

# A76XX Series\_TCPIP \_Application Note

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# Scope

This document presents the AT Command Set for SIMCom A76XXand A7678 Series, including A76XX-XXXX, A5360E, A76X0X-XXXX and A7678C.

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# 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose of the document

Based on module AT command manual, this document will introduce TCPIP application process. Developers could understand and develop application quickly and efficiently based on this document.

### 1.2 Related documents

[1] A76XXSeries\_AT Command Manual

# 1.3 Conventions and abbreviations

In this document, the GSM engines are referred to as following term:

ME (Mobile Equipment);

MS (Mobile Station);

TA (Terminal Adapter);

DCE (Data Communication Equipment) or facsimile DCE (FAX modem, FAX board);

In application, controlling device controls the GSM engine by sending AT Command via its serial interface.

The controlling device at the other end of the serial line is referred to as following term:

TE (Terminal Equipment);

DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) or plainly "the application" which is running on an embedded system;

Other Conventions:

PDP(Packet Data Protocol);

TCP(Terminal Control Protocol);

UDP(User Datagram Protocol);

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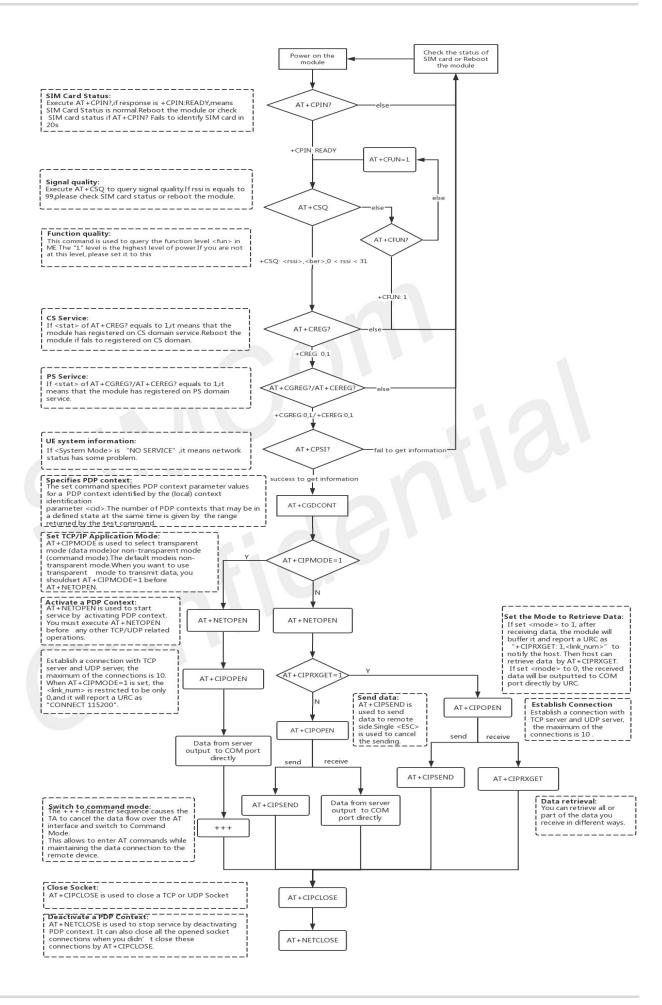
# 1.4 The process of Using TCPIP AT Commands

Figure illustrates how to use TCP/IP AT commands:



