



Call Flows for 3G and 4G Mobile IP Users

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Finding Feature Information

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3G DHCP Discover Call Flow

In the 3G DHCP Discover authentication method, the DHCP Discover message carries the subscriber's MAC address that needs to be authenticated. The iWAG cannot handle inbound raw EAP authentication messages that are not encapsulated inside the RADIUS messages. Therefore, the EAP authentication messages are signaled with the AAA server without passing through the iWAG, that is, out-of-band authentication from the iWAG perspective.

The following figures and steps describe the call flow pertaining to DHCP Discover authentication for a 3G user:

Figure 1: 3G DHCP Discover Call Flow (Part 1)

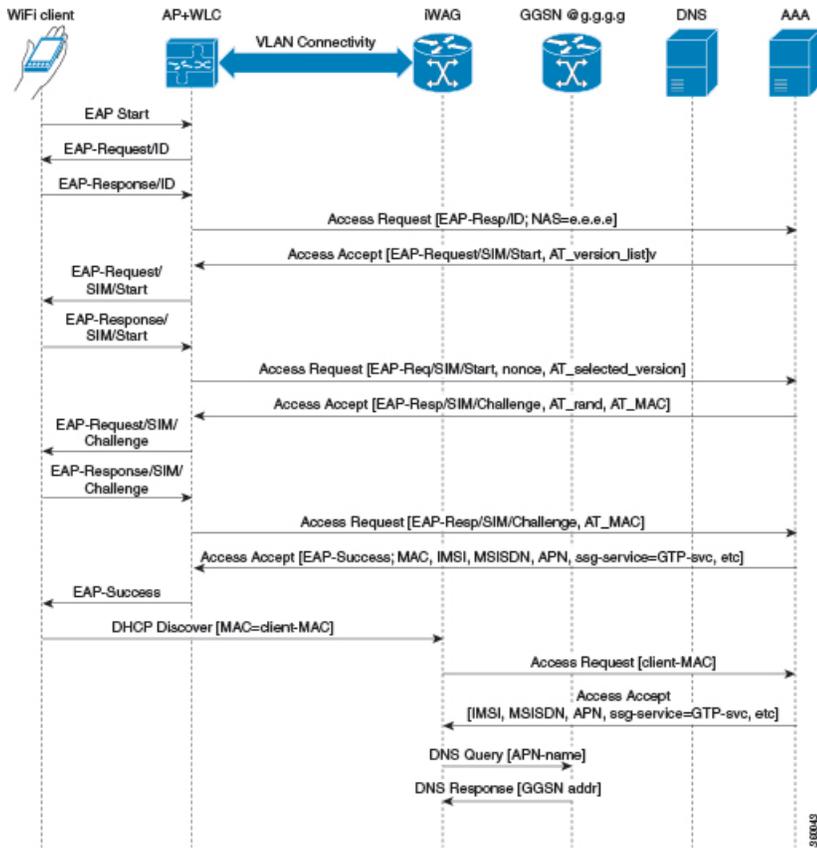
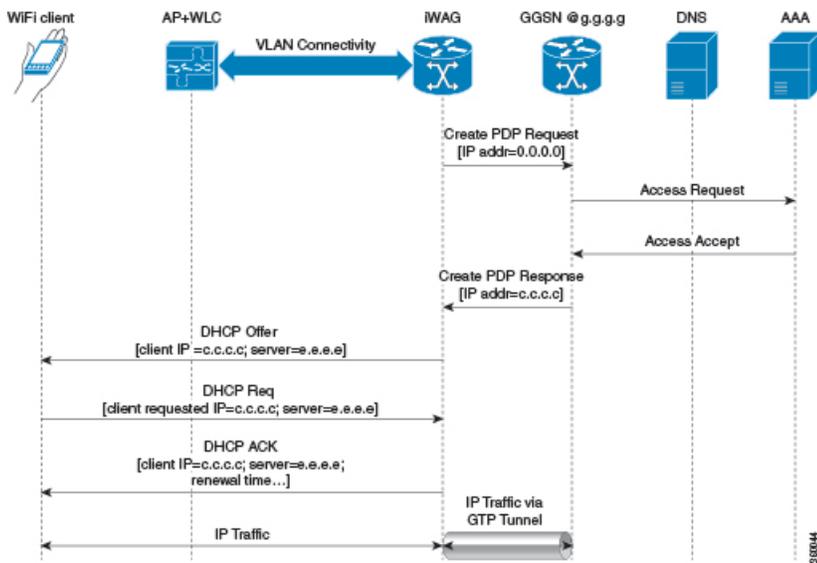


