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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	Volume Renderer	[1] 3.0	C.1
2	Volume Controller	[1] 4.0	C.1

C.1: Mandatory to support at least one.

2.2 Transports

Table 2: Transport Requirements

Item	Transport	Reference	Status
1	Profile supported over BR/EDR	[1] 2.4	C.1, C.3
2	Profile supported over LE	[1] 2.4	C.2, C.3

C.1: Excluded for this Profile IF CORE 41/2 “LE Core Configuration” OR CORE 40/1 “Core-Controller”.

C.2: Excluded for this Profile IF CORE 41/1 “BR/EDR Core Configuration” OR CORE 40/1 “Core-Controller”.

C.3: Mandatory to support at least one.

2.3 Volume Renderer role

Table 3: X.Y Versions (Volume Renderer)

Prerequisite: VCP 1/1 “Volume Renderer”

Item	Version	Reference	Status
1	VCP v1.0	[1]	M

Table 4: X.Y.Z Versions (Volume Renderer)

Table number reserved but not yet in use

2.3.1 Services (Volume Renderer)

Table 5: Service Requirements

Prerequisite: VCP 1/1 “Volume Renderer”

Item	Capability	Reference	Status	Inter-Layer Dependency
1	Volume Control Service	[1] 3.0	M	[6] VCS
2	Volume Offset Control Service	[1] 3.0	O	[4] VOCS
3	Audio Input Control Service	[1] 3.0	O	[5] AICS
4	No longer used	N/A	N/A	N/A

2.3.2 GAP requirements

Table 6: GAP Requirements (Volume Renderer)

Prerequisite: VCP 1/1 "Volume Renderer"

Item	Capability	Reference	Status	Inter-Layer Dependency
1	LE security mode 1	[1] 5.1	C.1	[3] GAP 25/1 OR GAP 35/1
2	Unauthenticated Pairing (LE security mode 1 level 2) with LE Secure Connections Pairing only	[1] 5.1	C.1	[3] GAP 25/11 OR GAP 35/11
3	Authenticated Pairing (LE security mode 1 level 3) with LE Secure Connections Pairing only	[1] 5.1	C.3	[3] GAP 25/12 OR GAP 35/12
4	Derivation of LE LTK from BR/EDR Link Key	[1] 5.1	C.6	[3] GAP 43/2b
5	Security mode 4, level 2	[1] 5.2	C.2	[3] GAP 2/7c
6	128-bit encryption key size capable (BR/EDR)	[1] 5.2	C.2	[3] GAP 2/13
7	Derivation of BR/EDR Link Key from LE LTK	[1] 5.2	C.7	[3] GAP 43/2a
8	Minimum 128 Bit entropy key (LE)	[1] 5.1	C.1	[3] GAP 25/13 OR GAP 35/13
9	BR/EDR Secure Connections	[1] 5.2	C.7	N/A
10	LE Secure Connections	[1] 5.1	C.6	[3] GAP 27b/5 OR GAP 37b/5
11	Out of Band (LE)	[1] 5.1	C.6	[3] GAP 27b/9 OR GAP 37b/9
12	Out-of-Band (BR/EDR)	[1] 5.2	C.7	[3] GAP 2/14
13	Peripheral	[1] 4.1	C.8	[3] GAP 5/3
14	Central	[1] 4.1	C.8	[3] GAP 5/4
15	LE Extended Advertising	[1] 6.1.1.1	C.9	[3] GAP 20/8

C.1: Mandatory IF VCP 2/2 "Profile supported over LE", otherwise not defined.

C.2: Mandatory IF VCP 2/1 "Profile supported over BR/EDR", otherwise not defined.

C.3: Optional IF VCP 2/2 "Profile supported over LE", otherwise not defined.

C.4–C.5: No longer used.

C.6: Mandatory to support at least one IF VCP 2/2 "Profile supported over LE", otherwise not defined.

C.7: Mandatory to support at least one IF VCP 2/1 "Profile supported over BR/EDR", otherwise not defined.

C.8: Mandatory to support at least one IF VCP 2/2 "Profile supported over LE", otherwise not defined.

C.9: Mandatory IF VCP 6/13 "Peripheral", otherwise not defined.