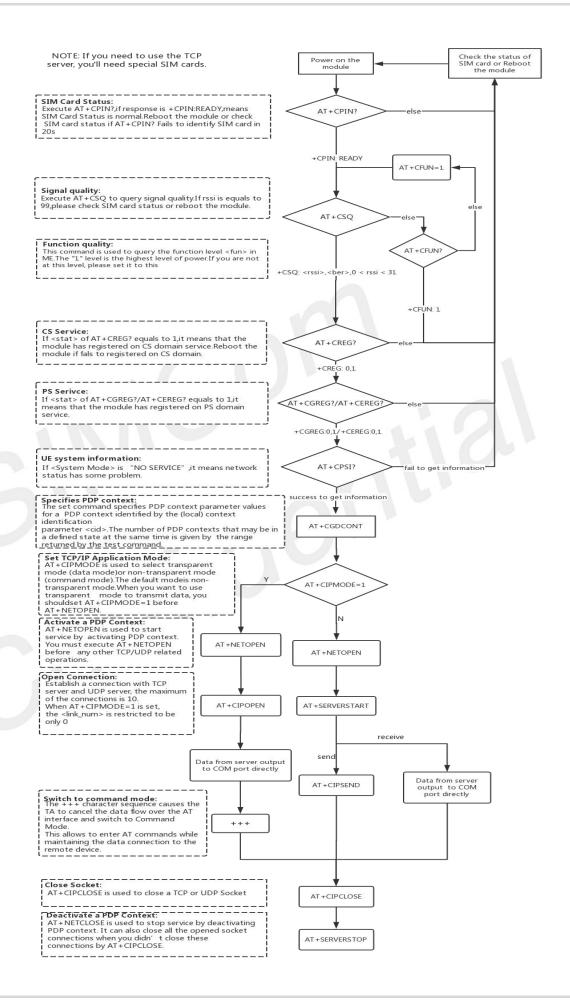
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### 1.5 Error Handling

### 1.5.1 Executing FTP(S) AT Commands Fails

When executing TCPIP AT commands, if ERROR response is received from the module, please check whether the U(SIM) card is inserted and whether it is +CPIN: READY returned when executing AT+CPIN?.

### 1.5.2 PDP Activation Fails

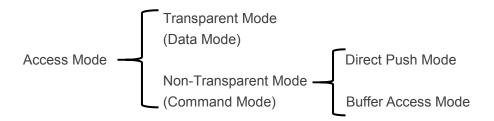
If it is failed to activate a PDP context with AT+NETOPEN command, please make sure the PDP is not activated. You can use AT+NETOPEN? to query it.

If all above configurations are correct, but activating the PDP context by AT+NETOPEN command still fails, please reboot the module to resolve this issue. After rebooting the module, please check the configurations mentioned above for at least.

### 1.5.3 Error Response of TCPIP Server

If you encounter other errors, please refer to chapter 4 to correct them.

### 1.5.4 Description of Data Access Mode



The default mode is direct push mode.

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### 1. Direct Push Mode

In direct push mode, user can send data by AT+CIPSEND. The received data will be outputted to COM port directly by URC as "+RECV FROM:<IP ADDRESS>:<PORT><CR><LF>+IPD(data length)<CR><LF><data>".

#### 2. Buffer Access Mode

AT+CIPRXGET=1 is used to enter into buffer access mode. In buffer access mode, user sends data by AT+CIPSEND. After receiving data, the module will buffer it and report a URC as "+CIPRXGET: 1,link\_num>" to notify the host. Then host can retrieve data by AT+CIPRXGET.

### 3. Transparent Access Mode

AT+CIPMODE=1 is used to enter into transparent access mode. In transparent mode, the data received from COM port will be sent to internet directly, and the received data from Internet will be output to COM port directly as well. "+++" is used to exit from transparent access mode. When "+++" returns OK, the module will be switched to command mode. In transparent access mode, host cannot execute any AT command.Note: Currently, only one socket is available under transparent mode, either TCP client or TCP server.In transparent mode, the first server (<server\_index> = 0) and the first client socket(<link\_num> = 0) are used for transparent mode operation. Other servers (<server\_index> = 1-3) and other client sockets (<link\_num> = 1-9) are still used in command mode.

#### 4. Switch Between Data Mode and Command Mode

#### (1) Data mode -> Command mode

**Software switching:** escape sequence +++. Please take care, this is a complete command, do not separate each character. And the time delay before and after this sequence should be more than 1000 milliseconds, the interval of each character should not be more than 900 milliseconds.

