

SiWG917 Wi-Fi HTTP Server

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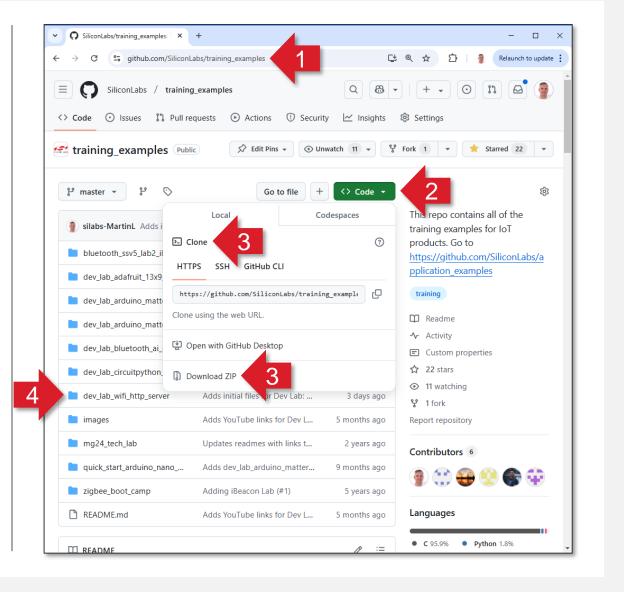


In this workshop:

- Connect and setup SiWG917 boards in the Simplicity Studio v5 IDE
- Create, build and run the Wi-Fi HTTP Server example application
- Adapt the Wi-Fi HTTP Server application to display button states in a browser
- Make the joining and rejoining process robust
- How to use software APIs to construct Wi-Fi applications for the SiWG917

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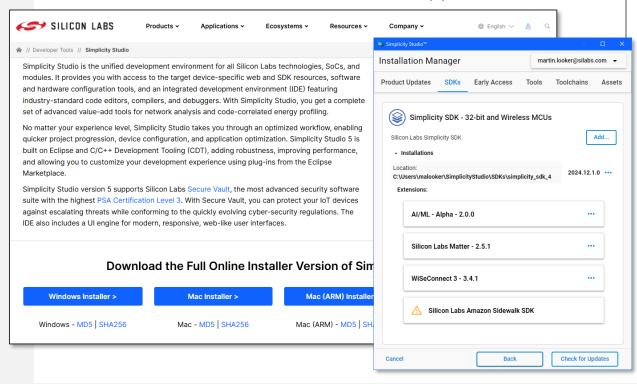
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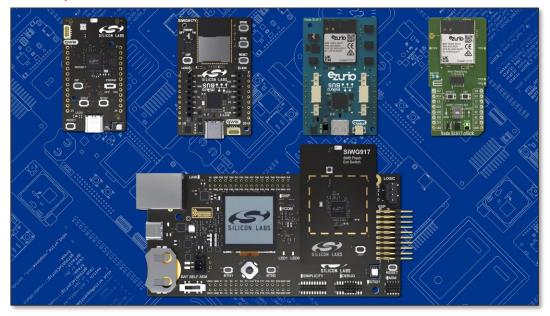


Prerequisites

- Simplicity Studio v5 installed:
 - Download from: https://www.silabs.com/developers/simplicity-studio
 - Ensure the Simplicity SDK is installed including WiSeConnect 3.4.1 or later
- TeraTerm or similar serial terminal application



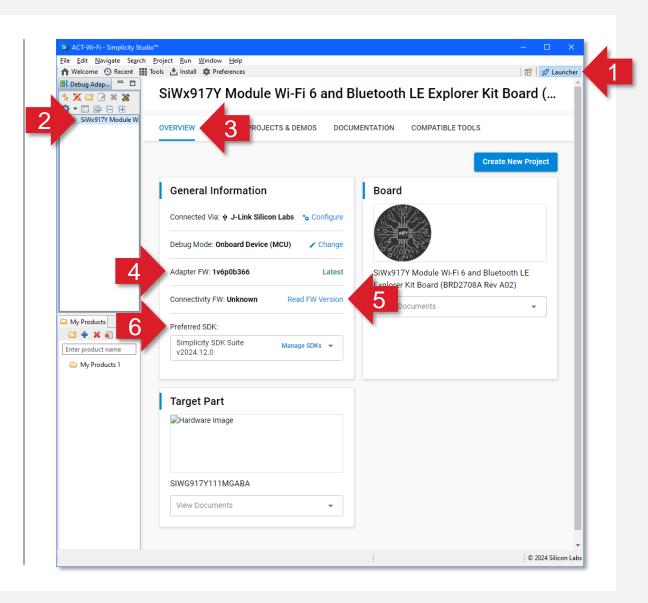
- SiWG917 Wi-Fi kits and boards
 - Silicon Labs Dev Kit
 - Silicon Labs Explorer Kit
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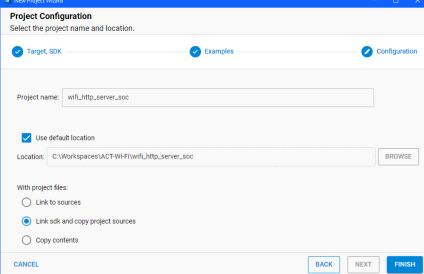
Connect and Update Board

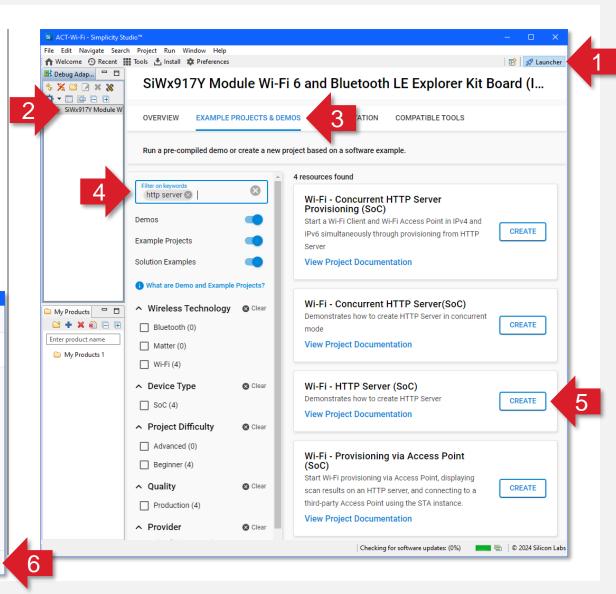
- To connect and update board firmware:
 - 1. Go to the Launcher perspective
 - Connect the board using USB and select in the Debug Adapters panel
 - Make sure the Overview page is selected
 - 4. In the General Information box, update Adapter FW if the latest is not installed
 - Read the Connectivity FW version and update if the latest is not installed
 - 6. Check the Preferred SDK is set to Simplicity SDK Suite



