GENERIC AUDIO/VIDEO DISTRIBUTION PROFILE

Abstract

This profile defines the requirements for *Bluetooth*® devices necessary to set up streaming channels used for support of audio/video distribution. The requirements are expressed in terms of services provided to applications, and by defining the features and procedures that are required for interoperability between Bluetooth devices in the Audio/Video Distribution usage model.

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Contents

1   Introduction

1.1   Scope

The Generic Audio/Video Distribution Profile (GAVDP) defines a generic part of the protocols and procedures that realize distribution of audio content and/or video content using ACL channels. The profile specifies signaling transaction procedures between two devices to set up, terminate, and reconfigure streaming channels. Streaming parameters and encode/decode features are included in Advanced Audio Distribution Profile 0 and Video Distribution Profile that depend on this profile.

1.2   Profile Dependency

In Figure 1.1 the structure and the dependencies of the profiles are depicted. A profile is dependent upon another profile if it re-uses parts of that profile, by implicitly or explicitly referencing it. Dependency is illustrated in the figure. A profile has dependencies on the profile(s) in which it is contained – directly and indirectly. As indicated in the figure, the Generic Audio/Video Distribution profile is dependent only upon the Generic Access Profile 0. The terminology, user interface and security aspects, modes and procedures as defined in the Generic Access Profile are applicable to this profile, unless explicitly stated otherwise.
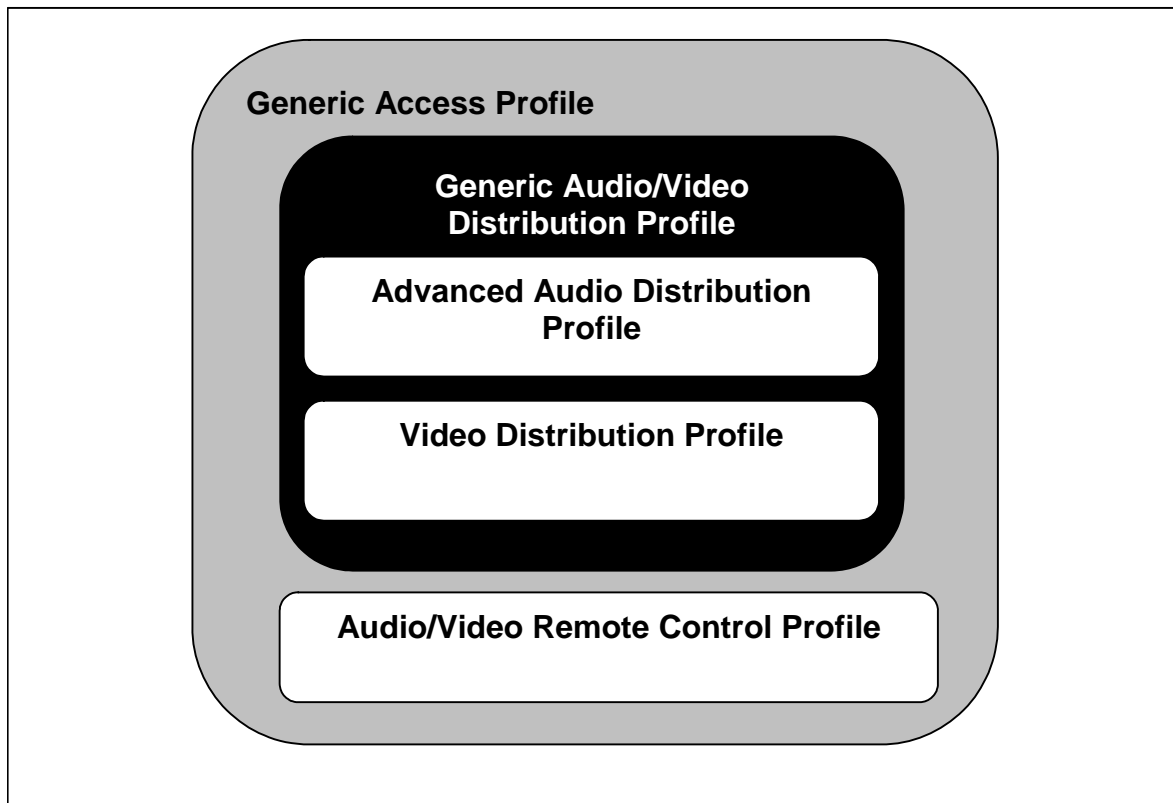

Figure 1.1: Profile Dependency

1.3 Symbols and Conventions

1.3.1 Requirement Status Symbols

In this document the following symbols are used:

'M' for mandatory to support (used for capabilities that <u>shall</u> be used in the profile).

'O' for optional to support (used for capabilities that <u>may</u> be used in the profile).

'C' for conditional support (used for capabilities that <u>shall</u> be used in case a certain other capability is supported).

'X' for excluded (used for capabilities that <u>may</u> be supported by the unit, but that <u>shall</u> never be used in the profile).

'N/A' for not applicable (in the given context it is impossible to use this capability).

Some excluded capabilities are capabilities that, according to the relevant Bluetooth specification, are mandatory. These are features that <u>may</u> degrade operation of devices following the GAVDP. Therefore, these features <u>shall</u> never be activated while a unit is operating as a unit within this profile.

1.3.2 Signaling Diagram Conventions

In this profile, protocol signals are exchanged by initiating procedures in communicating devices and by exchanging messages. Signaling diagrams use the conventions of Figure 1.2 below. A and B represent devices playing a specific role as defined in Section 2.2.

