# ATWINC15x0

### ATWINC15x0 Software Release Notes

#### Release Overview

This document describes the ATWINC15x0 version 19.7.3 release package. The release package contains all the necessary components (binaries and tools) required for the latest features including tools, and firmware binaries.

#### Software Release Details

The following table provides the software release details.

#### **Table 1. Software Version Information**

Parameter	Description
Software Name	WINC15x0 Firmware
WINC Firmware Version	19.7.3
Host Driver Version	19.7.3
Minimum Driver Version	19.3.0

#### Release Impact

The newly added features in ATWINC15x0 v19.7.3 release are:

- · Address "Amnesia" vulnerabilities
- · Improvements to socket closing code
- Improvements to TCP Rx windowing
- · TLS ALPN support
- · Add WPA/WPA2 Enterprise option for TLS handshake certificate expiry checking mode

#### Notes:

- 1. For more information, refer to Wi-Fi Network Controller Software Design Guide (DS00002389).
- 2. For more details on release note information, refer to ASF firmware upgrade project doc folder.

#### **Related Information**

- Ordering Information
  - Customers who would like to order ATWINC15x0 with Firmware 19.7.3, contact Microchip marketing representative.
- · Firmware Upgrade
  - Firmware 19.7.3 is supported in ASF version 3.50. This is available for customers to update the ATWINC15x0-MR210xB module and supporting demo and evaluation boards. Download the latest firmware package from gallery.microchip.com/packages/4CE20911-D794-4550-8B94-6C66A93228B8/3.50.0.2188.

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**Notes:** The references to the ATWINC15x0-MR210xB module include the module devices listed in the following:

- ATWINC1500-MR210PB
- ATWINC1500-MR210UB
- ATWINC1510-MR210PB
- ATWINC1510-MR210UB
- · Refer to the reference documents.

**Note:** For more information, refer to Microchip product webpage: www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATWINC1500.

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### 1. Release Details

### 1.1 Changes in Version 19.7.3, with respect to Version 19.6.1

The following table compares the features of 19.6.1 to 19.7.3 release.

Table 1-1. Comparison of Features between 19.6.1 and 19.7.3 Release

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Features in 19.6.1	Changes in 19.7.3		
Wi-Fi STA			
<ul> <li>IEEE802.11 b/g/n</li> <li>OPEN, WEP security</li> <li>WPA Personal Security (WPA1/WPA2)</li> <li>WPA Enterprise Security (WPA1/WPA2) supporting: EAP-TTLSv0/MS-Chapv2.0</li> </ul>	Add WPA/WPA2 Enterprise option for TLS handshake certificate expiry checking mode		
EAP-PEAPv0/MS-Chapv2.0			
EAP-PEAPv1/MS-Chapv2.0			
EAP-TLS			
EAP-PEAPv0/TLS			
EAP-PEAPv1/TLS			
Wi-Fi Hotspot			
<ul> <li>Only ONE associated station is supported. After a connection is established with a station, further connections are rejected</li> <li>OPEN and WEP, WPA2 security modes</li> <li>The device cannot work as a station in this mode (STA/AP concurrency is not supported)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fix to ensure DHCP offered address is consistent when STA disconnects/ reconnects</li> <li>Fix to close race condition when a STA disconnects and reconnects that could cause the WINC to disallow all fur-ther connection attempts.</li> </ul>		
Wi-Fi Direct			
Wi-Fi direct client is not supported	No change		
WPS			
The ATWINC15x0 supports the WPS protocol v2.0 for PBC (Push button configuration) and PIN methods	No change		
TCP/IP Stack			
The ATWINC15x0 has a TCP/IP Stack running in firmware side. It supports TCP and UDP full socket operations (client/server). The maximum number of supported sockets is currently configured to 11 divided as:	<ul> <li>Improvements to socket closing code</li> <li>Improvements to TCP Rx windowing</li> <li>Address "Amnesia" vulnerabilities</li> </ul>		
<ul><li>7 TCP sockets (client or server)</li><li>4 UDP sockets (client or server)</li></ul>			
Transport Layer Security			

