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Implementation eXtra Information for Testing (PIXIT)
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Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Core Network and Interoperability Testing (INT).

The present document is part 3 of a multi-part deliverable covering the test specifications for the Diameter protocol on the Gx interface, as identified below:

- Part 1: "Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS)";
- Part 2: "Test Suite Structure (TSS) and Test Purposes (TP)";
- Part 3: "Abstract Test Suite (ATS) and partial Protocol Implementation eXtra Information for Testing (PIXIT) proforma specification".**

1 Scope

The present document specifies the Abstract Test Suite (ATS) and partial Protocol Implementation eXtra Information for Testing (PIXIT) proforma for the test specifications for Diameter protocol on the Gx interface as specified in TS 129 212 [1] in compliance with the relevant requirements and in accordance with the relevant guidance given in ISO/IEC 9646-7 [5] and ETS 300 406 [6].

The test notation used in the ATS is TTCN-3 (see ES 201 873-1 [7]).

The following test specification and design considerations can be found in the body of the present document:

- the overall test suite structure;
- the testing architecture;
- the test methods and port definitions;
- the test configurations;
- TTCN styles and conventions;
- the partial PIXIT proforma;
- the modules containing the TTCN-3 ATS.

Annex A provides the Partial Implementation Extra Information for Testing (PIXIT) Proforma.

Annex B provides the Abstract Test Suite (ATS) part of the ATS.

2 References

References are either specific (identified by date of publication and/or edition number or version number) or non-specific. For specific references, only the cited version applies. For non-specific references, the latest version of the reference document (including any amendments) applies.

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2.1 Normative references

The following referenced documents are necessary for the application of the present document.

- [1] ETSI TS 129 212 (V10.5.0): "Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS); LTE; Policy and charging control over Gx/Sd reference point (3GPP TS 29.212 version 10.5.0 Release 10)".
- [2] ETSI TS 101 606-2: "IMS Network Testing (INT); Diameter Conformance testing for Gx interface; Part 2: Test Suite Structure (TSS) and Test Purposes (TP)".
- [3] ISO/IEC 9646-1: "Information technology -- Open Systems Interconnection -- Conformance testing methodology and framework -- Part 1: General concepts".
- [4] ISO/IEC 9646-6: "Information technology -- Open Systems Interconnection -- Conformance testing methodology and framework -- Part 6: Protocol profile test specification".
- [5] ISO/IEC 9646-7: "Information technology -- Open Systems Interconnection -- Conformance testing methodology and framework -- Part 7: Implementation Conformance Statements".

- [6] ETSI ETS 300 406: "Methods for testing and Specification (MTS); Protocol and profile conformance testing specifications; Standardization methodology".
- [7] ETSI ES 201 873-1: "Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); The Testing and Test Control Notation version 3; Part 1: TTCN-3 Core Language".

2.2 Informative references

The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

Not applicable.

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 9646-7 [5] and TS 129 212 [1] apply.

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in ISO/IEC 9646-1 [3], ISO/IEC 9646-6 [4], ISO/IEC 9646-7 [5] and TS 129 212 [1] apply.

4 Abstract Test Method (ATM)

This clause describes the ATM used to test the Diameter protocol on the Gx interface at the PCEF side and at the PCRF side.

4.1 Test architecture

4.1.1 Test method

The test method chosen is the remote test method. Remote test method means that the test tool (the test machine + the executable test suite) shall behave as a PCRF when the IUT is a PCEF and shall behave as a PCEF when the IUT is a PCRF. As the exchange between the test system and the IUT is at the diameter message level, the lower layers of the test machine shall be totally conformant with the corresponding lower layers specifications to use the remote test method.

4.1.2 Test machine configuration

4.1.2.1 Test configurations for PCEF testing

The Gx interface is located between PCRF and the SUT. The GTP interfaces are used to trigger the SUT.

