## **Bluetooth 5.2 Advertisement Demonstration**

#### Summary

https://www.novelbits.io/bluetooth-low-energy-advertisements-part-1/

The objective is to maximize the advantages of Bluetooth 5.2 compared to Bluetooth 4. And I chose Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement to show the high rate/range/data size of Bluetooth 5.2.I developed Windows API by programming C#. It was a challenging task because Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement is a brand new protocol, it cannot be customized by using Windows UWP Namespaces. After using Windows UWP Namespaces to successfully send/receive data, I self-studied the Bluetooth 5.2 Core Specification and tried to program HCI commands as sender but it failed. Firstly, I analyzed the problem by using BTVS to check whether I successfully sent packages into the air. And then, I used Ellisys (air sniffer) to trace and compare both packages sent by Windows UWP Namespaces and HCI commands. Finally, I found out the AD Type was wrong and fixed the problem. Now, not only my app can send/receive Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement but also the sender is able to cut huge data into slides and broadcast to nearby devices.

1. Single String (Data < 255 Bytes)

1-1.

Sender: Used Windows API first and successfully sent Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement.

Receiver: Used Windows API to catch Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement and showed sending strings on screen.

1-2.

Sender: Used hoitool to send Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement.

1-3.

Sender: Used hoitool to send Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement

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screen.

1-4.

Sender: Used hcitool to send Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement

Receiver: Used Windows API to catch Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement and showed sending strings on screen and auto open html file through Chrome.

2.Multiple Strings (Data > 255 Bytes)

2-1.

Sender: Used hoitool to send Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement and used "fragment\_preference"

Receiver: Used Windows API to catch Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement and collected all fragments. In the end, showed sending strings on screen and auto opened html file through Chrome.

->Unexpected

2-2.

Sender: Used hoitool, cut all data into substrings and sent Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement.

Receiver: Used Windows API to catch Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement, collected all substrings, rearranged them into correct order, and merge them into a big html file. In the end, showed sending strings on screen and auto opened html file through Chrome.

#### 1-1.

Sender: Used Windows API first and successfully sent Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement.

Receiver: Used Windows API to catch Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement and showed sending strings on screen.

I saw the exist Bluetooth Advertisement API as below.

https://github.com/microsoft/Windows-universal-samples/tree/master/Samples/BluetoothAdvertisement It could send/receive Bluetooth Advertisement well but not in Extended Mode.

Then, I used this property to send LE Extended Adveritsement

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-

 $\underline{us/uwp/api/windows.devices.bluetooth.advertisement.bluetoothleadvertisementwatcher.allowextendedadvertisements?view=winrt-19041$ 

Below is part of my code:

#### Sender:

// The Bluetooth LE advertisement publisher class is used to control and customize Bluetooth LE advertising.
private BluetoothLEAdvertisementPublisher publisher;

```
// Create and initialize a new publisher instance.
publisher = new BluetoothLEAdvertisementPublisher();
var manufacturerData = new BluetoothLEManufacturerData();
manufacturerData.CompanyId = 0xFFFE;
var writer = new DataWriter();
writer.WriteString("<!DOCTYPE html><html><body><h1>Bluetooth 5.2 Demonstration</h1></body></html>");
manufacturerData.Data = writer.DetachBuffer();

//set it to Extended
publisher.UseExtendedAdvertisement = true;
publisher.Advertisement.ManufacturerData.Add(manufacturerData);
```

publisher.Start();

#### Receiver:

## private BluetoothLEAdvertisementWatcher watcher;

```
watcher = new BluetoothLEAdvertisementWatcher();

watcher.AllowExtendedAdvertisements = true;
var manufacturerData = new BluetoothLEManufacturerData();
manufacturerData.CompanyId = 0xFFFE;
watcher.AdvertisementFilter.Advertisement.ManufacturerData.Add(manufacturerData);
```

## watcher.Start();

To let Receiver recognize advertising data sent from Sender, I set the company ID for the manufacturer data(0xFFFE). That is to say, as receiver starts listening to the advertisement, once it recognizes company ID as 0xFFEE, it will know that this advertising data is coming from my sender.

