

**CoAP C-library - User’s guide**

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# Introduction

This document describes how CoAP C-library is used.

**Note!!!** CoAP C-library uses Linked list which is published as library and implemented by Sensinode.

# Preview

CoAP C-library consists of three functional parts:

1. Core part, which includes:
   1. CoAP protocol
      1. Handles confirmable CoAP messages resending and acknowledgement
      2. Checks validity of received CoAP message header part
   2. CoAP message building
      1. Builds Packet data from User’s given CoAP message structure
   3. CoAP message parsing
      1. Parses CoAP message structure from received Packet data
2. Resource observing part (at the moment CoAP includes only one Observe option which supports sending Observing messages)
3. Message blockwising part

There are following kinds of possibilities to use Core parts:

1. All three parts are used: CoAP protocol, CoAP message builder and CoAP message parser are included to the CoAP C-library
2. Just header parts are used: CoAP message builder and CoAP message parser are included to the CoAP C-library

For reducing code size, following kind of features can be left from compiling with compiling switch:

* Message resending (Define name: SN\_COAP\_RESENDING\_MAX\_MSGS\_COUNT)
* Message duplication detection (Define name: SN\_COAP\_DUPLICATION\_MAX\_MSGS\_COUNT)
* Message blockwising (Define name: SN\_COAP\_BLOCKWISE\_MAX\_PAYLOAD\_SIZE)

For User there are two Header files:

* sn\_coap\_protocol.h
* sn\_coap\_header.h

From those Header files these functions are available for User:

* From sn\_coap\_protocol.h:

1. sn\_coap\_protocol\_init()
2. sn\_coap\_build()
3. sn\_coap\_parse()
4. sn\_coap\_exec()
5. sn\_coap\_packet\_debug()
6. sn\_coap\_build\_response()

* From sn\_coap\_header.h:

1. sn\_coap\_builder\_and\_parser\_init()
2. sn\_coap\_builder()
3. sn\_coap\_parser()
4. sn\_coap\_builder\_calc\_needed\_packet\_data\_size()
5. sn\_coap\_builder\_release\_allocated\_send\_msg\_mem()
6. sn\_coap\_parser\_release\_allocated\_coap\_msg\_mem()
7. sn\_coap\_register()
8. sn\_coap\_register\_update()
9. sn\_coap\_deregister()

# Memory allocations and releases

## CoAP message building for sending

### User builds message

User CoAP C-library

CoAP message

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Built Packet data

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* User allocates memory for built Packet data and also takes care of releasing that memory. Needed memory count for Packet data is solved by using sn\_coap\_builder\_calc\_needed\_packet\_data\_size() function.

### CoAP C-library builds message

User CoAP C-library

Built Packet data with Destination address information

(user gets that message by calling frequently sn\_coap\_exec() funktion)

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* User also takes care of releasing memory of Packet data which is built independently by CoAP C-library. User can use for releasing sn\_coap\_builder\_release\_allocated\_send\_msg\_mem() function.

## Received Packet data parsing

User CoAP C-library

Packet data

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Parsed CoAP message

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* CoAP C-library allocates memory for CoAP message structure (= sn\_coap\_hdr\_s) where Packet data is parsed and returned to User.
  + User responsibility is to release allocated memory when does not need it any more. User can use for releasing sn\_coap\_parser\_release\_allocated\_coap\_msg\_mem() function.
* CoAP C-library does not allocate new memory for Payload part because CoAP message structure’s Payload pointer is just pointed to Payload part in Packet data. Exception for that is Blockwise message. For That CoAP C-library allocates memory by itself. That happens after all Blockwise messages are arrived and CoAP C-library can gather whole Payload from received Blockwise messages.

# Functions

This chapter describes functions which are visible to CoAP C-library User. The sn\_coap\_init() function must be called before using any other CoAP C-library function.

