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Agenda Item: 7.2.3

The following Change Requests (CRs) have been approved by TSG SA WG2 and are requested to be approved by TSG SA plenary #17.

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| S2-022057 | Subscribed QoS | 23.107 | 113 | Α | 5.5. | E2EQo | 25 |
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| | | be found in 3GPP <u>TR 21.900</u> . | Rel-5 | (Release 5) |
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Consequences if not approved:

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Clauses affected: # 6.4.2

Other specs affected: # X Other core specifications # 23.060, 27.060

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6.5.1 Ranges of UMTS Bearer Service Attributes

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The following table lists the value ranges of the UMTS bearer service attributes. The value ranges reflect the capability of UMTS network.

Traffic class Conversational Streaming class Interactive class Background class class < 2 048 - overhead < 2 048 - overhead Maximum bitrate (kbps) < 2 048 (1) (2) < 2 048 (1) (2) (2)(3)(2)(3)Delivery order Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No Maximum SDU size <=1 500 or 1 502 (4) (octets) SDU format information (5)(5)Yes/No/- (6) Delivery of erroneous Yes/No/- (6) Yes/No/- (6) Yes/No/- (6) **SDUs** 4*10⁻³, 10⁻⁵, 6*10⁻⁸ (7) 4*10⁻³, 10⁻⁵, 6*10⁻⁸ (7) Residual BER 5*10⁻², 10⁻², 5*10⁻³ 5*10⁻², 10⁻², 5*10⁻³ 10⁻³, 10⁻⁴, 10⁻⁵, 10⁻⁶ 10⁻³, 10⁻⁴, 10⁻⁵, 10⁻⁶ 10⁻², 7*10⁻³, 10⁻³, 10⁻⁴, 10⁻¹, 10⁻², 7*10⁻³, 10⁻³, 10⁻⁴, 10⁻⁵ 10⁻³, 10⁻⁴, 10⁻⁶ 10^{-3} , 10^{-4} , 10^{-6} SDU error ratio 10⁻⁵ Transfer delay (ms) 100 up to **FFS** (8) 250-280 (9) up to **FFS** (8) Guaranteed bit rate < 2 048 (1) (2) < 2 048 (1) (2) (kbps) Traffic handling priority 1,2,3

Table 4: Value ranges for UMTS Bearer Service Attributes

1) Bitrate of 2 048 kbps requires that UTRAN operates in transparent RLC protocol mode, in this case the overhead from layer 2 protocols is negligible.