2.4 Volume Controller role

Table 8: X.Y Versions (Volume Controller)

Prerequisite: VCP 1/2 "Volume Controller"

Item	Version	Reference	Status
1	VCP v1.0	[1]	M

Table 9: X.Y.Z Versions (Volume Controller)

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2.4.1 Services Support (Volume Controller)

Table 10: Volume Control Service Support

Prerequisite: VCP 1/2 "Volume Controller"

Item	Capability	Reference	Status
1	Discover Volume Control Service	[1] 4.0	M
2	Discover Volume Offset Control Service	[1] 4.0	O
3	Discover Audio Input Control Service	[1] 4.0	O

Table 11: Volume Control Service Characteristic Support Requirements

Prerequisite: VCP 10/1 "Discover Volume Control Service"

Item	Capability	Reference	Status
1	Volume State	[1] 4.3.1	M
2	Volume Control Point	[1] 4.3.1	M
3	Volume Flags	[1] 4.3.1	O

Table 12: Volume Control Service Procedure Support Requirements

Prerequisite: VCP 10/1 "Discover Volume Control Service"

Item	Capability	Reference	Status
1	Configure Volume State Notifications	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.1	M
2	Read Volume State	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.2	M
3	Configure Volume Flags Notifications	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.3	O
4	Read Volume Flags	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.4	O
5	Set Initial Volume	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.5	C.1
6	Set Absolute Volume	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.6.5	C.2
7	Relative Volume Down	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.6.1	C.3
8	Relative Volume Up	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.6.2	C.3
9	Unmute/ Relative Volume Down	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.6.3	C.4

Item	Capability	Reference	Status
10	Unmute/ Relative Volume Up	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.6.4	C.4
11	Mute	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.6.6	O
12	Unmute	[1] 4.4.1, 4.4.1.6.7	O

- C.1: Optional IF VCP 12/4 “Read Volume Flags” OR VCP 12/6 “Set Absolute Volume”, otherwise Excluded.
- C.2: Mandatory IF NOT VCP 12/7 “Relative Volume Down” AND NOT VCP 12/8 “Relative Volume Up” AND NOT VCP 12/9 “Unmute/ Relative Volume Down” AND NOT VCP 12/10 “Unmute/ Relative Volume Up”, otherwise Optional.
- C.3: Mandatory to support none or all.
- C.4: Mandatory to support none or all.

Table 13: Volume Offset Control Service Characteristic Support Requirements

Prerequisite: VCP 10/2 “Discover Volume Offset Control Service”

Item	Capability	Reference	Status
1	Volume Offset State	[1] 4.3.2	C.1
2	Audio Location	[1] 4.3.2	O
3	Volume Offset Control Point	[1] 4.3.2	O
4	Audio Output Description	[1] 4.3.2	O

- C.1: Mandatory IF VCP 14/1 “Configure Offset State Notifications” OR VCP 14/2 “Read Volume Offset State” OR VCP 14/3 “Configure Audio Location Notifications” OR VCP 14/4 “Read Audio Location” OR VCP 14/5 “Set Audio Location” OR VCP 14/6 “Set Volume Offset” OR VCP 14/7 “Configure Audio Output Description Notifications” OR VCP 14/8 “Read Audio Output Description” OR VCP 14/9 “Set Audio Output Description”, otherwise Optional.

Table 14: Volume Offset Control Service Procedure Support Requirements

Prerequisite: VCP 10/2 “Discover Volume Offset Control Service”

Item	Capability	Reference	Status
1	Configure Offset State Notifications	[1] 4.4.2.1	C.1, C.2
2	Read Volume Offset State	[1] 4.4.2.2	C.1, C.2
3	Configure Audio Location Notifications	[1] 4.4.2.3	O
4	Read Audio Location	[1] 4.4.2.4	O
5	Set Audio Location	[1] 4.4.2.5	O
6	Set Volume Offset	[1] 4.4.2.6.1	O
7	Configure Audio Output Description Notifications	[1] 4.4.2.7	O
8	Read Audio Output Description	[1] 4.4.2.8	O
9	Set Audio Output Description	[1] 4.4.2.9	O

- C.1: Mandatory IF VCP 14/3 “Configure Audio Location Notifications” OR VCP 14/4 “Read Audio Location” OR VCP 14/5 “Set Audio Location” OR VCP 14/6 “Set Volume Offset” OR VCP 14/7 “Configure Audio Output Description Notifications” OR VCP 14/8 “Read Audio Output Description” OR VCP 14/9 “Set Audio Output Description”, otherwise Optional.
- C.2: Mandatory to support none or all.

