



VW Transport Protocol 2.0 (TP 2.0) for CAN bus

CAN allows for data packets with a payload of up to 8 bytes, to send messages longer than 8 bytes it is necessary to use a transport protocol. The OBD-II specification for example makes use of ISO-TP (ISO 15765-2). Volkswagen however uses it's own transport protocol in its vehicles, known as VW TP 2.0.

This page gives a run down on how TP 2.0 works. Please note that there is an older VW TP 1.6 which was used in some vehicles. TP 1.6 is fairly similar but some of the parameters are fixed. Its also worth noting that I have worked all of this out from various presentations and documents that I have found on the net and from logging data. I have not had any access to the official documentation from VW so take any information with a grain of salt.

Typically the payload of TP 2.0 will be ISO 14230-3, Keyword Protocol 2000 (KWP2000) application layer messages.

The four message types

TP 2.0 works by opening data "channels" between two communicating devices. Once a channel is opened data packets can be exchanged by the two devices. To do this TP 2.0 uses four message types - broadcast, channel setup, channel parameters and data transmission.

Broadcast

The broadcast type has a fixed length of 7 bytes. It is sent 5 times in case of packet loss. Not sure what it is actually used for yet.

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Description	Dest	Opcode	KWP Data			Resp Req	Resp Req

Field description

Field	Description	
Dest	Logical address of destination module, e.g. 0x01 for the engine control unit	
Opcode	0x23	Broadcast request
	0x24	Broadcast response
KWP Data	KWP2000 SID and parameters	
Resp Req	0x00	Response expected
	0x55 or 0xAA	No response expected

Channel setup

The channel setup type has a fixed length of 7 bytes. It is used to establish a data channel between two modules.

The channel setup request message should be sent from CAN ID 0x200 and the response will sent with CAN ID 0x200 + the destination modules logical address e.g. for the engine control unit (0x01) the response would be 0x201.

The communication then switches to using the CAN IDs which were negotiated during channel setup.

You should request the destination module to transmit using CAN ID 0x300 to 0x310 and set the validity nibble for RX ID

to invalid. The VW modules seem to respond that you should transmit using CAN ID 0x740.

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Description	Dest	Opcode	RX ID	V	RX Pref	TX ID	V	TX Pref	App

Field description

Field	Description	
Dest	Logical address of destination module, e.g. 0x01 for the engine control unit	
Opcode	0xC0	Setup request
	0xD0	Positive response
	0xD6..0xD8	Negative response
RX ID	Tells destination module which CAN ID to listen to	
RX Pref	RX ID Prefix	
TX ID	Tells destination module which CAN ID to transmit from	
TX Pref	TX ID Prefix	
V	0x0	CAN ID is valid
	0x1	CAN ID is invalid
App	Application type, seems to always be 0x01 (maybe only for KWP)	

Channel parameters

The channel parameters type has a length of 1 or 6 bytes. It is used to setup parameters for an open channel and to send test, break and disconnect signals

You should send a parameters request straight after channel setup using the CAN IDs negotiated.

Byte	0
Description	Opcode

OR

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5
Description	Opcode	BS	T1	T2	T3	T4

Field description

Field	Description	
Opcode	0xA0	Parameters request, used for destination module to initiator (6 byte)
	0xA1	Parameters response, used for initiator to destination module (6 byte)
	0xA3	Channel test, response is same as parameters response. Used to keep channel alive. (1 byte)
	0xA4	Break, receiver discards all data since last ACK (1 byte)
	0xA8	Disconnect, channel is no longer open. Receiver should reply with a disconnect (1 byte)
BS	Block size, number of packets to send before expecting a ACK response	
T1	Timing parameter 1, time to wait for ACK. T1 should be greater than 4*T3	

T2	Timing parameter 2, always 0xFF
T3	Timing parameter 3, interval between two packets
T4	Timing parameter 4, always 0xFF

Timing parameters

Bits	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Description	Units			Scale				

Field description

Field	Description	
Units	0x0	0.1ms
	0x1	1ms
	0x2	10ms
	0x3	100ms
Scale	Number to scale the units by	

Data transmission

The data transmission type has a length of 2 to 8 bytes. It is used for the transmission of actual data/payload bytes.

