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1. Scope

(Informative)

This document is the AD for the Mobile Location Service V1.3 (MLS V1.3), which consists of the Mobile Location Protocol (MLP) and Roaming Location Protocol (RLP).

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3. Terminology and Conventions

3.1 Conventions

The key words “MUST”, “MUST NOT”, “REQUIRED”, “SHALL”, “SHALL NOT”, “SHOULD”, “SHOULD NOT”, “RECOMMENDED”, “MAY”, and “OPTIONAL” in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

All sections and appendixes, except “Scope” and “Introduction”, are normative, unless they are explicitly indicated to be informative.

3.2 Definitions

Civic address	Description of a location by means of e.g. Street name, Street number, Town and Country.
Interface	See [OMA-DICT]
Location Privacy Checking Entity	The Location Privacy Checking Entity is responsible for resolving IDs and for privacy checking. In 3GPP context this corresponds to the Privacy Profile Register (PPR). The PPR may be a part of the GMLC.
Location Server	Software and/or hardware entity offering location capabilities. In 3GPP context this corresponds to the Gateway Mobile Location Center (GMLC).
MLS client	Software and/or hardware entity requesting location. In 3GPP context this corresponds to the LoCation Services client (LCS Client).
Mobile Location Service	A service with location capability
Reference Point	See [OMA-DICT]
SUPL Enabled Terminal (SET)	A device that is capable of communicating with a SUPL network. Examples of this could be a UE in UMTS, a MS in GSM or IS-95, or a PC over an IP-based transport.
SUPL Location Platform (SLP)	Entity responsible for SUPL Service Management and Position Determination. SLP contains the SLC and SPC Functions.
SUPL Provider	Mobile Network Operator, provides location assistance data to the SUPL Agent and optionally calculates the SET location. See also SUPL 3.0 RD

3.3 Abbreviations

3GPP	3rd Generation Partnership Project
AD	Architecture Document
GPS	Global Positioning System
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communication
HTTP	Hyper Text Transport Protocol
IP	Internet Protocol
LCS	LoCation Service
LS	Location Server
MLP	Mobile Location Protocol
MLS	Mobile Location Service
MS	Mobile Station
OMA	Open Mobile Alliance
PCE	Location Privacy Checking Entity
PCP	Location Privacy Checking Protocol
RD	Requirement Document

RLP	Roaming Location Protocol
SET	SUPL Enabled Terminal
SLC	SUPL Location Center
SLP	SUPL Location Platform
SPC	SUPL Positioning Center
SUPL	Secure User Plane Location
TS	Technical Specification
UE	User Equipment
UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunication System
XML	Extensible Markup Language

4. Introduction (Informative)

The OMA Mobile Location Service V1.3 (MLS V1.3) consists of a set of location specifications complying with 3GPP Release 10 LCS Specification [23.271 Rel-10]. The set of specifications in MLS V1.3 consist of MLP V3.4 [MLP 3.4] and RLP V1.2 [RLP 1.2].

MLP describes the protocol between an MLS client and the LS. In the 3GPP context, MLP was chosen to be an instantiation of the stage 3 specification for the Le reference point [23.271 Rel-10].

RLP describes the protocol between two LS. In the 3GPP context, RLP will be an instantiation of the stage 3 specification for the Lr reference point [23.271 Rel-10]. Additionally, RLP will be an instantiation of the reference point Lr as defined in [SUPL 3.0 AD] between two SLPs with the purpose to transport information between SLPs to enable positioning of roaming SUPL Enabled Terminals [SUPL 3.0 RD]. Examples of such information are coarse position used when generating GPS assistance data or the actual GPS assistance data.

The Lid/Lpp reference points as defined in [23.271 Rel-10] do not have any instantiation in MLS V1.3. The OMA Mobile Location Service V1.3 (MLS V1.3) will benefit the industry widely and not only 3GPP and more requirements have been added as needed for wireless technologies besides GSM and UMTS. One example of such an added requirement is the support of L3 interface in “TIA/EIA-41-D Location Services Enhancements” [3GPP2 X.S0002-0 V2.0].

Figure 1 shows an architectural diagram of MLS, its components and interfaces.

Figure 2 shows an architectural diagram of relevant components and interfaces in SUPL.

