

MTAS SIP Management Guide

MTAS

USER GUIDE

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1 Introduction

This document describes how to configure the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) in the MTAS.

1.1 Prerequisites

It is assumed that the user of this document is familiar with the O&M area, in general.

1.1.1 Licenses

Not applicable.

1.1.2 Documents

Before starting any procedure in this document, ensure that the following documents are available:

- *Ericsson Command-Line Interface User Guide*
- *Managed Object Model (MOM)*

1.1.3 Conditions

The following condition must apply:

An Ericsson Command-Line Interface (ECLI) session in Exec mode is in progress.





2 Overview

SIP is the session signaling protocol in the MTAS. The MTAS supports SIP over UDP and TCP.

The IMS Service Control (ISC) interface connects the MTAS and the Serving Call Session Control Function (S-CSCF) node. The SIP function terminates the ISC interface on the MTAS side.

Also, the SIP function receives subdomain-routed SIP messages to services hosted by the MTAS. An MTAS service can be identified with a Public Service Identifier (PSI).

The configuration of the SIP function involves defining UDP and TCP ports, where SIP messages arrive on the ISC interface. It also involves setting of a few SIP-related timers. The *MtasSip* Managed Object (MO) controls the SIP function for an entire MTAS node.

2.1 SIP Error Response

The SIP behavior is affected when the SIP error response is set or changed for the Multimedia Telephony (MMTel), Network Announcement (NA), or Communication Barring (CB) services. A SIP error response is sent when an announcement has been played from the originating or terminating MTAS.





3 Session Case Determination

The call case for a service session handled by the MTAS is determined by the Call Session Control Function (CSCF) and can never change during the session. The CSCF signals this decision by setting the `sescase` and `regstate` attributes of the `P-Served-User` header or by forwarding traffic for the different cases to a specific port in the MTAS. The MTAS considers the `P-Served-User` header only when the CM attribute `mtasSipSupportPServedUserHeader` is set to `enabled`.

For more information about the `P-Served-User` header, refer to [IETF RFC 5502](#).

When the `P-Served-User` header is used in the network, indicated by the CM attribute `mtasSipSupportPServedUserHeader` set to `enabled`, the session case determined by the `sescase` and `regstate` attributes of the `P-Served-User` header overrides the receiving port, provided it is not a PSI port. Even if the session case is determined by the `P-Served-User` header, the selection between the Multimedia Telephony Application Server (MMTel AS) and Service Centralization and Continuity Application Server (SCC-AS) triggering is still port-based.





4 Change IP-Version

To change the IP-version:

1. Deactivate the *MtasFunction* MO, as described in *MTAS Node Management Guide*.
2. Check that the `mtasFunctionAdministrativeState` attribute is set to 0 (Locked).
3. Navigate to the *MtasSip* MO.
4. Change the `mtasSipIpVersion` parameter to one of the following values:
 - “0” to use to IPv4
 - “1” to use to IPv6

The selected IP version is applied to the ISC, Ma, Pw, and Mr interfaces.

For a complete description of the `mtasSipIpVersion` parameter, refer to *Managed Object Model (MOM)*.

5. Click **Submit**.
6. If no other configurations are to be made within the *MtasFunction* MO, activate the MTAS by setting the `mtasFunctionAdministrativeState` attribute to 1 (Unlocked) in the *MtasFunction* MO.
7. Perform a backup, as described in *Create Backup*.

Note: The MTAS does not support the dual mode for IPv4 or IPv6. Hence the SIP ports can only bind to either IPv4 or IPv6 at a time, see Section 6 on page 11.





5 Change DSCP Marking Value

The MTAS supports Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) marking of the outgoing SIP messages. The CM attribute `mtasSipIpDscpMarking` defines the DSCP value which is used for SIP traffic classification. The DSCP is the six most significant bits of the (former) IPv4 TOS octet or the (former) IPv6 Traffic Class octet. It is used to identify the level of service a packet receives in the network.

For more information about DSCP marking, refer to the [IETF RFC 2474](#) specification.

To change the Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) marking value:

1. Deactivate the `MtasFunction` MO, as described in *MTAS Node Management Guide*.
2. Make sure the `mtasFunctionAdministrativeState` attribute is set to 0 (Locked).
3. Navigate to the `MtasSip` MO.
4. Change the `mtasSipIpDscpMarking` attribute to the desired value (0-63). This selected DSCP value is applied to the ISC, Ma, Pw, and Mr interfaces.