Specific arrow styles are used in the diagrams to indicate the relevant procedures initiated by the participant devices and the exchanged messages. The STATE of two devices is also expressed in the diagrams.
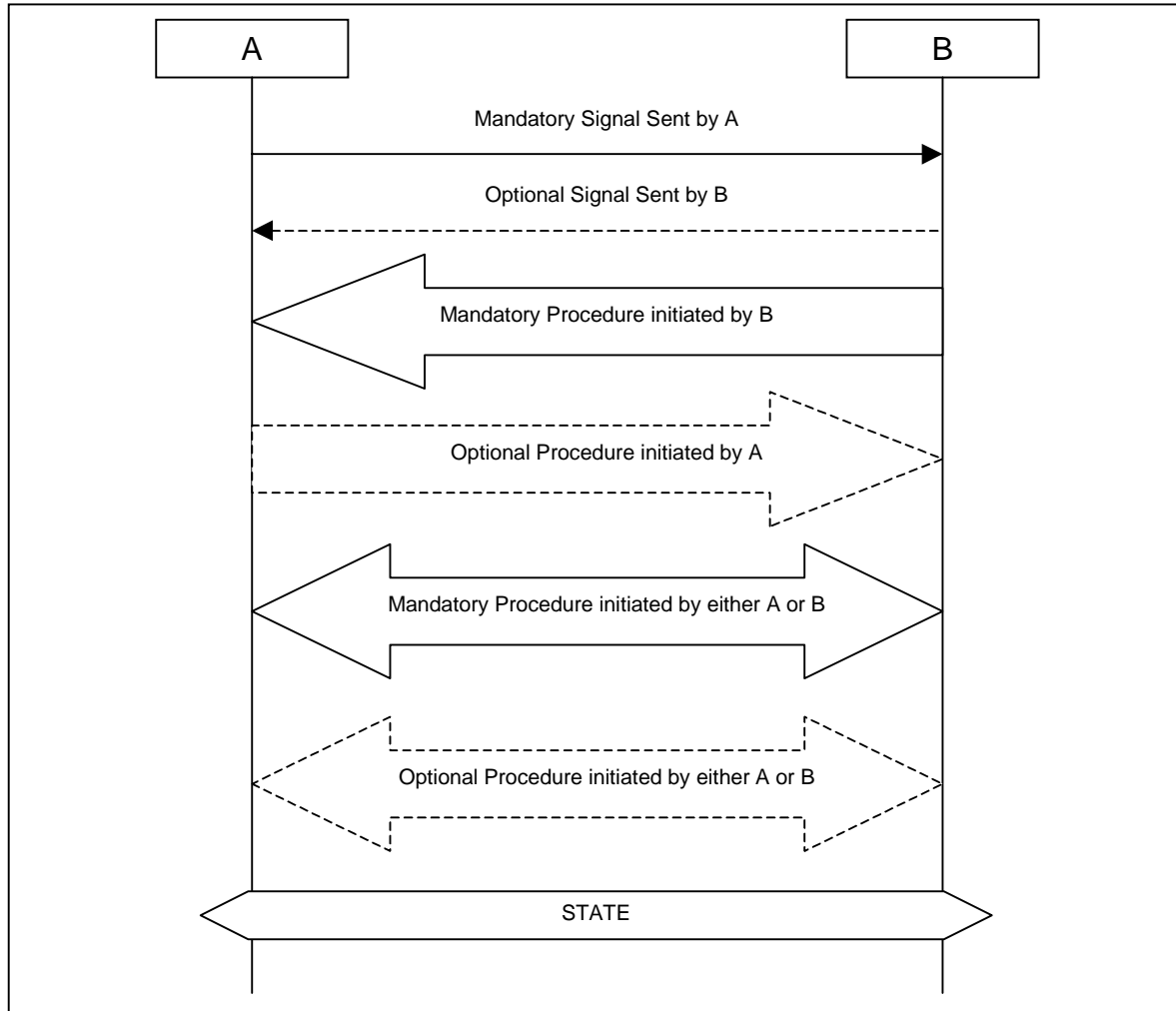
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│              Mandatory Signal Sent by A                       │
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Figure 1.2: Signaling Conventions

1.3.3 Notation for Timers

Bluetooth timer is introduced in this profile. To distinguish them from timers used in other parts of the specification, these timers are named according to the following convention:

- "$T_{GAVDP}nnn$" for timers

2 Profile Overview

2.1 Profile Stack

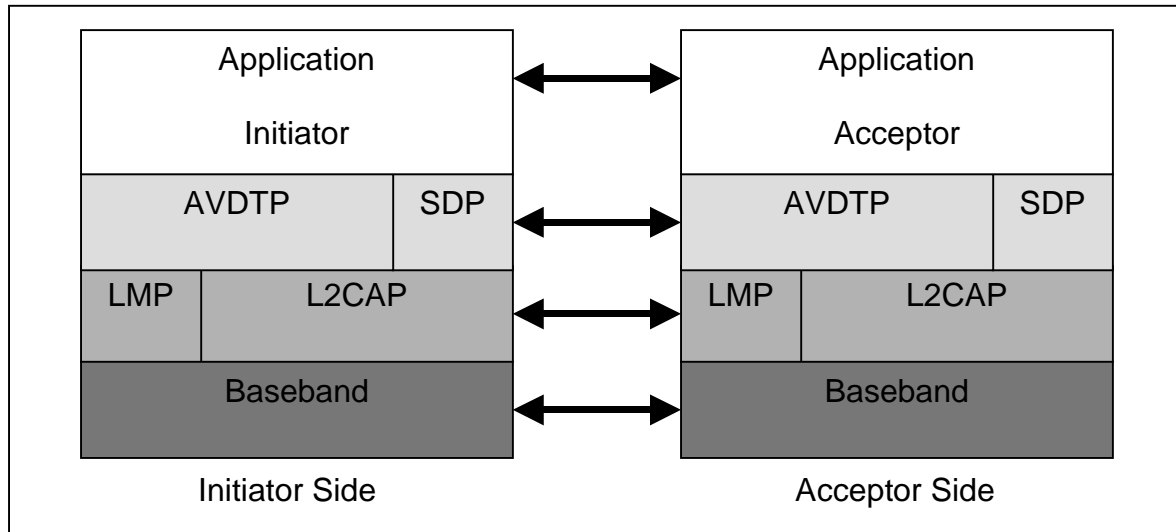Figure 2.1 shows the protocols used in this profile.

Figure 2.1: Protocol Model

The Baseband 0, LMP 0, L2CAP 0, and SDP 0 are Bluetooth protocols defined in the Bluetooth Core specifications. AVDTP 0 consists of a signaling entity for negotiation of streaming parameters and a transport entity that handles the streaming. For reference, see Chapter 2 and Chapter 5 of AVDTP 0.

2.2 Configurations and Roles

The following roles are defined for devices that implement this profile:

Initiator (INT) – This is the device that initiates a signaling procedure.

Acceptor (ACP) – This is the device that <u>shall</u> respond to an incoming request from the **INT**.

Note that the roles are not fixed to the devices. The roles are determined when the user initiates a signaling procedure defined in Section 4.1, and they are released when the procedure ends. The roles <u>can</u> be switched between two devices when a new procedure is initiated.

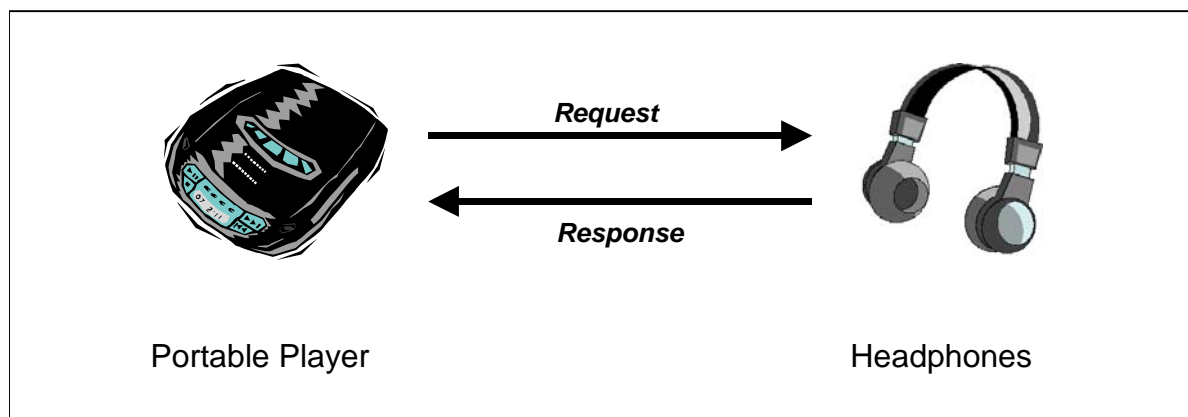An example of configurations illustrating the roles for this profile is depicted in Figure 2.2.

