

Helena



User Manual

1 Preface

Helena is an alternative driver for the popular Yinding or KD2 Headlight Cycling Lamp with following features:

- Two independent 3A Step-Down constant current sources, each capable of driving two white LEDs in series. The intended setup is one Cree XHP50 LED equipped with a flood optic and one Cree XM-L equipped with a spot optic.
- Integrated motion sensor to drive the LEDs in dependency of the head inclination, resulting a nearly constant brightness level, no matter if you're looking down or straight forward.
- Bluetooth interface for wireless remote control, lamp daisy-chaining and Smartphone based configuration.
- Integrated temperature regulation to prevent lamp from overheating.
- Smooth output power reduction when battery is low.
- Low standby current (less than 100 μ A).
- Works with input voltages between 6V and 8.5V

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1 Installation

1.1 Connections

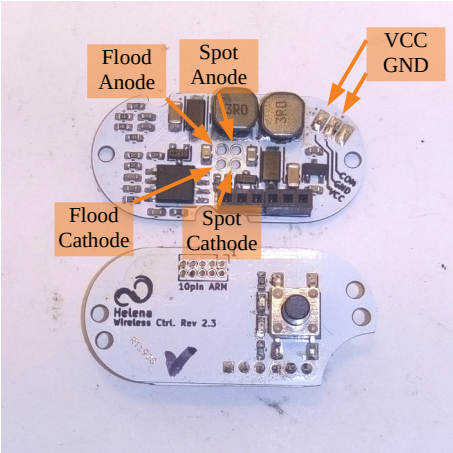


Image 1: board connections

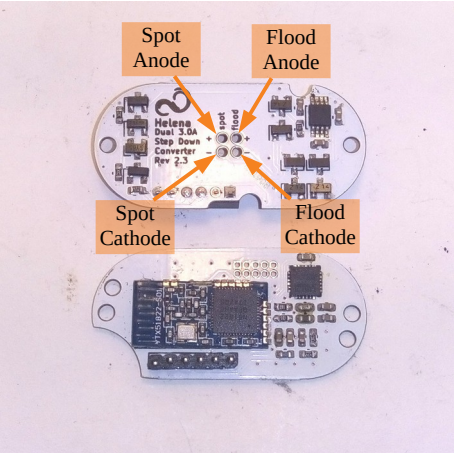


Image 2: board connections

1.2 Driver Swap for KD2

Step 1. Disassemble lamp and remove old driver. Mount LED board with the notches facing to the top and route both cables through the left one. Then cut the cables to a length of 20-25mm and cover the screws with electric tape.



Image 3: LED board preparations

Step 2. Connect the LED cables to the spot driver output of the LED driver. Route the cables as shown in the image.



Image 4: LED connection

Step 3. Attach the power cable (and optionally the communication line). Route the cables along the board-to-board connector and use the notch next to it to lead it through the opening.

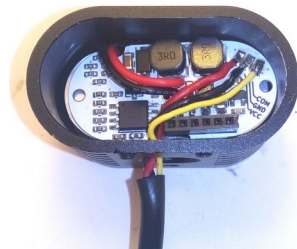


Image 5: power cable routing

Step 4. Mount the controller board to the lid.



Image 6: mounted
Controller board

Step 5. Put a pair of tweezers, zip ties, toothpicks or a similar object between the LED- and driver board to lift it a couple of millimeters, then put the lid on and.



Image 7: Lift driver board
for proper connection

Step 6. When the connector fits properly, remove the tweezers, close the lid and you are done.



Image 8: closed lid

1.3 Driver Swap for Yinding

Step 1. Disassemble lamp and remove old driver. Cut the cables to a length of 20-25mm.



Image 9: prepared LED cables

Step 2. Attach the power cable (and optionally the communication line) Don't forget to run the cable through the opening in the lamp body.

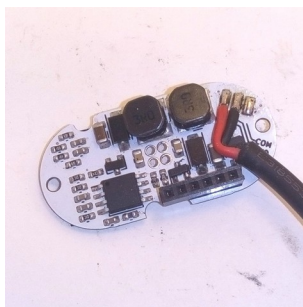


Image 10: attached power cable

Step 3. Now attach the cables from the LED board to the spot output. Connect them from the bottom side.

