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## Preface

This manual provides a single point of reference for information on the IEEE 802.15.4 wireless network protocol stack which can be implemented on the NXP JN516x and JN517x families of wireless microcontrollers. The manual introduces the IEEE 802.15.4 standard (2006) and details the NXP 802.15.4 Stack Application Programming Interface (API) which can be used to design wireless network applications for the JN516x/7x devices.

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## Organisation

This manual is divided into three parts:

- **Part I: Concept and Operational Information** comprises four chapters:
  - **Chapter 1** introduces the IEEE 802.15.4 wireless network protocol, describing the main concepts and features
  - **Chapter 2** introduces the NXP software for implementing wireless networks using the IEEE 802.15.4 protocol
  - **Chapter 3** describes the main operations that may be performed on IEEE 802.15.4 network nodes, with references to the relevant NXP software resources
  - **Chapter 4** provides guidance on IEEE 802.15.4 application development
- **Part II: Reference Information** comprises four chapters:
  - **Chapter 5** details the functions of the NXP 802.15.4 Stack API, as well as the user-defined callback functions that are required
  - **Chapter 6** details the structures of the NXP 802.15.4 Stack API
  - **Chapter 7** lists the enumerations of the NXP 802.15.4 Stack API
  - **Chapter 8** lists and details the PAN Information Base (PIB) attributes
- **Part III: Appendices** contains an appendix describing the optional Application Queue API, which can be used to handle stack and hardware interrupts, and an appendix providing notes on IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security.

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## Conventions

Files, folders, functions and parameter types are represented in **bold** type.

Function parameters are represented in *italics* type.

Code fragments are represented in the `Courier New` typeface.



This is a **Tip**. It indicates useful or practical information.



This is a **Note**. It highlights important additional information.



*This is a **Caution**. It warns of situations that may result in equipment malfunction or damage.*

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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACL	Access Control List
ADC	Analogue-to-Digital Converter
AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
API	Application Programming Interface
ASK	Amplitude Shift Keying
BPSK	Binary Phase-Shift Keying
CAP	Contention Access Period
CCA	Clear Channel Assessment
CFP	Contention Free Period
CPU	Central Processing Unit
CSMA/CA	Carrier Sense Multiple Access/Collision Avoidance
CTS	Clear-To-Send
DAC	Digital-to-Analogue Converter
DIO	Digital Input Output

FFD	Full Function Device
FIFO	First-In, First-Out (queue)
GTS	Guaranteed Time-Slot
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning
LLC	Logical Link Control
LPRF	Low-Power Radio Frequency
MAC	Media Access Control
MIC	Message Integrity Code
O-QPSK	Offset Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
PAN	Personal Area Network
PHY	Physical (layer)
PIB	PAN Information Base
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation
RF	Radio Frequency
RFD	Reduced Function Device
RTS	Ready-To-Send
SDK	Software Developer's Kit
SPI	Serial Peripheral Interface
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter
WPAN	Wireless Personal Area Network

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## Related Documents

### JN516x

- JN-AN-1174 IEEE 802.15.4 Application Template for JN516x
- JN-AN-1180 802.15.4 Home Sensor Demonstration for JN516x
- JN-UG-3098 BeyondStudio for NXP Installation and User Guide
- JN-UG-3087 JN516x Integrated Peripherals API User Guide

### JN517x

- JN-AN-1211\* IEEE 802.15.4 Application Template for JN517x
- JN-UG-3109 JN517x LPCXpresso Installation and User Guide
- JN-UG-3118 JN517x Integrated Peripherals API User Guide

\* JN-AN-1211 is supplied in the JN517x IEEE 802.15.4 SDK (JN-SW-4263)

## **General**

SS95552 IEEE 802.15.4 Standard (2006) [from [www.ieee.com](http://www.ieee.com)]  
JN-UG-3099 JN51xx Production Flash Programmer User Guide  
JN-RM-2003 LPRF Board API Reference Manual

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## **Support Resources**

To access online support resources such as SDKs, Application Notes and User Guides, visit the Wireless Connectivity area of the NXP web site:

[www.nxp.com/products/interface-and-connectivity/wireless-connectivity](http://www.nxp.com/products/interface-and-connectivity/wireless-connectivity)

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## **Chip Compatibility**

The device software described in this manual can be used on the NXP JN516x and JN517x families of wireless microcontrollers. These chip families are often referred to as JN516x/7x devices in this manual.

# Part I: Concept and Operational Information





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# 1. Introduction to IEEE 802.15.4

IEEE 802.15.4 is a wireless network protocol which has become an industry-standard for implementing radio-based Personal Area Networks (PANs). This chapter introduces the essential features of the standard.

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## 1.1 IEEE 802.15.4 Background and Context

This section provides useful background information relating to the rationale behind the IEEE 802.15.4 standard and the main application areas that it benefits.

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### 1.1.1 Motivation for Standard

The 802.15.4 standard was introduced by the IEEE to fill a niche left by the existing wireless network standards, which included:

- IEEE 802.15.1: Bluetooth, which is a relatively low-power, low-rate wireless network technology, intended for point-to-point communications
- IEEE 802.15.3: High-rate WPAN (Wireless Personal Area Network)

High-rate WPAN was driven by applications requiring high data-rates and/or wide spatial coverage, often involving complex solutions with non-trivial power requirements. However, not all applications have such demanding needs - some network applications involve the infrequent exchange of relatively small amounts of data over restricted areas (for example, a home temperature monitoring and control network). Such applications are diverse in nature and represent considerable market potential. Bluetooth was not designed for multiple-node networks, and therefore the IEEE devised a WPAN standard based on a new set of criteria:

- Very low complexity
- Ultra low power consumption
- Low data-rate
- Relatively short radio communication range
- Use of unlicensed radio bands
- Easy installation
- Low cost

The IEEE 802.15.4 standard was born.

A central feature of the standard is the requirement for extremely low power consumption. The motivation for this strict power requirement is to enable the use of battery-powered network devices that are completely free of cabling (no network or power cables), allowing them to be installed easily and cheaply (no costly cable installation needed), possibly in locations where cables would be difficult or impossible to install. However, low power consumption necessitates short ranges.

The NXP implementation of IEEE 802.15.4 is currently based on the 2006 standard.

## 1.1.2 Application Areas

The applications of IEEE 802.15.4-based networks are wide ranging, covering both industrial and domestic use. Essentially, for IEEE 802.15.4 to be used in a networking solution, the required data-rate must be low ( $\leq 250$  kbps) and the maximum range for communicating devices must be short. In addition, a device with an autonomous power supply (no power cables) must have an extremely low power consumption. If these criteria are met, IEEE 802.15.4 may provide the ideal networking solution, particularly when cost and installation are significant issues.

A number of fields of application of IEEE 802.15.4 are described below.

- **Home Automation and Security:** A wireless PAN provides a low-cost solution for electronic control within the home; e.g. HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning), lighting, curtains/blinds, doors, locks, home entertainment systems. Another important application within the home is security - both intruder and fire detection.
- **Consumer products:** Wireless PANs can be built into consumer electronics products. The most obvious example is to provide a common remote control for the various components of a home entertainment system (that may be distributed throughout the home). Other examples are computer systems and toys, in which a wireless radio link may be used to replace a point-to-point cable link (such as between a mouse and a PC).
- **Healthcare:** This field employs sensors and diagnostic devices that can be networked by means of a wireless PAN. Applications include monitoring during healthcare programmes such as fitness training, in addition to medical applications.
- **Vehicle Monitoring:** Vehicles usually contain many sensors and diagnostic devices, and provide ideal applications for wireless PANs. A prime example is the use of pressure sensors in tyres, which cannot be connected by cables.
- **Agriculture:** Wireless PANs can help farmers monitor land and environmental conditions in order to optimise their crop yields. Such networks can operate at very low data-rates and latencies, but require wide geographical coverage - the latter issue is addressed by using network topologies that allow the relaying of messages across the network.

## 1.2 Radio Frequencies and Data Rates

IEEE 802.15.4 was designed to operate in unlicensed radio frequency bands (although regulations normally still apply concerning the RF output envelope and possibly the duty cycle of a device operating in these bands). The unlicensed RF bands are not the same in all territories of the world, but IEEE 802.15.4 employs three possible bands, at least one of which should be available in a given territory. The three bands are centred on the following frequencies: 868, 915 and 2400 MHz.

The 868-MHz and 915-MHz bands are available with different modulation schemes - BPSK, O-QPSK and ASK (the standard scheme is BPSK). These schemes give rise to different data-rates.

The characteristics and geographical applicability of these RF bands are shown in [Table 1](#) below.

RF Band	Frequency Range (MHz)	Channel Numbers	Modulation Schemes	Data-rates (kbps)	Geographical Area
868 MHz	868.3	0 (1 channel)	BPSK O-QPSK ASK	20 100 250	Europe
915 MHz	902-928	1-10 (10 channels)	BPSK O-QPSK ASK	40 250 250	America, Australia
2400 MHz	2405-2480	11-26 (16 channels)	O-QPSK	250	Worldwide

**Table 1: IEEE 802.15.4 RF Bands**

The 868- and 915-MHz frequency bands offer certain advantages such as fewer users, less interference, and less absorption and reflection, but the 2400-MHz band is far more widely adopted for a number of reasons:

- Worldwide availability for unlicensed use
- Highest data-rate (250 kbps) and most channels
- Low power (transmit/receive are on for a short time due to high data-rate)
- RF band more commonly understood and accepted by the marketplace (also used by Bluetooth and the IEEE 802.11 standard)

IEEE 802.15.4 includes energy detection functionality that can be used by higher software layers to avoid interference between radio communications - that is, to select the best frequency channel at initialisation and, where possible, to adapt to a changing RF environment by selecting another channel if the current channel proves problematic.

The range of a radio transmission is dependent on the operating environment; for example, inside or outside. With a standard device (around 0 dBm output power), a range of over 200 metres can typically be achieved in open air (NXP has measured in excess of 450 metres). In a building, this can be reduced due to absorption, reflection, diffraction and standing wave effects caused by walls and other solid objects, but typically a range of 30 metres can be achieved. High-power modules (greater than 15 dBm output power) can achieve a range five times greater than a standard module. In

addition, the range between devices can be extended in an IEEE 802.15.4-based network by employing a topology that uses intermediate nodes as stepping stones when passing data to the destination.

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## 1.3 Achieving Low Power Consumption

An important criterion of the IEEE 802.15.4 standard is the provision for producing autonomous, low-powered devices. Such devices may be battery-powered or solar powered, and require the ability to go to sleep or shut down. There are many wireless applications that require this type of device, from light-switches, active tags and security detectors to solar-powered monitoring.

From a user perspective, battery power has certain advantages:

- **Easy and low-cost installation of devices:** No need to connect to separate power supply
- **Flexible location of devices:** Can be installed in difficult places where there is no power supply, and can even be used as mobile devices
- **Easily modified network:** Devices can easily be added or removed, on a temporary or permanent basis

A typical battery-powered network device presents significant technical challenges for battery usage. Since these devices are generally small, they use low-capacity batteries. Infrequent device maintenance is often another requirement, meaning long periods between battery replacement and the need for long-life batteries. Battery use must therefore be carefully managed to make optimum use of very limited power resources over an extended period of time.

- **Low duty cycle:** Most of the power consumption of a wireless network device corresponds to the times when the device is transmitting. The transmission time as a proportion of the time interval between transmissions is called the duty cycle. Battery use is optimised in IEEE 802.15.4 devices by using extremely low duty cycles, so that the device is transmitting for a very small fraction of the time. This is helped by making the transmission times short and the time interval between transmissions long. In all cases, when not transmitting, the device should revert to a low-power sleep mode to minimise power consumption.
- **Modulation:** The modulation schemes used to transmit data (see [Section 1.2](#)) minimise power consumption by using a peak-to-average power ratio of one.

A network device can also potentially use "energy harvesting" to absorb and store energy from its surroundings - for example, the use of a solar cell panel on a device in a well-lit environment.



**Note:** In practice, not all devices in a network can be battery-powered, particularly those that need to be switched on all the time (and cannot sleep), such as Co-ordinators. Such devices can often be installed in a mains-powered appliance that is permanently connected to the mains supply (even if not switched on); for example, a ceiling lamp or an electric radiator. This avoids the need to install a dedicated mains power connection for the network device.

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## 1.4 Network Topologies

A variety of network topologies are possible with IEEE 802.15.4. A network must consist of a minimum of two devices, of which one device must act as the network co-ordinator, referred to as the PAN Co-ordinator.

The possible network topologies are:

- Star topology
- Tree topology
- Mesh topology

These are described below.



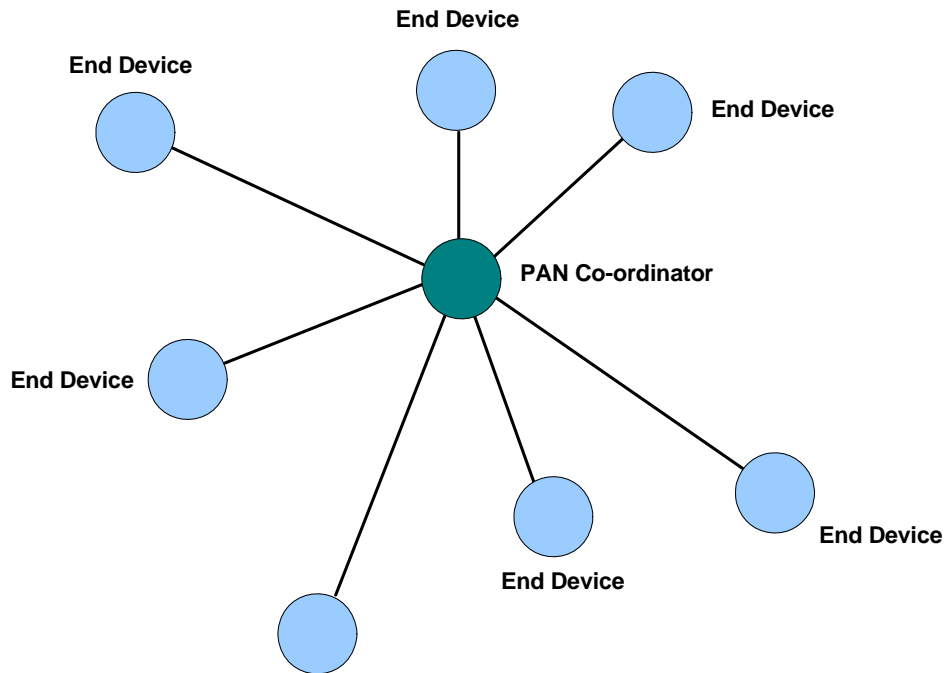
**Note:** The described topologies are not part of the IEEE 802.15.4 standard. In these topologies, message propagation is handled by software above the IEEE 802.15.4 layers, such as ZigBee. The descriptions of topologies (and associated routing) in this manual are therefore included only to illustrate the potential forms of an 802.15.4-based network.

## 1.4.1 Star Topology

The basic type of network topology is the Star topology.

A Star topology consists of a central PAN Co-ordinator surrounded by the other nodes of the network, often referred to as End Devices. Each of these nodes can communicate only with the PAN Co-ordinator. Therefore, to send a message from one node to another, the message must be sent via the Co-ordinator, which relays the message to the destination node. The application program in the Co-ordinator is responsible for relaying messages.

The Star topology is illustrated in [Figure 1](#) below.



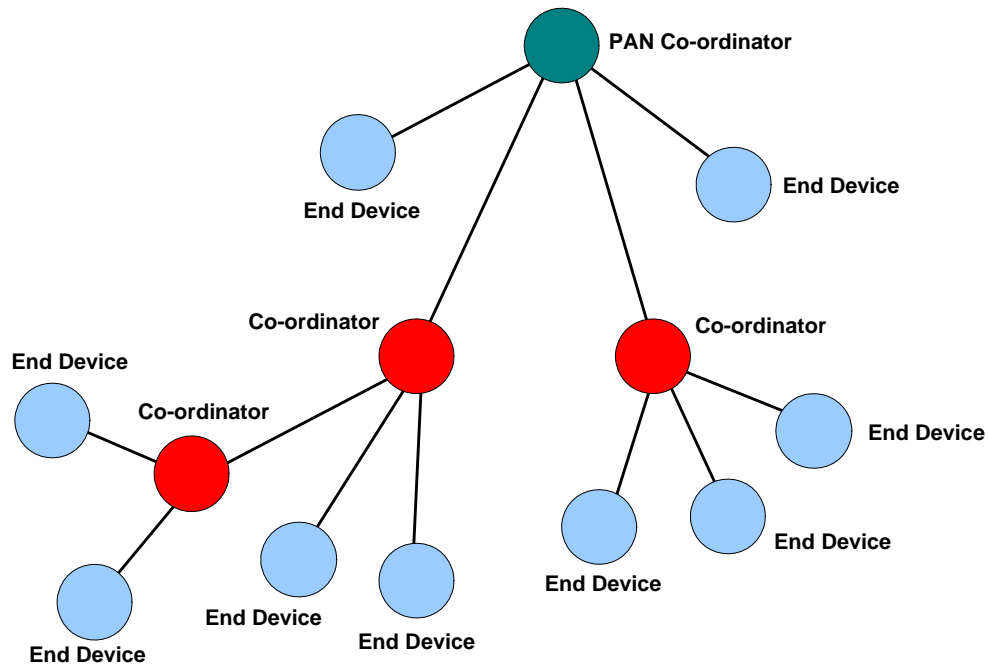
**Figure 1: Star Topology**

A disadvantage of this topology is that there is no alternative route if the RF link fails between the PAN Co-ordinator and the source or target node. In addition, the PAN Co-ordinator can be a bottleneck and cause congestion.

## 1.4.2 Tree Topology

The Tree network topology has a structure based on parent-child relationships. Each node (except the PAN Co-ordinator) has a parent. The node (including the PAN Co-ordinator) may also (but not necessarily) have one or more children. Each node can communicate only with its parent and its children (if any). Any node which is a parent acts as a local Co-ordinator for its children.

The network can be visualised as a tree-like structure with the PAN Co-ordinator at the root (at the top). This is illustrated in [Figure 2](#) below.



**Figure 2: Tree Topology**



**Note:** In other wireless network protocols that use 802.15.4 to transport data (such as ZigBee and JenNet), the local Co-ordinators are called Routers.

A special case of the Tree topology is the Cluster Tree topology, in which a given parent-children group is regarded as a cluster, each with its own cluster ID. This is illustrated in [Figure 3](#) below.

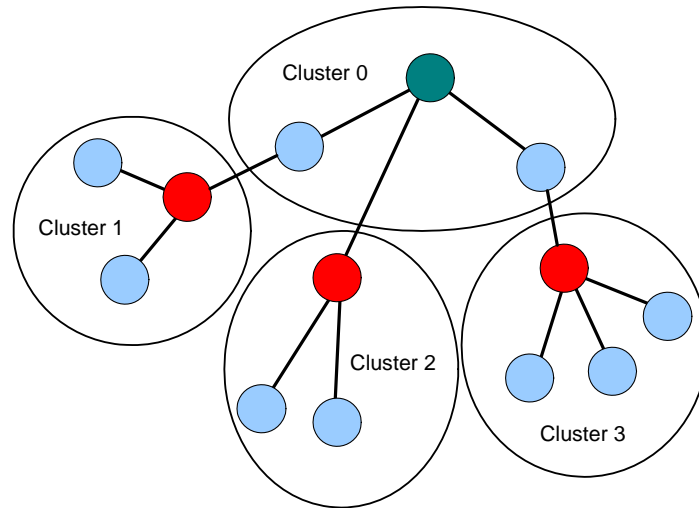


Figure 3: Cluster Tree Topology

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### 1.4.3 Mesh Topology

In the Mesh network topology, the devices can be identical (except one must have the capability to act as the PAN Co-ordinator) and are deployed in an ad hoc arrangement (with no particular network structure). Some (if not all) nodes can communicate directly. Not all nodes may be within range of each other, but a message can be passed from one node to another until it reaches its final destination.

The Mesh topology is illustrated in [Figure 4](#) below.

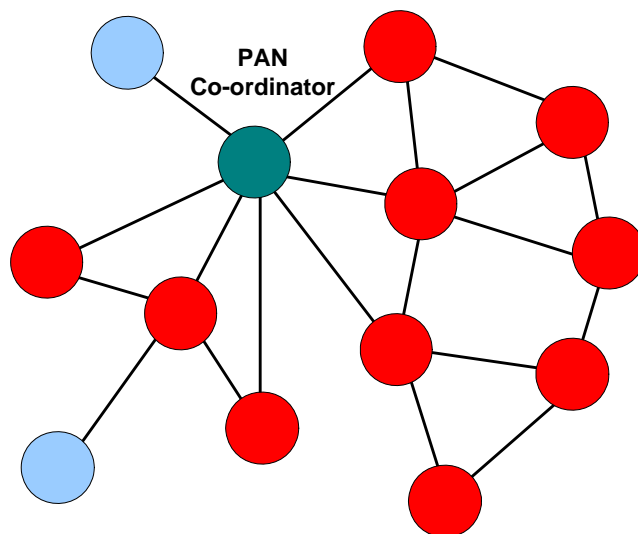


Figure 4: Mesh Topology

Alternative routes may be available to some destinations, allowing message delivery to be maintained in the case of an RF link failure.



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## 1.5 Device Types

The nodes of an IEEE 802.15.4 based network are of the following general types, which depend on their roles in the network:

- **PAN Co-ordinator:** There must be one and only one PAN Co-ordinator. Its roles include:
  - Assigning a PAN ID to the network
  - Finding a suitable radio frequency for network operation
  - Assigning a short address to itself
  - Handling requests from other devices to join the network
  - Relaying messages from one node to another (but not in all topologies)
- **(Local) Co-ordinator:** A Tree network can have one or more local Co-ordinators (as well as a PAN Co-ordinator). Each of these Co-ordinators serves its own children and its roles include:
  - Handling requests from other devices to join the network
  - Relaying messages from one node to another
- **End Device:** This is a node which has an input/output function but no co-ordinating functionality. The term "End Device" is not used in the IEEE 802.15.4 standard, but is commonly used in the field.

The above nodes are of two general device types, which depends on the hardware and/or software contained in the device:

- **Full Function Device (FFD):** An FFD is a device that provides the full set of IEEE 802.15.4 MAC services, allowing it to act as a Co-ordinator, if required.
- **Reduced Function Device (RFD):** An RFD is a device that provides a reduced set of IEEE 802.15.4 MAC services, with restricted processing and memory resources, so it cannot act as a Co-ordinator.

Therefore, a Co-ordinator must be an FFD, but other nodes can be FFDs or RFDs.

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## 1.6 Device Addressing

Each device in an IEEE 802.15.4 network can have two types of address:

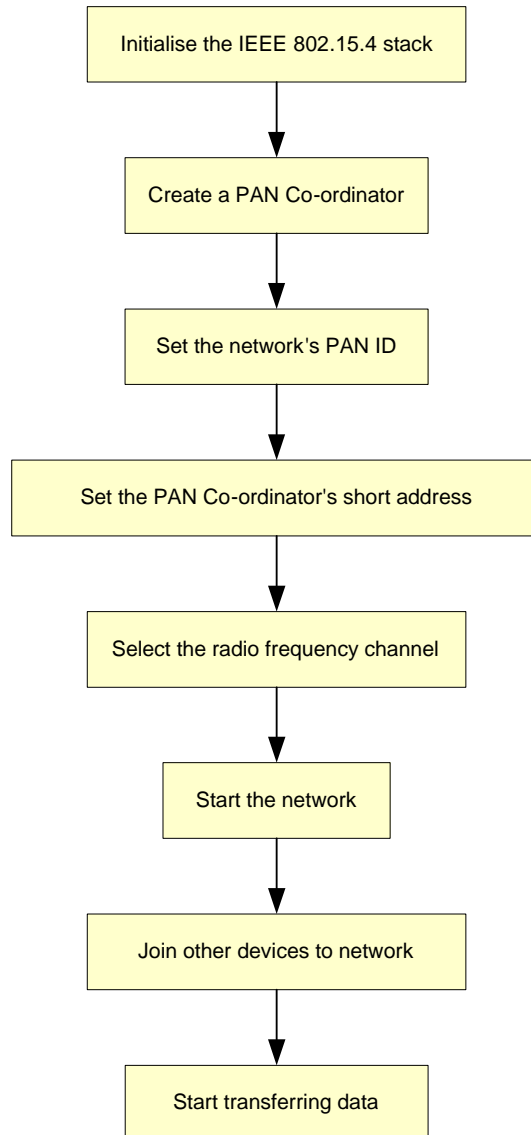
- **IEEE (MAC) address:** This is a 64-bit address, allocated by the IEEE, which uniquely identifies the device - no two devices in the world can have the same IEEE address. It is also sometimes called the extended address.
- **Short address:** This 16-bit address identifies the node in the network and is local to that network (thus, two nodes on separate networks may have the same short address). The short address may be allocated by a Co-ordinator when a node joins a network.

The use of 16-bit short addresses rather than 64-bit IEEE addresses allows shorter packets and therefore optimises use of network bandwidth. A short address may be requested by the device when it joins the network. If a device does not have a short address, it must be addressed using its IEEE address.

## 1.7 Network Set-up

This section outlines the tasks that an application must go through in order to get an IEEE 802.15.4-based network up and running. The assumed topology is a Star network. Note that the application described here is for a non-beacon enabled network only (see [Section 1.12](#)).

The flowchart below provides an overview of the steps in setting up an IEEE 802.15.4-based network.



**Figure 5: Network Set-up Process**

The steps indicated in the above flowchart are expanded on below.



**Note:** The process described here assumes that the device that is to become the PAN Co-ordinator has been pre-determined. The PAN Co-ordinator must be a Full Function Device (FFD).

### Step 1 Initialising the Stack

First of all, the PHY and MAC layers of the IEEE 802.15.4 stack (see [Section 1.9](#)) must be initialised on each device which will form part of the network.

### Step 2 Creating a PAN Co-ordinator

Every network must have one and only one PAN Co-ordinator, and one of the first tasks in setting up a network is to select and initialise this Co-ordinator. This involves activity only on the device nominated as the PAN Co-ordinator.

### Step 3 Selecting the PAN ID and Co-ordinator Short Address

The PAN Co-ordinator must assign a PAN ID to its network. The PAN ID may be pre-determined.



**Note:** The PAN Co-ordinator can choose a PAN ID automatically by 'listening' for other networks and selecting a PAN ID that does not conflict with the IDs of any existing networks that it detects. It can perform this scan for other PAN Co-ordinators over multiple radio frequency channels. Alternatively, a radio frequency channel can be chosen first and the PAN ID then selected according to other PAN IDs detected in this channel - in this case, Step 4 must be performed first.

The PAN Co-ordinator device already has a fixed 64-bit IEEE (MAC) address, sometimes called the 'extended' address, but must also assign itself a local 16-bit network address, usually called the 'short' address. Use of the short address makes communications lighter and more efficient. This address is pre-determined - the PAN Co-ordinator is usually assigned the short address 0x0000.

### Step 4 Selecting a Radio Frequency

The PAN Co-ordinator must select the radio frequency channel in which the network will operate, within the chosen frequency band. The PAN Co-ordinator can select the channel by performing an Energy Detection Scan in which it scans the frequency channels to find a quiet channel. The Co-ordinator can be programmed to only scan specific channels. The Energy Detection Scan returns an energy level for each channel scanned, which indicates the amount of activity on the channel. The application running on the PAN Co-ordinator must then choose a channel using this information.

### Step 5 Starting the Network

The network is started by first completing the configuration of the device which will act as the PAN Co-ordinator and then starting the device in Co-ordinator mode. The PAN Co-ordinator is then open to requests from other devices to join the network.

### Step 6 Joining Devices to the Network

Other devices can now request to join the network. A device wishing to join the network must first be initialised and must then find the PAN Co-ordinator.

To find the PAN Co-ordinator, the device performs an Active Channel Scan in which it sends out beacon requests across the relevant frequency channels. When the PAN Co-ordinator detects the beacon request, it responds with a beacon to indicate its presence to the device.



**Note:** In the case of a beacon enabled network (in which the PAN Co-ordinator sends out periodic beacons), the device can perform a Passive Channel Scan in which the device 'listens' for beacons from the PAN Co-ordinator in the relevant frequency channels.

Once the device has detected the PAN Co-ordinator, it sends an association request to the Co-ordinator, which acknowledges the request. The Co-ordinator then determines whether it has the resources to support the new device and either accepts or rejects the device.

If the PAN Co-ordinator accepts the device, it may assign a 16-bit short address to the device.

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## 1.8 Data Transfer

Once an IEEE 802.15.4 network has been formed with a PAN Co-ordinator and at least one other device, data can be exchanged between its nodes.

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### 1.8.1 Data Frames and Acknowledgements

Communications in an IEEE 802.15.4 network are based on a system of data and MAC command frames, and optional acknowledgements. When a node sends a message to another node, the receiving node can return an acknowledge message - this simply confirms that it has received the original message and does not indicate that any action has been taken as a result of the message. Acknowledgements are provided by the MAC sub-layer (see [Section 1.9.2](#)).

## 1.8.2 Data Transfer Types

The scenarios for transferring data between network nodes are outlined below. The described transfers each deal with sending a data frame between two nodes that are connected via a direct radio link - that is, in a single 'hop'. A data transfer between remote nodes without a direct radio link will require more than one hop.

### 'Co-ordinator to End Device' Transfer

Two methods of data transfer from a Co-ordinator to an End Device are available. In a Star network, these nodes will be the PAN Co-ordinator and an End Device. In a Tree or Mesh network, the nodes may be a PAN or local Co-ordinator and a child End Device.

- **Direct Transmission:** A Co-ordinator sends a data frame directly to an End Device. Once it has received the data, the End Device sends an acknowledgement to the Co-ordinator. In this case, the End Device must always be capable of receiving data and must therefore be permanently active. This approach is employed in the skeleton code described in this document.
- **Indirect Transmission (Polling):** Alternatively, the Co-ordinator holds data until the data is requested by the relevant End Device. In this case, in order to obtain data from the Co-ordinator, an End Device must first poll the Co-ordinator to determine whether any data is available. To do this, the device sends a data request, which the Co-ordinator acknowledges. The Co-ordinator then determines whether it has any data for the requesting device; if it does, it sends a data packet, which the receiving device may acknowledge. This method is useful when the End Device is a low-power device that must sleep for much of the time in order to conserve power.

The above two data transfer methods are illustrated in [Figure 5](#) below.

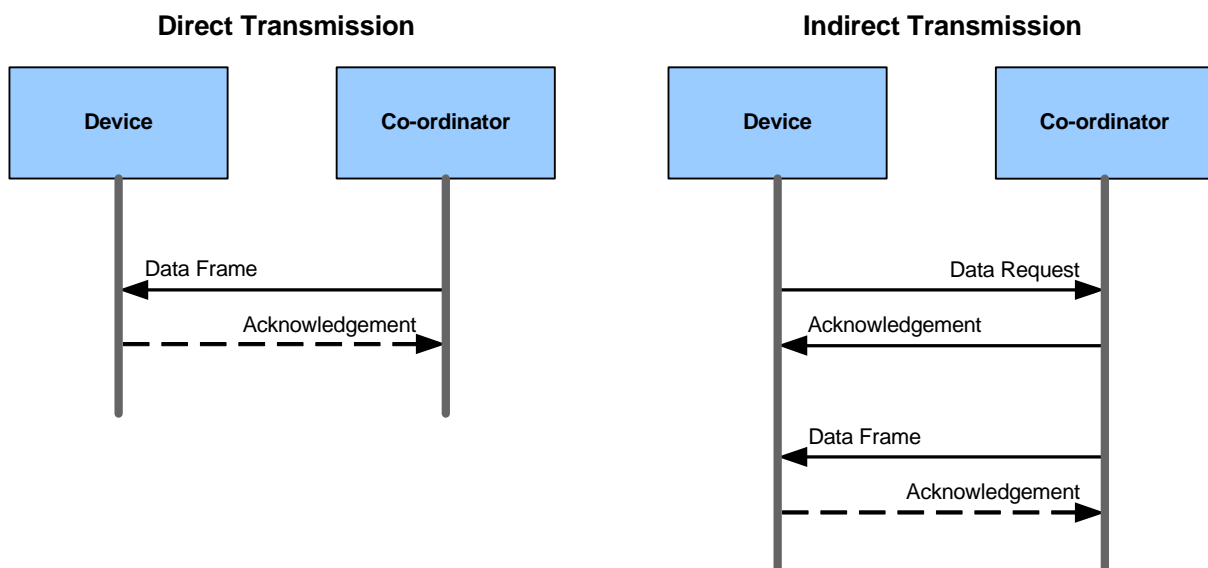


Figure 6: 'Co-ordinator to End Device' Data Transfers

### 'End Device to Co-ordinator' Transfer

An End Device always sends a data frame directly to the Co-ordinator. Once it has received the data, the Co-ordinator may send an acknowledgement to the End Device.

### 'Co-ordinator to Co-ordinator' Transfer

In a Tree or Mesh network, a Co-ordinator always sends a data frame directly to another Co-ordinator. Once it has received the data, the target Co-ordinator may send an acknowledgement to the source Co-ordinator.

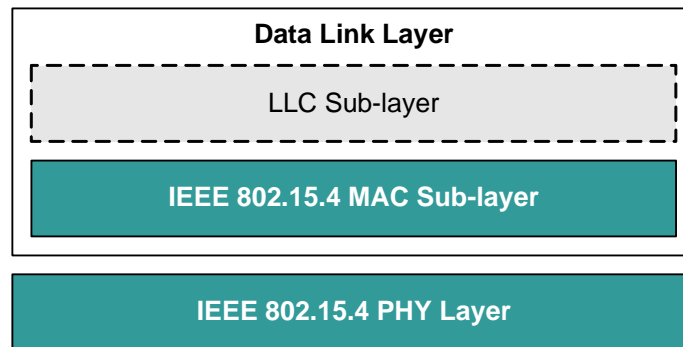


**Note:** A data frame can be broadcast to all nodes within range and operating in the same network (i.e. using the same PAN ID) by setting the destination (short) address in the frame to 0xFFFF. Alternatively, a data frame can be broadcast to all nodes within range and operating in any network by setting the destination PAN ID in the frame to 0xFFFF and the destination (short) address to 0xFFFF.

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## 1.9 Software Stack Architecture

The IEEE 802.15.4 software architecture is organised on two levels, the PHY layer and the MAC sub-layer (with the LLC sub-layer) - these are illustrated and described below.



**Figure 7: IEEE 802.15.4 Software Stack Architecture**



**Note:** The user application resides above the IEEE 802.15.4 stack layers. However, one or more network (NWK) layers may reside between the application layer and the IEEE 802.15.4 layers. This is the case in protocols such as ZigBee PRO and JenNet-IP.

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## 1.9.1 Physical (PHY) Layer

The Physical (PHY) layer is concerned with the interface to the physical transmission medium (radio, in this case), exchanging data bits with this medium as well as with the layer above (the MAC sub-layer).

