



# Using KNX Secure in ETS5 Principles & Details

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# Introduction

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## Introduction

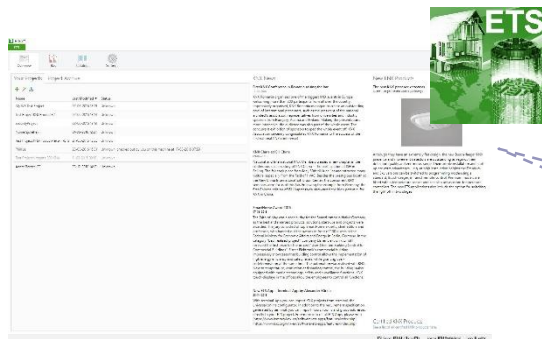


## KNX Secure Today

At the L+B 2016, KNX presented and announced the new KNX Secure. Since the release of ETS 5.5 version in April 2016, ETS supports this extension to the KNX Standard.

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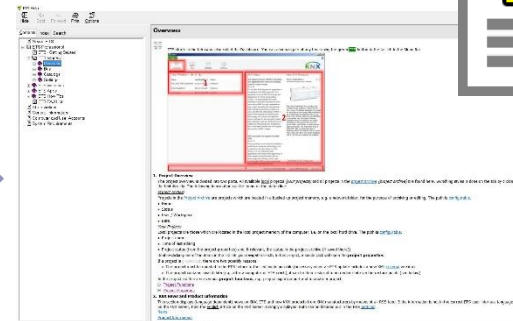
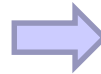
The KNX Secure features presented here are also described in detail in the corresponding ETS 5.5 Help file. If so, a reference to the respective help item is given in this presentation.



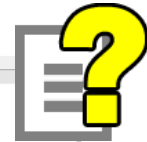
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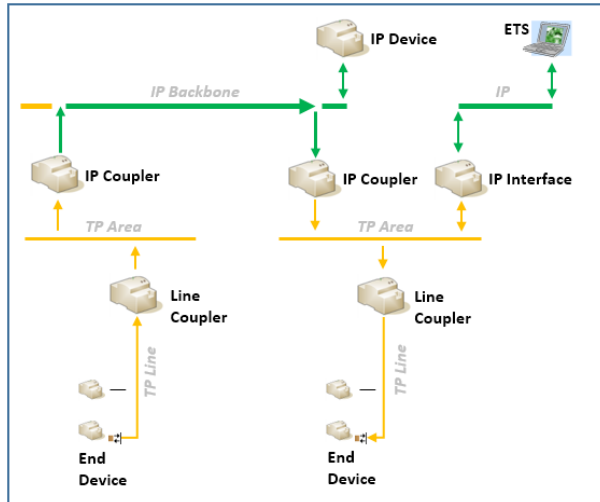
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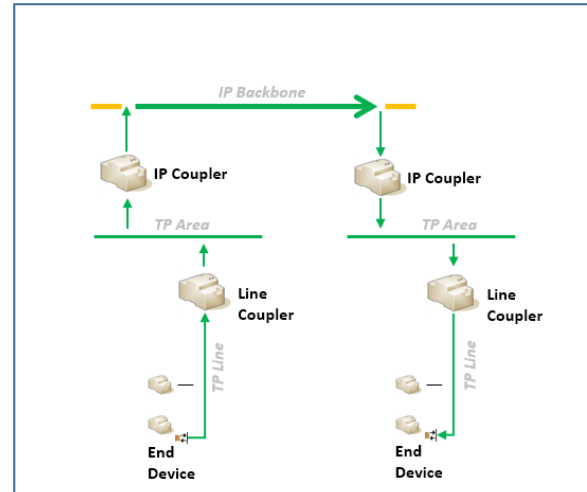
## KNX Secure Overview

### KNX IP Secure



All KNX telegrams between the two (or more) IP Couplers are encrypted

### KNX Data Secure



The group communication of a particular sender (one or more group objects) to another group object(s) is encrypted

— Unsecured communication  
— Secured communication

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## KNX Secure Facts

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### KNX Secure Application Scope

KNX Secure covers the following main application scenarios in a KNX installation.