**Hardware switching:** DTR pin could be used to trigger data mode and command mode.Command AT&D1 should be configured before application.

### (2) Command Mode -> Data Mode

ATO is used to enter into transparent access mode from command mode. If it enters into transparent access mode successfully, CONNECT<text> will be returned.

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# 2 AT Commands for TCPIP

### 2.1TCPIP Services AT

Command	Description
AT+NETOPEN	Start Socket Service
AT+NETCLOSE	Stop Socket Service
AT+CIPOPEN	Establish Connection in Multi-Socket Mode
AT+CIPSEND	Send data through TCP or UDP Connection
AT+CIPRXGET	Set the Mode to Retrieve Data
AT+CIPCLOSE	Close TCP or UDP Socket
AT+IPADDR	Inquire Socket PDP address
AT+CIPHEAD	Add an IP Header When Receiving Data
AT+CIPSRIP	Show Remote IP Address and Port
AT+CIPMODE	Set TCP/IP Application Mode
AT+CIPSENDMODE	Set Sending Mode
AT+CIPTIMEOUT	Set TCP/IP Timeout Value
AT+CIPCCFG	Configure Parameters of Socket
AT+SERVERSTART	Startup TCP Server
AT+SERVERSTOP	Stop TCP Server
AT+CIPACK	Query TCP Connection Data Transmitting Status
AT+CDNSGIP	Query the IP Address of Given Domain Name



# 3 TCPIP Examples

# 3.1 Configure and Activate context

### 3.1.1 Network Environment

TCP/IP application is based on GPRS network. Please make sure that GPRS network is available before TCP/IP setup.

### AT+CSQ

+CSQ: 23,0

OK

AT+CREG?

+CREG: 0,1

OK

AT+CGREG?

+CGREG: 0,1

OK

### 3.1.2 Configure Context

AT+CGDCONT=1,"IP","CMNET"
OK

### 3.1.3 Activate context



AT+NETOPEN

OK

+NETOPEN: 0 AT+IPADDR

+IPADDR: 10.148.0.17

OK

### 3.1.4 Deactivate Context

AT+NETCLOSE

OK

+NETCLOSE: 0
AT+IPADDR

+IPADDR: Network not opened

**ERROR** 

### 3.2TCP Client

### 3.2.1 TCP Client Works in Direct Push Mode

//Set up TCP Client Connection

AT+NETOPEN

OK

+NETOPEN: 0

AT+CIPOPEN=1,"TCP","117.131.85.139",5253

OK

// set up a TCP connection, <link\_num> is 1.
Before using AT+CIPOPEN, host should activate

PDP Context with AT+NETOPEN first.

+CIPOPEN: 1,0

//Send Data To Server

AT+CIPSEND=1,5

// send data with fixed length



>HELLO

OK

**+CIPSEND:** 1,5,5

//Receive Data From Server

RECV FROM:117.131.85.139:5253

+IPD16

data from server

// data from server directly output to COM

//Close TCP Connection

AT+CIPCLOSE=1

OK

+CIPCLOSE: 1,0

### 3.2.2 TCP Client Works in Buffer Access Mode

//Set up TCP Client Connection

AT+NETOPEN

OK

+NETOPEN: 0

AT+CIPRXGET=1

// buffer access mode, get data by AT+CIPRXGET

// send data with fixed length

OK

AT+CIPOPEN=1,"TCP","117.131.85.139",5253

OK

+CIPOPEN: 1,0

//Send Data to Server

AT+CIPSEND=1,5

>hello

OK

OIX

**+CIPSEND:** 1,5,5

//Receive Data from Server

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+CIPRXGET: 1,1 // URC to notify host of data from server // query the length of data in the buffer of socket AT+CIPRXGET=4,1 **+CIPRXGET: 4,1,16** with // <link\_num>=1 OK AT+CIPRXGET=2,1,5 // get data in ASCII form +CIPRXGET: 2,1,5,11data // read 5 bytes data and left 11 bytes OK AT+CIPRXGET=3,1,5 // get data in hex form +CIPRXGET: 3,1,5,6 66726F6D20 OK AT+CIPRXGET=4,1 // read the length of unread data in buffer **+CIPRXGET: 4,1,6** OK AT+CIPRXGET=2.2 // the connection identified by link\_num=2 has not +IP ERROR: No data been established **ERROR** AT+CIPRXGET=2,1 +CIPRXGET: 2,1,6,0 server OK AT+CIPRXGET=4,1 // all the data in buffer has been read, the rest len **+CIPRXGET: 4,1,0** is 0.