Create Example Application

- To create the example application:
 - 1. Go to the Launcher perspective
 - Make sure the board is selected in the Debug Adapters panel
 - 3. Select the Example Projects & Demos page is selected
 - 4. Enter HTTP Server into the filter editbox
 - 5. In the Wi-Fi HTTP Server (SoC) box, click the Create button
 - 6. In the New Project Wizard window, click the Finish button New Project Wizard

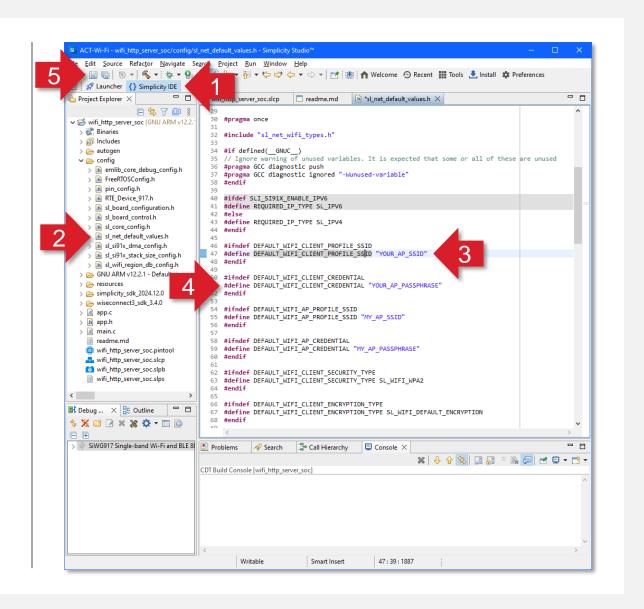






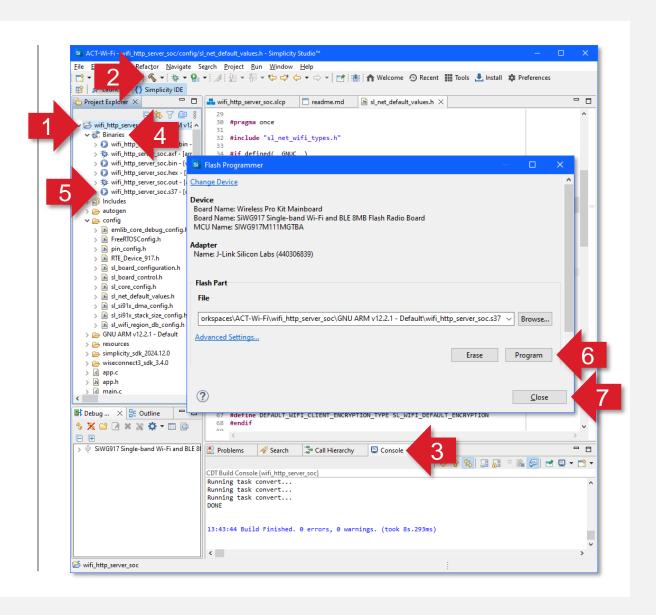
Configure Wi-Fi Access Point

- To configure the Wi-Fi access point credentials:
 - Make sure the Simplicity IDE perspective is selected
 - In the Project Explorer panel, open the config/sl_net_default_values.h file
 - Update the DEFAULT_WIFI_CLIENT_PROFILE_SSID define with the SSID of the Wi-Fi network to join
 - Update the DEFAULT_WIFI_CLIENT_CREDENTIAL define with the password of the Wi-Fi network to join
 - 5. Save the changes to the file



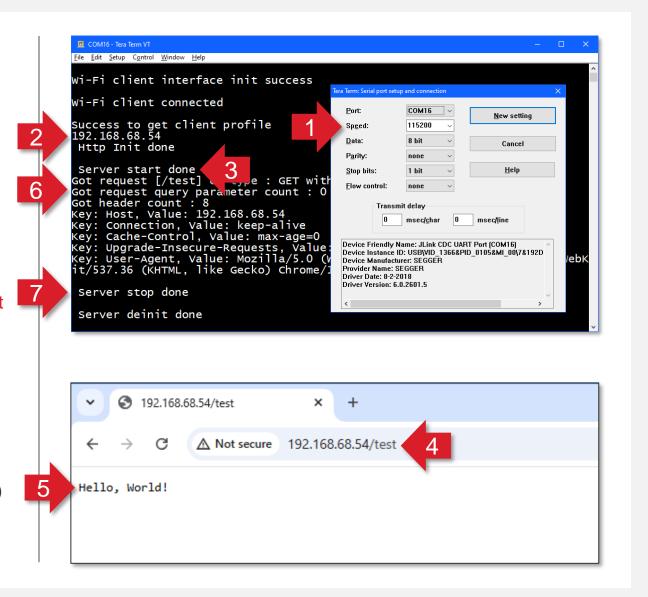
Compile and Flash

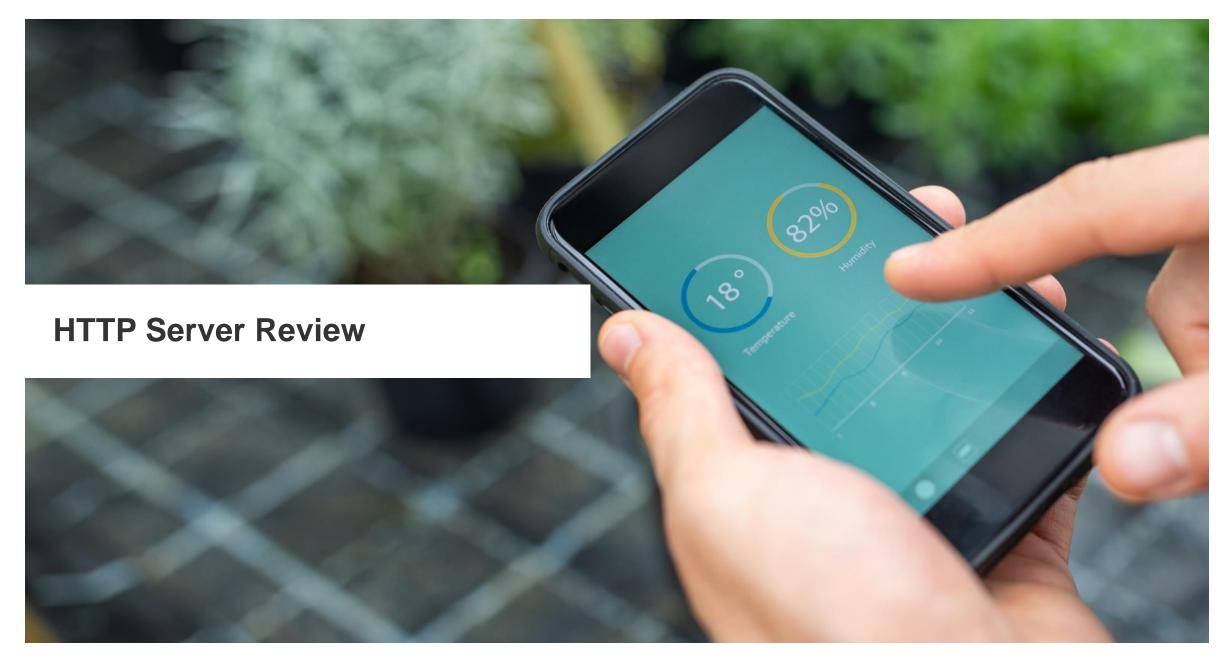
- To compile the software:
 - In the Project Explorer panel, select the top-level project
 - 2. Click the Build (hammer) button on the toolbar
 - 3. Compilation progress is shown in the Console panel
- To flash the software:
 - 4. In the Project Explorer panel, open the Binaries folder
 - Locate the .s37 file, right click and select Flash to device...
 - In the Flash Programmer window, click the Program button
 - 7. When complete, click the Close button