continued	
Features in 19.6.1	Changes in 19.7.3
<ul> <li>Support TLS v1.2</li> <li>Client and server modes</li> <li>Mutual authentication in client mode.</li> <li>X509 certificate revocation scheme.</li> <li>SHA384 and SHA512 support in X509 certificates processing.</li> <li>Integration with ATECC508 (ECDSA and ECDHE support).</li> <li>Supported cipher suites are:</li></ul>	Added TLS ALPN support     Fix verification of certificate chains which include ECDSA signatures
Networking Protocols	
DHCPv4 (client/server) DNS Resolver IGMPv1, v2	SNTP server allocated from DHCP is now cleared when switching between networks
SNTP	
Power saving Modes	
<ul><li>M2M_PS_MANUAL</li><li>M2M_PS_DEEP_AUTOMATIC</li></ul>	No change
Device Over-The-Air (OTA) upgrade	
<ul> <li>Built-in OTA upgrade available</li> <li>Backwards compatible as far as 19.4.4, with the exception of: <ul> <li>Wi-Fi Direct (removed in 19.5.3)</li> <li>Monitor mode (removed in 19.5.2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No change
Wi-Fi credentials provisioning via built-in HTTP server	
Built-in HTTP/HTTPS (TLS server mode) provisioning using AP mode (Open, WEP or WPA2 secured)	No change
Ethernet Mode (TCP/IP Bypass)	

continued	
Features in 19.6.1	Changes in 19.7.3
Allow ATWINC15x0 to operate in WLAN MAC only mode and let the host send/receive Ethernet frames.	<ul> <li>Ensure broadcast frames contain correct destination MAC address</li> <li>Ensure NULL frames are sent to keep the AP connection alive during periods of low activity.</li> </ul>
ATE Test Mode	
Embedded ATE test mode for production line testing driven from the host MCU	No change
Miscellaneous Features	
	No change

### 1.2 Changes in Version 19.6.1, with respect to Version 19.5.4

The following table compares the features of 19.5.4 to 19.6.1 release.

Table 1-2. Comparison of Features between 19.5.4 and 19.6.1 Release

Features in 19.5.4	Changes in 19.6.1	
Wi-Fi STA		
<ul> <li>IEEE802.11 b/g/n</li> <li>OPEN, WEP security</li> <li>WPA Personal Security (WPA1/WPA2)</li> <li>WPA Enterprise Security (WPA1/WPA2) supporting EAP-TTLSv0/MSCHAPv2 authentication with RADIUS server</li> </ul>	Same features along with the following:  WPA/WPA2 Enterprise new methods:  EAP-PEAPv0/MSCHAPv2  EAP-PEAPv0/TLS  EAP-PEAPv1/TLS  EAP-TLS  WPA/WPA2 Enterprise other new features  Phase 1 TLS session caching  Option to specify domain  Option to send actual identity in phase 1  Simple Roaming support  Improved connection API, allowing connection via BSSID as well as SSID  Option to encrypt connection credentials that are stored in ATWINC15x0 flash	
Wi-Fi Hotspot		
<ul> <li>Only ONE associated station is supported. After a connection is established with a station, further connections are rejected</li> <li>OPEN and WEP, WPA2 security modes</li> <li>The device cannot work as a station in this mode (STA/AP concurrency is not supported)</li> </ul>	No change	
Wi-Fi Direct		
Wi-Fi direct client is not supported	No change	

