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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

The Advanced Audio Distribution Profile (A2DP) defines the protocols and procedures that realize distribution of audio content of high-quality in mono or stereo on ACL channels. The term “advanced audio”, therefore, should be distinguished from “Bluetooth audio”, which indicates distribution of narrow band voice on SCO channels as defined in Chapter 12 of Bluetooth Baseband specification [1].

A typical usage case is the streaming of music content from a stereo music player to headphones or speakers. The audio data is compressed in a proper format for efficient use of the limited bandwidth. Surround sound distribution is not included in the scope of this profile.

The A2DP focuses on audio streaming, while the Video Distribution Profile (VDP) specifies video streaming. Support of both profiles enables us to distribute video content accompanied with high-quality audio. The usage case of video and audio streaming is described in the VDP.

Note also that the A2DP does not include remote control functions. Devices may support remote control features by implementing both A2DP and the control profile as depicted, for example, in the usage scenario of Audio/Video Remote Control Profile [2].

The QoS functionality required by the Core Specification might be enhanced to establish rules for capacity allocation during connection setup so that guaranteed service types can be assured of minimum time allocations. This would provide predictable results when multiple profiles are operating in the piconet. These are however currently not planned for future releases.

1.2 Profile Dependency

In Figure 1.1, the structure and the dependencies of the profiles are depicted. A profile is dependent upon another profile if it re-uses parts of that profile, by implicitly or explicitly referencing it. Dependency is illustrated in the figure. A profile has dependencies on the profile(s) in which it is contained – directly and indirectly.

As indicated in Figure 1.1, the A2DP is dependent upon the Generic Access Profile (GAP), as well as the Generic Audio/Video Distribution Profile (GAVDP) [3], which defines procedures required to set up an audio/video streaming. The A2DP defines parameters and procedures that are specific for audio streaming. The terminology, user interface and procedures as defined in the GAP and GAVDP are applicable to this profile, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

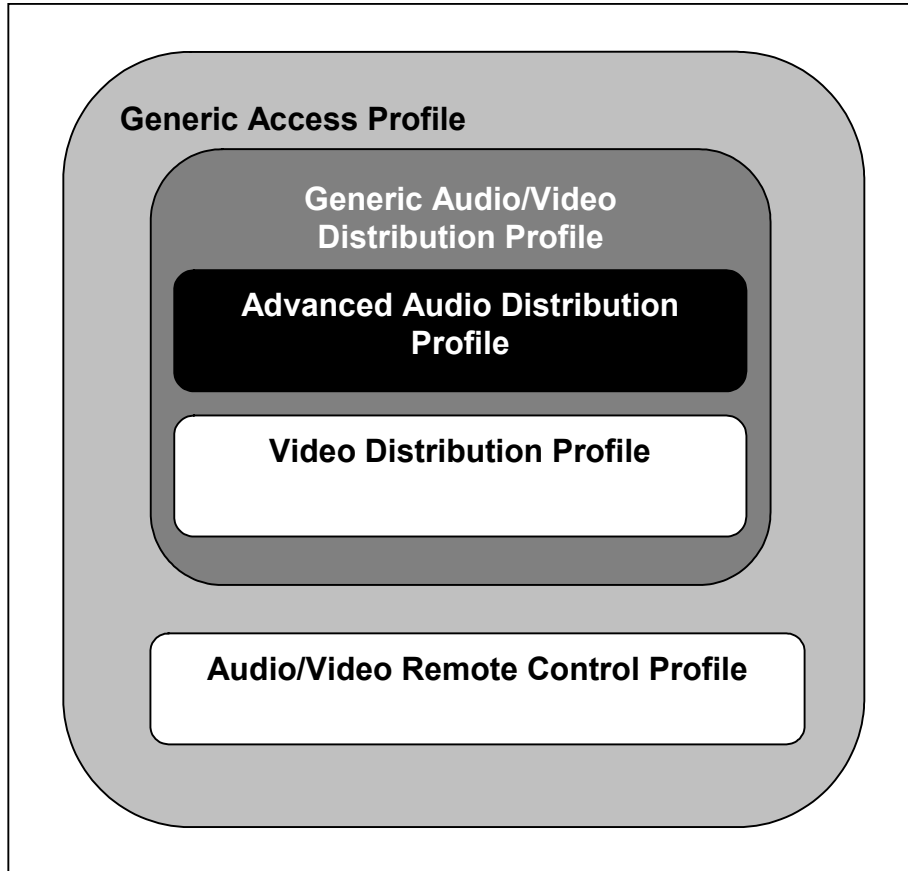


Figure 1.1: Profile Dependencies

1.3 Symbols and Conventions

1.3.1 Requirement Status Symbols

In this document the following symbols are used:

'M' for mandatory to support (used for capabilities that shall be used in the profile).

'O' for optional to support (used for capabilities that may be used in the profile).

'C' for conditional support (used for capabilities that shall be used in case a certain other capability is supported).

'X' for excluded (used for capabilities that may be supported by the unit, but that shall never be used in the profile).

'N/A' for not applicable (in the given context it is impossible to use this capability).

Some excluded capabilities are capabilities that, according to the relevant Bluetooth specification, are mandatory. These are features that may degrade operation of devices following this profile. Therefore, these features shall never be activated while a unit is operating as a unit within this profile.

1.3.2 Definition

1.3.2.1 RFA

Reserved for future additions. Bits with this designation shall be set to zero. Receivers shall ignore these bits.

1.3.2.2 RFD

Reserved for future definition. These bit value combinations or bit values are not allowed in the current specification but may be used in future versions. The receiver shall check that unsupported bit value combination is not used.

1.4 Bluetooth A2DP Profile Change History

1.4.1 Changes from 1.2 to 1.3

1.4.1.1 General Changes

- Non-A2DP codecs from A2DP 1.2 are now referred to as Vendor-Specific A2DP codecs
- Incorporation of adopted changes to correct various errata. Relevant errata are 879, 938, 2903, 3043 and 3631.

1.4.1.2 New Features

- Interoperability with the Delay Reporting feature from Audio/Video Distribution Transport Protocol 1.3 to enhance A/V synchronization
- Interoperability with Generic Access Profile modes, security and idle mode procedures defined in Core Specification 2.1 + EDR
- Clarification on the criteria to use Optional A2DP codecs in a compliant way and promote Vendor-Specific A2DP codecs to Optional A2DP codecs

1.5 Language

1.5.1 Language conventions

The Bluetooth SIG has established the following conventions for use of the words **shall**, **must**, **will**, **should**, **may**, **can**, **is**, and **note** in the development of specifications:

shall	<u>is required to</u> – used to define requirements.
must	is used to express: a natural consequence of a previously stated mandatory requirement. OR an indisputable statement of fact (one that is always true regardless of the circumstances).
will	<u>it is true that</u> – only used in statements of fact.
should	<u>is recommended that</u> – used to indicate that among several possibilities one is recommended as particularly suitable, but not required.
may	<u>is permitted to</u> – used to allow options.
can	<u>is able to</u> – used to relate statements in a causal manner.
is	<u>is defined as</u> – used to further explain elements that are previously required or allowed.
note	Used to indicate text that is included for informational purposes only and is not required in order to implement the specification. Each note is clearly designated as a “Note” and set off in a separate paragraph.

For clarity of the definition of those terms, see Core Specification Volume 1, Part E, Section 1.



1.5.2 Reserved for Future Use

Where a field in a packet, Protocol Data Unit (PDU), or other data structure is described as "Reserved for Future Use" (irrespective of whether in uppercase or lowercase), the device creating the structure shall set its value to zero unless otherwise specified. Any device receiving or interpreting the structure shall ignore that field; in particular, it shall not reject the structure because of the value of the field.

Where a field, parameter, or other variable object can take a range of values, and some values are described as "Reserved for Future Use," a device sending the object shall not set the object to those values. A device receiving an object with such a value should reject it, and any data structure containing it, as being erroneous; however, this does not apply in a context where the object is described as being ignored or it is specified to ignore unrecognized values.

When a field value is a bit field, unassigned bits can be marked as Reserved for Future Use and shall be set to 0. Implementations that receive a message that contains a Reserved for Future Use bit that is set to 1 shall process the message as if that bit was set to 0, except where specified otherwise.

The acronym RFU is equivalent to Reserved for Future Use.

1.5.3 Prohibited

When a field value is an enumeration, unassigned values can be marked as "Prohibited." These values shall never be used by an implementation, and any message received that includes a Prohibited value shall be ignored and shall not be processed and shall not be responded to.

Where a field, parameter, or other variable object can take a range of values, and some values are described as "Prohibited," devices shall not set the object to any of those Prohibited values. A device receiving an object with such a value should reject it, and any data structure containing it, as being erroneous.

"Prohibited" is never abbreviated.

2 Profile Overview

2.1 Profile Stacks

Figure 2.1 shows the protocols and entities used in this profile.

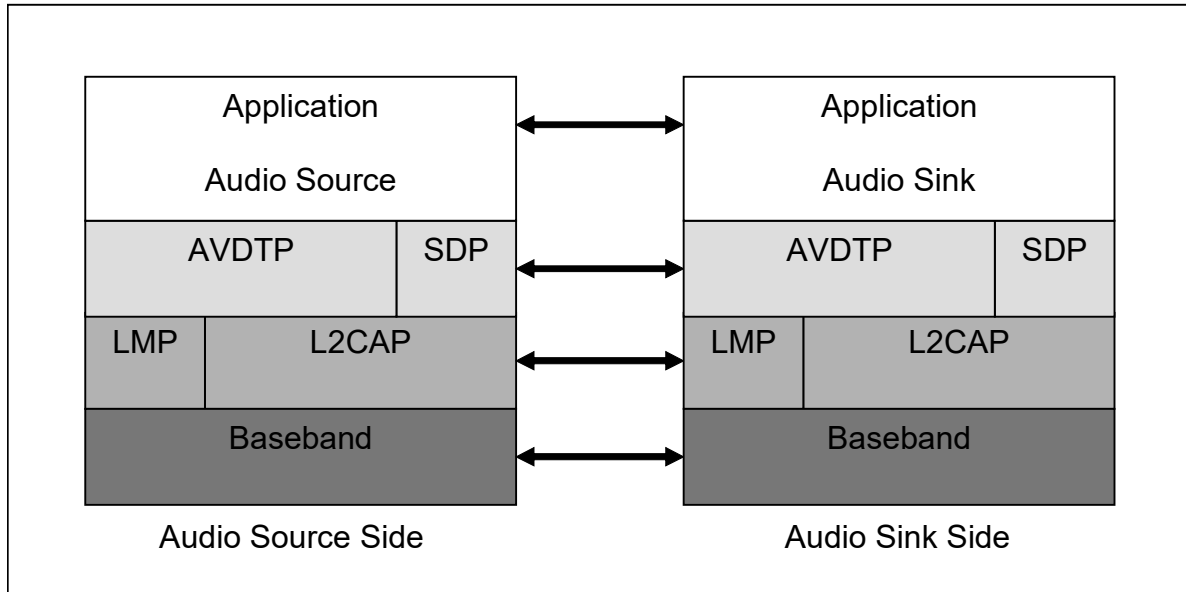


Figure 2.1: Protocol Model

The Baseband [1], LMP [5], L2CAP [6], and SDP [7] are Bluetooth protocols defined in the Bluetooth Core specifications. AVDTP [4] consists of a signaling entity for negotiation of streaming parameters and a transport entity that handles streaming itself.

The Application layer shown in Figure 2.1 is the entity in which the device defines application service and transport service parameters. The entity also adapts the audio streaming data into the defined packet format, or vice versa.

For the shaded protocols/entities in Figure 2.1, the GAVDP applies, except in those cases where this profile explicitly states deviations.

2.2 Configurations and Roles

The following roles are defined for devices that implement this profile:

Source (SRC) – A device is the **SRC** when it acts as a source of a digital audio stream that is delivered to the **SNK** of the piconet.

Sink (SNK) – A device is the **SNK** when it acts as a sink of a digital audio stream delivered from the **SRC** on the same piconet.

Examples of configurations illustrating the roles for this profile are depicted in Figure 2.2.

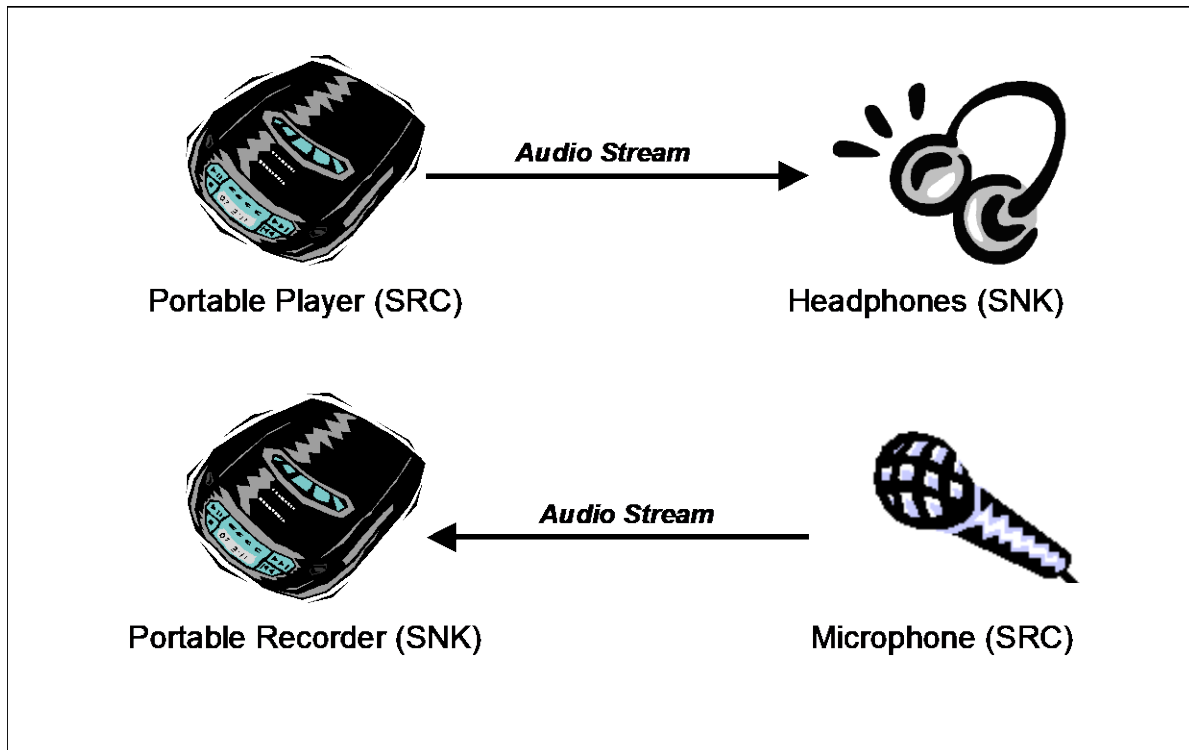


Figure 2.2: Examples of Configuration

2.3 User Requirements and Scenarios

The following scenario is covered by this profile:

- Setup/control/manipulate a streaming of audio data from the **SRC** to the **SNK(s)**.

