

Running AT Commands Remotely

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1.2 Text Conventions



Danger – This information MUST be followed or catastrophic equipment failure or bodily injury may occur.



Caution or Warning – Alerts the user to important points about integrating the module, if these points are not followed, the module and end user equipment may fail or malfunction.



Tip or Information – Provides advice and suggestions that may be useful when integrating the module.

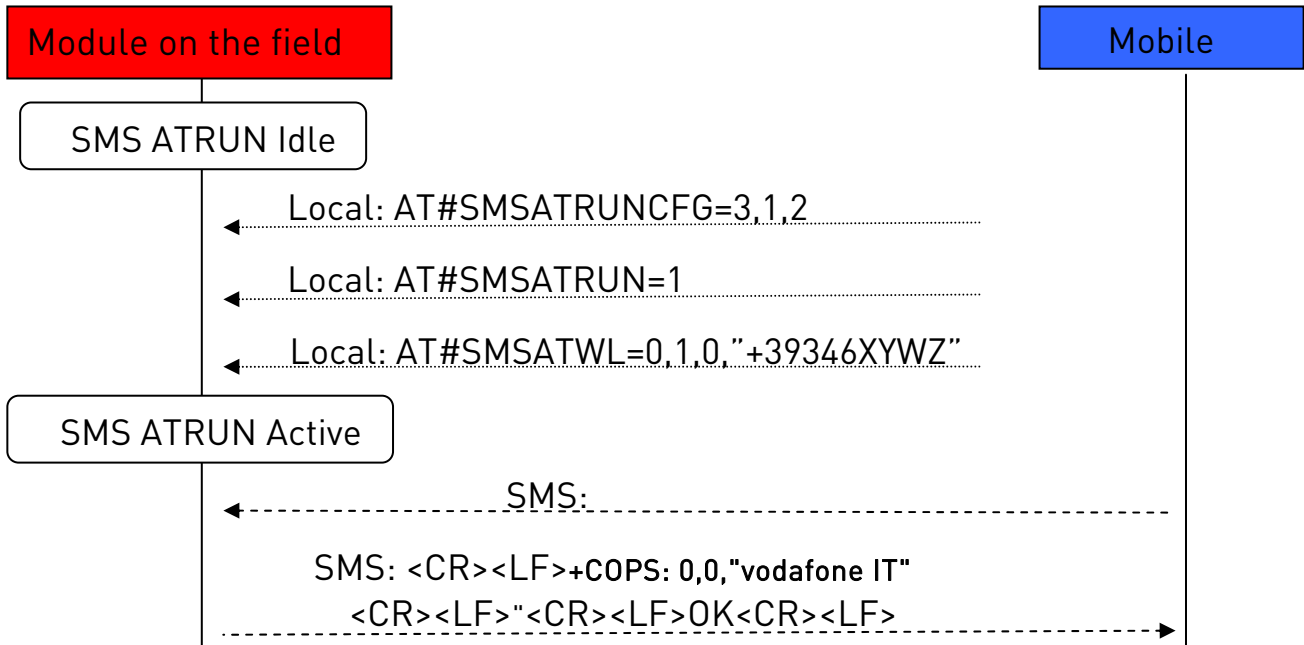
All dates are in ISO 8601 format, i.e. YYYY-MM-DD.

1.3 Related Documents

- AT Commands Reference guide, 80000ST10025a



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First of all, the SMS ATRUN service is locally configured and enabled in the *module on the field* by the command #SMSATRUNCFG and :

AT#SMSATRUNCFG=3,1,2

// the service is configured to run on the third instance, the unsolicited is enabled and
// the timeout for the response to the AT commands is set to 2 minutes

AT#SMSATRUN=1

// the service is enabled

and the *mobile* number is added in the white list by the command #SMSATWL:

AT#SMSATWL=0,1,0,\"+39346XYWZ\" //the number +39346XYWZ is added in the
// first position of the white list

At this point the SMS ATRUN service is enabled and AT commands can be issued to the *module on the field* via SMS from another device containing the SIM with the number added in the white list.



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For example another *mobile* can set the GPIO of the *module on the field* issuing the command AT#GPIO=2,1 using the following standard AT command

```
AT+CMGS=346XYZWZ
> AT#GPIO=2,1
```

The *module on the field* let run the AT+COPS? on the third instance and will send back to the *mobile* an SMS with the response. The *mobile* reads the arrived SMS:

```
+CMTI: "SM",1
AT+CMGR=1
+CMGR: "REC UNREAD","+39346XYZWZ",",", "08/05/28,11:04:37+08"
```

```
+COPS: 0,0,"vodafone IT"
```

OK

If the *mobile* doesn't want to receive back the response, it can issue the following command:

```
AT+CMGS=346XYZWZ
> HAT+COPS?
```

If the *mobile* wants to communicate to the *module on the field* using the Digest ATRUN SMS, a common password has to be inserted locally in the white list of the *module on the field* by the command AT#SMSATWL:

```
AT#SMSATWL=0,2,1,"1234567890123456" //the password has to be 16
// characters length and is
// inserted, in this example, in
// position 2 of the white list
```

A maximum number of 2 passwords can be inserted in the white list.

