

Z-Stack Sample Application For CC2430DB

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i. Acronyms

API Application Programming Interface

APL Application Layer

APS ZigBee Application Support Sublayer

BSP Board Support Package – taken together, HAL & OSAL comprise a rudimentary

operating system commonly referred to as a BSP.

EP Endpoint

HAL Hardware (H/W) Abstraction Layer

HA Home Automation (A Stack Profile, Profile Id 0x0104)

MT Monitor Test

NWK ZigBee Network Layer

OSAL Operating System (OS) Abstraction Layer

OTA Over-The-Air

PC Personal Computer
SAP Service Access Point
SPI Serial Port Interface
ZCL ZigBee Cluster Library
ZDO ZigBee Device Objects

1. Z-Stack CC2430DB and CC2430EB Sample Application

1.1 Introduction

This document covers the Z-StackTM Sample Application for the Texas Instruments CC2430 Developer Boards, also known as the CC2430DB and CC2430EB. This sample application is a simple head-start to using the TI distribution of the ZigBee Stack in order to implement a specific Application Object.

1.1.1 Description

This sample application is a very simple demo application for the ZStack CC2430 Developer Boards.

Each application can send and receive 2 messages:

- Periodic Message Each device will send this broadcast message every 10 seconds (plus a small random number of milliseconds for jitter) after joining the network. The message's payload is the sending devices periodic message counter.
- Flash Control Message This message contains a counter (number of times this message has been sent from a device) and the number of milliseconds to flash the LED (in milliseconds). This message is sent when SW1 is pressed. This message is sent to APS Group 1 (this is a broadcast message that is filtered for devices that belong to group 1).

All devices, during initialization, join group 1, then the user can remove the application from group 1 by pressing SW2. SW2 works like a toggle to join and remove the device from group 1. So, by pressing SW2 the user can disable the LED flashing (not accept Flash Control Messages).

1.1.1.1 Key Presses

- SW1: Sends a flash message to all devices in group 1.
- SW2: Toggles the devices enrollment in and out of group 1.

1.1.2 User Application Development

This sample application uses the minimal subset of ZDO Public Interfaces that it would take to make a Device reasonably viable in a ZigBee network. In addition, all sample applications utilize the essential OSAL API functionality: inter and intra-task communication by sending and receiving messages, setting and receiving task events, setting and receiving timer callbacks, using dynamic memory, as well as, others. In addition, every sample application makes use of the HAL API functionality by controlling LED's. Thus, any sample application serves as a fertile example from which to copy-and-paste, or as the base code of the user's application to which to add additional Application Objects.

By definition, an Application Object can only support a single Profile; and each of the Z-Stack sample applications implements an unofficial Private Profile. The Private Profile Id's used by the sample applications have been arbitrarily chosen and must not be used outside of the development laboratory. Although a Private Profile may use a unique network configuration, Z-Stack sample applications have been implemented and tested with the network configuration specified by the Stack Profile known as HomeControlLighting (0x0100.)

Any Application Object must sit overtop of a unique Endpoint; and any Endpoint is defined by a Simple Descriptor. The numbers used for the Endpoints in the Simple Descriptors in the sample applications have been chosen arbitrarily.

Each sample application instantiates only one Application Object and therefore only supports the one corresponding Profile. But, keep in mind that two or more Application Objects may be instantiated in the same Device. When instantiating more than one Application Object in the same Device, each Application Object must implement a unique Profile Id and sit overtop of a unique Endpoint number. The sample applications meet the unique Id's and Endpoint numbers requirement and could be combined into one Device with minor modifications.²

1.2 OSAL Tasks

1.2.1 Initialization

OSAL is designed and distributed as source so that the entire OSAL functionality may be modified by the Z-Stack user. The goal of the design is that it should not be necessary to modify OSAL in order to use the Z-Stack as distributed. The one exception is that the OSAL Task initialization function, osalAddTasks(), must be implemented by the user. The sample applications have implemented said function in a dedicated file named something like this: OSAL_"Application Name".c (e.g. OSAL_SampleApp.c). The BSP will invoke osalAddTasks() as part of the board power-up and Z-Stack initialization process.