More specifically, its responsibilities towards the physical radio medium include:

- Channel assessment
- Bit-level communications (bit modulation, bit de-modulation, packet synchronisation)

The PHY layers also offers the following services to the MAC sub-layer (described in [Section 1.9.2](#)):

- **PHY Data Service:** Provides a mechanism for passing data to and from the MAC sub-layer.
- **PHY Management Services:** Provides mechanisms to control radio communication settings and functionality from the MAC sub-layer.

Information used to manage the PHY layer is stored in a database referred to as the PHY PIB (PAN Information Base).

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## 1.9.2 Media Access Control (MAC) Sub-layer

The main responsibilities of the Media Access Control (MAC) sub-layer are as follows:

- Providing services for associating/disassociating devices with the network
- Providing access control to shared channels
- Beacon generation (if applicable)
- Guaranteed Timeslot (GTS) management (if applicable)



**Note:** The MAC sub-layer together with the (higher) Logical Link Control (LLC) sub-layer are collectively referred to as the Data Link layer. The LLC is common to all IEEE 802 standards but can be ignored in developing IEEE 802.15.4-based applications.

The MAC sub-layer also offers the following services to the next higher layer:

- **MAC Data Service (MCPS):** Provides a mechanism for passing data to and from the next higher layer.
- **MAC Management Services (MLME):** Provides mechanisms to control settings for communication, radio and networking functionality, from the next higher layer.

Information used to manage the MAC layer is stored in a database referred to as the MAC PIB (PAN Information Base).

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## 1.10 Channel Management

IEEE 802.15.4 offers channel management facilities concerned with allocating channels, ensuring channel availability for transmission and protecting channels from nearby interfering transmissions.

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### 1.10.1 Channel Assignment

As described in [Section 1.2](#), an IEEE 802.15.4-based network can operate in three possible radio frequency bands (depending on geographical area), which are centred on 868 MHz, 915 MHz and 2400 MHz. These bands have 1, 10 and 16 channels respectively. The 27 channels across the frequency bands are numbered 0 to 26 with increasing frequency, as shown in [Table 2](#) below (and continued over-page).

Frequency Band	Channel Number	Centre Frequency (MHz)	Geographical Area
868 MHz	0	868.3	Europe
915 MHz	1	906	America, Australia
	2	908	
	3	910	
	4	912	
	5	914	
	6	916	
	7	918	
	8	920	
	9	922	
	10	924	

**Table 2: Channel Numbering in Unlicensed Bands**



2400 MHz	11	2405	Worldwide
	12	2410	
	13	2415	
	14	2420	
	15	2425	
	16	2430	
	17	2435	
	18	2440	
	19	2445	
	20	2450	
	21	2455	
	22	2460	
	23	2465	
	24	2470	
	25	2475	
	26	2480	

**Table 2: Channel Numbering in Unlicensed Bands**

IEEE 802.15.4 can scan the channels in a given frequency band, allowing the higher layers to select the appropriate channel.

- When a network is set up, the channel of operation within the relevant frequency band must be chosen. This is done by the PAN Co-ordinator. IEEE 802.15.4 provides an Energy Detection Scan which can be used to select a suitable channel (normally the quietest channel).
- When a new device is introduced into a network, it must find the channel being used by the network. The new device is supplied with the PAN ID of the network and performs either of the following scans:
  - Active Channel Scan in which the device sends beacon requests to be detected by one or more Co-ordinators, which then send out a beacon in response
  - Passive Channel Scan (beacon enabled networks only) in which the device listens for periodic beacons being transmitted by a Co-ordinator (the PAN Co-ordinator or, if in a Tree network, another Co-ordinator)
- When a device has been orphaned from its network (lost communication with its Co-ordinator), in order to rejoin the network it performs an Orphan Channel Scan. This involves sending an orphan notification command over specific channels in the hope that its Co-ordinator will detect the broadcast and respond with a Co-ordinator Realignment command.

The MAC sub-layer performs these scans in response to requests from the next higher layer.

## **1.10.2 Clear Channel Assessment (CCA)**

When transmitting a packet across a network without using Guaranteed Timeslots (see [Section 1.12](#)), the unslotted CSMA/CA (Carrier Sense Multiple Access/Collision Avoidance) mechanism is implemented to minimise the risk of a collision with another packet being transmitted in the same channel at the same time by another node. The transmitting node performs a Clear Channel Assessment (CCA) in which it first listens to the channel to detect whether the channel is already busy. It does not transmit the packet if it detects activity in the channel, but tries again later after a random back-off period. A CCA is requested by the MAC sub-layer and is implemented by the PHY layer.

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## **1.10.3 Channel Rejection**

In bands with more than one channel (915 MHz and 2400 MHz), in order to eliminate interference from other networks operating on nearby channels, IEEE 802.15.4 imposes a channel rejection scheme for the adjacent channel(s) and the alternate channel(s) (meaning two channels away). When receiving a signal:

- If another signal at the same level (0 dB difference) or weaker is detected in an adjacent channel, the adjacent channel's signal must be rejected.
- If another signal at most 30 dB stronger is detected from an alternate channel, the alternate channel's signal must be rejected.

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## 1.11 Device Management

This section describes the ways in which an IEEE 802.15.4-based network deals with devices joining and leaving the network.

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### 1.11.1 PAN Co-ordinator Selection

All networks must have one and only one PAN Co-ordinator. This must be an FFD (Full Function Device). The selection of the PAN Co-ordinator is the first step in setting up an IEEE 802.15.4 based network. The PAN Co-ordinator can be selected in a number of ways:

- In some networks, there may be only one device that is eligible to become the PAN Co-ordinator; for example, networks with only one FFD or in which a particular device has been designed to be the PAN Co-ordinator (for example; the device that acts as the gateway to the outside world).
- In networks with more than one FFD, it may be the case that any of the FFDs can act as the PAN Co-ordinator. In this case, the user may or may not wish to pre-determine which device becomes the PAN Co-ordinator:
  - The user may determine the FFD that is to become the PAN Co-ordinator through some action, such as pressing a button.
  - It may not matter which FFD becomes the PAN Co-ordinator and the choice can be left to chance; for example, by having all the FFDs perform an Active Channel Scan and by assigning the PAN Co-ordinator responsibility to the first device that returns a negative result (no other PAN Co-ordinator detected).

Once the PAN Co-ordinator has been established, a PAN ID must be assigned to the network. It is possible to decide and fix the PAN ID in advance. However, care must be taken, as the PAN ID must be different from that of any other network that can be detected in the vicinity. Normally, the PAN ID is assigned by the PAN Co-ordinator, taking into account the PAN IDs of any other PAN Co-ordinators that it can 'hear'.

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### 1.11.2 Device Association and Disassociation

In order to join an IEEE 802.15.4-based network, a device must first find a (PAN or local) Co-ordinator by conducting an Active or Passive Channel Scan (see [Section 1.11.2](#)). The device can then send an association request to the Co-ordinator, which acknowledges the request and then determines whether it has sufficient resources to add the device to its network. The Co-ordinator will then accept or reject the association request.

The request to disassociate a device with a network can be made by either the Co-ordinator or the device itself.

### 1.11.3 Orphan Devices

A device becomes an orphan if it loses communication with its Co-ordinator. This may be due to reception problems in the communication channel, or because the Co-ordinator has changed its communication channel, or because one device has moved out of range of the other device.

An orphan device will attempt to rejoin the Co-ordinator by first performing an Orphan Channel Scan (see [Section 1.10.1](#)) to find the Co-ordinator - this involves sending out an orphan notification command across the relevant frequency channels. On receiving this message, the Co-ordinator checks whether the device was previously a member of its network - if this was the case, it responds with a co-ordinator realignment command.

## 1.12 Beacon and Non-beacon Enabled Operation

All IEEE 802.15.4-based networks use beacons from a Co-ordinator when joining devices to the network (see [Section 1.10.1](#)). In normal operation, an IEEE 802.15.4-based network can operate with or without regular communication beacons. Beacon enabled and non-beacon enabled operating modes are described below.

### 1.12.1 Beacon Enabled Mode

In this mode, the Co-ordinator sends out a periodic train of beacon signals containing information that allows network nodes to synchronise their communications. A beacon also contains information on the data pending for the different nodes of the network.

Normally, two successive beacons mark the beginning and end of a superframe. A superframe contains 16 timeslots that can be used by nodes to communicate over the network (there may also be a dead period at the end of the superframe). The total time interval of these timeslots is called the Contention Access Period (CAP), during which nodes can attempt to communicate using slotted CSMA/CA (see [Section 1.10.2](#)). This is illustrated in [Figure 8](#) below.

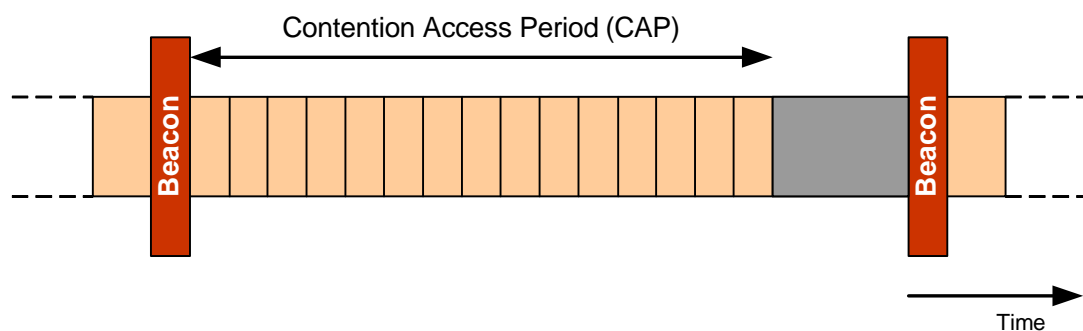


Figure 8: Superframe

A node can request to have particular timeslots (from the 16 available) assigned to it. These are consecutive timeslots called Guaranteed Timeslots (GTSs) - in fact, one GTS can be multiple timeslots. They are located after the CAP and the total time interval of all GTSs (for all nodes) is called the Contention Free Period (CFP). Communication in the CFP does not require use of CSMA/CA. Use of GTSs reduces the CAP, and the superframe then consists of a CAP followed by a CFP (and possibly a dead period). This is illustrated in Figure 9 below.

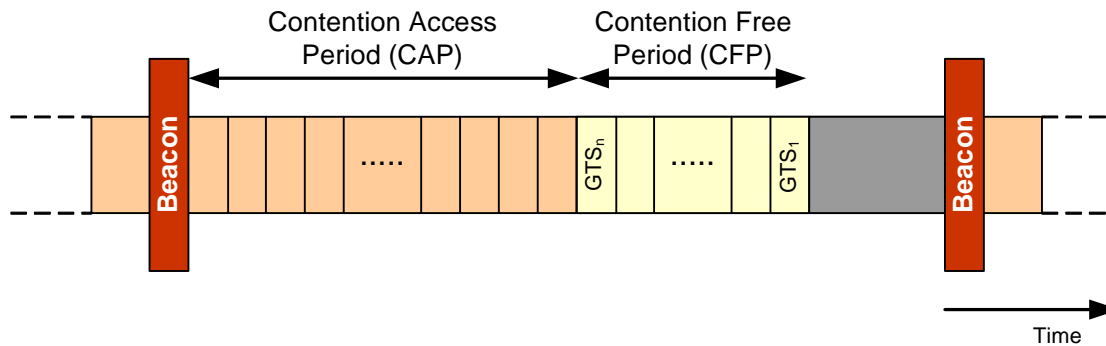


Figure 9: Superframe with GTSs

The use of GTSs is suitable for applications with certain bandwidth and low latency requirements.



**Note 1:** The CAP and CFP need not span the whole time interval between successive beacons. It is possible to have a dead period at the end of the superframe (before the next beacon). This allows network devices to revert to low-power mode for part of the time. In this case, the superframe still contains 16 timeslots.

**Note 2:** In a beacon enabled network, the need to transmit and receive regular beacons puts certain power demands on the network devices.

## 1.12.2 Non-beacon Enabled Mode

In non-beacon enabled mode, beacons are not transmitted on a regular basis by the Co-ordinator (but can still be requested for the purpose of associating a device with the Co-ordinator). Instead, communications are asynchronous - a device communicates with the Co-ordinator only when it needs to, which may be relatively infrequently. This allows power to be conserved.

To determine whether there is data pending for a node, the node must poll the Co-ordinator (in a beacon enabled network, the availability of pending data is indicated in the beacons).

Non-beacon enabled mode is useful in situations where only light traffic is expected between the network nodes and the Co-ordinator. In this case, the use of regular beacons may not be needed and will waste valuable power.

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## 1.13 Routing

The method employed for the routing of messages from source to destination nodes is dependent on the network topology (for an introduction to the possible topologies, refer to [Section 1.4](#)).

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### 1.13.1 Routing in a Star Topology

In a Star topology, all messages are routed via the central PAN Co-ordinator. Routing is implemented in the PAN Co-ordinator by the application program.

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### 1.13.2 Routing in a Tree Topology

A Tree network has structure which helps in the routing of messages. Messages do not always need to go through the PAN Co-ordinator. A message is first passed from the sending node to its parent.

- If the destination node is also a child of this parent, the message is passed directly to the destination.
- If the destination node is not a child of this parent, the message is passed up the tree to the next parent. This parent then decides whether the message must be passed down to one of its children or up to its own parent. Message propagation continues in this way.

A message may need to be passed all the way up to the PAN Co-ordinator at the top of the tree before it can be passed down the tree towards its destination.

The network may achieve this routing using routing tables stored in the Co-ordinator nodes (PAN and others) or using special addressing schemes in which allocated addresses are dependent on the position in the tree. However, the routing is implemented by the software layers above the IEEE 802.15.4 stack (such as ZigBee software layers).

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### 1.13.3 Routing in a Mesh Topology

In a Mesh network, at least some network nodes can communicate with each other directly, but there is no logical network structure to aid the routing of messages. However, a number of routing methods are possible. One method is to broadcast the message to all nodes in the network, but this is not a very efficient way of routing messages. Other methods include the use of routing tables stored in the network nodes - these tables may be updated through information exchanges between communicating nodes. Again, the routing is implemented by the software layers above the IEEE 802.15.4 stack (such as ZigBee software layers).

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## 1.14 PAN Information Base (PIB)

A PAN Information Base (PIB) exists on each node in an IEEE 802.15.4-based network. The PIB consists of a number of attributes used by the MAC and PHY (Physical) layers. These attributes describe the PAN in which the node exists. They are divided into MAC attributes and PHY attributes. The PIB contents and access to them are detailed in [Section 3.10](#).

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## 1.15 MAC Interface Mechanism

This section considers the interfacing method between the IEEE 802.15.4 MAC layer and the next highest stack layer, referred to as the 'MAC User'.



**Note:** In practice, the MAC User may be the application or an intermediate stack layer belonging to a wireless network protocol such as ZigBee PRO.

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### 1.15.1 Service Primitives

Communications are passed between the MAC User and MAC Layer (in both directions) by means of 'service primitives'. These are messages which are classified as follows:

- Request
- Confirm
- Indication
- Response

The service primitives are fully described in the IEEE 802.15.4 standard. They pass into and out of a layer via a Service Access Point (SAP).

The MAC interface operates as follows:

1. A Request transaction is initiated by the MAC User.
2. The Request may solicit a Confirm from the MAC Layer.
3. An Indication transaction is initiated by the MAC Layer.
4. The Indication may solicit a Response from the MAC User.

This mechanism is illustrated in [Figure 10](#) below.

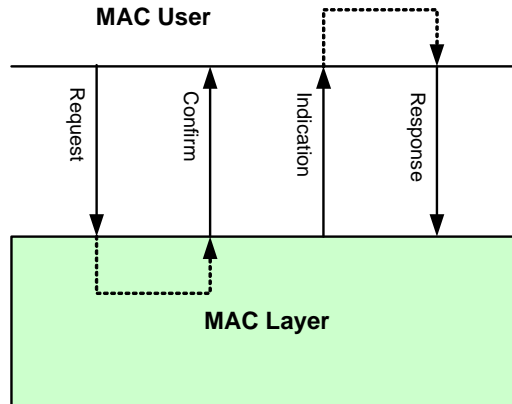


Figure 10: MAC Interface Mechanism

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## 1.15.2 Blocking and Non-Blocking Operation

When implementing the interfacing mechanism described in [Section 1.15.1](#), it is important to consider whether a transaction should be blocking (synchronous) or non-blocking (asynchronous).

### Blocking Transaction

A blocking or synchronous transaction occurs when the initiator of the transaction explicitly waits for information coming back from the target of the transaction:

- In the case of a Request, the MAC User waits for a Confirm before carrying on processing.
- In the case of an Indication, the MAC Layer waits for a Response before carrying on processing.

These cases are illustrated in [Figure 11](#) below.

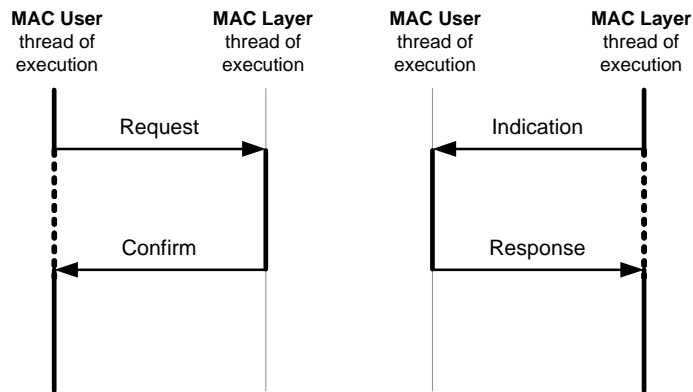


Figure 11: Blocking (Synchronous) Transactions

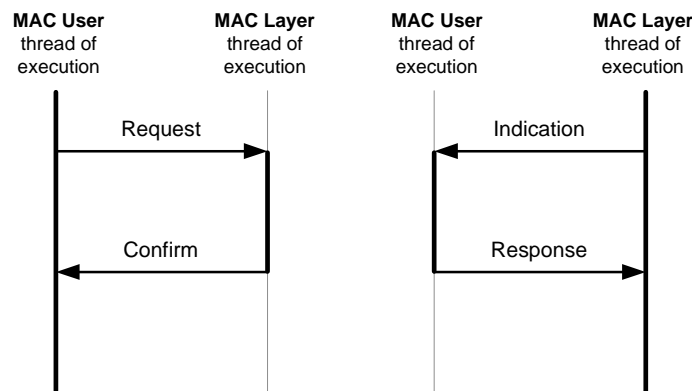


## Non-Blocking Transaction

A non-blocking transaction occurs when the initiator of the transaction does not explicitly wait for information to come back from the target of the transaction before continuing its own execution:

- In the case of a Request, the MAC User sends the Request and then carries on processing - the Confirm comes back some time later (i.e. asynchronously) and is processed accordingly.
- In the case of an Indication, the MAC Layer sends the Indication and then carries on processing - the Response comes back asynchronously and is processed accordingly.

These cases are illustrated in [Figure 12](#) below.



**Figure 12: Non-Blocking (Asynchronous) Transactions**

### 1.15.3 Callback Mechanism

A Request is issued by the MAC User by means of a call to one of the API functions described in [Chapter 5](#). The most straightforward way for the MAC Layer to reply (with a Confirm and/or Indication) is via a callback function, introduced below (use of the callback mechanism for dealing with service primitives is described in more detail in [Section 1.15.4](#)).

A callback function is registered with the MAC Layer by the application and is available for the MAC Layer to call. When required (for example, as the result of an event), a call to the callback function is made from the MAC Layer's thread of execution. The callback mechanism is illustrated in [Figure 13](#) below.

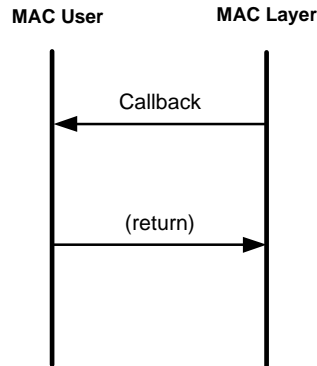


Figure 13: Callback Mechanism

### 1.15.4 Implementation of Service Primitives

This section describes the handling of service primitives, making use of the callback mechanism introduced in Section 1.15.3. The cases of handling Request-Confirm primitives and Indication-Response primitives are described separately.

#### Request-Confirm Processing

When a Request is issued by the MAC User (e.g. application), the corresponding Confirm may be issued by the MAC Layer in either of the following ways:

- Synchronously, meaning that the Confirm is issued immediately to coincide with the return of the function
- Asynchronously, meaning that the function returns immediately but the Confirm is issued later (i.e. is deferred) - when it occurs, the Deferred Confirm can then be handled by a callback function which is invoked in the MAC Layer thread but executed in the MAC User thread.

These two cases are illustrated in Figure 14 below.

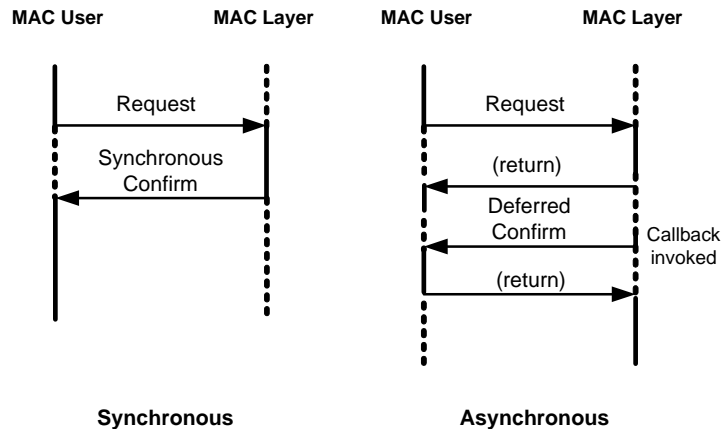


Figure 14: Request-Confirm Processing

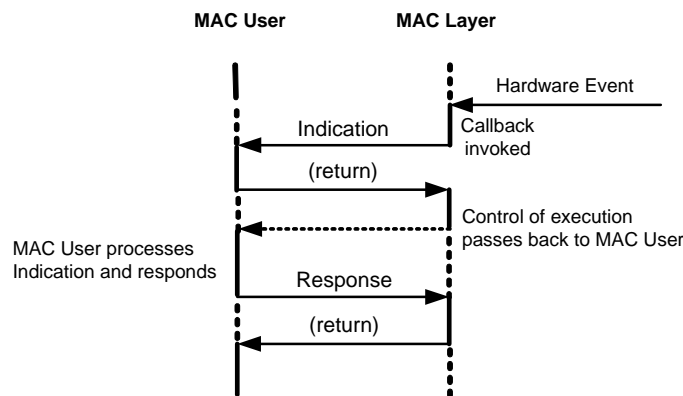
It is desirable to have a synchronous Confirm to many Requests, such as PIB Get and Set requests (which can be satisfied by a synchronous transaction). Also, if a Request results in an error, this can be returned immediately.

### Indication-Response Processing

There is no synchronous Response to an Indication and therefore an Indication must be handled by a callback function. This is not really a problem as:

- Most Indications do not solicit a Response as they represent an event
- Control of processing is governed by the higher layers and thus the Response may need to be formed in a different thread of execution
- The MAC layer is implemented as a finite state machine and is thus implicitly able to handle asynchronous transactions

Indication-Response Handling is illustrated in [Figure 15](#) below.



**Figure 15: Indication-Response Processing**



**Note:** The implementation of service primitives using the NXP IEEE 802.15.4 software is described in detail in [Section 3.11](#).

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## 1.16 Security

A number of security services are included in the IEEE 802.15.4 standard. The security features differ between the 2003 and 2006 versions of the standard, but the NXP implementation of the standard supports the security features from both versions. These security services are provided by the MAC sub-layer, which offers three security modes:

- Unsecured mode
- ACL (Access Control List) mode
- Secured mode

In Unsecured mode, no security measures are implemented. ACL mode and Secured mode are described below.

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### 1.16.1 ACL Mode

ACL (Access Control List) mode is supported as a standalone feature only in the 2003 version of the IEEE 802.15.4 standard but is a part of Secured mode in both versions. In this mode, a node is able to select the nodes with which it can communicate. This is achieved using an Access Control List (ACL), which is maintained within the node and contains the addresses of nodes with which communication is permitted. The source node of an incoming message is compared against this list and the result is passed to the higher layers, which decide whether to accept or reject the message.



**Note:** ACL mode does not implement encryption/decryption of messages. Therefore, the alleged source node of a message could be falsified.

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### 1.16.2 Secured Mode

In Secured mode, a number of security suites are available, each incorporating a different combination of security options. In each case, an AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) algorithm is used. The security suites are listed and detailed in [Table 3](#) (2003) and [Table 4](#) (2006). The security options are taken from the following:

- **Access Control:** This service is as described in [Section 1.16.1](#) for ACL mode, except messages which come from unauthenticated sources are not passed up to the higher layers. This feature is included in all security suites.
- **Data Confidentiality or Encryption:** Data is encrypted at the source and decrypted at the destination using the same key; only devices with the correct key can decrypt the encrypted data. Only beacon payloads, command payloads and data payloads can be encrypted.
- **Data Authenticity or Integrity:** This service adds a Message Integrity Code (MIC) to a message, which allows the detection of any tampering of the message by devices without the correct encryption/decryption key.

- Replay Protection or Sequential Freshness:** A frame counter is added to a message, which helps a device determine how recent a received message is; the appended value is compared with a value stored in the device (which is the frame counter value of the last message received). This value only indicates the order of messages and does not contain time/date information. This protects against replay attacks in which old messages are later re-sent to a device. This feature is included in all security suites of the 2006 version of the IEEE 802.15.4 standard.

The security suites from the IEEE 802.15.4-2003 standard are summarised in [Table 3](#).

Security Suite (2003)	MIC Length	Security Options			
		Access Control	Encryption	Integrity	Sequential Freshness
AES-CTR	0 bits	Yes	Yes	No	Optional
AES-CCM-128	128 bits	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional
AES-CCM-64	64 bits	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional
AES-CCM-32	32 bits	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional
AES-CBC-MAC-128	128 bits	Yes	No	Yes	No
AES-CBC-MAC-64	64 bits	Yes	No	Yes	No
AES-CBC-MAC-32	32 bits	Yes	No	Yes	No

**Table 3: Security Suites for IEEE 802.15.4-2003**

The security suites from the IEEE 802.15.4-2006 standard are summarised in [Table 4](#) below (terminology from the 2003 version is adopted for consistency with [Table 3](#)).

Security Suite (2006)	MIC Length	Security Options			
		Access Control	Encryption	Integrity	Sequential Freshness
MIC-32	32 bits	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
MIC-64	64 bits	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
MIC-128	128 bits	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
ENC	0 bits	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
ENC-MIC-32	32 bits	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ENC-MIC-64	64 bits	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ENC-MIC-128	128 bits	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Table 4: Security Suites for IEEE 802.15.4-2006**

The IEEE 802.15.4-2006 standard uses the AES-CCM\* mode of operation. This is an extension of the AES-CCM mode that is used in the IEEE 802.15.4-2003 standard, and provides for both encryption and integrity of the frame. Useful information about security (Secured mode) in IEEE 802.15.4-2006 is provided in [Appendix B](#).

For full details of security, refer to the appropriate IEEE 802.15.4 standard.

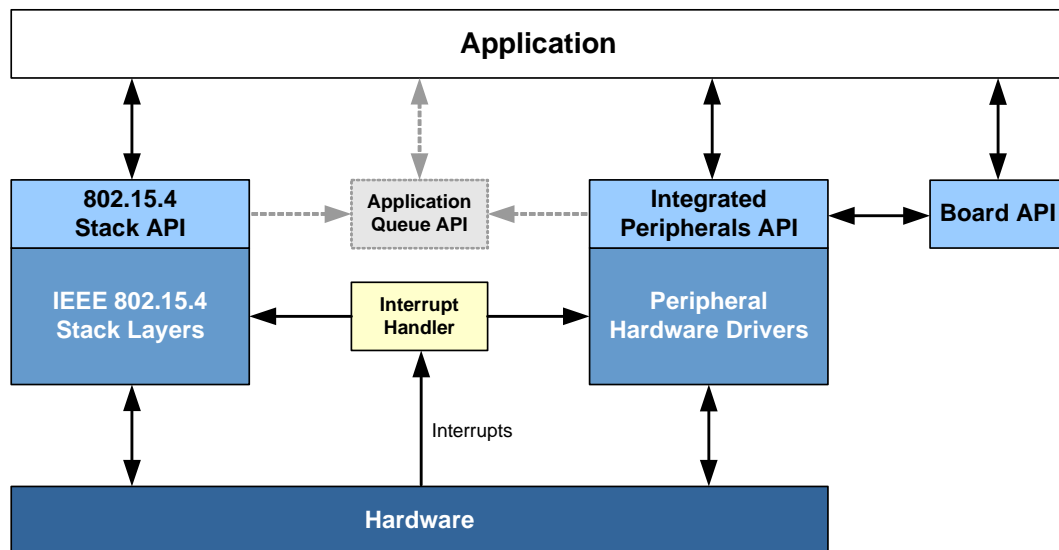
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## 2. IEEE 802.15.4 Software

This chapter introduces the IEEE 802.15.4 software supplied by NXP.

### 2.1 Software Overview

The basic architecture of the IEEE 802.15.4 software stack was introduced in [Section 1.9](#). The NXP 802.15.4 software includes this stack together with an associated Application Programming Interface (API) which allows the application to interact with the IEEE 802.15.4 stack layers. Other APIs are also available from NXP to simplify application development for the JN516x/7x devices. Use of these APIs by the application is illustrated in [Figure 16](#) below.



**Figure 16: IEEE 802.15.4 Software Architecture**

The main features of this architecture are as follows:

- The application uses functions of the 802.15.4 Stack API to interact with the IEEE 802.15.4 stack layers. This interaction is implemented in terms of MCPS/MLME requests and confirmations, indications and responses. The IEEE 802.15.4 stack interacts with the underlying hardware to access hardware registers.
- The application interacts with the on-chip hardware peripherals using functions of the JN516x or JN517x Integrated Peripherals API. This API uses the peripheral hardware drivers to access hardware registers.
- The application interacts with the (JN516x/7x evaluation kit) board hardware peripherals using functions of the Board API. The Board API uses the JN516x or JN517x Integrated Peripherals API to achieve the interaction with the board hardware.

- The hardware generates interrupts which are routed to the appropriate software block (IEEE 802.15.4 stack or peripheral hardware drivers) by an interrupt handler.
- Optionally, the Application Queue API can be used to lighten the application's involvement in dealing with interrupts.

The above APIs are described further in [Section 2.2](#). Installation of the NXP software is described in [Section 2.3](#).

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## 2.2 Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)

This section outlines the APIs used by an IEEE 802.15.4 application that were introduced and illustrated in [Section 2.1](#).

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### 2.2.1 802.15.4 Stack API

The NXP 802.15.4 Stack API allows the application to interact with the IEEE 802.15.4 stack by facilitating control of the IEEE 802.15.4 MAC hardware on the JN516x/7x microcontroller.

This API is fully described in this manual - the functions are detailed in [Chapter 2](#).

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### 2.2.2 Integrated Peripherals API

The Integrated Peripherals API allows the application to create, control and respond to events in the peripheral blocks of the JN516x or JN517x microcontroller (e.g. UARTs, timers and GPIOs).

Different API libraries are supplied for JN516x and JN517x. These API libraries are described in the *JN516x Integrated Peripherals API User Guide (JN-UG-3087)* and *JN517x Integrated Peripherals API User Guide (JN-UG-3118)*, respectively

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### 2.2.3 Board API

The LPRF (Low-Power Radio Frequency) Board API allows the application to control the peripherals on boards from a JN516x or JN517x evaluation kit. These peripherals may include LCD panels, LEDs and buttons, as well as temperature, humidity and light sensors. The API allows the easy manipulation of hardware registers.

This API is described in the *LPRF Board API Reference Manual (JN-RM-2003)*.



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## 2.2.4 Application Queue API (Optional)

Use of the NXP Application Queue API is optional. This API handles all interrupts by providing a queue-based interface, saving the application from dealing with interrupts directly. When an interrupt is generated, an entry is placed in one of three queues (corresponding to MLME, MCPS and hardware events). The application can then poll the queues for events and deal with them when convenient.

The Application Queue API allows callbacks to be defined by the application, similar to the normal 802.15.4 Stack API, but an application can be designed such that they are not necessary.

This API is described in [Appendix A](#).

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## 2.3 Software Installation

The NXP IEEE 802.15.4 software and related APIs are supplied in Software Developer's Kits (SDK). Separate IEEE 802.15.4 SDKs are provided for JN516x and JN517x, as described below.



**Note:** Both SDKs are available free-of-charge via the NXP web site (see [“Support Resources” on page 14](#) for the relevant web address).

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### 2.3.1 JN516x IEEE 802.15.4 SDK

The JN516x IEEE 802.15.4 SDK has the part number JN-SW-4163. This SDK is designed for use with the 'BeyondStudio for NXP' Integrated Development Environment (IDE), which has the part number JN-SW-4141. These components are described below.

- JN-SW-4163 includes the following software items:
  - IEEE 802.15.4 stack software
  - 802.15.4 Stack API
  - JN516x Integrated Peripherals API
  - Board API
  - Application Queue API
- JN-SW-4141 includes the following application development tools:
  - BeyondStudio for NXP
  - JN516x compiler tools

You must install JN-SW-4141 before installing JN-SW-4163. For full installation instructions, refer to the *BeyondStudio for NXP Installation and User Guide (JN-UG-3098)*.

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## 2.3.2 JN517x IEEE 802.15.4 SDK

The JN517x IEEE 802.15.4 SDK has the part number JN-SW-4263. This SDK is designed for use with NXP's LPCXpresso Integrated Development Environment (IDE). These components are described below.

- JN-SW-4263 includes the following software items:
  - IEEE 802.15.4 stack software
  - 802.15.4 Stack API
  - JN517x Integrated Peripherals API
  - Board API
  - Application Queue API
  - IEEE 802.15.4 Application Template for JN517x (JN-AN-1211)
  - JN517x plug-in archive for LPCXpresso
- A registered edition of LPCXpresso must be obtained from the LPCXpresso web site ([www.lpcware.com/lpcxpresso](http://www.lpcware.com/lpcxpresso)) and the plug-ins supplied in the JN-SW-4263 SDK must be installed in order to provide the necessary functionality for JN517x application development. **The required version of LPCXpresso is indicated in the Release Notes for the JN517x IEEE 802.15.4 SDK (JN-SW-4263).**

You must install LPCXpresso before installing JN-SW-4263 and the included plug-ins. To start the installation process, refer to the *JN517x LPCXpresso Installation and User Guide (JN-UG-3109)*.

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## 2.4 Interrupts and Callbacks



**Note:** This section is not applicable if you are using the Application Queue API to handle interrupts (see [Section 2.2.4](#)).

Any call into the IEEE 802.15.4 stack through an API entry point is performed in the application task context.

Many of the possible 802.15.4 requests cause the stack to initiate activities that will continue after the call has returned, such as a request to transmit a frame. In such cases, the stack will acquire processor time by responding to interrupts from the hardware. To avoid the need for a multi-tasking operating system, the stack will then work for as long as necessary in the interrupt context.

