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Scope

This document is a reference for SIM868 GSM+GPS+GLONASS module which is based on MTK platform.

This document does not provide information about NMEA_0183 protocol.



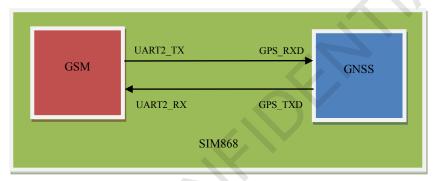
1 OVERVIEW

SIM868 supports 3 kinds of fixing technologies,

- 1) GNSS EASY self-generated orbit prediction, off-line mode.
- 2) GNSS EPO orbit prediction, TTFF could be 10s minimum in open sky.
- 3) SimFastFix function, TTFF could be 5s minimum in open sky.

Notice:

- 1) EASY technology is enabled in GNSS standard alone mode by default; first cold start will not help, after warm start, TTFF will be reduced to 15s around. EASY technology only takes 3 days ephemeris data from now on.
- 2) EPO and SimFastFix technologies require GPS UART interface to be connected to GSM UART2 interface as below. These two technologies will take effect immediately after cold start.





2 EPO ORBIT PREDICTION

2.1 EPO operation requirement

- 1) UTC time is important before EPO data operation, because module will validate EPO data expiration date based on RTC time. You can get real time clock by following ways.
 - a) Network time from cell tower by AT command AT+CLTS=1/AT&W. Next reboot module will get real time clock from network operator if it is supported, and update it to local RTC time which could be shown by command "AT+CCLK?".
 - b) Network time from NTP server. This will require GPRS service available. And enable SAPBR protocol for NTP function; please refer to document "SIM800 Series NTP Application Note.pdf".
- 2) EPO file from server. SIMCom provide FTP server for EPO file update regularly. Also, user can get MTK EPO file from different FTP or HTTP server. SIMCom FTP server provides EPO files for different days, and updates it every single day.

FTP server address is: ftp://116.247.119.165, username is "customer" and password is "111111".

2.2 EPO orbit prediction process

- 1) Make sure module attach GPRS service;
- 2) Synchronize network UTC time;
- 3) Get EPO file from SIMCom ftp server and save it to module file system;
- 4) Enable GNSS and pass EPO file to GNSS engine;
- 5) Read GNSS fixing location from GNSS engine.

Notice:

EPO file should be re-installed after GNSS cold start.

2.3 EPO operation sample

In the "Grammar" columns of following tables, input of AT commands are in black, module return values are in blue.

Grammar	Description
AT+SAPBR=3,1,"CONTYPE","GPRS" OK	Set bearer parameter
AT+SAPBR=3,1,"APN","3GNET" OK	Set bearer context
AT+SAPBR=1,1	Active bearer context



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OK	
AT+SAPBR=2,1	Read bearer parameter
+SAPBR: 1,1,"10.73.119.61"	
OK	
AT+CNTPCID=1	Set GPRS Bearer Profile's ID
OK	
AT+CNTP?	Read NTP server and time zone parameter
+CNTP: 202.120.2.101.0	
OK	
AT+CNTP	Synchronize Network Time to local
OK	
+CNTP: 1	
AT+CCLK?	Read local time
+CCLK: "16/12/15.11:02:32+0"	
OK	
AT+FTPSERV="116.247.119.165"	Set FTP server address
OK	
AT+FTPUN="customer"	Set FTP user name
OK	
AT+FTPPW="111111"	Set FTP password
OK	
AT+FTPGETNAME="MTK3.EPO"	Set download file name
OK	
AT+FTPGETPATH="/"	Set Download file path
OK	
AT+FTPEXTGET=1	Download data to local buffer
OK	
A PERDUNCATION AND A PARTY AND	
+FTPEXTGET: 1,0	
AT+FTPEXTGET=4,"epo"	save data to local disk as EPO file
+FTPEXTGET: 2,27648	
OK	
	List Directories/Eil
AT+FSLS=C:\User\	List Directories/Files
Еро	
OK	
AT+CGNSCHK=3,1	Check EPO file size and validation
+CGNSCHK: 3,1,27648,61	CHECK LI O THE SIZE and varidation
CONSCIIK. 3,1,27070,01	



