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1 Introduction

This document introduces how to use the CoAP feature on Quectel BG95 series, BG77 and BG600L-M3 modules through AT commands.

1.1. Applicable Modules

Table 1: Applicable Modules

Module Series	Model	Description
BG95	BG95-M1	Cat M1 only
	BG95-M2	Cat M1/Cat NB2
	BG95-M3	Cat M1/Cat NB2/EGPRS
	BG95-M4	Cat M1/Cat NB2, 450 MHz Supported
	BG95-M5	Cat M1/Cat NB2/EGPRS, Power Class 3
	BG95-M6	Cat M1/Cat NB2, Power Class 3
BG77	BG77	Cat M1/Cat NB2
	BG600L	Cat M1/Cat NB2/EGPRS

NOTE

See the firmware release notes of corresponding module models to check whether the function has been supported.

2 General Overview of CoAP

The Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) is a specialized web transfer protocol for use with constrained nodes and constrained (e.g., low-power, lossy) networks. The protocol is designed for machine-to-machine (M2M) applications such as smart energy and building automation.

CoAP provides a request/response interaction model between application endpoints, supports built-in discovery of services and resources, and includes key concepts of the Web such as URIs and Internet media types. CoAP is designed to easily interface with HTTP for integration with the Web while meeting specialized requirements such as multicast support, very low overhead, and simplicity for constrained environments.

This chapter gives the data interaction mechanism of CoAP feature.

