

## **Avnet Technical Training Course**

# Azure Sphere: Develop a POC application from Scratch



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## Introduction

This lab directs the student through the process of creating an Azure Sphere Proof of Concept (POC) application using example applications published by Microsoft.

The POC is intended to connect a Guardian 100 to some downstream device over a UART. The downstream device implements some UART driven command response protocol. The POC will send commands, receive responses, parse them for telemetry data and then send that data to Azure.

The lab utilizes a Raspberry Pi device connected to the Guardian 100 over a USB serial port. There is a Raspberry Pi image that is already preconfigured to behave as the downstream device.

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## Lab: Objectives

- Walk through the entire process to develop a new application on development hardware and then transition to a production or custom hardware platform.
- Create a POC application that can be extended to any equipment with a UART command/response interface
- Show the student how to leverage existing example applications to create a custom POC application

## Requirements

#### Hardware

- A PC running Windows 10 Anniversary Update or later (Version 1607 or greater)
- An unused USB port on the PC
- An Avnet Azure Sphere Starter Kit
  - A micro USB cable to connect the Starter Kit to your PC
- Avnet Guardian 100
  - USB A to B cable to connect Guardian 100 to Raspberry Pi
- Raspberry Pi (for downstream equipment)
  - SD card for Pi with python application running
  - o Power supply for the Pi

#### Software

- Visual Studio 2019 version 16.4 or later (Enterprise, Professional, or Community version)
- Azure Sphere SDK 20.07 or the current SDK release

#### Other

- Access to an Azure Subscription
- The student should already have Azure Sphere training and understand basics like . . .
  - How to use Visual Studio to develop and debug Azure Sphere applications
  - How to open an Azure Sphere project in Visual Studio
  - How to run an Azure Sphere application from Visual Studio
- Access to a GitHub account

## **Prerequisites**

- · Azure resources configured and validated
  - Azure IoT Hub configured
  - Azure DPS
  - Connecting to IoT Hub from an Azure Sphere device has been validated

## **Create a new GitHub repository**

This section will outline the steps to create a private branch in our own GitHub account for the POC project based off the Microsoft Azure Sphere example repository.

**Note:** Creating and using a new GitHub repository is NOT a requirement to complete this lab. It is a software development best practice to use some source control system. Using source control not only allows you to capture your work for others to leverage, but it also allows you to track your changes as you develop your application.

## Fork the Microsoft Azure Sphere example repository

- Open the Microsoft Azure Sphere example repository
  - o https://github.com/Azure/azure-sphere-samples
- o Click the "Fork" button:
- Select the GitHub account to contain the forked repo
  - The repo is forked into your GitHub account

## Clone the forked repository

- Copy the Git URL from YOUR repo by clicking on the "Code" button: then copying the https url
- Open Windows Powershell: Start → Windows Powershell → Windows Powershell
- Create the directory where you want your repo to exist on your local drive and move to that directory
  - o cd <path for new repo>
  - o mkdir <repo folder name>
  - o cd <repo folder name>
- Clone your private repo
  - o git clone <your git url>
    - Your repo is cloned onto your local drive

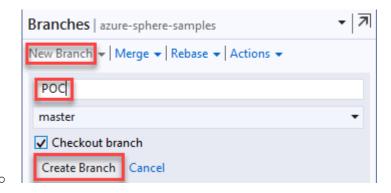
## Load the Azure IoT example

- Open the Azure IoT example
  - o Open Visual Studio 2019

- Open the CMakeLists.txt project from the new repo
  - <your repo directory>/azure-sphere-samples/Samples/AzureIoT/CMakeLists.txt
  - The project is loaded and opens in the Visual Studio application

## Create a branch to capture our changes

- o Select the **Team Explorer** tab in the lower right corner of the application
- Select the Home icon:
- Select the Branches icon:
- Select the "New Branch" button
  - Type a name for the new branch
  - o Click on the "Create Branch" button



The new branch is created and made the current branch

## Modify the application to make it unique for your device/application

- Open CMakeLists.txt
  - o Edit the project name to reflect your target application



- Open app\_manifest.json
  - o Update the Name field to match the name you used in the CMakeLists.txt file
  - Generate a new GUID for the ComponentId
    - Tools → Create GUID
    - Copy the GUID and replace the GUID in your app\_manifest.json file on line #4

Modify the pasted GUID to conform to the expected JSON formatting

- Open main.c
  - On ~line 492 update the static device twin properties to reflect your new product

```
🔁 AzureSpherePOC.out - ARM-Debug
                                         → (Global Scope)

→ SetupAzureClient(void)

    483
             static void ConnectionStatusCallback(IOTHUB CLIENT CONNECTION STATUS result,
                                                      IOTHUB CLIENT CONNECTION STATUS REASON reason,
    484
    485
                                                      void *userContextCallback)
    486
                  iothubAuthenticated = (result == IOTHUB_CLIENT_CONNECTION_AUTHENTICATED);
    487
                  Log Debug("Azure IoT connection status: %s\n", GetReasonString(reason));
    488
    489
                 if (iothubAuthenticated) {
                      // Send static device twin properties when connection is established
    490
                      TwinReportState(
    491
                          "{\"manufacturer\":\"Avnet\",
                                                           \"model\":\"Azure Sphere POC Device\'
    492
    493
    494
    10E
```

