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Revision history

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2 Introduction

The Wi-Fi Tx power table defines the target transmit power levels for all operating conditions of the product. The transmit power levels are determined based on regulatory compliance, IEEE 802.11 requirements, and product design constraints. The general goal is to adjust the power table to achieve the highest transmit power level within these constraints.

The target power level is defined at the antenna connector and set per Wi-Fi channel, bandwidth and modulation.

The Wi-Fi channel list defines the channels allowed for the product. The channel list is determined by regulatory domain and country specific requirements and should be adjusted accordingly. For example, a product certified for use in Europe, can operate on channels 1-13 in the 2.4 band, whereas operation in US is restricted to channels 1-11.

Channel selection during product operation requires the radio to scan the channel list. There are two scan types that can be selected based on desired behavior.

2.1 Scope

This application note describes how to configure the Wi-Fi Tx power table and Wi-Fi channel list in product software.

It includes information on the APIs, data structures, and CLI commands that can be used to update the power table and channel list. It is recommended to review the basic product software architecture before using this document.

2.2 Supported chipsets

- 88W8801
- IW416
- 88W8987

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3 Tx power tables

3.1 Tx power table in OTP

The Wi-Fi Tx power table may optionally be programmed into the OTP memory on the radio.

Note: The region enforcement bit does not have any effect in 88W8801-based wireless modules.

If the power table is already programmed in the OTP memory and the Region Enforcement bit is set, then you cannot update the power table using the API defined in this document. Please note:

- The get command (which reads the power table) will return the power table defined in OTP.
- The set command (which sets the power table) will not update the power table and it will not report an error.

3.2 Tx power table configuration

The Tx power tables described in this section can be edited to customize the transmission power levels for each wireless channel as needed, based on system requirements and regulatory domain rules. In the following sequence, the steps to configure the channel and power level are explained.

The Tx power levels are set using wlan_set_txpwrlimit API, and queried using wlan_get_txpwrlimit API. These functions use the following data structures:

- tx pwrlimit 2g cfg (power levels in 2.4 GHz band)
- tx pwrlimit 5g cfg (power levels in 5 GHz band)

Both data structures are defined in the file:

<sdk_path>/components/wifi_bt_module/AzureWave/tx_pwr_limits/wlan_txpwrlimit_cfg_

The information within these structures allows the user to specify transmit power levels for specific:

- band
- channels
- data rate
- bandwidth

See below an example of tx_pwrlimit_2g_cfg and tx_pwrlimit_5g_cfg data structures.

Refer to <sdk_path>/middleware/wifi/wlcmgr/wlan_tests.c for an example of how the data structures are populated and used in the APIs for Tx power configuration.

