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Annex X (normative):  
Security aspects of enablers for Network Automation (eNA) for the 5G system (5GS)

# X.1 General

This Annex provides security requirements and procedures for the Network Automation features.

The feature for enablers for Network Automation by 5GS is described in 3GPP TS23.501[2] and 3GPP TS23.288 [105].

X.2 Authorization of NF Service Consumers for data access via DCCF

The detailed procedure for NF Service Consumer to receive data from Service Producers via DCCF is depicted in Figure X.2-1:



Figure X.2-1: NF Service Consumer Authorization to receive data from NF Service Producers via DCCF

1-3. NF Service Consumer shall send a request to the NRF to receive an access token to request services of DCCF, to be used for data collection request. NRF after verifying shall generate access token and sends it to the NF Service Consumer.

4. The NF Service Consumer initiates a NF service request to the DCCF which includes the access\_token\_nwdaf. The NF Service Consumer shall also generate a Client Credentials Assertion (CCA) token (CCA\_NWDAF) as described in the clause 13.3.8 and include it in the request message in order to authenticate itself towards the NF Service Producers.

NOTE 0: The procedure of NF Service Consumer (e.g. NWDAF) requesting the services provided by NF Service Producer via DCCF is defined in Clause 6.2.6.3 of TS 23.288 [105].

5. The DCCF shall verify if the access\_token\_nwdaf is valid and executes the service.

6. The DCCF determines the NF Service Producer(s) from where the data is to be collected (as specified in Clause 6.2.6.3.2 in TS 23.288[105]).

NOTE 1: If the NF Service Consumer sends the NF Service Producer information (i.e. NF Service Producer type and Instance ID) along with the service request in Step 4, then DCCF does not determine the NF Service Producer, but requests an access token from the NRF using the NF Service Producer details sent by the NF Service Consumer (as described in Step 7.)

7. The DCCF sends a Nnrf\_AccessToken\_Get request to NRF including the information to identify the target NF (NF Service Producer), the source NF (NF Service Consumer e.g. NWDAF), the NF Instance ID of DCCF and the CCA\_NWDAF provided by the NF Service Consumer.

NOTE 1a: The NF Instance ID of DCCF is included in a different IE than source NF so that Rel-16 NRF will ignore the new IE.

8. The NRF shall check whether the DCCF and the NF Service Consumer (e.g. NWDAF) are allowed to access the service provided by the identified NF Service Producers , and the DCCF as the proxy is allowed to request the service from the identified NF Service Producers on behalf the NF Service Consumer. NRF authenticates both DCCF and NWDAF based on one of the SBA methods described in clause 13.3.1.2. DCCF may include an additional CCA for authentication.

NOTE 2: A Rel-16 NRF takes CCA to authenticate NF Service Consumer if available (i.e., authentication is not based on TLS).

NOTE 3: In the case the NRF is from Rel-16 or earlier, after the NRF receives Nnrf\_AccessToken\_Get request, the NRF validates whether the NF Service Consumer (e.g., NWDAF) is authorized to receive the requested service from the NF Service Producer. The NRF from Rel-16 or earlier does not validate whether the DCCF is authorized to receive the requested service.

9. The NRF after successful verification then generates and provides an access token to the DCCF as described in the clause 13.4.1.1.2, with NF Service Consumer Instance (subject), and an additional access token claim containing the identity of DCCF, in order to authorize both NF Service Consumer (e.g.. NWDAF) and DCCF to consume the services of NF Service Producer.

NOTE 4: In the case the NRF is from Rel-16 or earlier, the NRF generates an OAuth2.0 access token with “subject” claim mapped to the NF Service Consumer (e.g., NWDAF) and no additional claim for the DCCF identity is added.

10. The DCCF requests service from the NF Service Producer. The request also consists of CCA\_NWDAF, so that the NF Service Producer(s) authenticates the NF Service Consumer (e.g. NWDAF).