Figure 2.2: Examples of Configuration

In Figure 2.2, a portable player is the **INT** and headphones are the **ACP**. The **INT** sends signaling messages, for example, to request the establishment of a connection, or control the stream. In the first example the **ACP** shall respond to an incoming stream establishment request from the **INT**. In the second case the **ACP** shall provide the information such as services and transport capabilities it supports.

Note again that the roles can be switched: the portable player can become the **ACP** while the headphones behave as the **INT**. It depends on profile, application and implementation.

2.3 User Requirements and Scenarios

The following scenarios are covered by this profile:

• Set up two devices for A/V data streaming that flows from one end to another, and then connect these devices with Bluetooth transaction.

• Control the established streaming.

2.4 Profile Fundamentals

This profile is based on Bluetooth v.1.2 or later specification. Here is a brief summary of the interactions that take place when the INT wishes to send messages to the ACP.

• A link shall be established before a signaling session starts.

• There are no fixed master/slave roles.

• Use of security features in link level such as authorization, authentication and encryption are optional. Support for authentication and encryption is mandatory, such that the device can take part in the corresponding procedures if requested from a peer device.

The profile works with Bluetooth v1.1 and later versions. Specifically, it <u>can</u> benefit from the usage of features introduced in Bluetooth 1.2. The features seen most relevant for this profile are:

* L2CAP Retransmission: The usage of L2CAP Retransmission will improve the reliability of the L2CAP channel carrying the signaling messages. If retransmission is not used signaling packets <u>may</u> be dropped as a result of flush timeout on Baseband level.

* Adaptive frequency hopping: Adaptive frequency hopping will improve the robustness of the streaming channel and hence increase the perceived quality of the media (Audio and/or Video)

2.5 Conformance

When conformance to this profile is claimed, all capabilities indicated mandatory for this profile <u>shall</u> be supported in the specified manner (process mandatory). This also applies for optional and conditional capabilities for which support is indicated. All mandatory, optional, and conditional capabilities, for which support is indicated, are subject to verification as part of the Bluetooth certification program.

3   Application Layer

This section describes the feature requirements on units complying with the GAVDP. There is no fixed **INT**/**ACP** role for the devices.

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Item No.	Feature	Support in INT*	Support in ACP**
1	Connection	M	M
2	Transfer Control	O	O
3	Signaling Control	M	M
4	Security Control	O	O
* The mandatory and optional requirements only apply on the initiator part of the procedure.			
** The mandatory and optional requirements only apply on the acceptor part of the procedure.			

Table 3.1: Application Layer Features

Table 3.2 maps each feature to the procedures used for that feature, and shows whether the procedure is optional or mandatory for that feature. The procedures are described in the referenced section.

Item No.	Feature	Procedure	Ref.	Support in INT*	Support in ACP**
1	Connection	Connection Establishment	4.1.1	M	M
		Start Streaming	4.1.2	M	M
		Connection Release	4.1.3	M	M
2	Transfer Control	Suspend	4.1.4	O	O
		Change Parameters	4.1.5	O	O
3	Signaling Control	Abort	4.1.6	M	M
4	Security Control	Security Control	4.1.7	O	O
* The mandatory and optional requirements only apply on the initiator part of the procedure.					
** The mandatory and optional requirements only apply on the acceptor part of the procedure.					

Table 3.2: Application Layer Feature to Procedure Mapping

4   AVDTP Interoperability Requirements

4.1   Signaling Procedures

The interoperability requirements for the signaling entity are contained in this section.

In use of AVDTP the following three states are exposed to the users of GAVDP:

- <IDLE>: The initial state where no streaming connection has been established, while L2CAP channel for signaling is already open.

- <OPEN>: The streaming connection has been established between two devices.

- <STREAMING>: Both devices are ready for streaming.

Figure 4.1 shows the possible transitions. *Security Control* procedure in Section 4.1.7 <u>can</u> be executed in <OPEN> and <STREAMING> and does not result in a state change. For more details, see Section 6.3 and Chapter 8 of AVDTP 0.
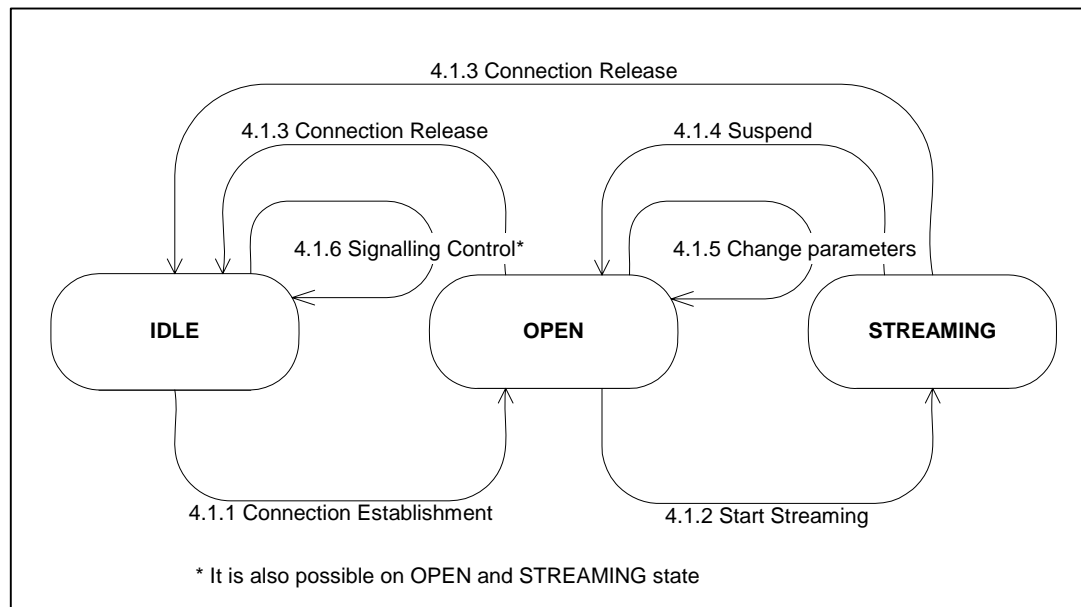

Figure 4.1: Signaling Procedures

4.1.1   Connection Establishment

This procedure <u>shall</u> be used when a device wishes to establish a streaming connection with the other device. Prior to initiating this procedure, an L2CAP channel for signaling <u>shall</u> be established as described in Section 6.1 of AVDTP 0. The initial state of the both devices is <IDLE>.

Then, the **INT** <u>shall</u> initiate *Stream Endpoint (SEP) Discovery* procedure of AVDTP if the **INT** has not collected SEP information before, or wishes to refresh it.

Then, *Get Capabilities* procedure of AVDTP <u>should</u> be initiated to collect service capabilities of the **ACP** using the SEP information. This procedure does not have to be executed when the **INT** already knows the services provided by the **ACP**.