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```
static wlan_txpwrlimit_t
    tx_pwrlimit_2g_cfg =
                                                     (wifi_SubBand t)0x00,
                                                    [0] =
                                                                             .num_mod_grps = 7,
                                                                               .chan_desc =
                                                                                                 .start_freq = 2407,
.chan_width = 20,
                                                                                                        .chan_num = 1,
                                                                                            txpwrlimit entry = \{\{0, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{2, 15\}, \{3, 14\}, \{4, 14\}, \{5, 15\}, \{6, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\}, \{1, 15\},
     14}, {6, 13}},
                                                                                     },
                                                                    };
#ifdef CONFIG 5GHz SUPPORT
static wlan \overline{\text{txpwrlimit}} t tx pwrlimit 5g cfg =
                                                     (wifi_SubBand_t)0x00,
                                                    [0] =
                                                                             .num mod grps = 9,
                                                                             .chan desc =
                                                                                            {
                                                                                                   .start freq = 5000,
                                                                                                     .chan width = 20,
                                                                                                    .chan num = 36,
                                                                                        .txpwrlimit entry = \{\{1, 16\}, \{2, 16\}, \{3, 15\}, \{4, 15\}, \{5, 15\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}, \{6, 16\}
      14}, \{7, 14\}, \{8, 14\}, \{9, 13\}},
                                                             [1] =
                                                                                        .num mod grps = 9,
                                                                                        .chan_desc =
                                                                                                              .start freq = 5000,
                                                                                                                .chan_width = 20,
.chan_num = 100,
      .txpwrlimit_entry = \{\{1, 16\}, \{2, 16\}, \{3, 15\}, \{4, 15\}, \{5, 15\}, \{6, 14\}, \{7, 14\}, \{8, 14\}, \{9, 13\}\},
                                                    [2] =
                                                                                                .num_mod_grps = 9,
                                                                                                .chan_desc =
                                                                                                              .start_freq = 5000,
                                                                                                               .chan_width = 20,
.chan_num = 149,
      .txpwrlimit_entry = \{\{1, 16\}, \{2, 16\}, \{3, 15\}, \{4, 15\}, \{5, 15\}, \{6, 14\}, \{7, 14\}, \{8, 14\}, \{9, 13\}\},
                                                                                               },
                                                     [3] =
                                                                                                        .num_mod_grps = 9,
                                                                                                           .chan_desc =
                                                                                                                       .start_freq = 5000,
                                                                                                                      .chan_width = 20,
.chan_num = 183,
                                                                                                          .txpwrlimit entry = \{\{1, 0\}, \{2, 0\}, \{3, 0\}, \{4, 0\}, \{5, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\}, \{6, 0\},
        0}, {7, 0}, {8, 0}, {9, 0}},
#endif
```

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The main parameters in the $tx_pwrlimit_2g_cfg$ and $tx_pwrlimit_5g_cfg$ data structures are defined in Table 1.

Table 1. Main parameters in txpwrlimit data structures

| Parameter | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| num_chans | Number of wireless channels configured in this structure. Up to 13 channels for 2.4 GHz and up to 39 channel for 5 GHz are supported. |
| num_mod_groups | Number of rate groups to configure the power level for |
| chan_num | Channel number |
| start_freq | Starting frequency for a channel |
| chan_width | Channel bandwidth in MHz (remains 20 MHz) |
| txpwrlimit_entry | Specifies the power levels corresponding to rate groups |
| txpwrlimit_config | Configuration entry |

The code sample from above sets Tx Power table for channel 1 for the 2.4 GHz band, and for channels 36, 100, 149 and 183 for the 5 GHz band. Each channel within the structure is associated to a configuration entry (parameter txpwrlimit_config), which includes the channel number and frequency, and the parameter txpwrlimit_entry, that sets the Tx Power table.

The Tx power table consists of all target power levels, organized by RF channel and rate group index. To reduce the size of the power table, multiple data rates are grouped into a single rate group. For example 24 Mbit/s and 36 Mbit/s legacy OFDM rates are combined in a single rate group, and will have the same target power level. See <u>Table 2</u>.

Table 2. Rate group information

| Rate group | Description |
|------------|---|
| 0 | CCK modulation (data rates: 1, 2, 5.5, 11 Mbit/s) |
| 1 | OFDM modulation (data rates: 6, 9, 12, 18 Mbit/s) |
| 2 | OFDM modulation (data rates: 24, 36 Mbit/s) |
| 3 | OFDM modulation (data rates: 48, 54 Mbit/s) |
| 4 | Channel bandwidth 20 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 0,1,2 |
| 5 | Channel bandwidth 20 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 3,4 |
| 6 | Channel bandwidth 20 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 5,6,7 |
| 7 | Channel bandwidth 40 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 0,1,2 |
| 8 | Channel bandwidth 40 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 3,4 |
| 9 | Channel bandwidth 40 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 5,6,7 |
| 10 | Channel bandwidth 20 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 8 ^[1] |
| 11 | Channel bandwidth 40 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 8,9 ^[1] |
| 12 | Channel bandwidth 80 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 0,1,2 ^[1] |
| 13 | Channel bandwidth 80 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 3,4 ^[1] |
| 14 | Channel bandwidth 80 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 5,6,7 ^[1] |
| 15 | Channel bandwidth 80 MHz, 1 spatial stream, MCS: 8,9 ^[1] |

^{[1] 802.11}ac supports these modulation groups.

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For example, if for a given channel OFDM modulation at 54 Mbit/s rate is used, this refers to the rate group **3**.

The following code sample shows an example with the data structure $tx_pwrlimit_2g_cfg$ where Tx power level is changed to 14 dBm for the channel 2 and rate group 3.

