Introduction
This document describes the BLE Profiles application for X-CUBE-BLE1.

X-CUBE-BLE1 provides the complete STM32 middleware to build applications based on Bluetooth Low Energy. It is highly portable across different MCU families thanks to STM32Cube.

The software:

- provides implementation examples for STM32 Nucleo platforms equipped with the X-NUCLEO-IDB04A1/X-NUCLEO-IDB05A1 STM32 expansion boards
- is based on STM32Cube technology and extends STM32Cube-based packages

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<td>IDE</td>
<td>Integrated development environment</td>
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<td>Low power manager</td>
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2 BLE profile application for X-CUBE-BLE1, expansion for STM32Cube

This section describes the BLE Profiles sample application running on the STM32 Nucleo board when connected to an X-NUCLEO-IDB04A1 or X-NUCLEO-IDB05A1 STM32 expansion boards. The application is included in the STM32Cube firmware for X-CUBE-BLE1.

The current software release provides support for many standard profiles and for Apple notification center service.

The supported slave profiles (peripheral role) are:
- Alert notification service
- Blood pressure service
- Find me target
- Glucose service
- Health thermometer service
- Heart rate service
- Human interface device service (not supported by STM32 Nucleo-L053R8)
- Proximity reporter
- Time server

The supported master profiles (central role) are:
- Alert notification client
- Blood pressure collector
- Find me locator
- Glucose collector
- Health thermometer collector
- Heart rate collector
- Time client

The application is based on the standard GATT-based profiles (https://developer.bluetooth.org/TechnologyOverview/Pages/Profiles.aspx) described in the Bluetooth SIG specifications (refer to UM1873 available at www.st.com for details on BLE application development for STM32 Nucleo boards connected to an X-NUCLEO-IDB04A1 or X-NUCLEO-IDB05A1 STM32 expansion boards).

The STM32 Nucleo board acts as the GAP peripheral device running the BLE Profiles application. It sends profile-related data to the GAP central device (the collector), which is an Android™/iOS™ smartphone in this case (refer to Section 5: “System setup guide” for details about system setup and configuration).

The following sub-sections briefly describe the interaction between the peripheral and the central devices for each BLE Profile.

2.1 Peripheral profile application

2.1.1 Alert notification service

The Alert Notification application runs the Alert Notification Profile described in the Bluetooth Profile Specifications. It exposes and enables the role of the Alert Notification Server (ANS) in the STM32 Nucleo device. A client device can receive different types of
alerts and event information, as well as information on the count of new alerts and unread items in the server device (the STM32 Nucleo board).

To demonstrate the function, the ANS exposes the "New email" alert with a sample text message. Any central device running the Alert Notification Client is notified when a new email is received.

1. The ANS device initializes the profile and then starts advertising its address and services.
2. The Client device scans for an ANS device and sends a connection request if it detects one, so it can enable alert notification.

2.1.2 Blood pressure service

The Blood Pressure Monitor (BLP) application runs the Blood Pressure Profile as described in the Bluetooth Profile Specifications. It exposes the Blood Pressure Service and enables the role of the Blood Pressure Sensor (BLS) in the STM32 Nucleo device.

The application sends periodic data to simulate blood pressure readings (and related data) as an actual blood pressure sensor is not present on the STM32 Nucleo board.

Any central device running the Blood Pressure Profile can collect data from the Blood Pressure Monitor.

1. The BLS initializes the Blood Pressure Profile and begins advertising its address and services.
2. The Collector scans for a BLS and sends a connection request if it detects one.
3. Once connection is established, the BLS sends data over the connection link.

2.1.3 Find me target

The Find Me (FMT) application runs the Find Me Profile described in the Bluetooth Profile Specifications. It exposes and enables the role of the Find Me Target (FMT) in the STM32 Nucleo device. It causes the STM32 Nucleo board to produce an alert signal (blinking LED) when a button is pressed on a Find Me Locator device (when acting as the central device).

1. The FMT device initializes the profile and starts advertising its address and services.
2. The Locator scans for an FMT and sends a connection request if it detects one.

2.1.4 Glucose service

The Glucose Monitor (GLM) application runs the Glucose Profile as described in the Bluetooth Profile Specifications. It exposes the Glucose Service and enables the role of the Glucose Sensor (GLS) in the STM32 Nucleo device.

The application sends periodic data to simulate glucose concentration readings as an actual glucose sensor is not present on the STM32 Nucleo board. Other information describing the sensor position and its supported features is also transmitted.

Any central device running the Glucose Profile can collect data from the Glucose Monitor.

1. The GLS initializes the Glucose Profile and then starts advertising its address and services.
2. The Collector scans for a GLS and sends a connection request if it detects one.
3. Once connection is established, the GLS sends data over the connection link.

