Introducing the Specifications of the MEF

An Overview of MEF 33
Ethernet Access Services Definitions

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This Presentation

• **Purpose:**
  – Introduction to MEF 6.1, MEF 6.1.1, MEF 10.2 and MEF 10.2.1
  – Highlights of MEF 6.1 Services and Service Attributes.
  – This presentation does not cover examples of all Services and Service Attributes

• **Audience**
  – Most importantly, Subscribers of Ethernet Services
  – Equipment Manufacturers supporting MEF 6.1 Services using Service Attributes defined in MEF 10.2 & MEF 10.2.1.
  – Service Providers supporting MEF 6.1 Services

• **Other Documents**
  – Presentations of the other specifications and an overview of all specifications is available on the MEF web site
  – Other materials such as white papers and case studies are also available
Key Carrier Ethernet Definitions and Concepts

Provides foundational definitions and concepts for Metro Ethernet Services, service attributes and parameter requirements and as well as traffic classification, traffic profiles and related recommendations to deliver Carrier Ethernet Services.
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<td>All, since they provide the fundamentals required to build devices and services that deliver Carrier Ethernet. For Enterprise users it gives the background to Service Level Specifications for Carrier Ethernet Services being offered by their Service Providers and helps to plan Ethernet Services as part of their overall network.</td>
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Scope of MEF 33
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- Defines a new Ethernet Service Type, Ethernet Access, and corresponding OVC based Ethernet services between a UNI and An ENNI
  - Ethernet access service offered by an Ethernet Access Provider
  - Ethernet Access Provider operates the access network to reach the Service Provider’s out-of-franchise Subscriber locations as part of providing an end to end service to a Subscriber
MEF Ethernet Access Services

• New **E-Access** Service Type is defined to normalize and accelerate provisioning
• New definitions for **UNI-ENNI** Carrier Ethernet Access Services
• Two most popular Services supported in first phase
• New MEF Certification follows new E-Access specification

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**Diagram:**
- **Carrier Ethernet Access Service Provider**
  - **UNI**
  - **ENNI**
  - **E-Access**
  - **Ethernet Virtual Connection (EVC)**
  - **End-User**
  - **Carrier Ethernet Service Providers, Carrier Ethernet Exchanges, etc.**
Ethernet Access Services – Certification

**Enhances Existing Program:**
- From MEF9,&14 (UNI-UNI), MEF 21(UNI) for Carrier Ethernet Interconnect
- Certified services provide trusted baseline for market adoption
- Requirement in many RFPs, Cost savings and accelerates deployment
- 47 service providers and 77 equipment manufacturers MEF-certified

**New Certification for Ethernet Access Services**
- Access EPL, Access EVPL, Functionality and Performance
- MEF 9 and 14 UNI-UNI certification recommended but not prerequisite

* Ethernet Services specification, Abstract Test Suite and Certification targeted mid 2012. All specifications subject to change until approved.
Terminology, Concepts & Relationship to other standards
Ethernet Service Definition Framework defined in MEF 6.1 provides a model for specifying Ethernet services.

Each Ethernet Service type has a set of Ethernet service attributes that define the service characteristics.

Parameters provide various options different service attributes.
MEF 6.1 Ethernet Services Definitions Phase 2

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**MEF 6.1 Enhancements**
- Defines a service type (E-Tree) in addition to those defined in MEF 6
- Adds four services – two each to E-LAN and E-Tree
- EPL with > 1 CoS
- Updates Service Attributes
- Updates L2CP Processing
Ethernet Access Services classified into two categories (just like EVC-based services):

- **Port-based at the UNI endpoint**
  - Single OVC Instance per UNI (dedicated UNI endpoint)

- **VLAN-aware at the UNI endpoint**
  - Multiple OVC Instances per UNI endpoint (multiplexed UNI endpoint)

