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Stingray SG can detect GTP-C traffic and extract subscriber parameters for the subscriber's IP and login binding from the GTP session creation requests. GTP-C versions 1 and 2 are supported. GTP support is enabled by parameters in fastdpi.conf:

bras enable=1 # # GTP processing mode # Values: # 0 - (default) GTP processing is disabled 1 - [bind mode] In this mode, BNG/BRAS processes GTP-C packets of # the session start and end, binding the IP-address issued to the subscriber with the login # (IMSI or MSISDN is used as the login). At the end of the session, the login-IP connection is broken. # 2 - [auth mode] authorization of GTP sessions is enabled. In this # mode, BNG/BRAS processes GTP-C session start and end packets. Upon successful start of the GTP session, BRAS sends an L3 # authorization request to PCRF, transmitting the subscriber's IP address, IMSI, MSISDN, IMEI and # other parameters. # At the end of the session, the login-IP connection is broken. # SSG does not terminate GTP sessions, all GTP-C packets are dropped. # 3 - [passive bind mode] Similar to mode 1 [mirror bind mode], but GTP-C packets are not dropped. The SSG should be in a gap on the S11 or S5 interface. # 4 - [passive auth mode] Similar to mode 2 [mirror auth mode], but # GTP-C packets are not dropped. The SSG should be in a gap on the S11 or S5 interface. # #bras gtp mode=0

The Stingray SG connection point is set by the parameter:

```
# Where the SSG is connected (which GTP-C is fed to the SCAT)
# Valid values:
# 0 - S5 protocol (SGW <-> PGW). This is the default
# 1 - S11 protocol (MME <-> SGW)
bras_gtp_mountpoint=0
```

In mirror mode (bras_gtp_mode 1 or 2), SSG drops all incoming GTP-C packets. In passive mode (

bras_gtp_mode 3 or 4) SSG passes GTP-C traffic through itself.

You should also set the maximum size of active GTP-sessions internal database in fastdpi.conf

```
# Max number of concurrent GTP-sessions
# We recommend setting this parameter 1.5-2 times more than the actual
max number of sessions
# Default value: 10000 sessions, minimum value: 10000
#bras_gtp_session=10000
```

After receiving a request to create a GTP-C session, SSG waits for a packet of successful session creation. Only at this moment, upon receiving a successful response and issuing an IP address to the subscriber, connects the login and IP. The response timeout is set by a parameter in fastdpi.conf:

```
# Max time to wait for a response to a GTP session creation, seconds
# Default = 3 seconds
#bras gtp pending timeout=3
```

IMSI or MSISDN can be used as a login, which is set by a parameter in fastdpi.conf:

```
# What is the subscriber's login for GTP:
# 0 - IMSI (by default)
# 1 - MSISDN
#bras_gtp_login=0
```



Using MSISDN (phone number) as a login, although more familiar to everyone, is not safe: MSISDN may not be present in GTP-C session creation packets. In this case, SSG will use IMSI as a login. As a result, it will not be clear what the login is - MSISDN or IMSI. Therefore, we recommend using only IMSI as a login

To detect GTP-U, you have to enable tunnel parsing:

```
# enable the tunnels parsing by dispatchers
check_tunnels=1
    # enable the detection and parsing of GTP-U
detect_gtp_tunnel=1
```

When you enable parsing of GTP-U tunnels, SSG will work with the real IP-address of the subscriber, and not with the IP-address of the tunnel. That means that it becomes possible to apply filtering, services and policing to the GTP-subscriber.

SSG does not terminate GTP-U tunnels.

The internal database of GTP-sessions can be controlled with a special set of CLI-commands.