

Kamailio And Next Generation Emergency Services

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This Is How It Begun

- In November 2011, I joined an interop. test event on NG emergency calling
- Some functional elements for SIP routing were tested ... but there was no support for (mandatory) service URNs
- Thus I was wondering if Kamailio could do the job and a few weeks later – plus support from Klaus ☺ – the URN patch was ready:

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parser/uri: support for URN

- uri parser has support for URNs (e.g. urn:service:sos.fire)
- t_relay does not break on RURI with URNs
- PVs are set as follows:
$ru= "urn:service:sos.fire"
$rz= "urn"
$rU= "service"
$rd= "sos.fire"
- refer to http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-ecrit-framework-13#page-29 for SIP signaling requirements for SIP proxy servers.
- patch by Wolfgang Kampichler, closes FS#201
Daniel-Constantin Mierla authored on 08/02/2012 09:19:00
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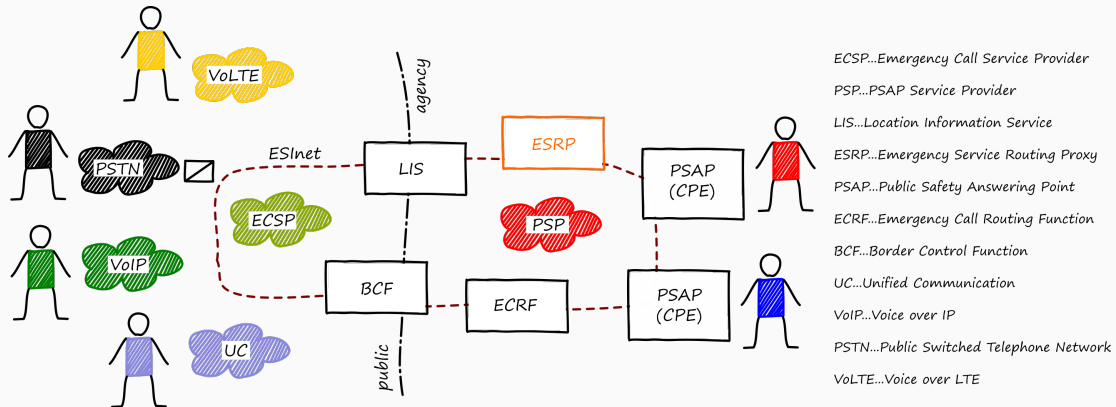
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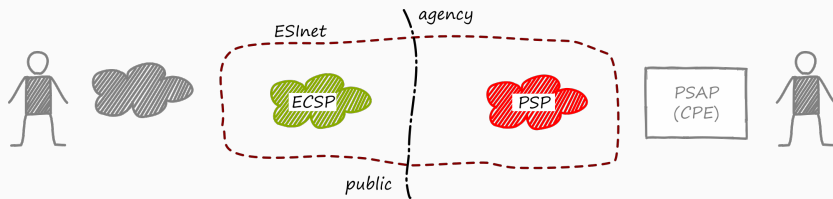
- NG emergency calling intends to enable the public to contact an emergency center via audio, text, images, video and data
- Location information is used for routing and dispatching purposes
- IETF ECRIT work as technical baseline (SIP, RTP, HELD and LoST)
- ETSI SC EMTTEL recently started a new work item
 - TS: NG Core Services
 - TR: Interoperability Testing (ETSI Plugtest #1/2016 and #2/2017)
- NENA (National Emergency Number Association) and EENA (European Emergency Number Association) have published long term definition (LTD) architecture documents

http://c.yimcdn.com/sites/www.nena.org/resource/resmgr/standards/NENA-STA-010.2_i3_Architectu.pdf
http://www.eena.org/uploads/gallery/files/pdf/2013-03-15-eena_ng_longtermdefinitionupdated.pdf

