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Revision History

Revision	Date	Description
A	Jul 2011	Initial release.
B	Oct 2011	Updated the description of QMI_AUTH_SEND_EAP_PACKET REQ/RESP.

1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This specification documents Major Version 1 of the Qualcomm Messaging Interface (QMI) for the Authentication Service (QMI_AUTH).

QMI_AUTH provides a command set to interface to a wireless mobile station to access some authentication services. QMI_AUTH is a QMI service within the QMI framework defined in [\[Q1\]](#).

1.2 Scope

This document is intended for QMI clients to authentication-related operations with Qualcomm MSM[®] devices from a host processor.

This document provides the following details about QMI_AUTH:

- Theory of operation – Chapter [2](#) provides the theory of operation of QMI_AUTH. The chapter includes messaging conventions, assigned QMI service type, fundamental service concepts, and state variables related to the service.
- Message formats, syntax, and semantics – Chapter [3](#) provides the specific syntax and semantics of messages included in this version of the QMI_AUTH specification.

1.3 Conventions

Function declarations, function names, type declarations, and code samples appear in a different font. For example, `#include`.

Parameter types are indicated by arrows:

- Designates an input parameter
- ← Designates an output parameter
- ↔ Designates a parameter used for both input and output

1.4 References

Table 1-1 lists reference documents, which may include Qualcomm documents and non-Qualcomm standards and resources. Reference documents that are no longer applicable are deleted from this table; therefore, reference numbers might not be sequential.

Table 1-1 Reference documents and standards

Ref.	Document	
Qualcomm		
Q1	Application Note: Software Glossary for Customers	CL93-V3077-1
Q2	Qualcomm MSM [®] Interface (QMI) Architecture	80-VB816-1
Standards		
S1	Extensible Authentication Protocol Method for 3rd Generation Authentication and Key Agreement (EAP-AKA)	RFC 4187
S2	Extensible Authentication Protocol Method for Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) Subscriber Identity Modules (EAP-SIM)	RFC 4186

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1.6 Acronyms

For definitions of terms and abbreviations, refer to [Q1]. Table 1-2 lists terms that are specific to this document.

Table 1-2 Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
AKA	Authentication and Key Agreement
EAP	Extensible Authentication Protocol
GSM	global system for mobile communications
R-UIM	removable user identity module
SIM	subscriber identity module
TLV	type-length-value
UMTS	universal mobile telecommunications system
USIM	UMTS SIM

2 Theory of Operation

2.1 Generalized QMI Service Compliance

The QMI_AUTH service complies with the generalized QMI service specification, including the rules for messages, indications and responses, byte ordering, arbitration, constants, result, and error code values described in [Q2]. Extensions to the generalized QMI service theory of operation are noted in subsequent sections of this chapter.

2.2 AUTH Service Type

AUTH is assigned QMI service type 0x07.

2.3 Message Definition Template

2.3.1 Response Message Result TLV

This Type-Length-Value (TLV) is present in all Response messages defined in this document. It is not present in the Indication messages.

Name	Version last modified
Result Code	Corresponding messages “Version Introduced”

Field	Field value	Parameter	Size (byte)	Description
Type	0x02		1	Result Code
Length	4		2	
Value	→	qmi_result	2	Result code <ul style="list-style-type: none">• QMI_RESULT_SUCCESS• QMI_RESULT_FAILURE
		qmi_error	2	Error code – Possible error code values are described in the error codes section of each message definition

2.4 QMI_AUTH Fundamental Concepts

The QMI_AUTH service provides authentication and session key distribution using the Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) mechanism.

2.4.1 EAP-AKA

EAP is a mechanism for authentication and session key distribution that uses the Authentication and Key Agreement (AKA) mechanism. AKA is used in the third generation mobile networks Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) and cdma2000[®]. AKA is based on symmetric keys and typically runs in a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM), which is a UMTS Subscriber Identity Module (USIM) or a Removable User Identity Module (R-UIM), similar to a smart card.

2.4.2 EAP-SIM

EAP is also a mechanism for authentication and session key distribution using the Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) SIM. GSM is a second generation mobile network standard. The EAP-SIM mechanism specifies enhancements to GSM authentication and key agreement whereby multiple authentication triplets can be combined to create authentication responses and session keys of greater strength than the individual GSM triplets. The mechanism also includes network authentication, user anonymity support, result indications, and a fast re-authentication procedure.