continued Features in 19.5.4	Changes in 19.6.1	
	Changes in 19.6.1	
WPS	I	
The ATWINC15x0 supports the WPS protocol v2.0 for PBC (Push button configuration) and PIN methods	No change	
TCP/IP Stack		
The ATWINC15x0 has a TCP/IP Stack running in firmware side. It supports TCP and UDP full socket operations (client/server). The maximum number of supported sockets is currently configured to 11 divided as:	No change	
<ul><li>7 TCP sockets (client or server)</li><li>4 UDP sockets (client or server)</li></ul>		
Transport Layer Security		
<ul> <li>Support TLS v1.2</li> <li>Client and server modes</li> <li>Mutual authentication</li> <li>Custom scheme for X509 certificate revocation</li> <li>X509 certificate support including SHA1, SHA256, SHA384 and SHA512</li> <li>Integration with ATECC508 (adds support for ECDSA/ECHE)</li> <li>Supported cipher suites are:</li></ul>	No change	
Networking Protocols		
DHCPv4 (client/server) DNS Resolver	SNTP servers are fully customizable	
IGMPv1, v2 SNTP		

continued	
Features in 19.5.4	Changes in 19.6.1
Power saving Modes	
<ul><li>M2M_PS_MANUAL</li><li>M2M_PS_AUTOMATIC</li><li>M2M_PS_H_AUTOMATIC</li><li>M2M_PS_DEEP_AUTOMATIC</li></ul>	No change
Device Over-The-Air (OTA) upgrade	
<ul> <li>Built-in OTA upgrade available</li> <li>Backwards compatible as far as 19.4.4, with the exception of: <ul> <li>Wi-Fi Direct (removed in 19.5.3)</li> <li>Monitor mode (removed in 19.5.2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	No change
Wi-Fi credentials provisioning via built-in HTTP server	
Built-in HTTP/HTTPS (TLS server mode) provisioning using AP mode (Open, WEP or WPA2 secured)	<ul> <li>Improved provisioning user experience</li> <li>Default gateway and subnet mask can now be customized when in AP mode</li> </ul>
Ethernet Mode (TCP/IP Bypass)	
Allow ATWINC15x0 to in WLAN MAC only mode and let the host to send/receive Ethernet frames	No change
ATE Test Mode	
Embedded ATE test mode for production line testing driven from the host MCU	No change
Miscellaneous Features	
	<ul> <li>Addition of host file download capability, allowing the host MCU to download and retrieve files from the ATWINC1510 flash</li> <li>Multiple Gain Table support - Support upto 4 gain tables</li> <li>Simple Roaming feature</li> <li>Encrypted credential storage in ATWINC15x0 flash</li> </ul>

## 1.3 Changes in Version 19.5.4, with respect to Version 19.5.3

The following table compares the features of 19.5.3 to 19.5.4 release.

Table 1-3. Comparison of Features between 19.5.3 and 19.5.4 Release

Features in 19.5.3	Changes in 19.5.4
Wi-Fi STA	

continued		
Features in 19.5.3	Changes in 19.5.4	
<ul> <li>IEEE802.11 b/g/n</li> <li>OPEN, WEP security</li> <li>WPA Personal Security (WPA1/WPA2)</li> <li>WPA Enterprise Security (WPA1/WPA2) supporting EAP-TTLS/MS-Chapv2.0 authentication with RADIUS server</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Protect against key re-installation attacks forcing NONCE re-use</li> <li>Fix m2m_wifi_set_tx_power() to work in all cases</li> <li>Fix interoperability issues with ARRIS TG862G/CT (Xfinity) access point</li> </ul>	
Wi-Fi Hotspot		
<ul> <li>Only ONE associated station is supported. After a connection is established with a station, further connections are rejected</li> <li>OPEN and WEP, WPA2 security modes</li> <li>The device cannot work as a station in this mode (STA/AP concurrency is not supported)</li> </ul>	No change	
Wi-Fi Direct		
Wi-Fi direct client is not supported	No change	
WPS		
The ATWINC15x0 supports the WPS protocol v2.0 for PBC (Push button configuration) and PIN methods	No change	
TCP/IP Stack		
The ATWINC15x0 has a TCP/IP Stack running in firmware side. It supports TCP and UDP full socket operations (client/ server). The maximum number of supported sockets is currently configured to 11 divided as:  • 7 TCP sockets (client or server)	No change	
4 UDP sockets (client or server)		
Transport Layer Security		

