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1 Introduction

Quectel LTE Standard EC200M-CN, EC200N-CN, EC800M-CN and EC800N-CN modules support SSL function.

SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) is a networking protocol designed for securing connections between web clients and web servers over an insecure network, such as the Internet.

The SSL function is to ensure the privacy of communication. In some cases, the communication between the server and the client should be encrypted to prevent eavesdropping, tampering or forging.

1.1. Applicable Modules

Table 1: Applicable Modules

| Module Family | Module |
|---------------|-----------|
| EC200x | EC200M-CN |
| | EC200N-CN |
| EC800x | EC800M-CN |
| | EC800N-CN |

1.2. SSL Version and Cipher Suite

The following SSL versions are supported.

Table 2: Supported SSL Versions

| SSL Version |
|-------------|
| SSL 3.0 |
| TLS 1.2 |
| TLS 1.1 |
| TLS 1.0 |

SSL cipher suites supported by LTE Standard EC200M-CN, EC200N-CN, EC800M-CN and EC800N-CN modules are presented in the table below, and all the SSL cipher suites are supported by default. For a detailed description of cipher suites, see *RFC 2246-The TLS Protocol Version 1.0*.

Table 3: Supported SSL Cipher Suites

| Cipher Suite Code | Cipher Suite Name |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 0X0035 | TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA |
| 0X002F | TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA |
| 0X0005 | TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA |
| 0X0004 | TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5 |
| 0X000A | TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA |
| 0X003D | TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256 |
| 0XC002 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA |
| 0XC003 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC004 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC005 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC007 | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA |

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| 0XC008 | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC009 | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC00A | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC011 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA |
| 0XC012 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC013 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC014 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA |
| 0xC00C | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA |
| 0XC00D | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC00E | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC00F | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC023 | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 |
| 0xC024 | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 |
| 0xC025 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 |
| 0xC026 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 |
| 0XC027 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 |
| 0XC028 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 |
| 0xC029 | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 |
| 0XC02A | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 |
| 0XC02F | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 |
| 0XC030 | MBEDTLS_TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 |
| 0XFFFF | Support all cipher suites above |

1.3. Using SSL Function

Step 1: Configure **<APN>**, **<username>**, **<password>** and other parameters of a PDP context with **AT+QICSGP**. See *document [1]* for detailed information.

Step 2: Activate the PDP context with **AT+QIACT**, then the assigned IP address can be queried with **AT+QIACT?**. See *document [1]* for detailed information.

Step 3: Configure the SSL version, cipher suite, trusted CA certificate path, client certificate path and private key, etc. for the specified SSL context with **AT+QSSLCFG**.

Step 4: Open an SSL socket to connect to a remote server with **AT+QSSLOPEN**. **<SSL_ctxID>** is used to specify SSL context, and **<access_mode>** is used to specify data access mode.

Step 5: After the SSL connection has been established, data will be sent or received via the connection. For detailed information about how to send and receive data in each access mode, see **Chapter 1.4**.

Step 6: Close SSL connection with **AT+QSSLCLOSE**.

Step 7: Deactivate the PDP context with **AT+QIDEACT**. See *document [1]* for detailed information.

1.4. Description of Data Access Modes

The SSL connection supports three data access modes:

- Buffer access mode
- Direct push mode
- Transparent transmission mode

When opening an SSL connection via **AT+QSSLOPEN**, the data access mode can be specified with **<access_mode>**. After the SSL connection has been established, **AT+QISWTMD** can be used to switch the data access mode. See *document [1]* for detailed information about **AT+QISWTMD**.

1. In buffer access mode, data can be sent via **AT+QSSLSEND**. If the module has received data from the Internet, it will buffer the data and report a URC **+QSSLURC: "recv",<clientID>** to notify the host of the incoming data. In this case, the host can retrieve the buffered data with **AT+QSSLRECV**.
2. In direct push mode, the module outputs the received data directly through a URC in the format of **+QSSLURC: "recv",<clientID>,<currentrecvlength><CR><LF><data>**.

3. In transparent transmission mode, the corresponding COM port is exclusively used for sending/receiving data directly to/from the Internet. It cannot be used for other purposes such as running AT commands, etc.

- **Exit transparent transmission mode**

To make the module exit transparent transmission mode either:

- 1) Execute **+++**. To prevent the **+++** from being misinterpreted as data, follow the requirements below:
 - a) Do not input any other character at least 1 second before and after inputting **+++**.
 - b) Input **+++** within 1 second, and wait until **OK** is returned. After **OK** is returned, the module switches to buffer access mode.

