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Introduction

The present document contains a specification for required protocol usage within 3GPP specified Conversational Packet Switched Multimedia Services [5] which is based IP Multimedia Subsystem (IM Subsystem). IM Subsystem as a subsystem includes specifically the conversational IP multimedia services, whose service architecture, call control and media capability control procedures have been defined in 3GPP TS 24.229 [7], and are based on the 3GPP adopted version of IETF Session Initiated Protocol (SIP) [1].

In conversational packet switched multimedia service depends on IM Subsystem. The individual media types are independently encoded and packetized to appropriate separate Real Time Protocol (RTP) packets. These packets are then transported end-to-end inside UDP datagrams over real-time IP connections that have been negotiated and opened between the terminals or between a terminal and a server during the SIP call as specified in 3GPP TS 24.229 [7].

The UEs operating within IM Subsystem need to provide encoding/decoding of the derived codecs, and perform corresponding packetization/depacketization functions. Logical bound between the media streams is handled in the SIP session layer, and inter-media synchronization in the receiver is handled with the use of RTP time stamps.

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- [4] IETF RFC 3551: "RTP Profile for Audio and Video Conferences with Minimal Control", Schulzrinne H. and Casner S., July 2003.
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- [14] 3GPP TS 26.073: "AMR speech Codec; C-source code".
- [15] 3GPP TS 26.104: "ANSI-C code for the floating-point Adaptive Multi-Rate AMR speech codec".
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3 Definitions and abbreviations

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For the purposes of the present document, the following term and definition applies:

3G PS multimedia terminal: terminal based on IETF SIP/SDP internet standards modified by 3GPP for purposes of 3GPP IM Subsystem services

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

AMR	Adaptive MultiRate codec
DSR	Distributed Speech Recognition
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IM Subsystem	Internet protocol Multimedia Subsystem
ITU-T	International Telecommunications Union-Telecommunications
RFC	IETF Request For Comments
RTPCP	RTP Control Protocol
RTP	Real-time Transport Protocol
SDP	Session Description Protocol
SES	Speech Enabled Service
SIP	Session Initiation Protocol

4 General

3G PS multimedia terminals provide real-time video, audio, <u>SES</u> or data, in any combination, including none, over 3GPP IM Subsystem. Terminals are based on IETF defined multimedia protocols SIP, SDP, RTP and RTCP. Communication may be either 1-way or 2-way. Such terminals may be part of a portable device or integrated into an automobile or other non-fixed location device. They may also be fixed, stand-alone devices; for example, a video telephone or kiosk. Multimedia terminals may also be integrated into PCs and workstations.

In the case of SES then uplink communication is from the terminal to a server containing speech recognition.

In addition, interoperation with other types of multimedia telephone terminals, such as 3G-324M may be possible, however in such case a media gateway functionality supporting 3G-324M - IM Subsystem interworking will be required within or outside the IM subsystem.

Figure 1 presents the user plane protocol stack of a 3G PS conversational multimedia terminal explaining the transport of different media types and QoS reports.

Conversational Multimedia						
Audio	Audio Video Text SES					
Pay	Payload					

Figure 1 – User plane protocol stack for 3G PS conversational multimedia terminal

5 Media type requirements

Media type RTP payload usage is specified in this clause. The media types and corresponding codecs are specified in 3GPP TS 26.235 [5]. The continuous media type RTP payloads are mapped to RTP packets according to IETF RTP Profile for Audio and Video Conferences with Minimal Control in RFC 3551 [4].

5.1 Audio

5.1.1 RTP session description parameters

The IETF AMR and AMR-WB RTP payload format [19] offers different options. Here is the list of options and how they should be used by the transmitter. The receiver shall at least support the options as they are listed:

- the bandwidth efficient operation shall be used,
- only one speech frame shall be encapsulated in each RTP packet,
- the multi-channel session shall not be used,
- interleaving shall not be used,
- internal CRC shall not be used.