Operation

- To operate the HTTP Server:
 - Connect a serial terminal to the board using: 115200 baud, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit, no flow control
 - Reset the board, when the device joins the network its IP address will be output to the terminal
 - Server start done will be output when the HTTP server is running
 - In a web browser enter the IP address followed by /test
 - Hello, World! Will be displayed in the browser window
 - Data on the HTTP request is displayed in the serial terminal
 - After serving the request, the HTTP server is stopped and deinitialised
 - If the browser is refreshed, connection refused will be returned as the server is no longer running (not shown)





Application Startup

- The application code is structured around FreeRTOS with the application parts of the code in app.c:
- The app_init() function is called at startup from main.c
- The app_init() function creates a new thread that runs in the application_start() function

```
335⊖ void app_init(const void *unused)
     UNUSED_PARAMETER(unused);
      osThreadNew((osThreadFunc t)application start, NULL, &thread attributes);
339 }
341@ static void application_start(void *argument)
```

Wi-Fi Startup

- The application_start() function handles the setup and joining of the Wi-Fi network:
- The sl_net_init() function initializes the network interface
 - The interface is initialized as a client device
 - The Wi-Fi configuration passed in using a sl wifi device configuration t structure
 - Note, despite the variable name this configures the Wi-Fi not the HTTP Server
- The sl_net_up() function brings up the network interface, for a client:
 - Uses the default profile which includes the SSID and password set in the sl net default values.h file
 - Scans and connects to the network specified in the profile
- The sl_net_get_profile() function reads back the profile when it has joined the network
 - The IP address is extracted from this profile and output to the serial port

```
341⊖ static void application start(void *argument)
343
      UNUSED_PARAMETER(argument);
      sl status t status
      sl_http_server_config_t server_config = { 0 };
346
       status = sl net init(SL NET WIFI CLIENT INTERFACE, &http server configuration, NULL, NULL);
       if (status != SL STATUS OK) {
349
        printf("\r\nFailed to start Wi-Fi Client interface: 0x%lx\r\n", status);
350
351
352
       printf("\r\nWi-Fi client interface init success\r\n");
353
       status = sl_net_up(SL_NET_WIFI_CLIENT_INTERFACE, SL_NET_DEFAULT_WIFI_CLIENT_PROFILE_ID);
354
       if (status != SL STATUS OK) {
356
        printf("\r\nFailed to bring Wi-Fi client interface up: 0x%lX\r\n", status);
357
358
359
       printf("\r\nWi-Fi client connected\r\n");
       status = sl_net_get_profile(SL_NET_WIFI_CLIENT_INTERFACE, SL_NET_DEFAULT_WIFI_CLIENT_PROFILE
362
       if (status != SL STATUS OK) {
        printf("Failed to get client profile: 0x%lx\r\n", status);
363
364
        return;
365
       printf("\r\nSuccess to get client profile\r\n");
367
      ip address.type = SL IPV4;
       memcpy(&ip address.ip.v4.bytes, &profile.ip.ip.v4.ip address.bytes, sizeof(sl ipv4 address t)
      print sl ip address(&ip address);
```

HTTP Server Startup

- Near the start of app.c, an array of sl_http_server_handler_t structures are initialized:
 - Each element pairs a URI with a function to be called when the URI is requested
 - The /test URI causes the buffered_request_handler() function to be called
- The application_start() function also starts the HTTP Server:
 - A sl_http_server_config_t structure is initialized with settings for the HTTP Server, including the request handlers
 - The sl_http_server_init() function initializes the server using the configuration structure
 - The sl_http_server_start() function begins running the server
 - The thread is kept in a loop while the is server running variable is true

```
static sl http server handler t request handlers[4] =
        { { .uri = "/test",
                                  .handler = buffered request handler },
            .uri = "/data",
                                  .handler = large data handler },
             .uri = "/cert1.pem", .handler = large_response_handler },
105
             .uri = "/cert2.pem", .handler = chunked_large_response_handler } };
```

```
server config.port
                                     = HTTP SERVER PORT;
       server config.default handler = NULL;
      server config.handlers list
                                     = request handlers;
      server config.handlers count = 4;
376
      server config.client idle time = 1;
377
       status = sl http server init(&server handle, &server config);
379
       if (status != SL_STATUS_OK)
380
        printf("\r\nHTTP server init failed:%lx\r\n", status);
381
        return;
382
383
      printf("\r\n Http Init done\r\n");
384
       status = sl http server start(&server handle);
      if (status != SL STATUS OK) {
387
        printf("\r\n Server start fail:%lx\r\n", status);
388
        return;
389
390
       printf("\r\n Server start done\r\n");
391
392
      is server running = true;
       while (is server running) {
        osDelay(100);
395
```

HTTP Request Handler (1)

