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Logical APN List

The logical APN feature allows multiple users to access different physical target networks through a shared APN access point. The logical APN feature reduces the amount of APN provisioning required by consolidating access all real APNs through a single virtual APN. Therefore, only the virtual APN needs to be provisioned at Control Centre, instead of each of the real APNs to be reached.

For details on System ID, refer to [Peer Routing, on page 9](#).

For details on Peer Group, refer to Peer Group Mapping and Peer Group SRK Mapping.

An example configuration is shown below:

Figure 1: Logical APN List

Logical APN * (key)	Actions
INTERNET	Edit Delete
IMS-1	Edit Delete
ims4.com	Edit Delete

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Avp Condition Profile

The Avp Condition profile is used to specify the value and condition to apply to AVP.

The following table describes the fields of Avp Condition Profile:

Table 1: Avp Condition Profile

Field	Description
Profile Name	Profile name of the condition. Each row in the table is a condition. You can define multiple conditions for one Profile Name.
Avp	Avp that condition is applied to.
Avp Value	Value of the condition. If there is no AVP, configure the value as AVP_IS_MISSING

Figure 2: Avp Condition Profile

Profile Name * (key)	Avp * (key)	Avp Value *	Actions
ResultCodes3xxx	ResultCode	match=3.*	 

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Avp Action Profile

You can use the Avp Action Profile to perform mediation at different directions (ingress, egress). You can modify both request and response messages. You can replace, append, prepend value AVP. The value may be static or dynamically retrieved from another AVP or can be extracted as substring from another AVP.

The following table describes the AVP actions that you can perform in Avp Action Profile:

Table 2: AVP Actions

Avp Action	Description
Remove Avp	Removes the AVP from the message.
Add with value	If the AVP is not present in the message, add the AVP with the value defined in CRD.
Add with Avp from Request	If the AVP is not present in the message, the AVP received from the request message is added to it.
Overwrite with value	Overwrite the AVP with the value defined in CRD.
Overwrite with Avp from Request	Overwrite the AVP with the AVP received from the request message
Add Prefix	Add prefix to the value of AVP.
Add Postfix	Add postfix to the value of AVP.
Remove Prefix	Remove prefix from the value of AVP.
Remove Postfix	Remove postfix from the value of AVP.

Figure 3: Avp Action Profile

Avp Action Profile				
				Filter CRD Tables
Profile Name * (key)	Avp * (key)	Avp Action	Avp Value	Actions
ChangeResultCode	ResultCode	Overwrite with value	3002	✎ ✕
PrependLabel	DestinationHost	Add Prefix	core-	✎ ✕
Hiding	OriginHost	Overwrite with value	dra	✎ ✕
Hiding	OriginRealm	Overwrite with value	dra.cisco.com	✎ ✕
ExtractHostFromSessionId	DestinationHost	Overwrite with value	SubString("\${SessionId}", "[^"]+";", 1)	✎ ✕
AppendLabel	DestinationHost	Add Postfix	-suffix	✎ ✕
StripPrependLabel	OriginHost	Remove Prefix	core-	✎ ✕
StripAppendLabel	OriginHost	Remove Postfix	-suffix	✎ ✕
AddAvp	User-Name	Overwrite with Avp from Request		✎ ✕
AddQos	QoS-Information	Add with Avp from Request		✎ ✕
AddSubscriptionId	Subscription-Id	Add with Avp from Request		✎ ✕
DeleteAvp	User-Name	Remove Avp		✎ ✕
AddAvpValue	User-Name	Add with value	0011223344	✎ ✕
AddRatType	RAT-Type	Overwrite with value	1004	✎ ✕

APN Mapping Table

The APN consists of two parts which are as follows:

- The APN Network Identifier. This part of the APN is mandatory.
- The APN Operator Identifier. This part of the APN is optional.

The actual APN of any interface is filled-in with Called-Station-Id AVP. This table keeps a mapping of actual APNs and logical APNs configured in the logical APN list.

The following is an example configuration:

Figure 4: APN Mapping Table

Apn Mapping Table		
		Filter CRD Tables
CalledStationId * (key)	Logical APN	Actions
internet.com	INTERNET	✎ ✕
ims-1.com	IMS-1	✎ ✕
ims4.com	ims4.com	✎ ✕
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The Called-Station-Id input is case insensitive where it stores all the values in lower case. It converts the upper case entry to a lower case value and checks for a duplicate entry. If the input APN contains any duplicate value, it rejects the value with an error message.

For example, if the input value is IMS.COM, it stores the value as ims.com.

Peer Rate Limit Profile

CPS vDRA can rate limit traffic coming from and going towards a particular peer. This can work for both Ingress and Egress traffic. User needs to define the peer group, FQDN, traffic direction and the CPS vDRA behavior, whether to silently drop or send error message. User can also define the error code and the error message when error responses need to be sent back.

Figure 5: Peer Rate Limit Profile

Peer Group * (key)	Peer FQDN * (key)	Message Direction * (key)	Rate Limit Profile	Peer Rate Limit	Discard Behavior *	Result Code	Error String	Actions
match=GX_DC.*	*	Ingress	GX-CCR-I	3	Send Error Answer	3002	OVERLOAD_GX	Edit Delete

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DOIC Profile

Use the DOIC Profile table to define the abatement action for Diameter messages in case of Diameter peer overload or congestion.

For more information about DOIC, see [Configure Throttling of Diameter Messages Using DOIC](#).

