

How to make BLUNO-Bee and Wireless Gamepad into BLE-Keyboard (Oct 2017)

These are the instructions for making a BLE keyboard with a [BLUNO-Bee](#) card installed in the [DFRobot Wireless Gamepad v2](#)

1. The instructions for enabling HID mode in the BLUNO-Bee comes from [here](#). But I will summarize the steps below:
 1. (See instructions [here](#)) Move switch to AT mode on BLUNO-bee.
 2. Set up ARDUINO Serial monitor to “No line editing”
 1. Type: “+++” and hit Send.
 2. Wait for reply “Enter AT mode”
 3. Set Serial monitor to “Both NL & CR”
 4. Type: “AT+SETTING=DEFAULT” or “AT+ROLE=PERIPHERAL”.
 5. Type: ”AT+FSM= FSM_HID_USB_COM_BLE_AT”.
 6. Do **NOT** end with “AT+EXIT” because I want to keep the BLUNO-Bee in AT mode.
 3. Keep the switch at AT mode because the Arduino program will program the BLUNO-Bee using AT instructions.
2. The ARDUINO program `gamepad.ino` requires `libraries/DFBLE` subdirectory. I have replaced `Serial` with `Serial1` in `DFBLE.cpp` because the Wireless Gamepad is connected to `Serial1`.
 1. The `DFBLE` subdirectory will have to be placed in the correct place for the ARDUINO program. On the Mac it is in `~/Documents/Arduino/libraries`
3. On Mac, iPad and iPhone just pair and when the any of the buttons are pressed, and a keyed letter will appear.
 1. When paired and connected, although not visible because everything is closed up. Both LEDs on the BLUNO-Bee will light up.

On Raspberry PI (running RetroPI)

Raspberry PI 3 running [retropie 4.9.35-v7+ #1014](#) is incompatible with BLE keyboards as of this writing. Unfortunately, updating to the latest [Bluez stack 5.47](#) (using these [instructions](#)) I am able to pair and connect but not talk to the RP. Note after the upgrade of the Bluez stack, the `retropie_setup` is no longer able to connect to the Wireless Gamepad, so I have to do it in `bluetoothctl`

Here's an addendum to the linked instructions:

1. Use “`sudo bluetoothctl`” to ID the Bluno device
 1. The MAC address as of my Bluno is: `20:CD:39:93:C7:7B`. Yours will be different.
2. Run the following:
 1. check to see if the bluetooth `hci0` card is running.
 1. Can be checked with `hciconfig` on the command line.

2. If not running in `bluetoothctl`, type “power on” or “`hciconfig hci0 up`” on the command line.
2. connect `20:CD:39:93:C7:7B` (use your MAC address found above) and it should automatically both connect and pair.
3. Check that it is connected and paired with `info`
4. If it is not paired. Just type `pair`.
5. If it is not trusted. Just type `trust`.
6. Run `info` again to be sure.
7. `quit`.