Kinetis Thread Stack Shell Interface



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Chapter 1 About This Document

This document describes the commands supported by the Kinetis Thread Stack when using the shell command line user interface available on a serial (UART or USB) connection to a Thread application.

Chapter 2 Shell Command Overview

This section describes the shell commands available in all projects.

By typing help in a terminal, a list of the available commands is displayed, as shown in the listing below:

\$ help

help print command description/usage

version print version the registered software modules

history print history

thr Thread Stack commands
ifconfig IP Stack interfaces configuration
mcastgroup Multicast groups management
ping IP Stack ping tool
coap Send CoAP message
socket IP Stack BSD Sockets commands
reboot MCU Reset
factoryreset FactoryReset Command
macfilter MAC filtering commands
identify Identify device

Chapter 3 Generic Commands

ifconfig - Displays and updates address configuration for IP interfaces.

```
$ help ifconfig
ifconfig - IP Stack interfaces configuration
  ifconfig displays all interfaces and addresses configured on the device
  ifconfig <interface ID> ip <IP address>
```

ifconfig - Displays all addresses configured on each interface available on the device. The output for a device with a single interface is shown in the image below:

```
$ ifconfig
Interface 0: 6LoWPAN
        Link local address (LL64): fe80::e90c:5b95:d992:543b
        Mesh local address (ML64): fd4a:8286:fade::2d14:f7d6:435a:967f
        Mesh local address (ML16): fd4a:8286:fade::ff:fe00:0
```

ifconfig <interface ID> ip <IP address> - Adds a new IPv6 address on the specified interface.

```
$ ifconfig 0 ip 2001::1
interface configured
```

NOTE

Users can check if the IP address assignment was correctly performed by typing the command ifconfig and observing that the address has been added to the list.

mcastgroup - Set of commands for IP multicast group management.

```
$ help mcastgroup
mcastgroup - Multicast groups management
   mcastgroup show - displays all joined multicast groups
   mcastgroup add <IP group address> <interface id>- joins to a new multicast group
   mcastgroup leave <IP group address> <interface id>- leaves a multicast group
Warning! Do not remove addresses that may affect stack's behaviour!
```

mcastgroup show - Displays all the group addresses that the device is currently part of, on each IP interface.

```
$ mcastgroup show

Interface 0:
Multicast Group: ff02::1
Multicast Group: ff03::1
Multicast Group: ff32:40:fd6e:8865:56d8::1
Multicast Group: ff33:40:fd6e:8865:56d8::1
Multicast Group: ff02::2
Multicast Group: ff03::2
Multicast Group: ff03::1:3
```

mcastgroup add - Joins a new multicast group.

```
$ mcastgroup add ff05::3 0
Success!
```

mcastgroup leave - Leaves a multicast group.

NOTE

Do not leave the multicast groups that might affect stack's behavior!

ping - Sends an ICMP Echo Request to the specified address.

reboot - Resets the MCU.

factoryreset - Reverts all changes to attributes to factory settings.

identify - Blinks an LED on the device in order to correlate the shell terminal with the physical board. The LED blinks until user sends Ctrl+C to stop.

Chapter 4 Thread Network-Specific Commands

thr - Commands for configuring a Thread network.

```
$ help thr
thr - Commands for Thread Network
  thr create
  thr join
  thr scan [active|energy|both]
  thr detach
  thr commissioner [start|stop]
  thr joiner add <psk> <eui>
  thr joiner remove <eui>
  thr joiner removeall
  thr joiner view
  thr sync steering
  thr sync nwkdata
  thr get attributes - displays a list of all Thread attributes available for getting/setting
  thr get <ATTRNAME/TABLENAME> - displays the value for the specified attribute
  thr set <ATTRNAME> <value> - changes the value of the attribute with the specified value
  thr nwkdata add slaac -p <Prefix> - len <prefixLength> -t <lifetime in seconds>
  thr nwkdata add dhcpserver -p <Prefix> - len <prefixLength> -t <lifetime in seconds>
  thr nwkdata add extroute -p <Prefix> - len <prefixLength> -t -t -t in seconds>
  thr nwkdata remove -p <Prefix> - len <prefixLength>
  thr nwkdata removeall
  thr mgmt gettlv- displays a list of all TLV names available for get/set
  thr mgmt activeset <addr> <tlvname> <value>
  thr mgmt activeget <addr> <tlvname>
  thr mgmt pendset <addr> <tlvname> <value>
  thr mgmt pendget <addr> <tlvname>
  thr mgmt commset <addr> <tlvname> <value>
  thr mgmt commget <addr> <tlvname>
  thr mgmt query <addr> <tlvname> <value>
```

