Implement way how to handle IuUP on RTP endpoints

Status: Resolved  
Priority: Normal  
Assignee: pespin  

Description

It seems like (at least) the nano3G have a bug where they cannot handle RTP/IuUP between two hNodeB for some reason. So we'll have to implement some kind of minimal RTP proxy that locally terminates the IuUP protocol but passes the payload throgh. It should use the IuUP library code to be developed in #1936

Related issues:

- Related to Cellular Network Infrastructure - Bug #3411: 3G voice broken, CS R... Resolved 07/23/2018
- Related to OsmoMGW - Feature #5468: osmo-mgw: 2g<-3g call support New 02/28/2022
- Precedes OsmoMGW - Feature #2459: remove nano3G IuUP "Initialization ACK" hac... Resolved 02/06/2017 02/06/2017
- Follows OsmoMGW - Feature #1936: Implementation of IuUP SMpSDU mode Resolved 02/02/2017

History

#1 - 02/02/2017 03:32 PM - neels

The most minimal "RTP proxy" that is apparently sufficient for nano3G operation would merely change the UP Initialization sent to a nano3G to an ACK Initialization by writing 0xe4 to the Initialization message’s first byte...

This is currently done in our MGCP-GW (openbsc.git:osmo-bsc_mgcp on branch neels/nano3G), notably without detecting whether it is indeed IuUP being forwarded but by crudely writing 0xe4 to the first payload forwarded in an RTP stream. Definitely needs improvement.

#2 - 02/02/2017 03:40 PM - neels

- Related to Feature #1936: Implementation of IuUP SMpSDU mode added

#3 - 02/20/2017 01:55 PM - neels

neels wrote:

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To clarify, one side would send an UP Initialization, and the other side would send an Initialization ACK. The nano3G seems to omit the Initialization ACK even though it receives an Initialization, possibly because it assumes to be the first to have sent the initialization and thus deserves an ACK from the other side instead of being the party that should ACK. In our case, the other side is so far the same nano3G itself, because we first echo back the RTP streams to the sender until both legs of the call are established, at which point we switch RTP from echo to forward mode. Maybe this should actually change so that the nano3Gs talk to each other directly concerning IuUP Initialization and ACK, in which case a proxy might be necessary to change the second Initialization to an ACK as indicated above.

#4 - 05/24/2017 02:06 PM - neels

neels wrote:

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right now I don't see how this can work. According to our MNCC code in OsmoMSC, we first need to establish both call legs before we can BRIDGE two calls. Establishing a call leg centrally depends on the RAB Assignment to be successful. Having that succeed centrally depends on the UP Initialization to succeed. So it would always need to be our MGW (aka MGCP-GW aka osmo-bsc_mgcp) that responds with the Initialization ACK, IIUC.

#5 - 08/17/2017 06:51 AM - laforge
- Assignee changed from Osmocom CNI Developers to sysmocom

#6 - 09/19/2017 11:21 PM - neels
- Project changed from OsmoHNBGW to OsmoMGW

shouldn't this go to OsmoMGW? Maybe assign to dexter?

#7 - 09/23/2017 04:40 AM - laforge
Hi Neels,

On Tue, Sep 19, 2017 at 11:21:45PM +0000, neels [REDMINE] wrote:

Project changed from OsmoHNBGW to OsmoMGW

shouldn't this go to OsmoMGW?

correct, it was probably created at a time when there was no OsmoMGW project in redmine, or it was a mistake.

Maybe assign to dexter?

By now that's a good idea, yes. Wasn't clear yet a the time...

#8 - 10/11/2017 12:59 AM - laforge
- Subject changed from Implement minimal RTP proxy with IuUP to Implement way how to handle IuUP on RTP endpoints
- Assignee changed from sysmocom to dexter

The interesting problem here is how to express IuUP in MGCP.

We cannot introduce separate endpoint types, as this would mean we can never connect an IuUP (3G) and plain RTP (2G) connection together. So this support will probably be at connection level, so a single RTP-bridge endpoint can have connections either in RTP or in IuUP-fashion.

#9 - 11/16/2017 09:31 PM - laforge

Based on seveal soruces, and the fact that IuUp is more or less identical to IuNp, the SDP for IuUP should look like this:

m=audio 49300 RTP/AVP 97
a=rtpmap:97 VND.3GPP.IUFP/16000

Where 16000 is of course only applicable in case of AMR-WB. The key part is the "VND.3GPP.IUFP" part instead of "AMR".

#10 - 11/18/2017 08:26 PM - laforge
- Precedes Feature #2459: remove nano3G IuUP "Initialization ACK" hack when IuUP proxy is in place added

#11 - 11/18/2017 08:27 PM - laforge
- Related to deleted (Feature #1936: Implementation of IuUP SMpSDU mode)

#12 - 11/18/2017 08:27 PM - laforge
- Due date set to 02/03/2017
- Start date changed from 02/02/2017 to 02/03/2017
- Follows Feature #1936: Implementation of IuUP SMpSDU mode added

#13 - 12/23/2017 07:34 PM - laforge
My humble guess would be that if we activate the voice bearers with "RANAP_UserPlaneMode_transparent" there would be no IuUP inside the RTP to begin with.

Not aware of it; I remember that I tried to tweak around various parameters when attempting to get the nano3G to run, but am not sure whether I tweaked this one in particular. Would be good to try.

Just to get this noted somewhere, in case we later need it:

3GPP TS 23.153 Section 5.4 covers the UP Framing Protocol handling for TrFO. From it we can see that the MGW might need to perform RFCI value correction.

Only thing missing is rework codec related code to have 2g<->3g calls at the osmo-msc collocated osmo-mgw working properly. This can be addresses after the SDP improvement patches for osmo-mgw are merged. Other stuff is working. So we can close this ticket.