OR

- 2) Change DTR from LOW to HIGH to make the module enter command mode (the COM port can now be used for running AT commands, as well as for sending/retrieving data). In this case, set **AT&D1** (see *document [3]*) before the module enters transparent transmission mode.

- **Return to transparent transmission mode**

To return to transparent transmission mode either:

- 1) Execute **AT+QISWTMD**. Before execution specify the **<access_mode>** as 2. Once transparent transmission mode is entered successfully, **CONNECT** is returned.

OR

- 2) Execute **ATO**. After a connection exits transparent transmission mode, executing **ATO** switches the data access mode back to transparent transmission mode. Once transparent transmission mode is entered successfully, **CONNECT** is returned. If no connection has entered transparent transmission mode, **ATO** returns **NO CARRIER**. See *document [3]* for detailed information about **ATO**.

1.5. Certificate Validity Check

To check certificate validity, the certificate must be parsed, and the local time compared with the “Not before” and “Not after” of the certificate. If the local time is earlier than the time of “Not before” or later than the time of “Not after”, the certificate will be considered expired.

When validity check of certificate is required (set **<ignore_ltime>** as 0 when executing **AT+QSSLCFG**), to avoid certificate validity check failure, execute **AT+CCLK** to configure module time within the certificate validity period. See *document [3]* for detailed information about **AT+CCLK**.

1.6. Server Name Indication

SNI (Server Name Indication) allows the server to safely host multiple TLS Certificates since it provides Server Host Name information as an extension in the client hello message. It thus enhances connection security with multiple virtual servers based on a single IP address. This feature is only applicable to TLS protocol.

2 Description of SSL AT Commands

2.1. AT Command Introduction

2.1.1. Definitions

- **<CR>** Carriage return character.
- **<LF>** Line feed character.
- **<...>** Parameter name. Angle brackets do not appear on the command line.
- **[...]** Optional parameter of a command or an optional part of TA information response. Square brackets do not appear on the command line. When an optional parameter is not given in a command, the new value equals its previous value or the default settings, unless otherwise specified.
- **Underline** Default setting of a parameter.

2.1.2. AT Command Syntax

All command lines must start with **AT** or **at** and end with **<CR>**. Information responses and result codes always start and end with a carriage return character and a line feed character: **<CR><LF><response><CR><LF>**. In tables presenting commands and responses throughout this document, only the commands and responses are presented, and **<CR>** and **<LF>** are deliberately omitted.

Table 4: Types of AT Commands

| Command Type | Syntax | Description |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Test Command | AT+<cmd>=? | Test the existence of the corresponding command and return information about the type, value, or range of its parameter. |
| Read Command | AT+<cmd>? | Check the current parameter value of the corresponding command. |
| Write Command | AT+<cmd>=<p1>[,<p2>[,<p3>[...]]] | Set user-definable parameter value. |
| Execution Command | AT+<cmd> | Return a specific information parameter or perform a specific action. |

2.1.3. Declaration of AT Command Examples

The AT command examples in this document are provided to help you familiarize with AT commands and learn how to use them. The examples, however, should not be taken as Quectel’s recommendation or suggestions about how you should design a program flow or what status you should set the module into. Sometimes multiple examples may be provided for one AT command. However, this does not mean that there exists a correlation among these examples and that they should be executed in a given sequence.

2.2. Description of AT Commands

2.2.1. AT+QSSLCFG Configure Parameters of an SSL Context

The command configures the SSL version, cipher suite, security level, CA certificate, client certificate and client key etc. for the specified SSL context. These parameters will be used in the handshake procedure.

<SSL_ctxID> is the index of the SSL context. The module supports 6 SSL contexts at most. Several SSL connections can be established based on one SSL context.

The settings such as the SSL version and the cipher suite are stored in the SSL context, and they will be applied to the new SSL connections associated with the SSL context.

| AT+QSSLCFG Configure Parameters of an SSL Context | |
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| Test Command AT+QSSLCF=? | Response +QSSLCFG: "sslversion", (range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s), (range of supported <SSL_version>s) +QSSLCFG: "ciphersuite", (range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s), (list of supported <cipher_suites>s) +QSSLCFG: "cacert", (range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s), <cacertpath> +QSSLCFG: "cacertex", (range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s), <cacertpath> +QSSLCFG: "clientcert", (range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s), <client_cert_path> +QSSLCFG: "clientkey", (range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s), <client_key_path> +QSSLCFG: "secllevel", (range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s), (range of supported <secllevel>s) +QSSLCFG: "ignorelocaltime", (range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s), (list of supported <ignore_ltime>s) +QSSLCFG: "negotiatetime", (range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s), (range of supported <negotiate_time>s) +QSSLCFG: "sni", (range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s), (list of |