NOTE

thr mgmt commands are available if SHELL_DUT_COMMISSIONER is TRUE

thr create - The device automatically becomes the leader of a new Thread Network.

thr join - The device joins an existing Thread network.

```
$ thr join
Joining network...
Commissioning successful
Attaching to Thread network...
```

```
Attached to network with PAN ID: 0x18c
Requesting to become Active Router...
Success

Interface 0: 6LoWPAN

Mesh local address (ML64): fd39:8b1:5f1f::b085:d477:7e95:la2e

Mesh local address (ML16): fd39:8b1:5f1f::ff:fe00:400
```

thr detach - The device detaches from the current Thread network.

```
$ thr detach
Detaching from network...
$ Success!
```

thr commissioner - Command set used for starting/stopping a commissioner. If there is already a commissioner started in the network, an error message is displayed.

```
$ thr commissioner start
(Local) Commissioner Started
$ thr commissioner stop
```

thr joiner - Command set used for configuring joiners in Thread Commissioning. For adding a joiner, the PSKc and the joiner's extended address are needed. After adding the joiner data, thr sync steering is needed to add the joiner to the bloom filter used for steering new devices onto the network. If the sync succeeded, a data response is propagated with the updated bloom filter in Thread network.

```
$ thr joiner add kinetis 0x146E0A0000000002
Success!
$ thr sync steering
```

thr get - Command used for displaying attributes of the Thread network. A list of all attributes available is shown by the command thr get attributes.

```
$ thr get channel
channel: 17
$ thr get panid
panid: 0x18c0
$ thr get masterkey
masterkey: 0x00112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF
```

thr get commands also displays neighbor table, routing table, detailed information about a specific neighbor or parent.

thr get neighbors - Displays the neighbors of the current device, along with several information about each neighbor: the extended MAC address, the short address, number of seconds since the last communication with the neighbor, the link reported in the last communication, and whether the neighbor is one of the children.

For detailed information about a specific neighbor, the command thr get neighborinfo <index> is used, where the index for each neighbor is the index from neighbor table.

```
$ thr get neighbor 0
Extended Address: 0xA3EE39B029C01FA7
```

```
Short Address: 0x0000

Last communication: 49 seconds ago

Attach Timestamp: 0

InLinkMargin: 58

Device Timeout value: 0 seconds
```

thr get routes - Displays the routing table of the current device, the ID sequence and the routing ID mask at the moment of the interrogation, along with several information about each entry, such as the router ID, the short address, next hop, cost, neighbor out link quality, and neighbor in link quality.

```
$ thr get routes
ID Sequence: 38
Router ID Mask: A00000000000000
RouterID Short Address Next Hop Cost NOut NIn
0 0x0000 0x0000 1 3 3
```

thr get parent - Displays the short and extended address of the parent node.

```
$ thr get parent
Parent short address: 0x0000
Parent extended address: 0xA3EE39B029C01FA7
```

thr set - Command used for modifying the values of the attributes.

```
NOTE

To check the attributes that can modified from shell, please enter "thr get attributes"
```

```
$ thr set iscommissioned 0
Success!
```

thr nwkdata - Performs Thread Network Data operations.

To add a DHCPv6 server, SLAAC server or external route, use the parameters, such as the length of the prefix or lifetime that can be set. The default values for prefix length is 64 and for lifetime is THR_NWK_DATA_MIN_STABLE_LIFETIME. The prefix is mandatory for adding network data.

