iOS 13 New L2CAP Beacons Additions



Beacons

Small, battery powered wireless device

Advertises its presence and services via continuous broadcasting

Used for proximity-aware applications

Pseudo-standard running on BLE (e.g. iBeacon on iOS/OS X, Eddystone on Android)



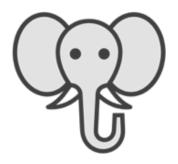
Beacon Application Examples







Inventory Tracking



Interactive Experiences



Point-of-sale systems



Fast-food drivethroughs



iBeacon Advertisement Packet

Field	Size	Description
UUID	16 bytes	Application specific identifier
Major	2 bytes	Specify specific iBeacon and use case
Minor	2 bytes	Allow further subdivision of region or use case

Scenario: Trade Show Event

Eve	nt Location	Las Vegas	Salt Lake City	Seattle	
UUID		76AF7B38-3E95-439F-A879-8799A0DD964D			
Major		1	2	3	
Minor	Registration	10	10	10	
	Raffle	20	20	20	
	Demo Area	30	30	30	



iOS Apps Detect iBeacons With Core Location

CLLocationManager CLBeaconRegion CLBeacon



Beacon Monitoring

- 1. Determine availability and authorization status of region monitoring with CLLocationManager
- 2. Define beacon region to be monitored via CLBeaconRegion class
- 3. Register beacon region with location manager
- 4. Handle boundary-crossing events for a beacon region through CLLocationManagerDelegate callbacks
- 5. Range beacons to determine proximity with CLBeacon



Determine Availability and Authorization Status

```
if CLLocationManager.isMonitoringAvailable(for: CLBeaconRegion.self) {
    switch CLLocationManager.authorizationStatus() {
    case .authorizedWhenInUse, .authorizedAlways:
       startMonitoringBeaconRegion()
   default:
       // request authorization
```



Define and Register Beacon Region

```
func startMonitoringBeaconRegion() {
   manager.delegate = self
   let uuidString = "BF276819-6939-4A79-AEEA-21F6BB27A901"
    let uuid = UUID(uuidString: uuidString)!
    let identifier = "myIdentifier"
    let region = CLBeaconRegion(proximityUUID: uuid, identifier:
identifier)
    // register the beacon region
    manager.startMonitoring(for: region)
```



Handle Boundary-Crossing Events

```
func locationManager(_ manager: CLLocationManager, didEnterRegion
region: CLRegion) {
    guard let region = region as? CLBeaconRegion else { return }
    if CLLocationManager.isRangingAvailable() {
        manager.startRangingBeacons(in: region)
    }
}
```



Handle Boundary-Crossing Events

```
func locationManager(_ manager: CLLocationManager, didExitRegion
region: CLRegion) {
    guard let region = region as? CLBeaconRegion else { return }
    manager.stopRangingBeacons(in: region)
}
```



Determine Proximity of Ranged Beacons

```
func locationManager(_ manager: CLLocationManager, didRangeBeacons
beacons: [CLBeacon], in region: CLBeaconRegion) {
   if let beacon = beacons.first {
       switch beacon.proximity {
           // proximity-based logic ...
```



iOS Devices Can Act As iBeacons

- 1. Generate Beacon Region
- 2. Build Peripheral Data
- 3. Start Advertising



Generate a Beacon Region

```
let uuidString = "BF276819-6939-4A79-AEEA-21F6BB27A901"
let uuid = UUID(uuidString: uuidString)!
let majorValue = CLBeaconMajorValue(1)
let minorValue = CLBeaconMinorValue(2)
let identifier = "myIdentifier"
let beaconRegion = CLBeaconRegion(proximityUUID: uuid, major:
majorValue, minor: minorValue, identifier: identifier)
```



Build a Peripheral Dictionary

```
let peripheralData: NSMutableDictionary =
beaconRegion.peripheralData(withMeasuredPower: nil)
/* peripheralData =
  kCBAdvDataAppleBeaconKey:
      <bf276819 69394a79 aeea21f6 bb27a901 00010002 c5>
```



Start Advertising Beacon

peripheralManager.startAdvertising(peripheralData)