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| | <p>supported <SNI>s) +QSSLCFG: "closetimemode",(range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s),(list of supported <close_time_mode>s) +QSSLCFG: "ignoremulticertchainverify",(range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s),(list of supported <ignore_multicertchain_verify>s) +QSSLCFG: "ignoreinvalidcertsign",(range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s),(list of supported <ignore_invalid_certsign>s) +QSSLCFG: "session_cache",(range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s),(list of supported <session_cache_enable>s)</p> <p>OK</p> |
| <p>Write Command Query/set the SSL version for the specified SSL context: AT+QSSLCFG="sslversion",<SSL_ctxID>[,<SSL_version>]</p> | <p>Response If the optional parameter is omitted, query the SSL version for the specified SSL context: +QSSLCFG: "sslversion",<SSL_ctxID>,<SSL_version></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, set the SSL version for the specified SSL context: OK Or ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command Query/set the SSL cipher suites for the specified SSL context: AT+QSSLCFG="ciphersuite",<SSL_ctxID>[,<cipher_suites>]</p> | <p>Response If the optional parameter is omitted, query the SSL cipher suites for the specified SSL context: +QSSLCFG: "ciphersuite",<SSL_ctxID>,<cipher_suites></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, set the SSL cipher suites for the specified SSL context: OK Or ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command Query/set the path of trusted CA certificate for the specified SSL context: AT+QSSLCFG="cacert",<SSL_ctxID>[,<cacertpath>]</p> | <p>Response If the optional parameter is omitted, query the path of trusted CA certificate for the specified SSL context: +QSSLCFG: "cacert",<SSL_ctxID>,<cacertpath></p> <p>OK</p> |

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| | <p>If the optional parameter is specified, set the path of trusted CA certificate for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Or</p> <p>ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command</p> <p>Query/set the path of trusted CA certificate for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG="cacertex",<SSL_ctxID>[,<cacertpath>]</p> | <p>Response</p> <p>If all optional parameters are omitted, query the path of trusted CA certificate for all SSL contexts:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: "cacertex",0,<cacertpath></p> <p>...</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: "cacertex",5,<cacertpath></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If only <cacertpath> is omitted, query the path of trusted CA certificate for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: "cacertex",<SSL_ctxID>,<cacertpath></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If all optional parameters are specified, set the path of trusted CA certificate for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Or</p> <p>ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command</p> <p>Query/set the path of client certificate for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG="clientcert",<SSL_ctxID>[,<client_cert_path>]</p> | <p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query the path of client certificate for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: "clientcert",<SSL_ctxID>,<client_cert_path></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, set the path of client certificate for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Or</p> <p>ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command</p> <p>Query/set the path of client private key for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG="clientkey",<SSL_ctxID>[,<client_key_path>]</p> | <p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query the path of client private key for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: "clientkey",<SSL_ctxID>,<client_key_path></p> <p>OK</p> |

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| | <p>If the optional parameter is specified, set the path of client private key for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Or</p> <p>ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command</p> <p>Query/set the authentication mode for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG="seclevel",<SSL_ctxID>[,<seclevel>]</p> | <p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query the authentication mode for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: "seclevel",<SSL_ctxID>,<seclevel></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, set the authentication mode for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Or</p> <p>ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command</p> <p>Query/set whether to ignore certificate validity check for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG="ignorelocaltime",<SSL_ctxID>[,<ignore_ltime>]</p> | <p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query whether the certificate validity check is ignored for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: "ignorelocaltime",<SSL_ctxID>,<ignore_ltime></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, set whether or not to ignore certificate validity check for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Or</p> <p>ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command</p> <p>Query/set the maximum timeout of SSL negotiation for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG="negotiatetime",<SSL_ctxID>[,<negotiate_time>]</p> | <p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query the maximum timeout of SSL negotiation for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: "negotiatetime",<SSL_ctxID>,<negotiate_time></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, set the maximum timeout of SSL negotiation for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Or</p> |

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| | <p>ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command Query/enable/disable Server Name Indication feature for the specified SSL context: AT+QSSLCFG="sni",<SSL_ctxID>[,<SNI>]</p> | <p>Response If the optional parameter is omitted, query whether the Server Name Indication feature is enabled for the specified SSL context: +QSSLCFG: "sni",<SSL_ctxID>,<SNI></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, disable/enable Server Name Indication feature for the specified SSL context: OK Or ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command Query/enable/disable the SSL close linger time for the specified SSL context: AT+QSSLCFG="closetimemode",<SSL_ctxID>[,<close_time_mode>]</p> | <p>Response If the optional parameter is omitted, query whether the close linger time is enabled for the specified SSL context: +QSSLCFG: "closetimemode",<SSL_ctxID>,<close_time_mode></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, enable/disable the SSL close linger time for the specified SSL context: OK Or ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command Query/set whether to ignore multiple level certificate chain verification for the specified SSL context: AT+QSSLCFG="ignoremulticertchainverify",<SSL_ctxID>[,<ignore_multicertchain_verify>]</p> | <p>Response If the optional parameter is omitted, query whether the multiple level certificate chain verification is ignored for the specified SSL context: +QSSLCFG: "ignoremulticertchainverify",<SSL_ctxID>,<ignore_multicertchain_verify></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, set whether or not to ignore multiple level certificate chain verification for the specified SSL context: OK Or ERROR</p> |

