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Foreword

This Technical Report (TR) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT).

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The present document documents the review of DECT security procedures done during years 2016 and 2017. It contains two parts: a security overview and assessment on DECT security techniques, addressed to the general public, and a detailed description of the main security improvements introduced in the revisions of the DECT common interface (ETSI EN 300 175 [i.1] to [i.8]) and Generic Access Profile (ETSI EN 300 444 [i.9]) released by TC DECT during year 2017.

The present document is primary addressed to TC DECT and DECT industry communities and as well, to other participants from new industry sectors that may be considering using DECT technology for new applications.

1 Scope

The scope of the present document is documenting the review of DECT security procedures done during year 2017. The present document is structured as two different parts:

- A security overview and assessment, addressed to the general public, which presents a general description of the different DECT security elements and, for each of them, an assessment with specific recommendations to implementers, including identification of possible threats (when applicable). This part of the study is covered by clause 4 of the present document.
 - A detailed description of the improvements in security procedures introduced in the revisions of the DECT common interface (ETSI EN 300 175 series [i.1] to [i.8]) and the Generic Access Profile (ETSI EN 300 444 [i.9]) released in year 2017 (version 2.7.1 of ETSI EN 300 175 [i.1] to [i.8]) and version 2.5.1 of Generic Access Profile ETSI EN 300 444 [i.9]). This part of the study is covered by clause 5 of the present document and is mostly addressed to DECT manufacturers and TC DECT participants.
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2 References

2.1 Normative references

Normative references are not applicable in the present document.

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- [i.1] ETSI EN 300 175-1: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 1: Overview".
- [i.2] ETSI EN 300 175-2: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 2: Physical Layer (PHL)".
- [i.3] ETSI EN 300 175-3: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 3: Medium Access Control (MAC) layer".
- [i.4] ETSI EN 300 175-4: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 4: Data Link Control (DLC) layer".
- [i.5] ETSI EN 300 175-5: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 5: Network (NWK) layer".
- [i.6] ETSI EN 300 175-6: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 6: Identities and addressing".
- [i.7] ETSI EN 300 175-7: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 7: Security features".
- [i.8] ETSI EN 300 175-8: "Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications (DECT); Common Interface (CI); Part 8: Speech and audio coding and transmission".