Now the *mobile* can also change the SIM because the sender number isn't checked from *module on the field* in the case of Digest ATRUN SMS.

So the *mobile* can interrogate the *module on the field*, to know the selected network operator, issuing the command AT+COPS? using the following standard AT command

```
AT+CMGS=53
>079193432900200011000C919343868676110015AD26D0D0D000110157696A437032
715633734E762B61727532305A5561773D3D41542B434F50533F
```

Where the User Data portion is formatted according to Table 1 as follows:



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Offset	Size	Value	Description
0	3	D0D0D0	RUNAT SMS Code
3	1	00	Transaction Id
4	1	11	Segment 1 of 1
5	1	01	Session Id
6	24	57696A437032715633734E762B61727532305A 5561773D3D	Digest: B64(MD5(B64(MD5(Pwd))):B64(MD5(AT+COPS?)))
30		41542B434F50533F	AT+COPS?

The *module on the field* let run the AT+COPS? on the third instance and will send back to the *mobile* an SMS with the response. The *mobile* reads the arrived SMS:

```
+CMTI: "SM",1
AT+CMGR=1
+CMGR: 0,"",83
0791934329002000040C9193438686761100158050922102818040D1D1D10011014A7
56E72613772306B494563483971563534326E33513D3D0D0A2B434F50533A20302C3
02C22766F6461666F6E65204954220D0A0D0A4F4B0D0A
```

Where the User Data portion is formatted according to Table 2 as follows:

Offset	Size	Value	Description
0	3	D1D1D1	Response RUNAT SMS Code
3	1	00	Transaction Id
4	1	11	Segment 1 of 1
5	1	01	Session Id
6	24	4A756E72613772306B494563483 971563534326E33513D3D	Digest: B64(MD5(B64(MD5(Pwd))):B64(MD5(<CR><LF>+COPS: 0,0,"vodafone IT"<CR><LF>"<CR><LF>OK<CR><LF> >))))
30		0D0A2B434F50533A20302C302C 22766F6461666F6E65204954220 D0A0D0A4F4B0D0A	<CR><LF>+COPS: 0,0,"vodafone IT"<CR><LF>"<CR><LF>OK<CR><LF> >



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In *Figure 1: Module in the field* it's shown the local configuration:

- All the numbers starting with +39 are added in the white list by the command #SMSATWL
- the service is configured with the command #SMSATRUNCFG to run on the third instance, the unsolicited is enabled and the timeout for the response to the AT commands is set to 2 minutes
- the service is enabled with the command #SMSATRUN

In *Figure 2: Mobile* the mobile sends to the module in the field an SMS with the text containing the string AT+COPS?.

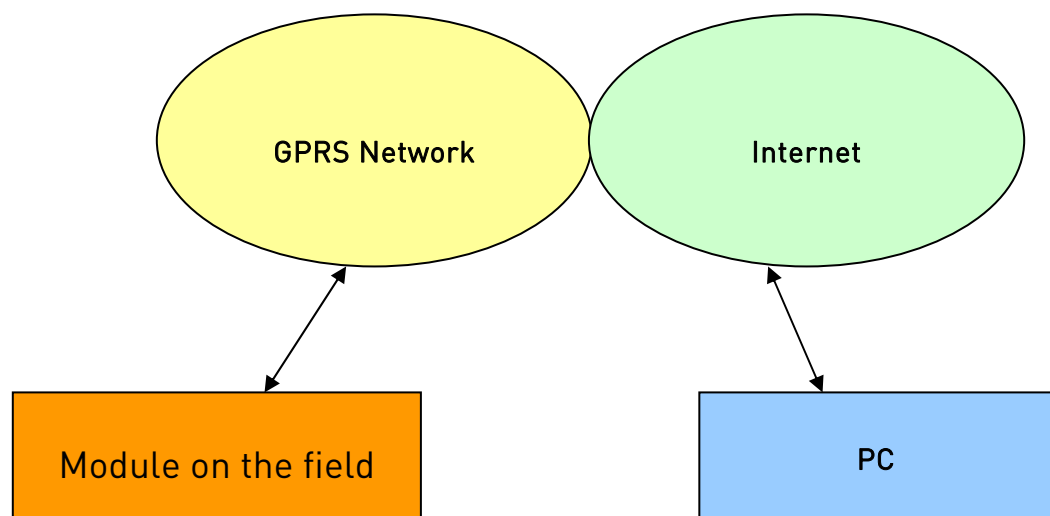
At the SMS reception, the module on the field runs automatically the command AT+COPS?, puts on the instance the URC #SMSATRUN: AT+COPS? (as shown in *Figure 1: Module in the field*) and sends back the response SMS.

