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Range Based Address Resolution User Guide





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# What's New in This guide

This section introduces the documentation updates for Release 9.2.0.0.0.

#### Release 9.2.0.0.0, G27092-01, September 2025

- Added the feature <u>Enhanced Address Resolution Overview</u> in the Range Based Address Resolution chapter.
- Added Enhanced Address Resolution Configuration in the RBAR Configuration chapter:
  - Enhanced Address Resolution Configuration Fields
  - Inserting an Enhanced Address Resolution
  - Editing an Enhanced Address Resolution
  - Deleting an Enhanced Address Resolution
- Added the following fields in the <u>System Options elements</u> section:
  - Address Split/Merge Support Enabled
  - Enhanced Resolutions Support Enabled
  - Allow APN Case-Sensitive Match
- Added the following fields in the Address configuration section:
  - Splitting an Address
  - Merging An Address

# Introduction

The Range Based Address Resolution (RBAR) User's Guide and Help provides an overview of the functions and procedures to configure RBAR. The contents of this chapter include sections on the revision history, scope, audience, and organization of the document, Oracle documentation, and how to contact Oracle for assistance.

# 1.1 Revision History

Date	Description
April 2022	Not updated in this release.
December 2021	Not updated in this release.
January 2017	Updates in the RBAR supported AVPs table.
June 2016	Accessibility changes throughout.

### 1.2 Overview

The Range Based Address Resolution (RBAR) documentation provides information about the functions, explains how to use the GUI, and the following procedures to configure the RBAR application:

- Applications
- Exceptions
- Destinations
- Address Tables
- Addresses
- Address Resolutions
- System Options

# 1.3 Scope and Audience

The RBAR document is for anyone responsible for configuring and using the RBAR application. Users of this manual must have a working knowledge of telecommunications, network installations, and the product that is using the RBAR functions.

# 1.4 Manual Organization

This manual is organized into the following chapters:

- <u>Introduction</u> contains general information about the RBAR help documentation, the organization of this manual, and how to get technical assistance.
- Range Based Address Resolution describes the function of the application.



- <u>Configuration of RBAR</u> describes how to configure the application, including Applications, Exceptions, Destinations, Address Tables, Addresses, Address Resolutions, and System Options.
- <u>Maintenance of RBAR</u> describes maintenance functions and information that can be used with the application.

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# Range Based Address Resolution

This section provides an overview of the function of the **Range Based Address Resolution** (**RBAR**) application.

# 2.1 Range Based Address Resolution overview

Range Based Address Resolution (RBAR) is an enhanced routing application that allows routing of Diameter end-to-end transactions based on Diameter Application ID, Command Code, Routing Entity Type, and Routing Entity Addresses (range and individual) as a Diameter Proxy Agent.

A Routing Entity can be any of the following:

- A User Identity:
  - International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI)
  - Mobile Subscriber Integrated Services Digital Network (Number) (MSISDN)
  - IP Multimedia Private Identity (IMPI)
  - IP Multimedia Public Identity (IMPU)
- An IP Address associated with the User Equipment
  - IPv4 (based upon the full 32-bit value in the range of 0x00000000 to 0xFFFFFFFF)
  - IPv6-prefix (1 to 128 bits)
- A general purpose data type: UNSIGNED16 (16-bit unsigned value)

Routing resolves to a **Destination** that can be configured with any combination of a Realm and **Fully Qualified Domain Name** (FQDN); Realm-only, FQDN-only, or **Realm** and **FQDN**.

When a message successfully resolves to a destination, RBAR replaces the destination information (Destination-Host and/or Destination-Realm) in the ingress message with the corresponding values assigned to the resolved destination, and forwards the message to the (integrated) **Diameter Relay Agent** for egress routing into the network.

#### **RBAR Functions**

RBAR provides the following functions:

#### Reserved MCC Ranges

Mobile Country Code (MCC) ranges that are reserved for future use are defined in a system-wide **MCC Ranges** table. If the MCC digits portion of the decoded IMSI digits fall within one of the ranges designated in the **MCC Ranges** table, the IMSI digits are NOT used for further Address Resolution. RBAR continues decoding the digits using other AVP instances, or next Priority AVP (if provisioned), or next Routing Entity (if provisioned).

#### Identifying IMSIs and MSISDNs

Address resolution applications like Full Address Based Resolution (FABR) and (RBAR) need to categorize User Identities (digit strings) decoded from the Diameter Request AVPs as either MSISDN or IMSI, to allow looking up the User Identity in the appropriate lookup table.



If there is no plus sign before the digits, the Routing Entity Type is IMPU, and decoded digits falls within MSISDN and IMSI overlap range, configured MCC+MNC combinations can be compared to the first 5 or 6 digits of the User Identity. If a match occurs, the User Identity is considered as an IMSI and used for IMSI lookup. If a match does not occur, the User Identity is considered as an MSISDN and used for MSISDN lookup.

<u>Identifying IMSIs and MSISDNs</u> provides more information about identifying IMSIs and MSISDNs using digit string lengths and MCC+MNC combinations.

#### **Application Chaining**

Application Routing Rules can be configured so that RBAR and the PCA applications can be run independently on a same DSR DA-MP without interfering with each other's functionality.

#### **Assumption and Limitation**

In Diameter, all IMSIs are in the form of an ITU-T E.212 number. It is assumed that customers provision all IMSIs within the RBAR database as E.212 values. E.212 to E.214 conversion is not supported.

## 2.1.1 Address Ranges

An Address Range contains the following attributes:

- Routing Entity Type
- Start Address
- End Address
- Destination

RBAR Address Ranges are at least two addresses.

A common set of Address Ranges (such as all IMSIs associated with a LTE-HSS) is called a Digit Range Table (DRT).

For a DRT that can be associated with User Identity Types,

- RBAR supports DRT Address Ranges with different digit lengths.
   or example, the range 9195550000 9195559999 and the range 303200 303299 are allowed in the same DRT.
- RBAR supports a minimum of 8 different DRT Address Range digit lengths.
   For example, an MSISDN DRT could contain Address Ranges with 3 digits, 6 digits, 10 digits and 15 digits.

For a DRT that can be associated with the Routing Entity Type IPv6-Prefix Address, RBAR supports a minimum of 32 different DRT Address Range bit lengths.

The Start Address and the End Address attributes of an Address Range entry that can be associated with the Routing Entity Type UNSIGNED16 are always a 16-bit value.

### 2.1.2 Individual Addresses

An Individual Address contains the following attributes:

- (AET) Table Name
- Address
- Routing Entity Type
- Destination



A common set of Individual Addresses (such as all IMSIs associated with a LTE-HSS) is called an Address Exception Table (AET).

The Address attribute of an Individual Address that can be associated with User Identity Types contains a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of fifteen (15) digits.

The Address attribute of an Individual Address that can be associated with the Routing Entity Type (IPv4 Address) is always a 32-bit value.

The Address attribute of an Individual Address that can be associated with the Routing Entity Type (IPv6-Prefix Address) contains a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of 128 bits.

The Address attribute of an Individual Address that can be associated with the Routing Entity Type (UNSIGNED16) is always a 16-bit value.

For an AET that can be associated with User Identity Types and with the Routing Entity Type (IPv6-Prefix Address), RBAR supports addresses with different digit lengths.

# 2.2 Application Chaining

Application Chaining for RBAR and PCA refers to the enhanced ability to support the running of multiple DSR applications independently on a same DSR DA-MP without interfering to each other's functionality and the two applications can be invoked in turn on the same DA-MP. The order in which the applications are invoked can be configured based on the existing and enhanced **Application Routing Rule**.

When DSR receives a request, the routing layer makes the decision to forward the message, either to an application residing in the DSR or to a peer DSR node. This decision is based on the Application Routing Table (ART) rules. The ART also determines which application is initially forwarded the message.

Historically, Diameter messages use the Command Code as one of the main parameters in the ART to help with the DRL application forwarding decision. Application chaining enhances and expands the currently used Command Code parameter into an Extended Command Code (ECC) that contains the following attributes:

- ECC name, which is the actual Command Code name
- Command Code value
- AVP code Value, an AVP within the Command Code
- AVP data value

#### **Application Route Table (ART)**

Application Route Tables (ART) are used for routing Request messages to DSR Applications. An Application Route Table consists of a set of prioritized Application Routing Rules that the Diameter Routing Function searches with the content of a Request message, to determine whether the message should be forwarded to a DSR Application for processing.

The ART is searched when a Request message is received from a Peer Node or a DSR Application. Searching an ART when a Request message is received from a DSR Application allows the operator to route the ingress Diameter transaction to multiple DSR Applications in sequence. The operator can create multiple ARTs to assign an ART to a Request message based upon a set of user-defined criteria.

One ART is searched each time a Request message is received from a Peer Node or a DSR Application. This method allows forwarding a Diameter transaction to one or more DSR Applications for processing.



However, the Diameter Routing Function does not allow a DSR application to process a Diameter transaction more than once. The Diameter Routing Function internally keeps track of which DSR applications have already processed the message. When the Diameter Routing Function is searching an ART and encounters an Application Routing Rule that is associated with a DSR application that has already processed the transaction, that Application Routing Rule is bypassed.

For RBAR and **PCA** Application chaining, up to six parameters may be used to form Application Routing Rules:

- Application ID
- Extended Command Code
- Origin-Host
- Origin-Realm
- Destination-Host
- Destination-Realm

A priority is also assigned to each Application Routing Rule. If conditions in multiple rules are triggered simultaneously, the associated priority determines which rule applies.

# 2.3 Request Message Validation

The RBAR application processes the diameter request message based on the configuration, to extract the user identity addresses.

When RBAR receives a diameter request message, the following validation is performed:

- Determine whether the Application ID in the message header is defined in the configuration.
  - If a valid Application ID cannot be found, the message is not processed. An answer response with a Result code AVP for DIAMETER\_APPLICATION\_UNSUPPORTED is returned.
- If a valid (configured) Application ID is received in a diameter request message, validate
  whether the pair (Application ID, command code) received in the message is defined in the
  configuration.
  - If the pair cannot be found in the configuration, the appropriate routing exception handling procedure is invoked.
- If the pair is configured, search for a valid routing entity address in the message based on the highest priority routing entity type (Primary routing entity type in address resolution configuration) assigned to the pair.
- Search for a valid routing entity address in the message based on a prioritized set of AVPs assigned to the triplet.
  - If a valid routing entity address cannot be found in searching the configured routing entity types assigned to the pair, the routing exception handling procedure is invoked that is assigned to the Application ID and this routing entity type.