//Close TCP Connection

AT+CIPCLOSE=1

OK

OK

+CIPCLOSE: 1,0

### 3.2.3 TCP Client Works in Transparent Access Mode

//Set up TCP Client Connection

AT+CIPMODE=1

// Enter into transparent mode by at+cipmode=1

OK

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#### AT+NETOPEN

OK

+NETOPEN: 0

AT+CIPOEPN=0,"TCP","117.131.85.139",5253

**CONNECT 115200** 

// only <link\_num>=0 is allowed to operate with

transparent mode.

//Send Data to Server

All data got from com port will be sent to

internet directly

//Receive Data From Server

### **DATA FROM SERVERDATA FROM SERVER**

OK

//all the received data from server will be output to

com port directly

//sequence of +++ to quit transparent mode

AT+CIPOPEN?

+CIPOPEN: 0,"TCP","117.131.85.139",5253,-1

+CIPOPEN: 1 +CIPOPEN: 2

+CIPOPEN: 3

+CIPOPEN: 4

+CIPOPEN: 5 +CIPOPEN: 6

+CIPOPEN: 7

+CIPOPEN: 8 +CIPOPEN: 9

OK

ATO

CONNECT 115200 HELLO CLIENT

OK

//ATO to enter transparent mode again

//Close TCP Connection

AT+CIPCLOSE=0

OK

**CLOSED** 

+CIPCLOSE: 0,0



### 3.3 UDP Client

### 3.3.1 UDP Client Works in Direct Push Mode

//Set up UDP Client Connection

AT+NETOPEN

OK

+NETOPEN: 0

**AT+CIPOPEN=1,"UDP",,,5000** 

+CIPOPEN: 1,0

port OK must be specified.

//Send data to Server

AT+CIPSEND=1,,"117.131.85.139",5254

>HELLOSERVER OK <CTRL+Z>

+CIPSEND: 1,11,11

AT+CIPSEND=1,5,"117.131.85.139",5254

>HELLO OK

+CIPSEND: 1,5,5

// for UDP connection, when sending data, user must specify the remote IP address and port //send data with changeable length, <CTRL+Z> to

// when set a UDP connection, the remote IP

address and port is not necessary, but the local

end

//send data with fixed length

//Receive Data From Server

RECV FROM:117.131.85.139:5254

+IPD14

**HELLO CLIENT** 

//data from server output to COM port directly

//Close UDP Connection

AT+CIPCLOSE=1

+CIPCLOSE: 1,0

OK

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### 3.3.2 UDP Client Works in Buffer Access Mode

//Set up UDP Client Connection

AT+NETOPEN

OK

+NETOPEN: 0

AT+CIPRXGET=1 // buffer access mode, get data by AT+CIPRXGET

OK

AT+CIPOPEN=1,"UDP",,,5000 // when set a UDP connection, the remote IP

+CIPOPEN: 1,0 address and port is not necessary, but the local

port

**OK** must be specified.

//Send Data to Server

AT+CIPSEND=1,,"117.131.85.139",5254 // for UDP connection, when sending data, user

