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1 General principles

1.1 Implementation Under Test (IUT) identification

Using the Bluetooth SIG qualification tool, the implementer is expected to declare details about what will be implemented.

1.2 Enforcement of inter-layer dependencies

This ICS includes one or more tables with inter-layer dependencies (ILDs). ILDs are used for specification requirements that are dependent on other supporting specifications. ILDs can refer to an individual ICS item in a separate layer (individual ILD), or it can refer to the full layer (full-layer ILD).

ILDs residing in an X2Core layer will be enforced from the Bluetooth SIG qualification tool in the following conditions, depending on where the referred ILD is residing:

Referred ILD resides in	Individual ILD	Full-layer ILD
Controller layer	Core-Complete configuration, or Referred layer is supported	N/A
Lower HCI layer	HCI is supported	N/A
Upper HCI layer	Core-Host configuration, or UHCI is supported	N/A
Host layer	Core-Host configuration, or Core-Complete configuration, or Referred layer is supported	N/A
X2Core layer	Core-Host configuration, or Core-Complete configuration, or Referred layer is supported	Core-Host configuration, or Core-Complete configuration

Table 1.1: Enforcement of an ILD within the Bluetooth SIG qualification tool

2 ICS declarations

2.1 Roles

Table 1: Role Requirements

Item	Role	Reference	Status
1	Attribute Protocol Client	[1] 2	O
2	Attribute Protocol Server	[1] 2	M

2.2 Transports

Table 2: Transport Requirements

Item	Transport	Reference	Status
1	Unenhanced ATT bearer over BR/EDR	[1] 2	C.1, C.4
2	Unenhanced ATT bearer over LE	[1] 2	C.2, C.4
3	No longer used	N/A	N/A
3a	Enhanced ATT bearer over LE	[2] 2, 3.2.11	C.5
3b	Enhanced ATT bearer over BR/EDR	[2] 2, 3.2.11	C.3, C.4

C.1: Optional IF CORE 20/2 “BR/EDR Host Layers”, otherwise Excluded.

C.2: Mandatory IF CORE 20/4 “LE Host Layers” AND ATT 7/1 “LE Connections”, otherwise Excluded.

C.3: Optional IF CORE 2a/52 “Host Core v5.2 or later” AND CORE 20/2 “BR/EDR Host Layers”, otherwise Excluded.

C.4: Mandatory to support at least one.

C.5: Optional IF CORE 2a/52 “Host Core v5.2 or later” AND ATT 2/2 “Unenhanced ATT bearer over LE”, otherwise Excluded.

Note: In Core versions prior to v5.2, there was only one type of ATT bearer, which is now called the “Unenhanced ATT bearer”.

2.3 Attribute Protocol Messages

2.3.1 Attribute Client

Table 3: Attribute Protocol Client Messages

Prerequisite: ATT 1/1 “Attribute Protocol Client”

Item	Capability	Reference	Status
1	Attribute Error Response	[1] 3.4.1.1	M
2	Exchange MTU Request	[1] 3.4.2.1	O
3	Exchange MTU Response	[1] 3.4.2.2	C.1
4	Find Information Request	[1] 3.4.3.1	O
5	Find Information Response	[1] 3.4.3.2	C.9
6	Find by Type Value Request	[1] 3.4.3.3	O
7	Find by Type Value Response	[1] 3.4.3.4	C.2
8	Read by Type Request	[1] 3.4.4.1	O
9	Read by Type Response	[1] 3.4.4.2	C.3



