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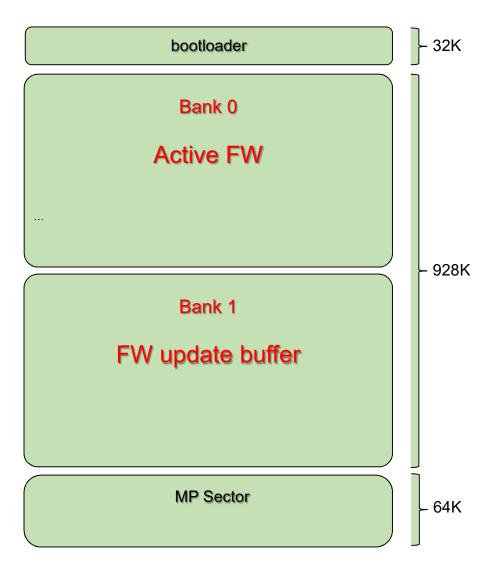
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1. Overview

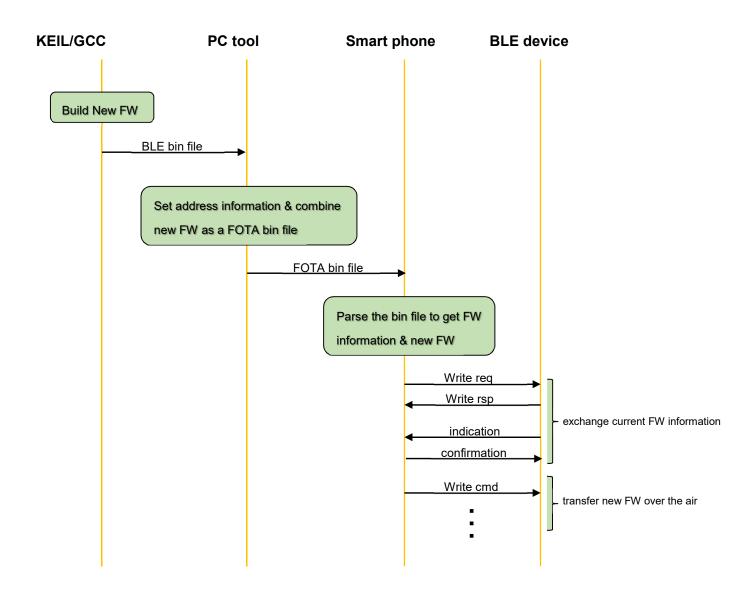
RT58x BLE SDK utilizes dual-bank flash to perform firmware over-the-air (FOTA) updates to ensure a valid image is activated. Bank 0 of the dual-bank flash is configured as an active FW block and Bank 1 is configured as the FW update buffer.





A complete FOTA update is accomplished via the following steps:

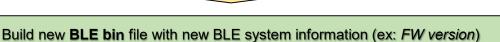
- Build new FW using KEIL/GCC.
- Use the PC tool to combine new FW and system information into a FOTA bin file.
- Load the FOTA bin file into smart phone and use the FOTA APP to parse the system information and FW.
- Query system information of the BLE device and make a decision whether or not to update the FW.





2. Running FOTA Update Demo

Confirm BLE device support the functionality of FOTA update, which means the bootloader & FOTA update service already programmed

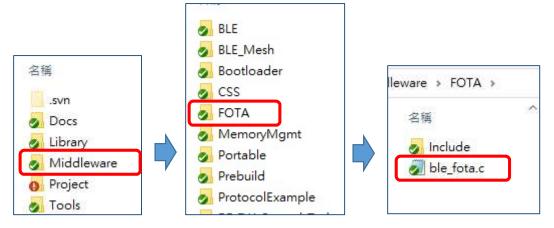


Load new **BLE bin** file into the PC tool and key-in the address information. The PC tool will combine the info as a **FOTA bin** file

Use mobile app to query the current *FW version* of the BLE device and decode the *FW version* of the **FOTA bin** file to determine whether or not to perform an over-the-air update process

2.1 Build the BLE bin file with BLE System information

BLE System information is set by array systeminfo [] which is defined in "ble_fota.c" file with 16-byte maximum length.





The string "VerGet" is defined for PC tool to search system information, in the code base should not appear second string like this.

2.2 Using the IOT Evaluation Tool to Get FOTA bin File

After open the IOT evaluation tool, click the icon "FOTA" to go to the page "FOTA update tool".