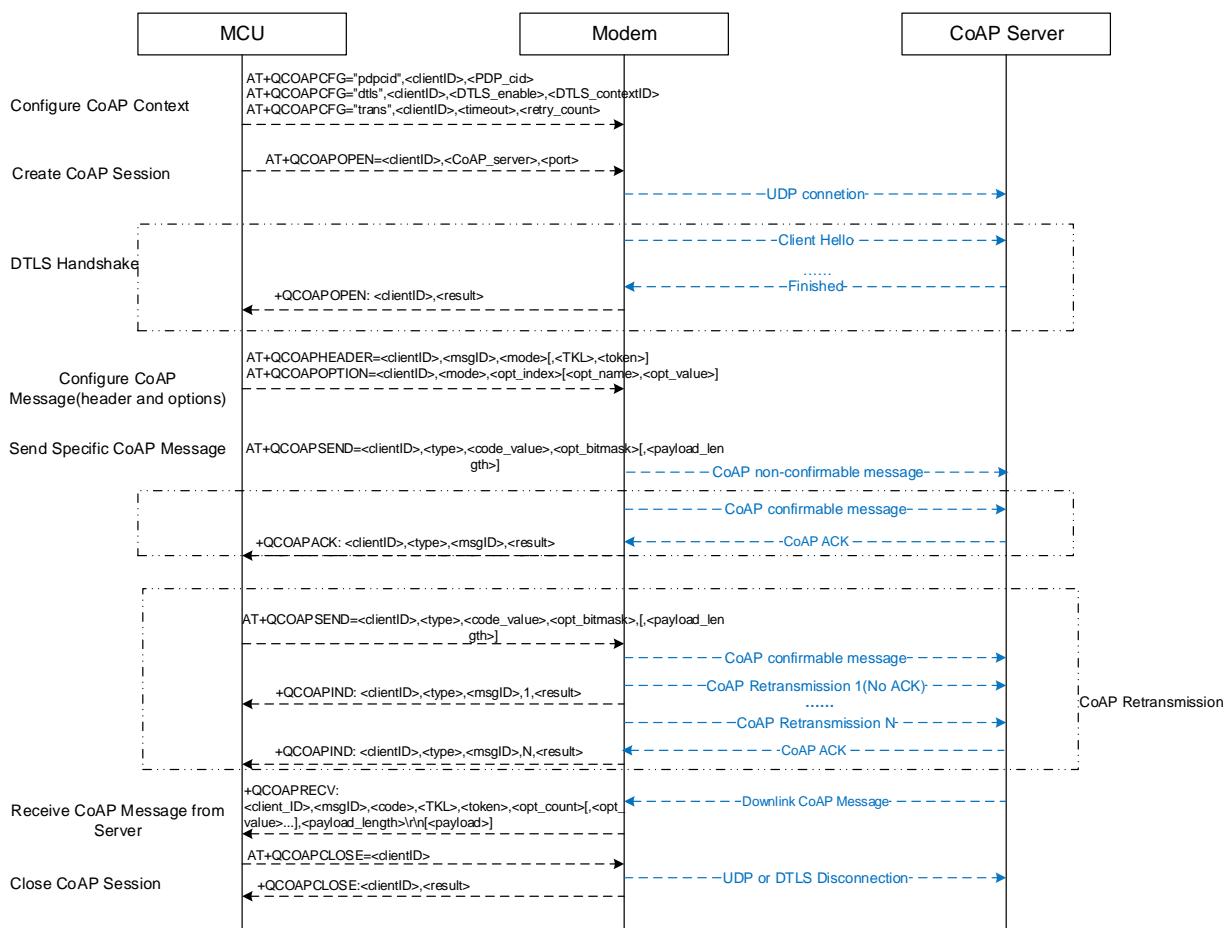


Figure 1: CoAP Data Interaction Diagram

3 Description of CoAP AT Commands

3.1. AT Command Syntax

3.1.1. Definitions

- <CR> Carriage return character.
- <LF> Line feed character.
- <...> Parameter name. Angle brackets do not appear on the command line.
- [...] Optional parameter of a command or an optional part of TA information response. Square brackets do not appear on the command line. When an optional parameter is not given in a command, the new value equals to its previous value or the default settings, unless otherwise specified.
- Underline Default setting of a parameter.

3.1.2. AT Command Syntax

All command lines must start with **AT** or **at** and end with <CR>. Information responses and result codes always start and end with a carriage return character and a line feed character: <CR><LF><response><CR><LF>. Throughout this document, only the commands and responses are presented, while carriage return and line feed characters are deliberately omitted.

Table 2: Types of AT Commands

Command Type	Syntax	Description
Test Command	AT+<cmd>=?	Test the existence of corresponding Write Command and to give information about the type, value, or range of its parameter.
Read Command	AT+<cmd>?	Check the current parameter value of a corresponding Write Command.
Write Command	AT+<cmd>=<p1>[,<p2>[,<p3>[...]]]	Set user-definable parameter value.
Execution Command	AT+<cmd>	Return a specific information parameter or perform a specific action.

3.2. Declaration of AT Command Examples

The AT command examples in this document are provided to help you familiarize with AT commands and learn how to use them. The examples, however, should not be taken as Quectel's recommendation or suggestions about how you should design a program flow or what status you should set the module into. Sometimes multiple examples may be provided for one AT command. However, this does not mean that there exists a correlation among these examples and that they should be executed in a given sequence.

3.3. Description of CoAP AT Commands

3.3.1. AT+QCOAPCFG Configure Optional Parameters of CoAP Client

This command configures optional parameters of a CoAP client.

AT+QCOAPCFG Configure Optional Parameters of CoAP Client	
Test Command AT+QCOAPCFG=?	<p>Response</p> <p>+QCOAPCFG: "pdpcid",(range of supported <clientID>s),(range of supported <PDP_cid>s) +QCOAPCFG: "dtls",(range of supported <clientID>s),(list of supported <DTLS_enable>s),(range of supported <DTLS_contextID>s) +QCOAPCFG: "trans",(range of supported <clientID>s),(range of supported <timeout>s),(range of supported <retry_count>s)</p> <p>OK</p>
Write Command Query/Set the PDP context for a specified CoAP client. AT+QCOAPCFG="pdpcid",<clientID>[,<PDP_cid>]	<p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameter is omitted, query the current setting: +QCOAPCFG: "pdpcid",<PDP_cid></p> <p>OK</p> <p>If the optional parameter is specified, set the PDP context of the specified CoAP client:</p> <p>OK</p> <p>If there is any error: ERROR</p>
Write Command Query/Set the DTLS mode for a	<p>Response</p> <p>If the optional parameters are omitted, query the current</p>

