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1 Scope

The objective of ETSI Project TIPHON is the specification of interoperability mechanisms and related parameters to enable multimedia communications (particularly voice) to take place, to a defined quality of service, between Switched Circuit Networks (SCN) and Internet Protocol (IP) based networks and their associated terminal equipment.

The present document presents an overview of the architecture, protocols, QoS and security concepts for the interworking between TIPHON and IPCablecom systems. It introduces a possible framework for convergence between TIPHON and IPCablecom.

Annexes A and B give a general overview of IPCablecom and TIPHON.

Annex C addresses architectural issues for interworking between TIPHON and IPCablecom systems.

Annex D provides information on the protocol aspects relating to TIPHON and IPCablecom system interworking.

Annex E examines TIPHON and IPCablecom QoS Policies, architectures and the control of network resources

Annex F reviews TIPHON and IPCablecom security policies and describes the results of a threat analysis.

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3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

authentication header: IPSec security protocol that provides message integrity for complete IP packets, including the IP header

Application-Specific Data: application-specific field in the IPSec header that along with the destination IP address provides a unique number for each SA

Baseline Privacy Interface Plus (BPI+): security portion of the ITU-T Recommendation J.112 standard that runs on the MAC layer

Certification Authority (CA): trusted organization that accepts certificate applications from entities, authenticates applications, issues certificates and maintains status information about certificates

Call Agent (CA): part of the CMS that maintains the communication state, and controls the line side of the communication

Call Management Server (CMS): controls the audio connections

NOTE: Also called a Call Agent in MGCP/SGCP terminology. This is one example of an Application Server.

DiffServ Code Point (DSCP): field in every IP packet that identifies the DiffServ per hop behaviour

NOTE: In IP version 4, the Type Of Service (TOS) byte is redefined to be the DSCP. In IP version 6, the traffic class octet is used as the DSCP.

Hashed Message Authentication Code (HMAC): message authentication algorithm, based on either SHA-1 or MD5 hash and defined in IETF RFC 2104

Internet Key Exchange (IKE): key management mechanism used to negotiate and derive keys for SAs in IPsec

IKE-: IKE with pre-shared keys for authentication

IKE+: notation defined to refer to the use of IKE, which requires digital certificates for authentication

Message Authentication Code (MAC): fixed-length data item that is sent together with a message to ensure integrity, also known as a MIC

Operational Support System (OSS): back-office software used for configuration, performance, fault, accounting, and security management

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI): process for issuing public key certificates, which includes standards, certification authorities, communication between authorities and protocols for managing certification processes

quintet: UMTS authentication vector

Record Keeping Server (RKS): device which collects and correlates the various event messages

Signalling Gateway (SG): signalling agent that receives/sends SCN native signalling at the edge of the IP network

NOTE: In particular the SS7 SG function translates variants ISUP and TCAP in an SS7-Internet Gateway to a common version of ISUP and TCAP.

Session Initiation Protocol (SIP): application-layer control (signalling) protocol for creating, modifying, and terminating sessions with one or more participants

Signalling System number 7 (SS7): architecture and set of protocols for performing out-of-band call signalling with a telephone network

triplet: GSM authentication vector

Transaction Capabilities Application Protocol (TCAP): protocol within the SS7 stack that is used for performing remote database transactions with a Signalling Control Point

Ticket Granting Server (TGS): sub-system of the KDC used to grant Kerberos tickets

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

AN	Access Node
ANC	ANnouncement Controller
ANP	ANnouncement Player
ANS	ANnouncement Server
AOC	Advice Of Charge
API	Application Programming Interface

ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode
BICC	Bearer Independent Call Control
BNF	Backus-Noun Form
BPI+	Baseline Privacy Interface Plus
BRI	Basic Rate ISDN
C7	Signalling System Number 7
CA	Call Agent
CA	Certification Authority
CC	Call Control
CDR	Call Detail Record
CLIR	COnnected Line Identity Restriction
CM	Cable Modem
CMS	Call Management Server
CMSS	Call Management Server Signalling (CMS to CMS) signalling
CMTS	Cable Modem Termination System
COLP	COnnected Line identity Presentation
COPS	Common Open Policy Service
CS	Circuit Switched
CUG	Closed User Group
DCS	Distributed Call Signalling
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
DNS	Domain Name Server
DNS	Domain Name System/Server/Service
DOCSIS	Data Over Cable Service Interface Specification
DSCP	DiffServ Code Point
E-MTA	Embedded MTA
ER	Edge Router
FG	Functional Grouping
GC	Gate Controller
HFC	Hybrid Fibre/Coaxial [cable]
HLR	Home Location Register
HMAC	Hashed Message Authentication Code
HTTP	HyperText Transfer Protocol
ID	IDentifier
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IKE	Internet Key Exchange
IN	Intelligent Network
IN	Intelligent Network
IntServ	Integrated Services
IP	Internet Protocol
ISTP	Internet Signalling Transport Protocol
ISUP	Integrated Services digital network User Part
ITSP	IP-Telephony Service Provider
KDC	Key Distribution Centre
LNP	Local Number Portability
MAC	Media Access Control
MAC	Message Authentication Code
MD5	Message Digest 5
MF	Multi-Frequency
MG	Media Gateway
MGC	Media Gateway Controller
MGC	Media Gateway Controller
MGCI	Media Gateway Controller Interface
MGCP	Media Gateway Control Protocol
MIB	Management Information Base
MMH	Multilinear Modular Hash
MP	Media Player
MPC	Media Player Controller
MPLS	MultiProtocol Label Switching
MSC	Message Sequence Chart