Adding a dhcpserver prefix from the shell interface enables that device to become a DHCPv6 server in the Thread network. The device is able to assign IPv6 addresses to the other devices in the network. This is called a stateful autoconfiguration. Using a SLAAC prefix enables the device to compute an IPv6 address using the prefix and the EUI-64 address. This method is called the stateless autoconfiguration. Devices are also capable of having external routes for destination prefixes that need to get routed outside of the Thread network. Border Routers advertise such routes in Thread Network Data in tuples (destination prefix, RLOC16 address of the Border Router), hence egress traffic to the destination prefix is sent to the border router and it is forwarded to the external interface, via Ethernet/RNDIS/Serial TUN/TAP, depending on the capabilities.

After adding the prefixes, thr sync nwkdata propagates network data in the Thread network.

```
$ thr nwkdata add dhcpserver -p 2001::1
Success!
$ thr nwkdata add slaac -p 2001::2 -t 120
Success!
$ thr nwkdata add extroute -p 2001:2002::0 -len 48 -t 120
Success!
$ thr sync nwkdata
Success!
```

thr nwkdata remove - Removes one prefix.

thr nwkdata removeall - Removes all network data from the current device.

thr sync nwkdata is needed after removing network data to propagate the updated information.

```
$ thr nwkdata remove -p 2001::1
Success!
$ thr sync nwkdata
Success!
```

thr mgmt - Performs Thread management commands that allow nodes to read and set network attributes. This set of commands is by default disabled, to enable it set SHELL_DUT_COMMISSIONER on TRUE.

thr mgmt gettlvs - displays a list of all network attribute names that can be set/get with thr mgmt commands.

ch - Channel TLV expressed as a decimal value (e.g. ch 12)

pan - PAN ID TLV expressed as a 2 bytes hexadecimal value (e.g. pan 0xafce)

xpan - Extended PAN ID TLV expressed as an 8 bytes hexadecimal value (e.g. xpan 0x1122334455667788)

nwkname - Network Name TLV expressed as a string of maximum 32 characters (e.g. nwkname threadtest)

pskc - PSKc TLV expressed as a 16 bytes hexadecimal value (e.g. pskc 0x7468726561646a70616b657465737400)

masterkey - Network Master Key TLV expressed as a 16 bytes hexadecimal value (e.g. masterkey 0x00112233445566778899aabbccddeeff)

mlprefix - Network Mesh-Local Prefix TLV expressed as an 8 bytes hexadecimal value (e.g. mlprefix 0xfd000db800000000)

steering - Steering Data TLV expressed as a hexadecimal value of maximum 16 bytes in length (e.g. steering 0x113320440000)

brloc - Border Agent Locator TLV expressed as a 2 bytes hexadecimal value (e.g. brloc 0x0400)

sid - Commissioner Session ID TLV expressed as a 2 bytes hexadecimal value (e.g. sid 0xffff). This TLV is added by default with a valid session ID. This TLV can be added only when Test Harness requires an invalid value.

secpol - Security Policy TLV has two: the rotation time expressed as a decimal value and the security policy bits expressed in hexadecimal (e.g. secpol 3600 0xc7)

activets - Active Timestamp TLV expressed in decimal value, in seconds (e.g. activets 101)

pendts - Pending Timestamp TLV expressed in decimal value, in seconds (e.g. pendts 101)

delaytmr - Delay Timer TLV expressed in decimal value (e.g. delaytmr 3000)

chmsk - Channel Mask TLV expressed as a 4 bytes hexadecimal value (e.g. chmsk 0x001fffe0)

scan - Scan Duration TLV is used only with get commands. The current implementation does not support setting a value for this TLV.

energylist - Energy List TLV is used only with get commands. The current implementation does not support setting a value for this TLV.

future - This is an unknown TLV value used for negative testing. No value should follow this TLV name in a set command.

thr mgmt activeset – this command sent from Commissioner or other Thread devices may provide a new Active Operational Dataset to the Leader. The arguments of this command are the IPv6 destination address and all attributes that need to be set followed by their value.

NOTE

All attribute names are followed by their value, exception makes "secpol," Steering Data TLV, which is followed by two parameters: rotation interval (decimal value) and policy flags (hexadecimal value). After sending the command, the recipient will send an acknowledgment message with the status: Accept, Reject or Pending.

