s115 migration document

Introduction to the s115 migration document

About the document

This document describes how to migrate to new versions of the s115 SoftDevice. The s115 release notes should be read in conjunction with this document.

For each version, we have the following sections:

- "Required changes" describes the changes that need to be done in the application when migrating from an older version of the SoftDevice.
- "New functionality" describes how to use new features and functionality offered by this version of the SoftDevice. **Note** : Not all new functionality may be covered; the release notes will contain a full list of new features and functionality.

Each section describes how to migrate to a given version from the previous version. If you are migrating to the current version from the previous version, follow the instructions in that section. To migrate between versions that are more than one version apart, follow the migration steps for all intermediate versions in order.

Example: To migrate from version 5.0.0 to version 5.2.0, first follow the instructions to migrate to 5.1.0 from 5.0.0, then follow the instructions to migrate to 5.2.0 from 5.1.0.

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This section describes how to use the new features of s115_9.0.0-2.prototype when migrating from s115_7.2.0.

Required changes

New functionality

s112_nrf52_7.2.0

This section describes how to use the new features of s112_nrf52_7.2.0 when migrating from s112_nrf52_7.0.1. As with all minor releases, the s112_nrf52_7.2.0 is binary compatible with s112_nrf52_7.0.1.

New functionality

Efficient discovery of 128-bit UUIDs

By default, any discovered 128-bit UUIDs that are not present in the Vendor Specific UUID table, will have the `ble_uuid_t::type` set to `BLE_UUID_TYPE_UNKNOWN`.

To change this default behavior and enable the automatic insertion of discovered 128-bit UUIDs to the Vendor Specific UUID table, the following option can be used:

```
sd_ble_opt_set(BLE_GATTC_OPT_UUID_DISC,
               &(ble_opt_t){.gattc_opt.uuid_disc.auto_add_vs_enable = 1});
```

s112_nrf52_7.0.1

This section describes how to use the new features of s112_nrf52_7.0.1 when migrating from s112_nrf52_6.1.1. The s112_nrf52_7.0.1 has changed the (Application Programming Interface) API compared to s112_nrf52_6.1.1 which requires applications to be recompiled.

Required changes

The application can no longer use the option `BLE_COMMON_OPT_ADV_SCHED_CFG`. The advertiser will always use improved scheduling. This was previously defined as `ADV_SCHED_CFG_IMPROVED`.

The macros `NRF_SOC_APP_PPI_CHANNELS_SD_DISABLED_MSK`, `NRF_SOC_APP_PPI_CHANNELS_SD_ENABLED_MSK`, `NRF_SOC_APP_PPI_GROUPS_SD_DISABLED_MSK`, and `NRF_SOC_APP_PPI_GROUPS_SD_ENABLED_MSK` are removed. The application can use the macros `NRF_SOC_SD_PPI_CHANNELS_SD_ENABLED_MSK` and `NRF_SOC_SD_PPI_GROUPS_SD_ENABLED_MSK` to deduce the PPI channels and groups available to the application.

New functionality

Configurable inclusion of Central Address Resolution (CAR) characteristic and Peripheral Preferred Connection Parameters (PPCP)

API Updates

- `BLE_GAP_CFG_CAR_INCL_CONFIG`: This allows the application to include or exclude the CAR characteristic from the GAP Service.
- `BLE_GAP_CFG_PPCP_INCL_CONFIG`: This allows the application to include or exclude the PPCP characteristic from the GAP Service.

For the above inclusion configuration APIs, the application can use:

- `BLE_GAP_CHAR_INCL_CONFIG_INCLUDE`: The characteristic is included.
- `BLE_GAP_CHAR_INCL_CONFIG_EXCLUDE_WITH_SPACE`: The characteristic is excluded, but the SoftDevice will reserve the attribute handles which are otherwise used for this characteristic.
- `BLE_GAP_CHAR_INCL_CONFIG_EXCLUDE_WITHOUT_SPACE`: The characteristic is excluded.