Table 15: Audio Input Control Service Characteristic Support Requirements*Prerequisite: VCP 10/3 "Discover Audio Input Control Service"*

Item	Capability	Reference	Status
1	Audio Input State	[1] 4.3.3	C.1
2	Gain Setting Properties	[1] 4.3.3	C.1
3	Audio Input Type	[1] 4.3.3	O
4	Audio Input Status	[1] 4.3.3	O
5	Audio Input Control Point	[1] 4.3.3	O
6	Audio Input Description	[1] 4.3.3	O

C.1: Mandatory IF VCP 16/1 "Configure Audio Input State Notifications" OR VCP 16/2 "Read Audio Input State" OR VCP 16/3 "Read Gain Setting Properties" OR VCP 16/4 "Read Audio Input Type" OR VCP 16/5 "Configure Audio Input Status Notifications" OR VCP 16/6 "Read Audio Input Status" OR VCP 16/7 "Set Gain Setting" OR VCP 16/8 "Mute" OR VCP 16/9 "Unmute" OR VCP 16/10 "Set Manual Gain Mode" OR VCP 16/11 "Set Automatic Gain Mode" OR VCP 16/12 "Configure Audio Input Description Notifications" OR VCP 16/13 "Read Audio Input Description" OR VCP 16/14 "Set Audio Input Description", otherwise Optional.

Table 16: Audio Input Control Service Procedure Support Requirements*Prerequisite: VCP 10/3 "Discover Audio Input Control Service"*

Item	Capability	Reference	Status
1	Configure Audio Input State Notifications	[1] 4.4.3.1	C.1, C.2
2	Read Audio Input State	[1] 4.4.3.2	C.1, C.2
3	Read Gain Setting Properties	[1] 4.4.3.3	O
4	Read Audio Input Type	[1] 4.4.3.4	O
5	Configure Audio Input Status Notifications	[1] 4.4.3.5	O
6	Read Audio Input Status	[1] 4.4.3.6	O
7	Set Gain Setting	[1] 4.4.3.7.1	O
8	Mute	[1] 4.4.3.7.3	O
9	Unmute	[1] 4.4.3.7.2	O
10	Set Manual Gain Mode	[1] 4.4.3.7.4	O
11	Set Automatic Gain Mode	[1] 4.4.3.7.5	O
12	Configure Audio Input Description Notifications	[1] 4.4.3.8	O
13	Read Audio Input Description	[1] 4.4.3.9	O
14	Set Audio Input Description	[1] 4.4.3.10	O

C.1: Mandatory IF VCP 16/3 "Read Gain Setting Properties" OR VCP 16/4 "Read Audio Input Type" OR VCP 16/5 "Configure Audio Input Status Notifications" OR VCP 16/6 "Read Audio Input Status" OR VCP 16/7 "Set Gain Setting" OR VCP 16/8 "Mute" OR VCP 16/9 "Unmute" OR VCP 16/10 "Set Manual Gain Mode" OR VCP 16/11 "Set Automatic Gain Mode" OR VCP 16/12 "Configure Audio Input Description Notifications" OR VCP 16/13 "Read Audio Input Description" OR VCP 16/14 "Set Audio Input Description", otherwise Optional.

C.2: Mandatory to support none or all.

2.4.2 GATT requirements

Table 17: Volume Controller GATT Requirements

Prerequisite: VCP 1/2 "Volume Controller"

Item	Capability	Reference	Status	Inter-Layer Dependency
1	Discover All Primary Services	[1] 4.1	C.1	[2] GATT 3/2
2	Discover Primary Service by Service UUID	[1] 4.1	C.1	[2] GATT 3/3
3	Find Included Services	[1] 4.1	C.3	[2] GATT 3/4
4	Discover All Characteristics of a Service	[1] 4.1	C.2	[2] GATT 3/5
5	Discover Characteristics by UUID	[1] 4.1	C.2	[2] GATT 3/6
6	Discover All Characteristic Descriptors	[1] 4.1	M	[2] GATT 3/7
7	Read Characteristic Value	[1] 4.1	M	[2] GATT 3/8
8	Write Characteristic Value	[1] 4.1	M	[2] GATT 3/14
9	Single Notification	[1] 4.1	M	[2] GATT 3/17
10	Read Characteristic Descriptor	[1] 4.1	M	[2] GATT 3/19
11	Write Characteristic Descriptor	[1] 4.1	M	[2] GATT 3/21
12	GATT Client over BR/EDR	[1] 4.1	C.4	[2] GATT 1a/2
13	GATT Client over LE	[1] 4.1	C.5	[2] GATT 1a/1

C.1: Mandatory to support at least one.

