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| ***Summary of change:*** | | The intention of this document is to start introducing MBUSA functional entities, focusing on MBSTF and the reference point between MBSTF and MBSF. | | | | | | | | |
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# 4 Reference architecture for 5G Multicast–Broadcast User Services

## 4.1 General

This clause defines a reference architecture for 5G Multicast–Broadcast User Services, including the logical functions involved and the logical reference points between them.

## 4.2 System description

Editor’s Note: Explanation of fundamental concepts in the MBS User Services architecture.

### 4.2.1 Network architecture

Editor’s Note: How this specification relates to the SA2 architecture in TS 23.247.

### 4.2.2 User Service architecture

Editor’s Note: Introduction to MBS User Services and how they are manifested in the MBSF and MBSTF.

### 4.2.3 Delivery methods

Editor’s Note: Explanation of what a delivery method is and what delivery methods are for.

### 4.2.4 Service announcement and discovery

The Service Announcement provides information needed by the MBS Client to discover and activate the reception of one or more MBS User Services. [ Service Announcement information may be delivered via MBS Sessions or via a regular PDU Session. ]

Editor’s Note: The ancillary information needs to be described and defined in the context of the Service Announcement.

## 4.3 Functional entities

Editor’s Note: Reference architecture for MBS User Services, including client functions.

### 4.3.1 General

The MBSF and MBSTF offer service layer functionality for sending data via MBS Sessions. The MBSTF (see clause 4.3.3) acts as a user plane anchor when it sources the IP multicast traffic. The MBSF (see clause 4.3.2) offers control plane functionality while the MBSTF (clause 4.3.3) offers user plane functionality. An interface Nmb2 is introduced between the MBSF and MBSTF.

### 4.3.2 MBSF

The functionality of the MBSF is defined in clause 5.3.2.11 of TS 23.247 [5]. It receives provisioning and control commands either directly at reference point Nmb10 or at reference point Nmb5 (via the NEF). An MBSTF shall be controlled by the MBSF. The MBSF invokes MBS Session operations on the MB-SMF at reference point Nmb1.

The User Service Discovery/Announcement function of the MBSF provides session access information, which is consumed by the MBS Client and subsequently used to discover and initiate the reception of one or multiple MBS User Services. The session access information may contain information for presentation to the end-user, as well as application parameters used in generating service content for consumption by the MBS Client.

The present document defines additional control plane functionalities of the MBSF to support MBS User Services including:

- Generating the Service Announcement for each MBS Session.

- Managing Service Announcement updates.

- Providing the Service Announcement information to the MBS Client on the UE. For this purpose, different options may be considered:

- Service Announcement using the application interface MBS-8.

- Service Announcement using unicast MBS-5.

- Service Announcement using an MBS User Service Session.

[- Monitoring the status of ancillary information and configuring its delivery in the same MBS Session as the content with which it is associated if ancillary information is changed and the MBSTF is used.]

Editor’s Note: Usage of QoS is FFS.

### 4.3.3 MBSTF

#### 4.3.3.1 General

The functionality of the MBSTF is defined in clause 5.3.2.12 of TS 23.247 [5]. It receives User Plane data traffic at reference point Nmb8 and sends MBS data packets to the MB‑UPF via reference point Nmb9.

NOTE: The MBSTF may not be present in all deployments of the MBS System.

The present document defines additional User Plane functionalities of the MBSTF to support MBS User Services as follows:

- MBS delivery of ingested objects or sequences of objects to the MBS Client for the Object Distribution Method (see clause 6.1). This may be used to support real-time distribution of media segments (as special objects) including Low-Latency CMAF segments.

- MBS delivery of ingested packet streams to the MBS Client for the [Packet|PDU] Distribution Method (see clause 6.2).

- Multiplexing of ancillary information into the MBS Session.

- Carousel delivery control for the Object Distribution Method.

- Sending notification events to the MBSF, e.g. data ingest failure, session terminated, delivery started.

Editor’s Note: The name of this distribution method is pending further discussion. For example, transparent mode was suggested. The discussion was around whether to describe the MBS distribution function or the service that is supported to the outside by the distribution.