The following table describes the DOIC Profile table parameters:

Table 3: DOIC Profile

Fields	Description	Value
Egress Peer Group	Name of egress peer group.	Referenced from the Peer Group name in Peer Group SRK Mapping.
Message Class	Message classification. Priority P0 is considered for emergency message class. Hence, it cannot be configured in DOIC for throttling. In case abatement treatment is applicable for P0 message as per Loss Algorithm (with random number), the message is forwarded.	P1, P2, P3, P4

Fields	Description	Value
Abatement Action (output)	The abatement action to be taken by vDRA.	Divert, Forward, Drop

The following abatement actions are supported:

- Forward: Forward allows the message to be sent to the destination peer, even though the peer is overloaded.
- Divert: Messages are diverted to the non-congested secondary peer as found using Peer Group SRK Mapping. If the secondary peer is congested, the next non-congested peer is used. If all peers are congested, the messages are dropped.
- Drop: Message is throttled with error response 3002

When a message is throttled, a default result-code of 3002 and default message "Throttled due to DOIC congestion" is sent.

The error message can be configured in Error Result Code Profile table with the Error key as Doic Throttled/Dropped.

Default Error Message is "3002: 012 - Throttled due to DOIC congestion"

Figure 6: DOIC Profile

Egress Peer Group * (key)	Message Class * (key)	Abatement Action	Actions
*	P1	Drop	

Diameter Avp Dictionary

Use the Diameter Avp Dictionary CRD table to define the AVP name, AVP code, vendor ID, and the type.

The following table describes the parameters of the Diameter Avp Dictionary:

Table 4: Diameter Avp Dictionary

Field	Description
Name	Name of the AVP.
Avp Code	Code of the AVP.
Vendor Id	Vendor ID not supported for regx pattern ,wild card entries (*) and it is a mandatory field.
Avp Type	Type of AVP (Integer32, Unsigned32, Integer64, OctetString, UTF8String, Grouped)

Figure 7: Diameter Avp Dictionary

 Diameter Avp Dictionary

Name * (key)	Avp Code	Vendor Id	Avp Type
ResultCode	268	10415	Unsigned32

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Peer Access Control List

You can use the Peer Access Control List to specify the list of peers (by realm, FQDN, application ID, or Source-IP) that can establish peer connections to vDRA.

Peers that are not listed with realm or host in the CRD are allowed to establish peer connections by default.

Specify the following parameters:

The key fields are Origin Host and Origin realm, hence it is possible to have only one row for each unique pair.

- Origin Host - Diameter identity or FQDN(host) of the client either in full or as a regular expression
- Origin Realm - Diameter Identity or realm of the client either in full or as a regular expression
- Source IP - Specifies IP or IP range. For example, only subnet or only wildcard (*)



Note

- When source IP is configured as IP / IP Range (that is, subnet) only and wildcard (*) then, values gets stored directly in the CRD without any modification.
- When the entered Source-IP matches wildcard(*) then, the IP address validation and the value to store in CRD is skipped.
- Authorization Action: Specifies whether the incoming client connection is allowed or denied.
- Authorization Deny - Result Code: Configurable result code. If not configured, the default value of 3010 (Unknown Application) or 3007 (Unsupported Application) is sent. Applicable only when the Authorization action is set to “Deny”
- Authorization Deny - Error Message: Configurable Message. If not configured default values are Unknown Peer or Unsupported Application.
Applicable only when the Authorization action is set to “Deny”
- Application ID: single, comma-separated, or regular expression.

If the peer connection is rejected due to mismatch of Applications, customized result-code / error messages are not applicable in this case.

Figure 8: Peer Access Control List

Peer Access Control List						
						Filter CRD Tables
Origin Host *	Origin Realm *	Authorization Action *	Authorization Deny - Result Code	Authorization Deny - Error Message	Application Id *	Actions
gx-pcef10	match=gx-pcef1.*	Permit			16777238	✎ 🗑
match=gx-pcef1.*	gx-pcef11.cisco.com	Deny			16777238	✎ 🗑
gx-pcef14	gx-pcef14.cisco.com	Deny	3008	Peer is Blacklisted	16777238,16777236	✎ 🗑
match=gx-pcef.*	gx-pcef12.cisco.com	Permit			16777236	✎ 🗑

Peer Routes

Request forwarding is done using Peer Routes to discover peers. These routes are different for different interfaces. There can be multiple peer routes for a particular interface.



Note If multiple remote peers (having same FQDN) are connected with DRA and one remote peer goes down after sending a request then response message is also dropped. DRA does not send the request to any other remote peers (having same FQDN).

Figure 9: Peer Routes

Peer Routes	
Filter CRD Tables	
Peer Route * (key)	Actions
GX_CONSUMER	✎ 🗑
GX_ENTERPRISE	✎ 🗑
RX_CONSUMER	✎ 🗑
RX_CONSUMER_SITE	✎ 🗑
GX_CONSUMER_C	✎ 🗑
SD_CONSUMER	✎ 🗑
SD_CONSUMER_1	✎ 🗑
RX_ENTERPRISE	✎ 🗑
SD_CONSUMER_2	✎ 🗑

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Peer Group Mapping

One or more peers are combined into single peer group based on their realms patterns and FQDN patterns. Peer groups have respective peer routes.