2.1.5 Health thermometer service

The Health Thermometer Monitor (HTM) application runs the Health Thermometer Profile described in the Bluetooth Profile Specifications. It exposes the Health Thermometer
Service and enables the role of the Health Thermometer Sensor (HTS) in the STM32 Nucleo device.

The application sends periodic data to simulate body temperature readings as an actual temperature sensor is not present on the STM32 Nucleo board.

Any central device running the Health Thermometer Profile can collect data from the Health Thermometer Monitor.

1. The HTS device initializes the Health Thermometer Profile and starts advertising its address and services.
2. The Collector scans for an HTS and sends a connection request if it detects one.
3. Once connection is established, the HTS sends data over the connection link.

### 2.1.6 Heart rate service

The Heart Rate Monitor (HRM) application runs the Heart Rate Profile described in the Bluetooth Profile Specifications. It exposes the Heart Rate Service and enables the role of the Heart Rate Sensor (HRS) in the STM32 Nucleo device.

The application sends periodic data to simulate heart rate measurements as the actual sensor is not present on the STM32 Nucleo board.

Any central device running the Heart Rate Profile can collect data from the Heart Rate Monitor.

1. The HRS initializes the Heart Rate Profile and starts advertising its address and services.
2. The Collector scans for a HRS device and sends a connection request if it detects one.
3. Once connection is established, the HRS sends data over the connection link.

### 2.1.7 Human interface device service

The Human Interface Device Service (HID) application runs the HID Profile described in the Bluetooth Profile Specifications. It exposes the HID Service and enables the role of a virtual keyboard on the STM32 Nucleo device.

By pressing the User button the application sends text data ("AB") to simulate the pressing of "A" and "B" on the keyboard.

Any BLE enabled central device paired with the STM32 Nucleo device running the HID Profile is able to receive the "AB" string.

### 2.1.8 Proximity reporter

The Proximity (PXP) application runs the Proximity Profile described in the Bluetooth Profile Specifications. It exposes and enables the role of the Proximity Reporter in the STM32 Nucleo device.

A device running the Proximity Monitor can immediately signal when a peer device moves away and the connection drops or when the path loss exceeds a pre-defined threshold.

1. The Proximity Reporter initializes the profile and then starts advertising its address and services.
2. The Monitor scans for a PXR and sends a connection request if it detects one, to enable alert notifications and/or set the path loss level.
2.1.9 Time server

The Time (TIP) application runs the Time Profile described in the Bluetooth Profile Specifications. It exposes and enables the role of the Time Server (TS) in the STM32 Nucleo device. A client device (when acting as the central device) can obtain date and time, and related information exposed by the Current Time Service in the STM32 Nucleo device.

1. The TS device initializes the profile and then starts advertising its address and services.
2. The Time Client scans for a TS and sends a connection request if it detects one, so it can obtain date and time data.

2.2 Software blocks

This section describes the software layers (shown in the diagram below) present in the BLE Profiles application, running on an STM32 Nucleo development board with the STM32Cube software environment.

The most important layers are:

- the STM32Cube HAL layer
- the Board Support Package (BSP) layer
- the BlueNRG (BlueNRG-1 or BlueNRG-MS) HAL layer
- the Profile Command Interface (PCI) layer
- the GATT profile
- the BLE profile stack
- the BLE Profiles application

The PCI and GATT rely on the HCI layer to send BLE commands to the BlueNRG-1/BlueNRG-MS STM32 expansion board. The Generic Attribute (GATT) profile uses both PCI API and HCI to send BLE commands to the BlueNRG-1/BlueNRG-MS STM32 expansion board.

The most important software layers for the application are briefly described below.
2.2.1 Profile command interface (PCI)

The Profile Command Interface (PCI) is the main API for all applications that use the GATT-based profiles on the BlueNRG device. The PCI exposes the APIs used to send commands to the BlueNRG-1/BlueNRG-MS STM32 expansion board.

2.2.2 Low power manager (LPM)

The Low Power Manager lets the application allow the system drop to low-power states whenever necessary conditions are met. The Low Power Manager provides a set of APIs that enable the application to support active power management.

It provides support for:
- the application to establish the lowest allowable power mode
- informing the system that no more power is required
- callbacks for the implementation of specific routines when coming out of, or going into low power modes (Stop mode or Standby mode)

The following figure provides an overview of LPM:

![Figure 2: Overview of the low power manager]

The Low Power Manager provides a simple interface to receive the input of different users and compute the lowest allowable system power mode. It also provides hooks to the application before entering or exiting low power mode.

2.2.3 Low power manager API

The Low Power Manager provides the following APIs that applications can use to place the system in specific low power modes:

- `LPM_Mode_Request()`: specify the lowest supported power mode.
- `LPM_Enter_Mode()`: request the system to enter low power mode.
• LPM.ExitStopMode(): called by the LPM in a critical section to allow the application to implement dedicated code before exiting the critical section.
• LPM.Enter_StandbyMode(): called by the LPM in a critical section to allow the application to implement dedicated code before entering standby mode.