As shown in *Figure 2: Mobile*, the SMS received from the mobile contains the response to the command AT+COPS? that the module on the field has executed.



3 TCPATRUN

AT command execution can also be requested via TCP. The AT interface input and output will be redirected to the TCP socket.



There are two kinds of TCP ATRUN service, differing the one from the other in the way the module connects to the remote PC.

In the first kind of TCP ATRUN, the module acts as a server, that is to say it is in TCP listen state, waiting for an incoming TCP/IP connection from a client.

In the second one, the module acts as a client, that is to say it tries, as soon as the service is enabled, to connect to a server.

In next paragraphs we describe the AT command sequence to start the TCP ATRUN service and how the service behaves. Please refer to the AT commands specification for the exact commands syntax.



3.1 Configuration

To start TCPATRUN service, either in server mode or in client mode, it is necessary that a PDP context is opened, through the command AT#SGACT:

AT#SGACT=1,1 for example, here we open the PDP context with id 1

The answer, in case of success, will be the IP address of the module:

#SGACT: "212.141.113.92"

It is recommended to use the command "AT#SGACTCFG" to set the context "auto-activation": in this way the context will be automatically activated in case of switching off/on, in case of deactivation from Network and in case of SIM removal.

AT#SGACTCFG=1,1 the auto-activation is set on context 1

It is suggested to configure the socket parameters through the command AT#SCFG (please read the paragraph "Alerts"), using the socket identifier (the first parameter). For example:

AT#SCFG=1,1,300,0,600,1

Now, some configuration parameters have to be set for both type of service, through the command AT#TCPATRUNCFG:

AT#TCPATRUNCFG =1,2,1024,12345,`"212.141.125.127`",1,5,1,5,2

The first parameter is the identifier of the socket that will be used, the second one is the instance (in the module the AT interface can use three instances) that will be dedicated to the TCP ATRUN, the third one is the TCP port for listen (used in server mode), the fourth one and the fifth one are respectively the TCP port and IP address of the host (for the client mode), the sixth one is for enabling the unsolicited that advises of the connection/disconnection from server, the seventh one is the timeout for an AT command execution, the eighth one is for choosing the authentication mode (in server mode), the ninth one is the number of attempts to connect that the module will do in case of automatic re-start of the service (in client mode), the last one is the delay (in minutes) from one attempt and the other (in client mode).



3.2 TCPATRUN in server mode

3.2.1 Description

The TCP ATRUN service in server mode is enabled locally by the AT command `AT#TCPATRNL`.

This command puts the module in listen state on a determined port, so that a client can connect from remote opening a TCP socket to the IP address and port of the module. Once connected, the client can issue AT commands to the module.

Note that the TCP ATRUN service in server mode is useful with static IP address.

The TCP access to the module is controlled by a firewall.

In the case of TCP ATRUN service, this firewall can be set (and saved in memory) by the following command

```
AT#TCPATRUNFRWL=1,"212.141.112.216","255.255.255.255"
```

The two strings represent the IP address and mask

The service is also protected by the authentication parameters: Username and Password.

These parameters are set (and saved in memory) through the following command

```
AT#TCPATRUNAUTH=1,"testuser","testpassw"
```

The user can choose between two kinds of authentication procedure, as we will see in the next paragraph.

Finally, the TCP ATRUN service can be enabled using "AT#TCPATRNL":

```
AT#TCPATRNL =1
```

Now, referring to the parameters configuration that has been set in this example through the command `AT#TCPATRUNCFG`:

the socket 1 is in listen state on port 1024, and the IP address is the one given by the `AT#SGACT` command.

The client can connect to the module if its address is included in the firewall.

It can use Telnet or a dedicated program to open the socket and communicate with the module. Once connected, username and password have to be transmitted in a way that depends on the authentication mode set with `AT#TCPATRUNCFG`.