Data transmission should only occur after channel setup and parameter negotiation.

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Description	Op	Seq	Payload					

Field description

Field	Description	
Op	0x0	Waiting for ACK, more packets to follow (i.e. reached max block size value as specified above)
	0x1	Waiting for ACK, this is last packet
	0x2	Not waiting for ACK, more packets to follow
	0x3	Not waiting for ACK, this is last packet
	0xB	ACK, ready for next packet
	0x9	ACK, not ready for next packet
Seq	Sequence number, increments up to 0xF then back to 0x0	
Payload	KWP2000 payload. The first 2 bytes of the first packet sent contain the length of the message.	

Example

This example shows how to open a channel to and read measuring block 1 from the engine control unit. Data values and the CAN IDs are in hex.

CAN ID	Data	Format	Description

200	01 C0 00 10 00 03 01	Chan setup	Initiate channel setup with ECU module, request it use CAN ID 0x300
201	00 D0 00 03 40 07 01	Chan setup	ECU module replies, says to use CAN ID 0x740
740	A0 0F 8A FF 32 FF	Chan param	Tell ECU module to send 16 packets at a time, and set timing parameters
300	A1 0F 8A FF 4A FF	Chan param	ECU module responds with its parameters
740	10 00 02 10 89	Data	Last packet, expecting ACK. Length is 2 bytes. Send KWP2000 startDiagnosticSession request 0x10 with 0x89 as a parameter
300	B1	Data	ECU sends ACK response.
300	10 00 02 50 89	Data	Last packet, expecting ACK. Length is 2 bytes. ECU sends KWP2000 positive response to startDiagnosticSession
740	B1	Data	We send ACK response.
740	11 00 02 21 01	Data	Last packet, expecting ACK. Length is 2 bytes. Send KWP2000 readDataByLocalIdentifier request 0x21 with 0x01 as a parameter
300	B2	Data	ECU sends ACK response.
300	21 00 1A 61 01 01 00 00	Data	Packet to follow, not expecting ACK. Length is 26 bytes. ECU sends KWP2000 positive response to readDataByLocalIdentifier followed by the requested data
300	22 27 00 00 22 00 80 1A	Data	Packet to follow, not expecting ACK. KWP2000 data continued.
300	23 32 4B 25 02 7A 25 00	Data	Packet to follow, not expecting ACK. KWP2000 data continued.
300	14 00 25 00 00 25 00 00	Data	Last packet, expecting ACK. KWP2000 data continued.
740	B5	Data	We send ACK response.
740	A8	Chan param	We send disconnect.

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Comments

Boris replied on Wed, 2014-09-10 04:49 [PERMALINK \(/COMMENT/13#COMMENT-13\)](/COMMENT/13#COMMENT-13)

[THANK YOU \(/COMMENT/13#COMMENT-13\)](#)

Dear Jared,

With this I would like to thank you for creating this page. It helped me A LOT when implementing the VW TP protocol in my project: I created hard- and software for communicating with my car, reading sensor values from CANBUS and provide the values as SNMP OIDs. Then I created an Android app for requesting the values by SNMP and displaying them on the smartphone using wifi. I am not sure, if I made it without your excellent explanation :-). Good information sources seems to be rare for these car protocols...

If anybody is interested he may visit <https://www.bock-systems.de> (<https://www.bock-systems.de>) (so far only in German)

Thanks and regards
Boris.

