

COMMUNICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS

ABSTRACT

A communication method and apparatus are disclosed. The method may be used in an indirect communication scenario, and includes: A service consumer network element sends a first service
5 request message to a service communication proxy, and the service consumer network element receives a response message for the first service request message from the service communication proxy, where the first service request message is used to request a first service from a service producer network element, the first service request message includes a first client credentials
10 assertion, the first client credentials assertion includes a first network function type and a second network function type, the first network function type is a network function type of the service producer network element, the second network function type is a network function type of a network element providing a second service, and the second service is associated with the first service. According to the foregoing method, it can be ensured that when the service consumer
15 network element requests a service from the service producer network element through the service communication proxy, a problem that a service request fails because the CCA includes only the network function type of the service producer network element is avoided.

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