Figure 10: Peer Group Mapping

Peer Group Mapping

Realm Pattern *	FQDN Pattern *	Peer Group	Weight	Actions
pcrf-rx-dra2.seagull.com	pcrf-rx-dra2-seagull	RX_PG	100	Edit Delete
pcrf-rx3.seagull.com	pcrf-rx3-seagull	RX_PG	200	Edit Delete
match=pcrf-gx.*	match=pcrf-gx.*	GX_PG	300	Edit Delete
pcef-gx-dra2.seagull.com	pcef-gx-dra2.seagull.com	PCEF_GX	200	Edit Delete
match=pcef-gx.*	match=pcef-gx.*	PCEF_GX	500	Edit Delete
rx-af-dra2.seagull.com	rx-af-dra2.seagull	PCEF_RX	100	Edit Delete
match=rx-af-dra2.*	match=rx-af-dra2.*	PCEF_RX	300	Edit Delete

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Peer Group SRK Mapping

All the peer groups consisting of one or more peers are listed in this table. Also various features like Session Key Routing or Destination Host Routing can be configured as Only, Never, Preferred depending upon the need. Use the DOIC Enabled column (YES/NO) to enable or disable Diameter Overload Indication Conveyance (DOIC). This option is used to throttle or divert Diameter requests towards PCRF, HSS, AAA, and OCS servers based on reporting of overloaded conditions.

Figure 11: Peer Group SRK Mapping

Peer Group SRK Mapping

Peer Group * (key)	Session Routing Key	Destination Host Routing Rule *	Destination Host Replace	Destination Realm Replace	Doic Enabled	Actions
pcrf-g	pcrf-cluster.pcrf1	Preferred	YES	YES	NO	Edit Delete
pcef-g	pcef-cluster.pcef1	Preferred	YES	YES	NO	Edit Delete
mme-g	mme-cluster.mme1	Preferred	YES	YES	NO	Edit Delete
hss-g	hss-cluster.hss1	Preferred	YES	YES	YES	Edit Delete
hss2-g	hss-clusterb.hss1	Preferred			YES	Edit Delete

Peer Routing

This table consists of a mapping of Peer Groups to Peer Routes on a particular CPS vDRA. It also has precedence and weight columns which play a vital role in load balancing behavior of CPS vDRA.

Figure 12: Peer Routing

Peer Routing

Filter CRD Tables

Peer Route * (key)	System Id * (key)	Peer Group * (key)	Precedence *	Weight *	Actions
SD_CONSUMER_2	system-1	SD_DC_1	1	1	edit delete
GX_CONSUMER	system-1	GX_DC_1	1	1	edit delete
RX_CONSUMER	system-1	GX_DC_1	1	1	edit delete
RX_CONSUMER	system-1	GX_DC_2	1	1	edit delete
SD_CONSUMER	system-1	SD_DC_2	1	1	edit delete
GX_CONSUMER_C	system-1	GX_DC_3	1	1	edit delete
SD_CONSUMER_1	system-1	SD_DC_2	1	1	edit delete

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IPv6 Ranges System ID Mapping

Use this table to specify a range of IPv6 addresses and the primary and secondary vDRA system ID.

Figure 13: IPv6 Ranges System ID Mapping

Reference Data

import close all create snapshot revert snapshot import all export all Last refresh on 03/19 at 03:17:57PM

IPv6 Ranges System ID Mapping

IPv6 Start Range	IPv6 End Range	Primary System Id	Secondary System	import add search refresh
No rows available on the server.				

Table 5: IPv6 Ranges System ID Mapping Fields

Fields	Description
IPv6 Start Range	Indicates the start of range in ASCII.
IPv6 End Range	Indicates the end of range in ASCII.
Primary System ID	Mandatory field. Indicates the System ID of vDRA in a vDRA cluster to which the request can be relayed.
Secondary System ID	Secondary vDRA System ID where lookup can happen.



Note The ranges are expected to be mutually exclusive and unique. Verify the values when provisioning the same.

Binding Key Profile



Important For routing to work in DRA, user must configure **AppId Key Profile Mapping** and **Binding Key Profile** tables.

The available fields are Boolean fields and can be edited by selecting the check boxes.



Note It is expected a minimum of one row to be configured with the value “DefaultProfile”. This will be used in case there is nothing configured for an application Id. For this “DefaultProfile”, “imsiAPN” and “FramedIPv6Prefix” should be enabled.



Note The field **MSISDN APN Key Enabled** is a place holder only. Modifying this field will not have an effect on the application behavior.

Figure 14: Binding Key Profile

Binding Key Profile

Profile Name * (key)	IMSI APN Key Enabled	MSISDN APN Key Enabled	Framed IPv6 Enabled	Framed IPv4 Enabled	Actions
DefaultProfile	true	false	false	false	Edit Delete
Rx_Profile	false	false	true	false	Edit Delete

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AppId Key Profile Mapping



Important For routing to work in CPS vDRA, you must configure **AppId Key Profile Mapping** and **Binding Key Profile** tables.

Figure 15: AppId Key Profile Mapping

Application Id * (key)	Profile Name	Actions
Gx	DefaultProfile	Edit Delete
Rx	Rx_Profile	Edit Delete

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The Binding Key Profile column is tied to the Profile Name column from the previous CRD and takes the available Profile Name in the system.

There are two application Identifiers that have been provisioned in the system which are Gx and Rx and can be tied to the same or different Bind Key Profile as the case may be.

Message Class Profile

To determine the abatement action from the DOIC Profile table (for throttling or diverting Diameter requests), you require a Message class. You can query the Message class from the Message Class Profile table.

The Message Class Profile table takes inputs such as Ingress Peer Group, Application Id, Command Code, Message/Request Type and provides the Condition Profile and Message Class. Message Class can be one of P0, P1, P2, P3, P4.

