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1 Introduction

To keep the communication secure and prevent sensitive data from being eavesdropped, tampered, or forged during the communication process, SSL is used to safeguard the communication between the server and the client by using encryption algorithms.

This document describes how to apply the SSL function of Quectel BC660K-GL module.

1.1. SSL Versions

The following SSL versions are supported by BC660K-GL.

Table 1: Supported SSL Versions

SSL Version
TLS1.0
TLS1.1
TLS1.2

1.2. SSL Cipher Suites

The following table shows SSL cipher suites supported by Quectel BC660K-GL module. Please refer to <https://www.iana.org/assignments/tls-parameters/tls-parameters.xhtml> for details of the cipher suites.

Table 2: Supported SSL Cipher Suites (Official IANA Names)

Cipher Suite Code	Cipher Suite Name
0X002F	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA

0X0035	TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA
0X000A	TLS_RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA
0X00FF	TLS_EMPTY_RENEGOTIATION_INFO_SCSV

1.3. DTLS Versions

The following DTLS versions are supported by BC660K-GL.

Table 3: Supported DTLS Versions

DTLS Version
DTLS1.0
DTLS1.2

2 SSL Related AT Commands

This chapter gives details of the AT Command set supported by the Quectel NB-IoT module BC660K-GL.

2.1. AT Command Introduction

2.1.1. Definitions

- **<CR>** Carriage return character.
- **<LF>** Line feed character.
- **<...>** Parameter name. Angle brackets do not appear on the command line.
- **[...]** Optional parameter of a command or an optional part of TA information response. Square brackets do not appear on the command line. When an optional parameter is not given in a command, the new value equals to its previous value or the default settings, unless otherwise specified.
- **Underline** Default setting of a parameter.

2.1.2. AT Command Syntax

All command lines must start with **AT** or **at** and end with **<CR>**. Information responses and result codes always start and end with a carriage return character and a line feed character: **<CR><LF><response><CR><LF>**. In tables presenting commands and responses throughout this document, only the commands and responses are presented, and **<CR>** and **<LF>** are deliberately omitted.

Table 4: Types of AT Commands

Command Type	Syntax	Description
Test Command	AT+<cmd>=?	Test the existence of corresponding Write Command and return information about the type, value, or range of its parameter.
Read Command	AT+<cmd>?	Check the current parameter value of a corresponding Write Command.

Write Command	AT+<cmd>=<p1>[,<p2>[,<p3>[...]]]	Set user-definable parameter value.
Execution Command	AT+<cmd>	Return a specific information parameter or perform a specific action.

2.2. Declaration of AT Command Examples

The AT command examples in this document are provided to help you learn about how to use the AT commands introduced herein. The examples, however, should not be taken as Quectel's recommendation or suggestions about how you should design a program flow or what status you should set the module into. Sometimes multiple examples may be provided for one AT command. However, this does not mean that there exists a correlation among these examples and that they should be executed in a given sequence.

2.3. Description of AT Commands

2.3.1. AT+QSSLCFG Configure Parameters of an SSL Context

The command configures optional parameters for SSL function.

AT+QSSLCFG Configure Parameters of an SSL Context	
Test Command AT+QSSLCFG=?	Response +QSSLCFG: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s),"secllevel",(range of supported <secllevel>s) +QSSLCFG: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s),"sslversion",(range of supported <SSL_version>s) +QSSLCFG: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s),"dataformat",(list of supported <send_data_format>s),(list of supported <recv_data_format>s) +QSSLCFG: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s),"timeout",(range of supported <timeout>s) +QSSLCFG: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s),"debug",(range of supported <debug_level>s) +QSSLCFG: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s),"cacert"