- The buffered request handler() function is called when the /test URI is requested:
- Local variables are initialized including:
 - http_response for the response data
 - header for the response header
- The next part of the function outputs data in the HTTP request to the serial port

```
238⊖ sl status t buffered request handler(sl http server t *handle, sl http server request t *req)
      sl http recv req data t recvData
      sl http server response_t http_response = { 0 };
      sl http header t request headers[5]
      sl http header t header
                                              = { .key = "Server", .value = "SI917-HTTPServer" };
244
      printf("Got request [%s] of type : %s with data length : %lu\n",
246
              req->uri.path,
247
             request_type[req->type],
248
             req->request_data_length);
       if (req->request data length > 0) {
250
        recvData.request
                                = req;
251
        recvData.buffer
                               = (uint8 t *)response;
252
        recvData.buffer length = 1024;
253
254
        sl http server read request data(handle, &recvData);
255
        response[recvData.received data length] = 0;
256
        printf("Got request data as : %s\n", response);
257
258
       printf("Got request query parameter count : %u\n", req->uri.query_parameter_count);
       if (req->uri.query parameter count > 0) {
261
        for (int i = 0; i < reg->uri.query parameter count; i++) {
262
          printf("query: %s, value: %s\n", req->uri.query parameters[i].query, req->uri.query param
263
264
265
      printf("Got header count : %u\n", req->request_header_count);
      sl http server get request headers(handle, req, request headers, 5);
268
      int length = (req->request header count > 5) ? 5 : req->request header count;
      for (int i = 0; i < length; i++) {
        printf("Key: %s, Value: %s\n", request headers[i].key, request headers[i].value);
272
```

HTTP Request Handler (2)

- The final part of the buffered_request_handler() function constructs and sends the response:
- The response code is set to OK
- The content type is set to plain text
- The headers are added
- The response data is set to "Hello, World!" and data lengths set appropriately
- The sl_http_server_send_response() function is then used to transmit the HTTP response
- Finally, the is_server_running variable is set to false
 - This allows the loop in the application_start() function to end

```
// Set the response code to 200 (OK)
      http response.response code = SL HTTP RESPONSE OK;
276
      // Set the content type to plain text
      http response.content type = SL HTTP CONTENT TYPE TEXT PLAIN;
      http_response.headers
                                 = &header;
      http_response.header_count = 1;
281
      // Set the response data to "Hello, World!"
      char *response data
                                         = "Hello, World!";
                                         = (uint8 t *)response data;
      http response.data
      http response.current data length = strlen(response data);
      http_response.expected_data_length = http_response.current_data_length;
      sl http server send response(handle, &http response);
      is_server_running = false;
      return SL STATUS OK;
290
```

HTTP Server Shutdown

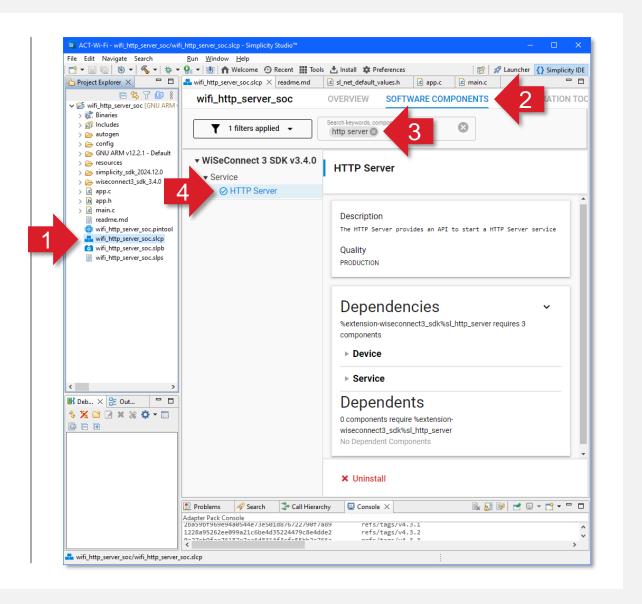
- When the while loop exits in the application_start() function:
 - The sl_http_server_stop() function is called to stop the server
 - The sl_http_server_deinit() is called to deinitialize the server

```
is server running = true;
      while (is server running) {
394
        osDelay(100);
395
396
397
      status = sl http server stop(&server handle);
      if (status != SL_STATUS_OK) {
399
        printf("\r\n Server stop fail:%lx\r\n", status);
400
401
402
      printf("\r\n Server stop done\r\n");
403
      status = sl http server deinit(&server handle);
      if (status != SL_STATUS_OK) {
        printf("\r\n Server deinit fail:%lx\r\n", status);
407
      printf("\r\n Server deinit done\r\n");
```



HTTP Server Software Component

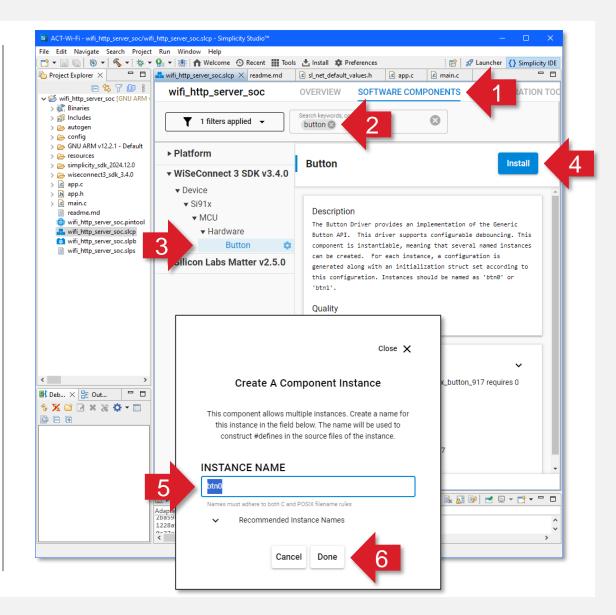
- Software Components are a convenient way to add functionality to a project
- The HTTP Server Software Component is preinstalled in the example project
 - This provides the structures and functions used to operate the HTTP Server
- To view it:
 - Open the .slcp file in the main project
 - Go to the Software Components page
 - Search for HTTP Server
 - This component is already installed in the example project, as indicated by the tickbox
- The .slcp file also provides other options to manage the project and access relevant tools





Button 0 Software Component

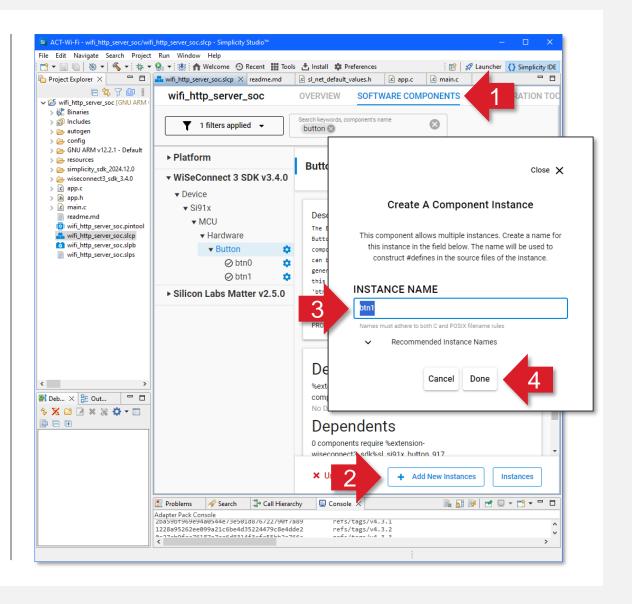
- We will add Software Components for the buttons we want to monitor:
 - Make sure you are on the Software Components page
 - Search for Button
 - In the tree on the left, unfold: WiSeConnect 3 SDK > Device > Si91x > MCU > Hardware > Button
 - Click the Install button
 - In the Create a Component Instance window check the instance name is set to btn0
 - Click the Done button
- This adds the button APIs to the project and also code to use it with Button 0 on the board with the correct pin configuration





