CE220331 – PSoC 6 MCU with BLE Connectivity: BLE with User Interface (RTOS)

Objective

This code example demonstrates interfacing PSoC® 6 MCU with BLE Connectivity (PSoC 6 MCU) with user interface functions such as an RGB LED, and touch sensors based on self and mutual capacitance (CapSense® CSD and CSX). These functions provide bi-directional BLE connectivity between the PSoC 6 MCU and a PC running the CySmart™ BLE Host Emulation tool or a mobile device running the CySmart mobile application.

Overview

This code example demonstrates interfacing PSoC 6 MCU with BLE Connectivity with an RGB LED with color and intensity control, touch buttons based on mutual capacitance (CSX), and touch-slider-based on self-capacitance (CSD). This code example also shows connectivity between the PSoC 6 BLE (acting as a Peripheral and GATT Server) and a PC running the CySmart BLE Host Emulation tool or a mobile device running the CySmart mobile application (acting as a Central and GATT Client). Custom BLE services are used for CapSense touch sensing and LED control.

In more detail:

- RGB LED color and intensity control using configurable digital blocks of PSoC 6 MCU
- CapSense slider and buttons
- PSoC 6 MCU's ability to simultaneously scan touch sensors based on self-capacitance as well as mutual-capacitance
- BLE connectivity
  - Advertisement and connection with a Central device
  - Three custom services (CapSense Slider, CapSense Button, and RGB LED)
  - Data transfer over BLE using notifications, read, and write

This code example assumes that you are familiar with the PSoC 6 MCU and the PSoC Creator™ Integrated Design Environment (IDE). If you are new to PSoC 6 MCU, you can find introductions in the application note AN210781 – Getting Started with PSoC 6 MCU with Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Connectivity.

This code example uses FreeRTOS. See PSoC 6 101: Lesson 1-4 FreeRTOS training video to learn how to create a PSoC 6 FreeRTOS project with PSoC® Creator™. Visit the FreeRTOS website for documentation and API references of FreeRTOS.

Requirements

Tool: PSoC Creator 4.2

Programming Language: C (Arm® GCC 5.4.1)

Associated Parts: All PSoC 6 MCUs with BLE Connectivity

Related Hardware: CY8CKIT-062-BLE PSoC 6 BLE Pioneer Kit

Design

The BLE profile in this code example consists of three BLE custom services: CapSense Slider, CapSense Button, and RGB LED. The two CapSense services consist of custom characteristics that are used to send data as notifications to the GATT client device. The notification data consists of the finger location read by the CapSense Component on the slider and the ON/OFF status of the two CapSense buttons. These characteristics support notification, which allows the GATT server to send data to the connected client device whenever new data is available. The RGB LED service consists of one custom characteristic called RGB LED Control. This characteristic supports three operations (read, write, and notify) through which the connected GATT client device can read data as well as write a new value to the characteristic. This data has four single-byte values indicating red, green, blue, and the intensity to control the onboard RGB LED. The properties for the custom service/characteristics are configured in the BLE Component under the **GATT Settings** tab. As an example, Figure 1 shows the configuration of the CapSense Slider Service.

Figure 1. BLE CapSense Slider Service Configuration

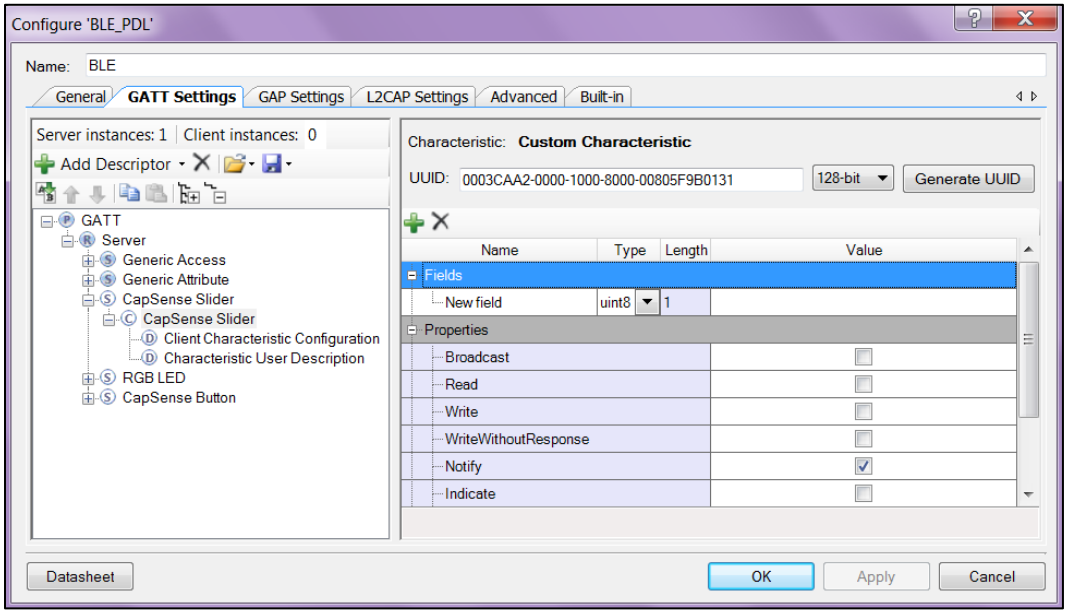


Figure 2, Figure 2, Figure 4 and Figure 5 show the TopDesign schematic of this code example.

The 5-element CapSense CSD slider (self-capacitance), and two CapSense CSX buttons (mutual-capacitance) are scanned with SmartSense™ auto-tuning. See AN85951 - PSoC 4 and PSoC 6 MCU CapSense Design Guide for details of CapSense touch sensing technology and to design capacitive touch sensing applications with PSoC 6 MCU.

Three TCPWM components operating in Pseudo Random PWM mode are used to drive the RGB LED. The Pseudo Random PWM signal density is modified to display the required color and intensity per the data received over BLE.

The E-INK display shows the instructions to use this code example at startup and is then turned OFF to save power. E-INK displays consume no power to retain the display. For more details on E-INK display, see the code example CE218133 – PSoC 6 MCU E-INK Display with CapSense.

