# Low Energy Bluetooth Service Broadcasting using ESP32 Devkit V1

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#### **Task Details**

#### Services to be Broadcasted:

- Temperature Measurement
- Humidity

## **Details about the Service to Broadcast Over Bluetooth:**

- Service UUID: 00000002-0000-0000-FDFD-FDFDFDFDFD
- Characteristics:
  - Temperature Measurement: Standard BLE characteristic GATT Char UUID: 0x2A1C
  - Humidity: Standard BLE characteristic GATT Char UUID: 0x2A6F
- Supported Operations: Both characteristics support read and notify.

## **Hardware Components Used**

- 1. Espressif System's ESP32 Devkit V1 Development Board
- 2. DHT11 Temperature and Humidity Sensor
- 3. 10K Ohm Resistor (Pull-up)
- 4. USB to MicroUSB Cable
- 5. Breadboard
- 6. Jumpers

#### **Tools Used**

#### **Arduino IDE**

Arduino Integrated Development Environment or Arduino Software (IDE) contains a text editor for writing code, a message area, a text console, a toolbar with buttons for common functions, and a series of menus. It connects to the Arduino hardware to upload programs and communicate with them.

For more details, refer to: <u>Arduino IDE</u>

#### **Fritzing**

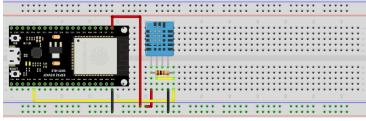
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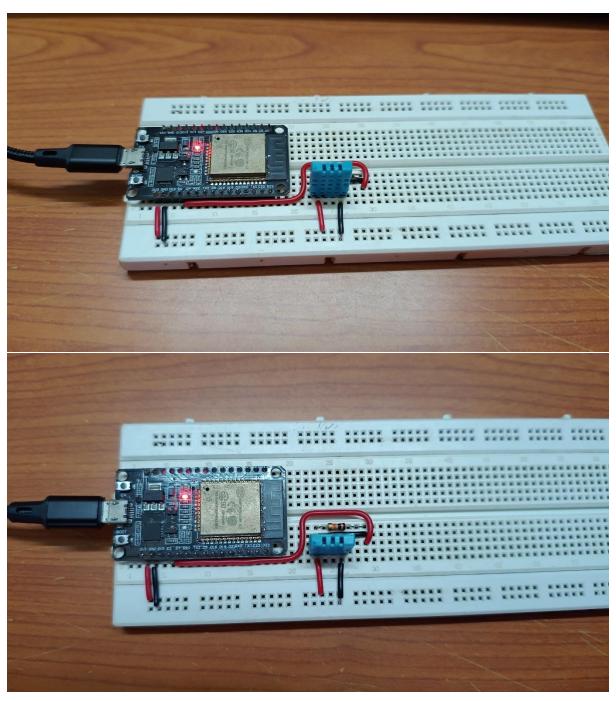
# Microcontroller Interfacing

- Used OneWire protocol to interface the microcontroller to the DHT11 sensor.
- Used BLE protocol for Connectivity with the nRF Connect Mobile Application.

#### **Schematic**



# **Complete Hardware Assembly**



# **Firmware**

Link: Firmware .ino File

# **Project Overview Video**

Link: Project Overview Video

#### **Issues Faced and Resolution**

# **ESP32 Not Advertising After Disconnection**

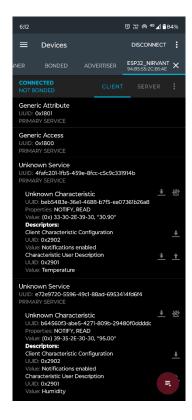
# Approach 1:

- Used the callback function to restart advertising within the loop itself.
  - Result: Successfully connected and reconnected multiple times with no issues (Check at the end of the <u>Project Overview Video</u>).

#### **BLE Data Transmission Problem**

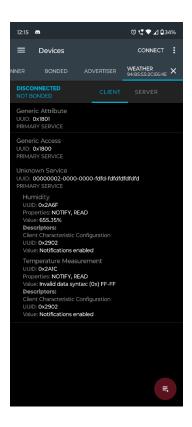
# Approach 1:

- Started with using custom characteristic UUIDs and tried to send the data as String values (I had worked on this before).
- Result: Successfully received both values
   Temperature Measurement & Humidity in Strings.
- Comment: This was not asked in the task. It was mandatory to use the default GATT UUIDs.