L2CAP



L2CAP

Logical Link Control and Adaptation Protocol



L2CAP Channel

Stream of data between two devices

Dynamically allocated channel

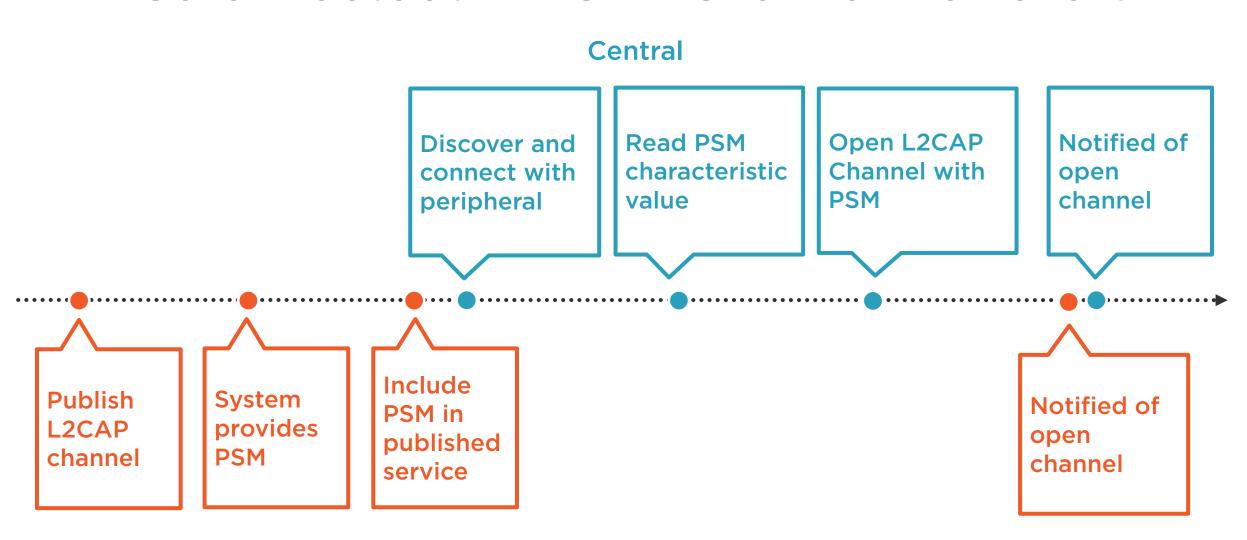
Directly communicate with connected accessory without framing or packet size limitations

Provides low overhead and high performance

Recommended use case for large data transfers (e.g. firmware updates)



Core Bluetooth L2CAP Channel Flowchart





PSM

Protocol service multiplexer



public typealias CBL2CAPPSM = UInt16

PSM Can Be Likened to a TCP Port

A PSM channel is defined by the peripheral



```
class CBPeripheralManager : CBManager {
    @available(iOS 11.0, *)
    func publishL2CAPChannel(withEncryption encryptionRequired: Bool)
}
```

Peripherals Publish L2CAP Channels

Requiring encryption is recommended to prevent eavesdropping or man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks



```
public protocol CBPeripheralManagerDelegate : NSObjectProtocol {
    @available(iOS 6.0, *)
    optional func peripheralManager(_ peripheral: CBPeripheralManager,
didPublishL2CAPChannel PSM: CBL2CAPPSM, error: Error?)
}
```

System Provides PSM When Published



@available(iOS 11.0, *)
public let CBUUIDL2CAPPSMCharacteristicString: String

CBUUIDL2CAPPSMCharacteristicString

The PSM (a little endian uint16_t) of an L2CAP Channel associated with the GATT service containing this characteristic



Reading PSM Characteristic Value

```
func peripheral(_ peripheral: CBPeripheral, didUpdateValueFor
characteristic: CBCharacteristic, error: Error?) {
   guard let value = characteristic.value, error == nil else {return}
   if characteristic.uuid.uuidString ==
CBUUIDL2CAPPSMCharacteristicString {
       guard let psm = try? JSONDecoder().decode(CBL2CAPPSM.self,
from: value) else { return }
        peripheral.openL2CAPChannel(psm)
```



