

Title: Reply LS to N4-040247 (S3-040208) on use of authentication re-attempt IE
Release: Rel-6
Work Item: Security

Source: TSG SA3
To: TSG CN4
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Attachments: S3-040401

1. Overall Description:

SA3 thanks CN4 for their LS response (N4-040247) defining the use of the "re-attempt" parameter in the Authentication Failure Report (AFR) Service. SA3 agreed the attached CR (S3-040401) based on the suggested text in the LS.

The references were removed from all 4 bullet points and the references list. The references to TS 24.008 were removed due to the fact that the LS from CN4 stated that TS 24.008 is not the right place to specify the use of the re-attempt parameter. The references to TS 23.012 and TS 23.018 were removed due to the fact that SA3 wants to avoid duplication between SA3 and CN4 specifications. CN4 are kindly asked to remove any duplicate specification from TS 23.012 and TS 23.018 if necessary.

2. Actions

CN4 are kindly asked to remove any duplicate specification from TS 23.012 and TS 23.018 if necessary.

3. Date of Next SA3 Meeting

SA3 #34	6th – 9th July 2004	Acapulco
SA3 #35	5th – 8th October 2004	Malta

CHANGE REQUEST

⌘ **33.102 CR XXX** ⌘ rev **6.0.0** ⌘ Current version: **6.0.0** ⌘

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Proposed change affects: UICC apps ME Radio Access Network Core Network

Title:	⌘ Clarification on Authentication re-attempt parameter		
Source:	⌘ SA WG3		
Work item code:	⌘ TEI6	Date:	⌘ 12/05/2004
Category:	⌘ F	Release:	⌘ Rel-6
	Use <u>one</u> of the following categories:		Use <u>one</u> of the following releases:
	F (correction)	2 (GSM Phase 2)	
	A (corresponds to a correction in an earlier release)	R96 (Release 1996)	
	B (addition of feature),	R97 (Release 1997)	
	C (functional modification of feature)	R98 (Release 1998)	
	D (editorial modification)	R99 (Release 1999)	
	Detailed explanations of the above categories can be found in 3GPP TR 21.900 .		Rel-4 (Release 4)
			Rel-5 (Release 5)
			Rel-6 (Release 6)

Reason for change:	⌘ The authentication re-attempt parameter was introduced in REL4 to be used by a Fraud Detection System (FDS) in the Home Network to help identify and manage potential fraud scenarios. However, it was pointed out by the CN4 LS (S3-030672) that the detailed usage of this parameter is unclear. Besides, CN4 requested SA3 in the later LS (N4-040247) to provide more information in the 33.102 about the criteria when the authentication re-attempt parameter is set in VLR and SGSN. Therefore, this CR proposes to provide all criteria the authentication re-attempt parameter is set in VLR and SGSN.
Summary of change:	⌘ This CR proposes to add new sub clause to describe the all criteria the authentication re-attempt parameter is set in VLR and SGSN.
Consequences if not approved:	⌘ Due to unclear definition of the authentication re-attempt parameter, VLR and SGSN may not be designed properly and this may lead the FDS function ineffective.

Clauses affected:	⌘ 6.3.6										
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Other comments:	⌘										

First modification

6.3.6 Reporting authentication failures from the SGSN/VLR to the HLR

The purpose of this procedure is to provide a mechanism for reporting authentication failures from the serving environment back to the home environment.

The procedure is shown in Figure 13.

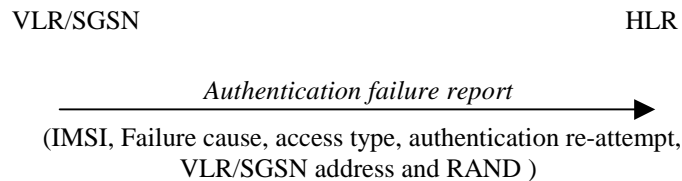


Figure 13: Reporting authentication failure from VLR/SGSN to HLR

The procedure is invoked by the serving network VLR/SGSN when the authentication procedure fails. The *authentication failure report* shall contain:

1. Subscriber identity;
2. Failure cause code. The possible failure causes are either that the network signature was wrong or that the user response was wrong;
3. Access type. This indicates the type of access that initiated the authentication procedure;
4. Authentication re-attempt. This indicates whether the failure was produced in a normal authentication attempt or it was due to an authentication re-attempt (there was a previous unsuccessful authentication). [Details are provided in subclause 6.3.6.1](#);
5. VLR/SGSN address;
6. RAND. This number uniquely identifies the specific AV that failed authentication.

The HE may decide to cancel the location of the user after receiving an *authentication failure report* and may store the received data so that further processing to detect possible fraud situations could be performed.

6.3.6.1 Authentication re-attempt

The serving network sets the Authentication re-attempt to “true” if the second authentication described in the following cases results in an authentication failure report.

- Authentication with (P-)TMSI failed in MS (reject cause 'MAC failure') and new authentication procedure (re-attempt) is taken because an IMSI obtained by the followed IDENTITY REQUEST procedure does not match to the original IMSI that linked with (P-)TMSI.
- Authentication failed in MS (reject cause 'GSM authentication unacceptable') and new authentication procedure (re-attempt) is taken after MSC obtains UMTS authentication vectors from HLR.
- Authentication failed in MS (reject cause 'synch failure') and new authentication procedure (re-attempt) is taken after MSC obtains new authentication vectors from HLR for re-synchronisation.
- SRES mismatches with (P-)TMSI in VLR/SGSN and new authentication procedure (re-attempt) is taken because an IMSI obtained by the followed IDENTITY REQUEST procedure does not match to the original IMSI that linked with (P-)TMSI.

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[Otherwise Authentication re-attempt is set to "False"](#)