Button 1 Software Component

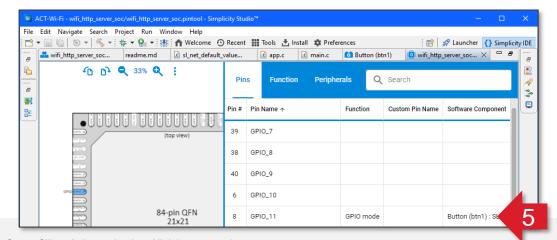
- To add the instance for Button 1:
 - Make sure you are on the Software Components page
 - Click the Add New Instances button
 - In the Create a Component Instance window check the instance name is set to btn1
 - Click the Done button

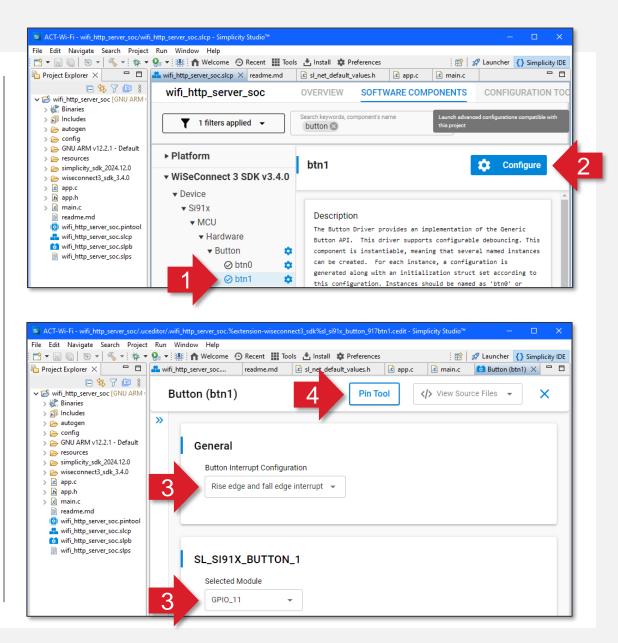




Button Configuration

- We used recommended instance names which are pre-mapped onto the GPIO for the buttons on the board
- We can view this configuration:
 - Click one of the instances under Button in the treeview
 - Click the Configure button
 - The Interrupt Configuration and assigned GPIO pin can be viewed and edited in this window
 - Click the Pin Tool button
 - This tool shows the low-level assignment of pins to peripherals including the GPIO assignment for the **Button** instance

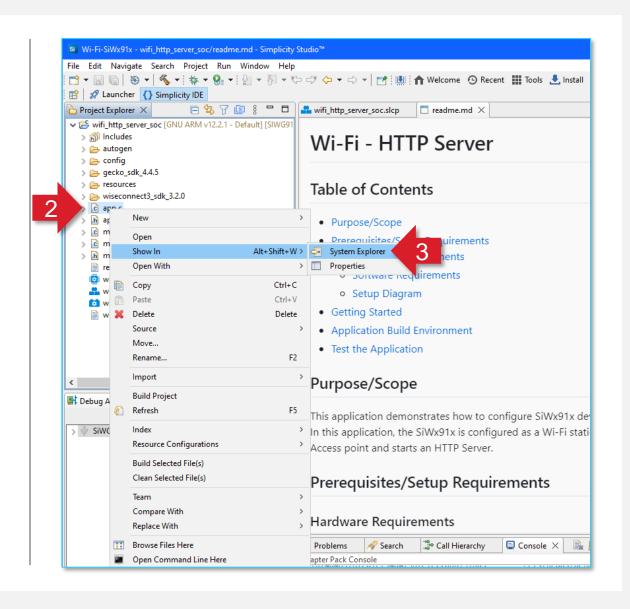




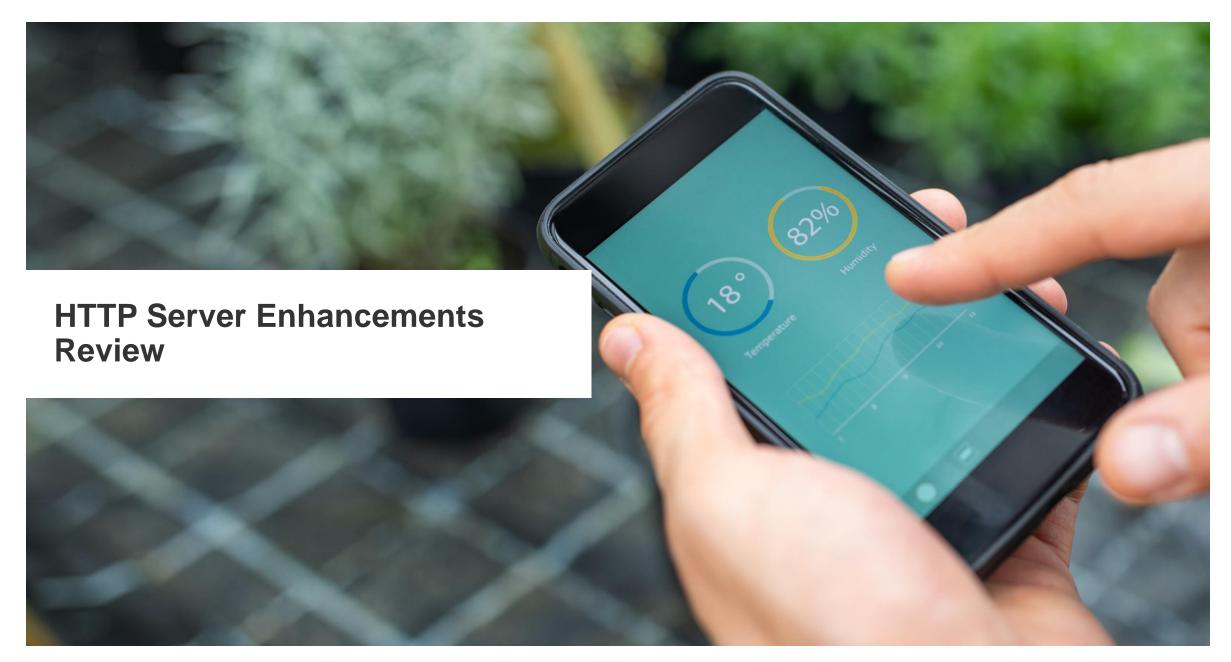


Update app.c

- To update app.c in the project folder:
 - 1. Locate the app.c file downloaded from GitHub (located in the dev_lab_wifi_http_server/source_1_server folder) and copy to the clipboard
 - In Simplicity Studio, locate the app.c file in the Project **Explorer** panel
 - Right-click and select Show in > System Explorer
 - Paste the app.c file from the clipboard into the opened folder (replacing the existing file)