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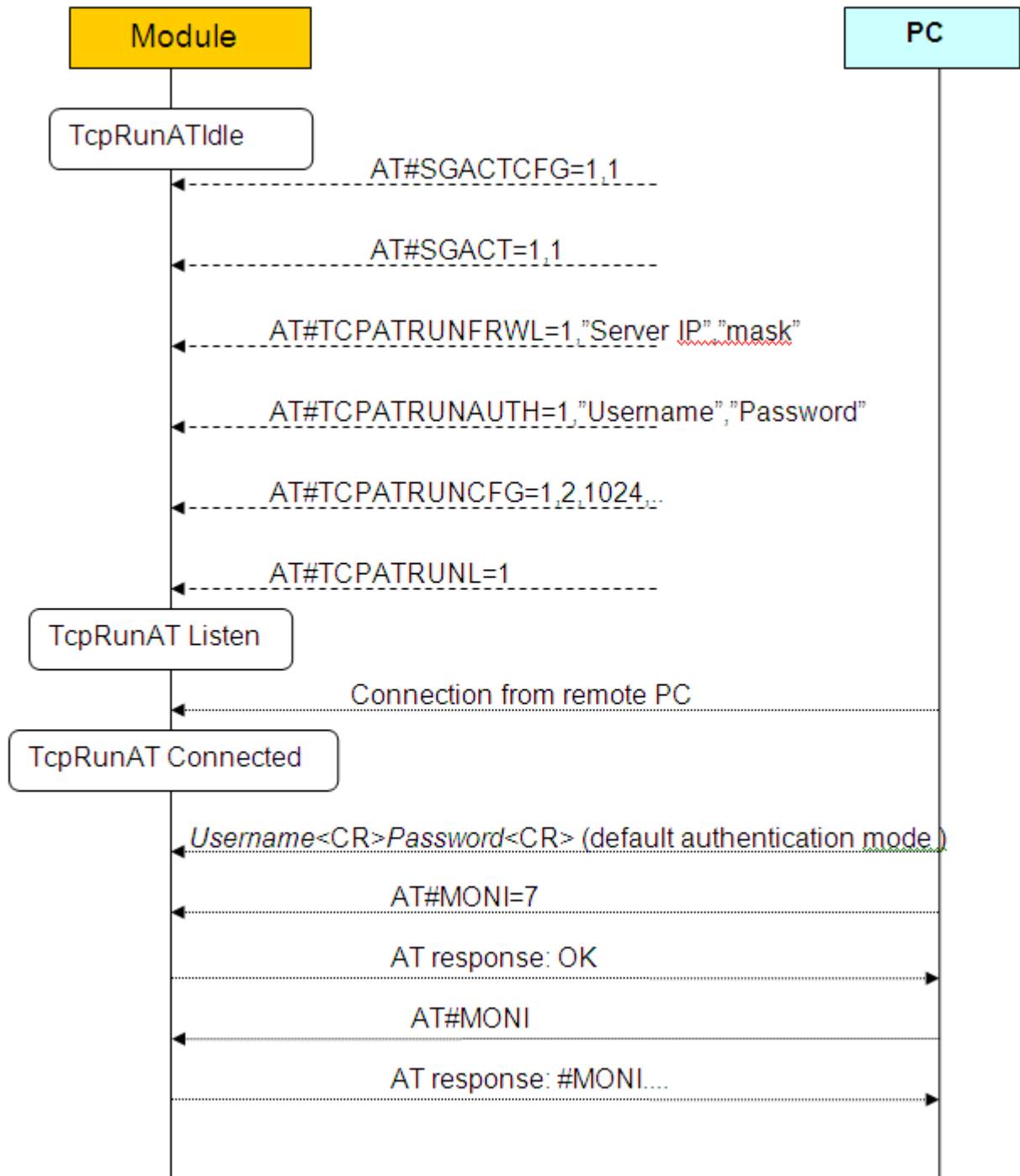
After authentication, an AT command can be issued and the module will parse the command and send the response.

For example, client can interrogate the module about all the cells in the neighbour of the serving cell, by the commands AT#MONI=7 and AT#MONI.

If the TCP ATRUN service is not disabled, it automatically starts at every start-up of the module as long as the PDP context auto-activation has been set by AT#SGACTCFG. The same happens in case of a deactivation from Network and in case of SIM removal.



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3.2.2 Authentication mode

Setting the *authentication mode* parameter in the command AT#TCPATRUNCFG, the user can choose between two kinds of authentication: “automatic” and “step-by-step”. The first one is useful for easily automate the procedure, the second one is more graphically pleasant.

3.2.2.1 **Automatic mode (default)**

Once the connection between server and module is opened and before issuing any AT command, username and password have to be transmitted in the following way:

userid<CR>*passw*<CR> (where <CR> means Carriage Return and is equal to 0x0d)

After these strings, AT commands can be sent to the module.

