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1 Preface

sysmocom is a small German company providing primarily research, development and consulting in cellular network technologies from 2G to 5G, from RAN to CN, with a specific focus on Open Source in mobile communications. As part of our R&D activities, we often are in need of tools that are difficult to impossible to acquire on the open market, and hence we build them ourselves for internal use, but then also sell those products to the world wide community of parties interested in research into cellular technology.

For more than a decade we've now been very successful at providing highly flexible, configurable and programmable SIM, UICC/USIM/ISIM cards to thousands of customers world wide. The success of the product has shown a clear need for this kind of product, which did not exist before, at the very least not as accessible, documented and available to anyone.

As part of our activities we discovered that the eSIM / eUICC universe was even more difficult than the domain of physical UICC/USIM/ISIM cards, which lead us to the development of the new sysmoEUICC product line.

With these products, we aim to make eUICC and eSIM technology more accessible. This should enable hands-on training, exploration, research and understanding of eSIM protocols for any interested parties.

Working with eUICCs locked into the GSMA root-of-trust are mostly useful in practical usage applications within existing commercial cellular network operators that offer consumer eSIM profiles.

Much more exotic and interesting is however, in our belief, the use of eUICCs with certificates and key materials under the control of our customers. Combining such eUICCs with the open source proof-of-concept SM-DP+ `osmo-smdpp` developed and published by sysmocom founder Harald Welte, anyone is able to operate a complete eSIM system end-to-end. That means using your own certificates, running your own self-hosted SM-DP+, creating your own eSIM profiles and downloading them into your own test/private eUICCs.

— Harald Welte, Osmocom.org and sysmocom founder, January 2024.

2 eSIM / eUICC Introduction

2.1 Historical Evolution: from SIM via UICC to eUICC

When 2G GSM networks were first introduced in the early 1990s, the GSM SIM (*Subscriber Identity Module*) was introduced to de-couple the subscribers' subscription identity from the phone they were using. This meant that multiple subscribers could share a (back then ridiculously expensive) phone, and they could migrate from one phone to the other, for example when renting a car with car-installed mobile phone. The SIM was a single-application smart card.

Over time, this concept has been generalized into the ETSI UICC (Universal Integrated Circuit Card), which is a platform for multi-application smart cards. When 3G (UMTS) came around, its subscriber identity was specified as the USIM (Universal Subscriber Identity Module) Application running on an UICC. That USIM application has subsequently been extended for 4G (LTE) and 5G (NR). With the advent of IMS (VoLTE, VoWiFi), an optional ISIM Application has been specified.

Up to this point, a given subscriber identity was always bound to a given physical chip card. The identity (specifically, the cryptographic authentication key material) would be *personalize* on the card during card manufacturing.

With the eSIM system, this changed fundamentally. The subscriber identity (comprising typically of an USIM and optionally an ISIM application with associated filesystem data and key materials) was virtualized and de-coupled from the underlying chip card. That virtualized subscriber identity is called an *eSIM profile* and the underlying chip (most often no longer a "card") is called the *eUICC*.

2.2 The eUICC and its function in the eSIM system

The eUICC (embedded Universal Integrated Chip Card) is the hardware component typically soldered onto the circuit board of a UE (User Equipment, the term 3GPP uses for a phone/modem). It is the physical component onto which the purely logical/virtual eSIM [profiles] are installed.

You can liken an eUICC conceptually with so-called *secure element* or *trusted platform module* used in other industries.

In order for cellular operators to trust such a virtualized SIM system with their most valuable cryptographic key materials, comprehensive security mechanisms had to be introduced into the eSIM system: Virtually any part of it is authenticated by cryptographic certificates, which can all be verified and traced back to a root-of-trust, the GSMA Certificate Authority (CA). This CA in turn has a very stringent policy about whom it will issue certificates under which circumstances. Those are detailed requirements on IT security, physical access security, certification levels of Hardware Security Modules, protection profiles for the CardOS of an eUICC, etc. which any certificate holder must be independently audited for at least every two years.

GSMA has specified three different eSIM systems. Those are technically relate to some degree by using similar building blocks, but there are *significant* differences between those systems, and specifically the eUICC are different between M2M, Consumer and IoT. They *can not be mixed/matched*.

System	Specifications	Description
M2M eSIM	SGP.01, SGP.02	requires special M2M eSIM subscriptions offered by M2M providers/MVNOs, typically with regional or global coverage; intended for large fleets of devices
Consumer eSIM	SGP.21, SGP.22	permits eSIM profiles that are individually purchased from a variety of providers in MOQ-1
IoT eSIM	SGP.31, SGP.32	combines the advantages of M2M and consumer (especially for smaller customers): Ability to install consumer profiles, but centrally managed for a fleet of devices

As of early 2024, the M2M and Consumer systems are in production, while products for the new IoT scheme are still under development and not expected before end of 2024 (soonest).

2.3 Consumer eSIM System

The consumer eSIM system is - at its minimum - comprised of the following elements:

- the **eUICC** as described above
- the **LPA** (Local Profile Assistant); a piece of software running on the UE (phone, cellular modem) which interfaces locally with the eUICC and remotely with the SM-DP+.
- the **SM-DP+** (Subscription Manager Data Preparation; Enhanced); a server component which prepares, protects and *binds* eSIM profiles so they can be downloaded (via the LPA) into the eUICC

The eUICC contains a set of certificate and private key, signed by the eUICC manufacturers certificate, which in turn is signed by the GSMA CA.

The SM-DP+ has a set of certificates and private keys (for TLS, Authentication and Data Preparation), signed by the GSMA CA.

The LPA acts mostly as some kind of relay between the smart card interface and the (usually https based) interface to the SM-DP+.

2.4 Further Reading / Information sources

For more information about eSIM and eUICC technology, we recommend the following resources:

2.4.1 Recorded Technical Presentations

- [Demystifying eSIM Technology](#) (video recording of talk at CCCCamp2023)
- [Exploring eUICCs and eSIMs using pySim, lpac and osmo-smdpp](#) (video recording of talk at OsmoDevCall)
- [GlobalPlatform in USIM and eUICC](#) (video recording of talk at OsmoDevCon2024)
- [Anatomy of the eSIM profile](#) (video recording of talk at OsmoDevCon2024)

2.4.2 Written Information

- [GSMA eSIM whitepaper](#)
- [Osmocom eUICC and eSIM Developer Manual](#)

3 The sysmocom eUICC family

This manual describes the sysmoEUICC1 state-of-the-art eUICC for use with the Consumer eSIM Remote SIM Provisioning. The target audience are developers, researchers and operators of cellular equipment who use the sysmoEUICC1 in order to identify the subscribers to their network.

3.1 sysmoEUICC variants

sysmoEUICC are available in a number of different variants in terms of

- the mechanical form factor (removable plastic card vs. solder-type)
- the certificates and key materials used

SKU	System	Form-Factor	Certificates
sysmoEUICC1-C2G	Consumer	2FF/3FF/4FF	GSMA
sysmoEUICC1-C2T	Consumer	2FF/3FF/4FF	Test (SGP.26)
sysmoEUICC1-C2P	Consumer	2FF/3FF/4FF	Private
sysmoEUICC1-CMG	Consumer	MFF2	GSMA
sysmoEUICC1-CMT	Consumer	MFF2	Test (SGP.26)
sysmoEUICC1-CMP	Consumer	MFF2	Private

Assuming related quantity purchases, sysmocom is also able to provide M2M eUICC as part of project business.

IoT eUICC are expected to become available as soon as the system becomes production-ready.

3.2 sysmoEUICC form-factors

3.2.1 2FF/3FF/4FF seamless-cut form-factor

The sysmoEUICC is available in the traditional plastic card form factor of SIM/UICC cards. It is a so-called *seamless cut*, allowing for a single card to be used in full (credit card) size, as well as 2FF (mini-SIM), 3FF (micro-SIM) or 4FF (nano-SIM).

This form-factor is useful primarily in that:

- it can be used to eSIM-enable devices that have a traditional SIM card slot, and no built-in/on-board eUICC
- it can be used during research, development and testing; for example by inserting it into a smart-card reader that is attached to a computer

3.2.2 MFF2 solder-type form-factor

The sysmoEUICC is available in the ETSI MFF2 form-factor. This is the oldest and most standard solder-type package for an eUICC.

The MFF2 package is mostly useful if you are building some kind of embedded / IoT device to which you would like to add the capability for downloading eSIM profiles.

Compared to an eUICC in the removable plastic card form-factor, the advantages are mostly:

- better contact, especially in case of vibration-intensive applications like automotive
- reduction of BOM cost (no card slot required)
- ability to manufacture sealed / waterproof devices (no more removable parts)

Associated with a related volume purchase, sysmocom is also able to provide other (e.g. smaller) solder-type packages than MFF2.

3.3 sysmoEUICC certificates / key materials

3.3.1 GSMA certificates

The most common use case for eUICCs is within the GSMA *root-of-trust*, i.e. with certificates issued under the GSMA CA. This is the only way to permit interoperability with the vast majority of eSIM profiles that are for sale by hundreds of mobile operators around the world.

The disadvantage of an eUICC with GSMA certificates is that it will **only** accept eSIM profiles issued by a GSMA SAS-SM accredited SM-DP+. This makes it relatively unattractive for laboratory and research use, or even some use cases of private cellular networks.

Specifically, you can not autonomously create and install your own eSIM profile on an eUICC that contains [only] GSMA certificates. This is a significant step back from the prior situation with physical SIM/USIM, where anyone could autonomously create whatever SIM they like and insert it into any device of their choosing.

3.3.2 Test certificates

In order to facilitate R&D of eSIM related products, GSMA has specified and released a set of *test certificates* together with the associated *key materials* in GSMA SGP.26.

The advantage of those test certificate/keys is that contrary to the GSMA certificates, you can create, sign and encrypt your own eSIM profiles and download/install them on an eUICC.