2.2.4 BLE peripheral profile stack

The BLE profile stack layer implements the Bluetooth Low Energy profiles which are used by the applications. The BLE profile stack layer uses the PCI for communicating with the controller. It defines the necessary functions and callbacks for the applications to communicate with the profiles.

2.2.5 BSP layer

The BSP software layer supports the peripherals on the STM32 Nucleo board, excluding the MCU. This is a limited set of APIs which provides a programming interface for certain board-specific peripherals like the LED, the user button, etc. This interface also helps in identifying the specific board version. For information on using and initializing the BSP layer, refer to [3].

2.3 Peripheral profile application files

The directory structure of the Profiles application is shown below. Application-specific source code is present in the following files:

• $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_LowPower\Project\Src\main.c:
  – performs STM32 Nucleo board initialization and calls the generic profile layer initialization defined in the profile_application.c source file
  – defines the loop handling the main processes. Three processes are handled: HCL_Process(), generic for all profiles; profileStateMachineFunc() which is specific for each profile state machine; profileApplicationProcessFunc(), implements a specific profile according to the standard specifications described in Section 2.1: “Peripheral profile application”.
• $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_LowPower\Project\Src\profile_application.c:
  – contains the source code to initialize the BlueNRG-1/BlueNRG-MS Profile stack, set TX power and security parameters common to all profiles
  – defines the callback for handling generic BLE events

According to the list in Section 2.1: “Peripheral profile application”, the following files contain source code for profile context initialization, application event handling, profile initialization, advertisement and application state machine management:

• Alert Notification Service $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_LowPower\Project\Src\ans_profile_application.c
• Blood Pressure Service $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_LowPower\Project\Src\bps_profile_application.c
• Find Me Target $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_LowPower\Project\Src\fmt_profile_application.c
• Glucose Service $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_LowPower\Project\Src\gs_profile_application.c
• Health Thermometer Service $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_LowPower\Project\Src\htm_profile_application.c
• Heart Rate Service $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_LowPower\Project\Src\hrm_profile_application.c
2.4 Peripheral profile initialization

The application must initialize various hardware blocks and data structures before using them. The following sections describe two types of initialization which are needed.

2.4.1 Generic initialization

The application must correctly initialize various hardware blocks on the STM32 Nucleo board before using them (for further details, refer to UM1873, chapter 7.1.1, available at www.st.com).

2.4.2 BLE profile specific initialization

The application must initialize the BLE stack and BLE profile to use. This initialization is done via the following APIs:

- BLE_Profile_Init(): performs generic initialization for BLE profiles (see profile_application.c file).
- Profile specific initialization: the application must initialize the individual profile that it intends to use, the PCI layer provides the API for performing this initialization.
- Each *_profile_application.c source file defines and implements the specific Init_Profile() API.
2.5 Peripheral profile application state machine

This section describes the state machine specific for each profile.

2.5.1 ANS application state machine

When the STM32 Nucleo board is turned on, the ANS application is in APPL_UNINITIALIZED state and initializes the hardware and the BLE Alert Notification Server (Section 2.4: "Peripheral profile initialization").

Once the initialization is complete, the ANS application receives the EVT_ANS_INITIALIZED event and enters APPL_INIT_DONE state. The application then starts advertising its characteristics so that the central device can discover and choose whether to connect to it, upon which the peripheral enters the APPL_CONNECTED state.

In APPL_CONNECTED state, the new alert (e.g., a new email alert) is sent to the central device when an interrupt (timer) is received, after which the peripheral enters APPL_WAIT state and waits for the interrupt (timer).

Figure 3: ANS application state machine
2.5.2 BLP application state machine

When the STM32 Nucleo board is turned on, the BLP application is in the APPL_UNINITIALIZED state and initializes the hardware and the BLE Blood Pressure profile (Section 2.4: “Peripheral profile initialization”).

Once the initialization is complete, the BLP application receives the EVT_BPS_INITIALIZED event and enters APPL_INIT_DONE state. The application then starts advertising its characteristics so that the central device can detect and choose whether to connect to it, upon which the peripheral enters APPL_CONNECTED state.

In the APPL_CONNECTED state, the Blood Pressure measurement is sent to the central device when an interrupt (timer) is received, after which the peripheral device enters the APPL_WAIT state and waits for the interrupt (timer).

![Figure 4: BLP application state machine](image-url)
2.5.3 FMT application state machine

When the STM32 Nucleo board is turned on, the FMT application is in APPL_UNINITIALIZED state and initializes the hardware and the BLE Find Me Target (Section 2.4: "Peripheral profile initialization").

Once the initialization is complete, the FMT application receives the EVT_FMT_INITIALIZED event and enters APPL_INIT_DONE state. The application then starts advertising its characteristics so that the central device can detect and choose whether to connect to it, upon which the peripheral enters the APPL_CONNECTED state.