Based on collected SEP information and service capabilities, the **INT** <u>shall</u> select specific services and configure the **ACP** by using the *Stream Configuration* procedure defined in AVDTP. Then, L2CAP channels are established as defined in the *Stream Establishment* procedure in AVDTP. Finally, the states of both devices are set to <OPEN>. The **INT**/**ACP** roles are released after the procedure is completed.

Note: If the L2CAP channel establishment has failed after the Open Stream Command of AVDTP, it is recommended to perform the Abort Command of AVDTP to get both **ACP** and **INT** synchronized.

To start a stream, the *Start Streaming* procedure in Section 4.1.2 <u>shall</u> be initiated to confirm if both devices are ready for streaming and change the state from <OPEN> to <STREAMING> as defined in Section 6.5 of AVDTP 0.
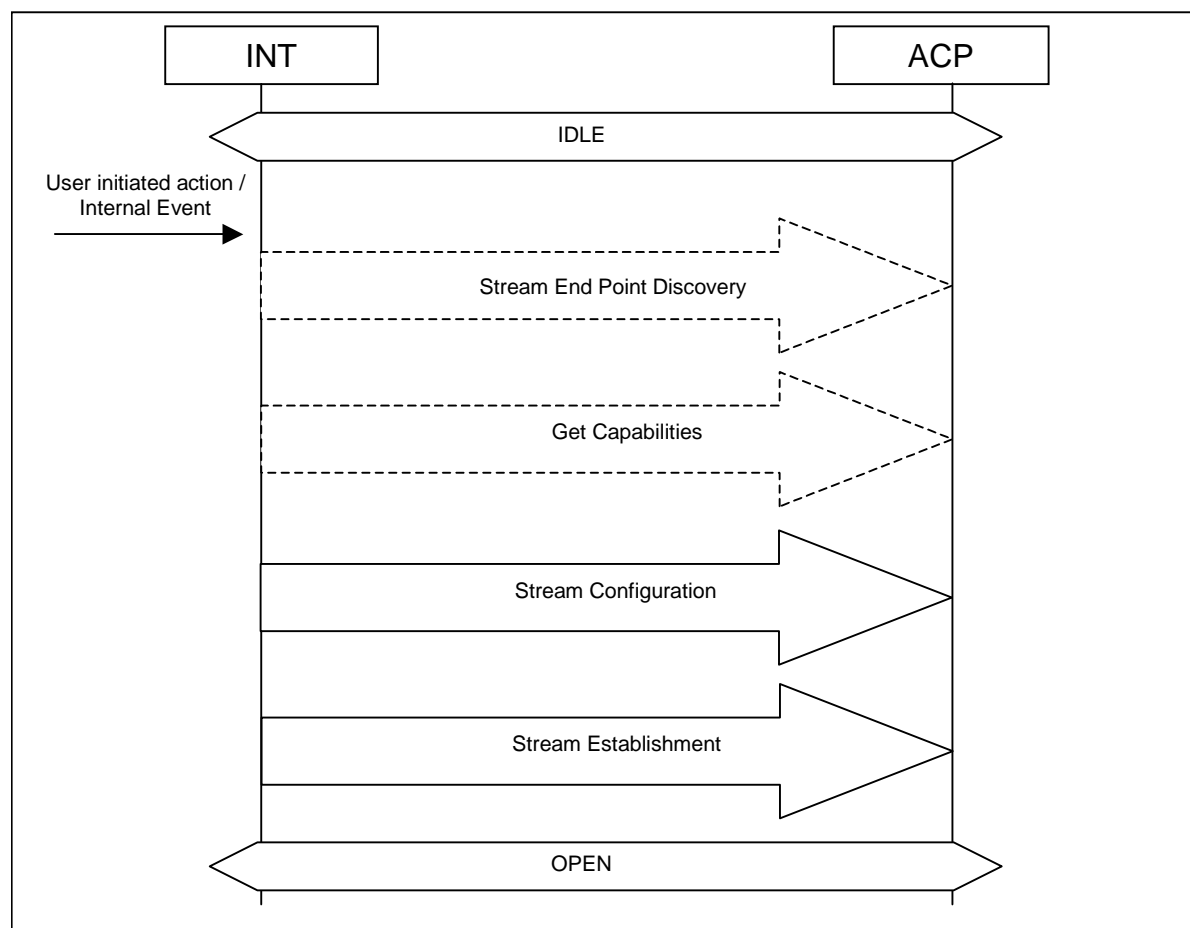

Figure 4.2: Connection Establishment

4.1.2   Start Streaming

When the device wishes to start or resume the A/V streaming, this procedure <u>shall</u> be initiated to change the state from <OPEN> to <STREAMING> as defined in Section 6.5 of AVDTP 0.

The **INT** initiates *Start Streaming* procedure of AVDTP by a user initiated action or an internal event. The streaming <u>shall</u> be started/resumed after this procedure.
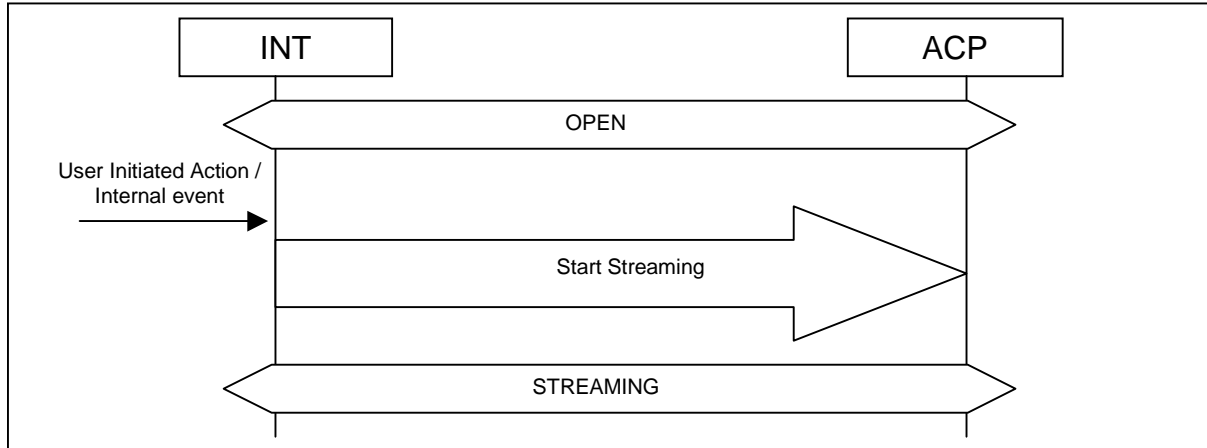
Figure 4.3: Start Streaming

4.1.3 Connection Release

The **INT** initiates the *Stream Release* procedure of AVDTP to release L2CAP channels for streaming. This procedure may be initiated both from <OPEN> and <STREAMING>, and set the state at <IDLE> for both devices.