11. The NF Service Producer(s) authenticate the NF Service Consumer and verify the access token as specified in the Clause 13.4.1.1.2 and ensures that the DCCF identity is included as an access token additional claim. If the DCCF identity is not included in the access token additional claims, e.g., NRF is Release 16 or prior, the NF Service Producer shall authorize the DCCF locally. After authentication and authorization is successful, the NF Service Producer(s) assure that the DCCF as the proxy is allowed to receive the response message on behalf the NF Service Consumer, and execute the service after successful verification. DCCF may include an additional CCA for authentication.

NOTE 5: Rel-16 NF Service Producer takes CCA to authenticate NF Service Consumer if available (i.e., authentication is not based on TLS).

12. The NF Service Producer(s) shall provide requested data to the DCCF.

13. The DCCF forwards the received data to the NF Service Consumer(s).

NOTE 6: In the case a new NF Service Consumer comes at a later stage to request the data, which is already being collected by DCCF, steps 1-10 apply. When the request is received by the NF Service Producer (i.e. the data producer), it authenticates the NF Service Consumer and verifies the access token provided along with the service request and sends to DCCF the access token verification response. DCCF based upon the response received, either updates the subscription info to include the newNF Service Consumer as well and sends the data to both the consumers (as specified in Clause 6.2.6.3.2 in TS 23.288 [105]), or in the case of access token verification failure, the DCCF rejects the request received by the NF Service Consumer.

NOTE 7: In the case the NF Service Producer is from Rel 16 or earlier, the NF Service Producer authorizes the NF Service Consumer (e.g., NWDAF) by validating the received OAuth2.0 access token which has the "subject" claim maps to the NF Service Consumer (e.g., NWDAF). Rel-16 or earlier NF Service Producer authorization of the DCCF is a deployment specific based on any of the available 5GC authorization method(s).

X.3 Authorization of NF Service Consumers for data access via DCCF when notification sent via MFAF

The detailed procedure for NF Service Consumer to receive data from Service Producers via DCCF when notification is sent via MFAF is depicted in Figure X.3-1:



Figure X.3-1: Service Consumer Authorization to receive data from Service Producers via MFAF

Steps 1-9 are same as Steps 1 – 9 of Annex X.2

10-11. The DCCF sends an access token request to the NRF to request service from MFAF. NRF after verifying sends access\_token\_dccf to DCCF to consume the services of MFAF.

12. DCCF shall then send the Nmfaf\_3daDataManagement\_Configure request to MFAF (as specified in the Clause 6.2.6.3.2 in TS 23.288[105]) along with the access\_token\_dccf.

Steps 13 – 14 are same as Steps 10 – 11 of Annex X.2

15. The NF Service Producer(s) shall provide requested data to the MFAF.

16. The MFAF forwards the received data to the data consumer(s).

NOTE 1: In the case a new data consumer comes at a later stage to request the data, which is already being collected by DCCF, steps 1-9 apply. When the request is received by the NF Service Producer (i.e. the data producer), it authenticates the NF Service Consumer and verifies the access token provided along with the service request and sends to DCCF the access token verification response. DCCF based upon the response received, either updates the subscription info at the MFAF to include the new data consumer as well and MFAF sends the data to both the consumers (as specified in Clause 6.2.6.3.2 in TS 23.288 [105]), or in the case of access token verification failure, the DCCF rejects the request received by the data consumer and does not update the subscription at the MFAF.

NOTE 2: In the case the NF Service Producer is from Rel 16 or earlier, the NF Service Producer authorizes the NF Service Consumer (e.g., NWDAF) by validating the received OAuth2.0 access token which has the "subject" claim maps to the NF Service Consumer (e.g., NWDAF). Rel-16 or earlier NF Service Producer authorization of the DCCF is a deployment specific based on any of the available 5GC authorization method(s).

X.4 Security protection of data via Messaging Framework

The transfer of the data between the data source and data consumer via the messaging framework shall be confidentiality, integrity, and replay protected.