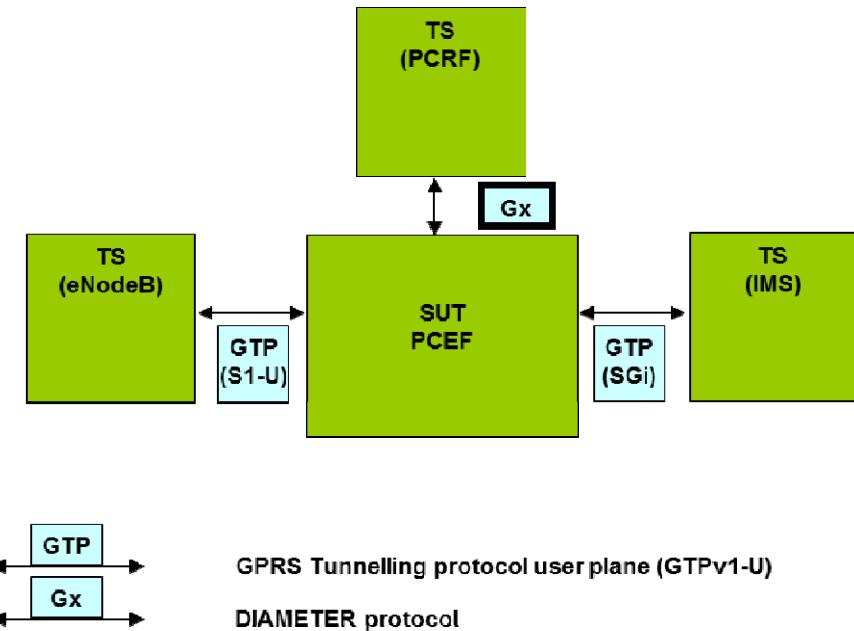


Figure 1: Test architecture with PCEF as SUT

4.1.2.2 Test configurations for PCRF testing

The Gx interface is located between PCEF and PCRF. The Rx interface is located between PCRF and the SUT.

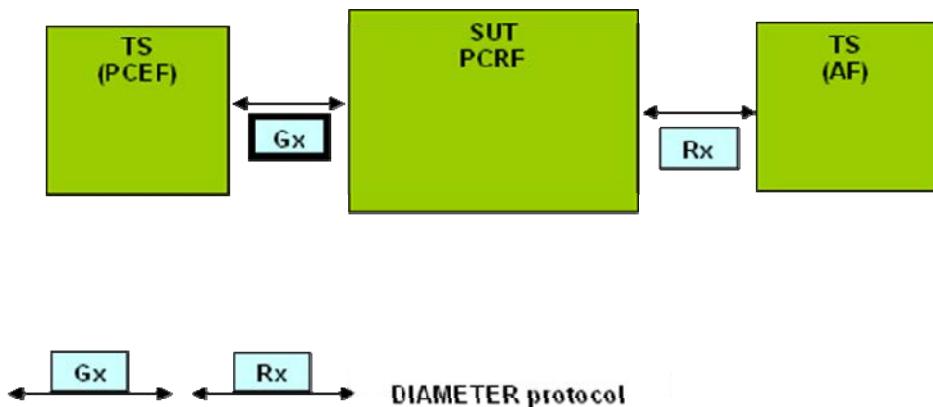


Figure 2: Test architecture with PCRF as SUT

4.1.3 Interconnection of TS and SUT

4.1.3.1 PCEF Role

Figures 3 and 4 show the interconnection of TS and SUT in terms of signalling message flows. Diameter messages are transferred over the DIAM port. Lower Layer Primitives are transferred over the LLPP port. Some PCEF tests may require additional triggering via the GTP ports. This configuration can be disabled using PIXIT parameter "GTPsupport". GTPv1-U messages are exchanged at ports GTP1 and GTP2 (see figure 4).

