

Bluetooth LE, Core Bluetooth, and a Glimpse Into Your Near Future

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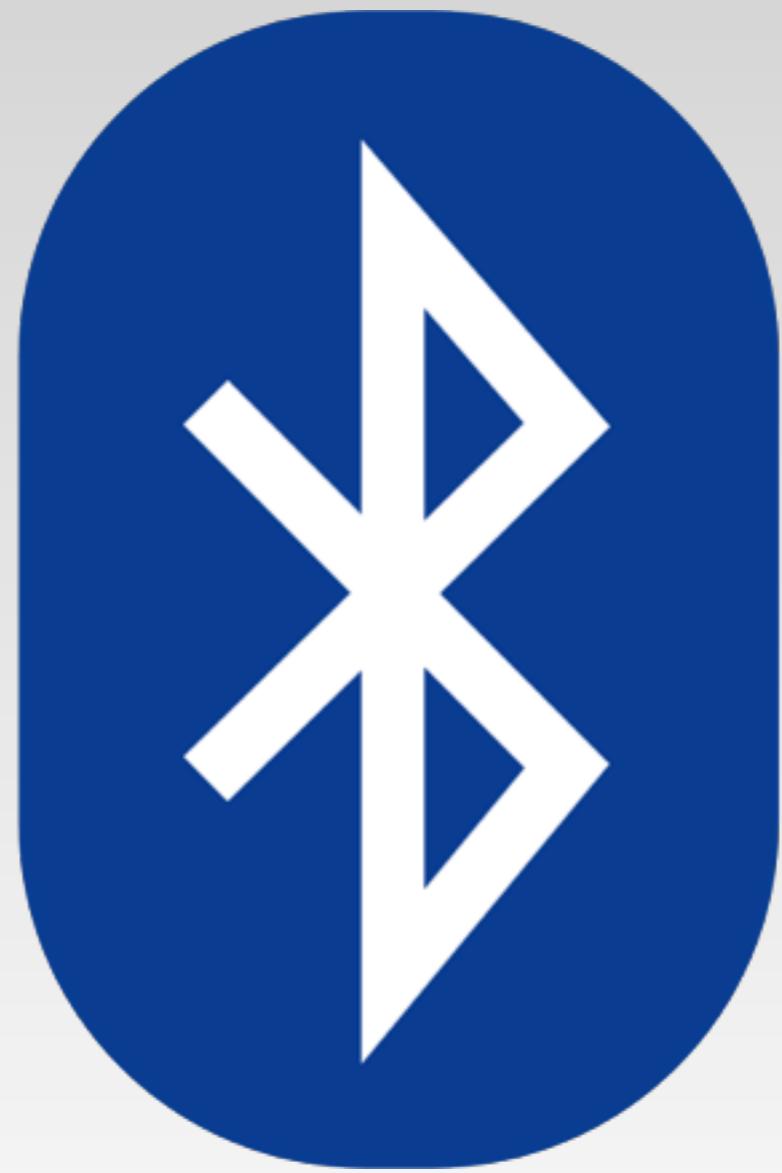


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Plan

Introduce Bluetooth Low Energy
Convince you it's awesome
Do cool demos





Classic



Low Energy



Low Energy

Bluetooth Low Energy

Designed to maximize battery life

New architecture

New hardware

New class of peripherals

Small bits of data in short bursts



Low Energy

Adapted from  in 2001

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4.0 in 2010

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iPhone 4S in 2011

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Awesome

What's it good for?

Sensors



Proximity Indicators

Remote Sensors

Automotive Sensors

Remote Controls



Electronics
Home Automation
Toys

Fitness & Healthcare



Weight Scales

Heart Rate Monitors

Blood Pressure Monitors

Pedometers

Remote Brain Peripherals

Remote Brain Peripherals

Simpler
Cheaper
More Efficient





No digital display
Battery lasts 10-20 years





Thursday, September 26, 13

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Ubiquitous

- 1 Ubiquitous
- 2 Inexpensive

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- 2 Inexpensive
- 3 Hackable