	<p>+QSSLCFG: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s),"clientcert"</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s),"clientkey"</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s),"dtls",(list of supported <DTLS_enable>s)</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s),"dtlsversion",(range of supported <DTLS_version>s)</p> <p>OK</p>
<p>Write Command</p> <p>Query all current settings of the specified context</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG=<contextID>,<connectID></p>	<p>Response</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"seclevel",<secl evel></p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"sslversion",<S SL_version></p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"dataformat",<s end_data_format>,<recv_data_format></p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"timeout",<time out></p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"debug",<debug _level></p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"cacert",<check sum></p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"clientcert",<che cksum></p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"clientkey",<che cksum></p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"dtls",<DTLS_en able></p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"dtlsversion",<D TLS_version></p> <p>OK</p> <p>Or</p> <p>ERROR</p>
<p>Write Command</p> <p>Configure the authentication mode for the specified SSL context</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG=<contextID>,<connec tID>,"seclevel"[,<seclevel>]</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query the current setting:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"seclevel",<secl evel></p> <p>OK</p>

	<p>If the optional parameter is specified, set the authentication mode for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>If there is any error:</p> <p>ERROR</p>
<p>Write Command</p> <p>Configure the SSL version for the specified SSL context</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG=<contextID>,<connectID>,"sslversion",<SSL_version>]</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query the current setting:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"sslversion",<SSL_version></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If optional parameter is specified, set the SSL version for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>If there is any error:</p> <p>ERROR</p>
<p>Write Command</p> <p>Configure the format of data to be sent/received</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG=<contextID>,<connectID>,"dataformat",<send_data_format>,<recv_data_format>]</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameters are omitted, query the current setting:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"dataformat",<send_data_format>,<recv_data_format></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameters are specified, configure the format of data to be sent/received:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>If there is any error:</p> <p>ERROR</p>
<p>Write Command</p> <p>Configure the timeout of connection and message delivery for the specified SSL context</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG=<contextID>,<connectID>,"timeout",<timeout>]</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query the current setting:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"timeout",<timeout></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, configure the timeout</p>

	<p>of connection and message delivery for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>If there is any error:</p> <p>ERROR</p>
<p>Write Command</p> <p>Configure the printable debug log level for the specified SSL context</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG=<contextID>,<connectID>,"debug"[,<debug_level>]</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query the current setting:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"debug",<debug_level></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If optional parameter is specified, configure the printable debug log level for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>If there is any error:</p> <p>ERROR</p>
<p>Write Command</p> <p>Configure the content of trusted CA certificate in PEM format for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG=<contextID>,<connectID>,"cacert"</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>></p> <p>After the above response, input the data to be sent. Then tap "CTRL" + "Z" to send the data or tap "Esc" to cancel the operation.</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"cacert",<checksum></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If there is any error:</p> <p>ERROR</p>
<p>Write Command</p> <p>Configure the content of client certificate in PEM format for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG=<contextID>,<connectID>,"clientcert"</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>></p> <p>After the above response, input the data to be sent. Then tap "CTRL" + "Z" to send the data or tap "Esc" to cancel the operation.</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"clientcert",<checksum></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If there is any error:</p> <p>ERROR</p>

<p>Write Command</p> <p>Configure the content of client private key in PEM format for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG=<contextID>,<connectID>,"clientkey"</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>></p> <p>After the above response, input the data to be sent. Then tap "CTRL" + "Z" to send the data or tap "Esc" to cancel the operation.</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"clientkey",<checksum></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If there is any error:</p> <p>ERROR</p>
<p>Write Command</p> <p>Enable/disable the DTLS function for the specified SSL context</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG=<contextID>,<connectID>,"dtls",<DTLS_enable>]</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query the current setting:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"dtls",<DTLS_enable></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, enable/disable the DTLS function for the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>If there is any error:</p> <p>ERROR</p>
<p>Write Command</p> <p>Configure the DTLS version of the specified SSL context</p> <p>AT+QSSLCFG=<contextID>,<connectID>,"dtlsversion",<DTLS_version>]</p>	<p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query the current setting:</p> <p>+QSSLCFG: <contextID>,<connectID>,"dtlsversion",<DTLS_version></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, configure the DTLS version of the specified SSL context:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>If there is any error:</p> <p>ERROR</p>
Maximum Response Time	300 ms
Characteristics	<p>The command takes effect immediately.</p> <p>Except for the certificate configuration, other configurations</p>

will not be saved.

