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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.

- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.

- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

[1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".

[2] 3GPP TS 23.501: "System architecture for the 5G System (5GS)".

[3] 3GPP TS 23.502: "Procedures for the 5G System (5GS)".

[4] 3GPP TS 23.503: "Policy and charging control framework for the 5G System (5GS); Stage 2".

[5] 3GPP TS 26.238: "Uplink streaming".

[6] 3GPP TS 26.307: "Presentation layer for 3GPP services".

[7] 3GPP TS 26.247: "Transparent end-to-end Packet-switched Streaming Service (PSS); Progressive Download and Dynamic Adaptive Streaming over HTTP (3GP-DASH)".

[8] 3GPP TS 26.234: "Transparent end-to-end Packet-switched Streaming Service (PSS); Protocols and codecs".

[9] 3GPP TS 23.003: "Technical Specification Group Core Network and Terminals; Numbering, addressing and identification".

[10] 3GPP TS 28.530: "Management and orchestration; Concepts, use cases and requirements".

[11] 3GPP TS 28.531: "Management and orchestration; Provisioning".

[12] 3GPP TS 28.541: "Management and orchestration; 5G Network Resource Model (NRM); Stage 2 and stage 3".

[13] 3GPP TS 23.222: "Common API Framework for 3GPP Northbound APIs".

[14] IETF RFC 1034: "Domain names – concepts and facilities".

[15] 3GPP TS 23.548: "5G System Enhancements for Edge Computing; Stage 2".

[16] 3GPP TS 23.558: "Architecture for enabling Edge Applications".

[17] 3GPP TS 28.538: "Management and orchestration; Edge Computing Management".

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# 8 Edge Computing

## 8.1 General

Support for media processing in the edge requires extensions to the 5GMS architecture. The 5GMS System allows a 5GMS Application Provider to provision edge resources for an application through the M1 interface by configuring an *edge processing resource template*.

Media processing in the edge may be achieved in one of two different ways at the application layer:

1. *Client-driven management.* 5GMS-Aware Applications that are aware of the edge processing can directly request an edge resource and discover the EAS that is best suited to serve the application.

2. *Application Provider-driven management.* The 5GMS AF automatically allocates edge resources for new media streaming sessions on behalf of the application using information in the 5GMS provisioning session.

Editor’s Note: it is for further study if and how alternatives to the SA6-defined edge architecture extensions are to be supported.

## 8.2 Extended 5GMS Architecture for Edge Computing

The 5GMS architecture is extended to add support for media processing in the edge. The extended architecture is an integration of the 5GMS architecture defined in the present document with the architecture for enabling Edge Applications defined in TS 23.558 [16], and the Edge Computing management architecture defined in TS 28.538  [17]. The extended architecture is depicted in figure 8.2-1.



Figure 8.2-1: Reference edge-enabled 5GMS media architecture

Based on the extended architecture, the following assumptions shall apply:

1. A 5GMS AF that is edge-enabled shall support EES functionality including:

- EDGE-1 API for supporting registration and provisioning of EEC functions, and discovery by them of EAS instances.

- EDGE-3 API towards the EAS function of 5GMS AS instances.

- EDGE-6 API for registering with an ECS function.

- EDGE-9 API for media session relocation.

2. A 5GMS AF that is edge-enabled may perform compute resource allocation using the MnS-C interface.

3. A 5GMS AS that is edge-enabled shall support EAS functionality including the EDGE-3 API for registration with the EES.

4support EEC functionality including:

- Invoking the EES function using the EDGE‑1 API.

- Invoking the ECS function using the EDGE‑4 API.

- exposed to the Application Client

5. A 5GMS-Aware Application that is edge-enabled shall support Application Client functionality including invoking the ECS function using the EDGE‑5 API.

The extended 5GMS architecture supports both client-driven as well as Application Provider-driven management of the edge processing session.

The 5GMS Application Provider may request the deployment of edge resources as part of the Provisioning Session.

- In the client-driven approach, the 5GMS-Aware Application is aware of the support of edge processing in the network and takes steps, such as using the EDGE-5 APIs, to discover and locate a suitable 5GMS AS instance in the Edge DN.