2.4.3 EAP Support

QMI_AUTH service enables clients to use the wireless mobile station for EAP authentication. Figure [2-1](#) illustrates a sample QMI_AUTH call flow.

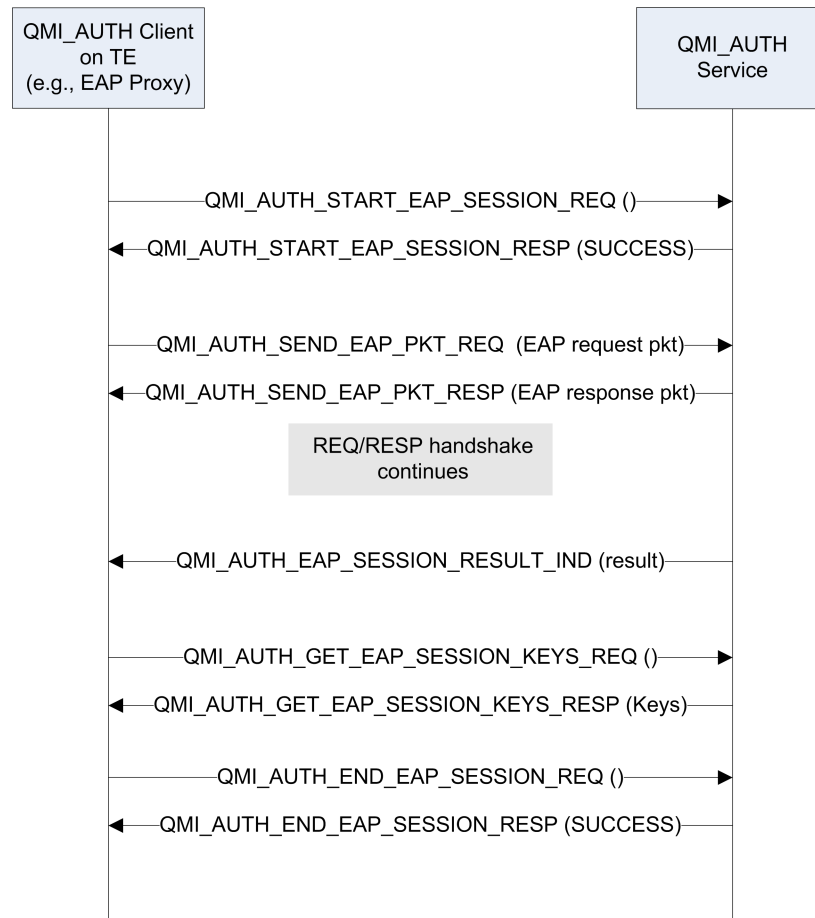


Figure 2-1 QMI AUTH sample call flow

2.5 EAP Session Handle

The **QMI_AUTH_START_EAP_SESSION_REQ** message creates an EAP instance and stores the EAP handle. The same handle is used internally when the **QMI_AUTH_SEND_EAP_PACKET** command is issued. The EAP handle is deleted when the **QMI_AUTH_END_EAP_SESSION** command is issued.

3 QMI_AUTH Messages

Table 3-1 QMI_AUTH messages

Command	ID	Description
QMI_AUTH_RESET	0x0000	Resets the client.
QMI_AUTH_START_EAP_SESSION	0x0020	Starts the EAP session.
QMI_AUTH_SEND_EAP_PACKET	0x0021	Sends and receives EAP packets.
QMI_AUTH_EAP_SESSION_RESULT_IND	0x0022	Communicates the result of the EAP session.
QMI_AUTH_GET_EAP_SESSION_KEYS	0x0023	Queries the EAP session keys.
QMI_AUTH_END_EAP_SESSION	0x0024	Ends the EAP session.
QMI_AUTH_RUN_AKA_ALGO	0x0025	Runs the AKA algorithm.
QMI_AUTH_AKA_ALGO_RESULT_IND	0x0026	Communicates the result of the AKA algorithm.

3.1 QMI_AUTH_RESET

Resets the client.

AUTH message ID

0x0000

Version introduced

Major - 1, Minor - 0

3.1.1 Request - QMI_AUTH_RESET_REQ

Message type

Request

Sender

Control point

Mandatory TLVs

None

Optional TLVs

None

3.1.2 Response - QMI_AUTH_RESET_RESP

Message type

Response

Sender

Service

Mandatory TLVs

The Result Code TLV (defined in Section 2.3.1) is always present in the response.