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| <p>Write Command</p> <p>Query/set whether to ignore the invalid certificate signature for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG="ignoreinvalidcertsign",<SSL_ctxID>[,<ignore_invalid_certsign>]</p> | <p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query whether the invalid certificate signature is ignored for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: "ignoreinvalidcertsign",<SSL_ctxID>,<ignore_invalid_certsign></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, set whether or not to ignore the invalid certificate signature for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Or</p> <p>ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command</p> <p>Query/enable/disable SSL session resumption function for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG="session_cache",<SSL_ctxID>[,<session_cache_enable>]</p> | <p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query whether the SSL session resumption function is enabled for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: "session_cache",<SSL_ctxID>,<session_cache_enable></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, enable/disable the SSL session resumption function:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>Or</p> <p>ERROR</p> |
| <p>Maximum Response Time</p> | <p>300 ms</p> |
| <p>Characteristics</p> | <p>This command takes effect immediately. The configurations will not be saved.</p> |

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| <p><SSL_ctxID></p> | <p>Integer type. SSL context ID. Range: 0–5.</p> |
| <p><SSL_version></p> | <p>Integer type. SSL version.</p> |
| <p>0</p> | <p>SSL 3.0</p> |
| <p>1</p> | <p>TLS 1.0</p> |
| <p>2</p> | <p>TLS 1.1</p> |
| <p>3</p> | <p>TLS 1.2</p> |
| <p>4</p> | <p>All</p> |
| <p><cipher_suites></p> | <p>Numeric type in HEX format. SSL cipher suites.</p> |
| <p>0X0035</p> | <p>TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA</p> |

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 0X002F | TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA |
| 0X0005 | TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA |
| 0X0004 | TLS_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5 |
| 0X000A | TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA |
| 0X003D | TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256 |
| 0XC002 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA |
| 0XC003 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC004 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC005 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC007 | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA |
| 0XC008 | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC009 | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC00A | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC011 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA |
| 0XC012 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC013 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC014 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA |
| 0xC00C | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA |
| 0XC00D | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC00E | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC00F | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA |
| 0XC023 | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 |
| 0xC024 | TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 |
| 0xC025 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 |
| 0xC026 | TLS_ECDH_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 |
| 0XC027 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 |
| 0XC028 | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 |
| 0xC029 | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 |
| 0XC02A | TLS_ECDH_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 |
| 0XC02F | TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 |
| 0xC030 | MBEDTLS_TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 |
| <u>0XFFFF</u> | Support all cipher suites |
| <cacertpath> | String type. Path of the trusted CA certificate. |
| <client_cert_path> | String type. Path of the client certificate. |
| <client_key_path> | String type. Path of the client private key. |
| <seclevel> | Integer type. Authentication mode. |
| 0 | No authentication |
| 1 | Perform server authentication |
| 2 | Perform server and client authentication if requested by the remote server |
| <ignore_ltime> | Integer type. Indicates whether or not to ignore certificate validity check. |
| 0 | Do not ignore |
| 1 | Ignore |

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <negotiate_time> | Integer type. Indicates maximum timeout used in SSL negotiation stage. Range: 10–300. Default value: 300. Unit: second. |
| <SNI> | Integer type. Disable/enable Server Name Indication feature. 0 Disable 1 Enable |
| <close_time_mode> | Integer type. Enable/disable the SSL close linger time. 0 Disable, and the unit of SSL close linger time is second 1 Enable, and the unit of SSL close linger time is millisecond |
| <ignore_multicertchain_verify> | Integer type. Indicates whether or not to ignore the multiple level certificate chain verification. 0 Do not ignore 1 Ignore |
| <ignore_invalid_certsign> | Integer type. Indicates whether or not to ignore the invalid certificate signature. 0 Do not ignore 1 Ignore |
| <session_cache_enable> | Integer type. Enable/disable the SSL session resumption function. 0 Disable 1 Enable |

2.2.2. AT+QSSLOPEN Open an SSL Socket to Connect to a Remote Server

The command sets up an SSL connection. During the negotiation between the module and the Internet, parameters configured with **AT+QSSLCFG** will be used in the handshake procedure. After successful handshake with the Internet, the module can send or receive data via this SSL connection. In addition, the module can set up several SSL connections based on one SSL context.

