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SMS Tools Configuration Guide

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Table i - Document revision history

Note – Before performing the instructions in this guide, please ensure that you have the latest firmware version installed on your router. Visit http://vodafone.netcommwireless.com to download the latest firmware.

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Notation

The following symbols are used in this user guide:

⚠ The following note requires attention.

⚡ The following note provides a warning.

ℹ The following note provides useful information.

Introduction

The SMS tools application has been developed to include basic SMS functionality such as sending a message, receiving a message and redirecting an incoming message to another destination. You can also utilise this functionality to read and change run-time variables on the router.

The SMS diagnostics feature is enabled by default. When using a Vodafone GDSP SIM card with your router, you must use the GDSP web interface to send and receive the SMS messages as the router is pre-configured with security settings to accept SMS messages from the GDSP platform. If using a generic SIM card with your router, the messages must be formatted according to the API.

Basic functionality supported:

- Ability to send a text message via a 3G network and store in permanent storage
- Ability to receive a text message via a 3G network and store in permanent storage
- Ability to forward incoming text messages via a 3G network to another remote destination which may be a TCP/UDP server or other mobile devices.
- Ability to read run-time variables from the device (e.g. uptime) and send result to a remote destination which may be a TCP/UDP server or other mobile devices.
- Ability to change live configuration on the device (e.g. connection APN)
- Ability to execute supported commands (e.g. reboot)

The Setup page provides the options to enable or disable the SMS messaging functionality and SMS forwarding functionalities of the router. SMS messaging is enabled by default.

Figure 1 - General SMS Configuration

OPTION	DEFINITION
General SMS configuration	
SMS messaging	Toggles the SMS functionality of the router on and off.
Messages per page (10-50)	The number of SMS messages to display per page. Must be a value between 10 and 50.
Encoding scheme	The encoding method used for outbound SMS messages. GSM 7-bit mode permits up to 160 characters per message but drops to 50 characters if the message includes special characters. UCS-2 mode allows the sending of Unicode characters and permits a message to be up to 50 characters in length.
SMS forwarding configuration	
Forwarding	Toggles the SMS forwarding function of the router on and off.
Redirect to mobile	Enter a mobile number as the destination for forwarded SMS messages.
TCP server address	Enter an IP address or domain name as the destination for forwarded SMS messages using TCP.
TCP port	The TCP port on which to connect to the remote destination.
UDP server address	Enter an IP address or domain name as the destination for forwarded SMS messages using UDP.
UDP port	The UDP port on which to connect to the remote destination.

Table 1 - SMS Setup Settings

SMS forwarding configuration

Incoming text messages can be redirected to another mobile device and/or a TCP/UDP message server.

Redirect to mobile

You can forward incoming text messages to a different destination number. This destination number can be another mobile phone or a router phone number.

For Example:

If someone sends a text message and **Redirect to mobile** is set to "+61412345678", the text message is stored on the router and forwarded to "+61412345678" at the same time.

To disable redirection to a mobile, clear the **Redirect to mobile** field and click the **Save** button.

Redirect to TCP / UDP server address

You can also forward incoming text messages to a TCP/UDP based destination. The TCP or UDP server can be any kind of public or private server if the server accepts incoming text-based messages.

The TCP/UDP address can be an IP address or domain name. The port number range is from 1 to 65535. Please refer to your TCP/UDP based SMS server configuration for which port to use.

For Example:

If someone sends a text message and **TCP server address** is set to "192.168.20.3" and **TCP port** is set to "2002", this text message is stored in the router and forwarded to "192.168.20.3" on port "2002" at the same time.
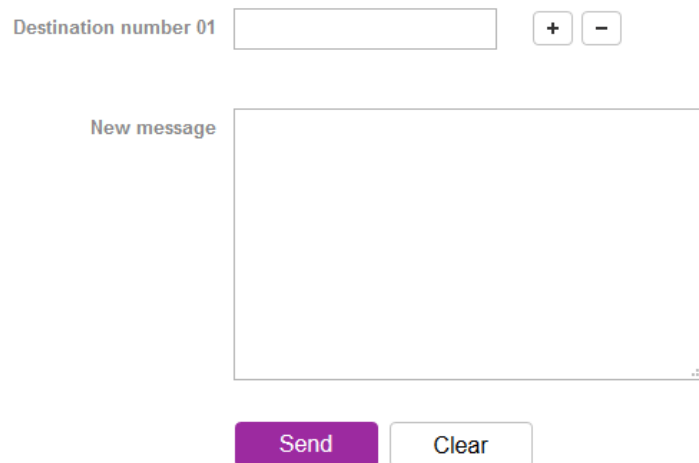
To disable redirection to a TCP or UDP address, clear the **TCP server address** and **UDP server address** fields and click the **Save** button.