Optional TLVs

None

Error codes

QMI_ERR_NONE	No error in the request
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3.1.3 Description of QMI_AUTH_RESET REQ/RESP

This command resets the state of the requesting control point. The command clears all the resources that were set up for the EAP session started by the control point.

3.2 QMI_AUTH_START_EAP_SESSION

Starts the EAP session.

AUTH message ID

0x0020

Version introduced

Major - 1, Minor - 0

3.2.1 Request - QMI_AUTH_START_EAP_SESSION_REQ

Message type

Request

Sender

Control point

Mandatory TLVs

None

Optional TLVs

Name	Version last modified
EAP Method Mask	1.0

Field	Field value	Parameter	Size (byte)	Description
Type	0x10		1	EAP Method Mask
Length	4		2	
Value	→	eap_method_mask	4	Bitmask. The bits corresponding to the methods to be supported must be set to 1. Bit values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 – EAP-SIM • 1 – EAP-AKA

3.2.2 Response - QMI_AUTH_START_EAP_SESSION_RESP

Message type

Response

Sender

Service

Mandatory TLVs

The Result Code TLV (defined in Section 2.3.1) is always present in the response.

Optional TLVs

None

Error codes

QMI_ERR_NONE	No error in the request
QMI_ERR_INTERNAL	Unexpected error occurred during processing
QMI_ERR_MALFORMED_MSG	Message was not formulated correctly by the control point or the message was corrupted during transmission
QMI_ERR_NO_MEMORY	Device could not allocate memory to formulate a response
QMI_ERR_INVALID_ARG	Value field of one or more TLVs in the request message contains an invalid value
QMI_ERR_INVALID_OPERATION	Operation is invalid in the current state

3.2.3 Description of QMI_AUTH_START_EAP_SESSION REQ/RESP

This command starts an Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) session, after which control points can send EAP packets using the QMI_AUTH_SEND_EAP_PACKET command. The optional EAP Method Mask TLV can be used to set the EAP authentication method to either SIM (Subscriber Identity Module) or AKA (Authentication and Key Agreement).

This command creates the required handle with the required authentication method to allow control points to send the EAP packets using the QMI_AUTH_SEND_EAP_PACKET_REQ message.

If an EAP method mask is not provided, a QMI_ERR_INVALID_ARG error is returned.

3.3 QMI_AUTH_SEND_EAP_PACKET

Sends and receives EAP packets.

AUTH message ID

0x0021

Version introduced

Major - 1, Minor - 0

3.3.1 Request - QMI_AUTH_SEND_EAP_PACKET_REQ

Message type

Request

Sender

Control point

Mandatory TLVs

Name	Version last modified
EAP Request Packet	1.0

Field	Field value	Parameter	Size (byte)	Description
Type	0x01		1	EAP Request Packet
Length	Var		2	
Value	→	eap_request_pkt	Var	Buffer containing the EAP request packet.

Optional TLVs

None

3.3.2 Response - QMI_AUTH_SEND_EAP_PACKET_RESP

Message type

Response

Sender

Service

Mandatory TLVs

The Result Code TLV (defined in Section 2.3.1) is always present in the response. The following mandatory TLV is present if the result code is QMI_RESULT_SUCCESS.

Name	Version last modified
EAP Response Packet	1.0

Field	Field value	Parameter	Size (byte)	Description
Type	0x01		1	EAP Response Packet
Length	Var		2	
Value	→	eap_response_pkt	Var	Buffer containing the EAP response packet.

Optional TLVs

None

Error codes

QMI_ERR_NONE	No error in the request
QMI_ERR_INTERNAL	Unexpected error occurred during processing
QMI_ERR_MALFORMED_MSG	Message was not formulated correctly by the control point or the message was corrupted during transmission
QMI_ERR_NO_MEMORY	Device could not allocate memory to formulate a response
QMI_ERR_MISSING_ARG	Some TLV was missing in the request
QMI_ERR_INVALID_OPERATION	Operation is invalid in the current state

3.3.3 Description of QMI_AUTH_SEND_EAP_PACKET REQ/RESP

This command is used by a control point to send an EAP packet after an EAP session is started. The response EAP packet for the request packet is returned in the QMI_AUTH_SEND_EAP_PACKET_RESP message. The EAP packet details are found in [S1] and [S2].

