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1 Scope

The present document defines a profile of the Gateway Control Protocol (H.248.1) to be used for controlling Border Gateway Functions (BGF), as defined in ES 282 003 [3].

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- [i.15] Void.
- [i.16] Void.
- [i.17] Void.

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3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

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

address: term used for "network address" (a.k.a. IP address)

Border Gateway Function (BGF): packet-to-packet gateway for user plane media traffic

NOTE 1: The BGF performs both policy enforcement functions and NA(P)T functions under the control of the SPDF.

NOTE 2: A Border Gateway Function (BGF) provides the interface between two IP-transport domains. It may reside at the boundary between an access network and a core network or between two core networks, as defined in ES 282 001 [i.4]. The BGF has the "H.248 MG" role in the scope of this Profile.

gate: represents a transport plane function enabling or disabling the unidirectional forwarding of IP packets under specified conditions (e.g. QoS)

NOTE: See TS 102 333 [i.1].

IP-to-IP interworking modes: available SDP information elements and values in the signalled SDP "media description" (mainly "m=" and "a=" lines) by the SPDF (MGC), may be used to categorize following interworking modes from BGF (MG) perspective (see also annex G in [i.18]):

- (1) **"Media-agnostic":**
 - the "m=" line values of *media type* (<media>) and *media format* (<fmt>) are not allowing to conclude for the BGF (MG) on the transported "media" information;
- (2) **"Media-aware":**
 - the "m=" line values of *media type* (<media>), *transport protocol* (<proto>) and *media format* (<fmt>) are unambiguously defining the entire protocol stack of the H.248 IP termination, i.e. the BGF (MG) knows transported "media" information and the underlying transport protocol type;
- (3) **"Transport protocol-agnostic" (or briefly "transport-agnostic"):**
 - the BGF (MG) may not conclude from signalled SDP information elements on the transported IP payload information (see note);
- (4) **"Transport protocol-aware" (or briefly "transport-aware"):**
 - the value of the IP *protocol* field is indicated by the signalled SDP information elements, e.g. by the "m=" line value of the *transport protocol* (<proto>) field.

NOTE: The BGF (MG) could principally derive the used transport protocol by analyzing the protocol field (<http://www.iana.org/assignments/protocol-numbers>) in the IP header, but such a function is beyond H.248. The BGF (MG) is still transport protocol-agnostic from H.248 point of view.

pinhole: configuration of two associated H.248 IP Terminations within the same H.248 Context, which allows/prohibits unidirectional forwarding of IP packets under specified conditions

NOTE 1: A pinhole may also be referred to as a "gate".

NOTE 2: E.g. address tuple.

NOTE 3: See ITU-T Recommendation H.248.37 [9].

NOTE 4: See annex A in TR 183 068 [i.18].

NOTE 5: It has to be noted that there is also a different definition for "pinhole", which is used in the context of H.323 systems (see ITU-T Recommendation H.460.18 [5]). The difference is the fact that the "H.248 pinhole" and "gate" are unidirectional, whereas the "H.323 pinhole" is bidirectional.

port: term used for "transport port" (a.k.a. L4 port)

Resource and Admission Control Subsystem (RACS): provides admission control and gate control functionalities

NOTE: Including the control of NAPT and priority marking.

Service Policy Decision Function (SPDF): logical policy decision element for Service Based Policy control (SBP)

NOTE: The SPDF makes policy decisions using policy rules for Service Based Policy control (SBP). The SPDF has the "H.248 MGC" role in the scope of this Profile.

transcoding: translation from one type of encoded media format to another different media format

EXAMPLE 1: G.711 A-law to μ -law or vice versa.

EXAMPLE 2: G.711 to G.726-40K.

EXAMPLE 3: G.729 to AMR with 4.75 rate.

EXAMPLE 4: G.711 to a broadband codec that operates at 256 kbps, etc.

NOTE 1: The definition of "transcoding" is according to clause 3.10/ITU-T Recommendation V.152 [i.5].

NOTE 2: Transcoding belongs to the category of "media aware" IP-to-IP interworking (see above).

transport address: combination of an Address and a Port

3.2 Abbreviations

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

ABNF	Augmented Backus-Naur Form
AC	Admission Control
AF	Application Function
B2BIH	Back-to-Back IP Host (mode)
B2BRE	Back-to-Back RTP Endsystem (mode)
BGF	Border Gateway Function
BGW	Border GateWay
C-BGF	Core-BGF
CBR	Constant BitRate
CNAME	Canonical End-Point Identifier
CoAC	Context Admission Control
DA	Destination Address
DP	Destination Port
DSCP	Differentiated Services Code Point
GCP	Gate Control Protocol