Next Generation Emergency Calling Core Services

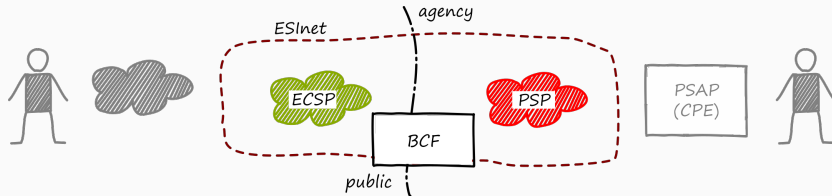


Emergency Service IP Network – ESInet



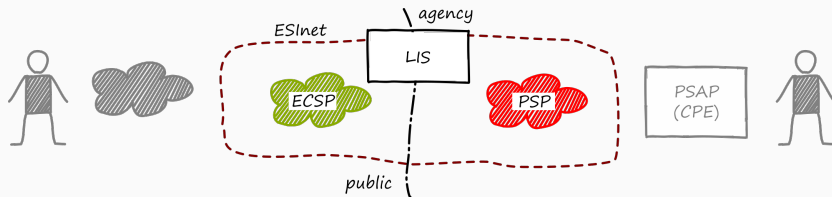
- Managed IP network
- ECSP and PSP are part of it, but with different scope of responsibilities
- ECSP acts as transit network and provides security perimeter (1st line of defense)
- PSP provides additional services generic and/or specific to PSAP models

Border Control Function – BCF



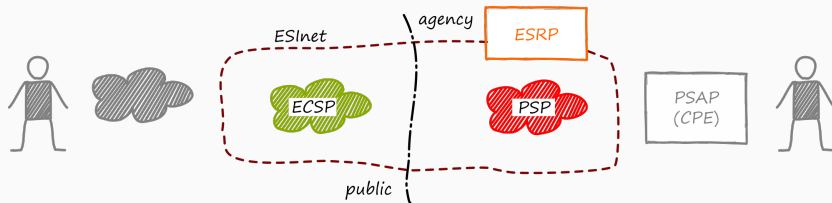
- Application Layer Gateway and POI (Point of Interconnection)
- Protocol sanitizing and topology / feature hiding (e.g. call transfer)
- Secure entry plus additional functions to block specific call sources

Location Information Service – LIS



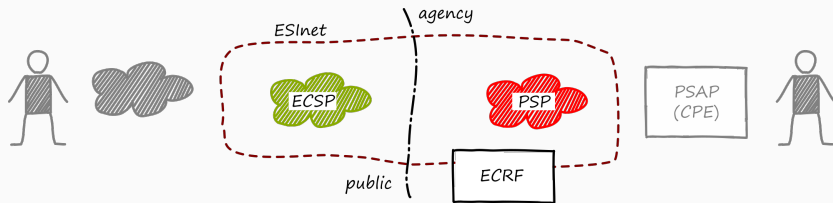
- Stores location against some kind of key (network address, phone number, URI ...)
- Returns a PIDF/LO (civic address, geodetic) either as reference and/or value
- May receive Advanced Mobile Location (AML) messages from Android smartphones supporting Google Emergency Location Service (ELS)

Emergency Service Routing Proxy – ESRP



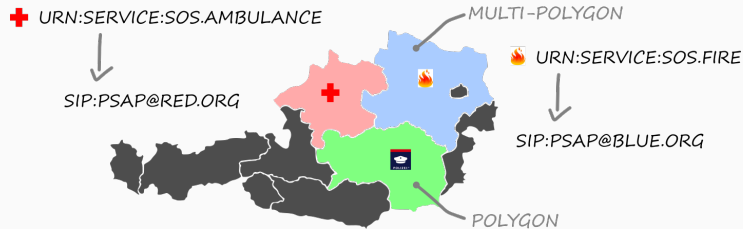
- Call routing engine (that's where Kamailio comes in)
- Uses the ECRF to choose the nominal next hop, and applies route policy of the nominal next hop to determine actual next hop
- Policies may take into account the state of an emergency center, time-of-day, ...
- Route decision can be: next ESRP, nominal/diversion emergency center, ...