Confidentiality protection, integrity protection, and replay-protection shall be supported on the new interfaces between 3GPP entities and MFAF by reusing the existing security mechanism defined for SBA in Clause 13.

X.5 Protection of data transferred between AF and NWDAF

As specified in TS 23.288[105], the NWDAF may interact with an AF to collect data from UE Application(s) as an input for analytics generation. The AF can be in the MNO domain or an AF external to MNO domain. To enhance the 5GS to support collection and utilisation of UE related data for providing the inputs to generate analytics information (to be consumed by other NFs), the communication between AF and NWDAF needs to be secured.

The NWDAF interacts with the 5GC NFs and the AF using Service-based Interfaces. The existing 5G security mechanism can be reused for the transfer of UE data over the SBA interface between AF and NWDAF. When the AF is located in the operator’s network, the NWDAF uses Service-Based Interface as depicted in clause 13 to communicate with the AF directly. When the AF is located outside the operator’s network, the NEF is used to exchange the messages between the AF and the NWDAF. The security aspects of NEF is specified in clause 12.

X.6 Protection of UE data in transit between NFs

According to clause 13.1.0, all network functions shall support mutually authenticated TLS and HTTPS. TLS shall be used for transport protection within a PLMN unless network security is provided by other means. Thus, communication between NFs is integrity, confidentiality and replay protected.

NFs shall obtain an access token from NRF for requesting analytics from an analytics function or providing analytics data to the analytics function.

# X.7 User consent requirements

The user consent requirements for enablers of network automation shall comply with Annex V of the present document and TS 23.288 [105].

# X.8 Protection of data and analytics exchange in roaming case

## X.8.1 General

The protection of data and analytics exchange in roaming case including authorization and anonymization of data/analytics:

- Authorization at data and analytics level is enforced by the roaming entry NWDAF producer. The parameters used by NWDAF service consumer to request/subscribe to the services provided by NWDAF producer are defined in TS 23.288 [105], clause 6.1.5. Accordingly, the operator authorization policies can be configured locally in the NWDAF producer. Also, when the NWDAF in one PLMN requests an access token from the NRF in the peer PLMN, the access token request and the access token claims may contain the Analytics ID.

- The roaming entry NWDAF producer is responsible to control the amount of exposed data/analytics and to abstract or hide internal network aspects in the exposed data/analytics. The corresponding mechanisms used to restrict the data/analytics and/or anonymization are subject to the implementation.

## X.8.2 Procedure for protection of analytics exchange in roaming case

### X.8.2.1 Policies configured locally in Roaming entry NWDAF producer



Figure X.8.2.1-1: Protection of analytics exchange when policies configured locally in Roaming entry NWDAF

Pre-requisites:

- Roaming entry NWDAF producer, i.e. NWDAFp shall be pre-configured with a list of allowed analytics per PLMN.

- If token-based authorization is used, NWDAFc shall have acquired an access token from the PLMN2 to consume the services exposed in Nwdaf\_RoamingAnalytics\_Subscribe/Request APIs.

Step 1: NWDAFc sends Nnwdaf\_RoamingAnalytics\_Subscribe/Request message to NWDAFp to request analytics.

Step 2: The roaming entry NWDAFp shall verify the service request, including verifying token and the visited PLMN ID and determine whether the requested analytics are allowed to be exposed to NWDAFc in PLMN1 by pre-configured policies.

Step 3: The roaming entry NWDAFp shall apply the security policies per consumer (PLMN) to the requested analytics and decide on their anonymization, restriction or desensitization based on operator’s policy.

NOTE: The anonymization, restriction or desensitization mechanisms of analytics are left for implementation.

Step 4: NWDAFp returns the requested and processed analytics to NWDAFc.