The disadvantage of the test certificates is that the CA root certificate and private key are public, meaning that *anyone* can impersonate any element of the eSIM system, and hence there is no security whatsoever. This reduces the usage entirely to R&D of eSIM systems

3.3.3 Private (alternate root) certificates

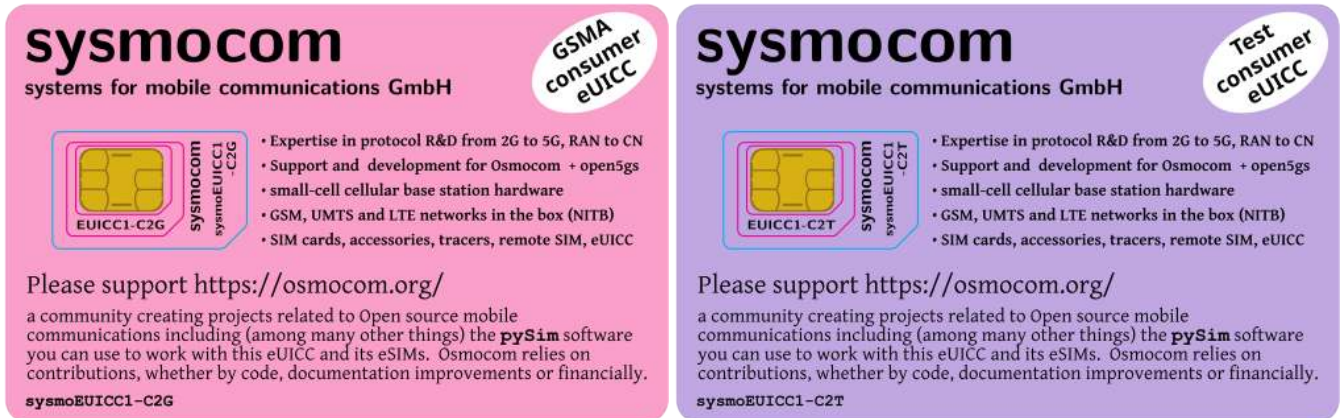
An eUICC can also be equipped with *private* (alternate root) certificates. This means that another entity operates as Certificate Authority, and can hence issue certificates to SM-DP+ and eUICCs.

The use case for this is somewhere in between the GSMA certificates and the test certificates:

- entities without GSMA-SAS accreditation can issue certificates for eUICCs and SM-DP+ and hence eSIM profiles
- the private key materials are not publicly available (like in the test certificates), meaning that impersonation is not possible, at least not to any random third party.

Such an alternate root configuration might, for example, make sense in case of private cellular networks, where there is no need for fulfilling the expensive and cumbersome GSMA-SAS requirements, and/or where a higher degree of autonomy and sovereignty without dependencies to third parties is desired or even required.

4 sysmoEUICC1 specifications



The sysmoEUICC1-C are eUICC for consumer eSIM with the following specifications and features:

4.1 Physical Specification

- Available mechanical form factor
 - 2FF + 3FF + 4FF seamless triple cut (either full-size or half-size plastic)
 - MFF2 (solder-type) chip
- 800 kBytes flash memory (about 300kBytes available)
 - 3.200.000 write operations per page
 - 200.000 erase operations per page
 - Data Retention: typical 10 years @ 25 centigrade
- Temperature Range: -40 to +105 Centigrade chip temperature
- 1.8V, 3V and 5V

4.2 Logical Specification

4.2.1 GSMA Specification Compliance

- GSMA SGP.22 V2.3.0
- Maximum number of profiles: 10

4.2.2 Interoperable Profile Support

- eUICC Profile Package Version: 2.3.1
- UICC capability: 067f36f3c0
 - usimSupport, isimSupport, csimSupport,
 - akaMilenage, akaCave, akaTuak128, akaTuak256,
 - gbaAuthenUsim, gbaAuthenIsim,
 - eapClient, javacard,
 - multipleUsimSupport, multipleIsimSupport, multipleCsimSupport, berTlvFileSupport,
 - getIdentity, profile-a-x25519, profile-b-p256, suciCalculatorApi

4.2.3 ETSI/3GPP/GP Specification Compliance

The sysmoEUICC1-C adheres to the following specifications / spec versions:

- USIM and ISIM application
 - ETSI TS 102 221; [[etsi-ts102221](#)]
 - ETSI TS 102 225; [?]
 - 3GPP TS 51.011 (R17); [[3gpp-ts-51-011](#)]
 - 3GPP TS 31.101 (R17); [[3gpp-ts-31-101](#)]
 - 3GPP TS 31.102 (R17); [[3gpp-ts-31-102](#)]
 - 3GPP TS 31.103 (R17); [[3gpp-ts-31-103](#)]
- Java Card v3.0.5
 - SIM API (3GPP TS 43.019)
 - UICC API (ETSI TS 102 241 15.1.0)
 - UICC Remote File Update Event (ETSI TS 102 241)
 - USIM API (3GPP TS 31.130)
 - GlobalPlatform API
 - Connection API (ETSI TS 102 267)
 - Algorithms: DES/2DES/3DES, AES128/192/256, CRC16/32, SHA1/224/256, MD5, HMAC, ECC
- Global Platform v2.1.1 (SCP02, SCP03, SCP80)
 - GlobalPlatform v2.2 Amendments A, B, D, E
- UICC / USIM Toolkit Support
- OTA (Over-The-Air) Support
- Remote File Management / Remote App Management
 - 3GPP TS 23.048 (R4); [[3gpp-ts-23-048](#)]
 - 3GPP TS 31.115 (R6); [[3gpp-ts-31-115](#)]
 - 3GPP TS 31.116 (R6); [[3gpp-ts-31-116](#)]

4.3 Supported Features

- Total number of logical channels: 8
- Maximum number of applets: 90
- Maximum number of user packages: 39
- Suspend and Resume
- BER-TLV files
- GBA network authentication
- EAP-SIM and EAP-AKA (no support for RFC5448 EAP-AKA')
- SUCI-computation-by-ME
- SUCI-computation-on-card

- RAM (Remote Applet Management) + RFM (Remote File Management)
 - Proactive Commands
 - Expanded Format
 - Script chaining
 - Concatenated response
 - CAT-TP
 - HTTPS
 - TLS 1.0, 1.1 and 1.2

4.3.1 Authentication Algorithms

- 3G (UMTS AKA) Authentication, also used by 4G/5G/IMS
 - Default 3G Authentication Algorithm: MILENAGE [3gpp-ts-35-206]
 - Supported: MILENAGE, TUAK, XOR-3G

The algorithm can be changed when authenticated using ADM1 PIN.

4.4 Product Form-Factor Variants

The cards are sold by sysmocom in the following different product variants, depending on your needs.

SKU	Form-Factor	certificates	Link to sysmocom webshop
sysmoEUICC1-C2G	1FF + 2FF + 3FF + 4FF	GSMA	https://shop.sysmocom.de/sysmoEUICC1-eUICC-for-consumer-eSIM-RSP/-sysmoEUICC1-C2G
sysmoEUICC1-C2T	1FF + 2FF + 3FF + 4FF	Test	https://shop.sysmocom.de/eUICC-for-consumer-eSIM-RSP-with-SGP.26-Test-Certificates/sysmoEUICC1-C2T
sysmoEUICC1-CMG	MFF2	GSMA	bulk / made-to-order only
sysmoEUICC1-CMT	MFF2	Test	bulk / made-to-order only

4.5 Java API Packages

Package	Version	AID
java.lang	1.0	0xA0000000620001
java.io	1.0	0xA0000000620002
java.rmi	1.0	0xA0000000620003
javacard.framework	1.5	0xA0000000620101
javacard.framework.service	1.0	0xA000000062010101
javacard.security	1.5	0xA0000000620102
javacardx.crypto	1.5	0xA0000000620201
javacardx.framework.util	1.0	0xA000000062020801
javacardx.framework.util.intx	1.0	0xA00000006202080101
sim.access	2.2	0xA0000000090003FFFFFFFF8910710001
sim.toolkit	2.6	0xA0000000090003FFFFFFFF8910710002
uicc.access	1.2	0xA0000000090005FFFFFFFF8911000000
uicc.access.fileadministration	1.0	0xA0000000090005FFFFFFFF8911010000
uicc.access.bertlvfile	1.0	0xA0000000090005FFFFFFFF8911010000
uicc.system	1.2	0xA0000000090005FFFFFFFF8913000000

Package	Version	AID
uicc.toolkit	1.12	0xA000000090005FFFFFFFFF891200000
uicc.suspendresume	1.0	0xA000000090005FFFFFFFFF891700000
uicc.usim.access	1.4	0xA0000000871005FFFFFFFFF891310000
uicc.usim.toolkit	1.9	0xA0000000871005FFFFFFFFF891320000
uicc.usim.geolocation	1.0	0xA0000000871005FFFFFFFFF891320000
uicc.usim.suci	1.0	0xA0000000871005FFFFFFFFF891340000
uicc.connection	2.0	0xA000000090005FFFFFFFFF891500000
org.globalplatform	1.6	0xA00000015100

5 pre-installed TS.48 test profile

The sysmoEUICC1-C2G has a pre-installed and enabled *TS.48 GSMA test profile*.

GSMA TS.48 is a specification of eSIM profiles to be used in testing and type approval purposes.

The idea of the pre-installed profile has the following rationale:

- to make the eUICC usable straight away for some test use cases, without having to install a commercial operator eSIM profile
- to make sure EasyEUICC can work with the sysmoEUICC, as EasyEUICC will only talk to eUICC with an active profile

As this profile is clearly marked as *test* profile, it behaves slightly different than normal (*operational*) profiles that are downloaded. One such difference is that a number of LPA software will not even show those test profiles in their listings.

NOTE

As required by SGP.22 section 3.2.1, **a test profile must not be implicitly disabled when a production profile is enabled!** This means, in order to activate a normal (operational) profile that you downloaded from a SM-DP+, you must first **explicitly disable** the factory-enabled test profile. You can use any standards-compliant LPA software to do so; see the Section 7 section for one such example.

5.1 eSIM profile metadata

Parameter	Value
Profile Type	Test
Profile Name	Operational Profile Name 1
Service Provider Name	SP Name 1
ISD-P AID	a0000005591010ffffffff8900001000

5.2 eSIM profile parameters

The pre-installed profile has the following key parameters:

ICCID	89000123456789012341
IMSI	001010123456063
PIN1	0000
PUK1	11111111
PIN2	9999
PUK2	22222222
ADM1	55555555
ADM2	66666666
K	000102030405060708090A0B0C0D0E0F

ICCID	89000123456789012341
AKA Algorithm	XOR-3G

5.3 eSIM profile RFM parameters

The pre-installed eSIM profile has the following RFM (Remote File Management) configuration:

Instance AID	TAR	MSL	ADF Access
a00000055910100001	b00120	0x06	
a00000055910100002	b00140	0x06	a0000000871002ff49ff0589 (USIM)
a00000055910100003	b00141	0x06	a0000000871004ff49ff0589 (ISIM)

5.4 eSIM profile OTA keys

The pre-installed eSIM profile has the following OTA keys:

KID	KVN	Value
0x01	0x01	66778899aabbccdd1122334455eeff10
0x02	0x01	112233445566778899aabbccddeeff10
0x03	0x01	99aabbccddeeff101122334455667788
0x01	0x02	66778899aabbccdd1122334455eeff10
0x02	0x02	112233445566778899aabbccddeeff10
0x03	0x02	99aabbccddeeff101122334455667788

6 Smart Card Readers

SIM/UICC/USIM/ISIM cards are smart cards compliant to the electrical parameters of ISO 7816-3, both in terms of voltage but also in terms of signal / timing. This is the same standard as used by many other smart cards, including all kinds of identification cards, debit/credit cards, cryptographic smart cards, etc.