Figure 2. TopDesign Schematic: User Interface

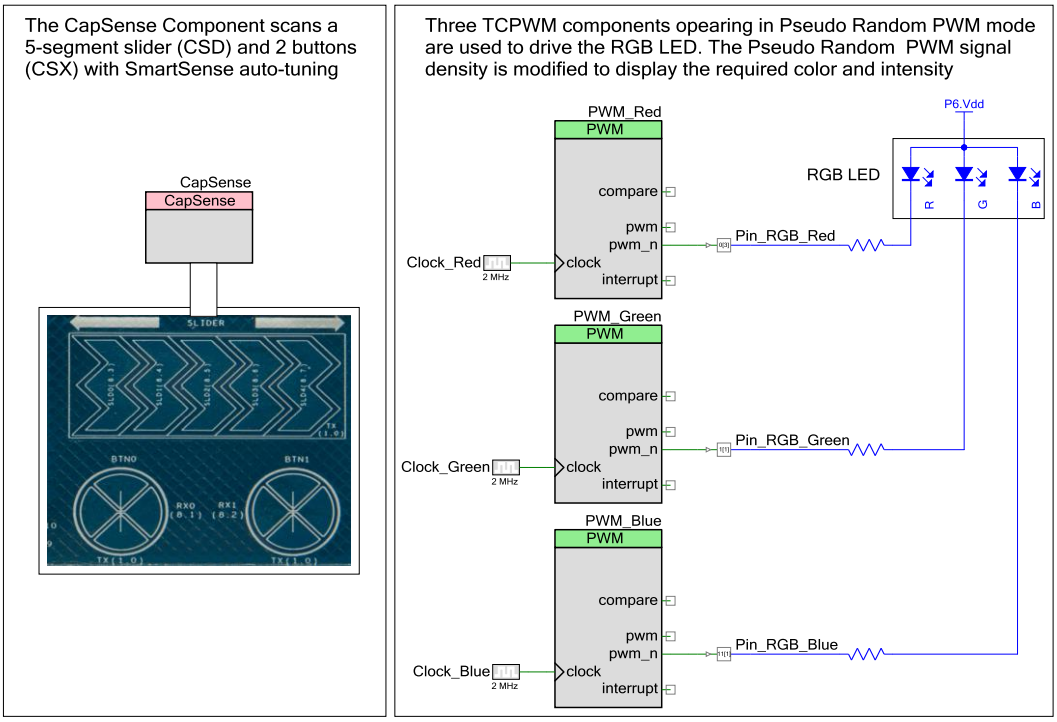


Figure 3. TopDesign Schematic: BLE

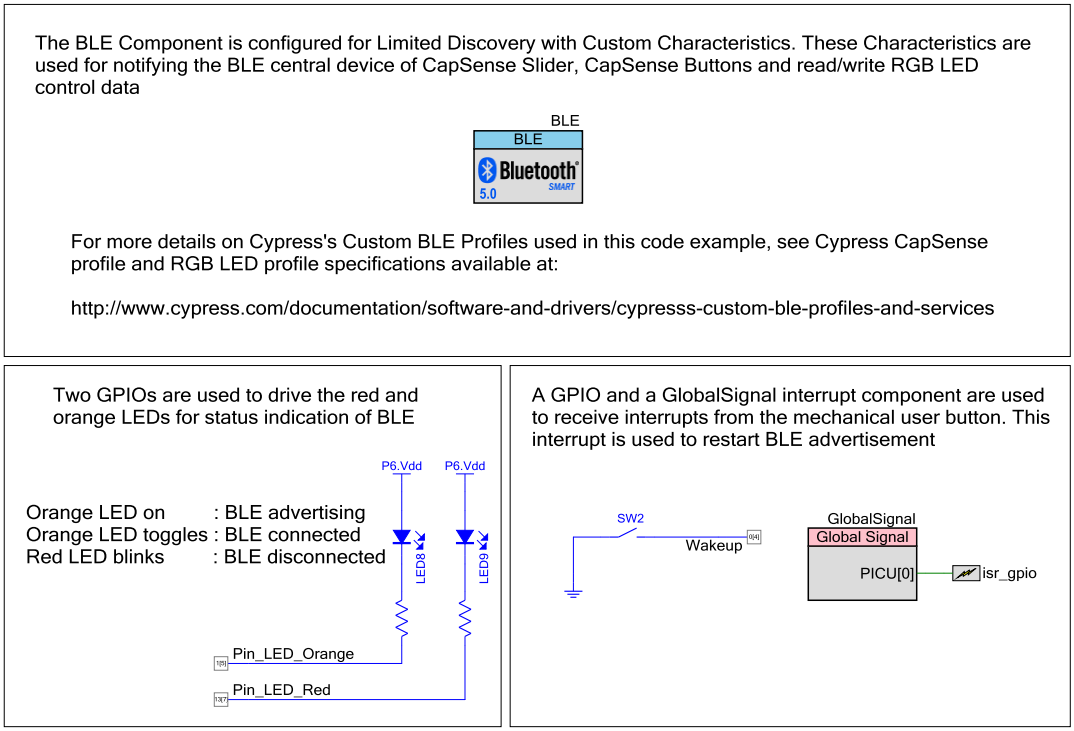


Figure 4. TopDesign Schematic: E-INK Display

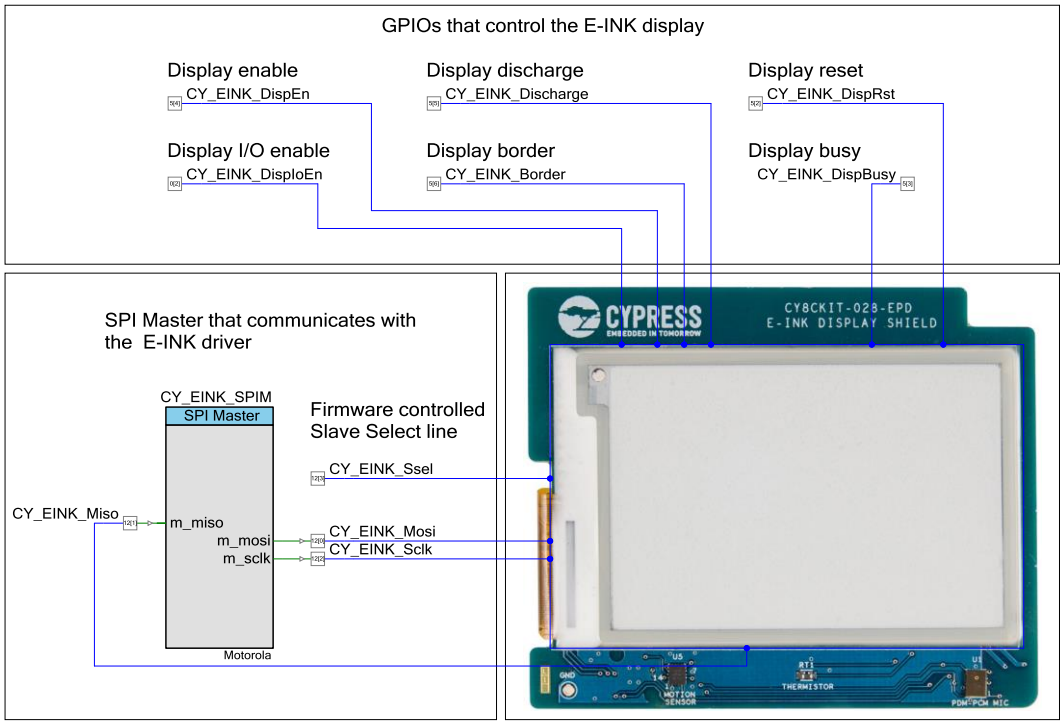
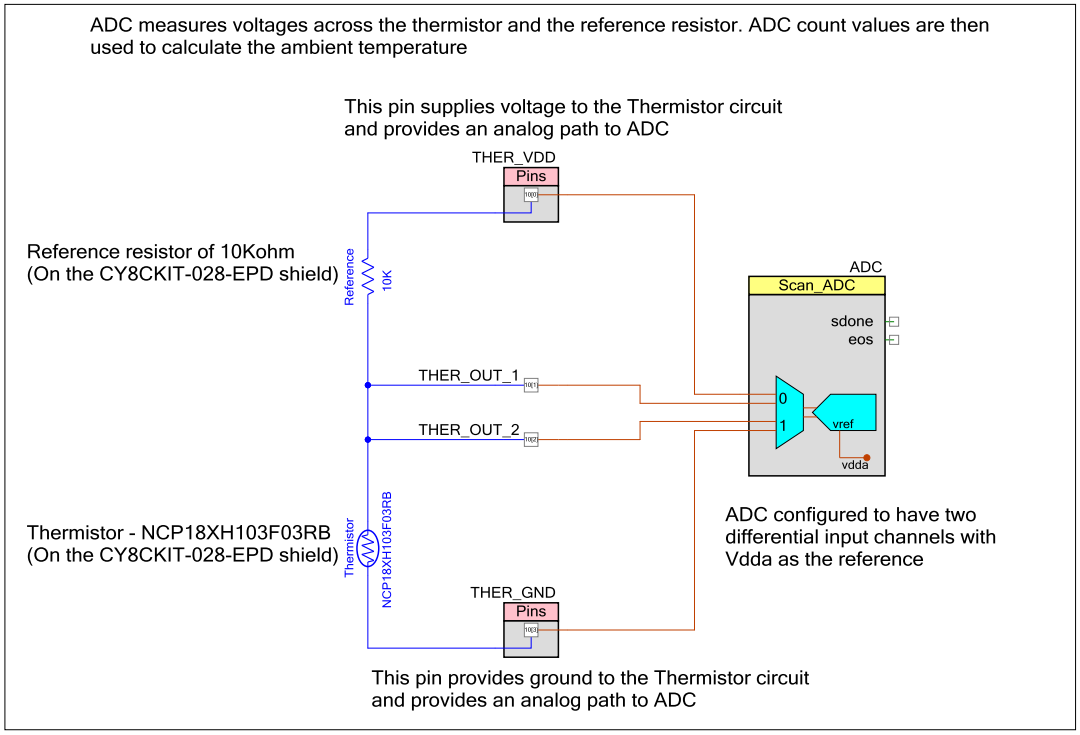