### X.8.2.2 Policies configured as extended claims in access token



Figure X.8.2.2-1: Protection of analytics exchange when policies configured as extended claims in access token

Pre-requisite:

- The producer NRF has the NF profile of the NF Service Producer including the list of allowed Analytics ID(s) per PLMN. According to TS 29.510 [68] clause 5.2.1, the NF profile can be configured in the NRF by other means such as O&M.

Step 1: NWDAFc sends an access token request to the consumer NRF as specified in clause 13.4.1. The access token request may contain the Analytics ID.

Step 2: vNRF forward the token request message to hNRF as specified in clause 13.4.1.

Step 3: The home network hNRF shall verify the token get request as specified 13.4.1, then determine whether the requested analytics implied by the Analytics ID(s) can be obtained by the visited PLMN according to the allowed analytics ID(s) of the visited PLMN.

Step 4: If the verification success, hNRF issue the token as specified in clause 13.4.1.The allowed Analytics ID(s) of the visited PLMN may be included in the token.

Step 5: The vNRF forward the Token\_Get Response to NWDAFc as specified in clause 13.4.1.

Step 6: If the requested analytics is within the claim of token, the NWDAFc sends Nnwdaf\_RoamingAnalytics\_Subscribe/Request with the issued token to NWDAFp,

Step 7: The roaming entry NWDAFp verifies the service request, including verifying token as specified in clause 13.4.1, and whether the requested analytics are consistent with the Analytics ID(s) in the token.

Step 8: The roaming entry NWDAFp shall apply the security policies per consumer (PLMN) to the requested analytics and decide on their anonymization, restriction or desensitization based on operator’s policy.

NOTE: The anonymization, restriction or desensitization mechanisms of data / analytics are left for implementation.

Step 9: Roaming entry NWDAFp returns the requested and processed analytics to NWDAFc.

# X.9 Authorization of selection of participant NWDAF instances in the Federated Learning group

The authorization for selecting participant NWDAF instances in the Federated Learning (FL) group uses token-based authorization as specified in clause 13.4.1, with the following additions.

Figure X.9-1 depicts the authorization mechanism for NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL Server to initiate the Federated Learning process on the NWDAF containing MTLF(s) acting as FL Client(s). The authorization is based upon the FL capability type (FL server or FL client) provided by the NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL server during registration, and the Analytics ID and Interoperability Indicator per Analytics ID provided by the NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL client during registration.

Editor’s note: The use of Service area and Availability time requirement for authorization is FFS.



Figure X.9-1: FL Authorization for selecting participant NWDAF instances

Step 1a. The NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL client registers to the NRF with its FL related information, including supported FL capability (FL client), Analytics ID(s) and Interoperability Indicator per Analytics ID as described in clause 5.2 of TS 23.288.

Step 1b. The NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL server registers to the NRF with its FL capability (FL Server).

Step 2. The NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL server (NF Service Consumer) sends a discovery request to NRF and receives the available NWDAFs containing MTLF acting as FL client(s) (NF Service Producer) as a response, as specified in clause 6.2C.2.1 of TS 23.288 [105].

Step 3. The NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL server (NF Service Consumer) sends an access token request to the NRF as specified in clause 13.4.1. The access token request may contain the Analytics ID for the requested Federated Learning process.

Step 4. The NRF authorizes the NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL server (NF Consumer) based upon the information received in Step 1b, and after verifying that the Server NWDAF’s Vendor ID is included in the Interoperability Indicator for the requested Analytics ID provided in Step 1a. If the authorization succeeds, NRF generates the access token(s) as specified in clause 13.4.1. The access token claims may include the Analytics ID for the request Federated Learning process.

NOTE: Fine-grained authorization can be done locally at the NWDAFs containing MTLF acting as FL client(s) (NF Service Producer).

Step 5a, 5b. The NRF sends the access token to the NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL Server, or rejects the request in case of failed authorization, as described in clause 13.4.1.

Step 6. The NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL server sends the service request to the NWDAF(s) containing MTLF acting as FL client with the access token received in Step 5a. along with the Analytics ID information for which the FL process is to be performed, as described in TS 23.288 [105].

