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FAQs

Q: What are the key features of the Silicon Labs OpenThread SDK?

A: The SDK offers compatibility with a range of hardware, enhanced documentation, and example applications not found in the GitHub version.

Q: How can I stay informed about security updates related to the SDK?

A: Refer to the Security chapter of the Platform Release Notes or visit https://www.silabs.com/developers/thread for security updates. Subscribe to Security Advisories for real-time information.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Thread is a secure, reliable, scalable, and upgradeable wireless IPv6 mesh networking protocol. It provides low-cost bridging to other IP networks while optimized for low-power / battery-backed operation. The Thread stack is designed specifically for Connected Home applications where IP-based networking is desired, and a variety of application layers may be required. OpenThread released by Google is an open-source implementation of Thread. Google has released OpenThread to accelerate the development of products for the connected home and commercial buildings. With a narrow platform abstraction layer and a small memory footprint, OpenThread is highly portable. It supports system-on-chip (SoC), net- work co-processor (NCP), and radio co-processor (RCP) designs.

- Silicon Labs has developed an OpenThread-based SDK tailored to work with Silicon Labs hardware. The
 Silicon Labs OpenThread SDK is a fully tested enhanced version of the GitHub source. It supports a broader
 range of hardware than does the GitHub version and includes documentation and example applications not
 available on GitHub. These release notes cover SDK version(s):
- 2.5.2.0 GA released on September 18, 2024
- 2.5.1.0 GA released on July 24, 2024
- 2.5.0.0 GA released on June 5, 2024

KEY FEATURES

OpenThread

- Thread 1.3.0 certification compliance with Thread Test Harness v59.0 for SoC and Host-RCP architectures
- Thread 1.4 features Alpha / Experi-mental
- · Coex Metrics enhancements
- OpenThread Mesh Performance Results (AN1408)
- · New Part support:
- MG26 support Alpha
- Removed support for Series 0/1

Multi-Protocol

- ZigbeeD and OTBR support on Open-WRT Alpha
- DMP BLE + CMP ZB & Matter/OT Alpha
- Removed support for Series 0/1

Compatibility and Use Notices

For information about security updates and notices, see the Security chapter of the Platform Release Notes
installed with this SDK or on the TECH DOCS tab on https://www.silabs.com/developers/thread. 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 OpenThread SDK, see Using This Release.

Compatible Compilers:

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

New Items

SDK is an embedded software development platform for building IoT products based on our Series 2 and Series 3 wireless and MCU devices. It integrates wireless protocol stacks, middleware, peripheral drivers, a bootloader, and application examples – a solid framework for building power-optimized and secure IoT devices. The Simplicity SDK offers powerful features such as ultra-low power consumption, strong network reliability, support for a large number of nodes, and abstraction of complex requirements like multiprotocol and pre-certification. Additionally, Silicon Labs provides over-the-air (OTA) software and security updates to remotely update devices, minimize maintenance costs, and enhance the end-user product experience. Simplicity SDK is a follow-on from our popular Gecko SDK, which will continue to be available providing long-term support for our Series 0 and Series 1 devices. For additional information on the Series 0 and Series 1 devices please reference: Series 0 and Series 1 EFM32/EFR32 device (silabs.com).

New Components

Added in release 2.5.0.0

 • ot_core_vendor_extension – This component implements the ot::Extension::ExtensionBase interface for EFR32. When used with the OT Crash Handler component, crash info will be printed after the OpenThread instance is initialized.

New Features

Added in release 2.5.0.0

- The versions of OpenThread and the OpenThread Border Router have been updated. See sections 8.2 and 8.3.
- Libraries and sample applications in this SDK default to Thread 1.3. Thread 1.4 version and features, including
 credential sharing and ephemeral key support, are supported but are not ready for certification and still have
 ongoing development.
- Optimization to the OpenThread API to allow for thread-safe access to the OpenThread stack in a multithreaded RTOS environment.
- A new platform component, Clock Manager, is integrated into all the open-thread sample applications for clock configuration.
- A new platform component, Memory Manager, is integrated into all the open-thread sample applications for dynamic memory management.
- OTBR on OpenWRT. A new multiprotocol open-thread-br ipk package has been added for use in the OpenWRT host environment.
- Support for OpenThread Coex metrics

New APIs

Added in release 2.5.0.0

Support for OpenThread diag channel and transmit power API and CLI commands: otPlatDiagTxPowerSet()
and otPlatDiagChan-nelSet().

