Problem Statement and Use Cases

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What is E2MD

E2MD:

- E.164 To Meta-Data mapping
- Use cases are about providing further information on E.164 numbers
- Why not use ENUM (E.164 To URI Mapping)?
 - ENUM has limitations for usage for metadata
 - Result must always be a URI, and
 - Using the URI establishes a communication session

Differences ENUM / E2MD

ENUM:

- E2U "label"
- Result must always be a URI

 Establishes a communication session

E2MD:

- E2M "label"
- Result can be either a URI or a (short) ASCII String

Provides

 information about a
 phone number
 (i.e. Meta-Data)

Common to ENUM and E2MD (1/2)

- Framework approach, specifying
 - DDDS application (E2U / E2M)
 - Template and process for IANA registration of ENUM / E2MD services*
- Any new ENUM / E2MD service* follows this registration process
 - Specification Required (implies Expert Review)
- ENUM and E2MD may share the same tree
 - e.g. sub-delegations within e164.arpa.

* service refers to Enumservices / metadata types

Common to ENUM and E2MD (2/2)

- Both make use of DNS NAPTR RR
- Privacy issues must be handled in each service registration
 - Base-specification will mandate security considerations section in each registration and guidance on privacy
 - Security / Privacy considerations shared by all services can be described in the base-specification
- There are more commonalities than differences between ENUM and E2MD

Some E2MD Use Cases

Unused

- Indicator that number is not in use
- send-n
 - Information about the numbering plan
- cnam
 - Name of calling party
- Global Service Provider Identifier

unused

- Indicates whether an E.164 number (or number range) is allocated or assigned for communications service.
- Lets client know that a call will fail without wasting the effort of a session setup
 - E2MD lookup is faster than SIP INVITE
 - The user can be provided with a correct announcement (or other indication)
- See: draft-ietf-enum-unused-04

send-n (1/2)

- Increases efficiency of overlapped dialing
 - Reduces DNS lookups and SIP INVITEs
 - Decreases frequency of timeouts
 - Could extend SIP "484 address incomplete" handling: no need for a new SIP dialogue for each dialed digit
- Deployed in empty non-terminals (i.e. in the branches)
- Indicates the minimum depth of the tree below this record

send-n (2/2)

- "You must send N more digits before any leaf-node NAPTRs will be returned"
- Designed for private ENUM, but works also in public ENUM



See: draft-bellis-enum-send-n-02

cnam

- Returns the Calling Name (like directory name) for a given phone number.
- Used in cases where this information is not available or lost:
 - Calls that originate on (or transited via) the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN)
 - Calling Name to be displayed on VoIP or other Real-time Clients
- See: draft-ietf-enum-cnam-08



Global Service Provider Identifier

- Indicates the Communication Service Provider (CSP) responsible for this number
 - AKA the "carrier-of-record" or "ITAD identifier"
- Potential uses:
 - Optimize routing
 - Advising end-users about costs when charging depends on the terminating CSP
- Not yet documented in an Internet-Draft



More E2MD Use Cases

- Service capabilities:
 - SMS | MMS | video calls | presence | IM | ...
- Payment Type:
 - PrePaid | PostPaid | ...
- Network Type:
 - TDMA | GSM | 3G | ...
- Region Code:
 - Numeric value indicating a region within a country
- Least cost routing information
 - e.g. preferred gateway

Potential E2MD Use Cases

- Charging information
 - In particular useful for premium rate numbers
- Assignee address information
 - e.g. to report abuse of premium rate number
- Emergency Call routing:
 - Location information
 - PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point)