The L2CAP channel for signaling may be released after this procedure, if necessary.
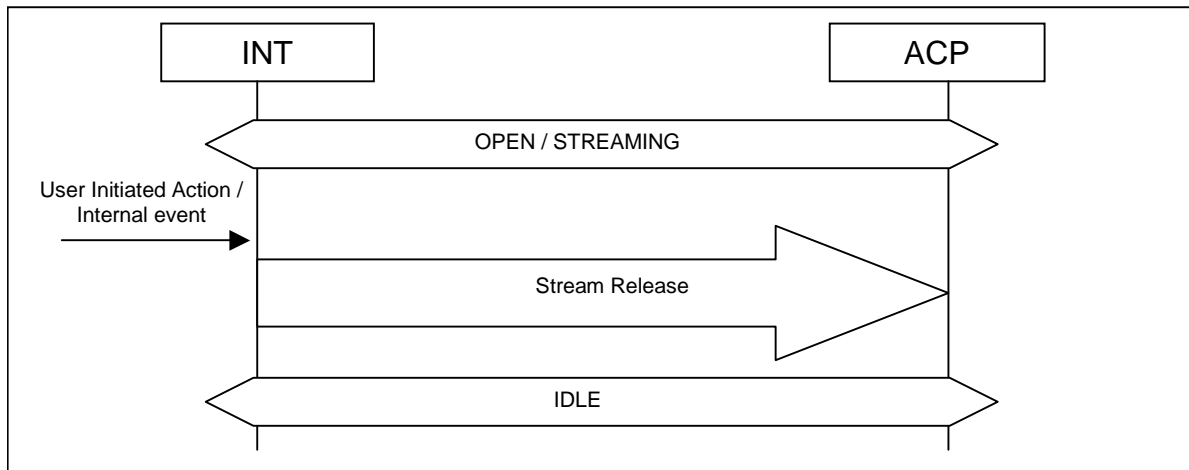

Figure 4.4: Connection Release

4.1.4 Suspend

When the device wishes to suspend the A/V streaming, this procedure shall be initiated to change the state from <STREAMING> to <OPEN>.

The **INT** initiates *Stream Suspend* procedure of AVDTP by a user initiated action or an internal event. The streaming shall be suspended after this procedure.
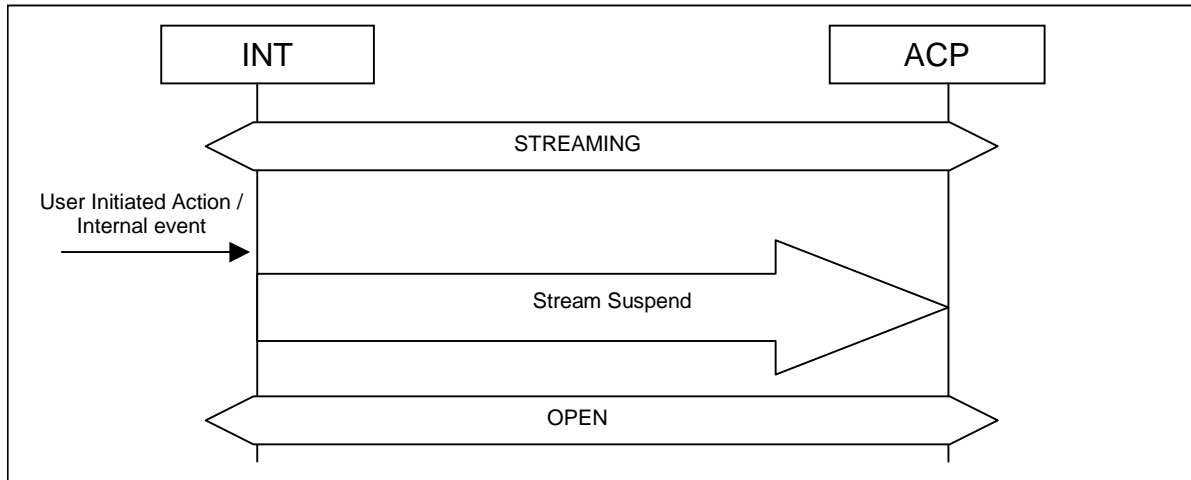
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Figure 4.5: Suspend

4.1.5 Change Parameters

In order to change the application service parameters, both devices shall be in <OPEN> state. If the state is <STREAMING> the *Suspend* procedure in Section 4.1.4 shall be executed beforehand to suspend the stream and change the state to <OPEN> for both devices.

The procedure is initiated by a user action or an internal event. If the **INT** has not obtained service capability information of the **ACP** by then, the *Get Capabilities* procedure of AVDTP is executed first. Then, the **INT** selects and specifies new parameters according to the information and requests the **ACP** to reconfigure these parameters with the *Stream Reconfigure* procedure of AVDTP.

After closing this procedure, the state of the devices remains <OPEN>. It is necessary to initiate *Start Streaming* procedure defined in Section 4.1.2 to resume the stream.
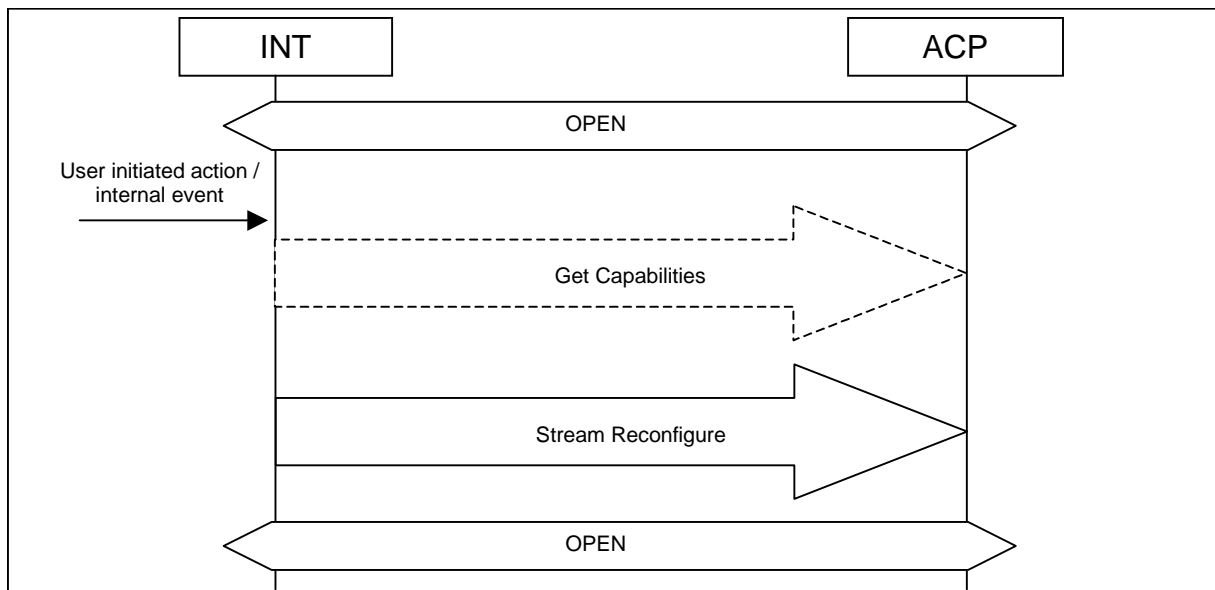
Figure 4.6: Change Parameters