## Change the Target HW to select the Avnet Azure Sphere Starter Kit

- Open CMakeLists.txt
- Change ~line #16 to select the Avnet Azure Sphere Starter Kit
  - Change "/mt3620\_rdb" to "avnet\_mt3620\_sk"

```
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#### Connect the application to an IoT Hub

Update the app\_manifest.json file with our Azure Resource details

- Open app\_manifest.json
- Using the Azure resource details from Lab4 or Lab5, copy the following data into your application manifest file
  - o IoT Hub connection type and DPS Scope ID → "CmdArgs" entry
    - Add "--ConnectionType", "DPS",
    - Make sure the CmdArgs are all listed separately and enclosed in "" quotes
    - [ "--ConnectionType", "DPS", "--ScopeID", "<your dps scope ID" ]</pre>
  - o IoT Hub Hostname → "AllowedConnections" entry
  - O Azure Sphere Tenent GUiD → "DeviceAuthentication" entry

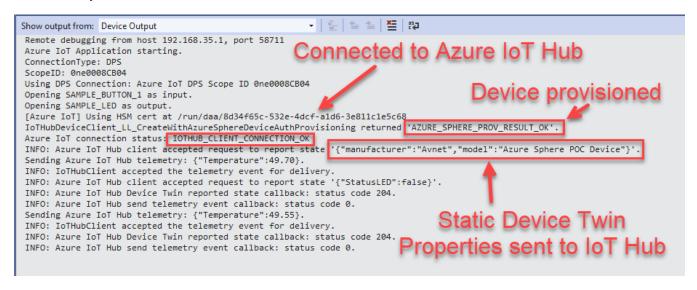
```
"SchemaVersion": 1,
          "Name": "AzureSpherePOC",
          "ComponentId": "CF67D732-8BAC-4D36-89AD-4E9344FBBB1F", "FntryPoint": "/bin/app",
           "CmdArgs": [ "--ConnectionType", "DPS", "--ScopeID", "One0008CB04" "Capabilities": {
 6
             "AllowedConnections": [ "global.azure-devices-provisioning.net", "BW-IoTHub.azure-devices.net" ],
 8
            "Gpio": [ "$SAMPLE_BUTTON_1", "$SAMPLE_LED" ],
            "Uart": [ "$EXTERNAL_UART" ],
10
            "DeviceAuthentication": "8d34f65c-532e-4dcf-a1d6-3e811c1e5c68"
11
12
          },
             "ApplicationType": "Default"
13
```

#### Run the application and confirm functionality

- Run the application
- Confirm that the application connects to the IoT Hub

If the application does not connect to your IoT Hub . . .

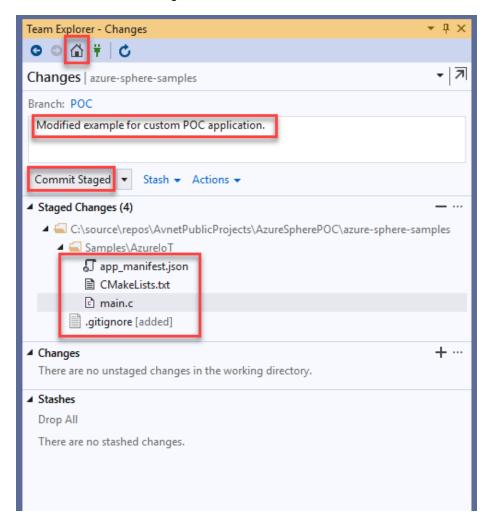
- Confirm the device has a wifi connection: azsphere dev wifi show-status
- Verify details entered into app\_manifest.json
- Verify the Azure Resources



## Check-in changes and Tag Repo

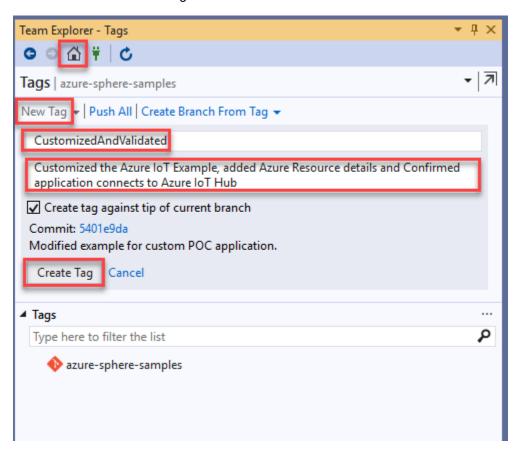
Save our changes into the repo and create a Tag so we can recreate the current state if needed in the future.

- Select the **Team Explorer** tab in the lower right corner of the application
- Select the Home icon:
- Select the Branches icon:
- · All changes in the project are listed
  - o Add build artifact folders to the ignore list if desired
  - o Review changes by double clicking on each changed file
- Select files to check-in, right click, stage
- Add a check-in message
- Click "Commit Staged"



## Create a Tag in the repository

- Select the **Team Explorer** tab in the lower right corner of the application
- Select the Home icon:
- Select the Tags icon:
   Tags
- Click on the "New Tag" button
- Name the new Tag
- Add a Tag Message
- Click the "Create Tag" button



## **Status Checkpoint**

At this point, we've accomplished the following tasks

- 1. Created a private Git repository for our custom POC application
- 2. Created a branch to capture our changes
- 3. Modified the Azure IoT example for our custom application
- 4. Configured the application to connect to our Azure IoT Hub
- 5. Validated connectivity to IoT Hub
- 6. Captured our changes in GitHub

The next step is to port in the UART functionality and validate that it works

## Load the UART\_HighLevelApp example as a reference

- Open a second Visual Studio instance
- Open the CMakeLists.txt project from the new repo
  - <your repo directory>\azure-spheresamples\Samples\UART\UART\_HighLevelApp/CMakeLists.txt
  - o The project is loaded and opens in the Visual Studio application

## Select the Avnet Azure Sphere Starter Kit Hardware definition

Modify CMakeLists.txt to reference the Avnet Azure Sphere Starter Kit