Step 7, 8. The NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL client (NF Service Producer) verifies the received access token as specified in clause 13.4.1. In case of successful access token verification, the NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL client sends a success response to the NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL server, as described in TS 23.288 [105].

Step 9. After a successful response from the NWDAF(s) containing MTLF acting as FL client, the NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL server initiates the Federated Learning process as described in TS 23.288 [105].

Authorization of the NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL client is implicit, since it can join a Federated Learning group only when selected by the NWDAF containing MTLF acting as FL server.

# X.10 Security for AI/ML model storage and sharing

The detailed procedure for secured and authorized AI/ML model sharing between different vendors is depicted in Figure X.10-1:

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Figure X.10-1: Secured and authorized AI/ML model sharing between different vendors

0a. NF Service producer i.e. NWDAF containing MTLF registers its NF profile in the NRF with ML Model Interoperability indicator per Analytics ID as described in clause 5.2 of TS 23.288 [105]. The ML Model Interoperability indicator is a list of NWDAF providers (vendors) that are allowed to retrieve ML models from this NWDAF containing MTLF.

0b. NF Service consumer e.g., NWDAF containing AnLF registers at the NRF including its Vendor ID,

Editor's Note: The inclusion of Interoperability indicator of NFc and Vendor ID of NFc are needed for authorization is ffs.

0c. The model is stored in encrypted format unless both the AI/ML model producer (NWDAF MTLF) and storage platform (ADRF) are part of the same system and belong to the same vendor and operator security domain.

Storage of the model in encrypted format can be required by the trust model established to store and share AI/ML models. The trust model between AI/ML NF producer (NWDAF MtLF), storage platform (ADRF) and NF consumer (e.g., AnLF) is to be determined during the implementation phase among operator and the providers of the different platforms (MTLF, AnLF, ADRF). How the model is encrypted is vendor specific. Key distribution is not specified in this document.

1. NWDAF containing MTLF triggers the Nadrf\_MLModelManagement\_StorageRequest as described in TS 23.288 [105], optionally including an allowed NFc list. The absence of allowed NFc list indicates that only the MTLF which stored the model is allowed to retrieve the model.

2. ADRF sends the response to NWDAF containing MTLF as described in TS 23.288 [105].

3. NF Service consumer e.g., NWDAF containing AnLF performs Nnrf\_NFDiscovery\_Request operation with the requested Analytics ID to select a suitable NF Service Producer e.g., NWDAF containing MTLF.

4a. NF Service consumer e.g., NWDAF containing AnLF requests an access token from the NRF using the Nnrf\_AccessToken\_Get request operation. The token request message contains, besides the parameters described in clause 13.4.1.1.2, the Vendor ID of NWDAF containing AnLF and the Analytics ID.

4b. NRF checks whether the NWDAF containing AnLF is authorized to access the requested service in NWDAF containing MTLF and verifies that the NF Consumer's Vendor ID is included in the NWADF containing MTLF 's interoperability indicator for the Analytics ID and grants the token (token1), based on the vendor ID provided by the NF consumer during registration.

5. NF Service Consumer performs Nnwdaf\_MLModelProvision (Analytics ID, Vendor ID and token1) service operation at the NWDAF containing MTLF to retrieve ML models for the Analytics ID.

6a. The NWDAF containing MTLF authenticates the NF Service Consumer and verifies the access token as specified in the clause 13.4.1.1.2 and ensures that the Analytics ID is included in the access token. If verification is successful, NWDAF containing MTLF determines the ML model to be shared for the requested Analytics ID and stored the NF instance ID of NWDAF containing AnLF as part of allowed NF instance list for the ML model.