The couple *Username* – *Password* has to be included in the authentication parameters list built through the command AT#TCPATRUNAATH, otherwise the module will immediately close the connection.

If a timeout expires in the module without receiving one of the two parameters, then the module will close the connection.

3.2.2.2 **Step-by-step**

Once the connection between server and module is opened, the module first requests the Username and then, if the Username has been received and accepted (*userid*<CR>), requests the Password. Once the Password has been received and accepted (*passw*<CR>), the module transmits a “Login successful” message.

Username: *userid*

Password: *passw*

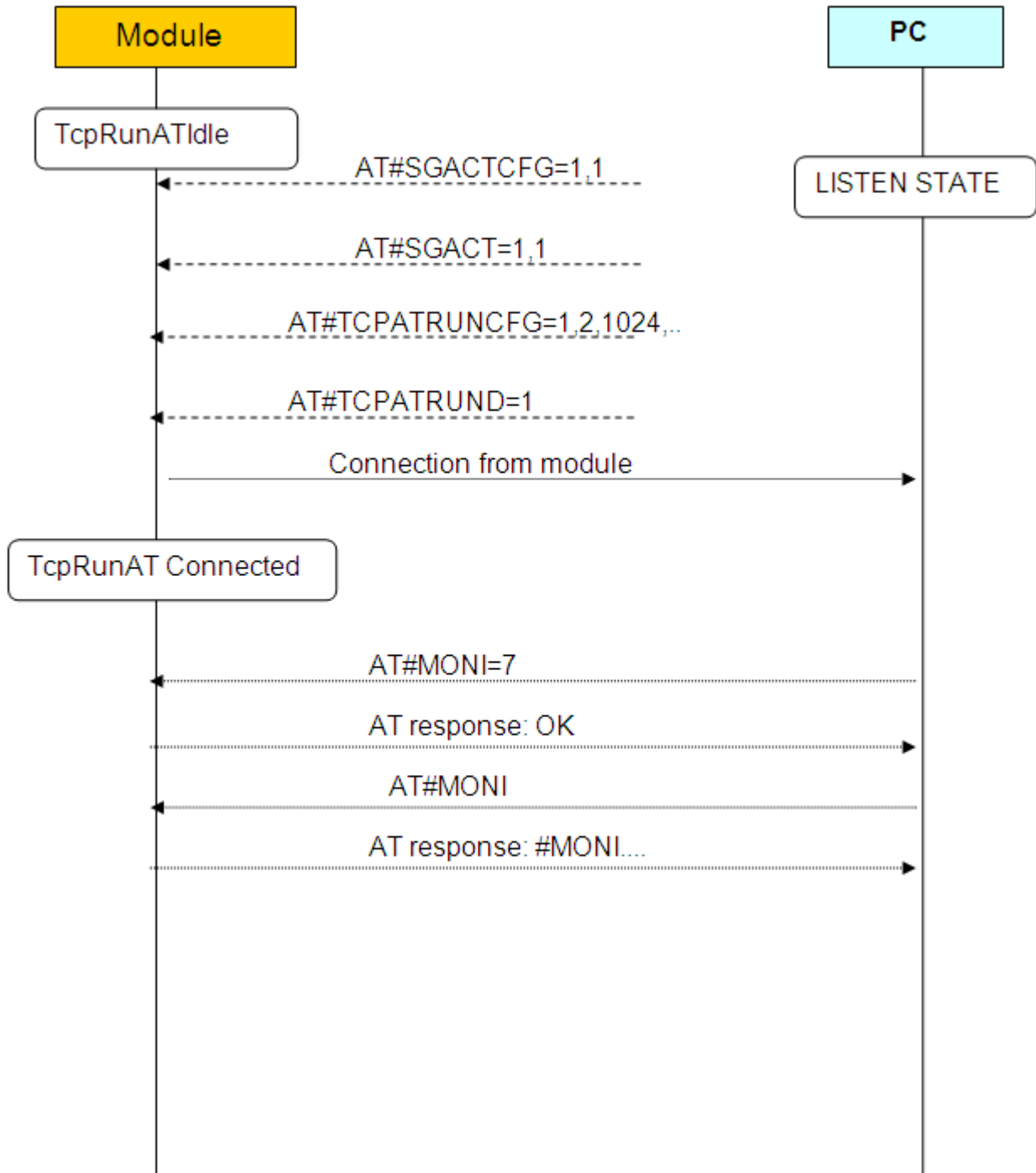
Login successful.

From this moment AT commands sent by the server are parsed by the module.

Also in this case, if the couple *Username* – *Password* is not included in the authentication parameters list, or if the timeout expires without receiving a parameter, the module will close the connection.