1

Ubiquitous

LE

2

Inexpensive

LE

3

Hackable

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Ubiquitous

Ubiquitous

Bluetooth 4.0

1 Ubiquitous

67%

2013

100%

2016

Bluetooth Low Energy Capable Cell Phones

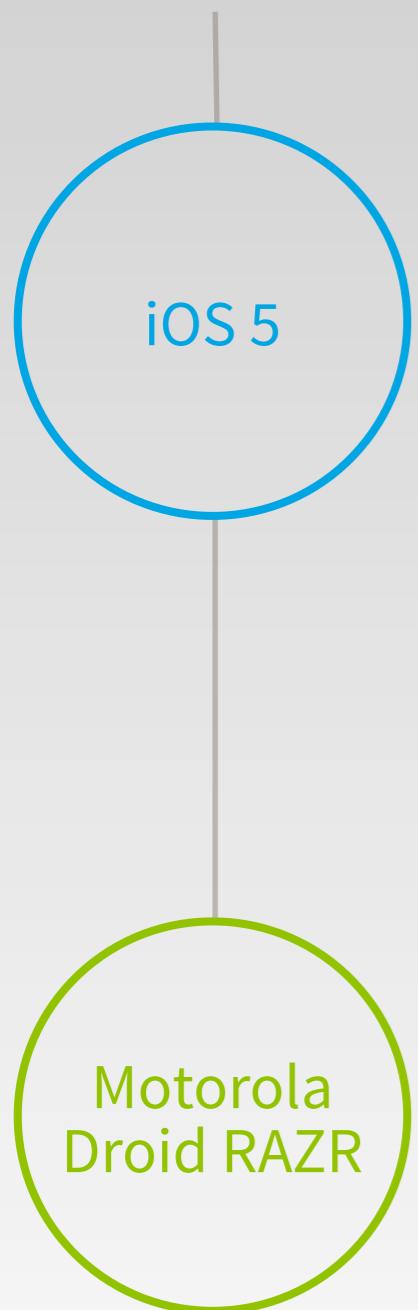
Ubiquitous

	Yes	No
iOS	X	
Android		
Windows 8	X	
Windows RT	X	
Windows Phone		X
Blackberry 10	X	

Ubiquitous

	Yes	No	It's Complicated
iOS	X		
Android			X
Windows 8	X		
Windows RT	X		
Windows Phone		X	
Blackberry 10	X		