When information has to be sent to the application, either because of a previous request or due to an indication from the stack or hardware, the appropriate callback function is used. It must be remembered that the callback is still in the interrupt context and that any activity performed by the application within the callback must be kept as short as possible.

All interrupts are generated by hardware. An interrupt handler in software decides whether to pass each interrupt to the 802.15.4 stack or to the peripheral hardware drivers. These either process the interrupt themselves or pass it up to the application via one of the registered callbacks.



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## 3. Network and Node Operations

This chapter describes the main operations that are performed in an IEEE 802.15.4-based network and refers to the NXP 802.15.4 Stack API resources that are used to perform these operations.



**Note:** The API functions referenced in this chapter are detailed in [Chapter 5](#). For further guidance on IEEE 802.15.4 application development, refer to [Chapter 4](#).

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### 3.1 MAC Reset

The MAC and PHY layers on a node can both be reset by the network layer (i.e. return all variables to their default values and disable the transmitter of the PHY) to get them into a known state before issuing further MAC requests. The PIB (see [Section 3.10](#)) may be reset to its default values by the request or it may retain its current data.

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#### 3.1.1 Reset Messages

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##### 3.1.1.1 Reset Request

A Reset request is sent using the **vAppApiMlmeRequest()** function. The request structure `MAC_MlmeReqReset_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.11](#).

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##### 3.1.1.2 Reset Confirm

A Reset confirm is generated synchronously and contains the result of the Reset request. The confirm structure `MAC_MlmeCfmReset_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.30](#).

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#### 3.1.2 Reset Example

The following is an example of using the Reset request.

```
/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s   sMlmeReqRsp;
MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s sMlmeSyncCfm;

/* Request Reset */
sMlmeReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MLME_REQ_RESET;
sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_MlmeReqReset_s);
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqReset.u8SetDefaultPib = TRUE; /* Reset PIB */
*/
```

```
vAppApiMlmeRequest(&sMlmeReqRsp, &sMlmeSyncCfm);

/* Handle synchronous confirm */
if (sMlmeSyncCfm.u8Status != MAC_MLME_CFM_OK)
{
    /* Error during MLME-Reset */
}
```

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## 3.2 Channel Scan

The Scan feature allows the potential channels for a PAN to be assessed.

Any scan request will cause other activities that use the transceiver to shut down for the duration of the scan period. This means that beacon transmission is suspended when a Co-ordinator begins scanning, and will resume at the end of the scan period. The Application or Network (NWK) layer above the MAC is responsible for initiating a scan at the appropriate time in order not to cause problems with other activities. The Application/NWK layer is also responsible for ensuring that scans are requested over channels supported by the PHY, and that only those scan types that the device supports are requested.

All scans require the Application/NWK layer to supply a set of channels to be scanned and a duration over which the measurement on a channel will be performed. The total scan time will be the time spent measuring all the requested channels for the scan duration, up to a limit of MAC\_MAX\_SCAN\_CHANNELS (16) channels.

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### 3.2.1 Scan Types

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#### 3.2.1.1 Energy Detect Scan

The Energy Detect Scan is only supported on FFDs, and not on RFDs. When this scan is requested, the MAC will measure the energy on each of the channels requested or until it has measured MAC\_MAX\_SCAN\_CHANNELS channels. This type of scan is used during PAN initialisation when the Co-ordinator is trying to find the clearest channel on which to begin setting up a PAN.

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#### 3.2.1.2 Active Scan

In an Active Scan, the MAC tunes to each requested channel in turn and sends a beacon request. All Co-ordinators on that channel should respond by sending a beacon, even if not generating beacons in normal operation. For each unique beacon received, the MAC stores the PAN details in a PAN descriptor which is returned in the `MLME-Scan.confirm` primitive for the scan request. A total of MAC\_MAX\_SCAN\_PAN\_DESCRS (8) entries may be carried in the Scan confirm primitive. Scanning terminates either when all channels specified have each been scanned for the duration requested or after MAC\_MAX\_SCAN\_PAN\_DESCRS

unique beacons have been found (irrespective of whether all the requested channels have been scanned).

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### 3.2.1.3 Passive Scan

In a Passive Scan, the MAC tunes to each requested channel in turn and listens for a beacon transmission for a period specified in the `MLME-Scan.request`. For each unique beacon received, the MAC stores the PAN details in a PAN descriptor which is returned in the `MLME-Scan.confirm` primitive corresponding to the `MLME-Scan.request`. A total of `MAC_MAX_SCAN_PAN_DESCRS` (8) entries may be carried in the `MLME-Scan.confirm` message. Scanning terminates either when all channels specified have each been scanned for the duration requested or after `MAC_MAX_SCAN_PAN_DESCRS` unique beacons have been found (irrespective of whether all the requested channels have been scanned).

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### 3.2.1.4 Orphan Scan

An Orphan Scan can be performed by a device which has lost synchronisation with its Co-ordinator. The device requests an Orphan Scan using the `MLME-Scan.request` primitive with the scan type set to 'orphan'. For each channel specified, the device tunes to the channel and then sends an orphan notification message. It then waits on the channel in receive mode until it receives a Co-ordinator re-alignment command or until `MAC_RESPONSE_WAIT_TIME` superframe periods have passed.

- If a Co-ordinator re-alignment command is seen, the scan will be terminated and the `MLME-Scan.confirm` status will be `MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS`. The contents of the re-alignment command are used to update the PIB (`macCoordShortAddress`, `macPANId`, `macShortAddress`).
- If all the requested channels are scanned and no Co-ordinator re-alignment command is seen, the `MLME-Scan.confirm` status will be `MAC_ENUM_NO_BEACON`.

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## 3.2.2 Scan Messages

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### 3.2.2.1 Scan Request

A scan is requested using the `MLME-Scan.request` primitive. The request is sent using the **`vAppApiMlmeRequest()`** function. The request structure `MAC_MlmeReqScan_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.13](#).

The request includes the scan type, the channels to be scanned and the scan duration (per channel). The possible scan types are described in [Section 3.2.1](#).

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### 3.2.2.2 Scan Confirm

The results from a `MLME-Scan.request` primitive are conveyed back asynchronously in the `MLME-Scan.confirm` primitive using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to **u32AppApilnit()**. They may also be sent synchronously to the Application/NWK layer as part of the **vAppApiMlmeRequest()** used to send the Scan request. The confirm structure `MAC_MlmeCfmScan_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.21](#).

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### 3.2.2.3 Orphan Indication

An Orphan indication is generated by the MAC of a Co-ordinator to its Application/NWK layer to indicate that it has received an orphan notification message transmitted by an orphan node. The indication message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to **u32AppApilnit()**. The indication structure `MAC_MlmeIndOrphan_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.38](#).

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### 3.2.2.4 Orphan Response

An Orphan response is generated by the Application/NWK layer in response to receiving an Orphan indication. The response is sent using the function **vAppApiMlmeRequest()**. The response structure `MAC_MlmeRspOrphan_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.20](#).

On receiving this response, if the orphan was previously associated with the Co-ordinator, the MAC will send a Co-ordinator re-alignment command to the orphan. The result of sending this command will be to generate an `MLME-COMM-STATUS.indication` from the MAC to the Application/NWK layer. Refer to [Section 3.2.2.5](#) for the usage of this primitive.

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### 3.2.2.5 Comm Status Indication

A Comm Status indication is generated by the MAC to the Application/NWK layer of a Co-ordinator to provide the result of a communication with another node triggered by a previous primitive (`MLME-Orphan.response` and `MLME-Associate.response`). The indication message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to **u32AppApilnit()**. The indication structure `MAC_MlmeIndCommStatus_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.37](#).



## 3.2.3 Scan Examples

### 3.2.3.1 Active Scan Example

The following is an example of performing an Active Scan (see the next example for details of handling the deferred confirm that is generated by this request).

```
#define CHANNEL_BITMAP                0x7800

/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s    sMlmeReqRsp;
MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s  sMlmeSyncCfm;

/* Request active channel scan */
sMlmeReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MLME_REQ_SCAN;
sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_MlmeReqScan_s);
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqScan.u8ScanType =
MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_ACTIVE;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqScan.u32ScanChannels = CHANNEL_BITMAP;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqScan.u8ScanDuration = 6;

vAppApiMlmeRequest(&sMlmeReqRsp, &sMlmeSyncCfm);

/* Handle synchronous confirm */
if (sMlmeSyncCfm.u8Status != MAC_MLME_CFM_DEFERRED)
{
    /* Unexpected result: scan request should result in a deferred
       confirmation (i.e. we will receive it later) */
}
}
```

The following is an example of handling a deferred active scan confirmation (assumes data is passed as a pointer to a deferred confirm indicator data type (i.e.

```
MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s *psMlmeInd.)

#define DEMO_PAN_ID                    0x0e1c
#define DEMO_COORD_ADDR                0x0e00

MAC_PanDescr_s *psPanDesc;
int i;

if (psMlmeInd->u8Type == MAC_MLME_DCFM_SCAN)
{
    if ((psMlmeInd->uParam.sDcfmScan.u8Status == MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS)
        && (psMlmeInd->uParam.sDcfmScan.u8ScanType ==
            MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_ACTIVE))
    {

```

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```
{
    /* Determine which, if any, network contains demo coordinator.
       Algorithm for determining which network to connect to is
       beyond the scope of 802.15.4, and we use a simple approach
       of matching the required PAN ID and short address, both of
       which we already know */

    i = 0;
    while (i < psMlmeInd->uParam.sDcfmScan.u8ResultListSize)
    {
        psPanDesc = &psMlmeInd-
        >uParam.sDcfmScan.uList.asPanDescr[i];

        if ((psPanDesc->sCoord.ul6PanId == DEMO_PAN_ID)
            && (psPanDesc->sCoord.u8AddrMode == 2)
            && (psPanDesc->sCoord.uAddr.ul6Short ==
DEMO_COORD_ADDR))
        {
            /* Matched so start to synchronise and associate */
        }
    }
}
}
```

---

### 3.2.3.2 Energy Detect Scan Example

The following is an example of requesting an Energy Detect Scan.

```
/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s    sMlmeReqRsp;
MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s  sMlmeSyncCfm;

/* Request active channel scan */
sMlmeReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MLME_REQ_SCAN;
sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_MlmeReqScan_s);

sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqScan.u8ScanType =
                                MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_ENERGY_DETECT;

sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqScan.u32ScanChannels = ALL_CHANNELS_BITMAP;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqScan.u8ScanDuration = 6;

vAppApiMlmeRequest(&sMlmeReqRsp, &sMlmeSyncCfm);
```

```

/* Check immediate response */
if (sMlmeSyncCfm.u8Status != MAC_MLME_CFM_DEFERRED)
{
    /* Unexpected result: scan request should result in a deferred
       confirmation (i.e. we will receive it later) */
}

```

The following is an example of handling the response (a deferred confirmation) to an Energy Detect Scan. It assumes data is passed as a pointer to a deferred confirm indicator data type (i.e. `MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s *psMlmeInd`).

```

int i;
uint8 u8ClearestChan, u8MinEnergy;
uint8 *pu8EnergyDetectList;

if (psMlmeInd->u8Type == MAC_MLME_DCFM_SCAN)
{
    /* Check that this response is the result of a
       successful energy detect scan */

    if ((psMlmeInd->uParam.sDcfmScan.u8Status == MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS)
        && (psMlmeInd->uParam.sDcfmScan.u8ScanType ==
            MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_ENERGY_DETECT))
    {
        u8MinEnergy = 0xff;
        u8ClearestChan = 11;
        pu8EnergyDetectList =
            psMlmeInd->uParam.sDcfmScan.uList.au8EnergyDetect;

        /* Find clearest channel (lowest energy level). Assumes
           that all 16 channels available to 2.4GHz band have
           been scanned. */

        for (i = 0; i < MAC_MAX_SCAN_CHANNELS; i++)
        {
            if (pu8EnergyDetectList[i] < u8MinEnergy)
            {
                u8MinEnergy = pu8EnergyDetectList[i];
                u8ClearestChan = i + 11;
            }
        }
    }
}

```

---

## 3.3 Start

The Start feature is used by an FFD to begin acting as the Co-ordinator of a new PAN or to begin transmitting beacons when associated with a PAN. A PAN should only be started after an Active Scan has been performed in order to find which PAN IDs are currently in use. A PAN is started using the `MLME-START.request` primitive.

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### 3.3.1 Start Messages

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#### 3.3.1.1 Start Request

Beacon generation is requested using the `MLME-Start.request` primitive. The request is sent using the **`vAppApiMlmeRequest()`** function. The request structure `MAC_MlmeReqStart_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.15](#).

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#### 3.3.1.2 Start Confirm

A `MLME-Start.confirm` primitive is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the results of an `MLME-Start.request`. The confirm message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to **`u32AppApiMlmeRequest()`**. It may also be sent synchronously to the Application/NWK layer as part of the **`vAppApiMlmeRequest()`** call used to send the Start request. The confirm structure `MAC_MlmeCfmStart_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.29](#).

---

### 3.3.2 Start Example

The following is an example of a typical Start request.

```
#define DEMO_PAN_ID 0x1234

/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s sMlmeReqRsp;
MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s sMlmeSyncCfm;

/* Start beacons */
sMlmeReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MLME_REQ_START;
sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_MlmeReqStart_s);
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqStart.u16PanId = DEMO_PAN_ID;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqStart.u8Channel = 11;

/* Eight beacons per second */
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqStart.u8BeaconOrder = 3;

/* Only receive during first half of superframe: save energy */
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqStart.u8SuperframeOrder = 2;
```

```

sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqStart.u8PanCoordinator = TRUE;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqStart.u8BatteryLifeExt = FALSE;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqStart.u8Realignment = FALSE;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqStart.u8SecurityEnable = FALSE;

vAppApiMlmeRequest(&sMlmeReqRsp, &sMlmeSyncCfm);

/* Handle synchronous confirm */
if (sMlmeSyncCfm.u8Status != MAC_MLME_CFM_OK)
{
    /* Error during MLME-Start */
}

```

---

## 3.4 Synchronisation

The MAC supports the Synchronisation feature as defined in Sections 7.1.14 and 7.5.4 of the IEEE 802.15.4 Standard (2003).

The purpose of the synchronisation feature is to allow devices to synchronise to beacon transmissions from their Co-ordinators in order to be able to receive pending data held on the Co-ordinator. Where a PAN does not perform beacon transmission, data synchronisation is performed by the device polling its Co-ordinator. A device can only acquire synchronisation to a beacon in the PAN in which it is associated - on receiving a beacon, it can either track the beacon (switching on its receiver at some point before the beacon is due to be transmitted) or receive a single beacon and then not attempt to receive any others.

---

### 3.4.1 Initialising Synchronisation

Synchronisation is initiated using the `MLME_SYNC.request` primitive, which starts a search for a beacon (see [Section 3.4.3.1](#)). During the beacon search, the device listens for a beacon for a time  $2^n + 1$  'base superframes' ('base superframe' duration is 960 symbols), where  $n$  is the beacon order contained in the PIB. The search is repeated `MAC_MAX_LOST_BEACONS` (4) times and if a beacon is not found at the end of this search then the Sync Loss indication is issued (see [Section 3.4.3.2](#)).

If a previously synchronised device, which is tracking a beacon, misses `MAC_MAX_LOST_BEACONS` (4) consecutive beacons, synchronisation has been lost and a Sync Loss indication is issued.

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## 3.4.2 Conflict Notification

Synchronisation is also lost if a PAN ID conflict is detected due to one of the following situations:

- A Co-ordinator receives a beacon with the PAN Co-ordinator indicator set and the same PAN ID that it is using
- A Co-ordinator receives a PAN ID conflict notification from a device
- A device receives a beacon with the PAN Co-ordinator indicator set and the PAN ID that it expects but from a different Co-ordinator

In the last case, the device transmits a PAN ID conflict notification message to its PAN Co-ordinator.

The Sync Loss indication will be issued (see [Section 3.4.3.2](#)).

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## 3.4.3 Sync Messages

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### 3.4.3.1 Sync Request

The `MLME-SYNC.request` primitive is used to instruct the MAC to attempt to acquire a beacon. The request is sent to the MAC using the `vAppApiMlmeRequest()` function. The request structure `MAC_MlmeReqSync_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.16](#).

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### 3.4.3.2 Sync Loss Indication

The Sync Loss indication is used to inform the Application/NWK layer that there has been a loss of synchronisation with the beacon, either by a previously synchronised device tracking the beacon or because a beacon could not be found during a beacon search initiated by an `MLME-SYNC.request`. The indication message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to `u32AppApilnit()`. The indication structure `MAC_MlmeIndSyncLoss_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.36](#).

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## 3.5 Beacons and Polling

If a valid beacon is received by a device (i.e. comes from the correct Co-ordinator address and has the correct PAN ID), a Beacon Notify indication is generated by the MAC to the Application/NWK layer (see [Section 3.5.1](#)). Depending on the setting of `MAC_PIB_ATTR_AUTO_REQUEST` in the PIB, the MAC may start to extract pending data from the Co-ordinator.

If a beacon is received that uses security and an error occurs when it is being processed, the MAC generates an `MLME-COMM-STATUS.indication` to the Application/NWK layer (see [Section 3.2.2.5](#)) with a status of `MAC_ENUM_FAILED_SECURITY_CHECK`. The indication structure `MAC_MlmeIndCommStatus_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.37](#).

For non-beaconing PANs, a device can extract pending data from its Co-ordinator by issuing an `MLME-POLL.request` (see [Section 3.5.2.1](#)) and the presence of data will be returned in the corresponding `MLME-POLL.confirm` (see [Section 3.5.2.2](#)), together with the actual data in an `MCPS-DATA.indication` primitive (see [Section 3.8.4](#)).

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### 3.5.1 Beacon Notify Indication

A Beacon Notify indication is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer that a beacon transmission has been received. The indication message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to `u32AppApiInit()`. The indication structure `MAC_MlmeIndBeacon_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.35](#).

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### 3.5.2 Poll Messages

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#### 3.5.2.1 Poll Request

The `MLME-POLL.request` primitive is used to instruct the MAC to attempt to retrieve pending data for the device from a Co-ordinator in a non-beaconing PAN. The request is sent to the MAC using the `vAppApiMlmeRequest()` function. The request structure `MAC_MlmeReqPoll_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.17](#).

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#### 3.5.2.2 Poll Confirm

A Poll Confirm is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the state of a Poll request. The confirm message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to `u32AppApiInit()`. It may also be sent synchronously to the Application/NWK layer as part of the `vAppApiMlmeRequest()` call used to send the Poll request. The confirm structure `MAC_MlmeCfmPoll_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.25](#).

If the Poll confirm has status `MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS` to show that data is available, the data will be indicated to the Application/NWK layer using a `MCPS-DATA.indication` primitive (see [Section 3.8.4](#)).

---

### 3.5.3 Beacon Examples

The following is an example of a beacon synchronisation request.

```
/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s  sMlmeReqRsp;
MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s  sMlmeSyncCfm;

/* Create sync request on channel 11 */
sMlmeReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MLME_REQ_SYNC;
sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_MlmeReqSync_s);
```

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```
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqSync.u8Channel = 11;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqSync.u8TrackBeacon = TRUE;

/* Post sync request. There is no deferred confirm for this, we just
   get a SYNC-LOSS later if it didn't work */
vAppApiMlmeRequest(&sMlmeReqRsp, &sMlmeSyncCfm);
```

The following is an example of handling a Beacon Notify event (stores the beacon payload). The example assumes that data is passed as a pointer to a deferred confirm indicator data type, i.e. `MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s *psMlmeInd`.

```
uint8 au8Payload[MAC_MAX_BEACON_PAYLOAD_LEN];
int i;

if (psMlmeInd->u8Type == MAC_MLME_IND_BEACON_NOTIFY)
{
    for (i = 0; i < psMlmeInd->uParam.sIndBeacon.u8SDUlength; i++)
    {
        /* Store beacon payload */
        au8Payload[i] = psMlmeInd->uParam.sIndBeacon.u8SDU[i];
    }
}
```

---

### 3.5.4 Polling Example

The following is an example of using a Poll request to check if the Co-ordinator has any data pending for the device. It is assumed that `u16CoordShortAddr` has been previously initialised.

```
#define DEMO_PAN_ID 0x1234

/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s    sMlmeReqRsp;
MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s  sMlmeSyncCfm;

/* Create a poll request */
sMlmeReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MLME_REQ_POLL;
sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_MlmeReqPoll_s);
    sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqPoll.u8SecurityEnable = FALSE;
    sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqPoll.sCoord.u8AddrMode = 2; /* Short
address */
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqPoll.sCoord.u16PanId = DEMO_PAN_ID;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqPoll.sCoord.uAddr.u16Short =
u16CoordShortAddr;

/* Post poll request, response will be a deferred MLME-Poll.confirm.
```



```
Will also receive a MCPS-Data.indication event if the coordinator  
has  
    sent data. */  
vAppApiMlmeRequest(&sMlmeReqRsp, &sMlmeSyncCfm);
```

---

## 3.6 Association

The Association feature allows a device to join a PAN.

Before a device can associate with a PAN, it must first find a PAN. It should perform a `MLME-Reset.request` (see [Section 3.1.1.1](#)) before performing either an Active or Passive Scan using `MLME-Scan.request` (see [Section 3.2.2.1](#)), which will generate a list of the PANs that have been found. The Application/NWK layer can then choose with which PAN it wishes to associate. At this point, an `MLME-Associate.request` primitive (see [Section 3.6.1.1](#)) is issued by the Application/NWK layer, which results in an Association Request command being sent from the device to the Co-ordinator. This command is acknowledged by the Co-ordinator. After a period of time has elapsed, the device MAC sends a Data Request command (see [Section 3.8.2](#)) to the Co-ordinator to extract the result of the association. The Co-ordinator acknowledges this command and this is followed by an Association Response command from the Co-ordinator which carries the status of the association attempt. On receiving the association response, the MAC generates an `MLME-ASSOCIATE.confirm` primitive giving the result of the association request (see [Section 3.6.1.2](#)).

At the Co-ordinator, reception of the Association Request command results in the MLME raising an `MLME-ASSOCIATE.indication` to the Application/NWK layer (see [Section 3.6.1.3](#)), which must process the indication and generate an `MLME-ASSOCIATE.response` primitive to the MAC (see [Section 3.6.1.4](#)). On receiving a data request from the device, the above Associate Response command is sent to the device performing the association. The device will acknowledge reception of this command and the status of the `MLME-ASSOCIATE.response` will be reported to the Co-ordinator by the MLME generating a `MLME-COMM-STATUS.indication` (see [Section 3.6.1.5](#)).

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### 3.6.1 Associate Messages

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#### 3.6.1.1 Associate Request

The `MLME-ASSOCIATE.request` primitive is used by the Application/NWK layer of an unassociated device to instruct the MAC to attempt to request an association with a Co-ordinator. The Associate Request is sent to the MAC using the function **MAC\_vHandleMlmeReqRsp()**. The request structure `MAC_MlmeReqAssociate_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.7](#).

---

### 3.6.1.2 Associate Confirm

An Associate Confirm is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the state of an Association Request. The confirm message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to **MAC\_vRegisterMlmeDcfmIndCallbacks()**. It may also be sent synchronously to the Application/NWK layer as part of the **MAC\_vHandleMcpsReqRsp()** call to send the Associate Request. The confirm structure `MAC_MlmeCfmAssociate_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.23](#).

---

### 3.6.1.3 Associate Indication

An Associate Indication is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer that an Association Request command has been received. The indication message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to **u32AppApiInit()**. The indication structure `MAC_MlmeIndAssociate_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.32](#).

---

### 3.6.1.4 Associate Response

An Associate Response is generated by the Application/NWK layer in response to receiving an Associate Indication. The response is sent using the function **vAppApiMlmeRequest()**. The response structure `MAC_MlmeRspAssociate_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.19](#).

---

### 3.6.1.5 Comm Status Indication

A Comm Status Indication is issued by the MAC to the Application/NWK to report on the status of the Associate Response primitive. The indication structure `MAC_MlmeIndCommStatus_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.37](#).

---

## 3.6.2 Association Examples

The following is an example of a typical Associate request.

```
#define DEMO_PAN_ID 0x1234
#define DEMO_COORD_ADDR 0x0e00

/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s sMlmeReqRsp;
MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s sMlmeSyncCfm;

/* Create associate request. We know short address and PAN ID of
   coordinator as this is preset and we have checked that received
   beacon matched this */
sMlmeReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MLME_REQ_ASSOCIATE;
```

```

sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_MlmeReqAssociate_s);
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqAssociate.u8LogicalChan = 11;
/* We want short address, other features off */
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqAssociate.u8Capability = 0x80;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqAssociate.u8SecurityEnable = FALSE;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqAssociate.sCoord.u8AddrMode = 2;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqAssociate.sCoord.ul6PanId = DEMO_PAN_ID;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqAssociate.sCoord.uAddr.ul6Short=
DEMO_COORD_ADDR;

/* Put in associate request and check immediate confirm. Should be
   deferred, in which case response is handled by event handler */

vAppApiMlmeRequest(&sMlmeReqRsp, &sMlmeSyncCfm);

/* Handle synchronous confirm */
if (sMlmeSyncCfm.u8Status != MAC_MLME_CFM_DEFERRED)
{
    /* Unexpected result, expecting a deferred confirm */
}

```

The following is an example of a device handling an Associate Confirm event (it stores the short address assigned to it by the Co-ordinator in the variable *u16ShortAddr*). It assumes that data is passed as a pointer to a deferred confirm indicator data type, i.e. `MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s *psMlmeInd`.

```

if (psMlmeInd->u8Type == MAC_MLME_DCFM_ASSOCIATE)
{
    if (psMlmeInd->uParam.sDcfmAssociate.u8Status ==
MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS)
    {
        /* Store short address */
        u16ShortAddr = psMlmeInd->
            uParam.sDcfmAssociate.ul6AssocShortAddr;
    }
}

```

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The following is an example of a Co-ordinator handling an Associate Indication message and the generation of the appropriate response. It assumes that data is passed as a pointer to a deferred confirm indicator data type, i.e. MAC\_MlmeDcfmInd\_s \*psMlmeInd.

```
/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s  sMlmeReqRsp;
MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s sMlmeSyncCfm;

tsDemoData sDemoData;

uint16 u16ShortAddress;
uint32 u32AddrLo;
uint32 u32AddrHi;
uint8 u8Node;
uint8 u8AssocStatus;

if (psMlmeInd->u8Type == MAC_MLME_IND_ASSOCIATE)
{
    /* Default short address */
    u16ShortAddress = 0xffff;

    /* Check node extended address matches and device wants short
       address */

    u32AddrLo = psMlmeInd->
                uParam.sIndAssociate.sDeviceAddr.u32L);
    u32AddrHi = psMlmeInd->
                uParam.sIndAssociate.sDeviceAddr.u32H);

    if ((u32AddrHi == DEMO_EXT_ADDR_HI)
        && (u32AddrLo >= DEMO_ENDPOINT_EXT_ADDR_LO_BASE)
        && (u32AddrLo < (DEMO_ENDPOINT_EXT_ADDR_LO_BASE
                        + DEMO_ENDPOINTS))
        && (psMlmeInd->uParam.sIndAssociate.u8Capability & 0x80))
    {
        /* Check if already associated (idiot proofing) */

        u8Node = 0;
        while (u8Node < sDemoData.sNode.u8AssociatedNodes)
        {
            if ((u32AddrHi ==
                 sDemoData.sNode.asAssocNodes[u8Node].u32ExtAddrHi)
                && (u32AddrLo ==
```

```

        sDemoData.sNode.asAssocNodes[u8Node].u32ExtAddrLo))
    {
        /*Already in system: give it same short address*/
        u16ShortAddress =
            sDemoData.sNode.asAssocNodes[u8Node].u16ShortAddr;
    }
    u8Node++;
}

/* Assume association succeeded */
u8AssocStatus = 0;

if (u16ShortAddress == 0xffff)
{
    if (sDemoData.sNode.u8AssociatedNodes < DEMO_ENDPOINTS)
    {
        /*Allocate short address as next in list */
        u16ShortAddress = DEMO_ENDPOINT_ADDR_BASE
            + sDemoData.sNode.u8AssociatedNodes;
        /* Store details for future use */
        sDemoData.sNode.asAssocNodes
            [sDemoData.sNode.u8AssociatedNodes].u32ExtAddrHi
            = u32AddrHi;

        sDemoData.sNode.asAssocNodes
            [sDemoData.sNode.u8AssociatedNodes].u32ExtAddrLo
            = u32AddrLo;

        sDemoData.sNode.asAssocNodes
            [sDemoData.sNode.u8AssociatedNodes].u16ShortAddr
            = u16ShortAddress;
        sDemoData.sNode.u8AssociatedNodes++;
    }
    else
    {
        /* PAN access denied */
        u8AssocStatus = 2;
    }
}
else
{
    /* PAN access denied */

```

```
        u8AssocStatus = 2;
    }

    /* Create association response */
    sMlmeReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MLME_RSP_ASSOCIATE;
    sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_MlmeRspAssociate_s);
    memcpy(sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sRspAssociate.sDeviceAddr,
          psMlmeInd->uParam.sIndAssociate.sDeviceAddr,
          MAC_EXT_ADDR_LEN);
    sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sRspAssociate.ul6AssocShortAddr =
        ul6ShortAddress;
    sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sRspAssociate.u8Status = u8AssocStatus;
    sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sRspAssociate.u8SecurityEnable = FALSE;

    /* Send association response */
    vAppApiMlmeRequest(&sMlmeReqRsp, &sMlmeSyncCfm);

    /* There is no confirmation for an association response,
       hence no need to check */
```

---

## 3.7 Disassociate

The Disassociate feature allows a device which was previously associated with a PAN to terminate its membership of the PAN. To disassociate from a PAN, the device will issue an `MLME-DISASSOCIATE.request` primitive. This can also be used by a PAN Co-ordinator to cause an associated device to leave the PAN.

The Application/NWK layer issues a Disassociate Request. When this is issued by a device, a Disassociate Notification command is sent to the PAN Co-ordinator. If the request was issued by a Co-ordinator, the notification command is stored for later transmission and the beacon contents are updated to show that there is a message pending for the device to be disassociated.

When a Disassociate Notification message has been transmitted, an acknowledgement is sent in return. On receiving the acknowledgement, the MAC generates an `MLME-DISASSOCIATE.confirm` to the Application/NWK layer.

If the Disassociate Request was sent by a device, on receiving the Disassociate Notification command the MAC on the Co-ordinator will generate an `MLME-DISASSOCIATE.indication` to indicate to the Co-ordinator Application/Network layer that a device is leaving the PAN.

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### 3.7.1 Disassociate Request

The `MLME-DISASSOCIATE.request` primitive is used by the Application/NWK layer of an associated device to tell the MAC to disassociate from the Co-ordinator of a PAN. It is also used by the Application/NWK layer of a Co-ordinator to remove an associated device from the PAN. The request is sent to the MAC using the routine **vAppApiMlmeRequest()**. The request structure `MAC_MlmeReqDisassociate_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.8](#).

---

### 3.7.2 Disassociate Confirm

A Disassociate Confirm is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the state of a Disassociate Request. The confirm message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to **u32AppApiInit()**. It may also be sent synchronously to the Application/NWK layer as part of the **vAppApiMlmeRequest()** used to send the Disassociate Request. The Disassociate Confirm structure `MAC_MlmeCfmDisassociate_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.24](#).

---

### 3.7.3 Disassociate Indication

A Disassociate Indication is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer that a Disassociate Notification command has been received. The indication message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to **u32AppApiInit()**. The Disassociate Indication structure `MAC_MlmeIndDisassociate_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.33](#).

---

### 3.7.4 Disassociation Examples

The following is an example of a request to disassociate a device from a PAN

```
/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s  sMlmeReqRsp;
MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s sMlmeSyncCfm;

/* Post disassociate request for device to leave PAN */
sMlmeReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MLME_REQ_DISASSOCIATE;
sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_MlmeReqDisassociate_s);
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqDisassociate.sAddr.u8AddrMode = 2;
                                                    /* Short */
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqDisassociate.sAddr.uAddr.u16Short =
u16CoordShortAddr;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqDisassociate.u8Reason = 2;
                                                    /* Device leave PAN */
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqDisassociate.u8SecurityEnable = FALSE;
```

```
vAppApiMlmeRequest(&sMlmeReqRsp, &sMlmeSyncCfm);

/* Handle synchronous confirm */
if (sMlmeSyncCfm.u8Status != MAC_MLME_CFM_DEFERRED)
{
    /* Unexpected result, expecting a deferred confirm */
}
```

## 3.8 Data Transmission and Reception

The MAC provides a data service for the transmission and reception of data. Data is transmitted using the `MCPS-DATA.request`; the status of the transmission is reported by the `MCPS-DATA.confirm`. Reception of data is indicated to the Application/NWK layer by the MAC raising a `MCPS-DATA.indication`.

### 3.8.1 Transmission Power

The radio transmission power of a JN516x/7x device can be varied - for example, a JN5168 standard-power module has a transmission power range of -32 to 0 dBm. To set the transmission power, you can use the function `eAppApiPlmeSet()` to set the relevant PHY PIB attribute (specified by `PHY_PIB_ATTR_TX_POWER`). The required function call is:

```
eAppApiPlmeSet(PHY_PIB_ATTR_TX_POWER, x);
```

where `x` is a 6-bit two's complement power level, yielding a range of -32 to +31. In practice, this value is mapped to an actual transmission level:

- For JN5168, JN5164 and JN5161, it is mapped to one of four levels, as indicated in [Table 5](#) below (note that the 'standard-power' figures refer to the power levels of the JN516x device itself while the 'high-power' figures include the external amplification on the module).
- For JN5169 and JN517x, it is mapped to the nearest of 26 levels in the range -32 to +10 dBm.

Therefore, some positive input values will be truncated (to +10 dBm for the JN5169/7x devices and to 0 dBm for the other JN516x devices).

Lower 6 Bits of Parameter <code>x</code>	As Two's Complement Values	Mapped Power Level (dBm)		
		Standard-Power Modules	High-Power Modules	
		JN516x	JN516x M05	JN516x M06
32 to 39	-32 to -25	-32	-26	-11
40 to 51	-24 to -13	-20	-15	+1
52 to 63	-12 to -1	-9	-3	+13
0 to 31	0 to 31	0	+9.5	+22

**Table 5: Power Level Mappings for JN516x Modules (except JN5169)**



The parameter *x* can be set as the desired power level (in dBm) cast to a **uint32** - for example, to achieve a -9 dBm power setting on a JN5168 standard-power module, the required function call would be:

```
eAppApiPlmeSet(PHY_PIB_ATTR_TX_POWER, (uint32)(-9));
```

#### Notes:

- When using a JN516x/7x high-power module, before calling **eAppApiPlmeSet()** it is necessary to call **vAppApiSetHighPowerMode()** in order to specify the module type and to enable high-power mode. For further details, refer to the description on page 97.
- When using a JN5169 or JN517x module, the function **vAppApiSetComplianceLimits()** can be called to set the maximum power output to be within the limits for the relevant region of the world. For further details, refer to the description on page 98.
- The function **vAppApiSetComplianceLimits()** can also be used on JN5169/7x modules to set the CCA threshold value which is used to determine whether a channel is busy.