#### **Routing Exception Handling**

When an ingress RBAR request message cannot be resolved to a destination (no address matched, no valid digits decoded, or any other error returns), RBAR invokes a routing exception handling procedure based on user-defined configuration.

Routing exception handling procedures result in one for the following configured actions:



- Forward the message unchanged
- Forward the message using a user-defined default destination
- Send answer response with a user-defined result-code AVP value and error message AVP
- Send answer response with user-defined experimental-code AVP values and error message AVP
- Abandon request (discard the ingress diameter request message)

The routing exceptions support the following:

- Unknown command code
- Valid address not found
- · Valid address was found and did not match a configured address or address range

#### **Supported AVPs**

RBAR supports the AVPs associated with a user identity type (IMSI, MSISDN, IMPI, IMPU) as defined in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 RBAR Supported AVPs

For a User Identity Type (IMSI, MSISDN, IMPI, IMPU) AVPs	Vendor ID and AVP Code	AVP Type	AVP Reference
User-Name	Vendor-ID: none AVP code: 1	UTF8String	Section 8.14 of RFC 3588bis
Service-Information [Subscription-ID]	Vendor-ID: 10415 (3GPP) AVP code: 873	Grouped	Section 7.2.192 of 3GPP 32.299
Subscription-ID  [Subscription-ID-Data]	Vendor-ID: none AVP code: 443	Grouped	Section 8.46 of RFC 4006
Subscription-ID-Data	Vendor-ID: none AVP code: 444	UTF8String	Section 8.48 of RFC 4006
Public-Identity	Vendor-ID: 10145 (3GPP) AVP code: 601	UTF8String	Section 6.3.2 of 3GPP 29.229
MSISDN	Vendor-ID: 10415 (3GPP) AVP code: 701	OctetString	Section 6.3.2 of 3GPP 29.329
User-Identity: [Public-Identity] [MSISDN]	Vendor-ID: 10415 (3GPP) AVP code: 700	Grouped	Section 6.3.1 of 3GPP 29.329
Public-Identity	Vendor-ID: 10145 (3GPP) AVP code: 601	UTF8String	Section 6.3.2 of 3GPP 29.229
MSISDN	Vendor-ID: 10415 (3GPP) AVP code: 701	OctetString	Section 6.3.2 of 3GPP 29.329



Table 2-1 (Cont.) RBAR Supported AVPs

For a User Identity Type (IMSI, MSISDN, IMPI, IMPU) AVPs	Vendor ID and AVP Code	AVP Type	AVP Reference			
User-Identifier:	Vendor-ID: none	Grouped	Section 6.4.2 of 3GPP			
[User-Name] [MSISDN]	AVP code: 3102		29.336			
User-Name	Vendor-ID: none	Vendor-ID: none UTF8String				
	AVP code: 1		3588bis			
MSISDN	Vendor-ID: 10415 (3GPP)	OctetString	Section 6.3.2 of 3GPP 29.329			
	AVP code: 701					
For a Routing Entity Type	e IPv4 Address					
Framed-IP-Address	Vendor-ID: none	OctetString	Section 6.11.1 of RFC			
	AVP code: 8		4005			
For a Routing Entity Type IPv6 Prefix Address						
Framed-IPv6-Prefix	Vendor-ID: none	OctetString	Section 6.11.6 of RFC			
	AVP code: 97		4005			

Each of the configured user identity types supported in RBAR is associated with certain AVPs that contain the user identity type as defined by various diameter application standards.

<u>Table 2-2</u> presents all possible combinations of the user identity types and the associated AVPs.

Table 2-2 Combinations of User Identity Types and Associated AVPs

User Identity Types/AVPs	IMSI	MSISDN	IMPI	IMPU
MSISDN		Applicable		Applicable
User-Identity: MSISDN		Applicable		Applicable
Public-Identity	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
User-Identity: Public-Identity	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
User-Name	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
User-Identifier: User-Name	Applicable		Applicable	
User-Identifier: MSISDN		Applicable		Applicable
Subscription-ID-Data (0-E.164)		Applicable		Applicable
Service-Information:		Applicable		Applicable
Subscription-ID-Data (0- E.164)				
Subscription-ID-Data (1-IMSI)	Applicable		Applicable	
Service-Information:	Applicable		Applicable	
Subscription-ID-Data (1-IMSI)				
Subscription-ID-Data (2-SIP URI)	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Service-Information:	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Subscription-ID-Data (2-SIP URI)				



Table 2-2 (Cont.) Combinations of User Identity Types and Associated AVPs

User Identity Types/AVPs	IMSI	MSISDN	IMPI	IMPU
Subscription-ID-Data (3-NAI)	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Service-Information:	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Subscription-ID-Data (3-NAI)				
Subscription-ID-Data (4-Private)	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Service -Information:	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Subscription-ID-Data (4- Private)				
Wildcarded-Public-Identity				Applicable

A user identity type can be associated with one or more data formats that is examined when deriving the user identity address from the associated AVPs. The relation between user identity types and the corresponding data formats to be encountered in the ingress diameter request message are listed in <u>Table 2-3</u>.

Table 2-3 Relation between Configured User Identity Types and Data Formats

Configurable User Identity Types/User Identity Formats in Messages	IMSI	MSISDN	IMPI	IMPU		
IMSI Format: ASCII	Applicable		Applicable			
Example: 311480123456789						
MSISDN Format: ASCII and TBCD		Applicable		Applicable		
Example: 19194605500						
SIP URI with IMSI Format: ASCII	Applicable		Applicable			
sip:631115099999555 sip:311480999995555	Examples: sip:123456789012345@nai.epc.mnc456.mcc123.3gppnetwork.org sip:6311150999995555@ims.mnc015.mcc311.3gppnetwork.org sip:311480999995555@my.network.org					
sip: 63114809999955	55@my.network.o	rg				
SIP URI with MSISDN Format: ASCII	I	Applicable		Applicable		
Examples:						
sip: +1-919-460-5500@xy: .com;user=phone sip:311480999995555 @my.network.org						
,						



Table 2-3 (Cont.) Relation between Configured User Identity Types and Data Formats

Configurable User Identity Types/User Identity Formats in				
Messages	IMSI	MSISDN	IMPI	IMPU
SIP URI with NAI Format: ASCII			Applicable	Applicable
Example: sip:311480999995555 @my.network.org				
TEL URI with MSISDN FORMAT: ASCII		Applicable		Applicable
Examples: tel:+1-919-460-5500; pl	hone-context=exa	mple.com		
tel:+19258889999				
tel:19195551212				
NAI with IMSI/ MSISDN Format: ASCII	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable	Applicable
Examples: 123456789012345@xy	z.com			
123456789012345				
311480999995555@im	s.mnc480.mcc31	1.3gppnetwork.org		
6311150999995555@x	xyz.com			
6311150999995555@i	ms.mnc015.mcc3	11.3gppnetwork.org		
NAI Format: ASCII			Applicable	Applicable
Example: handy.manny@xyz.co m				

#### Routing Based on IMSI/MSISDN Prefix Lookup

If configured, RBAR performs prefix-based lookups after the full address lookup is performed. The prefix and range based lookup is only performed if the full address lookup does not find a match and can be enabled by the operator for a combination of Application ID, Command-Code, and Routing Entity type.

If a match is found in the prefix database, that RBAR application populates the Destination-Host AVP and/or the Destination-Realm AVP based on the resolved destination.

If a match is not found in the prefix database, then RBAR performs the no address match found routing exception handling procedure.

The IMSI/MSISDN prefix and range lookup can be enabled or disabled on a system wide basis.

#### **Identifying IMSIs and MSISDNs**

In certain diameter messages over the Cx interface (and possibly over the Sh interface), certain AVPs that typically carry an IMSI sometimes can carry an MSISDN.



Address resolution applications like Full Address Based Resolution (FABR) and Range Based Address Resolution (RBAR) need to categorize user Identities (digit strings) decoded from the diameter request AVPs as either MSISDN or IMSI, to allow looking up the user identity in the appropriate lookup table.

Most of the time, these applications can clearly categorize the decoded user identity based on:

- The configured routing entity type
- The contents of the AVP
  For instance, if the user identity has been decoded from a SIP URI that has a plus sign before the digits (such as sig:+1-919-460-5500@oracle.com), it can be directly categorized as an MSISDN.
- The number of digits in the user identity

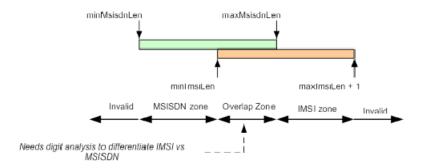
In certain cases, none of these methods allow a clear categorization (for example, if the number of digits needs to be used and the received number of digits are applicable to both IMSIs and MSISDNs, and thus leads to an ambiguous determination; or if there is no plus sign before the digits).

If RBAR has been configured to decode an IMPU/MSISDN from a user identity (digit string), but cannot determine whether the user identity is an IMSI or an MSISDN based on digit analysis, a tie-breaker is needed to properly categorize the user identity.

If the routing entity type is IMPU, the user identity extracted results in only digits and the length of the digits in the user identity falls within an overlap digits range of MSISDN and IMSI. As shown in <a href="Figure 2-1">Figure 2-1</a>, if the user identity is an IMSI or MSISDN the logic is determined as follows:

- RBAR extracts the first 5 or 6 digits of the user identity and compares them against a list of configured 5- or 6-digit MCC-MNC combinations.
   The **Diameter Common**, and then **Network Identifiers**, and then **MCCMNC** pages can be used to configure up to 2500 distinct combinations of Mobile Country Code (MCC) and Mobile Network Code (MNC). (Refer to the *Diameter Common User's Guide* and Help for procedures to configure MCC-MNC combinations.)
- If a match occurs, the user identity is considered as an IMSI. RBAR bypasses the AVP, since RBAR does not support decoding an IMSI form a routing entity IMPU or MSISDN.
- If a match does not occur, the user identity is considered as a MSISDN and used for MSISDN lookup.