4.1.6 Signaling control

This procedure <u>may</u> be used to recover from a loss of a signaling message, which could result in inconsistency of the **INT** and the **ACP**. For more details, see Section 9.11 of AVDTP 0.
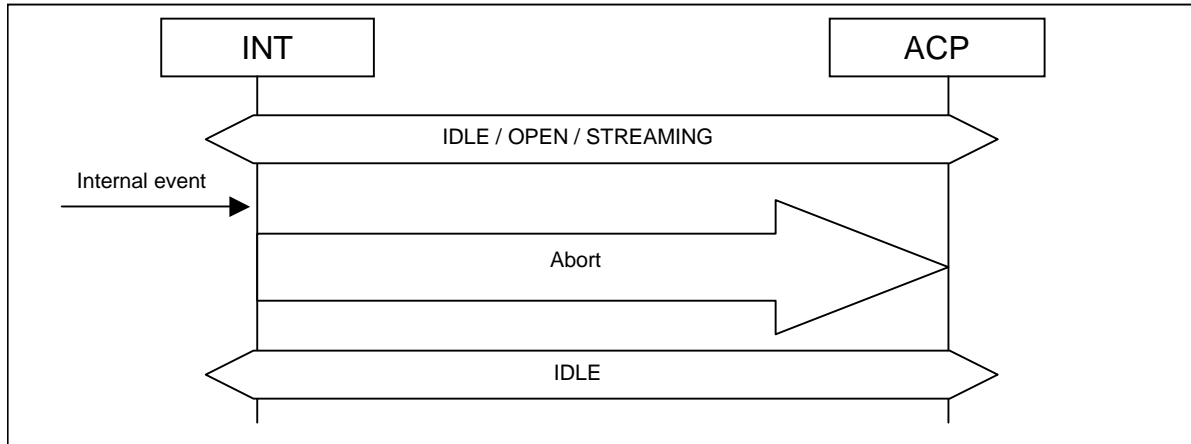

Figure 4.7: Signaling control

4.1.7 Security Control

This procedure <u>shall</u> be used to exchange security control messages between the **INT** and the **ACP**.
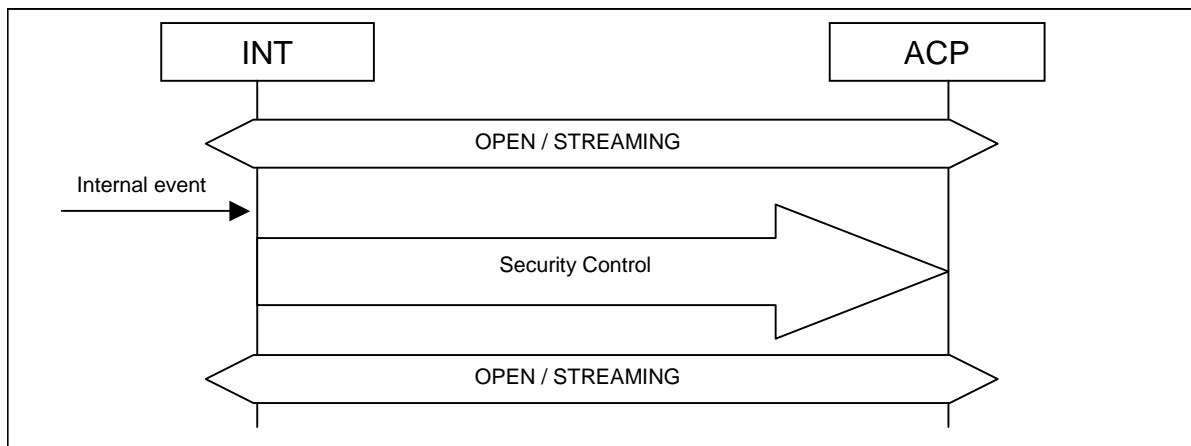

Figure 4.8: Security Control

4.1.8 AVDTP Signaling Procedures Overview

This section defines the required AVDTP signaling procedures in the Generic Audio/Video Distribution profile. Details of procedures and signaling messages are fully described in Chapter 6, 8 and 9 of AVDTP 0.

Item No.	Capability	Support in INT*	Support in ACP**	T$_{GAVDP}$100 applies

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1	Stream End Point Discovery	M	M	No
2	Get Capabilities	M	M	No
3	Stream Configuration	M	M	Yes
4	Stream Establishment	M	M	Yes
5	Stream Start	M	M	Yes
6	Stream Release	M	M	Yes
7	Stream Suspend	O	O	Yes
8	Stream Reconfigure	O	O	Yes
9	Fragmentation	M	M	No
10	General Reject	N/A	M	No
11	Abort	M	M	Yes
12	Security Control	O	O	No
* The mandatory and optional requirements only apply on the initiator part of the procedure. ** The mandatory and optional requirements only apply on the acceptor part of the procedure.				

Table 4.1: AVDTP Signaling Capabilities

4.2 Transport Services

Once a stream connection is established between the **INT** and the **ACP**, the devices are ready to transport A/V data. AVDTP provides several transport services related to basic transport, quality of service and manipulation of transport packets for efficient use of the bandwidth. These transport services are fully described in Section 5.4 and Chapter 7 of AVDTP 0.

The necessity of these transport services depends on applications. The requirement of these services is described in the application profiles such as Advanced Audio Distribution Profile 0.

4.3 Error codes

Table 4.2 defines an 8-bits ERROR_CODE field that is transported over the air in signaling response messages when an **ACP** device rejects a signaling command message received from a distant **INT** device. The ERROR_CODE field received from an **ACP** device is exposed to the **INT** application through the AVDTP service interface. The range 0xC0-0xFF is reserved for the profile residing on top GAVDP.

Error ID	Related Signaling command	Error Abbreviation	Error Description
0x80	Set Configuration	BAD_SERVICE	The service category stated is invalid.
0x81	Set Configuration	INSUFFICIENT_RESOURCE	Lack of resource new Stream Context.

Table 4.2: ACP-Upper Layer to INT-AVDTP Signal Response Error Codes

5 L2CAP Procedures

The following text together with the associated sub-clauses defines the mandatory requirements with regard to this profile.

	Procedure	Support
1.	Channel types	
	Connection-oriented channel	M
	Connectionless channel	X1
2.	Signaling	
	Connection establishment	M
	Configuration	M
	Connection Termination	M
	Echo	M
	Command Rejection	M
3.	Configuration Parameter Options	
	Maximum Transmission Unit	M
	Flush Timeout	M
	Quality of Service	O
X1: Connectionless channel is not used within the execution of this profile, but concurrent use by other profiles/applications is not excluded.		

Table 5.1: L2CAP Capabilities

5.1 Channel Types

In this profile, only connection-oriented channels <u>shall</u> be used. This implies that broadcasts <u>shall</u> not be used in this profile.

The AVDTP PSM value is used in the L2CAP connection request. See the Bluetooth Assigned Numbers 0 for the AVDTP PSM.