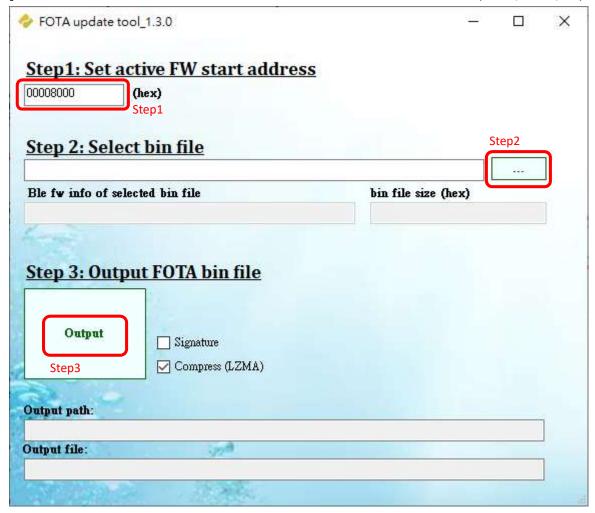


In FOTA update tool, follows these steps to get FOTA bin file

2.2.1 Normal Mode

- Step 1: Set active FW start address, default value is 0x8000, Usually, user don't have to change the value.
- Step 2: Select the bin file that already built by KEIL/GCC.
- Step 3: Click the "Output" button to output a new FOTA bin file.

[Note that after SDK version 1.3.0, it is recommended to check the "Compress(LZMA)" option.]





2.2.2 Security Boot Mode

OpenSSL is an open-source command line tool that is commonly used to generate private keys, create CSRs, install your SSL/TLS certificate, and identify certificate information. Security Boot option is a quick way to implement these function with openssl.exe. This user guide will help you understand the most common OpenSSL commands and how to use them. Security Boot option is created with c sharp and will generate ECDSA digital signature and verify signature by this software, the following third-party packages are required: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/confirmation.aspx?id=30679

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- Download OpenSSL Binary
 - Download the latest OpenSSL windows installer file. Click the below link to visit OpenSSL download page:
 - http://slproweb.com/products/Win32OpenSSL.html
 - ii. Open a command prompt on your system and type "openssl" to open OpenSSL prompt.

 After that type version to get the installed OpenSSL version on your system (as shown in Figure 2.1).

```
C:\Users\Rahu1>
C:\Users\Rahu1>openss1
OpenSSL>
OpenSSL>
OpenSSL>
OpenSSL> version
OpenSSL 1.1.1a 20 Nov 2021
```

Figure 2.1 OpenSSL version

- Using SHA-256 Algorithm with ECDSA
 - i. Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm, or ECDSA, is one of the more complex public key cryptography encryption algorithms. ECDSA is used for asymmetric encryption and decryption, as well as for signing and verifying. ECDSA provides the same level of security as RSA but it does so while using much shorter key lengths. Therefore, for longer keys, ECDSA will take considerably more time to crack through brute-forcing attacks.
 - ii. Advantages of using ECDSA to RSA:
 - ECDSA requires much shorter keys to provide the same level of security.
 - ECDSA has quick process of signing and verification.
 - ECDSA has much better performance compared to RSA by shorter key lengths
 - ECDSA is in compliance with the modern requirements of industry.
- Tool architecture