New Radio Board Support

Added in release 2.5.0.0

Support has been added for the following radio boards:

BRD4116A – EFR32MG26B410F3200IM48-A

Improvements

- Changed in release 2.5.0.0
- The ot_rcp_gp_interface component has been renamed to ot_gp_interface.
- The open thread API includes all changes up to and including the updates described here:
 https://openthread.io/reference/api-up-dates#may_17_2024.
- The set of prebuilt demo sample applications has been updated as follows:
- ot-ble-dump (brd2703a, brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4186c)
- ot-ble-dmp-no-buttons (brd2703a, brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4186c)
- ot-cli-ftd (brd2703a, brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4186c)
- ot-cli-mtd (brd2703a, brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4186c)
- ot-rcp (brd2703a, brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4180b, brd4186c)
- rcp-spi-802154 (brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4180b, brd4186c)
- rcp-spi-802154-blehci (brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4180b, brd4186c)
- rcp-uarti-802154 (brd2703a, brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4180b, brd4186c)
- rcp-uart-802154-blehci (brd2703a, brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4180b, brd4186c)
- sleepy-demo-ftd (brd2703a, brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4186c)
- sleepy-demo-mtd (brd2703a, brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4186c)
- sleepy-demo-used (brd2703a, brd4116a, brd4180a, brd4186c)
- Increased OPENTHREAD_CONFIG_CSL_RECEIVE_TIME_AHEAD to 750 us. for default FTD and MTD certification libraries for use with devices under test using library-based certification.
- For older project files (.slcps) the default config value of CIRCULAR_QUEUE_LEN_MAX must be greater than or equal to SL_OPENTHREAD_RADIO_RX_BUFFER_COUNT (i.e. 16). Otherwise, the validation script will fail the project generation. This can be done by adding the config value entry in the .slcp directly or from Simplicity Studio: go to the 'Circular Queue' component, then go to configuration, and set the max length as per SL_OPENTHREAD_RADIO_RX_BUFFER_COUNT.
- For multiple RCP applications, replace existing app.c with <GSDK_DIR>/protocol/openthread/sample-apps/ot-ncp/app.c in existing project or port changes from <GSDK_DIR>/protocol/openthread/sample-apps/ot-ncp/app.c to custom app.c if you have one.

Fixed Issues

Fixed in release 2.5.2.0

ID#	Description
1238120 / 1334227	In a multiprotocol RCP environment, certain incoming packets were wrongly interpreted as Zigbee Gr een Power packets triggering a random outgoing packet. The issue is fixed by strengthening the Zigb ee Green Power packet detection on the RCP.
1289835 / 1334618	Fixed issue with the Openthread border router dropping more packets than expected when running w ithin a docker container and under duress.
1295848 / 1334987	Fixed occasional occurrence of duplicate header bytes that were causing RCP resets in busy network s with a lot of traffic over SPI. Also, it is recommended to use a higher spi-bus speed (such as 4Mhz – depending on the network traffic) with a reduced debug logging level to have stable communication b etween the host and rcp. Higher spi speed on OTBR can be set in radio-URL as the 'spi-speed=<>' ar gument.
1327029 / 1337439	Added support for uartdrv_eusart:vcom instance in OpenThread applications.
1329286 / 1334038	Removed the "-Werror=unused-parameter" GCC compiler option so that applications that have unused parameters can be built.

Fixed in release 2.5.1.0

ID#	Description
1295833	The following was added to NCP README to better reflect the actual status of the NCP sample apps . "Note that the NCP design model is not supported or tested, although experimental support is availa ble with the OpenThread stack."

Fixed in release 2.5.0.0

ID#	Description
1208578	Added support for linking the CPC library to Posix host apps by using provided paths, and by using p kg-config.
1235923	Fixed a wrapping bug in calls to otPlatAlarmMilliStartAt and otPlatAlarmMicroStartAt.
1238120	In a multiprotocol RCP environment, certain incoming packets were wrongly interpreted as Zigbee Gr een Power packets, triggering a random outgoing packet. The issue is fixed by strengthening the Zig bee Green Power packet detection on the RCP.
1243597	Removed extra ot-ble-dmp-no-buttons sample apps from the demos folder.
1249346 1255247	Addressed an issue where the RCP could incorrectly dequeue packets destined for the host, resultin g in a parse error in the OTBR and unexpected termination.
1249492	The dBus FactoryReset command no longer causes the open thread border router to terminate.
1251926	When using the crash handler feature in a Host / RCP environment, the RCP was attempting to send the crash info to the Host too early after reboot, causing the info to be dropped prior to logging. This i ssue is addressed by introducing a new spinel property to the upstream open thread stack. The property allows the Host to request crash logs from the RCP once the Host is ready for them. See https://github.com/openthread/openthread/pull/10061 for more information on the new spinel property.
1251952	Fixed undefined reference to otlnstanceResetToBootloader when building with ot_cert_libs and bootl oader_interface.
1255595	Fix a type promotion issue when handling large values in otPlatAlarm APIs
1263222	Fixed coax metric "Average Request To Grant Time".
1277790	Fixed coax metric "Grant Immediate".
1287331	The ot-ble-dmp sample application is now only supported on parts with at least 768k of flash.