For a complete description of the `mtasSipIpDscpMarking` attribute, refer to *Managed Object Model (MOM)*.

5. Click **Submit**.
6. If no other configurations are to be made within the `MtasFunction` MO, activate the MTAS by setting the `mtasFunctionAdministrativeState` attribute to 1 (Unlocked) in the `MtasFunction` MO.
7. Perform a backup, as described in *Create Backup*.





6 Change SIP Ports

To change the SIP ports:

1. Deactivate the `MtasFunction` MO, as described in *MTAS Node Management Guide*.
2. Make sure that the `mtasFunctionAdministrativeState` attribute is set to 0 (Locked).
3. Navigate to the `MtasSip` MO.
4. Change one or all of the following parameters:

General

- `mtasSipPsiPort`
- `mtasSipPresencePort`

MMTel traffic

- `mtasSipTrafficOriginatingIpPort`
- `mtasSipTrafficOrigUnregIpPort`
- `mtasSipTrafficTerminatingIpPort`
- `mtasSipTrafficTermUnregIpPort`

SCC traffic

- `mtasSipSccOrigPort`
- `mtasSipSccOrigUnregPort`
- `mtasSipSccTermPort`
- `mtasSipSccTermUnregPort`

For a complete description of the parameters, refer to *Managed Object Model (MOM)*.

5. Click **Submit**.
6. If no other configurations are to be made within the `MtasFunction` MO, activate the MTAS by setting the `mtasFunctionAdministrativeState` attribute to 1 (Unlocked) in the `MtasFunction` MO.
7. To open traffic for a new port number, remove VIP Mappings for old UDP and TCP port number, and then insert VIP Mappings with the same data



for the new UDP and TCP port number. This is for the used protocol, either IPv4 or IPv6.
For information on VIP Mappings, refer to *Virtual IP Address Management*.

8. Perform a backup, as described in *Create Backup*.



7 SIP Parameters Configuration

The `MtAsSip` MO makes it possible to configure other parameters relating to the SIP management. For a complete description of the parameters, refer to *Managed Object Model (MOM)*.





8 SIP Traffic from Operation and Maintenance Traffic Separation

It is possible to separate SIP traffic from O&M traffic, using different Virtual IP (VIP) addresses. For details about how to add VIP to a live system, and to add aliases in Domain Name System (DNS), refer to cluster configuration. Limitation: cluster configuration is not available in the CPI yet.





9 DNS Configuration

If the MTAS needs to look up a hostname, the DNS Resolver is used. For more information about the DNS configuration, refer to *Managed Object Model (MOM)*.

The `DnsLocalAddress` parameter is to be configured such that the DNS communication with the Name Server is displayed on the SIP traffic interface.

9.1 Add DNS Entry

Add the DNS entry “+tasvip4” and the “tasvip6” depending on the used IP version.

Note: The “tasvip6” entry must always be defined, even if it is not used.





10 Call Out of the Blue

The MTAS supports generation of out of the blue initial requests, CM parameter `mtasSipCallOutOfBlueRouting`. The MTAS can send call out of the blue (COOB) SIP requests direct to the I-CSCF for onward routing in the IMS network. The identity of the I-CSCF used to route messages is configured in CM parameter `mtasSipIcscfName`.

For more information, refer to *Managed Object Model (MOM)*.





11 MTAS Handles OPTIONS (Ping)

The MTAS can receive an OPTIONS request outside a dialog that addresses the MTAS. If MTAS receives an OPTIONS request from a node (usually a CSCF node) that addresses the MTAS as defined by the CM attribute `mtasSipOptionsUri` (a list of URIs), then the MTAS sends a 200 OK as an answer to this OPTIONS (ping) request without any SDP body.

For more information, refer to *Managed Object Model (MOM)*.





12 Failover and Greylisting

When acting as User Agent Client (UAC), the MTAS supports DNS-based redundancy of the next hop SIP server (proxy or User Agent Server (UAS)). When more than one IP address is received from the DNS, the request is resent to the next address if the connection to the first one cannot be established because of connectivity problems, or the request encounters time out.

For more information about DNS configuration, refer to *Managed Object Model (MOM)*.