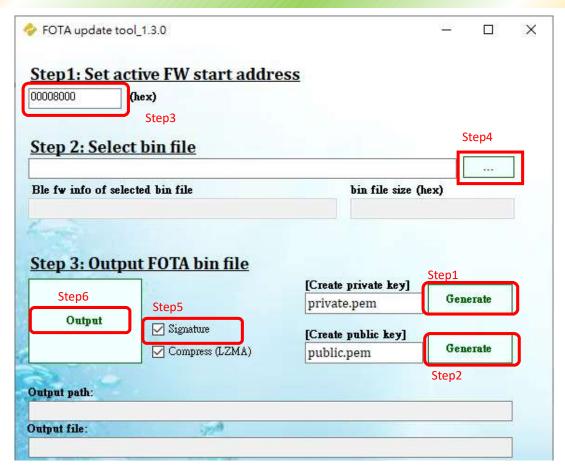


Figure 2.2 Security Boot Tool architecture

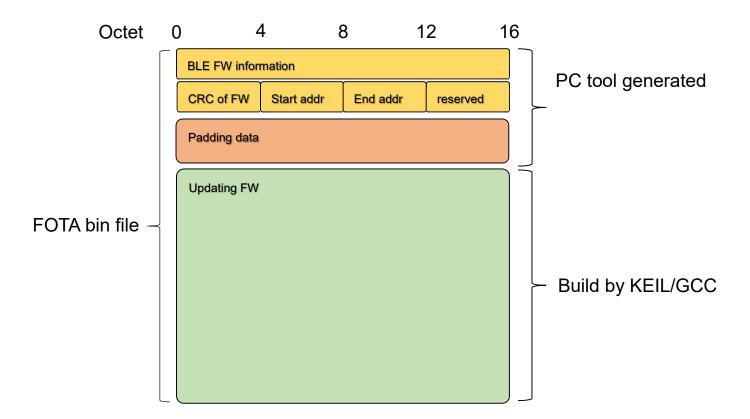
- i. Figure 2.2 draws the Security Boot architecture diagram. Following step-by-step instructions, users can easily operate Security Boot.
- ii. Generate Public and Private Keys with openssl.exe.
 - Step 1: Type in private key filename such as "private.pem" and click "GENERATE" button to generate private key.
 - Step 2: Proceed to the next step, type in public key filename such as "public.pem" and click "GENERATE" button to generate public key. Meanwhile, tool also will generate an output file named "public.der", which is a public key certificate in .der format with OpenSSL.
- iii. Generate and verify a signature with openssl.exe.
 - Step 3: Set active FW start address, default value is 0x8000, Usually, user don't have to change the value. When selecting "bootloader.bin", this value will be ignored
 - Step 4: Select digest of document to sign, such as "bootloader.bin".
 - Step 5: Check the "signature" option.
 - Step 6: Pressing "Output" button, tool will parse the data of signature and write to end of file and output the file location information in "Output path" and "Output file".
 - [Note that the "bootloader.bin" file cannot check the "Compress(LZMA)" option.]

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PC tool generates 32byte of information. The information is saved to the front of FOTA bin file. PC tool also insert padding data behind the information. Padding data size equals to "active FW start address", default is 0x8000. Updating FW is allocated after padding data.



2.2.3 Complete Steps To Operate Security Boot Mode

The following is an operation example:

We have prepared 3 files:

Index	bin file name	generate tools	Remark
1	bootloader.bin	KEIL or GCC	bootloader
2	TRSP_FOTA_Periph_0001.bin	KEIL or GCC	Application bin case 1
3	TRSP_FOTA_Periph_0002.bin	KEIL or GCC	Application bin case 2

We need to generate the following files through the FOTA tool.

I	Index	bin file name	generate tools	Remark
4	4	private.pem	FOTA	Private Key



5	public.pem	FOTA	Public Key
6	bootloader_Signature.bin	FOTA	Bootloader bin containing
			the signature is provided
			to the ISP tool.
7	TRSP_FOTA_Periph_0001_Signature_ISP.bin	FOTA	Application bin case 1
			containing the signature
			is provided to the ISP
			tool.
8	TRSP_FOTA_Periph_0001_Signature_FOTA.bin	FOTA	Application bin case 1
			contains the signature bin
			and is provided to APP do
9	TRSP_FOTA_Periph_0002_Signature_FOTA.bin	FOTA	Application bin case 2
			contains the signature bin
			and is provided to the
			App for FOTA use.

Please note that before generating Index 6 to 9 files, you must first generate "private.pem" and "public.pem" files [the two file locations are in the same folder as the executable program IoT_EVALUATION_TOOL.exe].

Index 4. Generate "private.pem" file



After clicking "Generate", you will see the private.pem file in the folder [same path as the



executable program].

- Index 5. Generate "public.pem" file



After clicking "Generate", you will see the private.pem file in the folder [same path as the executable program].

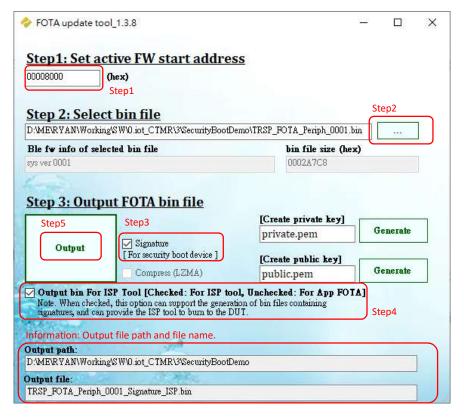
- Index 6. Generate "bootloader_Signature.bin" file





This file contains the signature bootloader.bin, which is required for security mode.