Figure 5. TopDesign Schematic: Temperature Compensation for E-INK Display



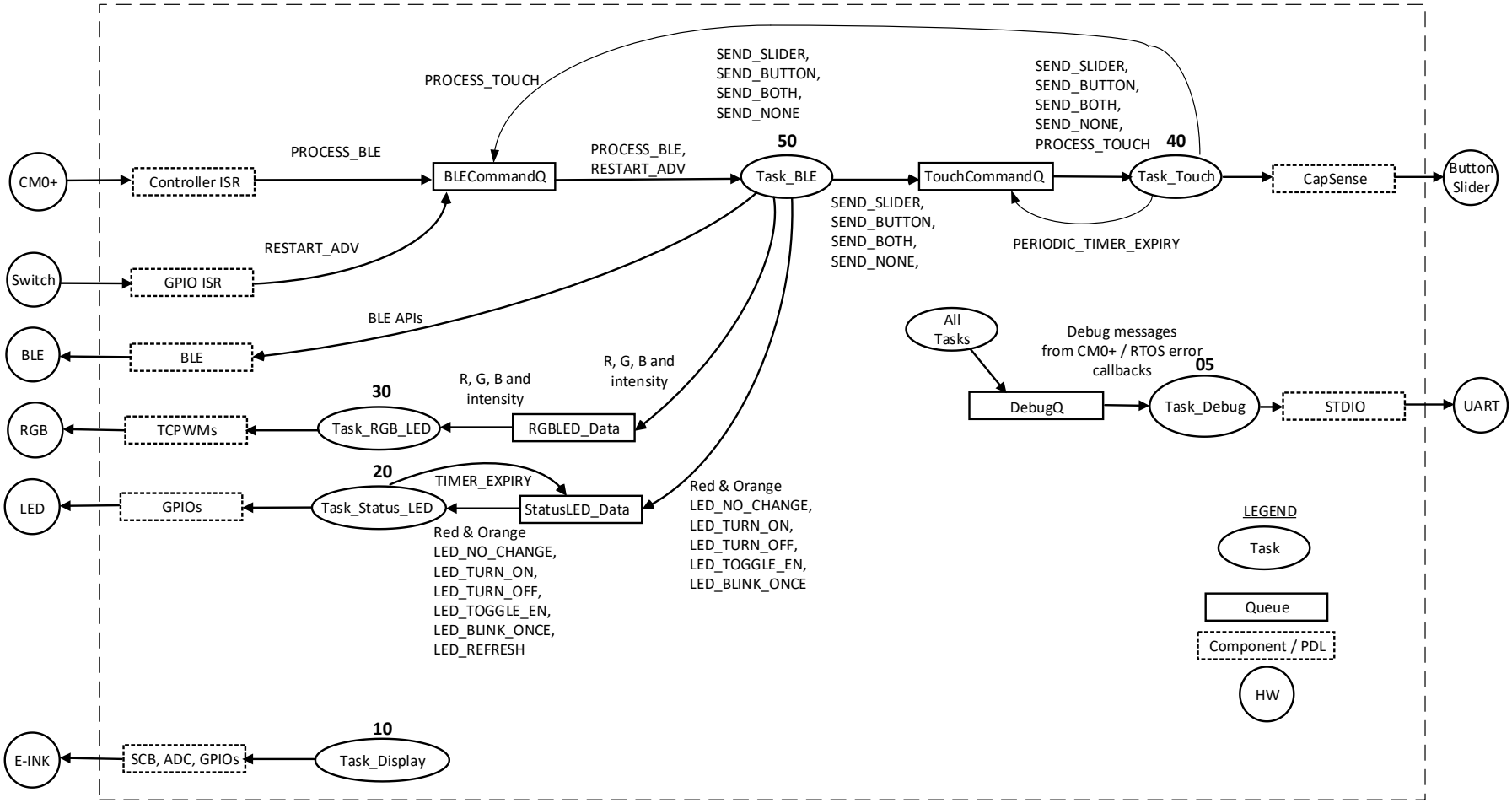
The code example consists of the following files:

- FreeRTOSConfig.h contains the FreeRTOS settings and configuration. Non-default settings are explained with in-line comments.
- *main_cm4.c* contains the main function, which is the entry point and execution of the firmware application. The main function This function sets up user tasks and then starts the RTOS scheduler.
- *main_cm0p.c* contains functions that starts up the BLE controller, starts up the CM4, and continuously services BLE stack events.
- *ble_task.c/.h* contain the task and functions related to BLE communication and operation.
- *ble_custom_service_config.h* contains the macros and datatypes used for the three custom BLE services
- *touch_task.c/h* contain the task that scan CapSense sensors and process the data.
- *rgb_led.c/.h* contain the task that initialize and control the RGB LED and intensity.
- *status_led_task.c/h* – contain the task that controls status LED indications
- *display_task.c/.h* contain the functions that initialize the E-INK display and show the instructions to use this code example at startup[1].
- *uart_debug.c/h* contain the task and functions that enabled UART based message printing
- *screen_contents.c/h* contain the text and background images used by the display module.
- *temperature_eink.c/h* contain functions that measure ambient temperature for E-INK display compensation

Figure 6 shows the RTOS firmware flow of this code example.