C.2: Mandatory to support at least one.

C.3: Mandatory IF VCP 16/1 "Configure Audio Input State Notifications" OR VCP 14/1 "Configure Offset State Notifications" otherwise Optional.

C.4: Mandatory IF VCP 2/1 "Profile supported over BR/EDR", otherwise not defined.

C.5: Mandatory IF VCP 2/2 "Profile supported over LE", otherwise not defined.

2.4.3 GAP requirements

Table 18: GAP Requirements (Volume Controller)

Prerequisite: VCP 1/2 "Volume Controller"

Item	Capability	Reference	Status	Inter-Layer Dependency
1	Central	[1] 4.1	C.9	[3] GAP 5/4
1b	Peripheral	[1] 4.1	C.9	[3] GAP 5/3
2	LE security mode 1	[1] 5.1	C.2	[3] GAP 25/1 OR GAP 35/1
3	Bondable mode (LE)	[1] 6.2	C.2	[3] GAP 24/2 OR GAP 34/2
4	Bonding procedure	[1] 6.2	C.3	[3] GAP 24/3 OR GAP 34/3
5	Initiation of dedicated bonding	[1] 6.3	C.1	[3] GAP 3/6

Item	Capability	Reference	Status	Inter-Layer Dependency
6	Unauthenticated Pairing (LE security mode 1 level 2) with LE Secure Connections Pairing only	[1] 5.1	C.2	[3] GAP 25/11 OR GAP 35/11
7	Authenticated Pairing (LE security mode 1 level 3) with LE Secure Connections Pairing only	[1] 5.1	C.3	[3] GAP 25/12 OR GAP 35/12
8	Derivation of LE LTK from BR/EDR Link Key	[1] 5.1	C.7	[3] GAP 41/2b
9	Security mode 4, level 2	[1] 5.2	C.4	[3] GAP 2/7c
10	128-bit encryption key size capable (BR/EDR)	[1] 5.2	C.4	[3] GAP 2/13
11	Derivation of BR/EDR Link Key from LE LTK	[1] 5.2	C.8	[3] GAP 41/2a
12	Minimum 128 Bit entropy key (LE)	[1] 5.1	C.2	[3] GAP 25/13 OR GAP 35/13
13	BR/EDR Secure Connections	[1] 5.2	C.8	N/A
14	LE Secure Connections	[1] 5.1	C.7	[3] GAP 27b/5 OR GAP 37b/5
15	Out of Band (LE)	[1] 5.1	C.7	[3] GAP 27b/9 OR GAP 37b/9
16	Out-of-Band (BR/EDR)	[1] 5.2	C.8	[3] GAP 2/14
17	LE Extended Advertising	[1] 6.1.1.1	C.10	[3] GAP 20/8

C.1: Optional IF VCP 2/1 "Profile supported over BR/EDR", otherwise not defined.

C.2: Mandatory IF VCP 2/2 "Profile supported over LE", otherwise not defined.

C.3: Optional IF VCP 2/2 "Profile supported over LE", otherwise not defined.

C.4: Mandatory IF VCP 2/1 "Profile supported over BR/EDR", otherwise not defined.

C.5–C.6: No longer used.

C.7: Mandatory to support at least one IF VCP 2/2 "Profile supported over LE", otherwise not defined.

C.8: Mandatory to support at least one IF VCP 2/1 "Profile supported over BR/EDR", otherwise not defined.

C.9: Mandatory to support at least one IF VCP 2/2 "Profile supported over LE", otherwise not defined.

C.10: Mandatory IF VCP 18/1b "Peripheral", otherwise not defined.

3 References

- [1] Volume Control Profile Specification, Version 1.0
- [2] ICS Proforma for Generic Attribute Profile (GATT)
- [3] ICS Proforma for Generic Access Profile (GAP)
- [4] ICS Proforma for Volume Offset Control Service (VOCS)
- [5] ICS Proforma for Audio Input Control Service (AICS)
- [6] ICS Proforma for Volume Control Service (VCS)

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6	p6	2026-02-17	Approved by BTI on 2026-01-26. Prepared for TCRL pkg102 publication.
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