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- 2) The granularity of the bit rate attributes shall be studied. Although the UMTS network has capability to support a large number of different bitrate values, the number of possible values shall be limited not to unnecessarily increase the complexity of for example terminals, charging and interworking functions. Exact list of supported values shall be defined together with S1, N1, N3 and R2.
- 3) Impact from layer 2 protocols on maximum bitrate in non-transparent RLC protocol mode shall be estimated.
- 4) In case of PDP type = PPP, maximum SDU size is 1502 octets. In other cases, maximum SDU size is 1500 octets.
- 5) Definition of possible values of exact SDU sizes for which UTRAN can support transparent RLC protocol mode, is the task of RAN WG3.
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| Traffic class | Conversational class | Streaming class | Interactive class | Background class |
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| Maximum bitrate (kbps) | < 2 048 (1) (2) | < 2 048 (1) (2) | < 2 048 - overhead (2) (3) | < 2 048 - overhead (2) (3) |
| Delivery order | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No | Yes/No |
| Maximum SDU size | <=1 500 or 1 502 (4) | <=1 500 or 1 502 (4) | <=1 500 or 1 502 (4) | <=1 500 or 1 502 (4) |
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| SDU error ratio | 10 ⁻² , 7*10 ⁻³ , 10 ⁻³ , 10 ⁻⁴ , 10 ⁻⁵ | 10 ⁻¹ , 10 ⁻² , 7*10 ⁻³ , 10 ⁻³ , 10 ⁻⁴ , 10 ⁻⁵ | 10 ⁻³ , 10 ⁻⁴ , 10 ⁻⁶ | 10 ⁻³ , 10 ⁻⁴ , 10 ⁻⁶ |
| Transfer delay (ms) | 100 – maximum value | 250 - <u>280 (8)</u> – maximum value | | |
| Guaranteed bit rate (kbps) | < 2 048 (1) (2) | < 2 048 (1) (2) | | |
| Traffic handling priority | | | 1,2,3 | |
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| | B (addition of feature),C (functional modification of feature) | R97 (Release 1997) ature) R98 (Release 1998) | |
| | D (editorial modification) | R99 (Release 1999) | |
| | etailed explanations of the above ca | ategories can Rel-4 (Release 4) | |
| | e found in 3GPP <u>TR 21.900</u> . | Rel-5 (Release 5) | |
| | | Rel-6 (Release 6) | |
| Reason for change: | 器 There is a regular confusion | n between the name of the values that the tra | ffic |
| g | | ke (conversational, streaming, interactive and | |
| | background) and the differe | ent classes of service referred to in 22.105. | |
| | The names chosen for the t | traffic along OoS attribute were intended to pr | ovido on |
| | | traffic class QoS attribute were intended to proper main characteristics of each traffic class, but | |
| | | t one-to-one mapping between traffic classes | |
| | | interactive service does not necessarily have | |
| | | raffic class; the Conversational traffic class co | |
| | | if the application or the user has tight requirer | ments or |
| | delay for an interactive serv | rice. | |
| Summary of change | · X A clarification that there is n | no strict one-to-one mapping between classes | s of |
| Cammary or change | | TS 22.105) and traffic classes is added at the | |
| | | s typical usages of the traffic classes. | |
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| Consequences if | | nding that there is a one-to-one mapping betw | |
| not approved: | | e different classes of service defined in 22.10 or the traffic classes defined in 23.107 will rem | |
| | the stage 2 requirements to | THE RAING GLOSGS GENTRA IN 23.101 WINTER | idiii. |
| Clauses affected: | 第 6.3 | | |
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| Other comments: | x | | |

6.3 UMTS QoS Classes

When defining the UMTS QoS classes, also referred to as traffic classes, the restrictions and limitations of the air interface have to be taken into account. It is not reasonable to define complex mechanisms as have been in fixed networks due to different error characteristics of the air interface. The QoS mechanisms provided in the cellular network have to be robust and capable of providing reasonable QoS resolution. Table 1 illustrates the QoS classes for UMTS.

There are four different QoS classes:

- conversational class;
- streaming class;
- interactive class; and
- background class.

The main distinguishing factor between these QoS classes is how delay sensitive the traffic is: Conversational class is meant for traffic which is very delay sensitive while Background class is the most delay insensitive traffic class.

Conversational and Streaming classes are mainly intended to be used to carry real-time traffic flows. The main divider between them is how delay sensitive the traffic is. Conversational real-time services, like video telephony, are the most delay sensitive applications and those data streams should be carried in Conversational class.

Interactive class and Background are mainly meant to be used by traditional Internet applications like WWW, Email, Telnet, FTP and News. Due to looser delay requirements, compare to conversational and streaming classes, both provide better error rate by means of channel coding and retransmission. The main difference between Interactive and Background class is that Interactive class is mainly used by interactive applications, e.g. interactive Email or interactive Web browsing, while Background class is meant for background traffic, e.g. background download of Emails or background file downloading. Responsiveness of the interactive applications is ensured by separating interactive and background applications. Traffic in the Interactive class has higher priority in scheduling than Background class traffic, so background applications use transmission resources only when interactive applications do not need them. This is very important in wireless environment where the bandwidth is low compared to fixed networks.

However, these are only typical examples of usage of the traffic classes. There is in particular no strict one-to-one mapping between classes of service (as defined in 3GPP TS 22.105) and the traffic classes defined in this TS. For instance, a service interactive by nature can very well use the Conversational traffic class if the application or the user has tight requirements on delay.