[1] For a detailed list of files included in the E-INK Library, see the code example, CE218133 – PSoC 6 MCU E-INK Display with CapSense.

Figure 6. RTOS Firmware Flow



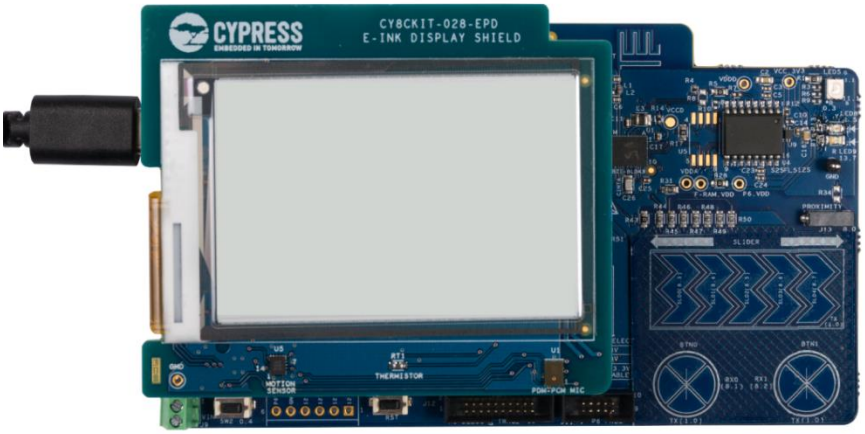
Hardware Setup

Set the switches and jumpers on the Pioneer Board as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Switch and Jumper Selection

Switch/Jumper	Position	Location
SW5	3.3 V	Front
SW6	PSoC 6 BLE	Back
SW7	V_{DDD} / KitProg2	Back
J8	Installed	Back

Figure 7. Hardware Setup



Software Setup

Install the CY8CKIT-62-BLE PSoC 6 BLE Pioneer Kit software, which contains all the required software to evaluate this code example. No additional software setup is required.

Operation

The code example can be verified using either of these methods: the CySmart BLE Host Emulation Tool and BLE Dongle on a PC or the CySmart mobile application.

Note: For this code example, the CapSense Button service is not available in the CySmart iOS app. Use the host emulation tool or the Android app to evaluate this service.

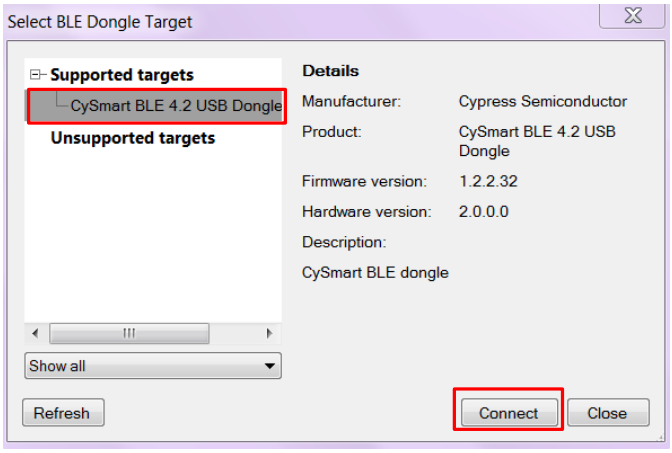
CySmart BLE Host Emulation Tool

To verify the *CE220331_BLE_UI_RTOS* code example using the CySmart BLE host emulation tool, follow these steps:

Note: See the CySmart BLE host emulation tool documentation to learn how to use the tool.

1. Connect the BLE Dongle to one of the USB ports on the computer.
2. Start the CySmart BLE host emulation tool on the computer by going to **Start** > **All Programs** > **Cypress** > **CySmart <version>** > **CySmart <version>**. You will see a list of BLE Dongles connected to it. If no dongle is found, click **Refresh**. Select the BLE Dongle and click **Connect**.

Figure 8. Connect to BLE Dongle



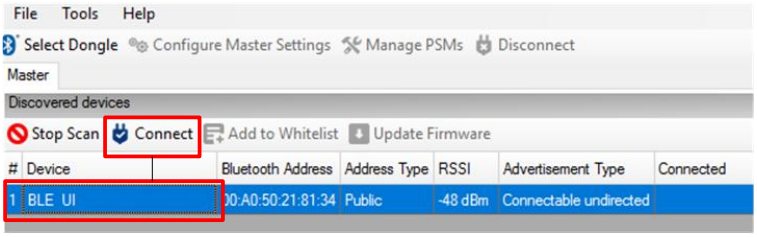
3. Power the Pioneer Board through the USB connector **J10**.
4. Program the Pioneer Board with the *CE220331_BLE_UI_RTOS* project. See the Pioneer Kit guide for details on how to program firmware into the device.

   After programming, the E-INK display will refresh and show the instructions to use this project and the BLE will start advertising. The advertising timeout is configured to be 20 seconds. The orange LED (**LED8**) remains ON during this period to indicate the BLE advertising state as Figure 9 shows.

Figure 9. BLE Advertising

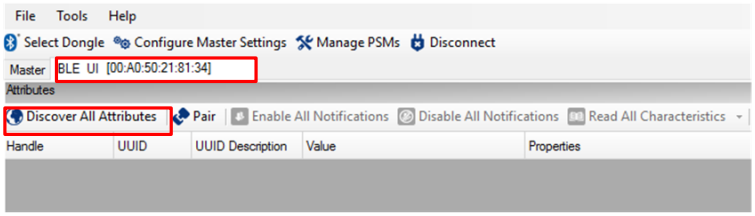
5. If the BLE advertisement has timed out (**LED8** is OFF), press **SW2** to restart advertisement.
6. On the CySmart host emulation tool, click **Start Scan** to see the list of available BLE Peripheral devices. Double-click the **BLE UI** device to connect, or click **BLE UI** and then click **Connect**. A successful connection is indicated by **LED8** continuously blinking at half second intervals.

