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Criteria for Evaluating AAA Protocols for Network Access

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2. Abstract

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3.1. Requirements language

In this document, the key words "MAY", "MUST", "MUST NOT", "optional", "recommended", "SHOULD", and "SHOULD NOT", are to be interpreted as described in [\[1\]](#).

Please note that the requirements specified in this document are to be used in evaluating AAA protocol submissions. As such, the requirements language refers to capabilities of these protocols; the protocol documents will specify whether these features are required, recommended, or optional. For example, requiring that a protocol support confidentiality is NOT the same thing as requiring that all protocol traffic be encrypted.

A protocol submission is not compliant if it fails to satisfy one or more of the MUST or MUST NOT requirements for the capabilities that it implements. A protocol submission that satisfies all the MUST, MUST NOT, SHOULD and SHOULD NOT requirements for its capabilities is said to

be "unconditionally compliant"; one that satisfies all the MUST and MUST NOT requirements but not all the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT requirements for its protocols is said to be "conditionally compliant."

4. Requirements Summary

The criteria for evaluation of AAA protocols for network access are summarized below. Details of the requirements are available from the references described in the footnotes.

4.1. Authentication Requirements

Authentication Reqs.	NASREQ	ROAMOPS	MOBILE IP	TIA 45.6
PPP Support	M 8	M 1	0 29	M 42
SLIP Support		0 1	0	
Scripting Support		B 1	0	
NAI Support	M 9	M 2	S 30	M 43
CHAP Support	M 10	M 3	0	M 44
EAP Support	M 10	S 3	0	

PAP Support	M 10	B 3	O	
Scalability		M 3	M	M 44
Bi-directional Auth	M 16			
Dynamic Authentication	M 17			
Indentification Only without Authentication	M 9			S
End-to-End per-attribute confidentiality	M 26	M 6	S 31	
End-to-End per-attribute integrity		M 6	S 31	
Certificate validation			S 38	S 45
Trust establishment via brokers			M 31	

	Anonymous access by local			M	
	AAA server			36	
	Reliable AAA transport			M	M
	mechanism			36	43
	Support Proxy and Non-				M
	Proxy Brokers				43

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4.2. Authorization Requirements

Authorization Reqs.	NASREQ	ROAMOPS	MOBILE IP	TIA 45.6
IPv4 Support	M 11	M 1	M 32	M
IPv6 Support	M 11	1	S 33	
non-IP Support		0 1	0	
RADIUS gateway capability	S 12	M 3	0	M 46
Policy compatibility		M 4		
Dynamic address assignment	M 11	M 5	M 34	M
Static address assignment		0 5	M 32	
Precludes layer 2 tunneling	N 11	N 5	0	

Precludes Mobile IP		N 5	N	N
Non-repudiation		6	0 35	M 43
Fraud prevention and detection		M 6	0	S
Hop-by-hop security (privacy, integrity)		M 6	S 35	M 43
IPSEC compatibility	S 28	0 6	0	M 43
End-to-End per-attribute confidentiality	M 13, 27	M 6	0	M 43
End-to-End per-attribute integrity		M 6	0 31	M 43
Dynamic Authorization	M 18		S	
Support for Access Rules, Restrictions, Filters	M 11, 19		0	

Resource Management	M 20				
Ability to obtain QoS info from AAA			S 36	M 47	
Certificate validation			S 38	M 45	
Trust establishment via brokers			M 31		
Allocation or coordinate IP address assignment			S 37	S 47	
Reliable AAA transport mechanism			M 36	M 43	
Support Proxy and Non- Proxy Brokers				M 43	

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4.3. Accounting Requirements

Accounting Reqs.	NASREQ	ROAMOPS	MOBILE IP	TIA 45.6
Real-time accounting	M 14	M 7	O 35	M 43
Standard Accounting Record		M 7	M	M
Compact Accounting Record		M 7	O	O
Accounting Record Extensibility	M 15	M 7	O	M
Batch Accounting	S 21			O
Guaranteed Delivery	M 22		M 35	M 43
Accounting Time Stamps	M 23			M 43
End-to-End per-attribute integrity	M 24	M 6	M 31	O

	End-to-End per-attribute	S	M	M	O
	confidentiality	24	6	31	
	Non-repudiation	S		S	M
		25		35	43
	Trust establishment via			M	
	brokers			31	
	Reliable AAA transport			M	M
	mechanism			36	43
	Support Proxy and Non-				M
	Proxy Brokers				43

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4.4. Unique Mobile IP requirements

In addition Mobile IP also has the following requirements:

Dynamic Setup of security assoc. between local AAA and external authority			S 36	S 43
Security Assoc. between attendant and local AAA			S 36	M 43
Local AAA capability to gather (secret) info about a MN			N 36	
AAA protocol extensions for including Mobile IP registration messages			M 38	S 48
Enable key distribution for setting up security assoc between mip agents			M 38	S 49
Firewall traversal capability			M 39	
Allocation of local Home agent			S 40	M 50
Act as a KDC for fast handoffs			S 41	S 51

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This document, being a requirements document, does not have any security concerns. The security requirements on protocols to be evaluated using this document are described in the referenced documents.

7. IANA Considerations

This draft does not create any new number spaces for IANA administration.

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