The following restrictions are applied to this profile:

1. The profile does not support a synchronized point-to-multipoint distribution.
2. There exists certain delay between the **SRC** and the **SNK** due to radio signal processing, data buffering, and encode/decode of the stream data. Countering the effects of such delays depends on implementation.

The following requirements are set in this profile:

1. The audio data rate should be sufficiently smaller than usable bit rate on the Bluetooth link. This is to allow retransmission schemes to reduce the effects of packet loss.
2. The profile does not exclude any content protection method.

2.4 Profile Fundamentals

The profile fundamentals are same as defined in the GAVDP in addition to the following requirement.

Content Protection is provided at the application level and is not a function of the Bluetooth link level security protocol.

2.5 Conformance

When conformance to this profile is claimed, all capabilities indicated mandatory for this profile shall be supported in the specified manner (process mandatory). This also applies for optional and conditional



capabilities for which support is indicated. All mandatory, optional, and conditional capabilities, for which support is indicated, are subject to verification as part of the Bluetooth certification program.



3 Application Layer

This section describes the feature requirements on units complying with the A2DP.

Table 3.1 shows the feature requirements for this profile.

Item No.	Feature	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
1	Audio Streaming	M	M

Table 3.1: Application Layer Features

Table 3.2 maps each feature to the procedures used for that feature, and shows whether the procedure is optional, mandatory, or conditional. The procedures are described in the reference section.

Item No.	Feature	Procedure	Ref.	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
1	Audio Streaming	Send Audio Stream	3.2.1	M	N/A
		Receive Audio Stream	3.2.2	N/A	M

Table 3.2: Application Layer Feature to Procedure Mapping

3.1 Audio Streaming Set Up

If the AVDTP version of the remote device is unknown, the device shall perform a SDP query to get the AVDTP version on the remote device. This **shall** be performed before the GAVDP_ConnectionEstablishment procedure is performed. This is required since some commands in the audio streaming setup procedure depend on the AVDTP version.

When a device wishes to start streaming of audio content, the device firstly needs to set up a streaming connection. Signaling procedures and typical signaling flows are illustrated in Section 4.1 and Appendix A of GAVDP [3], respectively. During such set up procedure, the devices select the most suitable audio streaming parameters. There are two kinds of services configured; one is an application service capability, and the other is a transport service capability. (For details, see section 4.4 in AVDTP [4].) This profile specifies audio-specific parameters necessary for these signaling procedures. An example of how the session signaling is performed is described in Chapter 14 of GAVDP [3] and in Chapter 13 of this specification.

The application service capability for A2DP consists of audio codec capability and content protection capability. Requirements for audio codec interoperability and details of codec parameters such as mode, sampling frequency, and bit rate are described in Chapter 4. The content protection capability is described in Appendix A as informative.

The transport service capability is provided by AVDTP in order to manipulate the streaming packets more intelligently. Appropriate configuration of these services increases channel throughput. Available services are listed in Section 5.1.2.

3.2 Audio Streaming

Once streaming connection is established and Start Streaming procedure in GAVDP is executed, both SRC and SNK are in the STREAMING state, in which the SRC (SNK) is ready to send (receive) audio stream. (See section 4.1 in GAVDP [3].) The SRC uses the Send Audio Stream procedure to send audio data to the SNK, which in turn employs the Receive Audio Stream procedure to receive the audio data. The block diagrams of these procedures and created packet format are shown in Figure 3.1. In Chapter 4 audio-specific parameters in AVDTP header and media payload format are also specified.

Note again that the devices shall be in the STREAMING state to send/receive audio stream. If the SRC/SNK wishes to send/receive the audio stream whereas the state is still at OPEN, the SRC/SNK shall initiate Start Streaming procedure defined in GAVDP.



3.2.1 Send Audio Stream

In the Send Audio Stream procedure, the SRC shall, if needed, encode the data into a selected format in the signaling session. Then, the application layer of the SRC shall adapt the encoded data into the defined media payload format. The frame of encoded audio data is adapted to the defined payload format as defined in Chapter 4.

When content protection is in use, a content protection header may precede encrypted audio content. This is content protection method dependent.

Afterwards, the stream data shall be handed down to the AVDTP entity through the exposed interface (Interface 4) defined in Chapter 2 of AVDTP [4]. The stream data shall be sent out on the transport channel using the selected transport services defined in Section 5.4 of AVDTP [4].

3.2.2 Receive Audio Stream

The AVDTP entity of the SNK shall receive the stream data from the transport channel using the selected transport services and pass it to the application layer by exposed interface defined in Chapter 2 of AVDTP [4].

When a content protection method is active, the application layer of the SNK shall process the retrieved AVDTP payload as described by the content protection method. Typically, this processing entails content protection header analysis and decryption of associated encrypted content.

If applicable, the frame of audio data shall be decoded according to the selected coding format.

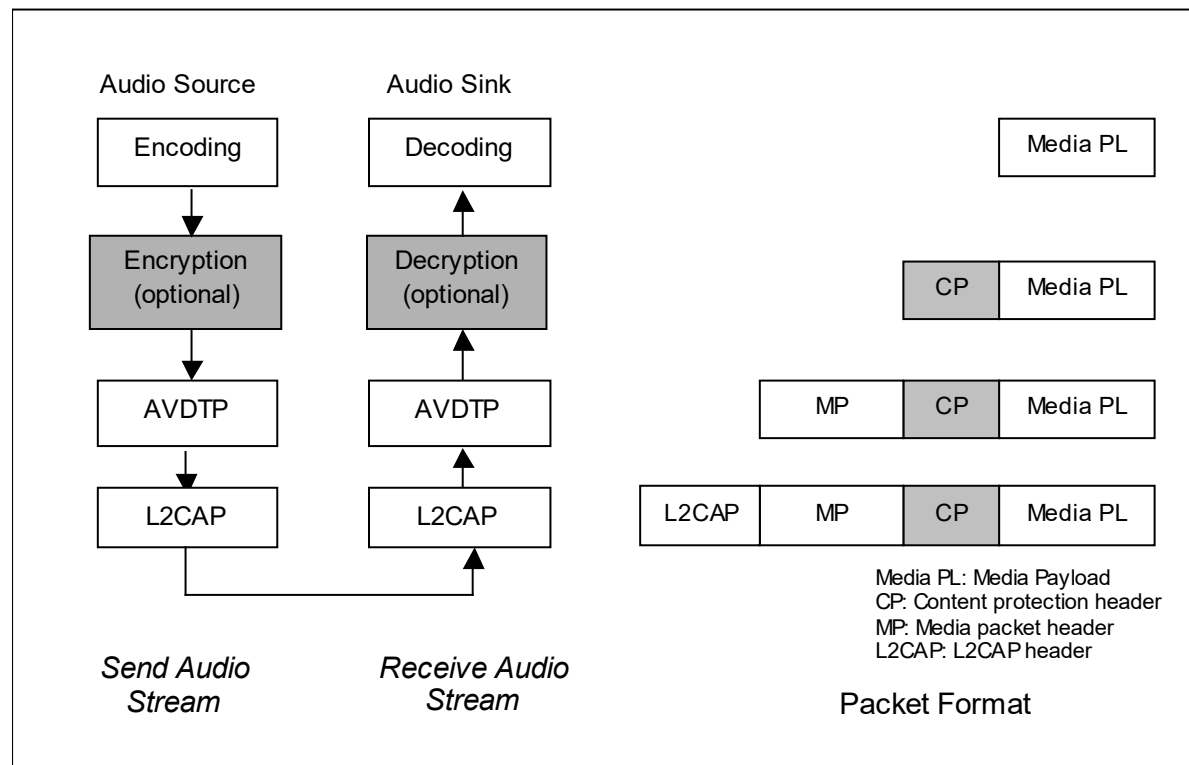


Figure 3.1: Block Diagram of Audio Streaming Procedures and the Packet Format

4 Audio Codec Interoperability Requirements

4.1 Overview

This chapter defines necessary information specific for audio codec. In section 4.2 definition of codecs used in this profile version and their requirements are fully described. Additional information about codec introduced after A2DP version 1.0 is described in Bluetooth Assigned Numbers [8].

Remaining sections provide reference for each codec as well as the following information:

- *Audio codec capabilities* define the capability field and its parameters necessary for signaling procedures in the streaming set up. Related procedures in GAVDP are *Connection Establishment* and *Change Parameters* procedures.
- *Media packet header requirements* define codec specific parameters in the media packet header, which shall be added to the media payload in the AVDTP entity. (See Figure 3.1)
- *Media payload format* defines the codec specific payload format in the AVDTP packet, which shall be used in the *Audio Streaming* procedures in Section 3.2. See also Figure 3.1.

4.2 Support of Codecs

Table 4.1 shows supported *Mandatory* and *Optional* codecs in this profile.

Codec Type	Support	Ref.
SBC	M	4.3
MPEG-1,2 Audio	O	4.4
MPEG-2,4 AAC	O	4.5
ATRAC family	O	4.6

Table 4.1: Supported codecs

The following codecs are treated as *Vendor Specific A2DP* codecs:

- The codecs that are not on Table 4.1 or Bluetooth Assigned Numbers [8].
- The *Mandatory* or *Optional* codecs used in a non-conforming way.

Requirements for the use of Vendor Specific A2DP codecs are defined in Section 4.2.3 and 4.7.

4.2.1 Mandatory Codec

The A2DP mandates low complexity subband codec (SBC) to ensure the interoperability. The device shall implement a SBC encoder when the device is the SRC, and a SBC decoder when the device is the SNK. All other codecs in this document are called Non-Mandatory codecs.

4.2.2 Optional codecs

The device may also support *Optional* codecs to maximize its usability. When both **SRC** and **SNK** support the same *Optional* codec, this codec may be used instead of Mandatory codec. *Optional* codecs supported by this profile are listed in Table 4.1 and additionally defined in Bluetooth Assigned Numbers [8]. To maintain interoperability, the requirements in Section 4.2.4 shall be applied.

For all *Optional* codecs listed in Bluetooth Assigned Numbers [8] but not described by this specification, the listing contains information on how to obtain information about Codec Specific Information Element, Media Packet Header Requirement and all other codec specific information.

4.2.3 Vendor Specific A2DP Codecs

The device may support other codecs as *Vendor Specific A2DP* codecs. A user of a *Vendor Specific A2DP* codec (hereafter the Vendor) will need to define parameters and other information necessary for



use of the codec in A2DP. The profile does not specify anything for *Vendor Specific A2DP* codecs, whereas the following requirements are imposed:

- To maintain interoperability, the requirements in Section 4.2.4 shall be applied.
- The *Vendor Specific A2DP* codec can be upgraded to *Optional* when the optional codec requirements in Section 4.2.2 as well as the following are both met:
- The proposed codec shall be successfully tested in a formal interoperability (IOP) testing session
 - Successfully testing a codec means that at least two source and two sink implementations shall provide evidence to the BARB that the proposed codec has been successfully implemented
 - The formal IOP test plan shall be submitted to and approved by BARB prior to the formal IOP testing session
- Any license applicable to the proposed codec shall be available under fair and reasonable terms and accessible in a non-discriminatory way. The specification of the proposed codec shall be available to all companies that plan to implement the codec, under NDA if needed
- If a Vendor Specific A2DP codec is upgraded to *Optional*, it will only be listed in the Bluetooth Assigned Numbers [8] and not in this or future profile versions.

4.2.4 Codec Interoperability Requirements

When the SRC wishes to send an audio data whose codec format is not supported by the SNK, the data shall be transcoded into SBC. Therefore, the following requirements are applied to the SRC when it supports Non-Mandatory codecs.

- Transcoding to SBC is only required for any **SRC** input whose format is not supported by the **SNK**
- For example, when the **SRC** accepts pre-encoded audio data in the *Non-Mandatory* codec format, the **SRC** shall have a decoder of this *Non-Mandatory* codec as well as a SBC encoder for transcoding.

4.2.5 Audio Codec Type Field Values

Refer to Bluetooth Assigned Numbers [8] for audio codec types available in this profile. Message format of audio codec capabilities is defined in Section 8.19.5 of AVDTP [4].

The following section defines audio codec parameters and formats required for audio streaming on the Bluetooth link.

4.3 SBC

4.3.1 Reference

SBC is mandatory to support in this profile. The SBC specification is a part of the Bluetooth specification. The codec specification is attached in 12 (Appendix B) of this profile.

4.3.2 Codec Specific Information Elements

Figure 4.1 shows *Codec Specific Information Elements* for SBC used in the signaling procedures. For reference, see section 8.19.5 of AVDTP [4]. The following section defines the field values and their requirements. The meaning of each value is defined in the SBC specification in Appendix B. If the packet includes improper settings, the error code shall be returned as specified in Section 5.1.3.

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Sampling Frequency				Channel Mode				Octet0
Block Length				Subbands		Allocation Method		Octet1
Minimum Bitpool Value								Octet2
Maximum Bitpool Value								Octet3

Figure 4.1: Codec Specific Information Elements for SBC



Note: In the Get All Capabilities Response of AVDTP, one or more bits may be defined/set in each field. On the other hand, in the Set Configuration Command and the Reconfigure Command of AVDTP, only one bit shall be defined/set in each field.

4.3.2.1 Sampling Frequency

Table 4.2 shows the value of Sampling Frequency field for SBC. For the decoder in the SNK the sampling frequencies 44.1 kHz and 48 kHz are mandatory to support. The encoder in the SRC shall support at least one of the sampling frequencies of 44.1 kHz and 48 kHz.

Position	Sampling Frequency (Hz)	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet0; b7	16000	O	O
Octet0; b6	32000	O	O
Octet0; b5	44100	C1	M
Octet0; b4	48000	C1	M
C1: At least one of the values shall be supported			

Table 4.2: Sampling Frequency for SBC

4.3.2.2 Channel Mode

Table 4.3 shows the value of *Channel Mode* field for SBC. For the decoder in the **SNK** all features shall be supported. The encoder in the **SRC** shall support at least MONO and one of DUAL CHANNEL, STEREO and JOINT STEREO modes.

