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This document describes the WICED Apple Media Service (AMS) library that can be used in WICED applications to access AMS functionality in iOS devices via Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) links.

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1 Introduction

This document describes the functionality of the WICED AMS library used in various applications. The library can be used to exercise the functionality of the Apple Media Service [2] running on an iOS device. The document provides information on how the library can be accessed to discover characteristics of the AMS service, send commands to the iOS device to control the player, and register to receive notifications about media object changes. It is assumed that the reader is familiar with the Bluetooth Core Specification [1].

2 IoT Resources

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3 Design and Architecture

WICED Studio provides 'ams' and 'watch' sample applications that utilize functionality of the AMS library. While applications themselves provide generic WICED application functionality, they use the WICED AMS Library to access the AMS service of the iOS device over the BLE GATT profile.

4 AMS Application and AMS Library

The WICED Studio 'ams' sample application, together with the WICED AMS library, provides an implementation of the AMS client protocol to access the AMS service on an iOS device.

The application typically performs in a GAP peripheral role. At startup, it advertises as a peripheral device and allows an iOS device to connect. When a connection is established or dropped, the application shall call the **wiced_bt_ams_client_connection_up** or the **wiced_bt_ams_client_connection_down** functions to notify the library about the connection state change.

When a connection is established, the application performs a GATT discovery of the primary services of the connected device. If an AMS service is discovered, the application initializes the AMS library.

Note: The iOS 9.x version does not publish the AMS service to unpaired devices. To accommodate that problem, applications that use the AMS library must force iOS devices to perform pairing or set up encryption during every connection. To do so, the application sets the Device Name characteristic in the GATT database to require authentication. During each connection, the iOS device reads the device name. This initiates the secure connection setup.

When the application locates the AMS service on the iOS device, it asks the AMS library to perform the discovery of the characteristics and descriptors of the AMS service by calling the wiced_bt_ams_client_discover function. When the discovery is completed, the library executes the wiced_bt_ams_discovery_complete_callback function, passing the status of the discovery operation. During the discovery process, the application should pass the discovery result and discovery complete events to the library using the wiced_bt_ams_client_discovery_result and the wiced_bt_ams_client_discovery_complete function calls.

The application can instruct the library to start using the AMS service by calling the wiced_bt_ams_client_start function. At *client start*, the library registers with the iOS device to monitor the states of the different media objects. Similarly, the application can deregister from the AMS service on the iOS device by calling the wiced_bt_ams_client_stop function. The results of the registration and deregistration are passed back to the application using wiced_bt_ams_start_complete_callback and wiced_bt_ams_stop_complete_callback.

While the library is performing the discovery or registrations with the iOS device, the application should not send GATT requests to the iOS device on its own. Similarly, the application should not try to initialize two or more libraries at the same time.

The application can call the **wiced_bt_ams_send_remote_command** function to control the media player on the iOS device. Any changes to the state of the media player entities are sent back to the application using **wiced_bt_ams_notification_callback**. Using AMS notifications, the application receives information about changes to three sets of attributes:

- Player: The currently active media app. Attributes for this entity include values such as its name, playback state, and playback volume.
- Queue: The currently loaded playback queue. Attributes for this entity include values such as its size and its shuffle and repeat modes.
- Track: The currently loaded track. Attributes for this entity include values such as its artist, title, and duration.

Detailed information is available in [2].

5 Library Reference

5.1 AMS Client Initialize

The application should call this function to register application callbacks.

Prototype

void wiced_bt_ams_client_initialize (wiced_bt_ams_reg_t *p_reg)

Parameters

p_reg : Registration control block that includes AMS application callbacks.

Returns

none

5.2 AMS Client Discover

The application should call this function when it discovers that the connected central device contains the AMS service. The function starts the GATT discovery of AMS characteristics and descriptors.

After the application has started the discovery, and until it receives the discovery complete callback (see Section 5.3), the application shall pass the discovery results (see Section 5.4) and discovery complete events (see Section 5.5) that it receives from the stack to the library.

Prototype

wiced_bool_t wiced_bt_ams_client_discover (uint16_t conn_id, uint16_t s_handle, uint16 t e handle)

Parameters

conn id : GATT connection ID.

s_handle: Start GATT handle of the AMS service.e handle: End GATT handle of the AMS service.

Returns

WICED_TRUE if the library started discovery successfully, WICED_FALSE otherwise.

5.3 AMS Discovery Complete Callback

This callback is executed when the AMS library completes the discovery of AMS service characteristics and descriptors.

Prototype

typedef void (*wiced_bt_ams_discovery_complete_callback_t) (uint16_t conn_id, wiced_bool_t
success)

Parameters

conn_id : GATT connection ID.

status : WICED_TRUE if the discovery has been completed successfully; WICED_FALSE otherwise.

Returns

none

5.4 AMS Client Discovery Result

While the library performs the GATT discovery, the application shall pass the discovery results received from the stack to the AMS Library. The library must locate three characteristics that belong to the AMS service including the remote control, the entity update, and the entity attribute. The second characteristic is the client configuration descriptor.

Prototype

void wiced_bt_ams_client_discovery_result (wiced_bt_gatt_discovery_result_t *p_data)

Parameters

p_data : Discovery result data as passed from the stack.

