

GPRS

Signaling & Protocol Analysis

Vol. 1: RAN and Mobile Station (Release 5)

Course Duration:

- ▶ 3 days

Course Description:

- ▶ This course addresses the needs of engineers and technicians who are already experienced in GPRS.
- ▶ This first part of the course focuses on the aspects of GPRS as seen from the perspective of the mobile station and within the Radio Access Network (RAN).
- ▶ The course has been updated to Release 5.

As in all our courses we integrated several interactive exercises for a perfect learning experience.

Pre-Requisites:

- ▶ Very good understanding of GSM networks, protocols, operation and parameters. If required, we advise our course “GSM – Signaling & Protocol Analysis” to be taken in upfront.
- ▶ Previous knowledge of GPRS is essential. If required, we advise our course “GPRS from A-Z” to be taken in upfront.
- ▶ Previous experience with GPRS network and / or mobile station operation is optional but favorable.

Course Target:

- ▶ The student will be enabled to understand all relevant details of GPRS-procedures within the RAN and the mobile station.
- ▶ The student is enabled to analyze recording files taken on the Air- and Abis-Interface.

Some of your questions that will be answered:

- ▶ How can I evaluate GPRS trace files on the various new interfaces (Gb, Gn, Gp) and on the Abis-Interface?
- ▶ What is the meaning of the various new parameters, counters and timers in GPRS protocols like, PAN_DEC, PAN_MAX, N3104, T3192, T3168, Gamma, Alpha, ... ?
- ▶ What is the meaning of the various new messages that have been defined for GPRS?
- ▶ How can I decode hexadecimal GPRS mobility and session management messages on the Abis-Interface?
- ▶ How can I optimize the operation of our GPRS network?
- ▶ Which statistical information can be retrieved by means of protocol testers to judge our network performance?
- ▶ In case of errors: How can I distinguish conformance problems of the mobile station from RAN issues?
- ▶ What meaning, relationship and consequences do parameters like BS_PCC_CHANS, BS_PRACH_BLKs, BS_PBCCH_BLKs, BS_PAG_BLKs_RES have?

Who should attend this class?

- ▶ Everybody who needs to optimize GPRS networks.
- ▶ Design Engineers of GPRS network equipment and GPRS mobile stations.
- ▶ Network Planners who need to build joined GSM / GPRS networks.
- ▶ Field engineers who have to analyze GPRS recording files.
- ▶ Test engineers who need to interpret GPRS recording files in the lab.

“This course is so exciting because it combines all the relevant theoretical material about GPRS with practical exercises and real life examples. Definitely, this course is a must for everybody who shall operate and optimize GPRS networks!”

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The STANDBY-State

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ACT_PDP_CT_REJ
REQ_PDP_CT_ACT
REQ_PDP_CT_ACT_REJ
DEACT_PDP_CT_REQ
DEACT_PDP_CT_ACC
MOD_PDP_CT_REQ (SGSN => MS)
MOD_PDP_CT_ACC (MS => SGSN)
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PACK_CHAN_REQ
HO_ACC (lu mode only)
PACK_CELL_CHANGE_FAIL
PACK_CTRL_ACK
PACK_DL_ACK
PACK_DBPSCH_DL_ACK (lu mode only)
PACK_UL_DUMMY_CTRL_BLK
PACK_MEAS_REP
PACK_RES_REQ
PACK_MOBILE_TBF_STAT
PACK_PSI_STAT
PACK_PAUSE
PACK_ENH_MEAS_REP
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PACK_CCN
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PACK_CELL_CHANGE_CON
PACK_NC_DATA
PACK_SC_DATA
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NS-RESET
NS-RESET-ACK
NS-BLOCK
NS-BLOCK-ACK
NS-UNBLOCK
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NS-STATUS
NS-ALIVE
NS-ALIVE-ACK
SNS-ACK
SNS-ADD
SNS-CHANGEWEIGHT
SNS-CONFIG
SNS-CONFIG-ACK
SNS-DELETE
SNS-SIZE
SNS-SIZE-ACK

se Station System GPRS Protocol (BSSGP)

