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Wireless Smart Ubiquitous Network (Wi-SUN) is the leading IPv6 sub-GHz mesh technology for smart city and smart utility applications. Wi-SUN brings Smart Ubiquitous Networks to service providers, utilities, municipalities/local government, and other enterprises, by enabling interoperable, multi-service, and secure wireless mesh networks. Wi-SUN can be used for large-scale outdoor IoT wireless communication networks in a wide range of applications covering both line-powered and battery-powered nodes.

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These release notes cover SDK versions:

- 1.7.1.0 released October 9, 2023
- 1.7.0.0 released July 26, 2023
- 1.6.0.0 released June 7, 2023



KEY FEATURES

Wi-SUN Stack

- EFR32FG28 support
- Connection time improvements
- LFN support improvements

Wi-SUN Applications

- Firmware over-the-air update
- Wi-SUN configurator update

Compatibility and Use Notices

For information about security updates and notices, see the Security chapter of the Gecko Platform Release notes installed with this SDK or on the TECH DOCS tab on <https://www.silabs.com/developers/wi-sun-protocol-stack>. Silicon Labs also strongly recommends that you subscribe to Security Advisories for up-to-date information. For instructions, or if you are new to the Silicon Labs Wi-SUN SDK, see [Using This Release](#).

Compatible Compilers:

IAR Embedded Workbench for ARM (IAR-EWARM) version 9.20.4

- Using wine to build with the IarBuild.exe command line utility or IAR Embedded Workbench GUI on macOS or Linux could result in incorrect files being used due to collisions in wine's hashing algorithm for generating short file names.
- Customers on macOS or Linux are advised not to build with IAR outside of Simplicity Studio. Customers who do should carefully verify that the correct files are being used.

GCC (The GNU Compiler Collection) version 10.3-2021.10, provided with Simplicity Studio.

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1 Wi-SUN Stack

1.1 New Items

Added in release 1.7.0.0

- LFN devices are now able to enter in Energy Mode 2 (EM2) if the application allows it. For more information about the power management and the different energy modes, refer to the Power Manager section of the Gecko Platform documentation on docs.silabs.com.
- Added support for PAN-Wide IE
- Adapted EDFE support for FAN 1.1.
- Adapted MPL support for FAN 1.1.

Added in release 1.6.0.0

- Added a new API `sl_wisun_set_lfn_parameters()` that configures all the LFN-specific settings.
- Added a new API `sl_wisun_set_lfn_support()` that sets the maximum number of LFNs that can be connected to a single FFN.
- Added a new API `sl_wisun_set_mode_switch()` that supersedes `sl_wisun_set_mode_switch()`. The old API is still available but it is recommended to move to the more recent one.
- Add a new API `sl_wisun_set_pti_state()` that enable the Packet Trace Interface (PTI). For more information about the PTI in the context of Wi-SUN, refer to Wi-SUN's Getting Started section on docs.silabs.com.
- Implemented LFN LGTK rotation
- Added support for a non-standard OFDM 64QAM PHY.
- Added support for EFR32FG28

1.2 Improvements

Changed in release 1.7.0.0

- Major refactoring of the stack internal timekeeping. It used to be based on a global periodic tick timer relying on a very short expiration period. That tick timer was preventing sleepy devices to remain in EM2 for a long period.

Changed in release 1.6.0.0

- Optimized the reconnection of routers to an existing network: if configured to do so, the routers will now try to skip the scanning and authenticated step of the joining procedure.

1.3 Fixed Issues

Fixed in release 1.7.1.0

ID #	Description
1182990	Fixed an issue causing LFN LGTK and frame counter recovery from NVM after a reboot to be skipped.
1183817 1184251	Fixed an invalid memory access when receiving a multicast packet with a full neighbor table.
1192678	Fixed LFN parent timeout. It was still partially relying on the FFN timeout mechanism.
1192678	Fixed LFN address renewal.
1199459 1182571	Fixed an invalid memory access in the RCP. It could either trigger an assert "ref_counter <= 0" or call free() on an invalid memory section.
1187522	Fixed an issue causing a mis-calculation of the ETX.

ID #	Description
1171702	Fixed an issue causing an invalid memory access when starting the SoC border router with an invalid PHY configuration
1169705	Added missing Node Role KDE. Routers not supporting LFN parenting were missing the information element and were considered as FAN1.0 devices by Silicon Labs border routers.
1182342	Fixed an interoperability issue when using JP regulatory domain.
1182584	Fixed a race between FHSS and ND causing an invalid memory access when disconnecting itself or an LFN child.
1183110	Fixed FFN LGTK acquisition. FFN were performing a full 4-way handshake instead of a shorter 2-way handshake.
1185038	Fixed an issue causing DHCP lease renewal to happen too often.
1194089	Fixed an issue causing an invalid memory access when starting the stack without any certificate.