## sn\_coap\_protocol\_init()

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| void sn\_coap\_protocol\_init(void\* (\*used\_malloc\_func\_ptr)(uint16\_t),  void (\*used\_free\_func\_ptr)(void\*)) | |
| Initializes CoAP Protocol part | |
| **Parameters** |  |
| used\_malloc\_func\_ptr | Function pointer to used malloc() function. If set to NULL, CoAP Protocol part uses standard C-library malloc() function. |
| used\_free\_func\_ptr | Function pointer to used free() function. If set to NULL, CoAP Protocol part uses standard C-library free() function. |

Example of using:

* **sn\_coap\_protocol\_init**((**void\*** (**\***)(uint16\_t))&user\_malloc\_func,

&user\_free\_func);

## sn\_coap\_build()

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| int16\_t sn\_coap\_build(sn\_nsdl\_addr\_s \*dst\_addr\_ptr,  uint8\_t \*dst\_packet\_data\_ptr,  sn\_coap\_hdr\_s \*src\_coap\_msg\_ptr) | |
| Builds Packet data from given CoAP header structure to be sent | |
| **Parameters** |  |
| dst\_addr\_ptr | Pointer to destination address where CoAP message will be sent (CoAP builder needs that information for message resending purposes) |
| dst\_packet\_data\_ptr | Pointer to destination of built Packet data |
| src\_coap\_msg\_ptr | Pointer to source of built Packet data |
| **Return values** | If there is not enough memory (or User given limit exceeded) for storing resending messages, situation is ignored. |
| >=0 | Byte count of built Packet data.  Note: If message is blockwised, all payload is not sent at the same time |
| -1 | Failure in CoAP header structure |
| -2 | Failure in given pointer (= NULL) |
| -3 | Failure in Reset message |

Example of using:

* byte\_count\_built **=** **sn\_coap\_build**(&dst\_addr,

dst\_packet\_data\_ptr,

src\_coap\_msg\_ptr);

## sn\_coap\_parse()

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| sn\_coap\_hdr\_s \*sn\_coap\_parse(sn\_nsdl\_addr\_s \*src\_addr\_ptr,  uint16\_t packet\_data\_len,  uint8\_t \*packet\_data\_ptr) | |
| Parses received CoAP message from given Packet data | |
| **Parameters** |  |
| src\_addr\_ptr | Pointer to source address from where CoAP message was be received (CoAP parser needs that information for sending Reset message) |
| packet\_data\_len | Length of given Packet data to be parsed to CoAP message |
| packet\_data\_ptr | Pointer to source of Packet data to be parsed to CoAP message |
| **Return values** |  |
| >0 | Pointer to parsed CoAP message. This structure includes also coap\_status field for following special cases:  -CoAP will send Reset message to invalid message sender  -CoAP will send Acknowledgement message to duplicated message sender  - User will get whole message after all message blocks received. User must release  messages with this status.  - Acknowledgement for sent Blockwise message received  -Blockwise message received but not supported by compiling switch |
| NULL | In following failure cases NULL is returned:  -Given NULL pointer  -Failure in parsed Header  -Out of memory (malloc() returns NULL) |

Example of using:

* parsed\_message\_ptr **=** **sn\_coap\_parse**(&src\_addr,

**sizeof**(parsed\_data\_tbl),

parsed\_data\_tbl);

## sn\_coap\_exec()

User must call this function regularly because this is only way how CoAP protocol can send CoAP message. Frequency for calling depends on message traffic amount.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| sn\_nsdl\_transmit\_s \*sn\_coap\_exec(uint32\_t current\_time) | |
| Sends one CoAP message if there is any to be sent. This function can be called e.g. once in a second but also more frequently. | |
| **Parameters** |  |
| current\_time | System time in seconds. This time is used for message resending timing. |
| **Return values** |  |
|  | Pointer to message to be sent. NULL is returned in following cases:  -There is nothing to send  -Out of memory (malloc() returns NULL) |

Example of using:

* coap\_msg\_to\_be\_sent\_ptr **=** **sn\_coap\_exec**(current\_system\_time);

## sn\_coap\_builder\_and\_parser\_init()

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| void sn\_coap\_builder\_and\_parser\_init(void\* (\*used\_malloc\_func\_ptr)(uint16\_t),  void (\*used\_free\_func\_ptr)(void\*)) | |
| Initializes CoAP Builder and Parser parts | |
| **Parameters** |  |
| used\_malloc\_func\_ptr | Function pointer to used malloc() function. If set to NULL, CoAP Parser part uses standard C-library malloc() function. |
| used\_free\_func\_ptr | Function pointer to used free() function. If set to NULL, CoAP Parser part uses standard C-library free() function. |