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port will be sent to the remote PC via TCP/IP (and vice-versa). This connection is opened issuing the command `AT#TCPATCONSER=<port>,<rate>` from the TCP ATRUN instance.

After this command has been issued, if no error has occurred, then a “CONNECT” will be returned from module to advise that the TCP ATRUN instance is in *online mode* and connected to the port specified.

To exit from online mode and close the connection, the escape sequence (the default is “+++”) has to be sent on the TCP ATRUN instance, taking into account that the escape sequence needs to be sent in one single packet. (So the use of Telnet for Windows, sending every single byte in a TCP packet, is not appropriate in this case).

3.6 Locally socket closing

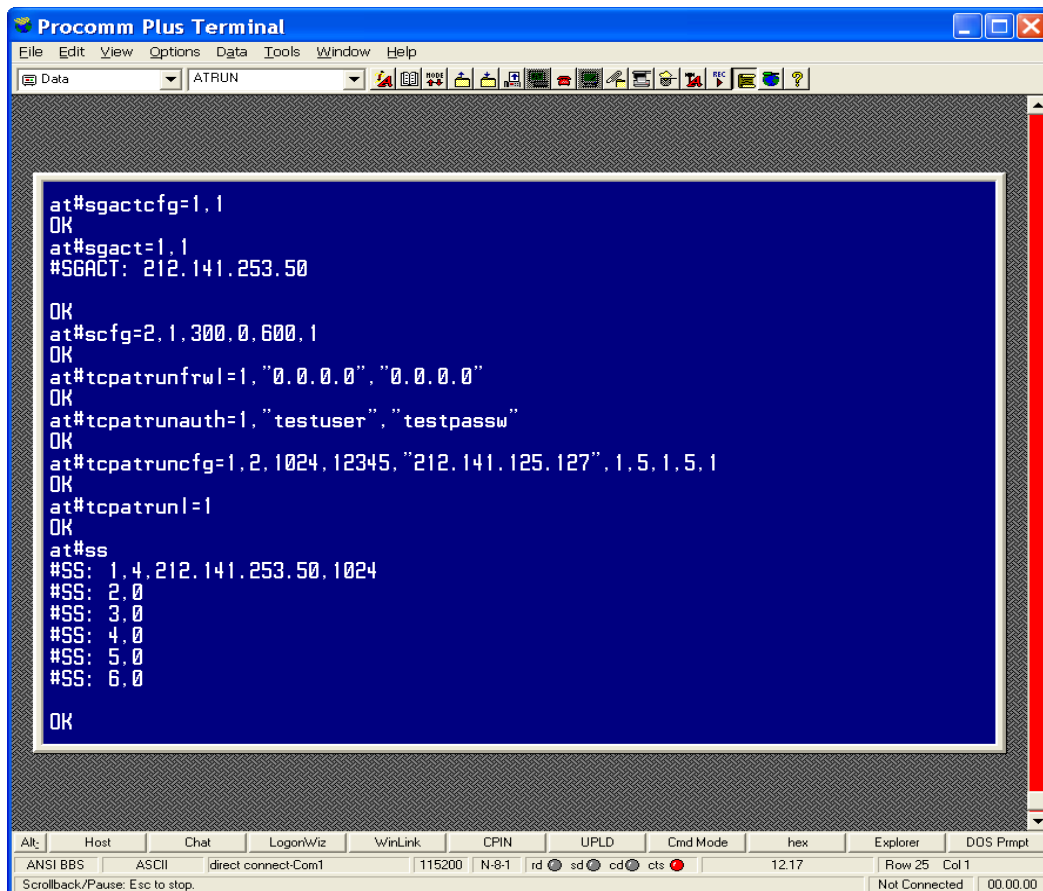
In a situation where the remote PC doesn't close the socket, it's important to permit to locally close the socket. In order to close the connection, the `AT#TCPATRUNCLOSE` command has to be called: the TCP ATRUN status is still enabled after this command, so the service re-starts automatically.