1.2.2 Organization

As described in the Z-Stack OSAL API (F8W-2003-0002) document, the OSAL implements a cooperative, round-robin task servicing loop. Each major sub-system of the Z-Stack runs as an OSAL Task. The user must create at least one OSAL Task in which their application will run. This is accomplished in the implementation of the osalAddTasks() function. The sample applications clearly show how the user must add an invocation to osalTaskAdd() for at least one user task after all of the Z-Stack tasks.

1.2.3 System Services

OSAL and HAL system services are exclusive - only one OSAL Task may register for keyboard (switch press) notification and serial port activity notification. The same task does not have to register for both, and none of the Z-Stack Tasks register for either – they are both left to the user's application.

1.2.4 Application Design

The user may create one task for each Application Object instantiated or service all of the Application Objects with just one task. The following are some of the considerations when making the aforementioned design choice.

1.2.4.1 One OSAL Task to many Application Objects

These are some of the pros & cons of the one-to-many design:

- Pro: The action taken when receiving an exclusive task event (switch press or serial port) is simplified.
- Pro: The heap space required for many OSAL Task structures is saved.
- Con: The action taken when receiving an incoming AF message or an AF data confirmation is complicated the burden for de-multiplexing the intended recipient Application Object is on the single user task.

1.2.4.2 One OSAL Task to one Application Object

These pros & cons of the one-to-one design are the inverse of those above for the one-to-many design:

- Pro: An incoming AF message or an AF data confirmation has already been de-multiplexed by the lower layers of the stack, so the receiving Application Object is the intended recipient.
- Con: The heap space required for many OSAL Task structures is incurred.
- Con: The action taken when receiving an exclusive task event may be more complicated if two or more Application Objects use the same exclusive resource.

1.2.5 Mandatory Methods

Any OSAL Task must implement two methods: one to perform task initialization and the other to handle task events.

1.2.5.1 Task Initialization

The callback function to perform task initialization is named like this in the sample applications: "Application Name" Init (e.g. SampleApp Init). The task initialization function should accomplish the following:

- Initialization of variables local to or specific for the corresponding Application Object(s). Any long-lived heap memory allocation should be made in order to facilitate more efficient heap memory management by the OSAL.
- Instantiation of the corresponding Application Object(s) by registering with the AF layer (e.g. afRegister()).
- Registration with the applicable OSAL or HAL system services (e.g. RegisterForKeys()).

1.2.5.2 Task Event Handler

The callback function to handle task events is named like this in the sample applications: "Application Name"_ProcessEvent (e.g. SampleApp_ProcessEvent()). Any OSAL Task can define up to 15 events in addition to the mandatory event.

1.2.6 Mandatory Events

One task event, SYS_EVENT_MSG (0x8000), is reserved and required by the OSAL Task design.

1.2.6.1 SYS EVENT MSG (0x8000)

The global system messages sent via the SYS_EVENT_MSG are specified in ZComDef.h. The task event handler should process the following minimal subset of these global system messages. The recommended processing of the following messages should be learned directly from the sample application code or from the study of the program flow in the SampleApp.³

1.2.6.1.1 AF DATA CONFIRM CMD

This is an indication of the OTA result for each data request that is successfully initiated by invoking AF_DataRequest(). ZSuccess confirms that the data request was successfully transmitted OTA. If the data request was made with the AF_ACK_REQUEST flag set, then the ZSuccess confirms that the message was successfully received at the final destination. Otherwise, the ZSuccess only confirms that the message was successfully transmitted to the next hop.⁴

1.2.6.1.2 AF INCOMING MSG CMD

This is an indication of an incoming AF message.