New message

The New message page can be used to send SMS text messages to a single or multiple recipients. To access the New message page, click on the **Services** menu item from the top menu bar, select the **SMS messaging** menu on the left then select the **New message** menu item.

A new SMS message can be sent to a maximum of 9 recipients at the same time. After sending the message, the result is displayed next to the destination number as "Success" or "Failure" if the message failed to send. By default, only one destination number field is displayed. Additional destination numbers may be added one at a time after entering a valid number for the current destination number field. To add a destination number, click the [+] button and to remove the last destination in the list, click the [-] button.

New message

Destination number 01   [_____]   [+] [−]

New message   [_____]

[Send]   [Clear]

Figure 2 - SMS - New Message

Destination numbers should begin with the "+" symbol followed by the country calling code. To send a message to a destination number, enter the "+" symbol followed by the country calling code and then the destination number.

For example:

To send a message to the mobile destination number 0412345678 in Australia (country calling code 61), enter "+61412345678".

After entering the required recipient numbers, type your SMS message in the **New message** field. As you type your message, a counter shows how many characters you have entered out of the total number available for your chosen encoding scheme. When you have finished typing your message and you are ready to send it, click the **Send** button.

Inbox / Sent Items

The Inbox displays all received messages that are stored on the router while Sent Items displays all sent messages. To access the Inbox page, click on the **Services** menu item from the top menu bar, select the **SMS messaging** menu on the left then select the **Inbox** menu item.
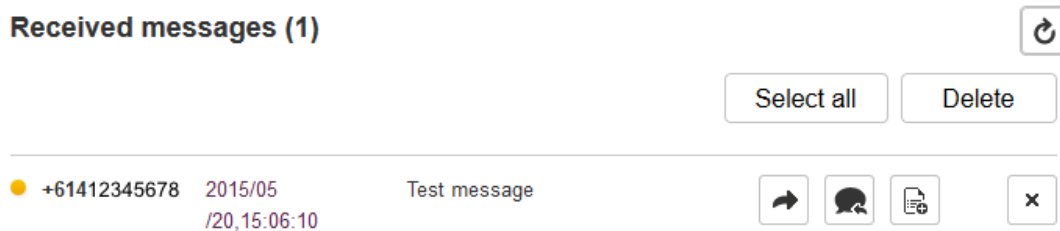
Received messages (1)

Select all   Delete

+61412345678   2015/05   Test message
/20,15:06:10

Figure 3 - SMS Inbox

To access the Sent items page, click on the **Services** menu item from the top menu bar, select the **SMS messaging** menu on the left then select the **Sent items** menu item.
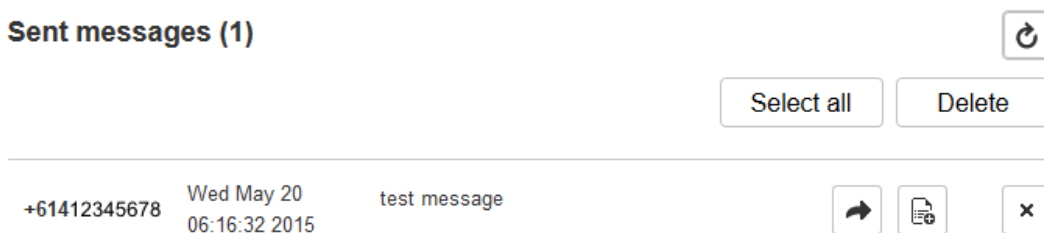
Sent messages (1)

Select all   Delete

+61412345678   Wed May 20   test message
06:16:32 2015

Figure 4 - SMS Outbox

Icon	Description
→	Forward button. Click this button to open a new message window where you can forward the corresponding message to another recipient.
💬	Reply button. Click this button to open a new message window where you can reply to the sender.
📄	Add to White list. Click this button to add the sender's mobile number to the white list on the router.
✕	Delete button. Click this button to delete the corresponding message.
↻	Refresh button. Click this button to refresh the inbox or outbox to see new messages.

Table 2 - Inbox/Outbox icons

Diagnostics

The Diagnostics page is used to configure the SMS diagnostics and command execution configuration. This allows you to change the configuration, perform functions remotely and check on the status of the router via SMS commands.

To access the Diagnostics page, click on the **Services** menu item then select the **SMS** menu on the left and finally select **Diagnostics** beneath it.

Figure 5 - SMS diagnostics and command execution configuration

SMS diagnostics and command execution configuration

The options on this page are described below.