3.7 Examples

3.7.1 TCP ATRUN in server mode and AT commands

Remote Mobile



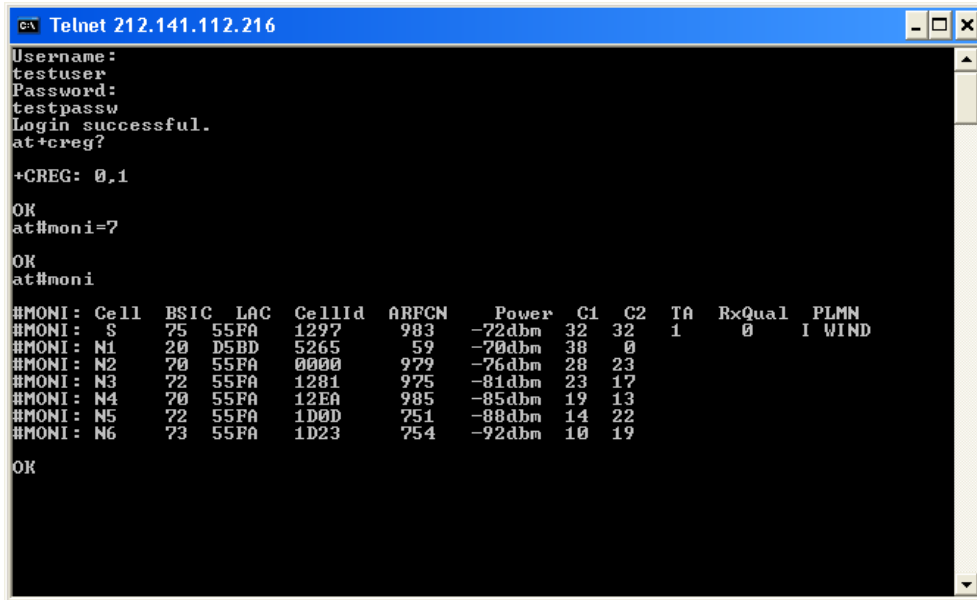
```

Procomm Plus Terminal
File Edit View Options Data Tools Window Help
Data ATRUN
at#sgactcfg=1,1
OK
at#sgact=1,1
#SGACT: 212.141.253.50
OK
at#scfg=2,1,300,0,600,1
OK
at#tccpatrunfrwl=1,"0.0.0.0","0.0.0.0"
OK
at#tccpatrunauth=1,"testuser","testpassw"
OK
at#tccpatruncfg=1,2,1024,12345,"212.141.125.127",1,5,1,5,1
OK
at#tccpatrunl=1
OK
at#ss
#SS: 1,4,212.141.253.50,1024
#SS: 2,0
#SS: 3,0
#SS: 4,0
#SS: 5,0
#SS: 6,0
OK
Alt Host Chat Logon/Wiz WinLink CPIN UPLD Cmd Mode hex Explorer DOS Prmpt
ANSI BBS ASCII direct connect-Com1 115200 N-8-1 rd sd cts 12.17 Row 25 Col 1
Scrollback/Pause: Esc to stop. Not Connected 00.00.00
  
```



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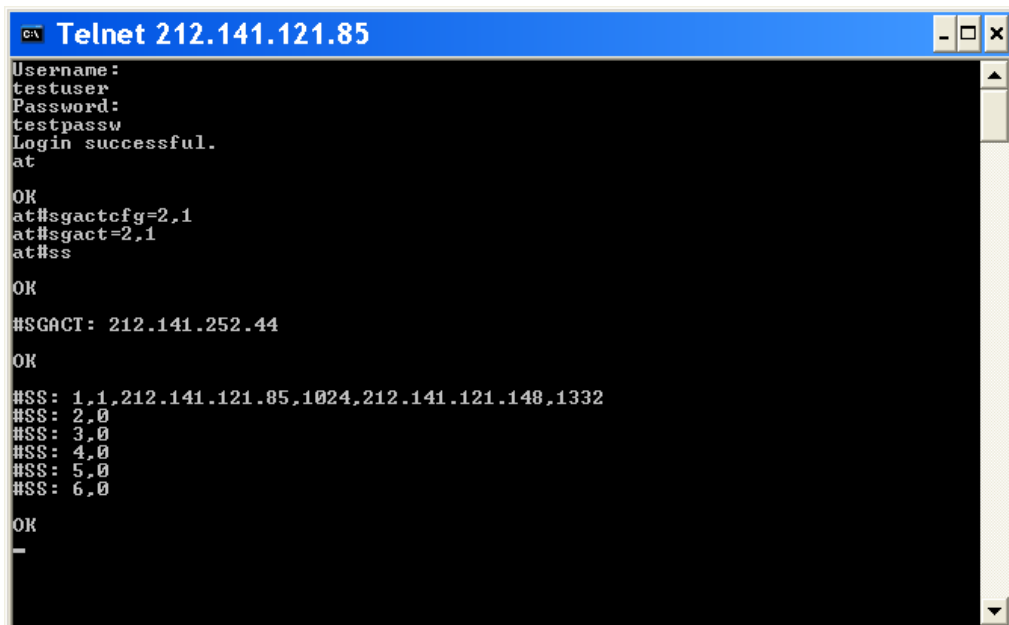
PC (telnet)



```

C:\> Telnet 212.141.112.216
Username:
testuser
Password:
testpassw
Login successful.
at+creg?
+CREG: 0,1
OK
at#moni=7
OK
at#moni
#MONI: Cell BSIC LAC CellId ARFCN Power C1 C2 TA RxQual PLMN
#MONI: S 75 55FA 1297 983 -72dbm 32 32 1 0 I WIND
#MONI: N1 20 D5BD 5265 59 -70dbm 38 0
#MONI: N2 70 55FA 0000 979 -76dbm 28 23
#MONI: N3 72 55FA 1281 975 -81dbm 23 17
#MONI: N4 70 55FA 12EA 985 -85dbm 19 13
#MONI: N5 72 55FA 1D0D 751 -88dbm 14 22
#MONI: N6 73 55FA 1D23 754 -92dbm 10 19
OK
  