Example of using:

* **sn\_coap\_builder\_and\_parser\_init**((**void\*** (**\***)(uint16\_t))&user\_malloc\_func,

user\_free\_func);

## sn\_coap\_builder ()

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| int16\_t sn\_coap\_builder(uint8\_t \*dst\_packet\_data\_ptr,  sn\_coap\_hdr\_s \*src\_coap\_msg\_ptr  ) | |
| Builds Packet data from given CoAP header structure | |
| **Parameters** |  |
| dst\_packet\_data\_ptr | Destination for built Packet data |
| src\_coap\_msg\_ptr | Source for building Packet data |
| **Return values** |  |
|  | Byte count of built Packet data. In failure cases:  -1 = Failure in given CoAP header structure  -2 = Failure in given pointer (= NULL) |

Example of using:

* byte\_count\_built = **sn\_coap\_builder**(dst\_packet\_data\_ptr,

src\_coap\_msg\_ptr

);

## sn\_coap\_parser ()

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| sn\_coap\_hdr\_s \*sn\_coap\_parser(uint16\_t packet\_data\_len,  uint8\_t \*packet\_data\_ptr,  coap\_version\_e \*coap\_version\_ptr  ) | |
| Parses CoAP message from given Packet data | |
| **Parameters** |  |
| packet\_data\_len | Length of given Packet data to be parsed to CoAP message |
| packet\_data\_ptr | Source for Packet data to be parsed to CoAP message |
| coap\_version\_ptr | Destination for parsed CoAP specification version |
| **Return values** |  |
|  | Pointer to parsed CoAP message. In following failure cases NULL is returned:  -Failure in given pointer (= NULL)  -Failure in memory allocation (malloc() returns NULL) |

Example of using:

* returned\_dst\_coap\_msg\_ptr = **sn\_coap\_parser**(packet\_data\_len,

packet\_data\_ptr

);

## sn\_coap\_builder\_calc\_needed\_packet\_data\_size()

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| uint16\_t sn\_coap\_builder\_calc\_needed\_packet\_data\_size(sn\_coap\_hdr\_s \*src\_coap\_msg\_ptr) | |
| Calculates needed Packet data memory size for given CoAP message | |
| **Parameters** |  |
| src\_coap\_msg\_ptr | Pointer to data which needed length is calculated |
| **Return values** |  |
|  | Return value is count of needed memory as bytes for build and returned CoAP message Packet data |

Example of using:

* dst\_byte\_count\_to\_be\_built **=**

**sn\_coap\_builder\_calc\_needed\_packet\_data\_size**(src\_coap\_msg\_ptr);

## sn\_coap\_builder\_release\_allocated\_send\_msg\_mem()

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| void sn\_coap\_builder\_release\_allocated\_send\_msg\_mem(sn\_coap\_hdr\_s \*freed\_send\_msg\_ptr) | |
| Frees memory of given Sending message. | |
| **Parameters** |  |
| freed\_send\_msg\_ptr | Pointer to released Sending message |

Example of using:

* **sn\_coap\_parser\_release\_allocated\_coap\_msg\_mem**(freed\_coap\_msg\_ptr);

## sn\_coap\_parser\_release\_allocated\_coap\_msg\_mem()

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| void sn\_coap\_parser\_release\_allocated\_coap\_msg\_mem(sn\_coap\_hdr\_s \*freed\_coap\_msg\_ptr) | |
| Frees memory of given CoAP message.  **Note!!!** Does not release Payload part | |
| **Parameters** |  |
| freed\_coap\_msg\_ptr | Pointer to released CoAP message |

Example of using:

* **sn\_coap\_parser\_release\_allocated\_coap\_msg\_mem**(freed\_coap\_msg\_ptr);

# Data Structures

This chapter describes data structure types and fields which are visible for CoAP C-library user.