Parameter

<contextID>	Integer type. SSL context ID. Range: 0–10 (currently only 0 is supported).
<connectID>	Integer type. SSL connect ID. Range: 0–4 (currently only 0 is supported).
<seclvl>	Integer type. The authentication mode. <u>0</u> No authentication 1 Perform server authentication 2 Perform server and client authentication if requested by the remote server
<SSL_version>	Integer type. SSL version. 1 TLS 1.0 2 TLS 1.1 3 TLS 1.2 <u>4</u> All protocols are supported, the specific protocol version used needs to be negotiated with the server.
<send_data_format>	Integer type. The format of the sent data. <u>0</u> Text format 1 Hex format
<recv_data_format>	Integer type. The format of the received data. <u>0</u> Text format 1 Hex format
<timeout>	Integer type. Timeout value of connection or message delivery. Range: 10–300. Default value: 90. Unit: second.
<debug_level>	Integer type. The printable debug log level. <u>0</u> No debug log 1 Error debug log 2 State debug log 3 Info debug log 4 Detail debug log
<checksum>	Integer type. The length of certificate. Unit: byte.
<DTLS_enable>	Integer type. Enable or disable DTLS feature. <u>0</u> Disable DTLS feature. 1 Enable DTLS feature .
<DTLS_version>	Integer type. DTLS version. 0 DTLS 1.0 1 DTLS 1.2 <u>2</u> All protocols are supported, the specific protocol version used needs to be negotiated with the server.

NOTE

1. **<debug_level>** is used during debugging only. And the bigger the value is, the more log will be generated.
2. If **<seclevel>** is set to 0, no certificates need to be configured. If **<seclevel>** is set to 1, server CA certificate needs to be configured. If **<seclevel>** is set to 2, server CA certificate, client certificate and client private key need to be configured.
3. The configuration of **<timeout>** is only valid for TLS connection and invalid for DTLS connection.

2.3.2. AT+QSSLOPEN Open an SSL Socket to Connect a Remote Server

This command opens an SSL socket to connect a remote server.

AT+QSSLOPEN Open an SSL Socket to Connect a Remote Server	
Test Command AT+QSSLOPEN=?	Response +QSSLOPEN: (range of supported <contextID> s),(range of supported <connectID> s), <host_name> ,(range of supported <port> s),(list of supported <connect_mode> s) OK
Read Command AT+QSSLOPEN?	Response OK
Write Command AT+QSSLOPEN=<contextID>,<connectID>,<host_name>,<port>,<connect_mode>	Response OK +QSSLOPEN: <contextID>,<connectID>,<err> If there is any error: ERROR
Maximum Response Time	It is determined by <timeout> of AT+QSSLCFG (default value: 90 s) when a TLS server is connected. It is 123 s when a DTLS server is connected.
Characteristics	The command takes effect immediately. The configurations will not be saved.

Parameter

<contextID>	Integer type. SSL context ID. Range: 0–10 (currently only 0 is supported).
<connectID>	Integer type. SSL connect ID. Range: 0–4 (currently only 0 is supported).
<host_name>	String type. IP address or domain name of SSL server. Maximum length: 150 bytes.
<port>	Integer type. Port number of the remote server. Range: 1–65535.

<connect_mode>	Integer type. Data transmission mode of the SSL connection. <u>0</u> Non-transparent mode 1 Transparent mode (not supported currently)
<err>	Result code. 0 indicates a successful operation and any other value indicates an error. Please refer to Chapter 4 for more details.

2.3.3. AT+QSSSEND Send Data Through SSL Connection

This command sends data through the SSL connection after the connection is established.