- Index 7. Generate "TRSP_FOTA_Periph_0001_Signature_ISP.bin" file



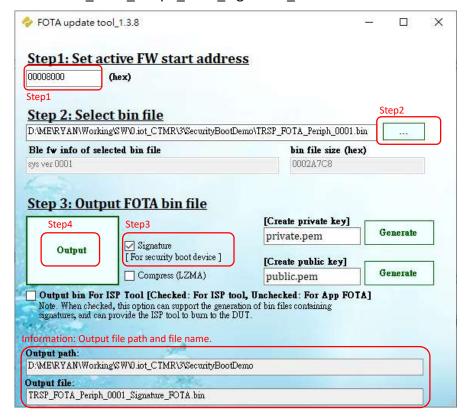
Please note that in Step 3, this application bin file must have "Signature" checked.

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Please note that in Step 4 this application bin file must have "Output bin For ISP Tool" checked.

Index 8. Generate "TRSP_FOTA_Periph_0001_Signature_FOTA.bin" file



Please note that in Step 3, this application bin file must have "Signature" checked.

Index 9. Generate "TRSP_FOTA_Periph_0002_Signature_FOTA.bin" file

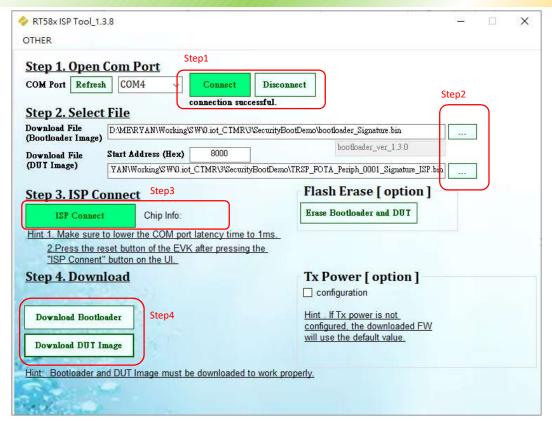




Please note that in Step 3, this application bin file must have "Signature" checked.

- Let the DUT work in Security mode.
 - Download "bootloader_Signature.bin" and
 "TRSP FOTA Periph 0001 Signature ISP.bin" to the DUT using the ISP tool.

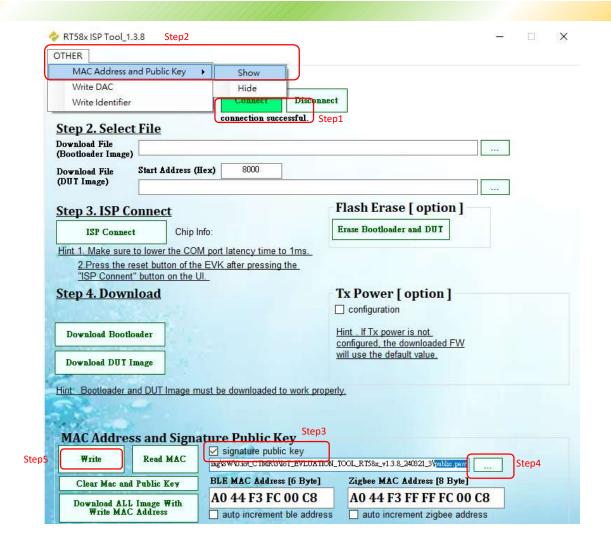




These steps are the same as for standard ISP downloads, just make sure the file you choose contains a signature.

2. Write "public.pem" to the DUT's security page.

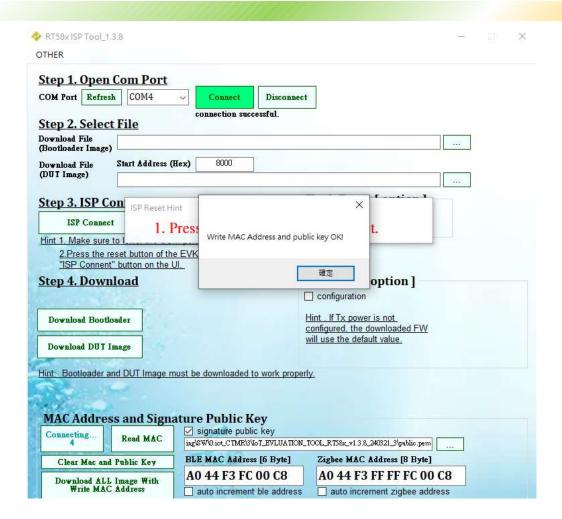




This step is very important. When the user writes the correct public key[public.pem] into the security page in this way, the DUT will enter the security mode and check whether the public key is correct every time it is restarted.