Figure 10. Connect to BLE Slider and LED Peripheral



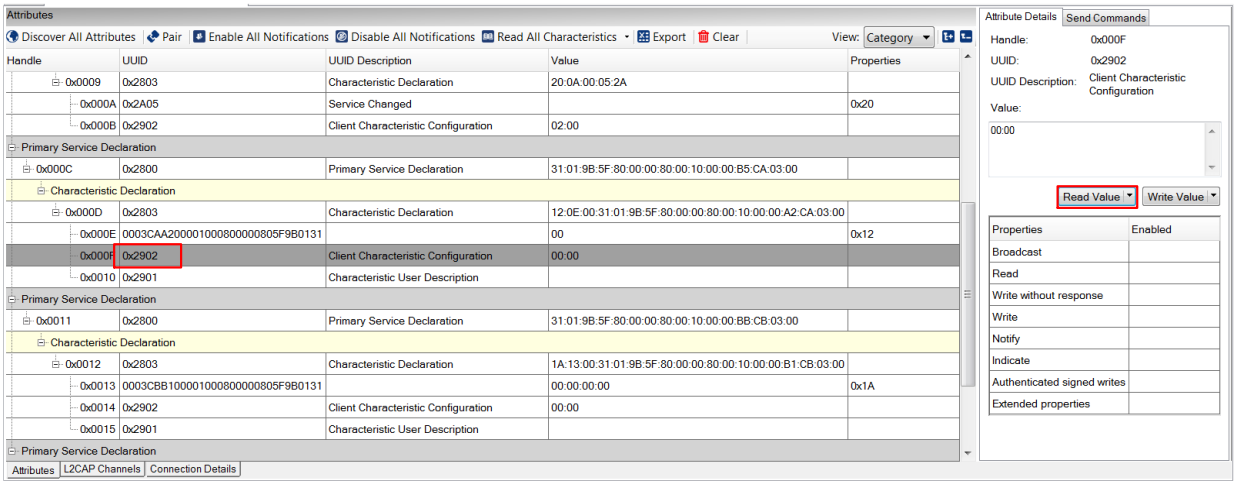
7. Click **Discover All Attributes** to find all attributes supported.

Figure 11. Discover All Attributes



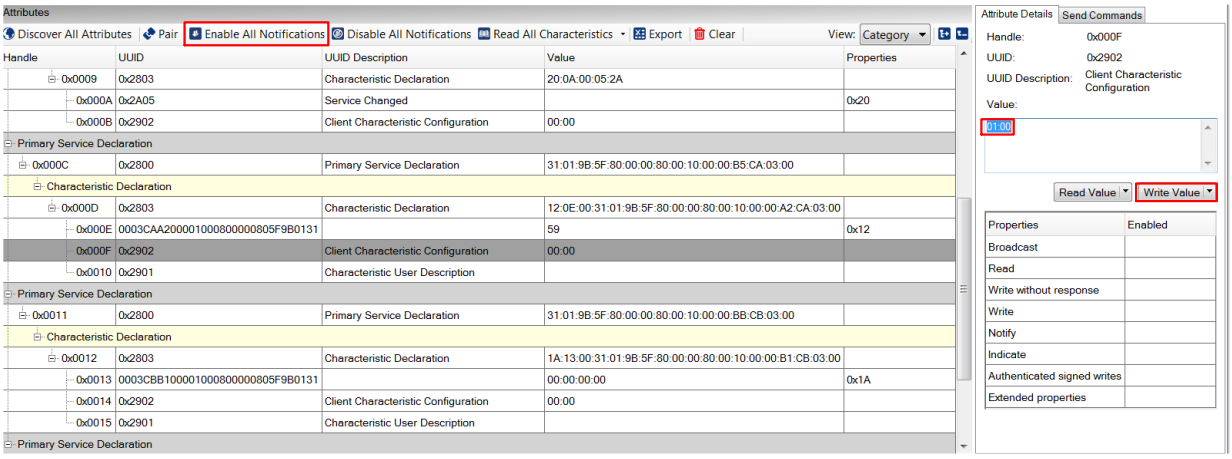
8. Locate the attribute **Client Characteristic Configuration** descriptor (UUID 0x2902) under the CapSense Slider characteristic (**UUID 0x0003CAA2000010008000000805F9B0131**). Click **Read Value** to read the existing Client Characteristic Configuration Descriptor (CCCD) value as shown in Figure 12.

Figure 12. Read CCCD for CapSense Slider Characteristic



9. Modify the **Value** field of the CCCD to '01:00' and click **Write Value**. This enables the notifications on the CapSense slider characteristic. Alternatively, you can press the **Enable All Notifications** button to enable the notifications for all services.

Figure 13. Write CCCD to Enable Notifications

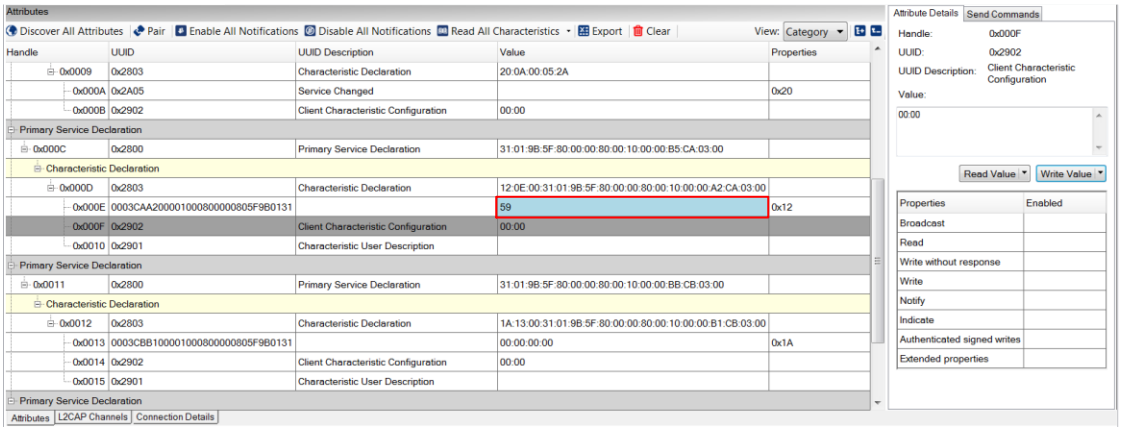


10. Swipe your finger on the CapSense slider on the Pioneer Board, as shown in Figure 14 and see the notification values in the CapSense Slider value field, as shown in Figure 15.

Note: The sensor auto-reset feature is enabled for CapSense sensors. Pressing and holding a CapSense sensor for more than three seconds will reset the sensor to the inactive state. This feature will prevent stuck-on sensors under rapidly changing environments – see the CapSense Component datasheet for additional information.