Emergency Call Routing Function – ECRF



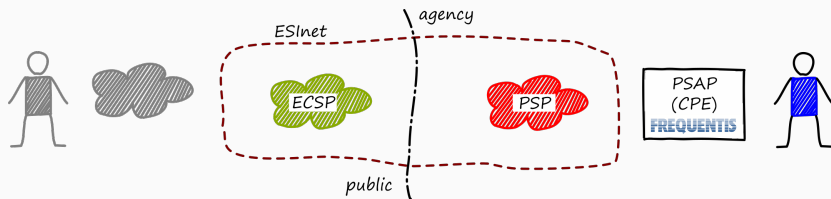
- Mapping database used for all emergency calls
- Queried using the IETF LoST protocol
input: location plus 'service urn' / output: URI of the next hop
- Maintains emergency center service boundaries (polygons) for police, fire, ems, poison control, roadside assistance . . .

Service Boundaries – Example



- Austrian states are responsible for the provision of emergency services
- Emergency response organizations (EROs) run own emergency center (SIP URI)
- Service boundaries are Austrian state borders (polygons)

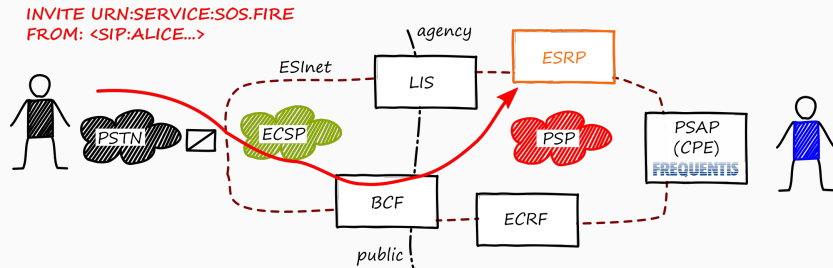
Emergency Center



- Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)
- Receives emergency calls with location (reference or value)
- May use ECRF/ESRP policies to route to queues of call takers
- Multimedia capable: voice, video, real-time text, and messaging

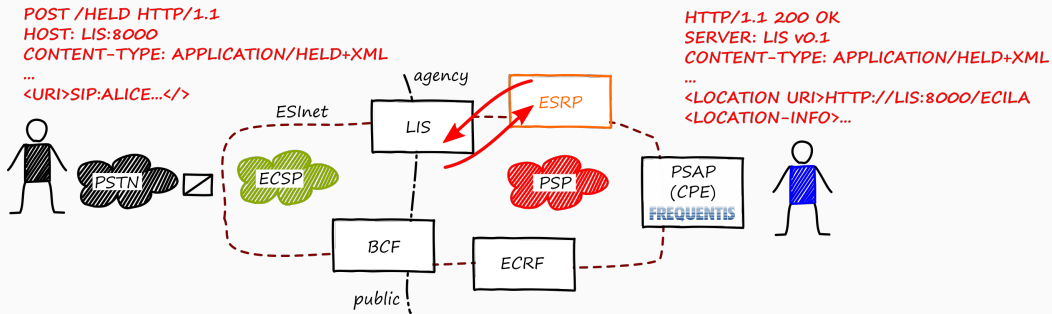
Step-by-Step Emergency Call

Emergency Call – 1



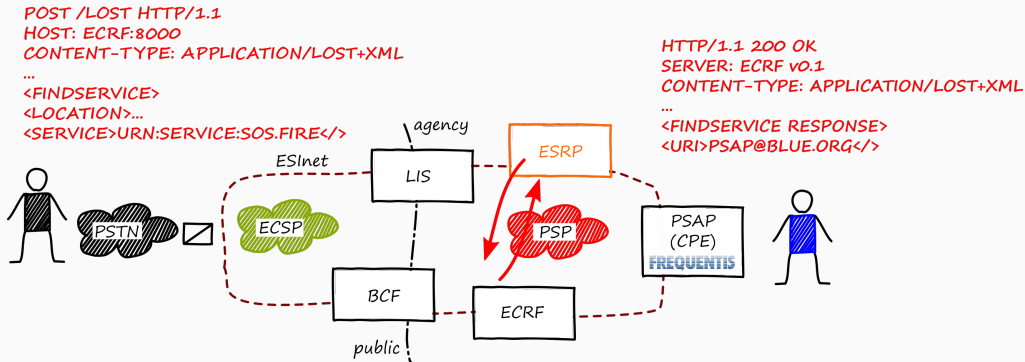
- Alice dials emergency number of the fire department (Austria: 122)
- Legacy SIP gateway converts to service urn and SIP signaling passes the BCF

