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 Abstract

This submission proposes resolutions for following 21 CIDs received for TGbe LB266:

10567 13480 13759 13762 11042 11401 11520 12603 13757 13265

12604 12778 13262 13263 13264 13266 13479 13758 13761 13481

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**Revisions:**

* Rev 0: Initial version of the document.

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| ***CID*** | ***Commenter*** | ***Clause*** | ***Page*** | ***Comment*** | ***Proposed Change*** | ***Resolution*** |
| 10567 | Abhishek Patil | 9.4.2.312.4 | 225.63 | What is the purpose of MAC Address field in STA Info field? The Link ID subfield is sufficient to identify the AP that is being removed from the AP MLD. | Delete the MAC Address Present subfield from STA Control field and remove MAC Address subfield from the STA Info field. | RevisedThe MAC Address present subfield provides flexibility for future use of this field in this element. Text is added to indicate that STA MAC Address is not present for AP Removal case since Link ID is sufficient to identify the AP being removed.**TGbe editor, please make the changes tagged by CID #13480 in 22/1890r0.** |
| 13480 | Liwen Chu | 9.4.2.312.4 | 226.08 | Clarify why STA Address is needed for deleting a link | As in comment | RevisedThe MAC Address present subfield provides flexibility for future use of this field in this element. Text is added to indicate that STA MAC Address is not present for AP Removal case since Link ID is sufficient to identify the AP being removed.**TGbe editor, please make the changes tagged by CID #13480 in 22/1890r0.** |
| 13759 | Yuchen Guo | 9.4.2.312.4 | 225.60 | Why is the "MAC Address Present" subfield needed for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element? The Link ID subfield can uniquely identify the AP to be removed, and the STA can figure out the AP's MAC address using the Link ID subfield | remove the "MAC Address Present" subfield from the figure, or make it reserved. | RevisedThe MAC Address present subfield provides flexibility for future use of this field in this element. Text is added to indicate that STA MAC Address is not present in for AP Removal case since Link ID is sufficient to identify the AP being removed.**TGbe editor, please make the changes tagged by CID #13480 in 22/1890r0.** |
| 13762 | Yuchen Guo | 9.4.2.312.4 | 226.09 | The "MAC Address Present" subfield is redundant because the STA can figure out the AP's MAC address using the Link ID subfield | delete this paragraph, and also delete the paragraph in Line 23 of this page | RevisedThe MAC Address present subfield provides flexibility for future use of this field in this element. Text is added to indicate that STA MAC Address is not present in for AP Removal case since Link ID is sufficient to identify the AP being removed.**TGbe editor, please make the changes tagged by CID #13480 in 22/1890r0.** |
| 11042 | Po-Kai Huang | 9.4.2.312.4 | 225.58 | change "MAC Address Present" in STA Control field format for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element to "STA MAC Address Present". This aligns with the naming of Baisc Multi-link element. | change "MAC Address Present" in STA Control field format for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element to "STA MAC Address Present". | **Accepted** |
| 11401 | Gaurang Naik | 9.4.2.312.4 | 225.61 | Rename the subfield to 'STA MAC Address Present'. | As in comment | AcceptedSame resolution as CID 11042 |
| 11520 | Xiaofei Wang | 9.4.2.312.4 | 225.04 | MLD MAC address should always be included to ensure that reconfiguration is correct | as in comment | RevisedIn a Beacon frame carrying Reconfiguration ML element, the MLD MAC Address can also be obtained from the Basic ML element, so the MLD MAC Address does not always need to be present in the Reconfiguration ML element. Text has been added in clause 35.3.6.2.2 to indicate that if included, this field is set to the AP MLD MAC Address. **TGbe editor, please make the changes tagged by CID #11520 in 22/1890r0.** |
| 12603 | Arik Klein | 9.4.2.312.4 | 225.46 | According to section 35.3.6.2.2 (P426L16) regarding the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element: "The Per-STA Profile subelement shall not include a STA Profile field". However, Figure 9-1002w (Per-STA Profile subelement for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element) does include the STA Profile field. Please update the figure accordingly. | Please remove the STA Profile field from Figure 9-1002w (Per-STA Profile subelement for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element) | RevisedThe STA Profile field is already removed in D2.2 as per resolution for CID 13478. No further changes needed. |
| 13757 | Yuchen Guo | 9.4.2.312.4 | 225.47 | For the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element, the Per-STA Profile subelement shall not include a STA Profile field | Remove the STA Profile field from the figure | RevisedThe STA Profile field is already removed in D2.2 as per resolution for CID 13478. No further changes needed. |
| 13265 | Binita Gupta | 9.4.2.312.4 | 226.42 | Add description of what information is included in the STA Profile field of Per-STA Profile subelement for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element. | As in comment | RevisedAs per resolution for CID 13478, the STA Profile field is removed in D2.2. No description is needed for STA profile field. |