Returns

none

5.5 AMS Client Discovery Complete

While the library performs the GATT discovery, the application shall pass discovery complete callbacks to the AMS library. As the GATT discovery consists of multiple steps, this function initiates the next discovery request or writes a request to configure the AMS service on the iOS device.

Prototype

void wiced_bt_ams_client_discovery_complete(wiced_bt_gatt_discovery_complete_t *p_data)

Parameters

p_data : Discovery complete data as passed from the stack.

Returns

none

5.6 AMS Client Start

The application may call this function to start an AMS client. The discovery should be completed before calling this function. The start function configures the AMS server on the iOS device for notification and configuration information that the client wants to monitor.

Prototype

wiced_bool_t wiced_bt_ams_client_start (uint16_t conn_id)

Parameters

conn_id : GATT connection ID.

Returns

WICED_TRUE if the operation has been initiated successfully; WICED_FALSE otherwise.

5.7 AMS Start Complete Callback

This callback is executed when the AMS library completes a startup operation of the AMS service.

Prototype

typedef void (*wiced_bt_ams_start_complete_callback_t) (uint16_t conn_id, wiced_bool_t
success)

Parameters

conn id : GATT connection ID.

status : WICED_TRUE if the operation has been completed successfully; WICED_FALSE otherwise.

Returns

none

5.8 AMS Client Stop

The application calls this function to deregister with the AMS client and stop receiving notifications.

Prototype

wiced_bool_t wiced_bt_ams_client_start (uint16_t conn_id)

Parameters

conn id : GATT connection ID.

Returns

WICED_TRUE if the operation has been initiated successfully; WICED_FALSE otherwise.

5.9 AMS Stop Complete Callback

This callback is executed when the AMS library completes the deregistration with the AMS client.

Prototype

typedef void (*wiced_bt_ams_stop_complete_callback_t) (uint16_t conn_id, wiced_bool_t success)

Parameters

conn_id : GATT connection ID.

status : WICED_TRUE if the operation has been completed successfully, WICED_FALSE otherwise.

Returns

none

5.10 AMS Client Connection Up

The application should call this function when a BLE connection with a peer device has been established.

Prototype

void wiced_bt_ams_client_connection_up (wiced_bt_gatt_connection_status_t *p_conn_status)

Parameters

p conn status : Pointer to a GATT connection status structure that includes the address and connection ID.

Returns

none

5.11 AMS Client Connection Down

The application should call this function when a BLE connection with a peer device has been disconnected.

Prototype

void wiced_bt_ams_client_connection_down (wiced_bt_gatt_connection_status_t *p_conn_status)

Parameters

p_conn_status : Pointer to a GATT connection status structure that includes the address and connection ID.

Returns

none

5.12 AMS Client Write Response

The application should call this function when it receives a GATT Write Response for an attribute handle that belongs to the AMS service.

Prototype

void wiced_bt_ams_client_write_rsp (wiced_bt_gatt_operation_complete_t *p_data)

Parameters

p_data : Pointer to a GATT operation complete data structure.

Returns

none

5.13 AMS Send Remote Command

The application calls this function to send a remote control command to the connected iOS device. The discovery process should be completed prior to this call.

Prototype

wiced_bt_gatt_status_t wiced_bt_ams_send_remote_command (uint16_t conn_id, uint16_t
ams_command)

Parameters

conn id : GATT connection ID.

ams_command : One of the following AMS commands:

AMS_REMOTE_COMMAND_ID_PLAY

AMS_REMOTE_COMMAND_ID_PAUSE

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AMS_REMOTE_COMMAND_ID_TOGGLE_PLAY_PAUSE

AMS_REMOTE_COMMAND_ID_NEXT_TRACK

AMS_REMOTE_COMMAND_ID_PREVIOUS_TRACK

AMS_REMOTE_COMMAND_ID_VOLUME_UP

AMS_REMOTE_COMMAND_ID_VOLUME_DOWN

AMS_REMOTE_COMMAND_ID_ADVANCED_REPEAT_MODE

AMS_REMOTE_COMMAND_ID_ADVANCED_SHUFFLE_MODE

AMS_REMOTE_COMMAND_ID_SKIP_FORWARD

AMS_REMOTE_COMMAND_ID_SKIP_BACKWARD
```

Returns

Result of the GATT operation.

5.14 AMS Client Process Notification

The application processes GATT Notifications from the iOS device. The application can call this function to parse notifications received from the stack if the attribute handle belongs to the AMS service. This function verifies the data and, if successful, fills the event details in the provided AMS event object.

Prototype

```
wiced_bool_t wiced_bt_ams_client_process_notification (wiced_bt_gatt_operation_complete_t
*p_data, wiced_bt_ams_event_t *p_event)
```

Parameters

p_data : GATT notification as received from the iOS device.
p_event : Pointer to an AMS event structure to be filled.

Returns

WICED_TRUE if event is parsed successfully; WICED_FALSE otherwise.

6 References

- [1] Bluetooth Core Specification, Version 4.2 (see Bluetooth Core Specification 4.2)
- [2] Apple Media Service (AMS) Specification. (See Apple Media Service)



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