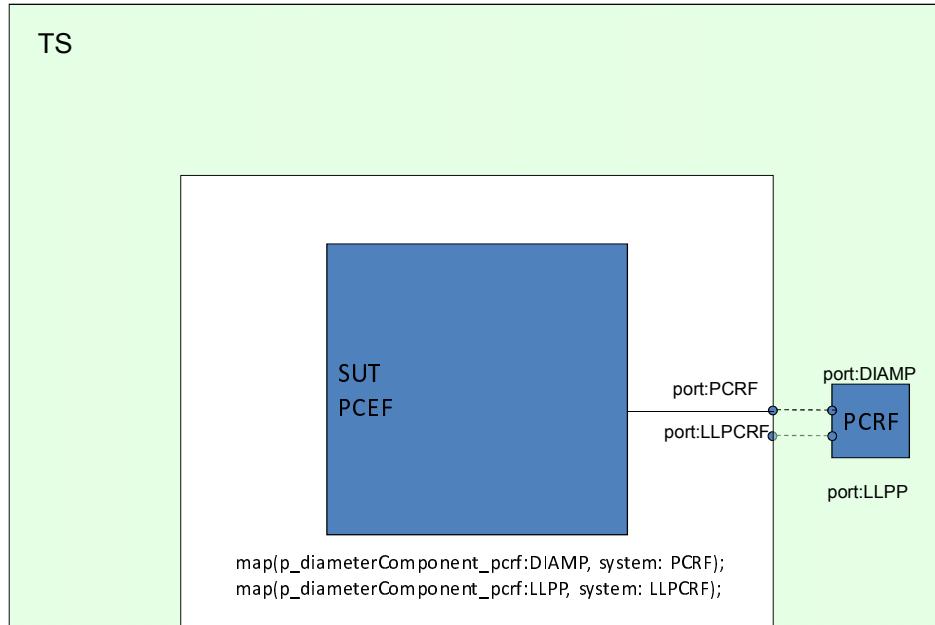


Figure 3: Interconnection for PCEF role without IP interfaces

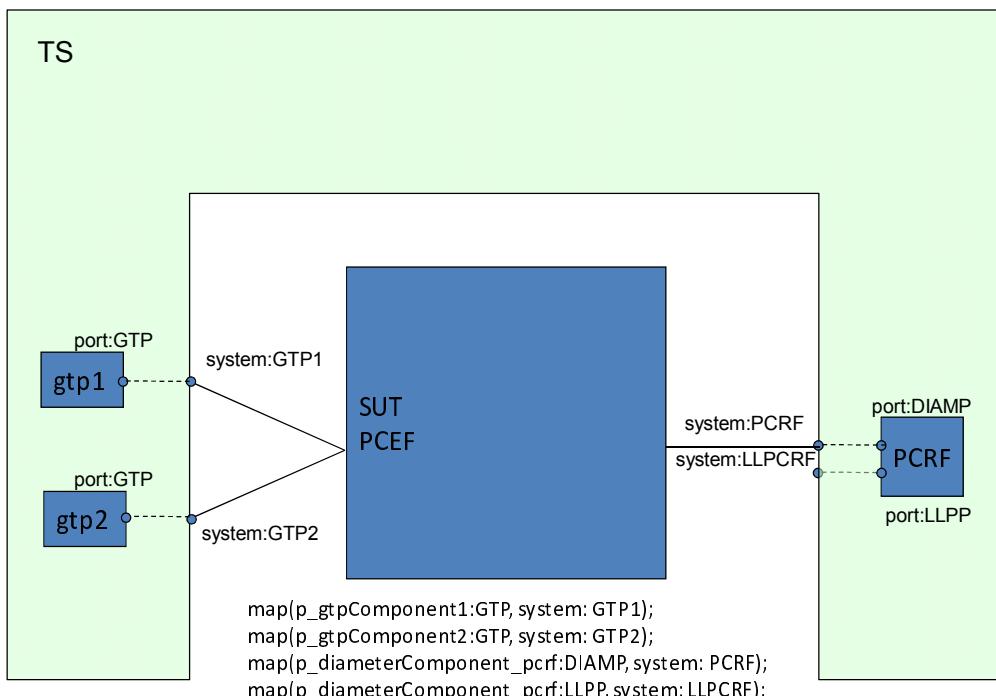


Figure 4: Interconnection for PCEF role with IP interfaces (GTP)

4.1.3.2 PCRF Role

Figures 5 and 6 show the interconnection of TS and SUT in terms of signalling message flows. Diameter messages are transferred over the DIAM port. Lower Layer Primitives are transferred over the LLPP port. Some PCRF tests may require additional triggering via the Rx interface (see figure 6).