AT+QSSSEND Send Data Through SSL Connection	
Test Command AT+QSSSEND=?	Response +QSSSEND: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s),(range of supported <send_length>s) OK
Read Command AT+QSSSEND?	Response OK
Write Command Send variable-length data AT+QSSSEND=<contextID>,<connectID>	Response > After the above response, the module enters data mode and the data to be sent can be inputted directly. Tap “ CTRL ” + “ Z ” to send the data or tap “ Esc ” to cancel the operation. If the SSL connection is established and the data is sent successfully: OK +QSSSEND: <contextID>,<connectID>,<err> If the SSL connection is not established, disconnected, or some other errors occur: ERROR
Write Command Send fixed-length data AT+QSSSEND=<contextID>,<connectID>,<send_length>	Response > After the above response, the module enters data mode. After that, type the data to be sent until the data length reaches <send_length> . If the SSL connection is established and the data is sent successfully: OK

	+QSSSEND: <contextID>,<connectID>,<err> If the SSL connection is not established, disconnected, or some other errors occur: ERROR
Maximum Response Time	<timeout> of AT+QSSLCFG (default value: 90). The actual response time is determined by network.
Characteristics	The command takes effect immediately. The configurations will not be saved.

Parameter

<contextID>	Integer type. SSL context ID. Range: 0–10 (currently only 0 is supported).
<connectID>	Integer type. SSL connect ID. Range: 0–4 (currently only 0 is supported).
<send_length>	Integer type. The length of the data to be sent. Range: 1–1024. Unit: byte.
<err>	Integer type. The result of connection. 0 indicates a successful operation and any other value indicates an error. Please refer to Chapter 4 for more details.

NOTE

When **<send_data_format>** in **AT+QSSLCFG** is set to 1 (hex format), the character length of the data to be inputted after executing **AT+QSSSEND=<contextID>,<connectID>,<send_length>** must be twice of **<send_length>** value.

2.3.4. AT+QSSLCLOSE Close an SSL Connection

This command closes an SSL connection. If all SSL connections of an SSL context are closed, the module will release the SSL context.

AT+QSSLCLOSE Close an SSL Connection	
Test Command AT+QSSLCLOSE=?	Response +QSSLCLOSE: (range of supported <contextID>s),(range of supported <connectID>s) OK
Read Command AT+QSSLCLOSE?	Response OK
Write Command AT+QSSLCLOSE=<contextID>,<connectID>	Response OK +QSSLCLOSE: <contextID>,<connectID>,<err>

	If there is any error: ERROR
Maximum Response Time	300 ms
Characteristics	The command takes effect immediately. The configurations will not be saved.

Parameter

<contextID>	Integer type. SSL context ID. Range: 0–10 (currently only 0 is supported).
<connectID>	Integer type. SSL connect ID. The range is 0–4 (currently only 0 is supported).
<err>	Result code. 0 indicates a successful operation and any other value indicates an error. Please refer to Chapter 4 for more details.

2.4. Description of URCs

SSL URCs begin with **+QSSLURC:** and they are mainly used to notify the host of incoming data or disconnected SSL connection.

2.4.1. +QSSLURC: "recv" Notify Incoming Data

The URC notifies the host of incoming data.

+QSSLURC: "recv" Notify Incoming Data

+QSSLURC: "recv",<contextID>,<connectID>,<length>,<data>	The URC notifies the host of incoming SSL data.
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Parameter

<contextID>	Integer type. SSL context ID. Range: 0–10 (currently only 0 is supported).
<connectID>	Integer type. SSL connect ID. Range: 0–4 (currently only 0 is supported).
<length>	Integer type. The length of data. Range: 1–1400. Unit: byte.
<data>	String type. The incoming data.

2.4.2. +QSSLURC: "closed" Notify SSL Connection Disconnected

The URC notifies the host that the SSL connection has been disconnected. When this URC is reported, the module closes the SSL connection automatically, and the host does not need to execute **AT+QSSLCLOSE** to close the SSL connection.

+QSSLURC: "closed" Notify SSL Connection Disconnected

+QSSLURC: "closed",<contextID>,<connectID>

The SSL connection based on the specified socket is closed.

Parameter

<contextID>	Integer type. SSL context ID. Range: 0–10 (currently only 0 is supported).
<connectID>	Integer type. SSL connect ID. Range: 0–4 (currently only 0 is supported).