Figure 2-1 IMSI/MSISDN Overlap Range Scenario



When decoding an IMSI, it is possible to have an extra top digit which needs to be deleted later on. Hence the IMSI zone is maxImsiLen + 1.



# 2.4 Multiple DSR Application Invocation Prevention

The DSR provides a mechanism for preventing the same DSR Application from being invoked on two different DSR nodes:

- When a DSR Application does not want to be invoked a second time on another DSR, it can insert a DSR AVP called DSR-Application-Invoked containing its DSR Application ID.
- When the Diameter Routing Function searches an ART, it ignores any Application Routing Rules associated with a DSR-Application that has inserted the DSR-Application-Invoked AVP.

#### **DSR-Application-Invoked AVP**

To prevent the same DSR Application from being invoked on multiple DSRs in a network (and processing the same message twice by the same DSR Application), a DSR Application can (optionally) add to the Request message a DSR-Application-Invoked AVP containing the DSR Application ID as describe in DSR-Application-Invoked AVP.

Table 2-4 DSR-Application-Invoked AVP

Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	
		AVP Code = 2468		
Flags=10000000	Length = 16			
		Vendor ID = 323		
DSR Application Id = Unsigned32				

This AVP is decoded by the Diameter Routing Function before ART processing to prevent multiple invocations of the same DSR application. Any Application Routing Rule with this DSR Application ID is ignored by the Diameter Routing Function.

This AVP can be repeated in the Request to indicate different DSR Applications, but is inserted only once per DSR Application.

Insertion of a DSR Application-Invoked AVP is controlled by DSR Application-specific System Options configuration, such as:

Allow Subsequent RBAR Invocation – Checked = Yes, Unchecked = No If checked, subsequent invocation of RBAR on a different DSR node in the network is allowed.

# 2.5 Metadata Recording for Integrated DIH (IDIH)

**Integrated DIH** (IDIH) can be used to capture detailed information about selected Diameter transactions, and transmit this information to DIH for further analysis.

The Diameter Routing Function and invoked DSR applications record detailed information about each Diameter transaction - called transaction metadata. Each metadata record describes an important event in the lifetime of a Diameter transaction. Metadata appears in the Trace Transaction Record (TTR) in the order that the metadata-generating events actually occurred. Together, all of the metadata records combine to document the processing performed on the entire transaction, and can later be used to provide diagnostic information when performing troubleshooting. Metadata is recorded to a TTR for each transaction so that, even if the transaction is selected to be sent to DIH at an Answer Troubleshooting Trigger Point (TTP-IA or TTP-EA), the metadata for all of the messages in the transaction is present.



The functions of IDIH are described in the Integrated DIH User's Guide and Help.

RBAR records the application-specific metadata events described in <u>Table 2-5</u>.

Table 2-5 RBAR Metadata-Generating Events

Event	Туре	Scope	stance Data	When Recorded
Address Resolution Match found	Address Resolution Match	App Data	Routing Entity Type (such as IMSI) Routing Entity AVP (such as User Name) Routing Entity Address (such as 123456789012345)	After RBAR searches and finds a valid Routing Entity address in an ingress Request message using a prioritized set of AVPs associated with the highest priority Routing Entity Type assigned to the Address Resolution order pair (Diameter Application ID, Command Code).
Routing Entity address resolved to a Destination address for request message routing	Destination Resolution	App Data	Destination Routing Table Format (such as AET) Destination Realm (such as xyz.com) Destination FQDN (such as hss1.hss.xyz.com)	When a valid Routing Entity address extracted from an Ingress Request message matches an AET or DRT entry for request message routing.
Routing Exception	Routing Exception	App Data	Routing Exception Type (such as Unknown Command Code) Routing Exception Action (such as Abandon Request)	After any Routing Exception is encountered.

# 2.6 Enhanced Address Resolution Overview

The RBAR Enhancement feature provides an ability to perform messaging routing using additional parameters such as:

- APN
- Origin Host
- Origin Realm
- Destination Host
- Destination Realm





#### (i) Note

The legacy RBAR rules are used as a backup method in attempt to route a message if Enhanced Address Resolution rules fails to perform.

# Configuration of RBAR

This section describes the procedures used to configure the RBAR application.

# 3.1 Pre-Configuration Activities

Before RBAR configuration can be performed, the following activities need to be performed in the system:

- Verify server status
- Gather information that is required for Diameter, Diameter Common, and RBAR configuration
- Configure Diameter Common components that are required for RBAR configuration
- Configure Diameter components that are required for RBAR configuration

### 3.1.1 Verifying Server status

Use this task to verify server status before RBAR configuration.

- 1. From the active SOAM, click Status & Manage, and then Server.
- Verify that for each server, the Appl State field is Disabled, and the DB, Reporting Status, and Proc fields are Norm.

## 3.1.2 Diameter Common Configuration for RBAR

The following Diameter Common configuration must be done before RBAR configuration can be performed.

Use the explanations and procedures in the Diameter Common configuration help and the *Diameter Common User's Guide* to complete the Diameter Common configuration, including the Diameter Common components needed for use with RBAR.

#### **SOAM Diameter Common Configuration**

Diameter Common configuration for MCC Ranges Network Identifiers and MP Profile assignment for RBAR is done from the **SOAM GUI** in a DSR topology.

#### 1. MPs

Click **Diameter Common**, and then **MPs**, and then **Profile Assignments** and verify the correct Database MP Profiles have been assigned for RBAR DA-MPs. If assignments need to be made or changed, use the **Diameter Common**, and then **MPs**, and then **Profile Assignments** page to assign the correct MP Profiles.

If RBAR and **Policy DRA** are running on the same DA-MP, select a Session\_Database MP Profile.

#### 2. MCC Ranges

Use the **Diameter Common**, and then **Network Identifiers**, and then **MCC Ranges** [Insert] page to specify up to 10 distinct, non-overlappingMCC Ranges.



The following two **MCC Ranges** are reserved by telephony standards and are recommended to be created in addition to other specified ranges:

- **a.** 000-199
- **b.** 800-899

#### **NOAM Diameter Common Configuration**

Diameter Common configuration for MCCMNC and MCCMNC Mapping Network Identifiers for RBAR is done from the **NOAM** GUI in a DSR topology.

 Use the Diameter Common, and then Network Identifiers, and then MCC Ranges [Insert] page to configure MCCMNC entries.

### 3.1.3 Diameter Configuration for RBAR

The following Diameter configuration must be done before RBAR configuration can be performed.

All Diameter Configuration is done using the SOAM GUI in a DSR topology.

Use the explanations and procedures in the Diameter Configuration help and the *Diameter User's Guide* to complete the Diameter configuration, including the Diameter components needed for use with RBAR.

#### 1. Application IDs

Diameter Application IDs must be configured before making them available for use in an RBAR Address Resolution. Use the **Diameter**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Application Ids [Insert]** page to configure Diameter Application IDs.

The Application IDs that need to be configured depend on the types of Diameter servers being supported, including HSS, PCRF, OFCS, and OCS.

#### 2. Command Codes

Diameter Command Codes must be configured before using them in an RBAR Address Resolution. Use the **Diameter**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Command Codes** [Insert] page to configure Diameter Command Codes.

Configure any Command Codes that need to be handled by RBAR. The Command Codes are associated with the Diameter Applications supported by the Diameter servers (for example, HSS, PCRF, OCFS, or OCS) which are the destination of Diameter Requests being routed by RBAR. For example, the combination of Application ID = S6a and Command Code = ULR/ULA might be relevant for HSS.

#### 3. Application Route Tables

Either use the default **Application Route Table** (always available), or use the **Diameter**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Application Route Tables** [Insert] page to configure one or more **Application Route Tables** in addition to the default. **Application Route Tables** contain **Application Routing Rules** that direct messages to RBAR and other DSR Applications.

#### 4. Application Routing Rules

On the **Diameter**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Application Route Tables** page, select an **Application Route Table Name** and click **View/Edit Rules**.

Use the **Viewing Rules for Application Route Table** page to insert or edit an **Application Routing Rule** so that messages are directed to RBAR.

Set the **Application Name** to **RBAR**.



If the RBAR application and the DM-IWF application are chained so that both of them can process the same Request message, insert or edit a second Application Routing Rule with the Application Name set to DM-IWF.

Set the Priority in each of the two Application Routing Rules to indicate which application processes the message first (the higher priority processes first).

# 3.2 RBAR Configuration

The **Configuration** pages under **RBAR** manages the **RBAR** configuration, which typically occurs in the following order:

- 1. Add Diameter **Applications** to a list of RBAR-supported Diameter Applications.
- 2. Configure Destinations.
- 3. If necessary, edit the Routing Exception Action associated with routing Exceptions.
- 4. Configure Address Tables.
- 5. Configure Addresses, specifying either address ranges or individual addresses.
- Configure Address Resolutions.
- 7. If necessary, change the System Options.

### 3.2.1 Applications configuration

The **RBAR**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Applications** page allows you to access a list of Diameter Applications supported by RBAR.

From the RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Applications page, you can:

- Filter the list of supported Diameter Applications to display only the desired Application(s).
- View a list of supported Diameter Applications.
- Insert a supported Diameter Application.

#### Note

When an Application entry is added, Routing Exceptions (Unknown Command Code, No valid Routing Entity Address, No Address Match) are automatically inserted with the Routing Exception Action value as Forward Unchanged.

Delete a Diameter Application from the list of supported Diameter Applications.

#### ① Note

When an Application entry is deleted, the associated Routing Exceptions are automatically deleted.

### 3.2.1.1 Applications configuration elements

<u>Table 3-1</u> describes the fields on the Applications insert page.



**Table 3-1** Applications Configuration Elements

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
*Application ID	Diameter application ID, used by RBAR, along with command code and routing entity type to determine address resolution for routing request messages.	Format: list Range: configured Diameter application IDs Default: none
*Routing Mode (Read only)	Method of routing for request messages received containing the diameter application ID.	Format: disabled list with a value of <b>Proxy</b> .

