# s13x\_nrf5x migration document

# Introduction to the s13x\_nrf5x migration document

## About the document

This document describes how to migrate to new versions of the s130\_nrf51 and s132\_nrf52 SoftDevices. The s130\_nrf51 and s132\_nrf52 release notes should be read in conjunction with this document.

For each version, we have the following sections:

- "Required changes" describes how an application would have used the previous version of the SoftDevice and how it must now use
  this version for the given change.
- "New functionality" describes how to use new features and functionality offered by this version of the SoftDevice. Note: Not all new
  functionality may be covered; the release notes will contain a full list of new features and functionality.

Each section describes how to migrate to a given version from the previous version. If you are migrating to the current version from the previous version, follow the instructions in that section. To migrate between versions that are more than one version apart, follow the migration steps for all intermediate versions in order.

**Example:** To migrate from version 5.0.0 to version 5.2.0, first follow the instructions to migrate to version 5.1.0 from version 5.0.0, then follow the instructions to migrate to version 5.2.0 from version 5.1.0.

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## s132 nrf52 5.0.0

This section describes how to migrate to s132\_nrf52\_5.0.0 from s132\_nrf52\_4.0.3.

## Required changes

## SoftDevice flash and RAM usage

The size of the SoftDevice has changed requiring a change to the application project file.

For Keil this means:

- Go into the properties of the project and find the Target tab
- Change IROM1 Start to 0x23000.

If the project uses a scatter file or linker script instead, they must be updated accordingly.

The RAM usage of the SoftDevice has also changed. sd\_ble\_enable() should be used to find the APP\_RAM\_BASE for a particular configuration.

## **API renaming and updates**

Some APIs are renamed or removed. Applications that use the old API names must be updated:

- The timeout source BLE\_GAP\_TIMEOUT\_SRC\_SECURITY\_REQUEST has been removed. Use the existing BLE\_GAP\_EVT\_AUTH\_ST
  ATUS {auth\_status: BLE\_GAP\_SEC\_STATUS\_TIMEOUT} instead.
- BLE\_GAP\_ADV\_NONCON\_INTERVAL\_MIN has been removed because the lower limit for the advertising interval for non-connectable advertisement has been lowered to BLE\_GAP\_ADV\_INTERVAL\_MIN.
- The compatibility mode <u>BLE\_GAP\_OPT\_COMPAT\_MODE\_2</u> is removed because the SoftDevice now accepts overlapping peer-initiated Link Layer control procedures as a slave.
- NRF\_ERROR\_BUSY will no longer be returned by sd\_ble\_gap\_adv\_start(), sd\_ble\_gap\_scan\_start(), sd\_ble\_gap\_auth enticate() and sd\_ble\_gap\_connect().
- NRF\_ERROR\_BUSY can now be returned when calling sd\_ble\_user\_mem\_reply(), sd\_ble\_gatts\_rw\_authorize\_reply()

```
or sd_ble_gap_sec_params_reply().
```

- NRF\_CLOCK\_LF\_XTAL\_ACCURACY renamed to NRF\_CLOCK\_LF\_ACCURACY
- nrf\_clock\_lf\_cfg\_t struct member xtal\_accuracy renamed to accuracy.
- A new event BLE\_GAP\_EVT\_PHY\_UPDATE\_REQUEST has been added. The application must check for this event and respond to it by calling the SV call sd\_ble\_gap\_phy\_update(). For more information, please refer to the 2 Mbps PHY support section in New functionality.

## **RC** Oscillator accuracy

The RC oscillator accuracy can now be set to any of the defined NRF\_CLOCK\_LF\_ACCURACY values and there is no default value anymore. In other words, the nrf\_clock\_lf\_cfg\_t::accuracy parameter now has the same functionality when used with the RCOSC clock source as with the XTAL clock source. The RC oscillator accuracy should be set to a value appropriate for the chip.

## **New functionality**

## 2 Mbps PHY support

This SoftDevice supports 2 Mbps PHY data transmission for already established connections. Either the application or the peer can request switching to 2 Mbps PHY in order to achieve higher throughput. Both sides need to agree on the PHYs before a PHY change can occur. The application has to respond to the PHY Update procedure when that is initiated by the peer, otherwise the link will be disconnected. This makes it necessary for the application to pull a new event: BLE\_GAP\_EVT\_PHY\_UPDATE\_REQUEST. Another event, BLE\_GAP\_EVT\_PHY\_UPDATE, may be raised when a PHY Update procedure is completed but the application is not required to take any actions for this event.

#### **API Updates**

A new SV call, sd\_ble\_gap\_phy\_update(), has been added to request the controller to attempt to change to a new PHY, or to respond to a peer-initiated PHY Update procedure.

#### Usage

```
ble_gap_phys_t phys = {BLE_GAP_PHY_2MBPS, BLE_GAP_PHY_2MBPS};
sd_ble_gap_phy_update(conn_handle, &phys);
```

- A new event, BLE\_GAP\_EVT\_PHY\_UPDATE\_REQUEST, has been added to notify the application that the peer has initiated a PHY
  Update procedure, to which the application must respond with its PHY preferences.
- A new event, BLE\_GAP\_EVT\_PHY\_UPDATE, has been added to notify the application that a self-initiated or peer-initiated PHY
  Update procedure has been completed.

```
case BLE_GAP_EVT_PHY_UPDATE_REQUEST:
  /* The PHYs requested by the peer can be read from the event parameters:
p_ble_evt->evt.gap_evt.params.phy_update_request.peer_preferred_phys.
   * Note that the peer's TX correponds to our RX and vice versa. */
  /* Allow SoftDevice to choose PHY Update Procedure parameters automatically. */
  ble_gap_phys_t phys = {BLE_GAP_PHY_AUTO, BLE_GAP_PHY_AUTO};
  sd_ble_gap_phy_update(p_ble_evt->evt.gap_evt.conn_handle, &phys);
  break;
case BLE_GAP_EVT_PHY_UPDATE:
  if (p_ble_evt->evt.gap_evt.params.phy_update.status ==
BLE_HCI_STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS)
    /* PHY Update Procedure completed, see
p_ble_evt->evt.gap_evt.params.phy_update.tx_phy and
p_ble_evt->evt.gap_evt.params.phy_update.rx_phy for the currently active PHYs of
the link. */
  }
  break;
```

### Connection-Oriented Channels in LE Credit Based Flow Control Mode

The SoftDevice now supports Connection-Oriented Channels in the LE Credit Based Flow Control Mode. To be able to use this feature, the application has to set an L2CAP connection configuration using the configuration API sd\_ble\_cfg\_set() as shown below.

The usage of some of the SV calls and events related to this feature is explained below. For the complete list of SV calls and events, please refer to the API documentation available in ble\_l2cap.h.

A new SV call, sd\_ble\_l2cap\_ch\_setup(), has been added to request the setup of an L2CAP channel, or to respond to a setup request from a peer.

Usage

```
Creating a new L2CAP Channel

uint16_t    local_cid = BLE_L2CAP_CID_INVALID;
ble_12cap_ch_setup_params_t ch_setup_params;

ch_setup_params.le_psm = 0x25;
ch_setup_params.rx_params.rx_mtu = BLE_L2CAP_MTU_MIN;
ch_setup_params.rx_params.rx_mps = BLE_L2CAP_MPS_MIN;
ch_setup_params.rx_params.sdu_buf = NULL;
sd_ble_12cap_ch_setup(conn_handle, &local_cid, &ch_setup_params);
```

The SV call sd\_ble\_l2cap\_ch\_tx() can be used to transmit an SDU (Service Data Unit) on an L2CAP channel. The event BLE\_L2CAP\_EVT\_CH\_TX is generated by the SoftDevice to notify the application that the SDU has been transmitted.

The SV call sd\_ble\_l2cap\_ch\_rx() shall be used to provide the SoftDevice with a buffer to receive an SDU from the peer. The event BLE \_L2CAP\_EVT\_CH\_RX is generated by the SoftDevice to notify the application that an SDU has been received. The application shall not change the buffer provided to the SoftDevice before receiving the event.

#### **Usage**

```
Receiving on an L2CAP Channel

[...]

ble_data_t sdu_buf;
uint8_t data[150];

sdu_buf.len = strlen(data);
sdu_buf.p_data = data;

sd_ble_12cap_ch_rx(conn_handle, local_cid, &sdu_buf));

[...]

case BLE_L2CAP_EVT_CH_RX:
    /* An SDU is received by the SoftDevice from the peer and is available in p_ble_evt->evt.12cap_evt.params.rx.sdu_buf */

break;

[...]
```

## **Network Privacy Mode**

The SoftDevice now supports the Network Privacy Mode. In Network Privacy Mode, a device will only accept advertising packets from peer devices that contain private addresses.

#### **API Updates**

- A new mode, BLE\_GAP\_PRIVACY\_MODE\_NETWORK\_PRIVACY, is added to enable Network Privacy Mode.
- A new characteristic, BLE\_UUID\_GAP\_CHARACTERISTIC\_RPA\_ONLY (RPA = Resolvable Private Address), is defined to let the
  application add this characteristic to the attribute database.

#### Usage

Set the privacy settings to network privacy with random private resolvable address:

```
ble_gap_privacy_params_t privacy_params = {0};
privacy_params.privacy_mode = BLE_GAP_PRIVACY_MODE_NETWORK_PRIVACY;
privacy_params.private_addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_RANDOM_PRIVATE_RESOLVABLE;
sd_ble_gap_privacy_set(privacy_params);
```

## Unique string to identify a SoftDevice

The SoftDevice Information Structure now also contains a string, namely the SoftDevice unique string, that can be used to uniquely identify a version of the SoftDevice (applies also for alpha releases).

A new define SD\_UNIQUE\_STR\_ADDR\_GET has been added to retrieve the address of the SoftDevice unique string. The defines SD\_UNIQUE\_STR\_SIZE and SD\_UNIQUE\_STR\_OFFSET define the size of the string and its offset relative to the SoftDevice base address respectively.

### Usage

```
Fetching the SoftDevice unique string

/* Declare a character array that is twice the length of the SoftDevice unique string.
 * This will be used to store the hexadecimal representation of the SoftDevice unique string. */
char str[SD_UNIQUE_STR_SIZE * 2];
/* Fetch the address of the SoftDevice unique string. */
const uint8_t * const p_unique_str = SD_UNIQUE_STR_ADDR_GET(MBR_SIZE);

/* Read the SoftDevice unique string into the character array, converting it into hexadecimal notation. */
for (uint8_t i = 0; i < SD_UNIQUE_STR_SIZE; i++)
{
    sprintf(&str[i * 2], "%02x", p_unique_str[i]);
}
/* The SoftDevice unique string is now available in the character array named str.
*/</pre>
```

## Other API additions and changes

- The status code BLE\_HCI\_STATUS\_CODE\_LMP\_ERROR\_TRANSACTION\_COLLISION indicates that there has been an illegal collision of LL Control PDUs on air.
- A new MBR command SD\_MBR\_COMMAND\_IRQ\_FORWARD\_ADDRESS\_SET has been added to forward all interrupts to another base

address.