3.4 QMI_AUTH_EAP_SESSION_RESULT_IND

Communicates the result of the EAP session.

AUTH message ID

0x0022

Version introduced

Major - 1, Minor - 0

3.4.1 Indication - QMI_AUTH_SESSION_RESULT_IND

Message type

Indication

Sender

Service

Indication scope

Unicast

Mandatory TLVs

Name	Version last modified
EAP Result	1.0

Field	Field value	Parameter	Size (byte)	Description
Type	0x01		1	EAP Result
Length	1		2	
Value	→	eap_result	1	Values: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0 – SUCCESS• 1 – FAILURE

Optional TLVs

None

3.4.2 Description of QMI_AUTH_EAP_SESSION_RESULT_IND

This indication communicates the result of the current EAP session to the control point that started the EAP session.

- If the result is SUCCESS, the keys are available and the client must use the QMI_AUTH_GET_EAP_SESSION_KEYS command to query the keys.
- The client can later end the current EAP session using the QMI_AUTH_END_EAP_SESSION command.

3.5 QMI_AUTH_GET_EAP_SESSION_KEYS

Queries the EAP session keys.

AUTH message ID

0x0023

Version introduced

Major - 1, Minor - 0

3.5.1 Request - QMI_AUTH_GET_EAP_SESSION_KEYS_REQ

Message type

Request

Sender

Control point

Mandatory TLVs

None

Optional TLVs

None

3.5.2 Response - QMI_AUTH_GET_EAP_SESSION_KEYS_RESP

Message type

Response

Sender

Service

Mandatory TLVs

The Result Code TLV (defined in Section 2.3.1) is always present in the response. The following mandatory TLV is present if the result code is QMI_RESULT_SUCCESS.

Name	Version last modified
Key	1.0

Field	Field value	Parameter	Size (byte)	Description
Type	0x01		1	Key
Length	Var		2	
Value	→	session_key	Var	Session key.

Optional TLVs

None

Error codes

QMI_ERR_NONE	No error in the request
QMI_ERR_INTERNAL	Unexpected error occurred during processing
QMI_ERR_MALFORMED_MSG	Message was not formulated correctly by the control point or the message was corrupted during transmission
QMI_ERR_NO_MEMORY	Device could not allocate memory to formulate a response
QMI_ERR_INVALID_OPERATION	Operation is invalid in the current state

3.5.3 Description of QMI_AUTH_GET_EAP_SESSION_KEYS REQ/RESP

To extract the session keys:

1. The control point must have issued the QMI_AUTH_START_EAP_SESSION_REQ message.
2. If the start EAP session is successful, a QMI_AUTH_EAP_SESSION_RESULT_IND indication is sent to the control point to communicate that the session keys are available.
3. The session keys are then retrieved using the QMI_AUTH_GET_EAP_SESSION_KEYS_REQ message.

3.6 QMI_AUTH_END_EAP_SESSION

Ends the EAP session.

AUTH message ID

0x0024

Version introduced

Major - 1, Minor - 0

3.6.1 Request - QMI_AUTH_END_EAP_SESSION_REQ

Message type

Request

Sender

Control point

Mandatory TLVs

None

Optional TLVs

None

3.6.2 Response - QMI_AUTH_END_EAP_SESSION_RESP

Message type

Response

Sender

Service

Mandatory TLVs

The Result Code TLV (defined in Section 2.3.1) is always present in the response.

Optional TLVs

None

Error codes

QMI_ERR_NONE	No error in the request
QMI_ERR_INTERNAL	Unexpected error occurred during processing
QMI_ERR_MALFORMED_MSG	Message was not formulated correctly by the control point or the message was corrupted during transmission
QMI_ERR_NO_MEMORY	Device could not allocate memory to formulate a response
QMI_ERR_INVALID_OPERATION	Operation is invalid in the current state

3.6.3 Description of QMI_AUTH_END_EAP_SESSION REQ/RESP

This command is used by a control point to end an EAP session that it started. The EAP session must be ended after the authentication process.

3.7 QMI_AUTH_RUN_AKA_ALGO

Runs the AKA algorithm.

