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Introduction

The current specification of the (e)UICC is based on the ISO/IEC 7816 series [1] of specifications for IC-cards. This series of specifications has been developed in the 1980s and was suitable at that point in time but today limits the capabilities that are required by the market. The current (e)UICC specifications also link the form factor to the electrical interface and the logical protocol. This link limits the (e)UICC implementations to specified form factors.

New requirements are emerging, for example, inspired by embedded secure elements in terminals that are intended to provide security services or store data securely. Such embedded secure elements may come in different form factors and are intended to be integrated into the terminals architecture and using electrical and physical interfaces other than those used by the (e)UICC. Such secure elements could also provide the capability to store large amount of data to be protected which requires new and more efficient ways to store and manage data.

1 Scope

The present document defines the use cases and requirements for the definition of the interfaces and protocols for interfacing with a secure element. This secure element is called Smart Secure Platform (SSP).

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[1] ISO/IEC 7816 (all parts): "Identification cards -- Integrated circuit cards".

[2] ETSI TS 102 221: "Smart Cards; UICC-Terminal interface; Physical and logical characteristics".

[3] ETSI TS 102 671: "Smart Cards; Machine to Machine UICC; Physical and logical characteristics".

[4] ETSI TS 102 613: "Smart Cards; UICC - Contactless Front-end (CLF) Interface; Physical and data link layer characteristics".

[5] SOG-IS: "Protection Profiles".

NOTE: Available at https://www.sogis.eu/uk/pp_en.html.

[6] ETSI TS 102 622: "Smart Cards; UICC - Contactless Front-end (CLF) Interface; Host Controller Interface (HCI)".

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[19] ETSI TS 102 705: "Smart Cards; UICC Application Programming Interface for Java Card™ for Contactless Applications".

[20] ETSI TS 124 383: "LTE; Mission Critical Push To Talk (MCPTT) Management Object (MO) (3GPP TS 24.383)".

[21] ETSI TS 124 334: "Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS); LTE; Proximity-services (ProSe) User Equipment (UE) to ProSe function protocol aspects; Stage 3 (3GPP TS 24.334)".

[22] ETSI TS 132 277: "Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS); LTE; Telecommunication management; Charging management; Proximity-based Services (ProSe) charging (3GPP TS 32.277)".

[23] ETSI TS 124 333: "Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS); LTE; Proximity-services (ProSe) Management Objects (MO) (3GPP TS 24.333)".

[24] ETSI TS 124 385: "LTE; V2X services Management Object (MO) (3GPP TS 24.385)".

[25] ETSI TS 102 225: "Smart Cards; Secured packet structure for UICC based applications".

[26] ETSI TS 102 226: "Smart Cards; Remote APDU structure for UICC based applications".

[27] IETF RFC 4122: "A Universally Unique IDentifier (UUID) URN Namespace".

[28] ETSI TS 134 108: "Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS); LTE; Common test environments for User Equipment (UE); Conformance testing (3GPP TS 34.108)".

[29] GSMA TS.37 (V4.0) (06/2018): "Requirements for Multi SIM Devices".

[30] IETF RFC 5280: "Internet X.509 Public Key Infrastructure Certificate and Certificate Revocation List (CRL) Profile".

[31] ETSI TS 123 003: "Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+) (GSM); Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS); LTE; Numbering, addressing and identification (3GPP TS 23.003)".

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[i.1] Void.

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[i.3] ETSI TR 131 970: "Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS); LTE; 5G; UICC power optimisation for Machine-Type Communication (MTC) (3GPP TR 31.970)".

