AB157x/AB158x Series FOTA Application Note

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3) **Android FOTA application user guide; and**
4) **iOS FOTA application user guide.**

2. FOTA Application Flow

2.1. Flow chart for a single device

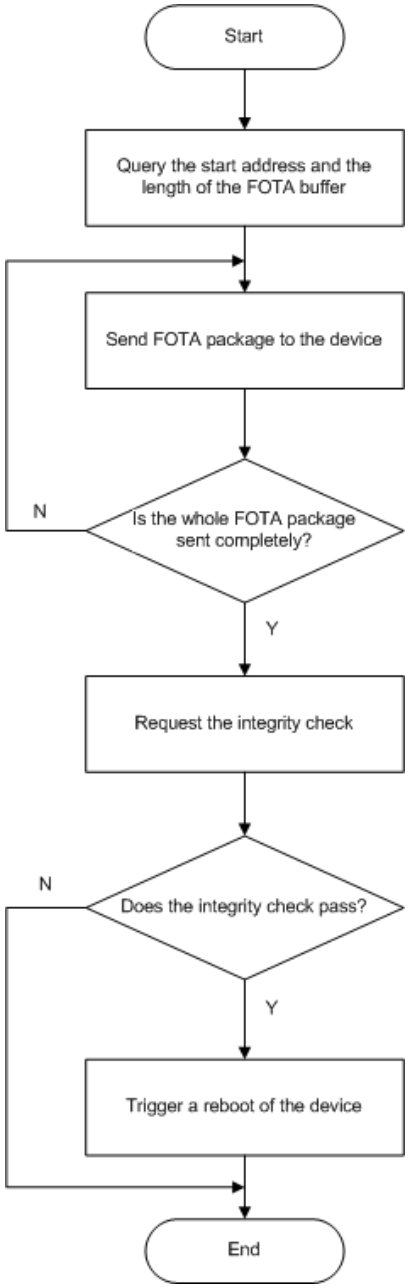

Figure 2-1. FOTA application flow chart for single device

2.2. Flow chart for dual devices

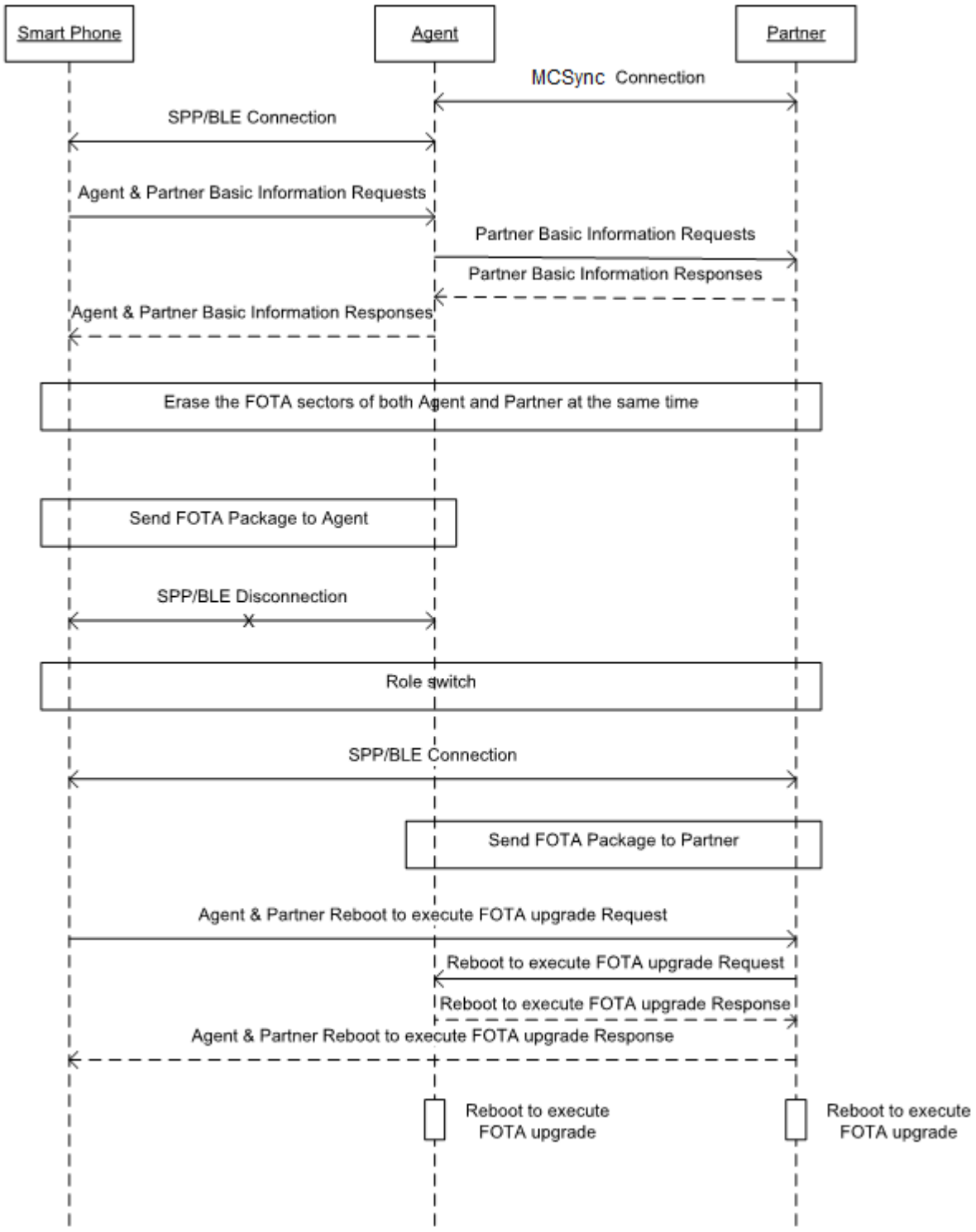

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Figure 2-2. FOTA application flow chart for dual devices

