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## A) Outline

Open RAN is a network cluster of 5G RAN as defined by O-RAN alliance. The O-RAN alliance defines split gNB network element as O-RU, O-DU and O-CU as part of O-RAN network. The objective of this document is to present a comprehensive, country-specific security requirements for a deployment of O-RAN network elements resulting from exercising the suggested and supported functional split options for a gNB as specified in 3GPP and O-RAN alliance.

The specifications produced by various regional/international standardization bodies/organizations/ associations like 3GPP, O-RAN alliance, TSDSI along with the country-specific security requirements are the basis for this document.

This document commences with a brief description of various functional split options of O-RAN with emphasis on 3GPP and O-RAN alliance recommended, supported option and then proceeds to address the common security requirements and specific security requirements of O-RAN network elements.

## B) Scope

This document targets on the security requirements of the 5G RAN Network Element i.e., O-RAN components as defined and explicitly supported by 3GPP/O-RAN alliance. The requirements specified here are binding on network equipment providers i.e OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers).

## C) Conventions

1. Must or shall or required denotes the absolute requirement of a particular clause of ITSAR.
2. Must not or shall not denote absolute prohibition of a particular clause of ITSAR.
3. Should or Recommended denotes that the clause of ITSAR may be ignored under justifiable circumstances but after careful examination of its implications.
4. Should not or not Recommended denotes that that clause of ITSAR may not be ignored under justifiable circumstances but after careful examination of its implications.
5. In case of CSR, all the requirements are applicable to O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud unless otherwise stated. If only O-RAN is mentioned, then it refers to all O-RAN components.
6. The following protocol versions only shall be used:
  - a. SSH – SSHv2;
  - b. TLS – TLS 1.2 or higher;
  - c. DTLS – DTLS 1.2;
  - d. CMP – CMPv2;
  - e. OAuth 2.0

# Chapter 1: Overview

## 1.1 Introduction:

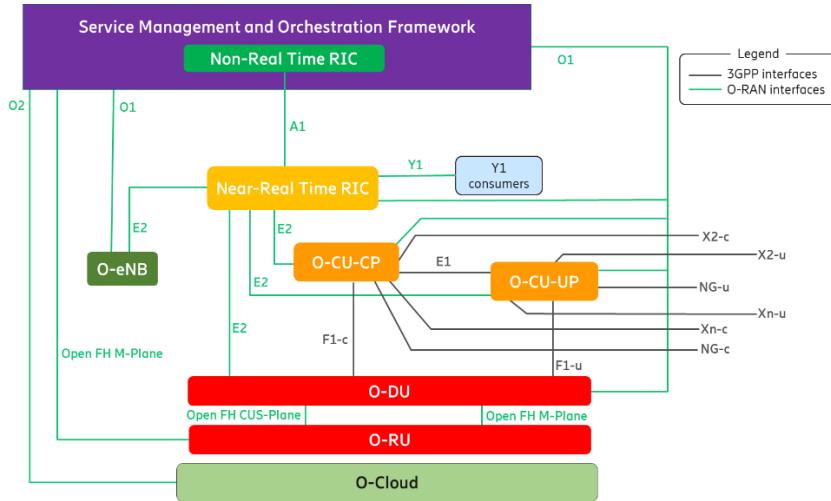
The fifth generation of mobile technologies - 5G - is expected to connect people, things, data, applications, transport systems and cities in a smart networked communication environment. 5G is standardized by the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) and the requirement framework for 5G are specified by ITU under IMT-2020. The usage scenario/use cases identified for 5G are i) enhanced Mobile BroadBand (eMBB) ii) massive Machine Type Communication (mMTC) and iii) Ultra Reliable and Low Latency Communications (URLLC).

The 5G deployment scenarios are better understood by a closer study of high-level RAN architectures and network topologies supported by 5G. Disaggregation of the base stations and separation of the control plane (CP) and user plane (UP) entities are the basic design principles of 5G RAN architecture. The basis of this could be tied to the evolving concepts of Disaggregated RAN or split gNB, C-RAN (Cloud RAN) and O-RAN. The Telecom Infra Project (TIP) and Small Cell Forum (SCF) are the other communities which focuses on the gNB split options and define the standards for the deployment and implementation. TIP is operator centric solutions. SCF drives the specification and standardisation of key elements of small cell technology including Iuh, FAPI, nFAPI, and the enhancement of X2 interface. These specification from SCF enable on open, multivendor platform and lower barrier to densification for all stakeholders.

The O-RAN inherits split option 7.2 mentioned in 3GPP 38.816 standards. Addition to that, O-RAN defines various deployment options for OAM architecture. This document discusses about O-RAN which defines following objective in the path of evolution.

- Leading the industry towards open, interoperable interfaces, RAN virtualization, Big Data and AI enabled RAN intelligence.
- Maximize the use of common-off-the-shelf hardware and minimizing the proprietary hardware.
- Specifying APIs and interfaces, driving standards to adopt them as open source wherever it is appropriate.
- The O-RAN architecture identifies the key functions and interfaces defined in O-RAN.
- Flexibility; multi vendor solutions enabling a diverse ecosystem for the operators to choose best of breed options for their 2G/3G/4G and 5G deployments.
- Innovation via adoption of New technologies (AI/ML etc.,)
- Supply Chain diversity.

The logical architecture of the O-RAN is shown below as per the specification Non-RT RIC Functional Architecture.



**Figure 1: O-RAN Architecture and interfaces.**  
(Ref: O-RAN.WG2.Non-RT-RIC-ARCH-TR-v01.01, clause 2.1)

## 1.2 Security

As depicted in the above picture, it is important to secure every interface of the O-RAN Components and its interactions. This document will take an effort to identify all 3GPP and O-RAN interfaces and define security requirements for each component and interfaces. There are additional components such as O-Cloud (Cloud Computing Platform) along with O-DU, O-CU and O-RU also covered in this document.

O-Cloud is the underlying cloud computing infrastructure that supports the virtualization and deployment of various O-RAN network functions.

Interfaces defined by O-RAN besides the interfaces defined in 3GPP are:

- A1 Interface: Between Non-RT RIC and Near-RT RIC to enable policy-driven guidance of Near-RT RIC applications/functions, and support AI/ML workflow.
- O1 Interface: Connecting the SMO to the Near-RT RIC, one or more O-CU-CPs, one or more O-CU-UPs, and one or more O-DUs.
- O2 Interface: Between the SMO and the O-Cloud
- E2 Interface: Connecting the Near-RT RIC and one or more O-CU-CPs, one or more O-CU-UPs, one or more O-DUs, and one or more O-eNBs.
- Open Fronthaul CUS-Plane Interface: between O-RU and O-DU
- Open Fronthaul M-Plane Interface: between O-RU and O-DU as well as between O-RU and SMO

## **Chapter 2: Common Security Requirements**

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### **Section 2.1: Access and Authorization**

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#### **2.1.1 Management Protocols Mutual Authentication**

Requirement:

The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall support mutual authentication mechanisms, the mutual authentication mechanism can rely on the protocol used for the interface itself or other means.

Secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document “Cryptographic Controls for Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR)” shall only be used for O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud management and maintenance.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.4.4.1]

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#### **2.1.2 Management Traffic Protection**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud management traffic shall be protected strictly using secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document “Cryptographic Controls for Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR)” only.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.2.4]

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#### **2.1.3 Role-based access control policy**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall support Role-Based Access Control (RBAC). A role-based access control system uses a set of controls that determines how users interact with domains and resources.

The RBAC system controls how users or groups of users are allowed access to the various domains and what type of operation they can perform, i.e., the specific operation command or command group (e.g., View, Modify, Execute). O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud supports RBAC with minimum of 3 user roles, in particular, for OAM privilege management for O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud Management and Maintenance, including authorization of the operation for configuration data and software via the network product console interface.

[Reference TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117- 17.2.0 V.1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.4.6.2]

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## **2.1.4 User Authentication – Local/Remote**

Requirement:

The various user and machine accounts on a O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall be protected from misuse. To this end, an authentication attribute is typically used, which, when combined with the username, enables unambiguous authentication and identification of the authorized user. Authentication attributes include.

- Cryptographic keys
- Token
- Passwords

This means that authentication based on a parameter that can be spoofed is not permitted. Exceptions are attributes that cannot be faked or spoofed by an attacker.

Minimum two of the above Authentication attributes shall be mandatorily combined for protecting all the accounts from misuse in public network environment. An exception to this requirement is local access and machine accounts where at least one authentication attribute shall be supported.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.4.2.1]

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## **2.1.5 Remote login restrictions for privileged users**

Requirement:

Login to O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud as root or equivalent highest privileged user shall be limited to the system console only. Root user will not be allowed to login to O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud remotely.

This remote root user access restriction is also applicable to application software's / tools such as TeamViewer, desktop sharing which provide remote access to the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.

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[Reference TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.3.2.6]

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## **2.1.6 Authorization Policy**

Requirement:

The authorizations for O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud accounts and applications shall be reduced to the minimum required for the tasks they have to perform. Authorizations to a system shall be restricted to a level in which a user can only access data and use functions that he needs in the course of his work. Suitable authorizations shall also be assigned for access to files that are components of the operating system or of applications or that are generated by the same (e.g., configuration and logging files). Alongside access to data,

execution of applications and components shall also take place with rights that are as low as possible. Applications should not be executed with administrator or system rights.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.4.6.1]

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### **2.1.7 Unambiguous identification of the user & group accounts removal**

Requirement:

Users shall be identified unambiguously by the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall support the assignment of individual accounts per user, where a user could be a person, or, for Machine Accounts, an application, or a system.

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not enable the use of group accounts or group credentials or sharing of the same account between several users.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Sections 4.2.3.4.1.2]

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## **Section 2.2: Authentication Attribute Management**

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### **2.2.1 Authentication Policy**

Requirement:

In case of O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud the usage of a system function without successful authentication on basis of the user identity and at least two authentication attributes (e.g., password, certificate) in public network environment shall be prevented. For machine accounts and local access one authentication attribute will be sufficient. System functions comprise, for example network services (like SSHv2, SFTP, Web services), local access via a management console, local usage of operating system and applications. This requirement shall also be applied to accounts that are only used for communication between systems.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.4.1.1]

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### **2.2.2 Authentication Support - External**

Requirement:

If the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud supports external authentication mechanism such as AAA server (for authentication, authorisation and accounting services), then the communication between O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud and the external authentication entity shall be protected using the authentication and related service protocols built strictly using the Secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document "Cryptographic Controls for Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR)" only.

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### **2.2.3 Protection against brute force and dictionary attacks**

Requirement:

A protection against brute force and dictionary attacks that hinder authentication attribute guessing shall be implemented in O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.

Brute force and dictionary attacks aim to use automated guessing to ascertain authentication attribute for user and machine accounts.

Various measures or a combination of the following measures can be taken to prevent this:

(i) Using the timer delay (this delay could be the same or increased depending the operator's policy for each attempt) for each newly entered password input following an incorrect entry ("tar pit").

(ii) Blocking an account following a specified number of incorrect attempts. However, it has to be taken into account that this solution needs a process for unlocking and an attacker can force this to deactivate accounts and make them unusable.

(iii) Using an authentication attribute blacklist to prevent vulnerable passwords.

(iv) Using CAPTCHA to prevent automated attempts (often used for Web applications).

In order to achieve higher security, two or more of the measures indicated above shall be mandatorily supported by O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.

An exception to this requirement is machine accounts.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.4.3.3]

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### **2.2.4 Enforce Strong Password**

Requirement:

(a) The configuration setting shall be such that a O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall only accept passwords that comply with the following complexity criteria:

(i) Absolute minimum length of 8 characters (shorter lengths shall be rejected by the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud). It shall not be possible setting this absolute minimum length to a lower value by configuration.

(ii) Password shall mandatorily comprise all the following four categories of characters:

- at least 1 uppercase character (A-Z)
- at least 1 lowercase character (a-z)
- at least 1 digit (0-9)
- at least 1 special character (e.g., @;!\$.)

- b) The minimum length of characters in the passwords and the set of allowable special characters shall be configurable by the operator. The special characters may be categorized in sets according to their Unicode category.
- c) If a central system is used for user authentication password policy, then additional assurance shall be provided that the central system enforces the same password complexity rules as laid down for the local system in this sub-clause.
- d) If a central system is not used for user authentication, the assurance on password complexity rules shall be performed on the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.

e) When a user is changing a password or entering a new password, O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud /central system checks and ensures that it meets the password requirements. Above requirements shall be applicable for all passwords used (e.g., application-level, OS-level, etc.).

Password shall not be stored in clear text in the system; passwords shall be salted and hashed.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 Section 4.2.3.4.3.1]

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## **2.2.5 Inactive Session timeout**

Requirement:

An OAM user interactive session shall be terminated automatically after a specified period of inactivity. It shall be possible to configure an inactivity time-out period.

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall monitor inactive sessions of administrative login users and initiate session locking mechanism based on user configurable timers. Unlocking the session shall be permissible only by authentication. If the inactivity period further continues for a defined period, Session /user ID time out must occur after this inactivity.

The timer values can be admin configurable as per requirement, normally set between 2 to 5 minutes.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.5.2]

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## **2.2.6 Password Changes**

Requirement:

If a password is used as an authentication attribute, then the system shall offer a function that enables a user to change his password at any time. When an external centralized system for user authentication is used it should be possible to implement this function on this system.

Password change shall be enforced after initial login.

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall enforce password change based on password management policy.

In particular, the system shall enforce password expiry. O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall support a configurable period for expiry of passwords.

Previously used passwords shall not be allowed up to a certain number (Password History).

The number of disallowed previously used passwords shall be:

- Configurable.
- Greater than 0.
- And its minimum value shall be 3. This means that the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall store at least the three previously set passwords. The maximum number of passwords that the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud can store for each user is up to the manufacturer.

When a password is about to expire, a password expiry notification shall be provided to the user.

Above requirements shall be applicable for all passwords used (e.g. application-level, OS-level, etc.).

An exception to this requirement is machine accounts.

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud to have in-built mechanism to support this requirement.

