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Proposed change affects: UICC apps⌘ ☐   ME ☐ Radio Access Network ☐   Core Network **X**

Title: ⌘	Co-Existence of RADIUS and Diameter	
Source: ⌘	Ericsson	
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Category: ⌘ **B**	***Release:*** ⌘ Rel-6

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2 *(GSM Phase 2)*
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Reason for change: ⌘	To enable co-existence of RADIUS and Diameter
Summary of change: ⌘	- Add Chapter 3.1 to Annex - Discuss in general level the co-existence of RADIUS and Diameter
Consequences if not approved: ⌘	Another solution is to do the migration from RADIUS to Diameter at some point in future. However, it is not a realistic solution to change the APs at once.

Clauses affected: ⌘			

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2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.

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[9]   ETSI TS 101 761-1 v1.3.1B "Broadband Radio Access Networks (BRAN); HIPERLAN Type 2; Data Link Control (DLC) layer; Part 1: Basic Data Transport"

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[19]   IEEE P802.1X/D11 June 2001, "Standards for Local Area and Metropolitan Area Networks: Standard for Port Based Network Access Control".

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A.3.1 Co-Existence of RADIUS and Diameter

While Diameter does not share a common protocol data unit (PDU) with RADIUS [15], considerable effort has been expended in enabling backward compatibility with RADIUS, so that the two protocols may be deployed in the same network. Initially, it is expected that Diameter will be deployed within new network devices, as well as within gateways enabling communication between legacy RADIUS devices and servers. This capability, described in [22], enables Diameter support to be added to legacy networks, by addition of a gateway or proxy speaking both RADIUS [15] and Diameter [21].

RADIUS is currently widely used protocol in WLAN environments. At the same time RADIUS is missing several features, such as server initiated messages and may not operate with the highest possible security turned on. Diameter is a better protocol, but it is not very widely deployed yet. Therefore, gradual migration from RADIUS to Diameter seems to be one potential way to go further.

It seems reasonable to start from an initial model of the AAA network where most or all of the access points implement only RADIUS, and a core which uses Diameter but is capable of talking to the RADIUS-only capable access points. This would mean that leaf AAA proxies should support both RADIUS and Diameter. As Diameter-capable access points are inserted to the network, they can be taken into use immediately. An advantage of placing the RADIUS/Diameter-capable nodes on the leafs of the network is that it becomes easier to take advantage of the features found in Diameter. For instance, even accounting may be more reliable if only the first hop is run in RADIUS but the traversal of the access provider, roaming consortium, and home operator proxies is done via DIAMETER.

The actual translation gateway must be able to run both RADIUS and Diameter protocols. The [22] extension defines a framework for the protocol conversion, where the RADIUS attribute space is included into Diameter, which eliminates the need to perform many attribute translations. However, some explicit translations between RADIUS and Diameter attributes must be made, like translating vendor specific and accounting information.

Some Diameter related messages cannot be translated during the communication with RADIUS client, such as messages initiated by Diameter server. Interoperability between RADIUS and DIAMETER in the presence of some of the non-standard RADIUS extensions has not been specified.

The gateway needs to add RADIUS application layer security mechanisms towards RADIUS, and IPsec or TLS towards Diameter. Given the use of the hop-by-hop security mechanisms, this translation can be performed without the knowledge of the original sender of the message. RADIUS requires pre-shared keys, while Diameter can take advantage of either IKE or TLS.

In addition, the translation gateway must secure attribute data towards the home server using Diameter CMS techniques (when the RFC is published). That is, end-to-end security mechanisms can be employed between the translation proxy and the home server, but not between the RADIUS-only access point and the translation proxy.

Diameter – RADIUS compatibility mode should support both protocols along with the necessary translation mechanisms in order to enable the use of RADIUS-only access points. Such translation should occur as near the leaves of the network as possible. As not all functions can be translated in full, some loss of functionality occurs for those devices, which use RADIUS.

It is possible to use IPSec in those cases where RADIUS is used, as currently required in RFC 2869bis. This may help to eliminate some of the vulnerabilities of RADIUS. In addition, 3GPP may adopt the use of RFC 2869bis and corresponding Diameter counterpart as the standard for running EAP over AAA protocols.

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