Position	Channel Mode	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet0; b3	MONO	M	M
Octet0; b2	DUAL CHANNEL	C1	M
Octet0; b1	STEREO	C1	M
Octet0; b0	JOINT STEREO	C1	M
C1: At least one of the values shall be supported			

Table 4.3: Channel Mode for SBC

4.3.2.3 Block Length

Table 4.4 shows the value of Block Length field for SBC. Both encoder in the SRC and decoder in the SNK shall support all of the parameters.

Position	Block length	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet1; b7	4	M	M
Octet1; b6	8	M	M
Octet1; b5	12	M	M
Octet1; b4	16	M	M

Table 4.4: Block Length for SBC

4.3.2.4 Subbands

Table 4.5 shows the value of Number of Subbands field for SBC. For the decoder in the SNK, all features shall be supported. The encoder in the SRC shall support at least 8 subbands case.



Position	Number of subbands	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet1; b3	4	O	M
Octet1; b2	8	M	M

Table 4.5: Number of Subbands for SBC

4.3.2.5 Allocation Method

Table 4.6 shows the value of *Allocation Method* field for SBC. For the decoder in the **SNK**, all features shall be supported. The encoder in the **SRC** shall support at least the LOUDNESS method.

Position	Allocation method	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet1; b1	SNR	O	M
Octet1; b0	Loudness	M	M

Table 4.6: Allocation Method for SBC

4.3.2.6 Minimum / Maximum Bitpool Value

The device sets the range of SBC bitpool parameters using Minimum / Maximum Bitpool Value fields expressed by 8 bit UImbsf (Unsigned integer, Most significant bit first), ranging from 2 to 250. In the Get All Capabilities procedure in AVDTP, the Minimum / Maximum Bitpool Value fields contain allowed variable range of the bitpool value in the ACP, while in the Stream Configuration or Stream Reconfigure procedure in AVDTP, the fields contain variable range of the bitpool value that the INT expects to send/receive.

Using the bitpool value and other codec parameters (sampling frequency, channel mode, block length, and the number of subbands), the bit rate and frame length of the audio stream is calculated as shown in Section 12.9.

The codec information that determines the bit rate is contained in the SBC frame header and repeatedly sent to the SNK associated with audio data stream. The SRC is capable of changing the bit rate dynamically by changing the bitpool parameter without suspending. The other parameters can be changed during the Change Parameters procedure defined in GAVDP.

The decoder of the SNK shall support 2 as the Minimum Bitpool Value and High Quality Bitpool value in Table 4.7 as the Maximum Bitpool Value at a minimum.

A **SNK** device may support bitpools larger than the High Quality value in Table 4.7, but shall be required to demonstrate the ability to acceptably render the resulting media.

For the encoder of the **SRC**, it is required to support at least one possible bitpool value. However, it is recommended for the encoder to support the following settings shown in Table 4.7.

SBC encoder settings*	Middle Quality				High Quality			
	Mono		Joint Stereo		Mono		Joint Stereo	
Sampling frequency (kHz)	44.1	48	44.1	48	44.1	48	44.1	48
Bitpool value	19	18	35	33	31	29	53	51
Resulting frame length (bytes)	46	44	83	79	70	66	119	115
Resulting bit rate (kb/s)	127	132	229	237	193	198	328	345
*Other settings: Block length = 16, Allocation method = Loudness, Subbands = 8								

Table 4.7: Recommended sets of SBC parameters in the SRC device

Note again that the frame length shown in this table is variable according to the bitpool value. For the most efficient use of the transport in L2CAP, the frame length may be adjusted when media payload is constructed. For creation of media payload format using SBC frames, see section 4.3.4.



The decoder of the SNK shall support all possible bitpool values that do not result in excess of the maximum bit rate. This profile limits the available maximum bit rate to 320kb/s for mono, and 512kb/s for two-channel modes.

4.3.3 Media Packet Header Requirements

4.3.3.1 Timestamp (TS)

The clock frequency necessary to create TS shall be set to the sample rate of the encoded audio data.

If a media payload consists of multiple SBC frames, the TS of the media packet header represent the TS of the first SBC frame. The TS of the following SBC frames shall be calculated using the sample rate and the number of samples per frame per channel.

When a SBC frame is fragmented into multiple media packets, all packets that make up a fragmented SBC frame shall use the same TS.

4.3.3.2 Payload Type (PT)

A payload type in the RTP dynamic range shall be chosen (see [22], section 3).

4.3.3.3 Marker (M) bit

Shall be set to zero.

4.3.3.4 Extension (X) bit

Not used and shall be set to zero.

4.3.4 Media Payload Format

The media payload for SBC shown in [Figure 4.2](#) consists of SBC specific header and SBC frame(s) defined in the SBC specification.

If the configured MTU size for the transport channel is greater or equal to the SBC frame size + the sum of [Media Payload header size, Content Protection header size (if Content Protection is selected), Media Packet header size], then a media payload shall contain an integral number of complete SBC frames (see format (a) shown in [Figure 4.2](#)).

If this is not the case, and provided that the multiplexing service of AVDTP is not selected, the SBC frame shall be fragmented across several media payloads (see format (b) shown in [Figure 4.2](#)). All fragmented packets, except the last one, shall have the same total data packet size. A media payload always starts with an 8-bit header, which is placed before the SBC data. If the multiplexing service of AVDTP is selected, then it is recommended not to fragment the SBC frame across several media payloads, because AVDTP will fragment the media payloads across several L2CAP packets if necessary.

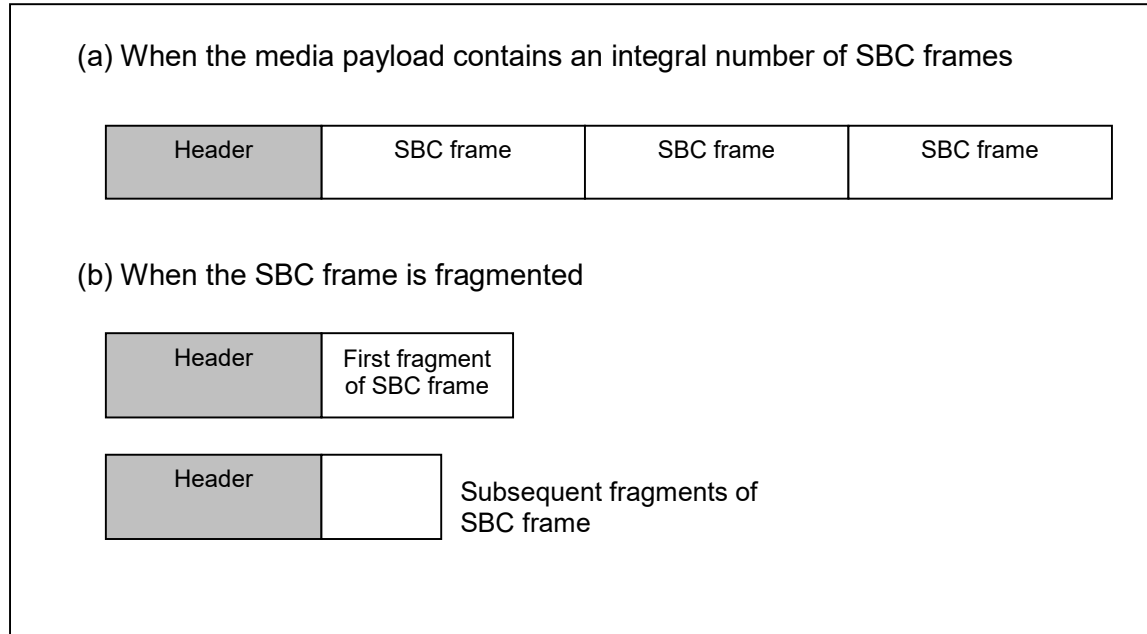


Figure 4.2: Media payload format of SBC

Figure 4.3 shows the media payload header format of SBC.

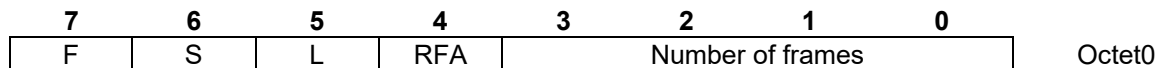


Figure 4.3: Header format of media payload for SBC

- *F bit* – Set to 1 if the SBC frame is fragmented, otherwise set to 0.
- *S bit* – Set to 1 for the starting packet of a fragmented SBC frame, otherwise set to 0.
- *L bit* – Set to 1 for the last packet of a fragmented SBC frame, otherwise set to 0
- *RFA* – See definition Section 1.3.2.1.
- *Number of frames* (4 bits) – If the *F bit* is set to 0, this field indicates the number of frames contained in this packet. If the *F bit* is set to 1, this field indicates the number of remaining fragments, including the current fragment. Thus the last counter value shall be one. For example, if there are three fragments then the counter has value 3, 2 and 1 for subsequent fragments. This field is expressed by 4 bit UIMsb.

4.4 MPEG-1,2 Audio

4.4.1 Reference

For MPEG-1 Audio, refer to [12]. For MPEG-2 Audio, refer to [13].

4.4.2 Codec Specific Information Elements

Figure 4.4 shows *Codec Specific Information Elements* for MPEG-1,2 Audio used in the signaling procedures. For reference, see section 8.19.5 AVDTP [4]. The following section defines the field values and their requirements. The meaning of each value is defined in [12] and [13]. Support columns in each field value show the requirements to fulfill when this codec is supported. If the packet includes improper settings, the error code shall be returned as specified in Section 5.1.3.

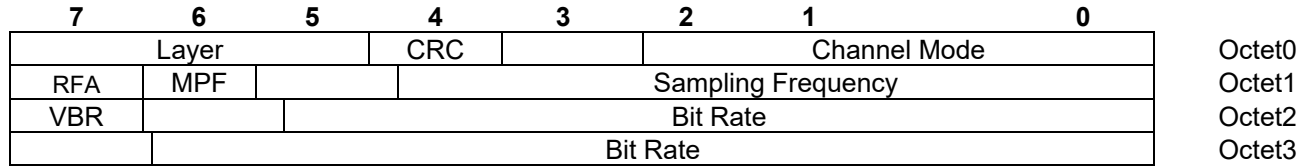


Figure 4.4: Codec Specific Information Elements for MPEG-1,2 Audio

Note: In the Get All Capabilities Response of AVDTP, one or more values may be defined/set in each field. On the other hand, in the Set Configuration Command and the Reconfigure Command of AVDTP, only one value shall be defined/set in each field.

4.4.2.1 Layer

Table 4.8 shows the value of Layer defined in MPEG-1,2 Audio. The SRC and SNK shall support at least one of Layer I (mp1), Layer II (mp2) and Layer III (mp3).

Position	Layer	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet0; b7	Layer I (mp1)	C1	C2
Octet0; b6	Layer II (mp2)	C1	C2
Octet0; b5	Layer III (mp3)	C1	C2
C1: At least one of the values shall be supported			
C2: At least one of the values shall be supported			

Table 4.8: Layers for MPEG-1,2 Audio

4.4.2.2 CRC Protection

Support of CRC Protection is mandatory in the SNK and optional in the SRC.

Position	CRC Protection	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet0; b4	Protection supported	O	M

Table 4.9: CRC Protection assignment for MPEG-1,2 Audio

4.4.2.3 Channel Mode

Table 4.10 shows the value of Channel Mode field for MPEG-1,2 Audio. For the decoder in the **SNK** all features shall be supported. The encoder in the **SRC** shall support at least one of MONO, DUAL CHANNEL, STEREO, and JOINT STEREO modes.

Position	Channel Mode	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet0; b3	MONO	C1	M
Octet0; b2	DUAL CHANNEL	C1	M
Octet0; b1	STEREO	C1	M
Octet0; b0	JOINT STEREO	C1	M
C1: At least one of the values shall be supported			

Table 4.10: Channel Mode for MPEG-1,2 Audio

4.4.2.4 Media Payload Format (MPF)

MPF field indicates the support of media payload format for MPEG-1,2 Audio. It is mandatory to support MPF-1 in Section 4.4.4. The MPF field is set to 1 if MPF-2 in Section 4.4.4 is also supported, or if MPF-2 is configured as a transferred media payload format; otherwise it is set to 0.



4.4.2.5 Sampling Frequency

Table 4.11 shows the value of Sampling Frequency field for MPEG-1,2 Audio. For the decoder in the **SNK** the sampling frequencies 44.1 kHz and 48 kHz are mandatory to support. The encoder in the **SRC** shall support at least one of the sampling frequencies of 44.1 kHz and 48 kHz. Other sampling frequencies are optional both for the **SNK** and the **SRC**.

Position	Sampling Frequency (Hz)	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet1; b5	16000	O	O
Octet1; b4	22050	O	O
Octet1; b3	24000	O	O
Octet1; b2	32000	O	O
Octet1; b1	44100	C1	M
Octet1; b0	48000	C1	M
C1: At least one of the values shall be supported			

Table 4.11: Sampling Frequency for MPEG-1,2 Audio

4.4.2.6 VBR

In this profile, support of **VBR** (Variable Bit Rate) for MPEG-1,2 Audio is mandatory for the decoder in the **SNK** and optional for the encoder in the **SRC**. Layer I and Layer II do not mandate this parameter, but most of the actual devices support it commonly.

Position	VBR Support	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet2; b7	VBR supported	O	M

Table 4.12: VBR support for MPEG-1,2 Audio

4.4.2.7 Bit Rate Index

Table 4.13 shows the value of *Bit Rate Index* field for MPEG-1,2 Audio. The index value represents the actual bit rate value defined in the referenced specification. For the decoder in the **SNK** all features shall be supported except for the index value '0000'. The encoder in the **SRC** shall support at least one of the index values that are mandatory to support in the **SNK**.

Note that MPEG-1 Layer II (mp2) has restriction in allowed combination of total bit rate and channel mode (for MPEG-1 see section 2.4.2.3 in [12]). This restriction overrules the support of *Bit Rate Index* shown in Table 4.13.

Position	Bit Rate Index	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet2; b6	'1110'	C1	M
Octet2; b5	'1101'	C1	M
Octet2; b4	'1100'	C1	M
Octet2; b3	'1011'	C1	M
Octet2; b2	'1010'	C1	M
Octet2; b1	'1001'	C1	M
Octet2; b0	'1000'	C1	M
Octet3; b7	'0111'	C1	M
Octet3; b6	'0110'	C1	M



Position	Bit Rate Index	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet3; b5	'0101'	C1	M
Octet3; b4	'0100'	C1	M
Octet3; b3	'0011'	C1	M
Octet3; b2	'0010'	C1	M
Octet3; b1	'0001'	C1	M
Octet3; b0	'0000'	O	O
C1: At least one of the values shall be supported			

Table 4.13: Bit Rate Index for MPEG-1,2 Audio

When VBR is set, the Bit Rate Index Field shall be neglected.