Generating a PSM Characteristic

```
var characteristics: [CBMutableCharacteristic] = ...
if let data = try? JSONEncoder().encode(PSM) {
   let psmCharacteristic = CBMutableCharacteristic(type:
CBUUID(string: CBUUIDL2CAPPSMCharacteristicString), properties: .read,
value: data, permissions: .readable) // .readEncryptionRequired
    characteristics.append(psmCharacteristic)
let service = CBMutableService(type: serviceUUID, primary: true)
service.characteristics = characteristics
manager.add(service)
```



```
class CBPeripheral : CBPeer {
    @available(iOS 11.0, *)
    func openL2CAPChannel(_ PSM: CBL2CAPPSM)
}
```

Open L2CAP Channel on Connected Peripheral



L2CAP Open Channel Delegates

```
public protocol CBPeripheralManagerDelegate :
NSObjectProtocol {
    optional func peripheralManager(_ peripheral:
CBPeripheralManager, didOpen channel: CBL2CAPChannel?,
error: Error?)
public protocol CBPeripheralDelegate : NSObjectProtocol {
    optional func peripheral(_ peripheral: CBPeripheral,
didOpen channel: CBL2CAPChannel?, error: Error?)
```



CBL2CAPChannel

```
@available(iOS 11.0, *)
open class CBL2CAPChannel : NSObject {
   open var peer: CBPeer! { get } // remote device
   open var inputStream: InputStream! { get } // read
   open var outputStream: OutputStream! { get } // write
   open var psm: CBL2CAPPSM { get }
```



Closing L2CAP Channels

Bluetooth link loss

Central manually closes channel

Peripheral unpublishes channel

Peripheral released from memory



iOS 13 Additions to Core Bluetooth



iOS 13 Additions to Core Bluetooth LE 2Mbps – faster and more power efficient device communication

Discover and communicate with Bluetooth classic devices

Privacy updates

PacketLogger developer tool updates



Core Bluetooth Now Supports LE 2 Mbps

(iPhone 8 and later, Apple TV 4K, Apple Watch Series 4)

LE 2 Mbps

Advertising Extensions

Extended Scan

Extended Connections

iPhone XS, latest iPad Pro

iPhone XS, latest iPad Pro

Physical layer rate increased from 1 to 2 Mbps

Uses data channel to send larger payloads (31 -> 255 bytes)

Scan for extended advertisements

Improved connection process

Transparent to application - no API changes required

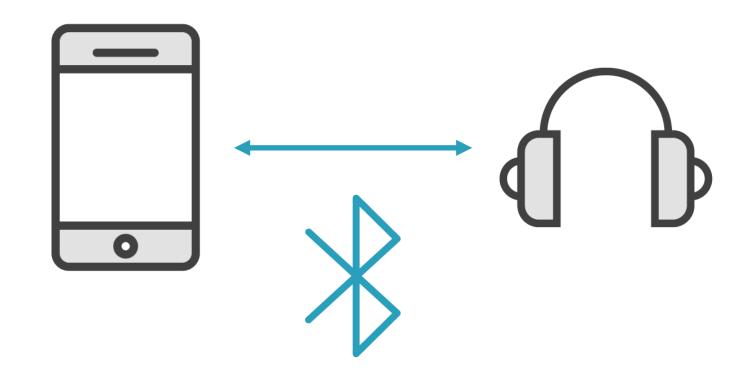


iOS13 - Core
Bluetooth can now be used with Classic
Bluetooth devices

GATT runs over BR/EDR protocol

CBPeripheral APIs are unchanged

CBCentralManager can now be notified when a Classic Bluetooth connection occurs





Core Bluetooth with BR/EDR

- 1. Register for connection events with CBCentralManager
- 2. Delegate callback sent when system finds a matching connection
 - also sent after registration if matching connection is already established



Registering for Connection Events

Service UUID

Peripheral UUID



New CBCentralManager API

```
open class CBCentralManager : CBManager {
   @available(i0S 13.0, \star)
    open func registerForConnectionEvents(options:
    [CBConnectionEventMatchingOption : Any]?)
extension CBConnectionEventMatchingOption {
   @available(iOS 13.0, *)
    public static let serviceUUIDs: CBConnectionEventMatchingOption
   @available(iOS 13.0, *)
    public static let peripheralUUIDs: CBConnectionEventMatchingOption
```