Enable remote diagnostics and command execution

Enables or disables the remote diagnostics feature. If this setting is enabled all incoming text messages are parsed and tested for remote diagnostics commands.

If remote diagnostics commands are found, the router executes those commands. This feature is enabled by default. All remote diagnostic commands that are received are stored in the Inbox.

> Note: It is possible to adjust settings and prevent your router from functioning correctly using remote diagnostics. If this occurs, you will need to perform a factory reset in order to restore normal operation.

> We highly recommended that you use the white list and a password when utilising this feature to prevent unauthorised access. See the White list description for more information.

Only accept authenticated SMS messages

Enables or disables checking the sender's phone number against the allowed sender white list for incoming diagnostics and command execution SMS messages.

If authentication is enabled, the router will check if the sender's number exists in the white list. If it exists, the router then checks the password (if configured) in the incoming message against the password in the white list for the corresponding sending number. If they match, the diagnostic or command is executed.

If the number does not exist in the white list or the password does not match, the router does not execute the incoming diagnostic or command in the SMS message.

This is enabled by default and it is strongly advised that you leave this feature enabled to maintain security.

Send Set command acknowledgement replies

The Vodafone MachineLink 4G router will automatically reply to certain types of commands received, such as *get* commands, or *execute* commands. However acknowledgement replies from the Vodafone MachineLink 4G router are optional with *set* commands and the *Wakeup* command. This option Enables or disables sending an acknowledgment message after execution of a *set* command or SMS Wakeup command. If disabled, the router does not send any acknowledgement after execution of a *set* command or SMS Wakeup command. All acknowledgment replies are stored in the Outbox after they have been sent. This can be useful to determine if a command was received and executed by the router. This option is disabled by default.

Access advanced RDB variables

By default, this option is turned on and allows access to the full list of RDB variables via SMS. When it is turned off, you are only allowed access to the basic RDB variables listed later in this guide.

Allow execution of advanced commands

By default, this option is turned on and allows execution of advanced commands such as those which are common to the Linux command line. For example: "execute ls /usr/bin/sms*" to list the contents of the /etc folder on the router.

When it is turned off you are only allowed to execute the basic commands listed later in this guide.

Send acknowledgement replies to

This option allows you to specify where to send acknowledgment messages after the execution of a *set, get,* or *exec* command.

If **a fixed number** is selected, the acknowledgement message will be sent to the number defined in the **Fixed number to send replies to** field. If **the sender's number** is selected, the acknowledgement message will be sent to the number that the SMS diagnostic or command message originated from. The default setting is to use **the sender's number**.

Fixed number to send replies to

This field defines the destination number to which error messages are sent after the execution of a *get*, *set*, or *exec* command. This field is only displayed when **Send Error SMS to** is set to **Fixed Number**.

Send command error replies

Enables or disables the sending of an error message resulting from the execution of a *get*, *set*, or *exec* command. All error replies are stored in the Outbox after they have been sent.

Send error replies to

When **Send command error replies** is set to **ON**, this option is used to specify where the error SMS is sent. Use the radio buttons to select either **a fixed number** or **the sender's number**. When set to **the sender's number** the router will reply to the originating number of the SMS diagnostic or command. When set to **a fixed number** the router will send the error messages to the number specified in the following field.

Send a maximum number of

You can set the maximum number of acknowledgement and error messages sent when an SMS diagnostic or command is executed. The maximum limit can be set per hour, day, week or month. The router will send a maximum of 100 replies per day by default.

The number of messages sent is shown below the options. The total transmitted message count resets after a reboot or at the beginning of the time frame specified.

White List for diagnostic or execution SMS

The white list is a list of mobile numbers that you can create which are considered "friendly" to the router. If **Only accept authenticated SMS messages** is enabled in the diagnostics section, the router will compare the mobile number of all incoming diagnostic and command messages against this white list to determine whether the diagnostic or command should be executed. You may optionally configure a password for each number to give an additional level of security. When a password is specified for a number, the SMS diagnostic or command message is parsed for the password and will only be executed if the number and password match.

Figure 6 - White list for diagnostic or execution SMS

Up to 20 numbers may be stored in the white list, however, when using a Vodafone GDSP SIM, 4 entries are reserved for system numbers and may not be removed. To add a number to the white list, click the "**+Add**" button.

Figure 7 – Adding a number to the SMS white list

The White List numbers and passwords can be cleared by pressing the [×] button to the right of each entry. To add a number to the white list, enter it in the **Destination number** field and optionally define a password in the **Password** field. When you have finished adding numbers click the **Save** button to save the entries.

