

Title: LS on Use of Inclusive Language in 3GPP specifications

Response to:

Release: Release 17

Work Item:

Source: 3GPP TSG SA

To: IEEE 802.1, IEEE 1588, IEEE SA, IETF, GSMA, ETSI, OMA, ISO, OneM2M, ITU-T, TIA, ATIS, SAE, 5GAA, IEC

Cc: TSG RAN, TSG CT

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Attachments: SP-201142

1. Overall Description:

3GPP TSG SA# 90-e has agreed to use more inclusive and neutral language in the 3GPP specifications and have updated the 3GPP specification drafting rules accordingly. Please see attached, the approved Change Request (CR) in SP-201142 for more details.

3GPP plans to replace the occurrences of non-inclusive terminology (i.e. Master, Slave, Whitelist, Blacklist) from all Rel-17 3GPP Technical Specifications and 3GPP Technical Reports. Initial set of updated specification will be approved at the March 2021 TSGs meetings.

2. Actions:

To: IEEE SA, IETF, GSMA, ETSI, OMA, ISO, OneM2M, ITU-T, TIA, ATIS, SAE, 5GAA, IEC

ACTION:

3GPP kindly requests to take the above information into account.

To: IEEE 802.1, IEEE 1588

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3GPP kindly request to take the above information into account.

In some 3GPP specifications (e.g. TS 23.501), references are made to IEEE specifications (e.g. IEEE 802.1AS) that use non-inclusive terminology.

3GPP would like to understand whether IEEE 802.1 and IEEE 1588 also plans to undertake a similar effort and if so, suggest the alternate terms to be used. In the absence of any such activity in IEEE, 3GPP would follow their drafting rules and update 3GPP specification accordingly which may result in terminology mismatch.

3. Date of Next TSG SA Meetings:

TSG-SA#91-e	March 18 - 29, 2021	electronic meeting
TSG-SA#92-e	June 15 - 21, 2021	electronic meeting

3GPP TSG-SA Meeting # 90-e
Electronic meeting, 8-14 December 2020

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CHANGE REQUEST

21.801 **CR** **0056** **rev** **1** **Current version:** **16.2.0**

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<http://www.3gpp.org/Change-Requests>.

Proposed change affects: UICC apps ME Radio Access Network Core Network

Title:	Use of inclusive terminology		
Source to WG:	-		
Source to TSG:	3GPP Specifications manager		
Work item code:	TEI17	Date:	2020-12-12
Category:	B	Release:	Rel-17
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	F (correction)		Rel-8 (Release 8)
	A (mirror corresponding to a change in an earlier release)		Rel-9 (Release 9)
	B (addition of feature),		Rel-10 (Release 10)
	C (functional modification of feature)		Rel-11 (Release 11)
	D (editorial modification)		...
	Detailed explanations of the above categories can be found in 3GPP TR 21.900 .		Rel-15 (Release 15)
			Rel-16 (Release 16)
			Rel-17 (Release 17)
			Rel-18 (Release 18)

Reason for change:	This change request follows an initiative led by several individual members who advocated for use of inclusive language in 3GPP deliverables in lieu of terms that could be deemed non-inclusive.
Summary of change:	Addition of clause and annex to introduce above-mentioned requirement and provide examples of alternative terms
Consequences if not approved:	No provision regarding inclusive terminology would exist in the drafting rules

Clauses affected:	4.X (new), annex Z (new)		
Other specs affected: (show related CRs)	Y	N	
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Other comments:			

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<FIRST CHANGE>

4.X Use of inclusive language

3GPP TSs and TRs should not contain non-inclusive terminology.

Terms that have been deemed to fall into this category are listed in Annex Z and should be replaced by inclusive terminology.

Where a change in terminology would introduce backwards incompatibilities or interoperability issues, a deliverable may contain such terminology.

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Annex Z (Normative): Non-inclusive terminology and alternatives

Table Z.1 contains a list of non-inclusive terminology together with a non-exhaustive list of suggested alternatives.

Table Z.1: Non-inclusive terms and alternatives

Non-inclusive term	Examples of alternative terms
master (when used in "master / slave" context)	primary, controller, main
slave	secondary, standby
white list (NOTE)	allow list, accept list
black list (NOTE)	block list, drop list, forbidden list
grey list (a term which has been used in conjunction with white list and black list) should be replaced with e.g. track list, inspect list (NOTE).	
NOTE: including single word and hyphenated versions.	