continued	
Features in 19.5.3	Changes in 19.5.4
<ul> <li>Support TLS v1.2</li> <li>Client and server modes</li> <li>Mutual authentication</li> <li>X509 certificate revocation scheme</li> <li>Add SHA384 and SHA512 support in X509 certificates processing</li> <li>Integration with ATECC508 (add ECDSA/ECHE support)</li> <li>Certificate revocation check API</li> <li>Disable Support of DH groups larger than 2048 bits</li> <li>Supported cipher suites are:</li></ul>	Changes in 19.5.4 No change
(requires ATECC508)	
Networking Protocols	
DHCPv4 (client/server) DNS Resolver	Use NTP server pools instead of specific servers
IGMPv1, v2	
SNTP	
Power saving Modes	
<ul> <li>M2M_PS_MANUAL</li> <li>M2M_PS_AUTOMATIC</li> <li>M2M_PS_H_AUTOMATIC</li> <li>M2M_PS_DEEP_AUTOMATIC</li> </ul>	No change
Device Over-The-Air (OTA) upgrade	
Built-in OTA upgrade available Backwards compatible as far as 19.4.4, with the exception of:  Wi-Fi Direct (removed in 19.5.3)  Monitor mode (removed in 19.5.2)	No change
Wi-Fi credentials provisioning via built-in HTTP server	

continued		
Features in 19.5.3	Changes in 19.5.4	
Built-in HTTP/HTTPS (TLS server mode) provisioning using AP mode (Open, WEP or WPA2 secured)	No change	
Ethernet Mode (TCP/IP Bypass)		
Allow ATWINC15x0 to in WLAN MAC only mode and let the host to send/receive Ethernet frames	No change	
ATE Test Mode		
Embedded ATE test mode for production line testing driven from the host MCU	No change	

### 1.4 Changes in Version 19.5.3, with respect to Version 19.5.2

The following table compares the features of 19.5.2 to 19.5.3 release.

Table 1-4. Comparison of Features between 19.5.2 and 19.5.3 Release

Features in 19.5.2 Changes in 19.5.3			
Wi-Fi STA			
<ul> <li>IEEE802.11 b/g/n</li> <li>OPEN, WEP security</li> <li>WPA Personal Security (WPA1/WPA2)</li> <li>WPA Enterprise Security (WPA1/WPA2) supporting EAP-TTLS/MS-Chapv2.0 authentication with RADIUS server</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Same features along with the following:</li> <li>Improved automatic rate selection algorithm for optimized TCP upload experience</li> <li>Supports SAMW55 module</li> <li>Firmware does not print WLAN passcode in the WINC firmware log</li> </ul>		
Wi-Fi Hotspot			
<ul> <li>Only ONE associated station is supported. After a connection is established with a station, further connections are rejected</li> <li>OPEN and WEP, WPA2 security modes</li> <li>The device cannot work as a station in this mode (STA/AP concurrency is not supported)</li> </ul>	No change		
Wi-Fi Direct			
<ul> <li>The device can operate only as a Wi-Fi Direct client (group owner function is not supported)</li> <li>The device could not work as a station in this mode (STA/P2P concurrency is not supported)</li> </ul>	Wi-Fi direct client is not supported		
WPS			
The ATWINC15x0 supports the WPS protocol v2.0 for PBC (Push button configuration) and PIN methods	No change		
TCP/IP Stack			

