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1 Scope

The present document specifies the stage 3 protocol and data model for the Nnrf Service Based Interface. It provides stage 3 protocol definitions and message flows, and specifies the API for each service offered by the NRF.

The 5G System stage 2 architecture and procedures are specified in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2] and 3GPP TS 23.502 [3].

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3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

5GC	5G Core Network
CHF	Charging Function
IPUPS	Inter-PLMN User Plane Security
NF	Network Function
NRF	NF Repository Function
NWDAF	Network Data Analytics Function
PFD	Packet Flow Description
SNPN	Stand-alone Non-Public Network
TNGF	Trusted Non-3GPP Gateway Function
TWIF	Trusted WLAN Interworking Function
W-AGF	Wireline Access Gateway Function

4 Overview

The Network Function (NF) Repository Function (NRF) is the network entity in the 5G Core Network (5GC) supporting the following functionality:

- Maintains the NF profile of available NF instances and their supported services;
- Maintains the SCP profile of available SCP instances;
- Allows other NF or SCP instances to subscribe to, and get notified about, the registration in NRF of new NF instances of a given type. It also allows SCP instances to subscribe to, and get notified about, the registration in NRF of new SCP instances;
- Supports service discovery function. It receives NF Discovery Requests from NF or SCP instances, and provides the information of the available NF instances fulfilling certain criteria (e.g., supporting a given service);
- Support SCP discovery function. It receives NF Discovery Requests for SCP profiles from other SCP instances, and provides the information of the available SCP instances fulfilling certain criteria (e.g., serving a given NF set).

Figures 4-1 shows the reference architecture for the 5GC, with focus on the NRF:

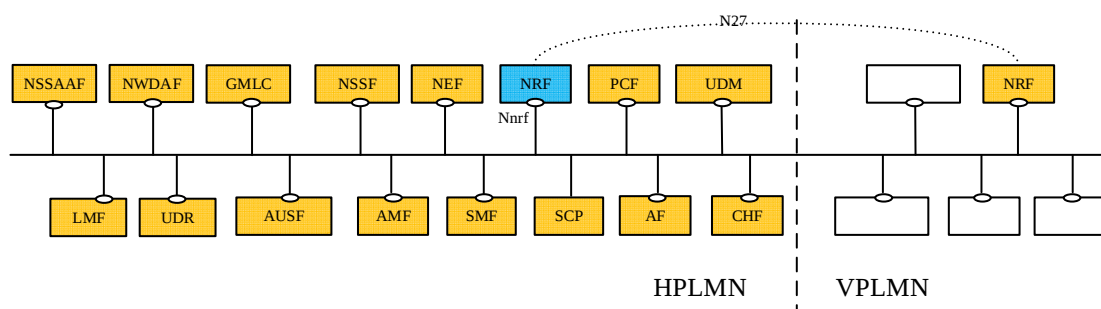


Figure 4-1: 5G System architecture

For the sake of clarity, the NRF is never depicted in reference point representation figures, given that the NRF interacts with every other NF in the 5GC. As an exception, in the roaming case, the reference point between the vNRF and the hNRF is named as N27. The reference point name of N27 is used only for representation purposes, but its functionality is included in the services offered by the Nnrf Service-Based Interface.

5 Services Offered by the NRF

5.1 Introduction

The NRF offers to other NFs the following services:

- Nnrf_NFManagement
- Nnrf_NFDiscovery
- Nnrf_AccessToken (OAuth2 Authorization)
- Nnrf_Bootstrapping

Table 5.1-1 summarizes the corresponding APIs defined for this specification.

Table 5.1-1: API Descriptions

Service Name	Clause	Description	OpenAPI Specification File	apiName	Annex
Nnrf_NFManagement	6.1	NRF NFManagement Service	TS29510_Nnrf_NFManagement.yaml	nnrf-nfm	A.2
Nnrf_NFDiscovery	6.2	NRF NFDiscovery Service	TS29510_Nnrf_NFDiscovery.yaml	nnrf-disc	A.3
Nnrf_AccessToken	6.3	NRF OAuth2 Authorization	TS29510_Nnrf_AccessToken.yaml		A.4
Nnrf_Bootstrapping	6.4	NRF Bootstrapping	TS29510_Nnrf_Bootstrapping.yaml		A.5

5.2 Nnrf_NFManagement Service

5.2.1 Service Description

The Nnrf_NFManagement service allows an NF or an SCP Instance in the serving PLMN to register, update or deregister its profile in the NRF.

The Nnrf_NFManagement service also allows an NRF Instance to register, update or deregister its profile in another NRF in the same PLMN.

NOTE: Alternatively, other means such as OA&M can also be used to register, update or deregister NRF profile in another NRF.

It also allows an NF or an SCP to subscribe to be notified of registration, deregistration and profile changes of NF Instances, along with their potential NF services. It also enables an SCP to subscribe to be notified of registration, deregistration and profile changes of other SCP instances.

The NF profile consists of general parameters of the NF Instance, and also the parameters of the different NF Service Instances exposed by the NF Instance, if applicable.

The PLMN of the NRF may comprise one or multiple PLMN IDs (i.e. MCC and MNC). An NRF configured with multiple PLMN IDs shall support registering, updating and deregistering the profile of Network Function Instances from any of these PLMN IDs.

The Nnrf_NFManagement service also allows retrieving a list of NF and SCP Instances currently registered in the NRF or the NF Profile of a given NF Instance.