Figure 16: Message Class Profile

Ingress Peer Group * (key)	Application Id * (key)	Command Code * (key)	Message/Request Type * (key)	Condition Profile * (key)	Message Class	Actions
pcef-g	16777238	272	None	IsEmergency	P0	Edit Delete
*	16777251	318	None	*	P1	Edit Delete

Message Retry Profile

CPS vDRA supports configurable retries, so that the specific behavior of CPS vDRA in congestion scenarios can be configured.

Configurable retry mechanism (i.e., number of retries) per:

- Application ID
- Peer Group
- Answer Timeout error occurred
- Error Result Code of Response

This should be in the form of a CRD and applied to a peer group. The user can use the SRK peers to select an alternate peer.

If all SRK peers fail, the user should use one alternate CPS vDRA if it connects to the SRK. If the SRK matches exactly, CPS vDRA would look for the second label match of SRK like clusterb.dc1 and clusterc.dc1 and retry the message to other peer group.

Figure 17: Message Retry Profile - Control Center

Message Retry Profile

Peer Group * (key)	Application Id * (key)	Command Code * (key)	Result Code * (key)	Experimental RC	Number Of Retries	Actions
GX_DC_1	16777238	272	3003	false	6	 
GX_DC_1	16777238	272	3004	false	6	 
GX_DC_2	16777238	272	3003	false	6	 
GX_DC_2	16777238	272	3004	false	6	 
match=SD_DC.*	16777303	8388637	3004	false	6	 
RX_DC_1	16777236	258	7000	false	6	 
GX_DC_2	16777238	272	7000	false	6	 

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Wild card match is supported for Peer Group, Application Id, Command Code, Result Code columns. For example, 300.* supports all RC starting with 300.

- * is supported to allow all RC.
- * is supported for all peer groups.
- Match = GX_DC_.* is supported for groups starting with GX_DC

RC = 7000 is interpreted as retry for timeout.

Experimental result code is for future purposes and value in that column has no effect on retry processing.



Note **Best Match** check box needs to be checked in Policy Builder if you want to use the wildcard feature.

Refer to [Message Retry Profile](#) for configuration in **Search Table Group**.

Message Mediation Profile

CPS vDRA supports message mediation profile for following use cases:

- Store an AVP from the request and insert it into the answer. The answer is forwarded from an endpoint or an error generated by CPS vDRA. The known use case for this is storing the MSISDN from a request from the OCS (Sy SNR, Gy RAR) and inserting it in the answer to the OCS. The endpoint cannot handle all cases since the DRA can generate the error response in case of request timeout or inability to route the request to a peer. The MSISDN is in the Subscription-ID AVP.
- Remove an AVP from a request or answer.

Figure 18: Message Mediation Profile - Control Center

Message Mediation Profile

Filter CRD Tables

Application Id * (key)	Command Code * (key)	Message Type * (key)	Peer Group * (key)	Message Direction * (key)	Condition Profile	Action Profile * (key)	Actions
16777302	8388635	Request	*	Ingress		RemovePolicyCounterStatusReport	✎ 🗑
16777302	8388635	Answer	*	Egress		OverwriteSubscriptionId	✎ 🗑
16777302	8388635	Request	*	Ingress		RemoveSubscriptionId	✎ 🗑
4	258	Request	*	Ingress		RemoveSubscriptionId	✎ 🗑
4	258	Answer	*	Egress		OverwriteSubscriptionId	✎ 🗑
16777302	8388635	Answer	*	Egress		RemovePolicyCounterStatusReport	✎ 🗑
4	258	Answer	*	Egress		RemoveRatingGroup	✎ 🗑

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Peer Group Answer Timeout

CPS vDRA support for the following use cases:

- Configurable answer timeout for initial try and subsequent retries for the following parameters:
 - Application ID
 - Peer Group (to which request is sent)
 - Command code (to enable different timeouts for different Diameter commands)
 - Timeout value (in milliseconds)
- Default value if unspecified is 1700 milliseconds.

Peer group answer timeout is applicable for every message routed using:

- Destination host routing
- SRK routing
- Table driven routing

Sample peer group answer timeout is shown below:

Figure 19: Peer Group Answer Timeout

Peer Group Answer Timeout

Peer Group *	Application Id *	Command Code *	Timeout Milliseconds	Actions
SD_DC_2	16777303	*	15000	
RX_DC_2	16777236	*	22000	
GX_DC_3	16777238	*	20000	
SD_DC_2	16777303	8388637	25000	
SD_DC_1	16777303	272	25000	
RX_DC_1	16777236	*	20000	
GX_DC_2	16777238	272	22000	
GX_DC_1	16777238	match=2.*	25000	

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Wild card match is supported for application_id, peer_group, command code. * indicates all application_id, peer_group.

The following rules have been applied for answer timeout:

- Default timeout for any message routed from CPS vDRA is 1700 ms.
- In case of retry, if an alternate group is chosen for routing, corresponding timeout for the peer group is applied.

For Policy Builder related configuration, refer to [Peer Group Answer Timeout](#).

Message Rate Limit Profile

Further to peer level rate limit, CPS vDRA provides the granularity of limiting diameter traffic at message level for each peer. Message level rate limit always works in conjunction with peer level rate limit and is an additional control in peer level rate limit configuration. Since message level rate limit works in conjunction with peer level rate limit, all the fields specified for peer level rate limit are applicable to message level rate limit.

Message Rate Limit Profile table is used to get the condition for such rate limiting. User can define the type of message, command code and the application for which the limiting has to be implemented.