continued		
Features in 19.5.2	Changes in 19.5.3	
The ATWINC15x0 has a TCP/IP Stack running in firmware side. It supports TCP and UDP full socket operations (client/ server). The maximum number of supported sockets is currently configured to 11 divided as:	Implement fast TCP re-transmission for improved TCP upload in busy radio environments	
<ul><li>7 TCP sockets (client or server)</li><li>4 UDP sockets (client or server)</li></ul>		
Transport Layer Security		
<ul> <li>Support TLS v1.2</li> <li>Client and server modes</li> <li>Mutual authentication</li> <li>X509 certificate revocation scheme</li> <li>Add SHA384 and SHA512 support in X509 certificates processing</li> <li>Integration with ATECC508 (add ECDSA/ECHE support)</li> <li>Certificate revocation check API</li> <li>Disable Support of DH groups larger than 2048 bits</li> <li>Supported cipher suites are:</li></ul>	Fix an issue where SHA384 and SHA512 are not present in the list supported signature algorithms in the ClientHello message	
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (requires ATECC508)		
Networking Protocols		
DHCPv4 (client/server) DNS Resolver IGMPv1, v2	<ul> <li>Fix DHCP client renew never timeout issue</li> <li>Add client identifier to DHCP request</li> <li>Various DHCP client improvements to confirm to RFC 2131</li> </ul>	
Power saving Modes		
<ul><li>M2M_PS_MANUAL</li><li>M2M_PS_AUTOMATIC</li><li>M2M_PS_H_AUTOMATIC</li><li>M2M_PS_DEEP_AUTOMATIC</li></ul>	Improved initialization time (reduced by about 70 ms)	
Device Over-The-Air (OTA) upgrade		

continued		
Features in 19.5.2	Changes in 19.5.3	
	Improve WINC HTTPS client to allow it to work with HTTP servers which do not provide "content- length" HTTP header field (e.g. openssl s_server)	
Wi-Fi credentials provisioning via built-in HTTP server		
Built-in HTTP/HTTPS (TLS server mode) provisioning using AP mode (Open, WEP or WPA2 secured)	No change	
Ethernet Mode (TCP/IP Bypass)		
Allow ATWINC15x0 to in WLAN MAC only mode and let the host to send/receive Ethernet frames	ost No change	
ATE Test Mode		
Embedded ATE test mode for production line testing driven from the host MCU	No change	

### 1.5 Changes in Version 19.5.2, with respect to Version 19.4.4

The following table compares the features of 19.4.4 to 19.5.2 release.

Table 1-5. Comparison of Features between 19.4.4 and 19.5.2 Release

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Features i	in 19.4.4	Changes in 19.5.2
Wi-Fi STA	•	
<ul><li>OPEN</li><li>WPA</li><li>WPA</li></ul>	802.11 b/g/n N, WEP security Personal Security (WPA1/WPA2) Enterprise Security (WPA1/WPA2) supporting EAP- k/MS-Chapv2.0 authentication with RADIUS server	No change
Wi-Fi Hots	spot	
conne are re • OPEN • The d	ONE associated station is supported. After a ection is established with a station, further connections ejected  N and WEP security modes device cannot work as a station in this mode (STA/AP currency is not supported)	Added WPA/WPA2 security mode
WPS		
	NC15x0 supports the WPS protocol v2.0 for PBC con configuration) and PIN methods	No change
TCP/IP Sta	ack	
side. It sup server). Th configured • 7 TCF	NC15x0 has a TCP/IP Stack running in firmware opports TCP and UDP full socket operations (client/ne maximum number of supported sockets is currently I to 11 divided as:  P sockets (client or server)  P sockets (client or server)	No change

continued			
Features in 19.4.4 Changes in 19.5.2			
Transport Layer Security			
TLS protocol version 1.0 TLSv1.0 TLS v1.2 Client operation only RSA is the only supported Public Key Algorithm with AES and is the only supported Encryption technique Supported cipher suites are: TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256	<ul> <li>Support TLS v1.2</li> <li>Client and server modes</li> <li>Mutual authentication</li> <li>X509 certificate revocation scheme</li> <li>Add SHA384 and SHA512 support in X509 certificates processing</li> <li>Integration with ATECC508 (add ECDSA/ECHE support)</li> <li>Certificate revocation check API</li> <li>Disable Support of DH groups larger than 2048 bits</li> <li>Supported cipher suites are:</li></ul>		
Networking Protocols			
DHCPv4 (client/server) DNS Resolver IGMPv1, v2	Add device name feature in DHCP requests		
Power saving Modes			
M2M_PS_MANUAL	Same list of power saving modes. Optimized		
M2M_PS_AUTOMATIC	power saving state machine which reduced		
M2M_PS_H_AUTOMATIC	power consumption during:		
M2M_PS_DEEP_AUTOMATIC	<ul><li> Idle disconnected</li><li> Beacon monitoring</li><li> Intermittent traffic</li></ul>		
Device Over-The-Air (OTA) upgrade			