## 1-2.

## Sender: Used hoitool to send Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement

I used four HCI commands:

 $HCI\_LE\_Set\_Extended\_Advertising\_Parameters$ 

HCI\_LE\_Set\_Extended\_Advertising\_Data

HCI\_LE\_Set\_Extended\_Advertising\_Enable

HCI\_LE\_Set\_Extended\_Advertising\_Disable

## Bluetooth Core Specification:

https://www.bluetooth.com/specifications/bluetooth-core-specification/

## Bluetooth HCI Interface Guide

https://software-

Thanks to Brandon's explanation.

## 1-2-1. HCI\_LE\_Set\_Extended\_Advertising\_Parameters

Secondary\_Advertising\_PHY: 2M

OGF: 0x08 OCF: 0x0036

 $[0GF 10^{2}15][0CF 0^{2}] = 0 \times 2036$ 

Advertising\_Handle: 0x03

Advertising\_Event\_Properties: (page1412) 0x0001 --- Connectable advertising

Primary\_Advertising\_Interval\_Min: 0x0000A0 to 0x000020 (0xA0 \* 0.625 = 100ms)

Primary\_Advertising\_Interval\_Max: 0x0000F0 to 0x000020 (0xF0 \* 0.625 = 150ms)

Primary\_Advertising\_Channel\_Map: 0x07 --- use channel 37,38 and 39

Own\_Address\_Type: 0x01 --- Random Device Address

Peer\_Address\_Type: 0x00 ---- Public Device Address or Public Identity Address

Peer\_Address: 0x000000000000

Advertising\_Filter\_Policy: 0x00 ----- No filter

Advertising\_Tx\_Power: 0x7F ------ no preference

Primary\_Advertising\_PHY: 0x01 ---- LE 1M

Secondary\_Advertising\_Max\_Skip: 0x00 ----- AUX\_ADV\_IND shall be sent prior to the next advertising event.

Secondary\_Advertising\_PHY: 0x01 ---- LE 1M,

0x02 ------ LE 2M

Advertising\_SID: 0x02 ----- value of the advertising SID subfield in the ADI field of the PDU

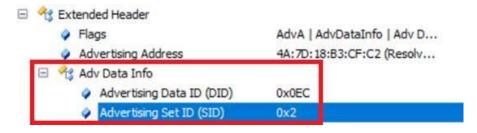
Scan\_Request\_Notification\_Enable: 0x00 ----- Disabled

PS:

ADI: Adv Data Info

SID: Advertising Set ID: set by advertiser to distinguish between different advertising sets transmitted by this device.

DID: Advertising Data ID: set by advertiser to indicate to the scanner whether it can assume that the data contents in the AdvData are a cuplicated of the prevous AdvData sent in an earlier packet.



Command	OCF	Command Parameters	Return Parameters
HCI_LE_Set Extended Advertising_Para meters	0x0036	Advertising_Handle, Advertising_Event_Properties, Primary_Advertising_Interval_Min, Primary_Advertising_Interval_Max, Primary_Advertising_Channel_Map, Own_Address_Type, Peer_Address_Type, Peer_Address, Advertising_Filter_Policy, Advertising_Tx_Power, Primary_Advertising_PHY, Secondary_Advertising_Max_Skip, Secondary_Advertising_PHY,	Status, Selected_Tx- _Power
		Advertising_SID, Scan_Request_Notification_Enable	

## 1-2-2. HCI\_LE\_Set\_Extended\_Advertising\_Data

a..\hcitool.exe -c

3BFCFA3720F70303<mark>01F3</mark>02011805030A18EDFE02011805

3BFCFC3720F90303D1F5F4A9626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565766F74682E626C