| 12604 | Arik Klein | 9.4.2.312.4 | 226.28 | The designated name "Delete timer" is too general/vague and does not directly imply for the purpose of this timer: indicating the timing of the Affiliated AP removal (in units of TBTT). Please consider revising the name as proposed. | 1. Please consider designating this field as "Affiliated AP Expected Removal Timer"2. Please consider designating the corresponding subfield "Delete Timer Present" to "Affiliated AP Expected Removal Timer Present" as well (in P225L59) | RejectedThe meaning of Delete Timer subfield is described clearly in the text in clause 9.4.2.312.4 for ML Reconfiguration. Also keeping the name generic can allow reuse of this field for other ML reconfiguration operation in future. Hence it is better to keep the current name.  |
| 12778 | Romain GUIGNARD | 9.4.2.312.4 | 225.43 | Missing space between in and Figure 9-1002w | As in comment | Accepted |
| 13262 | Binita Gupta | 9.4.2.312.4 | 226.11 | In the text "A STA sets this subfield to 1 when the element carries complete profile.", please clarify if the subfield is referring to MAC Address Present subfield and also why setting of this subfield is related to carrying complete profile. Also clarify which element is referred in that text. | As in comment | RevisedAgree in principle. The text in D2.0 was not clear and has now been revised to clarify the points mentioned in this CID as part of the resolution for CID 10568. No further changes needed. |
| 13263 | Binita Gupta | 9.4.2.312.4 | 226.15 | The Delete Timer Present subfield description should be simplified to remove the text "and that the AP corresponding to the Per-STA Profile subelement will be removed at the timeindicated by the Delete Timer subfield; ", since the Delete Timer Present subfield does not indicate this second part of the sentence. | Modify the Delete Timer Present subfield description as follows: "The Delete Timer Present subfield is set to 1 to indicate the presence of the Delete Timer subfield in the STA Info field and it is set to 0 otherwise." | **Revised**Agree in principle. The text is revised as suggested.**TGbe editor, please make the changes tagged by CID #13263 in 22/1890r0.** |
| 13264 | Binita Gupta | 9.4.2.312.4 | 226.19 | Missing a Figure indicating format of the STA Info field for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element, which can include STA MAC Address and/or Delete Timer. Add the missing figure. | As in comment | **Revised**Agree in principle. D2.2 is already revised to include a Figure showing format for STA Info field as part of the resolution for CID 10568. No further changes needed. |
| 13266 | Binita Gupta | 9.4.2.312.4 | 226.43 | Clarify where Vendor Specific subelements are included for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element. | As in comment | RevisedClarified in the text that the Vendor Specific subelements are included in the Link Info field.**TGbe editor, please make the changes tagged by CID #13266 in 22/1890r0.** |
| 13479 | Liwen Chu | 9.4.2.312.4 | 226.04 | Clarify why Complete Profile is needed for deleting a link | As in comment | **Revised**In D2.2 text is already revised to indicate that the Complete Profile subfield is set to 0, as part of the resolution for CID 10568. No further changes needed. |
| 13758 | Yuchen Guo | 9.4.2.312.4 | 225.60 | Is the "Complete Profile" subfield needed for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element? If not, remove it from the figure, or make it reserved. | remove the "Complete Profile" subfield from the figure, or make it reserved. | **Revised**In D2.2 text is already revised to indicate that the Complete Profile subfield is set to 0 for AP Removal, as part of the resolution for CID 10568. No further changes needed. |
| 13761 | Yuchen Guo | 9.4.2.312.4 | 226.04 | According to 35.3.6.2.2, the Per-STA Profile subelement shall not include a STA Profile field, it seems that the Per-STA Profile subelement of the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element will never carry complete profile. | delete this paragraph | **Revised**In D2.2 text is already revised to indicate that the Complete Profile subfield is set to 0 for AP Removal, as part of the resolution for CID 10568. No further changes needed. |
| 13481 | Liwen Chu | 9.4.2.312.4 | 224.48 | The Reconfiguration Multi-Link IE can't be used to announce the link deleting of the reporting link | update the element to suuport the announcement of the reporting link | RevisedAgree in principle that the Reconfiguration ML element need to also announce AP removal of the reporting AP. Added text to clarify that the Link ID can indicate either reported AP or reporting AP.**TGbe editor, please make the changes tagged by CID #13481 in 22/1890r0.** |
| 13760 | Yuchen Guo | 9.4.2.312.4 | 226.01 | Could the reporting AP be identified by the Link ID subfield? Need to Clarify that. | Add "the reporting AP or" before "the reported AP" | RevisedAgree in principle that the Reconfiguration ML element need to also announce AP removal of the reporting AP. Added text to clarify that the Link ID can indicate either reported AP or reporting AP.**TGbe editor, please make the changes tagged by CID #13481 in 22/1890r0.** |