5.2 Video

Video packets should not be large to allow better error resilience and to minimize the transmission delay in conversational service. The size of each packet shall be kept smaller than 512 bytes.

5.3 Real time text

Real time text media type RTP payload format for ITU-T Recommendation T.140 is specified in [27]. Redundant transmission provided by the RTP payload format is recommended in error prone channel.

<u>5.4 SES</u>

The RTP payload for the DSR codec and AMR or AMR-WB used for SES are specified in [29, 19].

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SDP	Session Description Protocol	
<u>SES</u>	Speech Enabled Services	
SIP	Session Initiated Protocol	

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6.4 Interactive and background data

SIP signalling offers initialisation of packet switched interactive or background class reliable data services as well. However specification of such data services are outside the scope of the present document.

6.5 Speech Enabled Service

<u>3G PS multimedia terminals offering speech enabled services should support the DSR Extended Advanced Front-end</u> codec [37]

Speech enabled services may also be supported with AMR or AMR-WB audio codecs, however it is noted that there is a substantial performance advantage from DSR [see Annex D].

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9 Multimedia stream encapsulation

9.1 MIME media types

The terminal shall declare the mandatory and any optional media streams using the codec specific MIME media types in the associated SDP syntax. The MIME media types for the mandatory and optional codecs shall be according to the corresponding types registered by IANA.

- AMR narrowband speech codec MIME media type as specified in annex B.
- AMR wideband speech codec MIME media type is specified in annex B.
- H.263 [6] video codec MIME media type is specified in annex C.
- MPEG-4 visual simple profile level 0 MIME media type as specified in RFC 3016 [5].
- ITU-T Recommendation T.140 [25] Text Conversation MIME media type as specified by RFC 2793 [24].
- Telephone-event MIME media type as specified by RFC 2833 [36].
- DSR MIME media type as specified in draft-ietf-avt-rtp-dsr-codecs-00.txt [38]

9.2 RTP payload

RTP payload formats specified by IETF shall be used for real time media streams.

RTP payload format for the AMR narrowband speech codec is specified in annex B.

RTP payload format for the AMR wideband speech codec is specified in annex B.

RTP payload format for the ITU-T Recommendation H.263 [6] video codec is specified in IETF RFC 2429 [3].

RTP payload format for the MPEG-4 visual simple profile level 0 is specified in IETF RFC 3016 [5].

RTP payload format for the ITU-T Recommendation T.140 [25] text conversation coding is specified in IETF RFC 2793 [24].

RTP payload format for the telephone-event is specified in IETF RFC 2833 [36].

RTP payload format for the DSR Extended Advanced Front-end is specified in draft-ietf-avt-rtp-dsr-codecs-00.txt [38]

Annex D (Informative): Performance results from SES selection

The following tables show the results from the SES selection evaluations conducted in SA4 by ASR vendors Scansoft and IBM.

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There are three tables applicable for comparison at different channels bandwidths and sampling rates:

- Low data rate comparison (which is at 8kHz) [AMR 4.75 compared to DSR]
- High data rate comparison at 8kHz [AMR 12.2 compared to DSR]
- High data rate comparison at 16kHz [AMR-WB 12.65 compared to DSR]

For each test database the absolute performance in terms of word error rate is given and the relative improvement of DSR compared to AMR is shown.

The relative improvement is computed for each database as (word error rate for AMR – word error rate for DSR)/word error rate for AMR.

The tasks are split into the task categories shown in the tables: ie digits, subword, tone confusability and channel errors.

The overall word error rate improvement is the weighted average of the improvement for each of the categories. Ie Sum of task category weight x improvement for category.