Figure 2: 3G DHCP Discover Call Flow (Part 2)



1. The mobile device is automatically associated to the SSID broadcast by the access points to establish and maintain wireless connectivity.

2. The AP or the WLC starts the EAP authentication process by sending an EAP Request ID to the mobile device.
3. The mobile device sends a response pertaining to the EAP Request ID back to the AP or the WLC.
4. The WLC sends a RADIUS Access Request to the AAA server asking it to authenticate the subscriber.
5. After the subscriber is authenticated, the AAA server caches its entire user profile that includes the information about IMSI, MSISDN, APN, and the Cisco AV pair having ssg-service-info set to GTP-service. The cached data also includes the client's MAC address, which is set as the calling-station-ID in the incoming EAP messages.
6. The AAA server sends the RADIUS Access Accept message to the AP or the WLC.
7. When the RADIUS Access Accept message comes back, the corresponding user profile in which the use of GTP-service is identified is obtained.
8. The WLC sends the successful EAP authentication message to the mobile device.
9. The mobile device sends a DHCP Discover message to the iWAG. In response to this DHCP Discover message, the DHCP goes into a new pending state to wait for the signaling on the MNO side to be completed, which assigns an IP address to the subscriber.

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10. The iWAG finds a session associated with the subscriber MAC address and retrieves the subscriber IP address from the session context.
11. The iWAG sends a RADIUS Access Request to the AAA server asking it to authenticate the subscriber using the MAC address in it as the calling-station-ID, while also providing all other known subscriber information, IDs, and IMSI in this Access Request message.
12. When the AAA server sends back the RADIUS Access Accept message to the iWAG, the user profile in which the use of GTP-service is identified is obtained.
13. The iWAG sends a query to the DNS server to resolve a given Access Point Name (APN) to a GGSN IP address.
14. The DNS server sends the DNS-resolved GGSN address back to the iWAG.
15. After receiving the DNS-resolved GGSN address, the iWAG sends the Create PDP Context Request, in which the PDP context address is set to 0, in order to request the GGSN for an IP address assignment.
16. The GGSN sends a RADIUS Access Request to the AAA server.
17. Based on the cached information obtained from the EAP-SIM authentication, the AAA server replies with a RADIUS Access Accept message to the GGSN.
18. The GGSN sends the Create PDP Context Response that carries the assigned IP address c.c.c.c for the subscriber, to the iWAG.
19. The iWAG sends a DHCP Offer message to the mobile device.
20. The mobile device sends a DHCP Request message to the iWAG, and the iWAG acknowledges this request by sending a DHCP ACK message to the mobile device.
21. The WiFi subscriber traffic now has a data path through which it can flow.

3G DHCP Discover Call Flow Configuration

The following example shows a 3G DHCP Discover call flow configuration:

```

aaa new-model //authentication, authorization, and accounting configurations
!
!
aaa group server radius AAA_SERVER1
  server-private 99.0.7.10 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813 key cisco
!
aaa authentication login default none
aaa authentication login WEB_LOGON group AAA_SERVER1
aaa authorization network ISG_PROXY_LIST group AAA_SERVER1
aaa authorization subscriber-service default local group AAA_SERVER1
aaa accounting network ISG_PROXY_LIST start-stop group AAA_SERVER1
aaa accounting network ACCT_SERVER
  action-type start-stop
  group AAA_SERVER1
!
!
!
!
!
aaa server radius dynamic-author
  client 99.0.7.10 server-key cisco
  auth-type any
  ignore server-key
!
aaa session-id common
aaa policy interface-config allow-subinterface
clock timezone EDT -4 0
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
!
no ip domain lookup
ip domain name cisco.com

!
ip dhcp pool 2NETWORK
  network 10.0.0.0 255.0.0.0
  default-router 10.100.10.2
!
!
!
subscriber service multiple-accept
subscriber service session-accounting
subscriber service accounting interim-interval 1
subscriber redundancy dynamic periodic-update interval 15
subscriber authorization enable
!
!
spanning-tree extend system-id
!
username samipate nopassword
!
redundancy
  mode sso