5.2 Signaling

Only the **INT** issues an L2CAP Connection Request within the execution of *Connection Establishment* procedure in this profile. (See Section 4.1.1) The GAVDP does not impose any additional restrictions or requirements on L2CAP signaling.

5.3 Configuration Options

This section describes the usage of the configuration options in this profile.

5.3.1 Flush Timeout

It is critical that the audio and/or video be streamed with no interruptions. To accomplish this, it is necessary that the L2CAP configuration settings and flush timeout are set appropriately.

Remark: Flush timeout <u>can</u> be constrained by the ACL channels when other profile(s) coexist with GAVDP.

5.3.2 Quality of Service

The QoS parameters for transport channels <u>should</u> be used according to the requirements of the traffic.

6 Link Manager (LM) Procedures

The procedure for SCO links is excluded in this profile. Except for this, there is no change to the requirements as stated in the Link Manager specification itself.

7 Link Controller (LC) Procedures

The following table lists all features at LC level, and the extra requirements are added to the one in the Baseband specification by this profile.

	Procedure	Support in INT	Support in ACP
1.	Inquiry	M	X
2.	Inquiry scan	X	M
3.	Paging	M	X
4.	Page scan		
	A. Type R0	X	C1
	B. Type R1	X	C1
	C. Type R2	X	C1
5.	Packet types		
	A. ID packet	M	M
	B. NULL packet	M	M
	C. POLL packet	M	M
	D. FHS packet	M	M
	E. DM1packet	M	M
	F. DH1 packet	M	M
	G. DM3 packet	O	O
	H. DH3 packet	O	O
	I. DM5 packet	O	O
	J. DH5 packet	O	O
	K. AUX packet	X	X
	L. HV1 packet	X	X
	M. HV2 packet	X	X
	N. HV3 packet	X	X
	O. DV packet	X	X
6.	Inter-piconet capabilities	X	X
7.	Voice codec		
	A. A-law	X	X
	B. μ-law	X	X
	C. CVSD	X	X
	D. Transparent Data	X	X

C1: it is mandatory to implement at least one of the page scan modes.

Table 7.1: LC Capabilities

8 Generic Access Profile Interoperability Requirements

The GAVDP requires compliance to the Generic Access Profile. This section defines the support requirements for the capabilities as defined in the Generic Access Profile.

8.1 Modes

The table shows the support status for Modes within this profile.

	Procedure	Support in INT	Support in ACP
1.	Discoverability modes		
	Non-Discoverable mode	X	C1
	Limited discoverable mode	X	O
	General discoverable mode	X	M
2.	Connectability modes		
	Non-Connectable mode	X	X
	Connectable mode	M	M
3.	Pairing modes		
	Non-pairable mode	O	O
	Pairable mode	C2	C2
C1: If limited discoverable mode is supported, non-discoverable mode is mandatory, otherwise optional.			
C2: If bonding is supported, pairable mode is mandatory, otherwise optional.			

Table 8.1: Modes

8.2 Security Aspects

There is no change to the requirements as stated in the Generic Access Profile.

8.3 Idle Mode Procedures

The table shows the support status for Idle mode procedures within this profile.

	Procedure	Support in INT	Support in ACP
1.	General inquiry	M	X
2.	Limited inquiry	O	X
3.	Name discovery	O	X
4.	Device discovery	O	X
5.	Bonding	O*	O*
* Whenever supported, the INT shall at least support initiation of bonding, and the ACP at least acceptance of bonding.			

Table 8.2: Supported Idle Mode Procedures

9 Timers

The following timers are required by GAVDP.

Timer name	Proposed value	Description	Comments
$T_{GAVDP}100$	0.5~3.0 Seconds	Signaling transaction timer	

Table 9.1: Timers

10 Testing

The Generic Audio/Video Distribution Profile requires conformance test. The derails of the test strategy are described in 0. Tested functionality is defined in 0.

11 References

Bluetooth SIG, Specification of the Bluetooth System, Profiles, Version 1.0 or Later, Advanced Audio Distribution Profile

Bluetooth SIG, Specification of the Bluetooth System, Core, Version 1.2 or Later, Generic Access Profile

Bluetooth SIG, Specification of the Bluetooth System, Core, Version 1.2 or Later, Baseband

Bluetooth SIG, Specification of the Bluetooth System, Core, Version 1.2 or Later, LMP

Bluetooth SIG, Specification of the Bluetooth System, Core, Version 1.2 or Later, L2CAP)

Bluetooth SIG, Specification of the Bluetooth System, Core, Version 1.2 or later, SDP)

Bluetooth SIG, Specification of the Bluetooth System, Profiles, Version 1.0 or Later, Audio/Video Distribution Transport Protocol Specification

Bluetooth SIG, Bluetooth Assigned Numbers, http://www.bluetooth.org/assigned-numbers.htm

Bluetooth SIG, Specification of the Bluetooth System, ICS, Version 1.0 or Later, Profile ICS proforma for the Generic Audio/Video Distribution Profile

Bluetooth SIG, Specification of the Bluetooth System, TSS, Version 1.0 or Later, Test Suite Structure (TSS) and Test Purposes (TP) for Generic Audio/Video Distribution Profile.

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14 Appendix A (Informative): Signaling Flows

This appendix contains a typical combination of signaling procedures defined in this profile. This appendix is informative only. The diagrams do not represent all possible combination of signaling flows as defined by this profile.

14.1 Definitions

In this appendix the **SRC** and the **SNK** are used for the role of devices to clarify the flow of procedures in the actual device implementation. The **SRC** (**SNK**) is the device that <u>can</u> send (receive) A/V streaming data. For reference, see Section 2.2 in Advanced Audio Distribution Profile 0.

In the following diagrams the **SRC** is assumed to be the **INT**, while the **SNK** to be the **ACP**. However, the **INT**/**ACP** roles are flexible; for example, it is possible that the **SRC** initiates the *Connection Establishment* procedure, followed by a *Start Streaming* procedure initiated by the **SNK**. It depends on the implementation.

The diagrams contain procedures defined in different profiles. <procedure>, <procedure*>, and <procedure**> indicate GAVDP, GAP 0 and SDP 0 procedures, respectively.