Registering for Connection Events

```
let serviceUUIDs: [CBUUID] = [CBUUID(string: uuidString)]
let options: [CBConnectionEventMatchingOption: Any] =
     [CBConnectionEventMatchingOption.serviceUUIDs: serviceUUIDs]
manager.registerForConnectionEvents(options: options)
```



New CBCentralManagerDelegate API

```
public protocol CBCentralManagerDelegate : NSObjectProtocol {
   @available(iOS 13.0, *)
    optional func centralManager(_ central: CBCentralManager,
connectionEventDidOccur event: CBConnectionEvent, for peripheral:
CBPeripheral)
public enum CBConnectionEvent : Int {
    case peerDisconnected
    case peerConnected
```



Listening for BR/EDR Connection Events

```
func centralManager(_ central: CBCentralManager,
connectionEventDidOccur event: CBConnectionEvent, for peripheral:
CBPeripheral)
   switch event {
    case .peerConnected:
       peripheral.connect()
       manager.registerForConnectionEvents(options: nil)
    case .peerDisconnected:
        // Perform cleanup ...
```

Incoming BR/EDR Connection Flow

Register for connection events with CBCentralManager

User attempts to connect to a discovered BR/EDR device in Bluetooth Settings

Pairing request is triggered

After connection, system runs service discovery of GATT services

CBCentralManagerDelegate callback sent when system finds a connection

Handle BR/EDR connection event (e.g. calling connect on CBPeripheral)

Clear registration of connection events



Outgoing BR/EDR Connection Flow Want to connect to a known BR/EDR paired device

Tell CBCentralManager to connect to the CBPeripheral

If app is foregrounded, system attempts connection by paging device

If connection successful, CBCentralManagerDelegate is notified



iOS 13 Privacy and Developer Tools Updates



Privacy Updates - User Authorization

iOS 12 and earlier - only required for background advertising

iOS 13 - required when using ANY Core Bluetooth API

- (also applies to apps built on older SDKs)

Required on iOS, watchOS, tvOS

Can be modified in the Settings app



Privacy Updates - Usage Description String

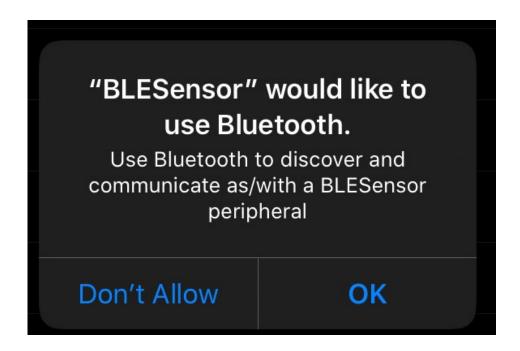
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InfoDictionary version 💠	String	6.0								
Bundle name	String	\$(PRODUCT_NAME)								
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Bundle versions string, short 💠	String	1.0								
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Application requires iPhone environment 🗘	Boolean	YES								
Privacy - Bluetooth Always Usage Description 💍 🚳 🖨	String :	Use Bluetooth to discover and communicate as/with a BLESensor peripheral								
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► Required device capabilities	Array	(1 item)								
▶ Supported interface orientations ♦	Array	(3 items)								
► Supported interface orientations (iPad)	Array	(4 items)								

Results of Using CoreBluetooth API in iOS 13

Apps Without Privacy Usage Key

BLESensor[7360:563969] [access]
This app has crashed because it attempted to access privacy-sensitive data without a usage description. The app's Info.plist must contain an NSBluetoothAlwaysUsageDescription key with a string value explaining to the user how the app uses this data.