According to steps mentioned in **Chapter 1.2**, execute **AT+QIACT** first to activate the PDP context and then execute **AT+QSSLOPEN**. It is suggested to wait for a specific period of time (refer to the Maximum Response Time below) for **+QSSLOPEN: <clientID>,<err>** URC to be outputted. If the URC is not received during the time, use **AT+QSSLCLOSE** to close the SSL connection.

| AT+QSSLOPEN Open an SSL Socket to Connect to a Remote Server | |
|---|---|
| Test Command AT+QSSLOPEN=? | Response +QSSLOPEN: (range of supported <PDP_ctxID>s),(range of supported <SSL_ctxID>s),(range of supported <clientID>s),<serveraddr>,<server_port>[(range of supported <access_mode>s)] OK |
| Write Command AT+QSSLOPEN=<PDP_ctxID>,<SSL_ctxID>,<clientID>,<serveraddr>,<s | Response If the <access_mode>=2 and the SSL connection is successfully set up: |

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| erver_port>[,<access_mode>] | <p>CONNECT</p> <p>If there is any error: ERROR</p> <p>If the <access_mode>=0/1: OK</p> <p>+QSSLOPEN: <clientID>,<err> <err> is 0 when SSL socket is opened successfully, and <err> is not 0 when opening SSL socket fails.</p> <p>If there is any error: ERROR</p> |
| Maximum Response Time | Maximum network response time 150 s, plus configured time <negotiate_time>. |
| Characteristics | / |

Parameter

| | |
|------------------|---|
| <PDP_ctxID> | Integer type. PDP context ID. Range: 1–15. |
| <SSL_ctxID> | Integer type. SSL context ID. Range: 0–5. |
| <clientID> | Integer type. Socket service index. Range: 0–11. |
| <serveraddr> | String type. Remote server address. |
| <server_port> | Integer type. Listening port of remote server. |
| <access_mode> | Integer type. SSL connection data access mode. 0 Buffer access mode 1 Direct push mode 2 Transparent transmission mode |
| <err> | Integer type. Result code. See Chapter 5 for detailed information. |
| <negotiate_time> | Integer type. Maximum timeout of SSL negotiation. Range: 10–300. Default value: 300. Unit: second. |

2.2.3. AT+QSSSEND Send Data via SSL Connection

After the connection is established, the module can send data through the SSL connection.

| AT+QSSSEND Send Data via SSL Connection | |
|---|---|
| Test Command AT+QSSSEND=? | Response +QSSSEND: (range of supported <clientID>s)[,(range of supported <sendlen>s)] |

| | |
|--|---|
| | OK |
| <p>Write Command Send variable-length data AT+QSSLSSEND=<clientID></p> | <p>Response > After the above response, input the data to be sent. Tap CTRL+Z to send, or tap ESC to cancel the operation.</p> <p>If the connection has been established and sending is successful: SEND OK</p> <p>If connection has been established but buffer is full: SEND FAIL</p> <p>If connection cannot be established, abnormally closed, or the parameter is incorrect: ERROR</p> |
| <p>Write Command Send fixed-length data AT+QSSLSSEND=<clientID>,<sendlen></p> | <p>Response > After the above response, input the data until the data length equals <sendlen>.</p> <p>If connection has been established and sending is successful: SEND OK</p> <p>If connection has been established but buffer is full: SEND FAIL</p> <p>If connection cannot be established, abnormally closed, or the parameter is incorrect: ERROR</p> |
| Maximum Response Time | 300 ms |
| Characteristics | / |

Parameter

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| <clientID> | Integer type. Socket service index. Range: 0–11. |
| <sendlen> | Integer type. Length of data to be sent. Range: 1–1460. Unit: byte. |

NOTE

The data to be sent include fixed-length data and variable-length data, and their maximum length is 1460 bytes.