4.4.2.8 RFA

See definition section 1.3.2.1

4.4.3 Media Packet Header Requirements

The media packet header requirements for MPEG-1,2 Audio are contained in the specification of media payload format referenced in Section 4.4.4.

4.4.4 Media Payload Format

MPEG-1,2 Audio uses payload formats defined in [14] and [15]. This profile mandates support of the format in MPF-1. MPF-2 provides more error-robustness for MPEG-1,2 Audio Layer III. See also Section 4.4.2.4. For MPF-1, refer to [14]. For MPF-2, refer to [15].

4.5 MPEG-2, 4 AAC

4.5.1 Reference

For MPEG-2 AAC, refer to [16]. For MPEG-4 AAC, refer to [17].

4.5.2 Codec Specific Information Elements

Figure 4.5 shows *Codec Specific Information Elements* for MPEG-2,4 AAC used in the signaling procedures. For reference, see section 8.19.5 of AVDTP [4]. The following section defines the field values and their requirements. Support columns in each field value show the requirements to fulfill when this codec is supported. If the packet includes improper settings, the error code shall be returned as specified in Section 5.1.3.

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Object Type								Octet0
Sampling Frequency								Octet1
Sampling Frequency				Channels		RFA		Octet2
VBR	Bit rate							Octet3
Bit rate								Octet4
Bit rate								Octet5

Figure 4.5: Codec Specific Information Elements for MPEG-2,4 AAC

Note: In the Get All Capabilities Response of AVDTP, one or more values may be defined/set in each field. On the other hand, in the Set Configuration Command and the Reconfigure Command of AVDTP, only one value shall be defined/set in each field.



4.5.2.1 Object Type

Table 4.14 shows the value of *Object Type* field for MPEG-2,4 AAC. The **SRC** and **SNK** shall support MPEG-2 AAC LC, and other values are optional.

Position	Object Type	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet0; b7	MPEG-2 AAC LC	M	M
Octet0; b6	MPEG-4 AAC LC	O	O
Octet0; b5	MPEG-4 AAC LTP	O	O
Octet0; b4	MPEG-4 AAC scalable	O	O
Octet0; b3	RFA	–	–
Octet0; b2	RFA	–	–
Octet0; b1	RFA	–	–
Octet0; b0	RFA	–	–

Table 4.14: *Object Type* for MPEG-2,4 AAC

4.5.2.2 Sampling Frequency

Table 4.15 shows the value of *Sampling Frequency* field for MPEG-2,4 AAC. For the decoder in the **SNK** the sampling frequencies 44.1 kHz and 48 kHz are mandatory to support. The encoder in the **SRC** shall support at least one of the sampling frequencies of 44.1 kHz and 48 kHz. Other sampling frequencies are optional both for **SNK** and **SRC**.

Position	Sampling Frequency (Hz)	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet1; b7	8000	O	O
Octet1; b6	11025	O	O
Octet1; b5	12000	O	O
Octet1; b4	16000	O	O
Octet1; b3	22050	O	O
Octet1; b2	24000	O	O
Octet1; b1	32000	O	O
Octet1; b0	44100	C1	M
Octet2; b7	48000	C1	M
Octet2; b6	64000	O	O
Octet2; b5	88200	O	O
Octet2; b4	96000	O	O
C1: At least one of the values shall be supported			

Table 4.15: *Sampling Frequency* field for MPEG-2,4 AAC

4.5.2.3 Channels

Table 4.16 shows the value of *Channels* field for MPEG-2,4 AAC. The **SNK** shall support both of channels, while the **SRC** shall support at least one of the channels.



Position	Channels	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet2; b3	1	C1	M
Octet2; b2	2	C1	M
C1: At least one of the values shall be supported			

Table 4.16: Channels field for MPEG-2,4 AAC

4.5.2.4 Bit rate

Bit rate field is assigned for the bit rate in bits per second in case of a constant rate stream, or the maximum peak bit rate (measured per frame) in case of a variable bit rate stream. A value of 0 indicates that the bit rate is not known. The field is expressed as a 23 bit UIMsbf as described in the following figure.

Octet 3 (bits 6... 0)							Octet 4								Octet 5							
b22	b21	b20	b19	b18	b17	b16	b15	b14	b13	b12	b11	b10	b9	b8	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0

Figure 4.6: Bit order for Bit rate field of MPEG-2,4 AAC

4.5.2.5 VBR

Support of *VBR* (Variable Bit Rate) is mandatory for the decoder in the **SNK** and optional for the encoder in the **SRC**.

Position	VBR Support	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet3; b7	VBR supported	O	M

Table 4.17: VBR support for MPEG-2,4 AAC

4.5.2.6 RFA

See definition Section 1.3.2.1.

4.5.3 Media Packet Header Requirements

The media packet header requirements for MPEG-2,4 AAC are contained in the specification of media payload format referenced in Section 4.5.4.

4.5.4 Media Payload Format

MPEG-2,4 AAC uses the media payload format defined in [18]. The specification defines the payload format only for MPEG-4 audio; in use of MPEG-2 AAC LC, the audio stream shall be transformed to MPEG-4 AAC LC in the **SRC** by modifying the codec information and adapted into MPEG-4 LATM format before being put into Media Payload Format. The **SNK** shall retransform the stream into MPEG-2 AAC LC, if necessary.¹ For details, see [16] and [17].

¹ When the MPEG-4 AAC LC is supported in the **SNK**, it is possible to decode the data as it is.

4.6 ATRAC family

4.6.1 Reference

ATRAC family is proprietary codec owned by Sony Corporation. Licensed users obtain the specifications of this codec. For details of license, contact Sony Corporation through the following e-mail address: bt-atrac3@jp.sony.com.

4.6.2 Codec Specific Information Elements

Figure 4.7 shows *Codec Specific Information Elements* for ATRAC family used in the signaling procedures. For reference, see section 8.19.5 of AVDTP [4]. The following section defines the field values and their requirements. Support columns in each field value show the requirements to fulfill when this codec is supported. If the packet includes improper settings, the error code shall be returned as specified in section 5.1.3.

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Version			Channel Mode			RFA		Octet0
RFA		Fs		VBR	Bit Rate			Octet1
Bit Rate								Octet2
Bit Rate								Octet3
Maximum SUL								Octet4
RFA								Octet5
								Octet6

Figure 4.7: Codec Specific Information Elements for ATRAC family

Note: In the Get All Capabilities Response of AVDTP, one or more values may be defined/set in each field. On the other hand, in the Set Configuration Command and the Reconfigure Command of AVDTP, only one value shall be defined/set in each field.

4.6.2.1 Version

Table 4.18 shows the value of *Version* field for ATRAC family. The *Version* field contains one specific version of ATRAC family. Therefore, if e.g. the device supports both ATRAC and ATRAC3, two different Stream End Points shall be used.

Bits			Version
7	6	5	
0	0	1	ATRAC
0	1	0	ATRAC2
0	1	1	ATRAC3
Other values			RFD. See definition Section 1.3.2.2.

Table 4.18: Version for ATRAC family

4.6.2.2 Channel Mode

Table 4.19 shows the value of *Channel Mode* field for ATRAC family. The **SRC** and the **SNK** shall support at least one of the values.

Position	Channel Mode	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet0; b4	Single channel	C1	C2
Octet0; b3	Dual channel	C1	C2
Octet0; b2	Joint stereo	C1	C2



Position	Channel Mode	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
C1, C2: At least one of the values shall be supported. For the additional conditions, refer to the specifications of ATRAC family.			

Table 4.19: Channel Mode for ATRAC family

4.6.2.3 Fs (Sampling Frequency)

Table 4.20 shows the value of *Sampling Frequency* field for ATRAC family. The **SRC** and the **SNK** shall support at least one of the values.

Position	Sampling Frequency (Hz)	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet1; b5	44100	C1	C2
Octet1; b4	48000	C1	C2
C1, C2: At least one of the values shall be supported. For the additional conditions, refer to the specifications of ATRAC family.			

Table 4.20: Sampling Frequency for ATRAC family

4.6.2.4 VBR

Support of *VBR* (Variable Bit Rate) for ATRAC family is optional both for the **SRC** and the **SNK**.

Note that when the *VBR* is supported *Bit Rate Index* field in Section 4.6.2.5 shall be neglected since the device can adopt any bit rate under *Maximum SUL* value described in Section 4.6.2.6. When the *VBR* is not applied the *Bit Rate Index* field explicitly indicates supported bit rate, while the *Maximum SUL* field shall be neglected.

Position	VBR Support	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet1; b3	VBR supported	O	O

Table 4.21: VBR support for ATRAC family

4.6.2.5 Bit Rate Index

Table 4.22 shows the value of *Bit Rate Index* field for ATRAC family. The index value represents the actual bit rate value defined in the referenced specification. At least one of the values shall be supported both for the **SRC** and the **SNK**.

Position	Bit Rate Index	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet1; b2	0x0000	C1	C2
Octet1; b1	0x0001	C1	C2
Octet1; b0	0x0002	C1	C2
Octet2; b7	0x0003	C1	C2
Octet2; b6	0x0004	C1	C2
Octet2; b5	0x0005	C1	C2
Octet2; b4	0x0006	C1	C2
Octet2; b3	0x0007	C1	C2
Octet2; b2	0x0008	C1	C2
Octet2; b1	0x0009	C1	C2



Position	Bit Rate Index	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
Octet2; b0	0x000a	C1	C2
Octet3; b7	0x000b	C1	C2
Octet3; b6	0x000c	C1	C2
Octet3; b5	0x000d	C1	C2
Octet3; b4	0x000e	C1	C2
Octet3; b3	0x000f	C1	C2
Octet3; b2	0x0010	C1	C2
Octet3; b1	0x0011	C1	C2
Octet3; b0	0x0012	C1	C2
C1, C2: At least one of the values shall be supported. For the additional conditions, refer to the specifications of ATRAC family.			

Table 4.22: Bit Rate Index for ATRAC family

4.6.2.6 Maximum SUL

Sound Unit Length (SUL) is one of the parameters that determine bit rate of the audio stream. The *Maximum SUL* field with 16bits UiMsb contains the maximum value (expressed in Byte) of the SUL that the decoder in the **SNK** supports. The **SRC** shall send audio streaming data whose SUL is equal to or smaller than that of maximum SUL of the decoder in the **SNK**.

The maximum SUL value in the **SNK** shall be notified to the **SRC** during *Get All Capabilities* procedure of AVDTP initiated by the **SRC**, or during *Stream Configuration* procedure of AVDTP initiated by the **SNK**.

4.6.2.7 RFA

See definition section 1.3.2.1.

4.6.3 Media Packet Header Requirements

4.6.3.1 Timestamp (TS)

The clock frequency necessary to create TS shall be set to the sample rate of the encoded audio data.

If a media payload consists of multiple codec frames of ATRAC family, the TS of the media packet header represent the TS of the first codec frame. The TS of the following codec frames shall be calculated using the sample rate and the number of samples per frame per channel.

4.6.3.2 Payload Type (PT)

A payload type in the RTP dynamic range shall be chosen (see [22], section 3).

4.6.3.3 Marker (M) bit

Shall be set to zero.

4.6.3.4 Extension (X) bit

Not used and shall be set to zero.

4.6.4 Media Payload Format

Licensed users obtain the specification of Media Payload Format for ATRAC family. See Section 4.6.1.



4.7 Vendor Specific A2DP Codec

4.7.1 Reference

Definition and treatment of *Vendor Specific A2DP* codec is defined in Section 4.2.3.

4.7.2 Codec Specific Information Elements

Figure 4.8 shows *Codec Specific Information Elements* for *Vendor Specific A2DP* codec used in the signaling procedures. For reference, see section 8.19.5 of AVDTP [4]. If the packet includes improper settings, the error code shall be returned as specified in Section 5.1.3.

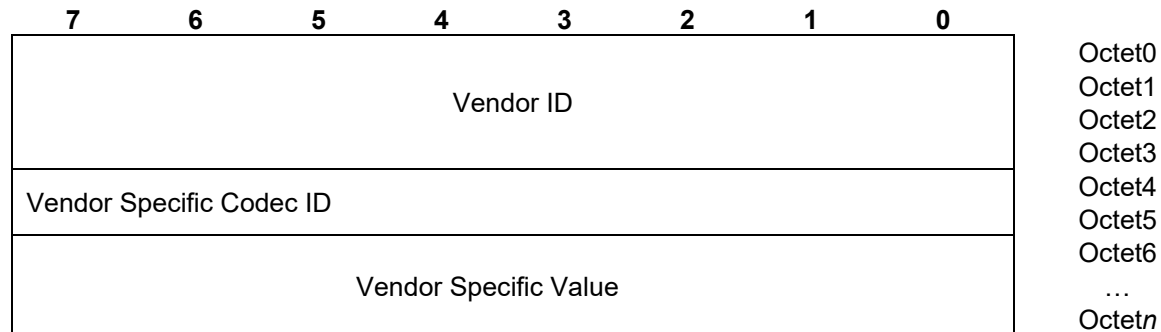


Figure 4.8: *Codec Specific Information Elements* for *Vendor Specific A2DP* Codec

4.7.2.1 Vendor ID

A 32-bit Vendor ID shall be used. The lower 16 bits of the 32-bit Vendor ID shall contain a valid, non-reserved 16-bit Company ID as defined in Bluetooth Assigned Numbers [8]. The upper 16 bits of the 32-bit Vendor ID shall be set to zero. The LSB of the Vendor ID shall be placed in octet 0.

4.7.2.2 Vendor Specific Codec ID

The *Vendor Specific Codec ID* field in Figure 4.8 contains 16-bit codec ID administered by the Vendor.

4.7.2.3 Vendor Specific Value

The *Vendor Specific Value* field in Figure 4.8 contains values specifically defined by the Vendor. Details are out of scope of this profile.

4.7.3 Media Packet Header Requirements

Media Packet Header requirements shall be defined by the Vendor.

4.7.4 Media Payload Format

Media Payload Format shall be defined by the Vendor.

5 GAVDP Interoperability Requirements

This profile requires compliance to the Generic A/V Distribution Profile (GAVDP) [3]. The following text together with the associated sub-clauses defines the requirements with regards to this profile, in addition to the requirements defined in GAVDP.

Note: Requirements described in GAVDP is described for INT/ACP. For SRC, it is mandatory to support both INT and ACP. For SNK, it is mandatory to support ACP and it is optional to support INT. See Table 5.2.