Sending an SMS Diagnostic Command

Follow the steps below to configure the router to optionally accept SMS diagnostic commands only from authenticated senders and learn how to send SMS diagnostic commands to the router.

1. Navigate to the **Services > SMS messaging > Diagnostics** page

1. Confirm that the **Enable remote diagnostics and command execution** toggle key is set to the **ON** position. If it is set to **OFF** click the toggle key to switch it to the **ON** position.

2. If you wish to have the router only accept commands from authenticated senders, ensure that **Only accept authenticated SMS messages** is set to the **ON** position. In the **White list for diagnostic or execution SMS messages** section, click the **+Add** button and enter the sender's number in international format into the **Destination number** field that appears. If you wish to also configure a password, enter the password in the **Password** field corresponding to the destination number.

3. If you would prefer to accept SMS diagnostic commands from any sender, set the **Only accept authenticated SMS messages** toggle key to the **OFF** position.

> Note: An alternative method of adding a number to the white list is to send an SMS message to the router, navigate to **Services > SMS messaging > Inbox** and then click the [icon] button next to the message which corresponds to the sender's number.

4. Click the **Save** button.

Types of SMS diagnostic commands

There are three types of commands that can be sent; **execute**, **get** and **set.** The basic syntax is as follows:

- execute COMMAND
- get VARIABLE
- set VARIABLE=VALUE

If authentication is enabled, each command must be preceded by the password:

- PASSWORD execute COMMAND
- PASSWORD get VARIABLE
- PASSWORD set VARIABLE=VALUE

The following are some examples of SMS diagnostic commands:

- password6657 execute reboot
- get rssi
- set apn1=testAPNvalue

SMS acknowledgment replies

The router automatically replies to **get** commands with a value and **execute** commands with either a success or error response. **Set** commands will only be responded to if the **Send Set command acknowledgement replies** toggle key is set to **ON**. If the **Send command error replies** toggle key is set to **ON**, the router will send a reply if the command is correct but a variable or value is incorrect, for example, due to misspelling.

SMS command format

Generic Format for reading variables:

get VARIABLE

PASSWORD get VARIABLE

Generic Format for writing to variables:

set VARIABLE=VALUE

PASSWORD set VARIABLE=VALUE

Generic Format for executing a command:

Execute COMMAND

PASSWORD execute COMMAND

Replies

Upon receipt of a successfully formatted, authenticated (if required) command, the gateway will reply to the SMS in the following format:

Type	SMS Contents	Notes
get command	"VARIABLE=VALUE"	
set command	"Successfully set VARIABLE to VALUE"	Only sent if the acknowledgment message function is enabled
execute command	"Successfully executed command COMMAND"	

Table 3 - SMS Diagnostic Command Syntax

Where "VARIABLE" is the name of the value to be read

Where "VARIABLE (x)" is the name of another value to be read

Where "VALUE" is the content to be written to the "VARIABLE"

Where "COMMAND" is a supported command to be executed by the device (e.g. reboot)

Where "PASSWORD" is the password (if configured) for the corresponding sender number specified in the White List

Multiple commands can be sent in the same message, if separated by a semicolon.

For Example:

get VARIABLE1; get VARIABLE2; get VARIABLE3

PASSWORD get VARIABLE1; get VARIABLE2

set VARIABLE=VALUE1 ; set VARIABLE2=VALUE2

PASSWORD set VARIABLE1=VALUE1; set VARIABLE2=VALUE2; set VARIABLE3=VALUE3

If required, values can also be bound by an apostrophe, double apostrophe or back tick.

For Example:

"set VARIABLE='VALUE'"

"set VARIABLE="VALUE""

"set VARIABLE=`VALUE`"

"get VARIABLE"

A password (if required), only needs to be specified once per SMS, but can be prefixed to each command if desired.

"PASSWORD get Variable1"; "get VARIABLE2"

"PASSWORD set VARIABLE1=VALUE1"; "set VARIABLE2=VALUE2"

If the command sent includes the "reboot" command and has already passed the white list password check, the device keeps this password and executes the remaining command line after the reboot with this same password.

For Example:

"PASSWORD execute reboot; getVariable1"; "get VARABLE2"

"PASSWORD execute reboot; PASSWORD get Variable1"; "get VARABLE2"

⚠️ Note: Commands, variables and values are case sensitive.

List of basic commands

A list of basic commands which can be used in conjunction with the execute command are listed below:

"pdpcycle", "pdpdown" and "pdpup" commands can have a profile number suffix 'x' added. Without the suffix specified, the command operates against the default profile configured on the profile list page of the Web-UI.