```
REVISION "20.07")
 9
       PI_SET "6")
10
11
       nain.c eventloop timer utilities.c)
12
       _NAME} applibs pthread gcc_s c)
13
    tion(${PROJECT_NAME} TARGET_DIRECTORY "../../../HardwareDefinitions avnet_mt3620_sk"
14
                                                                                            TARGET DEFINITION "sa
15
       ge(${PROJECT_NAME})
16
17
```

Save the CMakeLists.txt file

## Identify all the UART specific code

- Open main.c
- Find the uartFd variable declaration ~line 67
- Click on uartFd, then right-click, then "Find All References"
- A list is displayed identifying all locations in the project where uartFd is referenced
- Take a few minutes to review the UART implementation

```
65
       66
                   // File descriptors - initialized to invalid value
                   static int uartFd = -1;
       67
       68
                   static int gpioButtonFd = -1;
       69
                   EventLoop *eventLoop = NULL;

    No issues found

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          Code
■ UART_HighLevelApp.out - ARM-Debug (7)
       static int uartFd = -1:
                                                                                                   67 12
                                                                                main.c
       SendUartMessage(uartFd, "Hello world!\n");
                                                                                                   149 29
                                                                                main.c
       bytesRead = read(uartFd, receiveBuffer, receiveBufferSize):
                                                                                                   167 22
                                                                                                           U
                                                                                main.c
       uartFd = UART_Open(SAMPLE_UART_LOOPBACK, &uartConfig);
                                                                                                   206 5
                                                                                                           U
                                                                                main.c
       if (uartFd == -1) {
                                                                                main.c
                                                                                                   207
                                                                                                           U
       artEventReg = EventLoop_Registerlo(eventLoop, uartFd, EventLoop_Input, UartEventHandler, NULL);
                                                                               main.c
                                                                                                   211 52
                                                                                                           U
       CloseFdAndPrintError(uartFd, "Uart");
                                                                                                   259 26
                                                                                main.c
```

The UART implementation is straight forward, there are a few key items to notice

- The UART file descriptor "uartFd" is initialized in InitPeripheralsAndHandlers(void)
  - We're opening the SAMPLE\_UART\_LOOPBACK ISU that evaluates to ISU0
    - Hover your mouse over SAMPLE\_UART\_LOOPBACK to see the constant evaluation

```
uartFd = UART_Open(SAMPLE_UART_LOOPBACK, &uartConfig);

if (uartFd == -1) {

Log_Debug("ERROR: Could not creturn ExitCode_Init_UartOper"

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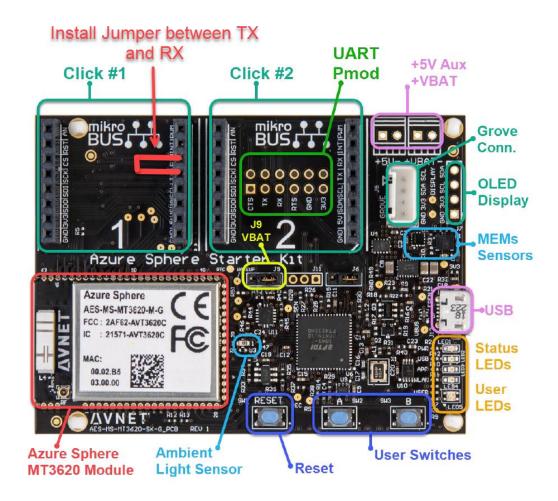
- We open the UART at a baud rate of 115200 with no Flow Control
- A UartEventHandler is associated with the uartFd and an eventLoop. When a message arrives
  on the UART the handler is instantiated to receive the data.
- The application sends a static message "Hello world!" over the UART from ButtonTimerEventHandler() when "the" button is pressed
- UartEventHandler reads the data on the receive side, puts it into a buffer, null terminates it and prints it to the debug window.
- uartFd is closed in ClosePeripheralsAndHandlers() when the application exits

