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# 6.x Software-Defined Radio Application for Vehicle

### 6.x.1 Description

 Software Defined Radio (SDR) is the radio device that can be updated by software packages for their internal radio module such as modulation, sampling rate, frequency shifting, and so on. By doing this, the radio can secure their flexibility encompassing a wide range of radio techniques, and adaptability given their circumstances including underground, tunnel, or heavy network traffic condition.

 Since the vehicle radio standard becomes various and costly to apply in a form of hardware, there is a need for a radio module that can handle various radio techniques. SDR is able to be one of the solutions for that. However, we have to overcome a few obstacles before implementing SDR in the vehicle.

 At first, the concept of SDR is to develop the communication modules as software packages, and the range of modules does not include radio front-end, such as antenna, carrier frequency oscillators, and maximum sampling rate. This hardware limitation has to be considered before applying SDR. However, most of mobile and vehicle communication standards such as LTE, V2X, WAVE, do not require excessive performance of hardware as compared to current hardware level. It means existing hardware still can deal with those communication standards.

 Other obstacle is for the software update and switch. An SDR module in the radio has to be adaptive given situations, and the radios need to update or switch their communication modules by changing their radio software packages. In other words, unless certain triggering is made from base centres or the radio itself, the SDR module will not make any change at all.

 In order to overcome this situation, we write use cases of the vehicle where the mounted SDR module is updated given certain network situation. In this case, we have two specific scenarios, and the whole structure is shown on figure 1.



Figure 6.XX.1: Example Structure of SDR Application for Vehicle

1. Heavy network situation

 In case of vehicle populated area, the situation of specific communication traffics can be very crowded, and it often causes network congestion and shutdown in the worst case. In order to avoid that situation, the vehicle should be able to distribute their traffic to other communication systems so that the network traffic can be eased and sustained. In that case,

i) Vehicle receives the network traffic condition, and determines the standard by analysing the throughput rate and spectrum condition

ii) Once it is determined, the vehicle decides to update software of SDR module to that standard in the vehicle. After update, the vehicle re-confirms the software update to make sure it is the right version.

iii) After re-confirmation, it communicates with M2M platform and notify about its change of SDR software and M2M platform notifies that to M2M infrastructure.

2. Limited infrastructure situation

 In some rural and no-populated area, the lack of infrastructure can disconnect the vehicle communication at all. The desert or agricultural fields are the prime examples of very few infrastructures. To solve this problem, other communication system such as EDGE or satellite communication, can be options for that situation. Its structure is shown on figure 2.

i) Vehicle receives the network traffic condition, and determines how many base stations and infrastructure existed in that area.

ii) Once it is determined, the vehicle decides the viable standard that has maximum base station near around the vehicle, and sends the software update requests to SDR module in the vehicle. After update, the vehicle re-confirms the software update to make sure it is the right version.

iii) After re-confirmation, it communicates with M2M platform and notify about its change of SDR software and M2M platform notifies that to M2M infrastructure.

To handle both cases, M2M platform reserves the trigger to either switch or update software of the network. When the M2M platform sends the trigger to the vehicle, the vehicle determines the types of triggers, and starts to switch to the different communication systems or request the new software for the vehicle. Note that once the new software request has to be one of the software packages existed in the M2M platform database.

### 6.x.2 Source

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### 6.x.3 Actors

* Vehicle

Vehicle is a MN-CSE monitored by M2M System. It is equipped with a telecommunication unit as a form of modem hardware. (E.g. 3G, LTE modem).

* Software-Defined Radio (SDR) application

SDR application is the MN-AE monitored by MN-CSE. This application handles the update and switch of communication systems of the vehicle. Note that low-level firmware is updated to the underlying network entity through Mcn and this software is connected to the firmware for the communication.

* M2M Infrastructure

In charge of providing common functionalities for the M2M services.

* M2M Service Platform

In charge of providing common functionalities for the M2M services.

### 6.x.4 Pre-conditions

* Vehicle must contain communicative modules that externally connect to other platforms.
* Vehicle must be capable of updating software of the device.
* Vehicle must verify that the software which is about to be updated has no risk of hacking from outbound.
* Vehicle must contain MN-CSE, MN-NSE, MN-AE for software update.

### 6.x.5 Triggers

* None.

### 6.x.6 Normal Flow



Figure 6.XX.3: Normal Flow – SDR Application for Vehicle

1. M2M Infrastructure sends the vehicle network traffic notice to M2M platform if there is any significant change happens.
2. M2M platform sends the vehicle network traffic condition notice to MN-CSE in vehicle.
3. Using the information in the notice, the MN-CSE in vehicle conducts the analysis to decide the software update of SDR module in the vehicle
4. If decided, MN-CSE sends the requests of SDR update/switch to SDR application (MN-AE) for the change.
5. MN-AE responses with SDR info including SDR version and types to MN-CSE.
6. MN-CSE sends the request to MN-NSE for SDR change.
7. Once MN-NSE receives the request, it processes SDR changes.
8. After change is completed, MN-NSE sends the completion response to MN-CSE.
9. MN-CSE notifies MN-AE and MN-AE feedbacks with re-confirmation response.
10. MN-CSE in vehicle sends the response to the M2m platform for communication node change.
11. M2M platform sends the response to M2M infrastructure about the communication module situation of MN-CSE in the vehicle.

### 6.x.7 Alternative Flow

None

### 6.x.8 Post-conditions

None

### 6.x.9 High Level Illustration



Figure 6.XX.3: High Level Illustration – Vehicle Remote Control using External Platform

### 6.x.10 Potential requirements

1) The oneM2M System shall support the management and configuration of software module in MN-NSE setting for device control and communication

2) The oneM2M System shall support the enabler in MN-CSE for any update setting changes in MN-NSE.