If a central system is used for user authentication password policy, then additional assurance shall be provided that the central system enforces the same password change policies as laid down for the local system in this subclause.

And if a central system is not used for user authentication, the assurance on password changes rules shall be performed on the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.4.3.2]

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## **2.2.7 Protected Authentication feedback**

Requirement:

In case of O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud the Authentication attribute shall not be displayed in such a way that it could be seen and misused by a casual local observer. Typically, the individual characters of the password are replaced by a character such as "\*".

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.4.3.4]

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## **2.2.8 Removal of predefined or default authentication attributes**

Requirement:

In case of O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud Predefined or default authentication attributes shall be deleted or disabled.

Normally, authentication attributes such as password or cryptographic keys will be preconfigured from producer, OEM or developer of a system. Such authentication attributes shall be changed by automatically forcing a user to change it on 1st time login to the system or the OEM provides instructions on how to manually change it.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.4.2.3]

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## **2.2.9 Logout function**

Requirement:

The system shall have a function that allows a signed-in user to logout at any time. All processes under the logged-in user ID shall be terminated on logout. The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall be able to continue to operate without interactive sessions.

Only for debugging purposes, processes under a logged-in user ID may be allowed to continue to run after detaching the interactive session.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.5.1]

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## **2.2.10 Policy regarding consecutive failed login attempts**

Requirement:

- a) The maximum permissible number of consecutive failed user account login attempts should be configurable by the operator. The definition of the default value set at manufacturing time for the maximum number of failed user account login attempts shall be less than or equal to 8. After the maximum permissible number of consecutive failed user account login attempts is exceeded by a user, there shall be a block delay in allowing the user to attempt login again. This block delay and the capability to set the period of the block delay, e.g., double the delay, or 5 minutes delay, or 10 minutes delay, after each login failure should be configurable by the operator. The default value set at manufacturing time for this delay shall be greater than or equal to 5 sec.
- b) If supported, infinite (permanent) locking of an account that has exceeded the maximum permissible number of consecutive failed user account login attempts should also be possible via configuration, with the exception of administrative accounts, which shall get only temporarily locked.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117- 17.2.0 V.1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.4.5]

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## **2.2.11 Suspend accounts on non-use**

Requirement:

It shall be possible for the system to automatically suspend an account after 'X' days without a valid login. Only the highest privilege account shall be exempted from this requirement.

Note: X may be specified by operator. It can be implemented centrally also.

[Ref : CIS Password Policy Guide]

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## **Section 2.3: Software Security**

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### **2.3.1 Source code security assurance**

Requirement:

- a) OEM shall follow best security practices including secure coding for software development. Source code shall be made available either at TSTL premises or at the mutually agreed location for source code review by the designated TSTL. It may be supported by furnishing the Software Test Document (STD).
- b) Also, OEM shall submit the undertaking as below:
  - (i) Industry standard best practices of secure coding have been followed during the entire software development life cycle of the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud Software which includes OEM developed code, third party software and opensource code libraries used/embedded in the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.
  - (ii) O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud software shall be free from CWE top 25, OWASP top 10 and OWASP top10 API security weaknesses on the date of offer of product to designated TSTL for testing. For other security weaknesses, OEM shall give mitigation plan.
  - (iii) The binaries for O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud and upgrades/updates thereafter generated from the source code are free from all known security vulnerabilities stated in bullet (ii) above.

[Ref: 1. [https://cwe.mitre.org/top25/archive/2022/2022\\_cwe\\_top25.html](https://cwe.mitre.org/top25/archive/2022/2022_cwe_top25.html)

2. <https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/>

3. <https://owasp.org/www-project-api-security/>]

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### **2.3.2 Known Malware and backdoor Check**

Requirement:

OEM shall submit an undertaking stating that O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud is free from all known malware and backdoors as on the date of offer of O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud to designated TSTL for testing and shall submit their internal Malware Test Document (MTD) of the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud to the designated TSTL.

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### 2.3.3 No unused software

Requirement:

Software components or parts of software which are not needed for operation or functionality of the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not be present /configured.

Orphaned software components /packages shall not be present in O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.

OEM shall provide the list of software that are necessary for O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud's operation.

In addition, OEM shall furnish an undertaking as "O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud does not contain Software that is not used in the functionality of O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud"

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117 -17.2.0 V.1.2.0. Section 4.3.2.3]

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### 2.3.4 Unnecessary Services Removal

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall only run protocol handlers and services which are needed for its operation, and which do not have any known security vulnerabilities. By default, all other ports and services will be permanently disabled. O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud Shall not support following services

- FTP
- TFTP
- Telnet
- rlogin, RCP, RSH
- HTTP
- SNMPv1 and v2
- SSHv1 and v2
- TCP/UDP Small Servers (Echo, Chargen, Discard and Daytime)
- Finger
- BOOTP server
- Discovery protocols (CDP, LLDP)
- IP Identification Service (Identd)
- PAD
- MOP

Any other protocols, services that are vulnerable are also to be permanently disabled.

Full documentation of required protocols and services (communication matrix) of the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud and their purpose needs to be provided by the OEM as prerequisite for the test case.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.3.2.1]

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### **2.3.5 Restricting System Boot Source**

Requirement:

The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall boot only from the memory devices intended for this purpose.

[Reference- TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section- 4.2.3.3.2]

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### **2.3.6 Secure Time Synchronization**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall use reliable time and date information provided through NTP/PTP server. O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall establish a secure communication channel through standard interface with the Network Time Protocol (NTP) / Precision Time Protocol (PTP) server as per appropriate TEC ER (essential requirement) document.

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall establish a secure communication channel strictly using Secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table 1 of the latest document "ITSAR for Cryptographic Controls" with NTP/PTP server. O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall generate audit logs for all changes to time settings.

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall support NTPv4 or later version to ensure secure time synchronization.

Note: RFC 8915 which proposes Network Time Security (NTS) as an extension field for the NTP version 4 is also permitted.

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### **2.3.7 Restricted reachability of services**

Requirement:

The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall restrict the reachability of services such that they can be reached only on interfaces meant for the purpose. On interfaces where services are active, the reachability should be limited to legitimate communication peers.

Administrative services (e.g. SSHv2, HTTPS, RDP) shall be restricted to interfaces in the management plane for separation of management traffic from user traffic.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 Section 4.3.2.2]

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### 2.3.8 Self Testing

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud's cryptographic module shall perform power-up self-tests and should perform conditional self- tests to ensure that the module is functioning properly. Power-up self-tests shall be performed when the cryptographic module is powered up during System boot up/restart.

Conditional self-tests should be performed when an applicable security function or operation is invoked (i.e. security functions for which self-tests are required). If a cryptographic module fails a self-test, the module shall enter an error state and output an error indicator via the status output interface. The cryptographic module shall not perform any cryptographic operations while in an error state.

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### 2.3.9 Common application lifecycle management - Package Protection

Requirement:

1. The Application package shall be certified by the Application Provider.  
Example: Software testing suites for certification include vulnerability scanning, static and dynamic testing, and penetration testing etc.
2. The Application package shall be signed by the Application Provider prior to its delivery to the Service Provider to ensure its authenticity and integrity.
3. The Application package shall include minimally the following artifacts: the Application software image, the signing certificate, and signature(s) of Application Provider.
4. Each Application package artifact shall be digitally signed individually by the Application Provider.
5. The SMO shall verify all Application package artifacts upon reception using the signatures generated and provided by the Application Provider.
6. The Application package shall be validated by SMO upon its reception using the signature generated and provided by the Application Provider
7. The Application package shall be tested by the Service Provider for known security vulnerabilities. All discovered vulnerabilities shall be reported to the Application Provider.
8. The Application Provider shall have a vulnerability management process in place allowing the Service Provider to report discovered vulnerabilities.
9. Vulnerabilities discovered in Application packages during testing by Service Provider shall be remediated by the Application Provider.

10. The Application package shall be cryptographically bound to one Service Provider before its onboarding to the images repository. This prevents an unauthorized package to be instantiated even if it has valid Application certificate.
11. Application packages stored within the images repository shall be protected in terms of integrity and confidentiality.
12. Application packages stored within the images repository shall be accessible to only authorized entities and over networks that enforce authentication, integrity, and confidentiality.
13. Images repository shall be clear of vulnerable Application packages and of packages with missing certificates.
14. Sensitive information used during the lifecycle of the Application shall be protected in terms of confidentiality at rest and in transit.  
Example: Sensitive information includes LI Applications, keys, PII, passwords and other critical configuration data.
15. SMO shall contain a pre-installed root certificate of trusted CA (trusted by the Service Provider) before the onboarding of the Application package for verifying its authenticity and integrity. Root certificate shall be delivered via a trusted channel separately from an Application package
16. Application packages shall have a Change Log. All the changes in the Application package shall be versioned, tracked, and inventoried in the Change Log.
17. Application packages shall be signed and verified for integrity and authenticity protection. To provide the authenticity and integrity protection for the Application package, one of the two following options shall be followed as defined in ETSI GS NFV-SEC 021 and ETSI GS NFV-SOL004. *Option one:* The Application package contains a Digest (a.k.a. hash) for each of the artifacts of the Application package. The table of hashes is signed with the Application Provider private key. *Option two:* The complete Application package is signed with the Application Provider private key.
18. Algorithms, key sizes and standards to be used for signature generation/verification shall follow the "O-RAN Security Protocol Specification".
19. Sensitive artifacts shall be encrypted for confidentiality protection.
20. Algorithms, key sizes and standards to be used for encryption/decryption shall follow the "O-RAN Security Protocol Specification"
21. Application packages shall be compliant with ETSI NFV specifications, ETSI GS NFV-SOL004, ETSI GS NFV-IFA 011 and ETSI GS NFV-SEC 021 for package formats and signing/verification procedures
22. Encryption shall be used to secure cryptographic keys used by the cryptographic operations using Secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document "Cryptographic Controls for Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR)" only.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.2.1]

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### **2.3.10 Common application lifecycle management - Secure Update**

Requirement:

1. Application updates shall follow the same security requirements as Application packages.
2. Applications should be updated with their latest security updates.
3. Applications should be protected from downgrade attacks to older, possibly vulnerable, software versions.
4. Security updates for Application vulnerabilities should be available in a timely manner after discovery of known vulnerability or vulnerabilities for an Application.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.2.2]

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### **2.3.11 Common application lifecycle management - Security descriptor**

Requirement:

1. The Application descriptor shall support a description of the security group rules. Those rules shall be associated to the relevant Application interfaces.  
Example: Security group rules include permissions, access control and filtering rules
2. The Application descriptor shall support a description of the Service Availability Level (SAL) requirements for virtual resources on the underlying O-Cloud platform.
3. The O-Cloud platform shall use the security group rules in the application descriptor for controlling the traffic direction, who can access the Application, what actions they can perform, and what level of access they have.
4. The SMO shall use the Service Availability Level (SAL) in the Application descriptor for governing the status (availability, deployment and operation) of Applications and reacting whenever a SAL requirement is being breached.
5. The Application shall support the ability to compare the current owned resource consumption with the defined resource quotas from the Application descriptor.
6. The Application shall send an alarm to the SMO if the current owned resource consumption and the defined resource quotas are inconsistent.
7. The comparing process between the current owned resource consumption and the defined resource quotas should be triggered periodically by the Application.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.2.3]

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### **2.3.12 Common application lifecycle management - Secure deletion**

Requirement:

1. Unwanted Application data shall be securely sanitized from all storage media devices.

2. Sensitive application data shall be securely sanitized using clearing as defined in NIST SP 800-88
3. Highly sensitive Application data shall be securely sanitized using purging as defined in NIST SP 800-88

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.2.4]

### **2.3.13 Common application lifecycle management - decommissioning of applications**

Requirement:

1. A complete post-decommission report documenting the performed tasks shall be generated.
2. Legacy data and software should be archived.
3. All trust artifact associated with an application shall be revoked at the time of decommissioning.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.2.5]

## **Section 2.4: System Secure Execution Environment**

### **2.4.1 No unused functions**

Requirement:

Unused functions i.e., the software and hardware functions which are not needed for operation or functionality of the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall be permanently deactivated in the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud's software and/or hardware. The list of hardware and software functions installed in the system shall match with the ones that have been mentioned and deemed necessary for the operation of the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.3.2.4]

### **2.4.2 No unsupported components**

Requirement:

OEM to ensure that the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not contain software and hardware components that are no longer supported by them or their 3rd Parties including the opensource communities, such as components that have reached end-of-life or end-of-support. An undertaking in this regard shall be given by OEM.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.3.2.5]

### 2.4.3 Avoidance of Unspecified mode of Access

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not contain any wireless access mechanism which is unspecified or not declared.

An undertaking shall be given by the OEM as follows:

"The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud does not contain any wireless, optical, magnetic or any other component that may be used as a covert channel"

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## Section 2.5: User Audit

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### 2.5.1 Log management - Generic requirement

Requirement:

An O-RAN component shall support the generation and transmission of security log data.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.2]

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### 2.5.2 Log management - security log data storage

Requirement:

1. The Security Log data which have been created within a micro perimeter shall be persistently stored in a non-volatile memory. This refers to Security Log data at rest. This applies to back-up Security Log data as well.
2. Any anomalies detected in log settings, configurations, and processes shall be logged.
3. The O-RAN Network Function(s), the O-cloud platform and infrastructure, and the SMO Framework shall create Security Log data.
4. Security Log data shall be created and maintained per App, per xApp, or per rApp.
5. The created and stored Security Log data shall provide all necessary information to deduce the root cause of a system behaviour.
6. The Security Log data access management shall be protected with the help of the micro perimeter.
7. The access to Security Log data shall be authenticated and authorized.
8. Any change of access rights to Security Log data shall be logged.
9. Changing the access rights of security log data is only possible with privileged access rights.
10. The Security Log-data process shall support Log data rotation. Log data rotation in this context refers to a closing of a Log-storage and opening a new Log-storage when the first Log-storage is complete.