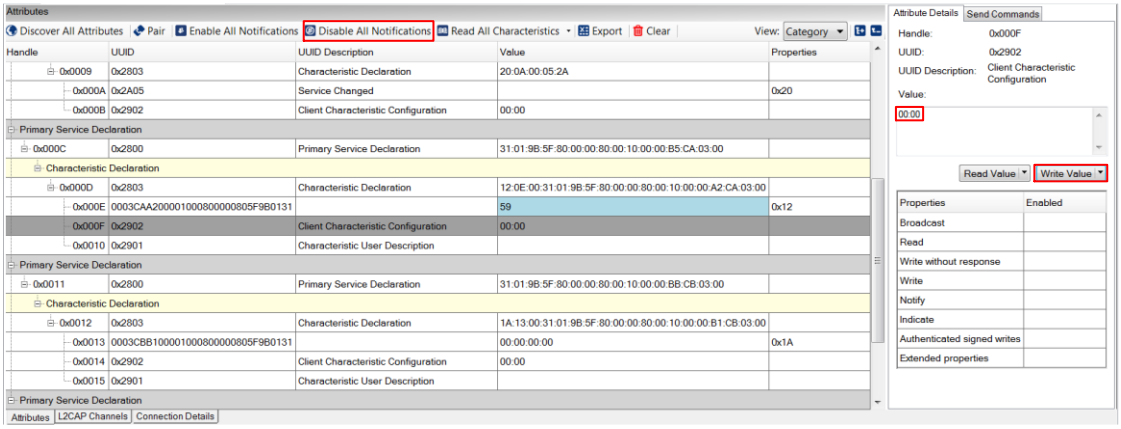
Figure 14. CapSense Slider

Figure 15. CapSense Slider Notification Received



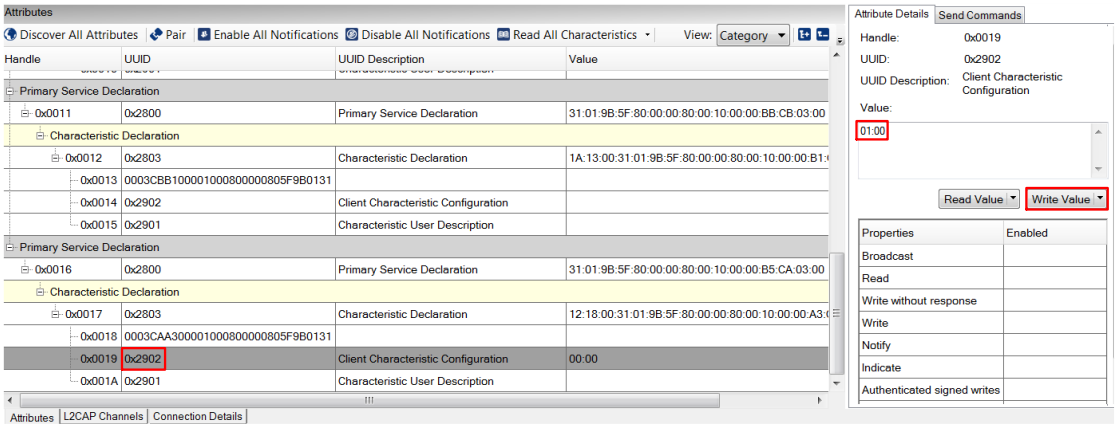
11. To disable notifications, modify the **Value** field of the **Client Characteristic Configuration** descriptor to '00:00' and click **Write Value**. Alternatively, you can press the **Disable All Notifications** button to disable the notifications of all services.

Figure 16. Disable Notifications



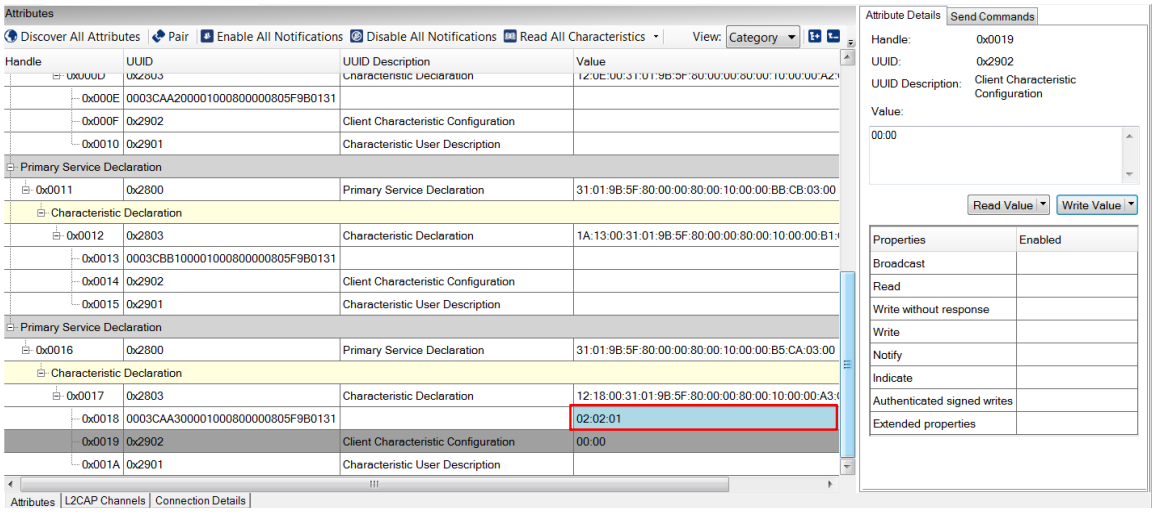
12. Locate the attribute **Client Characteristic Configuration** descriptor (UUID 0x2902) under CapSense Button characteristic (**UUID 0x0003CAA3000010008000000805F9B0131**), read the value and enable the notification as described in steps 8 and 9.

Figure 17. Enable CapSense Button Notification



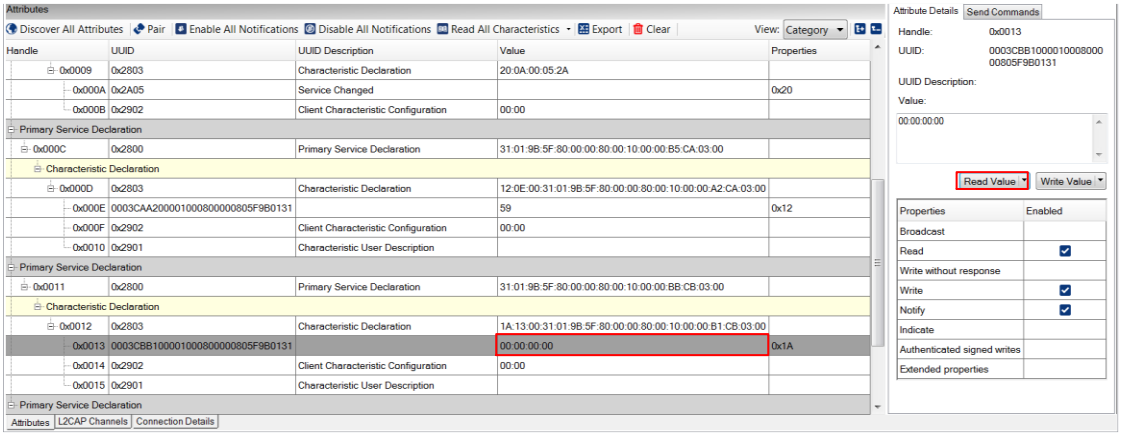
13. Touch the CapSense buttons on the Pioneer Board, and see the notification values in the CapSense Button value field, as shown in Figure 18. The LSB (byte 0) indicates the button mask – 0 when no buttons are active, 1 when BTN0 is active, 2 when BTN1 is active, and 3 when both buttons are active. See step 11 for instructions to disable notifications.