MSC	Message Sequence Charts
MSC	Mobile Services switching Centre
MTA	Multimedia Terminal Adapter
NCS	Network Call Signalling
NTS	Number Translation Services
OSS	Operational Support System
PKI	Public Key Infrastructure
PKINIT	Public Key Cryptography Initial Authentication
PS	Packet Switched
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network
PSTN	Public Switched Telephony Network
P-TMSI	Packet-TMSI
Q	Quintet, UMTS authentication vector
QoS	Quality of Service
QoS	Quality of Service
RADIUS	Remote Access Dial-In User Service
RAS	Request Admission Status
RFC	Request For Comments
RKS	Record Keeping Server
RSVP	Resource reSerVation Protocol
RTCP	Real-Time Control Protocol
RTP	Real-Time Transfer Protocol
SA	Source Address
SAP	Service Access Point
SCN	Switched Circuit Networks
SCP	Service Control Point
SCTP	Stream Control Transmission Protocol
SDL	Specification and Description Language
SDP	Session Description Protocol
SG	Signalling Gateway
SHA-1	Secure Hash Algorithm 1
SIP	Session Initiation Protocol
SIP	Session Initiation Protocol
SIP+	Session Initiation Protocol Plus
S-MTA	Standalone MTA
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol
SOCLIR	System Override of Calling Line Identity Restriction
SS7	Signalling System 7
SS7	Signalling System number 7
T	Triplet, GSM authentication vector
TCAP	Transaction Capabilities Application Protocol
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
TCP	Transport Control Protocol
TD	Timeout for Disconnect
TFTP	Trivial File Transfer Protocol
TGCP	Trunking Gateway Control Protocol
TGS	Ticket Granting Server
TIPHON	Telecommunication and Internet Protocol Harmonization Over Networks
TLV	Type-Length-Value
TMSI	Temporary Mobile Subscriber Identity
TOS	Type of Service
TR	Technical Report
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
USIM	User Services Identity Module
VoIP	Voice over IP

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4 Overview

The study was initially conducted to identify what was needed to be done for convergence between IPCablecom and TIPHON. However, it was recognized that this task was extremely ambitious, hence the present document describes an analysis of interworking between IPCablecom and TIPHON.

Three interworking scenarios have been defined, interworking through:

- Switched Circuit Network interfaces.
- Media Gateway Control interfaces.
- Session Initiation Protocol interfaces.

The main issues are addressed in the remainder of clause 4 of the present document.

Of interest are the limitations on end-end QoS and security introduced by interworking between TIPHON and IPCablecom systems.

The three interworking scenarios are summarized in the following clauses.

4.1 Interworking through SCN Interfaces

Both TIPHON and IPCablecom support an SCN interface for basic call. The signalling is done through ISUP whilst the media transfer is either PSTN or IP in the case of TIPHON and only PSTN for IPCablecom at this point in time. It is likely that IPCablecom will evolve to ISDN.

This interworking assumes that TIPHON completes the protocol mapping to ISUP. When the protocol mapping to ISUP is completed, then the TIPHON Release 3 basic call will be supported.

That interworking could be assured either through an actual network which would act as a transit network or without an intermediate network in a piggy back fashion (like a null modem). In the later case, one network plays the role of the PSTN and the other plays its normal role.

The advantage of this interworking through SCN Interfaces approach is that it could be readily available.

The drawbacks of this interworking through SCN Interfaces approach are the weaknesses in terms of loss of capabilities in the areas of security and QoS. ISUP does not offer QoS parameter negotiation and does not support security mechanisms for signalling.

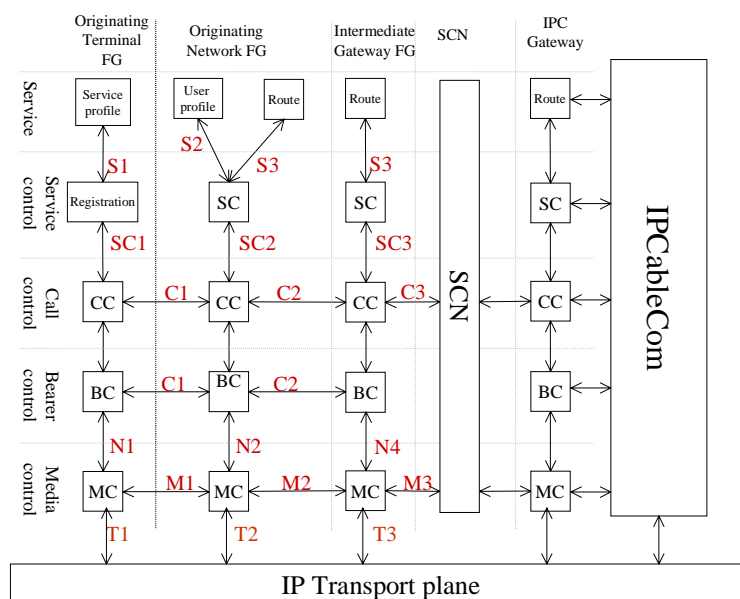


Figure 1: IPCablecom interworking with TIPHON through SCN