- **ENNI supports multiplexed Access EPLs or Access EVPLs**

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**Access EPL** = Port-based P2P Ethernet access service  
**Access EVPL** = VLAN-aware P2P Ethernet access service
• A Service Provider can use the Access EPL service from an Access Provider to deliver the port-based Ethernet services defined in MEF 6.1 and supported by the ENNI defined in MEF 26: Ethernet Private Line (EPL), and Ethernet Private LAN (EP-LAN).
Structure and scope of Access EVPL service

- Access EVPL a UNI can support multiple service instances, including a mix of Access and EVC Services
- OVC End Point map determines which CE-VLANs are mapped to OVCs or dropped
UNI Service Attributes

• An Access EPL, EVPL Service instance MUST assign UNI Service Attributes and values
  
  • UNI Identifier
  • Physical Medium
  • Speed
  • Mode
  • MAC Layer
  • UNI MTU Size
  • CE-VLAN ID for untagged and priority tagged Frames
  
  • Maximum number of OVCs per UNI
  • Maximum number of CE-VLAN IDs per OVC
  • Ingress Bandwidth Profile Per UNI
  • Egress Bandwidth Profile Per UNI
Service attributes for each instance of an OVC at a specific UNI may be viewed as OVC End Point per UNI service attributes

- UNI OVC Identifier
- OVC End Point Map
- Class of Service Identifier for Service Frames
- Ingress Bandwidth Profile Per OVC End Point at a UNI
- Ingress Bandwidth Profile Per Class of Service Identifier at a UNI
- Egress Bandwidth Profile Per OVC End Point at a UNI
- Egress Bandwidth Profile Per Class of Service Identifier at a UNI
OVC Service Attributes

• The following are OVC service attributes, parameters, and values for the Access EPL service which must be assigned:
  • OVC Identifier
  • OVC Type
  • OVC End Point List
  • Maximum Number of UNI OVC End Points
  • Maximum Number ENNI OVC End Points
  • OVC Maximum Transmission Unit Size
  • CE-VLAN ID Preservation
  • CE-VLAN CoS ID Value Preservation
  • S-VLAN ID Preservation
  • S-VLAN CoS ID Value Preservation
  • Color Forwarding
  • Service Level Specification
  • Unicast Frame Delivery
  • Multicast Frame Delivery
  • Broadcast Frame Delivery
OVC End Point per ENNI Service Attributes

- ENNI OVC End Point Service Attributes for Access EVPL Service.

- OVC End Point Identifier
- Class of Service Identifier for ENNI Frames
- Ingress Bandwidth Profile Per OVC End Point
- Ingress Bandwidth Profile Per

- ENNI Class of Service Identifier
- Egress Bandwidth Profile Per End Point
- Egress Bandwidth Profile Per ENNI Class of Service Identifier
ENNI Service Attributes for the Access EVPL service

- The Maximum Number of OVC End Points per OVC is required to be exactly 1 for Access EVPL as this service does not support “hairpin switching” of traffic

- Operator ENNI Identifier
- Physical Layer
- Frame Format
- Number of Links
- Protection Mechanism

- ENNI Maximum Transmission Unit Size
- End Point Map
- Maximum Number of OVCs
- Maximum Number of OVC End Points per OVC
Service OAM Fault Management (SOAM-FM)

Requirements

• Enabling uniform behavior of SOAM-FM for the Access EPL and Access EVPL Services across all Access Providers (SOAM FM IA (MEF 30))
• Configurable to tunnel all SOAM frames at the default Test and Subscriber MEG levels as defined in the SOAM FM IA (MEF 30)
E-Access Use Cases & Examples
Ethernet Private Line (EPL) example that uses Access EPL

- Retail Provider orders Access EPL from Ethernet Access Provider
  - Access provider constructs OVC₁ between Subscriber UNI₁ and ENNI

- Retail Service Provider constructs OVC
  - OVC₂ between ENNI and Subscriber UNI₂

- Retail Provider constructs EVC between subscriber locations

- Retail Service Provider delivers EPL to Subscriber
• ISP orders Access EPL from Ethernet Access Provider
  – Access provider constructs OVC between Subscriber UNI and ENNI