Emergency Call – 2



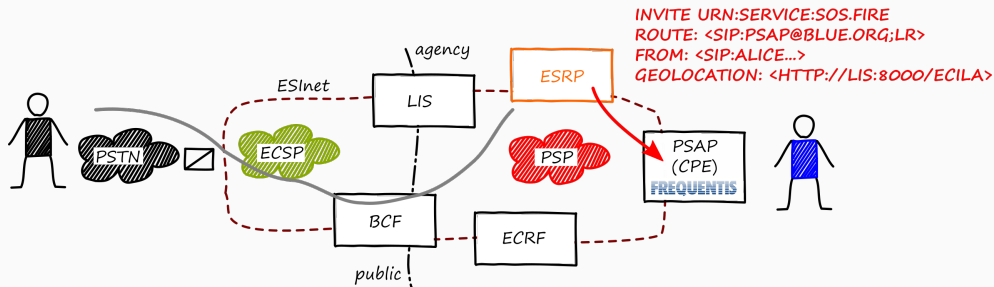
- ESRP receives emergency call and gets location from the LIS using Alice' identity
- Location is either by value (LbV), by reference (LbR) or even both
- LIS may receive accurate location updates via AML (MSISDN as reference)

Emergency Call – 3



- ESRP uses location and type of service (fire) to request next hop at the ECRF
- ECRF provides next hop URI and service boundary in the response
- GIS enabled database (point-in-polygon operation)

Emergency Call – 4



INVITE URN:SERVICE:SOS.FIRE
ROUTE: <SIP:PSAP@BLUE.ORG;LR>
FROM: <SIP:ALICE...>
GEOLOCATION: <HTTP://LIS:8000/ECILA>

- ESRP (Kamailio) adds Geolocation and Route header and relays to correct PSAP
- Call gets connected and location is immediately displayed (updates via LbR)

Simple Configuration Example

Pseudo Code Snippet: kamailio.cfg

```
...
request_route {
    # check for service urn
    route(URN);
    ...
route[URN] {
    # if its a urn then get next hop from external app
    if(!($rz=~"^urn$") && !is_method("INVITE|MESSAGE"))
        return;

    # get routing info - query.pl/lookuproute returns: $avp(dest_uri), $avp(route_hdr)
    if (!perl_exec("lookuproute", "500")) {
        xlog("L_ERR","perl_exec failed");
    }

    remove_hf("Route");
    $du = $avp(dest_uri);
    insert_hf("$avp(route_hdr)\r\n", "Via");
    route(RELAY);
    exit;
}
...
```

Note that this is just a basic example using an external routing app – certain other options are possible

Pseudo Code Snippet: query.pl

```
use LWP::UserAgent; use XML::Simple; use Kamailio::Constants;
...
my $lis_service = 'http://LIS:8000/held';
my $ecrf_service = 'http://ECRF:8000/lost';

sub lookuproute {
    my $m = shift;
    my $code = shift;
    # Import pseudo variables to perl script
    my $ru = $m->pseudoVar("\$ru"); # service urn -> findService request / next hop
    my $fu = $m->pseudoVar("\$fu"); # identity -> held request / location
    # Create a user agent object
    my $ua = LWP::UserAgent->new;
    $ua->agent('query-kamailio/0.1');
    # Create a request
    my $req = HTTP::Request->new(POST => $lis_service);
    $req->content_type('application/held+xml');
    $req->content("$xml");
    ...
    Kamailio::AVP::add("dest_uri", $myduri);
    Kamailio::AVP::add("route_hdr", $myrhdr);
    ...
}
```

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Summary

- Next Generation Emergency Services
 - provide location based and policy based call routing
 - allow a centralized routing and mapping process
 - and therefore support different originating networks
- Kamailio as the ESRP SIP routing engine, either simply combined with external routing application supporting HELD, LoST ... or perhaps with new modules
- Standardization and interoperability testing continues
- Austrian Pilot DEC112 (Chat App & Next Generation Emergency Services)

Thank You!

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