OGF: 0x08 OCF: 0x0037

 $[0GF 10^{2}15][0CF 0^{2}] = 0 \times 2037$ 

Advertising\_Handle: 0x03

Operation: 0x03 Complete extended advertising data

Fragment\_Preference: 0x01 not fragment or should minimize fragmentation

Advertising\_Data\_Length: 245 = 0xF5 --- The max data we can send without header but includes length and

AD Type

Unknown AD Type 0xA9

10 bytes data pattern "626C7565746F6F74682E"

Command	OCF	Command Parameters	Return Parameters
HCI_LE_Set_Extended Advertising_Data	0x0037	Advertising_Handle, Operation, Fragment_Preference, Advertising_Data_Length, Advertising_Data	Status

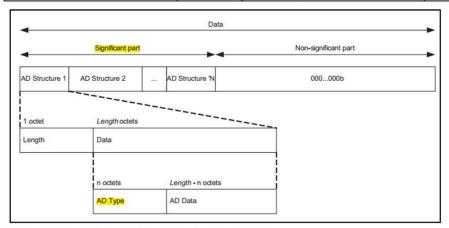


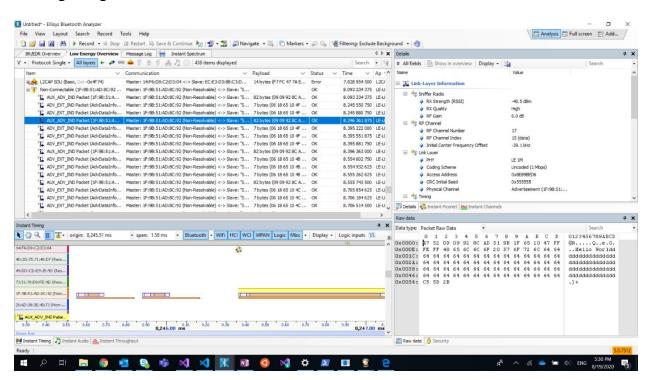
Figure 11.1: Advertising and Scan Response data format

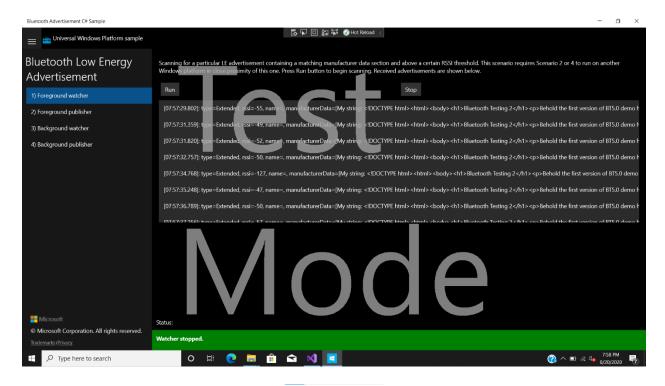
AD type list: https://www.bluetooth.com/specifications/assigned-numbers/generic-access-profile/
0x01: <<flags>> ---- Tile uses this
0x16: <<Service Data>>
0xFF: <<Manufacturer Specific Data>>

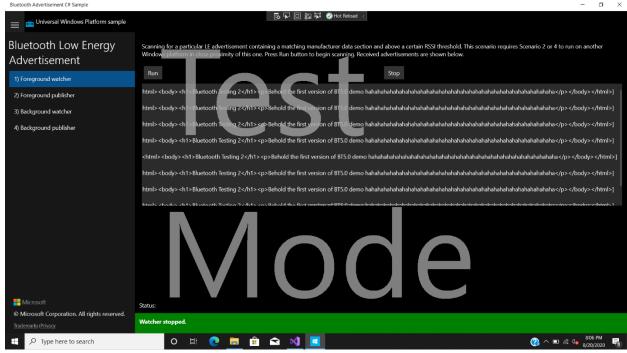
1-2-3. HCl\_LE\_Set\_Extended\_Advertising\_Enable/Disable
a..\hcitool.exe -c 3BFC09392006010103000000

OGF: 0x08
OCF: 0x008
OCF: 0x0039
[0GF 10~15][0CF 0~9]
0010 00 00 0011 1001 = 0x2039
Enable: 0x01
Number\_of\_Set: 0x01
Advertising\_Handle[i]: 0x03
Duration[i]: 0x0000 ---- No advertising duration. Advertising to continue until the host disables it.
Max\_Extended\_Advertising\_Events[i]: 0x00 ---- No Max number of advertising events.