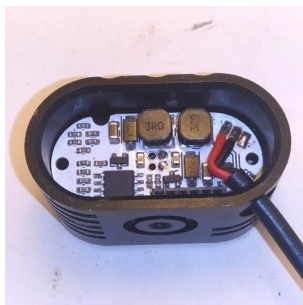


Image 11: attached LED cables

Step 4. Mount the controller board to the lid.

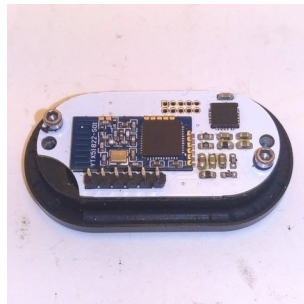


Image 12: mounted
Controller board

Step 5. Close the lid and reassemble the lamp.

1.4 LED, lens and driver swap for Yinding

Step 1. Prepare LED boards by attaching cables and cutting them to a length of 25-30mm.

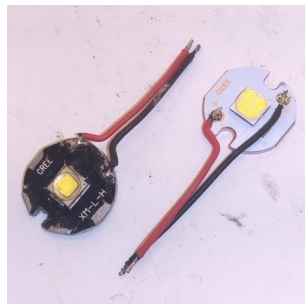


Image 13: prepared LED boards

Step 2. Attach the power cable (and optionally the communication line) Don't forget to run the cable through the opening in the lamp body.

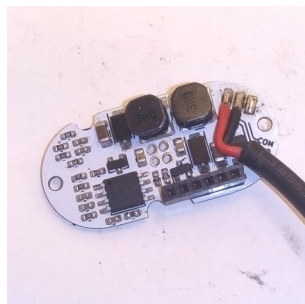


Image 14: attached power cable

Step 3. Route the LED boards cables through the inner hole.



Image 15: cable routing

Step 4. Now attach the cables from the bottom side. Solder the cables of the XHP50 to the flood output and the cables of the XM-L to the spot output.

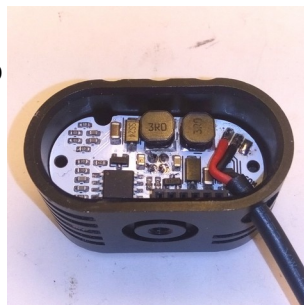


Image 16: attached LED boards cables

Step 5. Mount the controller board to the lid and close the lid.

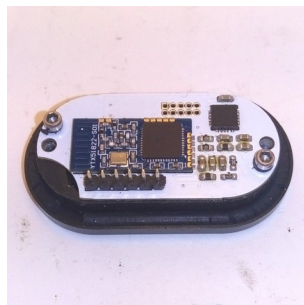


Image 17: mounted Controller board

Step 6. Flip the lamp around and tighten the screws to secure the lid and LED boards. Position the XHP50 board a bit to the top and the XM-L board a bit to the bottom.



Image 18: LED boards alignment

Step 7. Insert the lenses and use some spacers to tilt the spot lens upwards and the flood lens downwards. The spacers should have a height of 0.7-1.0mm, a quartered O-Ring works fine.



Image 19: tilted lenses

Step 8. Finally mount the lens cover.



Image 20: reassembled

2 Usage

2.1 Modes and Groups

2.1.1 Helena Modes

Helena has 8 individually configurable modes. Each mode is defined by several setup flags and an intensity field.

Here is a description of the setup flags:

- flood:
If this flag is set, the flood driver circuit is enabled.
- spot:
If this flag is set, the spot driver circuit is enabled.
- pitch compensation:
If this flag is set, the pitch compensation algorithm is enabled. This means, the enabled drivers are not delivering a constant current, instead the output current is depending on the pitch angle of the lamp. Pointing it down, reduces the output current, pointing towards the front increases the output current.
- cloned:
This flag can only be set, if only one output is selected (either flood, or spot). If it is selected, the output of the selected driver will be cloned to the other driver circuit as well.

The meaning of the intensity field is depending on the state of the `pitch compensation` flag. If the flag is set, it represents the desired maximum illumination in lux, otherwise it represents the desired output current in %.