3. Generating the FOTA Package

3.1. Starting the Airoha FOTA package tool

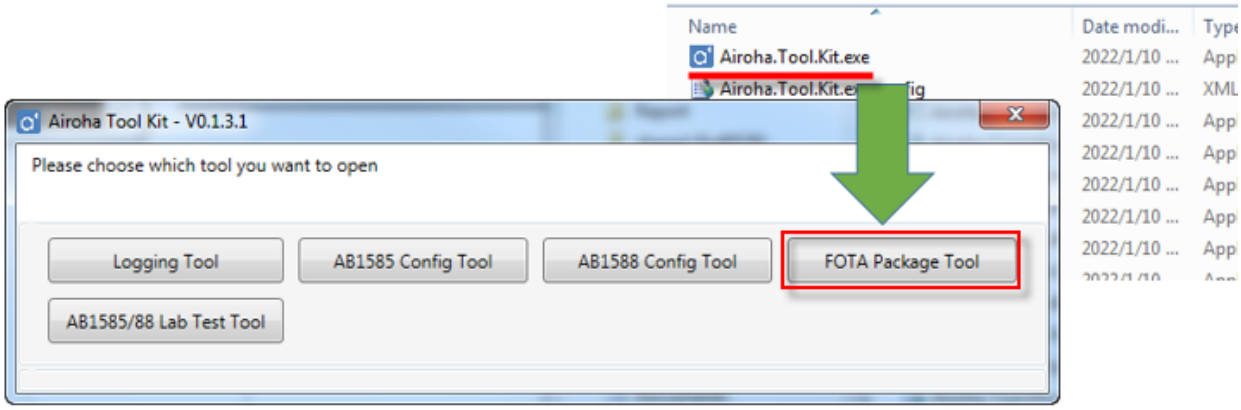

Figure 3-1. Starting the Airoha FOTA package tool

3.2. Generating the FOTA package

The FOTA package tool helps the user to generate the FOTA package.

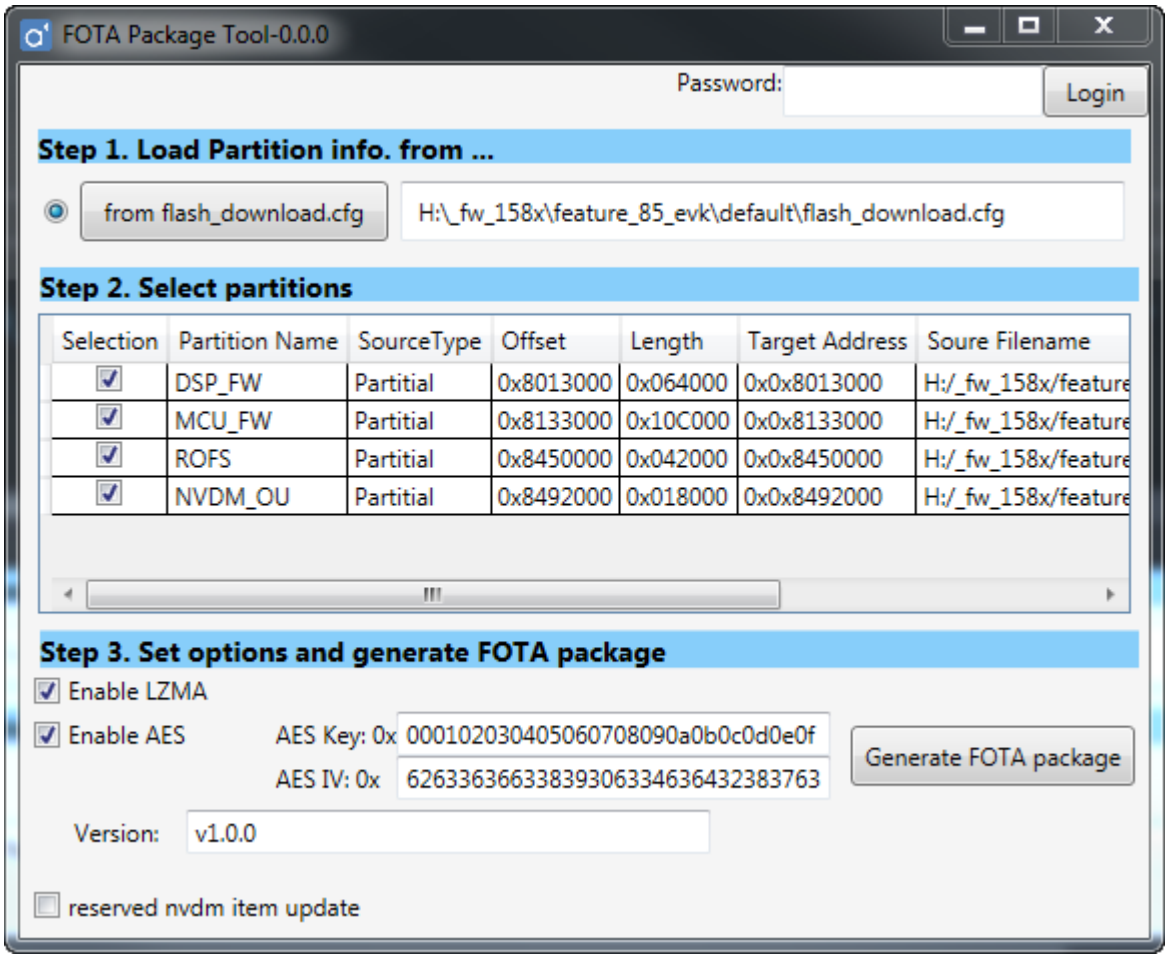

Figure 3-2. FOTA package tool UI

To generate the FOTA package:

1) Load the partition info. from a flash_download.cfg file.
2) Select the partitions to update.
3) Set the FOTA package options and generate the FOTA package.