11. The Security Log data rotation process shall be configurable at regular time and when the maximum log size is reached.
12. The Security Log data process shall log any log rotation reconfiguration.
13. The system shall be capable of creating, processing, transmitting, and always storing all required security log events.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.3.1]

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### **2.5.3 Log management – security log data in motion**

Requirement:

1. The Security Log data in motion shall be protected with the help of the micro perimeter.
2. The Security Log data in motion shall be confidentiality, integrity and replay protected if this is going to leave the micro perimeter.
3. A mutual authentication shall be performed for any setup of a secure communication channel between at least two micro perimeters.
4. If a Security Log data integrity verification has failed, the Security Log data and a related failure notification shall be logged.
5. If a Security Log data appears outside of its expected receiving window, the Security Log data and the related notification shall be logged.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.3.2]

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### **2.5.4 Log management – setup of a micro perimeter**

Requirement:

1. The Micro Perimeter shall support the secure storage of sensitive data.
2. The Micro Perimeter shall support the execution of Security Log data sensitive functions, which are hosting the Log-Agent(s) and the Log-Collector.
3. The Micro Perimeter shall support the execution of instantiated Application VNF's and Platform/Operating System level software.
4. The Micro Perimeter's integrity shall be assured.
5. Only authorized access shall be granted to the Micro Perimeter, i.e., access to Security Log data stored and used within it, and to instantiated functions within it.
6. The Micro Perimeter shall support the deployment of software and the booting-up and execution of a single software instance or multiple software instances.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.3.3]

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### **2.5.5 Log management – storage in log data repository**

Requirement:

1. The Security Log data stored in the repository shall be protected with the help of the micro perimeter.
2. The Security Log data which have been created inside the trusted environment of the repository shall be persistently stored in a non-volatile memory. This refers to Log data at rest. This applies to back-up Log data.
3. Security Log data from different cluster node(s) shall be stored isolated from each other.
4. The Security Log data repository shall grant write only operation to cluster node(s).
5. Security Log data which are stored in the repository shall be confidentiality and integrity protected.
6. The Security Log data repository shall support attribute-based (ABAC) access management according to NIST SP800-162.
7. The Security Log data access management shall support operations for read, write, edit, delete, copy, execute and modify.
8. The access management ABAC mechanisms shall include the Subject Attributes, the Resource Objects Attributes, the Access Control Rules (policy), and the environmental conditions.
9. The Log data repository shall create and store Security Log data in a non-volatile memory.
10. Security Log data in use shall be protected with the help of the micro perimeter.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.4]

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## 2.5.6 Log management - secure storage of security log data

Requirement:

1. Security log data shall be stored in a centralized location for easy management and analysis.
2. Security log data shall be stored in a tamper-proof manner to ensure their integrity and authenticity.
3. Retention policies for security log data shall be established to determine how long logs shall be kept.
4. Access to the log storage shall be restricted to authorized personnel only.
5. Access to the log storage shall be logged.
6. Backup of the log storage shall be performed regularly.
7. O-RAN elements shall be authorized to only send security log data to centralized log storage.
8. Centralized storage for security log data should be realized using centralized logging servers.
9. Tamper proof storage of security log data may be achieved through digital signature, encryption and hashing techniques.

10. The retention period should be based on legal, regulatory, and compliance requirements, as well as the organization's own policies.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.5]

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### **2.5.7 Log management - secure transfer of security log data**

Requirement:

1. Security log data shall be confidentiality- and integrity- protected during transfer to protect them from unauthorized access or tampering.
2. The parties involved in the security log transfer shall mutually authenticate each other to ensure that the logs are coming from a trusted source and going to a trusted destination. Failures detected during the authentication shall be logged.
3. Mechanisms shall be in place to ensure the integrity of the security log data during transfer.
4. The log transfer process shall be auditable to enable the tracking and identification of any unauthorized or suspicious log transfers.
5. An O-RAN component may support log streaming for security log events.
6. Digital signatures or hash based message authentication codes (HMAC) may be used to provide integrity protection of security log data.
7. O-RAN component may support the transport of Syslog over TLS1.2 for log streaming of security log events.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.6]

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### **2.5.8 Log management - log format**

Requirement:

Security logs shall be formatted in a consistent, standard, and machine-readable format that maintains backward compatibility with previous log format versions.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.7]

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### **2.5.9 Log management - log fields**

Requirement:

1. Security logs shall include the date and time of the security event for each log entry, using a consistent and standardized format that logs time to at least the second.

2. Security logs shall record the location of the security event for each log entry. For network transactions, the location shall incorporate both the source and destination IP addresses. In cases where security events transpire within a single component, location field shall only contain the source IP address.
3. Security logs shall include the entity that is the cause of the security event for each log entry.
4. Security log should use the ISO 8601 date and time format.
5. Security log shall use IP addresses for the location field.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.8]

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### **2.5.10 Log management - authenticated time stamping and missing time source**

Requirement:

1. All network functions shall be synchronised to a common and authenticated time source.
2. Any successful as well as the unsuccessful synchronization to the common time source shall be logged.
3. The Security Log-data shall be time-stamped with the system time in case of unsuccessful synchronisation to a common time source.
4. The Security Log-data recording shall take place in the order in which the (security) log events occur.
5. The Security Log data shall contain a timestamp that includes a timezone.
6. The Network Time protocol version 4 shall be supported for the support of authenticated time stamping.
7. If NTPv4 authentication is in use, then AES-CMAC as specified by RFC4493 shall be supported. In this use case the NTP client can verify the integrity of the received NTP-packet.
8. If NTP security as specified by RFC5905 is in use for the integrity and replay protection of NTP-packets, then NTS as per RFC8915 shall be supported. In this use case the NTP client can verify the authenticity of the NTP packets by use of X.509 PKI infrastructure.
9. The Time Stamp representation should be in a standardized format, and the format in use should be logged. For reference to the formatting please refer to RFC 3339 and ISO 8601

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.9]

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### **2.5.11 Log management - application system security event log**

Requirement:

1. O-RAN Network Functions shall log any errors or exceptions generated.

2. O-RAN Network Functions shall log the use of any dynamically loaded libraries, including the name and version information of the library being loaded.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.11.4]

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### **2.5.12 Log management - Data access security event log**

Requirement:

1. O-RAN components shall log successful file additions, deletions, and unsuccessful attempts due to errors and authorization issues.
2. O-RAN components should log successful file reads and writes.
3. O-RAN components shall log unsuccessful attempts of file reads and writes due to errors and authorization issues.
4. O-RAN components shall log successful directory additions, deletions, and unsuccessful attempts due to errors and authorization issues.
5. O-RAN components shall log successful database or data store additions, deletions, and unsuccessful attempts due to errors and authorization issues.
6. O-RAN components should log successful database or data store reads and writes.
7. O-RAN components shall log unsuccessful attempts of database and data store reads and writes.
8. O-RAN components shall log permission changes to files, directories, databases, or data stores.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.11.5]

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### **2.5.13 Log management -account and identity security event log**

Requirement:

1. O-RAN components shall log account creation, modification, deletion, and unsuccessful attempts.
2. O-RAN components shall log changes to account privilege levels and unsuccessful attempts.
3. O-RAN components shall log successful group membership changes for accounts and unsuccessful change attempts.
4. O-RAN components shall log successful and unsuccessful authentication attempts for accounts.
5. O-RAN components shall log successful and unsuccessful authorization attempts to create a session or initiate a transaction.
6. O-RAN components shall log the termination of sessions or transactions.
7. O-RAN components shall log the occurrence of downgraded privileges or elevation of privileges for accounts.

8. O-RAN components shall log the termination of sessions.
9. O-RAN components shall log transactions successfully executed by accounts and unsuccessful attempts.
10. O-RAN components shall log requests that do not require an authenticated account.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.11.6]

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#### **2.5.14 Log management – general security event log**

Requirement:

1. O-RAN components shall log the activation and deactivation of security software related to security logging, firewalls, malware protection, data loss prevention (DLP), and intrusion detection systems (IDS).
2. O-RAN components shall log the use of administrative privileges.
3. O-RAN components shall log any change to a security-related configuration item, including a description of the configuration change.
4. O-RAN components shall log the occurrence of viewing, renewing, exporting, importing, modifying, and deleting of certificates and keys. The logged data for these events shall not include any sensitive information related to the certificates or the keys.
5. O-RAN components shall log the occurrence of cryptographic operations on resources involved in signatures, encryption, decryption, hashing, key generation, and key destruction. The logged data for these events shall not include any sensitive information related to the cryptographic operations.
6. O-RAN components shall log security patches submitted but not applied.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.11.7]

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#### **2.5.15 Log management – log data life cycle management**

Requirement:

1. The Security Log data process shall support Log data rotation. Log data rotation in this context refers to a closing of a Log-storage and opening a new Log-storage when the first Log-storage is complete.
2. The Security Log data rotation process shall be configurable at regular time and when the maximum log size is reached.
3. The Security Log data process shall log any log rotation reconfiguration.
4. The system shall be capable of creating, processing, transmitting, and always storing all required security log events.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.12]

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## 2.5.16 Log management - security log data policy

Requirement:

1. The archived Security Log data and their storage media shall be checked periodically to determine whether the Security Log data is accessible.
2. The archived Log data and their media shall be physically protected.
3. The personally identifiable information (PII) shall be removed from archived Security Log data.
4. The archived Security Log data shall be integrity and confidentiality protected.
5. For the Security Log data lifecycle a policy shall be supported for log retention and log preservation. If this provides filter options, then security Log data must not be filtered out.
6. The log policy shall include requirements for log generation, log transmission, store and disposal, and log analysis.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.13]

## 2.5.17 Log management - DDoS to Security Log Data.

Requirement:

1. The log management infrastructure should be designed to support typical and peak volume of log data to be processed per hour and day.
2. The log management infrastructure should support the handling of peak situations for extreme situations. Extreme situations in this context refer to widespread malware incidents, vulnerability scanning, and penetration tests that may cause unusual large number of log entries.
3. The log management infrastructure should provide notifications at different log data volumes. This refers to the introduction of escalation levels at different log data volumes.
4. The log management infrastructure should provide notifications at different log data event rates. This refers to the introduction of escalation levels at different log data event rates.
5. The log management infrastructure should support mechanisms for log data redundancy.
6. The log management infrastructure should trigger the archiving of log data based on the level of escalation achieved. The escalation level may be triggered by increased log data volume or log data event rates.
7. The log management infrastructure should trigger the retention of log data based on the level of escalation achieved. The escalation level may be triggered by increased log data volume or log data event rates.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.14]

## 2.5.18 Log management – Preventing Tampering of Log Data

Requirement:

1. The log management infrastructure should support access management for log data.
2. The log management infrastructure should support real time logging (log data streaming).
3. The log management infrastructure should support replication of log data.
4. The log management infrastructure should support the derivation of digests of log-data to existing and preceding digests with the aim to keep the cryptographic chain and to attest the completeness and the integrity of the security events.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.15]

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## Section 2.6: Data Protection

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### 2.6.1 Cryptographic Based Secure Communication

Requirements:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall Communicate with the connected entities strictly using the secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document “Cryptographic Controls for Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR)” only.

OEM shall submit to TSTL, the list of the connected entities with O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud and the method of secure communication with each entity with details of interface, protocol stack implemented, configuration, detailed procedure of establishing the communication with each entity and any other details required for verifying this requirement.

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### 2.6.2 Cryptographic Module Security Assurance

Requirement:

Cryptographic module embedded inside the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud (in the form of hardware, software or firmware) that provides all the necessary security services such as authentication, integrity and confidentiality is designed and implemented in compliance with FIPS 140-3 or later as prescribed by NIST standards.

Till further instructions, this clause will be considered ‘complied’ by submission of an undertaking by the OEM in specified format along with self-certified test reports.

An undertaking is to be submitted by the OEM mentioning that “Cryptographic module embedded inside the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud (in the form of hardware, software or firmware) that provides all the necessary security services such as authentication, integrity

and confidentiality is designed and implemented in compliance with FIPS 140-3 or later as prescribed by NIST standards".

[Reference: 1. ENISA Recommendation "Standardization in support of the cybersecurity certification", Dec 2019 2. <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/FIPS/NIST.FIPS.140-3.pdf>]

### **2.6.3 Cryptographic Algorithms implementation Security Assurance**

Requirement:

Cryptographic algorithm implemented inside the Crypto module of O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall be in compliance with the respective FIPS standards (for the specific crypto algorithm).

Till further instructions, this clause will be considered 'complied' by submission of an undertaking by the OEM in specified format along with self-certified test reports.

An undertaking is to be submitted by the OEM mentioning that "Cryptographic algorithm implemented inside the Crypto module of O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud is in compliance with the respective FIPS standards (for the specific crypto algorithm embedded inside the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud)"

[Reference: 1. ENISA Recommendation "Standardization in support of the cybersecurity certification", Dec 2019, 2. <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/FIPS/NIST.FIPS.140-2.pdf>]

### **2.6.4 Protecting data and information – Confidential System Internal Data**

Requirement:

- a) When O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud is in normal operational mode (i.e., not in maintenance mode) there shall be no system function that reveals confidential system internal data in the clear text to users and administrators
- b) Access to maintenance mode shall be restricted only to authorised privileged user.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.2.2.]

### **2.6.5 Protecting data and information in storage**

Requirement:

- a) For sensitive data (persistent or temporary) in storage, read access rights shall be restricted. Sensitive files of O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud system that are needed for the functionality shall be protected against manipulation strictly using the Secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document "Cryptographic Controls for Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR)" with appropriate non-repudiation controls.

b) In addition, the following rules apply for:

- (i) Systems that need access to identification and authentication data in the clear/readable form e.g., in order to perform an activity/operation. Such systems shall not store this data in the clear/readable form, but scramble or encrypt it by implementation-specific means.
- (ii) Systems that do not need access to sensitive data in the clear. Such systems shall hash this sensitive data strictly using the cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document “Cryptographic Controls for Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR)” only.
- (iii) Stored files in the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud: Shall be protected against manipulation strictly using the NCCS approved Secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document “Cryptographic Controls for Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR)” only.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 Section 4.2.3.2.3]

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## 2.6.6 Protection against Copy of Data

Requirement:

- a) Without authentication, O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not create a copy of data in use or data in transit.
- b) Protective measures should exist against use of available system functions / software residing in O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud to create copy of data for illegal transmission.
- c) The software functions, components in the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud for creation of data copy are to be disabled or sufficiently secured to prevent illegal copy of data.