Please note that in step 5, when you press the Write button, you must press the reset button of the DUT within 7 seconds to enter the ISP connect mode. When entering this mode, the public key will be written. If the writing is successful, "write MAC address and public key OK" will be displayed. As shown below.

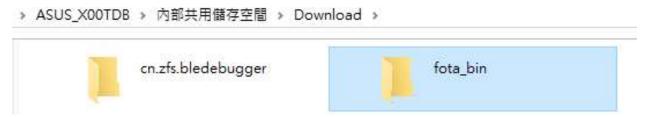




At this point, the DUT has completed security mode setting. You can use the FOTA function of the APP to transfer TRSP_FOTA_Periph_0002_Signature_FOTA.bin to the DUT, and it should be updated successfully. If you send a bin file without a signature, the update will fail.

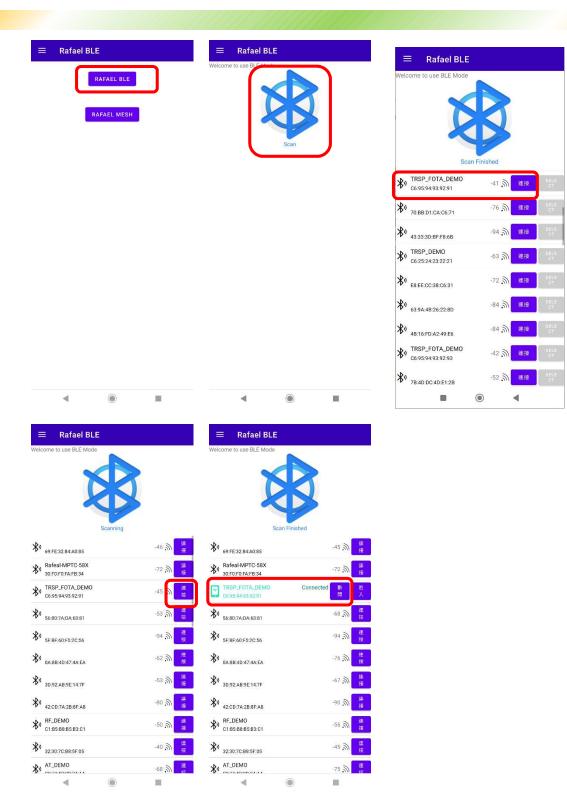
2.3 Start the FOTA Update by Using Mobile App

After generating the FOTA bin file, put it into specific folder "fota_bin" of smart phone (folder path: download/fota_bin).



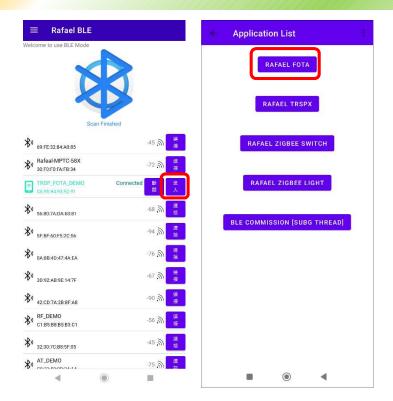
Install and open the mobile app "Rafael BLE" to scan and connect BLE device.





Once BLE device successfully connect, enter application list to find FOTA update page and pairing with BLE device.





At FOTA update page,

Step1: select FOTA bin file by button

Step2: click the button, mobile app will parse FOTA bin file to get system information and query BLE device's system information.

Step3: click the CHECK BANKI STATE button to check updating FW buffer of device and APP the will check the transmission type is a resume one or new one.