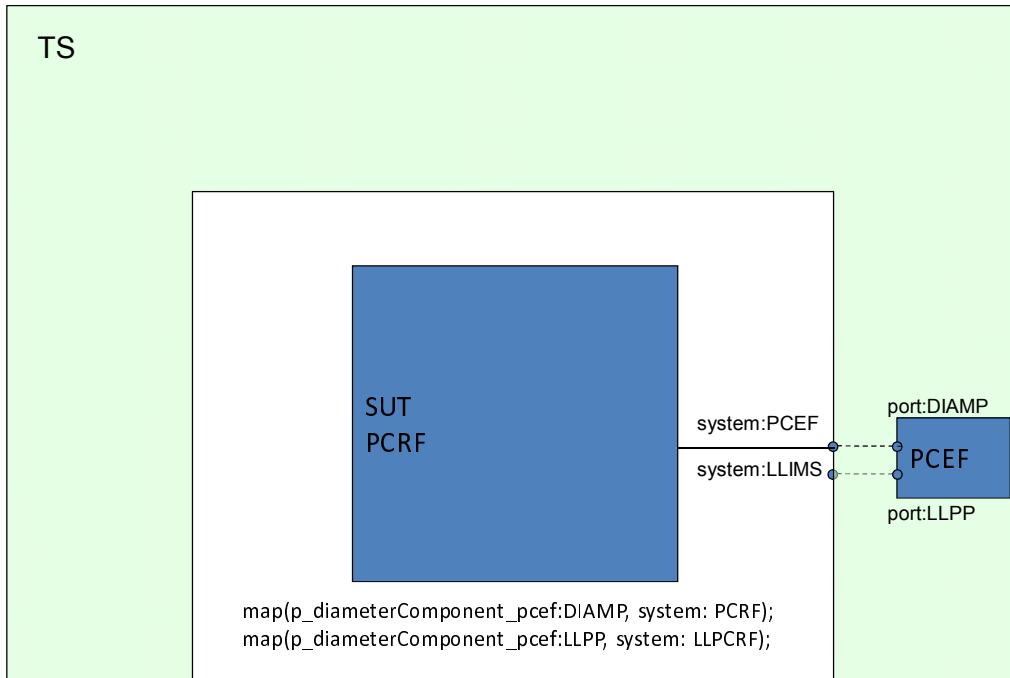


Figure 5: Interconnection for PCRF role

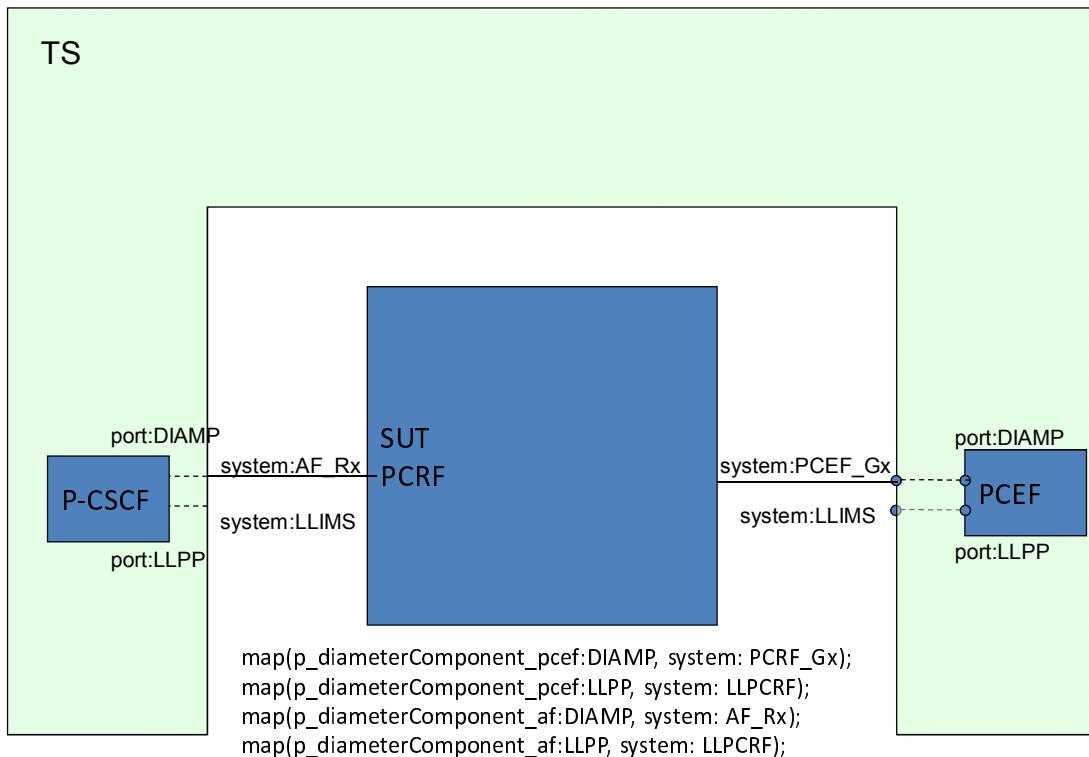


Figure 6: Interconnection for PCRF role with AF interface (Rx)

4.1.3.3 Test Adapter

For execution of the tests the Test Adapter (TA) shall be developed. There are two possibilities to communicate over TA:

- ATS provides only Diameter messages; or
- ATS provides Diameter messages and LL primitives.

