

# **LTE Protocols**

## **Course Description**

If you are involved in the troubleshooting of LTE networks, you will appreciate that having a good understanding of the protocols is critical. This course therefore sets out to provide a detailed explanation of the LTE protocols that can be found within the E-UTRA, E-UTRAN and EPC. Furthermore, to enhance the explanations, the course incorporates real use cases and examples through the use of Mpirical's NetX virtual network analyzer.

**Prerequisites:** LTE System Engineering, or equivalent knowledge.

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#### This course will contain the following sections:

#### 1. RRC

#### **Topic areas covered include:**

- Introduction to RRC:
  - Air Interface Protocol Stack.
  - RRC States.
  - RRC Connection.
- E-UTRA Radio Bearers:
  - Signalling Radio Bearers:
    - SRB.
  - Dedicated Radio Bearers:
    - DRB.
- System Information:
  - SI Messages:
    - MIB, SIB1, System Information Types.
- RRC Connection Reconfiguration.
- LTE Mobility:
  - E-UTRA Measurements.
  - LTE Events.
  - Handover Process.
  - Inter-RAT Mobility.

#### **2. X2AP**

#### **Topic areas covered include:**

- Introduction to X2AP.
- Architecture of the X2 Application Part:
  - Functions of the X2 Application Protocol.
- X2 Procedures:
  - X2 Basic Mobility Procedures Handover Preparation.
  - SN Status Transfer.

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- UE Context Release.
- 3Handover Cancel.
- X2 Load Indication.
- X2 Resource Status Reporting.
- X2 Setup.
- X2 eNB Configuration.

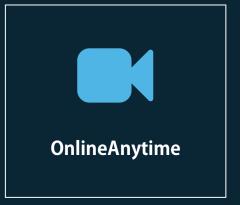
#### **3. S1AP**

#### **Topic areas covered include:**

- Introduction to S1AP.
- The E-UTRAN Control Plane:
  - E-UTRAN Protocol Specifications.
- The E-UTRAN S1 Application Protocol.
- S1 Functions and Procedures.
- Example S1 Procedures:
  - NAS Transport.
  - Initial Context Setup.
  - E-RAB Establishment.
  - S1 Setup.
  - eNB and MME Configuration Update.
  - Handover.
  - Path Switch.
  - Status Transfer.
  - UE Context Release.
  - Reset.
  - S1 Trace Procedures.
  - Location Reporting Control.
  - Overload.
  - Paging.



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#### 4. GTP

#### **Topic areas covered include:**

- · GTP Fundamentals.
- GTPv1-U:
  - GTPv1-U Header.
  - GTPv1-U Procedures.
- GTPv2-C:
  - GTPv2-C Header.
  - GTPv2 Message Format.

#### 5. Diameter

#### **Topic areas covered include:**

- Diameter Protocol and Architecture:
  - Transporting Diameter Signalling.
  - 3GPP Diameter Interfaces.
  - Diameter Routing Agent:
    - DRA Specifics.
- Diameter Base Protocol & AVPs:
  - Command Codes.
  - Example Message CCR and CCA.
- Diameter Routing and Roaming.

#### 6. SGsAP

#### **Topic areas covered include:**

- Introduction to SGsAP:
  - Circuit Switched Fallback;
    - CSFB Operation.
- SGsAP Fundamentals:
  - SGsAP Protocol Stack.
  - SGsAP States.
  - SGsAP Message Set.
- · Examining SGsAP:
  - Combined Attach.
  - Mobile Terminated Call Procedure.
  - CSFB MT SMS Procedure.
  - Combined TA/LA Update.
  - CSFB Network Detach.

#### 7. NAS EMM

#### **Topic areas covered include:**

- Introduction to NAS EMM:
  - Stratums.
  - NAS Messages.
- EMM and ECM States:
  - EPS Mobility Management States.
  - EPS Connection Management States.
- NAS EMM Capabilities.
- NAS EMM and the EPS Attach:
  - Attach Request.
  - Identity Request.
  - Authentication Request and Response.
  - Security Context Initiation.
  - Attach Accept.
  - Attach Complete.

#### 8. NAS ESM

#### **Topic areas covered include:**

- Introduction to NAS ESM:
  - Stratums.
  - NAS Messages.
- EPS Session Management.
- ESM Message Detail:
  - PDN Connectivity Request.
  - Activate Default EPS Bearer Context Request.
  - Activate Dedicated EPS Bearer Context Request.









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