In order to interface a SIM/UICC/USIM/ISIM to a computer, you thus need a smart card interface device (colloquially called "card reader") compliant to ISO 7816-3.

In order to support maximum compatibility with software programs, the reader should inter-operate with the pcsc-lite software stack on your GNU/Linux based operating system.

The easiest type of readers in recent years have proven to be USB attached smart card readers compliant to the USB CCID specification.

Compliance to USB CCID ensures that a variety of vendor-neutral/independent drivers will work on virtually any operating system.

sysmocom offers suitable USB CCID compliant card readers at <https://shop.sysmocom.de/SIM/Card-Readers-Writers/>



Figure 1: Omnikey CardMan 3121 USB CCID Smart Card Reader

6.1 Verifying your smart card reader + software stack

For details on how to configure your smart card reader / driver stack, please consult related documentation. In the case of USB CCID readers and `pcsc-lite`, any modern GNU/Linux distribution should have everything pre-configured without any manual intervention required.

In case of Ubuntu or Debian GNU/Linux, you only need to install the `pcscd` and `libccid` packages, e.g. using **`apt-get install pcscd libccid`**

6.2 Verifying your smart card reader + software stack

Every smart card returns a so-called ATR (Answer-To-Reset) as soon as it is first interrogated by the card reader.

You can use the `pcsc_scan` utility in order to read the status of your card reader and obtain the ATR of the currently-inserted card.

Example output of `pcsc_scan` with a `sysmoUSIM-SJS1` inserted

```
$ pcsc_scan
PC/SC device scanner
V 1.4.26 (c) 2001-2011, Ludovic Rousseau <ludovic.rousseau@free.fr>
Compiled with PC/SC lite version: 1.8.15
Using reader plug'n play mechanism
Scanning present readers...
0: Alcor Micro AU9560 00 00

Sat May 21 21:38:31 2016
Reader 0: Alcor Micro AU9560 00 00
  Card state: Card inserted,
  ATR: 3B 9F 96 80 1F C7 80 31 A0 73 BE 21 13 67 43 20 07 18 00 00 01 A5
ATR: 3B 9F 96 80 1F C7 80 31 A0 73 BE 21 13 67 43 20 07 18 00 00 01 A5
+ TS = 3B --> Direct Convention
+ T0 = 9F, Y(1): 1001, K: 15 (historical bytes)
  TA(1) = 96 --> Fi=512, Di=32, 16 cycles/ETU
    250000 bits/s at 4 MHz, fMax for Fi = 5 MHz => 312500 bits/s
  TD(1) = 80 --> Y(i+1) = 1000, Protocol T = 0
---
  TD(2) = 1F --> Y(i+1) = 0001, Protocol T = 15 - Global interface bytes following
---
```

```

TA(3) = C7 --> Clock stop: no preference - Class accepted by the card: (3G) A 5V B 3V C ←
1.8V
+ Historical bytes: 80 31 A0 73 BE 21 13 67 43 20 07 18 00 00 01
Category indicator byte: 80 (compact TLV data object)
Tag: 3, len: 1 (card service data byte)
Card service data byte: A0
- Application selection: by full DF name
- BER-TLV data objects available in EF.DIR
- EF.DIR and EF.ATR access services: by GET RECORD(s) command
- Card with MF
Tag: 7, len: 3 (card capabilities)
Selection methods: BE
- DF selection by full DF name
- DF selection by path
- DF selection by file identifier
- Implicit DF selection
- Short EF identifier supported
- Record number supported
Data coding byte: 21
- Behaviour of write functions: proprietary
- Value 'FF' for the first byte of BER-TLV tag fields: invalid
- Data unit in quartets: 2
Command chaining, length fields and logical channels: 13
- Logical channel number assignment: by the card
- Maximum number of logical channels: 4
Tag: 6, len: 7 (pre-issuing data)
Data: 43 20 07 18 00 00 01
+ TCK = A5 (correct checksum)

Possibly identified card (using /home/laforge/.cache/smartcard_list.txt):
3B 9F 96 80 1F C7 80 31 A0 73 BE 21 13 67 43 20 07 18 00 00 01 A5
sysmoUSIM-SJS1 (Telecommunication)
http://www.sysmocom.de/products/sysmousim-sjs1-sim-usim

```

6.3 Mechanical Card Adapters

Smart card readers most often only are available for insertion of full-size (credit-card sized) smart cards.

Thus, you may need a mechanical adapter that converts the physical size of your SIM card to the full-sized card as supported by the smart card reader. The adapter is not required, if your SIM is still in full size (credit card size), but generally required if the card is already broken out and now has the 2FF, 3FF or 4FF form-factor

sysmocom offers a suitable low-cost, reliable adapter at <https://shop.sysmocom.de/Professional-SIM-card-adapter-plug-in-micro-nano-SIM-to-full-size/sim-adapter-pcb>

We also sell a number of other adapters suitable for different use cases, for example for interfacing

- MFF2-packaged UICC / eUICC with a card reader (solder type)
- MFF2-packaged UICC / eUICC with a card reader (ZIF socket type)
- half-sized cards with card readers whose slot is deeper than the card
- Flex-PCB (FPC) adapters to use MFF2 or full-sized cards in 2FF/3FF/4FF slots

The full range of adapter products is available from <https://shop.sysmocom.de/SIM/Adapters/>

7 Using the 1pac implementation of the LPA

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lpac is an open source implementation of the eSIM LPA (Local Profile Assistant) function for consumer eSIM. It is available in from <https://github.com/estkme-group/lpac> and supports Linux, MacOS and Windows.

You can use it to download, activate, deactivate and delete ESIM profiles onto a consumer eUICC, assuming you have a smart card interface (*smart card reader*) matching the form-factor of your eUICC.

If you have an eUICC with GSMA certificates, then you can only download eSIM profiles from a GSMA accredited SM-DP+.

Conversely, if you have an eUICC with test certificates (or private certificates), then you can only download eSIM profiles from a SM-DP+ with certificates of that same test (or private) certificate authority.

7.1 downloading an eSIM profile

Example output of a typical lpac session for profile download

```
$ ./lpac profile download -s testsmdpplus1.example.com -m 1234
{"type":"progress","payload":{"code":0,"message":"es10b_get_euicc_challenge","data":null}}
{"type":"progress","payload":{"code":0,"message":"es10b_get_euicc_info","data":null}}
{"type":"progress","payload":{"code":0,"message":"es9p_initiate_authentication","data":null ←
}}
{"type":"progress","payload":{"code":0,"message":"es10b_authenticate_server","data":null}}
{"type":"progress","payload":{"code":0,"message":"es9p_authenticate_client","data":null}}
{"type":"progress","payload":{"code":0,"message":"es10b_prepare_download","data":null}}
{"type":"progress","payload":{"code":0,"message":"es9p_get_bound_profile_package","data": ←
null}}
{"type":"progress","payload":{"code":0,"message":"es10b_load_bound_profile_package","data": ←
null}}
{"type":"lpa","payload":{"code":0,"message":"success","data":null}}
```

Note that there can be significant delay (up to a minute) until the final states message can appear on the screen, as eUICC might take quite some time to install a new eSIM profile.

If the download procedure fails during any stage *before* `es9p_get_bound_profile_package`, you will see related error messages in the lpac console output. Any later errors are not reported immediately, as the ES9+ interface is specified in a way that the result of the profile installation operation on the eUICC is not reported synchronously, but it is stored in a *notification* on the eUICC. Notifications must be read, processed and removed explicitly (see below).

If the eUICC now hosts a new profile, you should see it in the list. Note that new profiles are not enabled by default, but need to be enabled explicitly.

7.2 Notifications

Notifications are created by the eUICC on the eUICC itself. The LPA is expected to periodically list them, and if there are any, process and remove them.

7.2.1 Listing notifications

The below lpac command can be used to list all notifications stored on the eUICC (i.e. those not yet successfully sent to the respective SM-DP+):

Example of listing the notifications

```
$ ./lpac notification list
{"type":"lpa","payload":{"code":0,"message":"success","data":[{"seqNumber":59," ←
profileManagementOperation":128,"notificationAddress":"testsmdpplus1.example.com","iccid ←
":"89000123456789012358"}]}}
```

If you would like a better decode of the JSON output, you can for example use the `json_pp` utility, or any other such utility that you might have available:

Example of listing the notifications via `json_pp`

```
$ ./lpac notification list | json_pp
{
  "payload" : {
    "code" : 0,
    "data" : [
      {
        "iccid" : "89000123456789012358",
        "notificationAddress" : "testsmdpplus1.example.com",
        "profileManagementOperation" : 128,
        "seqNumber" : 59
      }
    ],
    "message" : "success"
  },
  "type" : "lpa"
}
```

So we can see there is one notification available, and that the notification number is 59.

Notifications can also be listed from `pySim-shell list_notification` command in the ADF.ISD-R.

7.2.2 Processing notifications

The below `lpac` command can be used to *process* a notification (send it to the respective SM-DP+), identified by its number:

Example of processing a notification (sending it to the SM-DP+)

```
$ ./lpac notification process 59
{"type":"progress","payload":{"code":0,"message":"es9p_handle_notification","data":null}}
{"type":"lpa","payload":{"code":0,"message":"success","data":null}}
```

If that operation was successful (see the `"message": "success"` part above, and the exit status 0 of the process), the notification should be removed from the eUICC.

7.2.3 Removing notifications

The below `lpac` command can be used to remove a given notification (identified by its number) from the eUICC:

Example of removing a notification (local operation on eUICC)

```
$ ./lpac notification remove 59
{"type":"lpa","payload":{"code":0,"message":"success","data":null}}
```

Notifications can also be removed using `pySim-shell remove_notification_from_list` command in the ADF.ISD-R

7.3 Listing, Enabling, Disabling and Deleting of Profiles

Note that those operations can also be performed by `pySim-shell`, which provides slightly better usability due to decoding numerical values like `profileState` into human-readable strings.