1.2.6.1.3 **KEY_CHANGE**

This is an indication of a key press action.

1.2.6.1.4 ZDO_NEW DSTADDR

This is an indication of a response to a Match Descriptor Request (i.e. auto-match).

1.2.6.1.5 ZDO_STATE_CHANGE

This is an indication that the network state has changed.

1.3 Network Formation

A sample application compiled as a Coordinator will form a network on one of the channels specified by the DEFAULT CHANLIST. The Coordinator will establish a random Pan ID based on its own IEEE address or on ZDAPP CONFIG PAN ID if it is not defined as 0xFFFF. A sample application compiled as a Router or End Device will try to join a network on one of the channels specified by DEFAULT CHANLIST. If ZDAPP_CONFIG_PAN_ID is not defined as 0xFFFF, the Router will be constrained to join only the Pan ID thusly defined. Note the unexpected result achieved because of the difference in behavior between a Coordinator and a End Device when ZDAPP CONFIG PAN ID is not defined as ZDAPP_CONFIG_PAN_ID is defined as a valid value less than or equal to 0x3FFF, then the Coordinator will only attempt to establish a network with the specified Pan Id. Thus, if the Coordinator is constrained to one channel, and the specified Pan Id has already been established on that channel, the newly starting Coordinator will make successive changes until it achieves a unique Pan Id. A Router or End Device newly joining will have no way of knowing the value of the "de-conflicted" Pan Id established, and will therefore join only the Pan Id specified. A similarly challenging scenario arises when the permitted channel mask allows more than one channel and the Coordinator cannot use the first channel because of a Pan Id conflict – a Router or End Device will join the specified Pan Id on the first channel scanned, if allowed.⁵

1.3.1 Auto Start

A device will automatically start trying to form or join a network as part of the BSP power-up sequence. If the device should wait on a timer or other external event before joining, then <code>HOLD_AUTO_START</code> must be defined. In order to manually start the join process at a later time, invoke <code>ZDApp_StartUpFromApp()</code>.

1.3.2 Soft Start

To save on device types required to form the network, all router devices can be compiled as a Coordinator with SOFT_START defined. If the auto start behavior is required, then AUTO_SOFT_START must also be defined.

1.3.3 Network Restore

Devices that have successfully joined a network can "restore the network" (instead of reforming by OTA messages) even after losing power or battery. This automatic restoration can be enabled by defining $NV_RESTORE$ and/or NV_INIT .

1.3.4 Join Notification

The device is notified of the status of the network formation or join (or any change in network state) with the ZDO_STATE_CHANGE message mentioned above. ⁷

2. The Sample Application (SampleApp)

2.1 Introduction

The SampleApp provides an example of the structure of an application and the program and message flow. It will be illustrative to study the program and message flow in such a simple application.

2.2 Program Flow

2.2.1 Initialization

During system power-up and initialization⁸ SampleApp_Init() will be invoked.

```
SampleApp TaskID = task id;
```

Notice that OSAL assigns the SampleApp its Task Id via the function parameter. This is the Task Id that SampleApp must use to set a timer for itself, to set an event for itself, or to send an OSAL message to itself. Any of the aforementioned operations might be done in order to divide a large chunk processing up into smaller chunks that are executed on successive "time slots" from OSAL instead of taking too much time on any single time slot. When a task divides a large chunk of work into smaller chunks that are executed one per time slot, a task is effecting the "cooperative" behavior requisite of the OSAL Task design.

```
SampleApp_NwkState = DEV_INIT;
```

It is useful to maintain a local copy of the device's network state. The network state at power-up is "not connected" or DEV_INIT. An OSAL task will not get a ZDO_STATE_CHANGE message of this default state during or after power-up, so it must be initialized locally. As soon as a new network state is achieved, the task will get the ZDO_STATE_CHANGE message. Note that when a device is built with NV_RESTORE and is connected to a network before a power cycle, the ZDO_STATE_CHANGE message will be received shortly after power-up with no OTA traffic because the "network connected" state has been restored from non-volatile memory.

```
SampleApp_DstAddr.addrMode = (afAddrMode_t)AddrNotPresent;
SampleApp_DstAddr.endPoint = 0;
SampleApp_DstAddr.addr.shortAddr = 0;
```