Figure 20: Message Rate Limit Profile

Message Rate Limit Profile

Rate Limit Profile Name * (key)	Application Identifier * (key)	Command Code * (key)	Message/Request Type * (key)	Message Rate Limit *	Actions
GX-CCR-I	Gx	272	1	7	

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Dynamic Peer Rate Limit based on DB VM CPU Usage

Dynamic Peer Rate Throttling

Overload condition on binding databases occur when CCR-I or CCR-T bursts over one or more peer connections, thereby destabilizing the system. To overcome the DB overload condition, DRA supports the following mechanisms to protect the system from such an overload condition:

- Dynamically vary peer message rate limits (CCR-I/T) based on DB CPU load to enable better utilization of available DB capacity.
- Selectively throttle peer connections with traffic burst and continue processing of messages for peers with BAU traffic.

Configure Message Rate Limit Profile to throttle messages on the Director and Rate limits for each message type in the profile. Dynamic rate limiting allows you to:

- Determine the available DB capacity and dynamically derive the rate limits.
- Configure preferred rate limits and apply dynamic throttling on configured values.

Limitations

Following are the limitations:

- Dynamic peer throttling feature applies only to peer connections with message rate limits configured on ingress direction.
- Throttling impacts all CCR-I/T messages on a peer connection irrespective of whether the binding corresponding to the overloaded DB is enabled.
- If the maximum throttling percentage configured in the profile does not restore the DB CPU load to normal values, the system remains in the same state until the overload condition clears.

Monitoring DB CPU Threshold



Important Configure the **binding shard-metadata-db-connection loadmetrics ip-address port** command to monitor CPU usage of all database VMs:

For more information on binding shard-metadata-db-connection, see the *binding shard-metadata-db-connection* section in the *CPS vDRA Operations Guide*.

For dynamic DB throttling, DB VM CPU statistics is collected periodically (every 10 seconds) and stored in metrics database. These statistics are cached by Workers and used to enforce dynamic DB throttling under high load conditions. But dynamically modifying rate limits on directors require that DB VM CPU statistics are available to directors.

Since the Workers periodically retrieve and cache the required statistics, Workers can monitor for threshold violations and notify Directors on the status. This eliminates the overhead on directors for retrieving the

required statistics. Directors then checks whether CPU thresholds are beached and start to reduce the rate limits of peer groups upon threshold breach.

Threshold monitoring and notification is processed on workers to:

- Perform the threshold monitoring on one of elected Workers. If the elected worker fails, another worker takes over the function.
- Ensure that the threshold status messages are received by directors at least once.
- Ensure that the Worker publishes duplicate messages using different Control Plane Redis connections.
- Not to notify the status of individual DB VM. This reduces the overhead on directors. Only following summary DB CPU status will be notified:
 - Threshold breach
 - Normal

This results in one threshold status message from wWrker to Directors for every statistics polling period (10 seconds).

Since different peer groups are configured with different CPU thresholds, Worker uses the lowest CPU threshold to generate threshold breach event. The threshold is compared against the highest CPU utilization value among all the DB VMs. Upon threshold breach, corresponding event is published to Directors with highest observed CPU utilization. This ensures that Directors apply throttling based on CPU utilization of most loaded DB VM.

Dynamic Throttling Configuration

Dynamic throttling of message rate limits requires configuring the DB VM thresholds and corresponding throttling percentage to be applied. Specifying multiple thresholds with different throttling percentages enables varying the throttling based on severity of overload condition. For example, consider three different thresholds such as minor, major, critical, and apply throttling percentages increasing with severity.

During configuration of multiple thresholds, throttling applies corresponding to the highest threshold breached.

The following table describes the fields of Dynamic Throttling DB CPU Profile.

Table 6: Dynamic Throttling DB CPU Profile

Field	Description
Name	Name of the profile.
DB CPU Utilization Threshold	CPU utilization value in percentage beyond which throttling is applied.
Throttle Percentage	Throttling percentage that is applied on configured message rate limits. Rate limits are reduced by configured percentage.

To apply throttling profile to peers, use the following Dynamic Peer Rate Limit Profile parameters.

Table 7: Dynamic Peer Rate Limit Profile

Field	Description
Peer Group	Name of the origin peer group. Supports Wildcard values.
Peer FQDN	The origin peer FQDN.
Dynamic Throttling DB CPU Profile	Name of dynamic throttling DB CPU profile.

Dynamic throttling of message rate limits requires enabling of DRA Dynamic Peer Rate Limiter configuration in the Policy builder. If this configuration is not enabled through the Policy Builder, then you cannot view any DB CPU control messages from Worker to Director. For more information, see the [Enable DRA Dynamic Peer Rate Limiter, on page 20](#) section.

Rules for Applying Dynamic Throttling for Peer Connections

Directors monitor DB CPU threshold events from Workers. Upon threshold breach, Directors evaluates the throttling profiles applied to peers against the CPU utilization value and reduces the rate limits based on the threshold breached.

When there is a threshold breach following rules apply for throttling for a peer:

- Dynamic rate limit throttling applies only to peers with message rate limit profile configured for CCR-I/CCR-T in ingress direction.
- If throttling is applied to peer but the new threshold breached is higher than previous threshold, vDRA evaluates the threshold against the profile and applies throttling corresponding to the higher threshold. When revising the throttling, rate limits are always calculated based on the base or preferred rate limits.

For example, consider the following configuration

Message Rate limit:100

Table 8: Example for Dynamic Throttling DB CPU Profile

Threshold	Throttling Percentage
50	20
55	30
60	40
65	50

If the DB CPU utilization is in the range of 50-55%, rate limits gets throttled by 20% and effective rate limit is 80. If CPU utilization increases to 62%, then throttling of 50% is applied on configured rate limit of 100 and revised rate limit will be 50.