7.3.1 Listing installed profiles

Listing installed profiles

```
./lpac profile list | json_pp
{
  "payload" : {
    "code" : 0,
    "data" : [
      {
        "iccid" : "89000123456789012341",
        "isdpaId" : "A0000005591010FFFFFFFF8900001100",
        "profileClass" : 2,
        "profileName" : "GSMA Generic eUICC Test Profile 1A",
        "profileState" : 0,
        "serviceProviderName" : "GSMA Test 1A"
      },
      {
        "iccid" : "89000123456789012358",
        "isdpaId" : "A0000005591010FFFFFFFF8900001200",
        "profileClass" : 2,
        "profileName" : "OsmocomProfile",
        "profileState" : 0,
        "serviceProviderName" : "OsmocomSPN"
      }
    ],
    "message" : "success"
  },
  "type" : "lpa"
}
```

Profiles can also be listed using pySim-shell `get_profiles_info` command in the ADF.ISD-R.

7.3.2 Enabling a profile

```
$ ./lpac profile enable 89000123456789012358
{"type":"lpa","payload":{"code":0,"message":"success","data":null}}
```

You can verify the status modification by listing profiles. The enabled profile now has its *profileState* set to 1.

```
./lpac profile list | json_pp
{
  "payload" : {
    "code" : 0,
    "data" : [
      {
        "iccid" : "89000123456789012341",
        "isdpaId" : "A0000005591010FFFFFFFF8900001100",
        "profileClass" : 2,
        "profileName" : "GSMA Generic eUICC Test Profile 1A",
        "profileState" : 0,
        "serviceProviderName" : "GSMA Test 1A"
      },
      {
        "iccid" : "89000123456789012358",
        "isdpaId" : "A0000005591010FFFFFFFF8900001200",
        "profileClass" : 2,
        "profileName" : "OsmocomProfile",
        "profileState" : 1,
        "serviceProviderName" : "OsmocomSPN"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

```
    ],
    "message" : "success"
  },
  "type" : "lpa"
}
```

Profiles can also be enabled using pySim-shell `enable_profile` command in the ADF.ISD-R.

Error iccid or aid not found

```
{"type":"lpa","payload":{"code":-1,"message":"es10c_enable_profile","data":"iccid or aid ↵
not found"}}
```

This error is signaled when you try to enable a profile that does not exist (wrong ICCID or AID value).

Error wrong profile reenabling

```
{"type":"lpa","payload":{"code":-1,"message":"es10c_enable_profile","data":"wrong profile ↵
reenabling"}}
```

This error is signalled if you try to enable a non-test (operational) profile while a test profile is still enabled. As per GSMA SGP.22Section 3.2.1 this is not permitted; the test profile must be disabled explicitly and not implicitly in this case. Use the `lpac profile disable` command described below.

7.3.3 Disabling a profile

```
$ ./lpac profile disable 89000123456789012358
{"type":"lpa","payload":{"code":0,"message":"success","data":null}}
```

You can verify the status modification by listing profiles. The enabled profile now has its *profileState* set to 0.

Profiles can also be enabled using pySim-shell `disable_profile` command in the ADF.ISD-R.

7.3.4 Deleting a profile

Note: Deleting profiles is permanent. It is not possible to undo or recover a profile after it has been deleted!

You can delete a given profile (identified by its ICCID) using the `lpac profile delete` command:

```
$ ./lpac profile delete 89000123456789012358
{"type":"lpa","payload":{"code":0,"message":"success","data":null}}
```

You can verify the deletion by listing profiles. The deleted profile is no longer listed among the profiles:

```
$ ./lpac profile list | json_pp
{
  "payload" : {
    "code" : 0,
    "data" : [
      {
        "iccid" : "89000123456789012341",
        "isdpaId" : "A0000005591010FFFFFFFFF8900001100",
        "profileClass" : 2,
        "profileName" : "GSMA Generic eUICC Test Profile 1A",
        "profileState" : 0,
        "serviceProviderName" : "GSMA Test 1A"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

```
    },
    "message" : "success"
  },
  "type" : "lpa"
}
```

Profiles can also be deleted using `pySim-shell delete_profile` command in the ADF.ISD-R.

8 Using the EasyEUICC implementation of the LPA for Android

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EasyEUICC is an open source implementation of the eSIM LPA (Local Profile Assistant) function for consumer eSIM. It is originally available in from <https://gitea.angry.im/PeterCxy/OpenEUICC> and runs on Android devices. The original Version of PeterCxy (at least up to alpha03) only support SM-DP+ whose TLS certificates are signed by the GSMA production CI, such as sysmoEUICC1-C2G.

At least until support for other CIs is added to EasyEUICC, sysmocom has created a fork that also accepts SGP.26 test certificates. The source code of that fork is available from <https://gitea.angry.im/laf0rge/OpenEUICC-SGP.26m> and the latest pre-built APK is available from <https://test.rsp.sysmocom.de/easyeui/cc/latest.apk>

If you use the sysmoEUICC-C2T, you must use the SGP.26 forked version of EasyEUICC!

You can use EasyEUICC to download, activate, deactivate and delete ESIM profiles onto a consumer eUICC.

The way this works is by having .

If you have an eUICC with GSMA certificates, then you can only download eSIM profiles from a GSMA accredited SM-DP+.

Conversely, if you have an eUICC with test certificates (or private certificates), then you can only download eSIM profiles from a SM-DP+ with certificates of that same test (or private) certificate authority.

8.1 Listing, Enabling, Disabling, Renaming and Deleting of Profiles

The main screen of EasyEUICC will show you a list of installed eSIM profiles. From there you can enable, disable, rename and delete profiles.

8.1.1 Listing installed profiles

TBD

8.1.2 Enabling a profile

TBD

8.1.3 Disabling a profile

TBD

WARNING

Do not keep all profiles disabled; EasyEUICC might no longer detect your eUICC after a restart without any profile active. In the worst case, use the card in a card reader and `pySim-shell` or `lpac` to re-enable a profile before re-inserting it into the phone with EasyEUICC.

8.1.4 Deleting a profile

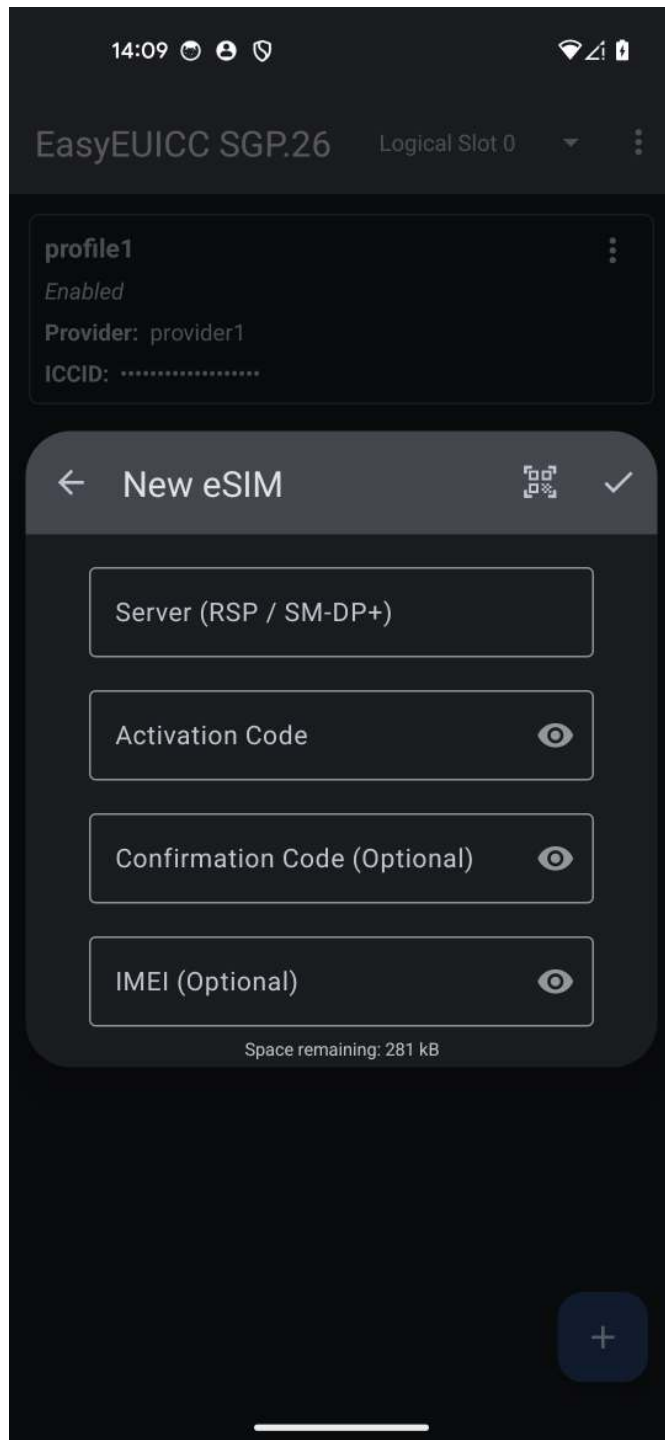
TBD

WARNING

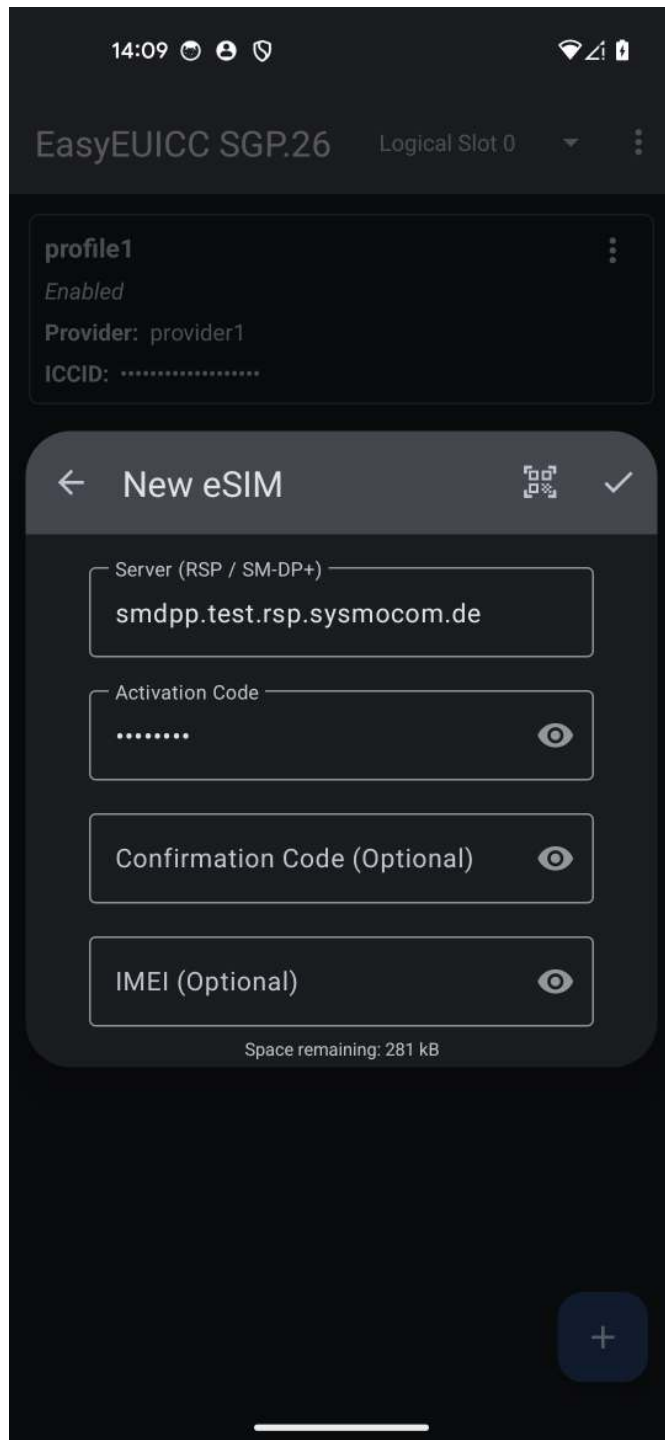
Do not delete the last profile; EasyEUICC might no longer detect your eUICC after a restart without any profile active. In the worst case, use the card in a card reader and lpac or another LPA to download and enable a profile before re-inserting it into the phone with EasyEUICC.