# 1-3. Sender: Used hcitool to send Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement Receiver: Used Windows API to catch Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement and showed sending strings on screen.







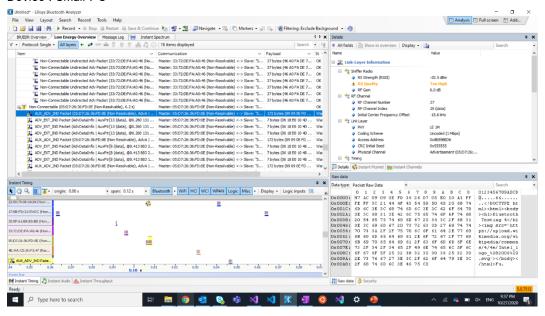
# 1-4.

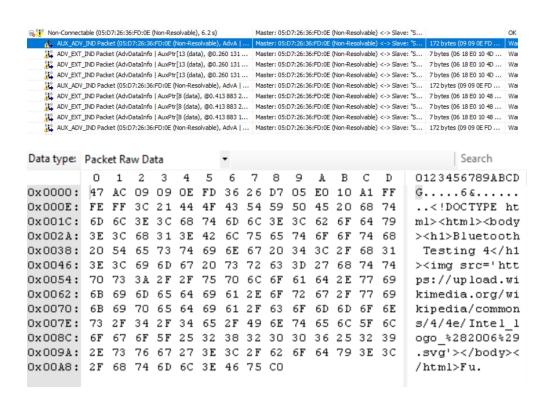
Sender: Used hcitool to send Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement

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# Microsoft API Sender (see through Ellisys)

