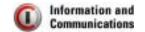


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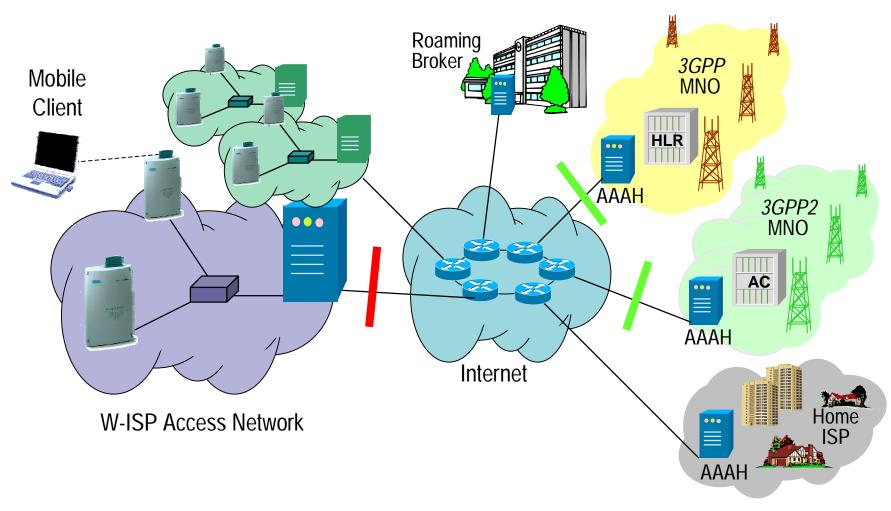
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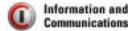


Wireless Interworking





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WLAN Interworking: Why?

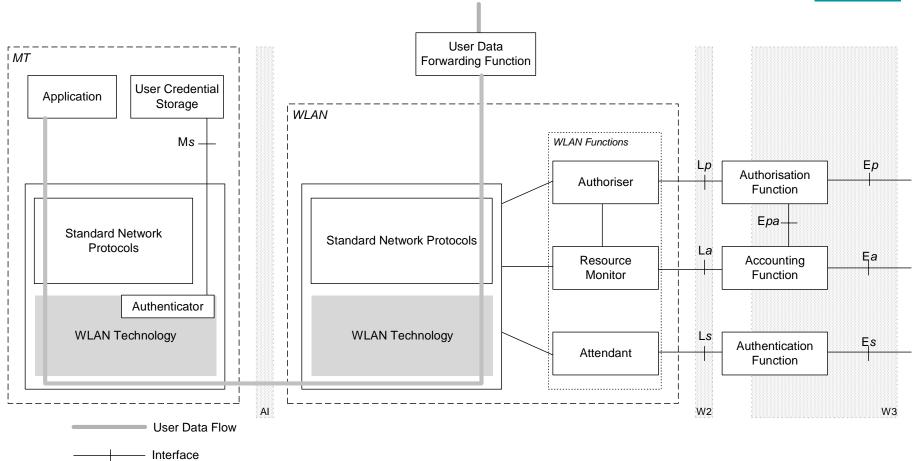


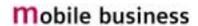
- Like to use WLAN everywhere
- Lot of interest here (Ok, me at least)
- What do WLAN standardisation bodies need to do?
 - Define technical requirements for roaming (started in ETSI BRAN & MMAC HSWA)
 - What additions are required to the base WLAN technology standards to meet W-ISP & Cellular requirements (e.g. WiFi Alliance, 3GPP and 3GPP2)
 - 3GPP SA2 have now placed some requirements on the WLAN Black Box and sent liaisons to ETSI BRAN and IEEE 802.11
 - Within IEEE 802.11, look at current 802.11 functions/interfaces within each of the seperate groups
 - Start to write a draft RP (Recommended Practice) of how to interwork IEEE 802.11 equipment with external IP and Cellular networks.



WLAN Generic Architecture









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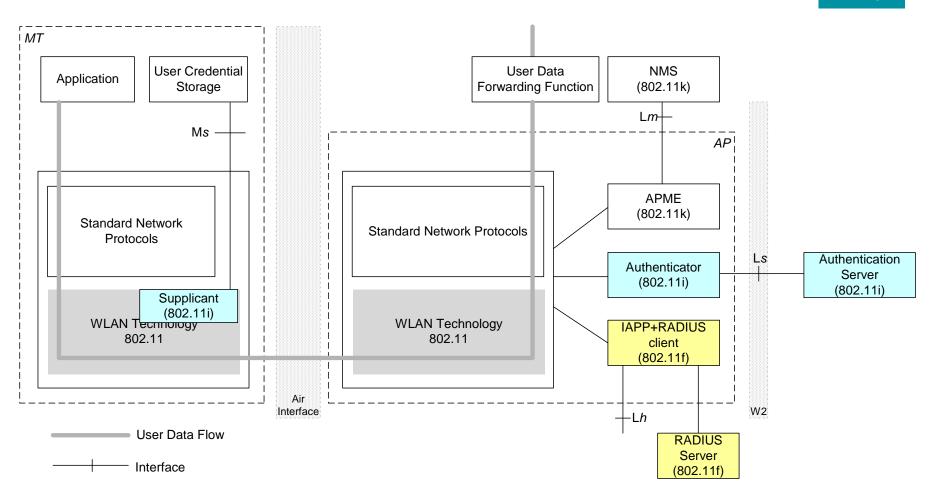
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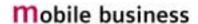
- WLAN technology standards require stable definition of the W2 interface for AAA functionality
- W2 is the generic name for all interworking interfaces between the WLAN and these interworking functions.
- L interfaces define functional reference points across W2 for the control plane.
- Must address WiFi Alliance, 3GPP & 3GPP2 models, all which have suitble differences.



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IEEE 802.11 existing bits







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WLAN Standards Roadmap

- ETSI BRAN & MMAC HSWA interworking now in hiberation, although specifications were almost complete.
- IEEE 802.11 requires some work in the DS (Distributed System) to fully define external interworking
 - TGe, TGf, TGi and TGk have started to do this already with functions.
- Should IEEE 802.11 look at Accounting/Charging and what kind of interface should be provided.
- IEEE 802.11 will possibly produce an interworking Recommended Practice (RP).