Usage

The code snippet below illustrates how to configure the SoftDevice to exclude both CAR and PPCP from the GAP Service.

```
int main(void)
{
  ble_cfg_t cfg;


  /* Exclude CAR from GAP service, but reserve the ATT Handles that will otherwise be used up by CAR. */
  cfg.gap_cfg.car_include_cfg = BLE_GAP_CHAR_INCL_CONFIG_EXCLUDE_WITH_SPACE;
  sd_ble_cfg_set(BLE_GAP_CFG_CAR_INCL_CONFIG, &cfg, ..);


  /* Exclude PPCP from GAP service, but reserve the ATT Handles that will otherwise be used up by PPCP. */
  cfg.gap_cfg.ppcp_include_cfg= BLE_GAP_CHAR_INCL_CONFIG_EXCLUDE_WITH_SPACE;
  sd_ble_cfg_set(BLE_GAP_CFG_PPCP_INCL_CONFIG, &cfg, ..);

  /* Enable the BLE Stack. */
  sd_ble_enable(...);

  [...]
}
```

Other additions to the API

- `sd_ble_gap_next_conn_evt_counter_get()`. This API can be used to retrieve the next connection event counter.

s112_nrf52_6.1.0

This section describes how to use the new features of s112_nrf52_6.1.0 when migrating from s112_nrf52_6.0.0. As with all minor releases, the s112_nrf52_6.1.0 is binary compatible with s112_nrf52_6.0.0. Hence existing applications running on s112_nrf52_6.0.0 need not be recompiled unless the new features are needed.

New functionality

API for removing a Vendor Specific base UUID

Using `sd_ble_uuid_vs_remove()`, the application can now remove a Vendor Specific base UUID that has been added with `sd_ble_uuid_vs_add()`. This allows the application to reuse memory allocated for Vendor Specific base UUIDs. The application must provide a pointer to the UUID type to be removed as an input parameter to `sd_ble_uuid_vs_remove()`. The UUID type must not be in use by the ATT Server. A limitation with the current implementation is that the input parameter can only point to `BLE_UUID_TYPE_UNKNOWN` or the last added UUID type.

API to enable or disable extended RC calibration

Extended RC calibration is a new SoftDevice feature that performs additional RC oscillator drift detection and calibration when the SoftDevice is acting as a peripheral and the RC oscillator is used as the SoftDevice clock source. The extended RC calibration is performed in addition to the periodic calibration which is configured when calling `sd_softdevice_enable()`. If using only peripheral connections, the periodic calibration can then be configured with a much longer interval because the peripheral can detect and adjust automatically to clock drift and calibrate when required.

The extended RC calibration is enabled by default. The option `BLE_COMMON_OPT_EXTENDED_RC_CAL` is added to the BLE option API, allowing the application to enable or disable this feature. When using this API, set `ble_common_opt_t::extended_rc_cal::enable` to '1' to enable, or to '0' to disable.

API to get the advertiser Bluetooth device address

A new API `sd_ble_gap_adv_addr_get()` enables the application to get the local Bluetooth device address that is used by the advertiser. The application must provide the advertising handle of the advertiser for the `adv_handle` input parameter, and a pointer to an address structure `p_addr` to be used as the output parameter. The function may only be called when advertising is enabled.

Note: If privacy is enabled, the SoftDevice will generate a new private address every `ble_gap_privacy_params_t::private_addr_cycle_s`, which is configured when calling `sd_ble_gap_privacy_set()`. Depending on when `sd_ble_gap_adv_addr_get()` is called, the returned address may not be the address that is currently used by the advertiser.

Hardware resource usage API

The API now contains new macros to inform the application about the hardware resources used by the SoftDevice.

- The macro `__NRF_NVIC_SD_IRQ_PRIOS` indicates the interrupt priority levels used by the SoftDevice.
- The macro `__NRF_NVIC_APP_IRQ_PRIOS` indicates the interrupt priority levels available to the application.
- The macros `NRF_SOC_SD_PPI_CHANNELS_SD_ENABLED_MSK` and `NRF_SOC_SD_PPI_CHANNELS_SD_DISABLED_MSK` can be used to identify the PPI channels reserved by the SoftDevice when the SoftDevice is enabled or disabled respectively.
- The macros `NRF_SOC_APP_PPI_CHANNELS_SD_ENABLED_MSK` and `NRF_SOC_APP_PPI_CHANNELS_SD_DISABLED_MSK` can be used to identify the PPI channels available to the application when the SoftDevice is enabled or disabled respectively.