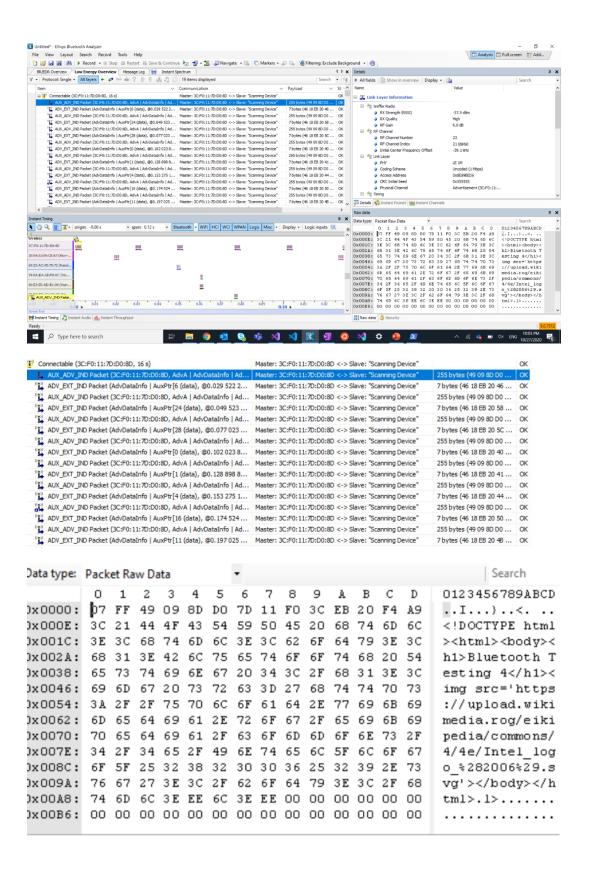
## Device: Small PC





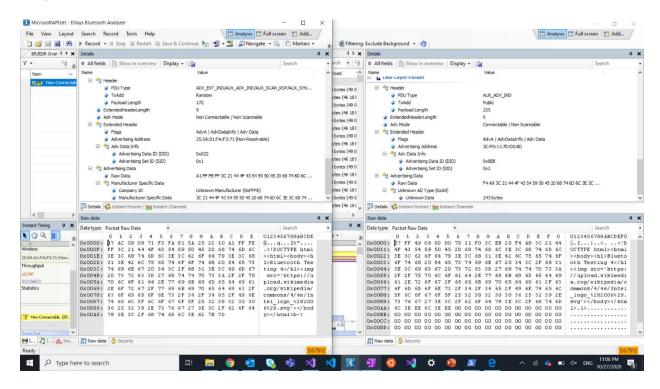
HCItool Sender (see through Ellisys)

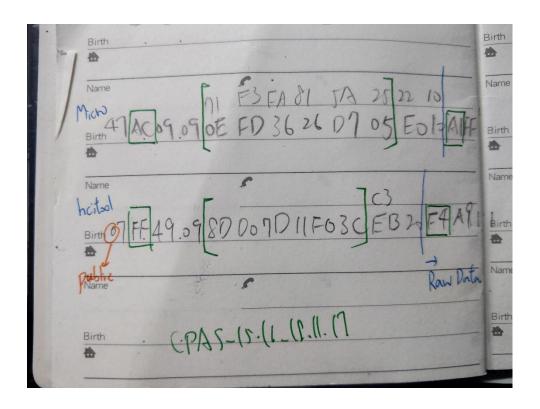
Device: Big PC



```
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C
       Ω
                                          D
                                               0123456789ABCD
0x0046: 69 6D 67 20 73 72 63 3D 27 68 74 74 70 73
                                               img src='https
0x0054: 3A 2F 2F 75 70 6C 6F 61 64 2E 77 69 6B 69
                                               ://upload.wiki
0x0062: 6D 65 64 69 61 2E 72 6F 67 2F 65 69 6B 69
                                              media.rog/eiki
0x0070: 70 65 64 69 61 2F 63 6F 6D
                                6D
                                  6F 6E 73 2F
                                               pedia/commons/
Ox007E: 34 2F 34 65 2F 49 6E 74 65 6C 5F 6C 6F 67
                                              4/4e/Intel log
OxOO8C: 6F 5F 25 32 38 32 30 30 36 25 32 39 2E 73
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                                               vg'></body></h
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0x00A8: 74 6D 6C 3E EE 6C 3E EE 00 00 00 00 00 00
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0x00FC: 00 00 00 00 00 E3 4C 8F
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```

## Compare the Two of Them:





1. Change to Manufacturer Specific Data

Change AD(Advertising Data) Type from \*A9\* to \*FF\*

Advertising Data:

Size: Advertising Data Length octets

Value	Parameter Description		
	Advertising data formatted as defined in [Vol 3] Part C, Section 11		
	Note: This parameter has a variable length.		

#### b. .\hcitool.exe -c

3BFCFC3720F9030301F5F4A9626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565 746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E 626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E79A9626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565 746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E 626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F6F74682E626C7565746F 6F74682EEE ---- Send 245 bytes in one AD

> OGF: 0x08 OCF: 0x0037

[OGF 10~15][OCF 0~9] = 0x2037

Advertising Handle: 0x03

Operation: 0x03 Complete extended advertising data

Fragment, Preference: 0x01 not fragment or should minimize fragmentation

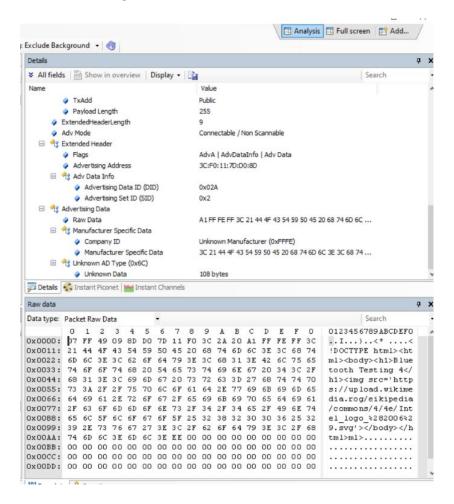
Advertising Data Length: 245 = 0xF5 --- The max data we can send without header but includes length and AD Type

Unknown AD Type 0xA9

10 bytes data pattern "626C7565746F6F74682E"

#### 2. Count Length Well

If didn't count length well



Auto Show HTML on Browser:

Because C# does not have Global Variable, I announce Global Variable by self-defined Class.