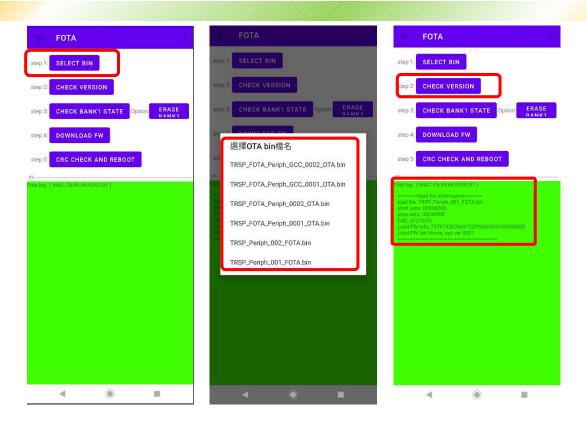
Note that If previous incomplete update FW found in FW updating buffer, and FW mismatch with new updating FW. mobile APP will send erase command to device. Otherwise, mobile APP will resume the transmission from last abort address.

Step4: click button to start FW updating over the air.

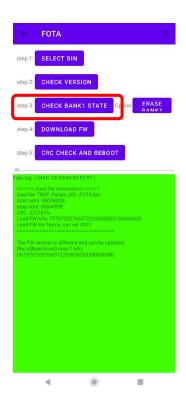
Step5: Signal device to update new FW and reboot.

Step 1 & 2:





Step 3 check FW buffer status



Step 3-1 (optional) mobile APP will send erase command for the buffer to device, after

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erase command send, please go back to BLE scanning page to reconnect device and start from step 1



Step 4: start send FW to device App shows the progress bar and log information.





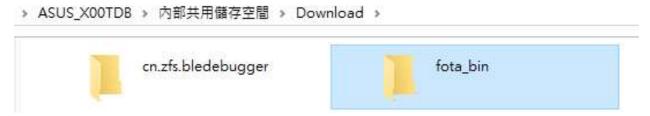
Step 5: check device get FW completely and reboot device to update new FW



2.4 Start the FOTA update for multi-device by using Mobile App

When FOTA is required for multiple devices, you can follow the steps below to simplify excessive manual steps.

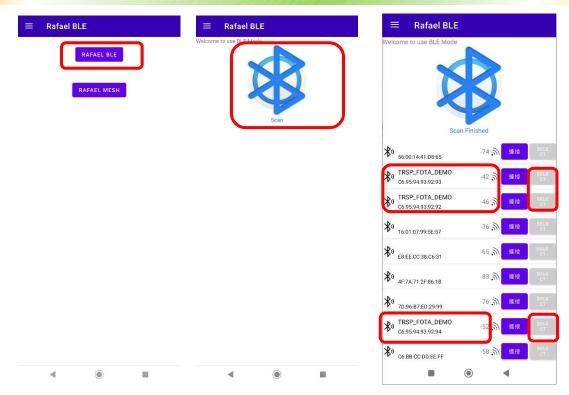
After generating the FOTA bin file, put it into specific folder "fota_bin" of smart phone (folder path: download/fota_bin).



Install and open the mobile app "Rafael BLE" to scan and select BLE device.

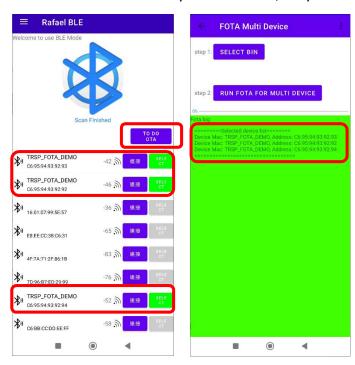
Note that no connection is required here, so you need to use the Button to select the device for OTA.





When more than one device is selected, the "TO DO OTA" button will be displayed on the UI. After the user selects the device that needs OTA, then press the "TO DO OTA" button to enter the OTA for multi-device UI.

After entering the UI screen, the Log will display the device name and MAC selected by the user for re-confirmation. If they do not match, they can return to the scanning screen and select again.