### 3.2.1.2 Inserting a supported Diameter application

Use this task to add an application ID in the Diameter message.

Inserting a supported application automatically adds three (3) routing exceptions (**Unknown Command Code**, **No valid Routing Entity Address**, and **Missing Configured Address Entry**) with the **Routing Exception Action** set to Forward Unchanged.

- 1. Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Applications.
- 2. Click Insert.
- 3. From the Application ID list, select the Application ID in the Diameter message.



The application IDs displayed in this list are those created using **Diameter**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Application IDs**.

Note the **Routing Mode** field is disabled.

For more information about each field, see <u>Application configuration elements</u>.



The Routing Mode field is disabled.

- 4. Perform one of the following actions:
  - Click OK to save the application and return to the RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Applications page.
  - Click Apply to save the application and stay on this page.

#### (i) Note

If field validations succeed after clicking either **OK** or **Apply**, the new application is saved and an informational message about the automatic addition of the routing exceptions appears.

• Click **Cancel** to return to the **RBAR**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Applications** page without saving the changes.



If **OK** or **Apply** is clicked and any of the following conditions exist, an error message appears:

- The Application ID is empty; no value was entered or selected
- The Application Name or Application ID is not unique; it already exists in the system
- The entry in any field is not valid (wrong data type or out of the valid range)
- The maximum number of supported Diameter applications (16) is already defined in the system

### 3.2.1.3 Deleting a Diameter application

Use this task to delete a Diameter application ID from the list of supported Diameter applications.

An application ID cannot be deleted if it is being used by an address resolution. Before you perform this task, delete any address resolution that uses the application.

- 1. Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Applications.
- 2. Select the application ID you want to delete and click **Delete**.
- Click OK or Cancel on the confirmation screen.
   If OK is clicked and the application is in use by an address resolution, an error message displays.

### 3.2.2 Exceptions configuration

The **RBAR**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Exceptions** page allows you to specify the routing exception action to take when **RBAR** is unable to resolve an address to a destination for each supported Diameter application and routing exception type.

There are three (3) routing exception entries (No Address Match, No valid Routing Entity Address, and Unknown Command Code) automatically inserted with the Routing Exception Action set to Forward Unchanged as the default action for a supported Diameter application entry when that application entry is added. Similarly, these Routing Exceptions that are associated with an application entry are automatically deleted when that application entry is deleted.

From the RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Exceptions page, you can:

- Filter the list of exceptions to display only the desired exceptions.
- View a list of supported Diameter applications and their associated routing exception types and routing exception actions.
- Edit the routing exception action and its associated attributes for a supported Diameter application.

### 3.2.2.1 Exceptions configuration elements

Table 3-2 describes the fields on the Exceptions edit page.

**Table 3-2 Exceptions Configuration Elements** 

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
*Application ID	Application ID in a Diameter message - read only	none



Table 3-2 (Cont.) Exceptions Configuration Elements

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
Application Name *Routing Exception Type	Name of the application - read only  The routing exception that prevented address resolution - read only. This field displays one of the following values:  Unknown Command Code  No valid Routing Entity Address  No Address Match	none none
Routing Exception Action	The action applied to modify the Routing Exception Type message.	Format: options Range: Forward Unchanged Forward to Destination Send Answer with Result-Code AVP Send Answer with Experimental-Result AVP Abandon Request
Destination	Destination to where the message is forwarded associated with the <b>Routing Exception Type</b> . This field is enabled when the <b>Routing Exception Action</b> is set to Forward to Destination.	Format: list Range: available user- configured destinations
Result-Code Value	Result code associated with this Routing Exception Type. This field is enabled when the Routing Exception Action is set to either Send Answer with Result-Code AVP Or Send Answer with Experimental-Result AVP.	Format:     field     list Range:     field: 1000–5999     list of available diameter answer codes
Vendor-ID	Value returned in the vendor-ID AVP of the answer message associated with this Routing Exception Type. This field is enabled when the Routing Exception Action is set to Send Answer with Experimental-Result AVP.	Format: field Range: 1–4294967295 Default: none
Error Message	Value returned in the Error-Message AVP of the answer message. This field is enabled when the Routing Exception Action is set to either Send Answer with Result-Code AVP or Send Answer with Experimental-Result AVP.	Format: alphanumeric, underscore (_), period (.) Range: 0–64 characters Default: none

# 3.2.2.2 Editing a Routing Exception

Use this task to edit a Routing Exception.

- 1. Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Exceptions.
- 2. Select the Application ID/Name you want to edit and click Edit.
- 3. Update the relevant fields.

For more information about each field, see **Exception configuration elements**.



#### 4. Click OK, Apply, Cancel.

If **OK** or **Apply** is clicked and any of the following conditions exist, an error message appears:

- A valid **Vendor-ID** is missing when the **Routing Exception Action** is Send Answer with Experimental Result-Code AVP.
- A valid **Destination** is missing when the **Routing Exception Action** is Forward to Destination.
- A valid **Result-Code Value** is missing when the **Routing Exception Action** is Send Answer Or Send Answer with Experimental-Result AVP.

### 3.2.3 Destinations configuration

The **RBAR**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Destinations** page contains the attributes associated with a destination to which **RBAR** routes a message. RBAR uses these attributes to modify the contents of a received message before forwarding the message.

Each destination can be configured with any combination of a Realm and FQDN such as Realm-only, FQDN-only, or Realm and FQDN.

From the **RBAR**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Destinations** page, you can:

- Filter the list of destinations to display only the desired destinations.
- View a list of destinations.
- Insert a destination.
- Edit a destination.
- Delete a destination.

### 3.2.3.1 Destinations configuration elements

Table 3-3 describes the fields on the Destinations insert and edit pages.

**Table 3-3 Destinations Configuration Elements** 

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
*Name	Unique name of the destination	Format: field
	If a duplicate name is entered or the name is not specified, an error message appears.	Range: 1–32 characters; cannot start with a digit and must contain at least one alpha
		Default: none
Realm	Realm of the destination The Realm and Fully Qualified Domain Name cannot both be empty; otherwise, an error message appears.	Format: Text box; string consisting of a list of labels separated by dots, where a label must contain letters, digits, hyphen (-) and underscore (_). A label must start with a letter or underscore and must end with a letter or digit. Underscores may be used only as the first character. Range: A valid FQDN or Realm. A label consists of up to



Table 3-3 (Cont.) Destinations Configuration Elements

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
Fully Qualified Domain Name	Unique Fully Qualified Domain Name of the destination	63 characters and a Realm or FQDN up to 255 characters
	If a duplicate FQDN is entered, an error message appears.	Default: none
	The <b>Fully Qualified Domain Name</b> and <b>Realm</b> cannot both be empty; otherwise, an error message appears.	
Allow Subsequent RBAR invocation	Enables the subsequent invocation of RBAR on a different DSR node in the network, when RBAR resolves to this destination.	Format: check box Range: checked, unchecked Default: checked
	Note: If the System Options Allow Subsequent RBAR Invocation option is checked, then this attribute is ignored.	

### 3.2.3.2 Inserting a Destination

Use this task to add a new Destination.

- 1. Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Destinations.
- 2. Click Insert.
- Enter a unique name for the destination in the Name field.
   For more information about each field, see <u>Destinations configuration elements</u>.
- 4. Enter the realm in the Realm field.
- 5. Enter a unique FQDN in the **Fully Qualified Domain Name** field.
- If you want to allow subsequent invocation of RBAR on a different DSR node in the network, leave the Allow Subsequent RBAR invocation check box selected (by default, this option is checked).

#### Note

If you do not want to allow subsequent invocation of RBAR on a different DSR node in the network when RBAR resolves to this destination, uncheck this check box. In addition, the **Allow Subsequent RBAR invocation** check box on the System Options page must be unchecked. For more information about the System Options attributes, see <u>System options elements</u>.

7. Click OK, Apply, or Cancel.

If **OK** or **Apply** is clicked and any of the following conditions exist, an error message appears:

- Both the Realm and Fully Qualified Domain Name are empty; no value was entered
- The Name or Fully Qualified Domain Name is not unique; it already exists in the system
- The entry in any field is not valid (wrong data type or out of the valid range)
- The required Name is empty



The maximum number of destinations (1024) is already defined in the system

### 3.2.3.3 Editing a Destination

Use this task to edit a Destination.

- 1. Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Destinations.
- 2. Select the Destination you want to edit and click **Edit**.
- 3. Update the relevant fields.

For more information about each field, see <u>Destinations configuration elements</u>. The **Name** field is read-only and cannot be edited.

- 4. Perform one of the following actions:
  - Click OK to save the changes and return to the RBAR > Configuration > Destinations page.
  - Click Apply to save the changes and stay on this page.
  - Click Cancel to return to the RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Destinations
    page without saving the changes.

If **OK** or **Apply** is clicked and any of the following conditions exist, an error message appears:

- Both the Realm and Fully Qualified Domain Name are empty; no value was entered
- The Fully Qualified Domain Name is not unique; it already exists in the system
- The entry in any field is not valid (wrong data type or out of the valid range)

### 3.2.3.4 Deleting a Destination

Use this task to delete a destination. A destination cannot be deleted if it is being used by any Address Range, Individual Address, or Routing Exception. Before this task is performed, delete the association with any Individual Address, Address Range, or Routing Exception.

- 1. Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Destinations.
- Select the destination you want to delete and click **Delete**.
- Click OK or Cancel on the confirmation screen.

If **OK** is clicked and the destination is in use by an Address Range, Individual Address, or Routing Exception, an error message displays.

### 3.2.4 Address Tables configuration

The **RBAR**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Address Tables** page accesses an Address Table and its associated attributes.

From this page, you can:

- Filter the list of address tables to display only the desired application(s).
- View a list of address tables.
- Insert an address table.
- Delete an address table.



### 3.2.4.1 Address Tables configuration elements

Table 3-4 describes the fields on the Address Tables insert page.