The default destination address is initialized so that messages will be sent to the Coordinator (network address 0x0000) and received by the Coordinator's ZDO (EndPoint 0x00). The method of delivery will be "indirect", relying on the network reflector device (usually the coordinator) to match the source address and the destination EndPoint to a destination address found in its binding table. If no matching binding exists, the message will end at the Coordinator and the sending SampleApp will still receive an AF_DATA_CONFIRM_CMD message with a status of ZSuccess, even if the message was sent with the AF_ACK_REQUEST flag.⁹

```
SampleApp_epDesc.endPoint = SAMPLEAPP_ENDPOINT;
SampleApp_epDesc.task_id = &SampleApp_TaskID;
SampleApp_epDesc.simpleDesc =
    SimpleDescriptionFormat_t *)&SampleApp_SimpleDesc;
SampleApp_epDesc.latencyReq = noLatencyReqs;
// Register the endpoint description with the AF
afRegister(&SampleApp_epDesc);
```

The SampleApp Application Object is instantiated by the above code. This allows the AF layer to know how to route incoming packets destined for the SAMPLEAPP_PROFID / SAMPLEAPP_ENDPOINT – it will do so by sending an OSAL SYS_EVENT_MSG-message (AF_INCOMING_MSG_CMD) to the SampleApp_TaskID.

```
RegisterForKeys( SampleApp_TaskID );
```

The SampleApp registers for the exclusive system service of key press notification.¹⁰

```
SampleApp_Group.ID = 0x0001;
```

```
osal_memcpy( SampleApp_Group.name, "Group1");
aps_AddGroup( SAMPLEAPP_ENDPOINT, &SampleApp_Group );
```

Flash Control messages are sent to group 1, so to receive messages for group 1, this device will be automatically setup for group 1. Pressing SW1, will toggle the enrollment into group 1.

2.2.2 Event Processing

Whenever an OSAL event occurs for the SampleApp_TaskID, the SampleApp event processing function, SampleApp_ProcessEvent(), will be invoked in turn from the OSAL round-robin task processing loop. The parameter to SampleApp_ProcessEvent() is a 16-bit bit mask; one or more bits may be set in any invocation of the function. If more than one event is set, it is strongly recommended that a task should only act on one of the events (probably the most time-critical one, and almost always, the SYS_EVENT_MSG as the highest priority one.)

```
if ( events & SYS_EVENT_MSG )
{
   MSGpkt = (afIncomingMSGPacket_t*)osal_msg_receive( SampleApp_TaskID );
   while ( MSGpkt )
   {
    ...
```

Notice that although it is recommended that a task only act on one of possibly many pending events on any single invocation of the task processing function, it is also recommended (and implemented in the sample applications) to process all of the possibly many pending SYS_EVENT_MSG messages all in the same "time slice" from the OSAL.

```
switch ( MSGpkt->hdr.event )
```

Above it is shown how to look for the "type" of the SYS_EVENT_MSG message. It is recommended that a task implement a minimum subset of all of the possible types of SYS_EVENT_MSG messages. ¹¹ This minimum subset is implemented by the SampleApp and described below.

If an OSAL Task has registered for the key press notification, any key press event will be received as a KEY_CHANGE system event message. There are two possible paths of program flow that would result in a task receiving this KEY_CHANGE message.