The failover time-out is defined by the CM attributes `mtasSipFailoverTimeInvite` and `mtasSipFailoverTimeNonInvite`. The failed server is inserted in a Greylist for a configurable time period defined by the CM attributes `IcmpBarringTime` and `mtasFunctionBlackListTime`; that is, the server is used for new requests only when there is no other non-greylisted server or the request sending to all non-greylisted servers has failed.

Table 1 shows the events indicating unreachability and the corresponding timer.

Table 1 Selection of Greylisting Timer Value

Event	Greylisting
ICMP Destination Unreachable (3), net unreachable (0)	<code>IcmpBarringTime</code>
ICMP Destination Unreachable (3), host unreachable (1)	<code>IcmpBarringTime</code>
ICMP Destination Unreachable (3), protocol unreachable (2)	<code>IcmpBarringTime</code>
ICMP Destination Unreachable (3), port unreachable (3)	<code>IcmpBarringTime</code>
ICMP Parameter Problem (12)	<code>IcmpBarringTime</code>
Socket error 52 – Network is unreachable	<code>mtasFunctionBlackListTime</code>
Socket error 61 – Connection refused	<code>mtasFunctionBlackListTime</code>
Socket error 62 – Host is down	<code>mtasFunctionBlackListTime</code>
Socket error 63 – No route to host	<code>mtasFunctionBlackListTime</code>
SIP Transaction time-out (only for INVITE)	<code>mtasFunctionBlackListTime</code>
SIP 503 Response without Retry-After	<code>mtasFunctionBlackListTime</code>
SIP 503 Response with Retry-After	Value of <code>Retry-After</code> header



Whenever a failover is attempted the `MtasFuncFailover` Performance Management (PM) counter is stepped.

The following preconditions must be fulfilled for supporting the failover procedure:

- The IP address: port of the next hop in the `Route` header is looked up in DNS from the domain name equal to the value of the `mtasSipIscsfName`, `mtasMrControllerName`, `mtasSpecializedMediaResourceName`, `mtasIdPresCnipCnameServerName`, or `mtasLocationFunctionAddress` CM attributes.
- The request creates a new Dialog.
- More than one IP address is returned in the DNS response.

The following preconditions must be fulfilled for being subject of the greylisting procedure:

- The IP address: port of the next hop in the `Route` header is looked up in DNS from the domain name equal to the value of the `mtasSipIscsfName`, `mtasMrControllerName`, `mtasSpecializedMediaResourceName`, `mtasIdPresCnipCnameServerName`, or `mtasLocationFunctionAddress` CM attributes.
- The request failed because of connectivity problems, or the request was an `INVITE` and the failover timer expired, or a `503` Response is received from the server.

For more information about failover and greylisting, refer to the following documents:

- *Managed Object Model (MOM)*
- *MTAS External Network Configuration*



13 Served User

The MTAS can be configured to support the `P-Served-User` header received in initial requests, with the CM parameter `mtasSipSupportPServedUserHeader`.

This attribute specifies if the `P-Served-User` headers must be supported. When supported, the served user must be determined from the `P-Served-User` header when available. Otherwise the served user is determined from the `P-Asserted-Id` for the originating session case and from the Request URI for the terminating session case.

The served user is the user that originated the request, the user the request was originated on behalf of, or the user the request was terminated on.

For a complete description of the parameters, refer to *Managed Object Model (MOM)*.





14 Originating AS Chaining

The MTAS can be configured to support external triggering of originating services after retargeting, to enable AS chaining, with the CM parameter `mtasSipOriginatingAsChaining`.

The `P-Served-User` header must be enabled and used by the S-CSCF for Originating AS chaining to work.

When Originating AS chaining is disabled:

- The MTAS triggers originating services after retargeting internally in the MTAS for the terminating session case. There is no AS chaining before the session is routed towards the new target.
- For call out of blue sessions, the MTAS indicates terminating behavior either by not including the “orig” Route parameter or by setting the `noifc=orig` parameter in the Request URI.

When Originating AS chaining is enabled:

- The `INVITE` is returned to the S-CSCF after retargeting, the S-CSCF initiates triggering of originating services by sending the `INVITE` to the terminating AS for an originating session case. AS chaining can then be performed before the session is routed towards the new target.
- For call out of blue sessions, the MTAS indicates originating behavior by including the “orig” Route parameter and the `P-Served-User` header.