4. Android FOTA Application User Guide

4.1. Pairing the device through Bluetooth settings

You must pair the device through the system Bluetooth settings before using the application to connect to the Serial Port Profile (SPP) due to Android's security policy.

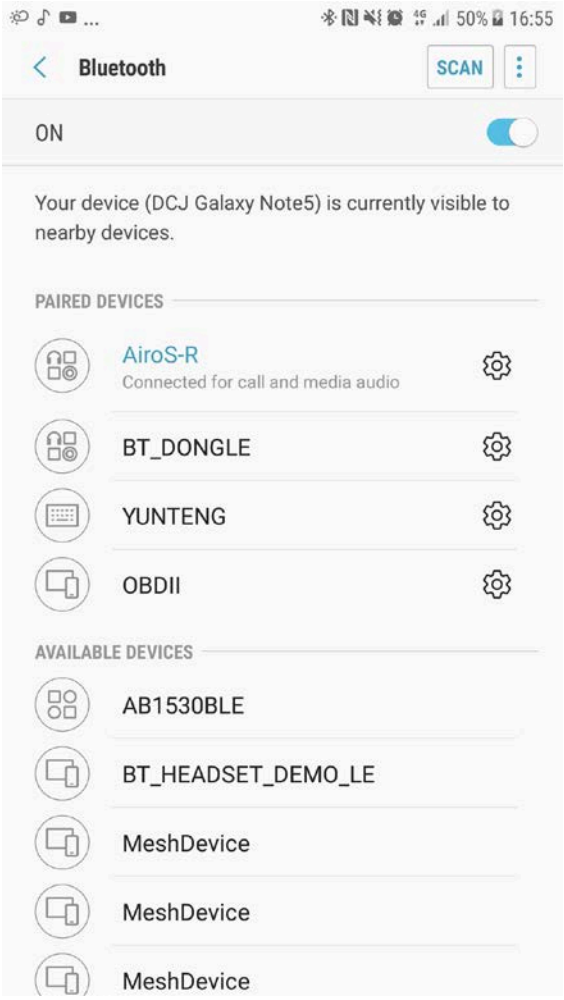

Figure 4-1. Pair the Airoha device via System Bluetooth Setting

4.2. Device selection

Select the **SPP** option and the devices will be listed. Select the device for the FOTA process. Make sure the device is in the paired list and the target BDA is correct before going to next page.

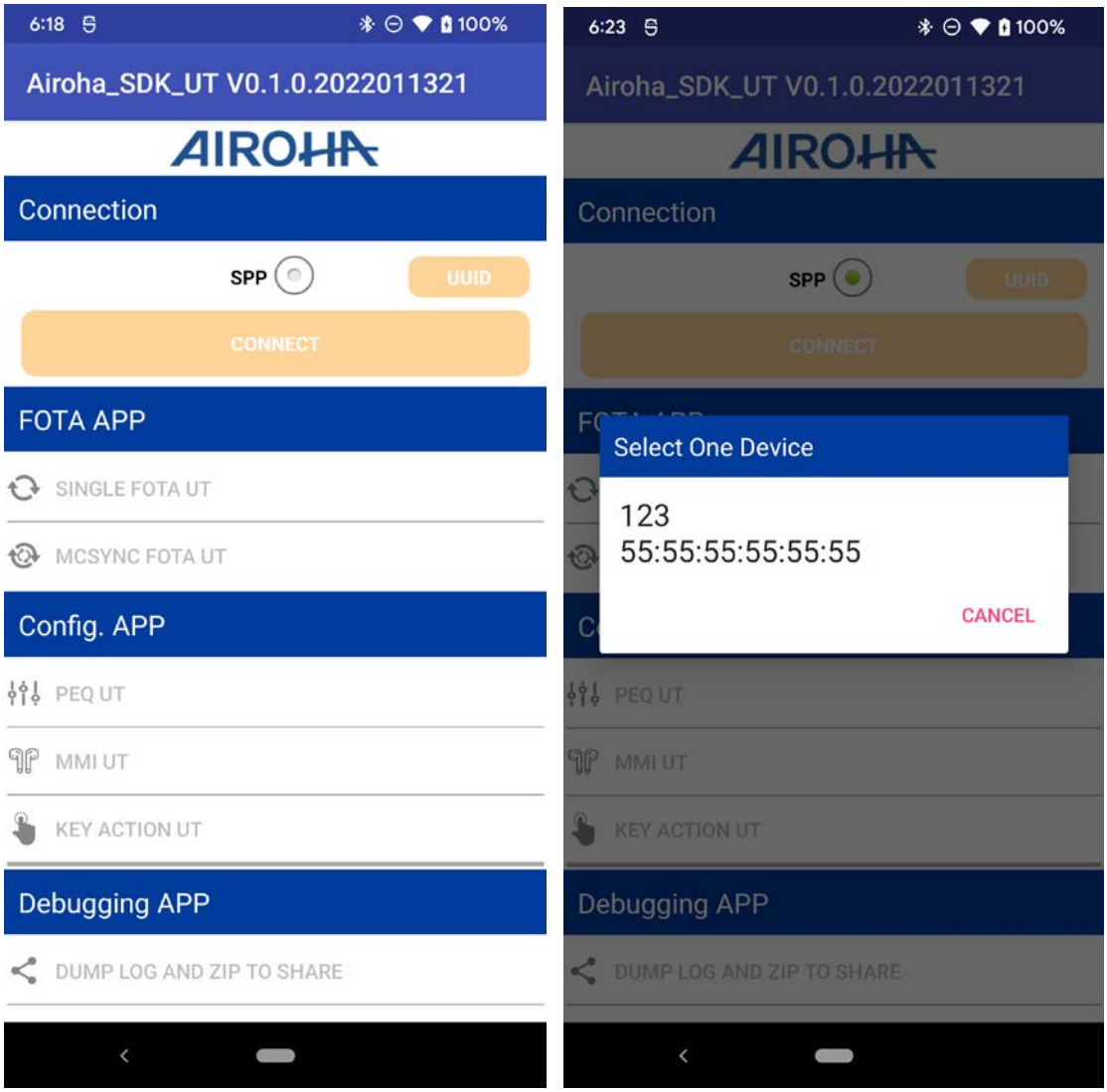

Figure 4-2. Device selection

4.3. FOTA mode selection (SINGLE/MCSYNC)

Select a FOTA mode that is compatible with the Bluetooth device. Make sure your device is in the paired list and the target BDA is correct before going to next page.