```
namespace BluetoothAdvertisement
{
    class GlobalVariablesClasscs
    {
        private static string v_Variable = "";
        public static string Variable
        {
            get { return v_Variable; }
            set { v_Variable = value; }
        }
    }
}
```

```
var receivestring = BitConverter.ToString(data);
receivestring = receivestring.Replace("-", "");
byte[] raw = new byte[receivestring.Length / 2];
for( int i=0; i<raw.Length; i++)
{
    raw[i] = Convert.ToByte(receivestring.Substring(i * 2, 2), 16);
}

string hexstring = Encoding.ASCII.GetString(raw);

if(GlobalVariablesClasscs.Variable!=hexstring)
{
    GlobalVariablesClasscs.Variable = hexstring;
    await Dispatcher.RunAsync(Windows.UI.Core.CoreDispatcherPriority.Normal, (async () =>
    {
        var uriBing2 = default(StorageFile);
        uriBing2 = await StorageFile.GetFileFromPathAsync(@"C:\Users\admin\Videos\receive.html");
        await Windows.Storage.FileIO.WriteTextAsync(uriBing2, GlobalVariablesClasscs.Variable);
        var options = new Windows.System.LauncherOptions();
        await Windows.System.Launcher.LaunchFileAsync(uriBing2, options);
    }));
}
```

# 2. Multiple Strings ( Data > 255 Bytes )

## 2-1.

Sender: Used hcitool to send Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement and used "fragment\_preference"

Receiver: Used Windows API to catch Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement and collected all fragments. In the end, showed sending strings on screen and auto opened html file through Chrome.

## ->Unexpected

After Continuing Testing

To send file fragmented

```
-> Set_Parameters
-> Enable
......Pause.......
-> Disable
-> Set_Data
-> Disable
-> Enable
-> Enable
-> Disable
```

```
###### HCI_LE_Set_Extended_Advertising_Data ######
0E0A013BFC000E0401372000
0E0A013BFC000E0401372000
0E0A013BFC000E0401372000
Press any key to continue...
```

This means correct.

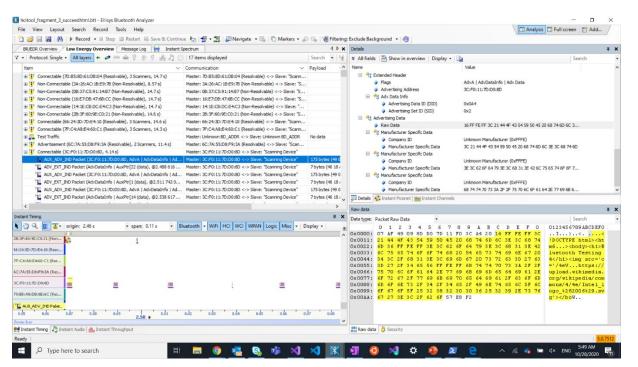
If the last three digits is 042, then it's wrong,.

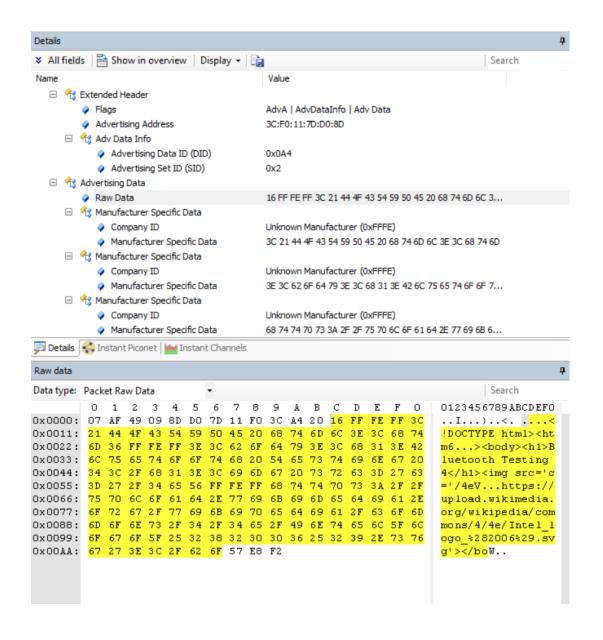
- 2. Pause Every Command
- 3. Remember ench data command need to "RunCommand"!

