
Request Timeout:
  Initial Request   : 100 deciseconds
  Update Request    : 100 deciseconds
  Terminate Request : 100 deciseconds
Endpoint Peer Select: Not Enabled
Reauth Trigger: All
Custom Reauth Trigger:
  QoS-Change
```

show ims-authorization sessions full all

The output of this command includes the following fields:

show ims-authorization service statistics

```

CallId: 00004e26          Service Name: imsa-Gx
IMSI: 123456789012349
Session ID: gx.stl6.starentnetworks.com;20006;2305;598ab8cf-102
Bearer Type: GTP
SGSN IP-Addr: 192.168.23.4
APN: starent.com
Bearer Control Mode: UE/NW
State: Connected
Negotiated Supported Features:
  3gpp-r8
  conditional-policy-info-default-qos
  cno-uli
Auth Decision:
  Event Triggers:
    QoS-Change
    RAT-Change
    Change-Of-UE-Presence-In-PRA
    Usage-Report
    Resource-Modification-Request
    multiple-pra

```

show ims-authorization service statistics

The output of the above command is modified to display the PRA feature statistics. The modified output is as follows:

```

IMS Auth Service Statistics Summary:
Total Services:          2
Auth Session:
  Current Active:          1
  Current Fallback Session: 0
  Total Attempted:        1
  Total Failed:           0
  Total Fallback:         0
  Current PCRF Session:   1
  Total Setup:            1
  Total Released:         0
Re-Authorization Triggers:
  SGSN Change:            0
  RAT Change:             0
  Bearer Recovery:        0
  QoS Change:             0
  IP-CAN Change:          0
  Max Num of Bearers Rchd: 0
  RAI Change:             0
  TAI Change:             0
  PCRF Triggered ReAuth: 0
  Reactivation Changed:   0
  AN GW Changed:         0
  Reallocation Of Credit: 0
  Successful Resource Alloc: 0
  Service Flow Detection: 0
  UE IP Address Allocate: 0
  Resource Modification Req: 0
  Def Bearer QOS Mod Failure: 0
  Chrg Correlation Exchange: 0
  Session Recovery:       0
  Access Nw Info Report:  0
  Application Start:      0
  Change Of UE Presence In PRA: 1
  Local Fallback:         0
  CCRU sent:              0
  PLMN Change:           0
  TFT Change:            0
  Bearer Loss:           0
  Policy Failure:        0
  Resources Limitation:  0
  QoS Chng Exceeding Auth: 0
  User Location Change:  0
  ECGI Change:           0
  Preservation Changed:  0
  Revalidation Timeout:  0
  Out Of Credit Reauth:  0
  Def EPS Bearer QoS Chng: 0
  Usage Report:          0
  UE Timezone Change:    0
  UE IP Address Release: 0
  APN AMBR Mod Failure:  0
  Tethering Flow Detected: 0
  Subnet Change:         0
  Session Sync:          0
  DCCA Failure Report:   0
  Application Stop:      0

```


show subscribers pgw-only full all

The output of this command includes the following fields:

```

Username           : xyz
Subscriber Type    : Visitor
Status             : Online/Active
State              : Connected
Connect Time       : Mon Aug 28 07:32:13 2017
Auto Delete        : No
Idle time          : 00h00m06s
MS TimeZone        : n/a
Access Type: gtp-pdn-type-ipv4
Access Tech: eUTRAN
Callid: 00004e23
MSISDN: 9326737733
Interface Type: S5S8GTP
TWAN Mode: N/A
eMPS Bearer: No
Emergency Bearer Type: N/A
IMS-media Bearer: No
S6b Auth Status: Enabled
Access Peer Profile: default
Acct-session-id (C1): COA8170100000003
ThreeGPP2-correlation-id (C2): 00500660 / 002shwI-
Card/Cpu: 2/0
ULI:
  TAI-ID:
    MCC: 214 MNC: 365
    TAC: 0x6789
  ECGI-ID:
    MCC: 214 MNC: 365
    ECI: 0x1234567
PRA Information:
  PRA-ID: 0x801204      Action: Start      Status: In
PRA Information:
  PRA-ID: 0xA11202     Action: Start      Status: N/A
Daylight Saving Time: n/a
Network Type: IP
pgw-service-name: pgwl
IMSI: 123456789012349
Low Access Priority: N/A
Sessmgr Instance: 1

```

show subs saegw-only full all

The output of the above command is modified to include the PRA Information such as PRA-ID, PRA Status, and PRA Action. The modified output is as follows:

```

Username           : xyz
SAEGW Call mode    : Co-located
Subscriber Type     : Visitor
Status             : Online/Active
State              : Connected
Bearer State        : Active
Connect Time       : Mon Aug 28 08:21:45 2017

SAEGW UID          : 10001
Idle time          : 00h00m19s
Auto Delete        : No
Callid             : 4e25
Card/Cpu           : 2/0
Source context      : ingress
Bearer Type         : Default
Access Type         : gtp-pdn-type-ipv4
Access Tech         : eUTRAN
MSISDN             : 9326737733
IMSI                : 241460144418770
Sessmgr Instance   : 1
Destination context : egress
Bearer-Id           : 5
Network Type        : IP
saegw-service-name : saegw

```

show subs saegw-only full all

```

TWAN Mode           : N/A
eMPS Bearer         : No
IPv6 alloc type     : n/a
ECS Rulebase        : prepaid
Chrg Char Sel Mod   : Peer Supplied
Restoration priority level : n/a
HLCOM Session       : No
IP Address          : 10.0.0.5
Bearer capable for restoration: No
UE P-CSCF Restoration Support : No

Peer Profile        :
  PGW Access        : default
  SGW Access         : default
  SGW Network        : default

ULI                 : TAI-ID
  MCC                : 214
  LAC                 : n/a
  SAC                 : n/a
  CI                  : n/a
  MNC                 : 214
  TAC                 : 0x6789
  RAC                 : n/a
  ECI                 : 0x1234567

PRA Information     :
  PRA-ID: 0xFC0104   Action: Start   Status: In

Bearer QoS          :
  QCI                 : 5
  ARP                 : 0x08
  PCI                 : 0 (Enabled)
  PL                  : 2
  PVI                 : 0 (Enabled)
  MBR Uplink(bps)    : 0
  GBR Uplink(bps)    : 0
  MBR Downlink(bps)  : 0
  GBR Downlink(bps)  : 0

```