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## 2.6.7 Protection against Data Exfiltration - Overt Channel

Requirement:

*Securing Networks*

- a) O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall have mechanisms to prevent data exfiltration attacks for theft of data in use and data in transit.
- b) Establishment of outbound overt channels such as, HTTPS, IM, P2P, Email etc. are to be forbidden if they are auto-initiated by / auto-originated from the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.
- c) Session logs shall be generated for establishment of any session initiated by either user or O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.

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## 2.6.8 Protection against Data Exfiltration - Covert Channel

Requirement:

- a) O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall have mechanisms to prevent data exfiltration attacks for theft of data in use and data in transit.

- b) Establishment of outbound covert channels and tunnels such as DNS Tunnel, HTTPS Tunnel, ICMP Tunnel, TLS1.2, SSL, SSHv2, IPSEC VPN, RTP Encapsulation etc. are to be forbidden if they are auto-initiated by / auto-originated from the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.
- c) Session logs shall be generated for establishment of any session initiated by either user or O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud system.

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## Section 2.7: Network Services

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### 2.7.1 Traffic Filtering – Network Level

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall provide a mechanism to filter incoming IP packets on any IP interface (Refer to RFC 3871).

In particular the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall provide a mechanism:

- (i) To filter incoming IP packets on any IP interface at Network Layer and Transport Layer of the stack ISO/OSI.
- (ii) To allow specified actions to be taken when a filter rule matches. In particular at least the following actions should be supported:
  - Discard/Drop: the matching message is discarded; no subsequent rules are applied, and no answer is sent back.
  - Accept: the matching message is accepted.
  - Account: the matching message is accounted for i.e., a counter for the rule is incremented. This action can be combined with the previous ones.

This feature is useful to monitor traffic before its blocking.

- (iii) To enable/disable for each rule the logging for Dropped packets, i.e., details on messages matching the rule for troubleshooting.
- (iv) To filter on the basis of the value(s) of source IP, destination IP and port addresses of protocol header.
- (v) To reset the accounting.
- (vi) The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall provide a mechanism to disable/enable each defined rule.

[Reference– TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 Section 4.2.6.2.1

RFC 3871 – Operational Security Requirements for Large Internet Service Provider (ISP) IP Network Infrastructure]

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### 2.7.2 Traffic Separation

Requirement:

The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall support the physical or logical separation of traffic belonging to different network domains. For example, O&M traffic and control plane traffic belong to different network domains.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.5.1

RFC 3871 - Operational Security Requirements for Large Internet Service Provider (ISP) IP Network Infrastructure].

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### **2.7.3 Traffic Protection -Anti-Spoofing:**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not process IP Packets if their source address is not reachable via the incoming interface. Implementation example: Use of "Reverse Path Filter" (RPF) provides this function.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.3.1.1]

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### **2.7.4 GTP-U Filtering**



Requirement:

The following capability is conditionally required:

- For each message of a GTP-U-based protocol, it shall be possible to check whether the sender of this message is authorized to send a message pertaining to this protocol.
- At least the following actions should be supported when the check is satisfied:
  - Discard: the matching message is discarded.
  - Accept: the matching message is accepted.
  - Account: the matching message is accounted for, i.e., a counter for the rule is incremented.

This action can be combined with the previous ones. This feature is useful to monitor traffic before its blocking.

This requirement is conditional in the following sense: It is required that at least one of the following two statements holds:

- O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud supports the capability described above, and this is stated in the product documentation.
- The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud's product documentation states that the capability is not supported and that the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud needs to be deployed together with a separate entity which provides the capability described above.

[Reference- TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.6.2.4]

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## Section 2.8: Attack Prevention Mechanisms

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### 2.8.1 Network Level and application-level DDoS

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall have protection mechanism against Network level and Application-level DDoS attacks.

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall provide security measures to deal with overload situations which may occur as a result of a denial-of-service attack or during periods of increased traffic. In particular, partial or complete impairment of system availability shall be avoided. The O-RAN network element shall be able to return to its normal service level after the attack subsides.

Potential protective measures include:

- Restricting of available RAM per application
- Restricting of maximum sessions for a Web application
- Defining the maximum size of a dataset
- Restricting CPU resources per process
- Prioritizing processes
- Limiting of amount or size of transactions of a user or from an IP address in a specific time range
- Limiting of amount or size of transactions to an IP address/Port Address in a specific time range

The O-RAN element should be designed to incorporate redundant elements to achieve high availability. The vendors should provide robust support for these high availability features.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.3.1, ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.5 ]

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### 2.8.2 Excessive Overload Protection

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall act in a predictable way if an overload situation cannot be prevented. O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall be built in this way that it can react on an overload situation in a controlled way.

However, it is possible that a situation happens where the security measures are no longer sufficient. In such case it shall be ensured that O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud cannot reach an undefined and thus potentially insecure, state.

OEM shall provide a technical description of the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud's Overload Control mechanisms (especially whether these mechanisms rely on cooperation of other network elements e.g., RAN)

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.3.3.3]

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### **2.8.3 Interface Robustness Requirements**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not be affected in its availability or robustness by incoming packets from other network elements that are manipulated or differing the norm. This means that appropriate packets shall be detected as invalid and be discarded. The process shall not be affecting the performance of the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud. This robustness shall be just as effective for a great mass of invalid packets as for individual or a small number of packets.

Examples of such packets are:

- Mass-produced TCP packets with a set SYN flag to produce half-open TCP connections (SYN flooding attack).
- Packets with the same IP sender address and IP recipient address (Land attack).
- Mass-produced ICMP packets with the broadcast address of a network as target address (Smurf attack).
- Fragmented IP packets with overlapping offset fields (Teardrop attack).
- ICMP packets that are larger than the maximum permitted size (65,535 Bytes) of IPv4 packets (Ping-of-death attack).
- Uncorrelated reply to packets (i.e., packets which cannot be correlated to any request).

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.2.6.2.2]

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## **Section 2.9: Vulnerability Testing Requirements**

### **2.9.1 Fuzzing – Network and Application Level**

Requirement:

It shall be ensured that externally reachable services of O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud are reasonably robust when receiving unexpected input.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 section 4.4.4]

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### **2.9.2 Port Scanning**

Requirement:

It shall be ensured that on all network interfaces of O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud, only documented ports on the transport layer respond to requests from outside the system.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.4.2]

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### 2.9.3 Vulnerability Scanning

Requirement:

The purpose of vulnerability scanning is to ensure that there are no known vulnerabilities (or that relevant vulnerabilities are identified and remediation plans in place to mitigate them) on the Network Product, both in the OS and in the applications installed, that can be detected by means of automatic testing tools via the Internet Protocol enabled network interfaces.

The vulnerabilities found during the Vulnerability Scanning/Assessment process shall be remediated as below. For other than critical vulnerabilities, OEM shall provide a remediation plan.

Sr. No.	CVSS Score	Severity	Remediation
1	9.0 - 10.0	Critical	To be patched immediately
2	7.0 - 8.9	High	To be patched within a month
3	4.0 - 6.9	Medium	To be patched within three months
4	0.1 - 3.9	Low	To be patched within a year

Zero-day vulnerabilities shall be remediated immediately or as soon as possible.

[Ref: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117 17.2.0 V1.2.0 section 4.4.3]

[Ref: <https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln-metrics/cvss>]

[Ref: GSMA NG 133 Cloud Infrastructure Reference Architecture]

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## Section 2.10: Operating System

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### 2.10.1 Growing Content Handling

Requirement:

- Growing or dynamic content shall not influence system functions.
- A file system that reaches its maximum capacity shall lead to an event getting logged with appropriate message parameters and shall not stop O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud from operating properly. Therefore, countermeasures shall be taken to ensure that this scenario is avoided.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.4.1.1.]

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## 2.10.2 Handling of ICMP

Requirement:

Processing of ICMPv4 and ICMPv6 packets which are not required for operation shall be disabled on the O-RU O-DU, O-CU, O-Cloud.

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not send certain ICMP types by default but it may support the option to enable utilization of these types which are marked as "Optional" in below table:

Type (IPv4)	Type (IPv6)	Description	Send	Respond to
0	128	Echo Reply	Permitted	N/A
3	1	Destination Unreachable	Permitted	N/A
8	129	Echo Request	Permitted	Optional
11	3	Time Exceeded	Optional	N/A
12	4	Parameter Problem	Permitted	N/A
N/A	2	Packet too Big	Permitted	N/A
N/A	135	Neighbor Solicitation	Permitted	Permitted
N/A	136	Neighbor Advertisement	Permitted	N/A

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not respond to, or process (i.e., do changes to configuration) under any circumstances certain ICMP message types as marked in the below table.

Type (IPv4)	Type (IPv6)	Description	Send	Respond to	Process (i.e., do changes to configuration)
5	137	Redirect	N/A	N/A	Not Permitted
13	N/A	Timestamp	N/A	Not Permitted	N/A
14	N/A	Timestamp Reply	Not Permitted (i.e., as automatic reply to "Timestamp")	N/A	N/A
N/A	133	Router Solicitation	N/A	Not Permitted	Not Permitted
N/A	134	Router Advertisement	N/A	N/A	Permitted

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.4.1.1.2]

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### **2.10.3 Authenticated Privilege Escalation only**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not support a privilege escalation method in interactive sessions (both CLI and GUI) which allows a user to gain administrator/root privileges from another user account without re-authentication.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.4.1.2.1]

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### **2.10.4 System account identification**

Requirement:

Each system account in O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall have a unique identification with appropriate non-repudiation controls.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section 4.2.4.2.2]

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### **2.10.5 OS Hardening - Minimized kernel network functions**

Requirement:

In case of O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud Kernel-based network functions not needed for the operation of the network element shall be deactivated. In particular, the following ones shall be disabled by default:

1. IP Packet Forwarding between different interfaces of the network product.
2. Proxy ARP
3. Directed broadcast
4. IPv4 Multicast handling
5. Gratuitous ARP messages

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 Section - 4.3.3.1.2]

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### **2.10.6 No automatic launch of removable media**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not automatically launch any application when a removable media device is connected.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section - 4.3.3.1.3]

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## **2.10.7 Protection from buffer overflows**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall support mechanisms for buffer overflow protection. Documentation which describes these buffer overflow mechanisms and also how to check that they have been enabled and/or implemented shall be provided by OEM.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 Section - 4.3.3.1.5]

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## **2.10.8 External file system mount restrictions**

Requirement:

If normal users are allowed to mount external file systems (attached locally or via the network), OS-level restrictions shall be set properly in O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud in order to prevent privilege escalation or extended access permissions due to the contents of the mounted file systems.

OS-level restrictions shall apply to normal users against mount / use of removable media devices (e.g., USB drive, CD ROM etc.) for data transfer.

[Reference- TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 Section - 4.3. 3.1.6]

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## **2.10.9 File-system Authorization privileges**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall be designed to ensure that only users that are authorized to modify files, data, directories or file systems have the necessary privileges to do so.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 Section - 4.3.2.7]

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## **2.10.10 SYN Flood Prevention**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall support a mechanism to prevent Syn Flood attacks. This feature shall be enabled by default.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section - 4.3.3.1.4]

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## **2.10.11 Handling of IP options and extensions**

Requirement:

IP packets with unnecessary options or extension headers shall not be processed. IP options and extension headers (e.g., source routing) are only required in exceptional cases. So, all packets with enabled IP options or extension headers shall be filtered.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. Section - 4.2.4.1.1.3]

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## **2.10.12 Restrictions on running Scripts / Batch-processes**

Requirement:

Scheduled tasks for carrying out the activities such as taking the backups, monitoring disk space and system maintenance activities shall be executed by the privileged user such as administrator only. Similarly, O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall have feature to restrict Scripts / Batch-processes / Macros usage among various users. It shall be possible to administratively configure scheduled tasks usage i.e. Cron-Job usage (permit / deny) among various users like Normal users, privileged users.

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## **2.10.13 Restrictions on Soft-Restart**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall restrict software-based system restart options usage among various users. The software reset / restart either through command or use of key-combinations like CTRL+ALT+DEL is not available to normal users for prevention of unintended / malicious trigger of system reset / restart.

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## **2.10.14 Robustness of OS and applications**

Requirement:

Known vulnerabilities in the OS and applications of an O-RAN component shall be clearly identified

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.6]

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# **Section 2.11: Web Servers**

This entire section of the security requirements is applicable if the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud supports **web management interface**.

## **2.11.1 HTTPS**

Requirement:

The communication between Web client and Web server shall be protected strictly using the Secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document “Cryptographic Controls For Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements ( ITSAR )” only

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.2.5.1]

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## **2.11.2 Webserver logging**

Requirement:

Access to the O-RAN Components webserver (for both successful as well as failed attempts) shall be logged by O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud.

The web server log shall contain the following information:

- Access timestamp
- Source (IP address)
- Account (if known)
- Attempted login name (if the associated account does not exist)
- Relevant fields in http request. The URL should be included whenever possible.
- Status code of web server response

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.2.5.2]

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## **2.11.3 HTTPS input validation**

Requirement:

The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall have a mechanism in place to ensure that web application inputs are not vulnerable to command injection or cross-site scripting attacks.

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall validate, filter, escape, and encode user-controllable input before it is placed in output that is used as a web page that is served to other users.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.2.5.4]

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## **2.11.4 No system privileges**

Requirement:

No O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud web server processes shall run with system privileges.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.4.2]

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## **2.11.5 No unused HTTPS methods**

Requirement:

HTTPS methods that are not required for O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud operation shall be deactivated.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 section 4.3.4.3]

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## **2.11.6 No unused add-ons**

Requirement:

All optional add-ons and components of the web server shall be deactivated if they are not required for O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud operation.