Jared Wiltshire replied on Thu, 2014-09-11 12:10 [PERMALINK \(/COMMENT/14#COMMENT-14\)](#)

[THANKS FOR THE KIND WORDS \(/COMMENT/14#COMMENT-14\)](#)

Thanks for the kind words. I had a look at your website and it looks like you have put a fair bit of work into it. I also used a BeagleBone to connect to my car, they are a great little board for this sort of project.

karl replied on Sat, 2014-09-13 02:31 [PERMALINK \(/COMMENT/15#COMMENT-15\)](#)

[TP2.0 ACTUATOR CONTROL \(/COMMENT/15#COMMENT-15\)](#)

Hi!
I am looking for a solution to actuate actuator motors for the dor locking system.
E.g. unlocking the door locking motors works fine, but how to lock them via diagnostic request?
Which channel should be the right one and where is the status information locked or unlocked?
Any hints are appreciated.

Thanks,
Karl

Master_Den replied on Thu, 2014-11-06 01:10 [PERMALINK \(/COMMENT/25#COMMENT-25\)](#)

[TP2.0 ACTUATOR CONTROL \(/COMMENT/25#COMMENT-25\)](#)

TJA CAN transiever and logic analyser will very help to you.)))

Sergey replied on Mon, 2014-12-08 09:56 [PERMALINK \(/COMMENT/34#COMMENT-34\)](#)

[UNKNOWN TP2.0 MESSAGE FORMAT \(/COMMENT/34#COMMENT-34\)](#)

I study different OBD scanners' HLP (High Layer Protocols) abilities.
I force the scanner under test to connect to different cars (choose different vendors and models in scanner options) without cars, just sniff scanners' attempts to connect and analyze the protocol type.
I faced with unknown message, that looks like TP2.0 protocol. But it does not fit the described format.

The example of unknown message:

ID: 0x200

Payload: 0x15C0A0

MyParseComment: SCANNER: TP2.0; DataTransmission; WaitAckLastPacket; SeqNum=0x5; AppData=0xC0A0;

The previous line(scanner attempt) from the same log-file:

ID: 0x200

Payload: 0x15C00010000301

MyParseComment: SCANNER: TP2.0; Dest=0x15; SetupRequest; RX_ID=0x000; TX_ID=0x300; CAN_ID_is_Invalid; AppType=0x01;

MyParseComment for unknown message is wrong of course. It is just a parse result. Scanner can't transmit data without channel setup. And the SeqNum can not start from 5. But the previous line message looks like true TP2.0 one.

Has anybody ever deal with such format?

PS: Jared, thank you for the blog-thread. The information about TP2.0 is so poor in web. Your page helps a lot.

Jared Wiltshire replied on Tue, 2014-12-09 10:41 [PERMALINK \(/COMMENT/35#COMMENT-35\)](#)

[HI SERGEY, I BELIEVE YOU ARE \(/COMMENT/35#COMMENT-35\)](#)

Hi Sergey, I believe you are looking at a TP 1.6 message. Have a look at page 24 of the "Diagnostics of electronic control units" document. You might want to run it through Google Translate -

<https://translate.google.com.au/translate?sl=auto&tl=en&js=y&prev=t&hl=...>

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Sergey replied on Wed, 2014-12-10 06:16 [PERMALINK \(/COMMENT/36#COMMENT-36\)](#)

[LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE RIGHT \(/COMMENT/36#COMMENT-36\)](#)

It's a pity the document is in Czech only. And the annexes are absent.

Anyway, looks like you are right. It seems to be a TP1.6 message.

I hope in few days I will pick-up VAG vehicle and capture request-response dialogue between scanner and vehicle to make it clear.

Thank you.

yuntianzheng replied on Fri, 2014-12-19 15:55 [PERMALINK \(/COMMENT/45#COMMENT-45\)](#)

[HI,THE MAIL COME FROM CHINA.I \(/COMMENT/45#COMMENT-45\)](#)

Hi,The mail come from china.I'm sorry, but my english is poor.

Today,I see your post on the Internet, about TP20.

Some things do not understand, want to get your help,Thank you!

eg.