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### 3.8.2 Data Request

The `MCPS-DATA.request` primitive is used by the Application/NWK layer to transmit a frame of data to a destination device. The request is sent to the MAC using the **vAppApiMcpsRequest()** routine. The request structure `MAC_McpsReqData_s` is detailed in [Section 6.2.5](#).

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### 3.8.3 Data Confirm

An `MCPS-DATA.confirm` primitive is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the state of an `MCPS-DATA.request`. The confirm message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to **u32AppApilnit()**. It may also be sent synchronously to the Application/NWK layer as part of the **vAppApiMcpsRequest()** call used to send the Data Request. The Data Confirm structure `MAC_McpsCfmData_s` is detailed in [Section 6.2.7](#).

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### 3.8.4 Data Indication

An `MCPS-DATA.indication` is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the reception of a data packet. The indication message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to **vAppApiMcpsRequest()**. The Data Indication structure `MAC_McpsIndData_s` is detailed in [Section 6.2.11](#).

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### 3.8.5 Purge Request

The `MCPS-PURGE.request` primitive is used by the Application/NWK layer to remove a data frame from a transaction queue where it is held prior to transmission. The request is sent to the MAC using the `vAppApiMcpsRequest()` function. The request structure `MAC_McpsReqPurge_s` is detailed in [Section 6.2.6](#).

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### 3.8.6 Purge Confirm

An `MCPS-PURGE.confirm` primitive is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the result of an `MCPS-PURGE.request` primitive. The confirm message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to `u32AppApilnit()`. It may also be sent synchronously to the Application/NWK layer as part of the `vAppApiMcpsRequest()` function used to send the Purge Request. The Purge Confirm structure `MAC_McpsCfmPurge_s` is detailed in [Section 6.2.8](#).

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### 3.8.7 Data Transfer Examples

The following is an example of a device transmitting data to a Co-ordinator using a Data Request. The variable `u8CurrentTxHandle` is set at a higher layer and is just used as a data frame tag. The variable `u16ShortAddr` contains the short address of the device that is transmitting the data.

```
#define DEMO_PAN_ID                0x0e1c
#define DEMO_COORD_ADDR           0x0e00

/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_McpsReqRsp_s  sMcpsReqRsp;
MAC_McpsSyncCfm_s sMcpsSyncCfm;

uint8 *pu8Payload;

/* Create frame transmission request */
sMcpsReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MCPS_REQ_DATA;
sMcpsReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_McpsReqData_s);

/* Set handle so we can match confirmation to request */
sMcpsReqRsp.uParam.sReqData.u8Handle = u8CurrentTxHandle;

/* Use short address for source */
sMcpsReqRsp.uParam.sReqData.sFrame.sAddr.sSrc.u8AddrMode = 2;
sMcpsReqRsp.uParam.sReqData.sFrame.sAddr.sSrc.u16PanId =
DEMO_PAN_ID;
sMcpsReqRsp.uParam.sReqData.sFrame.sAddr.sSrc.uAddr.u16Short =
```

```

ul6ShortAddr;

/* Use short address for destination */
sMcpsReqRsp.uParam.sReqData.sFrame.sAddr.sDst.u8AddrMode = 2;
sMcpsReqRsp.uParam.sReqData.sFrame.sAddr.sDst.ul6PanId =
DEMO_PAN_ID;
sMcpsReqRsp.uParam.sReqData.sFrame.sAddr.sDst.uAddr.ul6Short =
DEMO_COORD_ADDR;

/* Frame requires ack but not security, indirect transmit or GTS */
sMcpsReqRsp.uParam.sReqData.sFrame.u8TxOptions =
MAC_TX_OPTION_ACK;

/* Set payload, only use first 8 bytes */
sMcpsReqRsp.uParam.sReqData.sFrame.u8SduLength = 8;
pu8Payload = sMcpsReqRsp.uParam.sReqData.sFrame.au8Sdu;
pu8Payload[0] = 0x00;
pu8Payload[1] = 0x01;
pu8Payload[2] = 0x02;
pu8Payload[3] = 0x03;
pu8Payload[4] = 0x04;
pu8Payload[5] = 0x05;
pu8Payload[6] = 0x06;
pu8Payload[6] = 0x07;

/* Request transmit */
vAppApiMcpsRequest(&sMcpsReqRsp, &sMcpsSyncCfm);

```

A Data Confirm can be sent to the application via callbacks.

```

PRIVATE void vProcessIncomingMcps(MAC_McpsDcfmInd_s *psMcpsInd)
{
    /* Process MCPS indication by checking if it is a confirmation of
    our outgoing frame */
    if ((psMcpsInd->u8Type == MAC_MCPS_DCFM_DATA)
        && (sDemoData.sSystem.eState == E_STATE_TX_DATA))
    {
        if (psMcpsInd->uParam.sDcfmData.u8Handle ==
            sDemoData.sTransceiver.u8CurrentTxHandle)
        {
            /* Increment handle for next time. Increment failures */
            sDemoData.sTransceiver.u8CurrentTxHandle++;
        }
    }
}

```

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```
        /* Start to read sensors. This takes a while but rather
        * than wait for an interrupt we just poll and, once
        * finished, move back to the running state to wait for
        * the next beacon. Not a power saving solution! */
        sDemoData.sSystem.eState = E_STATE_READ_SENSORS;
        vProcessRead();
        sDemoData.sSystem.eState = E_STATE_RUNNING;
    }
}
}
```

The following is an example of handling the Data Indication event that is generated by the MAC layer of a Co-ordinator when data is received. The variable *u16DeviceAddr* contains the short address of the device from which we want to receive data. This example assumes that data is passed as a pointer to a deferred confirm indicator data type, i.e. `MAC_McpsDcfmInd_s *psMcpsInd`.

```
MAC_RxFrameData_s *psFrame;
MAC_Addr_s *psAddr;
uint16 u16NodeAddr;
au8DeviceData[8];

if (psMcpsInd->u8Type == MAC_MCPS_IND_DATA)
{
    psFrame = &psMcpsInd->uParam.sIndData.sFrame;
    psAddr = &psFrame->sAddrPair.sSrc;

    /* Using short addressing mode */
    if (psAddr->u8AddrMode == 2)
    {
        /* Get address of device that is sending the data */
        u16NodeAddr = psAddr->uAddr.u16Short;
        /* If this is the device we want */
        if (u16NodeAddr == u16DeviceAddr)
        {
            /* Store the received data, only interested in 8 bytes */
            for(i = 0; i < 8; i++)
            {
                au8DeviceData[i] = psFrame->au8Sdu[i];
            }
        }
    }
}
```

The following is an example of a request to purge a data frame from the transaction queue. The variable *u8PurgeItemHandle* defines which item is to be purged and is set by a higher layer.

```

/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_McpsReqRsp_s  sMcpsReqRsp;
MAC_McpsSyncCfm_s sMcpsSyncCfm;

/* Send request to remove a data frame from transaction queue */
sMcpsReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MCPS_REQ_PURGE;
sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_McpsReqPurge_s);
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqPurge.u8Handle = u8PurgeItemHandle;

/* Request transmit */
vAppApiMcpsRequest(&sMcpsReqRsp, &sMcpsSyncCfm);

```

The following is an example of handling a Purge Confirm event. This example assumes data is passed as a pointer to a deferred confirm indicator data type, i.e. *MAC\_McpsDcfmInd\_s \*psMcpsInd*.

```

if (psMcpsInd->u8Type == MAC_MCPS_DCFM_PURGE)
{
    if (psMcpsInd->uParam.sCfmPurge.u8Status != MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS)
    {
        /* Purge request failed */
    }
}

```

---

### 3.8.8 Receive Enable

The Receive Enable feature allows a device to control when its receiver will be enabled or disabled, and for how long. On beacon-enabled PANs, the timings are relative to superframe boundaries; on non-beacon-enabled PANs, the receiver is enabled immediately.

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### 3.8.9 Receive Enable Request

The `MLME-RX-ENABLE.request` primitive is used by the Application/NWK layer to request that the receiver is enabled at a particular time and for a particular duration. The request is sent to the MAC using the `vAppApiMlmeRequest()` routine. The request structure `MAC_MlmeReqRxEnable_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.12](#).

A new Receive Enable Request must be generated for each attempt to enable the receiver.

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### 3.8.10 Receive Enable Confirm

An `MLME-RX-ENABLE.confirm` primitive is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the result of an `MLME-RX-ENABLE.request` primitive. The confirm message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to `u32AppApilnit()`. It may also be sent synchronously to the Application/NWK layer as part of the `vAppApiMlmeRequest()` function used to send the Receive Enable Request. The Receive Enable Confirm structure `MAC_MlmeCfmRxEnable_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.26](#).

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### 3.8.11 Receive Enable Examples

The following is an example of an Receiver Enable Request.

```
#define RX_ON_TIME0x00
#define RX_ON_DURATION0x200000

/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s  sMlmeReqRsp;
MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s  sMlmeSyncCfm;

/* Post receiver enable request */
sMlmeReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MLME_REQ_RX_ENABLE;
sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_MlmeReqRxEnable_s);
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqRxEnable.u8DeferPermit = TRUE;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqRxEnable.u32RxOnTime = RX_ON_TIME;
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.sReqRxEnable.u32RxOnDuration = RX_ON_DURATION);
vAppApiMlmeRequest(&sMlmeReqRsp, &sMlmeSyncCfm);

/* Handle response */
if (sMlmeSyncCfm.u8Status != MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS)
{
    /* Receiver not enabled */
}
```

---

## 3.9 Guaranteed Time Slot (GTS)

Guaranteed Time Slots (GTSs) allow portions of a superframe to be assigned to a device for its exclusive use, to allow communications between the device and the PAN Co-ordinator. Up to 7 GTSs can be allocated, provided that there is enough room in the superframe; a slot may be a multiple superframe slots in length. The PAN Co-ordinator is responsible for allocating and deallocating GTSs. Requests for allocation of GTSs are made by devices. GTSs may be deallocated by the PAN Co-ordinator or by the device which owns the slots. A GTS has a defined direction (transmit or receive relative to the device) and a device may request a transmit GTS and a receive GTS. A device must be tracking beacons in order to be allowed to use GTSs.

The result of an allocation or deallocation of a GTS is transmitted in the beacon; in the case of the allocation, information such as the start slot, slot length and the device short address are transmitted as part of the GTS descriptor. The contents of the beacon are examined to allow the GTS Confirm primitive to report the status of the allocation or deallocation attempt.

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### 3.9.1 GTS Request

The `MLME-GTS.request` primitive is used by the Application/NWK layer to request that the receiver is enabled at a particular time and for a particular duration. The request is sent to the MAC using the `vAppApiMlmeRequest()` function. The request structure `MAC_MlmeReqGts_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.10](#).

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### 3.9.2 GTS Confirm

An `MLME-GTS.confirm` primitive is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the result of an `MLME-GTS.request` primitive. The confirm message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to `u32AppApilnit()`. It may also be sent synchronously to the Application/NWK layer as part of the `vAppApiMlmeRequest()` function used to send the GTS Request. The GTS Confirm structure `MAC_MlmeCfmGts_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.22](#).

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### 3.9.3 GTS Indication

A GTS Indication is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer that a GTS Request command to allocate or deallocate a GTS has been received, or on a PAN Co-ordinator where the GTS deallocation is generated by the Co-ordinator itself. The indication message is sent to the Application/NWK layer using the callback routines registered at system start-up in the call to `u32AppApilnit()`. The GTS Indication structure `MAC_MlmeIndGts_s` is detailed in [Section 6.1.34](#).

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## 3.9.4 GTS Examples

The following is an example of a device making a GTS request to the PAN Coordinator:

```
/* Structures used to hold data for MLME request and response */
MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s sMlmeReqRsp;
MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s sMlmeSyncCfm;

uint8 u8Characteristics = 0;

/* Make GTS request for 4 slots, in tx direction */
sMlmeReqRsp.u8Type = MAC_MLME_REQ_GTS;
sMlmeReqRsp.u8ParamLength = sizeof(MAC_MlmeReqGts_s);
sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.MAC_MlmeReqGts_s.u8SecurityEnable = TRUE;

/* characteristics defined in mac_sap.h */
u8Characteristics |= 4 << MAC_GTS_LENGTH_BIT;
u8Characteristics |= MAC_GTS_DIRECTION_TX << MAC_GTS_DIRECTION_BIT;
u8Characteristics |= MAC_GTS_TYPE_ALLOC << MAC_GTS_TYPE_BIT;

sMlmeReqRsp.uParam.MAC_MlmeReqGts_s.u8Characteristics =
                                u8Characteristics;

/* Put in associate request and check immediate confirm. Should
   be deferred, in which case response is handled by event handler */
vAppApiMlmeRequest(&sMlmeReqRsp, &sMlmeSyncCfm);

/* Handle synchronous confirm */
if (sMlmeSyncCfm.u8Status != MAC_MLME_CFM_DEFERRED)
{
    /* Unexpected result - handle error*/
}
}
```

The following is an example of handling a deferred GTS confirm (generated by the MAC layer in response to the above request). Assumes data is passed as a pointer to a deferred confirm indicator data type i.e. MAC\_MlmeDcfmInd\_s \*psMlmeInd.

```
if (psMlmeInd->u8Type == MAC_MLME_DCFM_GTS)
{
    if (psMlmeInd->uParam.MAC_MlmeCfmGts_s.u8Status ==
        MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS)
    {
        /* GTS allocated successfully, store characteristics */
        u8Characteristics = psMlmeInd->
                            uParam.MAC_MlmeCfmGts_s.u8Characteristics;
    }
}
```



```

        u8GtsLength = (u8Characteristics & MAC_GTS_LENGTH_MASK);
        u8GtsDirection = (u8Characteristics & MAC_GTS_DIRECTION_MASK)
>>
                                MAC_GTS_DIRECTION_BIT;
        u8GtsType = (u8Characteristics & MAC_GTS_TYPE_MASK) >>
                                MAC_GTS_TYPE_BIT;
    }
}

```

The following example shows a Co-ordinator handling a GTS Indication event (generated by the MAC layer following the reception of a GTS Request command from a device). This example assumes that data is passed as a pointer to a deferred confirm indicator data type, i.e. `MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s *psMlmeInd`.

```

if (psMlmeInd->u8Type == MAC_MLME_IND_GTS)
{
    /* determine whether allocation or de-allocation has occurred */
    u8Characteristics = psMlmeInd->
                        uParam.MAC_MlmeIndGts_s.u8Characteristics;
    u8GtsType = (u8Characteristics & MAC_GTS_TYPE_MASK) >>
                MAC_GTS_TYPE_BIT;

    if (u8GtsType == MAC_GTS_TYPE_DEALLOC)
    {
        /* handle de-allocation of GTS */
    }
    else
    {
        /* handle allocation of GTS */
    }
}

```

---

## 3.10 PIB Access

The PAN Information Base (PIB) consists of a number of parameters or attributes used by the MAC and PHY layers. They describe the Personal Area Network in which the node exists. The detailed use of these parameters is described in the IEEE 802.15.4 Standard and will not be dealt with further here. The MAC and PHY PIB attributes are listed and described in [Chapter 8](#). The mechanisms that a network layer can use to read (set) and write (get) these attributes are described below:

- [Section 3.10.1](#) describes access to the MAC PIB attributes
- [Section 3.10.2](#) describes access to the PHY PIB attributes

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### 3.10.1 MAC PIB Attributes

The MAC PIB attributes are contained in the structure `MAC_Pib_s`, defined in the header file `mac_pib.h`. These attributes are listed and described in [Section 8.1](#). The mechanism for reading (Get) and writing (Set) these attributes depends on the particular attribute. Write accesses to attributes that affect hardware registers must be performed using API functions while all other attribute accesses can be performed directly in the structure.

#### Setting MAC Attributes via API Functions

Functions are provided in the 802.15.4 Stack API to set MAC PIB attributes that are related to settings in hardware registers. These attributes and their associated 'Set' functions are listed in [Section 8.1](#) and the functions are fully detailed in [Section 5.3](#).

#### Directly Accessing MAC Attributes

All other MAC PIB attributes (other than those that affect hardware registers) can be written directly and all MAC PIB attributes can be read directly.

In order to access the MAC PIB attributes directly, a handle to the PIB is required. The application can obtain a handle to the PIB with the following code:

```
/* At start of file */
#include "AppApi.h"
#include "mac_pib.h"

PRIVATE void *pvMac;
PRIVATE MAC_Pib_s *psPib;

/* Within application initialization function */
pvMac = pvAppApiGetMacHandle();
psPib = MAC_psPibGetHandle(pvMac);
```

Once the handle is obtained, MAC PIB attributes can be read directly - for example:

```
bMyAssociationPermit = psPib->bAssociationPermit;
```

Most of the MAC PIB attributes (other than those that affect hardware registers) can also be written using the PIB handle - for example:

```
psPib->bAssociationPermit = bMyAssociationPermit;
```

The following is an example of writing the beacon order attribute in the PIB:

```
psPib->u8BeaconOrder = 5;
```

The following is an example of reading the Co-ordinator short address from the PIB:

```
uint16 u16CoordShortAddr;  
u16CoordShortAddr = psPib->u16CoordShortAddr;
```

The following is an example of writing to one of the variables within an access control list entry:

```
psPib->asAclEntryDescriptorSet[1].u8AclSecuritySuite = 0x01;
```

---

## 3.10.2 PHY PIB Attributes

The PHY PIB attributes are represented in the 802.15.4 Stack API by enumerations, which are detailed in [Section 8.2](#). Enumerations are also provided for the possible attribute values and are also detailed in [Section 8.2](#). The attributes can be accessed using these enumerations via two API functions, fully described in [Section 5.4](#):

- **eAppApiPImeGet()** can be used to read (get) a PHY PIB attribute
- **eAppApiPImeSet()** can be used to write (set) a PHY PIB attribute

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## 3.11 Issuing Service Primitives

The methods for coding the use of service primitives, as introduced in [Section 1.15](#), are outlined in the sub-sections below.

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### 3.11.1 Sending Requests

This section describes how an application sends a Request to the MAC Layer.

Requests can be sent via two possible MAC interfaces:

- MLME (MAC Sublayer Management Entity)
- MCPS (MAC Common Part Sub-layer)

Both of the above provide an interface to the IEEE 802.15.4 PHY layer. MCPS provides access to the MAC data service.

A 'Send' function is available in the API for each of these two MAC interfaces:

- **vAppApiMlmeRequest()** is used to submit a Request to the MLME interface
- **vAppApiMcpsRequest()** is used to submit a Request to the MCPS interface

These functions are fully described in [Section 5.1](#).

In using these functions, it is necessary to fill in a structure representing the Request to the MAC Layer. Following the function call, the application may receive either a synchronous Confirm, for which space must be allocated, or expect a deferred (asynchronous) Confirm at some later time (the application may elect to perform other tasks while waiting for a deferred Confirm or, if there is nothing to do, go to sleep in order to save power).

Deferred Confirms and Indications are handled by callback functions which are registered by the application as described in [Section 3.11.2](#).

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### 3.11.2 Registering Deferred Confirm/Indication Callbacks

Callback functions must be provided by the application that allow Deferred Confirms and Indications to be passed from the MAC Layer to the MAC User (e.g. application).

These user-defined callback functions must be registered by the application when the API is initialised using the function **u32AppApilnit()** - callback functions must be provided for each of the MLME and MCPS interfaces:

- The parameters *prMlmeGetBuffer* and *prMcpsGetBuffer* must point to callback functions that allocate a buffer in which the MAC Layer can store an MLME/MCPS Deferred Confirm or Indication before it is passed to the MAC User.
- The parameters *prMlmeCallback* and *prMcpsCallback* must point to callback functions that send the buffer containing an MLME/MCPS Deferred Confirm or Indication to the MAC User.

For more information on these parameters and callback functions, refer to the description of **u32AppApilnit()** in [Section 5.2](#).

This two-phase callback system gives control of buffer allocation to the application. This allows the application to easily implement a basic queuing system for Deferred Confirms and Indications, which are always handled asynchronously.

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## 4. Application Development

This chapter provides guidance on IEEE 802.15.4 application coding by detailing the typical set-up and operation of the following node types:

- PAN Co-ordinator - see [Section 4.2](#)
- End Device - see [Section 4.3](#)

The described application code is available in application templates (see [Section 4.1](#)).



**Note:** The application for each node type is described in terms of user-defined functions that are defined using the supplied API functions, detailed in [Chapter 5](#).

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### 4.1 Application Templates

The application code described in this chapter is provided in the following NXP Application Notes:

- *IEEE 802.15.4 Application Template for JN516x (JN-AN-1174)*, which can be downloaded directly from the Wireless Connectivity area of the NXP web site
- *IEEE 802.15.4 Application Template for JN517x (JN-AN-1211)*, which is supplied in the JN517x IEEE 802.15.4 SDK (JN-SW-4263), available via the Wireless Connectivity area of the NXP web site

The application templates are fully described in the Application Note documentation and are intended as starting points for your own application development.

The template code is designed such that:

- The network topology is a Star network
- Short addressing is used
- Pre-determined values are used for the PAN ID and short addresses (for the PAN Co-ordinator and End Device(s))
- The network is non-beacon enabled (meaning that the PAN Co-ordinator will not transmit regular beacons)
- Data transfers are implemented with acknowledgements
- There is provision on each device for receiving but not transmitting data (if required, the ability to transmit data must be added during customisation)
- No security is implemented



**Note:** When developing IEEE 802.15.4 applications, it may also be useful to refer to the example code in the Application Note *802.15.4 Home Sensor Demonstration for JN516x (JN-AN-1180)*.

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## 4.2 Coding for PAN Co-ordinator

The entry point from the boot loader into the Co-ordinator application is the function **AppColdStart()** - this is the equivalent of the **main()** function in other C programs. This function performs the following tasks (also illustrated in [Figure 17](#)):

1. **AppColdStart()** calls the function **vInitSystem()**, which itself performs the following tasks:
  - Initialises the IEEE 802.15.4 stack on the device
  - Sets the PAN ID and short address of the PAN Co-ordinator - in this application, these are pre-determined and are defined in the file **config.h**
  - Switches on the radio receiver
  - Enables the device to accept association requests from other devices
2. **AppColdStart()** calls the function **vStartEnergyScan()** which starts an Energy Detection Scan to assess the level of activity in the possible radio frequency channels - the channels to be scanned are defined in the file **config.h** along with the scan duration. Initiation of the scan is handled as an MLME request to the IEEE 802.15.4 MAC sub-layer.
3. **AppColdStart()** waits for an MLME response using the function **vProcessEventQueues()** - this function checks each of the three event queues and processes items found. The function uses the function **vProcessIncomingMlme()** to handle the MLME response. This function calls **vHandleEnergyScanResponse()** which processes the results of the Energy Detection Scan - the function searches the results to find the quietest channel and sets this as the adopted channel for the network. The last function then calls **vStartCoordinator()** which sets the required parameters and then submits an MLME request to start the network (note that no response is expected for this request).
4. **AppColdStart()** loops the function **vProcessEventQueues()** to wait for an association request from another device, which arrives as an MLME request (note that the beacon request from the device is handled by the IEEE 802.15.4 stack and is not seen by the application). When the association request arrives, the function **vHandleNodeAssociation()** is called to process the request. This function creates and submits an association response via MLME.
5. **AppColdStart()** loops the function **vProcessEventQueues()** to wait for messages from the associated device arriving via the MCPS and hardware queues.
  - When data arrives in the MCPS queue, **vProcessEventQueues()** first uses the function **vProcessIncomingMcps()** to accept the incoming data frame. Note that **vProcessIncomingMcps()** uses **vHandleMcpsDataInd()**, which calls **vProcessReceivedDataPacket()** in which you must define the processing to be done on the data.
  - When an event arrives in the hardware queue, **vProcessEventQueues()** calls the function **vProcessIncomingHwEvent()** to accept the incoming event. You must define the processing to be performed in this function.

**Note:** As it stands, the described code is only designed to receive data and not transmit data.

The above Co-ordinator set-up process is illustrated in Figure 17 below.

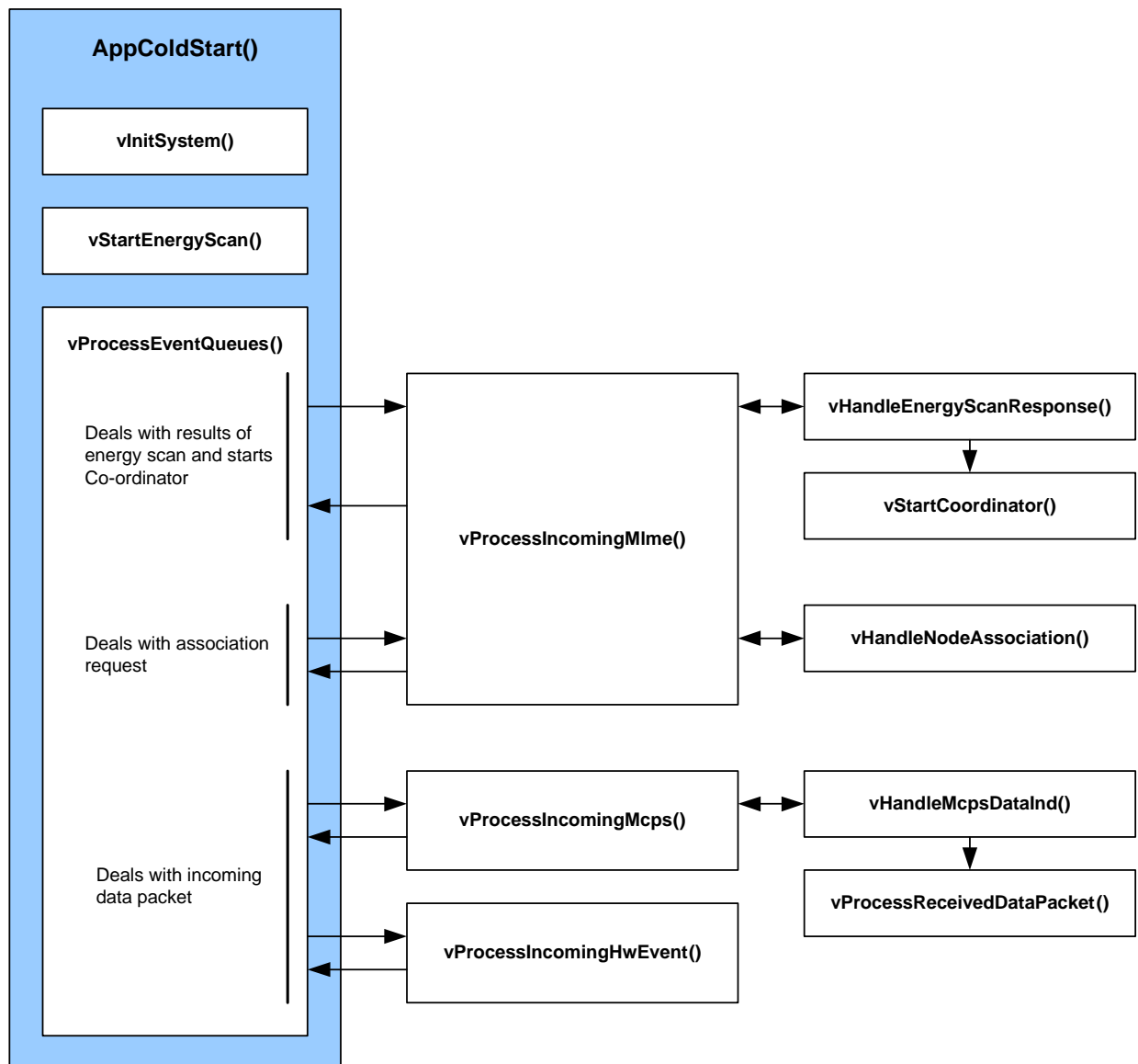


Figure 17: PAN Co-ordinator Set-up Process

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## 4.3 Coding for End Device

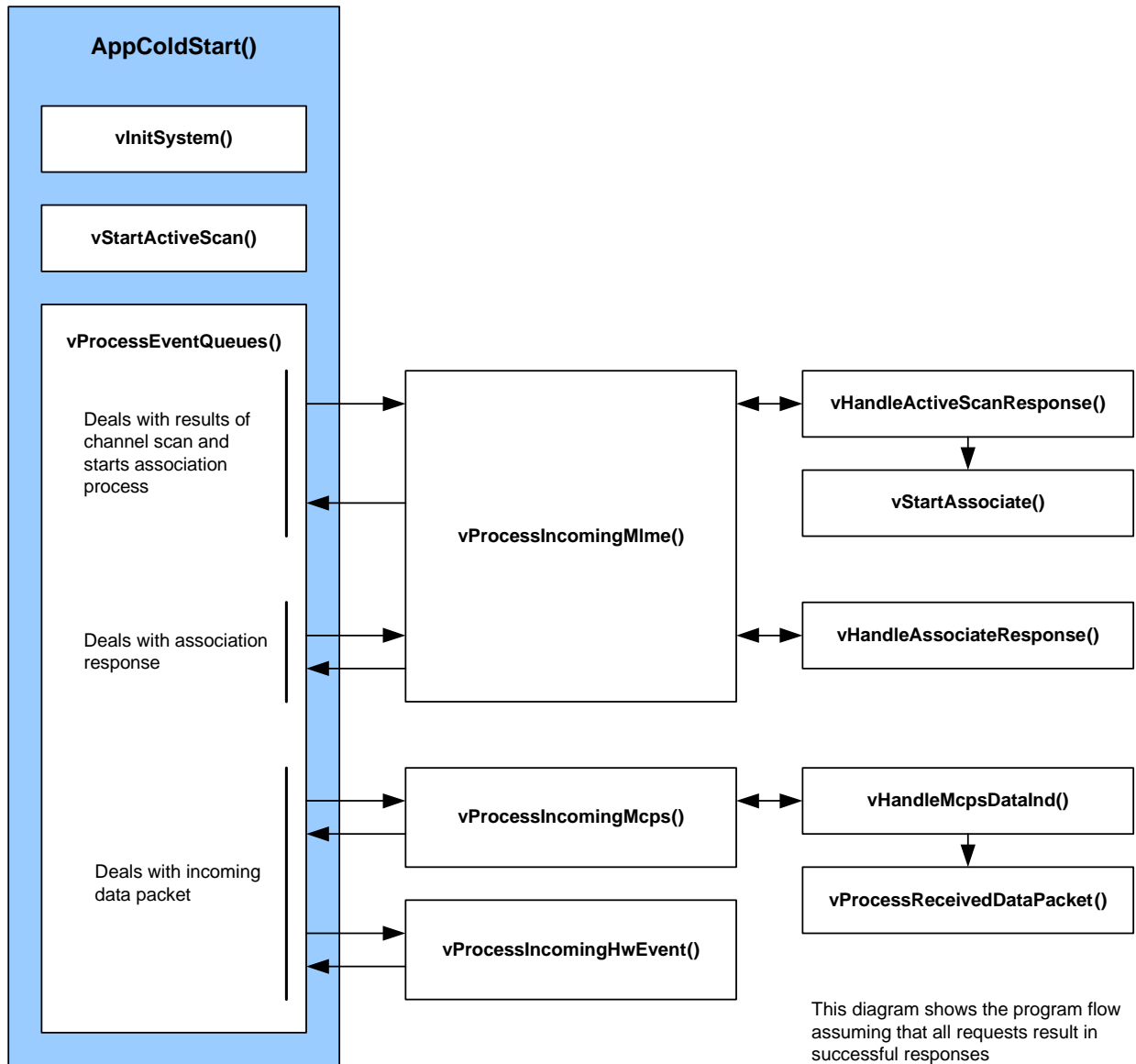
For the End Device, the function **AppColdStart()** performs the following tasks (also illustrated in [Figure 18](#)):

1. **AppColdStart()** calls the function **vInitSystem()**, which initialises the IEEE 802.15.4 stack on the device.
2. **AppColdStart()** calls the function **vStartActiveScan()** which starts an Active Channel Scan in which the device sends beacon requests to be detected by the PAN Co-ordinator, which then sends out a beacon in response - the channels to be scanned are defined in the file **config.h** along with the scan duration. Initiation of the scan is handled as an MLME request to the IEEE 802.15.4 MAC sub-layer.
3. **AppColdStart()** waits for an MLME response using the function **vProcessEventQueues()** which checks each of the three event queues and processes the items it finds. The function uses the **vProcessIncomingMlme()** function to handle the MLME response. This function calls the function **vHandleActiveScanResponse()** which processes the results of the Active Channel Scan:
  - If a PAN Co-ordinator is found, the function stores the Co-ordinator details (PAN ID, short address, logical channel) and calls **vStartAssociate()** to submit an association request to the Co-ordinator - this is handled as an MLME request.
  - If a PAN Co-ordinator is not found (possibly because the Co-ordinator has not yet been initialised), the function recalls **vStartActiveScan()** in order to restart the scan (in which case this process continues as described from Step 2).
4. **AppColdStart()** loops the function **vProcessEventQueues()** to wait for an association response from the Co-ordinator. When the response is received, **vProcessIncomingMlme()** is called, which (provided that the device is in the associating state) calls the function **vHandleAssociateResponse()** to process the response. The last functions checks the association response:
  - If the PAN Co-ordinator has accepted the association, the function puts the device into the 'associated' state.
  - If the PAN Co-ordinator has rejected the association, the function recalls **vStartActiveScan()** to start a search for another PAN Co-ordinator (in which case this process continues as described from Step 2).
5. **AppColdStart()** loops the function **vProcessEventQueues()** to wait for messages from the PAN Co-ordinator arriving via the MCPS and hardware queues.
  - When data arrives in the MCPS queue, **vProcessEventQueues()** first uses the function **vProcessIncomingMcps()** to accept the incoming data frame. Note that **vProcessIncomingMcps()** uses **vHandleMcpsDataInd()**, which calls **vProcessReceivedDataPacket()** in which you must define the processing to be done on the data.
  - When an event arrives in the hardware queue, **vProcessEventQueues()** calls the function **vProcessIncomingHwEvent()** to accept the incoming event. You must define the processing to be performed in this function.



**Note:** As it stands, the described code is only designed to receive data and not transmit data.

The above End Device set-up process is illustrated in [Figure 18](#) below.



**Figure 18: End Device Set-up Process**

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# Part II: Reference Information



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## 5. API Functions

This chapter details the C functions of the Application Programming Interface (API) provided in the NXP IEEE 802.15.4 software. The functions are described in the following categories:

- Network to MAC Layer functions - see [Section 5.1](#)
- MAC to Network Layer functions - see [Section 5.2](#)
- MAC Layer PIB Access functions - see [Section 5.3](#)
- PHY Layer PIB Access functions - see [Section 5.4](#)

The user-defined MLME/MCPS callback functions that must be registered by the Application or NWK layer are detailed in [Section 5.5](#).

The return codes used by some of the API functions are listed and described in [Section 5.6](#).

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### 5.1 Network to MAC Layer Functions

The NWK to MLME and NWK to MCPS interfaces are implemented as functions called from the NWK layer to routines provided by the MAC. The general procedure to use these functions is to fill in a structure representing a request to the MAC and either receive a synchronous confirm, for which space must be allocated, or to expect a deferred (asynchronous) confirm at some time later. The application may elect to perform other tasks while waiting for a deferred confirm or, if there is nothing for it to do, go to sleep to save power.

This section describes the functions used to send the above requests. Functions to select the type of security required and to enable high-power mode (for JN516x/7x high-power modules) are also described.

The functions are listed below, along with their page references:

<b>Function</b>	<b>Page</b>
<a href="#">vAppApiMlmeRequest</a>	94
<a href="#">vAppApiMcpsRequest</a>	95
<a href="#">vAppApiSetSecurityMode</a>	96
<a href="#">vAppApiSetHighPowerMode</a>	97
<a href="#">vAppApiSetComplianceLimits</a>	98

---

## vAppApiMlmeRequest

---