Item	Capability	Reference	Status
10	Read Request	[1] 3.4.4.3	O
11	Read Response	[1] 3.4.4.4	C.10
12	Read Blob Request	[1] 3.4.4.5	O
13	Read Blob Response	[1] 3.4.4.6	C.4
14	Read Multiple Request	[1] 3.4.4.7	O
15	Read Multiple Response	[1] 3.4.4.8	C.5
16	Read by Group Type Request	[1] 3.4.4.9	O
17	Read by Group Type Response	[1] 3.4.4.10	C.6
18	Write Request	[1] 3.4.5.1	O
19	Write Response	[1] 3.4.5.2	C.7
20	Write Command	[1] 3.4.5.3	O
21	Signed Write Command	[1] 3.4.5.4	C.27
22	Prepare Write Request	[1] 3.4.6.1	O
23	Prepare Write Response	[1] 3.4.6.2	C.8
24	Execute Write Request	[1] 3.4.6.3	C.8
25	Execute Write Response	[1] 3.4.6.4	C.8
26	Handle Value Notification	[1] 3.4.7.1	C.22
27	Handle Value Indication	[1] 3.4.7.2	O
28	Handle Value Confirmation	[1] 3.4.7.3	C.24
29	No longer used	N/A	N/A
30	Read Multiple Variable Length Request	[2] 3.4.4.11	C.22
31	Read Multiple Variable Length Response	[2] 3.4.4.12	C.26
32	Handle Value Multiple Notification	[2] 3.4.7.4	C.22

- C.1: Mandatory IF ATT 3/2 “Exchange MTU Request”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.2: Mandatory IF ATT 3/6 “Find by Type Value Request”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.3: Mandatory IF ATT 3/8 “Read by Type Request”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.4: Mandatory IF ATT 3/12 “Read Blob Request”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.5: Mandatory IF ATT 3/14 “Read Multiple Request”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.6: Mandatory IF ATT 3/16 “Read by Group Type Request”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.7: Mandatory IF ATT 3/18 “Write Request”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.8: Mandatory IF ATT 3/22 “Prepare Write Request”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.9: Mandatory IF ATT 3/4 “Find Information Request”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.10: Mandatory IF ATT 3/10 “Read Request”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.11–C.21: No longer used.
- C.22: Mandatory IF ATT 2/3a “Enhanced ATT bearer over LE” OR ATT 2/3b “Enhanced ATT bearer over BR/EDR”, otherwise Optional.
- C.23: No longer used.
- C.24: Mandatory IF ATT 3/27 “Handle Value Indication”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.25: No longer used.
- C.26: Mandatory IF ATT 3/30 “Read Multiple Variable Length Request” OR ATT 2/3a “Enhanced ATT bearer over LE” OR ATT 2/3b “Enhanced ATT bearer over BR/EDR”, otherwise Optional.
- C.27: Optional IF CORE 2b/62 “Host Core v6.2 or earlier”, otherwise Excluded.



2.3.2 Attribute Server

Table 4: Attribute Protocol Server Messages

Prerequisite: ATT 1/2 “Attribute Protocol Server”

Item	Capability	Reference	Status
1	Attribute Error Response	[1] 3.4.1.1	M
2	Exchange MTU Request	[1] 3.4.2.1	O
3	Exchange MTU Response	[1] 3.4.2.2	C.19
4	Find Information Request	[1] 3.4.3.1	M
5	Find Information Response	[1] 3.4.3.2	M
6	Find by Type Value Request	[1] 3.4.3.3	M
7	Find by Type Value Response	[1] 3.4.3.4	M
8	Read by Type Request	[1] 3.4.4.1	M
9	Read by Type Response	[1] 3.4.4.2	M
10	Read Request	[1] 3.4.4.3	M
11	Read Response	[1] 3.4.4.4	M
12	Read Blob Request	[1] 3.4.4.5	C.6
13	Read Blob Response	[1] 3.4.4.6	C.1
14	Read Multiple Request	[1] 3.4.4.7	O
15	Read Multiple Response	[1] 3.4.4.8	C.2
16	Read by Group Type Request	[1] 3.4.4.9	M
17	Read by Group Type Response	[1] 3.4.4.10	M
18	Write Request	[1] 3.4.5.1	C.6
19	Write Response	[1] 3.4.5.2	C.3
20	Write Command	[1] 3.4.5.3	C.6
21	Signed Write Command	[1] 3.4.5.3	C.20
22	Prepare Write Request	[1] 3.4.6.1	C.6
23	Prepare Write Response	[1] 3.4.6.2	C.4
24	Execute Write Request	[1] 3.4.6.3	C.4
25	Execute Write Response	[1] 3.4.6.4	C.4
26	Handle Value Notification	[1] 3.4.7.1	C.6
27	Handle Value Indication	[1] 3.4.7.2	O
28	Handle Value Confirmation	[1] 3.4.7.3	C.5
29– 30	No longer used	N/A	N/A
31	Read Multiple Variable Length Request	[2] 3.4.4.11	C.6
32	Read Multiple Variable Length Response	[2] 3.4.4.12	C.16
33	Handle Value Multiple Notification	[2] 3.4.7.4	C.6