- Secure Communication on IP
- Secure Communication between end devices across media
- Secure Communication during configuration

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### KNX Secure Attack Vectors

The following threat scenarios or possible attacks on the KNX system are effectively thwarted by KNX Security:

- Telegram Repetition
- Telegram Manipulation
- Telegram Visibility

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## KNX Secure Facts



### KNX Secure used algorithms

KNX Secure uses AES128 CCM for encryption/ authentication and elliptic curve Diffie-Hellman for a secure key exchange

- *Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)* is a standard encryption algorithm (ISO/IEC 18033-3)

Block size: 128 bit

Key size: 128 bit, 192 bit or 256 bit

Consists of:

- Substituting bytes
- Shifting rows
- Mixing columns
- Add round key

Several animations exist on the Internet (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlzxpkdX>), [usage in KNX \(KNX IP Secure\)](#)

- Elliptic curve Diffie- Hellman key exchange is a worldwide standardized and widely used algorithm to share a common secret key on an unsecure communication channel

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# Using KNX Secure in ETS5

## KNX Secure Facts



### Security of ETS KNX Projects with KNX Secure #1

- Every ETS project using KNX Secure requires increased security “level” for the project data itself (not allowed to view passwords used in project) → ETS projects therefore need to be password protected



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- ETS displays the required password strength.

Set Project Password  
Andre Berger-GE

A good password should consist of at least eight characters, at least one number, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter ✓, and have a special character.

New Password  
.....

Weak

Confirm Password

Set Project Password  
Andre Berger-GE

A good password should consist of at least eight characters ✓, at least one number, one uppercase letter ✓, one lowercase letter ✓, and have a special character.

New Password  
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Very good

Confirm Password



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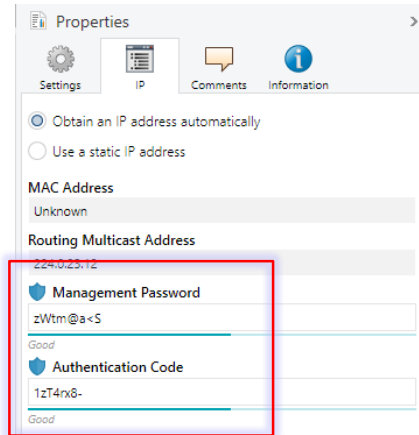
# Using KNX Secure in ETS5

## KNX Secure Facts



### Security of ETS KNX Projects with KNX Secure #2

- Every KNX Secure device used in a secure way in a ETS project also has individual passwords. Also here ETS displays the password strength in a proper way.



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## KNX Secure Facts



### Keys in an ETS KNX Project with KNX Secure #1

- When using KNX Secure features of devices, a individual device and/ or the IP backbone key for the “secure” communication needs to be maintained. These keys are stored and maintained by ETS in a safe way, even when projects are exported.

SecurityProject

Details Security Project Log Project Files

Export  
Export Keyring

Device Certificates  
+ Add

Serial Number	Factory Key	Device
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Device (individual) Keys