```
void vAppApiMlmeRequest(  
    MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s *psMlmeReqRsp,  
    MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s *psMlmeSyncCfm);
```

### Description

This function is used to pass an MLME request from the NWK layer or Application to the MAC. The request is specified in a `MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s` structure (detailed in [Section 6.1.1](#)). A pointer to a `MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s` structure (see [Section 6.1.5](#)) must also be provided in which a synchronous confirm will be received. If the confirm is deferred, this will be indicated in the status returned in this structure.

### Parameters

<i>*psMlmeReqRsp</i>	Pointer to a structure holding the request to the MLME interface (see <a href="#">Section 6.1.1</a> )
<i>*psMlmeSyncCfm</i>	Pointer to a structure used to hold the result of a synchronous confirm to a request over the MLME interface (see <a href="#">Section 6.1.5</a> )

### Returns

None

---

## vAppApiMcpsRequest

---

```
void vAppApiMcpsRequest(  
    MAC_McpsReqRsp_s *psMcpsReqRsp,  
    MAC_McpsSyncCfm_s *psMcpsSyncCfm);
```

### Description

This function is used to pass an MCPS request from the NWK layer or Application to the MAC. The request is specified in a `MAC_McpsReqRsp_s` structure (detailed in [Section 6.2.1](#)). A pointer to a `MAC_McpsSyncCfm_s` structure (see [Section 6.2.3](#)) must also be provided in which a synchronous confirm will be received. If the confirm is deferred, this will be indicated in the status returned in this structure.

### Parameters

<i>*psMcpsReqRsp</i>	Pointer to a structure holding the request to the MCPS interface (see <a href="#">Section 6.2.1</a> )
<i>*psMcpsSyncCfm</i>	Pointer to a structure used to hold the result of a synchronous confirm to a request over the MCPS interface (see <a href="#">Section 6.2.3</a> )

### Returns

None

---

## vAppApiSetSecurityMode

---

```
void vAppApiSetSecurityMode(  
    MAC_SecurityMode_e eSecurityMode);
```

### Description

This function is used to select the type of IEEE 802.15.4 MAC-level security to be used - IEEE 802.15.4-2003 or IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security.

If no security is to be implemented, there is no need to call this function.

IEEE 802.15.4 security is introduced in [Section 1.16](#). Useful information on IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security is provided in [Appendix B](#). To implement 802.15.4-2006 security, you should refer to the Application Note *802.15.4 Home Sensor Demonstration for JN516x (JN-AN-1180)*.

### Parameters

<i>eSecurityMode</i>	Required security type, one of: MAC_SECURITY_2003_SOFTWARE (2003 version) MAC_SECURITY_2006 (2006 version)
----------------------	--

### Returns

None



---

## vAppApiSetHighPowerMode

---

```
void vAppApiSetHighPowerMode(uint8 u8ModuleID,  
                             bool_t bMode);
```

### Description

This function is used on a JN516x/7x high-power module to specify the module type (standard-power, M05 high-power or M06 high-power) and enable high-power mode.

For JN5168, the M05 and M06 module types are designed for different world regions:

- JN5168-001-M05: This type of module is optimised for use in Europe and Asia. Its power output is within the limit of +10 dBm EIRP dictated by the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).
- JN5168-001-M06: This type of module is intended for use in North America only.

For the JN5169 and JN517x high-power modules (M06 only), the application must use the function **vAppApiSetComplianceLimits()** to set the power output levels within the limits imposed in the relevant region of the world. The above function can also be used to set the CCA (Clear Channel Assessment) threshold level.

For JN516x, selecting high-power mode through this function enables the Rx and Tx DIO pins for a high-power module, and also sets the appropriate CCA threshold level for the specified module type. The Rx/Tx DIO pins control the power amplifiers of the RF Rx/Tx paths through a high-power module but can also be used to monitor the receive/transmit behaviour of the JN516x device. Enabling high-power mode for a JN516x standard-power module will not lead to a power increase but will set the CCA threshold to the correct level for this module type and will allow the Rx/Tx DIOs to toggle, which is useful for debug purposes.

For JN517x, this function has no effect on the Rx and Tx DIO pins. These pins must be configured using the function **vAHI\_RfPinOutputEnable()** from the JN517x Integrated Peripherals API and described in the *JN517x Integrated Peripherals API User Guide (JN-UG-3118)*. The above function collectively configures the pins, but they can be configured individually using the **vAHI\_SetDIOpinMultiplexValue()** function, also from the JN517x Integrated Peripherals API.

If required, this function should be called before setting the transmission power using **eAppApiPImeSet()** - refer to [Section 3.8.1](#) for more information.

### Parameters

*u8ModuleID* Module type, one of:  
APP\_API\_MODULE\_STD (standard-power module)  
APP\_API\_MODULE\_HPM05 (M05 high-power module)  
APP\_API\_MODULE\_HPM06 (M06 high-power module)

*bMode* High-power mode select (always set to TRUE for high-power module):  
TRUE - enable high-power mode  
FALSE - disable high-power mode

### Returns

None

## vAppApiSetComplianceLimits

```
void vAppApiSetComplianceLimits(  
    int8 i8TxMaxPower,  
    int8 i8TxMaxPowerCh26,  
    uint8 u8CcaThreshold);
```

### Description

This function can be used on a JN5169 or JN517x device to adapt the MAC layer for high-power modules as well as to satisfy the FCC rules for standard-power JN517x modules.



**Note:** On the JN5169 and JN517x devices, flexible high-power module settings have been adopted to allow custom designs to be supported. This requires certain parameter values to be specified directly using this function. On the other JN516x devices, this function is not required because only specific module designs are supported and the required parameter settings are already incorporated in the code.

The function can be used to ensure that the transmit power of a module is within ETSI or FCC limits:

- A maximum transmit power for channels 11 to 25 can be configured.
- A maximum transmit power for channel 26 can be configured separately, since this channel is close to the top edge of the reserved frequency range and the transmit power on this channel may need to be more strictly limited than on the other channels.

In addition, the CCA (Clear Channel Assessment) threshold value can be configured, which is used to determine whether a channel is busy. This value must be adjusted on high-power modules with a Low-Noise Amplifier (LNA) on the receive path, since the LNA affects the signal strength and therefore the acceptable threshold. For standard-power modules and high-power modules without an LNA on the receive path, the current threshold value should not be changed (specified by a zero setting).

The recommended settings for the JN5169/79 high-power modules are as follows:

Module	<i>i8TxMaxPower</i>	<i>i8TxMaxPowerCh26</i>	<i>u8CcaThreshold</i>
JN5169-001-M06	0	-10	96
JN5179-001-M06	1	-9	90

If required, this function should be called before the stack and MAC are initialised, in which case the configured limits are applied as soon as the MAC is started. Otherwise, a channel change or transmit power level adjustment is required before the limits take effect - on high-power modules, this can also be achieved by calling **vAppApiSetHighPowerMode()** after calling this function.

Also, if required, this function should be called before setting the actual transmission power using **eAppApiPlmeSet()** - refer to [Section 3.8.1](#) for more information.

## Parameters

<i>i8TxMaxPower</i>	Maximum permissible transmit power for channels 11 to 25, in units of dBm. The value 127 indicates that there will be no limit (this is also effectively the case for any value greater than the output level of the module).
<i>i8TxMaxPowerCh26</i>	Maximum permissible transmit power for channel 26, in units of dBm. The value 127 indicates that there will be no limit (this is also effectively the case for any value greater than the output level of the module).
<i>u8CcaThreshold</i>	CCA threshold value to be used to determine whether a channel is busy. The value 0 indicates that no change to the current threshold value is required.

## Returns

None

---

## 5.2 MAC to Network Layer Functions

Communication from the MAC up to the application or network layer is through callback routines implemented by the upper layer and registered with the MAC at system initialisation. In this way, the upper layer can implement the method of dealing with indications and confirmations that suits it best.

This section describes a function used to register the above callback routines, and functions used to save and restore MAC settings.

The functions are listed below, along with their page references:

<b>Function</b>	<b>Page</b>
<a href="#">u32AppApiInit</a>	<a href="#">101</a>
<a href="#">vAppApiSaveMacSettings</a>	<a href="#">102</a>
<a href="#">vAppApiRestoreMacSettings</a>	<a href="#">103</a>

---

## u32AppApilnit

---

```
uint32 u32AppApilnit(
    PR_GET_BUFFER prMlmeGetBuffer,
    PR_POST_CALLBACK prMlmeCallback,
    void *pvMlmeParam,
    PR_GET_BUFFER prMcpsGetBuffer,
    PR_POST_CALLBACK prMcpsCallback,
    void *pvMcpsParam);
```

### Description

This function registers four user-defined callback functions provided by the Application/NWK layer, which are used by the MAC and the Integrated Peripherals API to communicate with the Application/NWK layer. Two of the functions are used in MLME communications and two are used in MCPS communications.

The callback functions are as follows:

- **psMlmeDcfmIndGetBuf():** Called by the MAC to provide a buffer in which to place the result of a deferred MLME callback or indication to send to the Application/NWK layer
- **vMlmeDcfmIndPost():** Called by the MAC to post (send) the buffer provided by the registered **psMlmeDcfmIndGetBuf()** function to the Application/NWK layer
- **psMcpsDcfmIndGetBuf():** Called by the MAC to provide a buffer in which to place the result of a deferred MCPS callback or indication to send to the Application/NWK layer
- **vMcpsDcfmIndPost():** Called by the MAC to post (send) the buffer provided by the registered **psMcpsDcfmIndGetBuf()** function to the Application/NWK layer

The above functions are fully detailed in [Section 5.5](#).

### Parameters

<i>prMlmeGetBuffer</i>	Pointer to <b>psMlmeDcfmIndGetBuf()</b> callback function
<i>prMlmeCallback</i>	Pointer to <b>vMlmeDcfmIndPost()</b> callback function
<i>pvMlmeParam</i>	Untyped pointer which is passed when calling the registered MLME callback functions
<i>prMcpsGetBuffer</i>	Pointer to <b>psMcpsDcfmIndGetBuf()</b> callback function
<i>prMcpsCallback</i>	Pointer to <b>vMcpsDcfmIndPost()</b> callback function
<i>pvMcpsParam</i>	Untyped pointer which is passed when calling the registered MCPS callback functions

### Returns

0 if initialisation failed, otherwise a 32-bit version number (most significant 16 bits are main revision, least significant 16 bits are minor revision)

---

## **vAppApiSaveMacSettings**

---

```
void vAppApiSaveMacSettings(void);
```

### **Description**

This function is used to instruct the MAC to save settings in RAM before entering sleep mode with memory held.

### **Parameters**

None

### **Returns**

None

---

## vAppApiRestoreMacSettings

---

```
void vAppApiRestoreMacSettings(void);
```

### Description

This function is used when the device wakes from sleep to restore the MAC to the state that it was in before the device entered sleep mode.

Currently, this feature is only suitable for use in networks that do not use regular beacons, as it does not include a facility to resynchronise.

### Parameters

None

### Returns

None

---

## 5.3 MAC Layer PIB Access Functions

Certain MAC PIB attributes can only be written to using the functions described in this section. These are attributes that affect hardware register settings and they must not be written to directly (see [Section 3.10.1](#)). The attributes are as follows (names are as used in the IEEE 802.15.4 Standard):

- `macMaxCSMABackoffs`
- `macMinBE`
- `macPANId`
- `macPromiscuousMode`
- `macRxOnWhenIdle`
- `macShortAddress`

Each of the above attributes has its own 'Set' function for writing its value.

The functions are listed below, along with their page references:

<b>Function</b>	<b>Page</b>
<a href="#">MAC_vPibSetMaxCdmaBackoffs</a>	105
<a href="#">MAC_vPibSetMinBe</a>	106
<a href="#">MAC_vPibSetPanId</a>	107
<a href="#">MAC_vPibSetPromiscuousMode</a>	108
<a href="#">MAC_vPibSetRxOnWhenIdle</a>	109
<a href="#">MAC_vPibSetShortAddr</a>	110



---

**MAC\_vPibSetMaxCsmaBackoffs**

---

```
void MAC_vPibSetMaxCsmaBackoffs(  
    void *pvMac,  
    uint8 u8MaxCsmaBackoffs);
```

**Description**

This function can be used to set the value of the MAC PIB attribute `macMaxCSMABackoffs`, which determines the maximum permitted number of CSMA back-offs.

**Parameters**

<i>*pvMac</i>	Pointer to MAC handle
<i>u8MaxCsmaBackoffs</i>	Maximum number of CSMA back-offs to set

**Returns**

None

---

## MAC\_vPibSetMinBe

---

```
void MAC_vPibSetMinBe(void *pvMac, uint8 u8MinBe);
```

### Description

This function can be used to set the value of the MAC PIB attribute `macMinBE`, which determines the minimum permitted value of the CSMA Back-off Exponent (BE).

### Parameters

<i>*pvMac</i>	Pointer to MAC handle
<i>u8MinBe</i>	Minimum BE value to set

### Returns

None

---

## MAC\_vPibSetPanId

---

```
void MAC_vPibSetPanId(void *pvMac, uint16 u16PanId);
```

### Description

This function can be used to set the value of the MAC PIB attribute `macPANId`, which holds the 16-bit PAN ID of the network to which the local node belongs.

### Parameters

<i>pvMac</i>	Pointer to MAC handle
<i>u16PanId</i>	PAN ID to set

### Returns

None

---

## MAC\_vPibSetPromiscuousMode

---

```
void MAC_vPibSetPromiscuousMode(void *pvMac,  
                                bool_t bNewState,  
                                bool_t bInReset);
```

### Description

This function can be used to set the value of the MAC PIB attribute `macPromiscuousMode`, which enables/disables 'promiscuous mode'.

### Parameters

<i>*pvMac</i>	Pointer to MAC handle
<i>bNewState</i>	Mode to set: TRUE - promiscuous mode FALSE - non-promiscuous mode
<i>bInReset</i>	Indicates whether the function is called following a reset: TRUE - called after reset FALSE - otherwise (default)

### Returns

None

---

**MAC\_vPibSetRxOnWhenIdle**

---

```
void MAC_vPibSetRxOnWhenIdle(void *pvMac,  
                             bool_t bNewState,  
                             bool_t bInReset);
```

**Description**

This function can be used to set the value of the MAC PIB attribute `macRxOnWhenIdle`, which enables/disables the mode 'receiver on when idle'.

**Parameters**

<i>*pvMac</i>	Pointer to MAC handle
<i>bNewState</i>	Mode to set: TRUE - receiver on when idle FALSE - receiver off when idle
<i>bInReset</i>	Indicates whether the function is called following a reset: TRUE - called after reset FALSE - otherwise (default)

**Returns**

None

---

## MAC\_vPibSetShortAddr

---

```
void MAC_vPibSetShortAddr(void *pvMac,  
                           uint16 u16ShortAddr);
```

### Description

This function can be used to set the value of the MAC PIB attribute `macShortAddress`, which holds the 16-bit short address of the local node.

### Parameters

<i>*pvMac</i>	Pointer to MAC handle
<i>u16ShortAddr</i>	Short address to set

### Returns

None

---

## 5.4 PHY Layer PIB Access Functions

The PHY PIB attributes can be accessed using the functions described in this section. The attributes are as follows (names are as used in the IEEE 802.15.4 Standard):

- `phyCurrentChannel`
- `phyChannelsSupported`
- `phyTransmitPower`
- `phyCCAMode`

Each of the above attributes is referenced by an enumeration and its value is set using an enumeration (see [Section 8.2](#)).

The functions are listed below, along with their page references:

<b>Function</b>	<b>Page</b>
<a href="#">eAppApiPImeGet</a>	<a href="#">112</a>
<a href="#">eAppApiPImeSet</a>	<a href="#">113</a>

---

## eAppApiPlmeGet

---

```
PHY_Enum_e eAppApiPlmeGet (  
    PHY_PibAttr_e ePhyPibAttribute,  
    uint32 *pu32PhyPibValue);
```

### Description

This function can be used to retrieve the current value of one of the PHY PIB attributes. If the routine returns PHY\_ENUM\_SUCCESS, the value of the specified PIB PHY attribute retrieved has been copied into the location pointed to by *pu32PhyPibValue*.

The following example illustrates how to read the current channel:

```
uint32 u32sChannel;  
if (eAppApiPlmeGet (PHY_PIB_ATTR_CURRENT_CHANNEL, &u32sChannel)  
    == PHY_ENUM_SUCCESS)  
{  
    printf("Channel is %d\n", u32sChannel);  
}
```

### Parameters

<i>ePhyPibAttribute</i>	Enumeration defining which PHY PIB attribute to access (see <a href="#">Section 8.2</a> ), one of: PHY_PIB_ATTR_CURRENT_CHANNEL PHY_PIB_ATTR_CHANNELS_SUPPORTED PHY_PIB_ATTR_TX_POWER PHY_PIB_ATTR_CCA_MODE
<i>*pu32PhyPibValue</i>	Pointer to a location used to hold the result of the Get operation

### Returns

Enumerated value that indicates success or failure of the operation (see [Section 5.6](#))



---

## eAppApiPlmeSet

---

```
PHY_Enum_e eAppApiPlmeSet(  
    PHY_PibAttr ePhyPibAttribute,  
    uint32 u32PhyPibValue);
```

### Description

This function can be used to change the value of one of the PHY PIB attributes. If the routine returns PHY\_ENUM\_SUCCESS, the value of the specified PHY PIB attribute has been changed to *u32PhyPibValue*.

The following example illustrates how to set the current channel:

```
if (eAppApiPlmeSet(PHY_PIB_ATTR_CURRENT_CHANNEL, u8Channel) !=  
PHY_ENUM_SUCCESS)  
{  
    // Handle error;  
}
```

This example illustrates how to set the transmit power to 0 dBm:

```
if (eAppApiPlmeSet(PHY_PIB_ATTR_TX_POWER, 0) != PHY_ENUM_SUCCESS)  
{  
    // Handle error;  
}
```



**Note:** Using this function to set the JN516x transmission power level is described in more detail in [Section 3.8.1](#).

### Parameters

<i>ePhyPibAttribute</i>	Enumeration defining which PHY PIB attribute to access (see <a href="#">Section 8.2</a> ), one of: PHY_PIB_ATTR_CURRENT_CHANNEL PHY_PIB_ATTR_CHANNELS_SUPPORTED PHY_PIB_ATTR_TX_POWER PHY_PIB_ATTR_CCA_MODE
<i>u32PhyPibValue</i>	The value the PHY PIB attribute will be set to

### Returns

Enumerated value that indicates success or failure of the operation (see [Section 5.6](#))

---

## 5.5 Callback Functions

The initialisation function **u32AppApilnit()**, described in [Section 5.2](#), registers four user-defined callback functions which are used by the MAC and the Integrated Peripherals API to communicate with the Application or NWK layer. This section details these callback functions.

The functions are listed below, along with their page references:

<b>Function</b>	<b>Page</b>
<a href="#">psMlmeDcfmIndGetBuf</a>	<a href="#">115</a>
<a href="#">vMlmeDcfmIndPost</a>	<a href="#">116</a>
<a href="#">psMcpsDcfmIndGetBuf</a>	<a href="#">118</a>
<a href="#">vMcpsDcfmIndPost</a>	<a href="#">119</a>

---

## psMlmeDcfmIndGetBuf

---

```
MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s *psMlmeDcfmIndGetBuf(  
    void *pvParam);
```

### Description

This callback function implements MLME buffer management and returns a pointer to a buffer in the form of a `MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s` structure. This buffer can be used by the MAC to send the results of deferred (asynchronous) confirms as the result of a previous MLME request. The function will also be called by the MAC to provide space to send information to the Application/NWK layer in the form of MLME indications triggered by hardware events.

At its simplest, the buffer could be used to return the address of a variable of the type **MAC\_MlmeDcfmInd\_s** known by the Application/NWK layer - for example:

```
PRIVATE MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s sMlmeBuffer;  
PRIVATE MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s  
*psMlmeDcfmIndGetBuf(void *pvParam)  
{  
    /* Return a handle to a MLME buffer */  
    return (MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s *)&sMlmeBuffer;  
}
```

However, this implementation would be very limited in the number of responses or indications that could be handled at any time. Other suitable implementations within the Application/NWK layer might be a queue, where the next free space is returned, or a pool of buffers which are allocated and freed by the network layer.

In all cases, it is the responsibility of the Application/NWK layer to manage the freeing of buffers carrying deferred confirms and indications. If the network layer cannot provide a buffer, it should return NULL and the confirm/indication will be lost.

The *pvParam* parameter is a pointer which can be used to specify further information to be carried between the MAC and Application/NWK layer (in either direction) when performing an MLME Get or Post, and contains the *pvMlmeParam* parameter of **u32AppApilnit()**. This data can be used for any purpose by the Application/NWK layer and has no meaning to the MAC.

### Parameters

*pvParam*      Pointer to information to be passed (in either direction)

### Returns

Pointer to `MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s` buffer (see [Section 6.3.8](#))

---

## vMlmeDcfmIndPost

---

```
void vMlmeDcfmIndPost(  
    void *pvParam,  
    MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s *psDcfmIndHdr);
```

### Description

This callback function is used to send the buffer provided by the callback function **psMlmeDcfmIndGetBuf()** to the Application/NWK layer after the results of the MLME confirm or indication have been filled in.

The function expects to always successfully send the buffer, which is not unreasonable since the Application/NWK layer is responsible for allocating the buffer in the first place. If the implementation is done in such a way that this might not be the case, the Send routine will have no way of signalling that it could not send the buffer up to the Application/NWK layer. It is the responsibility of the Application/NWK layer to provide sufficient buffers to be allocated to avoid losing confirms or indications.

The *pvParam* parameter is a pointer which can be used to specify further information to be carried between the MAC and Application/NWK layer (in either direction) when performing an MLME Get or Post, and contains the *pvMlmeParam* parameter of **u32AppApilnit()**. This data can be used for any purpose by the Application/NWK layer and has no meaning to the MAC.

The *psDcfmIndHdr* parameter is a pointer to the buffer allocated in the **psMlmeDcfmIndGetBuf()** call, carrying the information from the confirm/indication from the MAC to the Application/NWK layer.

As an example of what a Post routine might do, consider the following:

```
PRIVATE void  
vMlmeDcfmIndPost(void *pvParam,  
MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s *psDcfmIndHdr)  
{  
    /* Place incoming buffer on network layer input queue */  
    vAddToQueue(psDcfmIndHdr);  
    /* Signal the network layer that there is at least one  
    * buffer to process. If using a RTOS, this could be  
    * a signal to the network layer to begin running to  
    * process the buffer. In a simple application a  
    * variable might be polled as here  
    */  
    boNotEmpty = TRUE;  
}
```

In the example, the interface between the MAC and Application/NWK layer is a queue with enough entries to contain all the buffer pointers from a buffer pool managed by the Application/NWK layer for the MLME confirm/indications. The Post routine places the buffer pointer on the queue and then signals to the Application/NWK layer that there is something there to process. This is all happening in the MAC thread of execution, which for a simple system will be in the interrupt context. At

some stage, the MAC thread will stop running and the Application/NWK layer thread will continue; in this case, it regularly polls the input queue and processes any entries it finds, before returning the buffer back to the buffer pool.

### Parameters

*pvParam*            Pointer to information to be passed (in either direction)  
*psDcfmIndHdr*      Pointer to the MAC\_DcfmIndHdr\_s buffer

### Returns

None

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## psMcpsDcfmIndGetBuf

---

```
MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s *psMcpsDcfmIndGetBuf(  
    void *pvParam);
```

### Description

This callback function implements MCPS buffer management and returns a pointer to a buffer in the form of a `MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s` structure. This buffer can be used by the MAC to send the results of deferred (asynchronous) confirms as the result of a previous MCPS request. The function will also be called by the MAC to provide space to send information to the Application/NWK layer in the form of MCPS indications triggered by hardware events.

At its simplest, the buffer could be used to return the address of a variable of the type **MAC\_McpsDcfmInd\_s** known by the Application/NWK layer - for example:

```
PRIVATE MAC_McpsDcfmInd_s sMcpsBuffer;  
PRIVATE MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s  
*psMcpsDcfmIndGetBuf(void *pvParam)  
{  
    /* Return a handle to a MCPS buffer */  
    return (MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s *)&sMcpsBuffer;  
}
```

However, this implementation would be very limited in the number of responses or indications that could be handled at any time. Other suitable implementations within the Application/NWK layer might be a queue, where the next free space is returned, or a pool of buffers which are allocated and freed by the network layer.

In all cases, it is the responsibility of the Application/NWK layer to manage the freeing of buffers carrying deferred confirms and indications. If the network layer cannot provide a buffer, it should return NULL and the confirm/indication will be lost.

The *pvParam* parameter is a pointer which can be used to specify further information to be carried between the MAC and Application/NWK layer (in either direction) when performing an MCPS Get or Post, and contains the *pvMcpsParam* parameter of **u32AppApilnit()**. This data can be used for any purpose by the Application/NWK layer and has no meaning to the MAC.

### Parameters

*pvParam*      Pointer to information to be passed (in either direction)

### Returns

Pointer to `MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s` buffer (see [Section 6.3.8](#))

---

## vMcpsDcfmIndPost

---

```
void vMcpsDcfmIndPost(  
    void *pvParam,  
    MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s *psDcfmIndHdr);
```

### Description

This callback function is used to send the buffer provided by the callback function **psMcpsDcfmIndGetBuf()** to the Application/NWK layer after the results of the MCPS confirm or indication have been filled in.

The function expects to always successfully send the buffer, which is not unreasonable since the Application/NWK layer is responsible for allocating the buffer in the first place. If the implementation is done in such a way that this might not be the case, the Send routine will have no way of signalling that it could not send the buffer up to the Application/NWK layer. It is the responsibility of the Application/NWK layer to provide sufficient buffers to be allocated to avoid losing confirms or indications.

The *pvParam* parameter is a pointer which can be used to specify further information to be carried between the MAC and Application/NWK layer (in either direction) when performing an MCPS Get or Post, and contains the *pvMcpsParam* parameter of **u32AppApilnit()**. This data can be used for any purpose by the Application/NWK layer and has no meaning to the MAC.

The *psDcfmIndHdr* parameter is a pointer to the buffer allocated in the **psMcpsDcfmIndGetBuf()** call, carrying the information from the confirm/indication from the MAC to the Application/NWK layer.

As an example of what a Post routine might do, consider the following:

```
PRIVATE void  
vMcpsDcfmIndPost(void *pvParam,  
MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s *psDcfmIndHdr)  
{  
    /* Place incoming buffer on network layer input queue */  
    vAddToQueue(psDcfmIndHdr);  
    /* Signal the network layer that there is at least one  
    * buffer to process. If using a RTOS, this could be  
    * a signal to the network layer to begin running to  
    * process the buffer. In a simple application a  
    * variable might be polled as here  
    */  
    boNotEmpty = TRUE;  
}
```

In the example, the interface between the MAC and Application/NWK layer is a queue with enough entries to contain all the buffer pointers from a buffer pool managed by the Application/NWK layer for the MCPS confirm/indications. The Post routine places the buffer pointer on the queue and then signals to the Application/NWK layer that there is something there to process. This is all happening in the MAC thread of execution, which for a simple system will be in the interrupt context. At

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some stage, the MAC thread will stop running and the Application/NWK layer thread will continue; in this case, it regularly polls the input queue and processes any entries it finds, before returning the buffer back to the buffer pool.

#### Parameters

*pvParam*            Pointer to information to be passed (in either direction)  
*psDcfmIndHdr*      Pointer to the `MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s` buffer

#### Returns

None



## 5.6 Status Returns

Some of the API functions return status values (either explicitly or within structures) to indicate the success or failure of the operation. These status values are defined as enumerations in `MAC_enum_e` (see [Section 7.1.2](#)). The enumeration names and values are shown in [Table 6](#) below.

These status values are defined in the IEEE 802.15.4 Standard. Refer to the standard for the official definitions.

Name	Value	Description
MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS	0x00	Success
MAC_ENUM_BEACON_LOSS	0xE0	Beacon loss after synchronisation request
MAC_ENUM_CHANNEL_ACCESS_FAILURE	0xE1	CSMA/CA channel access failure
MAC_ENUM_DENIED	0xE2	GTS request denied
MAC_ENUM_DISABLE_TRX_FAILURE	0xE3	Could not disable transmit or receive
MAC_ENUM_FAILED_SECURITY_CHECK	0xE4	Incoming frame failed security check
MAC_ENUM_FRAME_TOO_LONG	0xE5	Frame too long after security processing to be sent
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_GTS	0xE6	GTS transmission failed
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_HANDLE	0xE7	Purge request failed to find entry in queue
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER	0xE8	Out-of-range parameter in primitive
MAC_ENUM_NO_ACK	0xE9	No acknowledgement received when expected
MAC_ENUM_NO_BEACON	0xEA	Scan failed to find any beacons
MAC_ENUM_NO_DATA	0xEB	No response data after a data request
MAC_ENUM_NO_SHORT_ADDRESS	0xEC	No allocated short address for operation
MAC_ENUM_OUT_OF_CAP	0xED	Receiver enable request could not be executed as CAP finished
MAC_ENUM_PAN_ID_CONFLICT	0xEE	PAN ID conflict has been detected
MAC_ENUM_REALIGNMENT	0xEF	Coordinator realignment has been received
MAC_ENUM_TRANSACTION_EXPIRED	0xF0	Pending transaction has expired and data discarded
MAC_ENUM_TRANSACTION_OVERFLOW	0xF1	No capacity to store transaction
MAC_ENUM_TX_ACTIVE	0xF2	Receiver enable request could not be executed, as in transmit state
MAC_ENUM_UNAVAILABLE_KEY	0xF3	Appropriate key is not available in ACL
MAC_ENUM_UNSUPPORTED_ATTRIBUTE	0xF4	PIB Set/Get on unsupported attribute

**Table 6: Status Enumerations**

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## 6. Structures

This chapter describes the structures provided in the header files. The structures are presented in the following categories:

- MLME structures - see [Section 6.1](#)
- MCPS structures - see [Section 6.2](#)
- Other structures - see [Section 6.3](#)

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### 6.1 MLME Structures

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#### 6.1.1 MAC\_MlmeReqRsp\_s

This structure contains an MLME request or response.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8          u8Type;
    uint8          u8ParamLength;
    uint16         u16Pad;
    MAC_MlmeReqRspParam_u uParam;
} MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s;
```

where:

- `u8Type` is the request/response type, represented by an enumeration from `MAC_MlmeReqRspType_e` (see [Section 7.3.1](#)).
- `u8ParamLength` is the parameter length, in bits, in the union below.
- `u16Pad` is the number of bits of padding required to make up 32 bits.
- `uParam` is the union of all possible MLME requests/responses (see [Section 6.1.2](#)).

## 6.1.2 MAC\_MlmeReqRspParam\_u

This structure is the union of all possible MLME requests and responses, and is an element of the `MAC_MlmeReqRsp_s` structure (see [Section 6.1.1](#)).

```
union
{
    /* MLME Requests */
    MAC_MlmeReqAssociate_s      sReqAssociate;
    MAC_MlmeReqDisassociate_s   sReqDisassociate;
    MAC_MlmeReqGet_s           sReqGet;
    MAC_MlmeReqGts_s           sReqGts;
    MAC_MlmeReqReset_s         sReqReset;
    MAC_MlmeReqRxEnable_s      sReqRxEnable;
    MAC_MlmeReqScan_s          sReqScan;
    MAC_MlmeReqSet_s           sReqSet;
    MAC_MlmeReqStart_s         sReqStart;
    MAC_MlmeReqSync_s          sReqSync;
    MAC_MlmeReqPoll_s          sReqPoll;

    /* MLME Responses */
    MAC_MlmeRspAssociate_s      sRspAssociate;
    MAC_MlmeRspOrphan_s        sRspOrphan;

    /* Vendor Specific Requests */
    MAC_MlmeReqVsExtAddr_s      sReqVsExtAddr;
} MAC_MlmeReqRspParam_u;
```

where:

- `sReqAssociate` is a structure that contains an Associate request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.7](#).
- `sReqDisassociate` is a structure that contains a Disassociate request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.8](#).
- `sReqGet` is a structure that contains a Get request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.9](#).
- `sReqGts` is a structure that contains a GTS request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.10](#).
- `sReqReset` is a structure that contains a Reset request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.11](#).
- `sReqRxEnable` is a structure that contains a Rx Enable request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.12](#).
- `sReqScan` is a structure that contains a Scan request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.13](#).

- `sReqSet` is a structure that contains a Set request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.14](#).
- `sReqStart` is a structure that contains a Start request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.15](#).
- `sReqSync` is a structure that contains a Sync request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.16](#).
- `sReqPoll` is a structure that contains a Poll request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.17](#).
- `sRspAssociate` is a structure that contains an Associate response. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.19](#).
- `sRspOrphan` is a structure that contains an Orphan response. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.20](#).
- `sReqVsExtAddr` is a structure that contains a Vendor-specific Extended Address request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.18](#).

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### 6.1.3 MAC\_MlmeDcfmInd\_s

This structure contains an MLME deferred confirm or indication and is passed to the registered deferred confirm/indication callback specified in `u32AppApilnit()`.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8          u8Type;
    uint8          u8ParamLength;
    uint16         u16Pad;
    MAC_MlmeDcfmIndParam_u uParam;
} MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s;
```

where:

- `u8Type` is the deferred confirm/indication type, represented by an enumeration from `MAC_MlmeDcfmIndType_e` (see [Section 7.3.3](#)).
- `u8ParamLength` is the parameter length in the union below.
- `u16Pad` is padding to force alignment.
- `uParam` is the union of all possible MLME deferred confirms/indications (see [Section 6.1.4](#)).

## 6.1.4 MAC\_MlmeDcfmIndParam\_u

This structure is the union of all possible deferred MLME confirms and indications, and is an element of the `MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s` structure (see [Section 6.1.21](#)).