app.c – Includes, Defines and Global Variables

- New includes, defines and global variables are added to app.c:
- Includes to access the button APIs
- An APP VERSION define
- A HTML_RESPONSE define containing a formatting string for the HTML response:
 - The meta tag contains browser instructions to request a refresh every 5 seconds
 - Tokens are in place to include the seconds the application has been running and states of button 0 and button 1
- A HTML RESPONSE define with a maximum size for the HTML response buffer
- Global variables for:
 - Number of seconds the application has been running
 - States for buttons
 - A buffer in which to build the HTML response

```
43 #include "sl_si91x_button.h"
44 #include "sl_si91x_button_pin_config.h"
45 #include "sl si91x button instances.h"
   50 #define APP VERSION "v0.0.6"
52⊕ #define HTML RESPONSE "<!DOCTYPE html>\r\n" \
     "<html>\r\n" \
    " <head>\r\n" \
        <title>SiWG917 HTTP Server</title>\r\n" \
        <meta http-equiv=\"refresh\" content=\"5\">
       <body>\r\n" \
        SiWG917 HTTP Server " APP VERSION "\r\n" \
         seconds = %ld\r\n" \
        button0 = %d\r\n" \
        button1 = %d\r\n" \
       </body>\r\n" \
65 #define HTML RESPONSE SIZE 768
  uint32 t seconds = 0;
```

133 int8_t button0 = BUTTON_STATE_INVALID; 134 int8 t button1 = BUTTON STATE INVALID;

135 char html response data[HTML RESPONSE SIZE] = "";

app.c - buffered_request_handler()

- Changes are made to the response generated in the buffered_request_handler() function:
 - The content_type is changed to TEXT_HTML
 - The current seconds, button0 and button1 states are formatted into the <a href="https://ht
 - The httml_response_data buffer is added to the response, along with an updated length

```
// Set the response code to 200 (OK)
      http response.response code = SL HTTP RESPONSE OK;
      // Set the content type to plain text
      http response.content type = SL HTTP CONTENT TYPE TEXT HTML;
      http response.headers
                                 = &header;
      http_response.header_count = 1;
304
      // Set the response data to "Hello, World!"
      //char *response data
                                           = "Hello, World!":
      sprintf(html_response_data, HTML_RESPONSE, seconds, button0, button1);
                                        = (uint8_t *)html_response_data;
      http_response.data
      http response.current data length = strlen(html response data);
      http_response.expected_data_length = http_response.current_data_length;
      sl http server send response(handle, &http response);
      is server running = false;
313
      return SL_STATUS_OK;
```

app.c - application_start()

- Changes are made to the application_start() function which runs the application's thread:
 - A debug message, with the version number is output to the serial port
 - The while loop is allowed to run forever
 - In the while loop, the delay is increased to 1 second (from 100ms)
 - The seconds, button0 and button1 variables are updated
 - For the buttons, the pins are read directly

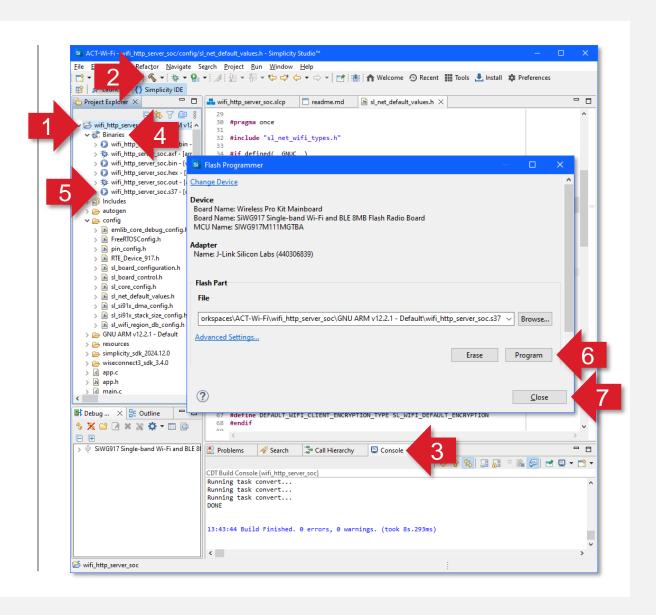
```
367⊖ static void application start(void *argument)
      UNUSED PARAMETER(argument);
      sl status t status
      sl_http_server_config_t server_config = { 0 };
     printf("\r\nSiWG917 HTTP Server %s\r\n", APP_VERSION);
```

```
is server running = true;
      while (1) {
        osDelay(1000);
        seconds++;
       button0 = sl_si91x_button_pin_state(SL_BUTTON_BTN0_PIN);
        button1 = sl_si91x_button_pin_state(SL_BUTTON_BTN1_PIN);
424
```



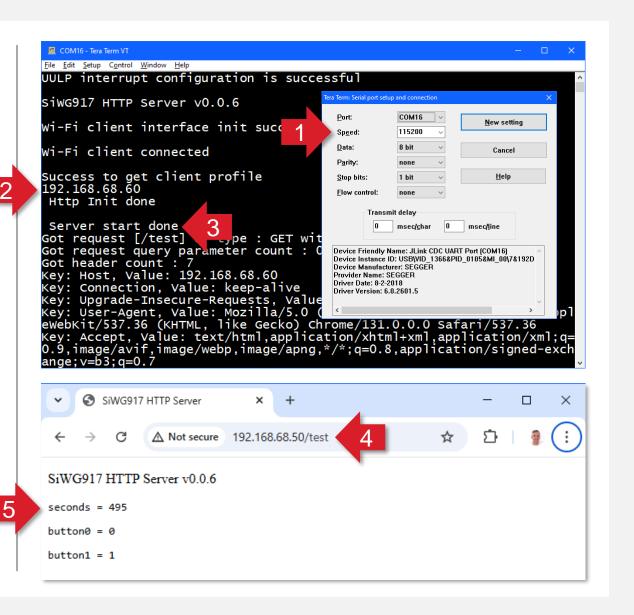
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 - Reset the board, when the device joins the network its IP address will be output to the terminal
 - Server start done will be output when the HTTP server is running
 - In a web browser enter the IP address followed by /test
 - The HTML will be displayed in the browser window, including the seconds, button0 and button 1 values
 - The browser will automatically refresh every 5 seconds (not shown)