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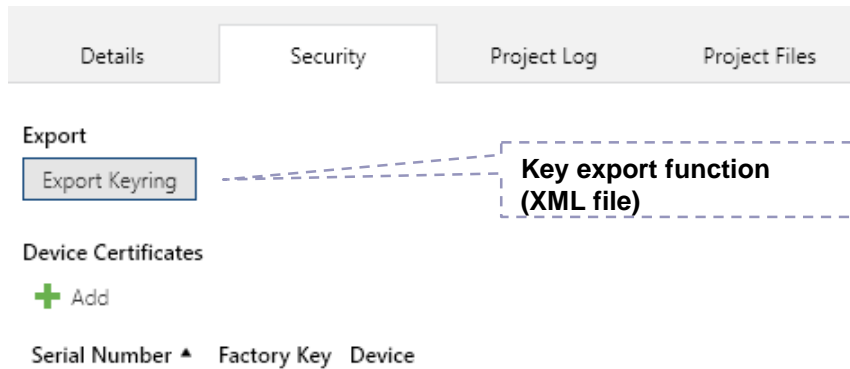
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## KNX Secure Facts



### Keys in an ETS KNX Project with KNX Secure #2

- Monitoring a KNX (Secure) installation → for a valid use case (e.g. external visualization) it is necessary to get hold of the keys used in the ETS project in a (secured) way → key ring exported file



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# KNX Secure Types

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## KNX Secure Types

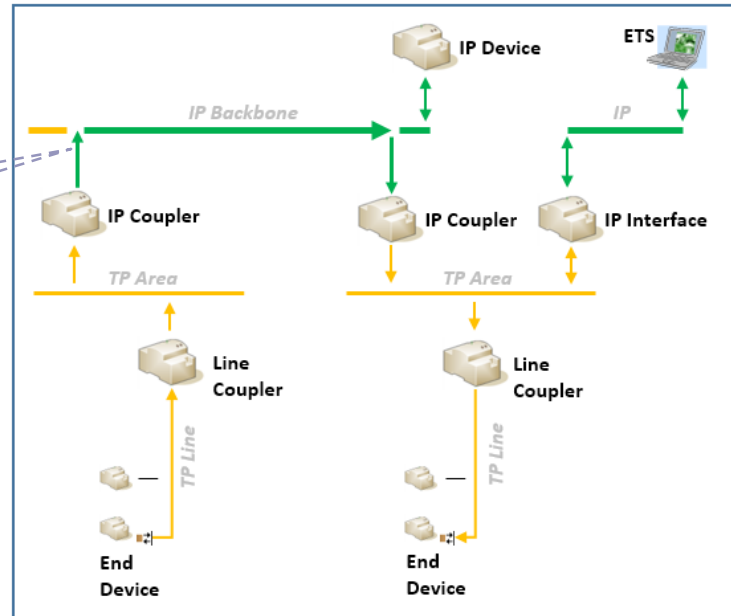


### KNX IP Secure, Technology

KNX IP Secure encrypts the entire KNXnet/IP frame.

All KNX telegrams between two (or more) IP Couplers are **SECURED**

- Unsecured communication
- Secured communication



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## KNX Secure Types

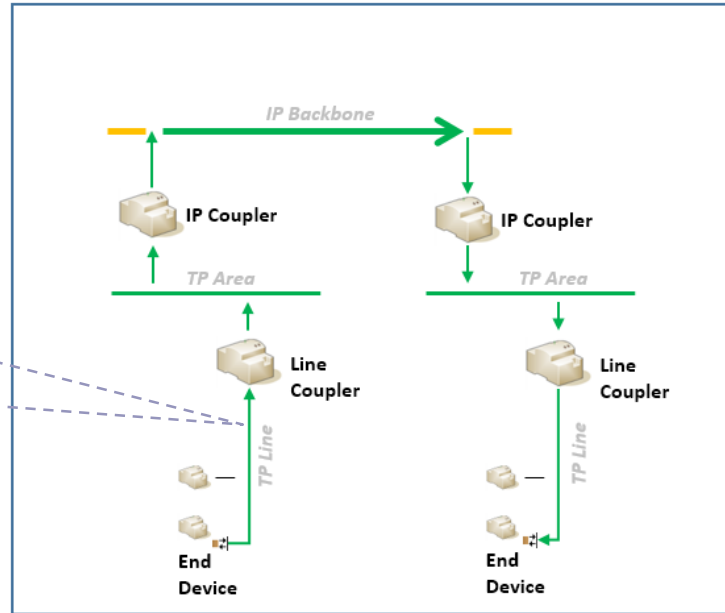


### KNX Data Secure, Technology

KNX Data Secure only encrypts the APCI and the payload.

