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Abstract

This document provides the user guide for the 5GT-MTP reference implementation developed by CTTC, including a description of the features and functionalities accessible through its GUI.

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List of Acronyms

A	Description
Acronym	Description
5GT-SO	Service Orchestrator
5GT-MTP	Mobile Transport and Computing Platform
5GT-VS	Vertical Slicer
API	Application Programming Interface
CRUD	Create-Read-Delete-Update
DB	Database
ETSI	European Telecommunication Standardization Institute
GUI	Graphical User Interface
IFA	Interfaces and Architecture
LC	Lifecycle
LCM	Lifecycle Management
MEC	Multi-access Edge Computing
NBI	Northbound Interface
NF	Network Function
NFV	Network Function Virtualization
NFVI	Network Functions Virtualisation Infrastructure
NFV-NS	NFV Network Service
NFVO	NFV Orchestrator
NS	Network Slice
NSD	Network Service Descriptor
PoP	Point of Presence
REST	Representational State Transfer
SBI	Southbound Interface
VNF	Virtual Network Function
VNFD	VNF Descriptor
VSB	Vertical Service Blueprint
VSD	Vertical Service Descriptor
VSI	Vertical Service Instance

1 Mobile Transport and Computing Platform CTTC Implementation

The 5G-TRANSFORMER Mobile Transport and Computing Platform (5GT-MTP) CTTC implementation is an open source software prototype developed in python, which provides all the main 5GT-MTP functionalities required by the 5G-TRANSFORMER use cases and devised architecture [3]. It can be downloaded from the 5G-TRANSFORMER git internal repository [2] and its design, operation, and implementation are described in the following sections.

1.1 5GT-MTP CTTC functionalities

The main features and functionalities of the 5GT-MTP CTTC implementation follow those contained and covered by the "official" 5GT-MTP version available in [1]. In particular, key building blocks entailing DBs, APIs, as well as operational workflows are implemented as the "official" 5GT-MTP implementation does. This allows ensuring the interworking with other 5GT architectural elements (e.g., 5GT-SO). Nevertheless, one of the main differences with respect to the "official" version is that the CTTC implementation is mostly network-resource oriented rather than supporting both network and compute resource management. The rationale behind this is that the 5GT-SO OSM Wrapper (considered in 5GT CTTC deployment stack) takes over of all the operations related with computing (cloud / DC) resources.

For the sake of completeness, the main features and differences between the two implementations are reported in Table 1.

TABLE 1: 5GT-MTP CTTC FEATURES AND DIFFERENCES W.R.T OFFICIAL VERSION

Functionality	Description
REST-based NBI	Fully integration with 5GT-SO but only for handling networking resources Retrieve abstracted network resources (i.e., set of LLs) Creation/Termination of Inter-NFVI-PoPs connectivity Creation/Termination of Intra-NFVI-PoP virtual links
Inner structure of CTTC implementation	Referring to the "official" 5GT-MTP implementation, but different technology encompassing more blocks and tables are used and thus added • Python language
SBI	It interacts directly with both compute and networking resource controllers (i.e., VIM and WIM), avoiding relying on the ETSI IFA005 defined interface • allocation/release of networking resources in both cloud and WAN environment
Orchestrator	Main core element of the 5GT-MTP CTTC implementation. It handles and coordinates the rest the components constituting the 5GT-MTP as well as implements specific algorithms/polices
Domain Resource Logic	It handles the algorithms and policies to retrieve the physical resources for both networking and computing elements.
	 Calculating the aggregation of computing hosts. Handling networking WAN deployment: decomposing / reduction network element resource graph

Abstraction Logic	It handles the algorithms and policies to create an abstracted view for the resource DB.
	Create the abstraction for the network resources
	Create the abstraction for the federated network resources
Resource Orchestrator	It handles the algorithms and policies for actual resources used in WIM/interWIMs for the NS lifecycle phases (i.e., instantiation, modification, termination, etc.)
	Instantiation/Termination of inter-NFVI-PoP connectivity
	 Instantiation/Termination of intra-NFVI-PoP networks
	Working in collaboration with PA element
Placement Algorithm	Algorithm to calculate and select the network resources to
	accommodate required inter-NFVI-PoP connectivity paths for
	demanded NS.
	K-Paths as output of this Algorithm
	External entity connected with a REST API
5GT-MTP CTTC	GUI enabling to visualize the Abstract View, Resource View, database
Graphical User	contents, NBI, etc. handled by the 5GT-MTP element
Interface (GUI)	

1.2 5GT-MTP CTTC user guide

This section provides a brief guideline about how to use the 5GT-MTP CTTC from its web GUI for administrative actions. It should be noted that the 5GT-MTP CTTC GUI interacts with the 5GT-MTP CTTC core functionalities using its REST APIs.