3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in ETSI TR 102 216 [i.2] and the following apply:

Certificate Issuer (CI): root CA which issues digital certificates to the certified entities in the SSP ecosystem

custodian: organization that defines family identifier specific requirements (e.g. trusted CIs, product certification) within its SSP ecosystem (e.g. iSSP and SPB Manager)

family identifier: identifier specified by GP OFL [13] that can be used to categorize secondary platform bundles

image: generic data format encapsulating a secondary platform bundle version and its cryptographic data to be used by the SPBL

internal Non Volatile Memory (iNVM): non volatile memory physically located inside an SSP

Local Bundle Assistant (LBA): entity in the terminal managing the secondary platform bundles

non-shareable memory regions: memory space that is declared by, and accessed by a single program

primary platform: hardware platform along with a low-level operating system managing the exceptions, the hardware platform resources and their accesses

NOTE: The primary platform is use case independent and technology dependent.

remote Non Volatile Memory (rNVM): non volatile memory physically located outside an iSSP

secondary platform: software platform using the primary platform interface and containing the high-level operating system on top of which the SSP applications are running

Secondary Platform Bundle (SPB): secondary platform along with its SSP applications

Secondary Platform Bundle Loader (SPBL): application, requiring system specific privileges, used to load a secondary platform bundle

Secondary Platform Bundle Loader agent: part of the local bundle assistant managing the communication with the secondary platform bundle manager and the transfer of the image to secondary platform bundle loader on the SSP

Secondary Platform Bundle Manager (SPBM): entity which builds an image on behalf of the service provider this image belongs to and securely delivers it to the SPBL on the target iSSP through the SPBL agent

Secondary Platform Bundle metadata: information belonging to a secondary platform bundle used for the purpose of management of the SPB

Secure Element (SE): tamper-resistant dedicated platform, consisting of hardware and software, capable of securely hosting applications and their confidential and cryptographic data and providing a secure application execution environment

SSP activation code: information issued by a Service Provider used by the LBA to initiate the download of an SPB

SSP application: application running on the top of an SSP OS (e.g. USIM)

SSP class: configuration of the SSP in accordance with a business requirement

SSP Discovery Service (SSPDS): entity which stores an event associated with a specific SSP by the request from an SPBM, and provides the event to the LBA

SSP information: information of the primary platform and the SPBL which is used for the eligibility checking of the iSSP by the SPB manager

SSP maker: entity which manufactures the SSP

SSP OS: operating system compliant with the SSP specifications

SSPDS event: set of information stored on the SSPDS by the request from an SPBM, to be retrieved by the LBA to find the SPBM having a pending operation (e.g. provisioning of a new SPB or remote management on an existing SPB) prepared for a given SSP

telecom bundle: secondary platform bundle which contains or is intended to contain at least one 3GPP NAA

EXAMPLE: A secondary platform bundle providing functions as defined in the GSMA remote SIM provisioning specifications GSMA SGP.02 [32], GSMA SGP.22 [33] or 3GPP specification ETSI TS 131 102 [15] would be classified as a telecom bundle.

telecom bundle class: indicates the sort of a telecom bundle (e.g. operational, provisioning, test, eSIM), with which the iSSP and the terminal can handle the telecom bundle appropriately

telecom bundle concurrency capability: parameter which is set on the iSSP, indicating the number of distinct concurrent 3GPP/3GPP2 network registrations based on different subscriber identifier, supported by the cellular baseband capability inside the SoC containing the iSSP

EXAMPLE: "1" for a baseband supporting single-SIM, and "2" for a baseband supporting dual-SIM (either dual-SIM dual-active or dual-SIM dual-standby).

telecom family identifier: family identifier having a reserved value, used to class a secondary platform bundle as a telecom bundle

terminal information: information of the terminal which is used for the eligibility checking of the terminal by the SPB Manager

test telecom bundle: telecom bundle containing a 3GPP NAA which is intended to access a 3GPP test network (e.g. a network compliant with ETSI TS 134 108 [28])

3.2 Symbols

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3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in ETSI TR 102 216 [i.2] and the following apply:

CI	Certificate Issuer
eSSP	embedded SSP
HPSIM	Hosting Party Subscription Identity Module
iNVM	internal Non-Volatile Memory
iSSP	integrated SSP
LBA	Local Bundle Assistant
LPWA	Low Power Wide Area
M2M	Machine to Machine (communication)
MCPTT	Mission Critical Push ToTalk
NVM	Non Volatile Memory
OFL	Open Firmware Loader
PPI	Primary Platform Interface
PPID	Primary Platform Identifier
rNVM	remote Non-Volatile Memory
rSSP	removable SSP
SCL	SSP Common Layers
SE[TS]	Secure Element
SOG-IS	Senior Officials Group - Information Systems Security
SPB	Secondary Platform Bundle
SPBL	Secondary Platform Bundle Loader
SPBM	Secondary Platform Bundle Manager
SSP	Smart Secure Platform
SSPDS	SSP Discovery Service