specified CoAP client. AT+QCOAPCFG="dtls",<clientID>[,<DTLS_enable>,<DTLS_contextID>]	setting: +QCOAPCFG: "dtls",<DTLS_enable>,<DTLS_contextID> OK If the optional parameters are specified, set the DTLS mode for the specified CoAP client: OK If there is any error: ERROR
Write Command Query/Set retransmission settings for a specified CoAP client. AT+QCOAPCFG="trans",<clientID>[,<timeout>,<retry_count>]	Response If the optional parameters are omitted, query the current setting: +QCOAPCFG: "trans",<timeout>,<retry_count> OK If the optional parameters are specified, set the retransmission settings for the specified CoAP client: OK If there is any error: ERROR
Maximum Response Time	300 ms
Characteristics	The commands take effect immediately. The configurations are not saved.

Parameter

<clientID>	Integer type. CoAP client identifier. Range: 0–5.
<PDP_cid>	Integer type. The PDP context ID used by CoAP client. Range: 1–16. Default value: 1.
<DTLS_enable>	Integer type. Whether to enable DTLS mode for CoAP client. 0 Use normal UDP connection for CoAP client 1 Use DTLS connection for CoAP client
<DTLS_contextID>	Integer type. DTLS context identifier. Range: 0–5.
<timeout>	Integer type. The acknowledgement timeout of CoAP confirmable message delivery. Range: 2–60. Default value: 2. Unit: second.
<retry_count>	Integer type. The maximum retransmission counts of CoAP confirmable message delivery. Range: 4–8. Default value: 5.

NOTE

If DTLS mode is enabled for a CoAP session, the PSK file named <DTLS_contextID>_server.psk should be uploaded to UFS with **AT+QFUPL** (see [document \[2\]](#) for details), and the content of the file shoud be in the format of "<PSK identifier>&<PSK key>". CoAP client uses this PSK file for establishing DLTS session.

3.3.2. AT+QCOAPOPEN Create a CoAP Session

This command creates a CoAP session.

AT+QCOAPOPEN Create a CoAP Session

Test Command AT+QCOAPOPEN=?	Response +QCOAPOPEN: (range of supported <clientID>s),<CoAP _server>,(range of supported <port>s)
	OK
Read Command AT+QCOAPOPEN?	Response [+QCOAPOPEN: <clientID>,<CoAP_server>,<port>,<status>]
	OK
Write Command Configure and connect to a specified CoAP server: AT+QCOAPOPEN=<clientID>,<CoAP _server>,<port>	Response OK +QCOAPOPEN: <clientID>,<result> If there is any error: ERROR
Maximum Response Time	75 s, determined by network
Characteristics	/

Parameter

<clientID>	Integer type. CoAP client identifier. Range: 0–5.
<CoAP_server>	String type. Address of CoAP server. It can be an IP address or a domain name. Maximum size: 255 bytes.
<port>	Integer type. Port of CoAP server. Range: 1–65535.
<status>	Integer type. Current status of the specified CoAP client. 0 Idle state or connection disconnected. 1 CoAP client is opening.

- 2 CoAP client is connecting to the CoAP server.
- 3 CoAP client is connected.
- 4 CoAP connection is disconnecting.

<result>	Integer type. Result of the command execution. See Chapter 4 for details.
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3.3.3. AT+QCOAPCLOSE Disconnect from CoAP Server

This command disconnects a client from the CoAP server.

AT+QCOAPCLOSE Disconnect from CoAP Server	
Test Command AT+QCOAPCLOSE=?	Response +QCOAPCLOSE: (range of supported <clientID>s) OK
Write Command AT+QCOAPCLOSE=<clientID>	Response OK +QCOAPCLOSE: <clientID>,<result> If there is any error: ERROR
Maximum Response Time	75 s, determined by network
Characteristics	/

Parameter

<clientID>	Integer type. CoAP client identifier. Range: 0–5.
<result>	Integer type. Result of the command execution. See Chapter 4 for details.

3.3.4. AT+QCOAPHEADER Configure CoAP Message Header

This command configures the header of a CoAP message.

