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Network Settings

A device with external Quectel BG96 modem is named FMMxxx.

Quectel BG96 has different connection sequence from firmware side compared to other modems.

Network settings method is called on these occasions:

1. The modem is initialized.
2. The configuration has changed.
3. Periodically every 60 seconds after startup.

On each network, settings call changes are checked. The firmware sends configuration commands when they change. The on-device startup, all these commands are always sent as we don't know whether they have changed.

The screenshot shows a 'Network Settings' menu with three sections:

- Network mode**: A list with 'Auto' (highlighted in blue) and '4G' (grey).
- IOT Network mode**: A list with 'CAT-M1' (grey), 'CAT-M1 & NB-IOT' (highlighted in blue), and 'NB-IOT' (grey).
- Band selection mode**: A list with 'Auto' (highlighted in blue) and 'Manual' (grey).

LTE bands

Quectel BG96 modem has 14 LTE network bands. According to Quectel, each band can take up to 5 minutes to scan. To improve scan speed geographic bands have been implemented.

Geographic bands are functionality that sets (changes) configuration bands according to the device's GPS location. Functionality is only active when band selection mode is "Auto". It is run from network settings method (see above).

Bands by location		
Location	Abreviation	Bands set
the United States of America	US	B2 B4 B12 B13
Europe	EU	B3 B8 B20
Korea	KR	B3 B5
Australia	AU	B3 B28
The Middle East	ET	B3 B8 B28

Japan

JP

B1 B8 B18 B19

China

CH

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Operator connection

The device saves to memory last seen operator and its' network type. When there is no operator attached, the device tries to attach to the last seen operator on 4G IoT network mode. If the connection fails, the device clears last seen operator from memory and starts a new operator search. The same sequence happens when the preferred operator is given (configured), but instead of clearing the operator, the device each time connecting first tries to connect to preferred operator.