```



```

#-----
Configuring iWAG Access Interface
#-----

interface GigabitEthernet0/0/1
description To interface g0/0/1
ip address 99.0.7.11 255.255.255.0
negotiation auto
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/2
description To Client facing interface
ip address 192.1.1.1 255.255.0.0
negotiation auto
service-policy type control ISG_GTP_CONTROL
ip subscriber l2-connected # integration to ISG
initiator unclassified mac-address # use this command to initiate unclassified mac
initiator dhcp # recognizes the incoming dhcp request. use this command to initiate
DHCP discovery.
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/3
description To Client facing interface
ip address 192.2.1.1 255.255.0.0
negotiation auto
service-policy type control ISG_GTP_CONTROL
ip subscriber l2-connected # integration to ISG
initiator unclassified mac-address
initiator dhcp # recognizes the incoming dhcp request
!
interface GigabitEthernet0/3/0
description To Client facing interface
ip address 192.3.1.1 255.255.0.0
negotiation auto
service-policy type control ISG_GTP_CONTROL
ip subscriber l2-connected
initiator unclassified mac-address
initiator dhcp
!

interface GigabitEthernet1/3/0
description To PGW/GGSN
ip address 98.0.7.11 255.255.255.0
negotiation auto
!

interface GigabitEthernet0
description To Management Interface
ip address 5.28.8.10 255.255.0.0
negotiation auto
!
mcsa # enabling mobile client service abstraction
enable sessionmgr
!
ip default-gateway 5.28.0.1
ip forward-protocol nd
!
no ip http server
no ip http secure-server
ip route 5.28.0.0 255.255.0.0 5.28.0.1
ip route vrf Mgmt-intf 5.28.0.0 255.255.0.0 5.28.0.1
ip route vrf Mgmt-intf 223.0.0.0 255.0.0.0 5.28.0.1
!
ip access-list extended acl_in_opengarden # enabling access lists
permit udp any eq 5555 any
ip access-list extended acl_out_opengarden

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    permit udp any eq 5555 any
ip access-list extended postpaid_acl_in
    permit udp any eq 181 any
ip access-list extended postpaid_acl_out
    permit udp any eq 181 any
ip access-list extended timeout_acl_in
    permit udp any eq 180 any
ip access-list extended timeout_acl_out
    permit udp any eq 180 any
!
!
!
!
radius-server attribute 44 include-in-access-req default-vrf
radius-server attribute 6 on-for-login-auth
radius-server attribute 8 include-in-access-req
radius-server attribute 32 include-in-access-req
radius-server attribute 32 include-in-accounting-req
radius-server attribute 55 include-in-acct-req
radius-server attribute 55 access-request include
radius-server host 99.0.7.10 auth-port 1812 acct-port 1813
radius-server throttle accounting 300
radius-server key cisco
!
!
control-plane
!
!
!
!
!
line con 0
    exec-timeout 0 0
    stopbits 1
line vty 0 4
    exec-timeout 0 0
!
!

#-----
# Configuring GTP in IWAG
#-----

gtp      # Make sure to configure mcsa before configuring GTP
n3-request 7
interval t3-response 1
interval echo-request 64
information-element rat-type wlan # RAT: Radio Access Technology
interface local GigabitEthernet1/3/0 # Iwag access interfaces
apn 1