AT+QCOAPHEADER Configure CoAP Message Header	
Test Command AT+QCOAPHEADER=?	Response +QCOAPHEADER: (range of supported <clientID>s), (range of supported <msgID>s),(list of supported <mode>s),(range of supported <TKL>s),<token> OK

Write Command AT+QCOAPHEADER=<clientID>,<msgID>,<mode>[,<TKL>,<token>]	Response OK If there is any error: ERROR
Maximum Response Time	300 ms
Characteristics	/

Parameter

<clientID>	Integer type. CoAP client identifier. Range: 0–5.
<msgID>	16-bit unsigned integer in network byte order. Message ID. Used to detect message duplication and to match messages of type Acknowledgement/Reset to messages of type Confirmable/Non-confirmable. Range: 0–65535.
<mode>	Integer type. Whether to generate token value automatically. 0 Do not generate token value automatically. 1 Generate token value automatically.
<TKL>	4-bit unsigned integer. The length of the variable-length <token> field. Range: 0–8. Unit: bytes. Only valid when <mode> =0.
<token>	String type. Token value of CoAP message. Only valid when <mode> =0.

3.3.5. AT+QCOAPOPTION Configure CoAP Message Options

This command configures the options of a CoAP message.

AT+QCOAPOPTION Configure CoAP Message Options	
Test Command AT+QCOAPOPTION=?	Response +QCOAPOPTION: (range of supported <clientID> s),(list of supported <mode> s),(range of supported <opt_index> s), <opt_number>,<opt_value> OK
Write Command AT+QCOAPOPTION=<clientID>,<mode>,<opt_index>[,<opt_number>,<opt_value>]	Response OK If there is any error: ERROR
Maximum Response Time	300 ms
Characteristics	/

Parameter

<clientID>	Integer type. CoAP client identifier. Range: 0–5.	
<mode>	Integer type. The operation mode of this command.	
0	Add a new option for CoAP message	
1	Remove an existing option from CoAP message	
<opt_index>	Integer type. Index of the option to be added/deleted. Range: 0–7.	
<opt_number>	Integer type. Option number. Only valid when <mode> =0. The individual CoAP options are summarized and explained in <i>RFC 7252 section 5.10</i> .	
Option Number	Option Name	
1	If-Match	
3	Uri-Host	
4	ETag	
5	If-None-Match	
7	Uri-Port	
8	Location-Path	
11	Uri-Path	
12	Content-Format	
14	Max-Age	
15	Uri-Query	
17	Accept	
20	Location-Query	
35	Proxy-Uri	
39	Proxy-Scheme	
60	Size1	
<opt_value>	Option value that corresponds to option number. Only valid when <mode> =0. See Table 3 for details such as format and length of this parameter.	

Table 3: Option Definitions

Option Number	Option Name	Option Value Format	Option Value Length (Bytes)
1	If-Match	opaque	0–8
3	Uri-Host	string	1–255
4	ETag	opaque	1–8
5	If-None-Match	empty	0
7	Uri-Port	unsigned integer	0–2
8	Location-Path	string	0–255

11	Uri-Path	string	0–255
12	Content-Format	unsigned integer	0–2
14	Max-Age	unsigned integer	0–4
15	Uri-Query	string	0–255
17	Accept	unsigned integer	0–2
20	Location-Query	string	0–255
35	Proxy-Uri	string	1–1034
39	Proxy-Scheme	string	1–255
60	Size1	unsigned integer	0–4

3.3.6. AT+QCOAPSEND Send CoAP Message

This command sends a CoAP message. After you input the payload with a specified length, the command first serializes the input data to a CoAP packet and then sends it to the CoAP server.

AT+QCOAPSEND Send CoAP Message	
Test Command AT+QCOAPSEND=?	Response +QCOAPSEND: (range of supported <clientID>s),(range of supported <type>s),<code_value>,<opt_bitmask>,(range of supported <payload_length>s)
	OK
Write Command AT+QCOAPSEND=<clientID>,<type>,<code_value>,<opt_bitmask>[,<payload_length>]	Response > After > is returned, input the data to be sent. Tap Ctrl + Z to send the data, or tap Esc to cancel the operation. OK +QCOAPACK: <clientID>,<type>,<msgID>,<result> If there is any error: ERROR
Maximum Response Time	300 ms
Characteristics	/

