

# **Local Policy in CUPS**

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## **Revision History**



Note

Revision history details are not provided for features introduced before release 21.24.

Revision Details	Release
First introduced	Pre 21.24

# **Feature Description**

The local policies are used to control different aspects of a sessions such as - QoS, Data Usage, Subscription profiles, Server Usage, and so on, by means of locally defined policies. It is intended as a replacement or enhancement to PCRF-based policy control. The local policies are triggered during certain events and the associated conditions.

The Local Policy functionality has the following advantages:

- Reusability: Reusable rules engine as a common infrastructure for PCRF-based policies.
- Resource Consumption: Lower memory usage, CPU usage and response time.
- Extensibility: Extensible to handle new events and attributes with minimal effort.
- Execution speed: Shorter reaction time for network events.
- Integration: Seamless integration with the existing policy infrastructure IMSA and PCEF with a minimal impact on existing services. In case of unreachable events, a mechanism to fallback to PCRF is implemented.

Local policies are useful in various scenarios. For example:

- A Local Policy operates as a fallback mechanism when PCRF is unavailable or when an operator has not deployed PCRF in the infrastructure.
- As an enhancer to PCRF triggers, handling certain triggers locally or to handle triggers unsupported by 3GPP Standards or PCRF.
- Deployments where the subscription policies are static and tiered or has well defined subscriber groups.
- When the response time required is less.



Note

The working of the Local Policy feature in the CUPS environment is similar to the non-CUPS P-GW and SAEGW nodes.

When the Gx session operates under local policy, the CP retrieves usage data from the UP and reports it to the PCRF via CCR-U during retry attempts after timer expiration. To fetch the usage report from UP, you must configure the *fetch-usage-from-up* command in the *Local Policy Actiondef configuration* mode. For more information on the command, see the *Local Policy Actiondef Configuration Mode Commands* chapter in *CLI Command Reference* Guide.

### **How It Works**

Local Policy feature is implemented based on the following concepts:

- Event driven rules engine. For example, RAT change event.
- On a registered Event Trigger occurrence, series of registered rules are evaluated based on the Type of Event and the current State.
- On a successful rule match, series of actions are executed.

## **Configuring Local Policy in CUPS**



Note

The CLI commands available for non-CUPS Local Policy feature are also applicable in CUPS environment.

#### **Sample Configuration 1:**

Following is a sample Local Policy configuration in Control Plane node:

### configure

```
local-policy-service service_name
    ruledef ruledef_name
        condition priority priority radio-access-technology eq eutran
    ruledef ruledef_name
        condition priority priority apn eqcompare string
```

```
actiondef actiondef_name
    action priority priority default-qos qci qci_value arp arp_value
actiondef actiondef_name
    action priority priority activate-rulebase name rulebase_name eventbase
eventbase_name
    rule priority priority event new-call ruledef ruledef_name actiondef
actiondef_name
    rule priority priority event location-change ruledef ruledef_name
actiondef actiondef_name
end
```



Note

No configuration is required in User Plane node.

#### **Sample Configuration 2:**

Following is a sample configuration for configuring **fetch-usage-from-up** in the local policy:

```
config
    failure-handling-template gxfhtemplate
        {\tt msg-type\ credit-control-initial\ failure-type\ diameter\ result-code\ 3002\ to\ 3002}
action continue local-fallback
       msg-type credit-control-update failure-type diameter result-code 3002 to 3002 action
 continue local-fallback
    local-policy-service localpolicygp
      ruledef match apn
       condition priority 1 apn match *
         actiondef reconnect to PCRF
             action priority 1 reconnect-to-server send-usage-report fetch-usage-from-up
                actiondef time
               action priority 1 start-timer timer duration 60 retry-count 10
eventbase default
        rule priority 1 event fallback ruledef match apn actiondef time continue
        rule priority 2 event timer-expiry ruledef match apn actiondef reconnect to PCRF
```

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