\$ thr mgmt activeset fd00:db8::ff:fe00:0 activets 107 chmsk 0x001fffe0

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```
xpan 0x000db7000000000 nwkname GRL pskc
0x7468726561646a70616b657465737400 secpol 3600 0xc7 steering
0x113320440000 future
  Success!
$ Received state: Reject
```

NOTE

The same behavior applies to thr mgmt pendset and thr mgmt commset commands

thr mgmt activeget – this command sent from Commissioner or other Thread devices may retrieve Active Operational Dataset values from the Leader. The arguments of this command are the a list of all attribute names to be retrieved.

```
$ thr mgmt activeget fd00:db8::ff:fe00:0 ch pan xpan nwkname pskc
masterkey mlprefix steering brloc sid secpol activets pendts delaytmr chmsk
Success!
$ ch: 14
pan: 0xface
xpan: 0x000DB70000000000
nwkname: GRL
pskc: 0x7468726561646A70616B657465737400
masterkey: 0x00112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF
mlprefix: 0xFD000DB800000000
secpol: 3600, 0xc7
activets: 107 sec, 0 ticks
```

NOTE

The same behavior applies to thr mgmt pendget and thr mgmt commget commands.

thr mgmt query – this command is sent from Commissioner to request one or more devices to perform an IEEE 802.15.4 Active Scan and determine if a specific PAN ID value is in use. The arguments of this command are the IPv6 destination address, the pan ID and the channel mask.

```
$ thr mgmt query fd00:db8::ff:fe00:0 chmsk 0x001fffe0 pan 0xAFCE
Success!
$
```

thr scan active - Scans all channels for active Thread networks.

thr scan energy - Performs energy detection on all channels, from 11 to 26. The output of the commnd contains a byte for each scanned channel.

 ${\tt thr}\ {\tt scan}\ {\tt both}$ - Performs both types of scanning, active and energy.

```
$ thr scan active
Thread Network: 0
    PAN ID: 0xface
    Channel: 11
    LQI: 135
    Received beacons: 2
Thread Network: 1
    PAN ID: 0xbdb9
    Channel: 22
    LQI: 121
    Received beacons: 1
```

```
$ thr scan energy
Energy on channel 11 to 26: 0x38442480FF2064FF00FF30FFFFF58FF

$ thr scan both

$ Energy on channel 11 to 26: 0x00FF4CFF00FFF28FFF386CFF082000
Thread Network: 0
    PAN ID: 0xface
    Channel: 11
    LQI: 121
    Received beacons: 2
```

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Chapter 5 CoAP Messages

coap - Sends a packet over the air using CoAP. When sending a CoAP message, all command parameters are mandatory. One has to specify the type of the message CON (confirmable message, waits for ACK) or NON (does not wait for any ACK), the request code, the IPv6 destination address, the URI-path options included in the message, and payload.

NOTE

URI-path options must be separated by /. Also the / separator is expected before the first URI-path option.

```
$ help coap
coap - Send CoAP message
  coap <reqtype: CON/NON> <reqcode (GET/POST/PUT/DELETE) > <IP addr dest> <URI path> <payload
ASCII>
Example: coap CON POST 2001::1 /led off
       coap CON POST 2001::1 /led rgb r255 g255 b255
       coap CON GET 2001::1 /temp
```

If no ACK for the CoAP message is received after 4 retransmissions, an error message is displayed.

```
$ coap CON GET fd20:9237:6247::ff:fe00:400 /temp
$ coap rsp from fd20:9237:6247::ff:fe00:400 ACK Temp:25.23

$ coap CON POST fd20:9237:6247::ff:fe00:400 /led off
$ coap rsp from fd20:9237:6247::ff:fe00:400 ACK

$ coap CON POST fd20:9237:6247::ff:fe00:401 /led r100 r010 b200
$ No response received!
```

Chapter 6 MAC Filtering Commands

macfilter - Performs operations on filtering incoming packets at the MAC layer.