ITEM		DEFINITION
1	reboot	Immediately performs a soft reboot.
2	pdpcycle	Disconnects (if connected) and reconnects the data connection. If a profile number is selected in the command, try to disconnect/reconnect the specified profile in case the profile is active. If no profile number is selected, try to disconnect/reconnect the current active profile. Reports an error if no profile number is selected and there is no currently activated profile.
3	pdpdown	Disconnects the PDP. If a profile number is selected in the command, the router tries to disconnect the specified profile in case the profile is active. If no profile number is selected, try to disconnect the current active profile. Reports an error if no profile number is selected and there is no currently activated profile.
4	pdpup	Reconnects the PDP. If a profile number is selected in the command, the router tries to connect with the specified profile. If no profile number is selected, the router tries to connect to the last active profile. The gateway will check the currently activated profile and disconnect this profile before executing the command. The router reports an error if no profile number is selected and there is no stored last active profile number.
5	factorydefaults	Performs a factory reset on the router. Be aware that this command also clears the SMS white list on the router.
6	download	Performs a download and install of a Firmware Upgrade (.cdi), Config File (.tar.gz) or a help document (.pdf) file. If the file is a firmware image as in the case of a .cdi file, the router will apply the recovery image first and then the main firmware image. The download location is specified immediately after the command and may be from an HTTP or FTP source URL. If the file is a .cdi file, the router will apply the file as a configuration file update for the device and reboot afterwards. If the file is a .pdf, the router will assume this is a user guide document and save it to the router and make the file available for viewing via the help menu on the Web-UI. Note: If your download URL includes any space characters, please encode these prior to transmission according to RFC1738, for example: ftp://username:password@serveraddress/directory%20with%20spaces/filename.cdi Note: Authenticated FTP addresses may be used following the format as defined in RFC1738, for example: ftp://username:password@serveraddress/directory/filename.cdi

ITEM		DEFINITION
7	codconnect	Causes the router to activate the PDP context when the Connect on demand feature is enabled.
8	coddisconnect	Causes the router to de-activate the PDP context when the Connect on demand feature is enabled.
10	ssh.genkeys	Instructs the router to generate new public SSH keys.
11	ssh.clearkeys	Instructs the router to clear the client public SSH key files.

Table 4 - List of basic SMS diagnostic commands

List of get/set commands

The following table is a partial list of get and set commands which may be performed via SMS.

Command name	Example	Description
get status	get status	Returns the Module firmware version, LAN IP Address, Network State, Network operator and Signal strength.
get sessionhistory	get sessionhistory	Returns the time and date of recent sessions along with the total amount of data sent and received for each session.
set syslogserver	set syslogserver=123.45.67.89:514	Sets a remote syslog server IP or hostname and port.
set cod	set cod=1	Enables or disables Connect on demand.
get cod	get cod	Returns the enable/disable status of the Connect on demand feature.
get codstatus	get codstatus	Returns the connection status of the Connect on demand feature.
set coddialport	set coddialport=on,53	Sets the Connect on demand feature to connect only when traffic is received on the specified port.
get coddialport	get coddialport	Returns the Connect on demand port filter status and list or filtered ports.
set codonline	set codonline=20	Sets the router to stay online for at least X minutes when data activity is detected.
get codonline	get codonline	Returns the number of minutes the router is configured to stay online when data activity is detected.
set codminonline	set codminonline=10	Sets the router to stay online for a minimum of X minutes after connecting.
get codminonline	get codminonline	Returns the minimum number of minutes the router should stay online after connecting.

Command name	Example	Description
set codredial	set codredial=5	Sets the number of minutes that the router should not attempt to redial after hanging up.
get codredial	get codredial	Returns the number of minutes that the router is configured to not attempt to redial after hanging up.
set coddisconnect	set coddisconnect=0	Sets the number of minutes after which the router should disconnect regardless of traffic.
get coddisconnect	get coddisconnect	Returns the number of minutes the router is configured to disconnect regardless of traffic.
set codconnectreg	set codconnectreg=30	Sets the number of minutes that the router should regularly attempt to connect.
get codconnectreg	get codconnectreg	Returns the number of minutes that the router is configured to regularly attempt to connect.
set codrandomtime	set codrandomtime=3	Sets the number of minutes that the router should randomise the dial time by.
get codrandomtime	get codrandomtime	Returns the number of minutes that the router is configured to randomise the dial time by.
set codverbose	set codverbose=1	Sets verbose logging on or off.
get codverbose	get codverbose	Returns the status of verbose logging.
set codignore.icmp	set codignore.icmp=1	Sets the router to ignore ICMP packets triggering data activity detection.
get codignore.icmp	get codignore.icmp	Returns the status of the Ignore ICMP option.
set codignore.tcp	set codignore.tcp=1	Sets the router to ignore TCP packets triggering data activity detection.
get codignore.tcp	get codignore.tcp	Returns the status of the Ignore TCP option.
set codignore.udp	set codignore.udp=1	Sets the router to ignore UDP packets triggering data activity detection.
get codignore.udp	get codignore.udp	Returns the status of the Ignore UDP option.
set codignore.dns	set codignore.dns=1	Sets the router to ignore DNS traffic triggering data activity detection.
get codignore.dns	get codignore.dns	Returns the status of the Ignore DNS option.
set codignore.ntp	set codignore.ntp=1	Sets the router to ignore NTP traffic triggering data activity detection.
get codignore.ntp	get codignore.ntp	Returns the status of the Ignore NTP option.
set codignore.ncsi	set codignore.ncsi=1	Sets the router to ignore NCSI traffic triggering data activity detection.