- If throttling is applied to peer and the new threshold breached is same or lower than previous threshold, then throttling is upgraded to throttle percentage configured for the next higher threshold.

For example, consider the following configuration:

Message Rate Limit: 100

Table 9: Example for Dynamic Throttling DB CPU Profile

Threshold	Throttling Percentage
50	20
55	30
60	40
65	50

When the DB VM CPU usage breaches 50%, throttling of 20% is applied and effective rate limit for all peer connections will be 80

Throttling reduces the load and reduce the CPU usage to < 50%

If the load continues, then CPU usage will increase and breach 50% threshold again. Because throttling for 50% threshold has already been applied, throttling increases to 30% corresponding to threshold 55%. Effective rate limits will be 70. If the threshold breach continues, then throttling increases to 40% (threshold 60) and 50% (threshold 65). Once maximum throttling of 50% has been applied, no further action takes place even if the threshold breach continues.

- Dynamic throttling applies to all messages irrespective of whether the corresponding binding profile has binding corresponding to overloaded DB enabled.
- If throttling is not applied for the peer, apply throttling corresponding to the threshold breached.

Throttling Reversal

Once the CPU utilization of overloaded DB VM(s) falls and remains below the threshold for a hold time, reversal of rate limit reduction is triggered. Configure the hold timer to trigger throttling reversal during normal load condition.

To prevent reversal action from creating a ping-pong effect, reversal will be performed in smaller steps. Throttling will be reversed based on the **Reversal Step in %** values configured in the **Policy Builder**. At each step, vDRA monitors DB load for hold time before applying the next step. If reversal causes threshold breach, roll back is performed.



Note It is recommended to use smaller steps for reversal.

Resiliency

Resiliency supports the following functions:

- **Worker Node Restart or Failure** During threshold monitoring and notification function of Worker node, if the Worker node fails or restarted, another worker takes over the function. The Semaphore

coordinates the role of threshold monitoring. Each Worker periodically (every 5 seconds) tries to acquire a lock on the Semaphore for a duration of 10 seconds. The Worker that acquires the lock performs the threshold monitoring function until it fails or is restarted:

- **Director Restart:** To ensure that new peer connections to a restarted Director are throttled at startup under existing DB overload condition, Director sends a threshold event query message to Worker. The Worker performing the threshold monitoring function responds to the Director with the latest threshold event. The Director processes the Query response, which initiates the query. If DB is overloaded throttling is applied and Query response gets ignored by rest of the Directors.

Enable DRA Dynamic Peer Rate Limiter

Configure the following parameters under DRA Configuration:

1. In the **Policy Builder**, on the right pane, click **DRA Configuration**.
2. In the **DRA Configuration** area, check the **Dra Dynamic Peer Rate Limiter** check box to enable the Dynamic throttling feature. By default this check box is disabled.
3. The following fields are available with default values, when you enable the **Dra Dynamic Peer Rate Limiter** parameter:
 - **Reversal Hold Time (Seconds):** Specifies reversal hold time. Default is 30 seconds.
 - **Reversal Step in % :** Specifies the reversal step. Default is 20%.



Note Specify the Reversal step within 100% and do not enter decimal values.

- **Auto Apply Next Level Throttle:** Check the **Auto Apply Next Level Throttle** check box to dynamically apply next level throttling only if the DB CPU is in the configured range.

Error Result Code Profile

Sample CRD data looks like this:

Figure 21: Error Result Code Profile

Error Result Code Profile

Application Id * (key)	Error * (key)	Result Code	Exp Result Code	Vendor Id	Err Msg	Actions
*	No Available Peer	4004	5004	10415	Peer not available	✎ 🗑
*	No Peer Group	4005		10415	No Peer Group Available	✎ 🗑
*	No Binding Found	3024		10415	No Binding found for request	✎ 🗑
*	Message Loop Detected	4007		10415	Loop Detected in Message	✎ 🗑
*	No Binding Key For Lookup		4008	10415	No Binding Key for Lookup	✎ 🗑

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- For any CPS vDRA error or message timeout, CPS vDRA has the ability to map the error to a Result-Code value and an error message string for the Error-Message AVP.
- Errors include things like "binding not found", "message timeout", "no peer connections".
- The Result Code value is sent in the Result-Code AVP in the response.
- The error message string is sent in the Error-Message AVP in the response.
- When both Result Code and Exp Result Code are configured in this table, Result Code will take precedence. In case Result Code is not configured in this table, Exp Result Code will be sent with Vendor-ID.

Gx New Session Rules

Gx New Session Rules table is used by CPS vDRA when performing Table Driven routing. CPS vDRA could derive the "Peer Route" from this table, when the incoming message has no destination host to be routed to. From peer route, CPS vDRA derives further route where the request could be sent. This table supports both wildcard and exact match for the various parameters. The "Peer Route" used in this table should be defined in "Peer Routes" table. Here an example for Gx New Session Rules is provided. Similar tables can be created for Rx or Sd.

Figure 22: Gx New Session Rules

Gx New Session Rules

Filter CRD Tables

Logical APN * (key)	Origin Host * (key)	Peer Route	Origin Realm * (key)	Destination Host * (key)	Destination Realm * (key)	MSISDN * (key)	IMSI * (key)	Actions
ims4.com	gx-pcef	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims3.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	gx-pcef.cisco.com	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims2.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	*	45005978851107	Edit Delete
ims1.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	match=.*2829	*	Edit Delete
ims5.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	gx-dra1.cisco.com	*	*	Edit Delete
ims6.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	*	gx-dra1	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims.com	gx-pcef1	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims.com	gx-pcef2	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims.com	gx-pcef3	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete

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Rest API Error Code Profile

You can configure the HTTP response error code (such as 4xx, 5xx) corresponding to each vDRA Rest API JSON error response code for the GET binding (for example imsi, imsiApn, msisdn, msisdnApn, ipv4, ipv6) Rest API.