Figure 18. CapSense Button Notification Received



14. Locate the **RGB LED Control** characteristic (**UUID 0x0003CBB1-0000-1000-8000-00805F9B0131**). Click **Read Value** to read the existing 4-byte onboard RGB LED color information, as shown in Figure 19. The four bytes indicate red, green, blue, and the overall intensity, respectively.

Figure 19. Read RGB LED Control Characteristic Value



15. Modify the four bytes of data in the **Value** field to **FF:00:00:FF** and click **Write Value**, as shown in Figure 20. You will see the corresponding change in the color (Red) and intensity (full intensity) of the RGB LED on the Pioneer Board as shown in Figure 21.

Figure 20. Write RGB LED Control Characteristic Value

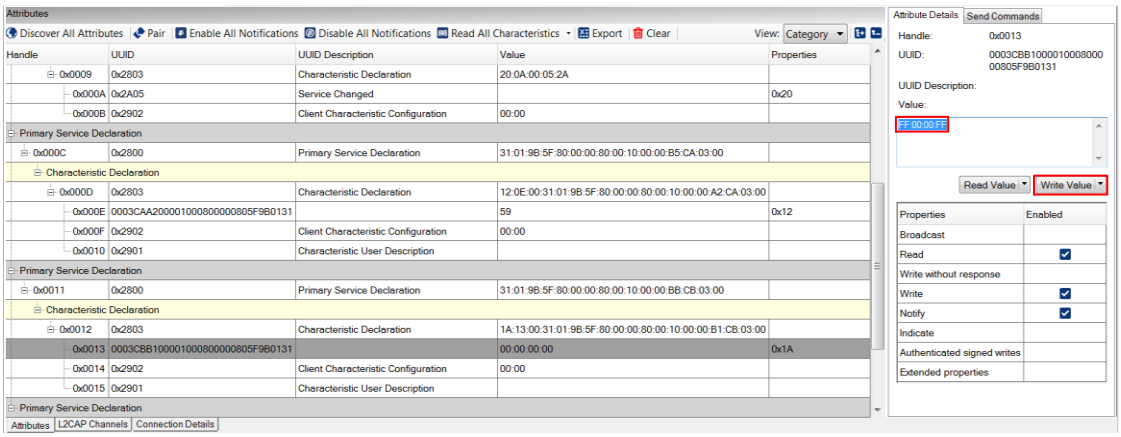
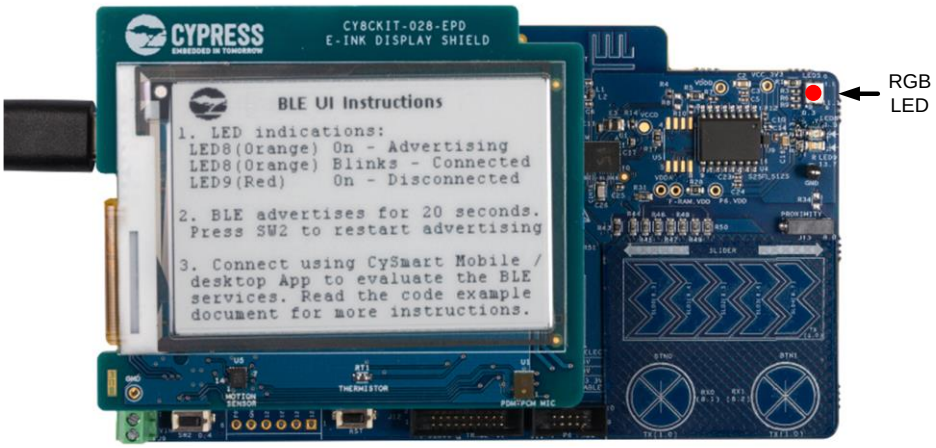


Figure 21. RGB LED Control with BLE



16. To disconnect from the device, click **Disconnect**, as shown in Figure 22. The red LED (**LED9**) will turn ON for three seconds to indicate a disconnect event. Press **SW2** to restart the advertisement, if required.

Figure 22. Disconnect from the Device

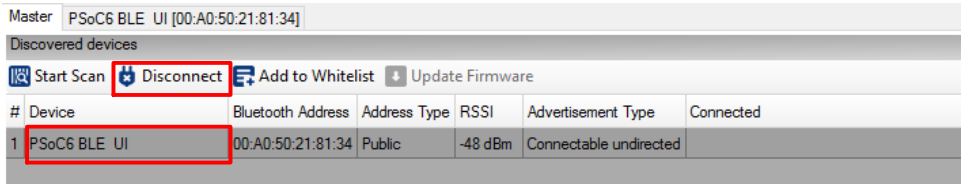
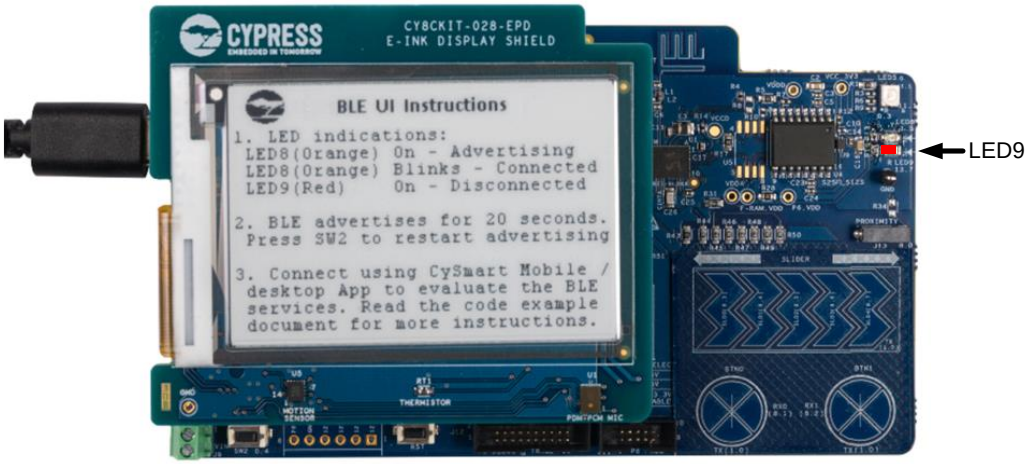


Figure 23. Disconnect Indication



CySmart Mobile Application

To verify this code example using the CySmart mobile application (refer to the CySmart Mobile App webpage), follow these steps:

Note: For this project, the CapSense Button service is not available in the CySmart iOS app. Use the Android app to evaluate this service.

1. Install the CySmart app.
2. Power the Pioneer Board through the USB connector **J10**.
3. Program the Pioneer Board with the *CE220331_BLE_UI_RTOS* project. See the Pioneer Kit guide for details on how to program firmware into the device.