Command name	Example	Description
get codignore.ncsi	get codignore.ncsi	Returns the status of the Ignore NCSI option.
get plmnscan	get plmnscan	Instructs the router to perform a network scan and returns the results by SMS.
set forceplmn	set forceplmn=505,3	Sets the operator to a manual selection made by the user where "505" is the Mobile Country Code for Australia and "3" is the Mobile Network Code for Vodafone. As no network type (e.g.. LTE/3G/2G) is specified, it is selected automatically.
get forceplmn	get forceplmn	Returns the operator and network type selection mode (Automatic/Manual), in addition to the MCC and MNC values
get pppoe	get pppoe	Returns the PPPoE status, currently configured dial string and service name
set pppoe	set pppoe=1, telstra.internet, test	Sets the PPPoE status on, APN to telstra.internet, and service name to test.
get ledmode	get ledmode	Returns the status of the LED operation mode.
set ledmode	set ledmode=10	Sets the LED operation mode to be always on or to turn off after the specified number of minutes.
get ssh.proto	get ssh.proto	Returns the SSH protocol in use.
set ssh.proto	set ssh.proto=1,2	Sets the SSH Protocol to protocol 1, 2 or both (1,2).
get ssh.passauth	get ssh.passauth	Returns the status of the SSH Enable password authentication option.
set ssh.passauth	set ssh.passauth=1	Sets the SSH Enable password authentication option on or off.
get ssh.keyauth	get ssh.keyauth	Returns the status of the SSH Enable key authentication option.
set ssh.keyauth	Set ssh.keyauth=1	Sets the SSH Enable key authentication option on or off.
get download.timeout	get download.timeout	Returns the time in minutes that the router waits before a download times out.
set download.timeout	set download.timeout=20	Sets the time in minutes that the router waits before a download times out. This is set to 10 minutes by default. Supported range is 10 – 1440 minutes.
get install.timeout	get install.timeout	Returns the time in minutes that the router waits before a file that is being installed times out.

Command name	Example	Description
set install.timeout	set install.timeout=5	Sets the time in minutes that the router waits before a file that is being installed times out. This is set to 3 minutes by default. Supported range is 3 – 300 minutes.
get sw.version	get sw.version	Returns the software version of the router.

Table 5 - List of get/set commands

List of basic RDB variables

The following table lists valid variables where "x" is a profile number (1-6). If no profile is specified, variables are read from or written to for the current active profile. If a profile is specified, variables are read from or written to for the specified profile number ('x').

#	RDB variable name	SMS variable name	Read/Write	Description	Example VALUE
0	link.profile.1.enable link.profile.1.apn link.profile.1.user link.profile.1.pass link.profile.1.auth_type link.profile.1.iplocal link.profile.1.status	profile	RW	Profile	Read: (profile no,apn,user,pass,auth,iplocal,status) 1,apn,username,password, chap,202.44.185.111,up Write: (apn, user, pass,auth) apn,username,password
2	link.profile.1.user	username	RW	Cellular broadband username	Guest, could also return "null"
3	link.profile.1.pass	password	RW	Cellular broadband password	Guest, could also return "null"
4	link.profile.1.auth_type	authtype	RW	Cellular broadband Authentication type	"pap" or"chap"
5	link.profile.1.iplocal	wanip	R	WAN IP address	202.44.185.111
6	wwan.0.radio.information.signal_strength	rssi	R	Cellular signal strength	-65 dBm
7	wwan.0.imei	imei	R	IMEI number	357347050000177
8	statistics.usage_current	usage	R	Cellular broadband data usage of current session	"Rx 500 bytes, Tx 1024 bytes, Total 1524 bytes" or "Rx 0 byte, Tx 0 byte, Total 0 byte" when wwan down