**Table 3-4 Address Tables Configuration Elements** 

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
*Name	Unique name of the address table.  If a duplicate name is entered or the name is not specified, an error message appears.	Format: field Range: 1–32 characters; cannot start with a digit and must contain at least one alpha Default: none
Comment	Information about the address table.	Format: field Range: up to 64 characters
*Routing Entity Type	Type of routing entity.  If the routing entity type is not specified, an error message appears.	Format: list Range: IMSI MSISDN IMPI IMPU IPv4 IPv6 Prefix UNSIGNED16 External Identifier Default: none
Routing Entity Component	Assists with enhanced address resolution. This field is enabled when External Identifier is selected as the Routing Entity Type.	Format: list Range: Domain Identifier Local Identifier Default: none

# 3.2.4.2 Inserting an Address Table

Use this task to add a new Address Table.

- 1. Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Address Table.
- 2. Click Insert.
- 3. Enter a unique name for the Address Table in the **Name** field.

For more information about each field, see Address Table configuration elements.

- If needed, enter a comment or additional information about the Address Table in the Comment field.
- Select the type of routing entity from the Routing Entity Type list.
- If External Identifier was selected as the Routing Entity Type, then select the Routing Entity Component from the list.
- Click OK, Apply, Cancel.

If **OK** or **Apply** is clicked and any of the following conditions exist, an error message appears:



- Any required field is empty; no value was entered or selected
- The Name is not unique; it already exists in the system
- The entry in any field is not valid (wrong data type or out of the valid range)
- The maximum number of Address Tables (40) is already defined in the system

### 3.2.4.3 Deleting an Address Table

Use this task to delete an Address Table. An Address Table cannot be deleted if it is being used by any Individual Address, Address Range, or Address Resolution. Before you perform this task, delete the association with any Individual Address, Address Range, or Address Resolution.

- 1. Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Address Table.
- 2. Select the Address Table you want to delete and click **Delete**.
- 3. Click **OK** or **Cancel** on the confirmation screen.

If **OK** is clicked and the Address Table is in use by an Address Range, Individual Address, or Address Resolution, an error message displays.

### 3.2.5 Address configuration

The **RBAR**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Addresses** page allows you to access the Routing Entity Address Range, Individual Address, and Domain Address configurable options.

- The Address Range provides the mapping between a single address range and a Destination for routing.
- The Individual Address provides the mapping between an individual address and a Destination for routing.
- The Domain Address provide the mapping between a domain address and a Destination for routing.

#### (i) Note

If an incoming message maps both an Address Range and an Individual Address, then the Individual Address entry takes priority.

The Address Range and Individual Address entries have their own associated attributes, which are accessed from this **RBAR**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Addresses** page.

From the **RBAR**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Addresses** page, you can:

- Filter the list of addresses to display only the desired records. You can filter the list by the following criteria:
  - Address table
  - Address table and Individual address
  - Address table and Domain address
  - Address table and Range (start address, end address)
  - Address table, Individual address, and Range (start address, end address)
  - Destination



- Destination and Address table
- Destination, Address table, and Individual address
- Destination, Address table, and Range (start address, end address)
- Destination, Address table, Individual address, and Range (start address, end address)
- View a list of addresses.
- Insert an address.
- Edit an address.
- Delete an address.
- Split an address
- Merge an address

# 3.2.5.1 Address configuration elements

<u>Table 3-5</u> describes the fields on the Addresses insert and edit pages. Data input notes apply only to the insert and edit pages.

**Table 3-5 Addresses Configuration Elements** 

Field	Description	Data Input Notes	
Table Name	Address table name	none	
Address	Address of destination	none	
Entry Type	Address type (Individual, Range, or Domain Name)	none	
Routing Entity	Routing entity type	none	
Individual Address	Specific address	none	
Start Address	Starting address of the range	none	
End Address	Ending address of the range	none	
Destination	Destination of the address	none	
Nested Table Name	Address table for a next level search	none	
	Insert and Edit page	es	
*Routing Entity	Routing Entity Type	Format: list	
Туре		Range:	
		• IMSI	
		• IMSISDN	
		<ul><li>IMPI</li><li>IMPU</li></ul>	
		• IPv4	
		IPv6 Prefix	
		UNSIGNED16	
		External Identifier	
		Default: none	



Table 3-5 (Cont.) Addresses Configuration Elements

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
Routing Entity Component	The Routing Entity Component of the address assists with enhanced address resolution.  This field is enabled when External Identifier is selected as the Routing Entity Type.	Format: list Range: Domain Identifier Local Identifier Default: none
*Table Name	Address table name	Format: list Range: available user-configured address table names associated to the selected <b>Routing Entity Type</b> Default: none
Address Type	Type of address for the routing entity type	Format: options Range: range or individual address or a domain name Default: range
Start Address	Starting address for an address range This field is required when Range is selected as <b>Address Type</b> .  If address is an IPv6-prefix, the prefix length must be entered in the <b>IPv6 Prefix length</b> field.	Format: field Range: end address must be greater than start address.  Routing Entity Address:  IMSI: 15 digit string  MSISDN: 3-15 digit string  IMPI: 15 digit string
End Address	Ending address for an address range This field is required when Range is selected as Address Type.  If address is an IPv6-prefix, the prefix length must be entered in the IPv6 Prefix length field.	<ul> <li>IMPU: 3-15 digit string</li> <li>External Identifier: 1-20 digit string for start and end addresses; 1-128 for an individual address</li> <li>IPv4 address: a 15 character string; quad-dotted format; valid characters are numeric (0–9) and dot (.); both compressed and expanded form are supported; for example: 192.168.1.15 or 192.168.001.015</li> <li>IPv6-Prefix address: Hexadecimal value; up to 39 characters; valid alphanumeric characters (0-9, A-F, a-f) and colon (:); both compressed and expanded form are supported; for example: 1:::2 or 0001:0000:0000:0000:0000: 00002 If this IPv6 address portion of the IPv6-prefix address is expressed in binary form (converting hexadecimal digits to bits), then no bit that is set (value=1) can be at an index that is greater than the configured IPv6 Prefix length. For example: 0001:0001:: for prefix length 28 is invalid as the 32nd bit is set.</li> </ul>



Table 3-5 (Cont.) Addresses Configuration Elements

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
Address	Specific address This field is enabled and required when Individual or Domain is selected as the Address Type. If address is an IPv6-prefix, the prefix length must be entered in the IPv6 Prefix length field.	Note: In addition, trailing zeros (0) can be dropped in this IPv6 address portion of the IPv6-prefix address but not the leading zeros (0); for example: 8:: for prefix length 1 is invalid because 8:: is treated as 0008::  • UNSIGNED16: Hexadecimal value; valid alphanumeric characters (0-9, A-F, a-f); for example: 512, 20, 40, AA, 50A, FFFF  Default: none
IPv6 Prefix length	Prefix length of an IPv6-prefix address; specifies how many of the leftmost contiguous bits of the address comprise the prefix.	Format: field Range: 1–128
		Default: none
	This field is enabled and required when IPv6 Prefix is selected as <b>Routing Entity Type</b> .	
*Destination	Destination of the address	Format: list
		Range: available user-configured destinations
		Default: none
Nested Table Name	Address table for a next level search using the Local Identifier of External Identifier AVP	Format: list
		Range: available Address Table Names of Routing Entity Type External identifier with a sub-type of Local Identifier Default: none

## 3.2.5.2 Inserting an Address

Use this task to add a new address or range of addresses to a Routing Entity type.

Before this task is performed, make sure there is at least one Address Table and one Destination configured in the system.

- Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Addresses.
- 2. Click Insert.
- 3. Select the Routing Entity Type from the list.

For more information about each field, see <u>Addresses configuration elements</u>.

- 4. If External Identifier was selected as the Routing Entity Type, then select the **Routing** Entity Component from the list.
- 5. Select the Address Table from the list.
- 6. Select the desired Address Type option (Range, Individual Address, Or Domain Name).
- Enter the appropriate address data depending on the selection of the Address Type:
  - For Range:



- Enter the starting address for the range in the Start Address field.
- b. Enter the ending address for the range in the **End Address** field.
- For Individual Address or Domain Name, enter the specific address in the Address field.
- If the address entered is an IPv6-prefix, enter the prefix length in the IPv6 Prefix length field.
- Select the **Destination** from the list.
- 10. (Optional) Select the Nested Table Name from the list.
- 11. Click OK, Apply, or Cancel.

If **OK** or **Apply** is clicked and any of the following conditions exist, an error message appears:

- Start Address is greater than the End Address
- Start Address and End Address for an Address Range are overlapping or already exists
- At least one Address Table and one Destination have not been configured; they do not exist in the system
- Address already exists for a Table Name
- The entry in any field is not valid (wrong data type or out of the valid range)
- Any required field is empty
- The maximum number of records for the Address Type (1,000,000 for each type) is already defined in the system

### 3.2.5.3 Editing an Address

Use this task to edit an address associated with a Routing Entity type.

- 1. Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Addresses.
- 2. Select the Address you want to edit and click **Edit**.
- Update the relevant fields.

For more information about each field, see <u>Addresses configuration elements</u>. The following fields are read-only and cannot be edited:

- Routing Entity Type
- Routing Entity Component
- Address Type
- 4. Click OK, Apply, or Cancel.

If **OK** or **Apply** is clicked and any of the following conditions exist, an error message appears:

- Start Address is greater than the End Address
- Start Address and End Address for an Address Range are overlapping or already exists
- Address already exists for a Table Name
- The entry in any field is not valid (wrong data type or out of the valid range)
- Any required field is empty



### 3.2.5.4 Deleting an Address

Use this task to delete an Address.

- Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Addresses.
- 2. Select the Address you want to delete and click **Delete**.
- 3. Click OK or Cancel.

### 3.2.5.5 Splitting an Address

Splitting an address improves network traffic and resource allocation within a network, it is the process of breaking a single, IMSI (International Mobile Subscriber Identity), MSISDN (Mobile Station International Subscriber Directory Number), and IMPU (IP Multimedia Public Identity) referred to as address range into smaller, distinct sub-ranges.

In the existing Address Resolution feature, sub ranges are not allowed. In order to add subranges, the user must first delete the existing Address range and then insert the new subranges which results in a timeout between the delete and insert operation.