Low Data Rate comparison

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Sampling rate = 8kHz AMR mode = AMR-NB 4.75

Digits	Aurora-2 (result B) Aurora-2 (result A) Aurora-3 German	<u>AMR-NB</u> <u>4.75</u> <u>11.73</u> 16.1	<u>DSR</u> 9.62	Improvem ent
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<u>Digits</u>	Aurora-3 German	10.1	<u>12.4</u>	<u>22.98%</u>
<u>Digits</u>		<u>18.27</u>	<u>13.83</u>	<u>24.30%</u>
<u>Digits</u>	<u>Aurora-3 Spanish (Result A)</u>	<u>9.23</u>	<u>4.86</u>	<u>47.35%</u>
<u>Digits</u>	<u>Aurora-3 Spanish (Result B)</u>	<u>13.93</u>	<u>4.86</u>	<u>65.11%</u>
<u>0.3</u>	Aurora-3 Italian	<u>21.68</u>	<u>6.15</u>	<u>71.63%</u>
<u>0.3</u>	<u>US English In-Car (digits test)</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>36.84%</u>
<u>0.3</u>	<u>German In-Car (digit test)</u>	<u>11.4</u>	<u>8.3</u>	<u>27.19%</u>
<u>0.3</u>	<u>Japanese In-Car (digit test)</u>	<u>16.2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>44.44%</u>
<u>0.3</u>	<u>US English In-Car (digits test)</u>	<u>4.49</u>	<u>2.44</u>	<u>45.66%</u>
0.3	<u>Mandarin Embedded PDA (digit test)</u>	<u>2.57</u>	<u>1.66</u>	<u>35.41%</u>
	Average improvement on digits tasks			<u>39.90%</u>
-	Mandaria Frebaddad DDA	1.00	2.52	20.200/
-	Wandarin Embedded PDA	<u>4.09</u>	2.52	<u>38.39%</u>
	US English In-Car	4.25	2.78	34.59%
Subword		<u>14.2</u>	9.5	<u>33.10%</u>
		12	<u>10.1</u>	15.83%
	Japanese In-Car	18	<u>13</u>	27.78%
	Mandarin Name diailing (baseform test)	<u>0.83</u>	<u>0.58</u>	<u>30.12%</u>
<u>0.4</u>	Average improvement on subword tasks			<u>29.97%</u>
Tone Confusability	Mandarin Name dialling (tone confusion test)	<u>3.59</u>	<u>3.06</u>	<u>14.76%</u>
<u>0.1</u>	Average improvement on tone confusability			<u>14.76%</u>
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Channel errors	<u>1% BLER (result B)</u>	<u>9.4</u>	<u>6.7</u>	<u>28.72%</u>
	<u>3% BLER (result A)</u>	<u>6.51</u>	<u>2.38</u>	<u>63.44%</u>
	<u>3% BLER (result B)</u>	<u>17.6</u>	<u>6.8</u>	<u>61.36%</u>
<u>0.2</u>	Average improvement with channel errors			<u>52.84%</u>
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High Data Rate comparison at 8kHz