6b. If the determined ML model is stored in ADRF, and if the NF Service Consumer is not yet in the allowed NFc list stored at the ADRF, the NWDAF containing MTLF triggers the update of Nadrf\_MLModelManagement\_StorageRequest at the ADRF, with NF ID of NWDAF containing MTLF and Model ID, adding the NF Service Consumer to the allowed NFc list. The ADRF verifies that the requesting NWDAF containing MTLF is same as the one that stored the model. Then, ADRF stores the allowed NF instance list for the ML model referenced by the Model ID.

Editor's Note: New service operation Nadrf\_MLModelManagement\_StorageRequest Update needs to be defined by SA2.

Editor's Note: How the MTLF and ADRF can identify which list of allowed NF consumers belongs to which model stored in the ADRF (e.g. by Storage Transaction ID) is ffs.

6c. ADRF sends the response to NWDAF containing MTLF which contains Model ID.

Editor's Note: How the AnLF retrieve the model via MTLF should be align with SA2 and the diagram should be update accordingly.

7. NWDAF containing MTLF sends Nnwdaf\_MLModelProvision Notify to the NF Service Consumer with Model ID, the address of the determined ML model, which can be either the one stored in NWDAF containing MTLF or in ADRF. If the model is stored in ADRF, this message may also contain ADRF ID.

If the ML model is to be retrieved from ADRF, the following steps are applied:

8a. NF Service Consumer requests an access token from the NRF to be authorized to retrieve the model stored in ADRF as specified in clause 13.4.1.

8b. NRF verifies that the NF Service consumer e.g., NWDAF containing AnLF is authorized to access the service provided by the ADRF. If verification is successful, NRF grants the token (token2), based on the information provided in ADRF's NF profile.

9. NF Service consumer e.g., NWDAF containing AnLF requests to retrieve the target model by sending Nadrf\_MLModelManagement\_Retrieval Request as described in clause 10.3.4 TS 23.288 [105], including token2.

10. ADRF authenticates the NF Service Consumer and verifies the access token (token2) as specified in the clause 13.4.1.1.2. ADRF verifies also the NF Service Consumer’s NF ID is included in the allowed NF instance list for the ML model and/or is same as the NF ID of the MTLF that stored the model. If verification is successful, ADRF sends Nadrf\_MLModelManagement\_Retrieval Response to the NF Service Consumer, which contains the address of the stored model in ADRF.

11. NF Service Consumer retrieves the ML model from ADRF and decrypts the model per the vendor’s implementation.

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#### 13.4.1.0 General

The authorization framework described in clause 13.4.1 allows NF Service Producers to authorize the requests from NF Service requestors. Subscription requests are considered as service requests.

The authorization framework uses the OAuth 2.0 framework as specified in RFC 6749 [43]. Grants shall be of the type Client Credentials Grant, as described in clause 4.4 of RFC 6749 [43]. Access tokens shall be JSON Web Tokens as described in RFC 7519 [44] and are secured with digital signatures or Message Authentication Codes (MAC) based on JSON Web Signature (JWS) as described in RFC 7515 [45].

NOTE 1a: Securing the access token using Message Authentication Codes (MAC) based on JSON Web Signature (JWS) as described in RFC 7515 [45] requires a pairwise pre-shared symmetric key between the NRF and the NF Service Producer. The provisioning of such pre-shared symmetric key is outside the scope of this document.

The basic extent provided by the authorization token is at service level (i.e. the "scope" claim includes allowed services per NF type). Depending on the NF Service Producer configuration, higher level of granularity for the authorization token can be defined adding "additional scope" information within the token e.g. to authorize specific service operations and/or resources/data sets within service operations per NF Service Consumer type.

NOTE 1: The additional scope(s) included within the access token add additional security checks at the NF Service Producer that authorizes the services operations, resources and NF Service Consumer type related to the additional scope(s).

The authorization framework described in clause 13.4.1 is mandatory to support for NRF and NF.

The OAuth 2.0 framework does not apply to the notification operation.

Extensions to the authorization framework specific for the security of enablers for Network Automation by 5GS are described in Annex X.

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