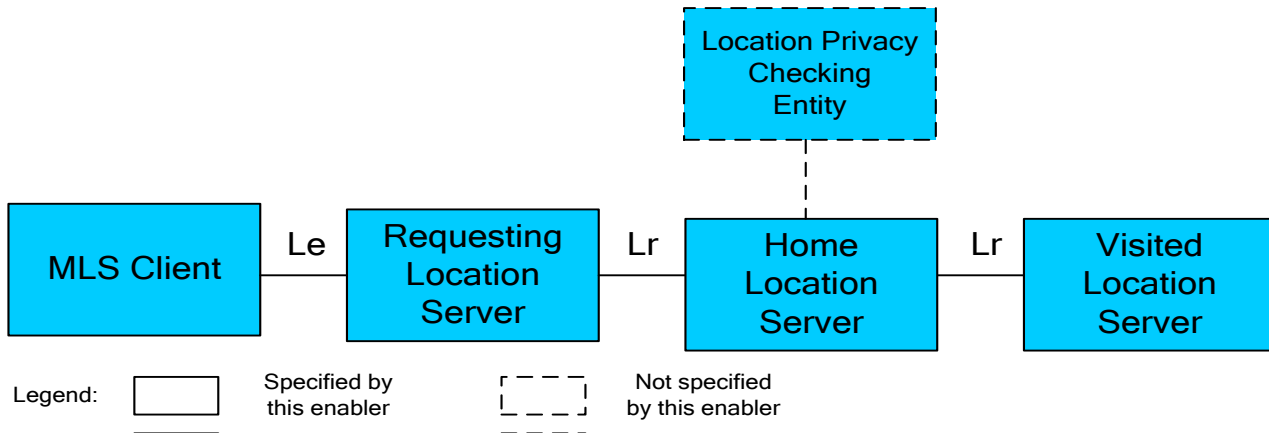


Figure 1: Architectural diagram of MLS

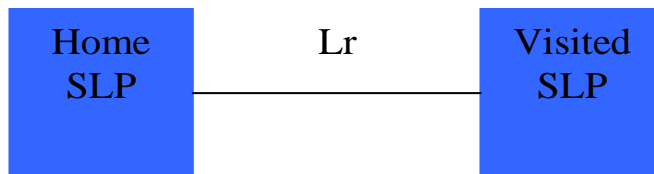


Figure 2: Relevant Reference Points in SUPL

4.1 Version 1.0

The OMA Mobile Location Service V1.0 (MLS V1.0) is based on the OMA MLP 3.1 enabler. The main scope of MLS V1.0 is to align with the 3GPP Release 6 LCS Specification. To achieve this a number of enhancements to MLP were made. One example of enhancement is introduction of Area Event trigger. To support the new architecture in the 3GPP Release 6 LCS Specification two protocols, RLP V1.0 and PCP V1.0, was added. The protocol specification for PCP V1.0 was however not completed in MLS V1.0.

4.2 Version 1.1

The protocol specification for PCP V1.0 was added to the enabler.

4.3 Version 1.2

MLS V1.2 is an evolution of MLS V1.1. The functional additions are:

- support of 3GPP Release 7 LCS Specification
- support of OMA SUPL V2.0
- support of the L3 interface in “TIA/EIA-41-D Location Services Enhancements”
- support of multiple responses with increasing accuracy to a location request
- support of the capability to stop location reporting for individual targets of a Triggered Location Reporting Request that included more than one target.
- Support of civic address formats.

Relative MLS V1.1 following function is removed:

- The protocol specification for reference points Lid and Lpp is removed. The system entity PCE is thus not defined in MLS V1.2.

4.4 Version 1.3

MLS V1.3 is an evolution of MLS V1.2. The functional additions are:

- support of 3GPP Release 10 LCS Specification
- support of OMA SUPL V3.0
- support of OMA LPPe V1.0
- improvements of trigger feature

5. Architectural Model

The Architectural model of MLS V1.3 is described in [23.271 Rel-10]. The Architectural model described in [23.271 Rel-10] is summarised in [Figure 1] in section 4.

5.1 Dependencies

MLS V1.3 has no dependencies to other architectures in OMA.

5.2 Architectural Diagram

The architecture for MLS V1.3 is described in [23.271Rel-10] section 6.

5.3 Functional Components and Interfaces/reference points definition

The Architecture of MLS V1.3 as described in [23.271 Rel-10] section 6 defines four reference points Le, Lr, Lpp and Lid. Two of these referencepoints are instantiated by two OMA protocol specifications as listed below.

- Reference point Le is instantiated by MLP [MLP 3.4]. MLP is defined using XML transported over HTTP [RFC 2616].
- Reference point Lr is instantiated by RLP [RLP 1.2]. RLP is defined using XML transported over HTTP [RFC 2616].

Reference points Lpp and Lid are not instantiated in MLS V1.3.

The Architecture of MLS V1.3 as described in [23.271 Rel-10] section 6 also describes the components in the architecture as shown in [Figure 1] in section 4. The components are:

- MLS Client that is described in [23.271 Rel-10] section 6.3.2
- Requesting Location Server, Home Location Server and Visited Location Server that are described in [23.271Rel-10] section 6.3.3

For the transport of MLP and RLP over HTTP the following mechanism applies. All Location Services are invoked by sending a request using HTTP POST. The answer to the invocation of a Location Service is returned using an HTTP response. If the MLS Client requests standard location of asynchronous mode, triggered or periodic reporting of location, the Location Server will, in addition to the answer returned in a HTTP response, return one or more reports by performing HTTP POST operations towards the client. The client must specify the URI that the report should be posted to. This is done in the service request or by having it in the LCS client profile that can be stored in the Location Server.

5.4 Security Considerations

MLS V1.3 does not introduce any new interfaces or mechanisms that require any modification of the security mechanisms defined in MLS V1.2

5.5 Charging Considerations

There are no charging considerations in MLS 1.3.

Appendix A. Change History

(Informative)

A.1 Approved Version History

Reference	Date	Description
OMA-AD-MLS-V1_0-20110719-A	19 Jul 2011	First Approved version
OMA-AD-MLS-V1_1-20110719-A	19 Jul 2011	First Approved version
OMA-AD-MLS-V1_2-20110719-A	19 Jul 2011	First Approved version
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Appendix B. Flows (informative)

The flows for MLS V1.3 are described in [23.271 Rel-10] section 9.