The DSR split range feature allows the user to split or merge existing ranges on a single database transaction with a click, without causing a timeout or impact on the service.

#### ① Note

- When Enhanced Address Resolution rules cannot route a message, the legacy RBAR rules serve as a backup routing method.
- To access the Split option on the Address menu, enable it on the System Options page.
- The split operation applies only to "Address Ranges". not to Individual or Domain addresses.

Perform the following steps to split an address:

- 1. From the main menu of RBAR, click Configuration, and then click Addresses.
- 2. From Addresses select an Address Range.

#### Note

Only addresses range with Routing Entity Type equal to IMSI, IMPI, and IMPU may be split.

- 3. In the below menu bar, click Split button.
- 4. Enter Table Name.

#### Note

Address table of the selected existing range is auto filled and non editable.

Routing Entity Type is auto selected.





Routing Entity Type of the selected existing range is auto filled and non editable.

- 6. Select Existing Range.
  - Enter Start Address.
  - b. Enter End Address.
  - c. Enter Destination.

#### Note

Address Range of selected existing range that will be split is auto filled and non editable.

- 7. Select Split Ranges:
  - a. Enter Start Address.
  - b. Enter End Address.
  - c. Enter Destination.

#### (i) Note

An existing **Address Range** may split up to 5 sub ranges. If any further division is required, then another split procedure has to be done.

#### 8. Click Apply.

After providing values for the input fields, click **Ok**, a confirmation prompt will appear on screen summarizing the address ranges that will be deleted or inserted as part of the split operation.

### 3.2.5.6 Merging An Address

Merging an Address improves network and helps eliminate redundant entries. It involves combining two or more address ranges into a single address range. This is frequently done when combining several smaller networks into a single, larger network, and designating address range to represent the combined entity.

#### (i) Note

- There is no limitation on the number of sub ranges that can be merged in a single operation.
- To view the Merge option on the Address menu, the user must enable the option in System Options page.
- Merge operation applies only for "Address Ranges". It does not apply for "Individual" or "Domain" Addresses.

Perform the following steps to merge an address:

1. From the main menu of RBAR, click Configuration, and then click Addresses.



- In the below menu bar, click Merge button.
- 3. Select Routing Entity Type:
  - a. IMSI
  - b. IMPI
  - c. IMPU

#### (i) Note

Only addresses range with **Routing Entity Type** equal to IMSI, IMPI, and IMPU may be merged.

- 4. Enter Table Name.
- 5. Enter Merging Range.
  - a. Enter Start Address.
  - b. Enter End Address.
  - c. Enter Destination.
- Click Apply.

After providing values for the input fields, click Ok, a confirmation prompt will appear on screen summarizing the address ranges that will be deleted or inserted as part of the merge operation.

### 3.2.6 Address Resolutions configuration

The **RBAR**, and then **Configuration**, and then **Address Resolutions** page defines the routing relationship between message content and an address by mapping a Diameter Application ID, Command Code, and Routing Entity Type to a user-configured address (a range or individual address). An Address Resolution supports up to three prioritized Routing Entity Types for each Application ID and Command Code (from highest priority to lowest priority – Primary Routing Entity Type, Secondary Routing Entity Type, and Tertiary Routing Entity Type).

From the RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Address Resolutions page, you can:

- Filter the list of address resolutions to display only the desired records.
- View a list of address resolutions.
- · Insert an address resolution.
- Edit an address resolution.
- Delete an address resolution.

## 3.2.6.1 Address Resolutions configuration elements

<u>Table 3-6</u> describes the fields on the Address Resolutions insert and edit pages. Data input notes apply only to the insert and edit pages.



**Table 3-6 Address Resolutions Configuration Elements** 

Field	Description	Data Input Notes	
*Application	Application ID in a diameter message	Format: list Range: Application IDs configured for RBAR	
ID	The application ID is an IANA-assigned diameter application ID, which is a 32-bit field that is mandatory in all diameter messages. It is commonly used for screening and routing messages between diameter nodes.		
	If a combination of the application ID and command code already exists, an error message displays.		
*Command	Command Code in a diameter message	Format: list	
Code	If a combination of the application ID and command code already exists, an error message displays.	Range: Command Codes configured for diameter	
	Primary Routing Entity/Secondary/Tertiary R	outing Entity sections	
*Routing	Routing Entity Type	Format: list	
Entity	The same routing entity type cannot be selected for both the primary and the secondary routing entity; if the same type is selected, an error message displays.  If the routing entity type is not specified for the primary routing entity, an error message displays.	Range:  IMSI  MSISDN  IMPI  IMPU  IPv4  IPv6 Prefix  UNSIGNED16  External Identifier	
*Primary AVP	Primary AVP used for extracting the routing entity address.	Format: list Range:	
	The same primary AVP and secondary AVP cannot be selected for either the primary routing entity or for the secondary routing entity; if the same AVP is selected, an error message displays.  If primary AVP is not selected for the primary routing entity, an error message displays.	User Identity Routing Entity Type:  MSISDN  Public Identity ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(0) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(1) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(2) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(3) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(4) Subscription-Id(0) Subscription-Id(1) Subscription-Id(2) Subscription-Id(2) Subscription-Id(3) Subscription-Id(4) UserIdentitifer.MSISDN UserIdentity.MSISDN UserIdentity.Public-Identity UserName IPv4 Routing Entity Type: Framed IP Address	



Table 3-6 (Cont.) Address Resolutions Configuration Elements

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
Secondary AVP	Secondary AVP used for extracting the routing entity address.	IPv6 Prefix Routing Entity Type:     Framed IPv6 Prefix
	The same primary AVP and Secondary AVP cannot be selected for either the primary routing entity or for the Secondary routing entity; if the same AVP is selected, an error message displays.	<ul> <li>UNSIGNED16 Routing Entity Type: ServiceInfo.PSInfo.3GPP-CC</li> <li>External Identifier:         <ul> <li>UserIdentifier.External-</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	The Secondary AVP field is available for User Identity routing types only; this field is disabled if IPV4, IPV6 Prefix, and UNSIGNED16 are selected as the routing entity type.	Identifier  - DeviceAction.External- Identifier  Default: none
*Address	Address table for this routing entity type.	Format: list
Table Name	If Address table name is not selected for the primary routing entity, an error message displays.	Range: available configured address table names

### 3.2.6.2 Inserting an Address Resolution

Use this task to add a new Address Resolution.

Before this task is performed, make sure there is at least one supported Diameter Application and one Address Table configured in the system.

- 1. Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Address Resolutions.
- 2. Click Insert.
- 3. Select an Application ID from the list.



The Application IDs presented in this list are those created using  ${\bf RBAR}$ , and then  ${\bf Configuration}$ , and then  ${\bf Applications}$ .

For more information about each field, see Address Resolution configuration elements.

4. Select the **Command Code** from the list.

#### ① Note

The Command Codes presented in this list are those created using **Diameter**, and then **Command Codes**.

- 5. For the Primary Routing Entity section, perform the following:
  - a. Select the Routing Entity Type from the list.
  - b. Select the Primary AVP from the list.
  - c. If needed, select the Secondary AVP from the list.





The **Secondary AVP** field is disabled if IPv4, IPv6 Prefix, or UNSIGNED16 is selected as the Routing Entity Type.

- d. Select the Address Table name from the Address Table Name list.
- If needed, for the Secondary Routing Entity section, perform the following:
  - Select the appropriate Routing Entity type from the **Routing Entity Type** list.
  - Select the Primary AVP from the **Primary AVP** list.
  - If needed, select the Secondary AVP from the Secondary AVP list.



#### (i) Note

The Secondary AVP field is disabled if IPv4, IPv6 Prefix, or UNSIGNED16 is selected as the Routing Entity Type.

- d. Select the Address Table name from the Address Table Name list.
- If needed, for the Tertiary Routing Entity section, perform the following:
  - Select the appropriate Routing Entity type from the **Routing Entity Type** list.
  - Select the Primary AVP from the **Primary AVP** list.
  - If needed, select the Secondary AVP from the **Secondary AVP** list.



#### (i) Note

The **Secondary AVP** field is disabled if IPv4, IPv6 Prefix, or UNSIGNED16 is selected as the Routing Entity Type.

- d. Select the Address Table name from the Address Table Name list.
- Click OK, Apply, or Cancel.

If **OK** or **Apply** is clicked and any of the following conditions exist, an error message appears:

- The combination of Application ID and Command Code Value is not unique; it already exists in the system
- At least one supported Diameter Application and one Address Table have not been configured; they do not exist in the system
- The entry in any field is not valid (wrong data type or out of the valid range)
- Any required field is empty
- Duplicate Routing Entity Types were selected in the **Primary** and **Secondary** Routing **Entity sections**
- Duplicate AVPs were selected in the Primary AVP and Secondary AVP fields
- The maximum number of Address Resolutions (64) is already defined in the system

### 3.2.6.3 Editing an Address Resolution

Use this task to edit an Address Resolution.



- Edit RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Address Resolution.
- Select the Address Resolution you want to edit and click Edit.
- 3. Update the relevant fields.

For more information about each field, see <u>Address Resolution configuration elements</u>. The following fields are read-only and cannot be edited:

- Application ID
- Command Code
- 4. Click OK, Apply, or Cancel.

If **OK** or **Apply** is clicked and any of the following conditions exist, an error message appears:

- The entry in any field is not valid (wrong data type or out of the valid range)
- Any required field is empty
- Duplicate Routing Entity Types were selected in the Primary and Secondary Routing Entity sections
- Duplicate AVPs were selected in the Primary AVP and Secondary AVP fields

### 3.2.6.4 Deleting an Address Resolution

Use this task to delete an Address Resolution.

- Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then Address Resolutions.
- 2. Select the Address Resolution you want to delete and click **Delete**.
- 3. Click **OK** or **Cancel** on the confirmation screen.

## 3.2.7 Enhanced Address Resolution Configuration

To view the **Enhanced Address Resolution** page:

- From the main menu, navigate to RBAR, click Configuration.
- Click Address Resolutions and click Enhanced Address Resolution.