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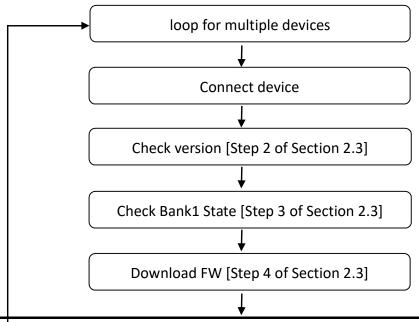
At FOTA Multi device update page,

Step1: select FOTA bin file by button





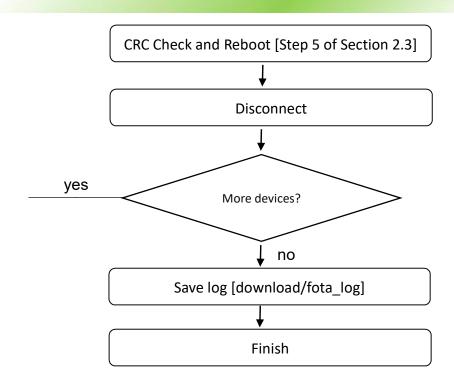
Step2: click the RUNFOTA FOR MULTI DEVICE button, these devices will perform steps 2 to 5 introduced in Chapter 2.3, as shown in the flow chart below.



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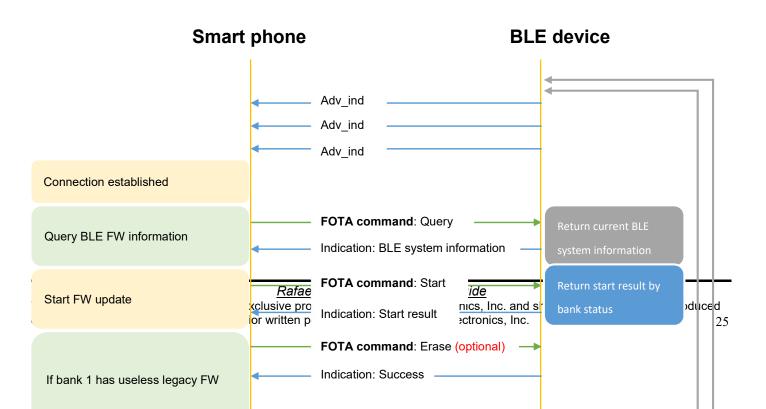
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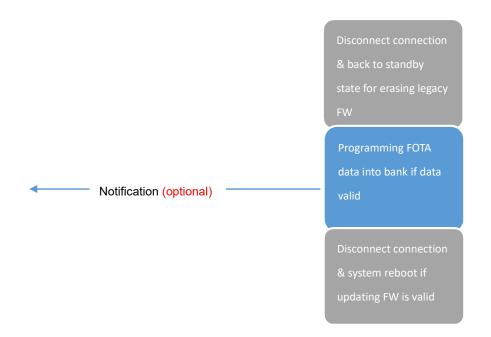


3. FOTA Communication Flow

After the BLE device is paired with a smart phone, the compete FOTA update handshake flow proceeds as shown below:







From the handshake flow, you can find that there were two major functions **FOTA command** and **FOTA data** to handle FOTA update procedure. These two functions defined in the file "ble fota.c":

```
void ble_fota_cmd(uint8_t host_id, uint8_t length, uint8_t *p_data);
void ble_fota_data(uint8_t host_id, uint8_t length, uint8_t *p_data);
```

3.1 FOTA command

FOTA commands were parsed by function "ble fota cmd()".

The first byte of command payload contains command ID and each command ID may contain different information behind. We defined four kind of commands here:

1. **Query**: Query device current system information.

octets	1
parameter	Command ID
	(0x00)

2. Start: Start FW upgrade, this command contains new FW length and CRC.



octets	1	4	4	4	1
parameter	Command ID	FW length	FW CRC	Notify	FW info
	(0x01)			interval	

Erase: Terminated the connection and erasing legacy FW and information.

octets	1
parameter	Command ID
	(0x02)

4. Apply: Apply the new FW if device receiving FW length and CRC matched with FOTA command "Start".

octets	1	4
parameter	Command ID	Bank0 address
	(0x03)	

Note: command "Erase" sends only when device report that there are legacy FW in bank 1 and smart phone confirmed this FW was not match with updating FW. You can find the upon definitions in the file "ble fota.h".

```
#define OTA CMD QUERY
                                                 0x00
                                                       /* Query current system information */
#define OTA CMD START
                                                 0x01 /* Start FW OTA update */
#define OTA_CMD_ERASE
                                                 0x02 /* Erase legacy FW */
#define OTA CMD APPLY
                                                 0x03
                                                      /* FW transmission completed, apply new FW */
```