```

3.7.2 TCPATCMDSEQ feature



```

C:\> Telnet 212.141.121.85
Username:
testuser
Password:
testpassw
Login successful.
at
OK
at#sgactcfg=2,1
at#sgact=2,1
at#ss
OK
#SGACT: 212.141.252.44
OK
#SS: 1,1,212.141.121.85,1024,212.141.121.148,1332
#SS: 2,0
#SS: 3,0
#SS: 4,0
#SS: 5,0
#SS: 6,0
OK
  
```





ALERTS:

Some AT commands can fail if set through ATRUN service, due to an interaction of the AT command execution with the SMS service in case of SMS ATRUN, or to an interaction of the AT command execution with the GPRS in case of TCP ATRUN. These problems can be avoided inserting a delay before AT command execution (e.g. AT+COPS=? using TCP ATRUN).

This delay is set through the command AT#ATRUNDELAY:

AT#ATRUNDELAY=0,5 sets for TCP ATRUN commands a delay of 5 seconds

AT#ATRUNDELAY=1,5 sets for SMS ATRUN commands a delay of 5 seconds

Once set, the delay is valid till a new AT#ATRUNDELAY is issued.

Some other commands can block the AT command sending-AT command response receiving mechanism if set through ATRUN service, see below.

3.8 TCP ATRUN

3.8.1 Delays

The following table shows the suggested delays (in seconds) for TCP ATRUN.

AT+COPS=?	10
AT#CSURV	10
AT#CSURVC	
AT#CSURVU	
AT#CSURVUC	
AT#CSURVB	
AT#CSURVBC	
AT#CSURVP	
AT#CSURVPC	



3.9.2 Notes

- 1) To send AT\x and AT^xxx commands it is necessary to set the outgoing SMS's Data Coding Scheme (DCS) so that they are 8 bits coded, because characters ` ` and `^` are not included in the standard GSM 7 bit alphabet. AT#SMSMODE must be set to 1, and the SMS text must be in hexadecimal format; the answer SMS received to the sent command is also 8 bit coded (hexadecimal format);
- 2) AT#REBOOT and AT#SHDN commands do not send back the answer SMS before powering down the "module in the field";
- 3) AT#SIMDET=0, AT+CGDATA="PPP",1, AT#FTPPUT, AT\$GPSNMUN=3, ATQ1 and ATQ2 commands cause a block of the SMS exchange mechanism, until the "module in the field" reboots after timeout set with AT#SMSATRUNCFG command expires;
- 4) AT+CMUX=0, AT#BND=3, AT+CFUN=2 and AT+CFUN=4 commands cause an irreversible block of the SMS exchange mechanism;
- 5) AT+CGCLASS="CG" and AT+CGSMS=0 commands cause an irreversible block of the SMS exchange mechanism, until a new AT+CGCLASS or AT+CGSMS command is sent with TCP ATRUN;
- 6) enabling of FDN phonebook in the "module in the field" causes an irreversible block of the SMS exchange mechanism if the "mobile" phone number is not in the FDN list; FDN must then be disabled using TCP ATRUN;
- 7) if ATD command is sent to the "module in the field" to start a data call the response SMS, containing the CONNECT or NO CARRIER result, is received only after the call has been disconnected by the called party;
- 8) AT#SKTD, AT#SKTL:
Initial setting for TCPATRUN service(through AT#TCPATRUNCFG) has to be done:
<connId> different from <muxInstance>.
- 9) AT#QDNS:
 - a) Initial setting for TCPATRUN service(through AT#TCPATRUNCFG) has to be done:
<muxInstance> = 1.
 - b) Initial setting by the command AT#SCFG has to be done:
<connId> set for TPCATRUN service(through AT#TCPATRUNCFG) has to be associated to a <cid> different from 1.