Known Issues in the Current Release

Issues in bold were added since the previous release. If you have missed a release, recent release notes are available on https://www.si-labs.com/developers/thread in the Tech Docs tab.

ID#	Description	Workaround
482915 495241 1295252	A known limitation with the UART driver can cause characters to be lost on CLI input or o utput. This can happen during particularly long critical sections that may disable interrupts, so it can be alleviated by repeating the CLI or waiting long enough for state changes.	No known workaround
815275	Ability to modify the Radio CCA Modes at compile-time using a configuration option in Simplicity Studio is currently not supported.	Use the SL_OPENTHREAD_RADIO_CCA_MODE configuration option defined in openthread-core-efr32-config.h header file included with your project.
1286531 1295725	CSL/SSED instability.	Adjust settings of CSL-related configuration macros.

Deprecated Items

Deprecated in release 2.5.0.0

None.

Removed Items

Removed in release 2.5.0.0

- Support for Series 0 and Series 1 parts
- Support for Proprietary Sub-GHz Support

Multiprotocol Gateway and RCP

New Items

Added in release 2.5.0.0

OpenWRT alpha support has been added for Zigbee, OTBR, and Z3Gateway applications. Zigbeed and OTBR are now provided in IPK package format as well. See AN1333: Running Zigbee, OpenThread, and Bluetooth Concurrently on a Linux Host with a Multiprotocol Co-Processor for details.

Improvements

Changed in release 2.5.2.0

In Zigbeed, the halCommonGetInt32uMillisecondTick() tick API is now updated to use MONOTONIC clock so that

it does not get affected by the NTP in a host system.

Changed in release 2.5.1.0

The zb_ble_dmp_print_ble_connections() API is defined in the zigbee_ble_event_handler component and referenced in the zigbee_ble_dmp_cli component. For applications that use the zigbee_ble_dmp_cli component, but NOT the zigbee_ble_event_handler, you will need to add an empty stub for this function in your app. c file as follows: void zb_ble_dmp_print_ble_connections(void) { }

Changed in release 2.5.0.0

None.

Fixed Issues

Fixed in release 2.5.2.0

ID#	Description
133233	Fixed an issue where a 15.4+BLE RCP operating in an environment with heavy network traffic could occasionally encounter a race condition that would leave it unable to send messages up to CPCd until rebooting the device. (Other ref: 1333150)
133722 8	In Zigbeed the halCommonGetInt32uMillisecondTick() tick API is now updated to use MONOTONIC c lock so that it does not get affected by the NTP in a host system. (Other ref: 1346711)

Fixed in release 2.5.1.0

ID#	Description
130084 8	An issue was fixed where Z3Gateway in the OpenWRT environment couldn't start EZSP communication caused by mismatching termios control characters running on OpenWRT and other environments.

Fixed in release 2.5.0.0

ID#	Description	
123102 1	Fixed an issue to avoid an OTBR assert by recovering the RCP rather than passing unhandled trans mit errors to the sub-mac.	
124294 8	Removed spurious test asserts from ZigBee.	
124445 9	Fixed issue where MAC-retried Indirect transmissions via RCP can result in a source match table entry for child being removed despite messages pending.	
124598 8	Fixed an issue where Zigbeed did not restart when performing a Trust Center Backup and Restore Re set Node action.	
128226 4	Fixed an issue that could have interrupted radio transmit operations by clearing the transmit fifo prem aturely, causing underflow.	
128865 3	Zigbee/OT/BLE SOC app will now print connection info upon receiving the CLI command "plugin ble g ap print- connections".	
129253 7	The Zigbee/BLE NCP application is now properly showing up in Simplicity Studio UI.	
125236 5	Added Coexistence plugin back into Zigbee NCP/OpenThread RCP sample application.	
129385 3	Reduced RAM footprint for zigbee_ncp-ot_rcp-spi and zigbee_ncp-ot_rcp_uart on MG21.	
112414 0	Fixed an issue where setting SL_OPENTHREAD_RADIO_RX_BUFFER_COUNT to a value other than 1 caused z3- light_ot-ftd_soc to not send Zigbee beacons after the OpenThread network is up.	