5 ATS conventions

The ATS conventions are intended to give a better understanding of the ATS but they also describe the conventions made for the development of the ATS. These conventions shall be considered during any later maintenance or further development of the ATS.

The ATS conventions contain two clauses, the naming conventions and the implementation conventions. The naming conventions describe the structure of the naming of all ATS elements. The implementation conventions describe the functional structure of the ATS.

To define the ATS, the guidelines of the document ETS 300 406 [6] were considered.

5.1 Testing conventions

5.1.1 Test cases Preamble and Postamble

As described in the test method clause the test tool shall behave as a PCRF when the IUT is a PCEF and shall behave as a PCEF when the IUT is a PCRF. For that reason the test case preambles and postambles are named as follows:

IUT is a PCRF (example TC_PCRF_IPS_01)

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f_preamble_PCEF
f_postamble_PCEF
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NOTE 1: The tester also behaves as a Diameter Client.

IUT is a PCEF (example TC_PCEF_IPS_01)

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f_preamble_PCRF
f_postamble_PCRF
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NOTE 2: The tester also behaves as a Diameter Server.

5.2 Naming conventions

5.2.1 General guidelines

The naming conventions are based on the following underlying principles:

- In most cases, identifiers should be prefixed with a short alphabetic string (specified in table 1) indicating the type of TTCN-3 element it represents.
- Suffixes should not be used except in those specific cases identified in table 2.
- Prefixes and suffixes should be separated from the body of the identifier with an underscore ("_"):

EXAMPLE 1: c_sixteen, t_wait_max.

- Only module names, data type names and module parameters should begin with an upper-case letter. All other names (i.e. the part of the identifier following the prefix) should begin with a lower-case letter.
- The start of second and subsequent words in an identifier should be indicated by capitalizing the first character. Underscores should not be used for this purpose.

EXAMPLE 2: f_authenticateUser.

Table 1 specifies the naming guidelines for each element of the TTCN-3 language indicating the recommended prefix, suffixes (if any) and capitalization.

Table 1: TTCN-3 naming convention

Language element	Naming convention	Prefix	Suffix	Example	Notes
Module	Use upper-case initial letter	DiameterGx_	none	DiameterGx_Steps	
TSS grouping	Use all upper-case letters	none	none	TP_PCEFRole_IPS	
Message template	Use lower-case initial letter	m_	none	m_authApplicationId	
Message template with wildcard or matching expression	Use lower-case initial letters	mw_	none	mw_subscriptionId	
Port instance	Use upper-case initial letter	none	none	DiameterPort	
Constant	Use lower-case initial letter	c	none	c_maxRetransmission	
Function	Use lower-case initial letter	f_	none	f_authentication()	
Altstep	Use lower-case initial letter	a_	none	a_receive()	
Variable	Use lower-case initial letter	v_	none	v_basicId	
PICS values	Use all upper case letters	PC_	none	PC_PCRF_DATA_CON	Note
PIXIT values	Use all upper case letters	PX_	none	PX_DIAMETER_IP_ADDR	Note
Parameterization	Use lower-case initial letter	p_	none	p_macId	
Enumerated Value	Use lower-case initial letter	e_	none	e_synCpk	
NOTE: In this case it is acceptable to use underscore as a word delimiter.					

5.2.2 Test case grouping

The ATS structure is based on the Test Purposes for the Diameter protocol on the Gx interface as defined in TS 101 606-2 [2].

5.2.3 Test case identifiers

The test cases have been divided according to the functionalities into several groups.

The test case names are built up according to the following scheme:

Table 2: TC identifier naming convention scheme

Identifier:	<tc>_<iut>_<scope>_<number>	
<tc>	=	Test Case: fixed to "TC"
<iut>	=	type of IUT: PCRF or PCEF
<scope>	=	group
		IPS Initial Provisioning Session
		MSI Modification of Session Information
		INV Invalid Behaviour
		ST Session Termination
		PCC PCC rules
		EMS Emergency services
		UMC Usage monitoring control
		IRS IMS Restoration Support
		MPS Multimedia Priority Support
		SDC Sponsored Data Connectivity
		RAU Reporting Accumulated Usage
<number>	=	sequential number (01-99)

NOTE: This naming scheme results into a one-to-one correspondence between the test purpose identifiers as defined in TS 101 606-2 [2] and the test case identifiers.