BSSGP Provides Transparent and Non-Transparent Functions

- ⇒ Transparent Transfer of LLC-Frames between the PCU and the SGSN
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Non-Transparent Signaling related to the management of the Gb-Interface

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Example: RAN-INFORMATION PDU

BSSGP PDU-Types

DL-UNITDATA

UL-UNITDATA
RA-CAPABILITY
PTM-UNITDATA
PAGING-PS
PAGING-CS
RA-CAPABILITY-UPDATE
RA-CAPABILITY-UPDATE-ACK
RADIO-STATUS
SUSPEND
SUSPEND-ACK
SUSPEND-NACK
RESUME
RESUME-ACK
RESUME-NACK
BVC-BLOCK
BVC-BLOCK-ACK
BVC-RESET
BVC-RESET-ACK
BVC-UNBLOCK
BVC-UNBLOCK-ACK
FLOW-CONTROL-BVC
FLOW-CONTROL-BVC-ACK
FLOW-CONTROL-MS
FLOW-CONTROL-MS-ACK
FLUSH-LL
FLUSH-LL-ACK
LLC-DISCARDED
SGSN-INVOKE-TRACE
STATUS
DOWNLOAD-BSS-PFC
CREATE-BSS-PFC
CREATE-BSS-PFC-ACK
CREATE-BSS-PFC-NACK
MODIFY-BSS-PFC
MODIFY-BSS-PFC-ACK
DELETE-BSS-PFC
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PERFORM-LOCATION-REQUEST
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POSITION-RESPONSE
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 - Provision of the Input Offset Variables (IOV)
 - Example for the Provision of IOV-UI
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The LLC-Frame Format

- ⇒ The Address Field
 - The Protocol Discriminator Bit (PD-Bit)
 - The Command / Response Bit (C/R-Bit)
 - The Service Access Point Identifier (SAPI)
- ⇒ The Information + Supervisory Frame (I+S-Frame)
 - Introduction
 - Piggybacked Supervisory Frame
 - Length of the Information Field (N201)
 - The Acknowledgement Request Bit (A-Bit)
- ⇒ The Receive Ready Frame (RR-Frame)
- ⇒ The Receive Not Ready Frame (RNR-Frame)
- ⇒ The Acknowledgement Frame (ACK-Frame)
- ⇒ The Selective Acknowledgement Frame (SACK-Frame)
- ⇒ The Unconfirmed Information Frame (UI-Frame)
 - Meaning of the E-Bit (Encryption Mode)
 - Meaning of the PM-Bit (Protection Mode)
 - The UI-Dummy Frame
- ⇒ Details of ABM-Operation
- ⇒ The Disconnected Mode Frame (DM-Frame)
- ⇒ The Frame Reject Frame (FRMR-Frame)
- ⇒ The Exchange Identification Frame (XID-Frame)
 - (1) XID-Frame Parameters
 - Example of a XID-Frame

Network Dependent Convergence Protocol (SNDCP)

SNDCP in the GPRS Protocol Stack

Functions of SNDCP

- ⇒ Compression in SNDCP
 - RFC 1144 and RFC 2507
 - V.42bis
 - V.44

The SN-PDU Format

- ⇒ Segmentation of SN-DATA PDU's
- ⇒ Segmentation of SN-UNITDATA PDU's

The Network Service Access Point Identifier (NSAPI)

- ⇒ Meaning of the NSAPI
- ⇒ NSAPI ↔ SAPI Mapping

Handling of SN-DATA PDU's and SN-UNITDATA PDU's

- ⇒ SN-UNITDATA PDU's (LLC unacknowledged operation mode)
- ⇒ SN-DATA PDU's (LLC acknowledged operation mode)

Solutions for the Practical Exercises

List of Acronyms