>HELLOSERVER must specify the remote IP address and port
OK <CTRL+Z> //send data with changeable length, <CTRL+Z> to

end

+CIPSEND: 1,11,11

AT+CIPSEND=1,5,"117.131.85.139",5254

>HELLO

OK

**+CIPSEND: 1,5,5** 

//send data with fixed length

//Receive Data From Server

**+CIPRXGET: 1,1** // URC to notify host of data from server

AT+CIPRXGET=4,1 // query the length of data in the buffer of socket

+CIPRXGET: 4,1,16 with <link\_num>=1

OK

AT+CIPRXGET=2,1,5 // get data in ASCII form

+CIPRXGET: 2,1,5,11

data

OK

AT+CIPRXGET=3,1,5 // get data in hex form

**+CIPRXGET: 3,1,5,6** 

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OK

AT+CIPRXGET=4,1 // read the length of unread data in buffer

**+CIPRXGET: 4,1,6** 

OK

AT+CIPRXGET=2,2 // the connection identified by link\_num=2 has not

+IP ERROR: No data been established

**ERROR** 

AT+CIPRXGET=2,1 +CIPRXGET: 2,1,6,0

server

OK

AT+CIPRXGET=4,1 // all the data in buffer has been read, the rest\_len

**+CIPRXGET: 4,1,0** is 0.

OK

//Close UDP Connection

AT+CIPCLOSE=1

OK

+CIPCLOSE: 1,0

### 3.3.3 UDP Client Works in Transparent Access Mode

//Set up UDP Client Connection

AT+CIPMODE=1

OK

AT+NETOPEN

OK

+NETOPEN: 0

AT+CIPOPEN=0,"UDP","117.131.85.139",5254, //only link\_num>=0 is allowed to operate with

5000

transparent mode. **CONNECT 115200** 

//Send Data to Server

All data got from com port will be sent to

internet directly

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```
//Receive Data From Server
HELLO CLIENT
                                                                                    ///data
HELLO CLIENT
                                              from server output to COM port directly
OK
                                              // sequence of +++ to guit transparent mode
AT+CIPOPEN?
+CIPOPEN: 0,"UDP","117.131.85.139",5254,-1
+CIPOPEN: 1
+CIPOPEN: 2
+CIPOPEN: 3
+CIPOPEN: 4
+CIPOPEN: 5
+CIPOPEN: 6
+CIPOPEN: 7
+CIPOPEN: 8
+CIPOPEN: 9
OK
AT+CIPOPEN=0,"UDP","117.131.85.139",5254,
                                              //only <link_num>=0 is allowed to operate with
5000
                                              transparent mode.
CONNECT 115200
```

### 3.4TCP Server

### 3.4.1 Transparent Mode