- New defines for minimum and maximum values of authenticated payload timeout have been added. See BLE\_GAP\_AUTH\_PAYLOAD TIMEOUT.
- A flag lesc is added to the ble\_gap\_evt\_auth\_status\_t struct, indicating whether an authentication procedure resulted in an LE Secure Connection.
- The SoftDevice will no longer return NRF\_ERROR\_BUSY on sd\_ble\_gap\_conn\_param\_update() unless the procedure is already in progress.
- The new definitions NRF\_RADIO\_MAX\_EXTENSION\_PROCESSING\_TIME\_US and NRF\_RADIO\_MIN\_EXTENSION\_MARGIN\_US defin e timing constraints the application must take into account when using NRF\_RADIO\_SIGNAL\_CALLBACK\_ACTION\_EXTEND with the Radio Timeslot API.

## s132 nrf52 4.0.3

This section describes how to migrate to s132\_nrf52\_4.0.3 from s132\_nrf52\_3.0.0.

## Required changes

## SoftDevice RAM usage

The RAM usage of the SoftDevice has changed.  $sd_ble_enable()$  should be used to find the APP\_RAM\_BASE for a particular configuration.

## **New configuration API**

Configuration parameters passed to sd\_ble\_enable() have been moved to the SoftDevice configuration API.

#### **API updates**

- A new SV call sd\_ble\_cfg\_set() is added to set the configuration. This API can be called many times to configure different parts of the BLE stack. All configurations are optional. Configuration parameters not set by this API will take their default values.
- The SV call parameter ble\_enable\_params\_t \* p\_ble\_enable\_params is removed from sd\_ble\_enable(). The SV call sd \_ble\_cfq\_set() must be used instead. The parameters of this call are given in the following table:

Old API: ble_enable_params_t member	New API: cfg_id in sd_ble_cfg_set()	
common_enable_params.vs_uuid_count	BLE_COMMON_CFG_VS_UUID	
common_enable_params.p_conn_bw_counts	BLE_CONN_CFG_GAP (*)	
<pre>gap_enable_params.periph_conn_count gap_enable_params.central_conn_count gap_enable_params.central_sec_count</pre>	BLE_GAP_CFG_ROLE_COUNT	
gap_enable_params.p_device_name	BLE_GAP_CFG_DEVICE_NAME	
gatt_enable_params	BLE_CONN_CFG_GATT (*)	
gatts_enable_params.service_changed	BLE_GATTS_CFG_SERVICE_CHANGED	
gatts_enable_params.attr_tab_size	BLE_GATTS_CFG_ATTR_TAB_SIZE	

(\*) These configurations can be set per link.

### Usage

Example pseudo code to set per link ATT MTU using the new configuration API:

```
const uint16_t client_rx_mtu = 158;
const uint32_t long_att_conn_cfg_tag = 1;
/* set ATT_MTU for connections identified by long_att_conn_cfg_tag */
ble_cfg_t cfg;
memset(&cfg, 0, sizeof(ble_cfg_t));
cfg.conn_cfg_tag = long_att_conn_cfg_tag;
cfg.conn_cfg.params.gatt_conn_cfg.att_mtu = client_rx_mtu;
sd_ble_cfg_set(BLE_CONN_CFG_GATT, &cfg, ...);
/* Enable the BLE Stack */
sd_ble_enable(...);
[...]
uint16_t long_att_conn_handle;
/* Establish connection with long_att_conn_cfg_tag */
sd_ble_gap_adv_start(..., long_att_conn_cfg_tag);
[...]
/* Establish connection with BLE_CONN_CFG_TAG_DEFAULT, it will use default ATT_MTU
of 23 bytes */
sd_ble_gap_connect(..., BLE_CONN_CFG_TAG_DEFAULT);
[...]
/* Start ATT_MTU exchange */
sd_ble_gattc_exchange_mtu_request(long_att_conn_handle, client_rx_mtu);
```

## **BLE** bandwidth configuration

The BLE bandwidth configuration and application packet concept has been changed. Previously, the application could specify a bandwidth setting, which would result in a given queue size and a correpsonding given radio time allocated. Now the queue sizes and the allocated radio time have been separated. The application can now configure:

- Event length
- · Write without response queue size
- Handle Value Notification queue size

These settings are configurable per link.

Note that now the configured queue sizes are not directly related to on-air bandwidth:

- The application can configure one single packet to be queued in the SoftDevice, but still achieve full throughput if the application can
  queue packets fast enough during connection events.
- Even if the application configures a large number of packets to be queued, not all of them will be sent during a single connection event if the configured event length is not large enough to send the packets.

#### **API** updates

• The <a href="ble\_enable\_params\_t::common\_enable\_params.p\_conn\_bw\_counts">bw\_counts</a> parameter of the <a href="sd\_ble\_enable">sd\_ble\_enable</a>() SV call is replaced by the <a href="sd\_ble\_cfg\_set">sd\_ble\_cfg\_set</a>() SV call with <a href="sd\_cfg\_id">sd\_cfg\_id</a> parameter set to <a href="ble\_CONN\_CFG\_GAP">BLE\_CONN\_CFG\_GAP</a>. The following table shows how the old bandwidth configuration corresponds to the new one for the default ATT\_MTU:

Old API: BLE_CONN_BWS	New API: ble_gap_conn_cfg_t::event_length in sd_ble_cfg_set()		
BLE_CONN_BW_LOW	BLE_GAP_EVENT_LENGTH_MIN		

BLE_CONN_BW_MID	BLE_GAP_EVENT_LENGTH_DEFAULT
BLE_CONN_BW_HIGH	6

The bandwidth configuration is further described in the SDS.

- The BLE\_COMMON\_OPT\_CONN\_BW option is removed. Instead, during connection creation, the application should supply the conn\_cfg\_tag defined by the ble\_conn\_cfg\_t::conn\_cfg\_tag parameter in the sd\_ble\_cfg\_set() SV call.
- A new parameter conn\_cfg\_tag is added to sd\_ble\_gap\_adv\_start() and sd\_ble\_gap\_connect() SV calls. To create a connection with a default configuration, BLE\_CONN\_CFG\_TAG\_DEFAULT should be provided in this parameter.
- The BLE\_EVT\_TX\_COMPLETE event is split on two events: BLE\_GATTC\_EVT\_WRITE\_CMD\_TX\_COMPLETE and BLE\_GATTS\_EVT\_H VN TX COMPLETE.
- The SV call sd\_ble\_tx\_packet\_count\_get() is removed. Instead, the application can now configure packet counts per link, using the SV call sd\_ble\_cfg\_set() with the cfg\_id parameter set to BLE\_CONN\_CFG\_GATTC and BLE\_CONN\_CFG\_GATTS.

#### Usage

Example pseudo code to set configuration that corresponds to the old <a href="mailto:BLE\_CONN\_BW\_HIGH">BLE\_CONN\_BW\_HIGH</a> bandwidth configuration both in throughput and packet queueing capability:

```
const uint32_t high_bw_conn_cfg_tag = 1;
ble_cfg_t cfg;
/* configure connections identified by high_bw_conn_cfg_tag */
/* set connection event length */
memset(&cfg, 0, sizeof(ble_cfg_t));
cfg.conn_cfg_tag = high_bw_conn_cfg_tag;
cfg.conn_cfg.params.gap_conn_cfg.event_length = 6; /* 6 * 1.25 ms = 7.5 ms
corresponds to the old BLE_CONN_BW_HIGH for default ATT_MTU */
cfq.conn_cfq.params.qap_conn_cfq.conn_count = 1; /* application needs one link
with this configuration */
sd_ble_cfg_set(BLE_CONN_CFG_GAP, &cfg, ...);
/* set HVN queue size */
memset(&cfg, 0, sizeof(ble_cfg_t));
cfg.conn_cfg_tag = high_bw_conn_cfg_tag;
cfg.conn_cfg.params.gatts_conn_cfg.hvn_tx_queue_size = 7; /* application wants to
queue 7 HVNs */
sd_ble_cfg_set(BLE_CONN_CFG_GATTS, &cfg, ...);
/* set WRITE_CMD queue size */
memset(&cfg, 0, sizeof(ble_cfg_t));
cfg.conn_cfg.conn_cfg_tag = high_bw_conn_cfg_tag;
cfg.conn_cfg.params.gattc_conn_cfg.write_cmd_tx_queue_size = 0; /* application is
not going to send WRITE_CMD, so set to 0 to save memory */
sd_ble_cfg_set(BLE_CONN_CFG_GATTC, &cfg, ...);
/* Enable the BLE Stack */
sd ble enable(...);
[...]
uint16_t high_bw_conn_handle;
/* Establish connection with high_bw_conn_cfg_tag */
sd_ble_gap_adv_start(..., high_bw_conn_cfg_tag);
```

## **Data Length Update Procedure**

The application now has to respond to the Data Length Update Procedure when initiated by the peer. See the description of the Data Length Update Procedure in the New functionality section for more details.

Required changes:

```
case BLE_GAP_EVT_DATA_LENGTH_UPDATE_REQUEST:
{
    /* Allow SoftDevice to choose Data Length Update Procedure parameters
automatically. */
    sd_ble_gap_data_length_update(p_ble_evt->evt.gap_evt.conn_handle, NULL, NULL);
    break;
}
case BLE_GAP_EVT_DATA_LENGTH_UPDATE:
{
    /* Data Length Update Procedure completed, see
p_ble_evt->evt.gap_evt.params.data_length_update.effective_params for negotiated
parameters. */
    break;
}
```

## Access to RAM[x]. POWER registers

SoftDevice APIs are updated to provide access to the RAM[x]. POWER registers instead of the deprecated RAMON/RAMONB.

**API** updates

```
    sd_power_ramon_set() SV call is replaced with sd_power_ram_power_set().
    sd_power_ramon_clr() SV call is replaced with sd_power_ram_power_clr().
    sd_power_ramon_get() SV call is replaced with sd_power_ram_power_get().
```

#### **API** rename

Some APIs were renamed. Applications that use the old names must be updated.

**API** updates

```
BLE_EVTS_PTR_ALIGNMENT is renamed to BLE_EVT_PTR_ALIGNMENT.
BLE_EVTS_LEN_MAX is renamed to BLE_EVT_LEN_MAX.
GATT_MTU_SIZE_DEFAULT is renamed to BLE_GATT_ATT_MTU_DEFAULT.
The GAP option BLE_GAP_OPT_COMPAT_MODE is renamed to BLE_GAP_OPT_COMPAT_MODE_1.
ble_gap_opt_compat_mode_t structure is renamed to ble_gap_opt_compat_mode_1_t.
ble_gap_opt_compat_mode_t::mode_1_enable structure member is renamed to ble_gap_opt_compat_mode_1_t::enable.
ble_gap_opt_t::compat_mode structure member is renamed to ble_gap_opt_t::compat_mode_1.
```

## Proprietary L2CAP API removed

The proprietary API for sending and receiving data over L2CAP is removed.

**API** updates

- The SV calls sd\_ble\_l2cap\_cid\_register(), sd\_ble\_l2cap\_cid\_unregister(), and sd\_ble\_l2cap\_tx() are removed.
- BLE\_L2CAP\_EVT\_RX event is removed.
- The following defines are removed: BLE\_L2CAP\_MTU\_DEF, BLE\_L2CAP\_CID\_INVALID, BLE\_L2CAP\_CID\_DYN\_BASE, BLE\_L2CAP\_CID\_DYN\_MAX.