GAVDP Role	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
INT	M	O
ACP	M	M

Table 5.1: GAVDP Roles

5.1 AVDTP Interoperability Requirements

5.1.1 Signaling procedures

There are different requirements for the streaming and for the delay reporting procedure. While streaming might be initiated from SRC or SNK, the delay report is always sent from SNK to SRC.

5.1.1.1 Streaming Roles

In the Advanced Audio Distribution Profile, it is mandatory for the **SRC** and optional for the **SNK** to be able to establish a streaming connection, start streaming and release the streaming connection. The **SRC** can assume the role of both **INT** and **ACP**, while the **SNK** device can assume the role of **ACP** and optionally the role of **INT**. Therefore, it is mandatory for **SRC** to support **ACP** role, so that signaling procedures can be manipulated between any combination of a **SRC** device and a **SNK** device.

	Role in GAVDP	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
1	INT	M	O
2	ACP	M	M

Table 5.2: Roles in GAVDP

5.1.1.2 Delay Reporting Roles

Delay reports are sent from SNK to SRC, thus the SNK is always the INT and the SRC is always the ACP. Delay Reporting is mandatory for SNK devices, thus the INT role is mandatory for SNK devices while the ACP role in SRC devices is optional.

	Role in GAVDP	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
1	INT	X	M
2	ACP	O	X

Table 5.3: Roles in GAVDP for Delay Reporting

5.1.2 Transport Services

Table 5.4 shows support of AVDTP transport capabilities for this profile. In this profile Basic service is mandatory to support.

Item no.	Capability	Ref.	Support
1	Basic service	7.2 in [4]	M
2	Reporting service	7.3 in [4]	O



Item no.	Capability	Ref.	Support
3	Recovery service	7.4 in [4]	O
4	Multiplexing service	7.5 in [4]	O
5	Robust header compression service	7.6 in [4]	O

Table 5.4: AVDTP transport capabilities

5.1.3 Error Codes

If the *Codec Specific Information Elements* include improper settings, the error code shall be returned as follows. Apart from the error codes specified in GAVDP [3], Table 5.5 lists additional error codes that shall be used by the application if applicable errors are found in the commands received.

Error ID	Related Signaling command	Related CODEC	Error Abbreviation	Error Description
0xC1	Set Configuration Reconfigure	ALL	INVALID_CODEC_TYPE	Media Codec Type is not valid
0xC2	Set Configuration Reconfigure	ALL	NOT_SUPPORTED_CODEC_TYPE	Media Codec Type is not supported
0xC3	Set Configuration Reconfigure	ALL	INVALID_SAMPLING_FREQUENCY	Sampling Frequency is not valid or multiple values have been selected
0xC4	Set Configuration Reconfigure	ALL	NOT_SUPPORTED_SAMPLING_FREQUENCY	Sampling Frequency is not supported
0xC5	Set Configuration Reconfigure	SBC MPEG-1,2 Audio ATRAC family	INVALID_CHANNEL_MODE	Channel Mode is not valid or multiple values have been selected
0xC6	Set Configuration Reconfigure	SBC MPEG-1,2 Audio ATRAC family	NOT_SUPPORTED_CHANNEL_MODE	Channel Mode is not supported
0xC7	Set Configuration Reconfigure	SBC	INVALID_SUBBANDS	None or multiple values have been selected for Number of Subbands
0xC8	Set Configuration Reconfigure	SBC	NOT_SUPPORTED_SUBBANDS	Number of Subbands is not supported



Error ID	Related Signaling command	Related CODEC	Error Abbreviation	Error Description
0xC9	Set Configuration Reconfigure	SBC	INVALID_ALLOCATION_METHOD	None or multiple values have been selected for Allocation Method
0xCA	Set Configuration Reconfigure	SBC	NOT_SUPPORTED_ALLOCATION_METHOD	Allocation Method is not supported
0xCB	Set Configuration Reconfigure	SBC	INVALID_MINIMUM_BITPOOL_VALUE	Minimum Bitpool Value is not valid
0xCC	Set Configuration Reconfigure	SBC	NOT_SUPPORTED_MINIMUM_BITPOOL_VALUE	Minimum Bitpool Value is not supported
0xCD	Set Configuration Reconfigure	SBC	INVALID_MAXIMUM_BITPOOL_VALUE	Maximum Bitpool Value is not valid
0xCE	Set Configuration Reconfigure	SBC	NOT_SUPPORTED_MAXIMUM_BITPOOL_VALUE	Maximum Bitpool Value is not supported
0xCF	Set Configuration Reconfigure	MPEG-1,2 Audio	INVALID_LAYER	None or multiple values have been selected for Layer
0xD0	Set Configuration Reconfigure	MPEG-1,2 Audio	NOT_SUPPORTED_LAYER	Layer is not supported
0xD1	Set Configuration Reconfigure	MPEG-1,2 Audio	NOT_SUPPORTED_CRC	CRC is not supported
0xD2	Set Configuration Reconfigure	MPEG-1,2 Audio	NOT_SUPPORTED_MPF	MPF-2 is not supported
0xD3	Set Configuration Reconfigure	MPEG-1,2 Audio MPEG-2,4 AAC ATRAC family	NOT_SUPPORTED_VBR	VBR is not supported
0xD4	Set Configuration Reconfigure	MPEG-1,2 Audio ATRAC family	INVALID_BIT_RATE	None or multiple values have been selected for Bit Rate

Error ID	Related Signaling command	Related CODEC	Error Abbreviation	Error Description
0xD5	Set Configuration Reconfigure	MPEG-1,2 Audio MPEG-2,4 AAC ATRAC family	NOT_SUPPORTED_BIT_RATE	Bit Rate is not supported
0xD6	Set Configuration Reconfigure	MPEG-2,4 AAC	INVALID_OBJECT_TYPE	Either 1) Object type is not valid (b3-b0) or 2) None or multiple values have been selected for Object Type
0xD7	Set Configuration Reconfigure	MPEG-2,4 AAC	NOT_SUPPORTED_OBJECT_TYPE	Object Type is not supported
0xD8	Set Configuration Reconfigure	MPEG-2,4 AAC	INVALID_CHANNELS	None or multiple values have been selected for Channels
0xD9	Set Configuration Reconfigure	MPEG-2,4 AAC	NOT_SUPPORTED_CHANNELS	Channels is not supported
0xDA	Set Configuration Reconfigure	ATRAC family	INVALID_VERSION	Version is not valid
0xDB	Set Configuration Reconfigure	ATRAC family	NOT_SUPPORTED_VERSION	Version is not supported
0xDC	Set Configuration Reconfigure	ATRAC family	NOT_SUPPORTED_MAXIMUM_SUL	Maximum SUL is not acceptable for the Decoder in the SNK.
0xDD	Set Configuration Reconfigure	SBC	INVALID_BLOCK_LENGTH	None or multiple values have been selected for Block Length
0xDE- 0xDF				RFD
0xE0	Set Configuration Reconfigure	ALL	INVALID_CP_TYPE	The requested CP Type is not supported.

Error ID	Related Signaling command	Related CODEC	Error Abbreviation	Error Description
0xE1	Set Configuration Reconfigure Security Control	ALL	INVALID_CP_FORMAT	The format of Content Protection Service Capability/Content Protection Scheme Dependent Data is not correct.
0xE2	Set Configuration Reconfigure	ALL	INVALID_CODEC_PARAMETER	The codec parameter is invalid. Used if a more specific error code does not exist for the codec in use.
0xE3	Set Configuration Reconfigure	ALL	NOT_SUPPORTED_CODEC_PARAMETER	The codec parameter is not supported. Used if a more specific error code does not exist for the codec in use.
0xE4- 0xFF				RFD

Table 5.5: Error Codes

5.2 L2CAP Interoperability Requirements

For the L2CAP layer, no additions to the requirements as stated in the GAVDP shall apply except for the following requirements.

5.2.1 Maximum Transmission Unit

The minimum MTU that a L2CAP implementation for this profile shall support is 335 bytes.²

5.3 SDP Interoperability Requirements

This profile defines the following service records for the **SRC** and the **SNK** respectively. The codes assigned to the mnemonics used in the Value column as well as the codes assigned to the attribute identifiers (if not specifically mentioned in the AttrID column) can be found in Bluetooth Assigned Numbers [8].

Item	Definition	Type	Value	AttrID	Status	Default
Service Class ID List					M	
Service Class #0		UUID	Audio Source		M	
Protocol Descriptor List					M	
Protocol #0		UUID	L2CAP		M	

² DH5 packet size equals 339bytes including 4-byte L2CAP header.

Item	Definition	Type	Value	AttrID	Status	Default
Parameter #0 for Protocol #0	PSM	Uint 16	PSM= AVDTP		M	
Protocol #1		UUID	AVDTP		M	
Parameter #0 for Protocol #1	Version	Uint 16	0x0103*		M	
Bluetooth Profile Descriptor List					M	
Profile #0		UUID	Advanced Audio Distribution		M	
Parameter #0 for Profile #0	Version	Uint 16	0x0103* ¹		M	
Supported Features	A2DP features flags	Uint 16	Bit 0 = Player Bit 1 = Microphone Bit 2 = Tuner Bit 3 = Mixer Bit 4-15 = RFA The bits for supported features are set to 1. Others are set to 0.		O	
Provider Name	Displayable Text Name	String	Provider Name		O	
Service Name	Displayable Text Name	String	Service-provider defined		O	

Figure 5.1: Service Record for Source

* Indicating AVDTP Version 1.3

*¹ Indicating A2DP Version 1.3.

Item	Definition	Type	Value	AttrID	Status	Default
Service Class ID List					M	
Service Class #0		UUID	Audio Sink		M	
Protocol Descriptor List					M	
Protocol #0		UUID	L2CAP		M	
Parameter #0 for Protocol #0	PSM	Uint 16	PSM= AVDTP		M	
Protocol #1		UUID	AVDTP		M	



Item	Definition	Type	Value	AttrID	Status	Default
Parameter #0 for Protocol #1	Version	Uint 16	0x0103*		M	
Bluetooth Profile Descriptor List					M	
Profile #0		UUID	Advanced Audio Distribution		M	
Parameter #0 for Profile #0	Version	Uint 16	0x0103* ¹		M	
Supported Features	A2DP features flags	Uint 16	Bit 0 = Headphone Bit 1 = Speaker Bit 2 = Recorder Bit 3 = Amplifier Bit 4-15 = RFA The bits for supported features are set to 1. Others are set to 0.		O	
Provider Name	Displayable Text Name	String	Provider Name		O	
Service Name	Displayable Text Name	String	Service-provider defined		O	

Figure 5.2: Service Record for Sink

* Indicating AVDTP Version 1.3

*1 Indicating A2DP Version 1.3.

5.4 Link Manager Interoperability Requirements

For the LMP layer, no additions to the requirements as stated in the GAVDP shall apply.

5.5 Link Controller Interoperability Requirements

For the Link Controller layer, the requirements as stated in the GAVDP shall apply. Furthermore the following packets shall be supported in both **SNK** and **SRC**: DH3, DM3, DH5, and DM5.

Note: Requirements described in GAVDP is described for **INT/ACP**. For **SRC**, it is mandatory to support both **INT** and **ACP**. For **SNK**, it is mandatory to support **ACP** and it is optional to support **INT**.

Table 5.6 shows the support status for link controller procedures within this profile.



	Procedure	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
1.	Inquiry	M	O
2.	Inquiry scan	M	M

Table 5.6: LC Capabilities

5.5.1 Class of Device

The Class of Device field shall be set to the following:

1. Mandatory to set the 'Rendering' bit for the **SNK** and the 'Capturing' bit for the **SRC** in the Service Class field.
2. Recommended to set 'Audio/Video' as Major Device class both for the **SNK** and the **SRC**.
3. Select the appropriate Minor Device class as defined in the Bluetooth Assigned Numbers [8].

6 Generic Access Profile Interoperability Requirements

The Advanced Audio Distribution profile requires compliance to the Generic Access Profile. This section defines the support requirements for the capabilities as defined in the Generic Access Profile.

6.1 Modes

Table 6.1 shows the support status for Modes within this profile.

	Procedure	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
1.	Discoverability modes		
	Non-Discoverable mode	C1	C1
	Limited discoverable mode	C2	C2
	General discoverable mode	C2	C2
2.	Connectability modes		
	Non-Connectable mode	X	X
	Connectable mode	M	M
3.	Bonding modes		
	Non-bondable mode	O	O
	Bondable mode	M	M

Table 6.1: Modes

C1. If limited discoverable mode is supported, non-discoverable mode is mandatory, otherwise optional.

C2. Either limited discoverable mode or general discoverable mode shall be supported.

6.2 Security Aspects

There is no change to the requirements as stated in the Generic Access Profile.

6.3 Idle Mode Procedures

Table 6.2 shows the support status for Idle mode procedures within this profile.

	Procedure	Support in SRC	Support in SNK
1.	Initiation of general inquiry	M	O
2.	Initiation of limited inquiry	O	O
3.	Initiation of name discovery	O	O
4.	Initiation of device discovery	O	O
5.	Initiation of bonding	O	O

Table 6.2: Supported Idle Mode Procedures



7 Testing

The Advanced Audio Distribution profile requires interoperability test. The details of the test strategy are described in [\[9\]](#). Tested functionality is defined in [\[10\]](#).

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11 Appendix A (Informative): Audio Streaming with Content Protection

This profile does not specify a particular content protection method rather it only provides support for various content protection methods. Specifically, AVDTP provides for the identification and negotiation of a particular content protection method via the *Get All Capabilities* and *Stream Configuration* procedures.

The *Security Control* procedure in AVDTP provides for the exchange of the activated content protection method.



12 Appendix B: Technical Specification of SBC

12.1 Introduction

This appendix describes the technical specification of Low Complexity Subband Coding (SBC). SBC is an audio coding system specially designed for Bluetooth AV applications to obtain high quality audio at medium bit rates, and having a low computational complexity. SBC uses 4 or 8 subbands, an adaptive bit allocation algorithm, and simple adaptive block PCM quantizers. The SBC audio coding system is based on an earlier system, which was presented on [11]. Reference executables of both the encoder and the decoder of SBC codec are available in [19] for Win32 platform. For further information, refer to Section 9.4.3 in [9]. Note that source code of SBC neither encoder or decoder is available as part of the specification.