From the APPL_CONNECTED state, the application enters the APPL_FMT_ALERT_LEVEL state when an EVT_FMT_ALERT event is received, which is indicated by a blinking yellow LED on the STM32 Nucleo board at a rate determined by the alert level set by the central device. If the central device sets the “No Alert” option, the LED is turned off.

From the APPL_FMT_ALERT_LEVEL state, the application enters the APPL_WAIT state and waits for another alert event to occur.

Figure 5: FMT application state machine
2.5.4 GLM application state machine

When the STM32 Nucleo board is turned on, the GLM application is in APPL_UNINITIALIZED state and initializes the hardware and the BLE Glucose profile (Section 2.4: "Peripheral profile initialization").

Once initialization is complete, the GLM application receives the EVT_GL_INITIALIZED event and enters APPL_INIT_DONE state. The application then starts advertising its characteristics so that the central device can discover it and choose whether to connect to it, upon which the peripheral enters the APPL_CONNECTED state.

In the APPL_CONNECTED state, the Glucose measurement is sent to the central device when an interrupt (timer) is received, after which the peripheral device enters APPL_WAIT state and waits for the interrupt (timer).

Figure 6: GLM application state machine
2.5.5 HTM application state machine

When the STM32 Nucleo board is turned on, the HTM application is in APPL_UNINITIALIZED state and initializes the hardware and the BLE Health Thermometer profile (Section 2.4: "Peripheral profile initialization").

On completion, the HTM application receives the EVT_HT_INITIALIZED event and enters APPL_INIT_DONE state. The application then starts advertising its characteristics so that the central device can discover it and choose whether to connect to it, upon which the peripheral device enters APPL_CONNECTED state.

In the APPL_CONNECTED state, the Measurement Interval is set and the Health Thermometer measurement is sent to the central device when an interrupt (timer) is received, after which the peripheral device enters APPL_WAIT state and waits for the interrupt (timer).

Figure 7: HTM application state machine
2.5.6 HRM application state machine

When the STM32 Nucleo board is turned on, the HRM application is in the APPL_UNINITIALIZED state, and the application initializes the hardware and the BLE heart rate profile (Section 2.4: "Peripheral profile initialization").

Once this is complete, the HRS application receives the EVT_HRS_INITIALIZED event and enters the APPL_INIT_DONE state, and the application starts advertising its characteristics so that the central device can detect it and choose whether to connect to it, upon which the peripheral device enters the APPL_CONNECTED state.

In APPL_CONNECTED state, the Heart Rate measurement is sent to the central device when an interrupt (timer) is received, after which the peripheral device enters the APPL_WAIT state and waits for the interrupt (timer).

![Figure 8: HRM application state machine](image)
2.5.7 HID application state machine

When the STM32 Nucleo board is turned on, the HID application is in the APPL_UNINITIALIZED state, and the application initializes the hardware and the BLE HID profile (Section 2.4: “Peripheral profile initialization”).

Once this is complete, the HID application receives the EVT_HID_INITIALIZED event and enters the APPL_INIT_DONE state, and the application starts advertising its characteristics so that the central device can detect it and choose whether to connect to it, upon which the peripheral device enters the APPL_CONNECTED state and then moves to APPL_WAIT state.

In APPL_WAIT state, the sequence of “AB” characters is sent to the central each time the USER button is pressed.
2.5.8 PXP application state machine

When the STM32 Nucleo board is turned on, the Proximity Reporter application is in APPL_UNINITIALIZED state, and initializes the hardware and the BLE Proximity Reporter (Section 2.4: "Peripheral profile initialization").

Once the initialization is complete, the PXP application receives the EVT_PR_INITIALIZED event and enters APPL_INIT_DONE state. The application then starts advertising its characteristics so that the central device can detect and choose whether to connect to it, upon which the peripheral enters the APPL_CONNECTED state.

In the APPL_CONNECTED state, the application waits for an EVT_PR_PATH_LOSS_ALERT or an EVT_PR_LINK_LOSS_ALERT event to occur, which is indicated by a blinking yellow LED on the STM32 Nucleo board at a rate which is determined by the alert level set by the central device.

Figure 10: PXP application state machine
2.5.9 Time server application state machine

When the STM32 Nucleo board is turned on, the Time Server application is in APPL_UNINITIALIZED state and initializes the hardware and the BLE Time Server (*Section 2.4: “Peripheral profile initialization”).

Once the initialization is complete, the Time Server application receives the EVT_TS_INITIALIZED event and enters APPL_INIT_DONE state. The application then starts advertising its characteristics so that the central device can detect and choose whether to connect to it, upon which the peripheral enters APPL_CONNECTED state.

In the APPL_CONNECTED state, the current time is updated and sent to the central device when an interrupt (timer) is received, after which the peripheral device enters the APPL_WAIT state and waits for the interrupt (timer).