8.2 downloading an eSIM profile

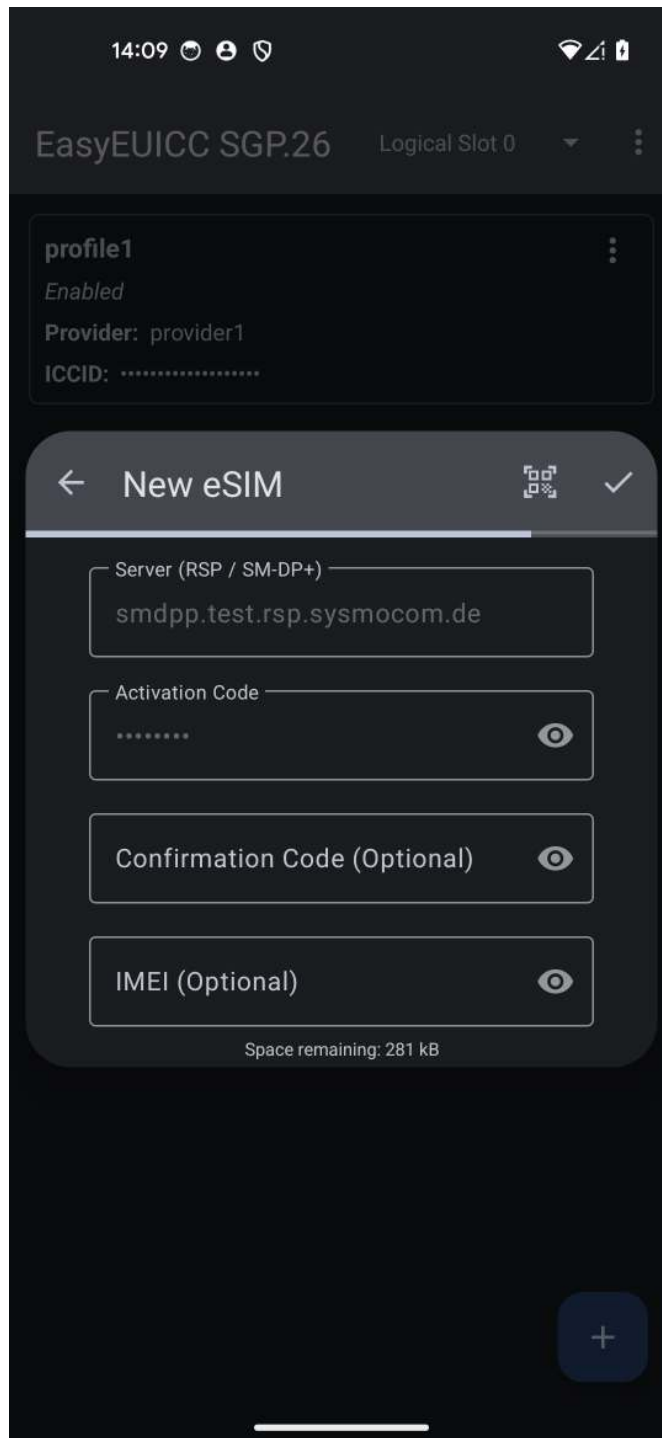
While in the main screen (list of installed profiles), click on the "+" button in the lower left corner. This will open a dialog box for Server, Activation Code, Confirmation Code and IMEI.



You can then either fill those in manually, or you can push the QR-code button in menu bar of the dialog box and scan a QR code. Once a QR code has been recognized, the dialog box will be filled in.



You can now start the download by pressing the checkbox button at the right side of the dialog box menu bar. A progress bar will appear below the menu bar and the dialog box form fields.



Once the download completes successfully,

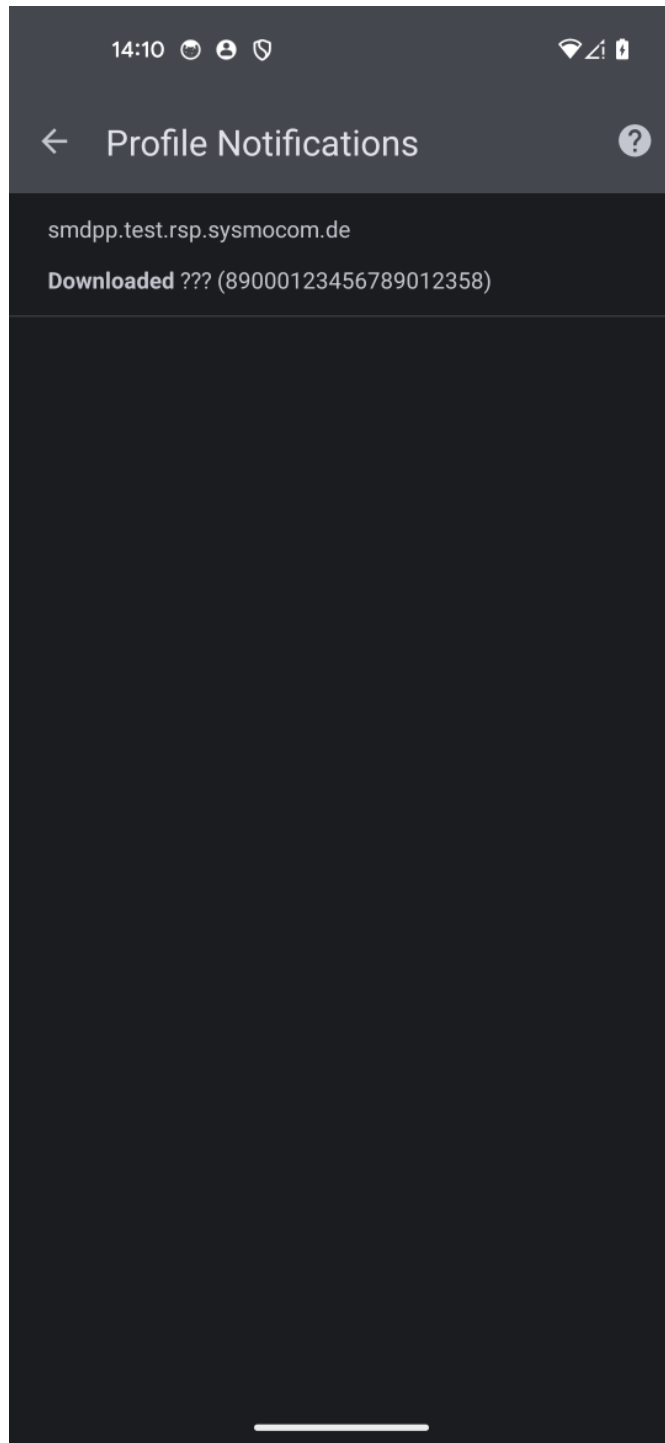
- the newly-downloaded eSIM profile appears in the list of profiles
- a notification will be added to the notification queue on the eUICC (needs manual processing, see below)

In case of download failure, an error message will be printed, and an error notification will be added to the notification queue on the eUICC (needs manual processing, see below).

8.3 processing notifications

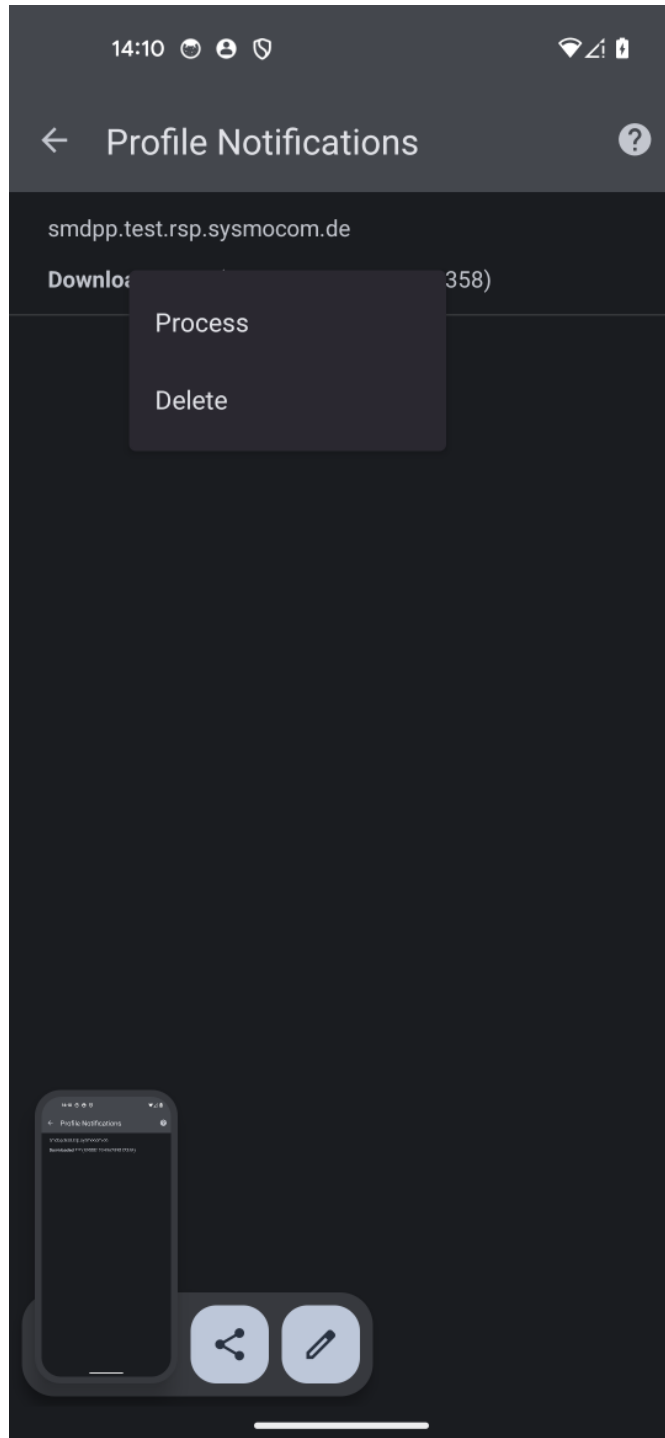
EasyEUICC, like lpac, does not automatically process nor delete notifications generated by the card.

