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Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP).

The present document is part 1 of a multi-part TS covering the 3rd Generation Partnership Project: Technical Specification Group Services and System Aspects; Telecommunication Management; Notification Management, as identified below:

- Part 1:** “Notification Integration Reference Point : Requirements”;
Part 2: “Notification Integration Reference Point: Information Service”;
Part 3: “Notification Integration Reference Point: CORBA Solution Set ”;
Part 4: “Notification Integration Reference Point: CMIP Solution Set ”;

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Introduction

The Itf-N interface is built up by a number of Integration Reference Points (IRPs) and a related Name Convention, which realise the functional capabilities over this interface. The basic structure of the IRPs is defined in 3GPP TS 32.101 [1] and 3GPP TS 32.102 [2].

Network Elements (NEs) under management and element managers generate notifications of events about occurrences within the network. Different kinds of events carry different kinds of information. For instance a new alarm as specified in Alarm IRP: Information Service [3], is one possible kind of event, an object creation as specified in Basic CM IRP : Information Service [4] is another possible kind of event.

Information of an event is carried in notification. An IRP Agent (typically an EM or a NE) emits notifications. IRP Manager (typically a network management system) receives notifications. The purpose of Notification IRP is to define an interface through which an IRP Manager can subscribe to IRP Agent for receiving notifications.

This IRP bases its design on work captured in ITU-T Recommendation X.734 [5], OMG Notification Service [6]. The central design ideas are:

- Separation of notification Consumers (IRP Managers) from Producers (IRP Agents);
- Notifications are sent to IRP Managers without the need for IRP Managers to periodically check for new notifications.

Common characteristics related to notifications in all other IRPs are gathered in one IRP.

1 Scope

The purpose of Notification IRP is to define an interface through which an IRPManager can subscribe to an IRPAgent for receiving notifications. This document is the « Requirements » of Notification IRP. It defines, for the purpose of subscribing to an IRPAgent for receiving notifications, the basic requirements that shall be fulfilled on Itf-N.

How IRPManager discovers the IRPAgent's address or reference (so that IRPManager can invoke an operation) is outside the scope of the present document.

2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.
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- [1] 3GTS 32.101: "3G Telecom Management principles and high level requirements".
- [2] 3GTS 32.102: "3G Telecom Management architecture".
- [3] 3GTS 32.111-2: "Alarm IRP: Information Service".
- [4] 3GTS 32.601-2: "Basic CM IRP: Information Service".
- [5] ITU-T Recommendation X.734: "Information technology - Open Systems Interconnection - Systems Management: Event report management function".
- [6] OMG: "OMG Notification Service".

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply.

Element Manager (EM) : See 3G TS 32.101 [1].

IRPAgent : See 3G TS 32.102 [2].

IRPManager : See 3G TS 32.102 [2].

Network Manager (NM) : See 3G TS 32.101 [1].

3.2 Abbreviations

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

CM	Configuration Management
CMIP	Common Management Information Protocol
CORBA	Common Object Request Broker Architecture
EM	Element Manager
FM	Fault Management
IRP	Integration Reference Point
ITU-T	International Telecommunication Union, Telecommunication Standardisation Sector
MIB	Management Information Base
NE	Network Element
NR	Network Resource
OMG	Object Management Group
OS	Operations System
TM	Telecom Management
UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunications System

4 Notification management functions over Itf-N

4.1 Notification mechanism subscription functions

The IRPAgent shall provide IRPManagers with the capabilities to subscribe and unsubscribe to the notification mechanism. An IRPManager shall be able to specify the types of notifications IRPAgent should emit to IRPManager during subscription, to specify filtering criteria that shall be applied by the notification mechanism. An IRPManager shall be able to subscribe several times in order to include in a subscription different types of notifications. An IRPManager shall also be able to request multiple subscriptions, which is equivalent, from the IRPAgent perspective, to multiple IRPManagers each providing one subscription.

4.2 Subscription control functions

The IRPAgent may provide to IRPManagers capabilities to control its subscriptions. An IRPManager may then be able to check whether its subscription is still active or not, to know the details of a particular subscription and to know the list of all subscriptions it has opened.

4.3 Notification control functions

In principle, notifications are forwarded to the IRPManagers as soon as they are available. The real-time forwarding of these notifications occurs via appropriate filtering mechanisms ("discriminators" on CMIP interfaces, "subscription" on CORBA interfaces) in accordance with ITU-T Recommendation X.734 [5] or OMGevent/notification service. Any IRPManager may be able to set and change filter criteria applicable during the life-cycle of one of its subscriptions in order to ensure that only the notifications which fulfil pre-defined criteria are sent.. An IRPManager may also be able to enable and disable the emission of notifications corresponding to its subscriptions.

4.4 Function to discover notification capabilities

The IRPAgent may provide IRPManagers with a capability to discover the IRPs supported by the IRPAgent that are capable of sending notifications through the notification IRP. Those IRPs shall be identified with their version.

4.5 Generic notification header

Notifications are emitted by the notification IRP. Those notifications can be defined in any other IRP (e.g. a notification for a new alarm as specified in Alarm IRP: Information Service [3]). It is required that all notifications emitted by the notification IRP support the same header that contains enough information to identify the type of notification, the resource at the origin of the notification and the time of the notification.

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