2.1.2 Billina Modes

Helena can alternatively be loaded with the `Billina` firmware. This is the recommended firmware, if you want to mount the light on the handlebars. With this firmware each mode is defined by two setup flags and two intensity fields

Here is a description of the setup flags:

- `main beam`: If this flag is set, the flood driver is enabled.
- `high beam`: If this flag is set, the spot driver is enabled.

The first intensity field represents the output current in % for the main beam, the second for the high beam.

2.1.3 Groups

The 8 modes can be configured in either

- 1 group with 8 modes,
- 2 groups with 4 modes each or
- 4 groups with 2 modes each.

2.1.4 Preferred Mode

One of the 8 available modes can be selected as the preferred mode. If one mode is selected as the preferred mode this will change the switch off behavior. With activated preferred mode the will only shut off, if it already is in the preferred mode. Otherwise a shut off command will result in a jump to the preferred mode.

2.2 Remote Connection

Currently three different types of remote connections are supported.

2.2.1 Xiaomi Yi Remote Control

To connect Helena with a Xiaomi Yi remote, you have to

- shut of Helena,
- make sure, that all other unwanted compatible devices are shut of or out of range,
- wake up the remote by clicking any button (If the remote's led flashes blue this means that is already in connection with another device. This has to be disconnected first),
- press Helena's button for at least 2 sec.

Helena will save this device, and automatically reconnect if available.

2.2.2 R51 Remote Control

To connect Helena with a R51 remote, you have to

- shut of Helena,
- make sure, that all other unwanted compatible devices are shut of or out of range,
- put the remote in pairing mode by pressing the mode button at least 2 sec. until the remote's led is blinking green-white.
- press Helena's button for at least 2 sec.

Helena will save this device, and automatically reconnect if available.

2.2.3 Connecting with other Helena

To connect Helena with a another Helena, you have to

- shut of Helena,
- make sure, that all other unwanted compatible devices are shut of or out of range,
- wake up the remote Helena (e.g. by power cycling).
- press Helena's button for at least 2 sec.

Helena will save this device, and automatically reconnect if available.

2.3 Button Control

There are 4 button control commands:

- next mode:
This command jumps to the next mode.
If this mode is not used, it is skipped.

If the last mode within a group is reached, it will roll over to the first mode.

If the light is currently off it jumps to the first mode.

- next group:

This command jumps to the next group.

If the group does not contain any valid mode, it will be skipped.

If the current group is the last group, this command will jump to the first group.

If the light is currently off, it jumps to the first mode in the second group.

- preferred mode:

If the preferred mode is not set, the light will shut off.

If the preferred mode is set, the light will jump directly to the preferred mode.

If the light is already in the preferred mode, it will shut off.

- temporary mode:

If the temporary mode is set, the light will jump into the temporary mode and jumps back to the previous mode.

The follow table shows the mapping of the commands and buttons:

	internal button	Xiaomi Yi Remote	R51 remote
next mode	short click	short click big button	short click +
next group	long click	long click big button	short click -
preferred mode	press > 2 sec.	short click secondary button	short click play/pause
temporary mode		hold secondary button > 2sec to enter release secondary button to jump back	short click mode

2.4 Remote Synchronization

If Helena is connected to another lamp, both lamps will synchronize their current mode. This means if one light receives a button command, it will change its mode according to the description in the previous chapter and then relay this new mode (the number, not the configuration!) to the other lamp.

This lamp will then also jump into this mode, nevertheless if this mode is used or not. With this behavior it is possible to generate configurations where one lamp is on and the other not.

2.5 Status LED

Helena is equipped with a red and blue status LED, which is visible through the transparent button cap.

The blue LED gives information about the wireless connection. If is on, Helena is connected to a remote or another lamp. A fast blinking indicates, that Helena is searching for any compatible device. A slow blinking blue LED indicates, that Helena is searching for a already known device.

The red on turns on whenever the output is limited due to high temperature or dropping input voltage.

When Helena enters standby mode, the Status LED is shut off for minimum current consumption (but an established connection or the scanning for a known device will not be stopped).