You will need to manually do this by changing to the list of pending notifications:



From there you can then select "Process" or "Delete" in the context menu.

Process will send the notification to the SM-DP+. *Delete* will delete the notification. The latter is usually only done after successful processing.



8.4 Troubleshooting

8.4.1 Compatibility Check

EasyEUICC contains a **Compatibility Check** function that can be reached from the drop-down menu on the right side of the menu bar. All four entries should have a check mark as show in the screenshot below. If check marks are missing, this likely means an incompatibility between EasyEUICC and your specific device. Try another phone/device.

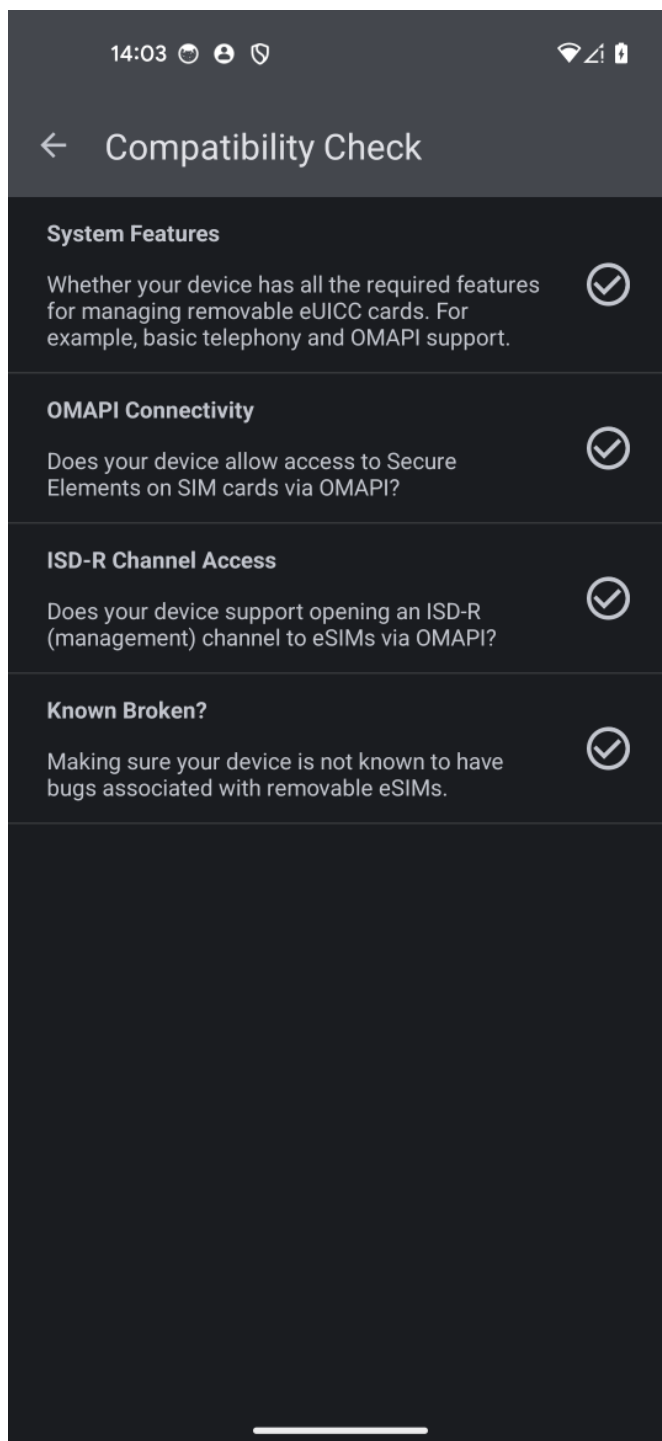
8.4.2 EUICC not recognized

If your eUICC is not recognized /listed by EasyEUICC, it will look like the screenshot below:

TBD

This usually means that either

- your eUICC is not inserted
- your eUICC is still empty and does not even contain one profile. If this is the case, use another LPA like Section 7 to install a first profile, and then re-try.
- your eUICC does not contain the certificate hash value of the signing key of the EasyEUICC application. The way how Android works, only apps whose APK signing keys hash value is stored on the EUICC will get access. The sysmoEUICC-C2T samples (from EID value ≥ 13) and sysmoEUICC-C2G mass produced cards (sysmocom artwork) contain the hash value of the signing key of sysmocom and PeterCxy, meaning official EasyEUICC builds and sysmocom builds should get the required privileges.



9 Using pySim-shell with eUICCs

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`pySim-shell` is part off the `pySim` open source project, a general *swiss army knife* for working with any kind of SIM/USIM/ISIM/H-PSIM/CSIM/RUIM/UICC/eUICC cards. It provides an interactive command line interface (the *shell*) to navigate around the the

card filesystem, applications, etc.

`pySim-shell` was primarily designed for use with classic SIM/USIM/ISIM/HPSIM/CSIM/RUIM/UICC cards, but has meanwhile been extended with some eUICC related functionality. Specifically, it implements parts of the ES10a, ES10b and ES10c interfaces by which normally the LPA (or IPA in case of SGP.32 IoT) interfaces with the eUICC.

At time of writing, the main `pySim-shell` functionalities regarding eUICCs were

- reading out the EID
- listing available profiles
- enabling profiles
- disabling profiles
- deleting profiles
- listing notifications
- deleting notifications

As an eUICC with an *enabled eSIM profile* will just look to the outside like a traditional USIM (possibly with ISIM), you can of course also use all the normal USIM/ISIM features of `pySim-shell`, such as reading/decoding and or writing/editing the contents of the various files - within the access control rules defined of the respective eSIM profile and your access level (e.g. ADM1 PIN or the like).

The `pySim-shell` user manual can be found online at <https://downloads.osmocom.org/docs/pysim/master/html/shell.html> and the commands specific for the eUICC ISD-R application are described at <https://downloads.osmocom.org/docs/pysim/master/html/-shell.html#eucc-isd-r-commands>

10 osmo-smdpp as a proof-of-concept SM-DP+

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`osmo-smdpp` is a very new part off the `pySim` open source project, a general *swiss army knife* for working with any kind of SIM/USIM/ISIM/HPSIM/CSIM/RUIM/UICC/eUICC cards.

The `osmo-smdpp` user manual can be found at <https://downloads.osmocom.org/docs/pysim/master/html/osmo-smdpp.html>

11 sysmocom SGP.26 test SM-DP+ for Consumer eSIM

sysmocom operates an instance of `osmo-smdpp` using SGP.26 test certificates which is reachable via the public internet, operating at `smdpp.test.rsp.sysmocom.de`.

You can use this hosted test SM-DP+ to download eSIM profiles to eUICCs with SGP.26 test certificates, such as the sysmoEUICC1-C2T. Using the hosted service means you don't need to build/install/setup your own self-hosted `osmo-smdpp`.

You can find more information about this SM-DP+ at <https://test.rsp.sysmocom.de/>

At time of this writing, all SGP.48 test profiles (v1 through v5 of SGP.48) are available for download via the https based ES9+ interface. The related activation codes in text and QR code format are stated on <https://test.rsp.sysmocom.de/>

12 The unsolved ARA-M problem in the case of eUICCs

The sysmoEUICC1 by default installs a so-called ARA-M in the ISD-R. The purpose of this is to authorize apps like EasyEUICC to act as LPA by means of the Android UICC Carrier Privileges mechanism.

Without an ARA-M in the ISD-R, it is not possible to authorize a regular android user application for low-level access to the eUICC, and hence it's impossible to manage (install/activate/deactivate) eSIM profiles from such a user-level application.

A serious problem now arises if you want to download an eSIM profile into the eUICC, and that eSIM profile itself *also contains an ARA-M applet*. In this case, the eUICC will refuse the installation of the eSIM profile. The reason for this is:

- The ARA-M is specified to have a single, well-known AID (without the spec permitting to use suffixes and prefix matching, as it is normally done on many other cases)
- In GlobalPlatform, each AID can only exist once on a card
- Neither the GSMA eSIM specifications nor the GlobalPlatform specifications state whether ISD-R or ISD-P are permitted to bring their own ARA-M.

So the eUICC is **technically correct** to refuse the installation of an eSIM profile containing an ARA-M profile. Even if it were to permit that installation: What should happen at this point when the ARA-M is selected by the UE?

- Should it select the one from the ISD-R? Then only the access rules related to the LPA are active, but not the access rules of the ISD-P, which is what authorizes Android apps of the eSIM-issuing MNO/MVNO to perform operations guarded by UICC Carrier Privileges.
- Or should it select the ARA-M of the ISD-P (eSIM profile)? Then the situation is the opposite: Then only the access rules of the eSIM-issuing MNO/MVNO would be active, but not those of the ISD-R. That in fact means that the LPA software (such as EasyEUICC) can no longer access the eUICC, and you could never enable/disable the eSIM or download any other eSIM profile.

The eUICC is also technically correct if it brings its own ARA-M: There's nothing in the eUICC/eSIM specs that forbid this, and the *GlobalPlatform Secure Element Access Control* spec just states the ARA-M shall be in the *Issuer SD* with nobody defining whether that means ISD-R or ISD-P in an eUICC.

12.1 Affected eSIM profiles

We so far know of eSIM profiles of the following operators that contain an ARA-M applet and hence run into the above-mentioned clash:

- AT&T US
- Vodafone DE
- Vodafone UK

An updated list is kept in the *eSIM profile database wiki page* in the Osmocom wiki at https://osmocom.org/projects/sim-card-related/wiki/ESIM_profile_database

If you know or suspect of any other affected eSIM profiles, please do report them to the contact address stated on that wiki page.

12.2 Further Reading

See <https://discourse.osmocom.org/t/conflict-between-euicc-access-rules-ara-and-esim-profile-access-rules/395>

12.3 Solutions

Real solutions are hard and will likely take years to materialise, until the standards organizations (GSMA, Trusted Connectivity Alliance and/or GlobalPlatform) have managed to settle this conflict and come up with an interoperable solution.