4 Abstract (informative)

The present document describes the use case and requirements for the definition of a new secure element and its interfaces, superseding the interfaces currently defined for a UICC. By defining these interfaces, a new type of secure element will be defined called a Smart Secure Platform (SSP). The present document aims at defining the requirements for the SSP interfaces related security, the power management, the access to common protocol layer and a common protocol layer in the protocol stack of the SSP which is independent of any of its optional underlying and upper communication layers. This common layer will be supported by several underlying communication layers defined in optional SSP classes. The goal is also to solve the obsolescence of the ISO/IEC 7816-4 [8].

Figure 1 shows the layout of the SSP protocol stack.

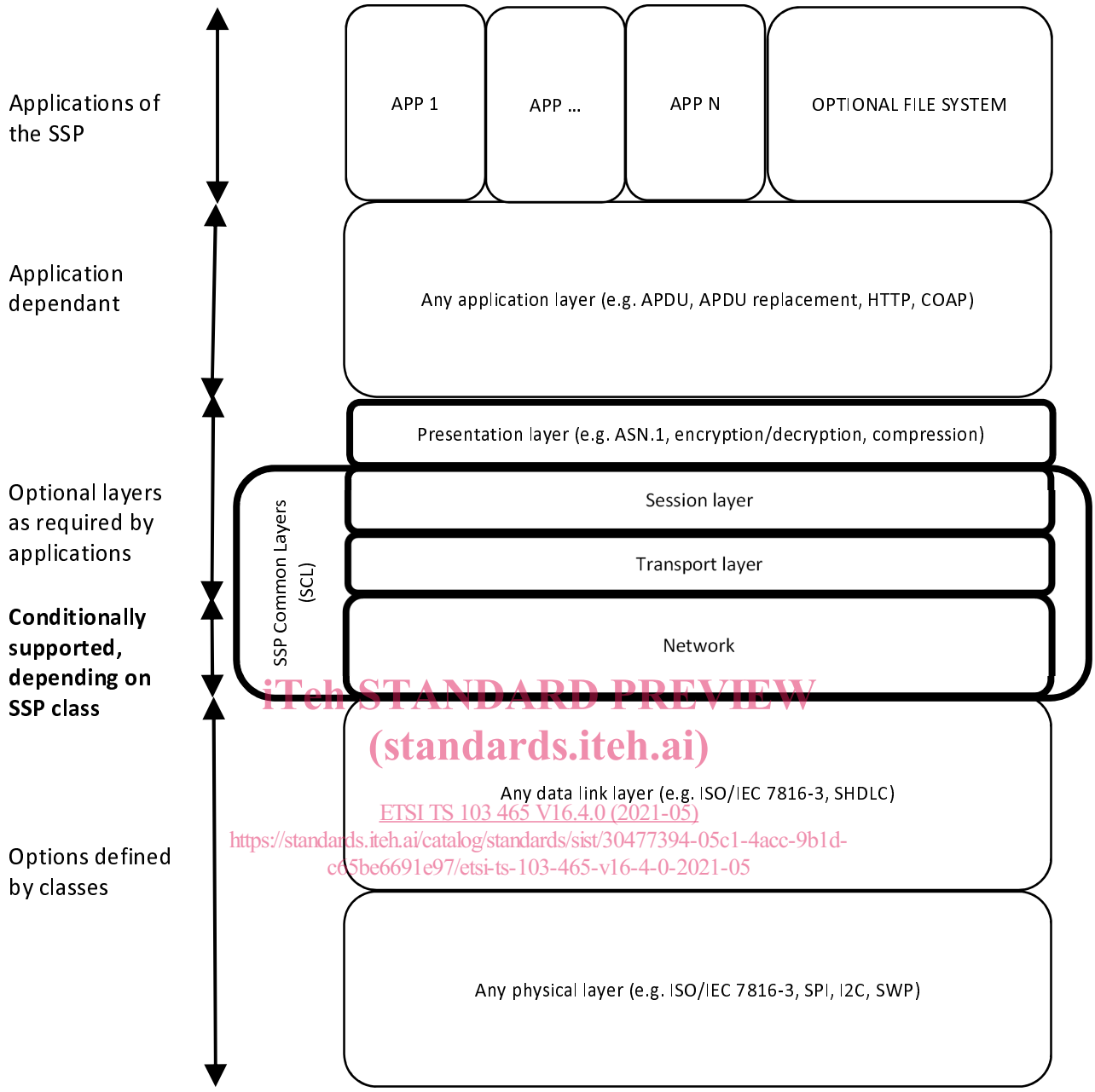

Figure 1: SSP protocol stack

This SSP is a modular platform allowing for its use in various use cases. In order to address these different contexts and in order to factorize the possible configuration some SSP classes will be defined. An SSP class will define a configuration of the SSP. One SSP class can correspond to the definition of the UICC.

5 SSP concept description

5.1 Introduction

The SSP is a secure platform intended for use in a number of use cases which may have very different requirements. For that reason, the SSP is designed to be a modular platform offering a core set of features as well as a number of options that need to be selected at the time of implementation based on the intended application. The goal is to enable the best fit for the targeted use case.

The physical interface(s) between the SSP and the device might be selected from a range of options including popular protocols in the industry (e.g. SPI, I2C, USB) as well as the legacy ETSI TS 102 221 [2] interface.

The data link layer and the transport protocols used over the physical interface might also be selected from a range of options.

In addition, a mandatory core set of security features will be provided, together with a number of optional security features which can be selected depending on the application.

It is expected that the technical specification for the SSP will provide a clear definition of the options available and describe a number of standard combinations of these options in what will be called SSP Classes.

5.2 Core features

A key element of the SSP is a logical interface allowing the support of different types of application protocols such as the ones used in the internet world (e.g. HTTP(S)), but also protocols used for secure elements such as banking cards or UICCs. This logical interface is able to transport these application protocols simultaneously between a secure application residing in the SSP and an application residing either in the device holding the SSP or in a remote location using the device as a proxy.