continued			
Features in 19.4.4	Changes in 19.5.2		
Wi-Fi credentials provisioning via built-in HTTP server			
Built-in HTTP provisioning using AP mode	HTTPS support (needs TLS server) on WPA2 secured AP mode		
Ethernet Mode (TCP/IP Bypass)			
Allow ATWINC15x0 to in WLAN MAC only mode and let the host to send/receive Ethernet frames	No change		
ATE Test Mode			
Embedded ATE test mode for production line testing driven from the host MCU	No change		

### 1.6 Version 19.4.4, Initial Release

Initial release of version 19.4.4 to public.

### 2. Known Problems and Solutions

The following table provides the list of known problems and solutions.

Table 2-1. Known Problems and Solutions

Problem	Solution
Occasionally ATWINC15x0 fails to receive an individual UDP broadcast frame when in M2M_PS_DEEP_AUTOMATIC powersave mode.	Use M2M_NO_PS Power Save mode if reliability is preferred for UDP broadcast frames. Otherwise ensure the overlying protocol can handle the odd missing frame.
The ATWINC15x0 cannot handle two simultaneous TLS handshakes, due to memory constraints.	When attempting to open two secure sockets in STA mode, the application should wait to be notified of the first one completing (succeeding or failing) before attempting the second one.
1% of Enterprise conversations fail due to the ATWINC15x0 not sending an EAP response. The response is prepared and ready to send but does not appear on the air. After 10 seconds the firmware timesout the connection attempt and the application is notified of the failure to connect.	Configure the authentication server to retry EAP requests (with interval < 10 seconds). The application should retry the connection request when it is notified of the failure.
When connected to certain access points, the ATWINC15x0 sometimes fails to roam when the access point changes channel. The issue is seen with these access points: Linksys E2500, Linksys E4200, Linksys 6500. The failures to roam are due to two issues:  • Sometimes the access point takes a long time to start sending beacons or probe responses on the new channel, so it is not discoverable.  • Sometimes the access point does not initiate the 4-way handshake (for WPA/WPA2 PSK reconnection).	On reception of M2M_WIFI_DISCONNECTED event, the application should attempt to discover the access point using m2m_wifi_request_scan() API.
If an AP uses an 802.11 ACK policy of "No Ack", then the ATWINC15x0 sometimes fails to receive 802.11b frames.	Avoid using an ACK policy of "No Ack". If "No Ack" is used, ensure frames are sent at 802.11g or higher rates.
70% of Enterprise connection requests fail with a TP Link Archer D2 access point (TPLink-AC750-D2). The access point does not forward the initial EAP Identity Re-sponse to the authentication server. The issue is bypassed by PMKSA caching (WPA2 only), so reconnection attempts will succeed.	The application should retry the connection request when it is notified of the failure.
Occasionally during AP provisioning, after entering the credentials of the AP to connect to and pressing "connect", an error will be returned even though provisioning was suc-cessful and the connection proceeds.	Add a delay in the application between receiving the provisioning info and con-necting to the AP. Ignore the "Request Failed" message
Using TLS Server mode with a server certificate that is signed with a key size which differs from the key size contained within the certificate can cause the WINC to crash.	Only use a TLS Server certificate that is signed using the same key size as the key contained within the certificate.

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### **Known Problems and Solutions**

continued		
Problem	Solution	
When using a driver pre – 19.6.1 with 19.7.3 firmware, upon failure to obtain a DHCP address the WINC will not trigger a WiFi Disconnection and notify the driver of the failure.	In this case of an older driver running with later firmware, the application should monitor the time taken to obtain a DHCP address, if it takes too long then it can decide whether to disconnect and try again.	

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