- In the Application Provider-driven approach, the 5GMS Application Provider configures the 5GMS AF to automatically deploy edge processing for the media sessions of the corresponding Provisioning Session based on the provisioned edge processing resource template. The 5GMS-Aware Application may not be aware of the edge deployment and the EAS is discovered through other means, such as DNS resolution with support from the EASDF as specified in [15].

## 8.3 Procedures for 5GMS Edge Procesing

### 8.3.1 Client-driven Management of 5GMS Edge Processing

Figure 8.3.1-1 outlines a detailed call flow for client-driven session establishment.



Figure 8.3.1-1: Client-driven session establishment

The **Edge Computing Provisioning** phase is a provisioning phase, that may be repeated several times (e.g. to extend edge processing coverage to new geographical areas or to increase the capacity of an already provisioned area). All steps in this phase are optional and performed on need basis. The steps are:

1. **Spawn ECS:** In this step, a new ECS is instantiated to manage new or increased demand for edge processing.

2. **Spawn 5GMS AF:** In this step, a new 5GMS AF that is edge-enabled is instantiated to handle new or increased demand for media sessions with edge processing.

3. **EES Configuration:** The EES is configured for a specific Edge Data Network.

4. **EES Registration with ECS:** The EES registers with the ECS that is in authority over the target EDN.

The **5GMS Application Provider Provisioning** phase is performed prior to the establishment of any related media streaming sessions by the 5GMS Application Provider. Subsequent updates to the provisioning session are possible.

5. **Create Provisioning Session:** In this step, the 5GMS Application Provider creates a new provisioning session.

6. **Provision 5GMS features:** In this step, the 5GMS Application Provider may create different configurations such as Content Hosting, Reporting, Edge Processing, etc.

During the **UE Edge Computing Discovery** phase, the UE discovers an EAS instance offering 5GMS AS functionality.

7. **Application Initialization:** The user launches the 5GMS-Aware Application. The application performs any required initialization steps.

8. **Locate EAS/5GMS AS:** The Application Client requests the location of one or more suitable EAS instances offering the **“**5GMS AS**”** capability that are able to serve the application.

9. **Locate local EES:** The EEC queries the ECS for a suitable EES.10. Register with EES: The EEC registers with the selected EES.

**10. Register with EES:** The EEC registers with the selected EES.

11. **Request list of “5GMS AS” EAS instances:** The EEC contacts the EES to query for one or more EAS instances offering the **“**5GMS AS**”** capability that can serve the session, using EAS discovery filters (see Table 8.5.4.2-2 in [16]) provided by the Application Client, e.g. “5GMS AS” for EAS type, appropriate values for service feature(s), and other EAS characteristics.

The optional sub-flow is for provisioning an additional 5GMS AS instance if a suitable EAS instance offering the **“**5GMS AS**”** capability cannot be located. The steps are:

12. **Check resource template:** The 5GMS AF checks the provisioned edge processing resource template for the related application to determine the requirements of the application.

13. **Instantiate new EAS/5MGS AS:** The 5GMS AF requests the MnS to instantiate a new **“**5GMS AS**”** EAS instance with the specified requirements and considering parameters provided in the query by the EEC.

14. **Spawn 5GMS AS instance:** The MnS creates a new instance of the EAS offering **“**5GMS AS**”** capability with the requested placement and resources.

15. **EAS configuration:** The newly instantiated **“**5GMS AS**”** EAS instance is configured.

16. **Register EAS with EES:** The newly instantiated EAS instance registers itself with the triggering EES.

17. **Configure provisioned features:** This may include configuring and launching the server-side application in the 5GMS AS.

Completion of UE Edge Computing Discovery phase:

18. **List of suitable “5GMS AS” EAS instances:** The EES/5GMS AF responds to the EEC with a list of “5GMS AS” EAS instances and their characteristics in an EAS discovery response (see Table 8.5.3.3-1 in [16]).

19. **Select preferred “5GMS AS” EAS instance:** The AC and/or EC select(s) a “5GMS AS” EAS instance from the provided list, based on the AC’s desired criteria.

After successful discovery of a “5GMS AS” EAS instance, the actual streaming session may start in the **5GMS Session** phase:

20. **Start session:** The 5GMS-Aware Application invokes the Media Streamer with appropriate streaming access parameters (e.g. a Media Player Entry such as a DASH MPD URL).

21. **Session starting event:** The application informs the Media Session Handler about the start of a new 5GMS session.

