

LoRaWAN DLMS End-Device Monitoring Guidelines

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1 Introduction

This document is a Technical Recommendation describing LoRaWAN parameters required by the DLMS User Association for the implementation of interface classes operating over a LoRaWAN network. It is limited to the application of DLMS over LoRaWAN. A list of end-device management and monitoring parameters are provided in this document.

Questions asked by the metering ecosystem using LoRaWAN as a new communication protocol for connecting metering end-devices are answered in this document. Metering is referenced as a typical application and vertical use case. However, this technical recommendation may be used in multiple use cases as the metering ecosystem utilizes different protocols depending on the deployment region. For example, this document may be used by DLMS-COSEM.

Based on a liaison agreement between the LoRa Alliance and DLMS UA, a set of technical specifications are written to define how LoRaWAN will be used with a DLMS compliant meters (see BlueBook Edition 14). The parameters for monitoring the DLMS layer using a LoRaWAN connected device are also outlined in such documents.

DLMS is an application-oriented communication protocol that supports the management of information for a device. DLMS UA requires a list of parameters that will be used to report and monitor a LoRaWAN end-device and included in the LoRaWAN DLMS profile.

The information defined in this document may be available over-the-air through the DLMS protocol over LoRaWAN or other local interfaces.

Following guidelines have been observed for generation of each parameter:

- No additional technical requirements should be imposed on the LoRaWAN protocol
- Requirements must be transparent to any LoRaWAN L2 version (up to 1.1.x)
- Requirements may request modifications of the LoRaWAN stack implementation to deliver the information elements.



2 Conventions

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The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.



3 Recommended Parameters

The following is a list of parameters that are useful to DLMS. They are organized in three categories: General setup, diagnostic and multicast setup.

General Setup			
Parameter name	Description		
DevEUI			
DevAddr			
Versions - Hardware - Software - Regional parameters - LoRaWAN L2 protocol	Vendor specific data		
Class	A A + B A + C		
State	 Never joined Not joined (joined at least once, but not currently) Joining (sent Join-request, awaiting Join-accept) Joined Join error (sent Join-request and received Join-accepts that are erroneous or multiple Join-request were attempted) 		
MaxTransmitEIRPsetting	dBm		
ADR mode	Boolean: - True: ADR enabled - False: ADR disabled		
Regional parameters	EU868 US915 CN779 (will deprecate by Jan 1, 2021) EU433 AU915 CN470 AS923-1 AS923-2 AS923-3 KR920 IN865 RU864		
Device operation - TotalJoinRequestCounter - TimeSinceLastJoinRequest - TimeSinceLastJoinAccept Join strategy	- Integer - Seconds - Seconds Vendor specific		
Diagnostic			
Internal error codes	Fault condition identifier. Vendor specific.		



Unconfirmed uplink frame counter	Number of unconfirmed uplink frames sent				
Confirmed uplinks frame counter	Number of confirmed uplink frames sent				
Unconfirmed downlink frame counter	Number of unconfirmed downlink frames received				
Confirmed downlink frame counter	Number of confirmed downlink frames received				
Downlink mac command counter	Number of MAC commands received from the network				
Downlink mac answer error counter	Number of MAC commands answered by the network with an error				
Downlink mac ignored counter	Number of MAC commands ignored by the end-device				
Downlink PER	Packet Error Rate computed over the last 5 received downlinks (presented as percentage)				
Downlink mean RSSI RX1	Computed over the last 5 received downlink on RX1 (dBm)				
Downlink mean SNR RX1	Computed over the last 5 received downlink on RX1 (dB)				
Downlink mean RSSI RX2	Computed over the last 5 received downlink on RX2 (dBm)				
Downlink mean SNR RX2	Computed over the last 5 received downlink on RX2 (dB)				
Class B ping slot parameters	Frequency and datarate to use for downlinks on ping slots				
	Multicast setup, for one to four groups:				
McAddr	Multicast address				
McKey	Multicast key				
MinMcFCount	Minimum multicast frame counter, device should drop payload with lower frame counter				
MaxMcFcount	Maximum multicast frame counter, device should drop payload with higher frame counter				
McStartTime	Time to start the Multicast session, if applicable				
McDuration	Maximum duration of the multicast session, if applicable				
McClass	Device shall switch to the LoRaWAN class during the length of the multicast window, if applicable				
Downlink McDatarate	Datarate of the multicast session, if applicable				
Downlink McFrequency	Frequency of the multicast session, if applicable				

Table - Recommended parameters





Glossary

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3	ADR	Adaptive Data Rate
4	COSEM	Companion Specification for Energy Metering
5	DLMS	Device Language Message Specification
6	LoRa™	Long Range modulation technique
7	LoRaWAN®	Long Range network protocol
8	MAC	Medium Access Control

9 RSSI Received Signal Strength Indicator
 10 SNR Signal-to-Noise Ratio



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