```
typedef union
{
    MAC_MlmeCfmScan_s           sDcfmScan;
    MAC_MlmeCfmGts_s           sDcfmGts;
    MAC_MlmeCfmAssociate_s     sDcfmAssociate;
    MAC_MlmeCfmDisassociate_s  sDcfmDisassociate;
    MAC_MlmeCfmPoll_s          sDcfmPoll;
    MAC_MlmeCfmRxEnable_s      sDcfmRxEnable;
    MAC_MlmeIndAssociate_s     sIndAssociate;
    MAC_MlmeIndDisassociate_s  sIndDisassociate;
    MAC_MlmeIndGts_s           sIndGts;
    MAC_MlmeIndBeacon_s        sIndBeacon;
    MAC_MlmeIndSyncLoss_s      sIndSyncLoss;
    MAC_MlmeIndCommStatus_s    sIndCommStatus;
    MAC_MlmeIndOrphan_s        sIndOrphan;
} MAC_MlmeDcfmIndParam_u;
```

where:

- `sDcfmScan` is a structure that contains a Scan confirm message, giving the results from an MLME scan request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.21](#).
- `sDcfmGts` is a structure that contains a GTS confirm message, generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the result of an `MLME-GTS.request` primitive. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.22](#).
- `sDcfmAssociate` is a structure that contains an Associate confirm message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the state of an Association request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.23](#).
- `sDcfmDisassociate` is a structure that contains a Disassociate confirm message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the state of a Disassociate request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.24](#).
- `sDcfmPoll` is a structure that contains a Poll confirm message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the state of a Poll request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.25](#).
- `sDcfmRxEnable` is a structure that contains the results of a Rx Enable confirm message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the result of an `MLME-RX-ENABLE.request` primitive. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.26](#).
- `sIndAssociate` is a structure that contains an Associate indication message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer that an

Association request command has been received. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.32](#).

- `sIndDisassociate` is a structure that contains a Disassociate indication message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer that a Disassociate request command has been received. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.33](#).
- `sIndGts` is a structure that contains the results of a GTS indication message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer that a GTS request command to allocate or deallocate a GTS has been received, or on a PAN Co-ordinator where the GTS deallocation is generated by the Co-ordinator itself. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.34](#).
- `sIndBeacon` is a structure that contains a Beacon Notify indication message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer that a beacon transmission has been received. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.35](#).
- `sIndSyncLoss` is a structure that contains a Sync Loss indication message, which is used to inform the Application/NWK layer that there has been a loss of synchronisation with the beacon. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.36](#).
- `sIndCommStatus` is a structure that contains a Comm Status indication message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of a Co-ordinator the result of a communication with another node triggered by a previous primitive (`MLME-Orphan.response` and `MLME-Associate.response`). For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.37](#).
- `sIndOrphan` is a structure that contains an Orphan indication request, which is generated by the MAC of a Co-ordinator to its Application/NWK layer to indicate that it has received an orphan notification message transmitted by an orphan node. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.38](#).

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## 6.1.5 MAC\_MlmeSyncCfm\_s

This structure contains an MLME synchronous confirm.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8          u8Status;
    uint8          u8ParamLength;
    uint16         u16Pad;
    MAC_MlmeSyncCfmParam_u uParam;
} MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s;
```

where:

- `u8Status` is the status of the request which corresponds to the synchronous confirm (for enumerations, see [Section 7.3.3](#)).
- `u8ParamLength` is the parameter length in the union below.
- `u16Pad` is padding to force alignment.
- `uParam` is the union of all possible MLME synchronous confirms (see [Section 6.1.6](#)).

---

## 6.1.6 MAC\_MlmeSyncCfmParam\_u

This structure is the union of all possible MLME synchronous confirms and is an element of the `MAC_MlmeSyncCfm_s` structure (see [Section 6.1.5](#)).

```
typedef union
{
    MAC_MlmeCfmAssociate_s      sCfmAssociate;
    MAC_MlmeCfmDisassociate_s  sCfmDisassociate;
    MAC_MlmeCfmGet_s           sCfmGet;
    MAC_MlmeCfmGts_s          sCfmGts;
    MAC_MlmeCfmScan_s         sCfmScan;
    MAC_MlmeCfmSet_s          sCfmSet;
    MAC_MlmeCfmStart_s        sCfmStart;
    MAC_MlmeCfmPoll_s         sCfmPoll;
    MAC_MlmeCfmReset_s        sCfmReset;
    MAC_MlmeCfmRxEnable_s     sCfmRxEnable;
#ifdef MLME_VS_REG_RW
    MAC_MlmeCfmVsRdReg_s      sCfmVsRdReg;
#endif /* MLME_VS_REG_RW */
#ifdef TOF_ENABLED
    MAC_MlmeCfmTofPoll_s      sCfmTofPoll;
    MAC_MlmeCfmTofPrime_s     sCfmTofPrime;
    MAC_MlmeCfmTofDataPoll_s  sCfmTofDataPoll;
    MAC_MlmeCfmTofData_s     sCfmTofData;
#endif
}
```



```
#endif
} MAC_MlmeSyncCfmParam_u;
```

where:

- `sCfmAssociate` is a structure that contains an Associate confirm message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the state of an Association request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.7](#).
- `sCfmDisassociate` is a structure that contains a Disassociate confirm message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the state of a Disassociate request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.8](#).
- `sCfmGet` is a structure that contains a Get confirm message, generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the result of a Get request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.9](#).
- `sCfmGts` is a structure that contains a GTS confirm message, generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the result of an `MLME-GTS.request` primitive. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.34](#).
- `sCfmScan` is a structure that contains a Scan confirm message, giving the results from an MLME scan request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.13](#).
- `sCfmSet` is a structure that contains a Set confirm message, generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the result of a Set request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.28](#).
- `sCfmStart` is a structure that contains a Start confirm message, generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the result of a Start request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.29](#).
- `sCfmPoll` is a structure that contains a Poll confirm message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the state of a Poll request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.17](#).
- `sCfmReset` is a structure that contains a Reset confirm message, generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the result of a Reset request. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.30](#).
- `sCfmRxEnable` is a structure that contains the results of a Rx Enable confirm message, which is generated by the MAC to inform the Application/NWK layer of the result of an `MLME-RX-ENABLE.request` primitive. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.26](#).
- `sCfmVsRdReg` is a structure that contains a Vendor-Specific Read Register confirm message which results from a command to read a specific register. For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.1.31](#).
- `sCfmTofPoll` is a structure that contains a Poll confirm for 'Time of Flight' (which is not documented here).
- `sCfmTofPrime` is a structure that contains a Prime confirm for 'Time of Flight' (which is not documented here).
- `sCfmTofDataPoll` is a structure that contains a Data Poll confirm for 'Time of Flight' (which is not documented here).
- `sCfmTofData` is a structure that contains a Data confirm for 'Time of Flight' (which is not documented here).

## 6.1.7 MAC\_MlmeReqAssociate\_s

This structure contains an Associate request.

```
typedef struct
{
    MAC_Addr_s sCoord;
    uint8      u8LogicalChan;
    uint8      u8Capability;
    uint8      u8SecurityEnable;
} MAC_MlmeReqAssociate_s;
```

where:

- `sCoord` contains the address of the PAN Co-ordinator to associate with. The structure is described in [Section 6.3.3](#), and holds the PAN ID and either the 16-bit short address or the 64-bit extended address of the Co-ordinator.
- `u8LogicalChan` contains the channel number (11 to 26 for the 2.45 GHz PHY) occupied by the PAN to be associated with
- `u8Capability` is a byte encoded with the following information:

Bits 0	1	2	3	4-5	6	7
Alternative PAN Co-ordinator	Device Type	Power Source	Receiver on when idle	Reserved	Security capability	Allocate address

- Alternative PAN Co-ordinator - set to 1 if the device is capable of becoming a PAN Co-ordinator
- Device Type - set to 1 if the device is an FFD, or 0 if an RFD
- Power Source - set to 1 if the device is mains powered, 0 otherwise
- Receiver on when idle - set to 1 if the device leaves its receiver on during idle periods and does not save power
- Security capability - set to 1 if the device can send and receive frames using security
- Allocate address - set to 1 if the device requires the Co-ordinator to provide a short address during the association procedure. If set to 0, the short address 0xFFFE is allocated in the association response and the device will always communicate using the 64-bit extended address
- `u8SecurityEnable` is set to TRUE if security is to be used in this transaction (and FALSE otherwise).

## 6.1.8 MAC\_MlmeReqDisassociate\_s

This structure contains a Disassociate request.

```
typedef struct
{
    MAC_Addr_s sAddr;
    uint8      u8Reason;
    uint8      u8SecurityEnable;
} MAC_MlmeReqDisassociate_s;
```

where:

- `sAddr` contains the address of the recipient of the disassociation request - device or Co-ordinator address (format described in [Section 6.3.3](#))
- `u8Reason` indicates the reason for the Disassociation request - one of:

Disassociation reason	Description
0	Reserved
1	Coordinator wishes device to leave the PAN
2	Device wishes to leave the PAN
0x03 - 0x7F	Reserved
0x80 - 0xFF	Reserved for MAC primitive enumeration values

- `u8SecurityEnable` is set to TRUE if security is to be used in this transaction (and FALSE otherwise).

---

## 6.1.9 MAC\_MlmeReqGet\_s

This structure contains a Get request to obtain the value of a MAC PIB attribute.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8PibAttribute;
    uint8 u8PibAttributeIndex;
} MAC_MlmeReqGet_s;
```

where:

- `u8PibAttribute` is the identifier of the MAC PIB attribute to access, specified using one of the enumerations listed in [Section 7.1.1](#).
- `u8PibAttributeIndex` is the index of the ACL entry to set (not a part of IEEE 802.15.4)

---

## 6.1.10 MAC\_MlmeReqGts\_s

This structure contains a GTS request.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Characteristics;
    uint8 u8SecurityEnable;
} MAC_MlmeReqGts_s;
```

where:

- `u8Characteristics` contains the characteristics of the GTS being requested, encoded in a byte as shown below:

Bitss 0-3	Bit 4	Bit 5	Bits 6-7
GTS length (in superframe slots)	GTS direction * (0 = Transmit, 1 = Receive)	Characteristics type (1 = GTS allocation, 0 = GTS deallocation)	Reserved

\* GTS direction is defined relative to the device.

- `u8SecurityEnable` specifies whether security is to be used during the request (TRUE if security to be used, FALSE otherwise).

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### 6.1.11 MAC\_MlmeReqReset\_s

This structure contains a Reset request.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8SetDefaultPib;
} MAC_MlmeReqReset_s;
```

where `u8SetDefaultPib` controls whether the PIB contents are to be reset to their default values (TRUE to reset PIB contents, FALSE otherwise)

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### 6.1.12 MAC\_MlmeReqRxEnable\_s

This structure contains a Rx Enable request.

```
struct tagMAC_MlmeReqRxEnable_s
{
    uint32 u32RxOnTime;
    uint32 u32RxOnDuration;
    uint8 u8DeferPermit;
} MAC_MlmeReqRxEnable_s;
```

where:

- `u32RxOnTime` is a 32-bit quantity specifying the number of symbols after the start of the superframe before the receiver should be enabled
- `u32RxOnDuration` is a 32-bit quantity specifying the number of symbols for which the receiver should remain enabled. If equal to 0, the receiver is disabled.
- `u8DeferPermit` determines whether the 'enable period' will be allowed to start in the next full superframe period if the requested 'on time' has already passed in the current superframe (TRUE if allowed, FALSE if disallowed).

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### 6.1.13 MAC\_MlmeReqScan\_s

This structure contains a Scan request.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint32 u32ScanChannels;
    uint8 u8ScanType;
    uint8 u8ScanDuration;
} MAC_MlmeReqScan_s;
```

where:

- `u32ScanChannels` is a bitmap of the channels that can be scanned - each channel is presented by a bit, which is set to 1 if the channel is to be scanned. Only channels 11-26 are available with the 2.45 GHz PHY, corresponding to bits 11-26. Bits 0-10 and 27-31 are reserved.
- `u8ScanType` indicates the type of scan to be requested, specified using one of the following enumerations:
  - `MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_ENERGY_DETECT`
  - `MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_ACTIVE`
  - `MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_PASSIVE`
  - `MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_ORPHAN`
- `U8ScanDuration` is a value in the range 0-14 which determines the time to scan a channel, measured in superframe periods (1 superframe period = 960 symbols). The number of superframe periods in the scan duration is calculated as:  $2 \times u8ScanDuration + 1$ .

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### 6.1.14 MAC\_MlmeReqSet\_s

This structure contains a Set request to set the value of a MAC PIB attribute.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8      u8PibAttribute;
    uint8      u8PibAttributeIndex;
    uint16     u16Pad;
    MAC_Pib_u  uPibAttributeValue;
} MAC_MlmeReqSet_s;
```

where:

- `u8PibAttribute` is the identifier of the MAC PIB attribute to access, specified using one of the enumerations listed in [Section 7.1.1](#).
- `u8PibAttributeIndex` is the index of the ACL entry to set (not part of IEEE 802.15.4)
- `u16Pad` is the padding for alignment
- `uPibAttributeValue` is the value to be set

## 6.1.15 MAC\_MlmeReqStart\_s

This structure contains a Start request to start transmitting beacons.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint16 u16PanId;
    uint8  u8Channel;
    uint8  u8BeaconOrder;
    uint8  u8SuperframeOrder;
    uint8  u8PanCoordinator;
    uint8  u8BatteryLifeExt;
    uint8  u8Realignment;
    uint8  u8SecurityEnable;
} MAC_MlmeReqStart_s;
```

where:

- `u16PanId` contains the 16-bit PAN identifier as selected by the Application/NWK layer.
- `u8Channel` specifies the logical channel number (11 to 26 for 2.45 GHz PHY) on which the beacon will be transmitted.
- `u8BeaconOrder` defines how often a beacon will be transmitted. It can take the values 0-15, where 0-14 are used to define the beacon interval, which is calculated as  $2^{**}BO$  multiplied by the base superframe duration (number of symbols in superframe slot x number of slots in superframe = 960 symbols). If the value is 15, beacons are not transmitted and the 'Superframe Order' parameter is ignored.
- `u8SuperframeOrder` defines how long the active period of the superframe is including the beacon period. Its value can be from 0 to `BeaconOrder`, as specified above, or 15. The active period time is specified as  $2^{**}SO$  times the base superframe duration. If the value is 15, the superframe will not be active after the beacon.
- `u8PanCoordinator` is set to TRUE if the FFD is to become the PAN Coordinator for a new PAN. Otherwise, if set to FALSE, the FFD will transmit beacons on the existing PAN with which it is associated.
- `u8BatteryLifeExt` can be set to TRUE to allow battery life extension to be used by turning off the receiver of the FFD for a part of the contention period after the beacon is transmitted. If set to FALSE, the receiver remains enabled for the whole of the contention access period after the beacon.
- `u8Realignment` can be set to TRUE to cause a Co-ordinator realignment command to be broadcast prior to changing the superframe settings in order to alert the nodes in the PAN of the change. Set to FALSE otherwise.
- `u8SecurityEnable` is set to TRUE if security is used on beacon frames, or FALSE otherwise.

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### 6.1.16 MAC\_MlmeReqSync\_s

This structure contains a Sync request to instruct the MAC to attempt to acquire a beacon.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Channel;
    uint8 u8TrackBeacon;
} MAC_MlmeReqSync_s;
```

where:

- `u8Channel` specifies the logical channel that the MAC will use to try to find beacon transmissions. For the 2.45 GHz PHY, this field can take values in the range 11 to 26.
- `u8TrackBeacon` is set to TRUE if the device is to continue tracking beacon transmissions following reception of the first beacon. Set to FALSE otherwise.

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### 6.1.17 MAC\_MlmeReqPoll\_s

This structure contains a Poll request to instruct the MAC to attempt to retrieve pending data for the device from a Co-ordinator in a non-beaconing PAN.

```
struct tagMAC_MlmeReqPoll_s
{
    MAC_Addr_s sCoord;
    uint8      u8SecurityEnable;
} MAC_MlmeReqPoll_s;
```

where:

- `sCoord` contains the address of the Co-ordinator to poll for data. The data structure (described in [Section 6.3.3](#)) holds the PAN ID and either the 16-bit short address or 64-bit extended address of the Co-ordinator.
- `u8SecurityEnable` can be set to TRUE to enable security processing to be applied to the data request frame which is sent to the Co-ordinator. In this case, the Co-ordinator address is used to look up the security information from the ACL in the PIB. Set to FALSE otherwise.



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### 6.1.18 MAC\_MlmeReqVsExtAddr\_s

This structure contains a Vendor-specific Extended Address request.

```
typedef struct
{
    MAC_ExtAddr_s sExtAddr;
} MAC_MlmeReqVsExtAddr_s;
```

where `sExtAddr` is the 64-bit vendor-specific extended address to set (see [Section 6.3.5](#)).

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### 6.1.19 MAC\_MlmeRspAssociate\_s

This structure contains an Associate response.

```
struct tagMAC_MlmeRspAssociate_s
{
    MAC_ExtAddr_s sDeviceAddr;
    uint16_t u16AssocShortAddr;
    uint8_t u8Status;
    uint8_t u8SecurityEnable;
} MAC_MlmeRspAssociate_s;
```

where:

- `sDeviceAddr` contains the associating device's 64-bit extended address
- `u16AssocShortAddr` contains the 16-bit short address allocated to the associating device by the PAN Co-ordinator. If the association was unsuccessful, the short address will be set to 0xFFFF

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### 6.1.20 MAC\_MlmeRspOrphan\_s

This structure contains an Orphan response.

```
typedef struct
{
    MAC_ExtAddr_s sOrphanAddr;
    uint8_t u16OrphanShortAddr;
    uint8_t u8Associated;
    uint8_t u8SecurityEnable;
} MAC_MlmeRspOrphan_s;
```

where:

- `sOrphanAddr` contains the full 64-bit extended address of the orphan node, as carried in the Orphan Indication.

- `u16OrphanShortAddr` holds the 16-bit short address that the orphan node previously used within the PAN (if it was previously associated with the Co-ordinator) and should continue to use. If the node was not previously associated with the Co-ordinator, the value 0xFFFF is returned. If the node is not to use a short address, the value 0xFFFE is returned.
- `u8Associated` is set to 1 if the node was previously associated with this Co-ordinator.
- `u8SecurityEnable` is set to 1 if the orphan node is to use security processing on its communication with the Co-ordinator, or 0 otherwise.

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### 6.1.21 MAC\_MlmeCfmScan\_s

This structure contains a Scan confirm (containing the results from an MLME Scan request).

```
typedef
{
    uint8          u8Status;
    uint8          u8ScanType;
    uint8          u8ResultListSize;
    uint8          u8Pad;
    uint32         u32UnscannedChannels;
    MAC_ScanList_u uList;
} MAC_MlmeCfmScan_s;
```

where:

- `u8Status` returns the result of a scan request. This may take the value `MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS` if the scan found one or more PANs in the case of an Energy Detect, Passive or Active scan, or `MAC_ENUM_NO_BEACON` if no beacons were seen during an orphan scan.
- `u8ScanType` contains the same value as the corresponding field in the `MLME-Scan.request` primitive to show the type of scan performed.
- `u32UnscannedChannels` contains a bitmap of the channels specified in the request which were not scanned during the scanning process. The mapping of channel to bit is as for the corresponding request, and an unscanned channel is denoted by the relevant bit being set to 1.
- `u8ResultListSize` is the size in bytes of the result list from the scan. If the `u8ScanType` value is `MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_ORPHAN` then the value of this field will be 0.
- `uList` is a union containing either the results of an energy detect scan or the results of detecting beacons during an active or passive scan. For more information on this union, see [Section 6.3.1](#).

## 6.1.22 MAC\_MlmeCfmGts\_s

This structure contains a GTS confirm message.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Status;
    uint8 u8Characteristics;
} MAC_MlmeCfmGts_s;
```

where:

- `u8Status` contains the result of the GTS request as a value from the `MAC_enum_e` enumerations - the relevant enumerations are detailed in the table below.

Status	Reason
MAC_ENUM_NO_SHORT_ADDRESS	Generated if the requesting device has a short address of 0xFFFE or 0xFFFF
MAC_ENUM_UNAVAILABLE_KEY	Couldn't find a security key in the ACL for the transmission (only if security in use)
MAC_ENUM_FAILED_SECURITY_CHECK	Failure during security processing of the frame (only if security in use)
MAC_ENUM_CHANNEL_ACCESS_FAILURE	Couldn't get access to the radio channel to perform the transmission of the GTS request frame
MAC_ENUM_NO_ACK	No acknowledgement from the destination device after sending the GTS request frame
MAC_ENUM_NO_DATA	A beacon containing a GTS descriptor corresponding to the device short address was not received within the required time, or a MLME-SYNC-LOSS.indication primitive was received with a MAC_ENUM_BEACON_LOSS status
MAC_ENUM_DENIED	The GTS allocation request has been denied by the PAN Co-ordinator
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER	Invalid parameter value or parameter not supported in the GTS Request primitive
MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS	GTS successfully allocated or deallocated

- `u8Characteristics` carries the characteristics of the GTS that has been allocated as encoded in [Section 6.1.10](#). If a GTS has been deallocated then the characteristics type field is set to 0.

### 6.1.23 MAC\_MlmeCfmAssociate\_s

This structure contains an Associate confirm.

```
struct tagMAC_MlmeCfmAssociate_s
{
    uint8  u8Status;
    uint8  u8Pad;
    uint16 u16AssocShortAddr;
} MAC_MlmeCfmAssociate_s;
```

where:

- `u8Status` holds the status of the operation as a value from the `MAC_enum_e` enumerations - the relevant enumerations are detailed in the table below.

Value	Reason
MAC_ENUM_UNAVAILABLE_KEY	The security settings corresponding to the Co-ordinator address were not found in the PIB ACL
MAC_ENUM_FAILED_SECURITY_CHECK	Security processing of the association request command failed for some other reason
MAC_ENUM_CHANNEL_ACCESS_FAILURE	The association request command cannot be sent due to the CSMA algorithm failing
MAC_ENUM_NO_ACK	No acknowledge frame is received for the association request command after the Co-ordinator has tried to send the acknowledgement <code>MAC_MAX_FRAME_RETRIES</code> (3) times
MAC_ENUM_NO_DATA	No association response command was received within a timeout period after an acknowledge to the association request command is received
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER	A parameter in the Association request is out of range or not supported
0x01	PAN is full
0x02	Access to the PAN denied by the Co-ordinator
MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS	The association request was successful

- `u16Pad` is padding to force alignment.
- `u16AssocShortAddr` contains the short address allocated by the Co-ordinator. If the address is `0xFFFFE`, the device will use 64-bit extended addressing. If the association attempt failed, it will hold the value `0xFFFF`.

## 6.1.24 MAC\_MlmeCfmDisassociate\_s

This structure contains a Disassociate confirm message.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Status;
} MAC_MlmeCfmDisassociate_s;
```

where `u8Status` contains the result of the request as a value from the `MAC_enum_e` enumerations - the relevant enumerations are detailed in the table below.

Status	Reason
MAC_ENUM_UNAVAILABLE_KEY	Couldn't find a security key in the ACL for the transmission
MAC_ENUM_FAILED_SECURITY_CHECK	Failure during security processing of the frame
MAC_ENUM_TRANSACTION_OVERFLOW	No room available to store the disassociation notification command on the Co-ordinator - when Co-ordinator requests disassociation
MAC_ENUM_TRANSACTION_EXPIRED	Disassociation notification command was not retrieved by the intended device in the timeout period and has been discarded (Co-ordinator requested disassociation)
MAC_ENUM_CHANNEL_ACCESS_FAILURE	Couldn't get access to the radio channel to perform the transmission of the disassociate notification command
MAC_ENUM_NO_ACK	No acknowledgement from the associating device after sending the disassociate notification command
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER	Invalid parameter value or parameter not supported in the Disassociate Request primitive
MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS	Disassociate request completed successfully

## 6.1.25 MAC\_MlmeCfmPoll\_s

This structure contains a Poll confirm message.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Status;
} MAC_MlmeCfmPoll_s;
```

where `u8Status` contains the result of the request as a value from the `MAC_enum_e` enumerations - the relevant enumerations are detailed in the table below:

Status	Reason
MAC_ENUM_UNAVAILABLE_KEY	The security settings corresponding to the Co-ordinator address are not found in the PIB ACL
MAC_ENUM_FAILED_SECURITY_CHECK	Security processing of the data request command fails for some other reason
MAC_ENUM_CHANNEL_ACCESS_FAILURE	The data request command cannot be sent due to the CSMA algorithm failing
MAC_ENUM_NO_ACK	No acknowledge frame is received for the data request command after the Co-ordinator has tried to send the acknowledgement MAC_MAX_FRAME_RETRIES (3) times
MAC_ENUM_NO_DATA	No data is pending at the Co-ordinator, or a data frame is not received within a timeout period after an acknowledge to the data request command is received, or a data frame with zero length payload is received
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER	A parameter in the Poll request is out of range or not supported
MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS	A data frame with non-zero payload length is received after the acknowledge of the data request command.

## 6.1.26 MAC\_MlmeCfmRxEnable\_s

This structure contains a Rx Enable confirm message.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Status;
} MAC_MlmeCfmRxEnable_s;
```

where `u8Status` contains the result of the request as a value from the `MAC_enum_e` enumerations - the relevant enumerations are detailed in the table below:

Status	Reason
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER	The combination of start time and duration requested will not fit inside the superframe (only relevant for a beacon enabled PAN)
MAC_ENUM_OUT_OF_CAP	The start time requested has passed and the receive is not allowed to be deferred to the next superframe period or the requested duration will not fit in the current CAP (only relevant for a beacon enabled PAN)
MAC_ENUM_TX_ACTIVE	The receiver cannot be enabled because the transmitter is active
MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS	Rx Enable request completed successfully

## 6.1.27 MAC\_MlmeCfmGet\_s

This structure contains a Get confirm message.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8      u8Status;
    uint8      u8PibAttribute;
    uint16     u16Pad;
    MAC_Pib_u  uPibAttributeValue;
} MAC_MlmeCfmGet_s;
```

where:

- `u8Status` is the status of the corresponding PIB Get request which corresponds to the synchronous confirm (for enumerations, see [Section 7.4.3](#)).
- `u8PibAttribute` is the identifier of the MAC PIB attribute that has been read, specified using one of the enumerations listed in [Section 7.1.1](#).
- `u16Pad` is the padding for alignment
- `uPibAttributeValue` is the value which has been obtained

## 6.1.28 MAC\_MlmeCfmSet\_s

This structure contains a Set confirm message.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Status;
    uint8 u8PibAttribute;
} MAC_MlmeCfmSet_s;
```

where:

- `u8Status` is the status of the corresponding PIB Set request which corresponds to the synchronous confirm (for enumerations, see [Section 7.4.3](#)).
- `u8PibAttribute` is the identifier of the MAC PIB attribute that has been set, specified using one of the enumerations listed in [Section 7.1.1](#).

## 6.1.29 MAC\_MlmeCfmStart\_s

This structure contains a Start confirm message.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Status;
} MAC_MlmeCfmStart_s;
```

where `u8Status` is the status of the corresponding Start request. It can take a value from the `MAC_enum_e` enumerations - the relevant enumerations are detailed in the table below.

Value	Reason
MAC_ENUM_NO_SHORT_ADDRESS	The PIB value for the short address is set to 0xFFFF
MAC_ENUM_UNAVAILABLE_KEY	The <code>u8SecurityEnable</code> field of the request is set to TRUE but the key and security information for the broadcast address cannot be obtained from the ACL in the PIB
MAC_ENUM_FRAME_TOO_LONG	The security encoding process on a beacon results in a beacon which is longer than the maximum MAC frame size
MAC_ENUM_FAILED_SECURITY_CHECK	For any other reason than the above that security processing fails
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER	For any parameter out of range or not supported
MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS	Start primitive was successful



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### 6.1.30 MAC\_MlmeCfmReset\_s

This structure contains a Reset confirm message.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Status;
} MAC_MlmeCfmReset_s;
```

where `u8Status` can take either of the following values:

- `MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS`, indicating that the reset took place
- `MAC_ENUM_DISABLE_TRX_FAILURE`, indicating that the transmitter or receiver of the node could not be switched off

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### 6.1.31 MAC\_MlmeCfmVsRdReg\_s

This structure contains a Vendor-specific Read Register confirm message.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint32 u32Data;
} MAC_MlmeCfmVsRdReg_s;
```

where `u32Data` is the register data obtained.

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### 6.1.32 MAC\_MlmeIndAssociate\_s

This structure contains an Associate indication.

```
typedef struct
{
    MAC_ExtAddr_s sDeviceAddr;
    uint8 u8Capability;
    uint8 u8SecurityUse;
    uint8 u8AclEntry;
} MAC_MlmeIndAssociate_s;
```

where:

- `sDeviceAddr` contains the 64-bit extended address of the associating device
- `u8Capability` holds the capabilities of the device as described in the Associate Request
- `u8SecurityUse` is set to `TRUE` if the request command used security (and `FALSE` otherwise)

- `u8AclEntry` contains the security mode held in the ACL entry of the PIB for the device. If an ACL entry for the device cannot be found then this value is set to 0x08. The security mode values are described in Scan confirm.

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### 6.1.33 MAC\_MlmeIndDisassociate\_s

This structure contains a Disassociate indication.

```
typedef struct
{
    MAC_ExtAddr_s sDeviceAddr;
    uint8         u8Reason;
    uint8         u8SecurityUse;
    uint8         u8AclEntry;
} MAC_MlmeIndDisassociate_s;
```

where:

- `sDeviceAddr` contains the 64-bit extended address of the device, which generated the Disassociate Request
- `u8Reason` contains the reason for the disassociation - one of:

Disassociation reason	Description
0	Reserved
1	Coordinator wishes device to leave the PAN
2	Device wishes to leave the PAN
0x03 - 0x7F	Reserved
0x80 - 0xFF	Reserved for MAC primitive enumeration values

- `u8SecurityUse` is TRUE if security is being used during the transmission (and FALSE otherwise)
- `u8AclEntry` contains the security mode held in the ACL entry of the PIB for the device. If an ACL entry for the device cannot be found then this value is set to 0x08. The security mode values are described in Scan confirm.

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### 6.1.34 MAC\_MlmeIndGts\_s

This structure contains a GTS indication.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint16 u16ShortAddr;
    uint8  u8Characteristics;
    uint8  u8Security;
    uint8  u8AclEntry;
} MAC_MlmeIndGts_s;
```

where:

- `u16ShortAddr` contains the 16-bit short address of the device to which the GTS has been allocated or deallocated, in the range 0 to 0xFFFD.
- `u8Characteristics` carries the characteristics of the GTS that has been allocated as encoded in [Section 6.1.10](#). If a GTS has been deallocated then the characteristics type field is set to 0.
- `u8Security` is set to TRUE if security is used in the transmission of frames between the device and Co-ordinator (and FALSE otherwise).
- `u8AclEntry` holds the value of the security mode from the ACL entry associated with the sender of the GTS request command, i.e. the security mode used in the transmission.

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### 6.1.35 MAC\_MlmeIndBeacon\_s

This structure contains a Beacon Notify indication.

```
typedef struct
{
    MAC_PanDescr_s sPANdescriptor;
    uint8          u8BSN;
    uint8          u8PendAddrSpec;
    uint8          u8SDUlength;
    MAC_Addr_u     uAddrList[7];
    uint8          u8SDU[MAC_MAX_BEACON_PAYLOAD_LEN];
} MAC_MlmeIndBeacon_s;
```

where:

- `sPANdescriptor` holds the PAN information that the beacon carries. This structure is described in [Section 6.3.2](#).
- `u8BSN` contains the Beacon Sequence Number, which can take a value in the range 0 to 255.
- `u8PendAddrSpec` consists of a byte which encodes the number of nodes that have messages pending on the Co-ordinator which generated the beacon.

There are at most seven nodes which can be shown as having messages stored on the Co-ordinator, although there may be more messages actually stored. The Address Specification may contain a mixture of short and extended addresses, up to the total of 7. It is encoded as follows:

Bits 0..2	3	4..6	7
Number of short addresses pending	Reserved	Number of extended addresses pending	Reserved

- `u8SDUlength` contains the length in bytes of the beacon payload field, up to a maximum of `MAC_MAX_BEACON_PAYLOAD_LEN`.
- `uAddrList` contains an array of seven short or extended addresses corresponding to the numbers in `u8PendAddrSpec`. The addresses are ordered so that all the short addresses are listed first (i.e. starting from index 0) followed by the extended addresses. The union, which holds a short or extended address, is detailed in [Section 6.3.4](#).
- `u8SDU` is an array of `MAC_MAX_BEACON_PAYLOAD_LEN` bytes which contains the beacon payload. The contents of the beacon payload are specified at the Application/NWK layer.

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### 6.1.36 MAC\_MlmeIndSyncLoss\_s

This structure contains a Sync Loss indication.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Reason;
} MAC_MlmeIndSyncLoss_s;
```

where `u8Reason` is the reason for the loss of synchronisation as a value from the `MAC_enum_e` enumerations - the relevant enumerations are detailed in the table below.

Value	Reason
<code>MAC_ENUM_PAN_ID_CONFLICT</code>	Generated when a device detects a PAN ID conflict
<code>MAC_ENUM_REALIGNMENT</code>	A Co-ordinator realignment command was received and the device is not performing an Orphan Scan
<code>MAC_ENUM_BEACON_LOST</code>	Failed to see <code>MAC_MAX_LOST_BEACONS</code> consecutive beacons either when tracking transmissions or searching for beacons after a Sync request

## 6.1.37 MAC\_MlmeIndCommStatus\_s

This structure contains a Comm Status indication.

```
typedef struct
{
    MAC_Addr_s sSrcAddr;
    MAC_Addr_s sDstAddr;
    uint8      u8Status;
} MAC_MlmeIndCommStatus_s;
```

where:

- `sSrcAddr` is a structure containing the address of the source node of the frame. This structure is detailed in [Section 6.3.3](#).
- `sDstAddr` is a structure containing the address of the destination node of the frame. This structure is detailed in [Section 6.3.3](#).
- `u8Status` is the result of the transaction whose status is being reported, as a value from the `MAC_enum_e` enumerations. In the case of an Orphan response, the possible results are:

Value	Reason
MAC_ENUM_UNAVAILABLE_KEY	Could not find a security key in the ACL for the transmission
MAC_ENUM_FAILED_SECURITY_CHECK	Failure during security processing of the frame
MAC_ENUM_TRANSACTION_OVERFLOW	No room available to store the association response command on the Co-ordinator while waiting for data request from associating device
MAC_ENUM_TRANSACTION_EXPIRED	Association response was not retrieved by the associating device in the timeout period and has been discarded
MAC_ENUM_CHANNEL_ACCESS_FAILURE	Could not get access to the radio channel to perform the transmission
MAC_ENUM_NO_ACK	No acknowledgement from the associating device after sending the associate response command
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER	Invalid parameter value or parameter not supported in the Associate Response primitive
MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS	Associate response command sent successfully

---

### 6.1.38 MAC\_MlmeIndOrphan\_s

This structure contains an Orphan indication.

```
typedef struct
{
    MAC_ExtAddr_s sDeviceAddr;
    uint8          u8SecurityUse;
    uint8          u8AclEntry;
} MAC_MlmeIndOrphan_s;
```

where:

- `sDeviceAddr` contains the full 64-bit extended address of the orphaned node.
- `u8SecurityUse` indicates if security was being used when the orphan notification was sent (set to 1 if this is true and 0 if it is false).
- `u8AclEntry` is the security mode (values 0 to 7) being used by the node transmitting the orphan notification, as stored in the Co-ordinator's ACL for the address. If the orphan node cannot be found in the ACL, the value is set to 8.