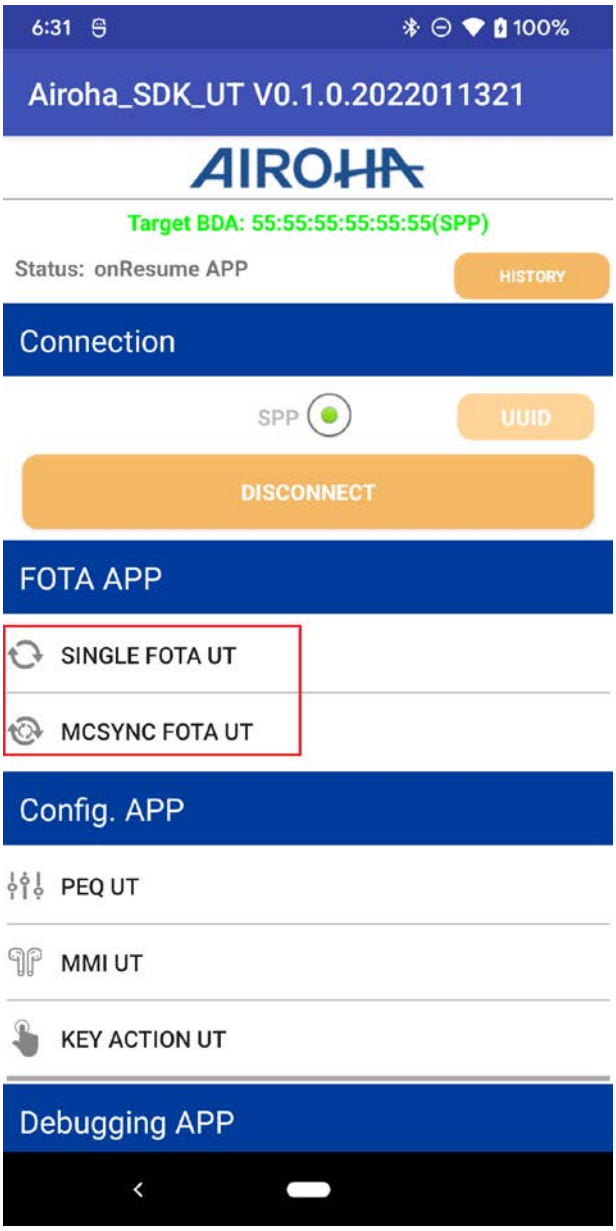

Figure 4-3. FOTA mode selection

4.4. Selecting FOTA package file

You can select the FOTA package file from mobile storage.