- The macros `NRF_SOC_SD_PPI_GROUPS_SD_ENABLED_MSK` and `NRF_SOC_SD_PPI_GROUPS_SD_DISABLED_MSK` can be used to identify the PPI groups reserved by the SoftDevice when the SoftDevice is enabled or disabled respectively.
- The macros `NRF_SOC_APP_PPI_GROUPS_SD_ENABLED_MSK` and `NRF_SOC_APP_PPI_GROUPS_SD_DISABLED_MSK` can be used to identify the PPI groups available to the application when the SoftDevice is enabled or disabled respectively.

Other additions to the API

- The macro `SD_VARIANT_ID` indicates the SoftDevice variant.
- The macro `SD_FLASH_SIZE` indicates the amount of flash memory used by the SoftDevice.

s112_nrf52_6.0.0

This section describes how to migrate to s112_nrf52_6.0.0 from s132_nrf52_5.1.0 (which is API compatible with s112_nrf52810_5.1.0).

Notes:

- s112_nrf52_6.0.0 has changed the API compared to s132_nrf52_5.1.0 which requires applications to be recompiled.
- s112_nrf52_6.0.0 includes some features that are not Bluetooth qualified. For more information, see the release notes.

New functionality

Write to SoftDevice protected registers

A new API, `sd_protected_register_write()` , has been added to give the application the possibility to write to a register that is write-protected by the SoftDevice . A write-protected peripheralshall only be accessed through the SoftDevice API when the SoftDevice is enabled.

The new API supports writing to the Block Protection (BPROT) peripheral. The application can use `sd_protected_register_write()` instead of `sd_flash_protect()` to set the flash protection configuration registers.

Usage

```
/* Old API: */
errcode = sd_flash_protect(value0, value1, value2, value3)

/* New API: */
errcode = sd_protected_register_write(&(NRF_BPROT->CONFIG0), value0)
errcode = sd_protected_register_write(&(NRF_BPROT->CONFIG1), value1)
errcode = sd_protected_register_write(&(NRF_BPROT->CONFIG2), value2)
errcode = sd_protected_register_write(&(NRF_BPROT->CONFIG3), value3)
```

Required changes

Updated advertiser API

`sd_ble_gap_adv_data_set()` has been removed.

A new API, `sd_ble_gap_adv_set_configure()`, has been added with the following functionalities:

- Configuring and updating the advertising parameters of an advertising set.
- Setting, clearing, or updating advertising and scan response data.
    - Note: The advertising data must be kept alive in memory until advertising is terminated. Not doing so will lead to undefined behavior.
    - Note: Updating advertising data while advertising can only be done by providing new advertising data buffers.

Configuring and updating an advertising set

Advertising Set is a term introduced in Bluetooth Core Specification v5.0.

Each advertising set is identified by an advertising handle. To configure a new advertising set and obtain a new advertising handle, `sd_ble_gap_adv_set_configure()` should be called with a pointer `p_adv_handle` pointing to an advertising handle set to `BLE_GAP_ADV_SET_HANDLE_NOT_SET`.

To update an existing advertising set, `sd_ble_gap_adv_set_configure()` should be called with a previously configured advertising handle.

Note: Currently only one advertising set can be configured in the SoftDevice.

Configuring advertising parameters for an advertising set

Setting advertising parameters has been moved from `sd_ble_gap_adv_start()` to `sd_ble_gap_adv_set_configure()`.