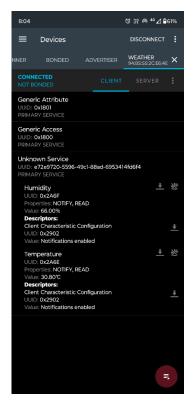
# Approach 2:

- Set the UUIDs to the required UUIDs (Temperature Measurement = 0x2A1C; Humidity = 0x2A6F) and tried to send the data as String values.
- Result: Error: Invalid Data Syntax @ nRF Application for Temperature Measurement value & Garbage value for Humidity value.
- Comment: This was not asked in the task. Getting the Humidity in % and Temperature Measurement in Celsius was mandatory.



## Approach 3:

- Changed the Temperature characteristic UUID to default temperature (Temperature = 0x2AE6) and tried to send the data as unsigned 16-bit int.
- Result: Successfully received both values Temperature
   Measurement & Humidity in unsigned 16-bit int values.
- Comment: Checked the BLE documentation for the UUIDs (Temperature = 0x2AE6; Humidity = 0x2A6F) and their required data syntax type required.



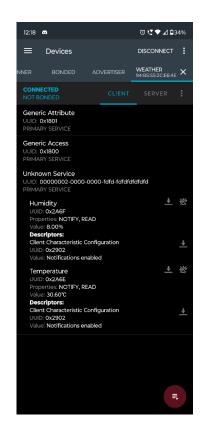
# Approach 4:

- Reset the Temperature characteristic UUID
   (Temperature Measurement = 0x2A1C) and tried to
   send the data as unsigned 16-bit int.
- Result: Error: Invalid Data Syntax @ nRF Application for Temperature Measurement value, but successfully received values for Humidity in unsigned 16-bit int values.
- Comment: Checked the BLE documentation for the Temperature Measurement UUID (Temperature Measurement = 0x2A1C) and their required data syntax type required.



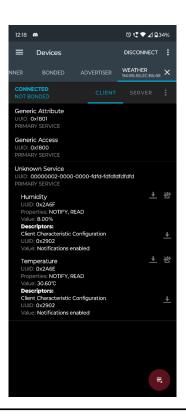
#### Approach 5:

- Tried to convert the temperature data to 32-bit float and send the data along with the humidity data as unsigned 16-bit int.
- Result: Successfully received both values
   Temperature Measurement & Humidity in unsigned 16-bit int values, but Temperature Measurement unit was in Fahrenheit scale.
- Comment: Checked the BLE documentation for the Temperature Measurement UUID (Temperature Measurement = 0x2A1C) and their required data syntax type required and flags.
- Comment: Checked the conversion requires an IEEE11073 32-bit float data stream with 5 bytes (1 byte for C/F and 4 bytes for the actual value).



# Approach 6:

- Changed the IEEE11073 32-bit float data stream with 5 bytes (1 byte for C/F and 4 bytes for the actual value) and set it to 0x00 flag for Celsius unit scale.
- Result: Successfully received both values
   Temperature Measurement & Humidity values on the nRF Connect Application with correct unit scales.
- Comment: Checked the BLE documentation for the Temperature Measurement UUID (Temperature Measurement = 0x2A1C) and their required data syntax type required and flags.



## **Outputs**

#### **Serial Monitor Messages**

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Serial Monitor X

Message (Enter to send message to 'DOIT ESP32 DEVKIT V1' on 'COM3')

05:45:42.014 -> x------x

05:45:42.014 -> Device Not Connected

05:45:43.009 -> Temperature: 30.40°C | Humidity: 8.00%

05:45:43.009 -> x------x

05:45:43.009 -> Device Not Connected
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Serial Monitor X

Message (Enter to send message to 'DOIT ESP32 DEVKIT V1' on 'COM3')

05:46:09.644 -> x------x

05:46:09.644 -> Device Connected

05:46:10.628 -> Temperature: 30.20°C | Humidity: 8.00%

05:46:10.663 -> x------x

05:46:10.663 -> Device Connected
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Serial Monitor X

Message (Enter to send message to 'DOIT ESP32 DEVKIT V1' on 'COM3')

05:48:55.120 -> x------x

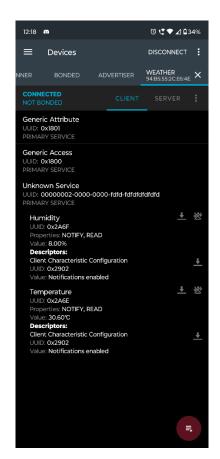
05:48:55.120 -> Device Connected

05:48:56.146 -> Failed to read from DHT sensor!

05:48:56.146 -> Temperature: nan°C | Humidity: nan%

05:48:56.146 -> x------x
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# nRF Connect Application interface



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