This HTTP response code is used in the response for any GET binding Rest API request. If this CRD is not configured with HTTP response codes, then vDRA returns the default HTTP response status code.

If you do not configure the Rest API HTTP Error Code in the CRD, vDRA uses the default HTTP error codes for GET binding Rest API. For a list of the default HTTP error codes, see the *CPS vDRA Troubleshooting Guide*.

The following table describes the mandatory parameters in the Rest API Error Code profile CRD:

Table 10: Rest API Error Code Profile

Parameter	Description
Rest API Error Code	vDRA Rest API JSON error response code for the GET binding (for example imsi, imsiApn, msisdn, msisdnApn, ipv4, ipv6) Rest API
Http Error Code	HTTP response error code (such as 4xx, 5xx) corresponding to each vDRA Rest API JSON error response code.

Figure 23: Rest API Error Code Profile

Rest API Error Code Profile

Filter CRD Tables

Rest API Error Code *	Http Error Code *	Actions
1001 (INTERNAL_ERROR)	500 (Internal Server Error)	
2014 (DATA_NOT_FOUND)	404 (Not Found)	

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SLF Trigger Profile

In this table, there are three input keys: Application Id, Command Code and Destination Realm. If all these input keys are matched from the Diameter incoming requests and trigger condition for the SLF trigger table is matched, then CPS vDRA derives the Primary Lookup Type (IMSI/MSISDN) and SLF Destination Type as output of SLF trigger table. Then a query is made in the SLF Database using the Primary Lookup Type (IMSI/MSISDN) and SLF-Destination-Type.

This table is used in the case when the Diameter Request does not contain any “Destination-Host” AVP or, in case the “Destination-Host” AVP comes with the Diameter Host Name of CPS vDRA.

Figure 24: SLF Trigger Profile

SLF Trigger Profile

Filter CRD Tables

Application ID * (key)	Command Code * (key)	Destination Realm * (key)	Primary Lookup Type *	Secondary Lookup Type	SLF Destination Type *	Actions
16777251	*	s6-hss.com	IMSI		LTE-HSS	
16777291	*	slh-hss.com	IMSI		LTE-HSS	
16777217	*	sh-hss.com	MSISDN		LTE-HSS	
16777251	316	mnc286.mcc311.3gppnetwork.org	IMSI		S6a-HSS	
16777251	*	mnc286.mcc311.dranetwork.org	IMSI		S6a-HSS	

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Based on Application ID 16777251, Command Code 316 and Destination Realm of `ims.mnc286.mcc311.3gppnetwork.org`, Primary Lookup Type selected is IMSI and SLF Destination Type is selected as S6a-HSS. This Primary Lookup Type and SLF Destination Type is used to query SLF database for the configured lookup type.

SLF Routing

This table contains the mapping of SLF destination and the SRK of peer groups where the message could be routed. The SLF destination is derived from SLF subscriber database.

Figure 25: SLF Routing

SLF Routing		
Filter CRD Tables		
SLF Destination * (key)	SLF Session Route Key *	Actions
lte_hss_a	hss_cluster_dc1	Edit Delete
S6a-HSS1	LTE.S6a.HSS	Edit Delete
SLF-S6a-HSS	LTE.S6a.HSS	Edit Delete
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S6/Sh Table Driven Rules

This table is used for table driven routing of S6/Sh messages when the destination host is not available in the incoming request and there is no match SRK found in SLF Trigger table/SLF Mapping table. Keys used for deriving the peer route are Origin Host, Origin Realm, Destination Host, Destination Realm, MSISDN, IMSI and the output is Peer Route.

An S6 Table Driven Rules example configuration is given.

Figure 26: S6/Sh Table Driven Rules

S6 New Session Rules								
Filter CRD Tables								
Logical APN * (key)	Origin Host * (key)	Peer Route	Origin Realm * (key)	Destination Host * (key)	Destination Realm * (key)	MSISDN * (key)	IMSI * (key)	Actions
ims4.com	gx-pcef	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims3.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	gx-pcef.cisco.com	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims2.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*		45005978851107	Edit Delete
ims1.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	match="2829	*	Edit Delete
ims5.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	gx-dra1.cisco.com	*	*	Edit Delete
ims6.com	*	GX_CONSUMER	*	gx-dra1	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims.com	gx-pcef1	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims.com	gx-pcef2	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete
ims.com	gx-pcef3	GX_CONSUMER	*	*	*	*	*	Edit Delete
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Range Based Routing

CPS vDRA provides range-based routing based on MSISDN and IMSI values so that Diameter requests are routed to the correct HSS or AAA server. Range-based routing occurs if the destination-host routing, binding-based routing and SLF-based routing fails.

- vDRA checks whether the primary lookup type is IMSI or MSISDN and also checks whether the IMSI/MSISDN value present in the request matches against the range configured in CRD.
- The primary lookup type is evaluated first and if it fails, the secondary lookup type is evaluated.
- If primary lookup type evaluation fails and if the secondary lookup type is not configured, the request is routed with table-driven routing (if configured).
- If both the primary lookup type credential and the secondary lookup type evaluation fail, the request is rejected or routed with table driven routing (if configured).

vDRA matches the request against the Range Based Routing table and based on the result of the credential match, SRK routing is initiated.