12.4 Workarounds

12.4.1 eUICCs without ARA-M in ISD-R

If you prefer your eUICCs without an ARA-M in the ISD-R, sysmocom is capable to remove it from cards. This is best done prior to shipping, but in theory can also be done remotely *once we developed software supporting such remote modification*.

Obviously, you can not use the EasyEUICC LPA on a normal, non-rooted Android anymore at that point.

Please reach out to support@sysmocom.de if you required cards without ARA-M.

12.4.2 eSIM profile with non-mandatory ARA-M

If you have a good technical contact to your eSIM-profile-issuing MNO/MVNO, you can ask them to provide you with an eSIM profile that does not set the *mandated* flag for the *application Profile Element* of the ARA-M.

This basically makes an installation failure of the ARA-M in the eSIM profile non-fatal:

- If the eUICC doesn't have an ARA-M in its ISD-R, the ARA-M of the eSIM profile will become active.
- If the eUICC has an ARA-M in its ISD-R, the one in the profile will fail, but the eSIM can still be installed.

13 sysmoEUICC1 changelog

This chapter documents the changes to the sysmoEUICC1 product over time.

13.1 sysmoEUICC1-C2G v0 (November 2023)

- initial product release
- white plastic card

13.2 sysmoEUICC1-C2G v1 (May 2024)

- plastic card with pink sysmocom artwork
- Add ARA applet to ISD-R
- Enable SCP03 to ECASD
- Enable SCP03 to ISD-R
- Attempt to enable SCP80 + SCP81 to ISD-R (untested)
- Add ISD-A security domain with SCP03 enabled
- Pre-install a TS.48 eSIM test profile

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15 Glossary

2FF

2nd Generation Form Factor; the so-called plug-in SIM form factor

3FF

3rd Generation Form Factor; the so-called microSIM form factor

3GPP

3rd Generation Partnership Project

4FF

4th Generation Form Factor; the so-called nanoSIM form factor

A Interface

Interface between BTS and BSC, traditionally over E1 (*3GPP TS 48.008* [[3gpp-ts-48-008](#)])

A3/A8

Algorithm 3 and 8; Authentication and key generation algorithm in GSM and GPRS, typically COMP128v1/v2/v3 or MILENAGE are typically used

A5

Algorithm 5; Air-interface encryption of GSM; currently only A5/0 (no encryption), A5/1 and A5/3 are in use

Abis Interface

Interface between BTS and BSC, traditionally over E1 (*3GPP TS 48.058* [[3gpp-ts-48-058](#)] and *3GPP TS 52.021* [[3gpp-ts-52-021](#)])

ACC

Access Control Class; every BTS broadcasts a bit-mask of permitted ACC, and only subscribers with a SIM of matching ACC are permitted to use that BTS

AGCH

Access Grant Channel on Um interface; used to assign a dedicated channel in response to RACH request

AGPL

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AQPSK

Adaptive QPSK, a modulation scheme used by VAMOS channels on Downlink

ARFCN

Absolute Radio Frequency Channel Number; specifies a tuple of uplink and downlink frequencies

AUC

Authentication Center; central database of authentication key material for each subscriber

BCCH

Broadcast Control Channel on Um interface; used to broadcast information about Cell and its neighbors

BCC

Base Station Color Code; short identifier of BTS, lower part of BSIC

BTS

Base Transceiver Station

BSC

Base Station Controller

BSIC

Base Station Identity Code; 16bit identifier of BTS within location area

BSSGP

Base Station Subsystem Gateway Protocol (*3GPP TS 48.018* [[3gpp-ts-48-018](#)])

BVCI

BSSGP Virtual Circuit Identifier

CBC

Cell Broadcast Centre; central entity of Cell Broadcast service

CBCH

Cell Broadcast Channel; used to transmit Cell Broadcast SMS (SMS-CB)

CBS

Cell Broadcast Service

CBSP

Cell Broadcast Service Protocol (*3GPP TS 48.049* [[3gpp-ts-48-049](#)])

CC

Call Control; Part of the GSM Layer 3 Protocol

CCCH

Common Control Channel on Um interface; consists of RACH (uplink), BCCH, PCH, AGCH (all downlink)

Cell

A cell in a cellular network, served by a BTS

CEPT

Conférence européenne des administrations des postes et des télécommunications; European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations.

CGI

Cell Global Identifier comprised of MCC, MNC, LAC and BSIC

CSFB

Circuit-Switched Fall Back; Mechanism for switching from LTE/EUTRAN to UTRAN/GERAN when circuit-switched services such as voice telephony are required.

dB

deci-Bel; relative logarithmic unit

dBm

deci-Bel (milliwatt); unit of measurement for signal strength of radio signals

DHCP

Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (*IETF RFC 2131* [[ietf-rfc2131](#)])

downlink

Direction of messages / signals from the network core towards the mobile phone

DSCP

Differentiated Services Code Point (*IETF RFC 2474* [[ietf-rfc2474](#)])

DSP

Digital Signal Processor

dnxload

Tool to program UBL and the Bootloader on a sysmoBTS

EDGE

Enhanced Data rates for GPRS Evolution; Higher-speed improvement of GPRS; introduces 8PSK

EGPRS

Enhanced GPRS; the part of EDGE relating to GPRS services

EIR

Equipment Identity Register; core network element that stores and manages IMEI numbers

ESME

External SMS Entity; an external application interfacing with a SMSC over SMPP

ETSI

European Telecommunications Standardization Institute

FPGA

Field Programmable Gate Array; programmable digital logic hardware

Gb

Interface between PCU and SGSN in GPRS/EDGE network; uses NS, BSSGP, LLC

GERAN

GPRS/EDGE Radio Access Network

GGSN

GPRS Gateway Support Node; gateway between GPRS and external (IP) network

GMSK

Gaussian Minimum Shift Keying; modulation used for GSM and GPRS

GPL

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Gp

Gp interface between SGSN and GGSN; uses GTP protocol

GPRS

General Packet Radio Service; the packet switched 2G technology

GPS

Global Positioning System; provides a highly accurate clock reference besides the global position

GSM

Global System for Mobile Communications. ETSI/3GPP Standard of a 2G digital cellular network

GSMTAP

GSM tap; pseudo standard for encapsulating GSM protocol layers over UDP/IP for analysis

GSUP

Generic Subscriber Update Protocol. Osmocom-specific alternative to TCAP/MAP

GT

Global Title; an address in SCCP

GTP

GPRS Tunnel Protocol; used between SGSN and GGSN

HLR

Home Location Register; central subscriber database of a GSM network

HNB-GW

Home NodeB Gateway. Entity between femtocells (Home NodeB) and CN in 3G/UMTS.

HPLMN

Home PLMN; the network that has issued the subscriber SIM and has his record in HLR

IE

Information Element

IMEI

International Mobile Equipment Identity; unique 14-digit decimal number to globally identify a mobile device, optionally with a 15th checksum digit

IMEISV

IMEI software version; unique 14-digit decimal number to globally identify a mobile device (same as IMEI) plus two software version digits (total digits: 16)

IMSI

International Mobile Subscriber Identity; 15-digit unique identifier for the subscriber/SIM; starts with MCC/MNC of issuing operator

IP

Internet Protocol (*IETF RFC 791* [[ietf-rfc791](#)])

IPA

ip.access GSM over IP protocol; used to multiplex a single TCP connection

Iu

Interface in 3G/UMTS between RAN and CN

IuCS

Iu interface for circuit-switched domain. Used in 3G/UMTS between RAN and MSC

IuPS

Iu interface for packet-switched domain. Used in 3G/UMTS between RAN and SGSN

LAC

Location Area Code; 16bit identifier of Location Area within network

LAPD

Link Access Protocol, D-Channel (*ITU-T Q.921* [[itu-t-q921](#)])

LAPDm

Link Access Protocol Mobile (*3GPP TS 44.006* [[3gpp-ts-44-006](#)])

LLC

Logical Link Control; GPRS protocol between MS and SGSN (*3GPP TS 44.064* [[3gpp-ts-44-064](#)])

Location Area

Location Area; a geographic area containing multiple BTS

LU

Location Updating; can be of type IMSI-Attach or Periodic. Procedure that indicates a subscriber's physical presence in a given radio cell.

M2PA

MTP2 Peer-to-Peer Adaptation; a SIGTRAN Variant (*RFC 4165* [[ietf-rfc4165](#)])

M2UA

MTP2 User Adaptation; a SIGTRAN Variant (*RFC 3331* [[ietf-rfc3331](#)])

M3UA

MTP3 User Adaptation; a SIGTRAN Variant (*RFC 4666* [[ietf-rfc4666](#)])

MCC

Mobile Country Code; unique identifier of a country, e.g. 262 for Germany

MMF

Machine-to-Machine Form Factor; a SIM chip package that is soldered permanently onto M2M device circuit boards.

MGW

Media Gateway

MM

Mobility Management; part of the GSM Layer 3 Protocol

MNC

Mobile Network Code; identifies network within a country; assigned by national regulator

MNCC

Mobile Network Call Control; Unix domain socket based Interface between MSC and external call control entity like osmo-sip-connector

MNO

Mobile Network Operator; operator with physical radio network under his MCC/MNC

MO

Mobile Originated. Direction from Mobile (MS/UE) to Network

MS

Mobile Station; a mobile phone / GSM Modem

MSC

Mobile Switching Center; network element in the circuit-switched core network

MSC pool

A number of redundant MSCs serving the same core network, which a BSC / RNC distributes load across; see also the "MSC Pooling" chapter in OsmoBSC's user manual [[userman-osmobsc](#)] and 3GPP TS 23.236 [[3gpp-ts-23-236](#)]

MSISDN

Mobile Subscriber ISDN Number; telephone number of the subscriber

MT

Mobile Terminated. Direction from Network to Mobile (MS/UE)

MTP

Message Transfer Part; SS7 signaling protocol (*ITU-T Q.701* [[itu-t-q701](#)])

MVNO

Mobile Virtual Network Operator; Operator without physical radio network

NCC

Network Color Code; assigned by national regulator

NITB

Network In The Box; combines functionality traditionally provided by BSC, MSC, VLR, HLR, SMSC functions; see OsmoNITB

NRI

Network Resource Indicator, typically 10 bits of a TMSI indicating which MSC of an MSC pool attached the subscriber; see also the "MSC Pooling" chapter in OsmoBSC's user manual [\[userman-osmobsc\]](#) and *3GPP TS 23.236* [\[3gpp-ts-23-236\]](#)

NSEI

NS Entity Identifier

NVCI

NS Virtual Circuit Identifier

NWL

Network Listen; ability of some BTS to receive downlink from other BTSs

NS

Network Service; protocol on Gb interface (*3GPP TS 48.016* [\[3gpp-ts-48-016\]](#))

OCXO

Oven Controlled Crystal Oscillator; very high precision oscillator, superior to a VCTCXO

OML

Operation & Maintenance Link (ETSI/*3GPP TS 52.021* [\[3gpp-ts-52-021\]](#))

OpenBSC

Open Source implementation of GSM network elements, specifically OsmoBSC, OsmoNITB, OsmoSGSN

OpenGGSN

Open Source implementation of a GPRS Packet Control Unit

OpenVPN

Open-Source Virtual Private Network; software employed to establish encrypted private networks over untrusted public networks

Osmocom

Open Source MOBILE COmmunications; collaborative community for implementing communications protocols and systems, including GSM, GPRS, TETRA, DECT, GMR and others

OsmoBSC

Open Source implementation of a GSM Base Station Controller

OsmoNITB

Open Source implementation of a GSM Network In The Box, combines functionality traditionally provided by BSC, MSC, VLR, HLR, AUC, SMSC

OsmoSGSN

Open Source implementation of a Serving GPRS Support Node

OsmoPCU

Open Source implementation of a GPRS Packet Control Unit

OTA

Over-The-Air; Capability of operators to remotely reconfigure/reprogram ISM/USIM cards

PC

Point Code; an address in MTP

PCH

Paging Channel on downlink Um interface; used by network to page an MS

PCP

Priority Code Point (*IEEE 802.1Q* [?])