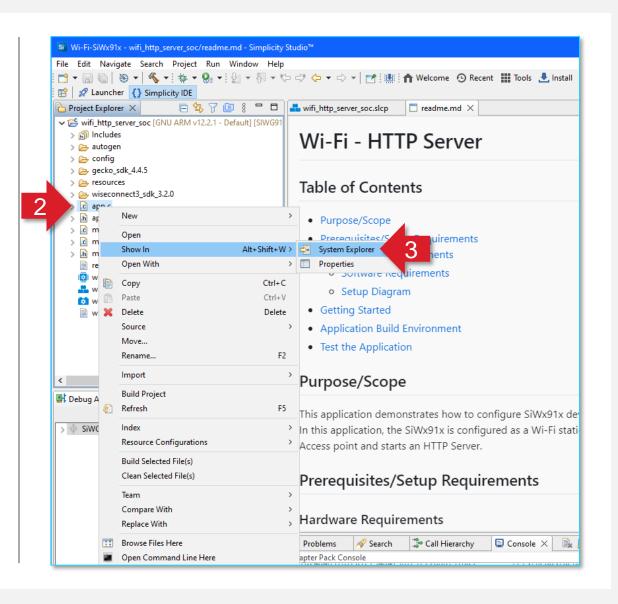
Joining and Rejoining

- The sl_net_up() function provides a lot of functionality when joining the network
 - It both scans for and joins the configured access point
- If it fails to join, it will eventually return with a failure status code
 - Currently app.c will end processing when this happens
- Similarly, if a joined network is lost:
 - The use of sl_net_up() to join will trigger some rejoin attempts
 - The attempts can be configured by calling the sl_wifi_set_advanced_client_configuration() function
- If it fails to rejoin, the device will remain unconnected to the network unless further actions are taken
 - Currently app.c does not detect or react to entry into this state
- In this section we will address these potential issues in the application

```
status = sl net up(SL NET WIFI CLIENT INTERFACE, SL NET DEFAULT WIFI CLIENT PROFILE ID);
     if (status != SL STATUS OK) {
       printf("\r\nFailed to bring Wi-Fi client interface up: 0x%lX\r\n", status);
383
       return:
384
     printf("\r\nWi-Fi client connected\r\n");
```

Update app.c

- To update app.c in the project folder:
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Joining Updates

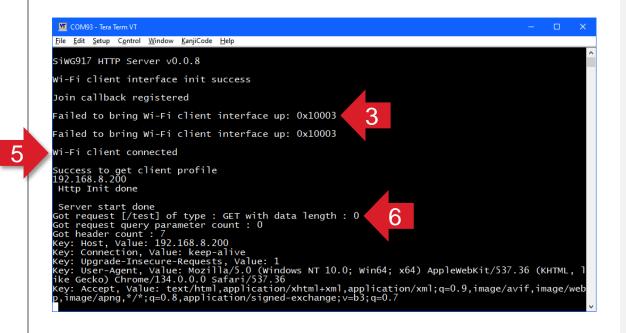
- A new global variable status_net_up is added to track the network state
- In the application_start() function:
 - The call to sl_net_up() is moved inside a loop
 - The code remains in the loop until the network is joined
 - A fixed 10 second delay is applied each time sl_net_up() fails to join the network
 - ► These delays could be increased over time if required
 - The status_net_up global variable is used to track the network state

```
137 sl status t status net up
                                               = SL STATUS INVALID STATE;
```

```
while (status net up != SL STATUS OK) {
       status_net_up = sl_net_up(SL_NET_WIFI_CLIENT_INTERFACE, SL_NET_DEFAULT_WIFI_CLIENT_PROFILE_ID);
       if (status net up != SL STATUS OK) {
         printf("\r\nFailed to bring Wi-Fi client interface up: 0x%lX\r\n", status net up);
         osDelay(10000);
398
     printf("\r\nWi-Fi client connected\r\n");
```

Joining Operation

- To see these changes in action:
 - Turn off the router being used or disable the Wi-Fi through its interface
 - Compile and flash the updated application
 - The Failed to bring Wi-Fi client interface up: 0x10003 debug message will be repeated whilst the device in unable to join the network
 - Turn on the router or enable the Wi-Fi
 - The Wi-Fi client connected debug message will be displayed when the device joins the network
 - The webpage can be loaded in a browser to check the HTTP server operation



Rejoining Updates

- In the application_start() function:
 - The sl_wifi_set_join_callback() function is called to configure a callback to join_callback_function() when a join event occurs
- In the join_callback_function():
 - The global status_net_up variable is set to FAIL if the event indicates the automatic rejoin attempts have failed
- In the main loop section of the application_start() function
 - If the status_net_up variable is not set to OK, looping code that calls the sl net up() is added to attempt to rejoin the network
 - Each time sl net up() fails a fixed 10 second delay is applied
 - In this case the seconds counter is also updated
 - After a successful rejoin the IP Address of the device is output as it may change
- Note there is no need to restart the HTTP Server. when the device rejoins, it continues to run

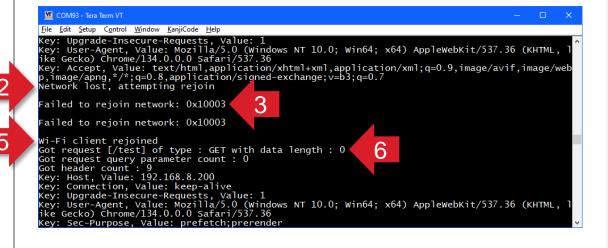
```
// Register the join callback
      status = sl wifi set join callback(join callback function, NULL);
     if (status != SL_STATUS_OK) {
         printf("\r\nFailed to register join callback: 0x%lx\r\n", status);
390
     printf("\r\nJoin callback registered\r\n");
```