```
[1] =

{
    .num_mod_grps = 10,
    .chan_desc =
    {
        .start_freq = 2407,
        .chan_width = 20,
        .chan_num = 2,
        },
        .txpwrlimit_entry = {{0, 17}, {1, 18}, {2, 17}, {3, 14}, {4, 18}, {5, 16}, {6, 14}, {7, 18}, {8, 16}, {9, 14}},
    }
```

In the example above, the power table for the rate group 3 is set to 14 dBm, and this value can be edited to fit the user needs. Notice that the number of elements in txpwrlimit entry reflects the number specified by the parameter num mod grps.

Similarly for 5 GHz, the following code sample shows an example with the data structure $tx_pwrlimit_5g_cfg$ for channel 36, channel bandwidth 40 MHz, and rate group 4 to set Tx power to 14 dBm.

After changing the power table, the SDK needs to be rebuilt and loaded to the platform, in order for the change to take effect.

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The following is an example for 5 GHz and 80 MHz bandwidth.

Note: In the example above, <code>chan_width</code> value remains 20 MHz but <code>num_mod_grps</code> value is updated for 80 MHz, and the pair for 40/80 MHz bandwidth is added to <code>txpwrlimit_entry</code> array.

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3.3 Customization of Tx power table configuration

Note: When using a module provided by a third party, consult the module vendor for guidance on the transmit power limitations that were used for regulatory compliance. Setting the Tx power to levels beyond what the module is certified to support voids the modular certification on the device.

When the board boots up, the default regulatory region is set to world wide (WW), and the default power level is set to 8 dBm for all channels.

You can change the Tx power levels either using the API calls or using the Command Line Interface.

The next sections detail the two methods.

3.3.1 Customization using API calls

The API used to set the power limit of the Wi-Fi device uses the data structures defined in the file <sdk_root>/middleware/wifi/wlcmgr/wlan_tests.c. To set the Tx power to the desired level, follow the steps in Section 3.2 "Tx power table configuration".

Use the driver APIs with the required arguments to set the Tx power table:

```
int wlan_set_txpwrlimit (wlan_txpwrlimit_t * txpwrlimit)
```

Where:

| Parameter | Description |
|-----------|---|
| | A pointer to wlan_txpwrlimit_t structure to supply Tx Power Table configuration. Read more in Section 3.2 "Tx power table configuration". |

Returns:

WM_SUCCESS: the call is successful

WM FAIL: the call failed

Example:

The following example sets Tx power limit for 5 GHz bandwidth. The data structure tx pwrlimit 5g cfg is passed as parameter.

```
ret = wlan_set_txpwrlimit(&tx_pwrlimit_5g_cfg);
if (WM_SUCCESS != ret)
PRINTF("Unable to set 5G TX PWR Limit configuration\r\n");
```

The current implementation provides a return status, that can be used to check whether the function call is successful or not.

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Use the following function to **get** the Tx power table information:

```
int wlan_get_txpwrlimit (wifi_SubBand_t subband,
wifi_txpwrlimit_t * txpwrlimit)
```

Where:

| Parameter | Description |
|------------------|--|
| [in] subband | Input parameter with the sub-band information detailed in <u>Table 3</u> . |
| [Out] txpwrlimit | A pointer to wlan_txpwrlimit_t structure used to supply Tx power limit configuration. Read more in Section 3.2 "Tx power table configuration". |

Returns:

WM SUCCESS: the call is successful

WM FAIL: the call failed

Example:

The following example gets Tx power limit for a sub-band.

