



Routing Based on Realm Name S6B

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| Applicable Product(s) or Functional Area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P-GW • SAEGW |
| Applicable Platform(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASR 5500 • VPC-DI • VPC-SI |
| 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> |

Table 1: Revision History

| Revision Details | Release |
|------------------|---------|
| First introduced | 21.19 |

Overview of Routing Based on Realm P-GW

Currently, not all diameter applications have an option to have configurable 'Destination-Realm' name on initial diameter messages going out of P-GW. As a result, DRAs whenever P-GW is connected to diameter application servers through DRA must look inside those messages, make a routing decision to route it to the correct application server and then overwrite the destination-realm received from client node before sending out to the application server node. However, this generates some level of increased processing and load on the DRA.

This feature provides the facility to fill the 'Destination-realm' value from a configurable value to allow DRAs to act in 'transparent' mode thus reducing the load on them. It also allows DRAs to use more sophisticated load balancing mechanisms based on 'Destination-realm'.

Part of this feature was developed for MME (S6a and S13 interfaces). For P-GW, the facility is already present with 'host-select' and 'peer-select' commands on Gx and Gy interfaces but S6b interface does not have any such facility. This feature fills that gap.

How it Works

Under this feature, 'Destination-Realm' AVP in AAR message towards DRA contains the value configured under 'realm' as described in the next section. This allows DRAs to act in transparent mode. 'Destination-Realm' AVP is also set to the configured value in further messages for that session, for example, STR.

Enabling Realm for S6b Interface

Use the following configuration to associate the diameter authentication server with a realm name:

```
configure
  context context_name
    aaa group group_name
      diameter authentication server diameter_host_name priority priority_value
    realm realm_name
  end
```



Note If the 'realm' attribute is configured, then there must be a 'route-entry' with the same 'realm_name'. This is described in the example given below:

Example

```
aaa group s6b
  diameter authentication endpoint s6b
  diameter authentication server dral.dra.mnc123.mcc456.3gppnetwork.org priority 10 realm
xyz.org

...

diameter endpoint s6b
  origin realm abc.com
  use-proxy
```

```
origin host SPRC01.s6b address 10.239.144.69
watchdog-timeout 6
device-watchdog-request max-retries 3
response-timeout 5
cea-timeout 3
reconnect-timeout 30
connection retry-timeout 10
peer dra1.dra.mnc123.mcc456.3gppnetwork.org realm dra.mnc123.mcc456.3gppnetwork.org
address 10.1.1.1
peer dra2.dra.mnc123.mcc456.3gppnetwork.org realm dra.mnc123.mcc456.3gppnetwork.org
address 10.1.1.2
route-entry realm xyz.org peer dra1.dra.mnc123.mcc456.3gppnetwork.org
```