Apps With Privacy Usage Key





New Type: CBManagerAuthorization

```
Represents the current authorization state of a CBManager
@available(iOS 13.0, *)
public enum CBManagerAuthorization : Int {
    case notDetermined
    case restricted
    case denied
    case allowedAlways
```



Privacy Updates - iOS 12

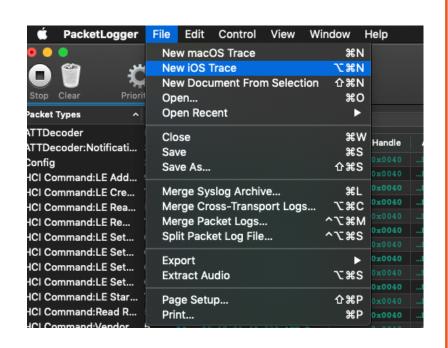
```
func centralManagerDidUpdateState(_ central: CBCentralManager) {
   if central.state == .poweredOn {
       scanForPeripherals()
    } else {
        print("central is unavailable: \(central.state.rawValue)")
```



Privacy Updates - iOS 13

```
func centralManagerDidUpdateState(_ central: CBCentralManager) {
    switch central.state {
    case .unauthorized:
       if central.authorization != .allowedAlways {
           // prompt user for permission
    // handle each case
```

PacketLogger Updates - Live Capture



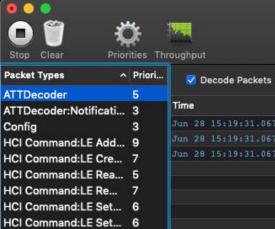


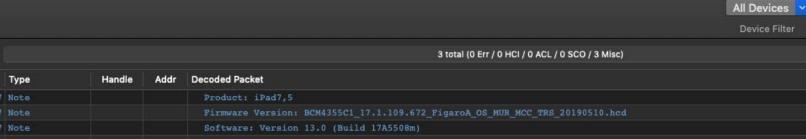
- 1. Install iOS 13 developer beta on device
- 2. Install iOS Bluetooth developer logging profile on device
- 3. Download "Additional Tools for Xcode"
- 4. Connect iOS device to Mac
- 5. Launch PacketLogger
- 6. Select File -> "New iOS Trace"
- 7. Indicator will appear on iOS device



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All Packet Types





Time	Туре	Handle	Addr	Decoded Packet
Jun 28 15:19:31.067	Note			Product: iPad7,5
Jun 28 15:19:31.067	Note			Firmware Version: BCM4355C1 17.1.109.672 FigaroA OS MUR MCC TRS 20190510.hcd
Jun 28 15:19:31.067	Note			Software: Version 13.0 (Build 17A5508m)

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HCI Command:Read R	5	
HCI Command:Vendor	5	
HCI Command:Vendor		
HCI Command:Vendor	6	
HCI Event:Command		
HCI Event:Command		
HCI Event:LE Meta Ev	3	
HCI Event:LE Meta Ev	3	
HCI Event:LE:Advertisi	3	
HCI Event:LE:Data Le	5	
HCI Event:LE:Enhance		
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SMPDecoder		

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Jun 28 17:21:40.190 ATT Send

Decode Packets

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Jun 28 17:21:41.930 ATT Receiv ...0040

Jun 28 17:21:43.940 ATT Receiv ...0040

Jun 28 17:21:49.940 ATT Receiv ...0040

Jun 28 17:22:03.921 ATT Receiv ...0040

Jun 28 17:22:05.931 ATT Receiv ...0040

Jun 28 17:22:07.972 ATT Receiv ...0040

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All Devices V Device Filter

Multiple Packet Types All Handles

Show All ✓ ATT Receive ✓ ATT Send

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Config **HCI Command**

HCI Event L2CAP Send

Note Power

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590 total (0 Err / 0 HCl / 0 ACL / 0 SCO / 4 Misc)

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Attribute Handle: 0x003B (59)

Decoded Packet

▶ Channel ID: 0x0004 Length: 0x0067 (103) [1B 3B 00 7B 22 79 22 3A 2D 30 2E 30 31 31 38 34 ...]

▶ Handle Value Notification - Handle:0x003B - 3EBAC3A2-10B5-4F0A-A3BE-CE3A6AA2DA2B - Value: 7B22 7922 3A2D 302E 3031 3136 3537 3731 ...

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Summary



Beacons – small, battery powered device useful for proximity-based applications

L2CAP Channels - direct communication between central and connected peripheral without GATT limitations

iOS 13 Enhancements

- LE 2 Mbps
- Classic Bluetooth connections
- Privacy updates
- Developer tools