    apn-name cisco.com # you can have multiple APNs
    ip address ggsn 98.0.7.13 # details for the iwAG to reach the GGSN
    default-gw 192.168.0.1 prefix-len 16
    dns-server 192.168.255.253
    dhcp-lease 3000
apn 2356
    apn-name cisco1.com # you can have multiple APNs
    ip address ggsn 98.0.7.14
    default-gw 10.254.0.1 prefix-len 16
    dns-server 10.254.255.253
    dhcp-lease 3000
!

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end

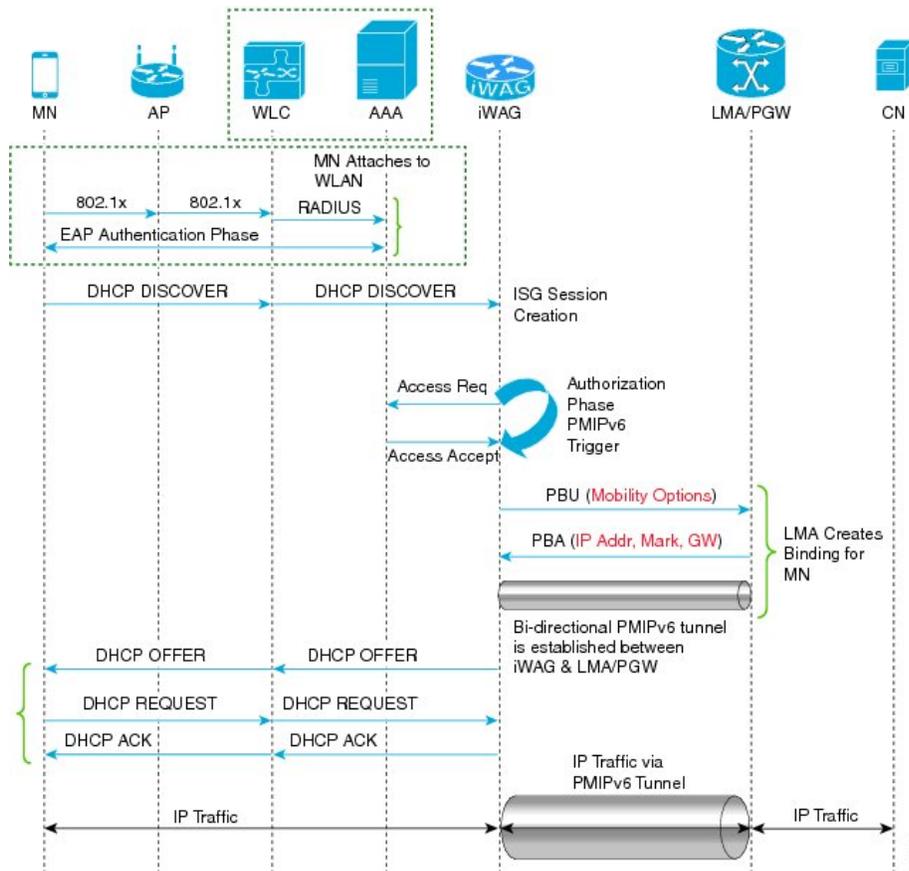
4G DHCP Discover Call Flow

The following is the overview of the 4G DHCP Discover call flow:

1. In the 4G DHCP Session Initiator use-case scenario, iWAG is configured only with DHCP as the session initiator.
2. On receiving the DHCP discover message from the AP or WLC, the iWAG creates the session.
3. The iWAG sends an Access Request message to the AAA server and downloads the mobility parameters through an Access Accept message.
4. After receiving the mobility parameters, the iWAG initiates PMIP signaling by sending a PBU message to the LMA.
5. The LMA responds with a PBA message that includes IP address, gateway, and mask.
6. Now the PMIP tunnel is established between the iWAG and the LMA.
7. The iWAG offers an IP address to the client and creates a binding.

The figure below shows the 4G DHCP session initiator call flow:

Figure 3: 4G DHCP Discover Call Flow



The following are the call flow steps for the 4G DHCP session initiator configuration:

1. The client sends an EAP authentication request to the AP or WLC.
2. The WLC sends an Access Request message to AAA server.
3. On receiving Access Accept message from the AAA server, the WLC authenticates the client or mobile node.
4. After successful authentication, the mobile node sends a DHCP DISCOVER message to the iWAG. The iWAG creates a session and sends Access Request message to the AAA server for user authorization.
5. After being authorized, the iWAG obtains the mobile node's profile parameters, such as LMA, LMA address, APN, and service type (IPv4, IPv6, or dual).
6. The iWAG triggers PMIPv6 signaling by sending a PBU message to the LMA based on the mobile node's profile obtained from the AAA server.
7. The LMA creates session binding, indicating the corresponding iWAG and IP address for the mobile node.
8. The LMA acknowledges by sending a PBA message containing the mobile node's IP address, network mask, and gateway address to the corresponding iWAG.
9. Now, a bidirectional PMIPv6 tunnel is set up between the iWAG and the LMA.

10. The iWAG offers an IP address to the mobile node through a DHCP OFFER message.
11. The mobile node accepts the IP address by sending a DHCP Request.
12. The iWAG, which also hosts the DHCP server, acknowledges the mobile node's request by sending a DHCP ACK message.
13. The iWAG finally creates a DHCP binding.
14. The mobile node configures the IP address that was offered on its wireless interface.
15. The mobile node seamlessly exchanges data traffic with the correspondent node.

4G DHCP Discover Call Flow Configuration

The following is a 4G DHCP session initiator configuration:

```
#-----
LMA (ASR 5000)
#-----

context pgw
  ip pool PMIP_POOL_TME 10.8.20.0 255.255.255.0 public 0 subscriber-gw-address 16.8.20.254

  ipv6 address 2001:DB8::1/64
  ip address 10.8.24.101 255.255.255.0 secondary
  subscriber default
  exit
  apn example.com
  pdp-type ipv4 ipv6
  selection-mode sent-by-ms
  accounting-mode none
  ip context-name pgw
  ip address pool name PMIP_POOL_TME
  ipv6 address prefix-pool v6_pool
  dns primary 198.0.100.250
  exit
  lma-service lma1
  no aaa accounting
  reg-lifetime 40000
  timestamp-replay-protection tolerance 0
  mobility-option-type-value standard
  revocation enable
  bind address 2001:DB8:0:1::1
  pgw-service pgw1
  plmn id mcc 100 mnc 200
  session-delete-delay timeout 60000
  associate lma-service lma1
  exit
  ipv6 route 2001:db8:cafe::/48 next-hop 2001:DB8:0:1:FFFF:1234::5 interface lma1
  ip route 10.8.0.0 255.255.0.0 10.8.24.8 lma1
  port ethernet 17/1
  boxertap eth3
  no shutdown
  bind interface lma1 pgw
end

#-----
IWAG (ASR 1000)
Local Profile without AAA (Simple Configuration using the MN's MAC)
```

```

#-----
!
ipv6 unicast-routing
!
!
policy-map type control PROXYRULE
  class type control always event session-start
    10 proxy aaa list RP
!
!
interface GigabitEthernet1/3/0
  ip address 10.27.52.1 255.255.0.0
  negotiation auto
  ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:0:E000::F link-local
  ipv6 address 2001::1/64
  ipv6 nd ra suppress
  ipv6 eigrp 100
  service-policy type control PROXYRULE
  ip subscriber l2-connected
    initiator dhcp
    initiator unclassified-mac
!

ip dhcp pool pmipv6_dummy_pool
!
config terminal
  mcsa
  enable sessionmgr
  ipv6 mobile pmipv6-domain D1
    replay-protection timestamp window 255
  lma lma1
    ipv6-address 2001:DB8:0:1::1
  mag M1
    ipv6-address 2001:DB8:0:1:FFFF:1234::5

!
ipv6 mobile pmipv6-mag M1 domain D1
  no discover-mn-detach
  sessionmgr
  role 3GPP
  apn example.com
  address ipv6 2001:0DB8:2:4::2
  interface GigabitEthernet0/1/1
    lma lma1 D1
  ipv6-address 2001:DB8:0:1::2