   After programming, the E-INK display refreshes and shows the instructions to use this project; BLE starts advertising. The advertising timeout is configured to be 20 seconds. The orange LED (**LED8**) remains ON during this period to indicate the BLE advertising state.
4. If the BLE advertisement has timed out (**LED8** is OFF), press **SW2** to restart advertisement. See the figures in the earlier section for LED and switch locations.
5. Open the CySmart app on the mobile device. If Bluetooth is not enabled on the device, the application will prompt you to enable it.
6. After Bluetooth is enabled, the CySmart mobile application automatically searches for available devices and lists them. Select the **BLE UI** peripheral as shown in Figure 24. A successful connection is indicated by **LED8** continuously blinking at half-second intervals.

Figure 24. BLE UI Peripheral

7. When connected, the CySmart mobile application lists the services supported by the device. Scroll and select the CapSense Slider icon, as shown in Figure 25.

Figure 25. CapSense Slider Service Page

8. Swipe your finger on the CapSense slider on the Pioneer Board and see a similar response on the CapSense Slider page in the CySmart application (see Figure 26).

Figure 26. CapSense Slider

9. Press the back button to return to the service selection page. Scroll and tap on the CapSense Button service.

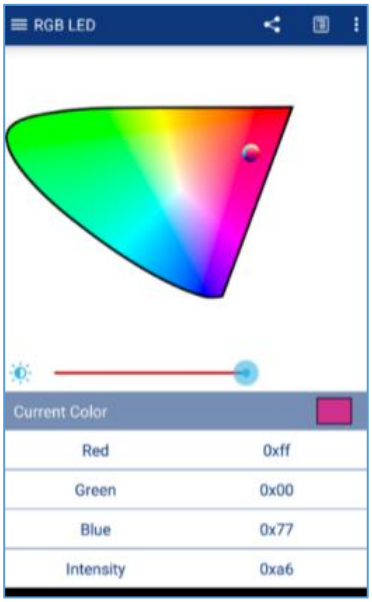
Figure 27. CapSense Button Service

10. Touch CapSense buttons on the Pioneer Board and see a similar response on the CapSense Button page in the CySmart application.

Figure 28. CapSense Buttons

11. Press the back button to return to the service selection page. Scroll and tap on the RGB LED service.
12. On the RGB LED service page, select a color on the color gamut to see a similar color response on the Pioneer Board RGB LED. The slider below the color gamut controls the intensity of the RGB LED color.

Figure 29. RGB LED Control with CySmart Mobile Application



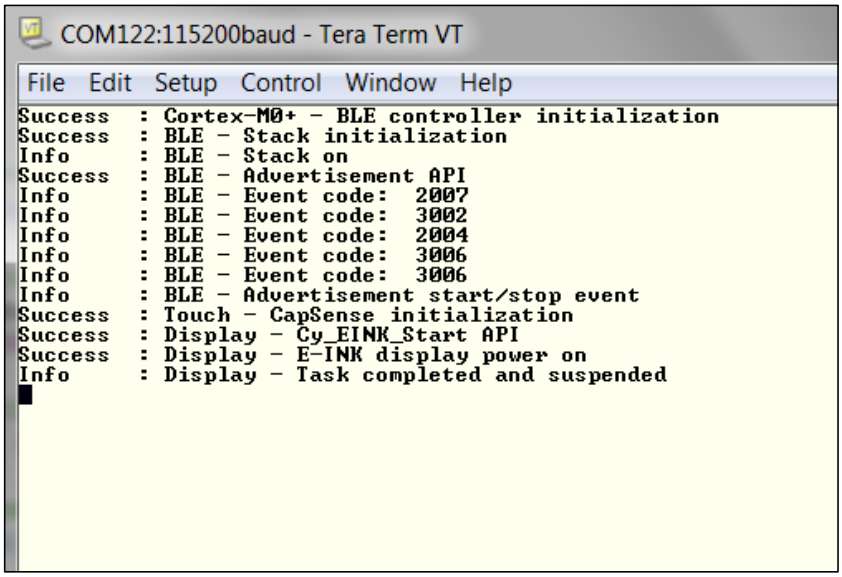
On the service selection page, there is also a “GATT DB” selection, which allows you to examine the GATT database directly. From this page, you can read and write characteristics as well as enable and disable notifications.

13. If the CySmart app is closed, or Bluetooth is turned OFF, the red LED (**LED9**) will turn ON for three seconds to indicate a disconnect event. Press **SW2** to restart the advertisement, if required.

Viewing Debug Messages

This code example allows you to view debug messages from various tasks and functions using a serial port terminal emulator such as Tera Term or HyperTerminal as Figure 30 shows.

Figure 30. Viewing Debug Messages using UART



This feature is disabled by default for higher performance and power efficiency. You can The UART debug can be enabled by right clicking the UART_DEBUG component in the TopDesign schematic and selecting "enable". In addition, `UART_DEBUG_ENABLE` macro in uart_debug.h file should be set to “true”.

After re-building the projects and re-programming PSoC 6 MCU with the updated project, you should set up a serial port terminal emulator with these settings to view the debug information:

- Baud rate : 115200
- Data size : 8-bit
- Parity : None
- Stop : 1-bit
- Flow Control : None

Components

Table 2. List of PSoC Creator Components

Component	Instance Name	Function
BLE	BLE	The BLE Component is configured for Limited Discovery with custom characteristics. These characteristics are used for notifying the BLE Central device of CapSense Slider, CapSense Buttons and read/write RGB LED control data.
CapSense	CapSense	The CapSense Component scans a 5-segment slider (CSD) and 2 buttons (CSX) with SmartSense auto-tuning.
Digital Output Pin	Pin_LED_Red Pin_LED_Orange	These GPIOs are configured as firmware controlled digital output pins that control status LEDs.
	Pin_RGB_Red Pin_RGB_Blue Pin_RGB_Green	These GPIOs are configured as digital output pins with hardware connections. These pins route PWM signals to RGB LED.
Digital Input Pin	Pin_Advertise	This pin is configured as a digital input pin that is used to generate interrupts when the user button (**SW2**) is pressed.
Global Signal Reference	GlobalSignal	The global signal component is configured to extract interrupts from **Pin_Advertise** pin.
PWM	PWM_Red PWM_Blue PWM_Green	These three TCPWMs are configured in PWM mode to control the color of the RGB LED.
UART	DEBUG_UART	UART is used to transmit debug information to a terminal (disabled by default)

Note: See the code example CE218133 – PSoC 6 MCU E-INK Display with CapSense for more details on components used by E-INK library and temperature compensation.

See the PSoC Creator project for more details of PSoC Component configurations and design wide resource settings.

Related Documents

Application Notes	
AN210781 – Getting Started with PSoC 6 MCU with Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Connectivity	Describes PSoC 63 with Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Connectivity and how to build your first PSoC Creator project.
PSoC Creator Component Datasheets	
Bluetooth Low Energy	Facilitates designing applications requiring BLE connectivity.
CapSense	Provides guidelines to use the CapSense Component.
Training Videos	
PSoC 6 101: Lesson 1-4 FreeRTOS	
Device Documentation	
PSoC 6 MCU: PSoC 63 with BLE Datasheet	PSoC 6 MCU: PSoC 63 with BLE Architecture Technical Reference Manual
Development Kit (DVK) Documentation	
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