#	RDB variable name	SMS variable name	Read/Write	Description	Example VALUE
9	statistics.usage_current	wanuptime	R	Up time of current cellular broadband session	1 days 02:30:12 or 0 days 00:00:00 when wwan down
10	/proc/uptime	deviceuptime	R	Device up time	1 days 02:30:12
11	wwan.0.system_network_status.current_band	band	R	Current band	WCDMA850

Table 6 - List of basic SMS diagnostics RDB variables

Network scan and manual network selection by SMS

Performing a network scan

The **get plmnscan** SMS command enables you to perform a scan of the cellular networks available at the time of the scan.

It returns the following semi-colon separated information for each network in range:

- MCC
- MNC
- Network Type (LTE, 3G, 2G)
- Provider's Name
- Operator Status (available, forbidden, current)

The following is an example of a response from the **get plmnscan** SMS command:

plmnscan=505,03,7,vodafone AU,1;505,03,1,vodafone AU,1;505,03,9,vodafone AU,4;505,01,7,Telstra Mobile,1;505,01,1,Telstra Mobile,1;505,02,9,YES OPTUS,1;505,02,1,YES OPTUS,1;505,01,9,Telstra

Network type	Description
9	Indicates an LTE network.
7	Indicates a 3G network
1	Indicates a 2G network

Table 7 - Network types returned by get plmnscan SMS command

Operator status	Description
1	Indicates an available operator which may be selected.
2	Indicates a forbidden operator which may not be selected (applies only to generic SIM cards).
4	Indicates the currently selected operator.

Table 8 - Operator status codes returned by get plmnscan SMS command

Notes about the network connection status when using the **get plmnscan** command:

- If the connection status is **Up** and connection mode is **Always on,** the **get plmnscan** SMS will cause the connection to disconnect, perform the scan, send the result through SMS and then bring the connection back up again. If the connection status is **Down,** the router will perform the PLMN scan, send the result and keep the connection status down.

- If the connection status is **Waiting** and connection mode is **Connect on demand**, the **get plmnscan** SMS will change the connection status to **Down**, perform the scan, send the result through SMS and then restore the connection status to the **Waiting** state.

- If the connection status is **Up** and connection mode is **Connect on demand**, the **get plmnscan** SMS will cause the connection to disconnect, perform the scan, send the result through SMS, and then restore the connection status to the **Waiting** state unless there is a traffic which triggers a connection in which case the connection status will be set to **Up.**

Setting the router to connect to a network

The router can be instructed by SMS to connect to one of the networks returned by the **get plmnscan** command. The **set forceplmn** command forces the router to connect to a specified operator network (if available) while the **get forceplmn** command retrieves the currently configured network on the router.

Command format:

> set forceplmn=0|MCC,MNC| MCC,MNC,Network Type

For example:

> set forceplmn=0
>
> Sets the selection of operator and network type to automatic mode.

> set forceplmn=505,3
>
> Sets the operator to a manual selection made by the user where "505" is the Mobile Country Code for Australia and "3" is the Mobile Network Code for Vodafone. As no network type (e.g. LTE/3G/2G) is specified, it is selected automatically.

> set forceplmn=505,3,7
>
> Sets the operator and network type to a manual selection made by the user where "505" is the Mobile Country Code for Australia, "3" is the Mobile Network Code for Vodafone and "7" is the 3G network type.

Notes about the **set forceplmn** command:

1. If the manual selection fails, the device will fall back to the previous 'good' network.

2. When enabled, the SMS acknowledgement reply reflects the success or failure of the manual selection with respect to the *set* command and includes the final MNC/MCC that was configured.

Confirming the currently configured operator and network type

You can retrieve the currently configured operator and network type using the **get forceplmn** command.

The **get forceplmn** command returns the operator and network type selection mode (Automatic/Manual), in addition to the MCC and MNC values, for example:

> Automatic,505,3

This response indicates that the operator/network selection mode is Automatic, and the network used is Vodafone AU.

SMS diagnostics examples

The examples below demonstrate various combinations of supported commands. This is not an exhaustive list and serves as an example of possibilities only.