The group communication of a particular sender (one/ more group objects) to another group object(s) is **SECURED**

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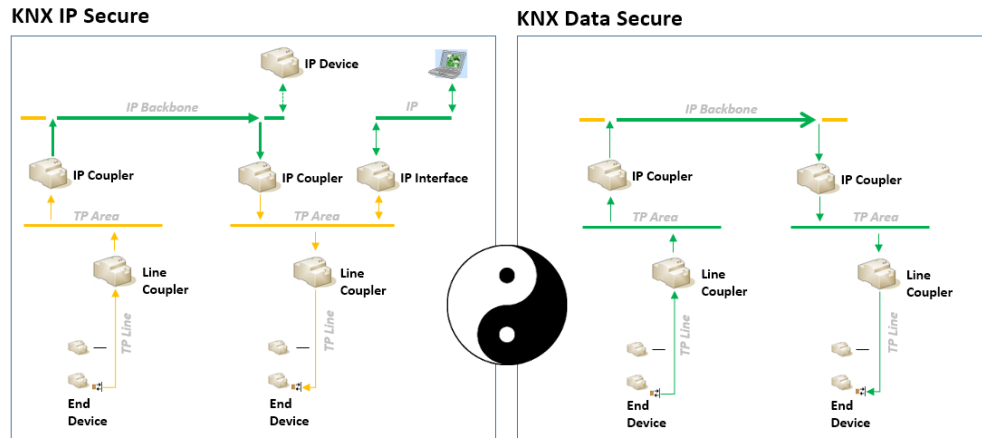
## KNX Secure Types



### KNX Secure, Combined

**KNX IP Secure** and **KNX Data Secure** can be combined in an ETS project/ installation.

ETS handles key management/ distribution, establishes 'secure links' and downloads these links in KNX Secure devices independent of the KNX Secure types.



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# KNX Secure in ETS5



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## KNX Secure in ETS5

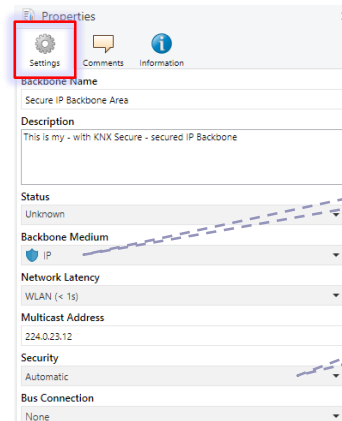
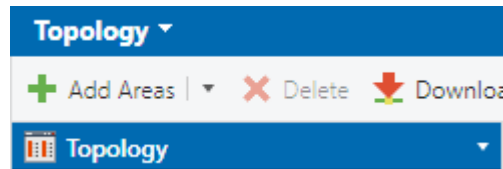


### KNX IP Secure, IP Backbone

The KNX secure level of the backbone itself is part of the **backbone** properties.

- Possible levels are **On/ Off/ Automatic**. There are dependencies between this level and devices on the backbone (e.g. the need to download such devices also *secure* when backbone is secure)

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Current backbone status  
(shown by icon)

Required backbone level

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## KNX Secure in ETS5

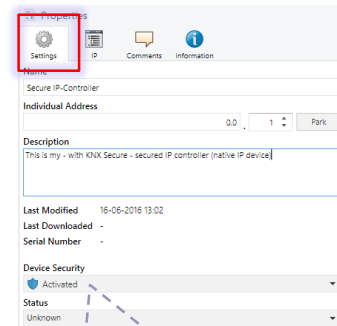
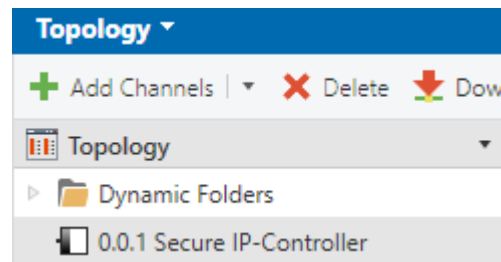


