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Introduction

This document presents the possible architectures of the 3GPP System covering both UTRAN and GERAN radio access technologies. In addition, this document also includes the Evolved Packet System providing support for E-UTRAN radio access technology in addition to UTRAN and GERAN radio access technologies. As well as providing support for E-UTRAN, UTRAN and GERAN radio access technologies, the Evolved Packet System also provides support for non-3GPP access technologies making it possible for these technologies to interwork with the 3GPP specified Evolved Packet Core network. The configuration of non-3GPP access networks using EPS is not within the scope of 3GPP specification.

This document also presents the architecture for the IP Multimedia Subsystem common to 3GPP and other access systems such as Fixed Broadband and those specified by 3GPP2 and provide architecture for interworking and session continuity between IMS and Circuit Switched systems.

Clause 3 of the document contains the definition of the PLMN entities.

Clause 4 of the document contains the description of the basic entities of the PLMN, and clause 4a contains the description of the specific entities of the PLMN.

Clause 5 of the document contains the configuration of the PLMN.

Clauses 6, 6a and 7 of the document contain the PLMN's basic and specific interfaces and reference points and the PLMN's interfaces towards other networks.

1 Scope

This document offers an overview of the 3GPP PLMN and its architectures and configuration. The configuration and the functional entities of the PLMN and the interfaces between them are described on a general level in order to cope with possible implementations. These descriptions include interfaces between and within the core networks, the access networks, the user equipment, different service platforms, different domains and subsystems, and functional entities within domains and subsystems.

This document covers different architectural aspects with varying level of detail. In general, other specifications shall be referred to for further details; these specifications enable the reader to acquire the full understanding of a system or service feature.

Note that this document does not cover, or even list, all features of PLMNs.

2 References

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