# **New functionality**

## **Data Length Update Procedure**

The application is given control of the Data Length Update Procedure. The application can initiate the procedure and has to respond when initiated by the peer.

#### **API** updates

- A new SV call sd\_ble\_gap\_data\_length\_update() is added to initiate or respond to a Data Length Update Procedure.
- The BLE\_EVT\_DATA\_LENGTH\_CHANGED event is replaced with BLE\_GAP\_EVT\_DATA\_LENGTH\_UPDATE.
- A new event BLE\_GAP\_EVT\_DATA\_LENGTH\_UPDATE\_REQUEST is added to notify that a Data Length Update request has been
  received. sd\_ble\_gap\_data\_length\_update() must be called by the application after this event has been received to continue
  the Data Length Update Procedure.
- The GAP option <a href="BLE\_GAP\_OPT\_EXT\_LEN">BLE\_GAP\_OPT\_EXT\_LEN</a> is removed. The sd\_ble\_gap\_data\_length\_update() SV call should be used instead.

- The Data Length Update Procedure can be initiated locally or by peer device.
- Following is the pseudo code for the case where Data Length Update Procedure is initiated by application:

```
const uint16_t client_rx_mtu = 247;
const uint32_t long_att_conn_cfg_tag = 1;
/* ATT_MTU must be configured first */
ble_cfg_t cfg;
memset(&cfg, 0, sizeof(ble_cfg_t));
cfg.conn_cfg_tag = long_att_conn_cfg_tag;
cfg.conn_cfg.params.gatt_conn_cfg.att_mtu = client_rx_mtu;
sd_ble_cfg_set(BLE_CONN_CFG_GATT, &cfg, ...);
/* Enable the BLE Stack */
sd_ble_enable(...);
[...]
uint16_t long_att_conn_handle;
/* Establish connection */
sd_ble_gap_adv_start(..., long_att_conn_cfg_tag);
[...]
/* Start Data Length Update Procedure, can be done without ATT_MTU exchange */
ble_gap_data_length_params_t params = {
  .max_tx_octets = client_rx_mtu + 4,
  .max_rx_octets = client_rx_mtu + 4,
  .max_tx_time_us = BLE_GAP_DATA_LENGTH_AUTO,
  .max_rx_time_us = BLE_GAP_DATA_LENGTH_AUTO
sd_ble_gap_data_length_update(long_att_conn_handle, &params, NULL);
[...]
case BLE_GAP_EVT_DATA_LENGTH_UPDATE:
  /* Data Length Update Procedure completed, see
p_ble_evt->evt.gap_evt.params.data_length_update.effective_params for negotiated
parameters. */
 break;
}
```

## New compatibility mode

A new compatibility mode is added to enable interoperability with central devices that may initiate version exchange and feature exchange control procedures in parallel. To enable this mode, use the sd\_ble\_opt\_set() SV call with the opt\_id parameter set to BLE\_GAP\_OPT\_COMPAT\_MODE\_2.

## Slave latency configuration

It is now possible to disable and enable slave latency on an active peripheral link. To disable or re-enable slave latency, use the sd\_ble\_op t\_set() SV call with the opt\_id parameter set to BLE\_GAP\_OPT\_SLAVE\_LATENCY\_DISABLE.

## Support for high accuracy LFCLK oscillator source

It is now possible to configure the SoftDevice with higher accuracy LFCLK oscillator source. Four new levels are defined:

```
#define NRF_CLOCK_LF_XTAL_ACCURACY_10_PPM (8) /**< 10 ppm */
#define NRF_CLOCK_LF_XTAL_ACCURACY_5_PPM (9) /**< 5 ppm */
#define NRF_CLOCK_LF_XTAL_ACCURACY_2_PPM (10) /**< 2 ppm */
#define NRF_CLOCK_LF_XTAL_ACCURACY_1_PPM (11) /**< 1 ppm */</pre>
```

## RC oscillator: "xtal\_accuracy" must be configured

In previous versions of the SoftDevice, the xtal\_accuracy was ignored by the API when RCOSC was selected as the low frequency clock source. The default configuration used was 250 ppm. The RC oscillator accuracy must now be configured by setting nrf\_clock\_lf\_cfg\_t ::xtal\_accuracy to NRF\_CLOCK\_LF\_XTAL\_ACCURACY\_250\_PPM to maintain the behavior of previous SoftDevices. The only other valid configuration is NRF\_CLOCK\_LF\_XTAL\_ACCURACY\_500\_PPM. If the xtal\_accuracy is set to any value other than 250 ppm or 500 ppm, a default configuration of 500 ppm will be applied.

## New power failure levels

It is now possible to configure the SoftDevice with all the new power failure levels introduced in NRF52. Levels that are added:

```
NRF_POWER_THRESHOLD_V17
                              /**< Set the power failure threshold to 1.7 V. */
NRF_POWER_THRESHOLD_V18
                              /**< Set the power failure threshold to 1.8 V. */
NRF_POWER_THRESHOLD_V19
                              /**< Set the power failure threshold to 1.9 V. */
NRF_POWER_THRESHOLD_V20
                              /**< Set the power failure threshold to 2.0 V. */
NRF_POWER_THRESHOLD_V22
                             /**< Set the power failure threshold to 2.2 V. */
                             /**< Set the power failure threshold to 2.4 V. */
NRF_POWER_THRESHOLD_V24
                             /**< Set the power failure threshold to 2.6 V. */
NRF_POWER_THRESHOLD_V26
NRF_POWER_THRESHOLD_V28
                             /**< Set the power failure threshold to 2.8 V. */
```

# s132\_nrf52\_3.0.0

This section describes how to migrate to s132\_nrf52\_3.0.0 from s132\_nrf52\_2.0.1.

## Required changes

## SoftDevice flash and RAM usage

The size of the SoftDevice has changed requiring a change to the application project file.

For Keil this means:

- Go into the properties of the project and find the Target tab
- Change IROM1 Start to 0x1F000.

If the project uses a scatter file or linker script instead, those must be updated accordingly.

The RAM usage of SoftDevice has also changed. sd\_ble\_enable() should be used to find the APP\_RAM\_BASE for a particular configuration.

## **LL Privacy**

This SoftDevice brings in support for LL Privacy. All applications must be updated to the new Privacy API and whitelist API supporting this new feature. Refer to the description of LL privacy in the New functionality section for more details.

Required changes:

#### Enable privacy

```
/* S132 v2.0 API usage */
ble_gap_addr_t private_addr = {0};
private_addr.addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_RANDOM_PRIVATE_RESOLVABLE;
sd_ble_gap_addr_set(BLE_GAP_ADDR_CYCLE_MODE_AUTO, private_addr);
```

```
/* S132 v3.0 API usage */
ble_gap_privacy_params_t privacy_params = {0};
privacy_params.privacy_mode = BLE_GAP_PRIVACY_MODE_DEVICE_PRIVACY;
privacy_params.private_addr_type =
BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_RANDOM_PRIVATE_RESOLVABLE;
sd_ble_gap_privacy_set(privacy_params);
```

## • Disable privacy

```
/* S132 v2.0 API usage */
ble_gap_addr_t identity_addr = saved_identity_addr; /* From
sd_ble_gap_addr_get(). */
sd_ble_gap_addr_set(BLE_GAP_ADDR_CYCLE_MODE_NONE, identity_addr);
```

```
/* S132 v3.0 API usage */
ble_gap_privacy_params_t privacy_params = {0};
privacy_params.privacy_mode = BLE_GAP_PRIVACY_MODE_OFF;
sd_ble_gap_privacy_set(privacy_params);
```

#### · Whitelist private addresses

```
/* S132 v2.0 API usage */
/* Public devices. */
ble_gap_addr_t public_device1 = {
  .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_PUBLIC,
  .addr = \{0x01, 0x02, 0x03, 0x04, 0x05, 0x06\}\};
ble_gap_addr_t public_device2 = {
  .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_PUBLIC,
  .addr = \{0x10, 0x20, 0x30, 0x40, 0x50, 0x60\}\};
/* IRKs of Private devices. */
ble_gap_irk_t irk1 = { .irk = { 0x10, 0x20, 0x30 /*...*/} };
ble_gap_irk_tt irk2 = { .irk = { 0x01, 0x02, 0x03 /*...*/} };
ble_gap_addr_t * whitelist_addrs[2] = {&public_device1, &public_device2};
ble_gap_irk_t * whitelist_irks[2] = {&irk1, &irk2};
ble_gap_whitelist_t whitelist = {
  .pp_addrs = &whitelist_addrs, .addr_count = 2, /* Public devices. */
  .pp_irks = &whitelist_irks, .irk_count = 2, /* Private devices. */};
ble_gap_adv_params_t adv_params = {0};
adv_params.p_whitelist = &whitelist
sd_ble_gap_adv_start(&adv_params);
```

```
/* S132 v3.0 API usage */
ble_gap_addr_t public_device1 = {
  .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_PUBLIC,
  .addr = \{0x01, 0x02, 0x03, 0x04, 0x05, 0x06\},
};
ble_gap_addr_t public_device2 = {
  .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_PUBLIC,
  .addr = \{0x10, 0x20, 0x30, 0x40, 0x50, 0x60\},
};
  /* Private devices. Matches addresses in identity list. */
ble_gap_addr_t private_device1 = {
  .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_PUBLIC,
  .addr = \{0xA1, 0xA2, 0xA3, 0xA4, 0xA5, 0xA6\}
};
ble_gap_addr_t private_device2 = {
  .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_PUBLIC,
  .addr = \{0x1A, 0x2A, 0x3A, 0x4A, 0x5A, 0x6A\},
};
ble_gap_addr_t * whitelist[4] = {
  &public_device1, &public_device2,
  &private_device1, &private_device2,
};
ble_gap_id_key_t identity1 = {
  .id_addr_info = {
    .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_PUBLIC,
    .addr = \{0xA1, 0xA2, 0xA3, 0xA4, 0xA5, 0xA6\},\}
  .id_info ={
      .irk = \{ 0x10, 0x20, 0x30 /*...*/\}, \}
};
ble_gap_id_key_t identity2 = {
  .id_addr_info = {
    .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_PUBLIC,
    .addr = \{0x1A, 0x2A, 0x3A, 0x4A, 0x5A, 0x6A\},\},
  .id_info = {
        .irk = { 0x01, 0x02, 0x03 /*...*/},
};
ble_gap_id_key_t * identities[2] = { &identity1, &identity2 };
sd_ble_gap_device_identities_set(&identities, NULL /* Don't use local IRKs*/,
sd_ble_gap_whitelist_set(&whitelist, 4);
ble_gap_adv_params_t adv_params = {0};
adv_params.fp = BLE_GAP_ADV_FP_FILTER_BOTH;
sd_ble_gap_adv_start(&adv_params);
```

Private address information returned in BLE events

```
/* S132 v2.0 API usage */

/* GAP connection parameter */
ble_gap_evt_connected_t conn_evt;
conn_evt.irk_match; /* Set to true if IRK matched. */
conn_evt.irk_match_idx; /* Set to index into pp_irks in whitelist.*/
conn_evt.peer_addr; /* Set to the private resolvable address of the peer.*/
```

Central connection to peers using private address

```
/* S132 v2.0 API usage */

/* IRK of the Private device. */
ble_gap_irk_t irk1 = { .irk = { 0x10, 0x20, 0x30 /*...*/} };
ble_gap_irk_t * whitelist_irk[1] = {&irk1};
ble_gap_whitelist_t whitelist = {
   .pp_irks = &whitelist_irk, .irk_count = 1,};

ble_gap_scan_params_t scan_params = {
   .selective = true, p_whitelist = &whitelist};
sd_ble_gap_connect(NULL, &scan_params, &conn_params);
```

```
/* S132 v3.0 API usage */
ble_gap_addr_t peer_addr = {
   .addr_id_peer = 1;
   .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_PUBLIC;
   .addr = {0x1A, 0x2A, 0x3A, 0x4A, 0x5A, 0x6A};
}
sd_ble_gap_connect(&peer_addr, &scan_params, &conn_params);
```

## LE Ping

The LE ping feature is now supported by the SoftDevice. A new timeout source BLE\_GAP\_TIMEOUT\_SRC\_AUTH\_PAYLOAD has been added. All applications must handle this event from the SoftDevice according to the API documentation. Refer to the description of LE Ping in the New functionality section for more details.