(OBD diagnosis of monitoring :VW car--magton)

300 A1 0F 8A FF 4A FF 6

329 1C 00 02 21 05 5

300 BD 1

300 24 00 0E 61 05 06 64 79 8

300 25 10 50 40 25 00 32 25 8

300 16 00 A7 3

329 B7 1

329 1D 00 02 21 02 5

300 BE 1

300 27 00 0E 61 02 25 00 B3 8

300 28 25 00 B2 25 00 B2 25 8

300 19 00 B2 3

329 BA 1

329 A3 1

300 A1 0F 8A FF 4A FF 6

329 1E 00 02 21 05 5

300 BF 1

300 2A 00 0E 61 05 06 64 77 8

300 2B 10 50 40 25 00 32 25 8

300 1C 00 A7 3
 329 BD 1
 329 1F 00 02 21 02 5
 300 B0 1
 300 2D 00 0E 61 02 25 00 B4 8
 300 2E 25 00 B4 25 00 B4 25 8
 300 1F 00 B4 3
 329 B0 1

/***** not understand:Start

74A 03 22 18 0F 00 00 00 00 8
 7B4 04 62 18 0F 1C AA AA AA 8
 74A 10 08 2F 04 0C 03 FF 01 8
 7B4 30 0F 05 AA AA AA AA AA 8
 74A 21 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 8
 7B4 10 08 6F 04 0C 03 FF 01 8
 74A 30 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 8
 7B4 21 00 00 AA AA AA AA AA 8

*****/ not understand:END

I mean: what is this section of data mean? How?

200 21 C0 00 10 00 03 01 7
 221 00 D7 00 00 28 03 01 7
 200 21 C0 00 10 00 03 01 7
 221 00 D7 00 00 28 03 01 7
 200 21 C0 00 10 00 03 01 7
 221 00 D7 00 00 28 03 01 7
 300 A3 1
 200 21 C0 00 10 00 03 01 7
 221 00 D7 00 00 28 03 01 7
 200 21 C0 00 10 00 03 01 7
 221 00 D7 00 00 28 03 01 7
 200 21 C0 00 10 00 03 01 7
 221 00 D7 00 00 28 03 01 7
 200 21 C0 00 10 00 03 01 7
 221 00 D7 00 00 28 03 01 7
 300 A3

Thank you once again !

Bogdan Simionescu replied on Fri, 2015-02-20 23:40 [PERMALINK \(/COMMENT/49#COMMENT-49\)](#)

[SNIFFING STEERING WHEEL COMANDS WITH ELM 327 \(/COMMENT/49#COMMENT-49\)](#)

Hi. I admire you for the information you have posted about vw-kwp2000 protocols.

I am on the way of installing a nexus 7 in my audi a4 b7 dashboard instead of the audi 2 din symphony unit. What I would like to do is to listen to the comands that my steering wheel comands sends on the can bus to the radio, and make the tablet respond to those comands and do simple things like music play, pause, next and back. something like in the link below :<http://theksmith.com/technology/hack-vehicle-bus-cheap-easy-part-2/> (<http://theksmith.com/technology/hack-vehicle-bus-cheap-easy-part-2/>).

for that i have a bluetooth elm 327 dongle and i have managed to install realterm on my laptop so that i can send at commands to the dongle.

Can you help me by telling me which broadcast id to listen to in order to get the ids of the steering wheels buttons beeing pressed?

Or if you are kind enough to help me and tell me an email adress where we can discuss this if you are willing to help me.

Aurélien replied on Sat, 2015-02-28 04:39 [PERMALINK \(/COMMENT/50#COMMENT-50\)](#)

[ISOTP OR TP2.0 \(/COMMENT/50#COMMENT-50\)](#)

Hi, I have a volkswagen polo 5 6R of 2010 and I manage to send request and receive response of pid mode1. My code is based on uds and isotp that I have found on internet. But I don't know exactly what is protocol my car use.

An example that work for my car: mode 1 pid5

My request: id: 0x7df or 0x7e0, data: 0x02, 0x01, 0x05, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00.

Response: id: 0x7e8 data: 0x03, 0x41, 0xXX, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00.

Is my car can used both transport protocol according can identifier?

Thanks

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