In particular, CGI or other scripting components, Server Side Includes (SSI), and WebDAV shall be deactivated if they are not required.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.4.4]

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## **2.11.7 No compiler, interpreter, or shell via CGI or other server-side scripting**

Requirement:

If CGI (Common Gateway Interface) or other scripting technology is used, the CGI directory or other corresponding scripting directory shall not include compilers or interpreters.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.4.5]

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## **2.11.8 No CGI or other scripting for uploads**

Requirement:

If CGI or other scripting technology is used, the associated CGI/script directory shall not be used for uploads.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.4.6]

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## **2.11.9 No execution of system commands with SSI**

Requirement:

If Server Side Includes (SSI) is active, the execution of system commands shall be deactivated.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.4.7]

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## **2.11.10 Access rights for web server configuration**

Requirement:

Access rights for O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud web server configuration files shall only be granted to the owner of the web server process or to a user with system privileges.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 section 4.3.4.8]

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### **2.11.11 No default content**

Requirement:

Default content that is provided with the standard installation of the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud web server shall be removed.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.4.9]

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### **2.11.12 No directory listings**

Requirement:

Directory listings (indexing) / "Directory browsing" shall be deactivated.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.4.10]

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### **2.11.13 Web server information in HTTPS headers**

Requirement:

The HTTPS header shall not include information on the version of the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud web server and the modules/add-ons used.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.4.11]

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### **2.11.14 Web server information in error pages**

Requirement:

User-defined error pages and Error messages shall not include version information and other internal information about the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud web server, and the modules/add-ons used.

Default error pages of the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud web server shall be replaced by error pages defined by the OEM.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.4.12]

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### **2.11.15 Minimized file type mappings**

Requirement:

File type or script-mappings that are not required for O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud operation shall be deleted.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.4.13]

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## **2.11.16 Restricted file access**

Requirement:

Restrictive access rights shall be assigned to all files which are directly or indirectly reside in the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud web server's document directory.

In particular, the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud web server shall not be able to access files which are not meant to be delivered.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0 section 4.3.4.14]

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## **2.11.17 Execute rights exclusive for CGI/Scripting directory**

Requirement:

If CGI or other scripting technology is used, only the CGI/Scripting directory is configured with execute rights. Other directories used or meant for web content do not have execute rights.

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[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.3.4.15]

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## **2.11.18 HTTP User session**

Requirement:

To protect user sessions, O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall support the following session ID and session cookie requirements:

1. The session ID shall uniquely identify the user and distinguish the session from all other active sessions.
2. The session ID shall be unpredictable.
3. The session ID shall not contain sensitive information in clear text (e.g., account number, social security, etc.).
4. In addition to the Session Idle Timeout, O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall automatically terminate sessions after a configurable maximum lifetime. This maximum lifetime defines the maximum session span. When the maximum lifetime expires, the session shall be closed, the session ID shall be deleted, and the user shall be forced to (re)authenticate in the web application and to establish a new session. The default value for this maximum lifetime shall be set to 8 hours.
5. Session IDs shall be regenerated for each new session (e.g., each time a user logs in).

6. The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not use persistent cookies to manage sessions but only session cookies. This means that neither the "expire" nor the "max-age" attribute shall be set in the cookies.
7. Where session cookies are used the attribute 'HTTP Only' shall be set to true.
8. Where session cookies are used the 'domain' attribute shall be set to ensure that the cookie can only be sent to the specified domain.
9. Where session cookies are used the 'path' attribute shall be set to ensure that the cookie can only be sent to the specified directory or sub-directory.
10. The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall not accept session identifiers from GET/POST variables.
11. The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall be configured to only accept server generated session ID.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117-17.2.0 V1.2.0. section 4.2.5.3]

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## **Section 2.12: Other Security requirements**

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### **2.12.1 Remote Diagnostic Procedure – Verification**

Requirement:

If the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud is providing Remote access for troubleshooting purposes/alarm maintenance then it shall be allowed only for authorized users, other than the root user.

All activities performed by the remote user are to be logged with the following parameters:

1. User id
2. Time stamp
3. Interface type
4. Event level (e.g., CRITICAL, MAJOR, MINOR)
5. Command/activity performed and
6. Result type (e.g., SUCCESS, FAILURE).
7. IP addresses of remote machine

[Reference: GSMA NG 133: GSM Association Non-confidential Official Document NG.133 - Cloud Infrastructure Reference Architecture managed by OpenStack section 2.2.7.7]

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### **2.12.2 No System Password Recovery**

Requirement:

No provision shall exist for O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud System / Root password recovery.

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### **2.12.3 Secure System Software Revocation**

Requirement:

Once the O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud software image is legally updated/upgraded with New Software Image, it should not be possible to roll back to a previous software image.

In case roll back is essential, it shall be done only by the administrator with appropriate non-repudiation controls.

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall support a well-established control mechanism for rolling back to previous software image.

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#### **2.12.4 Software Integrity Check -Installation**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall validate the software package integrity before the installation/upgrade stage strictly using the Secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document “Cryptographic Controls for ITSAR” only.

Tampered software shall not be executed or installed if integrity check fails.

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[Ref TSDSI STD T1. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117 17.2.0 V1.2.0 Section 4.2.3.3.5]

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#### **2.12.5 Software Integrity Check - Boot**

Requirement:

The O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall verify the integrity of a software component by comparing the result of a measurement of the component, typically a standard cryptographic hash generated strictly using the Secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document “Cryptographic Controls for ITSAR” to the expected reference value.

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#### **2.12.6 Unused Physical and Logical Interfaces Disabling**

Requirement:

O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall support the mechanism to verify both the physical and logical interfaces exist in the product.

Physical and logical accessible interfaces (except console interface) which are not under use shall be disabled so that they remain inactive even in the event of reboot.

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#### **2.12.7 No Default Profile**

Requirement:

Predefined or default user accounts (other than Admin/Root) in O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud shall be deleted or disabled.

[Ref: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.117 17.2.0 V1.2.0 Section 4.2.3.4.2.2]

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## **2.12.8 Certification management**

Requirement:

An O-RAN PNF requiring a PKI certificate shall support CMPv2 as specified in O-RAN Security Protocols Specification

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.9.1]

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## **2.12.9 Trust anchor provisioning**

Requirement:

1. An O-RAN PNF using PKIX certificates shall be shipped with one or more pre-provisioned Trust Anchors, which may be a vendor-signed certificate or operator-signed certificate.
2. An O-RAN PNF shall support the secure storage of the trust anchors in a secure element or a secure enclave such that they cannot be tampered with or modified.
3. An O-RAN PNF using PKIX certificates shall enable an authorized function to recover the list of provisioned trust anchors and associated public keys.
4. An O-RAN PNF shall be able to be securely provisioned with new trust anchors and have an existing trust anchor replaced, for events such as expiration.
5. An O-RAN PNF must log an event for each trust anchor provisioning operation.
6. An O-RAN PNF shall support CMPv2, for trust anchor provisioning.
7. An O-RAN PNF may support voucher-based protocols to enable an O-RAN function to be securely provisioned with a new trust anchor.
8. An O-RAN PNF may support BRSKI for trust anchor provisioning.
9. An O-RAN PNF may support SZTP for trust anchor provisioning.
10. An O-RAN PNF may support 3GPP SCS for download of initial security configuration.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.11.1]

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## **2.12.10 SBOM**

Requirement:

1. SBOM depth shall be provided to a second-level for O-RAN Software Community (OSC) sourced software to indicate which OSC modules are used and which individual and/or company contributed the software for that module.

2. SBOM depth shall be provided to second-level for any used open source software.
3. The SBOM shall be provided in Software Package Data eXchange (SPDX), CycloneDX, or Software Identification (SWID) format.
4. For integrity, a hash shall be generated for the SBOM, as specified in O-RAN Security Protocols Specification- R003-v08.00, clause 5.
5. For authenticity, a digital signature shall be provided for the SBOM, as specified in O-RAN Security Protocols Specification- R003-v08.00, clause 5.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 6.3]

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## 2.12.11 Application Programming Interfaces

Requirement:

1. APIs used in O-RAN to access an internal or external data source shall perform object-level authorization checks.
2. O-RAN endpoints using APIs shall support certificate-based authentication.
3. O-RAN endpoints using APIs shall support password-based authentication that is a factor used in multi-factor authentication (MFA). Password-based single-factor authentication should not be used.
4. O-RAN endpoints using APIs should provide strong authorization.
5. O-RAN endpoints using APIs shall validate the authenticity of tokens. Unsigned JWT tokens shall not be accepted.
6. O-RAN endpoints shall validate API client requests to return sensitive data.
7. APIs used in O-RAN shall have confidentiality and integrity protection for data-in-transit.
8. APIs used in O-RAN shall implement a schema-based validation mechanism to enforce returned data.
9. APIs used in O-RAN shall impose a restriction on the size and number of resources that a client requests.
10. APIs used in O-RAN shall support authorization that denies all access by default and requires explicit grants to specific roles for access to every function.
11. APIs used in O-RAN shall default-deny properties that should not be accessed by clients.
12. APIs used in O-RAN shall only be accessed by valid HTTP verbs. All other HTTP verbs should be disabled.
13. APIs used in O-RAN shall validate, filter, and sanitize client-provided data and other data coming from integrated systems. Data validation shall be performed using a single, trustworthy, and actively maintained library. Special characters shall be escaped using the specific syntax for the target interpreter.
14. APIs used in O-RAN shall limit the number of returned records to prevent mass disclosure in case of injection.

15. APIs used in O-RAN shall log all failed authentication attempts, denied access, and input validation errors.
16. API client and server shall support mTLS 1.2, or higher, for mutual authentication.
17. API server shall support OAuth 2.0 resource server functionality, for service requests received from API clients.
18. API server shall support OAuth 2.0 resource owner functionality, for service requests received from API clients.
19. API client shall support OAuth 2.0 client functionality, for each service request.
20. API client and server shall support TLS 1.2, or higher, for protection of data-in-transit.

[Ref: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.10.2]

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# Chapter 3: Specific Security Requirements

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## Section 3.1: O-Cloud

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### 3.1.1. O-Cloud generic requirements.

Requirement:

1. Users shall be authenticated.
2. Users shall be authorized. O-Cloud platform shall use an authorization mechanism to control the access rights of users.
3. Means of isolation of control and resources among different users shall be implemented.
4. O-Cloud platform should support access management to O-Cloud resources based on RBAC (Role-based access control) policies.
5. O-Cloud platform shall support Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to ensure secure access.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.1]

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### 3.1.2. O-Cloud software package protection for network functions and application layer

Requirement:

1. The Application package shall be successfully authenticated and verified by the O-Cloud Platform during instantiation from the trust images repository using signatures from both Application Provider and Service Provider.
2. O-Cloud Platform shall verify the integrity of Application package during instantiation to determine if any unauthorized modification, deletion, or insertion has occurred.
3. SMO and O-Cloud Platform shall support algorithms for the code signing and encryption/decryption processes and protection of keys.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.2]

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### 3.1.3. O-Cloud virtualization and isolation.

Requirement:

1. O-Cloud shall implement means of preventing privilege escalation by Applications.
2. The O-Cloud platform shall ensure that there is strict isolation between Applications in terms of data in transit, data in use and data at rest.
3. Communication between O-Cloud platform software components shall be protected in terms of authenticity, confidentiality, integrity, and anti-replay.
4. The O-Cloud platform shall provide the capability to define network policies that restrict ingress and egress traffic and configure rate limiting between Applications.

5. The O-Cloud platform shall not permit configuration change of any component on the O-Cloud platform without proper authorization.
6. For mutual authentication between O-Cloud platform software components, mTLS 1.2 shall be supported as specified in O-RAN Security Protocols Specifications - R003-v08.00, clause 4.2.
7. For confidentiality and integrity protection of data in transit, O-Cloud platform software components shall support TLS 1.2 as specified in O-RAN Security Protocols Specifications - R003-v08.00, clause 4.2.
8. The O-Cloud platform shall support an access control system to enforce access control policies that align with the principle of least privilege, ensuring that O-Cloud platform components or Applications have the necessary permissions to perform their tasks while preventing unauthorized access to sensitive resources.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.4]

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### **3.1.4. O-Cloud Secure Update**

Requirement:

1. All software within the O-Cloud platform shall be kept up to date with the last security updates for adding additional security protections and correcting vulnerabilities.
2. All O-Cloud software images shall be protected to ensure their integrity and authenticity.
3. In case of an incomplete update, or incident during the installation process, the O-Cloud platform shall roll back to its initial working state.
4. The O-Cloud platform shall prevent unauthorized rollback of its software to an earlier vulnerable version.
5. The update of O-Cloud software should be completed with minimal disruption and downtime.
6. Algorithms, key sizes and standards to be used for signature generation/verification of the O-Cloud software images during the update process shall follow the O-RAN Security Protocol Specification-R003-v08.00 clause 5.
7. Before updating O-Cloud, all O-Cloud software images shall be validated by SMO upon their reception using signatures generated and provided by O-Cloud Software Providers.
8. The O-Cloud platform shall verify prior to the update process, the digital signature contained in the new O-Cloud software image.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.5]

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### 3.1.5. O-Cloud Secure storage of cryptographic keys and sensitive data

Requirement:

1. Sensitive data within the O-Cloud platform shall be protected in terms of integrity and confidentiality at rest, in use and in transit.
2. The O-Cloud platform shall support a secure deletion method from both active and backup storage medias.
3. The O-Cloud platform shall ensure that any data contained in a resource is not available when the resource is de-allocated from one VM/Container and reallocated to a different VM/Container. This requirement requires protection for any data contained in a resource that has been logically deleted or released but may still be present within the resource which in turn may be re-allocated to another VM/Container.
4. The O-Cloud platform shall have the capability that allows an Application to securely erase sensitive data owned by the Application. Example: Sensitive data includes, but is not limited to, cryptographic keys, personally identifiable information (PII), credentials, tokens, and configuration data.
5. The O-Cloud shall support the capability for encryption of all sensitive data, including cryptographic keys, credentials, tokens, and configuration data.
6. The O-Cloud shall support the capability for secure deletion of data in addressable memory locations that are no longer in use due to reallocation. This includes the ability to overwrite these locations with specific binary patterns, such as zeroes, ones, or a random bit pattern.
7. Medias containing sensitive information shall be sanitized using media-specific techniques.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.6]

