

LE LL Security (LESEC)

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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 Auto-fill tables

This ICS includes one or more tables that are defined as auto-fill tables. Auto-fill tables are defined to allow for less-complex conditions within other tables. Auto-fill tables are distinguished from regular ICS tables by the addition of “(auto-fill)” after the Table number, prior to the colon “:”.

An auto-fill table is automatically populated based on selected capabilities elsewhere in the ICS. The populated settings in the auto-fill table are not user editable.

1.3 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 Features

Table 1: LE Security

Item	Capability	Reference	Status
1	Counter with Cipher Block Chaining-Message Authentication Code (CCM) Mode	[1] 2	O
2	Group Session Key Derivation h8	[1] 1.1	O

2.2 LL requirements

Table 2: LL Requirements

Item	Capability	Reference	Status	Inter-Layer Dependency
1	LE Encryption	[1] 2	C.1	[2] LL 9/1
2	Receiving Encrypted Broadcast Isochronous Stream	[1] 1.1	C.2	[2] LL 9/1 AND LL 9/34
3	Transmitting Encrypted Broadcast Isochronous Stream	[1] 1.1	C.2	[2] LL 12/1

C.1: Mandatory IF LESEC 1/1 “Counter with Cipher Block Chaining-Message Authentication Code (CCM) Mode” OR LESEC 1/2 “Group Session Key Derivation h8”, otherwise not defined.

C.2: Mandatory to support at least one IF LESEC 1/2 “Group Session Key Derivation h8”, otherwise not defined.

3 References

- [1] Specification of the Bluetooth System, Volume 6, Part E (Low Energy Link Layer Security)
- [2] ICS Proforma for Link Layer (LL)
- [3] Specification of the Bluetooth System, Volume 6, Part B (Link Layer)

4 LL Security tests

The capabilities in this ICS are tested in the LL test documents.

5 Bridge mapping between LESEC and LL

The LE security mechanisms used by the Link Layer (LL) [3] but defined in the Low Energy Link Layer Security Specification (LESEC) [1] are listed in this ICS.

LESEC has existed as a complementary part to LL since the earliest adoptions of the Bluetooth Specification. Due to the close association with LL, it was not until the addition of Vol 0, Part D “Core Configurations” in 2023 that the need to create a separate LESEC.ICS was identified. This means that QDIDs supporting LL that were established before this event had their LE security mechanisms tested when qualifying to LL but were unable to explicitly declare support for the various LESEC capabilities.

Table 5.1 provides a mapping from LESEC capabilities to LL capabilities. If an implementation that pre-dates the introduction of the LESEC.ICS supports an LL capability listed in the table, then it also supports the associated LESEC capability, and vice versa.

LESEC ICS	Description	Corresponding LL ICS [2] selections
LESEC 1/1	Counter with Cipher Block Chaining-Message Authentication Code (CCM) Mode	LL 9/1 “LE Encryption”
LESEC 1/2	Group Session Key Derivation h8	LL 9/1 “LE Encryption” AND (LL 1/6 “Isochronous Broadcasting” State OR LL 9/34 “Synchronized Receiver”)
LESEC 2/1	LE Encryption	LL 9/1 “LE Encryption”
LESEC 2/2	Receiving Encrypted Broadcast Isochronous Stream	LL 9/1 “LE Encryption” AND LL 9/34 “Synchronized Receiver”
LESEC 2/3	Transmitting Encrypted Broadcast Isochronous Stream	LL 12/1 “Encrypting a Broadcast Isochronous Stream”

Table 5.1: Bridge mapping between LESEC and supported LL capabilities for QDIDs

6 Revision history and acknowledgments

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