AUTH message ID

0x0025

Version introduced

Major - 1, Minor - 1

3.7.1 Request - QMI_AUTH_RUN_AKA_ALGO_REQ

Message type

Request

Sender

Control point

Mandatory TLVs

Name	Version last modified
AKA Version	1.1

Field	Field value	Parameter	Size (byte)	Description
Type	0x01		1	AKA Version
Length	1		2	
Value	→	aka_ver	1	AKA version the algorithm must use: • 0 – AKA_V1 • 1 – AKA_V2 All other values are reserved for future use.

Optional TLVs

Name	Version last modified
AKA_V1/V2 Authentication Parameters	1.1

Field	Field value	Parameter	Size (byte)	Description
Type	0x10		1	AKA_V1/V2 Authentication Parameters
Length	Var		2	
Value	→	rand_len	1	Number of sets of the following elements: • rand
		rand	Var	Buffer containing the random challenge value.
		autn_len	1	Number of sets of the following elements: • autn
		autn	Var	Buffer containing the authentication token.

3.7.2 Response - QMI_AUTH_RUN_AKA_ALGO_RESP

Message type

Response

Sender

Service

Mandatory TLVs

The Result Code TLV (defined in Section 2.3.1) is always present in the response. The following mandatory TLV is present if the result code is QMI_RESULT_SUCCESS.

Name	Version last modified
AKA Handle	1.1

Field	Field value	Parameter	Size (byte)	Description
Type	0x01		1	AKA Handle
Length	4		2	
Value	→	aka_handle	4	AKA handle to identify the AKA request.

Optional TLVs

None

Error codes

QMI_ERR_NONE	No error in the request
QMI_ERR_INTERNAL	Unexpected error occurred during processing

QMI_ERR_MALFORMED_MSG	Message was not formulated correctly by the control point or the message was corrupted during transmission
QMI_ERR_NO_MEMORY	Device could not allocate memory to formulate a response
QMI_ERR_INVALID_ARG	Value field of one or more TLVs in the request message contains an invalid value
QMI_ERR_MISSING_ARG	Some TLV was missing in the request

3.7.3 Description of QMI_AUTH_RUN_AKA_ALGO REQ/RESP

The control point uses this command to initiate the AKA algorithm (refer to [S1] and [S2]) to generate the digest and AKA data.

When AKA_V1 or AKA_V2 is specified in the AKA Version TLV, the optional AKA_V1/V2 Authentication Parameters TLV must be present.

A success in the QMI_AUTH_RUN_AKA_ALGO_RESP message does not imply the algorithm completed successfully. The control point must process the QMI_AUTH_AKA_RESULT_IND indication to determine the outcome.

3.8 QMI_AUTH_AKA_ALGO_RESULT_IND

Communicates the result of the AKA algorithm.

AUTH message ID

0x0026

Version introduced

Major - 1, Minor - 1

3.8.1 Indication - QMI_AUTH_AKA_ALGO_RESULT_IND

Message type

Indication

Sender

Service

Indication scope

Unicast

Mandatory TLVs

Name	Version last modified
AKA Algorithm Result Indication	1.1

Field	Field value	Parameter	Size (byte)	Description
Type	0x01		1	AKA Algorithm Result Indication
Length	5		2	
Value	→	aka_handle	4	AKA handle to identify the AKA request.
		aka_status	1	Result of the AKA Request algorithm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 – AKA_SUCCESS • 1 – AKA_SYNC_FAILURE • 2 – AKA_FAILURE All other values are reserved for future use.

Optional TLVs

The following TLV is present only if the mandatory status

Name	Version last modified
AKA_V1/V2 Response Data	1.1

Field	Field value	Parameter	Size (byte)	Description
Type	0x10		1	AKA_V1/V2 Response Data
Length	Var		2	
Value	→	digest_len	1	Number of sets of the following elements: • digest
		digest	Var	Buffer containing the digest response.
		aka_data_len	1	Number of sets of the following elements: • aka_data
		aka_data	Var	Buffer containing the AKA response data.

3.8.2 Description of QMI_AUTH_AKA_ALGO_RESULT_IND

This indication communicates the result of the AKA algorithm request sent as part of the QMI_AUTH_RUN_AKA_ALGO_REQ message. If the result is AKA_SUCCESS, the message also contains the optional AKA_V1/V2 Response Data TLV.