Examples for retargeting of sessions are all types of Communication Diversion. For call out of blue sessions, the *Adding participant to Conference* and *Flexible Call Distribution* options are available.

For a complete description of the parameters, refer to *Managed Object Model (MOM)*.





15 Keep-alive Mechanism

The MTAS supports a session keep-alive mechanism based on the SIP Session Timer extension.

For more information about the SIP Session Timer extension, refer to [IETF RFC 4028](#).

The MTAS handles the session timer for each SIP dialog in isolation. There is no session timer information passed between the incoming side and the outgoing side. Therefore, the session timer can be enabled on one side while disabled on the other. It can also be enabled on both sides but with different timer expiry values. When the MTAS sends the initial INVITE on the outgoing side, it forms the headers relevant for the session timer extension according to the current configuration information, regardless of how session timers were used on the incoming side. The MTAS is flexible in this respect and adapts to the other entities in the SIP signaling path.

The following CM attributes are used by the MTAS to control the normal keep-alive handling:

- `Min-SE` is the shortest possible session interval acceptable to the MTAS. Any INVITE request proposing a lower value is rejected by a 422 `Session Interval Too Small` response.
- `Session-Expires` is the preferred session interval. If an INVITE request is received proposing a higher value, the MTAS reduces the session interval to its configured value or the value of the `Min-SE` header in the received INVITE, whichever is highest. The value of the attribute `Session-Expires` is used also in the sent INVITES.

The MTAS terminates sessions that are not modified or refreshed, for example, if there is no signalling during 24 hours, to prevent stale session from using system resources. To avoid terminating sessions that actually are active, they must be periodically refreshed by the use of session timers. To prevent the scenario where there is no session timer started on the incoming or the outgoing side, for example, where an extension is not being supported by the SIP clients, a session timer is always started when an INVITE or an UPDATE request or 200OK for an INVITE or an UPDATE is received even if not requested in the message. The session-interval is in this case the value configured in the attribute `mtasSipDefaultSessionExpiry`, if it is not set to 0. However, the session timer can be disabled by setting the attribute `mtasSipSuperviseAllSessions` to 0 (false). Disabling the session timer thus introduces a limitation on the duration of a session to 24 hours (unless the session is modified or refreshed before this time limit expires). A summary of how the different configuration settings affect the behavior is shown in Table 2.

Table 2 *MTAS Behavior Depending on Attribute-Values of `mtasSipSuperviseAllSessions` and `mtasSipDefaultSessionExpiry`*

mtasSipSuperviseAllSessions	mtasSipDefaultSessionExpiry	MTAS Behavior
1	≥ 90	A session timer is always started when an INVITE or an UPDATE request or 200OK for an INVITE or an UPDATE is received even if not requested in the message. The session-interval is in this case the value configured in the attribute <code>mtasSipDefaultSessionExpiry</code> .
1	0	No session timer is started unless the other nodes request it and contains a valid Session-Expires interval in their requests or responses. This means that a session can last forever.
0	Any value	MTAS terminates sessions that are not modified or refreshed within 24 hours. MTAS does not start a session timer when an INVITE or an UPDATE request or 200OK for an INVITE or an UPDATE is received if not requested in the message.

It is also possible to force both-way, end-to-end keep-alive sending for User Equipment (UE) sessions, by setting the attribute `mtasSipUeSessionTimerSupport` to 0 (false). When the keep-alive mechanism is suppressed, the MTAS acts in the following way:

- The MTAS ignores the Session Timer related headers, `Session-Expires` and `Min-SE`, and feature tag (timer) in the received SIP messages (both requests and responses) and does not start session timer procedures.
- The MTAS does not include Session Timer related headers and feature tag in the sent SIP messages (both requests and responses).



- The MTAS passes on the received Session Refresh messages, re-INVITE/200 OK/ACK or UPDATE/200 OK, from the incoming dialog to the outgoing dialog or from the outgoing dialog to the incoming dialog.

Note: Forcing the both-way, end-to-end keep-alive sending for UE sessions have no effect on the keep-alive mechanism used in the non-UE sessions, for example, sessions to the external Media Resource Function Controller (external-MRFC) or to the Customized Alerting Tones Server.