Required changes:

```
/* S132 v3.0 API usage */
/* Ignore the authenticated payload timeout event */
case BLE_GAP_TIMEOUT_SRC_AUTH_PAYLOAD:
   break;
```

## Configurable ATT\_MTU

The feature of configurable ATT\_MTU is now supported by the SoftDevice. A new event BLE\_GATTS\_EVT\_EXCHANGE\_MTU\_REQUEST has been added. All applications must handle this event from the SoftDevice according to the API documentation. Refer to the description of configurable ATT\_MTU in the New functionality section for more details.

Required changes:

```
/* S132 v3.0 API usage */
/* Respond with default ATT_MTU, if peer initiates an ATT_MTU exchange procedure.
*/
case BLE_GATTS_EVT_EXCHANGE_MTU_REQUEST:
    sd_ble_gatts_exchange_mtu_reply(p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.conn_handle,
    GATT_MTU_SIZE_DEFAULT);
    break;
```

# **New functionality**

## **Configurable ATT MTU**

The Configurable ATT\_MTU feature enables the ATT protocol to use packets longer than the default of 23 bytes. This can be useful for example to reduce complexity of GATTC and GATTS procedures used to handle longer Characteristic Value, where a single "Write Request" can be used instead of the whole "Queued Writes" procedure.

#### **API** updates

- A new BLE initialization structure, ble\_gatt\_enable\_params\_t, has been added to ble\_enable\_params\_t for configuring the maximum ATT\_MTU the SoftDevice can send or receive.
- A new SV call, sd\_ble\_gattc\_exchange\_mtu\_request(), has been added for starting an ATT\_MTU exchange.
- A new SV call, sd\_ble\_gatts\_exchange\_mtu\_reply(), has been added for setting the ATT\_MTU in ATT\_MTU response.
- A new event, BLE\_GATTS\_EVT\_EXCHANGE\_MTU\_REQUEST, has been added to BLE\_GATTS\_EVTS to notify that an ATT\_MTU
  request has been received. sd\_ble\_gatts\_exchange\_mtu\_reply() must be called by the application, after this event has been
  received, to continue the ATT\_MTU exchange procedure.
- A new event, BLE\_GATTC\_EVT\_EXCHANGE\_MTU\_RSP, has been added to BLE\_GATTC\_EVTS to notify that an ATT\_MTU response
  has been received. This event marks the end of the ATT\_MTU exchange procedure and indicates the server ATT\_MTU.

- ATT\_MTU exchange can be initiated locally or by peer device.
- HVx and service changed cannot run while a local client initiated ATT\_MTU exchange is active. The SV calls sd\_ble\_gatts\_hvx(
   ) and sd\_ble\_gatts\_service\_changed() will return NRF\_ERROR\_INVALID\_STATE if a local client initiated ATT\_MTU
   exchange is ongoing.
- Following is the pseudo code for case where ATT\_MTU exchange is initiated by application:

```
ble_enable_params_t enable_params = {0};
/* Set maximum ATT_MTU the SoftDevice can send or receive */
enable_params.gatt_enable_params.att_mtu = 158;
/* Set other BLE Initialization parameters */
/* Enable the BLE Stack */
sd_ble_enable(&enable_params, ...);
[...]
uint16_t conn_handle;
/* Establish connection */
[...]
/* Start ATT_MTU exchange */
sd ble gattc_exchange mtu request(conn handle, client rx mtu);
[...]
uint16_t effective_att_mtu;
uint16_t server_rx_mtu;
/* Handle the event */
case BLE_GATTC_EVT_EXCHANGE_MTU_RSP:
  server_rx_mtu = p_ble_evt->evt.gattc_evt.params.exchange_mtu_rsp.server_rx_mtu;
  /* New ATT_MTU is now applied to GATT procedures for this connection */
  The SoftDevice sets ATT_MTU to the minimum of:
           - The Client RX MTU value from BLE_GATTS_EVT_EXCHANGE_MTU_REQUEST, and
           - The Server RX MTU value.
           However, the SoftDevice never sets ATT_MTU lower than
GATT_MTU_SIZE_DEFAULT.
  * /
  /* Store ATT_MTU for later use */
  effective_att_mtu = MIN( MAX(GATT_MTU_SIZE_DEFAULT, server_rx_mtu)
                           , client_rx_mtu
                          );
```

## LE Ping

The LE Ping feature can be used by the application to configure a link to try to have at least one authenticated packet exchange within a configurable timeout period. If the peer device does not send an authenticated packet within the timeout, a timeout event is generated to notify this to the application.

**API** updates

- A new GAP option, BLE\_GAP\_OPT\_AUTH\_PAYLOAD\_TIMEOUT, has been added to set the authenticated payload timeout.
- A new GAP timeout source, BLE\_GAP\_TIMEOUT\_SRC\_AUTH\_PAYLOAD, has been added to indicate that the authenticated payload
  timer has expired.

```
/* Enable the BLE Stack */
[...]

/* Establish connection */
[...]

/* Authenticated payload timer runs with default value.
Set the authenticated payload timeout for the link, if required to be something else then the default */
gap_opt.auth_payload_timeout.conn_handle = connection_handle;
gap_opt.auth_payload_timeout.auth_payload_timeout = 1000;
gap_opt_set(BLE_GAP_OPT_AUTH_PAYLOAD_TIMEOUT, &gap_opt);
[...]

/* Handle the event */
case BLE_GAP_TIMEOUT_SRC_AUTH_PAYLOAD:
    /* Handling of the event is application dependent. It can be ignored if not used by application. */
break;
```

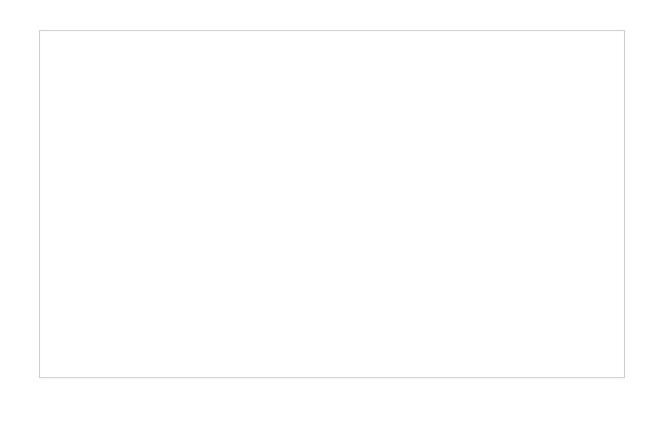
## LE Data Packet Length Extension (DLE)

The LE Data Packet Length Extension feature enables the SoftDevice to use longer packets on the link layer level. Now link layer packets with up to 251 bytes payload are supported.

#### **API** updates

- A new GAP option, BLE\_GAP\_OPT\_EXT\_LEN, has been added to set the maximum Link Layer PDU length to be used in DLE.
- A new event, BLE\_EVT\_DATA\_LENGTH\_CHANGED, has been added to indicate that the Link Layer PDU length has changed.

- Default max Link Layer PDU is 27 bytes.
- BLE\_GAP\_OPT\_EXT\_LEN changes the max length for all future links.
- Example pseudo code:



• Example pseudo code using the new privacy API:

```
/* Enable the BLE Stack */
[...]
/* Enable privacy */
ble_gap_privacy_params_t privacy_params = {0};
privacy_params.privacy_mode = BLE_GAP_PRIVACY_MODE_DEVICE_PRIVACY;
privacy_params.private_addr_type =
BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_RANDOM_PRIVATE_RESOLVABLE;
privacy_params.private_addr_cycle_s = 0; /* Default cycle period will be used.
* /
privacy_params.p_device_irk = &own_irk;
sd_ble_gap_privacy_set(&privacy_params);
[...]
/* start scanner and get adv report */
[...]
/* Connect to chosen advertiser(advertiser using private address). */
ble_gap_addr_t peer_addr = {
  .addr_id_peer = 0;
  .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_RANDOM_PRIVATE_RESOLVABLE;
  .addr = \{0xCC, 0xBB, 0xAA, 0xAA, 0xBB, 0xCC\};
sd_ble_gap_connect(&peer_addr, &scan_params, &conn_params);
[...]
/* Perform bonding */
[...]
/* With IRK exchanged, the identity list can be configured to enable address
resolution.*/
ble_gap_id_key_t identity = {
  .id_addr_info = {
    .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_PUBLIC,
    .addr = \{0x1A, 0x2A, 0x3A, 0x4A, 0x5A, 0x6A\},\},
  .id_info = {
        .irk = \{ 0x01, 0x02, 0x03 /*...*/\}, \}
};
ble_gap_id_key_t * identities[] = { &identity };
sd_ble_gap_identities_set(&identities, NULL, 1);
[...]
/* For all future connections, IRK filtering will be performed. */
ble_gap_addr_t peer_addr = {
  .addr_id_peer = 1;
    .addr_type = BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_PUBLIC,
    .addr = \{0x1A, 0x2A, 0x3A, 0x4A, 0x5A, 0x6A\}
sd_ble_gap_connect(&peer_addr, &scan_params, &conn_params);
```

```
[...]
/* It is also possible to use extended filter policy to perform IRK resolution
on directed adv reports. */
ble_gap_scan_params_t scan_params;
scan_params.adv_dir_report = 1;
sd_ble_gap_scan_start(&scan_params);
[...]
/* Handle the event */
case BLE_GAP_EVT_ADV_REPORT:
 /* Adv report will also be generated for directed advertisements where
the initiator field is set to a private resolvable address, even if
the address did not resolve to an entry in the device identity list.*/
if (ble_evt->adv_report.type == BLE_GAP_ADV_TYPE_ADV_DIRECT_IND)
   if (ble_evt->adv_report.direct_addr.addr_type ==
      BLE_GAP_ADDR_TYPE_RANDOM_PRIVATE_RESOLVABLE)
    // The initiator address is not resolved
   else
     // The initiator address is resolved
```

```
}
}
```

## **Connection Event Length Extension**

This feature can be used to dynamically extend the connection event length when possible to send extra packets compared to the configured bandwidth in a connection interval.