The MBS Distribution Methods may use either a multicast MBS Session or a broadcast MBS Session to distribute content to a MBS Client, and may also make use of a set of MBS associated delivery procedures.

#### 4.3.3.2 MBSTF subfunctions to support Object Distribution Method

The MBSTF subfunctions supporting the Object Distribution Method are depicted in figure 4.3.3.2-1 below.



Figure 4.3.3.2-1: MBSTF architecture overview for Object Distribution Method

The *Object ingest* subfunction supports:

- Pull-based ingest at reference point Nmb8: The Object ingest subfunction in this case fetches one or more objects from an AF/AS using HTTPS.

- Push-based ingest at reference point Nmb8: The Object ingest subfunction receives one or more objects from an AF/AS using HTTPS.

The *Object segmentation subfunction* supports the partitioning of an object into payload units suitable for MBS transmission.

The optional *Application Layer FEC* subfunction to support object recovery even when parts of the object are not received.

The *Packetisation* subfunction places the payload units (and, optionally, the FEC data) into Nmb9 transmission packets according to clause 6.1.

The *Packet scheduling* subfunction schedules the outgoing packet stream according to target bit rate configuration.

The *Control* subfunction offers support for MBSTF service configuration and service notifications at reference point Nmb2.

#### 4.3.3.3 MBSTF subfunctions to support [Packet|PDU] Distribution Method

The MBSTF subfunctions supporting the [Packet|PDU] Distribution Method are depicted in figure 4.3.3.3-1 below.



Figure 4.3.3.3-1: MBSTF architecture overview for Packet Distribution Method

The *Packet ingest* subfunction supports the reception of a packet sequence at reference point Nmb2 from authorized sources.

The optional *Application Layer FEC* subfunction to support packet recovery even when packets are not received.

The *Packetisation* subfunction places the ingested packets (and, optionally, the FEC data) into Nmb9 transmission packets. Depending on the transmission mode, ingested packets may be reformatted suitable for MBS transmission.

The *Packet scheduling* subfunction schedules the outgoing data stream according to target bit rate configuration.

The *Control* subfunction offers support for MBSTF service configuration and service notifications at reference point Nmb2.

### 4.3.4 MBS AS

The MBS AS performs the following functions to support MBS User Services:

- Providing a byte-range file repair service for the Object Distribution Method.

### 4.3.5 MBS Client

The MBS Client is part of the UE. The functionality of the UE is defined in clause 5.3.2.8 of TS 23.247 [5].

In this architecture, the MBS client is further divided into

- MBSF Client: MBS client component that logically communicates with the MBSF on MBS User Service Control aspects.

- MBSTF Client: MBS client component that logically communicates with the MBSTF or MBS AS in order to provide an MBS Application Data Session to the MBS-Aware application.

The MBS Client performs the following functions to support MBS User Services:

- Reception of IP multicast data from either a Multicast MBS Session or a Broadcast MBS Session.

- Exposure of MBS Application Data Sessions towards a MBS-aware Application.

- Using AL-FEC to recover packets or objects if this optional feature is provisioned for the MBS Session,

- Unicast recovery of the application payload data carried in multicast/broadcast packets that are not successfully received via MBS-4, if unicast repair is provisioned for the MBS Session.

Editor’s Note: Handling roaming is FFS.

Editor’s Note: The MBMS Reception Reporting Service is FFS. In principle, the Reception Reporting is used by the Network Operators to analyse the packet loss rate (Block Error Rates - BLER), and the main target is to adjust the FEC redundancy level to leverage the FEC redundancy level and radio frequency usage efficiency. Reception reporting could be realised by instantiating the EVEX Data Collection and Reporting architecture in the present document.

### 4.3.6 MBS-Aware Application

The MBS Client is typically controlled by an external application, e.g. an App, which implements external application or content service provider specific logic and enables a media session to be established. The MBS-Aware Application is not defined within the MBS User Service specifications, but the function makes use of MBS Client and network functions using MBS interfaces and APIs.

\*\*\*\* Last Change \*\*\*\*