Parameter

<clientID>	Integer type. CoAP client identifier. Range: 0–5.		
<type>	Integer type. The CoAP message type. 0 Confirmable (CON) 1 Non-confirmable (NON) 2 Acknowledgement 3 Reset		
<code_value>	Integer type. Request or response code value. See Table 4 for details.		
<opt_bitmask>	Integer type. Currently options can be preset in CoAP client by AT+QCOAPOPTIOIN . If any bit in the bitmask of this parameter is set to 1, the corresponding option will be added to a CoAP packet.		
	Value	Bitmask	Description
	0	00000000	No option is added to the CoAP packet
	1	00000001	Add the option of option index 0 to the CoAP packet
	2	00000010	Add the option of option index 1 to the CoAP packet
	3	00000011	Add options of option index 0 and 1 to the CoAP packet
	4	00000100	Add the option of option index 3 to the CoAP packet
	5	00000101	Add options of option index 0 and 3 to the CoAP packet
	...		
	253	11111101	Add options of option index 0 and 2–7 to the CoAP packet
	254	11111110	Add options of option index 1–7 to the CoAP packet
	255	11111111	Add options of option index 0–7 to the CoAP packet
<payload_length>	Integer type. The length of the data to be sent. Maximum length: 1024 bytes. If this parameter is omitted, data of any length but not exceeding 1024 bytes can be input.		
<msgID>	16-bit unsigned integer in network byte order. Message ID. Used to detect message duplication and to match messages of type Acknowledgement/Reset to messages of type Confirmable/Non-confirmable. Range: 0–65535.		
<result>	Integer type. Result of the command execution. See Chapter 4 for details.		

Table 4: <code_value> and <code> Definitions

<code_value>	<code>	Description
0	0.00	Empty message.
1	0.01	GET. The GET method retrieves a representation for the information that currently corresponds to the resource identified by the request URI.
2	0.02	POST. The POST method requests that the representation enclosed in the request be processed.
3	0.03	PUT. The PUT method requests that the resource identified by the request URI be updated or created with the enclosed representation.

4	0.04	DELETE. The DELETE method requests that the resource identified by the request URI be deleted.
65	2.01	Created. Like HTTP 201 "Created", but only used in response to POST and PUT requests. The payload returned with the response, if any, is a representation of the action result.
66	2.02	Deleted. This Response Code is like HTTP 204 "No Content" but only used in response to requests that cause the resource to cease being available, such as DELETE and, in certain circumstances, POST. The payload returned with the response, if any, is a representation of the action result.
67	2.03	Valid. This Response Code is related to HTTP 304 "Not Modified" but only used to indicate that the response identified by the entity-tag identified by the included ETag Option is valid.
68	2.04	Changed. This Response Code is like HTTP 204 "No Content" but only used in response to POST and PUT requests. The payload returned with the response, if any, is a representation of the action result.
69	2.05	Content. This Response Code is like HTTP 200 "OK" but only used in response to GET requests.
128	4.00	Bad request.
129	4.01	Unauthorized. The client is not authorized to perform the requested action.
130	4.02	Bad option. The request could not be understood by the server due to one or more unrecognized or malformed options.
131	4.03	Forbidden.
132	4.04	Not found.
133	4.05	Method not allowed.
134	4.06	Not acceptable.
140	4.12	Precondition failed.
141	4.13	Request entity too large.
143	4.15	Unsupported Content-Format.
160	5.00	Internal server error.
161	5.01	Not implemented.
162	5.02	Bad gateway.
163	5.03	Service unavailable.

164	5.04	Gateway timeout.
165	5.05	Proxying not supported. The server is unable or unwilling to act as a forward-proxy for the URI specified in the Proxy-Uri Option or using Proxy-Scheme.

NOTES

1. <code> is an 8-bit unsigned integer, split into a 3-bit class (most significant bits) and a 5-bit detail (least significant bits), documented as "c.dd" where "c" is a digit from 0 to 7 for the 3-bit subfield and "dd" are two digits from 00 to 31 for the 5-bit subfield. The class can indicate a request (0), a success response (2), a client error response (4), or a server error response (5). (All other class values are reserved.) As a special case, Code 0.00 indicates an Empty message.
2. When <code> is c.dd, <code_value> = c × 32 + dd.