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	<u>Aurora-2 (result A)</u>	<u>14.2</u>	<u>12.4</u>	<u>12.68%</u>
	Aurora-3 German	<u>15.9</u>	<u>13.83</u>	<u>13.02%</u>
	Aurora-3 Spanish (Result A)	<u>7.7</u>	<u>4.86</u>	<u>36.88%</u>
	Aurora-3 Spanish (Result B)	<u>11.95</u>	<u>4.86</u>	<u>59.33%</u>
<u>Digits</u>	Aurora-3 Italian	<u>19.04</u>	<u>6.15</u>	<u>67.70%</u>
	US English In-Car (digits test)	<u>15.6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>23.08%</u>
	German In-Car (digit test)	<u>8.6</u>	<u>8.3</u>	<u>3.49%</u>
	Japanese In-Car (digit test)	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>18.18%</u>
	US English In-Car (digits test)	<u>3.37</u>	2.44	<u>27.60%</u>
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<u>0.3</u>	Average improvement on digits tasks			<u>27.62%</u>
	Mandarin Embedded PDA	<u>3.14</u>	<u>2.52</u>	<u>19.75%</u>
	US English In-Car	<u>3.29</u>	<u>2.78</u>	<u>15.50%</u>
Subword	US English In-Car	<u>12.9</u>	<u>9.5</u>	<u>26.36%</u>
<u>ousitoru</u>	German In-Car	<u>9.7</u>	<u>10.1</u>	<u>-4.12%</u>
	Japanese In-Car	<u>12.8</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>-1.56%</u>
	Mandarin Name dialling (baseform test)	<u>0.84</u>	<u>0.58</u>	<u>30.95%</u>
<u>0.4</u>	Average improvement on subword tasks			<u>14.48%</u>
Tone Confusability	Mandarin Name dialling (tone confusion test)	<u>3.81</u>	<u>3.06</u>	<u>19.69%</u>
<u>0.1</u>	Average improvement on tone confusability			<u>19.69%</u>
	<u>1% BLER (result A)</u>	<u>4.73</u>	2.39	<u>49.47%</u>
Channel errors	<u>1% BLER (result B)</u>	<u>7.1</u>	<u>6.7</u>	<u>5.63%</u>
	<u>3% BLER (result A)</u>	<u>6.33</u>	2.38	<u>62.40%</u>
	<u>3% BLER (result B)</u>	<u>12.6</u>	<u>6.8</u>	<u>46.03%</u>
0.2	Average improvement with channel errors			40.88%
OVERALL	RELATIVE REDUCTION IN WORD EI		E	24%

Sampling rate = 16kHz AMR mode = AMR-WB 12.65

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		word e	rror rate	Relative
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		<u>WR</u>	DSR	<u>nt</u>
	Aurora-3 Spanish (Result A)	<u>7.5</u>	<u>4.6</u>	<u>38.67%</u>
	Aurora-3 Spanish (Result B)	<u>7.39</u>	<u>3.47</u>	<u>53.04%</u>
	Aurora-3 Italian	<u>14.77</u>	<u>5.62</u>	<u>61.95%</u>
Digits	US English In-Car (digits test)	<u>17.8</u>	<u>12.3</u>	<u>30.90%</u>
	<u>German In-Car (digit test)</u>	<u>9.2</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>20.65%</u>
	Japanese In-Car (digit test)	<u>11.3</u>	<u>8.4</u>	<u>25.66%</u>
	US English In-Car (digits test)	<u>2.04</u>	<u>1.78</u>	<u>12.75%</u>
	Mandarin Embedded PDA (digit test)	<u>1.8</u>	<u>1.14</u>	<u>36.67%</u>
0.35	Average improvement on digits tasks			35.04%
	Mandarin Embedded PDA	<u>2.29</u>	<u>1.63</u>	<u>28.82%</u>
	US English In-Car	<u>2.35</u>	<u>2.31</u>	<u>1.70%</u>
Subword	US English In-Car	<u>13.2</u>	<u>7.8</u>	<u>40.91%</u>
	<u>German In-Car</u>	<u>10.7</u>	<u>7.1</u>	<u>33.64%</u>
	Japanese In-Car	<u>12.3</u>	<u>10.8</u>	<u>12.20%</u>
0.45	Average improvement on subword tasks			23.45%
	<u>1% BLER (result A)</u>	<u>2.74</u>	<u>1.84</u>	<u>32.85%</u>
Channel errors	<u>1% BLER (result B)</u>	<u>7.4</u>	<u>4.8</u>	<u>35.14%</u>
	<u>3% BLER (result A)</u>	<u>3.44</u>	<u>1.84</u>	<u>46.51%</u>
	<u>3% BLER (result B)</u>	<u>10.9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>54.13%</u>
0.2	Average improvement with channel errors			42.16%
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OVERALL RELATIVE REDUCTION IN WORD ERROR RATE31%

It is noted that for the evaluations at 16kHz one of the ASR vendors performed downsampling to 8kHz.