Known Issues in the Current Release

Issues in bold were added since the previous release. If you have missed a release, recent release notes are available on https://www.si-labs.com/developers/simplicity-software-development-kit.

ID#	Description	Workaround
937562	Bluetoothctl 'advertise on' command fails with rcp -uart- 802154-blah app on Raspberry Pi OS 11.	Use btmgmt app instead of bluetoothctl.
107420 5	The CMP RCP does not support two networks on the same PAN ID.	Use different PAN IDs for each network. Support is planned in a future release.
112272 3	In a busy environment, the CLI may become unre sponsive in the z3-light_ot-ftd_soc app.	No known workaround.
120995 8	The ZB/OT/BLE RCP on MG24 and MG21 can st op working after a few minutes when running all t hree protocols.	This will be addressed in a future release.
122129 9	Mfglib RSSI readings differ between RCP and N CP.	Will be addressed in a future release.

Deprecated Items

None.

Removed Items

Removed in release 2.5.0.0

None.

Using This Release

- · This release contains the following
- Silicon Labs OpenThread stack
- Silicon Labs OpenThread sample applications
- · Silicon Labs OpenThread border router

For more information about the OpenThread SDK see **QSG170: Silicon Labs OpenThread QuickStart Guide**. If you are new to Thread see **UG103.11: Thread Fundamentals**.

Installation and Use

The OpenThread SDK is part of the Simplicity SDK, the suite of Silicon Labs SDKs. To quickly get started with OpenThread and the Simplicity SDK, start by installing <u>Simplicity Studio 5</u>, which will set up your development environment and walk you through Simplicity SDK 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 <u>Simplicity Studio 5 User's Guide</u>. Alternatively, Simplicity SDK may be installed manually by downloading

or cloning the latest from GitHub. See https://github.com/Sili-conLabs/simplicity_sdk for more information. The GSDK default installation location has changed beginning with Simplicity Studio 5.3.

- Windows: C:\Users\<NAME>\SimplicityStudio\SDKs\simplicity_sdk
- MacOS: /Users/<NAME>/SimplicityStudio/SDKs/simplicity_sdk
- Documentation specific to the SDK version is installed with the SDK. API references and other information
 about this release are available on https://docs.silabs.com/openthread/latest/. Select your SDK version in
 the upper right.

OpenThread GitHub Repository

The Silicon Labs OpenThread SDK includes all changes from the OpenThread GitHub repo (https://github.com/openthread/openthread) up to and including commit 1fceb225b. An enhanced version of the OpenThread repo can be found in the following Simplicity Studio 5 GSDK location: <GSDK Installation Location>\util\third_party\openthread

OpenThread Border Router GitHub Repository

The Silicon Labs OpenThread SDK includes all changes from the OpenThread border router GitHub repo (https://github.com/openthread/ot-br-posix) up to and including commit e56c02006. An enhanced version of the OpenThread border router repo can be = found in the following Simplicity Studio 5 GSDK location: <GSDK Installation Location>\util\third_party\ot-br-posix

Using the Border Router

For ease of use, Silicon Labs recommends the use of a Docker container for your OpenThread border router. Refer to AN1256: Using the Silicon Labs RCP with the OpenThread Border Router for details on how to set up the correct version of OpenThread border router Docker container. It is available at https://hub.docker.com/r/siliconlabsinc/openthread-border-router. If you are manually installing a border router, using the copies provided with the Silicon Labs OpenThread SDK, refer to AN1256: Using the Silicon Labs RCP with the OpenThread Border Router for more details. Although updating the border router environment to a later GitHub version is supported on the OpenThread website, it may make the border router incompatible with the OpenThread RCP stack in the SDK.

NCP/RCP Support

The OpenThread NCP support is included with OpenThread SDK but any use of this support should be considered experimental. The OpenThread RCP is fully implemented and supported.

Security Information

Secure Vault Integration

When deployed to Secure Vault High devices, sensitive keys are protected using the Secure Vault Key Management functionality. The following table shows the protected keys and their storage protection characteristics.