```
int ret = wlan_get_txpwrlimit(subband, &txpwrlimit);
  if (WM SUCCESS != ret)
      PRINTF("Unable to get Tx PWR Limit configuration\r\n");
  else
   PRINTF("Get txpwrlimit: sub_band=%x \r\n", txpwrlimit.subband);
    for (i = 0; i < txpwrlimit.num chans; i++)</pre>
        PRINTF("StartFreq: %d\r\n",
 txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].chan desc.start freq);
        PRINTF("ChanWidth: %d\r\n",
 txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].chan desc.chan width);
       PRINTF ("ChanNum: %d\r\n",
 txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit_config[i].chan_desc.chan_num);
       PRINTF("Pwr:");
    for (j = 0; j < txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].num mod grps; j++)
        if (j == (txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].num mod grps - 1))
         PRINTF("%d, %d",
txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].txpwrlimit entry[j].mod group,
 txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].txpwrlimit entry[j].tx power);
         else
         PRINTF("%d,%d,",
 txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].txpwrlimit entry[j].mod group,
 txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].txpwrlimit entry[j].tx power);
      PRINTF("\r\n");
       }
```

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As input, this function takes the sub-band and the pointer to the $wlan_txpwrlimit_t$ type structure (which corresponds to $tx_pwrlimit_2g_cfg$ for 2.4 GHz and $tx_pwrlimit_5g_cfg$ for 5 GHz band). The output includes:

- sub-band
- · starting frequency
- · channel width
- · channel number
- · power levels

The following is an example of system output:

Returns:

WM_SUCCESS: the call is successful

WM_FAIL: the call failed

Table 3. Sub-band definitions

| Sub-band | Description |
|----------|---|
| 0x00 | 2G sub-band (2.4 GHz: channels 1-14) |
| 0x10 | 5G sub-band0 (5 GHz: channels 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60, 64) |
| 0x11 | 5G sub-band1 ((5 GHz: channels 100, 104, 108, 112, 116, 120, 124, 128, 132, 136, 140, 144) |
| 0x12 | 5G sub-band2 (5 GHz: channels 149, 153, 157, 161, 165, 172) |
| 0x13 | 5G sub-band3 (5G: channels 183, 184, 185, 187, 188, 189, 192, 196; 5G: channel 7,8, 11, 12, 16, 34) |

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3.3.2 Customization using the command line interface

By default, *wifi_cert* sample application which supports set/get Tx power limit command line interface is available only for i.MX RT1060. This section provides the steps to add the command line interface using *wifi_cli* sample application.

• Edit the file <sdk_root>/middleware/wifi/wlcmgr/wlan_tests.c in the SDK, and add the following line:

```
{"wlan-set-txpwrlimit", NULL, test_wlan_set_txpwrlimit},
```

The example below shows the added line in **bold**.

- Check that the two structures tx_pwrlimit_2g_cfg and tx_pwrlimit_5g_cfg are correctly set. Refer to Section 3.2 "Tx power table configuration".
- Define the handler for the CLI command wlan-set-txpwrlimit to set Tx power table:

```
static void test_wlan_set_txpwrlimit(int argc, char **argv)
{
   int rv = wlan_set_txpwrlimit(&tx_pwrlimit_2g_cfg);
   if (rv != WM_SUCCESS)
   PRINTF("Unable to set 2G TX PWR Limit configuration\r\n");
   else
   PRINTF("Successfully configured 2G TX PWR Limit\r\n");
   #ifdef CONFIG_5GHz_SUPPORT
   rv = wlan_set_txpwrlimit(&tx_pwrlimit_5g_cfg);
   if (rv != WM_SUCCESS)
   PRINTF("Unable to set 5G TX PWR Limit configuration\r\n");
   else
   PRINTF("Successfully configured 5G TX PWR Limit\r\n");
   #endif
}
```

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Finally, run the following command from the command line interface and check that the output is as shown below:

```
# wlan-set-txpwrlimit
Successfully configured 2G TX PWR Limit
Successfully configured 5G TX PWR Limit
```

The current SDK implementation does not include the CLI commands to **get** the TX power levels but it is possible to add the feature as detailed hereafter.

- Edit the file <sdk_root>/middleware/wifi/wlcmgr/wlan_tests.c
- Find the tests structure and add the following line:

```
{"wlan-get-txpwrlimit", "<subband>", test_wlan_get_txpwrlimit},
```

The example below shows the added line in **bold**.