Fixed in release 1.7.0.0

ID #	Description
1146094	Frame counters were not increased on retries.
1112287	Fixed an issue causing UDP packets to be silently dropped. This was caused by an inappropriate management of fragmented packets.
1116119	Fixed an issue causing a suitable neighbor to be refused as a potential parent. Data packets missing a US-IE were refused when they should have been accepted. The stack was not keeping track of the US-IE received during the authentication process. This was causing interoperability issues with Nissin System routers.
1157424	Fixed an improper stack initialization when used outside of a project generated with SLC.
1151086	Fixed an issue causing a memory corruption when disconnecting LFN.

Fixed in release 1.6.0.0

ID #	Description
1120635	Fixed an issue that could cause acknowledges to be sent to the wrong channel.
1113773 1130990	Fixed several issues that could cause an assert after a call to <code>sl_wisun_disconnect()</code> .
1110318	Fixed an issue that could cause a mutex to be kept for an undefined period of time. It was causing devices to be indefinitely stalled.

1.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

Issues in bold were added since the previous release.

ID #	Description	Workaround
1119464	Packets sent when FSK FEC is enabled can infringe ARIB regulation.	Until this problem has been addressed correctly, the stack will refuse to start if both ARIB enforcement and FEC are enabled.
1067978	Packets sent using a PHY with a bandwidth larger than the base PHY's bandwidth can infringe ARIB regulation.	Limit the communications when using mode switch with ARIB enforcement enabled
1176014	FG25 asserts with a RAIL_ASSERT_FAILED_RTCC_SYNC_STALE_DATA error code when entering EM2	Do not allow the power manager to go to EM2 by adding a requirement on EM1 in the application.

1.5 Deprecated Items

None

1.6 Removed Items

None

2 Wi-SUN Applications

2.1 New Items

Added in release 1.6.0.0

- Wi-SUN DFU
 - FTP/TFTP
 - CoAP status notification service
 - Gecko bootloader
- Settings for LFN devices
- Collectors pull LFN Meters data based on a configurable schedule

2.2 Improvements

Changed in release 1.6.0.0

- Network Analyzer: SUN OFDM Support
- Wi-SUN Configurator
 - LFN support
 - Certification generation
- CLI can be turned ON/OFF completely
- Socket handler refactor
- Memory Optimization
- Aligned the router's and border router's CLI commands

2.3 Fixed Issues

Fixed in release 1.7.1.0

ID #	Description
1148156	Removed the device_type setting from the SoC Border Router application. It can only be started as a border router.

Fixed in release 1.6.0.0

ID #	Description
1106878	Applications override ping task stack size.
1106861	Race condition in recvfrom().
1099841	Stack overflow in Ping component.
1134408	Event flag handling for FreeRTOS.
1099260	Wi-SUN - SoC Empty + app_core + app_setting – connection failed status:35.
1093538	Collector (COaP) and Ping App freezes after <wisun join_fan10> command.
1102557	Border Router CLI: Fixed an issue causing an assert after an invalid PHY configuration.
1134137	Border Router RCP: Fixed an issue causing an assert when receiving large messages from the Linux host.

2.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

Issues in bold were added since the previous release.

ID #	Description	Workaround
1067236	The border router RCP SPI interface is unstable when used with a throughput higher than 1 Mbytes/s	The use of border router RCP SPI interface is not recommended for the time being.
	Simplicity Studio – Network Analyzer: • Wi-SUN Encrypted Packets are not supported • Undecoded frames (only after Ack) according to PTI issues on Series 2	

2.5 Deprecated Items

None

2.6 Removed Items

None

3 Using This Release

This release contains the following

- Wi-SUN stack library
- Wi-SUN sample applications
- Wi-SUN border router pre-compiled demos
- Documentation

If you are a first time user, see <https://docs.silabs.com/wisun/latest/wisun-getting-started-overview/>

3.1 Installation and Use

The Wi-SUN SDK is provided as part of the Gecko SDK (GSDK), the suite of Silicon Labs SDKs. To quickly get started with the GSDK, install [Simplicity Studio 5](#), which will set up your development environment and walk you through GSDK installation. Simplicity Studio 5 includes everything needed for IoT product development with Silicon Labs devices, including a resource and project launcher, software configuration tools, full IDE with GNU toolchain, and analysis tools. Installation instructions are provided in the online [Simplicity Studio 5 User's Guide](#).

Alternatively, Gecko SDK may be installed manually by downloading or cloning the latest from GitHub. See https://github.com/SiliconLabs/gecko_sdk for more information.

Simplicity Studio installs the GSDK by default in:

- (Windows): C:\Users\<NAME>\SimplicityStudio\SDKs\gecko_sdk
- (MacOS): /Users/<NAME>/SimplicityStudio/SDKs/gecko_sdk

Documentation specific to the SDK version is installed with the SDK.

3.2 Security Information

Secure Vault Integration

This version of the stack does not integrate Secure Vault Key Management.

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Development Kit customers are eligible for training and technical support. Contact Silicon Laboratories support at <http://www.silabs.com/support>.

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