The TP identifier of the test case TC_xxx_01 is TP_xxx_01.

Annex A (normative): DIAMETER Gx Partial PIXIT proforma

Notwithstanding the provisions of the copyright clause related to the text of the present document, ETSI grants that users of the present document may freely reproduce the Partial PIXIT proforma in this annex so that it can be used for its intended purposes and may further publish the completed Partial PIXIT.

The PIXIT Proforma is based on ISO/IEC 9646-6 [4]. Any additional information which may be needed can be found in this international standard document.

A.1 Identification summary

Table A.1

PIXIT Number:	
Test Laboratory Name:	
Date of Issue:	
Issued to:	

A.2 ATS summary

Table A.2

Protocol Specification:	TS 129 212 [1] (3GPP TS 29.212 version 10.5.0 Release 10)
Protocol to be tested:	
ATS Specification:	TS 101 606-2 [2]
Abstract Test Method:	TS 101 606-3, clause 4

A.3 Test laboratory

Table A.3

Test Laboratory Identification:	
Test Laboratory Manager:	
Means of Testing:	
SAP Address:	

A.4 Client identification

Table A.4

Client Identification:	
Client Test manager:	
Test Facilities required:	

A.5 SUT

Table A.5

Name:	
Version:	
SCS Number:	
Machine configuration:	
Operating System Identification:	
IUT Identification:	
PICS Reference for IUT:	
Limitations of the SUT:	
Environmental Conditions:	

A.6 Protocol layer information

A.6.1 Protocol identification

Table A.6

Name:	TS 129 212 [1] (3GPP TS 29.212 version 10.5.0 Release 10)
Version:	
PICS References:	

A.7 PIXIT items

Each PIXIT item corresponds to a Module Parameter of the ATS.

A.7.1 Gx related PIXIT items

Tables in this clause need to be filled by the IUT Manufacturer to specify how the IUT needs to be configured with IUT specific values or describe IUT specific procedures required for complete testing of the IUT.

Table A.7: PIXIT for the Gx interface

Id	Identifier	Type	Description
IP addresses and port numbers			
1	PX_DIAMETER_GX_ETS_IPADDR	Charstring	IP address of the test system
2	PX_DIAMETER_GX_SUT_IPADDR	Charstring	IP address of the system under test
3	PX_DIAMETER_GX_ETS_PORT	Integer	Port number of the test system
4	PX_DIAMETER_GX_SUT_PORT	Integer	Port number of the system under test
Field values			
5	PX_SessionID	Charstring	The Session-Id identifying a specific session
6	PX-OriginHost	Charstring	The Origin-Host identifying the endpoint that originates the Diameter messages
7	PX-OriginRealm	Charstring	The Origin-Realm identifying the Realm of the originator of any Diameter messages
8	PX-DestinationHost	Charstring	The Destination-Host identifying the endpoint to which the Diameter messages are destined
9	PX-DestinationRealm	Charstring	The Destination-Realm identifying the Realm of the destination of any Diameter messages
10	PX_Logical_Access_ID	Octetstring	A logical circuit-ID for the Logical-Access-ID AVP in case of xDSL IP-CAN type
11	PX_Physical_Access_ID	UTF8String	A physical access ID for the Physical-Access-ID AVP in case of xDSL IP-CAN type
12	PX_UE1_framedIpAddress	Octetstring	IPv4 address of the User Equipment having initiated the session that causes the Diameter messages exchange between PCEF and PCRF
13	PX_UE1_framedIp6Address	Octetstring	IPv6 address of the User Equipment having initiated the session that causes the Diameter messages exchange between PCEF and PCRF
14	PX_SUBSCRIPTION_ID_TYPE	Enumerated	A subscription ID type for the Subscription-Id-Type AVP in Subscription-Id AVPs Available values: END_USER_E164, END_USER_IMSI, END_USER_SIP_URI, END_USER_NAI
15	PX_SUBSCRIPTION_ID_DATA	UTF8String	Subscription data for the Subscription-Id-Data AVP in Subscription-Id AVPs
16	PX_IP_CAN_TYPE	Enumerated	A connectivity access type for the IP-CAN-Type AVP in CCR messages Available values: 3GPP-GPRS, DCOSIS, xDSL, WiMAX, 3GPP2, 3GPP-EPS, Non-3GPP-EPS
17	PX_RAT_TYPE	Enumerated	A radio access technology for the IP-RAT-Type AVP in CCR messages Available values: WLAN, VIRTUAL, UTRAN, GERAN, GAN, HSPA_EVOLUTION, EUTRAN, CDMA2000, HRPD, UMB, EHRPD
18	PX_APN_AGGREGATE_MAX_BITRATE_UL_AVP_DATA	UInt32	Maximum aggregate bite rate in bits per second for the uplink direction for the APN-Aggregate-Max-Bitrate-UL AVP
19	PX_3GPP_MS_TIMEZONE_DATA	Octetstring	The offset between universal time and local time in steps of 15 minutes for the 3GPP-MS-TimeZone AVP for CCR messages
20	PX_CALLED_STATION_ID_EMERGENCY_APN	UTF8String	An Emergency APN for the Called-Station-Id AVP