```
$ help macfilter
macfilter - MAC filtering commands
  macfilter enable <reject|accept>
  macfilter add <neighbor extended address> reject <0|1> <lqi <neighbor link indicator>
  macfilter remove <neighbor extended address>
  macfilter disable
  macfilter show

Example:
  macfilter enable accept
  macfilter add 0x1122334455667788 reject 1
```

macfilter enable <reject|accept>- Enables filtering at MAC layer. Flags reject or accept refers to the default policy that applies to all the received packets from devices that are not in the filter list.

If the default policy is accept, all packets received from nodes that are not in the table will be accepted, unless the entry has the entry reject flag set to 1. If the reject flag is set to 0, and lqi flag is specified, the Link Quality Indicator for the incoming packets from the neighbor are always set to this value.

If the default policy set to reject, all packets are dropped, unless the sending device is in the list, with reject flag set to 0. If the lqi flag is specified, the Link Quality Indicator for the incoming packets from the neighbor is always set to this value.

```
$ macfilter enable accept
MAC Filtering Enabled
```

macfilter disable - Disables filtering at MAC layer.

```
$ macfilter disable
MAC Filtering Disabled
```

macfilter show - Prints MAC filtering table.

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Chapter 7 Echo UDP Commands

The Echo UDP module is used to send test UDP data to a destination which echoes the payload back to the originator. The module can be enabled/disabled by setting the <code>UDP_ECHO_PROTOCOL</code> macro definition to TRUE/FALSE in the configuration file app_thread_config.h.

echoudp - Initiates an echo request over UDP to the specified destination. An echo reply is expected.

```
$ help echoudp
echoudp - Echo udp client
    echoudp -s<size> -S<source address> -t<continuous request> -i<timeout> <target ip address>

$ echoudp -s 500 -t fd31:cd3d:a447::ff:fe00:0
Message sent to fd31:cd3d:a447::ff:fe00:0 with 500 bytes of data:
Message received from fd31:cd3d:a447::ff:fe00:400: bytes=500, time=787ms
```

Chapter 8 Socket Commands

Socket commands allow using the Thread IP stack functionality via the shell at the socket level. The module can be enabled/disabled by setting the SOCK DEMO macro definition to 1/0 or TRUE/FALSE in the application configuration file (e.g.: config.h).

The shell commands available for the socket demo application are displayed after typing help socket in console.

These commands are valid for opening a socket as a client.

socket open cprotocol> <remote ip addr> <remote port> - Opens a socket and connect it to the given remote address.
In this example, a UDP socket is opened and connected to the remote address 2001::0, port 1234.

```
$ socket open udp 2001::0 1234
Opening Socket... OK
Socket id is: 0
```

socket close <socket id> - Closes a socket using its identifier.

socket send <socket id> <payload>- Sends the ASCII payload on a previously open socket.

```
$ socket send 0 rawsocketdata
Socket Data Sent
```

Chapter 9 DNS Client

DNS commands allow testing a simple DNS client in a Thread node. To enable this functionality, set the DNS_ENABLED macro definition to 1. Note that this application is disabled by default.

To initiate a DNS request, a DNS server must be advertised in Thread network. Therefore, a border router that is connected to a DNS server should propagate to Thread nodes the IPv6 address of the DNS server and the user can trigger a DNS request for resolving a domain name.

For example, if a border router is connected through Ethernet or RNDIS to DNS server, network data may be updated by using the following shell commands:

```
$ thr nwkdata add dnsserver fd01::e211:a00:27ff:fe87:a104
Success!
$ thr sync nwkdata
Success!
```

where the IPv6 address is the DNS server's.

All Thread nodes will update their information about the address where the DNS server is found.

Therefore, if a DNS request will be initiated from any of the nodes of the Thread network, the message will be forwarded by the border router to the DNS server and back.

In order to trigger a DNS request message, use the shell command dnsrequest and the URL to be resolved:

```
$ dnsrequest kinetisthread.local
kinetisthread.local is at 2003::3ead
```

To remove the information about the DNS server from the Thread network, remove it from network data as follows:

```
$ thr nwkdata remove dnsserver fd01::e211:a00:27ff:fe87:a104
Success!
$ thr sync nwkdata
Success!
```

Chapter 10 Revision History

This table summarizes revisions to this document.

Table 1. Revision history

Revision number	Date	Substantive changes
0	10/2015	Initial release
1	03/2016	Added identify command, DNS client functionality, and updated echoudp
2	06/2016	Updates for multicast group commands
3	03/2017	Added detach command and updates to scan command
4	01/2018	Updates for KW41 Maintenance Release

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