22. **Retrieve service access information:** The Media Session Handler retrieves Service Access Information from the 5GMS AF appropriate to the 5GMS session.

23. **Media transfer:** The 5GMS-Aware Application connects to the selected EAS **“**5GMS AS**”** and the streaming starts.

24. **Method calls and notifications:** Supporting information about the 5GMS session is passed from the Media Stream Handler to the Media Session Handler.

25. **Reporting, network assistance, and dynamic policy:** The Media Session Handler exchanges supporting information about the 5GMS session with the 5GMS AF.

26. **End session:** the 5GMS-Aware Application informs the Media Session Handler that the 5GMS session has ended.

27. **Session ending event:** The Media Streamer informs the Media Session Handler about the end of the 5GMS session.

28. **Final reporting:** The Media Session Handler performs any final reporting to the 5GMS AF.

### 8.3.2 AP-driven Management of 5GMS Edge Processing

Figure 8.3.2-1 outlines a detailed call flow for the AP-driven management of edge processing. In the previous sequence, the optional provisioning of an additional 5GMS AS instance occurs in response to an explicit call from the Application Client to an on-board EEC, whereas in this sequence it occurs, if needed, as part of and in response to Application Provider provisioning. The 5GMS AS instance may also be reprovisioned at any time during the lifetime of the 5GMS Provisioning Session in response to changing demand levels (not illustrated for brevity).



Figure 8.3.2-1: AP-driven management of 5GMS edge processing

The **Edge Computing Provisioning** phase is a provisioning phase, that may be repeated several times (e.g. to extend edge processing coverage to new geographical areas or to increase the capacity of an already provisioned area). All steps in this phase are optional and performed on need basis. Steps 1–4 are identical to those described in clause 8.3.1 above.

The **5GMS Application Provider Provisioning** phase is performed prior to the establishment of any related media streaming sessions by the 5GMS Application Provider. Subsequent updates to the provisioning session are possible. Steps 5–6 are identical to those described in clause 8.3.1 above.

The optional sub-flow to provision an additional 5GMS AS instance may be repeated multiple times on need basis to add new capacity, to increase existing capacity for edge processing or to reallocate underused edge processing resources to other tasks. The edge processing capacity is tailored for the specific 5GMS Application Provider based on the information in the Provisioning Session. Steps 7–12 are identical to steps 11–16 described in clause 8.3.1 above.

After successful discovery, the actual streaming session may start in the 5GMS Session phase. Steps 13–21 are identical to steps 19–27 described in clause 8.3.1 above.

NOTE: In this call flow, the Application Client (AC) and EEC are not used to discover the 5GMS AS location. Instead, a Media Player Entry may be provided to the Media Session Handler by the 5GMS AF in the Service Access Information at M5 (step 15), or otherwise the location of the 5GMS AS is provided directly to the 5GMS-Aware Application via (out of scope) interface M8.

## 8.4 Provisioning and Service Information

The provisioning step allows a 5GMS Application Provider to configure information about its edge processing requirements for media streaming sessions.

The following information shall be configurable by the 5GMS Application Provider over reference point M1:

- Condition for activation of edge processing, e.g. the traffic descriptors, application identifier, geographic location of the UE, etc.

- Selection of client-controlled or AP-controlled operation

- EAS profile information for each EAS that will serve the application, such as the KPIs, geographical location, and traffic descriptors

- Context relocation tolerance and requirements

For client-driven edge processing, the 5GMS AF shares certain configuration information about edge processing with the Media Session Handler through Service Access Information at reference point M5. This enables the EEC embedded in the Media Session Handler to request edge processing for a streaming session.

## 8.5 5GMS AF Context Relocation

When a running 5GMS AF EAS instance is relocated, the following context data shall be transferred:

- The EEC context as defined in clause 8.2.8 of TS 26.558 [16].

- The Media Session Handler context containing the selected dynamic QoS and charging policy, any associated event subscriptions, the associated edge configuration, the consumption reporting configuration.

- The 5GMS AF context that includes traffic identification and steering information, history of network assistance.

- Media Stream Handler context which includes Service Access Information, configuration for uplink streaming endpoint, remote control configuration, any collected QoE reports.

This information shall be collected by the edge-enabled 5GMS AF that is acting as the S-EES. The procedures for the transfer of this context to the T-EES are out of scope of this specification.