Wrapped Key	Exportable / Non-Exportable	Notes
Thread Master Key	Exportable	Must be exportable to form the TLVs
PSKc	Exportable	Must be exportable to form the TLVs
Key Encryption Key	Exportable	Must be exportable to form the TLVs
MLE Key	Non-Exportable	
Temporary MLE Key	Non-Exportable	
MAC Previous Key	Non-Exportable	
MAC Current Key	Non-Exportable	
MAC Next Key	Non-Exportable	

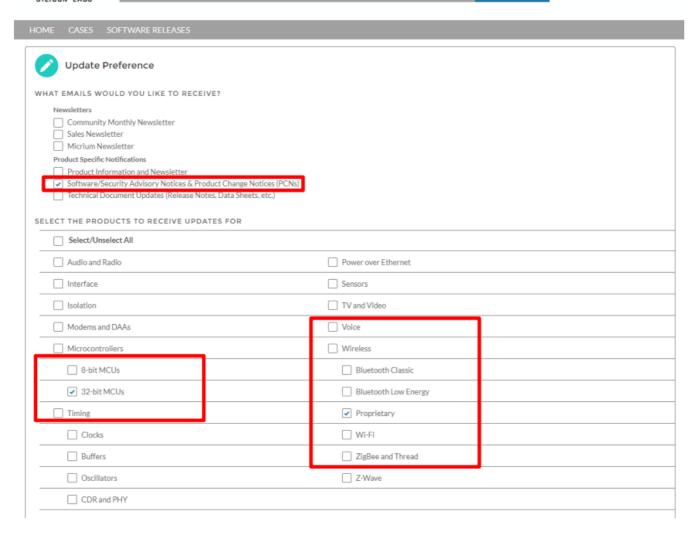
Wrapped keys that are marked as "Non-Exportable" can be used but cannot be viewed or shared at runtime. Wrapped keys that are marked as "Exportable" can be used or shared at runtime but remain encrypted while stored in flash. For more information on Secure Vault Key Management functionality, see AN1271: Secure Key Storage.

Security Advisories

To subscribe to Security Advisories, log in to the Silicon Labs customer portal, then select Account Home. Click HOME to go to the portal home page and then click the Manage Notifications tile. Make sure that 'Software/Security Advisory Notices & Product Change Notices (PCNs)' is checked, and that you are subscribed at minimum for your platform and protocol. Click Save to save any changes. The following figure is an example:







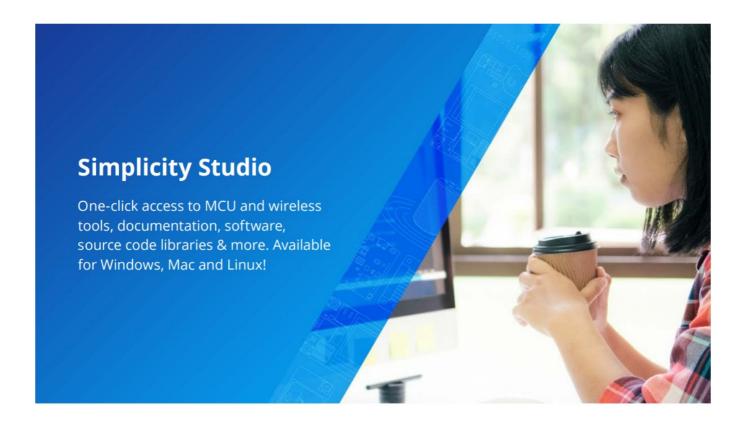
Support

Development Kit customers are eligible for training and technical support. Use the <u>Silicon Laboratories Thread</u> <u>web page</u> to obtain infor-mation about all Silicon Labs OpenThread products and services, and to sign up for product support.

You can contact Silicon Laboratories support at http://www.silabs.com/support.

Thread Certification

This release has been qualified for Thread 1.3.0 with Thread Test Harness v60.0 (Member Release). For Thread Product certifications tied to this major release and associated patch releases (with no OpenThread stack updates), Silicon Labs recommends using the above TH version for qualification. Also included with this release is a set of OpenThread stack and PAL libraries that may be used for Thread certification by inheritance.



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- Simplicity Studio Silicon Labs
- **Example 2** Technical Support Silicon Labs
- O GitHub openthread/openthread: OpenThread released by Google is an open-source implementation of the Thread networking protocol
- ♠ [spinel] add support for logging crash dumps by Imnotran · Pull Request #10061 · openthread/openthread · GitHub
- GitHub openthread/ot-br-posix: OpenThread Border Router, a Thread border router for POSIX-based

platforms.

• User Manual

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