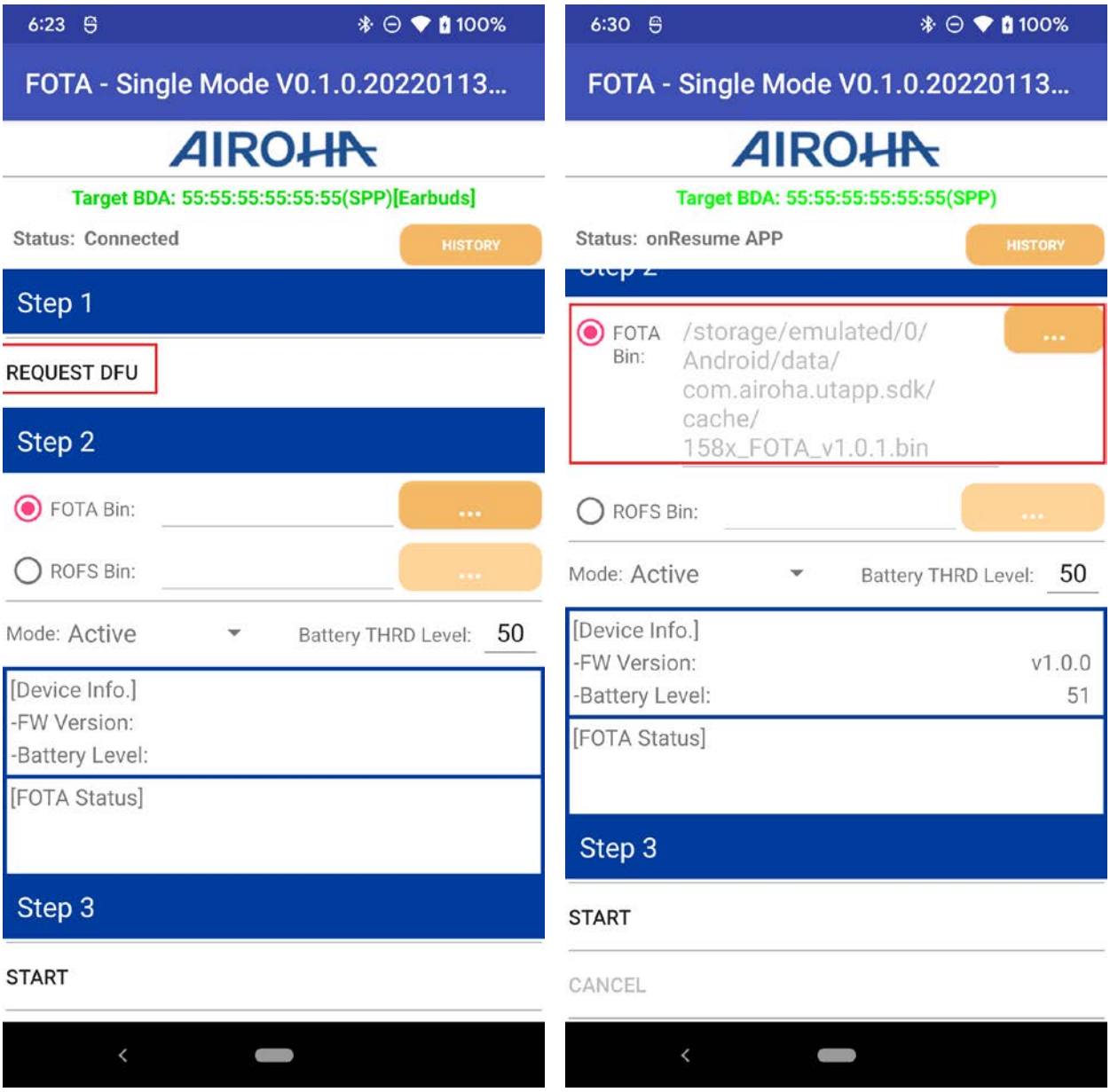

Figure 4-4. Selecting FOTA package file

4.5. FOTA Settings

The default settings are applicable for the FOTA process. It is not necessary to change these settings.

Background Mode

- Turning on IDLE mode allows the FOTA operation and listening to music at the same time. Otherwise, the application sends an active FOTA preparation command to avoid interference during the FOTA process.

Battery THRD Level

- The application uses the value as the battery level check threshold. If the battery level is lower than the THRD, the FOTA operation is not allowed.

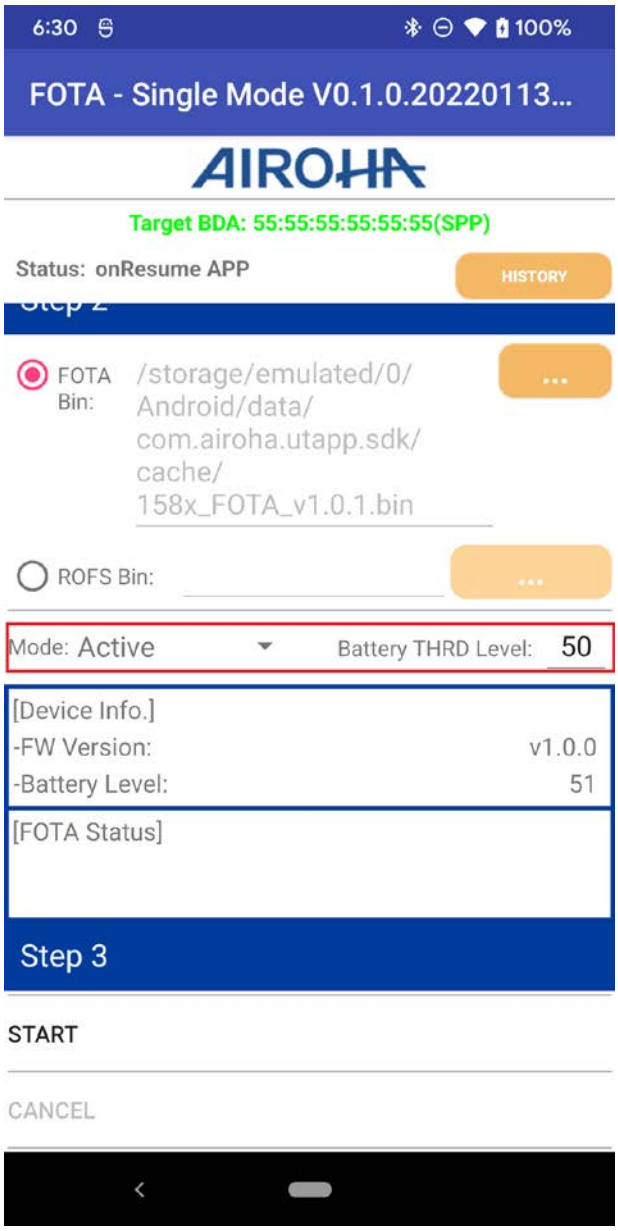

Figure 4-5. FOTA settings

4.6. FOTA operations

When you have the *.bin file of a FOTA package, you can start the FOTA process. When the FOTA partition is updated, you can commit to let the device to perform the firmware upgrade.

You can cancel the running processes anytime during the FOTA process.

Figure 4-6. FOTA operations

START FOTA – Starts the FOTA process.

CANCEL – Cancels the running FOTA process.

COMMIT – Triggers the device reboot and FOTA upgrade (This button is hidden in Active Mode).

4.7. Checking whether the FOTA process is successful

To check if FOTA is successful:

1) Modify the firmware version when you first generate the FOTA package.

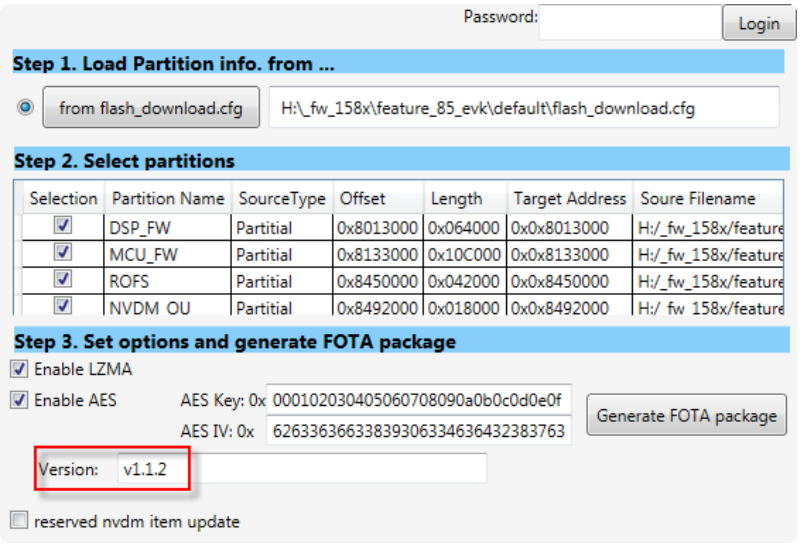

Figure 4-7. Version setting in FOTA package tool

2) Make sure the version number is updated when the FOTA process is complete.