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### 3.1.6. O-Cloud Chain of Trust

Requirement:

1. The O-Cloud platform shall support a root of trust that verifies the integrity of every relevant component in the O-Cloud platform.
2. It shall be possible to attest an O-RAN Application through the full attestation chain from the hardware layer through the virtualization layer to the O-RAN Application layer.
3. The chain of trust shall be built from measurements stored in a hardware root of trust.
4. The chain of trust shall be built from measurements stored in a software root of trust for scenarios where a hardware root of trust is not feasible or available.
5. A remote attestation service (AS) should be supported for providing additional benefits beside verifying O-Cloud platform integrity by CoT. The remote AS should collect O-Cloud platform configurations and integrity measurements from data center servers at a O-

Cloud service provider via a trust agent service running on the O-Cloud platform servers. The O-Cloud service provider is responsible for defining allowlisted trust policies. These policies should include information and expected measurements for desired platform CoT technologies. The collected data is compared and verified against the policies, and a report is generated to record the relevant trust information in the AS database. The remote AS should be extended to include O-RAN Applications integrity.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.7]

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### **3.1.7. O-Cloud hardware accelerator manager interface**

Requirement:

1. The hardware accelerator manager shall authenticate O-Cloud IMS/DMS when O-Cloud IMS/DMS initiates a communication to the hardware accelerator manager over AALI-C-Mgmt interface.
2. The hardware accelerator manager shall check whether O-Cloud IMS/DMS is authorized when O-Cloud IMS/DMS accesses the hardware accelerator manager.
3. AALI-C-Mgmt interface shall support confidentiality, integrity, and replay protection between the hardware accelerator manager and O-Cloud IMS/DMS.
4. AALI-C-Mgmt interface shall support TLS 1.2 as specified in O-RAN Security Protocols Specifications-R003-v08.00, clause 4.2.
5. For mutual authentication between the hardware accelerator manager and O-Cloud IMS/DMS, AALI-C-Mgmt interface shall support mTLS 1.2 as specified in O-RAN Security Protocols Specifications-R003-v08.00, clause 4.2.
6. AALI-C-Mgmt interface shall support authorization using OAuth 2.0, as specified in O-RAN Security Protocols Specifications-R003-v08.00, clause 4.7.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.8.1.1]

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### **3.1.8. O-Cloud hardware accelerator manager vendor specific interface**

Requirement:

1. The hardware accelerator device shall authenticate the hardware accelerator manager when the hardware accelerator manager initiates a communication to the hardware accelerator device over the vendor specific interface.
2. The hardware accelerator manager shall check whether the hardware accelerator device is authorized when the hardware accelerator manager accesses the hardware accelerator device. The vendor specific interface shall support integrity between the hardware accelerator manager and the hardware accelerator device.
3. The vendor specific interface may support confidentiality and replay protection between the hardware accelerator manager and the hardware accelerator device.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.8.1.2]

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### **3.1.9. O-Cloud hardware accelerator component**

Requirement:

1. The hardware accelerator device shall provide the capability for memory to be cleared securely prior to allocation or when indicated by the AAL Application on returning the memory.
2. The AAL Implementation shall clear memory prior to allocation or when indicated by the AAL Application on returning the memory.
3. The hardware accelerator device shall have a unique identity for a proper identification and tracking of the hardware accelerator device by the hardware acceleration manager.
4. Hardware accelerators should be procured from vendors who can demonstrate the security of their supply chain and manufacturing processes (supply chain security).
5. The hardware accelerator device shall provide the capability for fine grained memory access control. An AAL Application or AAL Profile Instance access shall be restricted to only given buffer(s), and access requests outside that buffer(s) shall fail.
6. The Hardware accelerator manager shall log security events to track and monitor any potential security incidents and to ensure accountability. Such security events include:
  - Hardware accelerator failures
  - Hardware accelerator configuration changes
  - Hardware accelerator software update and boot process
  - Hardware accelerator access attempts by unauthorized users/systems, network connectivity issues, successful authentication/authorization events
  - Hardware accelerator performance issues or degradation
7. The clear memory mechanism shall involve overwriting data that was previously stored in the memory with a known pattern, such as all zeros or a random value, to memory buffers.
8. Supply chain audit of hardware accelerator vendors shall be performed for establishing trust in vendor's supply chain management based on evidence presented

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.8.2]

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### **3.1.10. O-Cloud notification API – DMS**

Requirement:

1. O-Cloud DMS shall authenticate SMO (NFO or any other entity using O2dms) when SMO initiates a communication to O-Cloud for the deployment and management of Applications over O2dms interface.
2. O-Cloud DMS shall be able to establish securely protected connection in terms of confidentiality, integrity and anti-replay with the SMO (NFO or any other entity using O2dms) over the O2dms interface.
3. O-Cloud DMS shall check whether SMO (NFO or any other entity using O2dms) has been authorized when SMO access O-Cloud for the deployment and management of Applications.
4. O-Cloud DMS shall log SMO's management operations for auditing.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.9.1.1]

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### **3.1.11. O-Cloud notification API - IMS**

Requirement:

1. O-Cloud IMS shall authenticate SMO (FOCOM or any other entity using O2ims) when SMO initiates a communication to O-Cloud for the management of infrastructure over O2ims interface.
2. O-Cloud IMS shall be able to establish securely protected connection in terms of confidentiality, integrity and anti-replay with the SMO (FOCOM or any other entity using O2ims) over the O2ims interface.
3. O-Cloud IMS shall check whether SMO (FOCOM or any other entity using O2ims) has been authorized when SMO access the O-Cloud infrastructure.
4. O-Cloud IMS shall log SMO's management operations for auditing.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.9.1.2]

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### **3.1.12. O-Cloud notification API**

Requirement:

1. The communication between Applications and the O-Cloud platform through the O-Cloud Notification API shall be mutually authenticated.
2. The O-Cloud platform shall provide an authorization framework for the consumption of the services exposed in the O-Cloud Notification API by Applications.
3. For the security protection at the transport layer on O2 interface, TLS 1.2 shall be supported as specified in O-RAN Security Protocols Specifications-R003-v08.00, clause 4.2.

4. For the authorization of O2 RESTful and O-Cloud Notification APIs requests and notifications, OAuth 2.0 shall be supported as specified in O-RAN Security Protocols Specifications-R003-v08.00, clause 4.7.
5. For the mutual authentication between O-Cloud platform and Applications , and between O-Cloud platform and SMO, O2 interface and O-Cloud Notification APIs shall support mutual TLS (mTLS) 1.2 authentication via X.509v3 certificates as specified in O-RAN Security Protocols Specifications-R003-v08.00, clause 4.2.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.9.1.3, 5.1.8.9.2]

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### **3.1.13. O-Cloud Hardware**

Requirement:

O-Cloud hardware deployment shall be protected against unauthorized extraction or inference of sensitive information using physical methods.

**NOTE:** O-Cloud hardware deployment refers to the hardware used to build the operator's O-Cloud infrastructure.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.10.2]

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### **3.1.14. O-Cloud Instance ID**

Requirement:

1. The O-Cloud instance ID shall be globally unique within the O-Cloud platform to prevent conflicts and ensure accurate identification.
2. The O-Cloud instance ID shall not be exposed in public-facing interfaces, APIs, or logs without proper authentication and authorization mechanisms in place.
3. The O-Cloud instance ID shall be protected to ensure confidentiality and integrity, both during storage (at rest) and while being transmitted (in transit).
4. The O-Cloud instance ID shall be subject to auditing and monitoring, with detailed logs maintained to track activities related to the instance's creation, usage, modification, and deletion.
5. The O-Cloud instance ID shall be associated with a single component, be it a VM, container, pod, node, or compute pool, to ensure clear resource ownership, traceability, and accountability.
6. O-Cloud instance IDs shall be generated using strong randomization methods to ensure a high degree of uniqueness and minimize the likelihood of collisions.
7. O-Cloud should validate newly generated instance IDs against existing IDs to guarantee uniqueness before finalizing instance creation.

### 3.1.15. O-Cloud Time Synchronization

Requirement:

1. All O-Cloud nodes shall be configured to connect to a secure and authenticated time synchronization server for ToD synchronization.
2. The O-Cloud shall be configured such that ToD synchronization is maintained across all nodes in an O-Cloud compute pool, thereby guaranteeing uniform time references for all applications hosted on these nodes.
3. The O-Cloud shall guarantee that the timestamp consistency is preserved even when applications are relocated across different nodes of the O-Cloud infrastructure.

Timestamp refers to:

- a) **Log/event timestamps:** These are associated with each log entry generated. Examples include application start/stop, application relocation, node failures, network events, change in applications and O-Cloud configuration, resource allocation, deallocation, etc.
- b) **Data Transaction timestamps:** For applications that rely on time-sensitive data within O-Cloud, consistent timestamps are crucial. Whenever data is read, written, or modified, a timestamp is generated to ensure both data integrity and consistency across nodes.

4. The O-Cloud shall guarantee that various instances of an identical application, irrespective of their location, generate logs with consistent timestamps.
5. All O-Cloud nodes within a compute pool, especially those serving a specific geographic region or co-located, shall be configured to operate using a consistent time reference, preferably UTC with a Time Zone (TZ) modifier.

This requirement ensures:

- a) **Uniformity in Time-Related Operations:** Simplifies the process of correlating logs, events, and time-sensitive operations across nodes, aiding in quicker identification of anomalies or malicious activities.
- b) **Operational Consistency:** Ensures that scheduled tasks, backups, updates, or maintenance activities are executed consistently across the compute pool.
- c) **Data Integrity:** Provides consistency for applications and databases that rely on timestamps for transactions, ensuring no discrepancies due to time differences.

6. The O-Cloud shall ensure that all nodes are configured to exclusively connect to a secure and authenticated time synchronization server for Time of Day (ToD) synchronization.
7. All O-Cloud nodes shall be configured to synchronize their clocks exclusively with centralized time servers at regular intervals to ensure uniformity in time-related operations and data across the O-Cloud infrastructure.

8. The O-Cloud should establish multiple time servers for redundancy. This ensures that nodes can switch to an alternative trusted server if the primary server becomes unavailable, thereby maintaining consistent time synchronization.

[Reference: ORAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.8.10.2]

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### **3.1.16. Network security event log**

Requirement:

O-Cloud shall log all physical and virtual network events related to creating and modifying network configurations, enabling and disabling ports, network connections, and packets over limit from the firewalls from all host operating systems, hypervisors, and container engines.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.11.2]

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### **3.1.17. General O-Cloud security event log**

Requirement:

1. O-Cloud shall log the following resource-related events: shortages, system crashes, reboots, shutdowns, resource creation, and deletion from all host operating systems, hypervisors, and container engines.
2. O-Cloud shall log when maintenance activity is undertaken for host operating systems, hypervisors, and container engines.
3. O-Cloud shall log the creation of scheduled jobs and the particular time the job will run for all host operating systems, hypervisors, and container engines.
4. O-Cloud or associated security tool shall log a security event when driver tampering is detected. This includes but is not limited to modifications made to the main driver executable and any associated files, libraries, dependencies, or configuration files.
5. O-Cloud or associated security tool shall log a security event when it detects unauthorized changes to the O-Cloud hardware resource configuration.
6. O-Cloud or associated security tool shall log a security event when it detects unauthorized changes to the Application configuration.
7. O-Cloud shall log a security event if driver signature verification fails.
8. O-Cloud shall implement a robust File Integrity Monitoring (FIM) system that continuously monitors the integrity of all driver-related files, including executables, libraries, configuration files, and dependencies. The FIM system shall be configured to calculate cryptographic hashes of these files as baseline values and regularly compare the current cryptographic hashes with their baseline hashes stored in the FIM system.

9. O-Cloud shall log a security event if any hashes of driver files do not match their baseline values.
10. Baseline configurations for the hardware resource shall be established by the SMO, and regularly compared to the current state.
11. O-Cloud shall log a security event when it detects unauthorized deviation from the O-Cloud hardware resource configuration baseline.
12. Baseline configurations for each Application shall be established by the SMO, and regularly compared to the current state.
13. O-Cloud shall log a security event when it detects unauthorized deviation from the Application configuration baseline.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.11.3.1]

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### **3.1.18. Hypervisor specific system security event log**

Requirement:

1. O-Cloud shall log all changes to operating system configurations, hypervisor configurations, changes to virtualization settings, and changes to resource allocations.
2. O-Cloud shall log all hypervisor events related to attaching or detaching virtual disks.
3. O-Cloud shall log all hypervisor events related to creating, starting, stopping, restarting and deleting virtual machines.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.11.2]

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### **3.1.19. Container engine specific system security event log**

Requirement:

1. O-Cloud shall log all image repository events related to additions, modifications, and removal of images.
2. O-Cloud shall log all container engine events related to volume creation, deletion, and mounting.
3. O-Cloud shall log all container engine events related to creating, starting, stopping, restarting and deleting containers.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.3.8.11.3]

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## **Section 3.2: O-CU-CP**

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### **3.2.1 Integrity protection of RRC-signalling**

Requirement:

The O-CU-CP shall support integrity protection of RRC-signalling over the NG RAN air interface.

[Reference: 1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.511 16.7.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.1,  
2. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501-16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 5.3.3]

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### **3.2.2 RRC integrity check failure**

Requirement:

The RRC integrity checks shall be performed both in the ME and the O-CU-CP. In case failed integrity check (i.e., faulty or missing MAC-I) is detected after the start of integrity protection, the concerned message shall be discarded. This can happen on the O-CU-CP side or on the ME side.

[Reference: 1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.511 16.7.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.4,  
2. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501-16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 6.5.1]

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### **3.2.3 Ciphering of RRC-signalling**

Requirement:

The O-CU-CP shall support ciphering of RRC-signalling over the NG RAN air interface.