Appendix A Configuration with nrf Connect

This section is only valid for Firmware revisions $\geq 1.0.0$

The Configuration of states and group can be done with the App “nrf Connect” from Nordic Semiconductors.

Step 1. Plug in battery to Helena and open the App. Select **SCANNER** and then start scanning. Helena will then appear in the device list and you can press the **CONNECT** button.

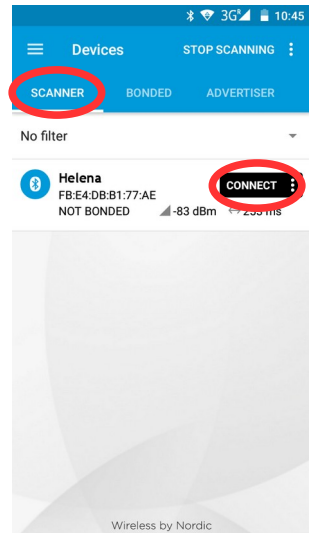


Image 21: Scanning

Step 2. After you connected to Helena, you will see a list of available services. Select the **Light Control Service**. Compare the UUIDs if the service is named **Unknown Service**.

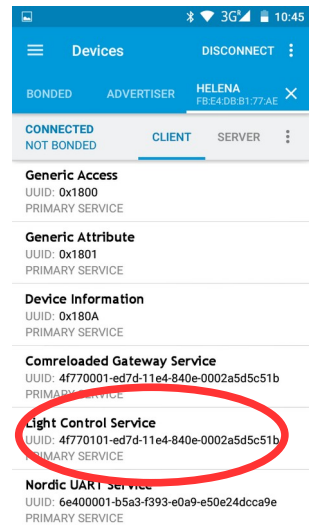


Image 22: Services list

Step 3. Go to the Light Control Point Characteristic (it may be named Unknown Characteristic, in this case compare the UUIDs again) and enable the indications by touching the arrow-up and arrow-down symbol.

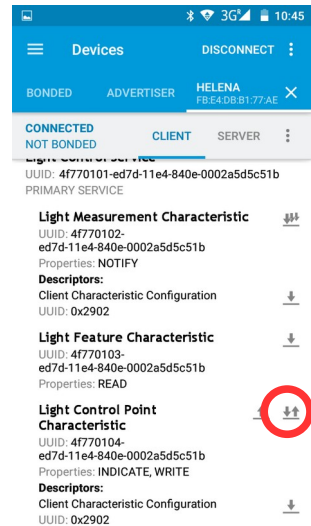


Image 23: Light Control Service

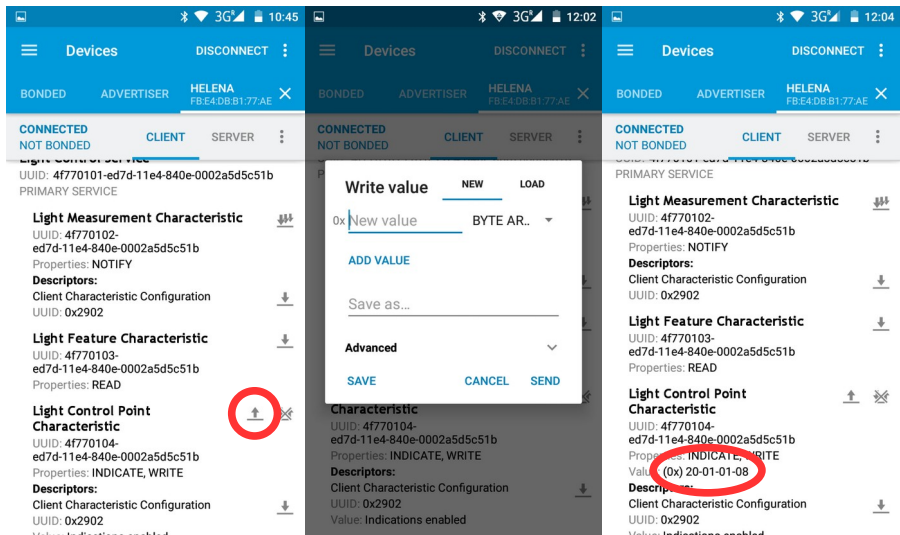


Image 24: Send commands Image 25: Send commands Image 26: Command reply

Step 4. After you have enabled the indications for the Light Control Point you are ready to send commands to read out the actual configuration and to change it, too. To send a command you have to click the arrow-up symbol, then you can enter the desired command. The Control will reply with at least 3 bytes: The first byte is always 0x20.
The second byte is the command this reply belongs to.
The third byte is a status byte.