***TGbe editor: Please update following subclause as shown below:***

* + - * 1. **Reconfiguration Multi-Link element**

The Reconfiguration Multi-Link element is used to announce an ML reconfiguration operation (see 35.3.6 (Multi-Link reconfiguration)).

The format of the Presence Bitmap subfield of the (#11182)Multi-Link Control field in a Reconfiguration Multi-Link element is defined in [Figure 9-1002u (Presence Bitmap subfield of the Reconfiguration Multi-](#bookmark169) [Link element format)](#bookmark169).

B0 B1 B11

 Reserved

MLD MAC Address Present

Bits: 1 11

**Figure 9-1002u—Presence Bitmap subfield of the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element format**

The MLD MAC Address Present subfield is set to 1 if the MLD MAC Address field is present in the Com- mon Info field. Otherwise, the subfield is set to 0.

The format of the Common Info field of the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element is defined in [Figure 9-](#bookmark170) [1002v (Common Info field of the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element format(#13478))](#bookmark170).

Octets: 1 0 or 6

MLD MAC Address

Common Info Length

**Figure 9-1002v—Common Info field of the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element for- mat(#13478)**

(#13478)The Common Info Length subfield indicates the number of octets in the Common Info field, including one octet for the Common Info Length subfield.

The MLD MAC Address subfield specifies the MAC Address of the MLD with which the STA transmitting the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element is affiliated.

One or more Per-STA Profile subelements are included in the list of subelements in the Link Info field (see [Table 9-401c (Optional subelement IDs for Link Info field of the Multi-Link element)](#bookmark142)).

Each Per-STA Profile subelement starts with a STA Control field, followed by a variable number of fields and elements, as defined in 35.3.6 (Multi-Link reconfiguration).

The format of a Per-STA Profile subelement is defined in [Figure 9-1002w (Per-STA Profile subelement for](#bookmark171) [the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element(#13478))](#bookmark171).

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Subelement ID | Length | STA Control | STA Info |

Octets: 1 1 2 variable

**Figure 9-1002w—Per-STA Profile subelement for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element(#13478)**

The format of the STA Control field is defined in [Figure 9-1002x (STA Control field format for the Recon-](#bookmark172) [figuration Multi-Link element)](#bookmark172).