### KNX IP Secure, IP Devices

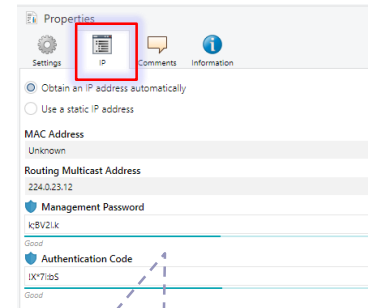
The KNX secure level of IP **devices** (e.g. on the backbone) is part of the **device** properties.

- Possible levels are **Activated/ Deactivated**. There are dependencies between this level and the backbone (e.g. the need to set the Level to **Activated** for such devices when backbone is secure)

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**Required device security level**



**Device management passwords**

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## KNX Secure in ETS5



### KNX IP Secure, IP Interfaces

The KNX secure level of IP interfaces is (also) part of the **device** properties.

- For external (visualization) access via (additional) interfaces Individual Addresses, an interface password and a GA explicitly assigned to the interface is needed (passwords can be made available via **Export Keyring**, see previous slide 10)



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**Accessible GA over 1.1.1**

**Password for interface with 1.1.2**

# Using KNX Secure in ETS5

## KNX Secure in ETS5



### KNX Data Secure, Group Addresses

The KNX secure level of a group address is part of the **GA** properties.

- Possible levels are **On/ Off/ Automatic**. There are dependencies between this level and the GAs assigned to the GOs (e.g. the need to download such devices also *secure* when the GA is secure)

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The screenshot shows the ETS5 Group Address Panel on the left and the Properties dialog on the right. In the Group Address Panel, a table lists group addresses with their security levels. A red box highlights the security level icon for '0/0/2 My secured GA'. A blue arrow points from this icon to the Properties dialog, where a red box highlights the 'Settings' tab. Below the Properties dialog, a dashed box contains the text 'Required device security level'.

Security	Address	Name
0/0/1	0/0/1	My external GA
0/0/2	0/0/2	My secured GA

Required device security level

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## KNX Secure in ETS5

### KNX Data Secure, Group Addresses

#### Scene “Besenkammer”, simple Example

- **KNX Secure** Device is configured by ETS in a secure way

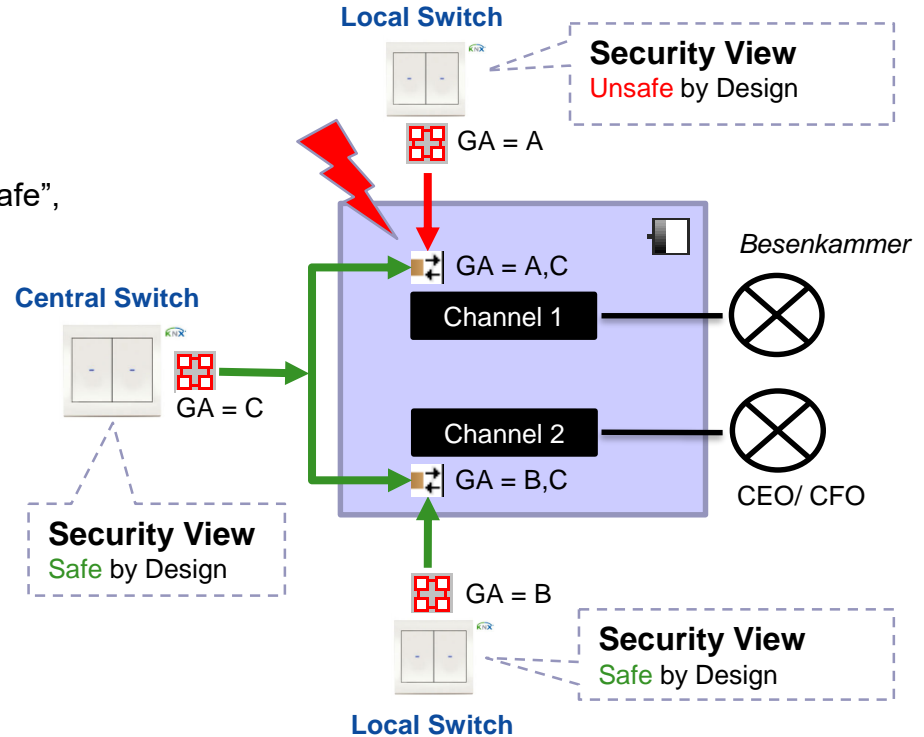
⚡ ETS 5.5.0 starts with “all associations must be safe”, when discussion with KSG/ members is finished we are able to allow such “Mixed Associations” → Links are done via ASSOC Table!