Status Byte Value	Description
0x01	Success
0x02	Not supported
0x03	Invalid parameter
0x04	Operation failed

Depending on the command there may be additional data bytes.

A.1. En-/Decoding modes

With the Helena firmware each mode consists of one setup byte and one intensity byte:

setup flags				intensity			
reserved	reserved	reserved	reserved	output cloned	pitch comp.	spot enabled	flood enabled

setup value	active drivers	meaning of intensity byte
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0x00	off	
0x01	flood	output current in %
0x02	spot	output current in %
0x03	flood & spot	output current in %
0x05	flood pitch compensated	target illumination in lux
0x06	spot pitch compensated	target illumination in lux
0x07	flood & spot pitch compensated	target illumination in lux
0x09	both drivers	output current in %
0x0A	both drivers	output current in %
0x0D	flood pitch compensated on both drivers	target illumination in lux
0x0E	spot pitch compensated on both drivers	target illumination in lux

With the Billina firmware each mode consists of one setup byte and two intensity bytes.

setup flags					main beam intensity in %		high beam intensity in %	
reserved	reserved	reserved	reserved	reserved	high beam enabled	reserved	main beam enabled	

setup value	active drivers
0x00	off
0x01	main beam
0x04	high beam
0x05	main & high beam

A.2. Read Group Configuration

The command for reading the current group configuration is 0x03.

The Control Point will reply with the actual number of groups in the fourth byte.

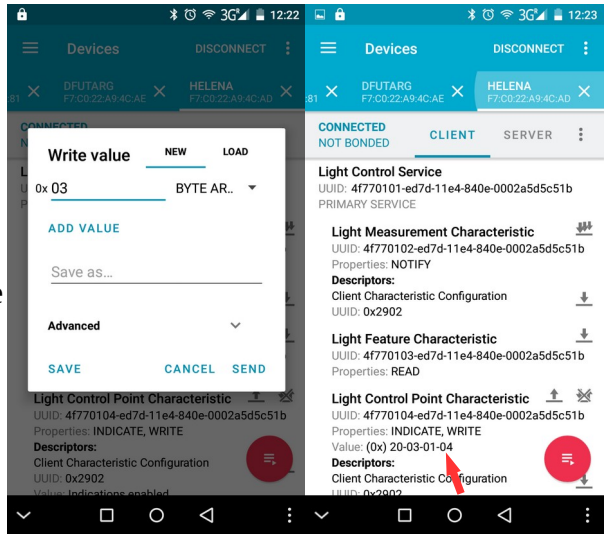


Image 27: Read group configuration command

Image 28: Group configuration reply

A.3. Change Group Configuration

The command for changing the number of groups is 0×04 . The new number of groups is followed as second byte (the complete command in Image 29 changes the configuration to two groups).

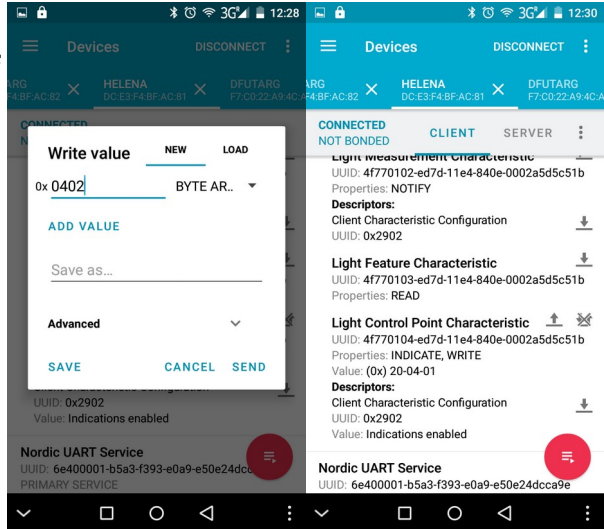


Image 29: Group change command

Image 30: Group change reply

A.4. Read Mode Configuration

The command for reading the current mode configuration is 0x05. Followed by the mode number to start reading¹.