Description	Authentication	Input Example
Send SMS to change APN	Not required	set apn1=internet set apn2="access"
	Required	PASSWORD set apn1=internet PASSWORD set apn2=access
Send SMS to change the 3G username	Not required	set username='NetComm'
	Required	PASSWORD set username= "NetComm"
Send SMS to change the 3G password	Not required	set password= `NetComm`
	Required	PASSWORD set password= `NetComm`
Send SMS to change the 3G authentication	Not required	set authtype= 'pap'
	Required	PASSWORD set authtype = pap
Send SMS to reboot	Not required	execute reboot
	Required	PASSWORD execute reboot
Send SMS to check the WAN IP address	Not required	get wanip
	Required	PASSWORD get wanip
Send SMS to check the 3G signal strength	Not required	get rssi
	Required	PASSWORD get rssi
Send SMS to check the IMEI number	Not required	get imei
	Required	PASSWORD get imei
Send SMS to check the current band	Not required	get band
	Required	PASSWORD get band
Send SMS to Disconnect (if connected) and reconnect the 3G connection	Not required	execute pdpcycle
	Required	PASSWORD execute "pdpcycle1"
Send SMS to disconnect the 3G connection	Not required	execute pdpdown1
	Required	PASSWORD execute "pdpdown1"
Send SMS to connect the 3G connection	Not required	execute pdpup
	Required	PASSWORD execute pdpup1
Send multiple get command	Not required	get wanip; get rssi
	Required	PASSWORD get wanip; get rssi
Send multiple set command	Not required	set apn1="3netaccecss"; set password1='NetComm'
	Required	PASSWORD set APN="3netaccecss"; set password=NetComm

Description	Authentication	Input Example
Send SMS to reset to factory default settings	Not required	execute factorydefaults
	Required	PASSWORD execute factorydefaults
Send SMS to retrieve status of router	Not required	get status
	Required	PASSWORD get status
Send SMS to retrieve the history of the session, including start time, end time and total data usage	Not required	get sessionhistory
	Required	PASSWORD get sessionhistory
Send SMS to configure the router to send syslog to a remote syslog server	Not required	set syslogserver
	Required	PASSWORD set syslogserver
Send SMS to wake up the router, turn on the default gateway and trigger the 'connect on demand' profile if in waiting state.	Not required	(zero SMS)
	Required	PASSWORD (zero SMS)
Send SMS to retrieve MCC, MNC, network type, provider's name and operator status	Not required	get plmnscan
	Required	PASSWORD get plmnscan
Send SMS to retrieve current network type selection mode, MNC and MCC values.	Not required	get forceplmn
	Required	PASSWORD get forceplmn
Send SMS to force connection to a specific operator and network type	Not required	set forceplmn=505,1,7
	Required	PASSWORD set forceplmn=505,1,7
Send SMS to perform firmware upgrade when firmware is located on HTTP server	Not required	execute download http://download.com:8080/firmware_image.cdi execute download http://download.com:8080/firmware_image_r.cdi
	Required	PASSWORD execute download http://download.com:8080/firmware_image.cdi PASSWORD execute download http://download.com:8080/firmware_image_r.cdi
Send SMS to perform firmware upgrade when firmware is located on FTP server	Not required	execute download ftp://username:password@download.com:8080/firmware_image.cdi execute download ftp://username:password@ download.com:8080/firmware_image_r.cdi
	Required	PASSWORD execute download ftp://username:password@ download.com:8080/firmware_image.cdi PASSWORD execute download ftp://username:password@ download.com:8080/firmware_image_r.cdi
Send SMS to download and install IPK package located on HTTP server	Not required	execute download http://download.com:8080/package.ipk
	Required	PASSWORD execute download http://download.com:8080/package.ipk

Description	Authentication	Input Example
Send SMS to download and install IPK package located on FTP server	Not required	execute download ftp://username:password@ download.com:8080/package.ipk
	Required	PASSWORD execute download ftp://username:password@ download.com:8080/package.ipk
Send SMS to turn off PPPoE	Not required	set pppoe=0
	Required	PASSWORD set pppoe=0
Send SMS to turn on PPPoE and set APN and service name	Not required	set pppoe=1,internet, Vodafone
	Required	PASSWORD set pppoe=1,internet, Vodafone
Send SMS to retrieve the PPPoE status, currently configured APN and service name	Not required	get pppoe
	Required	PASSWORD get pppoe
Send SMS to set the default data connection profile	Not required	set defaultprofile=1
	Required	PASSWORD set defaultprofile=1
Send SMS to retrieve the currently configured default data connection profile	Not required	get defaultprofile
	Required	PASSWORD get defaultprofile
Send SMS to set the LED mode timeout to 10 minutes	Not required	set ledmode=10
	Required	PASSWORD set ledmode=10
Send SMS to retrieve the current LED mode	Not required	get ledmode
	Required	PASSWORD get ledmode

Table 9 - SMS diagnostics example commands