#### **API** updates

 $\bullet \ \ \, \text{A new option}, \ \, \text{BLE\_COMMON\_OPT\_CONN\_EVT\_EXT}, \, \text{has been added to } \, \text{BLE\_COMMON\_OPTS} \, \text{for enabling/disabling of this feature}. \\$ 

#### Usage

- This feature of dynamic extension of connection event length is disabled by default.
- The BLE\_COMMON\_OPT\_CONN\_EVT\_EXT option can be used to enable/disable this feature. This will result in enabling/disabling this
  feature for all currently active links and also for all future links.

## Full length device name

The maximum possible length of the device name has been increased, and it is now possible to set a device name up to 248 bytes.

### **API** updates

A new parameter, ble\_gap\_device\_name\_t, has been added to sd\_ble\_enable() for setting full length device name.

#### Usage

Example pseudo code:

```
ble_enable_params_t enable_params = {0};

/* Set the device name, if application wants to set anything longer than
BLE_GAP_DEVNAME_DEFAULT_LEN */
ble_gap_device_name_t device_name = {0};
uint8_t device_name_buff[BLE_GAP_DEVNAME_MAX_LEN] = "My very long exciting
application name";
device_name.vloc = BLE_GATTS_VLOC_STACK; /*Note: Device name will occupy space
in Attribute Table.*/
device_name.p_value = device_name_buff;
device_name.max_len = sizeof(device_name_buff);
device_name.current_len = strlen((char *)device_name_buff);
enable_params.gap_enable_params.p_device_name = &device_name;

/* Set other BLE Initialization parameters */
sd_ble_enable(&enable_params, ...);
```

## Max BLE event length calculation

The maximum size of a BLE event can now be calculated to optimize the size of event buffer memory.

**API** updates

• A new macro, BLE\_EVTS\_LEN\_MAX, has been added to find out the maximum size of BLE events.

#### **Usage**

```
/* Old API: */
uint8_t evt[sizeof(ble_evt_t) + BLE_L2CAP_MTU_DEF];
uint16_t evt_len = sizeof(evt);
errcode = sd_ble_evt_get(evt, &evt_len);
```

```
/* New API: */
uint8_t evt[BLE_EVTS_LEN_MAX(GATT_MTU_SIZE_DEFAULT)];
uint16_t evt_len = sizeof(evt);
errcode = sd_ble_evt_get(evt, &evt_len);
```

## Other miscellaneous updates

- The SoftDevice Information Structure has been updated and new access macros have been added. Note that this these updates are for Nordic internal use and should not be used by the application.
- New access macros for general purpose retention registers have been added.

## **API** diff

A diff of the API changes between versions s132\_nrf52\_3.0.0 and s132\_nrf5x\_2.0.1 is provided with this release. Refer to the file s132\_nrf5 2\_3.0.0\_API-update.diff.

# s13x\_nrf5x\_2.0.1

This section describes how to migrate to s13x\_nrf5x\_2.0.1 from s130\_nrf51\_1.0.0.

## Required changes

#### SoftDevice size

The size of the SoftDevice has changed requiring a change to the application project file.

For Keil this means:

- Go into the properties of the project and find the Target tab
- Change IROM1 Start to 0x1B000 (s130) or 0x1C000 (s132).

If the project uses a scatter file or linker script instead, those must be updated accordingly.

#### **SVC** number changes

The SVC numbers in use by the SoftDevice have been changed so the application needs to be recompiled against the new header files.

#### Fault handling

The SoftDevice has changed the way it handles unrecoverable errors, now known as "faults". SoftDevice assertions were reported to the application in previous releases, now a wider range of faults has been introduced and a new handling mechanism. The new format for the fault handler to be supplied to sd\_softdevice\_enable() reflects this.

#### The old

```
typedef void (*softdevice_assertion_handler_t)(uint32_t pc, uint16_t line_number, const uint8_t *
p_file_name);
is now replaced by:
```

```
typedef void (*nrf_fault_handler_t)(uint32_t id, uint32_t pc, uint32_t info);
```

The application code must now provide a fault handler in the above format. The source of the fault is provided in the fault ID parameter (id) and the value of the program counter at the time of the fault is provided in the program counter parameter (pc). So far the SoftDevice defines the following fault IDs:

- NRF\_FAULT\_ID\_SD\_ASSERT: The SoftDevice has triggered an assertion. Record the value of the pc parameter and make it available to the Nordic support team to start an internal investigation.
- (s132 only) NRF\_FAULT\_ID\_APP\_MEMACC: The application has triggered an unallowed memory access. The value of the pc param eter will contain the address of the instruction that executed the invalid memory access, or the address of the instruction following the violation. To find out the filename and line number within your application source code that correspond to the pc you can use the appropriate tool provided with your toolchain. For example if your linker outputs files in the ELF format you can use the addr2line tool which is part of the GNU ARM Embedded toolchain for this purpose. Note that you don't need to have compiled with GCC to use addr2line, and that there are several common filename extensions for ELF files, e.g. .elf, and .axf.

```
// Syntax
arm-none-eabi-addr2line <pc> -e application.elf

// Example, pc=0x01da6a
$ arm-none-eabi-addr2line 0x01da6a -e app_beacon.elf
C:\dev\app_beacon\src\main.c:34
```

Please note that as part of this transition from asserts to faults the previously distributed **softdevice\_assert.h** file is no longer part of the public API.

### Oscillator configuration

The configuration of the 32 kHz RCOSC calibration in sd\_softdevice\_enable() has been made more flexible. It now supports more calibration intervals, and the ability to combine temperature and time triggered calibration.

sd\_softdevice\_enable(nrf\_clock\_lf\_cfg\_t const \* p\_clock\_lf\_cfg, nrf\_fault\_handler\_t fault\_handler));

```
// Example configuration equivalent to the old
NRF_CLOCK_LFCLKSRC_RC_250_PPM_TEMP_1000MS_CALIBRATION
nrf_clock_lf_cfg_t rc_cfg = {
   .source = NRF_CLOCK_LF_SRC_RC,
    .rc\_ctiv = 4,
                    // Check temperature every 4 * 250ms
    .rc_temp_ctiv = 1, // Only calibrate if temperature has changed.
};
sd_softdevice_enable(&rc_cfg, &app_fault_handler);
// Example configuration equivalent to the old NRF_CLOCK_LFCLKSRC_XTAL_75_PPM
nrf_clock_lf_cfg_t xtal_cfg = {
    .source = NRF_CLOCK_LF_SRC_XTAL,
    .xtal_accuracy = NRF_CLOCK_LF_XTAL_ACCURACY_75_PPM
};
sd_softdevice_enable(&xtal_cfg, &app_fault_handler);
// Recommended configuration for using the RC oscillator with s132 (see nrf_sdm.h
for details)
nrf_clock_lf_cfg_t rc_cfg = {
    .source = NRF_CLOCK_LF_SRC_RC,
    .rc_temp_ctiv = 2, // Calibrate at least every 8 seconds even if the
temperature hasn't changed
};
sd_softdevice_enable(&rc_cfq, &app_fault_handler);
```

### App priorities

The enumeration NRF\_APP\_PRIORITIES has been removed. Application developers must use the interrupt priority levels directly instead.

For s130 the interrupt priority levels available to the application are: 1 and 3.

For s132 the interrupt priority levels available to the application are:  ${\bf 2}, {\bf 3}, {\bf 6}$  and  ${\bf 7}.$ 

### **SEVONPEND flag and high interrupt priorities**

Applications must **not** modify the SEVONPEND flag in the SCR register when running in priority level 1 for s130 and priority levels 2 or 3 for s132.

### Type definitions

Type definitions for certain basic types have been removed. The following type definitions must be replaced with uint8\_t:

```
nrf_power_mode_t, nrf_power_failure_threshold_t, nrf_radio_notification_distance_t, nrf_radio_notificatio
n_type_t
```

and the following must be replaced with  ${\tt uint32\_t}$ :

```
nrf_app_irq_priority_t nrf_power_dcdc_mode_t
```

#### MBR size

The macro MBR\_SIZE has been moved to nrf\_mbr.h.

#### Changes to the sd nvic \* API

The sd\_nvic\_\* API functions have changed from being SV calls into the SoftDevice to being static functions implemented in a new header file, nrf\_nvic.h. This header file must be included in all source files that call any API function than begins with sd\_nvic\_. If a project includes nrf\_nvic.h in any of its source files, one of them must declare and zero initialize a global instance of nrf\_nvic\_state\_t in the form:

```
nrf_nvic_state_t nrf_nvic_state = {0};
```

#### Flash protection

The flash protection API now takes 4 parameters, only the first 2 of which are applicable for the s130:

```
sd_flash_protect(uint32_t block_cfg0, uint32_t block_cfg1, uint32_t block_cfg2, uint32_t block_cfg3);
```

### Radio Timeslot API macro changes

The macros for high frequency clock configuration have been renamed in the Radio Timeslot API:

- NRF\_RADIO\_HFCLK\_CFG\_DEFAULT and NRF\_RADIO\_HFCLK\_CFG\_FORCE\_XTAL
- are now NRF RADIO HFCLK CFG XTAL GUARANTEED and NRF RADIO HFCLK CFG NO GUARANTEE

The default is now NRF\_RADIO\_HFCLK\_CFG\_XTAL\_GUARANTEED which guarantees that the high frequency clock source is the crystal for the whole duration of the timeslot. This should be the preferred option for events that use the radio or require high timing accuracy.

### SoftDevice runtime configuration

The number of Vendor Specific UUIDs, connection count and bandwidth are now configurable on sd\_ble\_enable() using the new parameters in the substructures of ble\_enable\_params\_t. Those new parameters are listed below:

- vs\_uuid\_count: The number of Vendor Specific UUID bases that the SoftDevice will reserve space for. Formerly this number was fixed and set to BLE\_UUID\_VS\_MAX\_COUNT.
- p\_conn\_bw\_counts: The optional connection bandwidth configuration structure. This determines the amount of memory that the SoftDevice will reserve for packets. See the bandwidth configuration section for more details.
- periph\_conn\_count: The total amount of concurrent connections as a peripheral that will be available to the application.
- central\_conn\_count: The total amount of concurrent connections as a central that will be available to the application.
- central\_sec\_count: The total amount of concurrent pairing procedures that will be available to the application to be shared among all connections as a central.

If the maximum number of connections supported by the SoftDevice is exceeded in the call to  $sd_ble_enable()$  the SoftDevice will return NRF\_ERROR\_CONN\_COUNT.

#### SoftDevice RAM usage

At runtime the IC's RAM is split into 2 regions: The SoftDevice RAM region (between 0x20000000 and APP\_RAM\_BASE-1) and the application RAM region (between APP\_RAM\_BASE and the call stack). The start address of the application RAM region (APP\_RAM\_BASE) is dependent on the configuration provided to the SoftDevice in the call to sd\_ble\_enable().