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## 6.2 MCPS Structures

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### 6.2.1 MAC\_McpsReqRsp\_s

This structure contains an MCPS request or response.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8          u8Type;
    uint8          u8ParamLength;
    uint16         u16Pad;
    MAC_McpsReqRspParam_u uParam;
} MAC_McpsReqRsp_s;
```

where:

- `u8Type` is the request/response type, represented by an enumeration from `MAC_McpsReqRspType_e` (see [Section 7.4.1](#)).
- `u8ParamLength` is the parameter length, in bits, in the union below.
- `u16Pad` is the number of bits of padding required to make up 32 bits.
- `uParam` is the union of all possible MCPS requests/responses (see [Section 6.2.2](#)).

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### 6.2.2 MAC\_McpsReqRspParam\_u

This structure is the union of all possible MCPS requests and responses, and is an element of the `MAC_McpsReqRsp_s` structure (see [Section 6.2.1](#)).

```
typedef union
{
    MAC_McpsReqData_s  sReqData;
    MAC_McpsReqPurge_s sReqPurge;
} MAC_McpsReqRspParam_u;
```

where:

- `sReqData` is a structure that contains a Data request (to send a data frame). For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.2.5](#).
- `sReqPurge` is a structure that contains a Purge request (to remove a Data request from the transaction queue). For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.2.6](#).

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## 6.2.3 MAC\_McpsSyncCfm\_s

This structure contains an MCPS synchronous confirm.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8          u8Status;
    uint8          u8ParamLength;
    uint16         u16Pad;
    MAC_McpsSyncCfmParam_u uParam;
} MAC_McpsSyncCfm_s;
```

where:

- `u8Status` is the status of the request which corresponds to the synchronous confirm (for enumerations, see [Section 7.4.3](#)).
- `u8ParamLength` is the parameter length in the union below.
- `u16Pad` is padding to force alignment.
- `uParam` is the union of all possible MCPS synchronous confirms (see [Section 6.2.4](#)).

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## 6.2.4 MAC\_McpsSyncCfmParam\_u

This structure is the union of all possible MCPS synchronous confirms, and is an element of the `MAC_McpsSyncCfm_s` structure (see [Section 6.2.3](#)).

```
typedef union
{
    MAC_McpsCfmData_s  sCfmData;
    MAC_McpsCfmPurge_s sCfmPurge;
} MAC_McpsSyncCfmParam_u;
```

where:

- `sReqData` is a structure that contains a Data confirm message (in response to a Data request). For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.2.7](#).
- `sReqPurge` is a structure that contains a Purge confirm message (in response to a Purge request). For more information on this structure, see [Section 6.2.8](#).



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## 6.2.5 MAC\_McpsReqData\_s

This structure contains a Data request (for sending data).

```
struct tagMAC_McpsReqData_s
{
    uint8          u8Handle;
    MAC_TxFrameData_s sFrame;
} MAC_McpsReqData_s;
```

where:

- `u8Handle` is a handle which identifies the transmission, allowing more than one transmission to be performed before the corresponding confirm has been seen. It may take the values 0 to 0xFF; the handle is generated by the Application/NWK layer.
- `sFrame` is a structure containing the data frame to be sent (see [Section 6.3.6](#)).

---

## 6.2.6 MAC\_McpsReqPurge\_s

This structure contains a Purge request (for removing a Data request from the transaction queue).

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Handle;
} MAC_McpsReqPurge_s;
```

where:

`u8Handle` is the handle of the Data request to be removed from the transaction queue.

---

## 6.2.7 MAC\_McpsCfmData\_s

This structure contains a Data confirm (in response to a Data request).

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Handle;
    uint8 u8Status;
} MAC_McpsCfmData_s;
```

where:

- `u8Handle` contains the handle of the `MCPS-DATA.request` for which status is being reported.

- `u8Status` contains the result of the `MCPS-DATA.request` and may take any of the following values:

Status	Reason
MAC_ENUM_UNAVAILABLE_KEY	Couldn't find a security key in the ACL for the transmission
MAC_ENUM_FAILED_SECURITY_CHECK	Failure during security processing of the frame
MAC_ENUM_FRAME_TOO_LONG	The size of the frame after security processing is greater than the maximum size that can be transmitted, or the transmission is too long to fit in the CAP or GTS period
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_GTS	No Guaranteed Time Slot (GTS) allocated for this destination
MAC_ENUM_TRANSACTION_OVERFLOW	No room available to store the data when an indirect transmission is specified in the Tx Options when a Co-ordinator requests the transmission
MAC_ENUM_TRANSACTION_EXPIRED	Disassociation notification command was not retrieved by the intended device in the timeout period and has been discarded (Co-ordinator requested disassociation)
MAC_ENUM_CHANNEL_ACCESS_FAILURE	Couldn't get access to the radio channel to perform the transmission of the data frame
MAC_ENUM_NO_ACK	No acknowledgement from the destination device after sending the data frame with the acknowledge option set
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER	Invalid parameter value or parameter not supported in the Data Request primitive
MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS	Data request completed successfully

## 6.2.8 MAC\_McpsCfmPurge\_s

This structure contains a Purge confirm (in response to a Purge request).

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8 u8Handle;
    uint8 u8Status;
} MAC_McpsCfmPurge_s;
```

where:

- `u8Handle` holds the handle of the transaction specified in the Purge request.
- `u8Status` contains the result of the attempt to remove the data from the transaction queue. It can take a value from the `MAC_enum_e` enumerations - the relevant enumerations are detailed in the table below:

Status	Reason
MAC_ENUM_INVALID_HANDLE	Could not find a transaction with a handle matching that of the purge request
MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS	Purge request completed successfully

---

## 6.2.9 MAC\_McpsDcfmInd\_s

This structure contains an MCPS Deferred Confirm indication.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8          u8Type;
    uint8          u8ParamLength;
    uint16         u16Pad;
    MAC_McpsDcfmIndParam_u uParam;
} MAC_McpsDcfmInd_s;
```

where:

- `u8Type` is the indication type, which will determine the parameter used in the `uParam` union (enumerations are provided - see [Section 7.4.2](#))
- `u8ParamLength` is the length of the parameter (in bytes) in the `uParam` union
- `u16Pad` is the number of bytes of padding to force alignment of the indication
- `uParam` is a union of all possible indications (see [Section 6.2.10](#))

---

## 6.2.10 MAC\_McpsDcfmIndParam\_u

This structure is a union containing the possible MCPS Deferred Confirm indications.

```
typedef union
{
    MAC_McpsCfmData_s  sDcfmData;
    MAC_McpsCfmPurge_s sDcfmPurge;
    MAC_McpsIndData_s  sIndData;
} MAC_McpsDcfmIndParam_u;
```

where:

- `sDcfmData` contains a 'deferred transmit data confirm' (see [Section 6.2.7](#))
- `sDcfmPurge` contains a 'deferred purge confirm' (see [Section 6.2.8](#))
- `sIndData` contains a 'received data indication' (see [Section 6.2.11](#))

---

### 6.2.11 MAC\_McpsIndData\_s

This structure contains a Data indication (resulting from a received Data request).

```
typedef struct
{
    MAC_RxFrameData_s sFrame;
} MAC_McpsIndData_s;
```

where `sFrame` is a structure containing the data frame received (see [Section 6.3.7](#)).

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## 6.3 Other Structures

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### 6.3.1 MAC\_ScanList\_u

The `MAC_ScanList_u` structure is a union containing either the results of an energy detect scan or the results of detecting beacons during an active or passive scan.

```
typedef union
{
    uint8          au8EnergyDetect[MAC_MAX_SCAN_CHANNELS];
    MAC_PanDescr_s asPanDescr[MAC_MAX_SCAN_PAN_DESCRS];
} MAC_ScanList_u;
```

where:

- `au8EnergyDetect[ ]` is a byte array containing the results of an energy detect scan
- `asPanDescr[ ]` is an array of PAN descriptors, each containing information from a beacon detected during an active or passive scan (see [Section 6.3.2](#))

## 6.3.2 MAC\_PanDescr\_s

The `MAC_PanDescr_s` contains a PAN descriptor consisting of information about a PAN from which a beacon has been received.

```
Typedef struct
{
    MAC_Addr_s sCoord;
    uint8      u8LogicalChan;
    uint8      u8GtsPermit;
    uint8      u8LinkQuality;
    uint8      u8SecurityUse;
    uint8      u8AclEntry;
    uint8      u8SecurityFailure;
    uint16     u16SuperframeSpec;
    uint32     u32TimeStamp;
} MAC_PanDescr_s;
```

where:

- `sCoord` is a structure which holds the MAC address of the Co-ordinator that transmitted the beacon (see [Section 6.3.3](#)).
- `u8LogicalChan` holds the channel number on which the beacon was transmitted. For the 2.45GHz PHY, this field may take a value in the range 11 to 26, corresponding to the allowed channel numbers for the radio.
- `u8GtsPermit` is set to 1 if the beacon is from a PAN Co-ordinator which accepts GTS (Guaranteed Time Slot) requests.
- `u8LinkQuality` contains a measure of the quality of the transmission which carried the beacon, as a value in the range 0 to 255 where 0 represents low quality.
- `u8SecurityUse` is set to 1 if the beacon is using security, and 0 otherwise.
- `u8AclEntry` indicates the security mode in use by the sender of the beacon, as retrieved from the ACL entry corresponding to the beacon sender. It may take a value in the range 0 to 7, denoting the security suite in use. If the sender is not found in the ACL then this value is set to 8.

The security modes are defined as follows (also refer to [Section 1.16.2](#)):

Value	Mode
0	None
1	AES-CTR
2	AES-CCM-128
3	AES-CCM-64
4	AES-CCM-32

Value	Mode
5	AES-CBC-MAC-128
6	AES-CBC-MAC-64
7	AES-CBC-MAC-32

- `u8SecurityFailure` is set to 1 if there was an error during the security processing of the beacon, and 0 otherwise. Its value is always 0 if `u8SecurityUse` is 0.
- `u16SuperframeSpec` contains information about the superframe used in the PAN that this beacon describes. It follows the same format as that specified in Section 7.2.2.1.2 of the *IEEE Standard 802.15.4-2003*.
- `u32TimeStamp` indicates the time at which the beacon was received, measured in symbol periods.

### 6.3.3 MAC\_Addr\_s

The `MAC_Addr_s` structure holds the MAC address of a Co-ordinator that transmitted a beacon.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8      u8AddrMode;
    uint16     u16PanId;
    MAC_Addr_u uAddr;
} MAC_Addr_s;
```

- `u8AddrMode` denotes the type of addressing used to specify the address of the Co-ordinator and may take the following values:

Addressing mode value	Description
0	PAN identifier and address field are not present
1	Reserved
2	Address field contains 16-bit short address
3	Address field contains 64-bit extended address

If the value is non-zero then the following fields contain the PAN identifier and either the short or the extended address of the Co-ordinator that sent the beacon.

- `u16PanId` is a the PAN ID.
- `uAddr` is a union which may contain either the 16-bit short address or the 64-bit extended address of the Co-ordinator (see [Section 6.3.4](#)), according to value of `u8AddrMode`.

---

### 6.3.4 MAC\_Addr\_u

The `MAC_Addr_u` structure is a union which contains either a 16-bit short address or a 64-bit extended address.

```
typedef union
{
    uint16_t u16Short;
    MAC_ExtAddr_s sExt;
} MAC_Addr_u;
```

where:

- `u16Short` contains a 16-bit short address.
- `sExt` is a structure containing a 64-bit extended address (see [Section 6.3.5](#)).

---

### 6.3.5 MAC\_ExtAddr\_s

The `MAC_ExtAddr_s` structure contains a 64-bit extended address.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint32_t u32L;
    uint32_t u32H;
} MAC_ExtAddr_s;
```

where:

- `u32L` is the 'low word' containing the 32 least significant bits of the address.
- `u32H` is the 'high word' containing the 32 most significant bits of the address.

---

### 6.3.6 MAC\_TxFrameData\_s

The `MAC_TxFrameData_s` structure contains a data frame for transmission.

```
typedef struct
{
    MAC_Addr_s sSrcAddr;
    MAC_Addr_s sDstAddr;
    uint8_t u8TxOptions;
    uint8_t u8SduLength;
    uint8_t au8Sdu[MAC_MAX_DATA_PAYLOAD_LEN];
} MAC_TxFrameData_s;
```

where:

- `sSrcAddr` is a structure containing the source address of the frame as either a 16-bit short address or a 64-bit extended address (see [Section 6.3.3](#)). The PAN ID for the source is also included.
- `sDstAddr` is a structure containing the destination address of the frame as either a 16-bit short address or a 64-bit extended address (see [Section 6.3.3](#)). The PAN ID for the destination is also included.
- `u8TxOptions` contains the options for this transmission, encoded as follows:

Bits 7-4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
0000	Security Enabled transmission	Indirect Transmission	GTS Transmission	Acknowledged Transmission

The above bits are set to 1 to invoke the option. A GTS Transmission overrides an Indirect Transmission option. The Indirect Transmission option is only valid for a Co-ordinator-generated data request; for a non-Co-ordinator device, the option is ignored. If the Security option is set, the ACL corresponding to the destination address is searched and keys are used to apply security to the data frame to be sent.

- `u8SduLength` contains the length of the payload field of the frame, in bytes.
- `au8Sdu` is an array of bytes making up the frame payload, up to `MAC_MAX_DATA_PAYLOAD_LEN` (118) in length, depending on the overhead from the frame header.

---

### 6.3.7 MAC\_RxFrameData\_s

The `MAC_RxFrameData_s` structure contains a received data frame.

```

struct tagMAC_RxFrameData_s
{
    MAC_Addr_s sSrcAddr;
    MAC_Addr_s sDstAddr;
    uint8      u8LinkQuality;
    uint8      u8SecurityUse;
    uint8      u8AclEntry;
    uint8      u8SduLength;
    uint8      au8Sdu[MAC_MAX_DATA_PAYLOAD_LEN];
} MAC_RxFrameData_s;

```

where:

- `sSrcAddr` is a structure containing the source address of the frame as either a 16-bit short address or a 64-bit extended address (see [Section 6.3.3](#)). The PAN ID for the source is also included.
- `sDstAddr` is a structure containing the destination address of the frame as either a 16-bit short address or a 64-bit extended address (see [Section 6.3.3](#)). The PAN ID for the destination is also included.



- `u8LinkQuality` contains a value in the range 0 and 0xFF which indicates the quality of the reception of the received frame.
- `u8SecurityUse` indicates whether security was used in transmitting the frame: 1 if security used, 0 otherwise
- `u8AclEntry` indicates the security suite used during the frame transmission, as retrieved from the ACL for the source address held in the PIB. The security modes are defined as follows (also refer to [Section 1.16.2](#)):

Value	Mode
0	None
1	AES-CTR
2	AES-CCM-128
3	AES-CCM-64
4	AES-CCM-32
5	AES-CBC-MAC-128
6	AES-CBC-MAC-64
7	AES-CBC-MAC-32

- `u8SduLength` contains the length of the payload field of the frame, in bytes.
- `au8Sdu` is an array of bytes containing the frame payload.

---

### 6.3.8 MAC\_DcfmIndHdr\_s

The `MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s` structure contains the header information for a buffer used to hold an MLME or MCPS deferred confirm or indication.

```
typedef struct
{
    uint8  u8Type;
    uint8  u8ParamLength;
    uint16 u16Pad;
} MAC_DcfmIndHdr_s;
```

where:

- `u8Type` indicates the deferred confirm or indication type
- `u8ParamLength` is the buffer length, in bytes
- `u16Pad` is the number of bytes of padding to force alignment

---

### 6.3.9 MAC\_KeyDescriptor\_s

The `MAC_KeyDescriptor_s` structure holds an entry of the Key table used in IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security, containing one key and associated information.

```
typedef struct tagMAC_KeyDescriptor_s
{
    MAC_KeyIdLookupDescriptor_s *psKeyIdLookupDescriptor;
    uint8                        u8KeyIdLookupEntries;
    MAC_KeyDeviceDescriptor_s   *psKeyDeviceList;
    uint8                        u8KeyDeviceListEntries;
    MAC_KeyUsageDescriptor_s    *psKeyUsageList;
    uint8                        u8KeyUsageListEntries;
    uint32                       au32SymmetricKey[4];
}MAC_KeyDescriptor_s;
```

where:

- `psKeyIdLookupDescriptor` is a pointer to a list of key ID look-up descriptors (used to identify the security key), which are each contained in a `MAC_KeyIdLookupDescriptor_s` structure, described in [Section 6.3.10](#)
- `u8KeyIdLookupEntries` is the number of key ID look-up descriptors in the `psKeyIdLookupDescriptor` list (above)
- `psKeyDeviceList` is a pointer to a list of key device descriptors indicating the devices with which the local device can communicate using the key, where each device is specified in a `MAC_KeyDeviceDescriptor_s` structure, described in [Section 6.3.11](#)
- `u8KeyDeviceListEntries` is the number of devices in the `psKeyDeviceList` list (above)
- `psKeyUsageList` is a pointer to a list of the frame types of incoming frames for which the key is valid, where each frame type is specified in a `MAC_KeyUsageDescriptor_s` structure, described in [Section 6.3.12](#)
- `u8KeyUsageListEntries` is the number of frame types in the `psKeyUsageList` list (above)
- `au32SymmetricKey[4]` is an array containing the 128-bit security key in four 32-bit elements

---

### 6.3.10 MAC\_KeyIdLookupDescriptor\_s

The `MAC_KeyIdLookupDescriptor_s` structure contains a key ID look-up descriptor, which contains data used to identify a security key.

```
typedef struct tagMAC_KeyIdLookupDescriptor
{
    uint8    au8LookupData[9];
    uint8    u8LookupDataSize;
}MAC_KeyIdLookupDescriptor_s;
```

where:

- `au8LookupData[9]` is an array containing the data bytes used to identify a security key - 5 or 9 bytes can be used, depending on the size setting below
- `u8LookupDataSize` is the number of data bytes used in the above array to identify a security key:
  - 0x00: 5 bytes
  - 0x01: 9 bytes

---

### 6.3.11 MAC\_KeyDeviceDescriptor\_s

The `MAC_KeyDeviceDescriptor_s` structure contains a key device descriptor, specifying a device with which the local device can communicate securely using a key.

```
typedef struct tagMAC_KeyDeviceDescriptor
{
    uint32    u32DeviceDescriptorHandle;
    bool_t    bUniqueDevice;
    bool_t    bBlacklisted;
}MAC_KeyDeviceDescriptor_s;
```

where:

- `u32DeviceDescriptorHandle` is the 32-bit handle of the device descriptor for the device (see [Section 6.3.13](#))
- `bUniqueDevice` indicates whether the key is uniquely associated with the device - that is, whether the key is a link key or a group key:
  - TRUE - Link key
  - FALSE - Group key
- `bBlacklisted` indicates whether the device has been excluded from communicating using the key because it has previously used the key and exhausted the associated frame counter:
  - TRUE - Excluded
  - FALSE - Not excluded

### 6.3.12 MAC\_KeyUsageDescriptor\_s

The MAC\_KeyUsageDescriptor\_s structure specifies a frame type (of an incoming frame) for which a security key is valid.

```
typedef struct tagMAC_KeyUsageDescriptor
{
    uint8      u8FrameType;
    uint8      u8CommandFrameIdentifier;
}MAC_KeyUsageDescriptor_s;
```

where:

- u8FrameType indicates the type of frame:

Value	Frame Type
0x00	Beacon
0x01	Data
0x02	Acknowledgment
0x03	MAC command
0x04–0xFF	Reserved

- u8CommandFrameIdentifier identifies the command, in the case of a MAC command frame:

Value	Command
0x00	Not a MAC command
0x01	Association request
0x02	Association response
0x03	Disassociation notification
0x04	Data request
0x05	PAN ID conflict notification
0x06	Orphan notification
0x07	Beacon request
0x08	Co-ordinator realignment
0x09	GTS request
0x0A–0xFF	Reserved

---

### 6.3.13 MAC\_DeviceDescriptor\_s

The `MAC_DeviceDescriptor_s` structure contains a device descriptor used in IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security.

```
typedef struct tagMAC_DeviceDescriptor_s
{
    uint16_t    u16PanId;
    uint16_t    u16Short;
    MAC_ExtAddr_s sExt;
    uint32_t    u32FrameCounter;
    bool_t      bExempt;
}MAC_DeviceDescriptor_s;
```

where:

- `u16PanId` is the PAN ID of the network to which the device belongs
- `u16Short` is the 16-bit short address of the device
- `sExt` is the 64-bit extended address of the device
- `u32FrameCounter` is the frame counter for frames received from the device
- `bExempt` is a flag indicating whether the device is exempt from the minimum security level settings (see [Section 6.3.14](#)):
  - TRUE - exempt
  - FALSE - not exempt

### 6.3.14 MAC\_SecurityLevelDescriptor\_s

The `MAC_SecurityLevelDescriptor_s` structure contains a security level descriptor used in IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security.

```
typedef struct tagMAC_SecurityLevelDescriptor_s
{
    uint8      u8FrameType;
    uint8      u8CommandFrameIdentifier;
    uint8      u8MinimumSecurity;
    bool_t     bOverrideSecurityMinimum;
}MAC_SecurityLevelDescriptor_s;
```

where:

- `u8FrameType` is the type of frame for which minimum security levels are specified:

Value	Frame Type
0x00	Beacon
0x01	Data
0x02	Acknowledgement
0x03	MAC command
0x04–0xFF	Reserved

- `u8CommandFrameIdentifier` identifies the command, in the case of a MAC command frame, for which minimum security levels are specified:

Value	Command
0x00	Not a MAC command
0x01	Association request
0x02	Association response
0x03	Disassociation notification
0x04	Data request
0x05	PAN ID conflict notification
0x06	Orphan notification
0x07	Beacon request
0x08	Co-ordinator realignment
0x09	GTS request
0x0A–0xFF	Reserved

- `u8MinimumSecurity` indicates the minimum acceptable security level for an incoming frame of the specified frame type and, if applicable, the specified command type (for details of the security suites, refer to [Table 4 on page 45](#)):

Value	Security Suite
0x00	MIC-32
0x01	MIC-64
0x02	MIC-128
0x03	ENC
0x04	ENC-MIC-32
0x05	ENC-MIC-64
0x06	ENC-MIC-64
0x07	ENC-MIC-128
0x08-0xFF	Reserved

- `bOverrideSecurityMinimum` is a flag indicating whether the source device of a frame (of the specified frame type and, if applicable, the specified command type) can over-ride the minimum security level set in `u8MinimumSecurity`:
  - TRUE - Can over-ride
  - FALSE - Cannot over-ride

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## 7. Enumerations

This chapter contains the sets of enumerations provided in the header files. The enumerations are presented in the following categories:

- MAC enumerations - see [Section 7.1](#)
- PHY enumerations - see [Section 7.2](#)
- MLME enumerations - see [Section 7.3](#)
- MCPS enumerations - see [Section 7.4](#)

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### 7.1 MAC Enumerations

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#### 7.1.1 MAC PIB Attribute Enumerations

The MAC PIB attributes are identified using the following enumerations (also see [Section 8.1](#)):

```
{
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_ACK_WAIT_DURATION = 0x40,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_ASSOCIATION_PERMIT,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_AUTO_REQUEST,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_BATT_LIFE_EXT,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_BATT_LIFE_EXT_PERIODS,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_BEACON_PAYLOAD,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_BEACON_PAYLOAD_LENGTH,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_BEACON_ORDER,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_BEACON_TX_TIME,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_BSN,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_COORD_EXTENDED_ADDRESS,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_COORD_SHORT_ADDRESS,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_DSN,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_GTS_PERMIT,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_MAX_CSMA_BACKOFFS,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_MIN_BE,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_PAN_ID,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_PROMISCUOUS_MODE,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_RX_ON_WHEN_IDLE,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_SHORT_ADDRESS,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_SUPERFRAME_ORDER,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_TRANSACTION_PERSISTENCE_TIME,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_MAX_FRAME_TOTAL_WAIT_TIME = 0x58,
    MAC_PIB_ATTR_MAX_FRAME_RETRIES,
```

```
MAC_PIB_ATTR_RESPONSE_WAIT_TIME,  
MAC_PIB_ATTR_SECURITY_ENABLED = 0x5d,  
MAC_PIB_ATTR_ACL_ENTRY_DESCRIPTOR_SET = 0x70,  
MAC_PIB_ATTR_ACL_ENTRY_DESCRIPTOR_SET_SIZE,  
MAC_PIB_ATTR_DEFAULT_SECURITY,  
MAC_PIB_ATTR_ACL_DEFAULT_SECURITY_MATERIAL_LENGTH,  
MAC_PIB_ATTR_DEFAULT_SECURITY_MATERIAL,  
MAC_PIB_ATTR_DEFAULT_SECURITY_SUITE,  
MAC_PIB_ATTR_SECURITY_MODE,  
MAC_PIB_ATTR_MACFRAMECOUNTER = 0x77,  
NUM_MAC_ATTR_PIB  
} MAC_PibAttr_e;
```

---

## 7.1.2 MAC Operation Status Enumerations

Enumerations are provided for the status of a MAC operation, as follows (refer to [Section 5.6](#) for descriptions):

```
typedef enum  
{  
    MAC_ENUM_SUCCESS = 0,  
    MAC_ENUM_COUNTER_ERROR = 0xDB,  
    MAC_ENUM_IMPROPER_KEY_TYPE,  
    MAC_ENUM_IMPROPER_SECURITY_LEVEL,  
    MAC_ENUM_UNSUPPORTED_LEGACY,  
    MAC_ENUM_UNSUPPORTED_SECURITY,  
    MAC_ENUM_BEACON_LOSS = 0xE0,  
    MAC_ENUM_CHANNEL_ACCESS_FAILURE,  
    MAC_ENUM_DENIED,  
    MAC_ENUM_DISABLE_TRX_FAILURE,  
    MAC_ENUM_FAILED_SECURITY_CHECK,  
    MAC_ENUM_FRAME_TOO_LONG,  
    MAC_ENUM_INVALID_GTS,  
    MAC_ENUM_INVALID_HANDLE,  
    MAC_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER,  
    MAC_ENUM_NO_ACK,  
    MAC_ENUM_NO_BEACON,  
    MAC_ENUM_NO_DATA,  
    MAC_ENUM_NO_SHORT_ADDRESS,  
    MAC_ENUM_OUT_OF_CAP,  
    MAC_ENUM_PAN_ID_CONFLICT,  
    MAC_ENUM_REALIGNMENT,  
    MAC_ENUM_TRANSACTION_EXPIRED,  
    MAC_ENUM_TRANSACTION_OVERFLOW,
```

```
MAC_ENUM_TX_ACTIVE,  
MAC_ENUM_UNAVAILABLE_KEY,  
MAC_ENUM_UNSUPPORTED_ATTRIBUTE,  
MAC_ENUM_SCAN_IN_PROGRESS  
} MAC_Enum_e;
```

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## 7.2 PHY Enumerations

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### 7.2.1 PHY PIB Attribute Enumerations

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The PHY PIB attributes are identified using the following enumerations (also see [Section 8.2](#)):

```
typedef enum  
{  
    PHY_PIB_ATTR_CURRENT_CHANNEL = 0,  
    PHY_PIB_ATTR_CHANNELS_SUPPORTED = 1,  
    PHY_PIB_ATTR_TX_POWER = 2,  
    PHY_PIB_ATTR_CCA_MODE = 3  
} PHY_PibAttr_e;
```

---

### 7.2.2 PHY PIB Operation Status Enumerations

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Enumerations are provided for the status of a PHY PIB operation, as follows (also see [Section 8.2](#)):

```
typedef enum  
{  
    PHY_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER = 0x05,  
    PHY_ENUM_SUCCESS = 0x07,  
    PHY_ENUM_UNSUPPORTED_ATTRIBUTE = 0x0a  
} PHY_Enum_e;
```

---

## 7.3 MLME Enumerations

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### 7.3.1 MLME Request and Response Type Enumerations

The MLME request and response types are enumerated as follows:

```
typedef enum{
    MAC_MLME_REQ_ASSOCIATE = 0,
    MAC_MLME_REQ_DISASSOCIATE,
    MAC_MLME_REQ_GET,
    MAC_MLME_REQ_GTS,
    MAC_MLME_REQ_RESET,
    MAC_MLME_REQ_RX_ENABLE,
    MAC_MLME_REQ_SCAN,
    MAC_MLME_REQ_SET,
    MAC_MLME_REQ_START,
    MAC_MLME_REQ_SYNC,
    MAC_MLME_REQ_POLL,
    MAC_MLME_RSP_ASSOCIATE,
    MAC_MLME_RSP_ORPHAN,
    MAC_MLME_REQ_VS_EXTADDR,
    NUM_MAC_MLME_REQ /* (endstop) */
} MAC_MlmeReqRspType_e;
```

---

### 7.3.2 MLME Deferred Confirm and Indication Type Enumerations

The MLME deferred confirm and indication types are enumerated as follows:

```
typedef enum
{
    MAC_MLME_DCFM_SCAN,
    MAC_MLME_DCFM_GTS,
    MAC_MLME_DCFM_ASSOCIATE,
    MAC_MLME_DCFM_DISASSOCIATE,
    MAC_MLME_DCFM_POLL,
    MAC_MLME_DCFM_RX_ENABLE,
    MAC_MLME_IND_ASSOCIATE,
    MAC_MLME_IND_DISASSOCIATE,
    MAC_MLME_IND_SYNC_LOSS,
    MAC_MLME_IND_GTS,
    MAC_MLME_IND_BEACON_NOTIFY,
    MAC_MLME_IND_COMM_STATUS,
    MAC_MLME_IND_ORPHAN,
#ifdef TOF_ENABLED
```

```

MAC_MLME_DCFM_TOFPOLL,
MAC_MLME_DCFM_TOFPRIME,
MAC_MLME_DCFM_TOFDATAPOLL,
MAC_MLME_DCFM_TOFDATA,
MAC_MLME_IND_TOFPOLL,
MAC_MLME_IND_TOFPRIME,
MAC_MLME_IND_TOFDATAPOLL,
MAC_MLME_IND_TOFDATA,
#endif
#if defined(DEBUG) && defined(EMBEDDED)
MAC_MLME_IND_VS_DEBUG_INFO = 0xF0,
MAC_MLME_IND_VS_DEBUG_WARN,
MAC_MLME_IND_VS_DEBUG_ERROR,
MAC_MLME_IND_VS_DEBUG_FATAL,
#endif /* defined(DEBUG) && defined(EMBEDDED) */
NUM_MAC_MLME_IND,
MAC_MLME_INVALID = 0xFF
} MAC_MlmeDcfmIndType_e;

```

---

### 7.3.3 MLME Synchronous Confirm Status Enumerations

Enumerations are provided for the status of a synchronous confirmation to an MLME request.

This status may indicate:

- The request was processed without error
- The request was processed with errors
- The confirm will be deferred and posted via the Deferred Confirm/Indication callback
- It is a dummy confirm to a response

The above outcomes are enumerated as follows:

```

typedef enum
{
MAC_MLME_CFM_OK,
MAC_MLME_CFM_ERROR,
MAC_MLME_CFM_DEFERRED,
MAC_MLME_CFM_NOT_APPLICABLE,
NUM_MAC_MLME_CFM /* (endstop) */
} MAC_MlmeSyncCfmStatus_e;

```

---

## 7.3.4 MLME Scan Type Enumerations

The MLME scan types are enumerated as follows:

```
typedef enum
{
    MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_ENERGY_DETECT = 0,
    MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_ACTIVE = 1,
    MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_PASSIVE = 2,
    MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE_ORPHAN = 3,
    NUM_MAC_MLME_SCAN_TYPE
} MAC_MlmeScanType_e;
```

---

## 7.4 MCPS Enumerations

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### 7.4.1 MCPS Request and Response Type Enumerations

The MCPS request/response types are enumerated as follows:

```
typedef enum
{
    MAC_MCPS_REQ_DATA = 0,
    MAC_MCPS_REQ_PURGE,
    NUM_MAC_MCPS_REQ /* (endstop) */
} MAC_McpsReqRspType_e;
```

---

### 7.4.2 MCPS Indication Type Enumerations

The MCPS indication types are enumerated as follows:

```
typedef enum
{
    MAC_MCPS_DCFM_DATA,
    MAC_MCPS_DCFM_PURGE,
    MAC_MCPS_IND_DATA,
    NUM_MAC_MCPS_IND
} MAC_McpsDcfmIndType_e;
```

---

### 7.4.3 MCPS Synchronous Confirm Status Enumerations

Enumerations are provided for the status of a synchronous confirmation to an MCPS request. This status may indicate:

- The request was processed without error
- The request was processed with errors
- The confirm will be deferred and posted via the Deferred Confirm/Indication callback

The above outcomes are enumerated as follows:

```
typedef enum
{
    MAC_MCPS_CFM_OK,
    MAC_MCPS_CFM_ERROR,
    MAC_MCPS_CFM_DEFERRED,
    NUM_MAC_MCPS_CFM /* (endstop) */
} MAC_McpsSyncCfmStatus_e;
```

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## 8. PIB Attributes

This chapter lists and describes the PAN Information Base (PIB) attributes.

- The MAC PIB attributes are detailed in [Section 8.1](#)
- The PHY PIB attributes are detailed in [Section 8.2](#)

For an introduction to the PIB, refer to [Section 1.14](#) and [Section 3.10](#).

### 8.1 MAC PIB Attributes

The following table contains the MAC PIB parameter names together with their data types and the range of values. These are the names used in the MAC software, which map to the equivalent names in the IEEE 802.15.4 Standard.