14.2 Streaming Set up and Release

Figure 14.1 shows an example of signaling flows covering the initial device discovery, service discovery, and streaming connection establishment. The diagram fully contains a series of procedures necessary to set up and release the streaming connection defined in this profile.
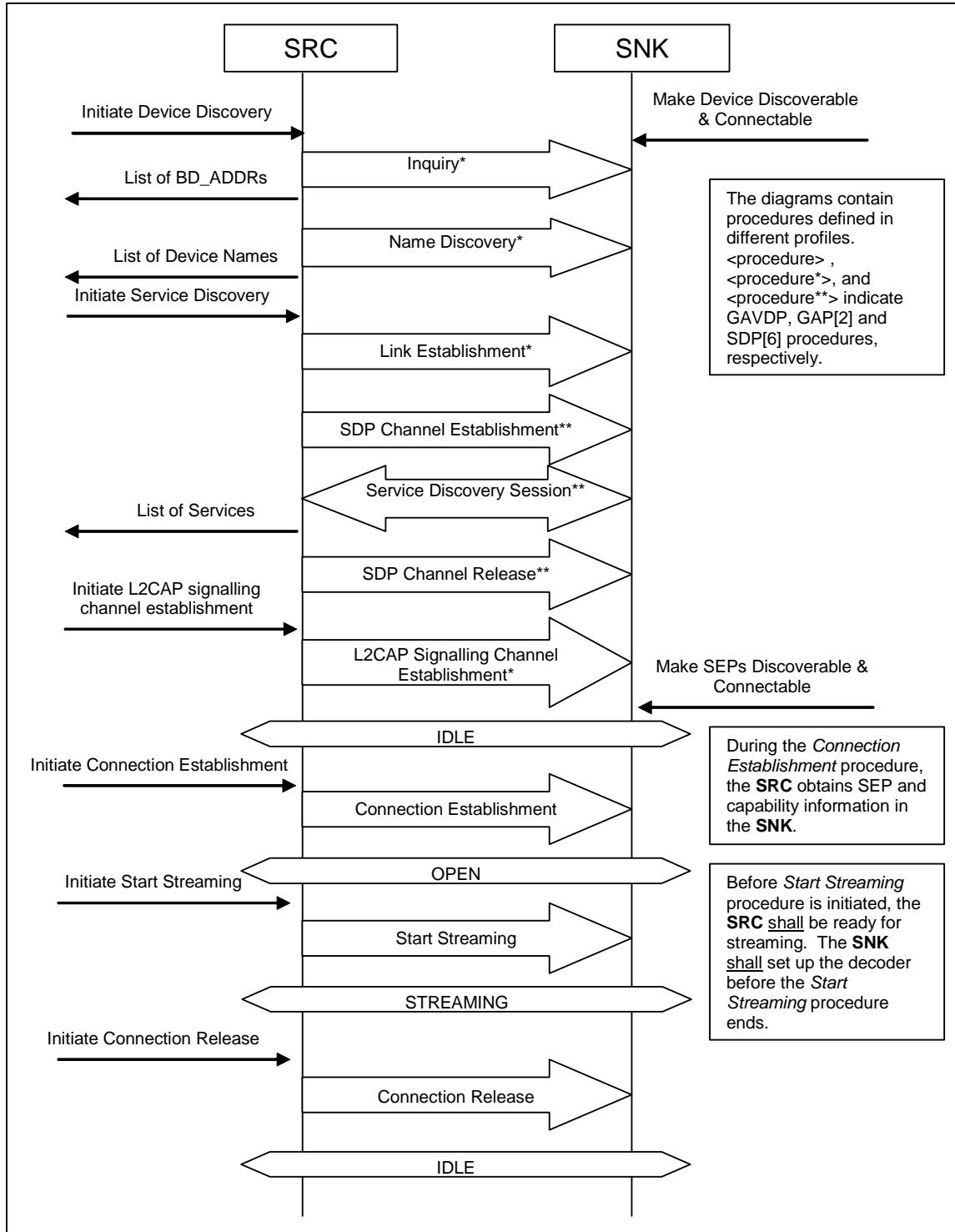
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Figure 14.1: Streaming setup and release

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14.3 Streaming Suspend and Resume

Figure 14.2 shows a series of procedures used to suspend the streaming or change streaming parameters.

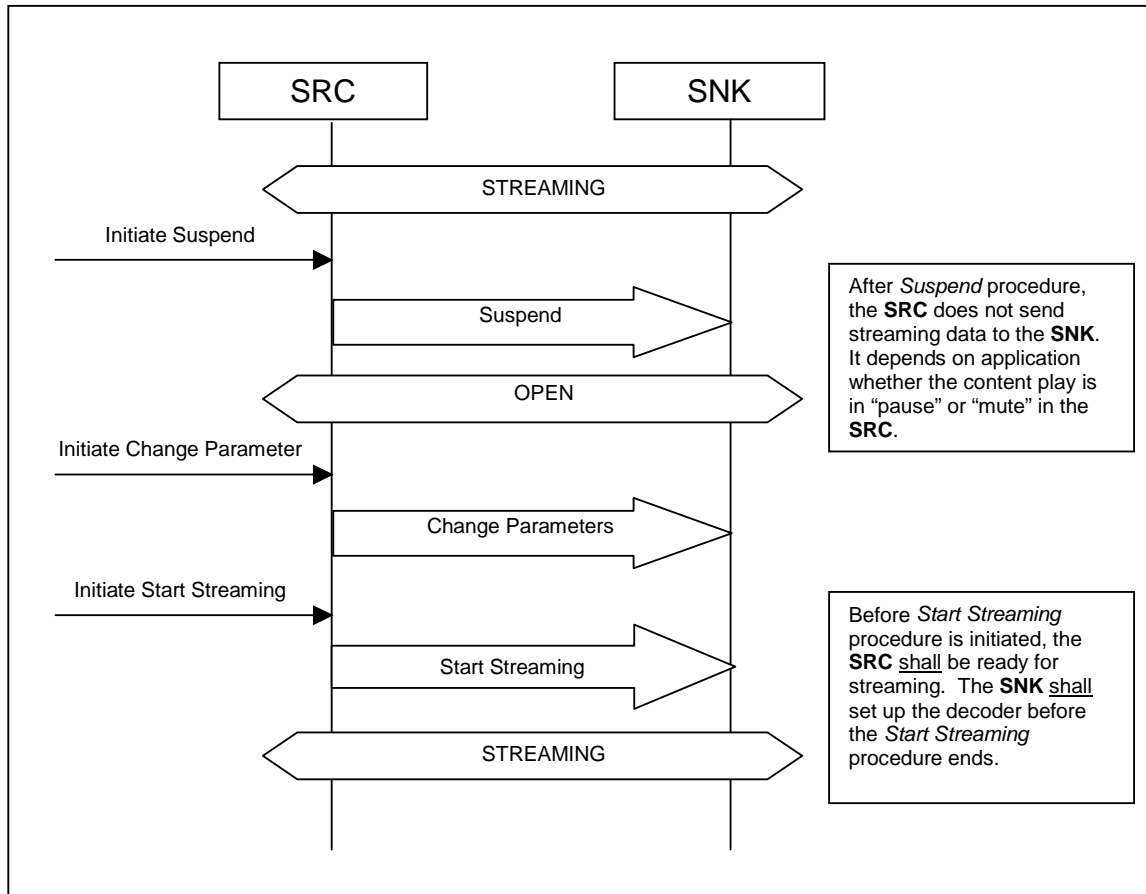*Figure 14.2: Streaming suspend and resume*

15 Appendix B: Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym	Description
A/V	Audio/Video
ACP	Acceptor
AVDTP	Audio/Video Distribution Transport Protocol
GAP	Generic Access Profile
GAVDP	Generic Audio/Video Distribution Profile
ICS	Implementation Conformance Statement
INT	Initiator
LC	Link Controller
MTU	Maximum Transmission Unit
PSM	Protocol/Service Multiplexer
SDP	Service Discovery Protocol
SEP	Stream End Point
SNK	Sink
SRC	Source