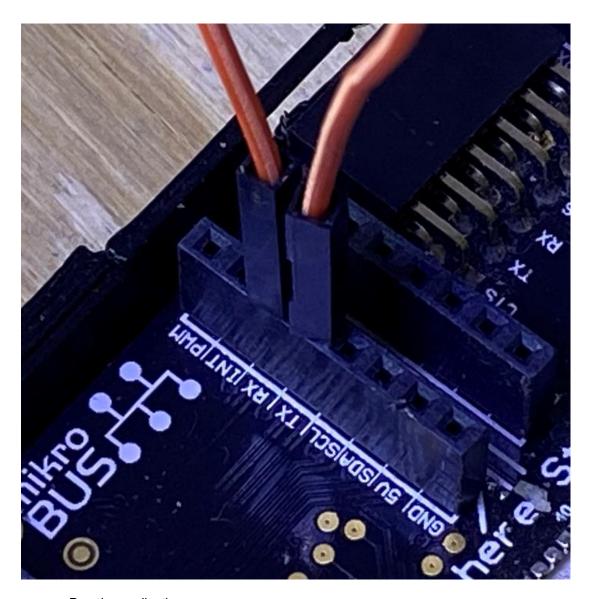
## Build/run/validate the example using a loopback connection

Before we port the UART implementation into our application, let's validate that the example works. This will help us validate that our port also works. The example is written to use a simple loopback UART connection. We just need to connect ISU0 TX to ISU0 RX. Use the diagrams below to make this connection.

Click Socket #1

Click1 Pin	Module Signal Name	Click1 Pin	Module Signal Name
AN	GPIO42_ADC1	PWM	GPIO0_PWM0
RST	GPIO16	INT	GPIO2_PWM2
CS	GPIO34_CSA1_CTS1	RX	GPIO28_MISO0_RXD0_SDA0
SCK	GPIO31_ <b>SCLK1</b> _TX1	TX	GPIO26_SCLK0_ <b>TXD0</b>
MISO	GPIO33_ <b>MISO1</b> _RX1_DATA1	SCL	GPIO37_MOSI2_RTS2_ <b>SCL2</b>
MOSI	GPIO32_ <b>MOSI1</b> _RTS1_CLK1	SDA	GPIO38_MISO2_RXD2_ <b>SDA2</b>
+3.3V	3V3	+5V	5V
GND	GND	GND	GND





- Run the application
- Press "the" button (button A, the center button on your Starter Kit)
- Note that 13 bytes are sent over the uart and 13 bytes are received 12 bytes at first, then the remaining 1 byte.

```
Output

Show output from: Device Output

Remote debugging from host 192.168.35.1, port 61022

UART application starting.
Opening SAMPLE BUTTON 1 as input.

Sent 13 bytes over UART in 1 calls.

UART received 12 bytes: 'Hello world!'.

UART received 1 bytes: '
'.
```

## Port the UART functionality into the Azure IoT project

I'll leave the UART port as a hands on exercise. The approach I take is to move all the example UART code into my project, then try to build and run the application. The complier will identify code that you missed. Remember to declare the UART in your app\_manifest.json file.

## Build/run/validate the application using a loopback connection

Once you have ported the UART changes into your POC project, run the application with the loopback connection installed on your board to verify that the UART Tx and Rx is working.

#### Tag our progress in GitHub

Source Control best practices suggest that this would be a good time to check-in your changes to your repository and create a TAG. Check-in and tag your changes.

## **Review Changes**

I've captured all the changes for this Lab in a gitHub repo. You can pull my POCLab branch using the details below.

- Clone the repo: https://github.com/Avnet/azure-sphere-samples.git
- Switch to the POCLab branch
  - Look for the changes for TAG: POC Add UART Support

## Clean up the project

The next step is to remove any unwanted functionality and code from the example application.

#### Remove unneeded code

The Azure IoT example implements some features that we may want to remove/cleanup.

- · Remove sending simulated temperature measurements
  - Find and remove all references to SendSimulatedTelemetry(void)
  - Do NOT remove the call to IoTHubDeviceClient\_LL\_DoWork(iothubClientHandle) in AzureTimerEventHandler()
- Remove all code and references to sendMessageButtonGpioFd
- Remove all code and references to the function IsButtonPressed()
- Remove all code and references to the function sendMessageButtonState()

Example application features that you may want to leave and enhance in future versions:

- Use device twins to control an LED on the device
  - Review DeviceTwinCallback()
  - Learn more about device twins here
- Use a Direct Method to receive a "Trigger Alarm" command from the Azure IoT Hub
  - Review DeviceMethodCallback()
  - Learn more about direct methods <u>here</u>

o Avnet has published a blog on direct methods here

#### Modify Application to request data every 10 seconds

The current implementation uses buttonPollTimer to poll the button GPIO, and if the button is pressed, it sends the UART message. The Guardian 100 (G100) hardware solution does not have a button, so let's change this functionality to send UART requests every 10 seconds, or whatever period you like. Later we can extend this functionality to allow cloud based control to set the period using a Device Twin.

The bullets below walk the user through a process where we will reuse the buttonTimer functionality code.