In order to deploy and install the 5GT-MTP CTTC, the README file must be followed. This file is under the same directory of the software itself, especially in the git internal repository. Once done it, the GUI can be accessed from a web browser at the following link: http://x.x.x.x.8090/ IP address.

At the beginning, the GUI will initially visualize the authentication page where the user can enter the credentials (i.e., username and password).

The next step is to configure the 5GT-MTP CTTC. To do that, Domain and Logical Link DB should be filled up with specific details of the targeted domain under-deployment. Also, the "Stitching DB" needs to be filled up, before starting the instantiation/termination of the network resources. A document regarding how to properly and correctly configure the 5GT-MTP CTTC is under construction at the time of writing the present user guide.

1.2.1 5GT-MTP CTTC GUI

The 5GT-MTP CTTC GUI is used by the 5GT service provider to manage the underlying transport stratum for integrated networks, including visualization of all the relevant data related with the abstracted view of infrastructure, visualization of the network resources over every service (NS) is accommodated, as well as visualization and modification of the internal DBs.

To enter in the 5GT-MTP CTTC administration GUI, the user should insert "test" and "test" as username and password in the authentication page (admin credentials can be modified through the 5GT-MTP CTTC user DB page). The main page shown in Figure 1 will be visualized.



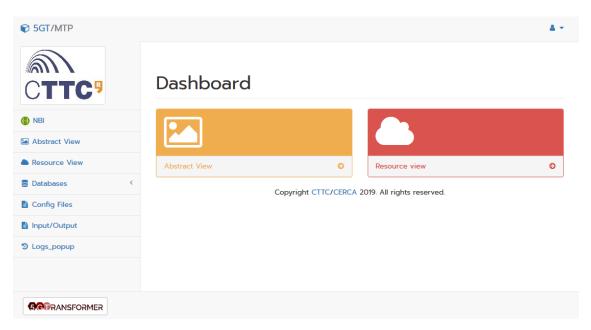


FIGURE 1: 5GT-MTP CTTC ADMIN GUI - MAIN PAGE

From 5GT-MTP CTTC admin GUI the following actions can be performed:

- Exploration of the 5GT-MTP CTTC NBI swagger API
- Exploration of the all databases' contents (i.e., Domain, NFVI-PoP, Resource Attributes, Logical Links, Serviceld, Stitching, Virtual Links and the Users DB)
- Graphical visualization of the Abstracted View (showing 5GT MTP-configured NFVI-PoPs and Logical Links)
- Graphical visualization of the Resources View (showing the underlying transport stratum for networks)
- Inspection of the main 5GT-MTP CTTC configuration files
- Inspection of 5GT-MTP CTTC log

1.2.1.1 Exploration of the 5GT-MTP CTTC NBI swagger API

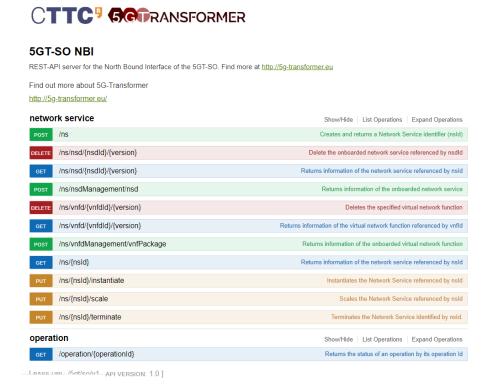


FIGURE 2: 5GT-MTP CTTC ADMIN GUI - SWAGGER OF THE 5GT-MTP NBI

1.2.1.2 Visualization of abstracted View exposed to 5GT-SO

This page represents a graphical representation of Abstracted Resourses exposed to the 5GT-SO, especially the representation of NFVI-PoPs and Logical Links among them.



FIGURE 3: 5GT-MTP CTTC ADMIN GUI - ABSTRACTED VIEW

1.2.1.3 Visualization of underlying resources

Visualization of underlying resources configured in the Stitching DB. It exposes the representation of NFVI-PoPs and inter-NFVI-PoP WAN.