2.2.4. AT+QSSLRECV Receive Data via SSL Connection

When an SSL connection is opened with **<access_mode>** specified as 0, the module will report URC **+QSSLURC: "recv",<clientID>** when it receives data from the Internet. You can read the data from buffer with **AT+QSSLRECV**.

| AT+QSSLRECV Receive Data via SSL Connection | |
|--|--|
| Test Command AT+QSSLRECV=? | Response +QSSLRECV: (range of supported <clientID> s),(range of supported <readlen> s) OK |
| Write Command AT+QSSLRECV=<clientID>,<readlen> | Response If the specified connection has received data: +QSSLRECV: <have_readlen><CR><LF><data> OK If the buffer is empty: +QSSLRECV: 0 OK If connection cannot be established, abnormally closed, or the parameter is incorrect: ERROR |
| Maximum Response Time | 300 ms |
| Characteristics | / |

Parameter

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <clientID> | Integer type. Socket service index. Range: 0–11. |
| <readlen> | Integer type. Length of data to be retrieved. Range: 0–1500. Unit: byte. Default value: 1500. |
| <have_readlen> | Integer type. Actual data length read with AT+QSSLRECV . Unit: byte. |
| <data> | String type. Actual data read. Unit: byte. |

2.2.5. AT+QSSLCLOSE Close an SSL Connection

The command closes an SSL connection. If all the SSL connections based on the same SSL context are closed, the module will release the SSL context.

| AT+QSSLCLOSE Close an SSL Connection | |
|---|--|
| Test Command AT+QSSLCLOSE=? | Response +QSSLCLOSE: (range of supported <clientID>s),(range of supported <close_timeout>s) OK |
| Write Command AT+QSSLCLOSE=<clientID>[,<close_timeout>] | Response If the SSL connection is successfully closed: OK If there is any error: ERROR |
| Maximum Response Time | Determined by parameter <close_timeout> |
| Characteristics | / |

Parameter

- <clientID> Integer type. Socket service index. Range: 0–11.
- <close_timeout> Integer type. The timeout of executing **AT+QSSLCLOSE**. Range: 0–65535. Default value: 10. Unit: second. 0 means closing immediately.

NOTE

The unit of <close_timeout> depends on the configuration of **AT+QSSLCFG="closetimemode"**, if <close_time_mode>=0, the unit of <close_timeout> is second; if <close_time_mode>=1, the unit of <close_timeout> is millisecond.

2.2.6. AT+QSSLSTATE Query the State of SSL Connection

The command queries the SSL connection state.

| AT+QSSLSTATE Query the State of SSL Connection | |
|---|--|
| Test Command AT+QSSLSTATE=? | Response OK |
| Write Command AT+QSSLSTATE=<clientID> | Response +QSSLSTATE: <clientID>,"SSLClient",<IP_address>,<re |

| | |
|--|--|
| | <p>mote_port>,<local_port>,<socket_state>,<PDP_ctxID>,<serverID>,<access_mode>,<AT_port>,<SSL_ctxID></p> <p>OK</p> |
| <p>Execution Command AT+QSSLSTATE</p> | <p>Response</p> <p>List of (+QSSLSTATE: <clientID>,"SSLClient",<IP_address>,<remote_port>,<local_port>,<socket_state>,<PDP_ctxID>,<serverID>,<access_mode>,<AT_port>,<SSL_ctxID>)</p> <p>OK</p> |
| <p>Maximum Response Time</p> | <p>300 ms</p> |
| <p>Characteristics</p> | <p>/</p> |

Parameter

| | |
|----------------|---|
| <clientID> | Integer type. Socket service index. Range: 0–11. |
| <IP_address> | String type. Remote server address. |
| <remote_port> | Integer type. Remote server port. Range: 0–65535. |
| <local_port> | Integer type. Local port. Range: 0–65535. |
| <socket_state> | Integer type. SSL connection state. 0 "Initial" Connection has not been established 1 "Opening" Client is connecting 2 "Connected" Client connection has been established 4 "Closing" Connection is closing |
| <PDP_ctxID> | Integer type. PDP context ID. Range: 1–15. |
| <serverID> | Integer type. Reserved. |
| <access_mode> | Integer type. SSL connection data access mode. 0 Buffer access mode 1 Direct push mode 2 Transparent transmission mode |
| <AT_port> | String type. COM port of socket service. "usbmodem" USB modem port "usbat" USB AT port "uart1" UART port1 "cmux1" MUX port 1 "cmux2" MUX port 2 "cmux3" MUX port 3 "cmux4" MUX port 4 |
| <SSL_ctxID> | Integer type. SSL context ID. Range: 0–5. |

2.3. Description of URCs

2.3.1. +QSSLURC: "recv" Notify Received Data

The URC notifies the data received from peer in buffer access mode and direct push mode.

| +QSSLURC: "recv" Notify Received Data | |
|---|--|
| +QSSLURC: "recv",<clientID> | The URC of SSL data incoming in buffer access mode. SSL data can be received with AT+QSSLRECV . |
| +QSSLURC: "recv",<clientID>,<current_recvlength><CR><LF><data> | The URC of SSL data incoming in direct push mode. |