The sd\_ble\_enable() call has a new parameter.

```
    uint32_t sd_ble_enable(ble_enable_params_t * p_ble_enable_params)
    uint32_t sd_ble_enable(ble_enable_params_t * p_ble_enable_params, uint32_t * p_app_ram_base)
```

The new \*p\_app\_ram\_base parameter should be set by the application to APP\_RAM\_BASE. The SoftDevice will return the minimum APP\_RAM\_BASE required by the SoftDevice for the configuration. If the APP\_RAM\_BASE provided by the application is smaller than the APP\_RAM\_BASE returned by the SoftDevice, sd\_ble\_enable() will return NRF\_ERROR\_NO\_MEM.

**Note**: The nRF5 SDK provides definitions for common configurations and several toolchains. You can skip the rest of this section if you plan to use the nRF5 SDK examples directly and do not intend to create new configurations.

The application must **always** provide the current starting address of its RAM area (as defined in the project file, scatter file or linker script) as the \*p\_app\_ram\_base parameter to sd\_ble\_enable(). Failure to do so might result in the SoftDevice overwriting the application memory area and/or memory access violations. Most toolchains provide a linker symbol for the starting address of their RAM area, referred to as \_\_L

INKER\_APP\_RAM\_BASE in this documentation.

The following table shows examples of linker symbols that can define \_\_LINKER\_APP\_RAM\_BASE for different toolchains. The actual value will depend on the project file, scatter file or linker script settings.

Toolchain	LINKER_APP_RAM_BASE		
ARMCC/Keil	Image\$\$RW_IRAM1\$\$Base		
IAR	ICFEDIT_region_RAM_start		
GCC	data_start		

The recommended approach to obtaining and maintaining the required APP\_RAM\_BASE for the application is the following:

- 1. In your project file, scatter file or linker script, set the starting address of your application's RAM (APP\_RAM\_BASE) to at least the minimum APP\_RAM\_BASE specified in the release notes.
- 2. In your application's source code, set the value of \*p\_app\_ram\_base to \_\_LINKER\_APP\_RAM\_BASE.
- 3. Set the desired parameters to be provided to sd\_ble\_enable().
- 4. Compile, link and run the application.
- 5. If the amount of memory assigned to the SoftDevice by \*p\_app\_ram\_base is large enough to fit the configuration, sd\_ble\_enable() will return NRF\_SUCCESS, otherwise it will return NRF\_ERROR\_NO\_MEM.
- 6. On return of sd\_ble\_enable(), \*p\_app\_ram\_base will contain the APP\_RAM\_BASE required for the given configuration.
- 7. In your project file, scatter file or linker script, update the starting address of your application's RAM (APP\_RAM\_BASE) to \*p\_app\_ram\_base from step 6, and recompile the application.

Please note that it is possible to run the application with APP\_RAM\_BASE set higher than the minimum required by the selected configuration. Doing so will result in an area of memory being unused located between the SoftDevice's and the application's memory areas.

### **Enabling the BLE Stack**

```
ble_enable_params_t params;
uint32_t retv;
uint32_t app_ram_base;
memset(&params, 0x00, sizeof(params));
/* set the number of Vendor Specific UUIDs to 5 */
params.common_enable_params.vs_uuid_count = 5;
/* this application requires 1 connection as a peripheral */
params.gap_enable_params.periph_conn_count = 1;
/* this application requires 3 connections as a central */
params.gap_enable_params.central_conn_count = 3;
/st this application only needs to be able to pair in one central link at a time st/
params.gap_enable_params.central_sec_count = 1;
/* we require the Service Changed characteristic */
params.gatts_enable_params.service_changed = 1;
/* the default Attribute Table size is appropriate for our application */
params.gatts_enable_params.attr_tab_size = BLE_GATTS_ATTR_TAB_SIZE_DEFAULT;
/* set app_ram_base to the starting memory address of the application RAM,
   obtained directly from the linker */
app_ram_base = __LINKER_APP_RAM_BASE;
/* enable the BLE Stack */
retv = sd_ble_enable(&params, &app_ram_base);
if(retv == NRF_SUCCESS)
 /* Verify that __LINKER_APP_RAM_BASE matches the SD calculations */
 if(app_ram_base != __LINKER_APP_RAM_BASE)
  /* The application's starting RAM address is higher than the one required for
this configuration.
     An area of memory will remain unused between the SoftDevice and the
application memory areas.
           To detect this, place a breakpoint here and/or output (app_ram_base)
           through a debug interface.
 }
else if(retv == NRF_ERROR_NO_MEM)
 /* The application's starting RAM address is lower than the one required for this
configuration.
       This is an unrecoverable error because the SoftDevice and the application
memory areas overlap.
       To detect this, place a breakpoint here and/or output (app_ram_base)
       through a debug interface.
 * /
 while(1){}
```

### **Default Attribute Table size changed**

The default Attribute Table size has gone down from 0x600 bytes to 0x580 bytes. If the application is not setting a custom Attribute Table

size and it is filling it completely, it will now need to configure a larger, non-default memory area size dedicated to it (ble\_gatts\_enable\_p arams\_t::attr\_tab\_size) in the call to sd\_ble\_enable().

### (s130 only) CPU and Radio mutual exclusion option removed

The <u>BLE\_COMMON\_OPT\_RADIO\_CPU\_MUTEX</u> option is no longer part of the SoftDevice API so applications making use of it will need to remove all code using it. The option is no longer necessary since this version of the SoftDevice is only compatible with IC revision 3 of the nRF51 series, which no longer requires mutual exclusion between the radio and the CPU during operation.

### TX packet management

The user TX packet management has been modified to adapt it to the fact that different connections can now make different packet counts available to the application, depending on the role and bandwidth configuration. This means that the application now needs to obtain the TX packet count **after** each connection is established, and needs also to keep an independent variable for the TX packet count of each connection.

The prototype has been therefore renamed and adapted:

- uint32\_t sd\_ble\_tx\_buffer\_count\_get(uint8\_t \*p\_count)
- uint32\_t sd\_ble\_tx\_packet\_count\_get(uint16\_t conn\_handle, uint8\_t \*p\_count)

Here's an example of an application obtaining the TX packet count for a particular connection and storing it in a global variable for later use:

```
case BLE_GAP_EVT_CONNECTED:
    uint8_t count;
    uint16_t conn_handle = p_ble_evt->evt.gap_evt.conn_handle;
    sd_ble_tx_packet_count_get(conn_handle, &count);
    /* store TX packet count for later use */
    tx_packet_counts[conn_handle] = count;
    break;
```

### TX power setting

The sd\_ble\_gap\_tx\_power\_set() SV call now accepts the following values as the lowest power setting:

- s130: -30dBm
- s132: -40dBm

If the application code made use of values different from those in its minimum power output mode it will have to be adapted it to conform with the changes.

#### Additional link field in the key distribution bitfield

The ble\_gap\_sec\_kdist\_t bitfield now includes an additional link bit. This must always be set to 0 by the application since it is only intended for use with dual-mode BR/EDR+BLE solutions.

## Additional lesc field in the encryption information structure

A new lesc bit has been added to the ble\_gap\_enc\_info\_t structure. It is important to initialize this bit correctly when loading stored security keys, so that the SoftDevice can set the connection's security level accordingly.

### Additional fields in the security parameters

Two new fields have been added to ble\_gap\_sec\_params\_t:

- lesc: This enables LE Secure Connections locally when starting a pairing or bonding procedure. If the application does not wish to use LE Secure Connections and instead use legacy pairing simply set this bit to 0.
- keypress: This enables keypress notifications locally when starting a pairing or bonding procedure. Keypress notifications can be
  used whenever the Passkey Entry pairing method is selected, both in legacy pairing or LE Secure Connections.

Both fields need to be initialized to the desired value by applications transitioning to this SoftDevice version.

## Security keys identification by locality instead of by GAP role

The security keys included in ble\_gap\_sec\_keyset\_t are no longer identified by GAP role, but rather by associating them with the local device (own) or with the remote device (peer):

- ble\_gap\_sec\_keyset\_t::keys\_periph and ble\_gap\_sec\_keyset\_t::keys\_central are now expressed in terms of ble \_gap\_sec\_keyset\_t::keys\_own and ble\_gap\_sec\_keyset\_t::keys\_peer
- ble\_gap\_sec\_params\_t::kdist\_periph and ble\_gap\_sec\_params\_t::kdist\_central are now expressed in terms of b le\_gap\_sec\_params\_t::kdist\_own and ble\_gap\_sec\_params\_t::kdist\_peer
- ble\_gap\_evt\_auth\_status\_t::kdist\_periph and ble\_gap\_evt\_auth\_status\_t::kdist\_central are now expressed in terms of ble\_gap\_evt\_auth\_status\_t::kdist\_peer

For example, a multi-role application wanting to distribute its own LTK when acting as a peripheral, but only its IRK when acting as a central and that always accepts IRKs from the peer no matter the role:

```
/* Connected */
if(own_role == BLE_GAP_ROLE_PERIPH)
{
  sec_params.kdist_own.enc = 1;
}
else /* BLE_GAP_ROLE_CENTRAL */
{
  sec_params.kdist_own.id = 1;
}
sec_params.kdist_peer.id = 1;
```

### Identity key distribution change

When distributing Identity keys during a bonding procedure, the handling of the pointers within the ble\_gap\_sec\_keyset\_t structure has changed in the following manner:

- Setting ble\_gap\_sec\_keyset\_t::keys\_own::p\_id\_key to NULL remains unchanged: the stack will continue to make use of the currently set Bluetooth address and IRK and distribute them to the peer, but the application will not receive a copy in its memory
- Setting ble\_gap\_sec\_keyset\_t::keys\_own::p\_id\_key to a valid pointer to a location in the application memory will distribute the same Bluetooth address and IRK as above (the currently set ones) and also make them available to the application

That means that if the application distributed a custom Bluetooth address and IRK using the following deprecated functionality:

```
/* Connected */
keyset.keys_own.p_id_key = &app_custom_id_key;
keyset.keys_own.p_id_addr_info = &custom_bdaddr;
sd_ble_gap_sec_params_reply(conn_handle, BLE_GAP_SEC_STATUS_SUCCESS, &sec_params, &keyset);
```

it will now have to manually set those before calling sd\_ble\_gap\_sec\_params\_reply():

```
/* Connected */
ble_opt_t opt;
sd_ble_gap_address_set(BLE_GAP_ADDR_CYCLE_MODE_NONE,
&app_custom_id_key.id_addr_info);
opt.gap_opt.privacy.p_irk = &app_custom_id_key.id_info;
opt.gap_opt.privacy.interval_s = APP_ADDR_REFRESH_S;
sd_ble_opt_set(BLE_GAP_OPT_PRIVACY, &opt);
keyset.keys_own.p_id_key = &distributed_id_key;
sd_ble_gap_sec_params_reply(conn_handle, BLE_GAP_SEC_STATUS_SUCCESS, &sec_params, &keyset);
```

#### GATT Server Read/Write events: attribute context removed

The ble\_gatts\_attr\_context\_t type has been removed from the GATT Server API. The two structures that included an instance of it as a member now include instead a ble\_uuid\_t instance to identify the attribute:

- ble\_gatts\_evt\_write\_t::context has been replaced by ble\_gatts\_evt\_write\_t::uuid
- ble\_gatts\_evt\_read\_t::context has been replaced by ble\_gatts\_evt\_read\_t::uuid

In practical usage most applications store the handles associated with a particular characteristic when populating the Attribute Table. Calculating the context for each incoming read or write operation was an expensive and time-consuming task, and therefore the field has been removed and instead replaced by the attribute UUID. The combination of attribute handle and attribute UUID provided in the event structure should be enough for the application to identify the attribute within the set that has been previously populated.

