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Introduction

The work on VHE/OSA for release 99, particularly in S2 and CN OSA adhoc, has been progressed rapidly during last months. The progress of work is reflected by the S2 Liaison Statement (S2OSA-000027).

The aim was to provide an open service architecture, which satisfies the needs of the Virtual Home Environment as addressed in the stage 1 specification (TS 22.121), and to provide a consistent and mature set of documents for release 99.

Discussion

Most of the requirements are reflected by the actual stage 2 (TS 23.127) and stage 3 (TS 29.198, TR 29.998) documents.

Nevertheless, we are aware that stage 2 and 3 does not meet every single requirement set up in 22.121. Besides minor differences between stage 1 and 2 we identified that the user profile management is not deeply considered yet. An appropriate data model, structuring the user profiles and reflecting the concept of personal service environment, has to be specified and should be of high priority in release 2000.

Furthermore the following requirements are not reflected by stage 2 and 3 for release 99

- Framework – SCS interface
- Address Translation SCF

Conclusion

Since a significant number of stage 1 requirements are fulfilled and stage 2 and 3 documents are well aligned and complete in itself we are fully convinced that VHE/OSA is mature enough to become part of release 99.

To reach a consistent set of VHE/OSA specifications for release 99 we would like to suggest to reduce the stage 1 VHE requirements to those what is supported by stage 2 and 3. Concerning this we are willing to assist and provide appropriate CRs to align stage 1.

Furthermore we propose not to cancel the requirements which have not been reflected in release 99, but to postpone these to VHE/OSA release 2000 and to continue the work on it.