The reply is a list of all modes, where the first byte of each state represent the setup and the second the intensity².

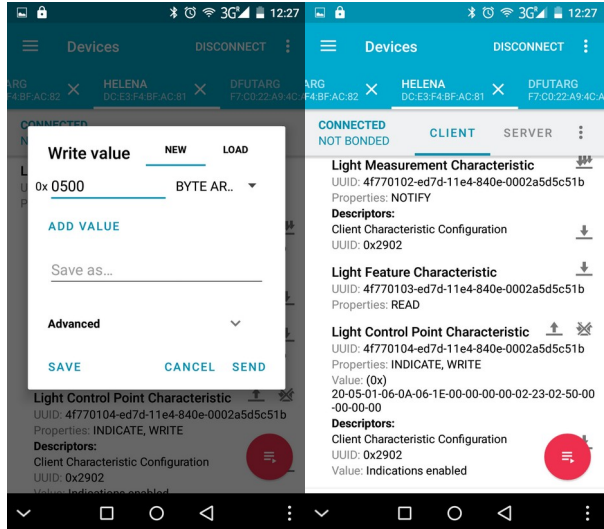


Image 31: Read state configuration command

Image 32: State configuration reply

- 1 Internally the mode counter begins with 0, so to change mode 1 you have to select 0x00, for Mode 2 0x01, for Mode 3 0x02, ...
- 2 These are hexadecimal numbers, please use one of the plenty available online HEX to DEC converters.

The reply in Image 32 represents the following setting:

Mode 1	Spot Pitch compensated with 10lux
Mode 2	Spot Pitch compensated with 35lux
Mode 3	Not used
Mode 4	Not used
Mode 5	Spot constant with 35%
Mode 6	Spot constant with 80%
Mode 7	Not used
Mode 8	Not used

A.5. Change Mode Configuration

The command for changing the mode configuration is 0x06. Followed by the mode number to start³ and a list of new mode. It is not necessary to change all modes, it is possible to change only a few, too. The command in Image 33 will start with Mode 3 and has only a list of two modes. So this command will

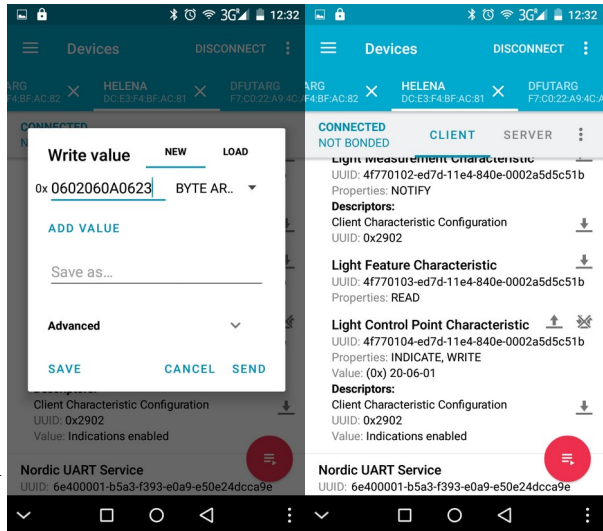


Image 33: State change command

Image 34: State change reply

³ Internally the mode counter begins with 0, so to change Mode 1 you have to select 0x00, for Mode 2 0x01, for Mode 3 0x02, ...

result in changing mode 3 to Spot pitch compensated with 10lux and Mode 4 to Spot pitch compensated with 35lux. The other states will keep their prior setting.

A.6. Read Preferred Mode

The command for reading the preferred mode is `0x0D`.

The Control Point will reply with the current mode number used as preferred mode.

A.7. Set Preferred Mode

The command for setting the preferred mode is `0x0E`, followed by the mode number to be used as preferred mode. Use an invalid mode number (≥ 8) to deactivate the preferred mode.