B0 B3 B4 B5 B6 B7 B15

Bits: 4 1 1 1 9

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|  Link ID | Complete Profile | (#11042)STA MAC Address Present | Delete Timer Present |  Reserved |

**Figure 9-1002x—STA Control field format for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element**

The Link ID subfield specifies a value that uniquely identifies the link that the reported AP (#13481)or the reporting AP is operating on.

(#10568)The Complete Profile subfield is set to 0.

The (#11042)STA MAC Address Present subfield indicates the presence of the STA MAC Address subfield in the STA Info field and is set to 1 if the STA MAC Address subfield is present in the STA Info field; otherwise it is set to 0(#10568).

The Delete Timer Present subfield is set to 1 to indicate the presence of the Delete Timer subfield in the STA Info field, (#13263)otherwise it is set to 0.

The STA Info field consists of (#10568)fields whose presence is indicated by the subfields of the STA Con- trol field. The subfields in the STA Info field appear in the same order as their corresponding presence sub- field in the STA Control field.

(#10568)The format of the STA Info field is defined in [Figure 9-1002y (STA Info field format for the](#bookmark173) [Reconfiguration Multi-Link element(#10568))](#bookmark173).

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| --- | --- | --- |
| STA Info Length | STA MAC Address | Delete Timer |

Octets: 1 0 or 6 0 or 2

**Figure 9-1002y—STA Info field format for the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element(#10568)**

(#10568)The STA Info Length subfield indicates the number of octets in the STA Info field, including one octet for the STA Info Length subfield.

The STA MAC Address subfield of the STA Info field carries the MAC address of the AP that can operate on the link identified by the Link ID subfield and is affiliated with the same MLD as the STA that transmit- ted the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element.

(#10568)The Delete Timer subfield indicates the number of TBTTs of the AP corresponding to the Per-STA Profile subelement until the AP is removed.

(#14014)NOTE—In an NSTR mobile AP MLD, the TSF timer of the AP operating on the nonprimary link
is the same as the AP operating on primary link and only the AP on primary link is transmitting beacons (see
35.3.19 (NSTR mobile AP MLD operation)), so the Delete Timer subfield indicates the number of the
TBTTs corresponding to the AP operating on the primary link until the AP specified in the Per-STA Profile
subelement is removed.

The Vendor Specific subelements have the same format as their corresponding elements (see 9.4.2.25 (Vendor Specific element)). Zero or more Vendor Specific subelements are included in the list of optional subelements (#13266)in the Link Info field.

**35.3.6.2.2 Removing affiliated APs**

***TGbe editor: Please update following paragraph in this subclause as shown below:***

(#11520)In the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element the MLD MAC Address subfield (if included) in the Common Info field shall be set to the MAC Address of the AP MLD with which the AP transmitting the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element is affiliated with. For each affiliated AP that the AP MLD intends to remove, (#13481)including the reporting AP, the Reconfiguration Multi-Link element shall include a Per-STA Profile subelement with the subfields of the STA Control field set as following: The
Link ID subfield shall identify the AP being removed, the Complete Profile subfield shall be set to 0, (#13480)the STA MAC Address Present subfield shall be set to 0, the Delete Timer Present subfield shall be set to 1, and the Delete Timer subfield shall be set to the number of TBTTs of that affiliated AP before it is removed (#14015)(#13901)or for NSTR mobile AP MLD the Delete Timer subfield
shall be set to the number of the TBTTs of the AP operating on the primary link. The initial value of the
Delete Timer subfield (#12082)should point to a TBTT value that provides sufficiently large enough time to
announce the removal of affiliated AP such that all associated non-AP MLDs including the ones in power
save mode have the opportunity to receive Reconfiguration Multi-Link element at least once before the AP
is removed. The Per-STA Profile subelement shall not include a STA Profile field.