#### **GATT Server Authorizable Write Commands**

Whenever the application enables write authorization for a characteristic value or a descriptor in the Attribute Table (ble\_gatts\_attr\_md\_ t::wr\_auth), all incoming write operations will now require application authorization. In particular this now includes Write Commands (also called Write Without Response) which will arrive in the same event form (BLE\_GATTS\_EVT\_WRITE) but with a new field set (ble\_gatts\_ev t\_write\_t::auth\_required) to indicate to the application that the data has not been written into the Attribute Table. Upon handling of the event the application can decide whether it wants to write the incoming data to the Attribute Table using sd\_ble\_gatts\_value\_set() or discard it.

```
Handling incoming authorizable Write Commands
```

```
case BLE_GATTS_EVT_WRITE:
uint16 t conn handle = p ble_evt->evt.qatts_evt.conn handle;
uint16_t attr_handle = p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.write.handle;
uint16_t offset = p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.write.offset;
uint8_t *p_data = p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.write.data;
uint16_t dlen = p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.write.len;
 if(p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.write.auth_required)
  /* incoming write command on an attribute requiring authorization,
           validate the incoming data pointed to by p_data */
  if(app_data_authorize(p_data, offset, dlen))
            /* the application manually writes the incoming data (p_data) to the
Attribute Table */
  ble_gatts_value_t value;
   value.len = dlen;
   value.offset = offset;
   value.p_value = p_data;
   sd_ble_gatts_value_set(conn_handle, attr_handle, &value);
break;
```

## **GATT Server Write Authorization and peer data**

Applications making use of authorization to handle incoming write operations, and in particular Write Requests and app-handled Queued Writes, will now have to store the incoming data to be provided later to the SoftDevice. Depending on how the application handles the authorization procedure, this can be done by providing the same pointer contained in the event field, or copying the data into a temporary storage area if required.

• Authorizing directly in the event handler:

```
case BLE_GATTS_EVT_RW_AUTHORIZE_REQUEST:
if(p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.authorize_request.type ==
BLE_GATTS_AUTHORIZE_TYPE_WRITE)
 uint16_t conn_handle = p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.conn_handle;
 uint16_t offset =
p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.authorize_request.request.write.offset;
 uint16_t dlen =
p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.authorize_request.request.write.len;
  uint8_t *p_data =
p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.authorize_request.request.write.data;
  /* incoming write command on an attribute requiring authorization, validate the
data */
 if(app_data_authorize(p_data, offset, dlen))
  ble_gatts_rw_authorize_reply_params_t auth_reply;
   auth_reply.type = BLE_GATTS_AUTHORIZE_TYPE_WRITE;
   auth_reply.params.write.gatt_status = BLE_GATT_STATUS_SUCCESS;
   auth_reply.params.write.update = 1;
   auth_reply.params.write.offset = offset;
   auth_reply.params.write.len = dlen;
            /* reuse the same pointer obtained from the event */
   auth_reply.params.write.p_data = p_data;
   sd_ble_gatts_rw_authorize_reply(conn_handle, &auth_reply);
 }
 break;
```

• Authorizing outside of the event handler:

```
/* global variable storing the authorization data */
struct
{
 uint16_t conn_handle;
 uint16_t offset;
 uint16_t dlen;
 uint8_t data[MAX_DATA];
} auth_write;
[..]
case BLE_GATTS_EVT_RW_AUTHORIZE_REQUEST:
 if(p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.authorize_request.type ==
BLE GATTS AUTHORIZE TYPE WRITE)
  /* store the metadata */
  auth_write.conn_handle = p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.conn_handle;
  auth_write.offset =
p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.authorize_request.request.write.offset;
  auth_write.dlen =
p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.authorize_request.request.write.len;
  /* store the actual incoming data */
  memcpy(&auth_write.data,
&p_ble_evt->evt.gatts_evt.params.authorize_request.request.write.data,
auth_write.dlen);
 }
 break;
[..]
/* authorization complete */
ble_gatts_rw_authorize_reply_params_t auth_reply;
auth_reply.type = BLE_GATTS_AUTHORIZE_TYPE_WRITE;
auth_reply.params.write.gatt_status = BLE_GATT_STATUS_SUCCESS;
auth_reply.params.write.update = 1;
/* obtain the data */
auth_reply.params.write.offset = auth_write.offset;
auth_reply.params.write.len = auth_write.dlen;
auth_reply.params.write.p_data = auth_write.data;
sd_ble_gatts_rw_authorize_reply(auth_write.conn_handle, &auth_reply);
```

# **New functionality**

### Configurable bandwidth

The connections can now be configured to have low, medium or high bandwidth. This can be specified for both TX and RX independently to allow for asymmetric bandwidth. This is an optional feature and if the application chooses not to use it the SoftDevice will instead configure the connections with defaults. The default configuration for connections as a central is <code>BLE\_CONN\_BW\_MID</code> (both for TX and RX), and for connections as a peripheral it is <code>BLE\_CONN\_BW\_HIGH</code> (both for TX and RX).

When using the configurable bandwidth option the application should have specified beforehand, at BLE stack initialization time, a set of connection bandwidth configurations that includes the ones that it intends to use through this option. Once a bandwidth configuration for a particular role is chosen through the sd\_ble\_opt\_set() SV call, all connections of that role established from that time on will use the chosen configuration until a new one is set.

Additional information about this topic can be found in the SoftDevice Specification at http://infocenter.nordicsemi.com/.

The following table shows an approximate comparison of connections and bandwidth configuration for previous SoftDevices as well as the the s13x v2.0.1 configured as shown in the example below.

	connections as a peripheral		connections as a central	
	number	RX / TX bandwith	number	RX / TX bandwith
s110 v8.0	1	HIGH / HIGH	0	-
s120 v2.1 (peripheral mode)	1	HIGH / HIGH	0	-
s120 v2.1 (central mode)	0	-	8	LOW / LOW
s130 v1.0	1	MID / MID	3	LOW / LOW
s13x v2.0.1 (default)	0	HIGH / HIGH	0	MID / MID
s13x v2.0.1 (example configuration below)	1	MID / MID	1	HIGH / MID

```
/* Example for one medium-bandwidth RX and TX connection as a peripheral and
high-bandwidth RX, medium-bandwidth TX connection as a central. */
ble_conn_bw_counts_t conn_bw_counts = {
  .tx_counts = {.high_count = 0, .mid_count = 2, .low_count = 0},
  .rx_counts = {.high_count = 1, .mid_count = 1, .low_count = 0}
};
ble_enable_params_t enable_params = {0};
enable_params.common_enable_params.p_conn_bw_counts = &conn_bw_counts;
enable_params.gap_enable_params.central_conn_count = 1;
enable_params.gap_enable_params.periph_conn_count = 1;
sd_ble_enable(&enable_params, ...);
ble_opt_t ble_opt;
/* Configure bandwidth and connect as a peripheral */
ble_common_opt_conn_bw_t conn_bw = { .role = BLE_GAP_ROLE_PERIPH, .conn_bw = {
.conn_bw_rx = BLE_CONN_BW_MID, .conn_bw_tx = BLE_CONN_BW_MID } };
ble_opt.common_opt.conn_bw = conn_bw;
sd_ble_opt_set(BLE_COMMON_OPT_CONN_BW, &ble_opt);
sd_ble_gap_adv_start( ... );
/* Connection established with the configured bandwidth */
/* Configure bandwidth and connect as a central */
ble_common_opt_conn_bw_t conn_bw = { .role = BLE_GAP_ROLE_CENTRAL, .conn_bw = {
.conn_bw_rx = BLE_CONN_BW_HIGH, .conn_bw_tx = BLE_CONN_BW_MID } };
ble_opt.common_opt.conn_bw = conn_bw;
sd_ble_opt_set(BLE_COMMON_OPT_CONN_BW, &ble_opt);
sd_ble_gap_connect( ... );
/* Connection established with the configured bandwidth */
```

#### **Block encryption**

The blocking block encryption SV call sd\_ecb\_block\_encrypt() depends on the hardware encryption block and therefore will require to

wait for it to complete before it returns to the application. If the user now sets the SEVONPEND bit in the SCR to 1 before calling this function, the SoftDevice will sleep while the ECB is running instead of entering a busy loop.

A second SV call has also been introduced to perform multiple block encrypt operations in a single SV call to avoid the context switch overhead when more than one block of data needs to be encrypted.

uint32\_t sd\_ecb\_blocks\_encrypt(uint8\_t block\_count, nrf\_ecb\_hal\_data\_block\_t \* p\_data\_blocks);

```
sd_ecb_blocks_encrypt() example usage

/* global variable storing the authorization data */

nrf_ecb_hal_data_block_t blocks[ECB_BLOCK_COUNT];

/* intialize data blocks */
for(i = 0; i < ECB_BLOCK_COUNT; i++)
{
   blocks[i].p_key = &app_keys[i];
   blocks[i].p_cleartext = &app_cleartext[i];
   blocks[i].p_ciphertext = &app_dest[i];
}

sd_ecb_blocks_encrypt(ECB_BLOCK_COUNT, blocks);</pre>
```

### **PA/LNA** support

A new BLE option, BLE\_COMMON\_OPT\_PA\_LNA, and its corresponding option structure, ble\_common\_opt\_pa\_lna\_t, have been added to provide support for power amplifiers and low noise amplifiers. The application is responsible for correctly initializing the option parameter structure with the required fields that map to the hardware design:

- PA and LNA pins and active level
- Set and Clear PPI channel IDs
- GPIOTE channel ID

### PA/LNA option usage

```
/* PA/LNA configuration */
ble_opt_t pa_lna_opt = {
  .common_opt = {
    .pa_lna = {
      .pa\_cfg = {
        .enable
                      = 1.
        .active high = 1,
        .gpio_pin
                     = APP_PA_PIN /* GPIO connected to the PA control pin */
      },
      .lna_cfg = {
        .enable
                      = 1,
        .active\_high = 1,
                     = APP_LNA_PIN /* GPIO connected to the LNA control pin */
        .apio pin
      .ppi_ch_id_set = APP_AMP_PPI_CH_ID_SET, /* PPI channel the app gives the SD
to set the pins */
      .ppi_ch_id_clr = APP_AMP_PPI_CH_ID_CLR, /* PPI channel the app gives the SD
to clear the pins */
      .qpiote_ch_id = APP_AMP_GPIOTE_CH_ID /* GPIOTE channel the app gives the
SD to control the pins */
};
sd_ble_opt_set(BLE_COMMON_OPT_PA_LNA, &pa_lna_opt);
```

#### **LE Secure Connections**

Version 4.2 of the Bluetooth Specification introduced a new mode of operation for the Security Manager Protocol, which enables the use of Public Key Cryptography for the generation of security keys. This means that applications can now select the mode of operation of the Security Manager when performing a pairing or bonding procedure:

- Legacy pairing: Set the lesc bit in ble\_gap\_sec\_params\_t to 0.
- LE Secure Connections: Set the lesc bit in ble\_gap\_sec\_params\_t to 1.