Id	Identifier	Type	Description
21	PX_CALLED_STATION_ID_EMERGENCY	UTF8String	An Emergency address for the Called-Station-Id AVP
22	PX_PDN_CONNECTION_ID_DATA	Octetstring	An identity for the PDN connection for the PDN-Connection-ID AVP
23	PX_BEARER_IDENTIFIER	Octetstring	-An identifier for the Bearer-Identifier AVP in CCR messages
24	PX_BEARER_USAGE_DATA	Enumerated	A bearer usage value for the Bearer-Usage AVP Available values: GENERAL, IMS_SIGNALLING
25	PX_ANCA_ipv4	IPv4Addr	The Access-Network-Charging-Address in type IPv4 format
26	PX_ANCA_ipv6	IPv6Addr	The Access-Network-Charging-Address in type IPv6 format
27	PX_SGW_AGW_ipv4	IPv4Addr	The SGW/AGW in IPv4 format (3GPP-EPS and 3GPP2 accessses)
28	PX_SGW_AGW_ipv6	IPv6Addr	The SGW/AGW in IPv6 format (3GPP-EPS and 3GPP2 accessses)
29	PX_ACCESS_NETWORK_CHARGING_ID_IDENTIFIER_VALUE	Octetstring	A charging identifier for the Access-Network-Charging-Identifier-Value AVP in Access-Network-Charging-Identifier AVPs
30	PX_ROUTING_RULE_IDENTIFIER_VALUE	Octetstring	An IP flow mobility routing rule for the Routing-Rule-Identifier AVP in Routing-Rule-Definition AVPs
31	PX_UNKNOWN_RATING_GROUP	UInt32	-Unknown charging key for the Rating-Group AVP
32	PX_NETWORK_REQUEST_SUPPORT	Enumerated	Value indicating the access network support for network initiated procedures for the Network_Request-Support AVP Available values: NETWORK_REQUEST NOT SUPPORTED, NETWORK_REQUEST SUPPORTED
33	PX_CHARGING_RULE_NAME_DATA	Octetstring	-First charging rule name for the Charging-Rule-Name AVP
34	PX_CHARGING_RULE_NAME_DATA2	Octetstring	Second charging rule name for -the Charging-Rule-Name AVP
35	PX_CHARGING_RULE_NAME_DATA3	Octetstring	Third charging rule name for -the Charging-Rule-Name AVP
36	PX_CHARGING_RULE_NAME_DATA_NOEXIST	Octetstring	Non-existent charging rule name for -the Charging-Rule-Name AVP
37	PX_CHARGING_RULE_BASE_NAME_DATA	Octetstring	Charging rule base name for the Charging-Rule-Base-Name AVP -----
38	PX_PCC_RULE_STATUS	Enumerated	A status value of PCC rule(s) for the PCC-Rule-Status AVP Available values: ACTIVE, INACTIVE, TEMPORARILY INACTIVE
39	PX_PRECEDENCE_DATA	UInt32	A precedence value for a PCC rule for the Precedence AVP in CCR messages
40	PX_PACKET_FILTER_IDENTIFIER_DATA	Octetstring	-A packet filter identity for the Packet-Filter-Identifier AVP
41	PX_RULE_FAILURE_CODE	Enumerated	A reason for a PCC rule to be reported for the Rule-Failure-Code AVP in Charging-Rule-Report AVPs Available values: UNKNOWN_RULE-NAME, RATING_GROUP_ERROR, SERVICE_IDENTIFIER_ERROR, GW/PCEF_MALFUNCTION, RESOURCES_LIMITATION, MAX_NR_BEARERS_REACHED, UNKNOWN_BEARER_ID, MISSING_BEARER_ID, MISSING_FLOW_INFORMATION, RESOURCE_ALLOCATION_FAILURE, UNSUCCESSFUL_QOS_INFORMATION, PS_TO_CS_HANDOVER, NO_BEARER_BOUND
42	PX_OFFLINE_DATA	Enumerated	Status of the offline charging interface for the Offline AVP in Charging-Rule-Definition AVPs Available values: DISABLE_OFFLINE, ENABLE_OFFLINE
43	PX_ONLINE_DATA	Enumerated	Status of the online charging interface for the Offline AVP in Charging-Rule-Definition AVPs Available values: DISABLE_ONLINE, ENABLE_ONLINE