The Enhanced Address Resolution page allows you to access:

- Rule Name
- Priority
- Application ID
- Application Name
- Command Code Value
- Command Code Name
- Routing Entity Type
- Primary AVP
- Secondary AVP
- Conditions
- Address Table Name



The user can Insert, Edit, and Delete in the Enhanced Address Resolution page.

# 3.2.7.1 Enhanced Address Resolution Configuration Fields

The following table describes the fields in the Enhanced Address Resolutions section:

**Table 3-7 Configuration Fields** 

Fields	Description	Data Input Notes	
Rule Name	Unique name of the Rule.	Format: Alphanumerical	
		Range: A 32-character string. Valid characters are alphanumeric and underscore. Must contain at least one alpha and must not start with a digit.] [A value is required.]	
		Default: NA	
Priority	Priority of the Rule.	Format: Numerical	
		Range: 1-99 [A value is required.]	
		Note  Low value means higher priority.	
		Default: NA	
Application ID	The Application ID in the Diameter message.	Format: Alphanumerical	
		Range: List of Application IDs configured for RBAR [A value is required.]	
		Default: NA	
Command Code Value	The Command Code is one of the parameters	Format: List or numeric Range: Select from predefined Command Codes or enter a numeric value.	
	contained in a Diameter Message.		
		Default: NA	
Routing Entity Type	A routing entity can be a standalone routing entity or a routing entity that is part of a	Format: Text	
	subscriber (group of related routing entities and Account ID values).	Range: IMSI, IMPI, IMPU] [A value is required.]  Default: NA	



Table 3-7 (Cont.) Configuration Fields

Fields	Description	Data Input Notes
Primary AVP	Primary AVP to be used for extracting the Routing Entity address.	Format: Text Range: Entity types IMSI, IMPI: Public Identity Subscription-Id(1) Subscription-Id(2) Subscription-Id(3) Subscription-Id(4) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(1) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(2) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(3) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(4) UserIdentifier.UserName UserIdentity.Public-Identity UserName Default: NA Entity type IMPU: MSISDN Public Identity ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(0) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(2) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(2) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(3) ServiceInfo.Subscription-Id(4) Subscription-Id(0) Subscription-Id(2) Subscription-Id(3) UserIdentifier.MSISDN UserIdentity.Public-Identity UserName [A value is required.]
Secondary AVP	Secondary AVP to be used for extracting the Routing Entity Address.	Format: Text Range: Similar Range as Primary AVP. Default: NA



Table 3-7 (Cont.) Configuration Fields

Fields	Description	Data Input Notes
Conditions	Conditions associated with the Enhanced Address Resolution. Each condition has three parts: a parameter, an operator, and a value. In order for a Diameter message to be matched by the Enhanced Address Resolution, it must match with the criteria of each condition specified below:  • Destination and Origin Realm: Realm is a case insensitive string consisting of a list of labels separated by dots, where a label may contain letters, digits, dashes ('-'), and underscore ('_'). A label must start with a letter, digit, or underscore and must end with a letter or digit. Underscores may be used only as the first character.  • Destination-Host and Origin-Host: Host is a case insensitive string consisting of a list of labels separated by dots, where a label may contain letters, digits, dashes ('-'), and underscore ('_'). A label must start with a letter, digit, or underscore and must end with a letter or digit. Underscores may be used only as the first character.  • Access Point Name: APN is a case sensitive string consisting of a list of labels separated by dots, where a label may contain letters, digits, and dashes ('-'). A label must start with a letter or digit and must end with a letter or digit.	Destination and Origin Realm: Format: Text Range: A label must be at most 63 characters long and a Realm must be at most 255 characters long]. Default: NA Destination-Host and Origin-Host: Format: Text Range: A label must be at most 63 characters long and a Host must be at most 255 characters long.] Default: NA Access Point Name: Format: Text Range: A label must be at most 63 characters long and an APN must be at most 100 characters long] [A value is required.] Default: NA
Address Table Name	Address table for the routing entity type. If Address table name is not selected for the primary routing entity, an error message displays.	Format: list Range: Available configured address table names. Default: NA

# 3.2.7.2 Inserting an Enhanced Address Resolution

Perform the following procedure to add Enhanced Address Resolution:



#### (i) Note

Ensure there is at least one **Address Table Name** configured in the system.

- From the RBAR Main Menu, click RBAR, Configuration, Address Resolutions, and then Enhanced Address Resolutions.
- Click **Insert** from the bottom menu.
- Enter a unique Rule Name.
- Select a priority.





Low value means higher priority.

- 5. Select an **Application ID** from the dropdown menu.
- 6. Select a Command Code from the dropdown menu.



The Command Codes presented in the dropdown menu are created using **Diameter Command Codes**.

- 7. Select a Routing Entity.
- 8. Select the **Primary AVP** from the dropdown menu.
- 9. If required, select the **Secondary AVP** from the dropdown menu.
- **10.** Apply the condition. For more information about conditions, see <a href="Enhanced Address Resolution Configuration Fields">Enhanced Address Resolution Configuration Fields</a> section.
- 11. Select the Address Table Name from the dropdown menu.
- 12. Click OK or Apply.

### 3.2.7.3 Editing an Enhanced Address Resolution

Perform the following procedure to modify an Enhanced Address Resolution:

- From the RBAR Main Menu, click RBAR, Configuration, Address Resolutions, and then Enhanced Address Resolutions.
- Select a Rule Name from the list and click Edit.
- Select a priority.

#### Note

Low value means higher priority.

- 4. Select an **Application ID** from the dropdown menu.
- 5. Select a **Command Code** from the dropdown menu.

#### (i) Note

The Command Codes presented in the dropdown menu are created using **Diameter Command Codes**.

- Select a Routing Entity.
- 7. Select the **Primary AVP** from the dropdown menu.
- 8. If required, select the **Secondary AVP** from the dropdown menu.
- **9.** Apply the condition. For more information about conditions, see <a href="Enhanced Address Resolution Configuration Fields">Enhanced Address Resolution Configuration Fields</a> section.



- 10. Select the Address Table Name from the dropdown menu.
- 11. Click OK or Apply.

## 3.2.7.4 Deleting an Enhanced Address Resolution

Perform the following procedure to delete an Enhanced Address Resolution:

- 1. From the RBAR Main Menu, click RBAR, Configuration, Address Resolutions, and then Enhanced Address Resolutions.
- 2. Select a Rule Name from the list.
- Click Delete from the bottom menu. A confirmation screen appears, click OK to delete or Cancel to return back to the Address Resolutions screen.

# 3.2.8 System Options elements

The following table describes the fields on the System Options page.

**Table 3-8 System Options Elements** 

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
URI Local Number Enabled	This only applies to the routing entity type <b>IMPU</b> , defines whether local numbers are considered valid addresses within a <b>SIP</b> or <b>TEL URI</b> . An address of this form is considered a local number if it does not start with the global number prefix character plus sign (+).	Format: check box Range: checked, unchecked Default: unchecked
	If checked, both local and global numbers are valid addresses for IMPU decoded from diameter requests.  If unchecked, only global numbers are valid addresses.	
ASCII Excluded Digits	List of ASCII characters to ignore while parsing digits from a raw AVP data field of AVP Type UTF8String.  If an invalid character is entered, an error message appears.	Format: fields Range: ASCII-printable characters except the percent sign (%)
Exclude Space	Defines whether ASCII character space is ignored while parsing digits from a raw AVP data field of AVP Type UTF8String.  If checked, ASCII character space is ignored.  If not checked, ASCII character space is not ignored.	Format: check box Range: checked, unchecked Default: unchecked
TBCD Excluded Digits	Defines whether the associated character is ignored while parsing digits from a raw AVP data field of AVP Type OctetString encoded as a TBCD-string. If checked, character is ignored.  If not checked, character is not ignored.	Format: check boxes Range: checked, unchecked for each option: *(0010), #(1011), a(1100), b(1101), c(1110) Default: all unchecked



Table 3-8 (Cont.) System Options Elements

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
Allow Subsequent RBAR Invocation	Enables the subsequent invocation of RBAR on a different DSR node in the network.  If checked, this setting overrides the Allow Subsequent RBAR Invocation attribute in Destination.	Format: check box Range: checked, unchecked Default: unchecked
Remove Destination- Host	If checked, RBAR deletes any instance of Destination-Host AVPs in the message when performing Realm only resolution.	Format: check box Range: checked, unchecked Default: unchecked
Realm	Value to be placed in the Origin-Realm AVP of the Answer message generated by RBAR.  A Realm must be paired with a Fully Qualified Domain Name. If entering a value for Realm, then a value for Fully Qualified Domain Name must also be entered; otherwise, an error message appears. If not configured, the local node Realm for the egress connection is used to populate Origin-Realm AVP.	255 characters Default: none
Fully Qualified Domain Name	Value to be placed in the Origin-Host AVP of the Answer message generated by RBAR.  A Fully Qualified Domain Name must be paired with a Realm. If entering a value for Fully Qualified Domain Name, then a value for Realm must also be entered; otherwise, an error message appears. If not configured, the local node FQDN for the egress connection is used to populate the Origin-Host AVP.	
Resource Exhaustion Result-Code	Result-Code or Experimental-Result-Code value to be returned in an Answer message when a message is not successfully routed because of internal resource being exhausted.  If Vendor-Id is configured, this result-code value is encoded as Experimental-Result-Code AVP; otherwise the result-code is encoded as Result-Code AVP.	Format:     field     list Range:     field: 1000–5999     list of available code values Default: 3004
Resource Exhaustion Error Message	Error-Message AVP value to be returned in an answer message when a message is not successfully routed because of internal resource being exhausted.	Format: Alphanumeric, underscore (_), and period (.) Range: 0–64 characters Default: RBAR Resource Exhausted
Resource Exhaustion Vendor-Id	Vendor-Id AVP value to be returned in an answer message when a message is not successfully routed because of internal resource being exhausted.	Format: field Range: 1–4294967295