3.4. Description of CoAP URCs

CoAP URCs are reported to the host when a CoAP Client is in registration, observation or application data transmission procedure.

3.4.1. +QCOAPRECV Indicating Incoming CoAP Message

This URC is reported when CoAP client receives downlink CoAP message from remote CoAP server.

+QCOAPRECV Indicates Incoming CoAP Message

+QCOAPRECV: <clientID>,<msgID>,<code>,<TKL>,<token>,<opt_count>[,<opt_value>...],<payload_length><CR><LF><payload>

This URC is reported when there is a new CoAP message received from CoAP server.

Parameter

<clientID>	Integer type. The CoAP client identifier.
<msgID>	16-bit unsigned integer in network byte order. Message ID.
<code>	Response code of incoming message. The format is "c.dd". See Table 4 for details.
<TKL>	Integer type. The length of a variable-length token field.
<token>	Token value of a CoAP message.
<opt_count>	Option count, included in the CoAP message.
<opt_value>	Option value, including the option number.

<payload_length>	Payload length of incoming CoAP message.
<payload>	Payload data.

3.4.2. +QCOAPACK Indicating Delivery Result of CoAP Message

If a CoAP message is sent, the client needs an acknowledgement message from the server.

- If a confirmable message is delivered, this URC indicates whether the message has been acknowledged by the server.
- If a non-confirmable, acknowledgement or reset message is delivered, this URC indicates whether the message has been sent.

+QCOAPACK Indicating Delivery Result of CoAP Message

+QCOAPACK: <clientID>,<type>,<msgID>,<result>	This URC is reported to indicate whether a CoAP message has been sent or acknowledged by the server.
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Parameter

<clientID>	Integer type. CoAP client identifier. Range: 0–5.
<type>	Integer type. The CoAP message type. 0 Confirmable 1 Non-confirmable 2 Acknowledgement 3 Reset
<msgID>	16-bit unsigned integer in network byte order. Message ID.
<result>	Integer type. Result of CoAP message delivery. See Chapter 4 for details.

3.4.3. +QCOAPIND Notifying Retransmission Result

This URC is reported to notify the retransmission result when a client retransmits a confirmable message that is not acknowledged by the server.

+QCOAPIND Notifying Retransmission Result

+QCOAPIND: <clientID>,<type>,<msgID>,<retry_times>,<result>	This URC is reported to notify the retransmission status of CoAP confirmable message.
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Parameter

<clientID>	Integer type. CoAP client identifier. Range: 0–5.
<type>	Integer type. The CoAP message type. 0 Confirmable

<msgID>	16-bit unsigned integer in network byte order. Message ID.
<retry_times>	Integer type. Retransmission count after sending a confirmable message. The maximum retransmission count is configured by AT+QCOAPCFG="trans" .
<result>	Integer type. Result of retransmission. See Chapter 4 for details.

4 Summary of Result Codes

The following table lists some of the general result codes.

Table 5: Description of <result> Codes

Code of <result>	Meaning
0	Operation successful
-1	Invalid parameter
-2	Operation in processing
-3	Operation not allowed
-4	Network failure
-5	DNS error
-6	Data call activating
-7	Socket connection failure
-8	Out of memory error
-9	DTLS handshaking failure
-10	CoAP client identifier occupied
-11	Data sending failure