5.3 Security

A set of security features such as secure channel protocols, access control and secure storage needs to be defined. SSP class definitions will reference the required security features. A certification scheme targeting the different classes of SSP may also be defined. These certification schemes will help the secure application provider to assess the level of trust it can give to the SSP and thus assess if its secure applications can be hosted by this particular SSP. This assessment can be done by an offline process (contractual agreement between the SSP provider and the secure application provider), but also by an online process right before the loading of the secure application in the SSP. Some auditing capabilities may also be added to the SSP in order to help this assessment.

5.4 Electrical characteristics and physical interfaces

5.4.1 Unlinking electrical characteristics of the SSP from its physical interfaces

A secure element according to ETSI TS 102 221 [2] with an additional interface according to ETSI TS 102 613 [4] or ETSI TS 102 600 [9] lacks a clear separation of electrical characteristics which belong to the secure element (e.g. power supply, current consumption in different operational states, clock characteristics) and electrical characteristics which belong to a physical interface (e.g. input, output voltage levels, timing ranges).

For a modular system approach and to allow adding future interfaces in a quick manner it is very beneficial to separate electrical characteristics of the SSP from electrical characteristics of each physical interface.

Electrical characteristics of the SSP which are not directly linked to a physical interface (power supply, current consumption in different operational states) are defined independently from physical interfaces.

The electrical characteristics of each physical interface are defined independently from the electrical characteristics of other physical interfaces.

5.4.2 Operational stages

During device operation an SSP will not be used continuously in the same manner. There will be stages when the SSP performs high performance tasks like bulk encryption or key generation followed by stages where the SSP remains responsive to incoming service requests. Depending on the device which embeds the SSP it may also happen that the SSP remains unused for a longer period of time. During this period power saving is of topmost importance.

Since the SSP is a multi-application platform, its operational stages depend on the status of each individual application as well as on the status of each physical interface.