```
AT+CIPMODE=1
OK
AT+NETOPEN
OK
+NETOPEN: 0
                                              //only <server_index>=0 is allowed to operate with
AT+SERVERSTART=8080, 0
OK
                                              transparent mode.
+CLIENT: 0,0,192.168.108.5:57202
                                              //only <link_num> 0 can be used for transparent
CONNECT 115200
                                              mode operation.
OK
                                              // sequence of +++ to quit data mode
AT+CIPCLOSE=0
                                              // close client connection
OK
CLOSED
```

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+CIPCLOSE: 0,0
AT+SERVERSTOP=0 // close server socket

+SERVERSTOP: 0,0

OK

### 3.4.2 Non-Transparent Mode

AT+NETOPEN
OK

+NETOPEN: 0
AT+SERVERSTART=8080, 0
OK
AT+SERVERSTART=9090, 1
OK

AT+SERVERSTART=7070, 2

OK

AT+SERVERSTART=6060, 3

OK

**+CLIENT: 0,0,192.168.108.5:57202** //If a socket is accepted, the following URC will be

reported:

AT+CIPOPEN? //User can use AT+CIPOPEN? to check the

**+CIPOPEN: 0,"TCP","192.168.108.5",57202,1** accepted socket

+CIPOPEN: 1 //last parameter of 1 indicates this is an accepted

**+CIPOPEN: 2** socket, this server index is 1

+CIPOPEN: 3

+CIPOPEN: 4

+CIPOPEN: 5

+CIPOPEN: 6

+CIPOPEN: 7

+CIPOPEN: 8

+CIPOPEN: 9

OK

AT+CIPSEND=0,5 // only supports fixed-length to send

>HELLO

OK

**+CIPSEND:** 0,5,5

AT+SERVERSTOP=0 // if unspecified, it will close 0 channel

+SERVERSTOP: 0,0

OK

AT+SERVERSTOP=1

+SERVERSTOP: 1,0

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OK

AT+SERVERSTOP=2

+SERVERSTOP: 2,0

OK

AT+SERVERSTOP=3

+SERVERSTOP: 3,0

OK

AT+NETCLOS

OK

+NETCLOSE: 0

### 3.4.3 Query Connection Status

AT+CIPOPEN=1,"TCP","117.131.85.139",5253

OK

+CIPOPEN: 1,0

AT+CIPOPEN?

// query the current state of all sockets

+CIPOPEN: 0

+CIPOPEN: 1,"TCP","117.131.85.139",5253,-1

+CIPOPEN: 2

+CIPOPEN: 3

+CIPOPEN: 4

+CIPOPEN: 5

+CIPOPEN: 6

+CIPOPEN: 7

+CIPOPEN: 8

+CIPOPEN: 9

OK

AT+CIPCLOSE?

+CIPCLOSE: 0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0

OK

AT+CIPCLOSE=1

OK

+CIPCLOSE: 1,0
AT+CIPCLOSE?

+CIPCLOSE: 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0

OK

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# 4 Appendix

### 4.1 Summary of Error Codes

When you use these commands: AT+CIPACK AT+CIPRXGET, If something goes wrong, they maybe reported as +IP ERROR: <err\_info>.

The fourth parameter <errMode> of AT+CIPCCFG (TODO) is used to determine how <err\_info> is displayed.

If <errMode> is set to 0, the <err\_info> is displayed with numeric value.

If <errMode>is set to 1, the <err info> is displsayed with string value.

The default is displayed with string value.

The following list is the description of the <err info>.

Numeric Value	String Value
0	Connection time out
1	Bind port failed
2	Port overflow
3	Create socket failed
4	Network is already opened
5	Network is already closed
6	No clients connected
7	No active client
8	Network not opened
9	Client index overflow
10	Connection is already created
11	Connection is not created
12	Invalid parameter
13	Operation not supported
14	DNS query failed
15	TCP busy
16	Net close failed for socket opened
17	Sending time out
18	Sending failure for network error
19	Open failure for network error

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20	Server is already listening
21	Operation failed
22	No data

When you use these commands: AT+NETOPEN, AT+NETCLOSE, AT+CIPOPEN, AT+CIPSEND, AT+CIPCLOSE, AT+SERVERSTART, AT+SERVERSTOP, If something goes wrong, they will report the wrong number

The following list is the description of the <err>.

<err></err>	Description of <err></err>
0	operation succeeded
1	Network failure
2	Network not opened
3	Wrong parameter
4	Operation not supported
5	Failed to create socket
6	Failed to bind socket
7	TCP server is already listening
8	Busy
9	Sockets opened
10	Timeout
11	DNS parse failed for AT+CIPOPEN
12	Unknown error

# **4.2Unsolicited Result Codes**

Information	Description
+CIPEVENT: NETWORK	Network is closed for network error(Out of service, etc). When
CLOSED UNEXPECTEDLY	this event happens, user's application needs to check and close
	all opened sockets, and then uses AT+NETCLOSE to release the
	network library if AT+NETOPEN? shows the network library is still
	opened.

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+IPCLOSE: <client_index>,<close_reason></close_reason></client_index>	Socket is closed passively. <cli>client_index&gt; is the link number. <close_reason>: 0 - Closed by local, active 1 - Closed by remote, passive 2 - Closed for sending timeout or DTR off</close_reason></cli>
+CLIENT: < link_num>, <server_index>,<clie nt_ip="">:<port></port></clie></server_index>	TCP server accepted a new socket client, the index is <li>is<link_num>, the TCP server index is <server_index>. The peer IP address is <client_ip>, the peer port is <port>.</port></client_ip></server_index></link_num></li>



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