!

```

4G Roaming Call Flow

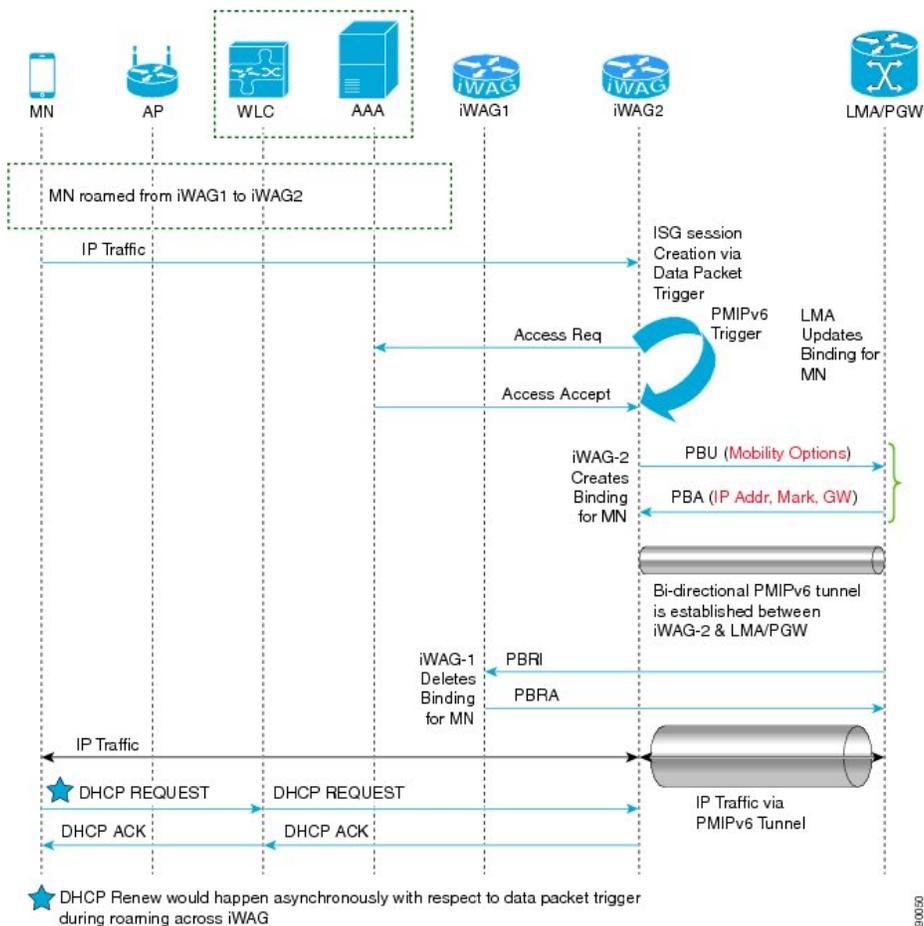
After roaming from one iWAG to another, the mobile node sends traffic to the iWAG. On receiving the unclassified MAC address, the iWAG creates a session and sends an Access Request message to the AAA server. The iWAG downloads mobility parameters from the AAA server through an Access Accept message. The iWAG initiates PMIP signaling by sending a PBU message. The LMA responds with a PBA message. In this case, the LMA provides the same IP address to iWAG 2 to enable the mobile node to maintain the same IP address after roaming. The LMA sends a Proxy Binding Revocation Indication (PBRI) message to iWAG 1 to delete the binding for the mobile node.

This call flow covers the following:

- Session roaming from iWAG 1 to another iWAG 2
- PMIP tunnel creation between LMA and iWAG 2
- Assigning same IP address to the MN after roaming
- Session termination

The figure below describes the call flow for 4G roaming involving a DHCP session. Here, DHCP and the unclassified MAC address together indicate First Sign of Life (FSOL) on the iWAG access interface.

Figure 4: 4G Roaming Call Flow



The following are the call flow steps for the 4G roaming configuration:

1. A mobile node roams from iWAG 1 to iWAG 2. The mobile node directly sends the IP packet to iWAG 2. The iWAG 2 creates sessions and send access request to the AAA server.
2. The iWAG 2 downloads mobility parameters from the AAA server through an Access Accept message.
3. On receiving mobility parameters from the AAA server, the iWAG 2 initiates PMIP signaling by sending a Proxy Binding Update (PBU) message to the LMA. The LMA responds with the PBA message that

contains the IP address, mask, and gateway. Now a PMIP tunnel is established between iWAG 2 and the LMA.

4. The LMA sends a PBRI message to iWAG 1 to delete the binding from iWAG 1. iWAG 1 deletes the binding for mobile node and responds with a PBRA message.
5. iWAG 2 acknowledges the same IP address to the MN through a DHCP ACK message.
6. The MN seamlessly exchanges data traffic with the correspondent node.

4G Roaming Call Flow Configuration

The following is a 4G Roaming call flow configuration:

```
#-----
LMA (ASR 5000)
#-----
context pgw
  ip pool PMIP_POOL_TME 10.8.20.0 255.255.255.0 public 0 subscriber-gw-address 209.165.201.1

  ipv6 address 2001:DB8::1/64
  ip address 10.8.24.101 255.255.255.0 secondary
  subscriber default
  exit
  apn serviceprovider.com
  selection-mode sent-by-ms
  accounting-mode none
  ip context-name pgw
  ip address pool name PMIP_POOL_TME
  ipv6 address prefix-pool v6_pool
  exit
  lma-service lma1
  no aaa accounting
  reg-lifetime 40000
  timestamp-replay-protection tolerance 0
  mobility-option-type-value standard
  revocation enable
  bind address 2001:DB8:0:0:E000::F
  pgw-service pgw1
  plmn id mcc 100 mnc 200
  session-delete-delay timeout 60000
  associate lma-service lma1
  exit
  ipv6 route 2001:DB8::/48 next-hop 2001:DB8:0:ABCD::1 interface lma1
  ip route 10.8.0.0 255.255.0.0 10.8.24.8 lma1
  port ethernet 17/1
  boxertap eth3
  no shutdown
  bind interface lma1 pgw
end
#-----
IWAG2 (ASR 1000)
Local Profile without AAA (Simple Configuration using the MN's MAC)
#-----
!
ipv6 unicast-routing
!!
policy-map type control PROXYRULE
  class type control always event session-start
  10 proxy aaa list RP
```

```

!
ip dhcp pool pmipv6_dummy_pool
!
ipv6 mobile pmipv6-domain D1
replay-protection timestamp window 200
lma lma1
  ipv6-address 2001:DB8:0:0:E000::F
nai mn1@example.com
apn example.com
lma lma1
int att WLAN l2-addr 0024.d78e.21a4
!
ipv6 mobile pmipv6-mag M1 domain D1
discover-mn-detach 100 10
role 3GPP
address ipv6 2001:DB8:0:1:FFFF:1234::5
interface GigabitEthernet 0/1/0.3074
!
interface GigabitEthernet1/3/0
ip address 10.27.52.1 255.255.0.0
negotiation auto
ipv6 address 2001:DB8:0:1::1 link-local
ipv6 address 2001:DB8::1
ipv6 nd ra suppress
ipv6 eigrp 100
service-policy type control PROXYRULE
ip subscriber l2-connected
  initiator dhcp
  initiator unclassified-mac
!

```



Note In 4G roaming involving a DHCP + RADIUS proxy-initiated session, DHCP, RADIUS proxy, and unclassified MAC address together indicate FSOL on the iWAG access interface.

Additional References

Related Documents

Related Topic	Document Title
Cisco IOS commands	Cisco IOS Master Commands List, All Releases
iWAG commands	Cisco IOS Intelligent Wireless Access Gateway Command Reference

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Feature Information for Call Flows for 3G and 4G Mobile IP Users

The following table provides release information about the feature or features described in this module. This table lists only the software release that introduced support for a given feature in a given software release train. Unless noted otherwise, subsequent releases of that software release train also support that feature.

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Table 1: Feature Information for Call Flows for 3G and 4G Mobile IP Users

Feature Name	Releases	Feature Information
Call Flows for 3G and 4G Mobile IP Users	Cisco IOS XE Release 3.11	In Cisco IOS XE Release 3.11S, this feature was implemented on the Cisco ASR 1000 Series Aggregation Services Routers.

