ESB-P: ESP-NOW SENSOR BROADCAST PROTOCOL DRAFT 1.1

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## 1 Introduction

ESB-P defines one fixed-length ESP-NOW frame that every ESP32-class

Sensor Device broadcasts.

A single Receiver ESP32 listens, de-multiplexes by deviceId +

broadcastType, and makes the latest values available via HTTP/JSON.

## 2 Conventions & Terminology

Term Meaning

deviceId Null-terminated ASCII ≤ 15 chars identifying the board.

broadcastType Null-terminated ASCII  $\leq$  15 chars describing the payload kind ("HR",

"ACCEL"...).

frame Exactly 88 bytes transmitted with esp\_now\_send().

Sensor DeviceAny ESP32 that sends ESB-P frames.

Receiver The ESP32 that receives all ESB-P traffic and serves /devices JSON.

Channel: All nodes must share the same Wi-Fi channel (default 1).

## 3 Frame Format (generic)

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/* Total size: 88 bytes */
typedef struct attribute ((packed)) {
 char deviceId[16];
                      // §2
 char broadcastType[16]; // §2
 uint8 t payload[56]; // device-specific use
} espMessage;
Why 56 bytes? 16 + 16 + 56 = 88, which fits comfortably inside one ESP-NOW
MAC payload (limit ≈ 250 B).
All devices send the same 88-byte struct – they just lay out the 56-byte
payload differently.
4 Typical Frame Construction (Recipe)
Clear and identify
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espMessage msg = {};
                                  // zero-fill
strncpy(msg.deviceId, "MySensor01", 15);
strncpy(msg.broadcastType, "TEMP", 15);
Encode payload
Example: store a little-endian 32-bit float at byte 0.
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float T = 23.7f;
memcpy(&msg.payload[0], &T, sizeof(T)); // 4 bytes
Send
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const uint8 t bc[6] = \{0xFF,0xFF,0xFF,0xFF,0xFF,0xFF\};
esp_now_send(bc, (uint8_t*)&msg, sizeof(msg));
5 Receiver Behaviour & JSON Schema
Mode: WIFI_AP_STA → SoftAP "ESP_Receiver" (channel 1) plus ESP-NOW STA.
Callback: On every frame, group by deviceld, then by broadcastType,
store the latest payload.
5.1 /devices Response
json
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{
    "devices":[
        {
             "id":"Clock",
             "FORM": { "edad":"25","altura":"170","peso":"70", ... },
             "HR" : 72,
             "ACCEL": { "ax":-12,"ay":34,"az":1000 }
        },
        {
             "id":"GSR",
             "VMEDIDO": 0.523
        }
        ]
    }
Rules
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Every top-level object == one unique deviceld.

Keys inside are broadcastType values.

Receiver may attach timestamps or extra meta-fields in future.

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6 Project-Specific Frames
6.1 Reloj → "FORM"
Field Offset Bytes Encoding
                                   Example
              4
                     ASCII "25"
edad 0
                     ASCII "170"
altura 4
              4
peso 8
              4
                     ASCII "70"
vasos 12
              4
                     ASCII "8"
hrs
       16
              4
                     ASCII "7"
nivel 20
              16
                     ASCII "Moderado"
padding
              36
                     20
                            zero
                                   n/a
6.2 Reloj → "HR"
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payload[0..3] : int32 little-endian (beats per minute)
payload[4..55]: zero padding
6.3 \text{ GSR} \rightarrow \text{"VMEDIDO"}
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payload[0..3]: 32-bit float (skin voltage, volts)

payload[4..55]: padding  $6.4 \text{ Gafas} \rightarrow \text{"ACCEL"}$ 

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payload[0..1]: int16 ax payload[2..3]: int16 ay payload[4..5]: int16 az payload[6..55]: padding

6.5 Pecho → "ACCEL" & "FLEX" ACCEL = same layout as 6.4.

FLEX: payload[0..1] = uint16 resistance ( $\Omega$ ); rest padding.

A device may broadcast multiple broadcastTypes back-to-back.

7 Extensibility & Versioning

A new sensor only needs to pick:

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deviceId = "YourBoardName"

broadcastType = "NEWTYPE"

payload = your ≤56-byte layout

Receiver must add a case for "NEWTYPE" if it wants to parse it; otherwise it can store the raw 56-byte blob.

Future protocol versions may add uint8\_t version as the first byte of the frame; receivers should ignore unknown versions safely.

8 Reference Source Code

Component File Notes

Clock (form + HR) ClockDevice.ino LVGL UI, periodic HR, sends "FORM" & "HR"

GSR probe GSR.ino Reads ADC, sends "VMEDIDO"

Gafas accel Gafas.ino Reads MPU-6050, sends "ACCEL"

Pecho accel/flex Pecho.ino Two frames: "ACCEL" & "FLEX"

Receiver ReceiverAP.ino SoftAP+ESP-NOW, serves /devices JSON

All sketches compile under Arduino-ESP32 core  $\geq$  2.0.12.

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