A.8. Read Temporary Mode

The command for reading the temporary mode is `0x0F`.

The Control Point will reply with the current mode number used as temporary mode.

A.9. Set Temporary Mode

The command for setting the temporary mode is `0x10`, followed by the mode number to be used as temporary mode. Use an invalid mode number (≥ 8) to deactivate the temporary mode.

A.10. Firmware Update

First download the new firmware archive (normally named `Helena_app.zip`) from the Github repository in the folder `Firmware/Helena_NRF_SDK10/bin/debug`. To initiate the Firmware Update Process you have to plug in the lamp while keeping the button pressed. The Helena will activate the bootloader (indicated with the red LED).

Now open the App and start scanning. Connect to the “DfuTarg” and start the update by tapping on the small DFU icon in the top. Then select the previously downloaded firmware archive.

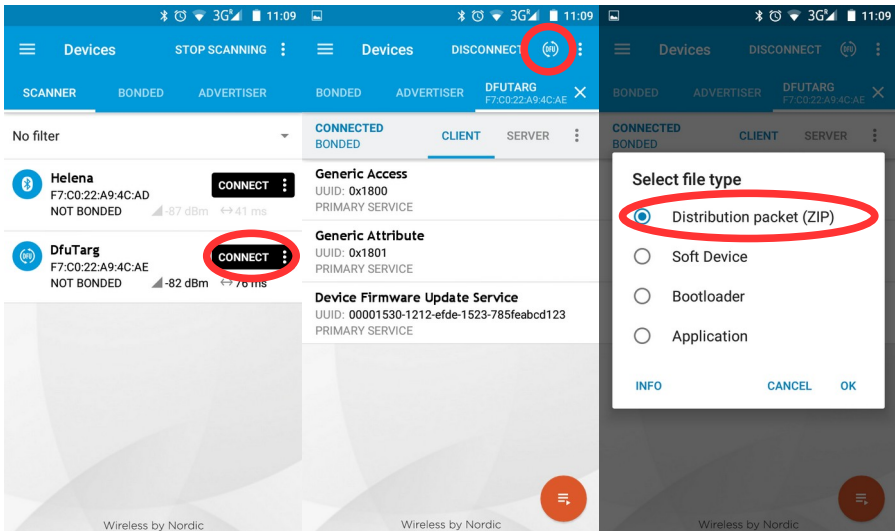


Image 35: scan and connect Image 36: start update to DfuTarg

Image 37: select Distribution packet (ZIP)

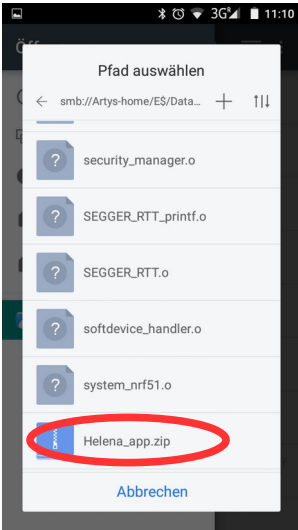


Image 38: select firmware archive

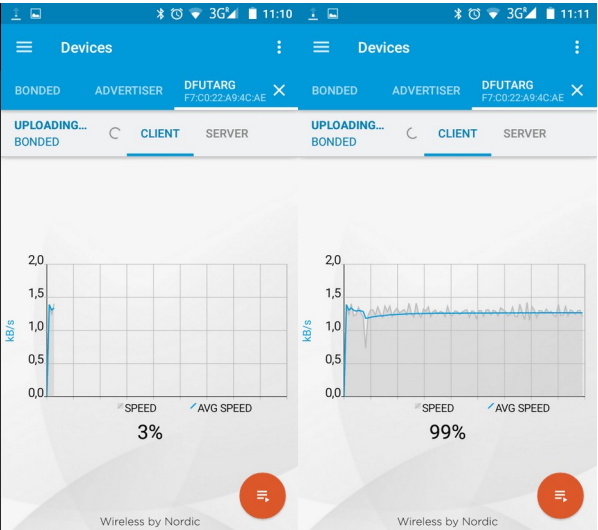


Image 39: update starting

Image 40: update finished