The content of `ble_gap_adv_params_t` has changed:

- `ble_gap_adv_params_t::type` has been removed.
- A new parameter, `properties`, of the new type `ble_gap_adv_properties_t` has been added.
  - The advertising type must now be set through `ble_gap_adv_properties_t::type`.
  - The advertising type definitions (`BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPES`) have changed, and new types have been added. These advertising types are referred to as *legacy* advertising types:
    - `type = BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPE_ADV_IND`
    - `type = BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPE_ADV_DIRECT_IND`
    - `type = BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPE_ADV_SCAN_IND`
    - `type = BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPE_ADV_NONCONN_IND`

    Their corresponding new types are:
    - `properties.type = BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPE_CONNECTABLE_SCANNABLE_UNDIRECTED`
    - `properties.type = BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPE_CONNECTABLE_NONSCANNABLE_DIRECTED_HIGH_DUTY_CYCLE` or `BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPE_CONNECTABLE_NONSCANNABLE_DIRECTED`
    - `properties.type = BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPE_NONCONNECTABLE_SCANNABLE_UNDIRECTED`
    - `properties.type = BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPE_NONCONNECTABLE_NONSCANNABLE_UNDIRECTED`
- `ble_gap_adv_params_t::fp` has been renamed `ble_gap_adv_params_t::filter_policy`.
- `ble_gap_adv_params_t::timeout` has been renamed `ble_gap_adv_params_t::duration` and is now measured in 10 ms units.
- `ble_gap_adv_params_t::channel_mask` type has been changed from `ble_gap_adv_ch_mask_t` to the new type `ble_gap_ch_mask_t`.
  - Note: At least one of the primary channels that is channel index 37-39 must be set to 0.
  - Note: Masking away secondary channels is currently not supported.
  - The mapping from old type `ble_gap_adv_ch_mask_t` to the new type `ble_gap_ch_mask_t` is shown below:

Old	New
`channel_mask.ch_37_off = 1`	`channel_mask = 0x2000000000`
`channel_mask.ch_38_off = 1`	`channel_mask = 0x4000000000`
`channel_mask.ch_39_off = 1`	`channel_mask = 0x8000000000`

- `ble_gap_adv_params_t` has several new parameters:

- `max_adv_evts` has been added to allow the application to advertise for a given number of advertising events.
- `scan_req_notification` flag has been added to give the application the possibility to receive events of type `ble_gap_evt_scan_req_report_t`. This replaces `BLE_GAP_OPT_SCAN_REQ_REPORT` .
- `primary_phy` and `secondary_phy` allow the application to select PHYs for primary and secondary advertising channels.
  - `primary_phy` should be set to `BLE_GAP_PHY_AUTO` or `BLE_GAP_PHY_1MBPS` for legacy advertising types. For extended advertising types, it should be set to `BLE_GAP_PHY_1MBPS` or `BLE_GAP_PHY_CODED` if supported by the SoftDevice.
  - `secondary_phy` can be ignored for legacy advertising. For extended advertising types, it should be set to `BLE_GAP_PHY_1MBPS`, `BLE_GAP_PHY_2MBPS`, or `BLE_GAP_PHY_CODED` if supported by the SoftDevice.
- `set_id` has been added to allow the application to choose the set ID of an extended advertiser .

Other Advertising API changes

- `BLE_GAP_TIMEOUT_SRC_ADVERTISING` has been removed.
  - A new event, `BLE_GAP_EVT_ADVERTISING_SET_TERMINATED` with structure `ble_gap_evt_adv_set_terminated_t`, has been introduced to let the application know when and why an advertising set has terminated.
- A new configuration parameter, `ble_gap_cfg_role_count_t::adv_set_count`, has been introduced to set the maximum number of advertising sets. Note: The maximum number of supported advertising sets is `BLE_GAP_ADV_SET_COUNT_MAX`.
- `BLE_GAP_ADV_MAX_SIZE` has been replaced with `BLE_GAP_ADV_SET_DATA_SIZE_MAX`.
- `ble_gap_evt_connected_t` now includes `adv_handle` and `adv_data` of the new type `ble_gap_adv_data_t` .These are set when the device connects as a peripheral.
- `ble_gap_evt_scan_req_report_t` now includes `adv_handle`.
- `BLE_GAP_OPT_SCAN_REQ_REPORT` has been removed.
- `BLE_GAP_ADV_TIMEOUT_LIMITED_MAX` has been changed from 180 to 18000 as `sd_ble_gap_adv_params_t::duration` is now measured in 10 ms units.

