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

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These release notes cover SDK versions:

1.8.0.0 released December 13, 2023.



KEY FEATURES

Wi-SUN Stack

- Added support for LFN multicast reception
- Added support for non-standard PHY configurations
- Added support for blocking sockets

Wi-SUN Applications

- Wi-SUN – SoC Network Measurement improvements
- Wi-SUN – SoC (CoAP) Meter and Wi-SUN – SoC (CoAP) Collector improvements

Compatibility and Use Notices

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

Compatible Compilers:

IAR Embedded Workbench for ARM (IAR-EWARM) version 9.40.1

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

GCC (The GNU Compiler Collection) version 12.2.1, provided with Simplicity Studio.

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1 Wi-SUN Stack

This release of the Gecko SDK (GSDK) will be the last with combined support for all EFM and EFR devices, except for patches to this version as needed. Starting in mid-2024 we will introduce separate SDKs:

- The existing Gecko SDK will continue with support for Series 0 and 1 devices.
- A new SDK will cater specifically to Series 2 and 3 devices.

The Gecko SDK will continue to support all Series 0 and 1 devices with no change to the long-term support, maintenance, quality, and responsiveness provided under our software policy.

The new SDK will branch from Gecko SDK and begin to offer new features that help developers take advantage of the advanced capabilities of our Series 2 and 3 products.

This decision aligns with customer feedback, reflecting our commitment to elevate quality, ensure stability, and enhance performance for an exceptional user experience across our software SDKs.

1.1 New Items

Added in release 1.8.0.0

- Added a new API `sl_wisun_get_stack_version()` that returns the stack version.
- Updated `sl_wisun_join()` to support the customization of PHY configurations. Extended `sl_wisun_phy_config_type_t` and `sl_wisun_phy_config_t` to allow the customization of OFDM, FSK and O-QPSK entries.
- Added support for LFN Timing Offset (LTO). Avoid LFN broadcast and unicast overlaps.
- Added support for LFN multicast reception.
- Added support for SUN DSSS-OQPSK.
- Added support for blocking sockets.
- Added support for the new Indian PHY configurations.

1.2 Improvements

Changed in release 1.8.0.0

- Refactored the socket API. The POSIX socket API used to call Silicon Labs socket API. The logic is now reversed. Silicon Labs socket API became a wrapper around the POSIX socket API that is now exposed by the stack.
- Removed the RTOS dependencies from the libraries.

1.3 Fixed Issues

Fixed in release 1.8.0.0

ID #	Description
1212101	Fixed an error causing an assert when a device connects to network and then later re-join with a different device type.
1220872	Fixed an error causing an LFN parent to hard fault on an LFN disconnection.
1213289	Fixed an invalid variable initialization that could cause a device frame counter to be set to 0 when using IAR.
1205266	Fixed an invalid configuration preventing LFN to connect when using the Balanced or Eco modes.
1204471	Fixed an invalid initialization in MPL that was causing a multicast packet to be considered as old after a router re-connection.
1194355	Fixed an invalid time synchronization between an LFN and his FFN parent. It was causing significant drifts making downstream communications instable after a while.
1187012	The Join Metric IE was not forwarded when the join state 1 was skipped.

ID #	Description
1168410	Fixed an error causing a LFN to be out-of-sync when no packet is exchanged for more than 1h10 (uint32 max us)
1132165	Fixed an error causing MAC retries to be skipped on rare occasions.
1014210	Fixed an error causing routers to stay on the wrong channel after performing asynchronous transmissions.
1104667	LFN are now send a Neighbor Solicitation with an EARO with a zero lifetime when disconnecting.
1182578	Wi-SUN OUI was coded with the wrong byte ordering.
1199108	Maintained and restored the DHCP Identity Association ID (IAID) across reboots.
1205932	That stack performed a CSMA/CA on asynchronous frame transmissions. This behavior is specifically forbidden in the FAN TPS.
1223417	The stack occasionally tried to send a Neighbor Advertisement (NA) as a reply to a received Neighbor Solicitation (NS) used for Neighbor Unreachability Detection (NUD). This behavior is specifically forbidden in the FAN TPS.

1.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

Issues in bold were added since the previous release.

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

1.5 Deprecated Items

None

1.6 Removed Items

None

2 Wi-SUN Applications

2.1 New Items

Added in release 1.8.0.0

Wi-SUN SoC CLI:

- The default values are now coming from the Wi-SUN Configurator
- FAN1.1 PHY nomenclature is now used by default.

Wi-SUN – SoC Network Measurement

- More robust iPerf client algorithm
- iPerf statistics improvement

Wi-SUN – SoC (CoAP) Meter and Wi-SUN – SoC (CoAP) Collector

- Meters now automatically send their measurements to the Collector. In the previous implantation, the Collector was polling the information on a regular basis.
- Meters advanced request modes
 - Registration and remove request: set the destination of the meter measurements.
- LFN Profile based measurement/report schedule.

Wi-SUN – SoC TCP Server

- The application is now using blocking sockets.

CoAP Notification Service

- App Status Component provides statistic notification about the application.

OTA DFU:

- Added a component option to enable or disable the automatic installation of the new firmware.

Configurable LFN Support for all the applications

- An application can be either LFN or FFN
- Documented the process to configure applications to be able to enter EM2 energy mode.

EFR32xG28 Explorer Kit Support

2.2 Fixed Issues

Fixed in release 1.8.0.0

ID #	Description
1199459	Border Router RCP: Fixed an error causing an invalid memory access. It was leading to a border router reboot and a collapse of the whole network.
1225118	Border Router SoC: Fixed an error preventing the BR to stop when started was an invalid PHY configuration.
1210967	Border Router SoC: Fixed an error causing a hard fault when connecting more than 22 routers directly to the border router SoC.
1212392	LFN Sample Applications can't enter into EM2.
1078443	iperf: Fixed an issue causing the throughput to collapse when targeting a UDP bandwidth greater than the theoretical maximum

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Issues in bold were added since the previous release.

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

2.4 Deprecatcd Items

None

2.5 Removed Items

None

3 Using This Release

This release contains the following:

Wi-SUN stack library

Wi-SUN sample applications

Wi-SUN border router pre-compiled demos

Documentation

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

3.1 Installation and Use

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

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

Simplicity Studio installs the GSDK by default in:

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

(MacOS): /Users/<NAME>/SimplicityStudio/SDKs/gecko_sdk

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

3.2 Security Information

Secure Vault Integration

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

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