PCU

Packet Control Unit; used to manage Layer 2 of the GPRS radio interface

PDCH

Packet Data Channel on Um interface; used for GPRS/EDGE signalling + user data

PIN

Personal Identification Number; a number by which the user authenticates to a SIM/USIM or other smart card

PLMN

Public Land Mobile Network; specification language for a single GSM network

PUK

PIN Unblocking Code; used to unblock a blocked PIN (after too many wrong PIN attempts)

RAC

Routing Area Code; 16bit identifier for a Routing Area within a Location Area

RACH

Random Access Channel on uplink Um interface; used by MS to request establishment of a dedicated channel

RAM

Remote Application Management; Ability to remotely manage (install, remove) Java Applications on SIM/USIM Card

RF

Radio Frequency

RFM

Remote File Management; Ability to remotely manage (write, read) files on a SIM/USIM card

Roaming

Procedure in which a subscriber of one network is using the radio network of another network, often in different countries; in some countries national roaming exists

Routing Area

Routing Area; GPRS specific sub-division of Location Area

RR

Radio Resources; Part of the GSM Layer 3 Protocol

RSL

Radio Signalling Link (*3GPP TS 48.058* [[3gpp-ts-48-058](#)])

RTP

Real-Time Transport Protocol (*IETF RFC 3550* [[ietf-rfc3550](#)]); Used to transport audio/video streams over UDP/IP

SACCH

Slow Associate Control Channel on Um interface; bundled to a TCH or SDCCH, used for signalling in parallel to active dedicated channel

SCCP

Signaling Connection Control Part; SS7 signaling protocol (*ITU-T Q.711* [[itu-t-q711](#)])

SDCCH

Slow Dedicated Control Channel on Um interface; used for signalling and SMS transport in GSM

SDK

Software Development Kit

SGs

Interface between MSC (GSM/UMTS) and MME (LTE/EPC) to facilitate CSFB and SMS.

SGSN

Serving GPRS Support Node; Core network element for packet-switched services in GSM and UMTS.

SIGTRAN

Signaling Transport over IP (*IETF RFC 2719* [\[ietf-rfc2719\]](#))

SIM

Subscriber Identity Module; small chip card storing subscriber identity

Site

A site is a location where one or more BTSs are installed, typically three BTSs for three sectors

SMPP

Short Message Peer-to-Peer; TCP based protocol to interface external entities with an SMSC

SMSC

Short Message Service Center; store-and-forward relay for short messages

SS7

Signaling System No. 7; Classic digital telephony signaling system

SS

Supplementary Services; query and set various service parameters between subscriber and core network (e.g. USSD, 3rd-party calls, hold/retrieve, advice-of-charge, call deflection)

SSH

Secure Shell; *IETF RFC 4250* [\[ietf-rfc4251\]](#) to 4254

SSN

Sub-System Number; identifies a given SCCP Service such as MSC, HLR

STP

Signaling Transfer Point; A Router in SS7 Networks

SUA

SCCP User Adaptation; a SIGTRAN Variant (*RFC 3868* [\[ietf-rfc3868\]](#))

syslog

System logging service of UNIX-like operating systems

System Information

A set of downlink messages on the BCCH and SACCH of the Um interface describing properties of the cell and network

TCH

Traffic Channel; used for circuit-switched user traffic (mostly voice) in GSM

TCP

Transmission Control Protocol; (*IETF RFC 793* [\[ietf-rfc793\]](#))

TFTP

Trivial File Transfer Protocol; (*IETF RFC 1350* [\[ietf-rfc1350\]](#))

TOS

Type Of Service; bit-field in IPv4 header, now re-used as DSCP (*IETF RFC 791* [\[ietf-rfc791\]](#))

TRX

Transceiver; element of a BTS serving a single carrier

TS

Technical Specification

u-Boot

Boot loader used in various embedded systems

UBI

An MTD wear leveling system to deal with NAND flash in Linux

UBL

Initial bootloader loaded by the TI Davinci SoC

UDP

User Datagram Protocol (*IETF RFC 768* [\[ietf-rfc768\]](#))

UICC

Universal Integrated Chip Card; A smart card according to *ETSI TR 102 216* [\[etsi-tr102216\]](#)

Um interface

U mobile; Radio interface between MS and BTS

uplink

Direction of messages: Signals from the mobile phone towards the network

USIM

Universal Subscriber Identity Module; application running on a UICC to provide subscriber identity for UMTS and GSM networks

USSD

Unstructured Supplementary Service Data; textual dialog between subscriber and core network, e.g. **100 → Your extension is 1234*

VAMOS

Voice services over Adaptive Multi-user channels on One Slot; an optional extension for GSM specified in Release 9 of 3GPP GERAN specifications (*3GPP TS 48.018* [\[3gpp-ts-48-018\]](#)) allowing two independent UEs to transmit and receive simultaneously on traffic channels

VCTCXO

Voltage Controlled, Temperature Compensated Crystal Oscillator; a precision oscillator, superior to a classic crystal oscillator, but inferior to an OCXO

VLAN

Virtual LAN in the context of Ethernet (*IEEE 802.1Q* [\[ieee-802.1q\]](#))

VLR

Visitor Location Register; volatile storage of attached subscribers in the MSC

VPLMN

Visited PLMN; the network in which the subscriber is currently registered; may differ from HPLMN when on roaming

VTY

Virtual Teletype; a textual command-line interface for configuration and introspection, e.g. the OsmoBSC configuration file as well as its telnet link on port 4242

A Osmocom TCP/UDP Port Numbers

The Osmocom GSM system utilizes a variety of TCP/IP based protocols. The table below provides a reference as to which port numbers are used by which protocol / interface.

Table 1: TCP/UDP port numbers

L4 Protocol	Port Number	Purpose	Software
UDP	1984	Osmux	osmo-mgw, osmo-bts
UDP	2427	MGCP GW	osmo-bsc_mgcp, osmo-mgw

Table 1: (continued)

L4 Protocol	Port Number	Purpose	Software
TCP	2775	SMPP (SMS interface for external programs)	osmo-nitb
TCP	3002	A-bis/IP OML	osmo-bts, osmo-bsc, osmo-nitb
TCP	3003	A-bis/IP RSL	osmo-bts, osmo-bsc, osmo-nitb
TCP	4227	telnet (VTY)	osmo-pcap-client
TCP	4228	telnet (VTY)	osmo-pcap-server
TCP	4236	Control Interface	osmo-trx
TCP	4237	telnet (VTY)	osmo-trx
TCP	4238	Control Interface	osmo-bts
TCP	4239	telnet (VTY)	osmo-stp
TCP	4240	telnet (VTY)	osmo-pcu
TCP	4241	telnet (VTY)	osmo-bts
TCP	4242	telnet (VTY)	osmo-nitb, osmo-bsc, cellmgr-ng
TCP	4243	telnet (VTY)	osmo-bsc_mgcp, osmo-mgw
TCP	4244	telnet (VTY)	osmo-bsc_nat
TCP	4245	telnet (VTY)	osmo-sgsn
TCP	4246	telnet (VTY)	osmo-gbproxy
TCP	4247	telnet (VTY)	OsmocomBB
TCP	4249	Control Interface	osmo-nitb, osmo-bsc
TCP	4250	Control Interface	osmo-bsc_nat
TCP	4251	Control Interface	osmo-sgsn
TCP	4252	telnet (VTY)	sysmobts-mgr
TCP	4253	telnet (VTY)	osmo-gtphub
TCP	4254	telnet (VTY)	osmo-msc
TCP	4255	Control Interface	osmo-msc
TCP	4256	telnet (VTY)	osmo-sip-connector
TCP	4257	Control Interface	osmo-ggsn, ggsn (OpenGGSN)
TCP	4258	telnet (VTY)	osmo-hlr
TCP	4259	Control Interface	osmo-hlr
TCP	4260	telnet (VTY)	osmo-ggsn
TCP	4261	telnet (VTY)	osmo-hnbgw
TCP	4262	Control Interface	osmo-hnbgw
TCP	4263	Control Interface	osmo-gbproxy
TCP	4264	telnet (VTY)	osmo-cbc
TCP	4265	Control Interface	osmo-cbc
TCP	4266	D-GSM MS Lookup: mDNS serve	osmo-hlr
TCP	4267	Control Interface	osmo-mgw
TCP	4268	telnet (VTY)	osmo-uecups
SCTP	4268	UECUPS	osmo-uecups
TCP	4269	telnet (VTY)	osmo-e1d
TCP	4270	telnet (VTY)	osmo-isdntap
TCP	4271	telnet (VTY)	osmo-smlc
TCP	4272	Control Interface	osmo-smlc
TCP	4273	telnet (VTY)	osmo-hnodeb
TCP	4274	Control Interface	osmo-hnodeb
TCP	4275	telnet (VTY)	osmo-upf
TCP	4276	Control Interface	osmo-upf
TCP	4277	telnet (VTY)	osmo-pfcp-tool
TCP	4278	Control Interface	osmo-pfcp-tool
UDP	4729	GSMTAP	Almost every osmocom project
TCP	5000	A/IP	osmo-bsc, osmo-bsc_nat
UDP	23000	GPRS-NS over IP default port	osmo-pcu, osmo-sgsn, osmo-gbproxy
TCP	48049	BSC-CBC (CBSP) default port	osmo-bsc, osmo-cbc

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