Table 11: Range Based Routing

Field	Description	Value
Application Id (input)	The diameter application of the message received	Integer value of the application id
Command Code (input)	The message command code	Integer value of the command code
Destination Realm (input)	The destination realm in the message	String value of destination realm
Primary Lookup Type (input)	Primary lookup type for range based routing	IMSI or MSISDN
Secondary Lookup Type (input)	Secondary lookup type for range based routing	NONE or IMSI or MSISDN
Routing Profile (output)	Routing profile	Any string value. (Should match the routing profile in either or both the IMSI and MSISDN range CRD for a successful match).

Figure 27: Range Based Routing

Range Based Routing

Filter CRD Tables					
Application ID *	Command Code *	Destination Realm *	Primary Lookup Type *	Secondary Lookup Type *	Routing Profile *
16777238	272	pcrf-gx-dra2.seagull.com	MSISDN	IMSI	routingProfile

IMSI Range

The IMSI Range is used in range-based routing to configure the range of IMSI values.

Table 12: IMSI Range

Field	Description	Value
Routing Profile (input)	The routing profile name	Any string value
IMSI lower bound (input)	The lower bound for the IMSI value	For a numeric range, enter the IMSI value. For a regex, use the syntax: <code>match=<regex></code>
IMSI upper bound (input)	The upper bound for the IMSI value	For a numeric range, enter the IMSI value. For a regex, leave it blank.
SRK (output)	The SRK key	Any string value

Examples:

- For configuring numeric range between 9840510345 to 984059999: Lower bound: 9840510345, Upper bound: 9840598823
- For configuring regex for numbers in range 9840500000 to 9840599999: Lower bound: `match=98405[0-9]*`, Upper bound : <leave it empty>
- For configuring regex for numbers in range 9840501333 to 9840502999: Lower bound: `match=984050(1|2)[3-9]*` , Upper bound : <leave it empty>
- For configuring regex for numbers in range 9840500000 to 9840599999: Lower bound: `match=98405(((2-7)[0-9]*)(8[0-8][0-4][0-5][0-6])(1[0-9][2-9][3-9][4-9]))`, Upper bound : <leave it empty>

Figure 28: IMSI Range

IMSI range				
Filter CRD Tables				
Routing Profile *	IMSI lower bound *	IMSI upper bound	SRK *	Actions
routingProfile	333333333300000	33333333334444	srk.dc3	 

MSISDN Range

The MSISDN Range is used in range-based routing to configure the range of MSISDN values.

Table 13: MSISDN Range

Field	Description	Value
Routing Profile (input)	The routing profile name	Any string value
IMSI lower bound (input)	The lower bound for the IMSI value	For a numeric range, enter the IMSI value. For a regex, use the syntax: match=<regex>
IMSI upper bound (input)	The upper bound for the IMSI value	For a numeric range, enter the IMSI value. For a regex, leave it blank.
SRK (output)	The SRK key	Any string value

Examples:

- For configuring numeric range between 9840510345 to 984059999: Lower bound: 9840510345, Upper bound: 9840598823
- For configuring regex for numbers in range 9840500000 to 9840599999: Lower bound: match=98405[0-9]*, Upper bound : <leave it empty>
- For configuring regex for numbers in range 9840501333 to 9840502999: Lower bound: match=984050(1|2)[3-9]*, Upper bound : <leave it empty>
- For configuring regex for numbers in range 9840500000 to 9840599999: Lower bound: match=98405(([2-7][0-9]*))(8[0-8][0-4][0-5][0-6])(1[0-9][2-9][3-9][4-9])), Upper bound : <leave it empty>

Figure 29: MSISDN Range

Routing Profile *	MSISDN lower bound *	MSISDN upper bound	SRK *	Actions
routingProfile	match=99999[0-9]*		srk.dc3	

Binding Key Profile Creation Map

The available fields are Boolean fields and you can edit them by selecting the check boxes.

Figure 30: Binding Key Profile Creation Map

Reference Data

import close all create snapshot revert snapshot import all export all Last refresh on 01/20 at 07:34:03PM

Binding Key Creation Profile Map

Application Identifier APN Binding Profile import add search refresh

16777238 ims.com Gx save cancel

- APN field supports both wildcard "*" and regex matches like "match=ims.*".

- For Binding Key profile Read Map, both Origin-Host and Origin-Realm support wildcard and regex match.
- Binding Profile and Binding Key Profile fields use values from the Profile name field in Binding Key Profile table. Define the profile using Binding Key Profile to create or read the tables.

The APN value is case insensitive which allows the input as a lower or upper case entry but converts the value to lower case and stores it in the CRD table.

Binding Key Profile Read Map

The available fields are Boolean fields and can be edited by selecting the check boxes.

Figure 31: Binding Key Profile Read Map

Reference Data

import close all create snapshot revert snapshot import all export all Last refresh on 01/20 at 07:36:21PM

Binding Key Profile Read Map

Application Identifier	Origin Host	Origin Realm	Binding Key Profile	import add search refresh
16777238	testHost.cisco.com	testrealm.cisco.com	Gx	save cancel

Best Effort Binding

This table enables you to configure best effort binding on APN basis. The Called-Station-Id is a unique key value on the table that allows the values in lower case and accepts regular expressions.

Figure 32: Best Effort Binding

Best Effort Binding

Filter by All Visible Columns

Filter CRD Tables

Called Station Id *	Session Enabled	Framed IPv6 Enabled	Framed IPv4 Enabled	IMSI APN Key Enabled	MSISDN APN Key Enabled	Actions
ims.com	false	false	false	false	false	

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