



# SecurDigital<sup>®</sup>

## Technical Synopsis Document

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This document provides a technical synopsis to engineers who are charged with evaluating the SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> System and includes a description of both how the system is designed and how it is being developed. As such, this specification is subject to change based on customer input in the development process, along with requirements generated by formal laboratory testing.

The system is designed for government and enterprise customers who require technology based on the GSA FIPS 140.2 Compliance Validation. The base SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> configuration is designed to meet this requirements, but is for the commercial marketplace Additional features (PKI, 3DES, VOIP) have been added to the product during development to resolve perceived commercial functional requirements, however, some of these such as PKI, cannot pass the GSA's FIPS 140.2 Compliance Validation. The FIPS compliant versions of the product will exclude these features in the build process.

Customers who require GSA's FIPS 140.2 Compliance Validation need to contact SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> and ask for SecurVoice<sup>®</sup>.

The SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> System has several modes of operation. There include one form of encryption, two forms of cryptographic key management supported and three forms of communications when operating as a voice device.

### One forms of encryption.

1. AES: The **Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)** is an [encryption](#) standard adopted by many governments world-wide. Each AES cipher has a 128-bit block size.

### Two forms of cryptographic key management.

1. Secret Key: This is the default, and for most customers the only supported service.
2. PKI: Offered as an extra service, the PKI system is less secure.

### Three voice operating modes.

1. In the clear (CSS): These are normal cell phone calls. These calls are protected by whatever means is provided as a default by your cell phone carrier.
2. Phone to Phone (P2P): P2P calls are made directly from one cell phone to another cell phone without the use of a server and they are secure.
3. Phone to Server (P2S): P2S calls route from the phone to the enterprise server that contains the key management system. The benefits of using the SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> patent pending cryptographic key exchange system include:
  - Having the ability to easily manage hundreds or thousands of cryptographic keys in each phone in the fleet
  - The ability to instantly disable encryption on a lost phone
  - Activating encryption on a new phone
  - Creating domains of trust. This will allow multiple handsets attached to trusted servers to place encrypted calls without having to arrange a prior relationship.



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### Two forms of voice communications.

1. Normal Voice calls: On phones that allow the voice stream to be captured for encryption, then normal voice cell phone operation is the preferred default.
2. VoIP calls: On phones that do not allow access to the voice stream VOIP feature is added to the phone and transmits the encrypted voice as a digital stream.

### Supported Cell Phones

By client request the first supported device is the RIM Blackberry phone. In addition to the RIM Blackberry, SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> can operate on 90% of the mobile phone operating systems by supporting the following cell phone operating systems.

J2ME

Symbian (used in Euro, Middle East, Africa)

Brew

Microsoft Windows Mobile 5 and Windows CE

Linux

By implementing the SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> system at the application layer any handset make and model to can become secure. The only constraints are based on the handset processing power, amount of memory and the operating system. An 'open' approach also allows SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> to be mobile network agnostic. SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> calls can operate on any cell phone carrier that uses a supported phone. For example, one caller may be on Verizon and another caller on AT&T, Sprint, or US Cellular. Alternatively, one caller may be in Europe using on Vodafone while the other end of the call may be in the United States on Nextel. The SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> software is both carrier and operating system agnostic.

### Placing a Call

The SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> software is always active. When the caller dials a number or accesses a number from the directory, the SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> software intercepts the number and activates the SEND command.

If the number is flagged as having a cryptographic key associated with it, then the call is automatically dialed as a SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> call. There is no reason to provide the customer with an option to disable the encryption for that call since all phone numbers associated with crypto keys are to be placed as SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> calls.

If the phone number is not flagged, the cell phone system operates normally and the call is placed unencrypted. If the number to be called is flagged, the system retrieves the cryptokey and activates. Once activated the system makes the decision to conduct the call as either a CSS or a P2P call.

If the call is a P2P call, the call is encrypted unless the recipient is flagged as a "problem number". In this case, the call begins as a standard unencrypted call, alerting the caller to provide an opportunity to convert to encrypted mode.



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When a call is received, the SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> software intercepts the call and activates the ACCEPT key. The caller ID is examined by the software to determine if it is a known SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> device. The caller ID number is used as an index to retrieve the cryptographic key. If the phone number displayed is flagged as a problem number but caller-ID is received then the Problem Number routines are ignored. If the caller-ID is not present, then the call is handled as a normal phone call with the exception that the user can activate the SecurDigital<sup>®</sup> feature upon selection of a valid crypto key. Note that there can be a race condition where the caller-ID number is not available when the call signal is received. Mobile networks always send called-ID, but in rare circumstances caller-ID is not sent. If caller-ID is not sent, the call is dealt with as a normal, unencrypted call.

## Ongoing Unencrypted Call

If during an ongoing call the user presses the 9 key three times in quick succession then the call undergoes conversion to a crypto call. The user is requested to select a crypto key and the encryption functions are engaged.

## Logic Flows for Incoming Call.

Intercept incoming call

Access Caller-ID.

NO

YES

Search database for encryption key

NO YES

Is call a P2P or CSS?

CSS

P2P

Is phone number known problem?

YES NO

Engage encryption, place call

Provide signal tones, screen display  
place call unencrypted. Set timer for  
continued notice of status.

Access CSS Server phone number and fixed  
encryption key for this cell phone. Engage  
encryption, place call, handshake with server,  
pass "phone number dialed" to CSS server,  
provide encryption status tones and display.

Place call as a normal cell phone call. Listen for conversion  
signal on keypad for encryption mode.

Start call as unencrypted, provide unencrypted tones, and display notice. Listen for conversion signal on keypad for encryption mode.



### **Logic Flow for Outgoing Call**

Intercept outgoing call

Is the phone number flagged as a crypto call?

Yes (*step 2*)

Is the call a CSS call?

Yes

Dial the preprogrammed CSS phone number

Handshake and send the “desired number dialed”

Phone call continues

No

Must be a P2P call

Place “dialed” number, handshake with the other P2P phone

Phone call continues

No

Place call as a normal cell phone call

Listen for the signal to convert to a crypto call.

Signal received to convert

restart logic flow at step 2

No conversion

Call continues as normal cell phone call

### **Logic Flow for Incoming “Call Waiting” Call**

Version 1 of this software may disable call waiting to be implemented later. If so then call waiting must not be allowed to be processed in the cell phone.

Intercept incoming “call waiting” call.

Place current call “on hold” along with the in-use encryption key

Restart new call using Logic Flow for Incoming Call

Allow user to switch between multiple active calls insuring that the encryption key is switched as appropriate.

### **Logic Flow for Conversion of Standard Call to Encrypted Call**

During unencrypted standard call listen for conversion signal (999 keypad)

Conversion signal received

Is call unencrypted

No, call is already encrypted. Ignore signal.

Is this a CSS call?

Yes, caller-id must be defective. Transmit cell phone number.

Handshake and send the “desired number dialed”. Phone call continues

No

Caller-id must be defective.