```
static struct cli_command tests[] = {
    .
    .
    .
    {"wlan-get-txpwrlimit", "<subband>", test_wlan_get_txpwrlimit},
};
```

• Edit the command usage function that defines the instructions printed when the help command is executed:

```
static void dump_wlan_get_txpwrlimit_usage()
{
    PRINTF("Usage:\r\n");
    PRINTF("wlan-get-txpwrlimit <subband> \r\n");
    PRINTF("\r\n");
    PRINTF("\t Where subband is: \r\n");
    PRINTF("\t 0x00 2G subband (2.4G: channel 1-14)\r\n");
#ifdef CONFIG_5GHz_SUPPORT
    PRINTF("\t 0x10 5G subband0 (5G: channel 36,40,44,48,\r\n");
    PRINTF("\t 0x11 5G subband1 (5G: channel 100,104,108,112,\r\n");
    PRINTF("\t 0x11 5G subband1 (5G: channel 100,104,108,112,\r\n");
    PRINTF("\t 0x11 5G subband2 (5G: channel 120,124,128,\r\n");
    PRINTF("\t 0x12 5G subband2 (5G: channel 149,153,157,161,165,172)\r\n");
    PRINTF("\t 0x13 5G subband3 (5G: channel 183,184,185,187,188,\r\n");
    PRINTF("\t 5G: channel 7,8,11,12,16,34)\r\n");
#endif
}
```

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• Define the handler for the CLI command wlan-get-txpwrlimit to get Tx power limit:

```
static void test wlan get txpwrlimit(int argc, char **argv)
   wifi SubBand t subband;
  wlan txpwrlimit t txpwrlimit;
   int i, j;
if (argc != 2)
    dump wlan get txpwrlimit usage();
   subband = (wifi SubBand t)strtol(argv[1], NULL, 16);
   if (subband != SubBand 2 4 GHz
#ifdef CONFIG 5GHz SUPPORT
     && subband != SubBand 5 GHz 0 && subband != SubBand 5 GHz 1 &&
 subband != SubBand_5_GHz_2 &&
subband != SubBand_5_GHz_3
#endif
   )
    dump wlan get txpwrlimit usage();
   return;
   int rv = wlan get txpwrlimit(subband, &txpwrlimit);
   if (rv != WM SUCCESS)
   PRINTF("Unable to get TX PWR Limit configuration\r\n");
else
   PRINTF("Get txpwrlimit: sub band=%x \r\n", txpwrlimit.subband);
   for (i = 0; i < 1; i++)
    PRINTF("StartFreq: %d\r\n",
 txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit_config[i].chan_desc.start_freq);
   PRINTF("ChanWidth: %d\r\n"
 txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit_config[i].chan_desc.chan_width);
    PRINTF("ChanNum:
                        %d\r\n"
 txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].chan desc.chan num);
    PRINTF("Pwr:");
    for (j = 0; j < txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].num mod grps; j++)</pre>
      if (j == (txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].num mod grps - 1))
      PRINTF("%d, %d",
 txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].txpwrlimit entry[j].mod group,
      txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].txpwrlimit entry[j].tx power);
      else
      PRINTF("%d,%d,",
 txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].txpwrlimit entry[j].mod group,
      txpwrlimit.txpwrlimit config[i].txpwrlimit entry[j].tx power);
     PRINTF("\r\n");
    }
}
```

Pwr:1,16,2,16,3,15,4,15,5,15,6,14,7,14,8,14,9,13

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• Rebuild the SDK and execute the command wlan-get-txpwrlimit.

The three code samples below show examples of wlan-get-txpwrlimit command outputs.

