

Questionnaire on Remote ID

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UTM Working Group

This handout lists the open decision items for our upcoming publication “Remote Identification for Unmanned Aircraft Systems”. The purpose is to gather feedback from (non-member) industry participants on key issues pertaining to hardware, architecture and adoption of Remote ID technology in the Indian UAS ecosystem.

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Architecture

1. ID field of Remote ID data proposals
 - (a) UIN, DAN with ID Type Field 0 for UIN, 1 for DAN
 - (b) Unique ID decoupled from UIN/DAN
2. Non-NPNT Compliant drones
 - (a) Are non-NPNT drones with DANs to be phased out, so pilots can be retrained on NPNT compliant UASs?
 - (b) Is there a purpose to NPNT when we are allowing DAN-registered UASs to fly?
3. Network ID: UTM-SP Discovery and Data Submission¹
 - (a) Forwarding
 - (b) DSS + P2P
4. Network ID: General availability of Telemetry data²
 - (a) no
 - (b) restrict to 50m radius around actor
 - (c) no restrictions

¹ See Tech Report (draft) Section 2.1.6.1

² See Tech Report (draft) Section 2.1.6.2

Use cases

1. For each case³:
 - (a) What should be the interaction flow?
 - (b) Request-Response or PubSub?
 - (c) What messaging protocol to use?
 - i. Possible options: MQTT, XMPP, others
 - (d) What network layer protocol to use?

³ See Tech Report (draft) sections 2.1.5.1, 2.1.6.1

- i. Possible options: TCP/IP, UDP, others
- (e) What should be the data format?
 - i. Possible options: JSON, XML, Thrift, Protobuf, others
- (f) What data or part thereof should be signed and how?
- (g) What data or part thereof should be encrypted and how?
- (h) Single/Multi UTM-SP in same operational volume
 - i. Which uses cases have any ramifications

Privacy

1. Which Operational use cases⁴ or Operational scenarios⁵ require encryption beyond⁶ channel encryption between UAS and UTM/DCSP already mandated by ASTM?

⁴ See Tech Report (draft) Appendix 3.2

⁵ See Tech Report (draft) Appendix 3.1

⁶ End-to-end encryption, etc.

Security

1. Programmability: proposals
 - (a) Auditable programming process
 - (b) Cryptographically secure programming process⁷
2. Programmability: Who should/should not be able to program the remote ID into hardware
 - (a) Remote ID Manufacturer
 - (b) UAS Manufacturer
 - (c) Operator
 - (d) Pilot

⁷ Similar to NPNT

Adoption

1. How would existing drones without any compliant RemoteID hardware become compliant?
 - (a) Integrating with Remote ID hardware on market (to be imported, integrated and tested)
 - (b) development of Remote ID chip/board in-house (open-sourced designs *insert cfs.* are available) & integration
2. What should the timeline by stakeholder be
 - (a) UAS Manufacturers
 - i. 6 months: product development/integration, testing
 - ii. 3 months compliance testing & approval

- iii. Leeway: 3 months
- (b) UFII-UTM infrastructure for enablement
 - i. development of interfaces/protocols (2 months)
 - ii. implementation (6 months)
- (c) Operators & Pilots
 - i. Training (?? months)
- (d) Law Enforcement
 - i. Additional Hardware (?? months)
 - ii. DSP integration (?? months)
 - iii. Training (3 months - 2 years)

Supplementary issues

Comments