- Change all references of ExitCode\_Init\_ButtonPollTimer to ExitCode\_init\_UartTxTimer
- Change all references of ExitCode\_ButtonTimer\_Consume to ExitCode\_UartTimer\_Consume
- Rename all references of buttonPollTimer to txUartMsgTimer
- Change all references of buttonPressCheckPeriod to txUartPeriod and redefine to period to 10 seconds
- Rename all references of ButtonPollTimerEventHandler to uartTxEventHandler

```
// Set up a timer to periodically send UART messages
static const struct timespec txUartPeriod = {.tv_sec = 10, .tv_nsec = 1000 * 1000};

txUartMsgTimer =

CreateEventLoopPeriodicTimer(eventLoop, &uartTxMsgEventHandler, &txUartPeriod);

if (txUartMsgTimer == NULL) {
 return ExitCode_init_UartTxTimer;
}
```

 At this point you can run the application on your Starter Kit and verify that the application is sending the canned UART messages every 10 seconds.

```
Output
                                                        Show output from: Device Output
Remote debugging from host 192.168.35.1, port 54845
Azure IoT Application starting.
ConnectionType: DPS
ScopeID: 0ne0008CB04
Using DPS Connection: Azure IoT DPS Scope ID 0ne0008CB04
Opening SAMPLE LED as output.
[Azure IoT] Using HSM cert at /run/daa/8d34f65c-532e-4dcf-a1d6-3e811c1e5c68
IoTHubDeviceClient_LL_CreateWithAzureSphereDeviceAuthProvisioning returned 'AZURE_SPHERE_PROV_RESULT_OK'.
Sent 13 bytes over UART in 1 calls.
UART received 12 bytes: 'Hello world!'.
UART received 1 bytes:
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UART received 12 bytes: 'Hello world!'.
UART received 1 bytes: '
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```

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## Tag our progress in GitHub

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## **Review Changes**

- My can be reviewed by looking at my POC branch and . . .
  - Look for the TAG: POC\_Clean\_Up\_Example\_Code

## Status Checkpoint

At this point, we've accomplished the following tasks

- 1. Verified that the POC application connects to our Azure IoT Hub
- 2. Ported the UART example into our POC application
- 3. Verified that the UART port works
- 4. Cleaned up unwanted code from the POC application

The next step is to move the project onto our target hardware platform, the Avnet Guardian 100.

## Port the project from the Avnet Starter Kit to the Avnet Guardian 100

We've gone as far as we can with the Starter Kit hardware. The next thing we want to do is to move over to our target hardware, the G100. This is a simple process, we need to complete the following tasks.

- Add G100 hardware definition files to the /HardwareDefinitions directory
- Update the CMakeLists.txt file to use the new hardware definition files
- Change all the hardware references in the application code to refer to the G100 hardware designations

#### Update the Target HW Definitions

The required G100 hardware definition folders/files can be found in my POCLab branch.

- If you want to learn how to create your own custom hardware definitions, see the Azure Sphere documentation page <a href="here">here</a>.
- If you have not pulled my POCLab branch
  - o Clone the repo: https://github.com/Avnet/azure-sphere-samples.git
  - Switch to the POCLab branch
- Open a file explorer and navigate to the project on your local drive
- Copy the azure-sphere-sampes/HardwareDefinitions/avnet\_g100 folder and place it into your working directory under the azure-sphere-samples/HardwareDefinitions folder
- Back in Visual Studio, open the CMakeLists.txt file
- Update the end of line 16 to reference the avnet\_g100

```
16 ${PROJECT_NAME} TARGET_DIRECTORY "../../HardwareDefinitions/avnet_g100" TARGET_DEFINITION "avnet_g100.json")
```

## Update Remaining HW Definitions to reference the G100 hardware You'll need to update two files.

- app\_manifest.json
  - Remove the gpio reference to "\$SAMPLE BUTTON 1"
  - Change "\$SAMPLE LED" to "\$LED 1"
  - Change "\$SAMPLE UART LOOPBACK" to "\$EXTERNAL UART"

- main.c
  - Update the hardware specific #include

```
65 = #include <hw/avnet_g100.h>
```

Change the SAMPLE\_LED reference to LED\_1

```
GPIO_OpenAsOutput(LED_1, GPIO_OutputMode_PushPull, GPIO_Value_High);
```

Change the SAMPLE\_UART\_LOOPBACK reference to EXTERNAL\_UART

```
420 uartFd = UART_Open(EXTERNAL_UART, &uartConfig);
```

You should build and run your application to make sure everything still builds. The G100 uses a different UART ISU, so your loopback will NOT work. It should still connect to the Azure IoT Hub.

## **Review Changes**

- My UART port changes can be reviewed by looking at my POCLab branch and . . .
  - Look for the TAG: POC\_Add\_Guardian\_100\_Hw

#### Status Checkpoint

At this point, we've accomplished the following tasks . . .

Changed the project to target the Guardian 100

Next let's start to work with the Guardian 100 and the Raspberry Pi

## Bring up the Raspberry Pi surrogate device

The raspberry Pi is already configured with all the software and libraries needed to interoperate with your G100 and the POC application. For this lab you should not need to login to the Pi device. It will startup running our surrogate device application. If you want to access the Pi device or learn more about the surrogate application see the details in the Appendix.

If you don't have a raspberry pi already setup you can download my image from <a href="here">here</a>. Use the <a href="balenaEtcher">balenaEtcher</a> application to flash it to a micro-sD card, and boot your Pi device.

#### Pi Details

The Pi will run a python script at boot time (serialCmdResp.py) that's performing the following functionalities

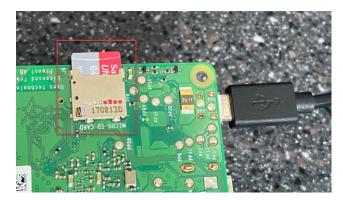
- Opens the serial port to the G100
- Listens for commands
  - o The application expects that all commands end with a '\n' (new line) character
- Supported commands
  - RebootCmd
    - Sends a "sudo reboot" command to the Pi OS
    - Returns: nothing
  - PowerdownCmd
    - Sends a "sudo shutdown -P" command to the Pi OS
    - Returns: nothing
  - ReadCPUTempCmd
    - Reads the Pi CPU temperature in Celsius
    - Returns: String with format "temp:xx.y\n"
      - RX: temp:44.5
    - You should be able to affect the temperature by blowing across the CPU or holding a finger on it to heat it up more
  - IpAddressCmd
    - Reads all active network interfaces and returns the interface name and IPV4 IP address
    - Returns: One response for each active network port on the device