12.2 Glossary

Term	Description
frame	Basic unit that can be decoded independently
bit_count	A bit counter that keeps track of the number of bits
bitneed	A counter that represents the remaining bits during the bit allocation process

Table 12.1: Glossary

12.3 Symbols and Abbreviations

12.3.1 Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Description
+	Addition
-	Subtraction (as a binary operator) or negation (as a unary operator)
++	Increment
--	Decrement
*	Multiplication
^	Power
/	Division
div	Integer division
mod	Modulo operation
$\lfloor x \rfloor$	Round x towards minus infinity
$\lceil x \rceil$	Round x towards plus infinity
sin(x)	Sine of x
cos(x)	Cosine of x
exp(x)	Exponential e^x
pow(x,y)	Exponential x^y
\sqrt{x}	Square root of x

Table 12.2: Arithmetic operators



12.3.2 Logical Operators

Operator	Description
	Logical OR
&&	Logical AND
!	Logical NOT

Table 12.3: Logical operators

12.3.3 Relation Operators

Operator	Description
>	Greater than
>=	Greater than or equal to
<	Less than
<=	Less than or equal to
==	Equal to
!=	Not equal to
max()	The maximum in the argument list
min()	The minimum in the argument list
x?y:z	If x is true then y else z

Table 12.4: Relation operators

12.3.4 Bitwise Operators

Operator	Description
&	AND
	OR
>>	Shift right with sign extension
<<	Shift left with zero fill

Table 12.5: Bitwise operators

12.3.5 Assignment

Operator	Description
=	Assignment operator

Table 12.6: Assignment

12.3.6 Mnemonics

The following mnemonics are defined to describe the different data types used in the coded bit-stream.

Mnemonic	Description
Char8	Character of 8 bits
UiMsbf	Unsigned integer, Most significant bit first
SiMsbf	Signed integer, Most significant bit first
BsMsbf	Bit-stream, Most significant bit first



PCM	Pulse Code Modulation
na	Not available

Table 12.7: Mnemonics

12.3.7 Constants

Constant	Description
π	3.14159265358...

Table 12.8: Constants

12.3.8 Ranges

Range	Description
[0, 10]	A number in the range of 0 up to and including 10
[0, 10>	A number in the range of 0 up to but excluding 10

Table 12.9: Ranges

12.3.9 Number Notation

Number notation	Description
%X	Binary number representation (e.g. %01111100)
\$X	Hexadecimal number representation (e.g. \$7C)
X	Numbers with no prefix use decimal representation (e.g. 124.43 or 1.2443E+02)

Table 12.10: Number notation

12.4 Syntax

Syntax	No. of bits	Mnemonic
<pre>audio_frame() { frame_header() scale_factors() audio_samples() padding() }</pre>		

Table 12.11: Syntax of `audio_frame`

Syntax	No. of bits	Mnemonic
<pre>frame_header() { syncword sampling_frequency blocks channel_mode allocation_method subbands bitpool crc_check If (channel_mode==JOINT_STEREO) { for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands-1;sb++) { join[sb] } RFA } }</pre>	 8 2 2 2 1 1 8 8 1 1	 BsMsbf UiMsbf UiMsbf UiMsbf UiMsbf UiMsbf UiMsbf UiMsbf UiMsbf UiMsbf

Table 12.12: Syntax of `frame_header`

Syntax	No. of bits	Mnemonic
<pre> scale_factors() { for (ch=0;ch<nrof_channels;ch++) { for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++) { scale_factor[ch][sb] } } } </pre>	4	UiMsbf

Table 12.13: Syntax of *scale_factors*

Syntax	No. of bits	Mnemonic
<pre> audio_samples() { for (blk=0;blk<nrof_blocks;blk++) { for (ch=0;ch<nrof_channels;ch++) { for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++) { if (bits[ch][sb]!=0) { audio_sample[blk][ch][sb] } } } } } </pre>	1..16	UiMsbf

Table 12.14: Syntax of *audio_samples*

Syntax	No. of bits	Mnemonic
padding() { while ((bit_count mod 8) != 0) { padding_bit bit_count++ } }	1	UiMsbfbf

Table 12.15: Syntax of padding

12.5 Semantics

12.5.1 Frame_header

syncword -- The 8 bit string %10011100 or \$9C.

sampling_frequency -- Two bits to indicate the sampling frequency with which the stream has been encoded. The sampling frequency f_s is selected conforming to [Table 12.16](#).

sampling_frequency	f_s (kHz)
00	16
01	32
10	44.1
11	48

Table 12.16: sampling_frequency

blocks -- Two bits to indicate the block size with which the stream has been encoded. The block size nrof_blocks is selected conforming to the table below.

blocks	nrof_blocks
00	4
01	8
10	12
11	16

Table 12.17: blocks

channel_mode -- Two bits to indicate the channel mode that has been encoded. The variable nrof_channels is derived from this information.

channel_mode	channel mode	nrof_channels
00	MONO	1
01	DUAL_CHANNEL	2
10	STEREO	2
11	JOINT_STEREO	2

Table 12.18: channel_mode



allocation_method -- One bit to indicate the bit allocation method.

Allocation_method	bit allocation method
0	LOUDNESS
1	SNR

Table 12.19: allocation_method

subbands -- One bit to indicate the number of subbands with which the stream has been encoded. The variable `nrof_subbands` is derived from this information.

Subbands	nrof_subbands
0	4
1	8

Table 12.20: subbands

bitpool -- This is an 8 bit integer to indicate the size of the bit allocation pool that has been used for encoding the stream. The value of the **bitpool** field shall not exceed $16 * \text{nrof_subbands}$ for the MONO and DUAL_CHANNEL channel modes and $32 * \text{nrof_subbands}$ for the STEREO and JOINT_STEREO channel modes.

crc_check -- This 8 bits parity-check word is used for error detection within the encoded stream.

RFA -- See definition Section 1.3.2.1.

join[sb] -- One bit to indicate whether joint stereo has been used in subband sb. Equals %1 if the subband has been encoded in joint stereo, and equals %0 if the subband has been encoded in stereo. Join[nrof_subbands-1] always equals %0.

12.5.2 scale_factors

scale_factor[ch][sb] -- Four bits containing the scale factor with which the samples of channel ch in subband sb shall be multiplied.

12.5.3 audio_samples

audio_samples[blk][ch][sb] -- These bits represent the audio sample of block blk in channel ch for subband sb.

12.5.4 padding

padding_bit -- Bits of value %0 that are used to pad the length of an audio_frame to an integral number of bytes.

12.6 Decoding Processes

In Figure 12.1 the operation of the decoder is illustrated. On the basis of the scale factors the bit allocation is calculated. For the MONO and DUAL_CHANNEL the bit allocation is calculated for each channel independently (see section 12.6.3.1). For the STEREO and JOINT_STEREO channel modes the allocation calculation for the two channels is combined (see section 12.6.3.2). Then the number of quantization levels is derived for each subband, the subband samples are calculated and finally, via a polyphase synthesis filter, the PCM output is generated. This process is further described in this section.

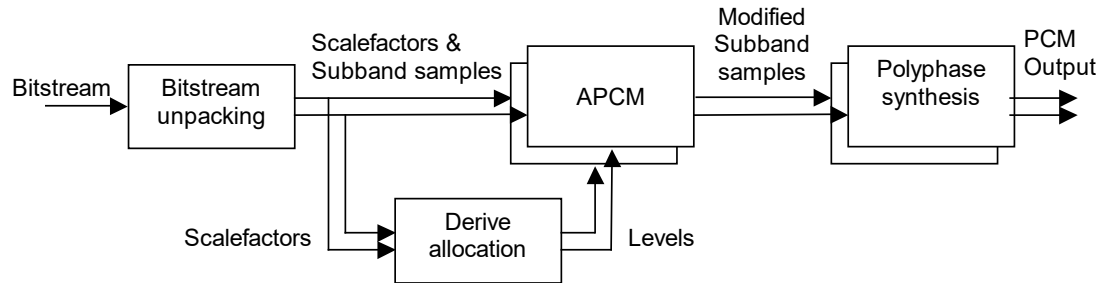


Figure 12.1: Diagram of the decoder

12.6.1 Frame Header

The frame_header contains the configuration with which the bit-stream has been encoded.

12.6.1.1 CRC Check

To detect transmission errors, a CRC check is performed. All the bits of the frame_header, except for the syncword and the crc_check, plus all the bits of the scale_factors are included. The error detection method used is “CRC-8” with generator polynomial.

$$G(X) = X^8 + X^4 + X^3 + X^2 + 1 \text{ (CRC-8).}$$

The CRC method is depicted in the CRC-check diagram given in Figure 12.2. The initial state of the shift register is \$0F. All bits included in the CRC check are input to the circuit shown in the figure. After each bit is input, the shift register is shifted by one bit. After the last shift operation, the outputs $b_{n-1} \dots b_0$ constitute a word to be compared with the CRC-check word in the stream. If the words are not identical, a transmission error has occurred in the fields on which the CRC check has been applied. To avoid annoying distortions, application of a concealment technique, such as muting of the actual frame or repetition of the previous frame is recommended.

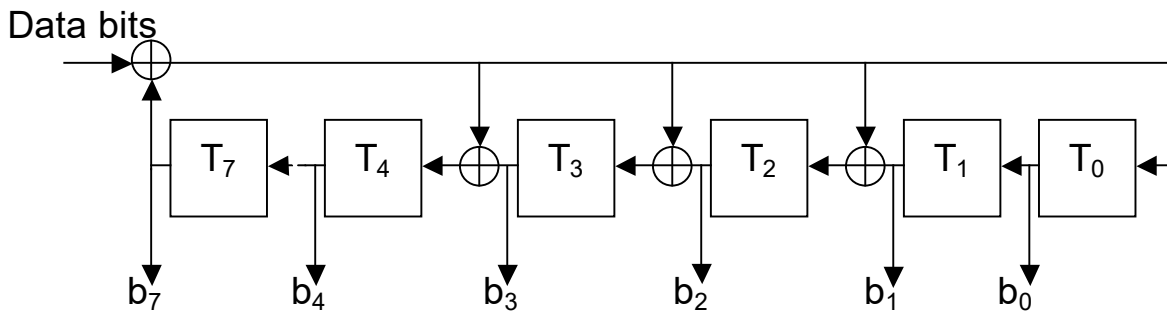


Figure 12.2: CRC-check diagram. The addition blocks represent “exclusive or” gates.

12.6.2 Scale Factors

The actual scaling factor for channel ch and subband sb is calculated according to

$$scalefactor[ch][sb] = pow(2.0, (scale_factor[ch][sb] + 1)).$$

12.6.3 Bit Allocation

12.6.3.1 Mono and Dual_Channel Bit Allocation

For these two channel modes the bit allocation is calculated for each channel independently and is derived from the scale factors.

In the first step, bitneed values are derived from the scale factors according to the following pseudo code for each channel independently. The tables offset4 and offset8 are in Section 12.8.

```

if (allocation_method==SNR)
{
    for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
    {
        bitneed[ch][sb] = scale_factor[ch][sb];
    }
}
else
{
    for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
    {
        if (scale_factor[ch][sb] == 0)
        {
            bitneedn[ch][sb] = -5;
        }
        else
        {
            if (nrof_subbands == 4)
            {
                loudness = scale_factor[ch][sb] - offset4[sampling_frequency][sb];
            }
            else
            {
                loudness = scale_factor[ch][sb] - offset8[sampling_frequency][sb];
            }
            if (loudness > 0)
            {
                bitneed[ch][sb] = loudness div 2;
            }
            else
            {
                bitneed[ch][sb] = loudness;
            }
        }
    }
}
}

```

Then the maximum bitneed index is searched for.

```

max_bitneed=0;
for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
    if (bitneed[ch][sb] > max_bitneed)
        max_bitneed=bitneed[ch][sb];

```


Next, an iterative process finds out how many bitslices fit into the bitpool.

```

bitcount=0;
slicecount=0;
bitslice=max_bitneed+1; /* init just above the
largest sf */
do{
    bitslice--;
    bitcount+=slicecount;
    slicecount=0;
    for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
    {
        if((bitneed[ch][sb]>bitslice+1)&&(bitneed[ch]
[sb]<bitslice+16))
            slicecount++;
        else if(bitneed[ch][sb]==bitslice+1)
            slicecount+=2;
    }
} while (bitcount+slicecount<bitpool);
if (bitcount+slicecount==bitpool)
{
    bitcount+=slicecount;
    bitslice--;
}

```

Thereafter, bits are distributed until the last bitslice is reached.

```

for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
    if(bitneed[ch][sb]<bitslice+2)
        bits[ch][sb]=0;
    else
        bits[ch][sb]=min(bitneed[ch][sb]-bitslice,16);

```

The remaining bits are allocated starting at subband 0.

```
sb=0;
while(bitcount < bitpool && sb < nrof_subbands)
{
    if((bits[ch][sb]>=2)&&(bits[ch][sb]<16))
    {
        bits[ch][sb]++;
        bitcount++;
    }
    else
    if((bitneed[ch][sb]==bitslice+1)&&(bitpool>bitcount+1))
    {
        bits[ch][sb]=2;
        bitcount+=2;
    }
    sb++;
}
sb=0;
while(bitcount < bitpool && sb < nrof_subbands)
{
    if (bits[ch][sb] < 16)
    {
        bits[ch][sb]++;
        bitcount++;
    }
    sb++;
}
```

12.6.3.2 Stereo and Joint_Stereo Bit Allocation

For these two channel modes the bit allocation calculation for the two channels is combined and it is derived from the scale factors of the both channels.

```

if (allocation_method==SNR)
{
    for (ch=0;ch<2;ch++)
    {
        for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
        {
            bitneed[ch][sb] = scale_factor[ch][sb];
        }
    }
}
else
{
    for (ch=0;ch<2;ch++)
    {
        for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
        {
            if (scale_factor[ch][sb] == 0)
            {
                bitneed[ch][sb] = -5;
            }
            else
            {
                if (nrof_subbands == 4)
                {
                    loudness = scale_factor[ch][sb] -
offset4[sampling_frequency][sb];
                }
                else
                {
                    loudness = scale_factor[ch][sb] -
offset8[sampling_frequency][sb];
                }
                if (loudness > 0)
                {
                    bitneed[ch][sb] = loudness div 2;
                }
                else
                {
                    bitneed[ch][sb] = loudness;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```

In the first step bitneed values are calculated from the scale factors according to the following pseudo code. The tables offset4 and offset8 are in Section [12.8](#).



Then the maximum bitneed index is searched for.

```
max_bitneed=0;
for (ch=0;ch<2;ch++)
    for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
        if (bitneed[ch][sb] > max_bitneed)
            max_bitneed=bitneed[ch][sb];
```

Next, an iterative process finds out how many bitslices fit into the bitpool.