5 Examples

5.1. CoAP Client Operation without DTLS

```

AT+QCOAPCFG="pdpcid",0,1 //Set the PDP context ID as 1 for CoAP client 0.
OK

AT+QCOAPCFG="trans",0,4,5 //Configure retransmission settings for CoAP client 0. (The ACK
                             timeout is 4 seconds and the maximum retransmission count is 5.)

AT+QCOAPOPEN=0,"220.180.239.212",8028 //Create a CoAP session and connect to the CoAP
                                             server.
OK

+QCOAPOPEN: 0,0 //Created the CoAP session successfully.
AT+QCOAPOPEN? //Query the current status of the CoAP session.
+QCOAPOPEN: 0,"220.180.239.212",8028,3

OK

//Set CoAP message header.
AT+QCOAPHEADER=0,1234,1 //Set CoAP message ID to 1234 and generate token automatically.
OK

//Add CoAP options.
AT+QCOAPOPTION=0,0,0,11,"19" //Add an option (option number: 11, corresponding to option name of
                               Uri-Path; option value: "19") to option index 0.
OK

AT+QCOAPOPTION=0,0,1,12,40 //Add an option (option number: 12, corresponding to option name of
                               Content-Format; option value: 40, corresponding to media type of
                               application/link-format) to option index 1.
OK

AT+QCOAPSEND=0,1,2,1,20 //Send 20 bytes CoAP non-confirmable message to the server.
>Hello, CoAP Message!
OK

+COAPACK: 0,1,1234,0

//Receive downlink error message from server side.

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+QCOAPRECV: 0,1234,4.04,6,D204D52E814B,0,9

Not Found

AT+QCOAPCLOSE=0 //Close the CoAP session.

OK

+QCOAPCLOSE: 0,0 //Closed the CoAP session successfully.

5.2. CoAP Client Operation with DTLS

AT+QCOAPCFG="pdpcid",0,1 //Set the PDP context ID as 1 for CoAP client 0.

OK

AT+QCOAPCFG="trans",0,4,5 //Configure retransmission settings for CoAP client 0. (The ACK timeout is 4 seconds and the maximum retransmission count is 5.)

OK

AT+QCOAPCFG="dtls",0,1,0 //Enable DTLS mode for CoAP client 0.

OK

AT+QSSLCFG="dtls",0,1 //Set DTLS mode (enable DTLS feature).

OK

AT+QSSLCFG="dtlsversion",0,1 //Configure DTLS1.2 for CoAP session

OK

AT+QFUPL="UFS:0_server.psk",39 //Upload the PSK file for DTLS session to UFS.

CONNECT

(864508030012428&313233343446473839) //Input the content of the PSK file.

+QFUPL: 34,2802

OK

AT+QCOAPOPEN=0,"leshan.eclipseprojects.io",5684 //Create a CoAP session and connect to the CoAP server.

OK

+QCOAPOPEN: 0,0 //Created the CoAP session successfully.

//Set CoAP message header.

AT+QCOAPHEADER=0,1234,1 //Set CoAP message ID to 1234 and generate token automatically.

OK

//Add CoAP options.

AT+QCOAPOPTION=0,0,0,11,"19" //Add an option (option number: 11, corresponding to option name of Uri-Path; option value: "19") to option index 0.

OK

AT+QCOAPOPTION=0,0,1,12,40 //Add an option (option number: 12, corresponding to option name of Content-Format; option value: 40, corresponding to media type of application/link-format) to option index 1.

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OK
AT+QCOAPSEND=0,1,2,1,20      //Send 20 bytes CoAP non-confirmable message to the server.
>Hello, CoAP Message!
OK

+COAPACK: 0,1,1234,0

//Receive downlink error message from server side.
+QCOAPRECV: 0,1234,4.04,6,D204D52E814B,0,9
Not Found
AT+QCOAPCLOSE=0            //Close the CoAP session.
OK

+QCOAPCLOSE: 0,0            //Closed the CoAP session successfully.
```

6 Appendix A References

Table 6: Related Documents

SN	Document Name	Description
[1]	RFC 7252 The Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP)	This document is a product of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF).
[2]	Quectel_BG95&BG77&BG600L_Series_FILE_Application_Note	FILE application note for BG95 series, BG77 and BG600L-M3 modules

Table 7: Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
ACK	Acknowledgement
CoAP	Constrained Application Protocol
DTLS	Datagram Transport Layer Security
EGPRS	Enhanced General Packet Radio Service
HTTP(S)	Hypertext Transfer Protocol (Secure)
ID	Identifier
LPWA	Low-Power Wide-Area
M2M	Machine to Machine
MCU	Microcontroller Unit
PDP	Packet Data Protocol
PSK	Pre-Shared Key
UDP	User Datagram Protocol
UFS	User File System
URC	Unsolicited Result Code
URI	Uniform Resource Identifier

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