Table 3-8 (Cont.) System Options Elements

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
Application Unavailable Action	Defines action to be taken when RBAR is not available to process messages.  If the Default Route option is selected, an entry must be provided for the Application Unavailable Route List.	Format: Options Range:
Application Unavailable Route List	Defines where the requests are routed when RBAR is not available. Peer Routing Rules are bypassed. A route list must be entered if Default Route is selected as the Application Unavailable Action.	Format: list Range: Available route list entries
Application Unavailable Result-Code	Result-Code or Experimental-Result-Code value returned in an Answer message when a message is not successfully routed because RBAR is not available.  If Vendor-Id is configured, this result-code value is encoded as Experimental-Result-Code AVP; otherwise, the result-code is encoded as Result-Code AVP.  A code must be entered if either the Send Answer with Result-Code AVP or the Send Answer with Experimental Result-Code AVP option is selected as the Application Unavailable Action.	<ul> <li>list</li> <li>Range:</li> <li>field: 1000–5999</li> <li>list of available Code values</li> <li>Default: 3002</li> </ul>
Application Unavailable Error Message	Error Message AVP value to be returned in an Answer message when a message is not successfully routed because RBAR is not available.  A message can be entered, if needed, when either the Send Answer with Result-Code AVP or the Send Answer with Experimental Result-Code AVP option is selected as the Application Unavailable Action.	Format: field Range: 0–64 characters Default: RBAR Unavailable
Application Unavailable Vendor-Id	Vendor-Id AVP value to be returned in an Answer message when a message is not successfully routed because RBAR is not available.  A vendor-Id must be entered if the Send Answer with Experimental Result-Code AVP option is selected as the Application Unavailable Action.	Format: field Range: 1–4294967295 Default: none
Allow Longest Sub- Domain Match	The configuration is used for searching domain address. When checked, if an exact match is not found using the Domain Identifier component of the External identifier received in an ingress Diameter message, then RBAR continues the search looking for the longest matching sub domain.	Format: check box Range: checked, unchecked Default: unchecked



Table 3-8 (Cont.) System Options Elements

Field	Description	Data Input Notes
Address Split/Merge Support Enabled	The configuration is used for enabling Address Split/Merge. If checked, RBAR will add two buttons in the "Addresses" menu. The first one allows to split an Address Range up to 5 sub-ranges, the second one allows to merge a set of Address Ranges into a single Address Range. In both cases, commands are run in a single database transaction. Only Address Ranges with Routing Entity Type equal to "IMSI", "IMPI", or "IMPU" may be split and merged.	Format: check box Range: checked, unchecked Default: unchecked
Enhanced Resolutions Support Enabled	The configuration is used for enabling Enhanced Address Resolutions. If checked, RBAR will add a tab in "Address Resolutions" menu which allows to define Enhanced routing relationships between message content and an address by mapping a Diameter Application ID, Command Code, Routing Entity Type, and a specific criteria, called conditions, to a user configured address (a range or individual address).	Format: check box Range: checked, unchecked Default: unchecked
Allow APN Case- Sensitive Match	This configuration is used while examining the APN (Access Point Name) value in a Diameter request message to find a matching Enhanced Address Resolution Rule. If checked, RBAR will examine the APN value differentiating between capital and lowercase letters. A change to this option comes into effect only after restarting DSR Application on MP (Message Processor) servers.	Format: check box Range: checked, unchecked Default: unchecked

# 3.2.9 System Options configuration

The **RBAR**, and then **Configuration**, and then **System Options** page allows you to modify the default system values for **RBAR** global parameters (for example, FQDN/Realm, or Allow Subsequent RBAR Invocation, or Application Unavailable action).

## 3.2.9.1 Editing System Options

Use this task to edit System Options.

- 1. Click RBAR, and then Configuration, and then System Options.
- 2. Update the relevant fields.

For more information about each field, see **System Options elements**.

3. Click OK, Apply, or Cancel.

If **OK** or **Apply** is clicked and any of the following conditions exist, an error message appears:

- Either the Realm or Fully Qualified Domain Name is empty; no value was entered; these fields must be configured as a pair
- Any required field is empty; no value was entered
- The entry in any field is not valid (wrong data type or out of the valid range)



# 3.3 Post-Configuration Activities

After RBAR configuration is complete, the following activities need to be performed to make RBAR fully operational in the system:

- Enabling the RBAR application
- Status Verification

# 3.3.1 Enabling the RBAR Application

Use this task to enable the RBAR application.

- From the each active SOAM, click Diameter, and then Maintenance, and then Applications.
- 2. Under DSR Application Name, select each RBAR row.

To select more than one row, press and hold Ctrl while you click each row.

- Click Enable.
- 4. Verify the application status on the page.

The Admin State, Operational Status, Operational Reason, and Congestion Level in each of the selected rows should have changed respectively to Enabled, Available, Normal, and Normal.

### 3.3.2 Status Verification

Use this task to verify RBAR status after configuration is complete.

- Verify Communication Agent (ComAgent) Connection status.
  - From the active SOAM, click Communication Agent, and then Maintenance, and then Connection Status.
  - b. Verify that the Automatic Connections Count field displays X of X in service where X is the number of peer server connections.
- Verify server status.
  - a. From the active SOAM, click Status & Manage, and then Server.
  - b. Verify that for each server, the Appl State field is Enabled, and the DB, Reporting Status, and Proc fields are Norm.

### 3.3.3 Bulk Import and Export

The *Diameter Common User's Guide* describes the use and operation of Bulk Import and Export functions:

- Help, and then Diameter Common, and then Bulk Import
- Help, and then Diameter Common, and then Bulk Export

The Bulk Import and Export functions can be used to export Diameter, IPFE, and Application configuration data in CSV files to a location outside the system, and to import the files (usually edited) into the system where the Import function is executed.



#### **Bulk Import**

The Bulk Import operations use configuration data in ASCII Comma-Separated Values (CSV) files (.csv), to insert new data into, update existing data in, or delete existing data from the configuration data in the system.



#### (i) Note

Some configuration data can be imported only with the Update operation, and other data can be imported with Insert and Delete operations but not Update. Refer to the Diameter Common User's Guide or the Diameter Common, and then Import Help for valid Import operations.

Import CSV files can be created by using a Bulk Export operation, or can be manually created using a text editor.



#### (i) Note

The format of each Import CSV file record must be compatible with the configuration data in the release used to import the file. Across different release versions, column counts may not be compatible, and the import fails.

Files that are created using the Bulk Export operation can be exported either to the local Status & Manage File Management Directory (Status & Manage, and then Files page), or to the local Export Server Directory.

CSV files that are in the local File Management area can be used for Bulk Import operations on the local system.

Files can be created manually using a text editor; the files must be uploaded to the File Management area of the local system before they can be used for Import operations on the local system.

Multiple Import operations can be performed:

- Insert new configuration data records that do not currently exist in the system
- Update existing configuration data in the system
- Delete existing configuration data from the system

Each Import operation creates a log file. If errors occur, a Failures CSV file is created that appears in the File Management area. Failures files can be downloaded, edited to correct the errors, and imported to successfully process the records that failed. Failures files that are unchanged for more than 14 days and log files that are older than 14 days are automatically deleted from the File Management area.

#### **Bulk Export**

The Bulk Export operation creates ASCII Comma-Separated Values (CSV) files (.csv) containing Diameter, IPFE, and Application configuration data. Exported configuration data can be edited and used with the Bulk Import operations to change the configuration data in the local system without the use of GUI pages. The exported files can be transferred to and used to configure another system.



Each exported CSV file contains one or more records for the configuration data that was selected for the Export operation. The selected configuration data can be exported once immediately, or exports can be scheduled to periodically occur automatically at configured times.

Configuration data can be exported in one Export operation:

- All exportable configuration data in the system
- All exportable configuration data from the selected Application, IPFE, or Diameter (each component's data is in a separate file)
- Exportable configuration data from a selected configuration component for the selected Application, IPFE, or Diameter

Exported files can be written to the File Management Directory in the local File Management area (**Status & Manage**, and then **Files** page), or to the Export Server Directory for transfer to a configured remote Export server.

CSV files that are in the local File Management area can be used for Bulk Import operations on the local system.

If the export has any failures or is unsuccessful, the results of the export operation are logged to a log file with the same name as the exported file but with a .log extension. Successful export operations are not logged.

# Maintenance of RBAR

The **Diameter**, and then **Maintenance** GUI provides the RBAR specific maintenance functions. In this section describes Admin State, Operational Status, Operational Reason, and Congestion Levels on the **Diameter**, and then **Maintenance**, and then **Applications** page.

## 4.1 RBAR Maintenance Overview

The RBAR application has no maintenance GUI pages of its own. The following **Diameter**, and then **Maintenance** pages provide functions and information that can be used with the RBAR application:

- The **Diameter**, and then **Maintenance**, and then **Applications** page displays RBAR status information including Admin State, Operational Status, and Operational Reason. The page also provides functions to enable and disable the application. Refer to the *Diameter User's Guide* and Help for explanations of the page and the status information.
- The Diameter, and then Maintenance, and then DA-MPs page displays status and connectivity information for the DA-MP that is running the RBAR application. Refer to the Diameter User's Guide and Help for explanations of the page and the status information.

# 4.2 RBAR Administrative State and Operational Status

The RBAR Administrative State (Admin State) indicates the state the operator wants the RBAR application to be in, and can be manually enabled or disabled. The Operational Status indicates the actual status of the RBAR application. The RBAR Admin State and Operational Status is updated when the application is started or restarted and when RBAR congestion is detected.

Next Generation Network Priority Service (**NGN-PS**) allows National Security/Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) users to make priority calls/sessions using public networks. The NGN-PS requests are never discarded due to congestion. NGN-PS messages are always processed by RBAR application except when application is unavailable, in that case configured Exception Action is used for further Routing. For a detailed description of NGN-PS, refer to the *Diameter User's Guide* and Help.

<u>RBAR Admin State and Operational Status</u> describes the Admin State, Operational Status, Operational Reason, and Congestion Levels on the **Diameter**, and then **Maintenance**, and then **Applications** page.

Table 4-1 RBAR Admin State and Operational Status

Admin State	Operational Status	Operational Reason	Congestion Level
Disabled	Unavailable	The default shutdown state	Any
Enabled	Available	RBAR receives Requests from the DRL normally	Normal/CL1/CL2
	Degraded	The DRL only forwards NGN-PS Requests to RBAR	CL3