You can check the firmware version when the FOTA process is complete.

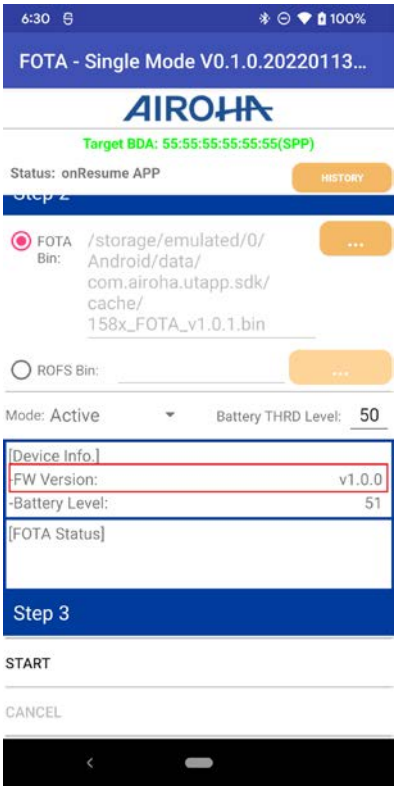

Figure 4-8. Checking the firmware version

5. iOS FOTA Application User Guide

5.1. BLE device connection

The application starts searching for any nearby BLE devices. Select the AB1585 device for the FOTA process.

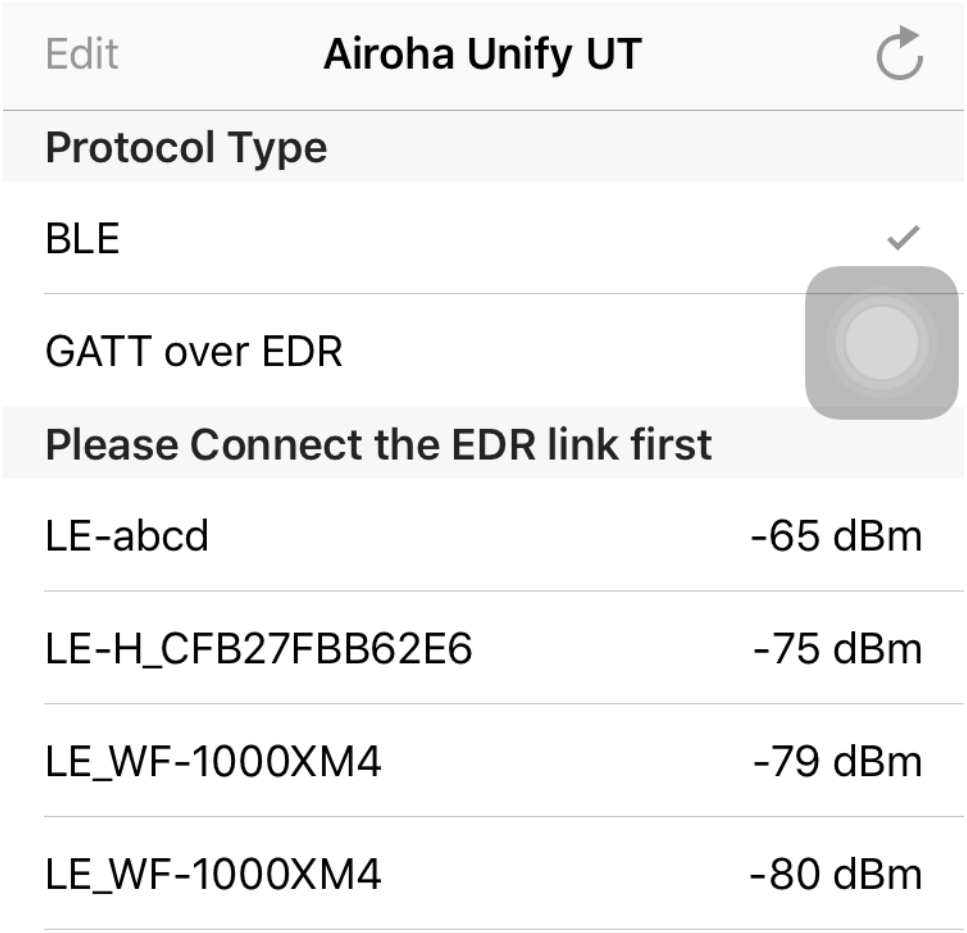

Figure 5-1. BLE Device Connection

5.2. FOTA mode selection (Single/ MCSync)

Select the FOTA mode according to the Bluetooth device you have.