The program flow that results from the physical key press is the following:

- HAL detects the key press state (either by an H/W interrupt or by H/W polling.)
- The HAL OSAL task detects a key state change and invokes the OSAL key change callback function.
- The OSAL key change callback function sends an OSAL system event message (KEY_CHANGE) to the Task Id that registered to receive key change event notification (RegisterForKeys().)

```
case AF_DATA_CONFIRM_CMD:
    // The status is of ZStatus_t type [defined in ZComDef.h]
    // The message fields are defined in AF.h
    afDataConfirm = (afDataConfirm_t *)MSGpkt;
    sentEP = afDataConfirm->endpoint;
    sentStatus = afDataConfirm->hdr.status;
    sentTransID = afDataConfirm->transID;
```

Any invocation of $AF_DataRequest()$ that returns ZSuccess will result in a "callback" by way of the $AF_DATA_CONFIRM_CMD$ system event message.

The sent Transaction Id (sentTransID) is one way to identify the message. Although SampleApp only uses a single Transaction Id (SampleApp_TransID), it might be useful to keep a separate Transaction Id for each different EndPoint or even for each ClusterId within an EndPoint for the sake of message confirmation, retry, disassembling and reassembling, etc.. Note that any Transaction Id state variable gets incremented by AF_DataRequest() upon success (thus it is a parameter passed by reference, not by value.)

The return value of AF_DataRequest() of ZSuccess signifies that the message has been accepted by the Network Layer which will attempt to send it to the MAC layer which will attempt to send it OTA. The sent Status (sentStatus) is the OTA result of the message. ZSuccess signifies that the message has been delivered to the next-hop ZigBee device in the network. If AF_DataRequest() was invoked with the AF_ACK_REQUEST flag, then ZSuccess signifies that the message was delivered to the destination address. Unless the addressing mode of the message was indirect (i.e. the message was sent to the network reflector to do a binding table lookup and resend the message to the matching device(s)), in which case ZSuccess signifies that the message was delivered to the network reflector. There are several possible sent status values to indicate failure. 12

Whenever the network state changes, all tasks are notified with the system event message ZDO_STATE_CHANGE. Notice that SampleApp is implemented to begin a running timer as soon as the device successfully joins a network. When the network state changes to "joined", it might also be useful to initiate an auto find so that devices can bind without requiring user action.

```
// Release the memory
osal_msg_deallocate( (uint8 *)MSGpkt );
```

Notice that the design of the OSAL messaging system requires that the receiving task re-cycle the dynamic memory allocated for the message. If OSAL cannot enqueue a message (either the Task Id does not exist or the message header is not correct), it will re-cycle the memory.

The SampleApp has defined one of the 15 available bits in the Task Event Mask in SampleApp. h: 13

```
#define SAMPLEAPP_SEND_PERIODIC_MSG_EVT 0x0001
```

SampleApp uses its own Task Id implicitly in the call to osal_start_timer() when setting a timer for itself for its SAMPLEAPP SEND MSG EVT event. The timer was automatically started after receiving notification of

successfully joining a network (ZDO_STATE_CHANGE). Above, the timer is re-started after every expiration. Every SAMPLEAPP_SEND_PERIODIC_MSG_EVT interval, there is also a data request made in SampleApp_SendPeriodicMessage();

2.3 Message Flow

By using an OSAL timer, SampleApp sends a periodic message OTA.

The Application Object data of the OTA message is a simple counter, that when received will be displayed on the receiver's LCD.

The call to AF_DataRequest() starts the process of passing the user message down through the layers of the stack in order to prepare a message to go OTA. If the function returns ZSuccess, then a complete message has been assembled to the point of having the network layer headers, footers, and optional security applied to the entire message, and this assembled message has been enqueued in the network buffers waiting to send OTA. The network layer will not attempt to pass this new message to the MAC until the Network Task runs again when it is invoked in order by the OSAL Task processing loop. Even when the Network Task runs again, the new OTA message will wait until any previously enqueued messages have been sent to the MAC to go OTA. Any return value of failure by AF_DataRequest() signifies a failure at one of the stack layers and is almost always due to a lack of sufficient heap space to enqueue another message; thus, there is no chance that the message went OTA.