## Basic data types

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Definition** |
| uint8\_t | Unsigned 8 bit integer |
| int8\_t | Signed 8 bit integer |
| uint16\_t | Unsigned 16 bit integer |
| int16\_t | Signed 16 bit integer |
| uint32\_t | Unsigned 32 bit integer |
| int32\_t | Signed 32 bit integer |

## sn\_coap\_hdr\_s

**typedef** **struct** sn\_coap\_hdr\_  
{  
 sn\_coap\_status\_e coap\_status;

sn\_coap\_msg\_type\_e msg\_type;

sn\_coap\_msg\_code\_e msg\_code;

uint16\_t uri\_path\_len;

uint8\_t **\***uri\_path\_ptr;   
 uint8\_t token\_len;

uint8\_t **\***token\_ptr;

uint8\_t content\_type\_len;

uint8\_t **\***content\_type\_ptr;   
 sn\_coap\_options\_list\_s **\***options\_list\_ptr;

uint8\_t payload\_len;

uint8\_t **\***payload\_ptr;

} sn\_coap\_hdr\_s;

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Field name** | **Description** | **Notes** |
| coap\_status | CoAP status | Used for telling to User special cases when parsing message |
| msg\_type | CoAP Message type | Possible Message types: Confirmable or non-confirmable |
| msg\_code | CoAP Message code | Possible Message codes: Empty, request or response |
| uri\_path\_len | Uri-Path option length | Must be set to zero if not used |
| uri\_path\_ptr | Uri-Path option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |
| token\_len | Token option length | Must be set to zero if not used |
| token\_ptr | Token option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |
| content\_type\_len | Content type option length | Must be set to zero if not used |
| content\_type\_ptr | Content type option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |
| options\_list\_ptr | List of other options | Here are not so often used options |
| payload\_len | Payload length | Must be set to zero if not used |
| payload\_ptr | Payload data | Must be set to NULL if not used |

## sn\_coap\_options\_list\_s

**typedef** **struct** sn\_coap\_options\_list\_  
{  
 uint8\_t max\_age\_len;   
 uint8\_t **\***max\_age\_ptr;   
 uint16\_t proxy\_uri\_len;   
 uint8\_t **\***proxy\_uri\_ptr;   
 uint8\_t etag\_len;   
 uint8\_t **\***etag\_ptr;   
 uint16\_t uri\_host\_len;   
 uint8\_t **\***uri\_host\_ptr;   
 uint16\_t location\_path\_len;   
 uint8\_t **\***location\_path\_ptr;   
 uint8\_t uri\_port\_len;   
 uint8\_t **\***uri\_port\_ptr;   
 uint16\_t location\_query\_len;   
 uint8\_t **\***location\_query\_ptr;   
 uint8\_t observe\_len;   
 uint8\_t **\***observe\_ptr;   
 uint16\_t uri\_query\_len;   
 uint8\_t **\***uri\_query\_ptr;   
 uint16\_t block1\_len;   
 uint8\_t **\***block1\_ptr;   
 uint16\_t block2\_len;   
 uint8\_t **\***block2\_ptr;   
} sn\_coap\_options\_list\_s;

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Field name** | **Description** | **Notes** |
| max\_age\_len | Max-Age option length |  |
| max\_age\_ptr | Max-Age option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |
| proxy\_uri\_len | Proxy-Uri option length |  |
| proxy\_uri\_ptr | Proxy-Uri option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |
| etag\_len | Etag option length |  |
| etag\_ptr | Etag option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |
| uri\_host\_len | Uri-Host option length |  |
| uri\_host\_ptr | Uri-Host option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |
| location\_path\_len | Location-Path option length |  |
| location\_path\_ptr | Location-Path option data | Must be set to zero if not used |
| uri\_port\_len | Uri-Port option length |  |
| uri\_port\_ptr | Uri-Port option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |
| location\_query\_len | Location-Query option length |  |
| location\_query\_ptr | Location-Query option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |
| uri\_query\_len | Uri-Query option length |  |
| uri\_query\_ptr | Uri-Query option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |
| block1\_len | Block1 option length |  |
| block1\_ptr | Block1 option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |
| Block2\_len | Block2 option length |  |
| Block2\_ptr | Block2 option data | Must be set to NULL if not used |