3 Example

3.1. SSL Function of Two-Way Authentication

```

AT+QSCLK=0 //Disable sleep mode
OK
//Configure certificates and keys
AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"secllevel",2 //Perform server and client authentication
OK
AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"cacert" //Configure CA certificate
>
//After the response >, input content of the trusted CA certificate in PEM format, tap "CTRL" + "Z" to send
+QSSLCFG: 0,0,"cacert",1216

OK
AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"clientcert" //Configure client certificate
>
//After the response >, input content of the client certificate in PEM format, tap "CTRL" + "Z" to send.
+QSSLCFG: 0,0,"clientcert",1224

OK
AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"clientkey" //Configure client private key
>
//After the response >, input content of the client private key in PEM format, tap "CTRL" + "Z" to send.
+QSSLCFG: 0,0,"clientkey",1679

OK
AT+QSSLOPEN=0,0,"hf.quectel.com",8164,0 //Open an SSL server connection
OK
+QSSLOPEN: 0,0,0
AT+QSSLSEND=0,0 //Send data to SSL server
>
//After the response >, input the data to be sent and tap "CTRL" + "Z" to send.
OK
+QSSLSEND: 0,0,0

```

```
+QSSLURC: "recv",0,0,10,"1234567890" //Received data from SSL server
AT+QSSLCLOSE=0,0 //Close the SSL connection
OK

+QSSLCLOSE: 0,0,0
AT+QSCLK=1 //Enable light sleep and deep sleep and wake up by
PSM_EINT (falling edge)
OK
```

3.2. DTLS Function of Two-Way Authentication

```
AT+QSCLK=0 //Disable sleep mode
OK
//Configure certificates and keys
AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"dtls",1 //Enable DTLS feature
OK
//Configure certificates and keys
AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"seclvl",2 //Perform server and client authentication
OK
AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"cacert" //Configure CA certificate
>
//After the response >, input content of the trusted CA certificate in PEM format, tap "CTRL" + "Z" to send
+QSSLCFG: 0,0,"cacert",1216

OK
AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"clientcert" //Configure client certificate
>
//After the response >, input content of the client certificate in PEM format, tap "CTRL" + "Z" to send.
+QSSLCFG: 0,0,"clientcert",1224

OK
AT+QSSLCFG=0,0,"clientkey" //Configure client private key
>
//After the response >, input content of the client private key in PEM format, tap "CTRL" + "Z" to send.
+QSSLCFG: 0,0,"clientkey",1679

OK
AT+QSSLOPEN=0,0,"hf.quectel.com",8164,0 //Open an SSL server connection
OK
+QSSLOPEN: 0,0,0
```

```

AT+QSSSEND=0,0                                //Send data to SSL server
>
//After the response >, input the data to be sent and tap "CTRL" + "Z" to send.
OK

+QSSSEND: 0,0,0

+QSSLURC: "recv",0,0,10,"1234567890"           //Received data from SSL server
AT+QSSLCLOSE=0,0                               //Close the SSL connection
OK

+QSSLCLOSE: 0,0,0

AT+QSCLK=1                                     //Enable light sleep and deep sleep and wake up by
                                              PSM_EINT (falling edge)
OK

```

NOTE

For more details about **AT+QSCLK**, please refer to *document [1]*.

4 Result Codes

Table 5: Summary of Result Codes

<err>	Description
0	Successful operation
-1	Exception error
-2	Connection error
-3	Certificate error
-4	Key error
-5	Cipher error
-6	State error
-7	Time out
-9	Other errors

5 Appendix References

Table 6: Related Document

Document Name
[1] Quectel_BC660K-GL_AT_Commands_Manual

Table 7: Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
CA	Certificate Authority
DTLS	Datagram Transport Layer Security
EINT	External Interrupt
IANA	Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
IP	Internet Protocol
NB-IoT	Narrowband Internet of Things
PEM	Privacy Enhanced Mail
PSK	Pre-Shared Key
PSM	Power Saving Mode
SSL	Security Socket Layer
TA	Terminal Adapter
TLS	Transport Layer Security
URC	Unsolicited Result Code
URL	Uniform Resource Locator