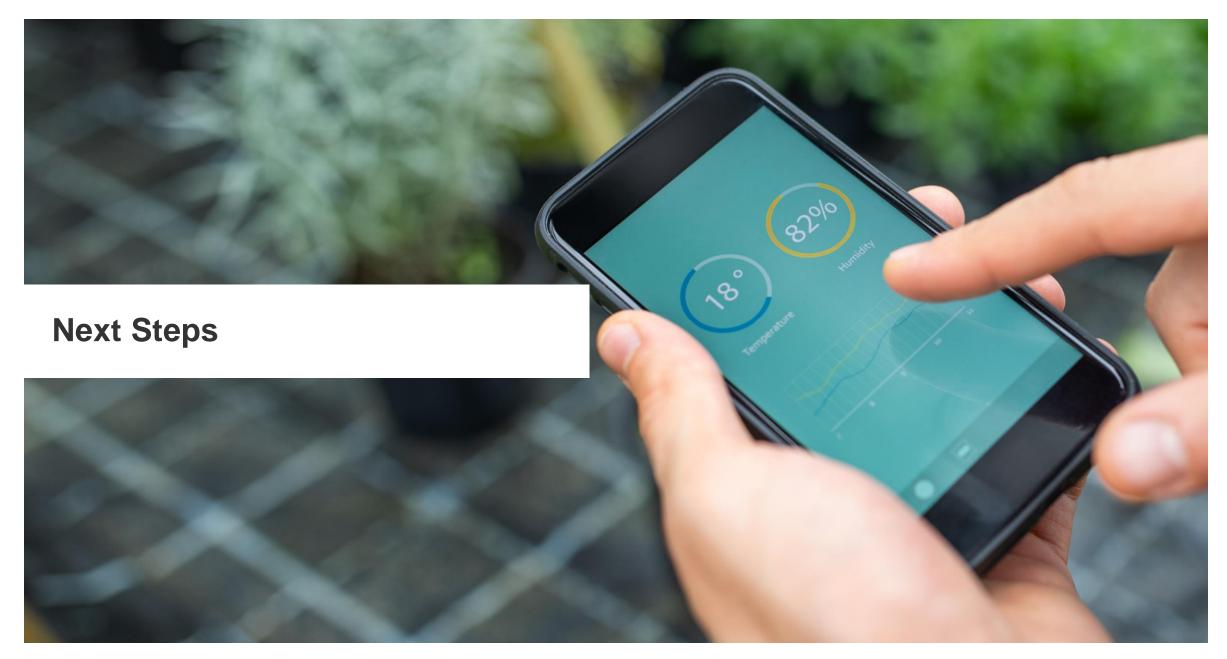
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470@ sl status t join_callback_function(sl wifi event t event, char *data, uint32 t data length, void *optional ar
472
        UNUSED PARAMETER(data);
       UNUSED PARAMETER(data_length);
473
474
        UNUSED PARAMETER(optional arg);
475
        // Network join fail ?
        if ((SL WIFI EVENT FAIL INDICATION | SL WIFI JOIN EVENT) == event) {
478
            // Flag network is down
479
            status net up = SL STATUS FAIL;
480
481
482
        return SL STATUS OK;
```

```
if (status net up != SL STATUS OK) {
          printf("Network lost, attempting rejoin\r\n");
443
          // Attempt rejoin ?
444
          while (status net up != SL STATUS OK) {
445
            status_net_up = sl_net_up(SL_NET_WIFI_CLIENT_INTERFACE, SL_NET_DEFAULT_WIFI_CLIENT_PROFILE_ID);
            if (status net up != SL STATUS OK) {
447
              printf("\r\nFailed to rejoin network: 0x%lX\r\n", status_net_up);
448
              osDelay(10000);
449
              seconds += 10;
450
451
452
          printf("\r\nWi-Fi client rejoined\r\n");
453
454
          status = sl net get profile(SL NET WIFI CLIENT INTERFACE, SL NET DEFAULT WIFI CLIENT PROFILE ID, &profile
455
          if (status != SL STATUS OK) {
456
            printf("Failed to get client profile: 0x%lx\r\n", status);
457
458
459
          printf("\r\nSuccess to get client profile\r\n");
460
461
          ip address.type = SL IPV4;
          memcpy(&ip_address.ip.v4.bytes, &profile.ip.ip.v4.ip_address.bytes, sizeof(sl_ipv4_address_t));
463
          print sl ip address(&ip address);
464
          printf("\r\n");
465
```

Rejoining Operation

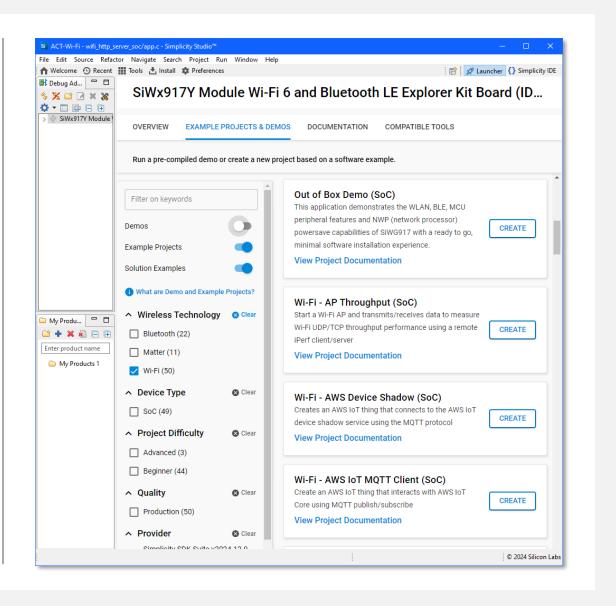
- To see these changes in action:
 - Turn off the router or disable the Wi-Fi
 - The Network lost, attempting rejoin debug message will be output when the device is unable to rejoin the network automatically
 - The Failed to rejoin network: 0x10003 debug message will be repeated whilst the application code attempts to rejoin
 - Turn on the router or enable the Wi-Fi
 - The Wi-Fi client rejoined debug message will be output when the device rejoins
 - The webpage can be reloaded in a browser to check the HTTP Server is still operating





Next Steps

- There are lots more Wi-Fi examples available in Simplicity Studio
 - Choose the one closest to your final application as your starting point
 - The Out of Box Demo (SoC) provides a good overview showing how to join a Wi-Fi network by providing the SSID and password over Bluetooth, pinging and MQTT data transfer
 - There are many Matter over Wi-Fi examples
- For more fully-featured examples check the Silicon Labs Wi-Fi Examples repository on GitHub: https://github.com/SiliconLabs/wifi_applications
- Documentation on the Wi-Fi APIs is available from the Documentation page in the Launcher and also online:
 - https://docs.silabs.com/wiseconnect/latest/wiseconnect-developing-with-wiseconnect-sdk
- Subscribe to the Silicon Labs YouTube channel, where we will be adding Wi-Fi tutorials in the future: https://www.youtube.com/@ViralSilabs/videos







Thank You

Questions?