MAC PIB Attribute	Type	Notes
ckWaitDuration	enum	Can take the following values MAC_PIB_ACK_WAIT_DURATION_HI (default) MAC_PIB_ACK_WAIT_DURATION_LO
bAssociationPermit	boolean	Default value is FALSE
bAutoRequest	boolean	Default value is TRUE
bBattLifeExt	boolean	Default value is FALSE
eBattLifeExtPeriods	enum	Can take the following values MAC_PIB_BATT_LIFE_EXT_PERIODS_HI (default) MAC_PIB_BATT_LIFE_EXT_PERIODS_LO
au8BeaconPayload	uint8	Array of uint8 values of size u8BeaconPayloadLength
u8BeaconPayloadLength	uint8	Maximum value is MAC_MAX_BEACON_PAYLOAD_LEN
u8BeaconOrder	uint8	Range is MAC_PIB_BEACON_ORDER_MIN (0) MAC_PIB_BEACON_ORDER_MAX (15) (default)
u32BeaconTxTime	uint32	Default value is 0
u8Bsn	uint8	Beacon Sequence Number
sCoordExtAddr	MAC_ExtAddr_s	64-bit Extended Address for the PAN Co-ordinator
u16CoordShortAddr	uint16	16-bit Short Address for the PAN Co-ordinator
u8Dsn	uint8	Data Frame Sequence Number

**Table 7: MAC PIB Attributes**

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MAC PIB Attribute	Type	Notes
bGtsPermit	boolean	Default value is TRUE
u8MaxCsmaBackoffs_ReadOnly	uint8	Range is MAC_PIB_MAX_CSMA_BACKOFFS_MIN (0) MAC_PIB_MAX_CSMA_BACKOFFS_MAX (5) Default is 4 and value cannot be set directly
u8MinBe_ReadOnly	uint8	Range is MAC_PIB_MIN_BE_MIN (0) MAC_PIB_MIN_BE_MAX (3) Default is 3 and value cannot be set directly
u16PanId_ReadOnly	uint16	16-bit PAN ID
bPromiscuousMode_ReadOnly	boolean	Default value is FALSE. Value cannot be set directly
bRxOnWhenIdle_ReadOnly	boolean	Default value is FALSE. Value cannot be set directly
u16ShortAddr_ReadOnly	uint16	16-bit Short Address of device. Cannot be set directly
u8SuperframeOrder	uint8	Range is MAC_PIB_SUPERFRAME_ORDER_MIN (0) MAC_PIB_SUPERFRAME_ORDER_MAX (15) (default)
u16TransactionPersistenceTime	uint16	Default value is 0x01F4
asAclEntryDescriptorSet	MAC_PibAclEntry_s	Array of structures defined in <b>mac_pib.h</b>
u8AclEntrySetSize	uint8	Range is MAC_PIB_ACL_ENTRY_DESCRIPTOR_SET_SIZE_MIN (0) (default) MAC_PIB_ACL_ENTRY_DESCRIPTOR_SET_SIZE_MAX (15)
bDefaultSecurity	boolean	Default value is FALSE
u8AclDefaultSecurityMaterialLength	uint8	Range is MAC_PIB_ACL_DEFAULT_SECURITY_LENGTH_MIN (0) MAC_PIB_ACL_DEFAULT_SECURITY_LENGTH_MAX (26) Default value is 21
sDefaultSecurityMaterial	MAC_PibSecurityMaterial_s	Structure defined in <b>mac_pib.h</b>
u8DefaultSecuritySuite	uint8	Range is MAC_PIB_DEFAULT_SECURITY_SUITE_MIN (0) (default) MAC_PIB_DEFAULT_SECURITY_SUITE_MAX (7)

**Table 7: MAC PIB Attributes**

MAC PIB Attribute	Type	Notes
u8SecurityMode	uint8	Range is MAC_SECURITY_MODE_UNSECURED (default) MAC_SECURITY_MODE_ACL MAC_SECURITY_MODE_SECURED

Table 7: MAC PIB Attributes

In order to access the PIB attributes, a handle to the PIB is required. Once the handle has been obtained, all the PIB attributes can be read and most can be written to directly. For further details and example code, refer to [Section 3.10.1](#).

The attributes with suffix 'ReadOnly' in [Table 7](#) above can only be read using the PIB handle. Write access to these attributes is provided via special API functions, as indicated in [Section 8.1.1](#).

### 8.1.1 MAC PIB Write Access using API Functions

The setting of attributes with suffix 'ReadOnly' in [Table 7](#) needs to be done using API functions, as these attribute settings also cause changes to hardware registers. The affected attributes (IEEE standard and MAC software names) and their associated functions are:

Attribute	Function to use when setting attribute
macMaxCSMABackoffs (u8MaxCsmBackoffs_ReadOnly)	<b>MAC_vPibSetMaxCsmBackoffs()</b>
macMinBE (u8MinBe_ReadOnly)	<b>MAC_vPibSetMinBe()</b>
macPANId (u16PanId_ReadOnly)	<b>MAC_vPibSetPanId()</b>
macPromiscuousMode (bPromiscuousMode_ReadOnly)	<b>MAC_vPibSetPromiscuousMode()</b>
macRxOnWhenIdle (bRxOnWhenIdle_ReadOnly)	<b>MAC_vPibSetRxOnWhenIdle()</b>
macShortAddress (u16ShortAddr_ReadOnly)	<b>MAC_vPibSetShortAddr()</b>

Table 8: MAC PIB Attributes with Set Functions

The above 'Set' functions are fully described in [Section 5.3](#).

An example function call to set the 16-bit short address of the local node is:

```
MAC_vPibSetShortAddr(pvMac, 0x1234);
```

---

## 8.1.2 MAC PIB Examples

The following is an example of writing the beacon order attribute in the PIB.

```
psPib->u8BeaconOrder = 5;
```

The following is an example of reading the Co-ordinator short address from the PIB.

```
uint16 u16CoordShortAddr;  
u16CoordShortAddr = psPib->u16CoordShortAddr;
```

The following is an example of writing to one of the variables within an access control list entry.

```
psPib->asAclEntryDescriptorSet[1].u8AclSecuritySuite = 0x01; /  
*AES-CTR*/
```

---

## 8.2 PHY PIB Attributes

This section lists the PHY PIB parameters and describes how they can be accessed.

The following table contains the PHY PIB attribute names, specified in the IEEE 802.15.4 Standard, together with their code numbers and the enumeration names defined by the software, making up the type **PHY\_PibAttr\_e**.

PHY PIB Attribute	Value	Enumeration
phyCurrentChannel	0x00	PHY_PIB_ATTR_CURRENT_CHANNEL
phyChannelsSupported	0x01	PHY_PIB_ATTR_CHANNELS_SUPPORTED
phyTransmitPower	0x02	PHY_PIB_ATTR_TX_POWER
phyCCAMode	0x03	PHY_PIB_ATTR_CCA_MODE

**Table 9: PHY PIB Attributes and Enumerations (PHY\_PibAttr\_e)**

The values of these attributes can be read and written, respectively, using the following API functions (detailed in [Section 5.4](#)):

- **eAppApiPibGet()**
- **eAppApiPibSet()**

Pre-defined values are available for the PHY PIB attributes, as specified in [Table 10](#).

Attribute Enumeration	Attribute Value Enumerations
PHY_PIB_ATTR_CURRENT_CHANNEL	PHY_PIB_CURRENT_CHANNEL_DEF (default - 11) PHY_PIB_CURRENT_CHANNEL_MIN (minimum - 11) PHY_PIB_CURRENT_CHANNEL_MAX (maximum - 26)
PHY_PIB_ATTR_CHANNELS_SUPPORTED	PHY_PIB_CHANNELS_SUPPORTED_DEF (default - 0x07fff800)
PHY_PIB_ATTR_TX_POWER	PHY_PIB_TX_POWER_DEF (default - 0x80) PHY_PIB_TX_POWER_MIN (minimum - 0) PHY_PIB_TX_POWER_MAX (maximum - 0xbf) PHY_PIB_TX_POWER_MASK (0x3f) {mask to be used with dB settings below} PHY_PIB_TX_POWER_1DB_TOLERANCE (0x00) PHY_PIB_TX_POWER_3DB_TOLERANCE (0x40) PHY_PIB_TX_POWER_6DB_TOLERANCE (0x80)
PHY_PIB_ATTR_CCA_MODE	PHY_PIB_CCA_MODE_DEF (default - 1) PHY_PIB_CCA_MODE_MIN (minimum - 1) PHY_PIB_CCA_MODE_MAX (maximum - 3)

**Table 10: PHY PIB Attribute Value Enumerations**

Both the Get and Set functions return a **PHY\_Enum\_e** enumeration status value to indicate success or failure of the operation. The status values are defined in the IEEE 802.15.4 Standard, and enumerations are listed and described in [Table 11](#) below.

Status Enumeration	Value	Description
PHY_ENUM_INVALID_PARAMETER	0x05	A Set/Get request was issued with a parameter in the primitive that is outside the valid range.
PHY_ENUM_SUCCESS	0x07	A Set/Get operation was successful.
PHY_ENUM_UNSUPPORTED_ATTRIBUTE	0x0A	A Set/Get request was issued with the identifier of an attribute that is not supported.

**Table 11: PHY PIB Operation Status Enumerations (PHY\_Enum\_e)**

## 8.3 MAC PIB Security Attributes (Optional)

This section details the MAC PIB attributes that must be maintained if IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security is implemented (for securing outgoing frames and unsecuring incoming frames). Security is introduced in [Section 1.16](#) and useful notes on IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security are provided in [Appendix B](#). Refer to the appendix for an introduction to the look-up tables that are held in the attributes described in this section.

The MAC PIB security attributes are listed and described in the table below.

MAC PIB Security Attribute	Type	Notes
psMacKeyTable	MAC_KeyDescriptor_s (see <a href="#">Section 6.3.9</a> )	<b>Key table</b> containing keys and their related information. Each entry contains one key plus three associated sub-tables, as described in <a href="#">Appendix B.1</a> .
u8MacKeyTableEntries	uint8	Number of entries in the Key table (psMacKeyTable).
psMacDeviceTable	MAC_DeviceDescriptor_s (see <a href="#">Section 6.3.13</a> )	<b>Device table</b> containing the device addresses. Each record contains the PAN ID of the host network plus both the short and extended addresses of the device, the frame counter and a flag to indicate whether the device is exempt from specific security rules.
u8MacDeviceTableEntries	uint8	Number of entries in the Device table (psMacDeviceTable).
psMacSecurityLevelTable	MAC_SecurityLevelDescriptor_s (see <a href="#">Section 6.3.14</a> )	<b>Minimum Acceptable Security Level table</b> containing the minimum acceptable security level for each frame type. Used for incoming frames only.
u8MacSecurityLevelTableEntries	uint8	Number of entries in the Minimum Acceptable Security Level table (psMacSecurityLevelTable).
u32MacFrameCounter	uint32	<b>Frame counter</b> for all outgoing frames (the frame counters for incoming frames are stored in macDeviceTable).
u8MacAutoRequestSecurityLevel	uint8	These attributes are used to specify the security level, key identifier mode, key source and key index parameters for frames that are generated by the stack itself (automatic data requests). For other frames, this information is supplied by the higher layer as part of the API function call.
u8MacAutoRequestKeyIdMode	uint8	
au8MacAutoRequestKeySource	uint8	
u8MacAutoRequestKeyIndex	uint8	
au8MacDefaultKeySource	uint8	In Key Identifier Mode 1, the ID value is created from this attribute value. For other key identifier modes, the data is taken from various addresses.

Table 12: MAC PIB Attributes

MAC PIB Security Attribute	Type	Notes
sCoordExtAddr *	MAC_ExtAddr_s	In Key Identifier Mode 0, if there is no destination address within the frame then the PAN Co-ordinator addresses contained in these attributes are used instead (no destination address is always assumed to mean "PAN Co-ordinator's address")
u16CoordShortAddr *	uint16	

**Table 12: MAC PIB Attributes**

\* These attributes are conventional MAC PIB attributes, as described in [Section 8.1](#)

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# Part III: Appendices



## A. Application Queue API

This appendix describes the Application Queue API which can be used to handle interrupts in a JN516x/7x microcontroller running an IEEE 802.15.4 application.



**Note:** Use of the Application Queue API is completely optional. You can design your IEEE 802.15.4 applications to operate with or without this API.



**Caution:** This API cannot be used with any other stack (such as the ZigBee PRO stack or JenNet-IP stack).

### A.1 Architecture

The Application Queue API provides a queue-based interface between an application and both the IEEE 802.15.4 stack and the hardware drivers (for the JN516x/7x wireless microcontroller):

- The API interacts with the IEEE 802.15.4 stack via the NXP 802.15.4 Stack API (which sits on top of the 802.15.4 stack).
- The API interacts with the Peripheral Hardware Drivers via the JN516x or JN517x Integrated Peripherals API (which sits on top of the Peripheral Hardware Drivers).

This architecture is illustrated in [Figure 19](#) below.

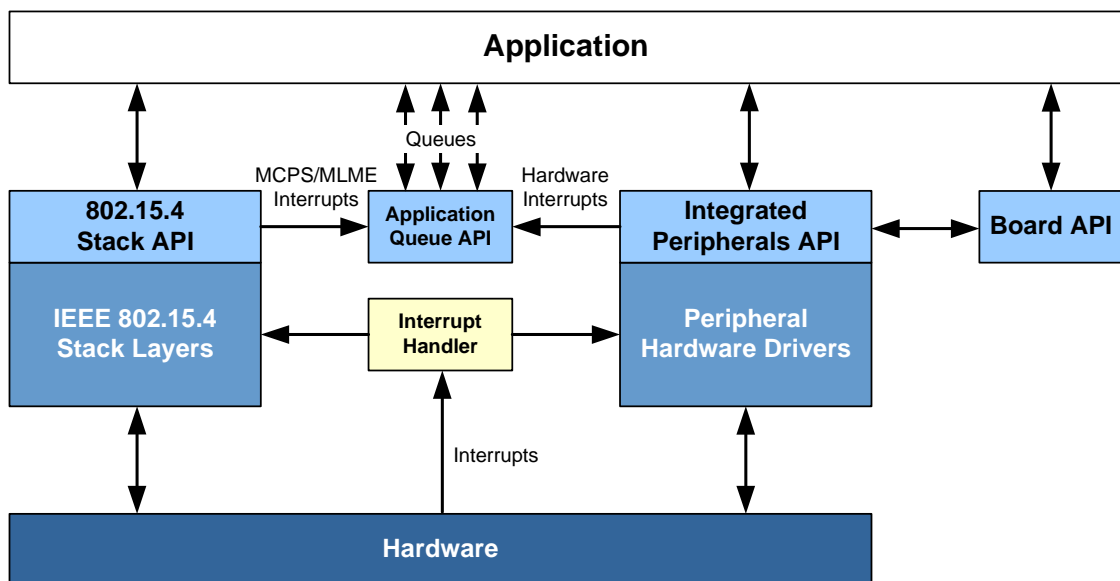


Figure 19: Application Queue API Software Architecture

## A.2 Purpose

The Application Queue API handles interrupts coming from the MAC sub-layer of the IEEE 802.15.4 stack and from the integrated peripherals of the JN516x/7x wireless microcontroller, removing the need for the application to deal with interrupts directly. The API implements a queue for each of three types of interrupt:

- MCPS (MAC Data Services) interrupts coming from the stack
- MLME (MAC Management Services) interrupts coming from the stack
- Hardware interrupts coming from the hardware drivers

The application polls these queues for entries and then processes the entries.



**Note:** The Application Queue API allows callbacks to be defined by the application, as with the normal IEEE 802.15.4 Stack API, but an application can be designed such that they are not necessary.

## A.3 Functions

This sections provides descriptions of the individual functions of the Application Queue API.

The functions are listed below along with their page references.

Function	Page
<a href="#">u32AppQApiInit</a>	189
<a href="#">psAppQApiReadMlmeInd</a>	190
<a href="#">psAppQApiReadMcpsInd</a>	191
<a href="#">psAppQApiReadHwInd</a>	192
<a href="#">vAppQApiReturnMlmeIndBuffer</a>	193
<a href="#">vAppQApiReturnMcpsIndBuffer</a>	194
<a href="#">vAppQApiReturnHwIndBuffer</a>	195

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## u32AppQApilnit

---

```
uint32 u32AppQApilnit(  
    PR_QIND_CALLBACK prMlmeCallback,  
    PR_QIND_CALLBACK prMcpsCallback,  
    PR_HWQINT_CALLBACK prHwCallback);
```

### Description

This function initialises the Application Queue API, as well as the underlying 802.15.4 Stack API and hence the whole 802.15.4 stack. The function creates queues for storing a number of upward messages (MLME indications and confirmations, MCPS indications and confirmations, Integrated Peripherals API indications) and registers itself with the lower layers so that all such messages go through it. The function registers user-defined callback functions for the three queues:

- Callback function for upward MLME indications and confirmations
- Callback function for upward MCPS indications and confirmations
- Callback function for upward indications from the Integrated Peripherals API

The callback functions are optional and should only be needed if the application must be notified as soon as a message is placed in the queues.

The prototypes for all three callback functions take no parameters and return void.

### Parameters

<i>prMlmeCallback</i>	Pointer to optional callback function for upward MLME indications and confirmations. If a callback is not required, a value of NULL must be used.
<i>prMcpsCallback</i>	Pointer to optional callback function for upward MCPS indications and confirmations. If a callback is not required, a value of NULL must be used.
<i>prHwCallback</i>	Pointer to optional callback function for upward indications from the Integrated Peripherals API. If a callback is not required, a value of NULL must be used.

### Returns

0 if initialisation failed.

Otherwise, the 32-bit version number of the IEEE 802.15.4 stack (most significant 16 bits are major revision, least significant 16 bits are patch revision/minor revision).

---

## psAppQApiReadMlmeInd

---

```
MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s *psAppQApiReadMlmeInd(void);
```

### Description

This function enables the application to poll the MLME indication/confirmation queue. If an event is present in the queue, the application can process it. Once processing has finished, the buffer (that contained the event) must be returned to the Application Queue API using the **vAppQApiReturnMlmeIndBuffer()** function. The result is returned in the structure `MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s` (for details of this structure, refer to [Section 6.1.3](#)).

### Parameters

None

### Returns

`MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s`

Pointer to a buffer containing an MLME indication or confirmation, or NULL if the queue is empty.

---

## psAppQApiReadMcpsInd

---

```
MAC_McpsDcfmInd_s *psAppQApiReadMcpsInd(void);
```

### Description

This function enables the application to poll the MCPS indication/confirmation queue. If an event is present in the queue, the application can process it. Once processing has finished, the buffer (that contained the event) must be returned to the Application Queue API using the **vAppQApiReturnMcpsIndBuffer()** function. The result is returned in the structure `MAC_McpsDcfmInd_s` (for details of this structure, refer to [Section 6.2.9](#)).

### Parameters

None

### Returns

`MAC_McpsDcfmInd_s`

Pointer to a buffer containing an MCPS indication or confirmation, or NULL if the queue is empty.

---

## psAppQApiReadHwInd

---

```
AppQApiHwInd_s * psAppQApiReadHwInd (void);
```

### Description

This function enables the application to poll the hardware indication queue. If an event is present in the queue, the application can process it. Once processing has finished, the buffer (that contained the event) must be returned to the Application Queue API using the **vAppQApiReturnHwIndBuffer()** function. The result is returned in the structure `AppQApiHwInd_s`, detailed below.

### Parameters

None

### Returns

`AppQApiHwInd_s`, which has the following definition:

```
typedef struct
{
    uint32 u32DeviceId;
    uint32 u32ItemBitmap;
} AppQApiHwInd_s;
```

`u32DeviceId` and `u32ItemBitmap` are detailed in the *JN516x Integrated Peripherals API User Guide (JN-UG-3087)* and *JN517x Integrated Peripherals API User Guide (JN-UG-3118)*.



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## vAppQApiReturnMlmeIndBuffer

---

```
void vAppQApiReturnMlmeIndBuffer(  
    MAC_MlmeDcfmInd_s *psBuffer);
```

### Description

This function allows the application to return an MLME buffer previously passed up to the application. Once returned, the buffer can be re-used to store and pass another message.

### Parameters

*\*psBuffer*                      Pointer to MLME buffer to be returned

### Returns

None

---

## vAppQApiReturnMcpsIndBuffer

---

```
void vAppQApiReturnMcpsIndBuffer(  
    MAC_McpsDcfmInd_s *psBuffer);
```

### Description

This function allows the application to return an MCPS buffer previously passed up to the application. Once returned, the buffer can be re-used to store and pass another message.

### Parameters

*\*psBuffer*                      Pointer to MCPS buffer to be returned

### Returns

None

---

## vAppQApiReturnHwIndBuffer

---

```
void vAppQApiReturnHwIndBuffer(  
    AppQApiHwInd_s *psBuffer);
```

### Description

This function allows the application to return a hardware event buffer previously passed up to the application from the Integrated Peripherals API. Once returned, the buffer can be re-used to store and pass another message.

### Parameters

*\*psBuffer*                      Pointer to hardware event buffer to be returned.

### Returns

None

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## B. Notes on IEEE 802.15.4-2006 Security

The IEEE 802.15.4 standard defines the security features that may be incorporated in an IEEE 802.15.4-based network. These features differ between the 2003 and 2006 versions of the standard (as indicated in [Section 1.16](#)). The NXP implementation of IEEE 802.15.4 incorporates both versions, but NXP provide example code only for the 2006 version of security - this is available in the Application Note *802.15.4 Home Sensor Demonstration for JN516x (JN-AN-1180)*. This appendix provides useful information on IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security.



**Note:** The application coding of IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security is complex and you are advised to use the example code provided in the Application Note *802.15.4 Home Sensor Demonstration for JN516x (JN-AN-1180)* as a basis for your own application development.

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### B.1 Security Features

IEEE 802.15.4 security is introduced in [Section 1.16](#). The information provided in this appendix is concerned with 'Secured mode' for the IEEE 802.15.4-2006 standard. Security is implemented as a 'security suite' which can be selected from a set of seven (as indicated in [Table 4 on page 45](#) for IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security).

All the security suites of the IEEE 802.15.4-2006 standard are based on AES-CCM\* algorithms, and implement access control and sequential freshness (replay protection). Optionally, encryption (data confidentiality) and integrity (data authenticity) can be implemented, depending on the chosen security suite.

The above security features require look-up tables to be present on the participating devices, including:

- **Key table:** Contains key descriptors with related key-specific information - each entry includes a key and the following sub-tables:
  - **Key ID Look-up:** Contains a list of data values used to identify the security key. Each value is 5 or 9 bytes long and depends on the 'key identifier mode', 'key source' and 'key index' values being used (specified in the MCPS-Data.Request for outgoing frames and in the auxiliary security header for incoming frames) and various address values. The key index value is included within these bytes. Hence, it is possible for the application (for outgoing frames or incoming frame) to influence the choice of key independently of the address and mode. When looking for a key to use with a frame, the MAC searches every record in the Key table and each record in each Key ID Look-up sub-table until it finds a matching ID.
  - **Key device descriptors:** Contains a list of key device descriptors, each entry containing a handle to a device descriptor (containing device addresses) and flags for specific security rules. This sub-table links the key to specific device addresses. Having found a matching ID value in the Key ID Look-up sub-table, the MAC searches the list of key device descriptors to find a matching address.

- **Key usage descriptors:** Contains a list of descriptors that indicate the frame types (and, for command frames, command types) for which the key is valid. Hence, it is possible to restrict the key to specific frame types.
- **Device table:** Contains device descriptors (device-specific addressing information and security-related information) that are combined with information from the Key table to secure outgoing frames and unsecure incoming frames
- **Minimum Security Level table:** Contains information concerning the minimum security level that the device expects to have been applied to a frame by the originator, depending on frame type and the command frame identifier (for a MAC command frame)

The above tables are held in the PAN Information Base (PIB) on a device - refer to [Section 8.3](#) for the relevant PIB attributes and [Section 6.3.9](#) through to [Section 6.3.14](#) for the relevant structures. More detailed descriptions of the tables can be found in the IEEE 802.15.4-2006 standard.

IEEE 802.15.4-2006 security provides the following features (based on the use of the above look-up tables):

- Black-listing of device addresses
- Minimum acceptable security level for incoming frames - different levels for different frame types and exemption for specific devices are possible
- Ability for the application to select more than one key for the same device:
  - **Key Index** to allow selection of more than one key using the same look-up method (but not for Key Identifier Mode 0 - see below)
  - **Key Identifier Mode** to determine how the address fields of a frame and the au8macDefaultKeySource attribute are used in the look-up procedure - this mode is available in the following variations (0, 1, 2 and 3):
    - 0:** Key is determined from the destination (on transmit) or source (on receive) address fields within the frame, or the PAN Co-ordinator address if those fields are not present
    - 1:** Key is determined from au8macDefaultKeySource and the Key index
    - 2/3:** Key is determined from data passed in from the application (on transmit) or carried unencrypted in the frame (on receive), and from the Key index
- Frame counter for outgoing frames and a record of the frame counter for incoming frames from all other devices, eliminating replay attacks

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## B.2 Security Procedures and Examples

The procedures for securing outgoing frames and unsecuring incoming frames are fully detailed in the IEEE 802.15.4-2006 standard, to which you should refer during your application development. You are also advised to use the Application Note *802.15.4 Home Sensor Demonstration for JN516x (JN-AN-1180)* as a basis for implementing security in your applications.

Note the following:

- You must call the function **vAppApiSetSecurityMode()** in your application to select the type of security (2003 or 2006) that your application will implement - this function is detailed in [Section 5.1](#).
- The look-up tables (introduced in [Appendix B.1](#)) are held in the PAN Information Base (PIB) on a device. The PIB attributes that relate to security are listed and described in [Section 8.3](#).
- The ways in which the look-up tables relate to each other are illustrated in [Table 20 on page 200](#). The terminology used is the same as that used within the NXP source code. Note that the tables are depicted as a series of entries layered on top of one another.
- An example of a security implementation in a network is illustrated in [Table 21 on page 201](#), which shows how a single network key could be shared by 20 nodes and used for all data frames. Key Identifier Mode 1 (see [Appendix B.1](#)) is assumed, which means that the Key ID look-up uses the values from `au8macDefaultKeySource` and hence `psKeyIdLookupDescriptor` can be the same for all nodes.

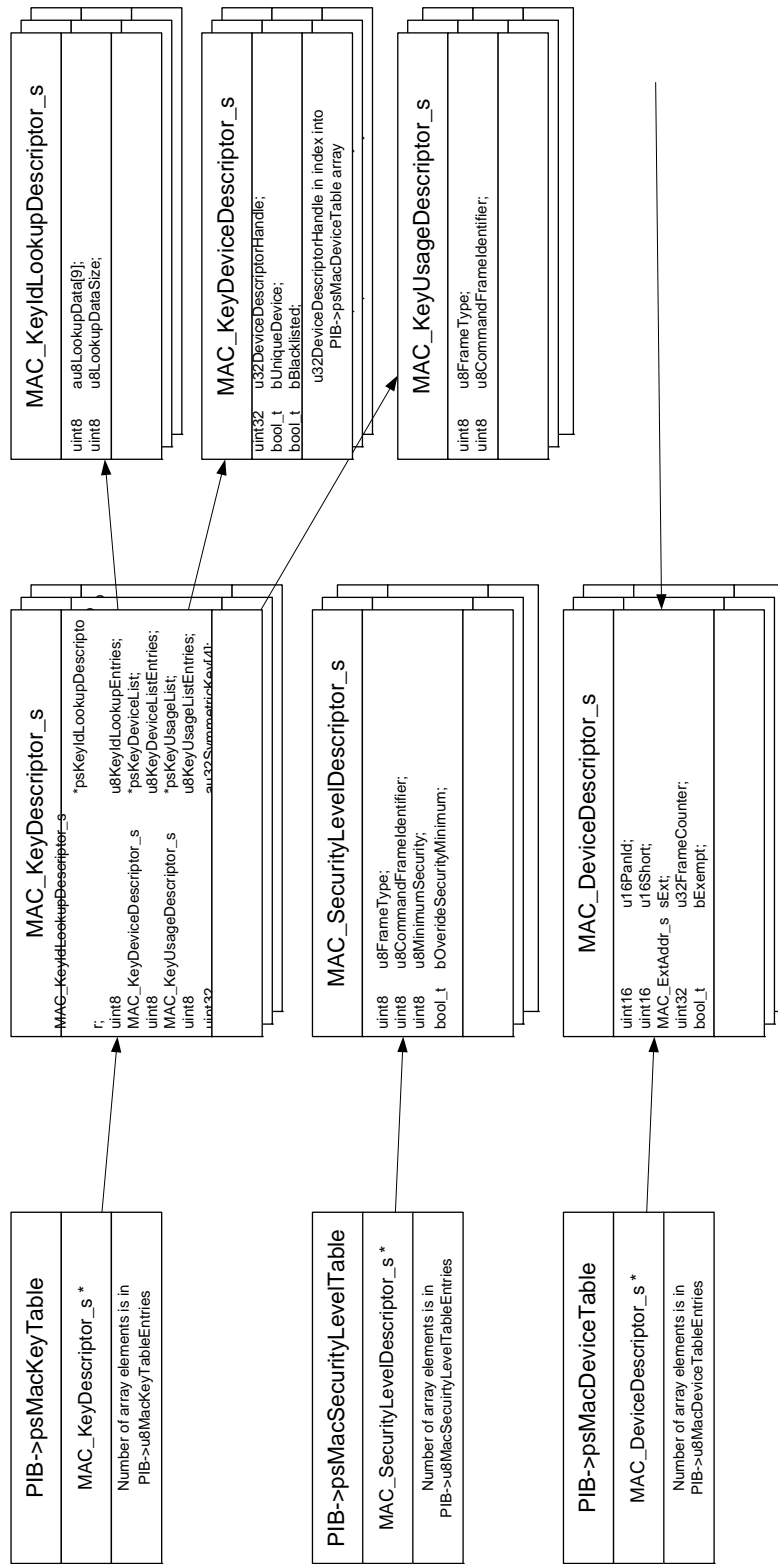


Figure 20: Relationships Between Security Tables



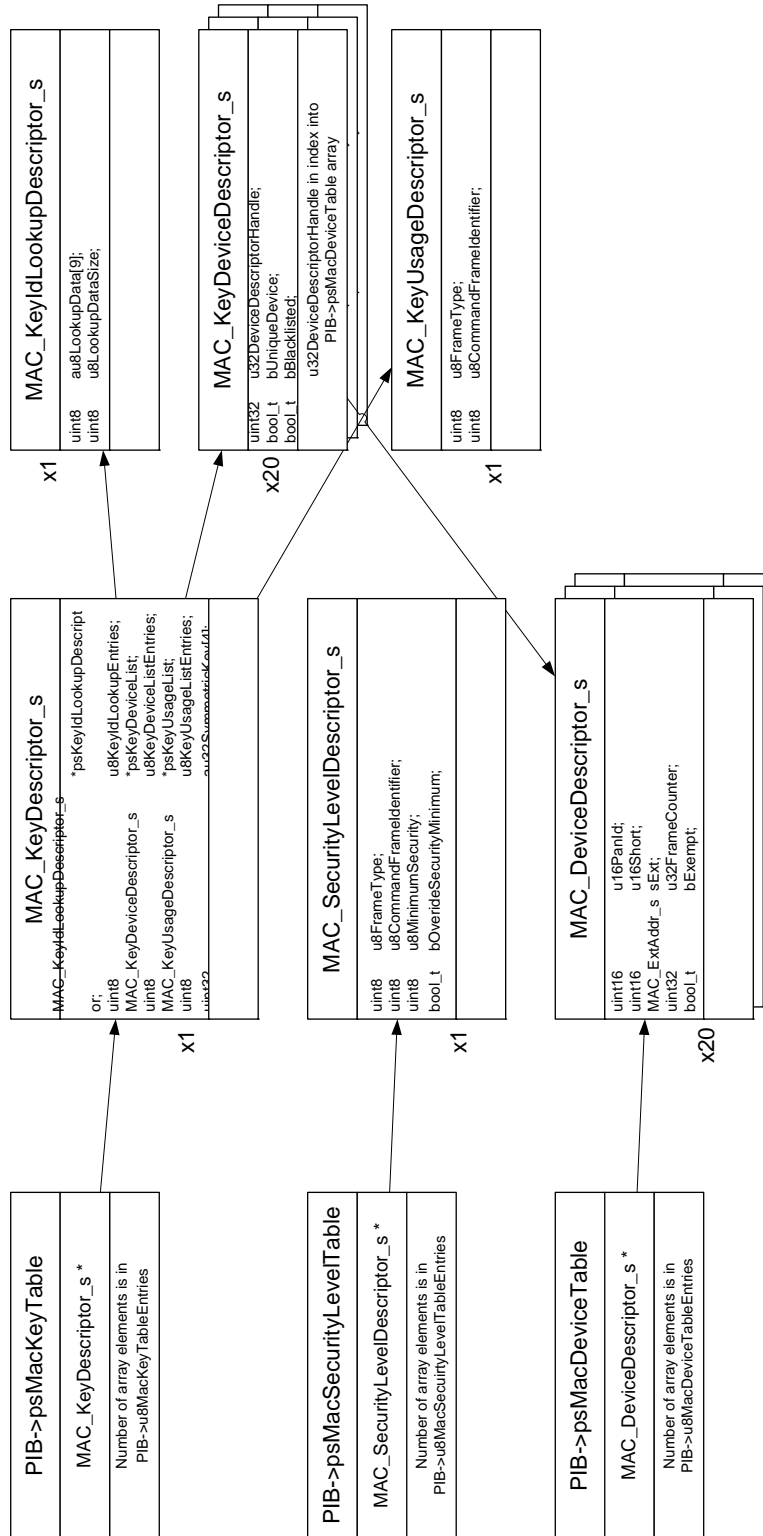


Figure 21: Security Example

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## B.3 Performance Considerations

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### B.3.1 Memory Usage

Selection of specific modes minimises the amount of RAM required by the security data. Key Identifier Modes 1, 2 and 3 provide the minimum space for a given size of network, as they allow one key ID look-up descriptor to be used for all devices.

If multiple keys are required, it is possible to share the sub-tables between them.

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### B.3.2 Frame Size

The auxiliary security header in an IEEE 802.15.4 MAC frame is at least 5 bytes long. In addition, the Key Identifier modes add extra bytes, as follows:

Key Identifier Mode	Additional Header Data (bytes)
0	0
1	1
2	5
3	9

**Table 13: Extra Header Data Bytes for Key Identifier Modes**

Different security levels also add a checksum of 0 (no MIC), 4, 8 or 16 bytes.

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### B.3.3 Conclusion

Key Identifier Mode 0 provides the best frame size but Key Identifier Mode 1 uses frames that are only one byte larger while allowing for smaller data tables. Therefore, in general use, Key Identifier Mode 1 provides the best compromise between memory usage and frame size.

## Revision History

Version	Date	Comments
1.0	19-Sep-2006	Initial release
1.1	06-Oct-2006	Clarification of network topologies in relation to IEEE 802.15.4 standard
2.0	11-Feb-2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated for JN516x and JN514x families of wireless microcontroller</li> <li>Incorporates information from former <i>802.15.4 Stack API Reference Manual (JN-RM-2002)</i>, <i>IEEE 802.15.4 Application Development Reference Manual (JN-RM-2024)</i> and <i>Application Queue API Reference Manual (JN-RM-2025)</i></li> </ul>
2.1	16-June-2014	Updated for new JN516x SDK installers (JN-SW-4163, JN-SW-4141) and removed support for JN514x
2.2	15-Sep-2014	Updated branding
2.3	22-Apr-2015	Updated radio transmission power section and other modifications/ corrections made
2.4	24-June-2015	Clarified build instructions for targeting different JN516x chip types
2.5	25-Feb-2016	Updated for the JN517x family of wireless microcontrollers and the JN517x IEEE 802.15.4 SDK (JN-SW-4263)
2.6	22-June-2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Migrated JN516x application template information to the Application Note JN-AN-1174</li> <li>Added referral to JN517x IEEE 802.15.4 SDK Release Notes for required version of LPCXpresso</li> </ul>

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