![Figure 11: Time server application state machine](image)
2.6 MCU power modes

The Profiles application leverages the advanced STM32 MCU low-power features.

Two MCU modes are used by the application:

- **RUN mode**
  - The standard execution mode in which all the MCU features are available.

- **STOP mode with RTC**
  - This mode achieves the lowest power consumption while retaining the RAM and register contents and real time clock.
  - All clocks in the VCORE domain are stopped: the PLL, MSI RC, HSE crystal and HSI RC oscillators are disabled.
  - The LSE or LSI is still running.
  - The voltage regulator is in low-power mode.
  - The device can be woken up from Stop mode by any of the EXTI lines, in 3.5 µs, the MCU can serve the interrupt or resume the code.

The low power manager is used to exploit low power features of the STM32 MCU. Refer to Section 2.2.3: “Low power manager API” for details regarding the low power manager API.

2.7 Peripheral profile event handling

The following events are generated by the underlying BLE stack during the lifetime of the profile application.

**Generic events**

2.7.1 Generic BLE events are not specific to any profile. The following generic events are used by Profiles application:

- **EVT_MP_BLUE_INITIALIZED**: sent to the application by the main profile when the controller has been initialized.
- **EVT_MP_CONNECTION_COMPLETE**: sent to the application by the main profile when a connection has been successfully established with the peer.
- **EVT_MP_PASSKEY_REQUEST**: sent to the application by the main profile when there is a request for passkey during pairing process from the controller. This event has no parameters. The application has to call the function BLE_Profile_Send_Pass_Key(), and pass the passkey to the controller.
- **EVT_MP_PAIRING_COMPLETE**: sent to the application by the main profile when the device is successfully paired with the peer.
- **EVT_MP_DISCONNECTION_COMPLETE**: sent to the application by the main profile to notify the result of a disconnection procedure initiated either by master or slave.
- **EVT_MP_ADVERTISING_TIMEOUT**: sent by child profiles when the limited discoverable mode times out or the profile-specific advertising timeout occurs. It is the application's responsibility to restart the advertising.

2.7.2 Alert notification profile events

These events are specific to Alert Notification profile (server role). The following alert notification profile (server role) events are used by the ANS application:

- **EVT_ANS_INITIALIZED**: sent to the application when the alert notification server has completed its initialization sequence and is ready to enable the advertising or the initialization sequence failed due to some reason.
2.7.3 Blood pressure profile events

These events are specific to blood pressure profile. The following blood pressure profile events are used by the BLP application:

- EVT_BPS_INITIALIZED: sent to the application when the blood pressure profile has completed its initialization sequence and is ready to enable the advertising or the initialization sequence failed due to some reason.
- EVT_BPS_BPM_CHAR_UPDATE_CMPLT: sent to the application whenever it has completed the characteristic update procedure to update blood pressure measurement.
- EVT_BPS_ICP_CHAR_UPDATE_CMPLT: sent to the application whenever it has completed the characteristic update procedure to update intermediate cuff pressure.

2.7.4 Find me profile events

These events are specific to Find Me profile (target role). The following find me profile (target role) events are used by the FMT application:

- EVT_FMT_INITIALIZED: sent to the application when the find me target has completed its initialization sequence and is ready to enable the advertising or the initialization sequence failed due to some reason.
- EVT_FMT_ALERT: sent to the application when an alert signaling request has been received from the Locator.

2.7.5 Glucose profile events

These events are specific to glucose profile. The following glucose profile events are used by the GLM application:

- EVT_GL_INITIALIZED: sent to the application when the glucose profile has completed its initialization sequence and is ready to enable the advertising or the initialization sequence failed due to some reason.

2.7.6 Health thermometer profile events

These events are specific to health thermometer profile. The following health thermometer profile events are used by the HTM application:

- EVT_HT_INITIALIZED: sent to the application when the health thermometer profile has completed its initialization sequence and is ready to enable the advertising or the initialization sequence failed due to some reason.
- EVT_HT_TEMPERATURE_CHAR_UPDATE_CMPLT: sent to the application whenever it has completed the characteristic update procedure to update the temperature measurement.
- EVT_HT_INTERMEDIATE_TEMP_CHAR_UPDATE_CMPLT: sent to the application whenever it has completed the characteristic update procedure to update the intermediate temperature measurement.
- EVT_HT_MEASUREMENT_INTERVAL_RECEIVED: sent to the application whenever it has started the characteristic update procedure to update the measurement interval according to the value received from the collector.
- EVT_HT_MEASUREMENT_INTERVAL_UPDATE_CMPLT: sent to the application whenever it has completed the characteristic update procedure to update the measurement interval.
2.7.7 Heart rate profile events

These events are specific to the heart rate profile. The following heart rate profile events are used by the HRM application:

- EVT_HRS_INITIALIZED: sent to the application when the heart rate profile has completed its initialization sequence and is ready to enable the advertising or the initialization sequence failed due to some reason.
- EVT_HRS_CHAR_UPDATE_CMPLT: sent to the application whenever it has started the characteristic update procedure to update heart rate measurement or body sensor location.
- EVT_HRS_RESET_ENERGY_EXPENDED: sent to the application when the peer writes a value of 0x01 to the control point characteristic. This event has no parameters. The application has to restart accumulating the energy expended value from 0.