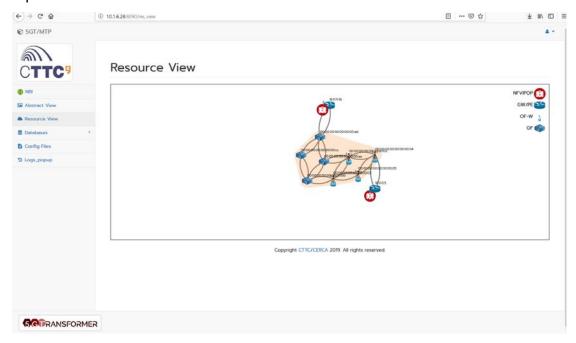
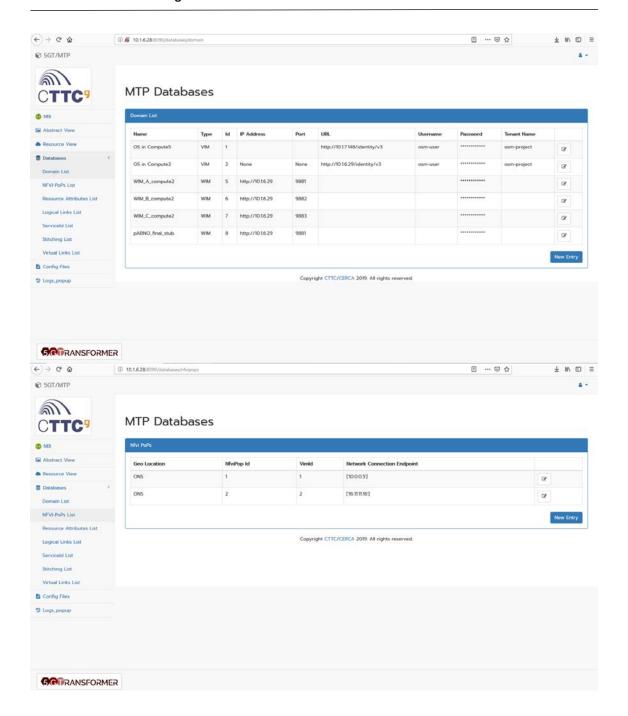
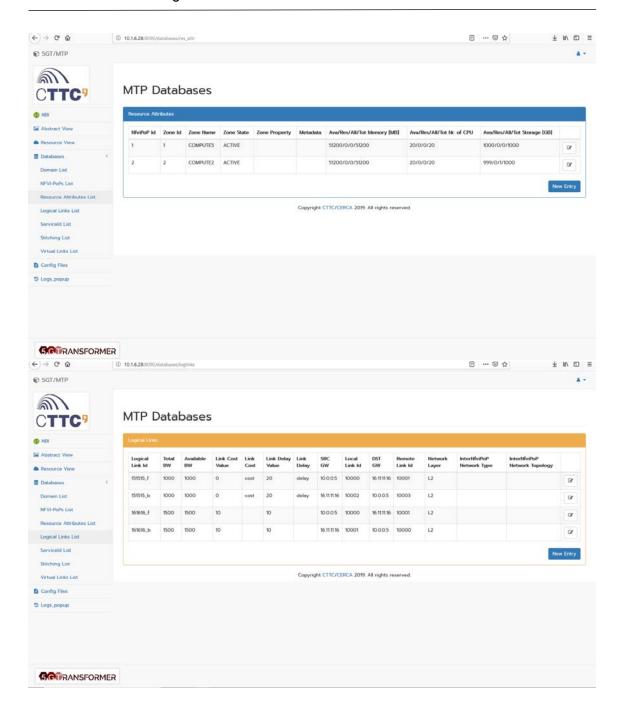


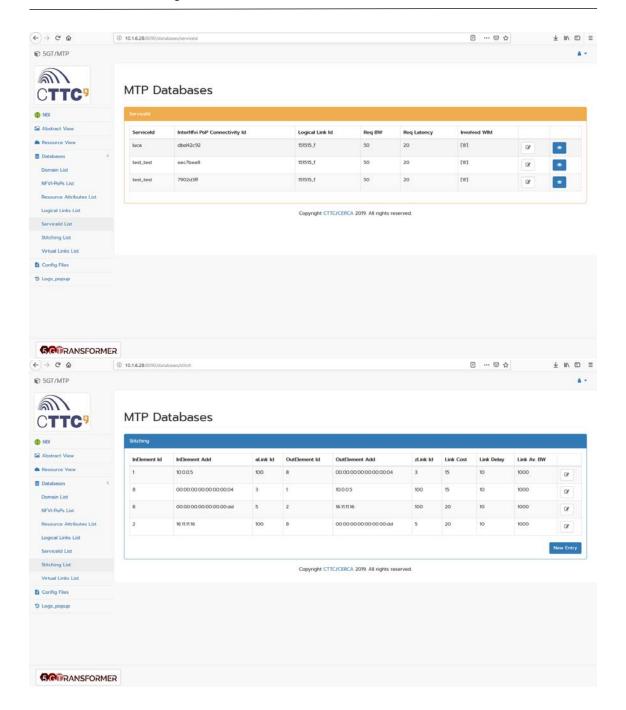
FIGURE 4: 5GT-MTP CTTC ADMIN GUI - RESOURCE VIEW

1.2.1.4 Databases

Databases' contents (i.e., Domain, NFVI-PoP, Resource Attributes, Logical Links, Serviceld, Stitching, Virtual Links and the User DB) can be checked and seen. Notice that these pages allows adding/removing/modifying entries on most of those DBs. For the Serviceld table (each entry represents an inter-NFVI-PoP connectivity), the GUI enables to visualize the instantiated entry in the underlying infrastructure.







