RapidScan

Bluetooth SPP Guide

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Introduction

This guide describes how to use the RapidScan application in SPP mode. By default, the app is configured to run over Wi-Fi using MQTT so there are some differences with how SPP mode works that you need to be aware of.

Before we get started, be aware that RapidScan takes on the “slave” role in this instance. When not connected it will be actively listening for connection requests, not searching. It is therefore up to the backend service to search and initiate connection to RapidScan.

Pre-Requisites

- Halo Ring with the RapidScan application installed
- SPP backend service

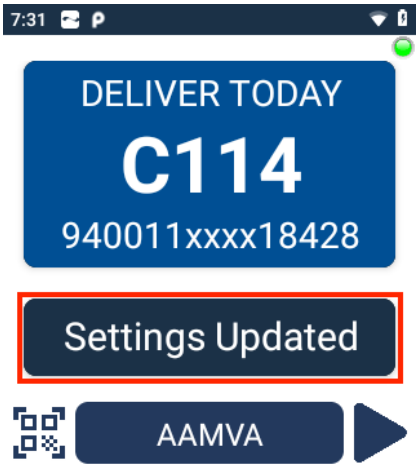
App Configuration

Out of the box, RapidScan's default connection mode is Wi-Fi so you will need to change the app's configuration to switch it to SPP mode. The best way to do this is by scanning a QR code containing an app config JSON like the sample below.

The contents of the QR code are shown in the lines below.

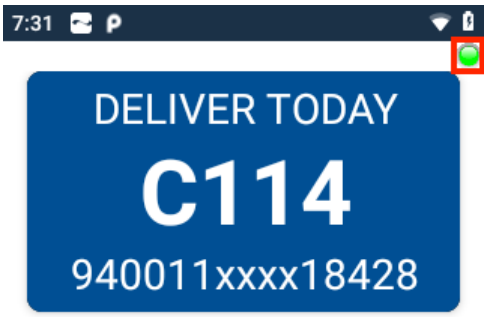
```
{
    "action": "config",
    "command": {
        "mode": "spp"
    }
}
```

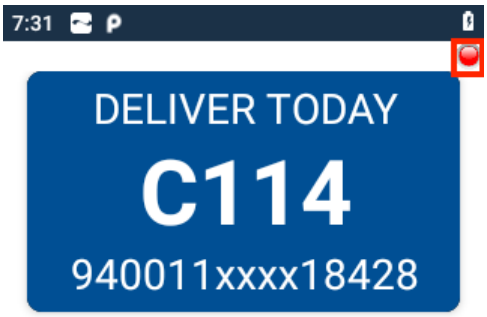
With RapidScan open and in the foreground, scan the app config QR and if successful you should get a message that looks like the following highlighted in red below.



Connection Status

The connection status indicator is shown below highlighted in red. When the indicator is green it means RapidScan is currently connected to your SPP service. Red indicates that the device is not currently connected.





As an added indicator, if a barcode is scanned while the device is not connected RapidScan will notify the user with an error message + beeps & vibrations.

Outgoing Payloads

The SPP payload format is made to fit into legacy systems and is thus quite different from MQTT JSON payloads. You will notice that we only send a payload in SPP mode for the basic barcode scan event.

Barcode Scanned

This payload is sent on successful barcode scan.

Format: [STX]type,barcode,verb[ETX] or [STX]type,barcode[ETX]

Parameters	Details
[STX] = start of text ASCII character	
type = barcode type	**Values:** Any integer Integer value of the corresponding barcode type. Lookup table to come.
barcode = string value of barcode	**Values:** Any string
verb = current verb (OPTIONAL)	**Values:** Any string Name of the current verb. ***If there are no verbs this field will be omitted.***
[ETX] = end of text ASCII character	

Incoming Payloads

There are currently only 2 possible incoming messages: “risl” which is how RapidScan receives RiSL cards and “config” which is another way RapidScan can consume app config payloads. Both messages should follow standard JSON formatting.

```
// RiSL Action
{
    "action": "risl",
    "command": "^StartCard|290|70^TextC|4|Hello World!^ShowCard"
}

// Config Action
{
    "action": "config",
    "command": {
        // App settings go here
    }
}
```