When device received FOTA command, an indication with error code will return to smart phone to decide how to continue the FOTA procedure. These error codes were also defined in "ble fota.h" file:

```
typedef uint8 t OtaErrCode;
#define OTA ERR CODE NO ERR
                                               0x00 /* Command success */
#define OTA_ERR_CODE_CMD_ERR
                                               0x01 /* Unsupported command ID */
#define OTA ERR CODE ALREADY START
                                               0x02 /* FOTA procedure already start */
                                               0x03 /* FOTA procedure was not start */
#define OTA ERR CODE UPDATE NOT START
                                               0x04 /* Flash erase fail */
#define OTA ERR CODE FLASH ERASE ERR
#define OTA ERR CODE FW CRC ERR
                                               0x05 /* Receiving FW's CRC incorrect */
                                               0x06 /* Receiving FW's length incorrect */
#define OTA ERR CODE FW LEN ERR
#define OTA ERR CODE OUT OF BANK SIZE
                                               0x07 /* Updating FW's length larger than bank size */
```

1. **No error**: Command success.

octets	1	
parameter	Error code	
	(0x00)	

Command error: Unsupported command ID.



octets	1	
parameter	Error code	
	(0x01)	

3. Already start: FOTA procedure already start.

octets	1	4	4	3
parameter	Error code	Updating	Updating	Updating FW next
	(0x02)	FW length	FW CRC	expect address

4. **Update not start**: FOTA procedure not start yet.

octets	1
parameter	Error code
	(0x03)

5. Flash erase error: Bank flash erase fail.

octets	1
parameter	Error code
	(0x04)

6. **FW CRC error**: Receiving FW's CRC is incorrect.

octets	1
parameter	Error code
	(0x05)

7. FW length error: Receiving FW's length is incorrect.

octets	1
parameter	Error code
	(0x06)

8. Out of bank size: Updating FW's length larger than bank size.

octets	1	3
parameter	Error code	Current FW
	(0x07)	bank size

3.2 FOTA data

The function "ble_fota_data()" is implemented to handle FOTA data.



```
void ble fota data(uint8 t host id, uint8 t length, uint8 t *p data);
```

First 4 bytes of data payload is data header which contains the FOTA data programming address (3 bytes) and length (1byte).

octets	3	1	Variable
parameter	Data programming	Data programming	Data
	address	length	

If there were invalid data header, device will send notification to response it. Hence, for ideal FOTA data transmission, there were not any notification send from device unless smart phone had configure periodic notification. The notification reason is contained in the first byte of notification packet and you can find the definition in the "ble fota.h" file as follows:

```
/*Notification reasons for FOTA data*/
typedef uint8 t OtaNotify;
#define OTA DATA NOTIFY PERIODIC
                                                0x00 /* Periodic notification, the notify interva-
                                               0x01 /* FOTA data was not received in a specific
#define OTA DATA NOTIFY_TIMEOUT
                                               0x02 /* Received FOTA data's address was not cont
#define OTA DATA NOTIFY ADDRESS UNEXPECTED
#define OTA DATA NOTIFY LEN ERROR
                                               0x03 /* Received FOTA data length incorrect */
                                               0x04 /* Total received FOTA data length is larger
#define OTA_DATA_NOTIFY_TOTAL_LEN_ERR
define OTA DATA NOTIFY ADDRESS ERR
                                                0x05
                                                     /* Received FOTA data's address is larger th
#define OTA DATA NOTIFY NOT START
                                                0x06 /* FOTA data received but FOTA procedure was
                                                     /* No notification needs to send */
#define OTA DATA NOTIFY NONE
                                                0xFF
```

1. **Periodic**: Periodic notification, the notify interval set from FOTA start command.

octets	1	3
parameter	Notify reason	Updating FW next
	(0x00)	expect address

Timeout: FOTA data was not received in a specific interval.

octets	1	3
parameter	Notify reason	Updating FW next
	(0x01)	expect address

Address unexpected: Received FOTA data's address was not continuously.

octets	1	3
parameter	Notify reason	Updating FW next
	(0x02)	expect address

Length error: Received FOTA data length incorrect.



octets	1	1
parameter	Notify reason	Received FOTA
	(0x03)	data length

5. Total length error: Total received FOTA data length is larger than bank size.

octets	1	3
parameter	Notify reason	Total Receiving
	(0x04)	FOTA data length

6. Address error: Received FOTA data's address is larger than bank size.

octets	1
parameter	Notify reason
	(0x05)

7. Not start: FOTA data received but FOTA procedure was not start.

octets	1
parameter	Notify reason
	(0x06)

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