Usage

```
static uint8_t raw_adv_data_buffer1[BLE_GAP_ADV_SET_DATA_SIZE_MAX];
static uint8_t raw_scan_rsp_data_buffer1[BLE_GAP_ADV_SET_DATA_SIZE_MAX];
static ble_gap_adv_data_t adv_data1 = {
       .adv_data.p_data      = raw_adv_data_buffer1,
       .adv_data.len         = sizeof(raw_adv_data_buffer1),
       .scan_rsp_data.p_data = raw_scan_rsp_data_buffer1,
       .scan_rsp_data.len    = sizeof(raw_scan_rsp_data_buffer1)};

/* A second advertising data buffer for later updating advertising data while
 * advertising */
static uint8_t raw_adv_data_buffer2[BLE_GAP_ADV_SET_DATA_SIZE_MAX];
static uint8_t raw_scan_rsp_data_buffer2[BLE_GAP_ADV_SET_DATA_SIZE_MAX];
static ble_gap_adv_data_t adv_data2 = {
       .adv_data.p_data      = raw_adv_data_buffer2,
       .adv_data.len         = sizeof(raw_adv_data_buffer2),
       .scan_rsp_data.p_data = raw_scan_rsp_data_buffer2,
       .scan_rsp_data.len    = sizeof(raw_scan_rsp_data_buffer2)};

int main(void)
{
  uint8_t adv_handle = BLE_GAP_ADV_SET_HANDLE_NOT_SET;
  ble_gap_adv_params_t adv_params = {
       .properties={.type=BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPE_CONNECTABLE_SCANNABLE_UNDIRECTED},
       .interval              = BLE_GAP_ADV_INTERVAL_MAX,
       .duration              = BLE_GAP_ADV_TIMEOUT_LIMITED_MAX,
       .channel_mask          = {0}, /* Advertising on all the primary channels */
       .max_adv_evts          = 0,
       .filter_policy         = BLE_GAP_ADV_FP_ANY,
       .primary_phy           = BLE_GAP_PHY_AUTO,
       .scan_req_notification = 1
       };

  /* Enable the BLE Stack */
  sd_ble_enable(...);

  [...]
  sd_ble_gap_adv_set_configure(&adv_handle, &adv_data1, &adv_params);
  /* Start advertising */
  sd_ble_gap_adv_start(adv_handle, BLE_CONN_CFG_TAG_DEFAULT);

  [...]
  /* Update advertising data while advertising */
  sd_ble_gap_adv_set_configure(&adv_handle, &adv_data2, NULL);

  [...]
  /* Stop advertising */
  sd_ble_gap_adv_stop(adv_handle);

  [...]
}
```

Updated RSSI API

The RSSI API has been changed so that the SoftDevice can provide the application with the channel index on which the reported RSSI measurements are made.

- `sd_ble_gap_rssi_get()` takes an additional parameter `p_ch_index`. For this parameter, provide a pointer to a location where the channel index for the RSSI measurement should be stored.
- The event structure for the `BLE_GAP_EVT_RSSI_CHANGED` event has a new parameter `ble_gap_evt_rssi_changed_t::ch_index`. This is the Data Channel Index (0-36) on which the RSSI is measured.

- The event structure for the BLE_GAP_EVT_ADV_REPORT event has a new parameter ble_gap_evt_adv_report_t::ch_index. This is the Channel Index (0-39) on which the last advertising packet is received. The corresponding measured RSSI for this packet can be read from ble_gap_evt_adv_report_t::rssi.

TX power API

The TX power API now supports setting individual transmit power for each link or role.

- sd_ble_gap_tx_power_set() takes two new parameters, role and handle, in addition to tx_power. For available roles and TX power values, see ble_gap.h.

Updated Flash API

sd_flash_write() now triggers a HardFault if the application tries to write to a protected page. NRF_ERROR_FORBIDDEN is returned if the application tries to write to a page outside application flash area.

sd_flash_page_erase() now triggers a HardFault if the application tries to erase a protected page. NRF_ERROR_FORBIDDEN is returned if the application tries to erase a page outside application flash area.