OK	
AT+CGNSPWR=1	Power on GPS
OK	
AT+CGNSAID=31,1,1	Send EPO file to GPS
OK	
+CGNSAID: OK	EPO file has been written to GNSS buffer
	successfully
AT+CGNSINF	Read GPS location data
+CGNSINF:	
1,1,20161215045641.000,31.221303,121.355042	
,71.900,0.00,45.1,1,,1.0,1.3,0.8,,10,10,,,36,,	
OK	



3 SIMFASTFIX FUNCTION

3.1 SimFastFix function requirement

There have three necessary requirements for SimFastFix function.

- 1) UTC time, as mentioned in section 2 above.
- 2) Reference location. Module supports GSM LBS function, this function can feed this reference location to SimFastFix. Also, user can give reference location info by manual with AT command.
- 3) EPO data.

3.2 SimFastFix function process

- 1) Make sure module attach GPRS service;
- 2) Synchronize network UTC time;
- 3) Feed reference location longitude/latitude by LBS function or by manual (AT+CRFLOC);
- 4) Get EPO file from SIMCom ftp server and save it to module file system;
- 5) Enable GNSS and pass EPO file to GNSS engine;
- 6) Read GNSS fixing location from GNSS engine.

Notice:

- a) EPO file should be re-installed after GNSS cold start.
- b) Reference location buffer will be cleared after command AT+CGNSAID. So this location info should be flesh and feed again (by command AT+CLBS or AT+CRFLOC) every time before GNSAID action.

3.3 SimFastFix function sample

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+CNTP: 202.120.2.101,0	•
OK	
AT+CNTP	Synchronize Network Time to local
OK	,
+CNTP: 1	
AT+CCLK?	Read local time
+CCLK: "16/12/15,11:02:32+0"	
OK	
AT+CLBS=1,1	Require LBS info, and module will update this
+CLBS: 0,121.359977,31.220240,550	info for reference location automatically.
OK	
	Or here feed reference location by command
	below:
	AT+CRFLOC="131.220240,21.359977"
AT+FTPSERV="116.247.119.165"	Set FTP server address
OK	
AT+FTPUN="customer"	Set FTP user name
OK	
AT+FTPPW="111111"	Set FTP password
OK	
AT+FTPGETNAME="MTK3.EPO"	Set download file name
OK	
AT+FTPGETPATH="/"	Set download file path
OK	
AT+FTPEXTGET=1	Download data to local buffer
ОК	
+FTPEXTGET: 1,0	
AT+FTPEXTGET=4,"epo"	Ave data to local disk as EPO file
+FTPEXTGET: 2,27648	
OK	
AT+FSLS=C:\User\	List EPO file
еро	
OK	
AT+CGNSCHK=3,1	Check EPO file size and validation
+CGNSCHK: 3,1,27648,61	
OK	



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AT+CGNSAID=31,1,1	Send EPO file to GPS
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OK	



APPENDIX

A Related documents

SN	Document name	Remark
[1]	SIM800 Series_AT Command Manual	
[2]	SIM800 Series_GSM Location_ Application Note	
[3]	SIM868 GNSS_Application Note	
[4]	SIM868_NMEA Message Specification	

B Terms and Abbreviations

Abb	oreviation	Definition
	APN	Access Point Name
	URC	Unsolicited Result Code
	FTP	File Transfer Protocol
	GGA	Global Positioning System Fixed Data
	GLL	Geographic Position - Latitude/Longitude
	GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
	GPS	Global Positioning System
	AGPS	Assisted GPS
	DGPS	Differential Global Positioning System
	GPRS	General Packet Radio Service
	GSA	GNSS DOP and Active Satellites
	GSV	GNSS Satellites in View
	HPA	Horizontal Position Accuracy
	VPA	Vertical Position Accuracy
	GEO-Fence	A geographic area
	HDOP	Horizontal Dilution of Precision
	HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
	NMEA	National Marine Electronics Association
	PDOP	Position Dilution of Precision
	PDP	Packet Data Protocol
	RMC	Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data
	VDOP	Vertical Dilution of Precision
	VTG	Course Over Ground and Ground Speed
	ZDA	Time & Date



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