2.7.8 Human interface device profile events

These events are specific to the heart rate profile. The following profile events are used by the HID application:

- EVT_HID_INITIALIZED: sent to the application when the human interface device profile has completed its initialization sequence and is ready to enable the advertising or the initialization sequence failed due to some reason.
- EVT_BATT_LEVEL_READ_REQ: this event is sent to the application when the client requests a battery level reading. On receiving this event, the application can update the battery level characteristic and then call the function Allow_BatteryLevel_Char_Read. If the process takes more than 30 minutes, the GATT channel is closed.
- EVT_HID_CHAR_UPDATE_CMPLT: this event is sent to the application when an update previously started by the application finishes. The status indicates whether the update was successful or not. The evt data also contains the service handle and the characteristic handle.

2.7.9 Proximity profile events

These events are specific to Proximity profile (reporter role). The following proximity profile (reporter role) events are used by the PXP application:

- EVT_PR_INITIALIZED: sent to the application when the proximity profile has completed its initialization sequence and is ready to enable the advertising or the initialization sequence failed due to some reason.
- EVT_PR_PATHLOSS_ALERT: sent to the application whenever an alert signaling is requested due to path loss increasing over a preset level.
- EVT_PR_LINKLOSS_ALERT: sent to the application whenever an alert signaling is requested due link loss.

2.7.10 Time profile events

These events are specific to Time profile (server role). The following time profile (server role) events are used by the TIP application:

- EVT_TS_INITIALIZED: sent to the application when the time profile has completed its initialization sequence and is ready to enable the advertising or the initialization sequence failed due to some reason.
- EVT_TS_START_REFTIME_UPDATE: sent to the application whenever it has requested to update its reference time.
2.8 **Running the peripheral profile application**

This section demonstrates how to run the profiles application on the STM32 Nucleo connected with a BlueNRG-1/BlueNRG-MS STM32 expansion board and then use it from an Android application running on a smartphone. The user can select the specific profile by unchecking the respective profile macro within the file:

```
$BASE_DIR\Middlewares\ST\STM32_BlueNRG\Prof_Periph\includes\host_config.h
```

### 2.8.1 STM32 Nucleo software setup

Download the firmware onto the STM32 Nucleo by "drag and drop" or using the ST-Link utility.

The folder "$BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_LowPower" contains the following subfolders:

- **Binary**, containing all the prebuilt binary files;
- **EWARM**, containing the IAR project file (.eww);
- **MDK-ARM**, containing the uVision Keil project file (.uvprojx);
- **SW4STM32**, containing the System Workbench for STM32 project file (.project).

The subfolder files listed above are used for all supported STM32 Nucleo board software setup.

### 2.8.2 Starting the STM32 Nucleo and app

Reset the STM32 Nucleo board to start running the profiles application. When the application is running, the LED on the STM32 Nucleo board will start blinking.

The application firmware should be uploaded to the board before performing this step.

### 2.8.3 Smartphone software setup

For Android™ devices, you can retrieve the ST BLE Profiles app from the software package or download it from Google Play store (searching for "STM32 BLE Profiles").

For iOS™ devices, you can download the STM32 BLE Profiles app from iTunes.

For further details, see [Section 5.2: "Software requirements"](#).
2.8.4 Starting the phone Profiles App and connecting to central device

The following diagram shows the main page of the Android application; an automatic background scan is initiated.

Figure 12: Splash screen of the profiles Android app

The scan can be started/stopped by hitting the "Start/Stop" button. The following diagram shows a screenshot when the peripheral is detected by the application (in this case, a Heart Rate Sensor has been detected):

Figure 13: Screenshot of profiles app showing scanned HRS device

A brief description about running the app and the link to the ST product web page can be accessed through the "Info" button.
2.8.5 Reading ANS Data on smartphone

The following screenshot shows the successful pairing with an Alert Notification Server device:

Figure 14: Screenshot of profiles app paired with ANS device

To access the actions that can be performed on the ANS device, select the "Alert Notification" Service. The following diagram shows the list of alert categories provided by the ANS, the alert details and the options that can be selected for notification regarding a specific set of alert categories. In this case, the ANS provides the Email alert category.