• ISP delivers Internet Access Service
**EVPL Example using Access EPL**

- **Retail Provider orders Access EPL from Ethernet Access Provider**
  - Access Provider constructs OVC between Subscriber UNI₁ and ENNI

- **Retail Service Provider constructs OVC₂ between**:  
  - ENNI and Subscriber UNI₂

- **Retail Provider constructs P2P EVC between subscriber sites 1 & 2**  
  - Retail Provider delivers EVPL₁ to Subscriber

- **Subscriber adds new site and wants to connect to site 2**

- **Retail Provider constructs P2P EVC between subscriber sites 2 & 3**  
  - Retail Service Provider delivers EVPL₂ to Subscriber
EVPL Example using Two Access EPLs

- **Retail Provider buys Access EPL\textsubscript{1} from Ethernet Access Provider**
  - To connect Subscriber Site 1 UNI\textsubscript{1} to ENNI

- **Retail Provider buys Access EPL\textsubscript{2} from Ethernet Access Provider**
  - To connect Subscriber Site 2 UNI\textsubscript{2} to ENNI

- **Retail Service Provider sells EVPL\textsubscript{1} to End User Subscriber**
  - To connect Subscriber Sites 1 and 3

- **Retail Service Provider sells EVPL\textsubscript{2} to End User Subscriber**
  - To connect Subscriber Sites 2 and 3
EP-LAN Service example using 2 Access EPL tail circuits

- **Retail Provider buys Access EPL\(_1\) Ethernet Access Provider\(_1\)**
  - To connect Subscriber Site 1 UNI\(_1\) to ENNI\(_1\)

- **Retail Provider buys Access EPL\(_2\) from Ethernet Access Provider\(_2\)**
  - To connect Subscriber Site 2 UNI\(_2\) to ENNI\(_2\)

- **Retail Service Provider sells EP-LAN to Subscriber**
  - To connect Subscriber Sites 1, 2 and 3

Two off-net sites reached using Access EPLs
EVPL Example using 1 Access EPL and 2 Access EVPLs

- **Retail Provider buys Access EPL from Ethernet Access Provider**: To connect Subscriber Site 1 UNI₁ to ENNI₁
- **Retail Provider buys Access EVPL₁ from Ethernet Access Provider**: To connect Subscriber Site 2 UNI₂ to ENNI₂
- **Retail Service Provider delivers EVPL₁ to Subscriber**: To connect Subscriber Sites 1 UNI₁ and 2 UNI₂
- **Retail Provider buys Access EVPL₂ from Ethernet Access Provider**: To connect Subscriber Site 2 UNI₂ to ENNI₂
  - 2 OVCs multiplexed at UNI₂
- **Retail Service Provider delivers EVPL₂ to Subscriber**: To connect Subscriber Site 2 UNI₂ and Site 3 UNI₃
Technical Summary

• **EVCs can be composed of 2 or more OVCs**
  – If there is no ENNI, there are no OVCs

• **New E-Access Ethernet Service Type**
  – Category of services which provide connectivity between one or more UNIs and one ENNI
  – Targeting Wholesale Ethernet Access Services

• **Access EPL (Access Ethernet Private Line)**
  – Port-based P2P Ethernet Access Service Definition
    • Supporting 1 access service per UNI
  – Consists of 1 UNI and 1 ENNI

• **Access EVPL (Access Ethernet Virtual Private Line)**
  – VLAN-aware P2P Ethernet Access Service Definition
    • Supports multiple access services per UNI
  – Consists of 1 UNI and 1 ENNI
Summary

• Establishes industry standard for **buying, selling, deploying** Ethernet Access Services
• Enables new providers to much more easily capitalize on wholesale Ethernet business opportunities
• Lowers costs and reduces time to market
• Key for local, regional and global adoption of Carrier Ethernet

![Diagram of Ethernet Access Service Provider]

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