```
RX: 10:127.0.0.1
RX: wlan0:192.168.8.208
```

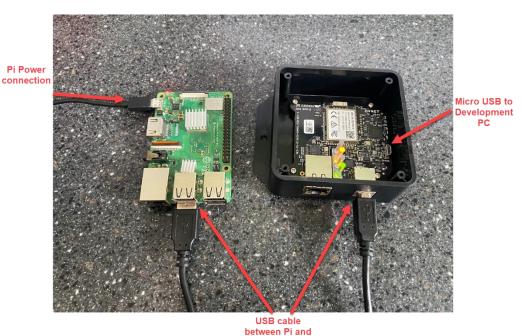
- See the appendix to see the details for a pre-configured WiFi network
- You can also connect your Pi to a network that supports DHCP and you'll see an eth0 interface and associated IP Address

## Connect devices and power on

• Verify that the microSD card is inserted all the way into your pi device



- Remove the cover of the G100 by removing the 4 Phillips (cross) screws
- Connect a micro USB cable from the G100 to your development PC
- Using the A to B USB cable that was included in your G100 box, connect the G100 to your Raspberry Pi
  - Note that in a deployment this cable can be used for Serial communications and can also power the Guardian 100 device.



Guardian

Connect the pi power supply to the micro USB connector on your pi and connect the power supply to wall power

#### Prepare the G100 for development

- Update the OS on your G100
  - o azsphere dev recover
- Claim the G100 to your Azure Sphere Tenant
  - o azsphere tenant login
  - azsphere dev claim
- Prepare your G100 for development
  - o azsphere dev enable-development
- Add a WiFi network to your G100
  - o azsphere dev wifi add -s <your SSID> -p <your SSID password> -t

## Modify the app to send commands to the Pi

The azure sphere application is currently configured to send the "hello world" message over the UART. The pi application does not implement a hello world command. Update your application to send one of the supported commands.

- Open main.c and find the uartTxEventHandler() routine
- Modify the SendUardMessage(uartFd, "Hello world!") line to send one of the supported pi commands
  - RebootCmd
  - PowerdownCmd
  - ReadCPUTempCmd
  - o IpAddressCmd
- Verify that the application receives responses from the pi
- Review the UartEventHandler() implementation
  - o This implementation only receives uart response and prints what's received

## Modify the app to receive UART responses and output the responses

Next we need to modify the UartEventHandler() implementation to . . .

- Receive data from a single pi response that comes in as multiple UART receives
- Output the complete received message

Think about how you would implement this functionality. In the interest of time, I've developed some code that we can use to get this functionality working quickly.

View the TAG called POC\_Uart\_Rx\_RingBuffer

- Copy the contents of UartEventHandler() and paste them into your project
  - There may be a couple items outside that routine that you need

What I did was implement a ring buffer in a static array. It's not the most efficient implementation, but it's been tested and it seems pretty reliable.

#### The high level design:

- When data is received it's copied into the static dataBuffer starting at the next available location as identified by the nextData index
  - Check for buffer overflow
  - Allow the data to wrap from the end of the buffer to the beginning of the buffer
  - Update the nextData to point to the next available buffer location
- Each time data is received, check to see if a complete message has been received
  - o A complete message is identified by a '\n' character at the end of the response
  - Start to look at index currentData until nextData-1
  - Account for messages that wrap from the end of the buffer to the beginning of the buffer
  - When a message is found, adjust the index variables to "free" the buffer where the message was found
  - Print the message to the debug window

This design lacks some robustness . . .

- There are no checks for data integrity
- If the buffer fills up, all the pointers are reset in an attempt to recover
- Other things that you'll think of . . .

Take a few minutes to port my changes into your application

#### **Review Changes**

- My changes can be reviewed by looking at my POCLab branch and . . .
  - Look for the TAG: POC\_UART\_Rx\_RingBuffer

## Modify the app to send responses to Azure as telemetry

Now that we're receiving response messages, let's parse them and send the data to our Azure IoT Hub as telemetry.

The code required to send telemetry is shown below. Let's do a quick review:

```
// Define the {"key": value} Json string format for sending floating point data
static const char floatJsonOjbect[] = "{\"%s\":%2.1f}";
// Allocate a buffer
#define JSON BUFFER SIZE 64
char *pjsonBuffer = (char *)malloc(JSON_BUFFER_SIZE);
if (pjsonBuffer == NULL) {
    Log Debug("ERROR: not enough memory to send a message to Azure");
    return:
}
// Variable to hold the "key" string
char key[] = "temp";
// Variable to hold the "value" float
float value = 44.5;
// construct the telemetry message and send it
snprintf(pjsonBuffer, JSON_BUFFER_SIZE, floatJsonOjbect, key, value);
SendTelemetry(pjsonBuffer);
// Free the memory
free(pjsonBuffer);
```

Let's take some time to allow you to integrate this functionality into your application.

#### Review Changes

- My changes can be reviewed by looking at my POCLab branch and . . .
  - Look for the TAG: POC\_Parse\_Responses

#### Status Checkpoint

At this point, we've accomplished the following tasks . . .

- Modified the application to receive long messages that are received across multiple read() calls
- Parsed out the key and value data from the UART messages
- Sent the data to the Azure IoT Hub

Next let's setup a OTA deployment for our application . . .

## **Deploy the POC application OTA**

- o Create a new product for our application
  - azsphere product create --name AvnetPOC
- Add our device to the device group and put it into production (enable-cloud-test) mode
  - azsphere device enable-cloud-test --productname AvnetPOC --devicegroupname Production
- Create a deployment with our application package image
  - azsphere device-group deployment create --devicegroupname Production -productname AvnetPOC --filepath path to your package image>
- Reset your device
- Verify new image is installed OTA
  - azsphere device image list-installed

If you want to continue to add features to your application you'll need to put your G100 device back into development mode.

· azsphere dev edv

## **Review other improvements**

As the application stands right now, it's a viable IoT application. We're sending commands to a downstream device, receiving responses and sending data from the responses to our Azure IoT Hub as telemetry. The remaining sections of the lab make improvements to the application including . . .

- Use the G100 LEDs to show network and Azure IoT Hub connection status
- Send the read IP address and read CPU temperature commands at different intervals
- Control the interval that we read the CPU temperature using a Device Twin from the cloud
- Use direct method calls from the cloud to reset or power down the Pi device
- Use message properties and Azure message routing features to capture telemetry data in an Azure Storage account

#### Show connection status on LEDs

One basic troubleshooting step is to verify network connectivity and Azure connection status. I've added code that will use LEDs 1-3 on the G100 to indicate status. Only one LED will be lighted at a time.

LED1: On == The device does NOT have a WiFi/Network connection

LED2: On == The device is connected to Azure

LED3: On == The device is authenticated with the IoT Hub

#### **Review Changes**

- My changes can be reviewed by looking at my POC branch and . . .
  - Look for the TAG: POC\_Status\_LEDs

## Create periodic events to request/send IP address updates

IP Address' should not change very often so we should not be updating these items frequently. We broke the UART Tx timer handler into two handlers so that they could run at different time intervals.

Use the current implementation as a reference and create two different periodic handlers.

#### **Review Changes**

- My changes can be reviewed by looking at my POCLab branch and . . .
  - Look for the TAG: POC\_Split\_UART\_TX\_Handler

#### Control Send Interval with Device Twin

When we did the application clean up step, I purposely left the code that catches and process device twin updates. Review that code and use it as a reference to configure the interval at which we send the read CPU command.

#### **Review Changes**

- My changes can be reviewed by looking at my POCLab branch and . . .
  - Look for the TAG: POC Add Device Twin

#### Reset or Shutdown the Pi device using Direct Methods

The Pi device is a linux system and should be shut down gracefully. I've implemented direct methods that can instruct the Pi to either reboot, or shutdown.

We added two direct methods

- RebootPi
  - Sends the RebootCmd message to the Pi
- PowerDownPi
  - Sends the PowerdownCmd message to the Pi

#### **Review Changes**

- My changes can be reviewed by looking at my POCLab branch and . . .
  - Look for the TAG: POC\_Add\_Direct\_Method\_Support

## Add support to send data to Azure Storage

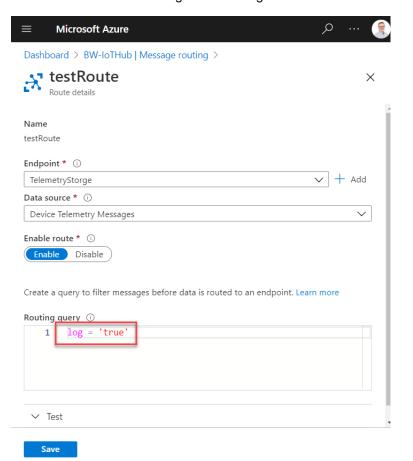
Azure Sphere IoT services can send data to an IoT Hub, but how do you migrate that data to an Azure Storage account? One way is to use message properties and Azure IoT message routes.

- 1. In the Azure Sphere Code add a property to the message
  - a. IoTHubMessage\_SetProperty(messageHandle, "log", "true");

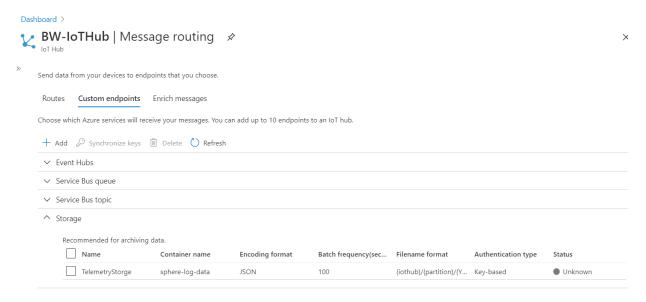
#### 2:27:21 PM, 08/11/2020:

```
{
  "body": {
    "temp": 47.8
},
  "enqueuedTime": "2020-08-11T18:27:21.287Z",
  "properties": {
    "log": "true"
}
}
```

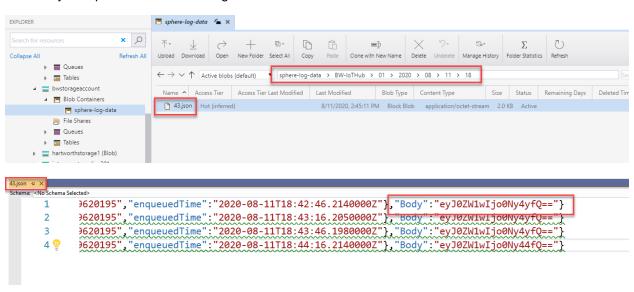
2. In the IoT Hub configure a message route

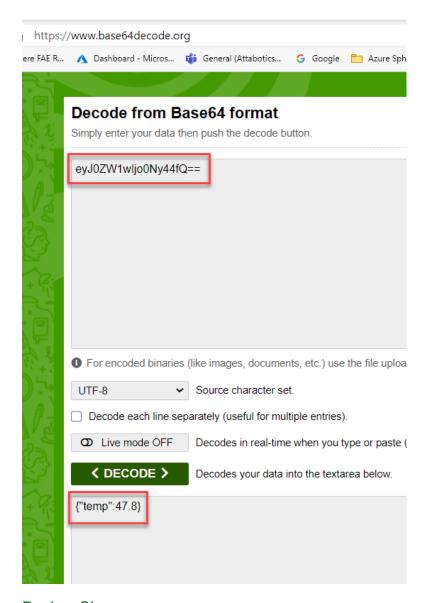


#### With a Custom Endpoint



#### Telemetry is captured in Azure Storage as base64 encoded data.





## **Review Changes**

- My changes can be reviewed by looking at my POCLab branch and . . .
  - Look for the TAG: POC\_Add\_Message\_Property

## **Update the OTA Deployment**

It's easy to update our production OTA deployment

- Before updating a deployment I recommend updating the app\_manifest.json "Name": attribute.
   This string will be imbedded into the image package and will make it easier when managing multiple images.
  - Open app\_manifest.json
  - Change the "Name" attribute. For example add a version

- Update the deployment with our latest application package image
- Put your device back into the device group and put it into production (enable-cloud-test) mode
  - azsphere device enable-cloud-test --productname AvnetPOC --devicegroupname Production
  - When we put the device back into development mode, it was moved into the AvnetPOC/Development device group automatically
- You can add any device claimed to your Azure Sphere Tenant to this Product/Device group
  - Connect the new device to your development pc
    - azsphere device enable-cloud-test –productn ame AvnetPOC -devicegroupname Production
    - OR
    - azsphere device update –productname AvnetPOC –devicegroupname Production
      - Add the -i <device ID> command line option to add devices by device ID if the device is not connected to your development PC

## Wrap Up

This lab was written with the objective of showing the student how to create a proof of concept application using the Azure Sphere SDK and example applications.

We started with a new Azure Sphere application using the Microsoft Azure IoT example application in GitHub. From there we ported in the UART loopback example and then proceeded to build out the application with useful features including adding cloud based controls and routing our data to Azure Storage. We used a downstream device connected over the G100 UART that accepted commands and returned real data from the downstream device.

This POC application can be modified to interact with any downstream device that has a serial port that accepts commands and responds with data. The developer just needs to understand the data being returned from the new device so that it can be parsed for meaningful data.

## **Appendix**

## Details on the Raspberrry Pi Implementation

## pi image

Raspberry Pi image with all software and configurations can be downloaded from <a href="here">here</a>. Use the <a href="balenaEtcher">balenaEtcher</a> application to flash it to a micro-sD card, and boot your Pi device.

## pi scripts

The python script and launcher script is included in the POCLab branch in the piScripts folder

Script locations on the pi filesystem:

Guardian 100 script: /home/pi/python/serialCmdResp.py

Launcher script: /home/pi/python/launcher.sh

Launcher logs: /home/pi/python/cronlog

## Pi script startup

The G100 script is automatically run at boot time using a cron job

To disable the auto run feature edit the cron tab

> sudo crontab -e

Find the line that calls the launcher.sh shell script and comment it out

To stop the script that's currently running

- Identify the Process ID
  - o ps -ef | grep python3
- find the PID for the "python3 serialCmdResp.py" process
  - o sudo kill <PID>

## Raspberry Pi Information

- User credentials
  - o user: pi
  - o password: 12345678
- SSH is enabled
- VNC in enabled
- There is a WiFi network configured in the image
  - o SSID: IoTDemo
  - SSID password: IoTDemo2001

## **Revision History**

Date	Version	Revision	
11 August 2020	00	Preliminary release	
12 October 2020	01	Improvements based on user feedback	