Figure 15: Screenshot of profiles app paired with ANS device and respective actions
2.8.6 Reading BLP Data on smartphone

The following screenshot shows the successful pairing with a blood pressure sensor:

Figure 16: Screenshot of profiles app paired with BLP device

To obtain blood pressure data, select the "Blood Pressure" Service. The following diagram shows blood pressure characteristics (e.g., mean arterial pressure, systolic pressure, diastolic pressure, timestamp, pulse rate, etc…) being obtained from the BLP sensor.

Figure 17: Screenshot of profiles app paired with BLP device and being notified
2.8.7 Reading FMT Data on smartphone

The following screenshot shows the successful pairing with a Find Me Target device:

Figure 18: Screenshot of profiles app paired with FMT device

![Figure 18](image)

After selecting the "Find Me" Service, the user can generate an alert signal on the remote device by pressing the respective button shown in the diagram below.

Figure 19: Screenshot of profiles app paired with FMT device and respective actions

![Figure 19](image)
2.8.8  Reading GL Data on smartphone

The following screenshot shows the successful pairing with a glucose sensor:

Figure 20: Screenshot of profiles app paired with GL device

![Screenshot of profiles app paired with GL device]

To obtain glucose related measurements, select the "Glucose" Service. The following diagram shows glucose characteristics (e.g., glucose concentration, timestamp, sensor location, etc…) being obtained from the GL sensor.

Figure 21: Screenshot of profiles app paired with GL device and being notified

![Screenshot of profiles app paired with GL device and being notified]
2.8.9 Reading HTM Data on smartphone

The following screenshot shows the successful pairing with a health thermometer sensor:

**Figure 22:** Screenshot of profiles app paired with HTS device

To obtain temperature measurements, the user should select "Health Thermometer" Service. The following diagram shows health thermometer characteristics being obtained from the HTM sensor. The user can read the instantaneous temperature value and the graph displaying the latest temperature values.

**Figure 23:** Screenshot of profiles app paired with HTS device and being notified
2.8.10 Reading HRM data on a smartphone

Once the heart rate sensor is detected, the user can select this device by tapping on it. The Android BLE pairing procedure will initiate the pairing with heart rate sensor if it is being used for the first time. The following screenshot shows the successful pairing process:

Figure 24: Screenshot of profiles app paired with HRS device

To obtain heart rate measurements, select "Heart Rate" Service. The following diagram shows heart rate characteristics obtained from the heart rate sensor. The user can read the instantaneous heart rate value, the sensor location and the graph displaying the latest heart rate values.

Figure 25: Screenshot of profiles app paired with HRS device and being notified
2.8.11 Reading data from HID peripheral

The behaviour of the HID profile is described in section Section 2.1.7: "Human interface device service".

2.8.12 Reading PXP Data on smartphone

The following screenshot shows the successful pairing with a Proximity Reporter device:

Figure 26: Screenshot of profiles app paired with PXR device

In this case, two services are exposed: "Find Me" (see Section 2.8.7: "Reading FMT Data on smartphone") and "Proximity". After selecting "Proximity" Service, the user can set the alert level to be generated by the remote in case of disconnection or link loss events. Furthermore, the user can set the path loss threshold: if the path loss exceeds this level, an alert signal is generated by the remote.

Figure 27: Screenshot of profiles app paired with PXR device and respective actions
2.8.13 Reading TS Data on smartphone

The following screenshot shows the successful pairing with a Time Server device:

Figure 28: Screenshot of profiles app paired with TS device

To obtain the current time, select “Time” Service. The following diagram shows time characteristics being obtained from the Time Server.

Figure 29: Screenshot of profiles app paired with TS device and being notified

2.8.14 DMA support for BLE profile application

As described above, the BLE Profiles application uses the STM32 Cube low level/low power optimizations.

The user can find DMA optimization related projects and binaries in “$BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_DMA_LowPower”.

The current consumption can be monitored through an amperemeter connected to JP6.
3 Central profile application overview

The BLE profile central application is included in the STM32Cube firmware for X-CUBE-BLE1 and runs on the STM32 Nucleo board when connected to an X-NUCLEO-IDB04A1 or X-NUCLEO-IDB05A1 expansion board.

You can find the application-specific source code in the main.c and in each "_central_application.c file.

The $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_Central\Project\Src\main.c performs the STM32 Nucleo board initialization and calls the Host_Profile_Test_Application() specific for each profile, subsequently calling three main processes:

- HCI_Process(), which is profile independent;
- Master_Process(), the profile master role state machine;
- the state machine management function, specific for each profile.

According to the list in Section 2.1: "Peripheral profile application", the following files contain source code for profile context initialization:

- Alert Notification Client
  $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_Central\Project\Src\anc_central_application.c
- Blood Pressure Collector
  $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_Central\Project\Src\bp_central_application.c
- Find Me Locator
  $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_Central\Project\Src\fml_central_application.c
- Glucose Collector
  $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_Central\Project\Src\gc_central_application.c
- Health Thermometer Collector
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- Heart Rate Collector
  $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_Central\Project\Src\hr_central_application.c
- Time Client
  $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\Profiles_Central\Project\Src\tc_central_application.c
3.1 Running the Profile Central application

To set/change the BLE central profile to test, change the value of the macro BLE_CURRENT_PROFILE_ROLES (in the “active profile” section) in the file $BASE_DIR\Middlewares\STM\STM32_BlueNRG\Prof_Centr\includes\host_config.h.