Please note that, in order for LE Secure Connections to be used, the peer will need to support it. If not, legacy pairing will be used by default.

The SoftDevice implements the Security Manager Protocol and cryptographic toolbox functionality required to enable LE Secure Connections, but it does **not** include the Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) methods required to generate public keys and shared secrets. This means that applications must include their own implementation of ECC. The SoftDevice never requires knowledge of the application's private key, since it delegates the calculation of the shared secret (DHKey) to the application itself:

- ble\_gap\_sec\_keys\_t::p\_pk (own only) is provided by the application and represents the P-256 public key (PK<sub>own</sub>) that matches the local private key (SK<sub>own</sub>). The key is provided as a part of the ble\_gap\_sec\_keyset\_t structure when calling sd\_ble\_gap\_s ec\_params\_reply().
- BLE\_GAP\_EVT\_LESC\_DHKEY\_REQUEST is a new event requesting the application to calculate the shared secret, which is the result of P256(SK<sub>OWN</sub>, PK<sub>peer</sub>). The event structure contains the peer's public key (PK<sub>peer</sub>) so that the application can start the calculation of the DHKey. Once the application has completed the calculation it must communicate the result to the SoftDevice by using the new sd\_ble\_gap\_lesc\_dhkey\_reply() SV call.

Additional API changes introduced by LE Secure Connections:

- ble\_gap\_evt\_passkey\_display\_t now contains an additional field, match\_request, used for the new Numeric Comparison pairing algorithm
- sd\_ble\_gap\_auth\_key\_reply() now accepts BLE\_GAP\_AUTH\_KEY\_TYPE\_PASSKEY coupled with a NULL p\_key pointer to
  indicate a match in the new Numeric Comparison pairing algorithm
- sd\_ble\_gap\_lesc\_oob\_data\_get() and sd\_ble\_gap\_lesc\_oob\_data\_set() have been introduced to support the new LE

Secure Connections OOB pairing method, which is substantially different from the Legacy OOB version

Additional details can be found in the API documentation and the Message Sequence Charts (MSCs) included with the SoftDevice.

#### Passkey entry keypress notifications

During pairing procedures using the Passkey Entry pairing algorithm (both in Legacy and LE Secure Connections modes) it is now possible to provide feedback to the peer regarding the keypresses being input by the user. The actual value of the keypresses is never sent over the air, but the notifications can be sent to provide visual feedback of the keys being pressed.

To enable the application to send keypress notifications to the peer, the following SV call has been introduced:

• sd\_ble\_gap\_keypress\_notify(uint16\_t conn\_handle, uint8\_t kp\_not)

Where kp\_not maps to any of the values present in the BLE\_GAP\_KP\_NOT\_TYPES enumeration.

```
Sending keypress notifications

/* Pairing procedure using the Passkey Entry algorithm in progress, local device inputs passkey */

/* User starts entering the passkey */

sd_ble_gap_keypress_notify(conn_handle, BLE_GAP_KP_NOT_TYPE_PASSKEY_START);

/* User inputs digits */

sd_ble_gap_keypress_notify(conn_handle, BLE_GAP_KP_NOT_TYPE_PASSKEY_DIGIT_IN);

sd_ble_gap_keypress_notify(conn_handle, BLE_GAP_KP_NOT_TYPE_PASSKEY_DIGIT_IN);

/* User deletes a digit */

sd_ble_gap_keypress_notify(conn_handle, BLE_GAP_KP_NOT_TYPE_PASSKEY_DIGIT_OUT);

/* User clears the input completely */

sd_ble_gap_keypress_notify(conn_handle, BLE_GAP_KP_NOT_TYPE_PASSKEY_CLEAR);

/* User ends the input procedure */

sd_ble_gap_keypress_notify(conn_handle, BLE_GAP_KP_NOT_TYPE_PASSKEY_END);
```

Please note that sd\_ble\_gap\_keypress\_notify() can return NRF\_ERROR\_BUSY if the application calls it too often and the previous keypress notification has not made it over the air to the peer yet. In that case the application should queue the keypresses internally and retry at a later time.

A new event has also been added to allow the application to receive keypress notifications from the peer:

• BLE\_GAP\_EVT\_KEY\_PRESSED and its corresponding ble\_gap\_evt\_key\_pressed\_t

### Receiving keypress notifications

```
/* Pairing procedure using the Passkey Entry algorithm in progress, peer device
inputs passkey */
/* handle the event */
case BLE GAP EVT KEY PRESSED:
switch(p_ble_evt->evt.gap_evt.params.key_pressed.kp_not)
case BLE GAP KP NOT TYPE PASSKEY START:
 /* Remote user has started entering the passkey */
 case BLE_GAP_KP_NOT_TYPE_PASSKEY_DIGIT_IN:
  /* Remote user has input a digits */
 break;
 case BLE_GAP_KP_NOT_TYPE_PASSKEY_DIGIT_OUT:
  /* Remote user has deleted a digit */
 case BLE_GAP_KP_NOT_TYPE_PASSKEY_CLEAR:
 /* Remote user has cleared the input completely */
case BLE_GAP_KP_NOT_TYPE_PASSKEY_END:
  /* Remote user has ended the input procedure */
 break;
```

#### Security Mode 1 Level 4

A new security level has been introduced along with support for LE Secure Connections. Security levels are used in GAP and GATT Server to define the connection's security level and the access requirements for the peer to read and write attributes in the local Attribute Table. The list of supported security levels is now:

- Security Mode 0, Level 0: No access allowed regardless of the connection's security level
- Security Mode 1, Level 1: No encryption. The peer can read and write the attribute without restrictions
- Security Mode 1, Level 2: Encryption without MITM protection. Access to the attribute requires an encrypted connection (Legacy or LE Secure Connections) with or without MITM protection
- Security Mode 1, Level 3: Encryption with MITM protection. Access to the attribute requires an encrypted connection (Legacy or LE Secure Connections) with MITM protection
- Security Mode 1, Level 4: LESC Encryption with MITM protection. Access to the attribute requires an encrypted connection (LE Secure Connections only) with MITM protection

To honour the new security level (Security Mode 1, Level 4) encryption must be enabled with an LTK that has been generated during a pairing or bonding procedure using LE Secure Connections with MITM protection (Numeric Comparison, Passkey Entry or OOB). This is the highest security level available when defining the access requirements (permissions) of attributes in the local Attribute Table.

A new macro has been made available to set ble\_gap\_conn\_sec\_mode\_t to the new security level:

```
BLE_GAP_CONN_SEC_MODE_SET_LESC_ENC_WITH_MITM
```

An additional Advertising Data type has been added to ble\_gap.h

```
BLE_GAP_AD_TYPE_URI
```

### **GATT Client attribute info discovery**

A new SV call allows applications to obtain basic attribute information from the peer's Attribute Table:

```
uint32_t sd_ble_gattc_attr_info_discover(uint16_t conn_handle, ble_gattc_handle_range_t const *
p_handle_range);
```

the matching event identifier and structure are also part of this new feature:

- BLE\_GATTC\_EVT\_ATTR\_INFO\_DISC\_RSP
   ble\_gattc\_attr\_info\_t
- ble\_gattc\_evt\_attr\_info\_disc\_rsp\_t

This is the only GATT Client function that allows the application to retrieve full 128-bit UUIDs that do **not** need to be part of the list populated with sd\_ble\_vs\_uuid\_add(). An example of 128-bit UUID retrieval is shown below.

```
128-bit UUID retrieval using sd_ble_gatt_attr_info_discover()
ble_gattc_handle_range_t handle_range;
/* list all attributes on the peer's Attribute Table */
handle_range.start_handle = 0x0001;
handle_range.end_handle = 0xFFFF;
sd_ble_gattc_attr_info_discover(conn_handle, &handle_range);
[..]
/* handle the event */
case BLE_GATTC_EVT_ATTR_INFO_DISC_RSP:
 /* check if we have 128-bit UUIDs */
 if(p_ble_evt->evt.gattc_evt.params.attr_info_disc_rsp.format ==
BLE_GATTC_ATTR_INFO_FORMAT_128BIT)
 {
  uint16_t attr_handle;
 ble_uuid128_t uuid128;
  /* Obtain the attribute handle and the full 128-bit UUID */
  attr_handle=
p_ble_evt->evt.gattc_evt.params.attr_info_disc_rsp.attr_info[0].handle;
  memcpy(&uuid128,
&p_ble_evt->evt.gattc_evt.params.attr_info_disc_rsp.attr_info[0].info.uuid128.uuid1
28, sizeof(uuid128));
 }
 break;
```

#### GATT Server first user attribute handle retrieval

When using the Service Changed characteristic to indicate to the peer that the local Attribute Table structure has changed, it is often useful to find out at which handle the application-controlled region of the Attribute Table begins. For that specific purpose a new SV call has been introduced:

```
uint32_t sd_ble_gatts_initial_user_handle_get(uint16_t *p_handle);
```

This allows the application to communicate to the peer the exact range of the attributes that require rediscovery.

```
Obtaining the first user handle to indicate a Service Changed

uint16_t first_attr_handle;

sd_ble_gatts_initial_user_handle_get(&first_attr_handle);

sd_ble_gatts_service_changed(conn_handle, first_attr_handle, last_affected_handle);
```

#### GATT Server local attribute metadata retrieval

The GATT Server module has always allowed applications to retrieve the value of any attribute present in the local Attribute Table by means of the sd\_ble\_gatts\_value\_get() SV call. Now in addition applications can also retrieve the UUID and metadata of any local attribute using the new function:

```
uint32_t sd_ble_gatts_attr_get(uint16_t handle, ble_uuid_t * p_uuid, ble_gatts_attr_md_t * p_md);
```

This can be useful in several scenarios, one of which is calculating or verifying the structure of the local Attribute Table regardless of the current attribute values, focusing instead only in the layout itself

```
Obtaining the UUID and metadata of all local attributes

uint16_t attr_handle;
ble_uuid_t uuid;
ble_gatts_attr_md_t attr_md;

/* start at the first valid user attribute handle */
sd_ble_gatts_initial_user_handle_get(&attr_handle);

/* traverse the Attribute Table obtaining the UUID and metadata for each attribute
*/
while(sd_ble_gatts_attr_get(attr_handle, &uuid, &attr_md) == NRF_SUCCESS)
{
    /* use the uuid and attr_md here */
    attr_handle++;
}
```

## **GATT Server user memory layout for system attributes**

The data format used by the GATT Server to store system attribute data is now fully documented in the API documentation for applications that need to parse it. The data format is used by the following 2 functions:

```
sd_ble_gatts_sys_attr_set()sd_ble_gatts_sys_attr_get()
```

The format documentation applies to the data pointed to by the  $p\_sys\_attr\_data$  pointer in both of the functions above.