Parameter

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <clientID> | Integer type. Socket service index. Range: 0–11. |
| <current_recvlength> | Integer type. Length of actual received data. Unit: byte. |
| <data> | Actual received data. Unit: byte. |

2.3.2. +QSSLURC: "closed" Notify Abnormal Disconnection

The URC notifies that the connection has been disconnected. There can be many reasons for disconnection. For example, the Internet closes the connection or the state of GPRS PDP is deactivated, and the SSL connection state based on the specified socket may be "closing". In such case, **AT+QSSLCLOSE=<clientID>** must be executed to change the SSL connection state to "initial".

| +QSSLURC: "closed" Notify Abnormal Disconnection | |
|---|---|
| +QSSLURC: "closed",<clientID> | The SSL connection based on the specified socket is closed. |

Parameter

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| <clientID> | Integer type. Socket service index. Range: 0–11. |
|-------------------------|--|

3 Examples

3.1. Configure and Activate a PDP Context

3.1.1. Configure a PDP Context

```
AT+QICSGP=1,1,"UNINET","","",1 //Configure PDP context as 1. China Unicom APN: "UNINET".
OK
```

3.1.2. Activate a PDP Context

```
AT+QIACT=1 //Activate PDP context as 1.
OK //Activated successfully.
AT+QIACT? //Query the state of PDP context.
+QIACT: 1,1,1,"10.7.157.1"
OK
```

3.1.3. Deactivate a PDP Context

```
AT+QIDEACT=1 //Deactivate PDP context 1.
OK //Deactivated successfully.
```

3.2. Configure an SSL Context

```
AT+QSSLCFG="sslversion",1,1 //Set SSL context ID as 1 and SSL version as TLS 1.0.
OK
AT+QSSLCFG="ciphersuite",1,0X0035 //Set SSL cipher suites of context ID 1 as
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA.
OK
AT+QSSLCFG="secllevel",1,1 //Set authentication mode of SSL context ID 1 as
server authentication.
OK
```

```
AT+QSSLCFG="cacert",1,"UFS:cacert.pem" //Set the path of trusted CA certificate of SSL context ID 1
                                     as UFS:cacert.pem.
OK
```

3.3. SSL Client in Buffer Access Mode

3.3.1. Set up an SSL Connection and Enter Buffer Access Mode

```
AT+QSSLOPEN=1,1,4,"220.180.239.212",8010,0 //Set up an SSL connection.
OK

+QSSLOPEN: 4,0 //SSL connection has been set up successfully.
AT+QSSLSTATE //Query the state of all SSL connections.
+QSSLSTATE: 4,"SSLClient","220.180.239.212",8010,65344,2,1,4,0,"usbmodem",1

OK
```

3.3.2. Send Data in Buffer Access Mode

3.3.2.1. Send Variable-length Data

```
AT+QSSLSEND=4 //Send variable-length data.
>
Test data from SSL
<CTRL+Z>
SEND OK
```

3.3.2.2. Send Fixed-length Data

```
AT+QSSLSEND=4,18 //Send fixed-length data with the data length of 18 bytes.
>
Test data from SSL
SEND OK
```

3.3.3. Receive Data in Buffer Access Mode

```
+QSSLURC: "recv",4 //The socket 4 (<clientID> = 4) has received data.

AT+QSSLRCV=4,1500 //Read data. The length of data to be read is 1500 bytes.
+QSSLRCV: 18 //The length of actual data read is 18 bytes.
Test data from SSL

OK
AT+QSSLRCV=4,1500
+QSSLRCV: 0 //No data in buffer.

OK
```

3.3.4. Close an SSL Connection

```
AT+QSSLCLOSE=4 //Close an SSL connection (<clientID> = 4). Depending on the
network, the maximum response time is 10 s.

OK
```

3.4. SSL Client in Direct Push Mode

3.4.1. Set up an SSL Connection and Enter Direct Push Mode

```
AT+QSSLOPEN=1,1,4,"220.180.239.212",8011,1 //Set up an SSL connection.
OK

+QSSLOPEN: 4,0 //SSL connection has been set up successfully.
AT+QSSLSTATE //Query the state of all SSL connections.
+QSSLSTATE: 4,"SSLClient","220.180.239.212",8011,65047,2,1,4,1,"usbmodem",1

OK
```

3.4.2. Send Data in Direct Push Mode

```

AT+QSSSEND=4 //Send variable-length data.
>
Test data from SSL
<CTRL+Z>

SEND OK
AT+QSSSEND=4,18 //Send fixed-length data with the data length of 18 bytes.
>
Test data from SSL

SEND OK
    
```

