

Milan / Paylink Firmware Version Numbers.

Summary

Release 4.1.9.8 is the successor release to 4.1.9.6, and contains a few bug fix changes from that and no more. The release sequence for this feature set is: 2.1.9.5 -> 3.1.9.6 -> 4.1.9.6 -> 4.1.9.8

Release 3.1.10.1 is the successor release to 3.1.9.7, and contains a few bug fix changes from that and no more. The release sequence for this feature set is: 2.1.9.5 -> 3.1.9.6 -> 3.1.9.7 -> 3.1.10.1

Details / Explanation

AES firmware release are identified by a 4 part number, e.g. 4.1.9.8

The initial digit of this identifies the type of the release:

1. is an engineering / trial / uncontrolled release
2. is an initial release that should prove stable enough to start development
3. is a beta release that is believed to be stable enough to be used in a release to customers if the facilities it implements are essential
4. is a full release that has been through extensive testing and QA.

The second digit indicates the software function implemented on the hardware, it is not expected that Milan / Paylink will ever change from 1.

The third digit is intended to change whenever the target feature set changes.

The final digit increases whenever an initial / beta / full release is superseded.

The x.1.9.x series of release was started in October 2004 and had a target list of facilities. In summer 2005 a beta release, 3.1.9.6 was made, and development continued under the 1.1.9.7 labels, finishing in a beta release 3.1.9.7 in January 2006 which we were expecting to promote to 4.1.9.7 in the fullness of time.

Our users meanwhile were happy with feature set in 3.1.9.6 and requested a full tested / QA release, which was made under 4.1.9.6.

Since that time we have discovered some minor, but significant bugs in both releases and need to release new versions of both.

4.1.9.6 would normally move up to 4.1.9.7 - but that would appear to be part of the feature set implemented in 3.1.9.7. We have therefore redefined the x.1.9.x to contain the feature set seen in 3.1.9.6, which makes all the x.1.9.7 release an aberration.

The feature set seen in x.1.9.7 now becomes the target feature set for x.1.10.x.