Secure cryptographic controls prescribed in Table1 of the latest document “Cryptographic Controls for Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSAR)” or SNOW3G-128 or ZUC-128 shall be used

[Reference: 1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.511 16.7.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.6,  
2. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501-16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 5.3.2]

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### **3.2.4 Replay protection of RRC-signalling**

Requirement:

The O-CU-CP shall support integrity protection and replay protection of RRC-signalling.

[Reference: 1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.511 16.7.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.9,  
2. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501-16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 5.3.3]

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### **3.2.5 Access Stratum (AS) algorithms selection**

Requirement:

The serving network shall select the algorithms to use dependent on the UE security capabilities of the UE, the configured allowed list of security capabilities of the currently serving network entity.

"Each O-CU-CP shall be configured via network management with lists of algorithms which are allowed for usage. There shall be one list for integrity algorithms, and one for ciphering algorithms. These lists shall be ordered according to a priority decided by the operator."

[Reference: 1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.511 16.7.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.12,

2. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501 16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 5.11.2]

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### **3.2.6 Key refresh at the O-CU**

Requirement:

Key refresh shall be possible for  $K_{gNB}$ ,  $K_{RRC\text{-}enc}$ ,  $K_{RRC\text{-}int}$ ,  $K_{UP\text{-}int}$ , and  $K_{UP\text{-}enc}$  and shall be initiated by the O-CU-CP when a PDCP COUNTs are about to be re-used with the same Radio Bearer identity and with the same  $K_{gNB}$ .

[Reference:

1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.511 16.7.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.13,
2. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501 16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 6.9.4.1
3. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.401-16.3.0 V1.0.0 section E3.4.2]

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### **3.2.7 Bidding down prevention in Xn-handovers**

Requirement:

In the Path-Switch message, the target O-CU-CP shall send the UE's 5G security capabilities, UP security policy with corresponding PDU session ID received from the source O-CU-CP to the AMF.

[Reference:

1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.511 16.7.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.14
2. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501 16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 6.7.3.1]

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### **3.2.8 AS protection algorithm selection in O-CU-CP change**

Requirement:

The target O-CU-CP shall select the algorithm with highest priority from the UE's 5G security capabilities according to the locally configured prioritized list of algorithms (this applies for

both integrity and ciphering algorithms). The chosen algorithms shall be indicated to the UE in the Handover Command message if the target O-CU-CP selects different algorithms compared to the source O-CU.

[Reference:

1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.511 16.7.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.15
2. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501 16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 6.7.3.1 & 6.7.3.2]

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### **3.2.9 Key update at the O-CU-CP on dual connectivity**

Requirement:

When executing the procedure for adding subsequent radio bearer(s) to the same SN, the MN shall, for each new radio bearer, assign a radio bearer identity that has not previously been used since the last  $K_{SN}$  change. If the MN cannot allocate an unused radio bearer identity for a new radio bearer in the SN, due to radio bearer identity space exhaustion, the MN shall increment the SN Counter and compute a fresh  $K_{SN}$ , and then shall perform a SN Modification procedure to update the  $K_{SN}$ .

The SN shall request the Master Node to update the  $K_{SN}$  over the Xn-C, when uplink and/or downlink PDCP COUNTs are about to wrap around for any of the SCG DRBs or SCG SRB.

[Reference:

3. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.511 16.7.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.18
4. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501 16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 6.10.2.1 & 6.10.2.2.1]

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### **3.2.10 UP security activation in Inactive scenario**

Requirement:

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If the UP-security activation status shall be supported in the target O-CU, the target O-CU-CP shall use the UP-security activations that the UE used at the last source cell. Otherwise, the target O-CU-CP shall respond with an RRC Setup message to establish a new RRC connection with the UE.

[Reference:

1. 3GPP TS 33.511 17.3.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.19
2. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501-16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 6.8.2.1.3]

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### **3.2.11 Control plane data confidentiality protection over N2/Xn/F1/E1 interface**

Requirement:

F1-C interface shall support confidentiality protection, the E1 interface between O-CU-CP and O-CU-UP, the transport of control plane data over N2 shall confidentiality protected and the transport of control plane data over Xn shall confidentiality protected.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.523-18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 5.2.2.1.2]

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### **3.2.12 Control plane data integrity protection over N2/Xn/F1/E1 interface**

Requirement:

F1-C interface shall support integrity and replay protection, the E1 interface between O-CU-CP and O-CU-UP, the transport of control plane data over N2 shall integrity and replay protected and the transport of control plane data over Xn shall integrity and replay protected.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.523-18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 5.2.2.1.3]

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### **3.2.13 Ciphering of user data based on the security policy sent by the SMF**

Requirement:

The O-CU-CP shall activate the ciphering of user data based on the security policy sent by the SMF.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.523-18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 5.2.2.1.4]

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### **3.2.14 Integrity protection of user data based on the security policy sent by the SMF**

Requirement:

The O-CU-CP shall activate the integrity protection of user data based on the security policy sent by the SMF.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.523-18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 5.2.2.1.5]

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## **Section 3.3: O-CU-UP**

### **3.3.1 UP integrity check failure**

Requirement:

The User Plan integrity check shall be performed both in UE and O-CU. If the O-CU-UP or the UE receives a PDCP PDU which fails integrity check with faulty or missing MAC-I after the start of integrity protection, the PDU shall be discarded.

[Reference: 1. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP TS 33.511 16.7.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.5]

2. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501-16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 6.6.4]

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### **3.3.2 Replay protection of user plane data between the O-CU-UP and the UE**

Requirement:

The O-CU-UP shall support replay protection of user plane data between the O-CU-UP and the UE.

[Reference: 1. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP TS 33.511 16.7.0 V1.0.0 section 4.2.2.1.8

2. TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.501-16.9.0 V1.0.0 section 5.3.3]

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### **3.3.3 Control plane data confidentiality protection over E1 interface**

Requirement:

E1 interface between O-CU-CP and O-CU-UP shall support confidentiality protection.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.523-18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 6.2.2.1.2]

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### **3.3.4 Control plane data integrity protection over E1 interface**

Requirement:

E1 interface between O-CU-CP and O-CU-UP shall integrity and replay protected.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.523-18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 6.2.2.1.3]

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### **3.3.5 User plane data confidentiality protection over N3/Xn/F1 interface**

Requirement:

The O-CU-UP shall support confidentiality protection on the O-DU-CU F1-U interface for user plane, the transport of user data over N3 shall confidentiality protected and the transport of user plane data over Xn shall confidentiality protected.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.523-18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 6.2.2.1.4]

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### **3.3.6 User plane data integrity protection over N3/Xn/F1 interface**

Requirement:

The O-CU-UP shall support integrity and replay protection on the O-DU-CU F1-U interface for user plane, the transport of user data over N3 shall be integrity and replay protected and the transport of user plane data over Xn shall be integrity and replay protected.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.523-18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 6.2.2.1.5]

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### **3.3.7 Integrity and replay protection of user data between the UE and the O-CU-UP**

Requirement:

The O-CU-UP shall support integrity and replay protection of user data between the UE and the O-CU-UP.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.523-18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 6.2.2.1.6]

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### **3.3.8 Confidentiality protection of user data between the UE and the O-CU-UP**

Requirement:

The O-CU-UP shall support confidentiality protection of user data between the UE and the O-CU-UP.

[Reference: TSDSI STD T1.3GPP 33.523-18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 6.2.2.1.7]

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### **3.3.9 Open fronthaul interface U-plane**

Requirement:

Open Fronthaul U-plane transports 5G System Control Plane and User Plane messages between O-CU-CP and UE, and O-CU-UP and UE. The Packet Data Convergence Protocol (PDCP) shall provide confidentiality and integrity protection of 5G System Control Plane and User Plane between O-CU-CP and UE, and O-CU-UP and UE.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.2.5.2]

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## **Chapter 3.4: O-DU**

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The O-DU specific security requirements are derived from 3GPP TS 33.523, TS 33.511, TS 33.501 and TS 38.473. These specific requirements will focus on the F1-C and F1-U interfaces of the O-DU and the interface towards O-RU.

### **3.4.1 Control plane confidentiality protections over F1-C interface of O-DU**

Requirement:

The O-DU shall establish confidentiality protection over F1-C interface between O-DU and O-CU.

[Reference: 1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 38.473 16.14.0 V1.0.0 section 8.2.3

2. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.523 18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 7.2.2.1.1]

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### **3.4.2 Control plane integrity protections over F1-C interface of O-DU**

Requirement:

The O-DU shall establish integrity protection over F1-C interface between O-DU and O-CU.

[Reference: 1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 38.473 16.14.0 V1.0.0 section 8.2.3

2. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.523 18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 7.2.2.1.2]

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### **3.4.3 User data confidentiality protections over F1-U interface of O-DU**

Requirement:

The O-DU shall establish confidentiality protection over F1-U interface between O-DU and O-CU.

[Reference: 1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 38.473 16.14.0 V1.0.0 section 8.10.4

2. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.523 18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 7.2.2.1.3]

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### **3.4.4 User plane data integrity protections over F1-U interface of O-DU**

Requirement:

The O-DU shall establish integrity protection over F1-U interface between O-DU and O-CU.

[Reference: 1. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 38.473 16.14.0 V1.0.0 section 8.2.3

2. TSDSI STD T1. 3GPP TS 33.523 18.1.0 V1.0.0 section 7.2.2.1.4]

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### **3.4.5 User plane integrity and replay protection over eCPRI interface between O-DU and O-RU**

Requirement:

The O-DU shall support integrity and replay protection over eCPRI interface between O-DU and O-RU

[Reference: eCPRI Specification V2.0, section 6.8.2.1]

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### **3.4.6 Control plane integrity and replay protection over eCPRI interface between O-DU and O-RU**

Requirement:

The O-DU shall support integrity and replay protection over eCPRI interface between O-DU and O-RU

[Reference: eCPRI Specification V2.0, section 6.8.2.2]

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### **3.4.7 User plane confidentiality protection over eCPRI interface between O-DU and O-RU**

Requirement:

The O-DU shall support integrity and replay protection over eCPRI interface between O-DU and O-RU

[Reference: eCPRI Specification V2.0, section 6.8.2.1]

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### **3.4.8 Control plane confidentiality protection over eCPRI interface between O-DU and O-RU**

Requirement:

The O-DU shall support integrity and replay protection over eCPRI interface between O-DU and O-RU

[Reference: eCPRI Specification V2.0, section 6.8.2.2]

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### **3.4.9 Open fronthaul interface S-plane**

Requirement:

1. The S-Plane shall support authentication and authorization of PTP nodes that communicate with other PTP nodes within Configuration LLS-C1, Configuration LLS-C2, or Configuration LLS-C3.
2. The S-Plane should provide a means to prevent spoofing of master clocks.
3. For the O-DU at the Data Centre deployment model the S-Plane should protect against MITM attacks that degrade the clock accuracy due to packet delay attacks or selective interception and removal attacks.

4. The open fronthaul synchronization architecture should support simultaneous Grandmasters.
5. The open fronthaul synchronization architecture should support the assignment of GrandMasters to physically separated PTP ports

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.2.5.3, 5.2.5.3.3.1]

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### **3.4.10 Open fronthaul point to point LAN Segment**

Requirement:

1. The Open Fronthaul shall provide a means to authenticate and authorize point-to-point LAN segments between Open Fronthaul network elements.
2. The Open Fronthaul shall provide a means to detect and report when an authorized point-to-point LAN segment is made or broken.
3. The Open Fronthaul shall provide a means to block access to unused Ethernet ports in an Open Fronthaul network element.
4. Open fronthaul network elements should support IEEE 802.1X-2020 supplicant functionality for each port connection in the open fronthaul network element.
5. An authenticator in an open fronthaul network should perform port based network access control on each point to point LAN segment as defined in IEEE 802.1X-2020
6. Open fronthaul network elements shall support IEEE 802.1X-2020 supplicant functionality for each port connection in the open fronthaul network element.
7. Any open fronthaul network element may be an authenticator in the open fronthaul network.
8. An authenticator in an open fronthaul network shall perform port based network access control on each point to point LAN segment as defined in IEEE 802.1X-2020
9. Port based network access control between a supplicant and authenticator in an open fronthaul network shall use EAP TLS 1.2 authentication.
10. In the case of configuration LLS-C1, the O-DU shall support the authenticator functionality.
11. The interface between an authenticator and authentication server shall support IETF RADIUS standards.
12. The interface between an authenticator and authentication server should support IETF Diameter standards.
13. The ORU shall have a manufacturer installed X.509 certificate.
14. Open Fronthaul network elements acting as an authenticator shall place each of its unauthorized ports into a state that allows EAPOL traffic and block all other Ethernet traffic.
15. Open Fronthaul network elements acting as an authenticator should be able to implement authorization policies that apply to its authorized ports. Authorization

policies may include tagging authorized traffic with a particular VLAN-ID as it egresses the Open Fronthaul network element and/or enforcing access control policies that restrict the type of traffic able to be forwarded by the Open Fronthaul network element.

16. The normal operation procedure defined in IEEE 802.1x shall be performed to authenticate and authorize an O-RU within an Open Fronthaul network.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.2.5.5, 5.2.5.5.2.1]

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## **Section 3.5: O-RU**

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The O-RU specific security requirements are derived from 3GPP TR 33.926 and TS 33.511, and TS 33.501. These specific requirements will focus on following interfaces of the O-RAN.

- eCPRI interface or F2 interface or Open Fronthaul interface.

### **3.5.1 User plane protection over open fronthaul interface between O-RU and O-DU**

Requirement:

The O-RU shall support IPsec protection over eCPRI interface for user plane data over IP and MACsec protection for user plane data over Ethernet

[Reference: eCPRI Specification V2.0, section 6.8.2.1]

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### **3.5.2 Control plane protection between O-RU and O-DU**

Requirement:

The O-RU shall support TLS 1.2, IPsec or MACsec to provide transmission security and access control.