3.4.3. Receive Data in Direct Push Mode

```

+QSSLURC: "recv",4,18
Test data from SSL
    
```

3.4.4. Close an SSL Connection

```

AT+QSSLCLOSE=4 //Close an SSL connection (<clientID> = 4). Depending on the
network, the maximum response time is 10 s.

OK
    
```

3.5. SSL Client in Transparent Transmission Mode

3.5.1. Set up an SSL Connection and Send Data in Transparent Transmission Mode

```

AT+QSSLOPEN= 1,1,4,"220.180.239.212",8011,2 //Set up an SSL connection.
CONNECT //Enter transparent transmission mode.
//Client is sending data from COM port to the Internet directly. (The data
are not visible in the example.)

OK //Use +++ or DTR (set AT&D1 first) to exit transparent transmission
mode. The NO CARRIER result code indicates that the server has
stopped the SSL connection.
    
```


3.5.2. Set up an SSL Connection and Receive Data in Transparent Transmission Mode

```

AT+QSSLOPEN=1,1,4,"220.180.239.212",8011,2 //Set up an SSL connection.
CONNECT //Enter transparent transmission mode.
<Received data> //Client is reading the data.
OK //Use +++ or DTR (execute AT&D1 first) to exit transparent transmission
mode. The NO CARRIER result code indicates that the server has
stopped the SSL connection.
    
```

3.5.3. Close an SSL Connection

```

AT+QSSLCLOSE=4 //Close an SSL connection (<clientID> = 4). Depending on the network,
the maximum response time is 10 s.
OK
    
```

4 Check for Failure in SSL Connection

To identify reasons for the failure to open an SSL connection:

1. Query the status of the specified PDP context with **AT+QIACT?** to check whether the specified PDP context has been activated.
2. Since an invalid DNS server address cannot convert domain name to IP address, if the remote server address is a domain name, check if the DNS server address is valid with **AT+QIDNSCFG=<contextID>**. See *document [1]* for detailed information about **AT+QIDNSCFG**.
3. Check the SSL configuration with **AT+QSSLCFG**, especially the SSL version and cipher suite, to make sure that they are supported on server side. If **<seclevel>** has been configured as 1 or 2, then the trusted CA certificate has to be uploaded to the module with **AT+QFUPL**. If the server side has configured “SSLVerifyClient required”, then the client certificate and client private key have to be uploaded to the module with **AT+QFUPL**. For detailed information about certificate validity check, see *Chapter 1.5*. See *document [2]* for detailed information about **AT+QFUPL**.

5 Result Codes

If an **ERROR** is returned after executing SSL AT commands, the detailed information about errors can be queried with **AT+QIGETERROR**. See *document [1]* for detailed information about **AT+QIGETERROR**.

NOTE

AT+QIGETERROR just returns the result code of the last executed SSL AT command.

Table 5: Result Codes

| <err> | Description |
|-------|--------------------------|
| 0 | Operation successful |
| 550 | Unknown error |
| 551 | Operation blocked |
| 552 | Invalid parameter |
| 553 | Memory not enough |
| 554 | Create socket failed |
| 555 | Operation not supported |
| 556 | Socket bind failed |
| 557 | Socket listen failed |
| 558 | Socket write failed |
| 559 | Socket read failed |
| 560 | Socket accept failed |
| 561 | Open PDP context failed |
| 562 | Close PDP context failed |

| | |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| 563 | Socket identity has been used |
| 564 | DNS busy |
| 565 | DNS parse failed |
| 566 | Socket connection failed |
| 567 | Socket has been closed |
| 568 | Operation busy |
| 569 | Operation timeout |
| 570 | PDP context break down |
| 571 | Cancel send |
| 572 | Operation not allowed |
| 573 | APN not configured |
| 574 | Port busy |

6 Appendix References

Table 6: Related Documents

| Document Name |
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| [1] Quectel_EC200x-CN&EC800x-CN_TCP(IP)_Application_Note |
| [2] Quectel_EC200x-CN&EC800x-CN_FILE_Application_Note |
| [3] Quectel_EC200x-CN&EC800x-CN_AT_Commands_Manual |

Table 7: Terms and Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|---|
| APN | Access Point Name |
| CA | Certificate Authority |
| CR | Carriage Return |
| DNS | Domain Name Server |
| DTR | Data Terminal Ready |
| GPRS | General Packet Radio Service |
| ID | Identifier |
| IP | Internet Protocol |
| LF | Line Feed |
| PDP | Packet Data Protocol |
| SNI | Server Name Indication |
| SSL | Security Socket Layer |
| TCP/IP | Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol |
| TLS | Transport Layer Security |

| | |
|------|---|
| UART | Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter |
| UFS | Universal Flash Storage |
| URC | Unsolicited Result Code |
| USB | Universal Serial Bus |