```
bitcount=0;
slicecount=0;
bitslice=max_bitneed+1; /* init just above the
largest sf */
do{
    bitslice--;
    bitcount+=slicecount;
    slicecount=0;
    for (ch=0;ch<2;ch++)
        for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)

        if((bitneed[ch][sb]>bitslice+1)&&(bitneed[ch][sb]
<bitslice+16))
            slicecount++;
            else if (bitneed[ch][sb]==bitslice+1)
                slicecount+=2;
    } while (bitcount+slicecount<bitpool);
if (bitcount+slicecount==bitpool)
{
    bitcount+=slicecount;
    bitslice--;
}
```

Thereafter bits are distributed until the last bitslice is reached.

```
for (ch=0;ch<2;ch++)
{
    for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
    {
        if(bitneed[ch][sb]<bitslice+2)
        {
            bits[ch][sb]=0;
        }
        else
        {
            bits[ch][sb]=min(bitneed[ch][sb]-bitslice,16);
        }
    }
}
```

The remaining bits are allocated starting with subband 0 of the first channel.

```
ch=0;sb=0;
while(bitcount < bitpool && sb < nrof_subbands)
{
    if((bits[ch][sb]>=2) && (bits[ch][sb]<16))
    {
        bits[ch][sb]++;
        bitcount++;
    }
    else
    if((bitneed[ch][sb]==bitslice+1) && (bitpool>bitcount+1))
    {
        bits[ch][sb]=2;
        bitcount+=2;
    }
    if (ch == 1)
    {
        ch = 0;
        sb++;
    }
    else
    {
        ch = 1;
    }
}
ch=0;sb=0;
while(bitcount < bitpool && sb < nrof_subbands)
{
    if (bits[ch][sb] < 16)
    {
        bits[ch][sb]++;
        bitcount++;
    }
    if (ch == 1)
    {
        ch = 0;
        sb++;
    }
    else
    {
        ch = 1;
    }
}
```

12.6.4 Reconstruction of the Subband Samples

```

for (ch=0;ch<nrof_channels;ch++)
    for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
        levels[ch][sb] = pow(2.0,bits[ch][sb])-1;

for (blk=0;blk< nrof_blocks;blk++)
{
    for (ch=0;ch<nrof_channels;ch++)
    {
        for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
        {
            if (levels[ch][sb] > 0)
            {
                sb_sample[blk][ch][sb] = scalefactor[ch][sb] *
((audio_sample[blk][ch][sb]*2.0+1.0) /
                                levels[ch][sb]-1.0);
            }
            else
            {
                sb_sample [blk][ch][sb]=0;
            }
        }
    }
}

```

12.6.5 Joint Processing

For the JOINT_STEREO channel mode, the subbands that are transmitted in joint stereo mode shall be calculated according to:

```

for (blk=0;blk< nrof_blocks;blk++)
{
    for (sb=0;sb<nrof_subbands;sb++)
    {
        if ((channel_mode==JOINT_STEREO) && (join[sb]==1))
        {
            sb_sample[blk][0][sb] = sb_sample[blk][0][sb] +
sb_sample[blk][1][sb];
            sb_sample[blk][1][sb] = sb_sample[blk][0][sb] - 2 *
sb_sample[blk][1][sb];
        }
    }
}

```

12.6.6 Synthesis Filter

Synthesis of the decoded output is calculated for each channel separately. For each block of decoded subband samples the synthesis filter shall be applied to calculate nrof_subbands consecutive audio samples. The synthesis filter is a polyphase filterbank according to

$$h_m[n] = h_p[n] \cos\left(\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \left(n + \frac{M}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\pi}{M}\right), \quad m = [0, M-1], n = [0, L-1],$$

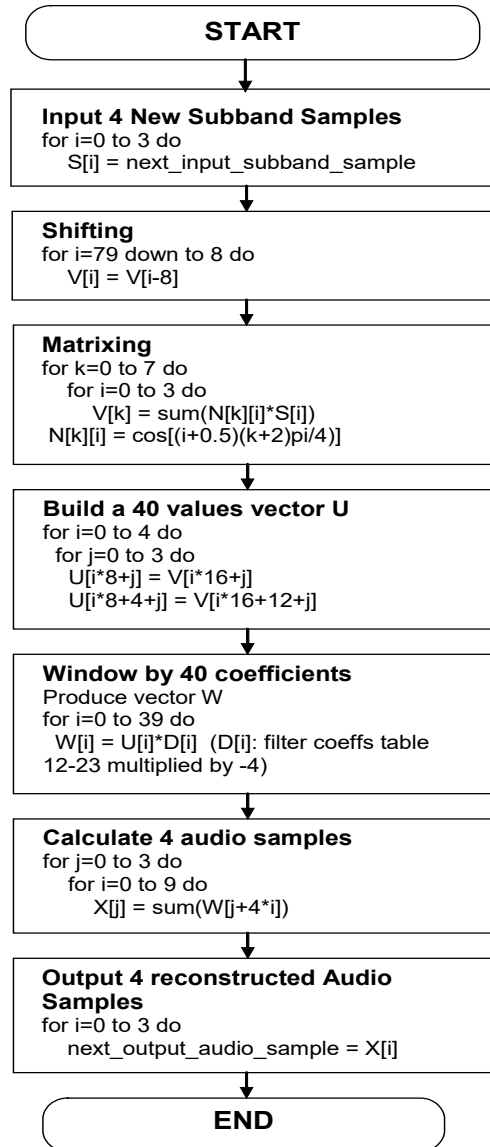


with $M = \text{nrof_subbands}$ and $L = 10 * \text{nrof_subbands}$. The prototype filters (h_p) for both $M=4$ and $M=8$ are in Section 12.8. This synthesis filterbank has the same structure as the one that is used in [12].

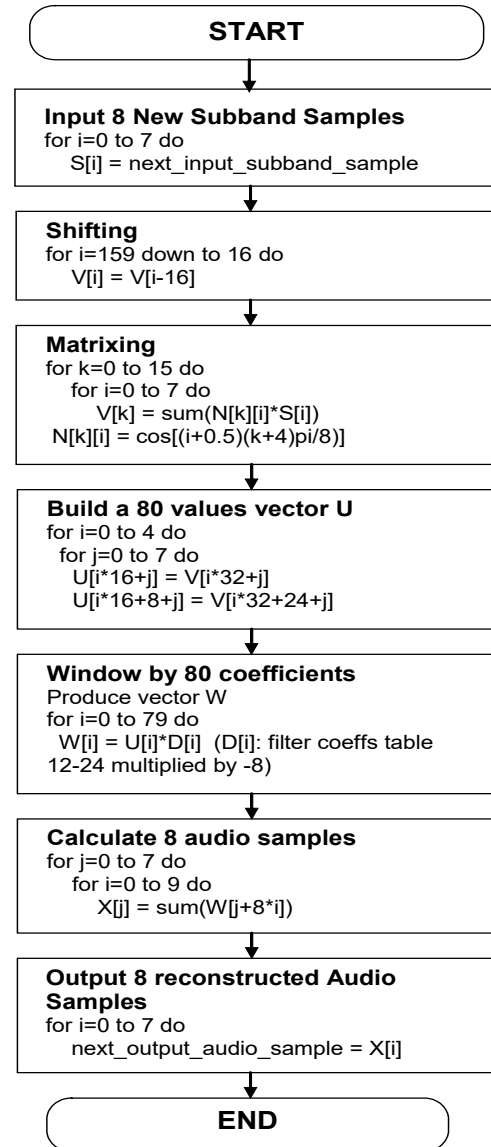
For more details refer to Section 2.4.3.2.2, "Synthesis subband filter" in [12]. The $\text{sb_sample}[\text{blk}][\text{ch}][\text{sb}]$ values, as calculated in Section 12.6.4, "Reconstruction of the Subband Samples" and Section 12.6.5, "Joint Processing", are the input of the synthesis filter. The outputs of the synthesis filter are the decoded audio output samples.

A detailed filter block diagram can be found in Figure 12.3.

SBC Synthesis for 4 subbands



SBC Synthesis for 8 subbands



These Flow Diagrams are adapted from Figure A.2 and paragraph 2.4.3.2.2 in ISO/IEC 11172-3

Figure 12.3: Flow Diagrams of the Synthesis Filter

12.7 Encoding Processes

In Figure 12.4 the operation of the encoder is illustrated. Via a polyphase analysis filter the input PCM is split into subband signals. For each subband a scale factor is calculated. On the basis of the scale factors the bit allocation, and from there the levels are derived for each subband. Then the subband samples are scaled and quantized and finally, a bitstream is generated. This process is further described in this section.



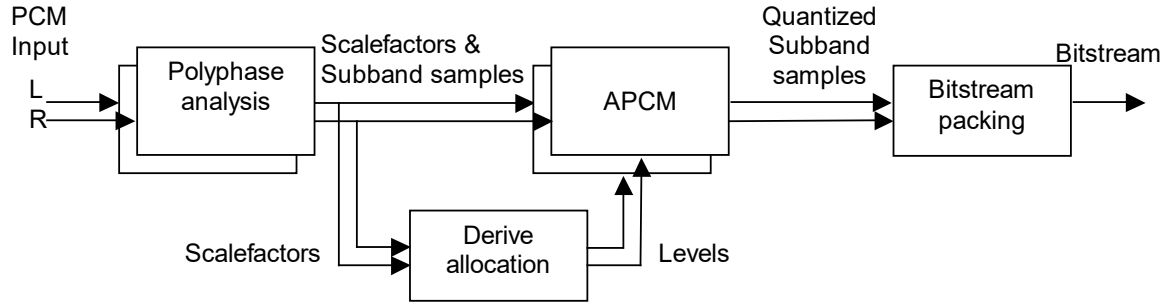


Figure 12.4: Diagram of the encoder

12.7.1 Analysis Filter

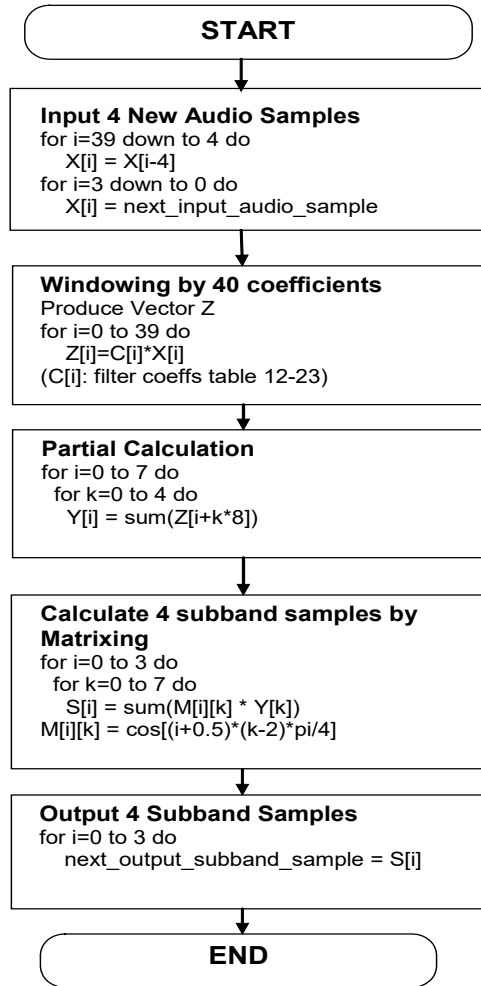
Analysis of the input PCM is calculated for each channel separately. For each block of `nrof_subbands` consecutive PCM samples the analysis filter is applied to calculate `nrof_subbands` subband samples. The analysis filter is a polyphase filterbank according to

$$h_m[n] = h_p[n] \cos\left(\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \left(n - \frac{M}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\pi}{M}\right), \quad m = [0, M-1], n = [0, L-1],$$

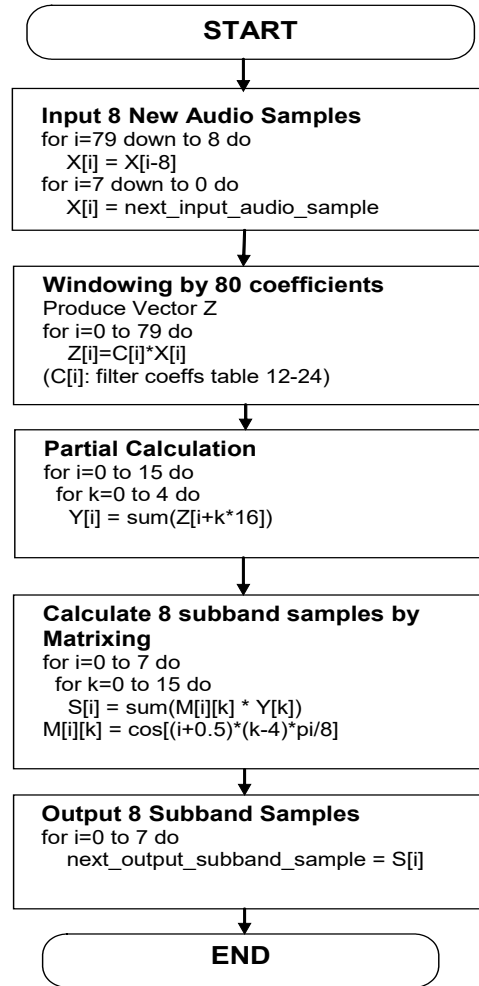
with $M = \text{nrof_subbands}$ and $L = 10 \cdot \text{nrof_subbands}$. The prototype filters for both $M=4$ and $M=8$ are in Section 12.8. This analysis filterbank has the same structure as the one that is used in [12].

A detailed filter block diagram can be found in Figure 12.5.

SBC Analysis for 4 subbands



SBC Analysis for 8 subbands



These Flow Diagrams are adapted from Figure C.4 and paragraph C.1.3 in ISO/IEC 11172-3

Figure 12.5: Flow Diagrams of the Analysis Filter

12.7.2 Scale Factors

For each subband a scale factor is calculated by taking the next higher scale factor value of the maximum absolute value in each subband. The scale factor values are defined in Section 12.6.2.

12.7.3 Joint_Stereo Channel Mode Operation

For the JOINT_STEREO channel mode operation a slightly different procedure is applied. From the L and R subband signals sum and difference subband signals are derived and scale factors are calculated for these sum and difference subband signals. A simple criterion may be used to determine whether the L and R subband signals are transmitted or the sum and difference subband signals, e.g., if the sum of the scale factors of L and R is larger than the sum of the scale factors of the sum and difference signals, the subband is coded using joint coding.

12.7.4 Bit Allocation

The bit allocation is exactly the same for the encoder and the decoder, and is described in Section 12.6.3.



12.7.5 Quantization

The subband samples are normalized and quantized using the following formula.

$$\text{quantized_sb_sample}[\text{blk}][\text{ch}][\text{sb}] = \lfloor ((\text{sb_sample}[\text{blk}][\text{ch}][\text{sb}] / \text{scalefactor}[\text{ch}][\text{sb}] + 1.0) * \text{levels}[\text{ch}][\text{sb}]) / 2.0 \rfloor$$

12.8 Tables

In the case that the LOUDNESS bit allocation method is used in the bit allocation process, the next two tables are used.

offset4	fs = 16000	fs = 32000	fs = 44100	fs = 48000
sb = 0	-1	-2	-2	-2
sb = 1	0	0	0	0
sb = 2	0	0	0	0
sb = 3	0	1	1	1

Table 12.21: Offset table for four subbands

offset8	fs = 16000	fs = 32000	fs = 44100	fs = 48000
sb = 0	-2	-3	-4	-4
sb = 1	0	0	0	0
sb = 2	0	0	0	0
sb = 3	0	0	0	0
sb = 4	0	0	0	0
sb = 5	0	0	0	0
sb = 6	0	1	1	1
sb = 7	1	2	2	2

Table 12.22: Offset table for eight subbands

For the analysis and synthesis filters the filter coefficients are defined in the next two tables. The tables shall be read row-wise.

Proto_4_40			
0.00000000E+00	5.36548976E-04	1.49188357E-03	2.73370904E-03
3.83720193E-03	3.89205149E-03	1.86581691E-03	-3.06012286E-03
1.09137620E-02	2.04385087E-02	2.88757392E-02	3.21939290E-02
2.58767811E-02	6.13245186E-03	-2.88217274E-02	-7.76463494E-02
1.35593274E-01	1.94987841E-01	2.46636662E-01	2.81828203E-01
2.94315332E-01	2.81828203E-01	2.46636662E-01	1.94987841E-01
-1.35593274E-01	-7.76463494E-02	-2.88217274E-02	6.13245186E-03
2.58767811E-02	3.21939290E-02	2.88757392E-02	2.04385087E-02
-1.09137620E-02	-3.06012286E-03	1.86581691E-03	3.89205149E-03
3.83720193E-03	2.73370904E-03	1.49188357E-03	5.36548976E-04

Table 12.23: Filter coefficients for four subbands



Proto_8_80			
0.00000000E+00	1.56575398E-04	3.43256425E-04	5.54620202E-04
8.23919506E-04	1.13992507E-03	1.47640169E-03	1.78371725E-03
2.01182542E-03	2.10371989E-03	1.99454554E-03	1.61656283E-03
9.02154502E-04	-1.78805361E-04	-1.64973098E-03	-3.49717454E-03
5.65949473E-03	8.02941163E-03	1.04584443E-02	1.27472335E-02
1.46525263E-02	1.59045603E-02	1.62208471E-02	1.53184106E-02
1.29371806E-02	8.85757540E-03	2.92408442E-03	-4.91578024E-03
-1.46404076E-02	-2.61098752E-02	-3.90751381E-02	-5.31873032E-02
6.79989431E-02	8.29847578E-02	9.75753918E-02	1.11196689E-01
1.23264548E-01	1.33264415E-01	1.40753505E-01	1.45389847E-01
1.46955068E-01	1.45389847E-01	1.40753505E-01	1.33264415E-01
1.23264548E-01	1.11196689E-01	9.75753918E-02	8.29847578E-02
-6.79989431E-02	-5.31873032E-02	-3.90751381E-02	-2.61098752E-02
-1.46404076E-02	-4.91578024E-03	2.92408442E-03	8.85757540E-03
1.29371806E-02	1.53184106E-02	1.62208471E-02	1.59045603E-02
1.46525263E-02	1.27472335E-02	1.04584443E-02	8.02941163E-03
-5.65949473E-03	-3.49717454E-03	-1.64973098E-03	-1.78805361E-04
9.02154502E-04	1.61656283E-03	1.99454554E-03	2.10371989E-03
2.01182542E-03	1.78371725E-03	1.47640169E-03	1.13992507E-03
8.23919506E-04	5.54620202E-04	3.43256425E-04	1.56575398E-04

Table 12.24: Filter coefficients for eight subbands

12.9 Calculation of Bit Rate and Frame Length

Bit Rate (**bit_rate**) is calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{bit_rate} = 8 * \text{frame_length} * f_s / \text{nrof_subbands} / \text{nrof_blocks},$$

where **f_s**, **nrof_subbands** and **nrof_blocks** denote sampling frequency, number of subbands and number of blocks, respectively. Bit Rate is expressed in kb/s, because **f_s** is expressed in kHz. The Frame Length (**frame_length**) is expressed in bytes as

$$\text{frame_length} = 4 + (4 * \text{nrof_subbands} * \text{nrof_channels}) / 8 + \lceil \text{nrof_blocks} * \text{nrof_channels} * \text{bitpool} / 8 \rceil.$$

for the MONO and DUAL_CHANNEL channel modes, and

$$\text{frame_length} = 4 + (4 * \text{nrof_subbands} * \text{nrof_channels}) / 8 + \lceil (\text{join} * \text{nrof_subbands} + \text{nrof_blocks} * \text{bitpool}) / 8 \rceil.$$

for the STEREO and JOINT_STEREO channel modes.

Here, **nrof_channels** and **bitpool** denote number of channels and bitpool value, respectively. When joint stereo is used, **join** = 1, otherwise 0. For reference, see section 12.5.



13 Appendix C (Informative): Signaling Flows

This section contains an example of typical signaling procedures defined in AVDTP for audio streaming set up. This section is informative only. For details, refer to GAVDP [3] and AVDTP [4]. In this example, the **SRC** is assumed to be the **INT**, while the **SNK** to be the **ACP**.

13.1 Audio Streaming Set Up

The initial states of the both devices are <IDLE>.

The **SRC** initiates *Stream Endpoint (SEP) Discovery* procedure. This procedure serves to return the media type and SEID for each stream end-point. The **SRC** finds the audio-type stream end-point.

Then, *Get All Capabilities* procedure is initiated to collect service capabilities of the **SNK**. There are two kinds of service capabilities; one is an application service capability and the other is a transport service capability. The application service capability for A2DP consists of audio codec capability and content protection capability. Regarding the transport service capability, refer to Section 5.4 in AVDTP [4].

Based on collected SEP information and service capabilities, the **SRC** determines the most suitable audio streaming parameters (codec, content protection and transport service) for the **SNK** and the **SRC** itself. Then, **SRC** requests the **SNK** to configure the audio parameters of the **SNK** by using the *Stream Configuration* procedure. The **SRC** also configures the audio parameters of itself.

Then, L2CAP channels are established as defined in the *Stream Establishment* procedure. Finally, the states of both devices are set at <OPEN>.

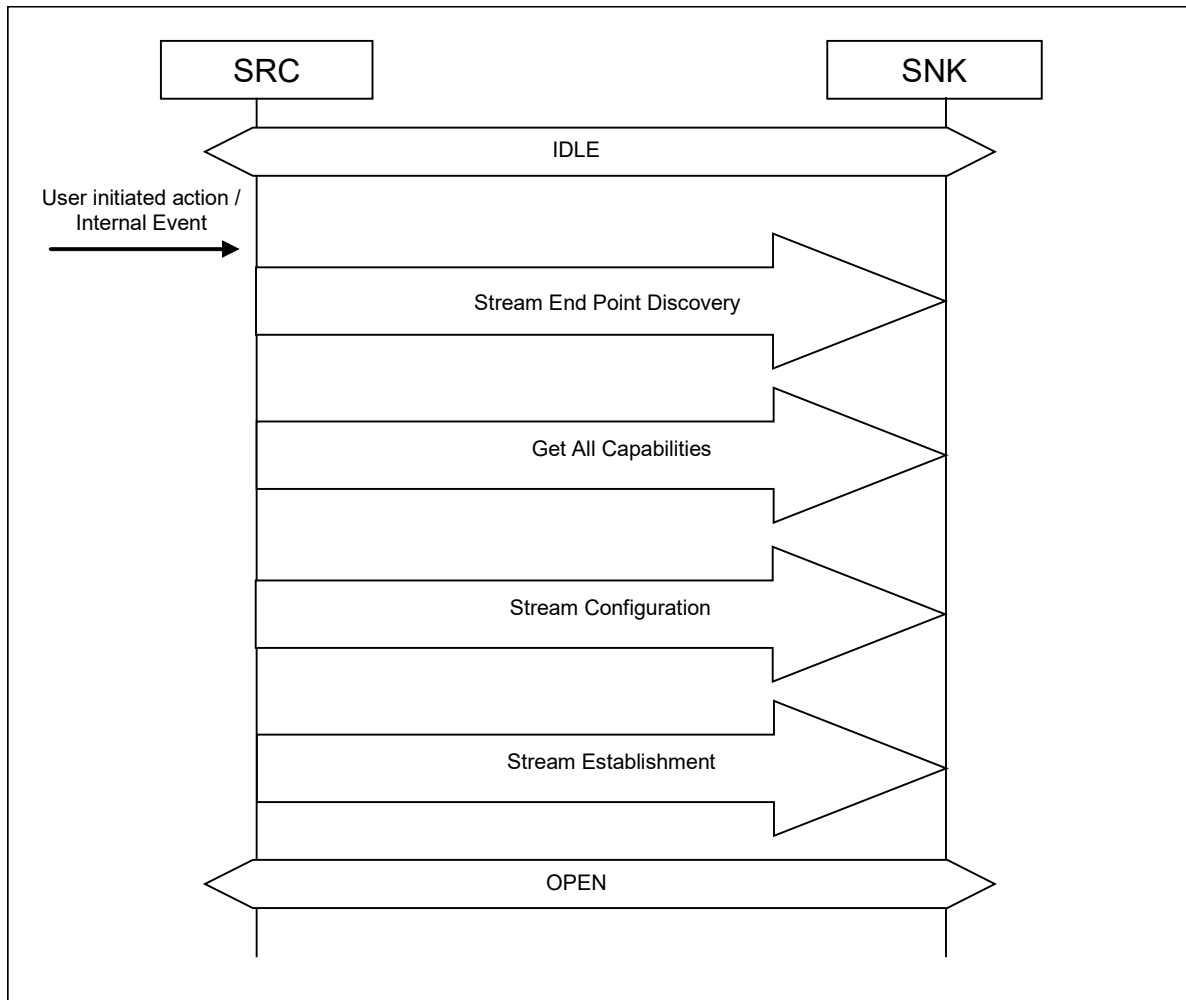


Figure 13.1: Audio Streaming Set Up

13.2 Audio Streaming

The **SRC** initiates Start *Streaming* procedure by a user initiated action or an internal event. The states of both devices are changed from <OPEN> to <STREAMING>. Audio streaming is started after this procedure is completed.

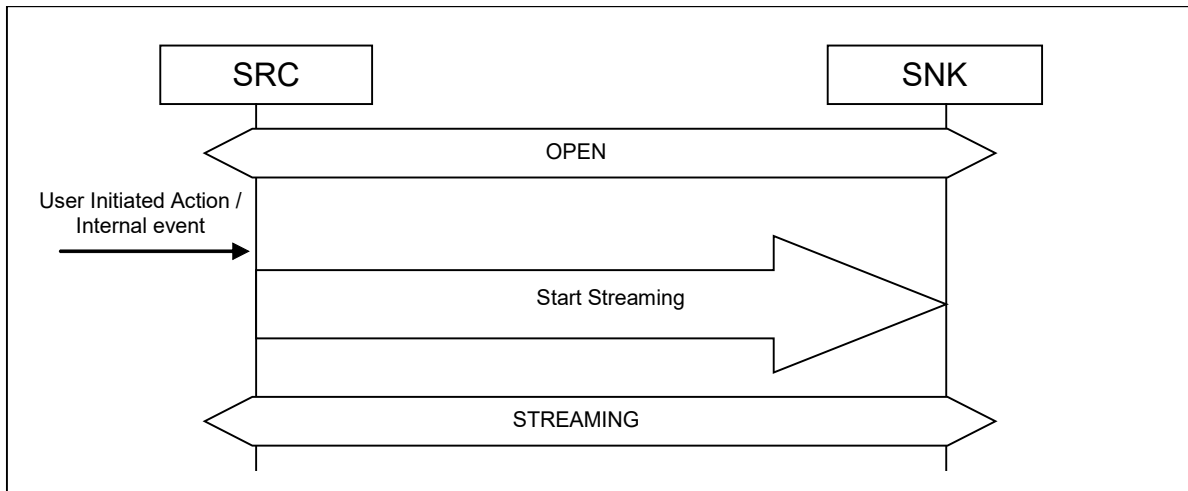


Figure 13.2: Audio Streaming

14 Appendix D: Requirements for Codecs Implementation

This section defines requirements to fulfill when the manufacturer implements the codec in the devices.

14.1 Decoder Implementation

14.1.1 SBC Decoder

[D1] It shall be able to decode SBC bitstream syntax.

[D2] Its output shall satisfy at least the 14 bit criteria that are defined in SBC test spec for Configuration, VBR, maximum bit rate, special test and typical bitstreams.

14.1.2 Optional Codec Decoder

[D3] The output of its decoder shall satisfy the criteria that are defined for its conformance to the reference.

14.1.3 Vendor Specific A2DP Codec Decoder

Bluetooth does not impose any requirements.

14.2 Encoder Implementation

14.2.1 SBC Encoder

[E1] Its output shall be compliant with SBC bitstream syntax.

[E2] The subjective quality (measured by standardized way or by objective testing methods, see [20] and [21]) shall be equivalent to that of reference encoder.

14.2.2 Optional Codec Encoder

[E3] Its output shall be compliant to corresponding bitstream syntax.

14.2.3 Vendor Specific A2DP Codec Encoder

- Bluetooth does not impose any requirements.

15 Appendix E: Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym	Description
AV	Audio/Video
A2DP	Advanced Audio Distribution Profile
ACP	Acceptor
AVDTP	Audio/Video Distribution Transport Protocol
AVRCP	Audio/Video Remote Control Profile
CP_Type	Content Protection Type
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
GAP	Generic Access Profile
GAVDP	Generic Audio/Video Distribution Profile
ICS	Implementation Conformance Statement
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
INT	Initiator
LM	Link Manager
LSB	Least Significant Bit (Byte)
MPEG	Moving Picture Expert Group
MSB	Most Significant Bit (Byte)
MTU	Maximum Transmission Unit
PSM	Protocol/Service Multiplexer
QoS	Quality of Service
RFA	Reserved for Future Additions
RFD	Reserved for Future Definition
RTP	Real-time Transport Protocol
SBC	Low Complexity Subband Codec
SDP	Service Discovery Protocol
SEID	Stream End Point Identifier
SEP	Stream End Point
SNK	Sink
SRC	Source
TSS	Test Suite Structure
VDP	Video Distribution Profile