[Reference: eCPRI Specification V2.0, section 6.8.2.2]

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### **3.5.3 User plane protection over Uu interface between O-RU and UE**

Requirement:

The O-RU shall support integrity, confidentiality and replay protection of user plane data over Uu interface between O-RU and UE

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### **3.5.4 Control plane protection over Uu interface between O-RU and UE**

Requirement:

The O-RU shall support integrity, confidentiality and replay protection of control plane data over Uu interface between O-RU and UE

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### **3.5.5 Open fronthaul interface C-plane**

Requirement:

1. The C-Plane shall support authentication and authorization of O-DUs that exchange C-plane messages with O-RUs

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.2.5.1]

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### **3.5.6 Shared O-RU**

Shared O-RU is an operational configuration in which an O-RAN operator can host enterprise customers, referred to as single operator, or other operators, referred to as multi-operator. This introduces a multi-tenant environment and new threats of unauthorized parties accessing architectural elements and data.

Requirement:

1. The Shared O-RU shall mutually authenticate with an O-RU Controller. The shared O-RU shall support mTLS 1.2 or higher as specified in O-RAN security protocol specification.
2. The Shared O-RU Shall provide least privilege access to each SRO based upon its sro-id.
3. The Shared O-RU shall provide separate confidentiality and integrity protection of data-at-rest for the Host MNO and each SRO. The Shared ORU shall support NACM for permitting or denying access to an SRO.
4. The Shared O-RU shall provide separate confidentiality, integrity, and replay protection for data-in-transit for the Host MNO and each SRO. The shared O-RU shall support TLS 1.2 or higher for protection of data in transit.
5. The Shared O-RU shall support Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for human user login. The shared O-RU should not use password based authentication with an O-RU controller.
6. The Shared O-RU shall support access controls for human users to access data
7. The Shared O-RU shall be able to recover, without catastrophic failure, from a volumetric DDoS attack due to misbehavior or malicious intent.
8. The Shared O-RU shall support event logging with tenant-awareness.

[Reference: O-RAN.WG11.SeqReqSpecs.0-R003-v08.00, Section 5.1.9.1, 5.1.9.2]

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## Annexure-I

### Definitions

1. **A1:** Interface between non-RT RIC and Near-RT RIC to enable policy-driven guidance of Near-RT RIC applications/functions, and support AI/ML workflow.
2. **A1 policy:** Type of declarative policies expressed using formal statements that enable the non-RT RIC function in the SMO to guide the near-RT RIC function, and hence the RAN, towards better fulfilment of the RAN intent.
3. **A1 Enrichment information (EI):** Information utilized by near-RT RIC that is collected or derived at SMO/non-RT RIC either from non-network data sources or from network functions themselves.
4. **Account and Identity Events:** Events generated by user identification and access control.
5. **Application descriptor:** A template that defines the characteristics and requirements of the Application, allowing it to be deployed, managed, and orchestrated within the O-Cloud. It typically includes information such as the Application's functional behavior, deployment requirements, resource needs (such as CPU, memory, and storage), connectivity requirements, performance metrics, scalability options, and any dependencies or prerequisites. It also contains information related to security, including the service availability requirements and access rules for controlling the traffic direction to the Application.
6. **Application Events:** Events generated by O-RAN Network Functions.
7. **Application package:** Software package of xApps, rApps, and VNFs/CNFs (i.e., O-CU, O-DU, and Near-RT RIC).
8. **Audit Records:** "Audit records contain security event information such as successful and failed authentication attempts, file accesses, security policy changes, account changes (e.g., account creation and deletion, account privilege assignment), and use of privileges. OSs typically permit system administrators to specify which types of events should be audited and whether successful and/or failed attempts to perform certain actions should be logged." Defined in NIST SP 800-92.
9. **Covert channel:** An unintended or unauthorized intra-system channel that enables two cooperating entities to transfer information in a way that violates the system's security policy but does not exceed the entities' access authorizations.
10. **Data Access Event:** Events generated by anyO-RAN component accessing, retrieving, modifying or deleting data in files or databases.
11. **E2:** Interface connecting the Near-RT RIC and one or more O-CU-CPs, one or more O-CU-UPs, and one or more O-DUs.
12. **E2 Node:** a logical node terminating E2 interface. In this version of the specification, O-RAN nodes terminating E2 interface are:
  - for NR access: O-CU-CP, O-CU-UP, O-DU or any combination;
  - for E-UTRA access: O-eNB.
13. **Entity:** An individual (person), device, or process that interacts with an ORAN component.
14. **External Interface:** The interface between the SMO and an External System.

15. **External System:** A data source outside the O-RAN domain that provides enrichment data to the SMO.
16. **FCAPS:** Fault, Configuration, Accounting, Performance, Security.
17. **General Security Event:** Events generated by the enabling, disabling or configuration of security features in O-RAN components.
18. **Information Security Event:** “Identified occurrence of a system, service or network state indicating a possible breach of information security policy or failure of controls, or a previously unknown situation that can be security relevant.” Defined in ISO/IEC 27000:2018, clause 3.30.
19. **Information Security Incident:** “Single or a series of unwanted or unexpected information security events that have a significant probability of compromising business operations and threatening information security.” Defined in ISO/IEC 27000:2018, clause 3.31
20. **Intents:** A declarative policy to steer or guide the behavior of RAN functions, allowing the RAN function to calculate the optimal result to achieve stated objective.
21. **Isolation:** A security strategy that separates individual applications or software components from one another, ensuring that they run independently and do not interfere with each other's operations.
22. **Log:** “A log is a record of the events occurring within an organization's systems and networks. Logs are composed of log entries; each entry contains information related to a specific event that has occurred within a system or network.” Defined in NIST SP 800-92.
23. **Log streaming:** In information technology, log streaming refers to the near real-time transmission and analysis of log data generated by various software applications, systems, or devices.
24. **Management and Orchestration Event:** Events generated by SMO operations.
25. **Managed Element:** The definition of a Managed Element (ME) is given in 3GPP TS 28.622, Clause 4.3.3.
26. **Managed Function:** The definition of a Managed Function (MF) is given in 3GPP TS 28.622, Clause 4.3.4.
27. **Near-RT RIC:** O-RAN near-real-time RAN Intelligent Controller: a logical function that enables real-time control and optimization of RAN elements and resources via fine-grained data collection and actions over E2 interface.
28. **Near-RT RIC APIs:** A set of service-based interfaces that can be produced and consumed by the Near-RT RIC Platform and xApps.
29. **Near-RT RIC platform:** Platform supporting A1, E2, Y1 and O1 interfaces and providing a set of services via Near-RT RIC APIs needed for xApp functionality.
30. **Network Events:** Events generated by network activity from operating systems, hypervisors or container engines.
31. **Non-RT RIC:** O-RAN non-real-time RAN Intelligent Controller: a logical function that enables non-real-time control and optimization of RAN elements and resources, AI/ML workflow including model training and updates, and policy-based guidance of applications/features in Near-RT RIC.
32. **Non-RT RIC Framework:** A functionality within the Non-RT RIC that logically terminates the A1 interface and provides support for rApps, including the R1 services through the R1 interface.

33. **Normal user:** Any user other than the admin users/similar privilege level users/root user.
34. **NMS:** A Network Management System for the O-RU to support legacy Open Fronthaul M-Plane deployments
35. **O-CU:** O-RAN Central Unit: a logical node hosting O-CU-CP and O-CU-UP
36. **O-Cloud platform software component:** A software module within the O-Cloud platform that provides essential functionalities and services to enable the deployment, management, and utilization of O-Cloud resources by O-RAN Network Functions. Some examples of O-Cloud platform software component include virtual machine managers, container orchestration frameworks (e.g., Kubernetes control plane) and database services.
37. **O-CU-CP:** O-RAN Central Unit – Control Plane: a logical node hosting the RRC and the control plane part of the PDCP protocol.
38. **O-CU-UP:** O-RAN Central Unit – User Plane: a logical node hosting the user plane part of the PDCP protocol and the SDAP protocol.
39. **O-DU:** O-RAN Distributed Unit: a logical node hosting RLC/MAC/High-PHY layers based on a lower layer functional split.
40. **O-RU:** O-RAN Radio Unit: a logical node hosting Low-PHY layer and RF processing based on a lower layer functional split.
41. **O-RAN vendor:** Provider of any component of O-RAN
42. **O1:** Interface between management entities (NMS/EMS/MANO) and O-RAN managed elements, for operation and management.
43. **O2:** Interface between SMO and the O-Cloud to provide cloud resources management and workload management for supporting O-RAN cloudified network functions.
44. **O2dms:** This interface is used for deploying and managing the O-Cloud.
45. **O2ims:** This interface is used for managing the infrastructure of the O-Cloud.
46. **O-RAN vendor:** Provider of any component of O-RAN.
47. **Open Fronthaul M-Plane:** Management interface controlling the O-RU, generally driven from the O-DU but in the case of the hybrid topology also driven from the SMO.
48. **Overt channel:** Communications path within a computer system or network designed for the authorized transfer of data.
49. **Personally Identifiable Information (PII):** is information that can be used on its own or with other information to identify, contact, or locate a single person, or to identify an individual in context.
50. **R1:** Interface between rApps and Non-RT RIC Framework via which R1 Services can be produced and consumed.
51. **R1 Services:** A collection of services including, but not limited to, service registration and discovery services, authentication and authorization services, AI/ML workflow services, and A1, O1 and O2 related services.
52. **RAN:** Generally referred as Radio Access Network.
53. **rApps:** Non-RT RIC application: an application designed to consume and/or produce R1 services.
54. **Security Log:** A log that contains audit records and security-related system events.
55. **Service Management and Orchestration (SMO):** The O-RAN Service Management and Orchestration system as specified in the O-RAN Architecture Description (OAD) document, Clause 5.3.1.

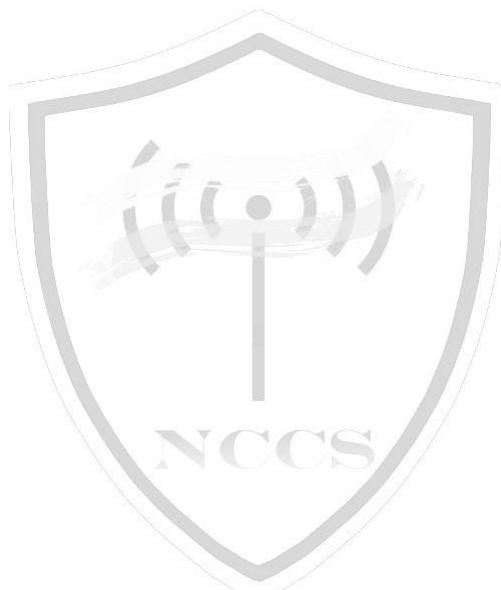
- 56. **SMO External Interface:** The interface between the SMO and an SMO External System.
- 57. **SMO External System:** A data source outside the O-RAN domain that provides data to the SMO.
- 58. **SMO Functions (SMOFs):** Internal SMO entities which provide one or more SMO Services.
- 59. **SMO Service (SMOS):** Standardized cohesive set of management, orchestration and automation capabilities offered by an SMO Function.
- 60. **Shared Data Layer (SDL):** API for accessing shared data storage.
- 61. **Service Provider:** An application developer who delivers applications to Service Providers.
- 62. **System Events:** “System events are operational actions performed by OS components, such as shutting down the system or starting a service. Typically, failed events and the most significant successful events are logged, but many OSs permit administrators to specify which types of events will be logged. The details logged for each event also vary widely; each event is usually timestamped, and other supporting information could include event, status, and error codes; service name; and user or system account associated with an event.” Defined in NIST SP 800-92.
- 63. **xApp:** An application consuming and/or producing Near-RT RIC services via the Near-RT RIC API to provide value added control of, or guidance to the E2 Nodes.
- 64. **Y1:** An interface between Near-RT RIC and Y1 consumers, as defined in O-RAN Architecture Description, clause 5.4.18. The interface enables RAN analytics information exposure from Near-RT RIC.
- 65. **Y1 consumers:** A role played by entities within or outside of the PLMN trust domain that consumes the Y1 services produced by the Near-RT RIC.



**Acronyms**

AI/ML	-	Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning
AAL	-	Acceleration Abstraction Layer
CNF	-	Cloud-native Network Function
DDoS	-	Distributed Denial of Service
DMS	-	Deployment Management Services
DTLS	-	Datagram Transport Layer Security
eNB	-	eNodeB (applies to LTE)
FOCOM	-	Front-Haul Control and Management
FTP	-	File Transfer Protocol
gNB	-	gNodeB (applies to NR)
IMS	-	Infrastructure Management Services
IPSEC	-	Internet Protocol Security
LLS	-	Lower Layer Split
MFA	-	Multi-Factor Authentication
mTLS	-	mutual Transport Layer Security
NF	-	Network Function
NFO	-	Network Function Orchestration
O-CU	-	O-RAN Centralized Unit
O-DU	-	O-RAN Distributed Unit
O-RU	-	O-RAN Radio Unit
OSC	-	O-RAN Software Community
PDCP	-	Packet Data Convergence Protocol
PKI	-	Public Key Infrastructure
PNF	-	Physical Network Function
PTP	-	Precision Timing Protocol
RAN	-	Radio Access Network
RBAC	-	Role-based Access Control
REST	-	Representational State Transfer
RIC	-	O-RAN RAN Intelligent Controller
SBOM	-	Software Bill of Materials
SDL	-	Shared Data Layer
sSFTP	-	Secure File Transfer Protocol
SMO	-	Service Management and Orchestration
SPDX	-	Software Package Data eXchange
SRO	-	Shared Resource Operator
SSH	-	Secure Shell
SWID	-	Software Identification

TLS	-	Transport Layer Security
VM	-	Virtual machine
VNF	-	Virtualised Network Function



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## Annexure-III

### List of Submissions

List of Undertakings to be furnished by the OEM for O-RU, O-DU, O-CU and O-Cloud security Testing Submissions.

1. Source Code Security Assurance (against test case 2.3.3)
2. Known Malware and backdoor Check (against test case 2.3.4)
3. No unused Software (against test case 2.3.5)
4. No Unused Functions (against test case 2.4.1)
5. Avoidance of Unspecified mode of Access (against test case 2.4.3)
6. Cryptographic Module Security Assurance (against test case 2.6.2)
7. Cryptographic Algorithms implementation Security Assurance (against test case 2.6.3)



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