

LTE System Engineering

Course Description

With LTE now the cornerstone of global 4G services, this course provides an end to end view of a typical LTE deployment. As such, the architecture required for LTE, including the air interface and all of the key interfaces and protocols, is examined. The course then takes a "day in the life" approach to the LTE handset, detailing all of the typical activity an LTE handset undertakes as it interacts with the network; procedures such as Initial Attach, Bearer Establishment, Mobility and 5G Interworking are all considered. In conclusion, the course focuses on voice services, with emphasis on both CSFB and VoLTE.

Prerequisites: None



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Credits



This course will contain the following sections:

1. Defining LTE

Topic areas covered include:

- LTE Roadmap and Drivers:
 - 3GPP Roadmap.
 - LTE Advanced and LTE Advanced Pro.
 - LTE Releases and Versions.
- 4G Mobile Data:
 - Growth of Mobile Data.
 - LTE Drivers.
 - 4G Fixed Wireless Access.
 - Private LTE Networks.
 - LTE Market Update.

2. LTE Architecture

Topic areas covered include:

- The LTE System:
 - Evolved Packet System.
 - Mobile Equipment.
 - Subscriber Identity Module.
 - SIM and Device Identities.
- LTE RAN:
 - 4G Radio Access.
 - Evolved Node B.
 - eNB Protocol Stacks.
- Evolved Packet Core Network:
 - Evolved Packet Core.
 - Control and User Plane Separation.
 - Evolved Packet Core Protocols.

LTE Architecture (cont.)

- Evolving RAN Architectures:
 - 5G Non Standalone.
 - NSA Reference Point and Protocols.
 - 4G in the NG-RAN.
 - ng-eNB Protocols.

3. LTE Air Interface

Topic areas covered include:

- · LTE Radio Spectrum:
 - LTE Radio Bands.
 - LTE Carrier.
 - FDD vs TDD.
 - LTE Channel Number.
 - Spectrum Refarming.
- Multiple Access:
 - Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access.
 - Subcarriers and Reference Signals.
 - LTE Frame Structure.
 - Multiple Access.
- Enhancing LTE Performance:
 - Modulation and Coding.
 - MIMO Technology.
 - Carrier Aggregation.
 - Shared Spectrum Options.

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4. LTE Initial Procedures

Topic areas covered include:

- LTE Identities:
 - Device and User Identities.
 - E-UTRAN Identities.
 - EPC Identities.
- Tracking Areas:
 - Tracking Areas Identity.
 - MME Pool, S-GW Service and Tracking Areas.
- · Signalling in LTE:
 - Stratums.
 - EPS Mobility Management.
- EPS Session Management:
 - Default EPS Bearers.
 - Radio Resource Control.
- Initial Attach:
 - PLMN and Network Selection.
 - Cell Selection.
 - Attach Procedure.
 - Combined Attach.
- Attaching without PDN:
 - 4G Attach without PDN Connectivity.

5. LTE Security

Topic areas covered include:

- · Security in 4G Networks:
 - Authentication and Key Agreement.
 - Security in 4G Networks.
 - 4G Authentication and Key Agreement.
- 4G Security Procedures:
 - 4G Mutual Authentication.
 - 4G NAS Key Distribution.
 - 4G RRC Key Distribution.
- 4G Encryption and Integrity Protection:
 - 4G Algorithms.
 - 4G Encryption.
 - 4G Integrity Protection.
- Securing the E-UTRAN:
 - Transport Security.
 - IPSec Management.

6. Defining EPS Bearers

Topic areas covered include:

- 4G Sessions:
 - PDN Connection.
 - IP Address Allocation.
- 4G Quality of Service:
 - Default and Dedicated EPS Bearers.
 - EPS Bearer QoS Attributes Overview.
- OoS Characteristics Part 1:
 - OoS Class Identifier.
 - Allocation and Retention Priority.
- QoS Characteristics Part 2:
 - Aggregate Maximum Bit Rates.
 - Traffic Flow Templates.
 - GTP Tunnels and Tunnel Endpoint Identifiers.
- 4G PDN Connectivity Establishment:
 - End-to-End Tunnels.
 - 4G Attach and Default EPS Bearer Establishment.
 - LTE Tunnel Creation.
- Dedicated EPS Bearer Establishment:
 - 4G Dedicated EPS Bearer Establishment Procedure.
 - End to End Tunnels.

7. Utilizing EPS Bearers

Topic areas covered include:

- EPS Bearers in Idle State:
 - Idle and Connected States.
 - EPS Bearers in ECM Idle.
 - S1 Release.
- · 4G Uplink Data Transfer:
 - Uplink Data Transfer when Idle.
 - Uplink Data Transfer when Connected.
- · 4G Downlink Data Transfer:
 - Downlink Data Transfer when Idle.
 - Downlink Data Transfer when Connected.
- Cellular IoT Enhancements:
 - Non IP Data Delivery.
 - Control Plane Cellular IoT EPS Optimization.
 - Uplink and Downlink Data Transfer via SCEF.

8. LTE Mobility

Topic areas covered include:

- · Mobility in 4G:
 - LTE Mobility.
 - Mobility with the EPC.
- · Idle Mode Mobility:
 - Cell Reselection.
- Tracking Area Update:
 - Tracking Areas.
 - 4G Tracking Area Update.
- 4G Handovers:
 - X2 Handover.
 - S1 Handover.
- · LTE Roaming:
 - Home Routed and Local Breakout.
 - GRX and IPX.

9. 3GPP and Non-3GPP Interworking

Topic areas covered include:

- Interworking with 2G / 3G Networks:
 - Inter RAT Mobility.
 - 4G / 3G / 2G Interworking Architecture.
 - 4G to 3G Packet Switched Handover.
 - 4G to 2G Packet Switched Handover.
- 4G and 5G Non Standalone:
 - 5G Non Standalone Architecture.
 - Splitting Bearers.
 - Option 3x.
 - NSA Considerations.
- 5G NSA Secondary Node Procedures:
 - Secondary Node Addition.
 - Change of Secondary Node.
 - Release of Secondary Node.
- Interworking with Non-3GPP Networks:
 - Non-3GPP Network Architecture.
 - ePDG Selection.
 - Non-3GPP Initial Attach.

10. LTE and Voice Services

Topic areas covered include:

- Introducing Circuit Switched Fallback:
 - LTE Voice Options.
 - CSFB Network Requirements.
 - CSFB Options.
- CSFB Procedures:
 - CSFB Initial Procedures.
 - CSFB Mobile Originated Call Setup.
 - CSFB Mobile Terminated Call Setup.
 - CSFB and Text Messaging.
- Introducing VoLTE:
 - VoLTE Key Components.
 - IMS Architecture.
 - IMS Identities.
 - VoLTE Initial Procedures
 - VoLTE Support.
 - VoLTE Registration.
 - Post Registration.
- VoLTE Call Procedures:
 - VoLTE Media Codecs.
 - SIP Signalling Exchange.
 - Establishing Dedicated EPS Bearers.
 - End to End Call Example.
 - Single Radio Voice Call Continuity.
 - Wi-Fi Calling.









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