C.1: Mandatory IF ATT 4/12 “Read Blob Request”, otherwise Excluded.

C.2: Mandatory IF ATT 4/14 “Read Multiple Request”, otherwise Excluded.

C.3: Mandatory IF ATT 4/18 “Write Request”, otherwise Excluded.

C.4: Mandatory IF ATT 4/22 “Prepare Write Request”, otherwise Excluded.



- C.5: Mandatory IF ATT 4/27 “Handle Value Indication”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.6: Mandatory IF ATT 2/3a “Enhanced ATT bearer over LE” OR ATT 2/3b “Enhanced ATT bearer over BR/EDR”, otherwise Optional.
- C.7–C.15: No longer used.
- C.16: Mandatory IF ATT 4/31 “Read Multiple Variable Length Request” OR ATT 2/3a “Enhanced ATT bearer over LE” OR ATT 2/3b “Enhanced ATT bearer over BR/EDR”, otherwise Optional.
- C.17–C.18: No longer used.
- C.19: Mandatory IF ATT 4/2 “Exchange MTU Request”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.20: Optional IF CORE 2b/62 “Host Core v6.2 or earlier”, otherwise Excluded.

Table 5: No longer used

2.4 L2CAP requirements

Table 6: L2CAP Requirements

Item	Capability	Reference	Status	Inter-Layer Dependency
1	Enhanced Credit Based Flow Control Mode – LE	[2] 2, 3.2.11	C.1	[3] L2CAP 2/48b
2	Enhanced Credit Based Flow Control Mode – BR/EDR	[2] 2, 3.2.11	C.2	[3] L2CAP 2/48a

- C.1: Mandatory IF ATT 2/3a “Enhanced ATT bearer over LE”, otherwise not defined.
- C.2: Mandatory IF ATT 2/3b “Enhanced ATT bearer over BR/EDR”, otherwise not defined.

2.5 GAP requirements

Table 7: GAP Requirements

Item	Capability	Reference	Status	Inter-Layer Dependency
1	LE Connections	[5] 2.2.2	C.1	N/A
2	Peripheral	[5] 2.2.2	O	[4] GAP 5/3 OR GAP 18/1
3	Central	[5] 2.2.2	O	[4] GAP 5/4 OR GAP 28/1

- C.1: Mandatory IF ATT 7/2 “Peripheral” OR ATT 7/3 “Central”, otherwise Excluded.
- Note: GAP 28/1 and GAP 18/1 have been added to the Inter-Layer Dependency column to enable older qualifications of BR/EDR/LE devices after the removal of GAP Table 38.

3 References

- [1] Specification of the Bluetooth System, Volume 3, Part F (Attribute Protocol), Version 4.0 or later
- [2] Specification of the Bluetooth System, Volume 3, Part F (Attribute Protocol), Version 5.2 or later
- [3] ICS Proforma for Logical Link Control and Adaptation Protocol (L2CAP)
- [4] ICS Proforma for Generic Access Profile (GAP)
- [5] Specification of the Bluetooth System, Volume 3, Part C (Generic Access Profile), Version 4.2 or later

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