```
//Console.WriteLine("\n###### HCI_LE_Set_PExtended_Advertising_Enable #####");
sendcmd = new string[] { "-c", "3BFC093920060101030000000" };
RunCommand(sendcmd);
```

#### Result:

```
sendcmd = new string[] { "-c", "3BFC0E37200B0301000706FFFEFF3C2946" };
RunCommand(sendcmd);
sendcmd = new string[] { "-c", "3BFC0E37200B0300000706FFFEFF3C2944" };
RunCommand(sendcmd);
sendcmd = new string[] { "-c", "3BFC0E37200B0302000706FFFEFF3C2943" };
RunCommand(sendcmd);
```





## 2-2.

Sender: Used hcitool, cut all data into substrings and sent Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement.

Receiver: Used Windows API to catch Bluetooth LE Extended Advertisement, collected all substrings, rearranged them into correct order, and merge them into a big html file. In the end, showed sending strings on screen and auto opened html file through Chrome.

## Sender: HCI Tool

- => Cut data into slides
- => Send them with loop

#### Receiver: Windows API

- => Keep receive slides and if current slide is different from last receiving slide, then merge it into the html file.
- => In the end, show html file automatically with browser.

# 1. Add Package Index

Use 4 bytes to record the package index.

=> 0001, 0002,···,0009,000A,···

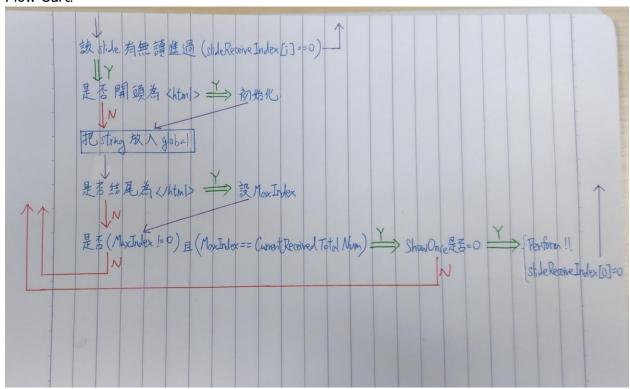
Advantage: Only show html in browser if no slide is missing

# 2. Rewrite Receiver (Windows API)

Background: Because now packages have Index, my code can be more effective

=> Because Windows API knows every package

## Flow Cart:



# 3. Sender: MultiThread

- 1. Confirm which part need to include in multithread
  - 1. LE\_Set\_Extended\_Advertising\_Parameters

- 2. LE\_Set\_Extended\_Advertising\_Enable
- 3. For Loop (Cut slides): Threads => LE\_Set\_Extended\_Advertising\_Data
- 4. LE\_Set\_Extended\_Advertising\_Disable

# 2. Test With or Without Locker

```
lock (locker)
{
    //Console.WriteLine("sendcmd = " + (string)sendcmd[1]);
    //while(true)
    {
        RunCommand((string[])sendcmd);
        System.Threading.Thread.Sleep(1000);
    }
}
```