Id	Identifier	Type	Description
44	PX MPS_IDENTIFIER	Octetstring	Name of a national variant of the MPS service name for the MPS-Identifier AVP
45	PX_MONITORING_KEY	Octetstring	First monitoring key for the Monitoring-Key AVP in RAR and CCR messages
46	PX_MONITORING_KEY2	Octetstring	Second monitoring key for the Monitoring-Key AVP in RAR and CCR messages
47	PX_REVALIDATION_TIME	Octetstring	NTP time before which the PCEF will re-request PPC rules for the Revalidation-Time AVP in RAR messages
48	PX_ACTIVATION_TIME	Octetstring	NTP time at which a PCC rule will be enforced for Rule-Activation-Time AVP in Charging-Rule-Install AVPs
49	PX_DEACTIVATION_TIME	Octetstring	NTP time at which a PCC rule enforcement will be stopped for Rule-Deactivation-Time AVP in Charging-Rule-Install AVPs
50	PX_SPONSOR_ID	Charstring	A sponsor identity for the Sponsor-Identity AVP in Sponsored-Connectivity AVPs
51	PX_APPLICATION_SERVICE_PROVIDER_ID	Charstring	An application service provider identity for the Application_Service_Provider AVP in Sponsored-Connectivity AVPs
Configuration switches			
52	PX_GTPsupport	Boolean	TRUE if the GTP interface is accessible to trigger Diameter events
53	PX_RxSupport	Boolean	TRUE if the Rx interface is accessible to trigger Diameter events at the Gx interface (see note)
NOTE: If TRUE, table A.8 needs to be completed.			

A.7.2 Rx related PIXIT items

Table A.8 contains PIXIT items related to the communication between AF and PCRF via Rx interface. The AF is simulated by the test system, the system under test is the PCRF. For testing the PCEF the values in table A.8 will not be used.

Table A.8: PIXIT for the Rx interface

Id	Identifier	Type	Description
IP addresses and port numbers			
1	PX_DIAMETER_RX_ETS_IPADDR	Charstring	IP address of the test system
2	PX_DIAMETER_RX_SUT_IPADDR	Charstring	IP address of the system under test
3	PX_DIAMETER_RX_ETS_PORT	Integer	Port number of the test system
4	PX_DIAMETER_RX_SUT_PORT	Integer	Port number of the system under test
Field values			
5	PX_RX_SessionID	Charstring	The Session-Id identifying a specific session
6	PX_RX-OriginHost	Charstring	The Origin-Host identifying the endpoint that originates the Diameter messages
7	PX_RX-OriginRealm	Charstring	The Origin-Realm identifying the Realm of the originator of any Diameter messages
8	PX_RX-DestinationHost	Charstring	The Destination-Host identifying the endpoint to which the Diameter messages are destined
9	PX_RX-DestinationRealm	Charstring	The Destination-Realm identifying the Realm of the destination of any Diameter messages
10	PX_RX_MediaComponentNr	UInt32	A media component number for the Media-Component AVP in Media-Component-Description AVPs

Annex B (normative): DIAMETER Gx Abstract Test Suite (ATS)

This ATS has been produced using the Testing and Test Control Notation (TTCN-3) according to ES 201 873-1 [7].

B.1 The TTCN-3 Module

The TTCN-3 library modules corresponding to the ATS are contained in archive ts_10160603v020101p0.zip which accompanies the present document.

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