When the Network Layer successfully passes the message to the MAC Layer and the MAC layer succeeds in sending the message OTA, the message is routed, hop by hop, to the destination address specified in the call to AF_DataRequest(). When the message finally arrives at the destination Network Address, the lower layers strip off optional security and route the Application Object data payload to the destination EndPoint specified in the destination Address of passed as the first parameter in the call to AF_DataRequest(). The receiving Application Object will be notified by the SYS_EVENT_MSG message AF_INCOMING_MSG_CMD.

```
case AF_INCOMING_MSG_CMD:
   SampleApp_MessageMSGCB( MSGpkt );
   break;
```

Above, the SampleApp receives the SYS_EVENT_MSG message in SampleApp_ProcessEvent() and below, processes the user data sent OTA.

```
void SampleApp_MessageMSGCB( afIncomingMSGPacket_t *pkt )
{
```

```
switch ( pkt->clusterId )
{
   case SAMPLEAPP_PERIODIC_CLUSTERID:
     // Display and increment a counter on the LCD in the periodic space break;

   case SAMPLEAPP_FLASH_CLUSTERID:
     flashTime = BUILD_UINT16(pkt->cmd.Data[1], pkt->cmd.Data[2]);
     HalLedBlink( HAL_LED_4, 4, 50, (flashTime / 4));
     break;
}
```

The contents of the OTA data transfer are not used. SampleApp assumes that the OTA data contains a counter and a flash timeout (for the flash control message).

3. Demo Build

Along with the usual configuration (coordinator, router and end device), this project includes a "Demo" configuration. The "Demo" configuration(s) can become either a coordinator or router (from the same build) depending on a hardware jumper setting. So, you can load the same ("Demo") build on to all of your demo kit boards, then set a jumper on one of the boards (to become the coordinator) before starting all the devices to form a network.

3.1 Demo Jumper Setting

The "Coordinator" jumper for this application is located on the developer's boards:

Board	Jumper Location
CC2430DB	P7 pins 1 & 3
CC2430EB	I/O A pins 9 & 11

¹ If your application will not be implementing a Standard or a Published Profile, then you must apply for a Private Profile Id that can be used outside of the development laboratory. The process of obtaining a Private Profile Id is outside the scope of this document

² The changes required to instantiate more than one sample application in the same device are discussed in the document where the corresponding functionality is described.

³ See section 2.2 Program Flow – a study of the implementation of the SampleApp sample code.

⁴ The next hop device may or may not be the destination device of a data request. Therefore, the AF data confirmation of delivery to the next hop must not be misinterpreted as confirmation that the data request was delivered to the destination device. Refer to the discussion of delivery options (AF_MSG_ACK_REQUEST in the Z-Stack AF API and the APS_TX_OPTIONS_ACK in the Z-Stack APS API).

⁵ For more information on how to customize and control the network formation, consult the Z-Stack Device Object API (ZDO NetworkDiscoveryConfirmCB()) and the Z-Stack Device Object Programmer's Guide.

⁶ Ibid. Also see ZDApp StartUpFromApp().

⁷ For more information on how to customize and control which devices are allowed to join as associated devices, consult the Z-Stack Device Object API (ZDO_JoinIndicationCB()) and the Z-Stack Device Object Programmer's Guide.

⁸ See sections 1.2.1 and 1.2.5.1.

⁹ Refer to the cons of binding, section 1.4.1.

¹⁰ See sections 1.2.3 and 1.2.6.1.3.

¹¹ For a complete list of all of the types of SYS_EVENT_MSG messages, refer to "Global System Messages" in ZComDef.h.

¹² See "MAC status values" in ZComDef.h.

 $^{^{13}}$ Note that one task event is reserved, see "Global System Events" in ZComDef.h: #define SYS_EVENT_MSG 0x8000 // A message is waiting event