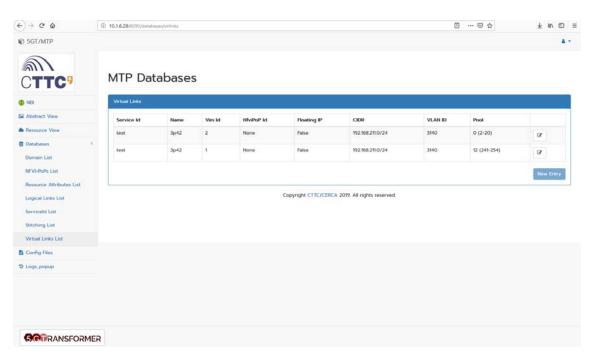


FIGURE 5: 5GT-MTP CTTC ADMIN GUI - DATABASES

1.2.1.5 Graphical visualization of instantiated ServiceId

The graphical visualization of an instantiated Serviceld can be opened just clicking on the eye-shaped icon next to the corresponding entry in the DB. By clicking on the pencilshaped icon next to each entry, some of the fields of the DB entry can be updated.

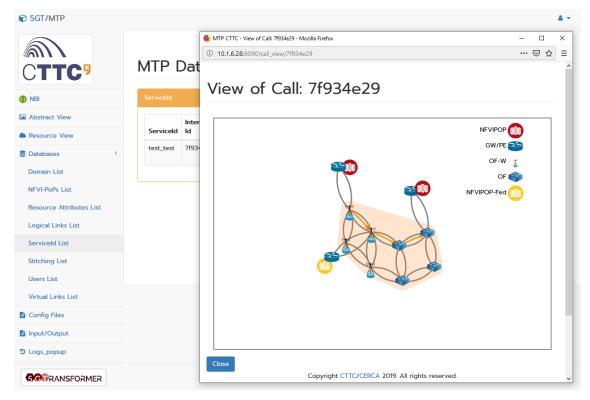


FIGURE 6: 5GT-MTP CTTC ADMIN GUI - SERVICEID VISUALIZATION

1.2.1.6 Inspection of main 5GT-MTP CTTC configuration files

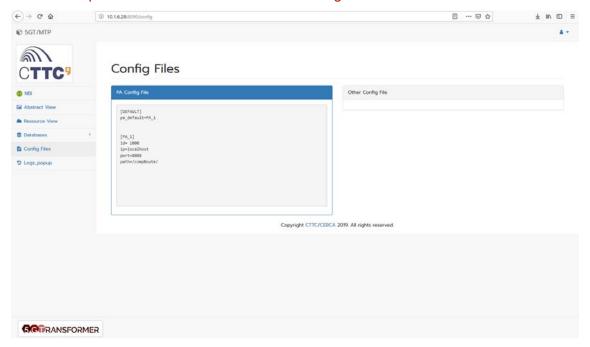


FIGURE 7: 5GT-MTP CTTC ADMIN GUI - INSPECTION OF 5GT-MTP CONFIG FILES

1.2.1.7 Inspection of 5GT-MTP CTTC log

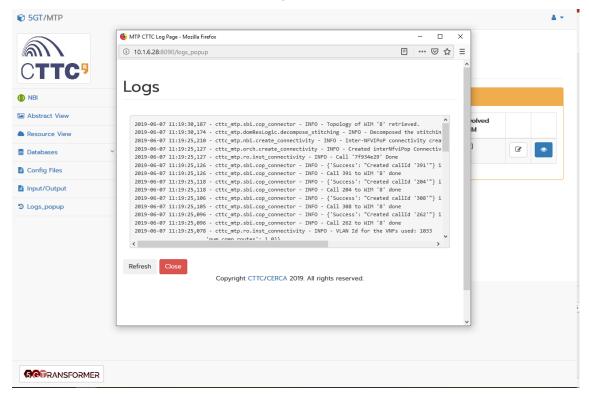


FIGURE 8: 5GT-MTP CTTC ADMIN GUI - INSPECTION OF 5GT-MTP LOGS

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