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1 Scope

The present document identifies the 3GPP system specifications for Release 8. The specifications and reports of 3GPP Release 8 have a major version number 8 (i.e. 8.x.y). The listed Specifications are required to build a system based on UTRAN radio technology.

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[1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".

[2] 3GPP TR 21.900: "Technical Specification Group working methods".

3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TS 21.905 [1] apply.

4 General

The numbering scheme for specifications is described in 3GPP TR 21.900 [2].

5 Specifications and Reports

The list of Technical Specifications and Technical Reports can be found at <https://portal.3gpp.org/Specifications.aspx?q=1&tbid=All&releases=182&draft=False&underCC=True&withACC=False&withBCC=False&tech=2&numberNYA=False>

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TSG SA#	Version	CR	Tdoc SA	New Version	Subject/Comment
SP-12	3GPP TS 21.103 version 0.0.0	-	SP-010275	3GPP TS 21.103 version 0.1.0	First draft
	0.1.0		SP-010382	1.0.0	table of specs revised
SP-13	1.0.0		SP-010418	1.1.0	table of specs revised
SP-15	1.1.0		SP-020095	1.2.0	table of specs revised; columns to show freeze status added
SP-15	1.2.0		SP-020202	2.0.0	table of specs revised
SP-16	2.0.0		SP-020271	2.1.0	table of specs revised
	2.1.0		SP-020398	2.2.0	table of specs revised
	2.2.0		SP-020410		table of specs revised; unknown freeze target dates blanked
				5.0.0	approved
SP-17	5.0.0	001 r1	SP-020628	5.1.0	updates lists of specs, editorial corrections to titles of specs
SP-18	5.1.0	002 r1	SP-020831	5.2.0	Correction to list of specs, editorial corrections to titles of specs
SP-19	5.2.0	003 r1	SP-030077	5.3.0	Correction to list of specs, editorial corrections to titles of specs
SP-20	3GPP TS 21.103 version 5.3.0	004	SP-030229	3GPP TS 21.101 version 5.4.0	Correction to list of specs
			SP-030235		Renummer from 21.103 to 21.101
SP-22	5.4.0	017	SP-030574	5.5.0	Correction to list of specs, editorial corrections to spec titles
SP-23	5.5.0	020 r2	SP-040221	5.6.0	Corrections to list of specifications
SP-24	5.6.0	021 r1	SP-040358	5.7.0	Corrections to list of specifications
SP-26	5.7.0	025 r1	SP-040880	6.0.0	Corrections to list of specifications
SP-27	6.0.0	029	SP-050126	6.1.0	Corrections to list of specifications
SP-28	6.1.0	031 r1	SP-050356	6.2.0	Corrections to list of specifications
SP-29	6.2.0	032	SP-050470	6.3.0	Change instances of Release 5 to Release 6
		033	SP-050462		Corrections to list of specifications
SP-30	6.3.0	034 r1	SP-050845	6.4.0	Corrections to list of specifications
post SP-31	6.4.0			6.4.1	Correction to title of reference to 21.900. Correction to spec list table entries for 23.125 and 32.251 to show that the <i>are</i> intended for SDO publication.
post SP-31	6.4.1			6.4.2	Corrects cover date.
SP-34	6.4.2	038	SP-060901	6.5.0	Correction to list of Specs and minor editorials
SP-35	6.5.0	038	SP-070188	6.6.0	Corrections to list of specifications
SP-36	6.6.0	041	SP-070344	6.7.0	Corrections to list of specifications
SP-37	6.7.0	042	SP-070519	7.0.0	Upgrade to Rel-7
SP-38	7.0.0	047	SP-070770	7.1.0	Corrections to list of specifications
		052			Update of informative text
SP-40	7.1.0	053	SP-080435	7.2.0	Corrections to list of specifications
SP-42	7.2.0	054 r1	SP-080722	7.3.0	Corrections to list of specifications
SP-43	7.3.0	057 r1	SP-090033	8.0.0	List of Rel-8 specifications
SP-44	8.0.0	058 r1	SP-090382	8.1.0	Corrections to list of specifications
SP-46	8.1.0	064 r1	SP-090695	8.2.0	Corrections to list of specifications
SP-52	8.2.0	066	SP-110298	8.3.0	Correction to list of specs
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