For example, if the HEART RATE profile is set, once the connection between the two boards has been established, the central profile tool shows the information (services and characteristics discovered as well as HR value notifications) coming from the STM32 Nucleo board running the HR peripheral role.

The figure below shows a screenshot of the Java tool connected to the central device.

Figure 30: Profile Central: Java tool
4 Apple notification center service overview

The BLE_ANCS is a demo of the Apple notification center service (ANCS) which works only with the BlueNRG-MS chip and shows how to configure it as a notification consumer device.

You can find the ANCS application in the folder $BASE_DIR\Projects\Multi\Applications\BLE_ANCS.

The ANCS profile (BLE notification consumer role) allows Bluetooth devices to easily access many kinds of notifications generated on a notification provider.

After reset, the BLE_ANCS demo puts the BlueNRG-MS in advertising using "ANCSdemo" as device name and it sets the BlueNRG-MS authentication requirements to enable connection. When the device is connected and linked to a notification provider, the demo configures the BlueNRG-MS notification consumer device to explore the notification provider service and characteristics.

Once the setup phase has been completed, the BlueNRG-MS device is configured as a notification consumer and is able to receive every notification sent by the notification provider.
5 System setup guide

5.1 Hardware requirements

This section describes the hardware components needed for developing a sensor-based application.


The application can be easily tailored to any supported device and development board, but here it has been tested using the following ST development boards:

- NUCLEO-L053R8 RevC
- NUCLEO-F401RE RevC
- NUCLEO-L476RG RevC

The application runs also on the NUCLEO-F411RE RevC board, even if the chip could not be exploited at its best as the projects have been configured for the NUCLEO-F401RE.

5.1.1 STM32 Nucleo platform

The STM32 Nucleo boards provide an affordable and flexible way for users to try out new ideas and build prototypes with any of the STM32 microcontroller lines. The Arduino™ connectivity support and ST morpho headers make it easy to expand the functionality of the STM32 Nucleo open development platform with a wide range of specialized expansion boards. The STM32 Nucleo board does not require any separate probes as it integrates the ST-LINK/V2-1 debugger/programmer. The STM32 Nucleo board comes with the STM32 comprehensive software HAL library, together with various packaged software examples.

Figure 31: STM32 nucleo board
5.1.2 X-NUCLEO-IDB04A1 STM32 expansion board

The X-NUCLEO-IDB04A1 is a Bluetooth Low Energy evaluation board to allow expansion of the STM32 Nucleo boards. It is compatible with the Arduino UNO R3 connector layout and is designed around BlueNRG-1, a Bluetooth Low Energy, low power network coprocessor compliant with BTLE 4.0.

The X-NUCLEO-IDB04A1 interfaces with the STM32 MCU via an SPI pin and the user can change the default SPI clock, SPI chip select and SPI IRQ by changing a resistor on the evaluation board.

Figure 32: X-NUCLEO-IDB04A1 STM32 expansion board
5.1.3 **X-NUCLEO-IDB05A1 STM32 expansion board**

The X-NUCLEO-IDB05A1 is a Bluetooth Low Energy evaluation board based on the SPBTLE-RF BlueNRG-MS RF module to allow expansion of the STM32 Nucleo boards. The SPBTLE-RF module is FCC (FCC ID: S9NSPBTLERF) and IC certified (IC: 8976C-SPBTLERF).

The X-NUCLEO-IDB05A1 is compatible with the ST morpho and Arduino UNO R3 connector layout (the user can mount the ST morpho connectors, if required).

The X-NUCLEO-IDB05A1 interfaces with the STM32 microcontroller via the SPI pin, and the user can change the default SPI clock, the SPI chip select and SPI IRQ by changing one resistor on the expansion board.

![Figure 33: X-NUCLEO-IDB05A1 STM32 expansion board](image)

5.1.4 **Android™/iOS™ smartphone**

- Android version 4.3 or above
- iOS version 8.0 or above
- Bluetooth Low Energy support
5.2 Software requirements

5.2.1 Software application

The Profiles_LowPower and the Profiles_DMA_LowPower application projects come with an app for Android devices: STM32_BLE_Profiles.apk.


The STM32 BLE Profiles app for iOS devices is available on Apple Store (iTunes) at https://itunes.apple.com/it/app/stm32-ble-toolbox/id1081331769?mt=8.

The Android version of the app is also included in the "$BASE_DIR\Utilities\Android_Software\Profile_Central" folder of the X-CUBE-BLE1 package.
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