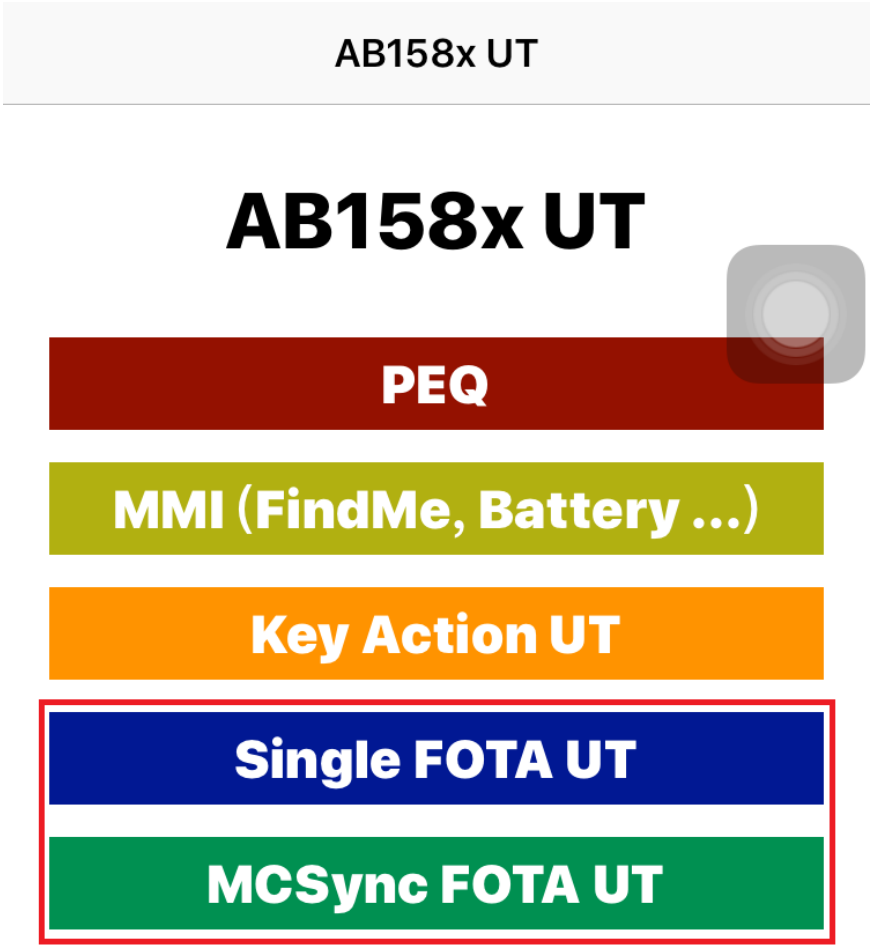

Figure 5-2. iOS FOTA Mode Selection

5.3. Downloading the FOTA package

To download the FOTA package, set the FOTA bin file and select **Start Download File**.
The FOTA package is ready when the application shows the message that the firmware was successfully downloaded.

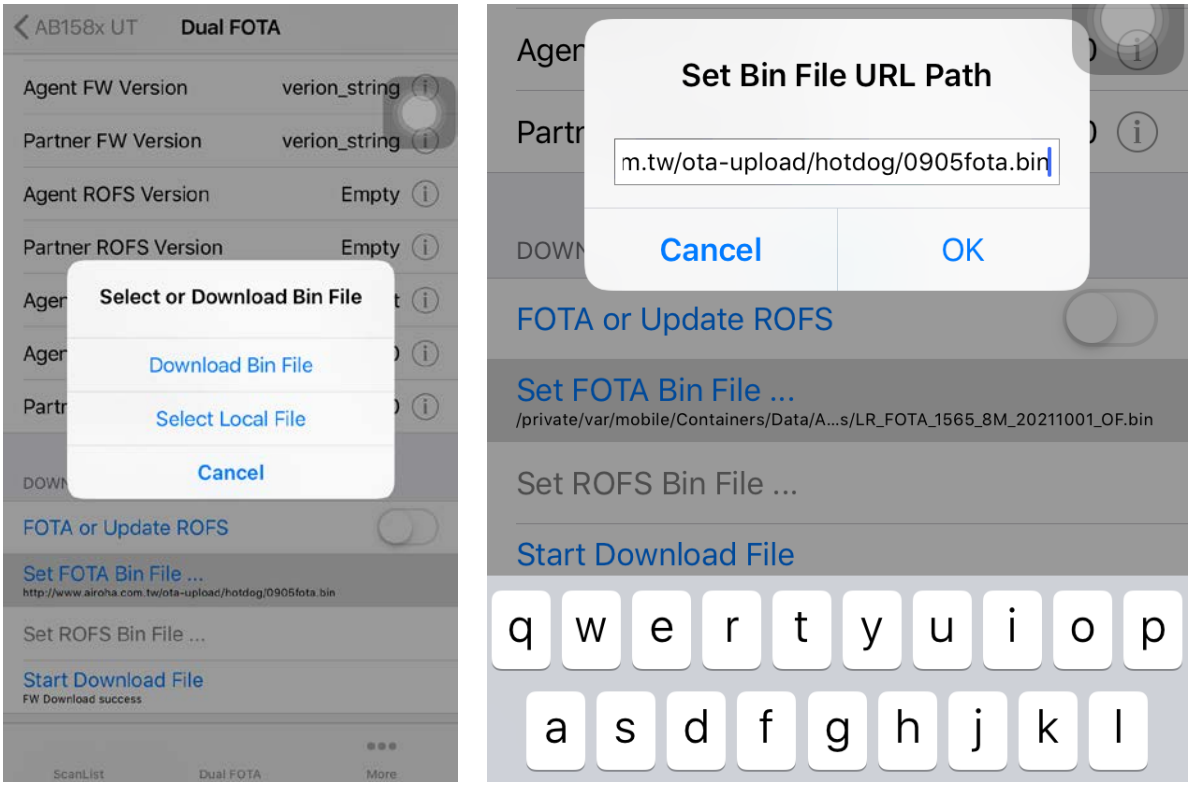

Figure 5-3. Downloading the FOTA package

5.4. FOTA configuration

The default settings are applicable for the FOTA process. It is not necessary to change these settings.

Figure 5-4. FOTA Configuration

ACTIVE OR IDLE MODE – Selecting Idle Mode allows the FOTA operation and listening to music at the same time. Otherwise, the application sends an active FOTA preparation command to avoid interference during the FOTA process.