```
# wlan-get-txpwrlimit 00
Get txpwrlimit: sub band=0
StartFreq: 2407
ChanWidth: 20
ChanNum:
Pwr:0,15,1,15,2,15,3,14,4,14,5,14,6,13
# wlan-get-txpwrlimit 10
Get txpwrlimit: sub band=10
StartFreq: 5000
ChanWidth: 20
ChanNum:
Pwr:1,16,2,16,3,15,4,15,5,15,6,14,7,14,8,14,9,13
# wlan-get-txpwrlimit 12
Get txpwrlimit: sub_band=12
StartFreq: 5000
ChanWidth: 20
ChanNum:
          149
```

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4 Channel list and scan type

The command line interface is provided in *wifi_cert* sample application to set/get the channel list and scan type. Note that *wifi_cert* application is enabled only for i.MX RT1060 platform.

The default channel list and scan configuration are described in Table 4.

Table 4. Default channel list and scan configuration

| Bandwidth (GHz) | Channels | Scan |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| 2.4 | 1-11 | Active |
| 2.4 | 12-14 | Passive |
| 5 | 36-48 | Active |
| 5 | 52-64 | Passive |
| 5 | 100-144 | Passive |
| 5 | 149-165 | Passive |

With a passive scan, the client radio listens on each channel for beacons sent periodically by an AP; this method usually takes more time than the active scan. During an active scan, the client radio transmits a probe request and listens for a probe response from an AP.

The channel list and scan type are set using $wlan_set_chanlist$ API. This function uses $chanlist_2g_cfg$ and $chanlist_5g_cfg$ data structures, both defined in $<sdk_root>/middleware/wifi/wlcmgr/wlan_txpwrlimit_cfg_WW.h$.

chanlist_2g_cfg is used for 2.4 GHz band (see below) and chanlist_5g_cfg is used for 5 GHz.

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The parameters used in those structures are:

| Parameter | Description |
|------------------------------|---|
| num_chan | Number of channels showed in the list. The number must be the same as the number of chan_info elements. |
| channel_num | Number of the channel |
| chan_freq | Frequency of the channel |
| passive_scan_or_radar_detect | Informs the driver whether the channel is a passive channel (Band B/G) or a DFS channel (Band A) for which radar detection will be done. If set to "True", only passive scanning will be done for the channel. True: Passive Scan/DFS channel False: Active scanning |

The following code sample shows chanlist_5g_cfg data structure (for 5 GHz band):

Two channel scan configurations are defined (num chans parameter is set to 2):

- channel 36, frequency 5180, using active scan
- channel 100, frequency 5500, using passive scan

There are two ways to set/get the scan type:

- using the API
- using the command line

The following sections describe both methods.

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4.1 Customization using API calls

Use the driver APIs with the required arguments to perform the set operation wlan set chanlist.

```
int wlan_set_chanlist(wlan_chanlist_t *chanlist)
```

Where:

| Parameter | Description |
|-----------|---|
| 1 | A pointer to wlan_chanlist_t structure to supply the channel list configuration. This structure is explained below. |

The function which sets the channel list and is defined in the file <sdk_root>/middleware/wifi/wlcmgr/ wlan.c.

Returns:

WM_SUCCESS: the call is successful

WM_FAIL: the call failed

The following is an example of use of wlan_set_chanlist; the function takes the aforementioned structures wlan chanlist t as input parameter.

For 2.4 GHz:

```
ret = wlan_set_chanlist(&chanlist_2g_cfg);
if (ret != WM_SUCCESS)
PRINTF("Cannot set Channel List 2G\r\n");
else
PRINTF("Successfully set 2G Channel List\r\n");
```

For 5 GHz:

```
ret = wlan_set_chanlist(&chanlist_5g_cfg);
if (ret != WM_SUCCESS)
PRINTF("Cannot set Channel List 5G\r\n");
else
PRINTF("Successfully set 5G Channel List\r\n");
```

As shown in the sample codes, the implementation provides a return status for the function to check whether the function call is successful or not.

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Use the driver APIs with the required arguments to perform the get operation wlan get chanlist.

```
int wlan get chanlist(wlan chanlist t *chanlist)
```

Where:

| Parameter | Description |
|-----------|---|
| | A pointer to wlan_chanlist_t structure to get the channel list configuration. |

The function which sets the channel list and is defined in file located in <sdk_root>/ middleware/wifi/wlcmgr/wlan.c.

Returns:

WM SUCCESS: the call is successful

WM_FAIL: the call failed

Note: The channels that are configured using this API should be from the list of channels under World Wide Safe Mode (WWSM).

The following is an example of use of wlan_get_chanlist; the function takes the aforementioned structures wlan_chanlist_t as output parameter.

```
wlan_chanlist_t chanlist;
memset(&chanlist, 0x00, sizeof(wlan_chanlist_t));
int rv = wlan get chanlist(&chanlist);
if (rv != WM SUCCESS)
    PRINTF("Unable to get channel list configuration\r\n");
else {
       int i;
 PRINTF("-----
       PRINTF("Number of channels configured: %d\r\n",
 chanlist.num chans);
      PRINTF(\overline{"}\r\n");
      for (i = 0; i < chanlist.num_chans; i++) {
   PRINTF("ChanNum: %d\t", chanlist.chan_info[i].chan_num);
   PRINTF("ChanFreq: %d\t", chanlist.chan_info[i].chan_freq);</pre>
          PRINTF("%s",
 chanlist.chan info[i].passive scan or radar detect ? "Passive" :
 "Active");
          PRINTF("\r\n");
```

As shown in the sample codes, the implementation provides a return status for the function to check whether the function call is successful or not.

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4.2 Customization using the command line interface

By default, the current implementation does not include the CLI commands to set the scan type. This section shows the steps needed to add such feature.

- Edit the file: <sdk root>/middleware/wifi/wlcmgr/wlan_tests.c
- Add the following command:

```
{"wlan-set-chanlist", NULL, test_wlan_set_chanlist},
```

The example below shows the added line in **bold**.

 Define the channel list structure with the required values for 2G and 5G, as shown below

For 2.4 GHz

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For 5 GHz

```
#ifdef CONFIG 5GHz SUPPORT
static wlan_chanlist_t chanlist_5g_cfg = {
    [0] =
       {
        .chan num
                                        = 36,
        .chan freq
                                        = 5180,
        .passive scan or radar detect = false,
        },
    [1] =
                                        = 100,
        .chan_num
                                       = 5500,
        .chan freq
        .passive_scan_or_radar_detect = true,
};
#endif
```

• Define the handler function that is triggered when the user executes the command wlan-set-chanlist

```
static void test_wlan_set_chanlist(int argc, char **argv)
{
  int ret = WM_SUCCESS;

  ret = wlan_set_chanlist(&chanlist_2g_cfg);
  if (ret != WM_SUCCESS)
        PRINTF("Cannot set Channel List 2G\r\n");
  else
        PRINTF("Successfully set 2G Channel List\r\n");

#ifdef CONFIG_5GHz_SUPPORT
  ret = wlan_set_chanlist(&chanlist_5g_cfg);
  if (ret != WM_SUCCESS)
        PRINTF("Cannot set Channel List 5G\r\n");
  else
        PRINTF("Successfully set 5G Channel List\r\n");
#endif
}
```

• Rebuild the SDK and run the command wlan-set-chanlist and read the output.

```
# wlan-set-chanlist
Successfully set 2G Channel List
Successfully set 5G Channel List
```

This code sample confirms that the channel list and scan information have been set.

To **verify** the channel list setting, you need to create the wlan-get-chanlist command by following the procedure detailed hereafter.

- Edit the file <sdk_root>/middleware/wifi/wlcmgr/ wlan_tests.c
- Find the tests structure and add the following line:

```
{"wlan-get-chanlist", NULL, test_wlan_get_chanlist},
```

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The example below shows the added line in bold.

```
static struct cli_command tests[] = {
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
    .
   .
};
```

• Define the handler for wlan-get-chanlist command

```
static void test wlan get chanlist(int argc, char **argv)
   wlan chanlist t chanlist;
   memset(&chanlist, 0x00, sizeof(wlan chanlist t));
   int rv = wlan_get_chanlist(&chanlist);
if (rv != WM SUCCESS)
     PRINTF("Unable to get channel list configuration\r\n");
   else {
     int i;
 PRINTF("-----
\r\n");
     PRINTF("Number of channels configured: %d\r\n",
 chanlist.num chans);
     PRINTF("\rdot{r}\n");
for (i = 0; i < chanlist.num_chans; i++){
          PRINTF("ChanNum: %d\t", chanlist.chan_info[i].chan_num);
PRINTF("ChanFreq: %d\t", chanlist.chan_info[i].chan_freq);
PRINTF("%s",
 chanlist.chan info[i].passive scan or radar detect ? "Passive" :
 "Active");
          PRINTF("\r\n");
   }
}
```

• Rebuild the SDK and run the command wlan-get-chanlist. The output will be similar to the one shown below.

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5 Acronyms and abbreviations

Table 5. Acronyms and abbreviations

| Acronyms | Definition |
|----------|---|
| AP | Access Point |
| CLI | Command Line Interface |
| CRDA | Central Regulatory Domain Agent |
| EEPROM | Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory |
| FW | Firmware |
| IE | Information Element |
| ОТР | One Time Programmable |
| TRPC | Transient receptor potential, canonical |
| WLAN | Wireless Local Area Network |

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