Allowing such an scenario (is possible with KNX Secure specification) has

#### PRO/ CONS

- Opens a backdoor
- Owns “uncontrollable” dependencies
- Reuse existing (non secure) (switch) devices
- Cost sensitive extension of existing installation with secure functions

- Security inactive
- Security active



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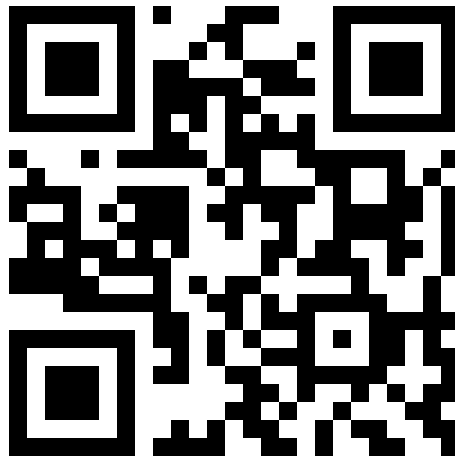
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### KNX Secure, Device Label

How to [label](#) them?

How to use labels (and *KNX Secure* devices) in ETS? → **Life Demo**



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## ETS Maintenance

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### Release ETS 5.5

**Version 5.5.0, delivery (12.04.16)** → Release Notes @ [www.knx.org](http://www.knx.org), tools section

- KNX Secure

**Version 5.5.2, delivery (08.07.16)** → Release Notes @ [www.knx.org](http://www.knx.org), tools section

- New features
  - *update of non certification relevant data*

- Bug correction

**Version 5.5.3, November 2016** → Final test workshop 29.11 - 30.11

- New features
  - *search field in dashboard*
  - *printing of panel detail view*
  - *serialization for Falcon connection properties*
  - ***Improved handling of KNX Secure devices***
- Bug correction

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## ETS Maintenance

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### Planned Future Extensions

Plug In “replacement strategy” for ETS Professional/ ETS Inside

- Details see chapter ETS Inside

Channel oriented design/ view for ETS Professional/ ETS Inside

- ETS test workshop; 29.11-30.11
- KNX Tech Day #2; 23.11

### KNX RF Multi (S-Mode)

- Improve reliability on RF media (up to 5 RF channels, 3 fast/ 2 slow) with fast acknowledge mechanism (ETS supports today RF Ready with one RF channel)
- Kick off KSG Class meeting (Frankfurt, 03 May 2016), online meeting + specification ongoing
- Implementation start depends on specification (RfV), finalization of current ETS and system subjects including resource/ budget availability



# Using KNX Secure in ETS5

## Summary

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**Feel free to contact us when  
experiencing open points, e.g. in ETS  
Help file!**

**Thanks!**