Set Battery Threshold – The application uses the value as the battery level check threshold to avoid an incomplete update process because the battery level is too low.

Program Interval (Idle Mode) – The application uses the value as the interval of program command to send to the device.

5.5. FOTA state and corresponding operation

The FOTA state is automatically queried when BLE is connected.

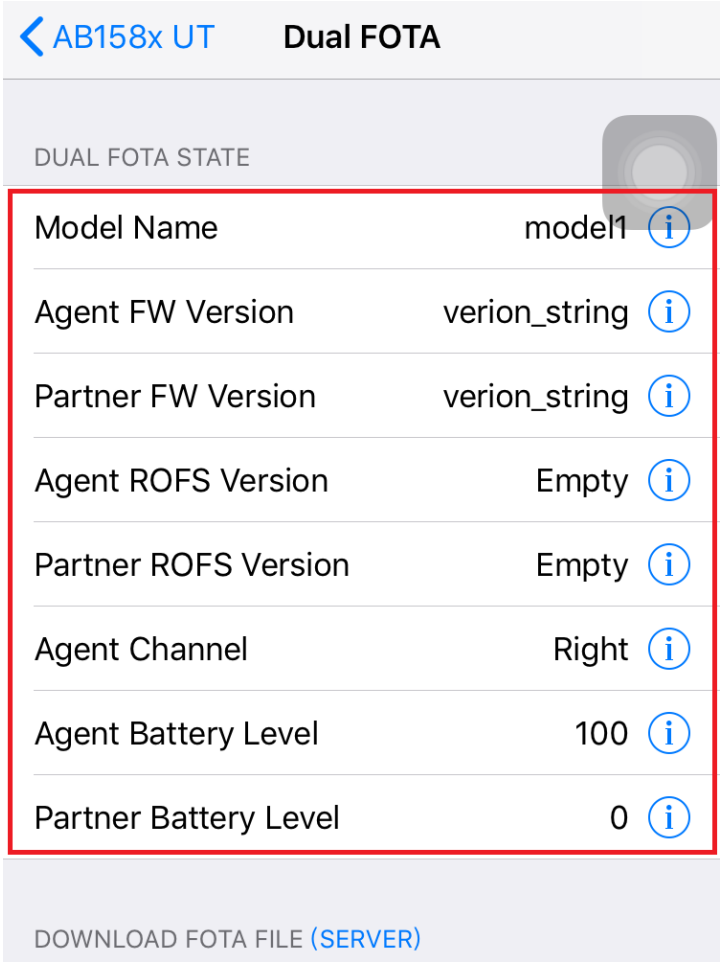

Figure 5-5. FOTA state

Model Name – The model name of the device.

Agent FOTA State – A UInt16 value represents the agent device state of FOTA.

Partner FOTA State – A UInt16 value represents the partner device state of FOTA.

Agent FW Version – Shows the agent device FW version.

Partner FW Version – Shows the partner device FW version.

Agent Channel – Shows the agent device is right or left channel.

Agent Battery Level – Shows the agent device battery level. The FOTA process cannot start if the battery level is less than 70%.

Partner Battery Level – Shows the partner device battery level. The FOTA process cannot start if the battery level is less than 70%

There are two FOTA operations.

Figure 5-6. FOTA Operation

Start FOTA – Starts the FOTA process.

Cancel – Cancels the FOTA process.

5.6. Exporting the application log

If there is an issue during the FOTA process, please click **Export Log** to export the log and then send it to the Airoha support team for debugging.

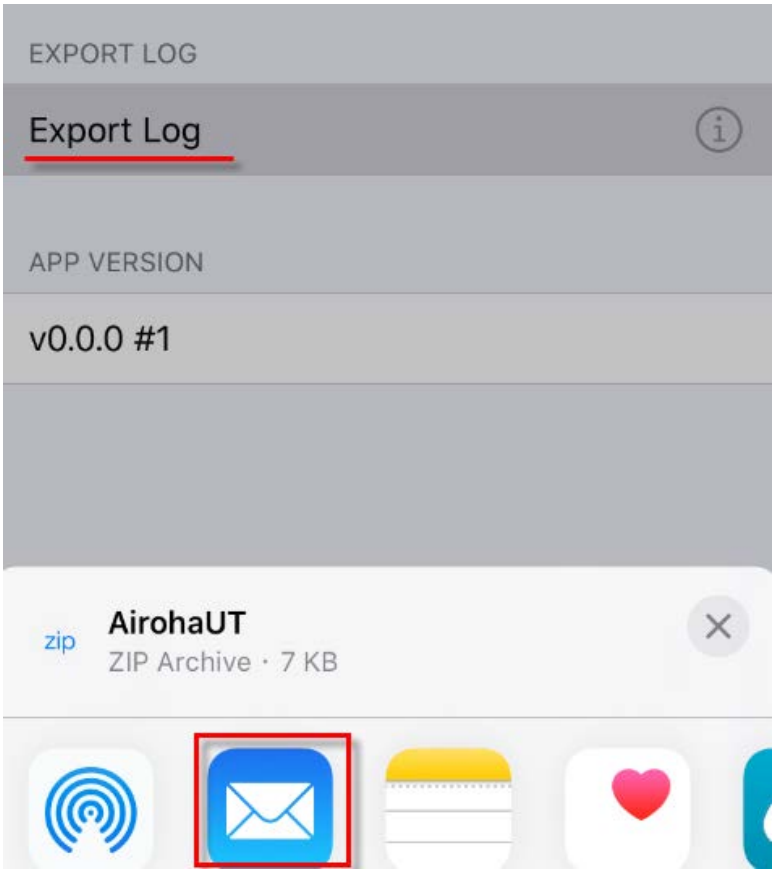

Figure 5-7. Export application log