October
November
2011

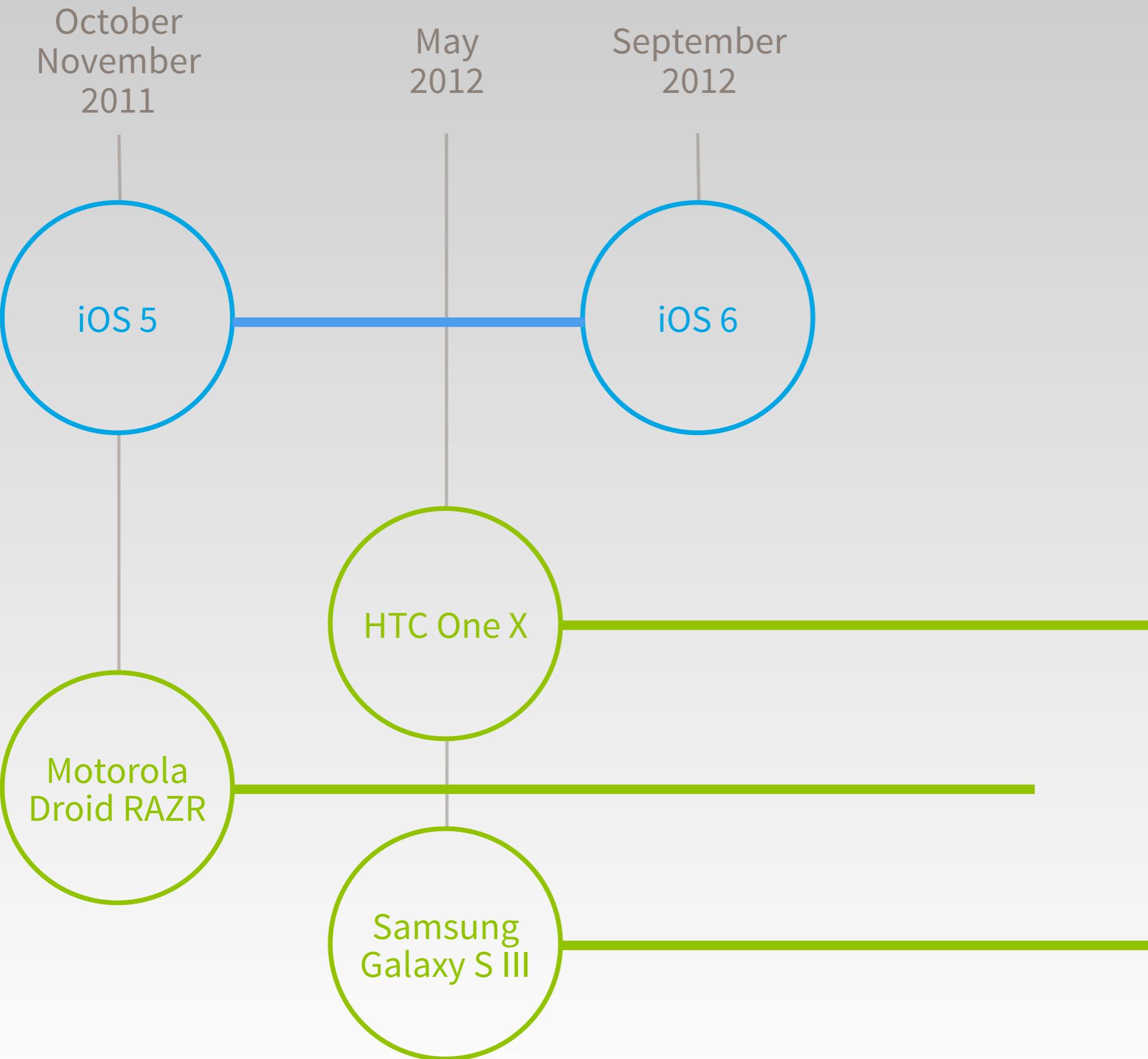


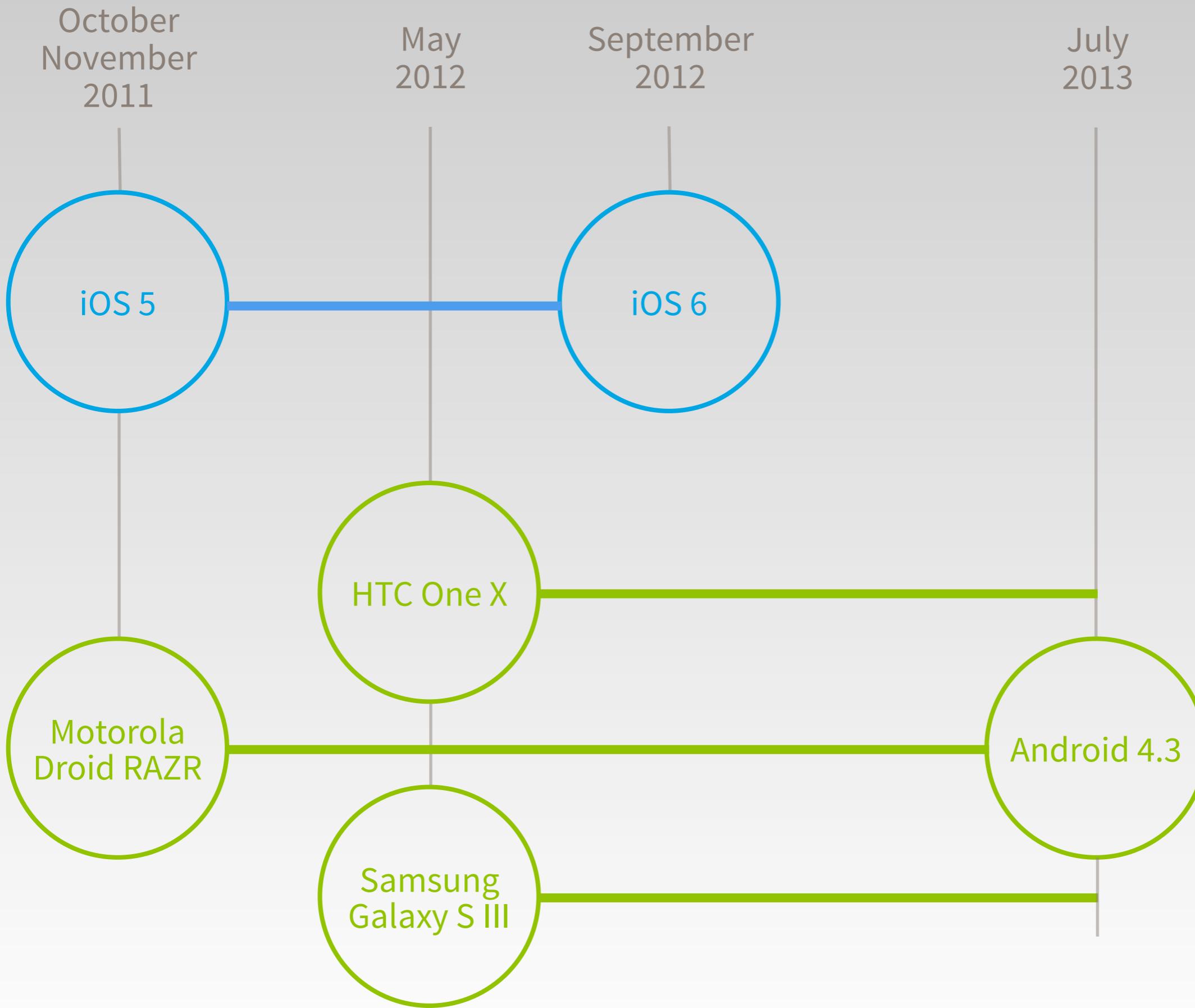
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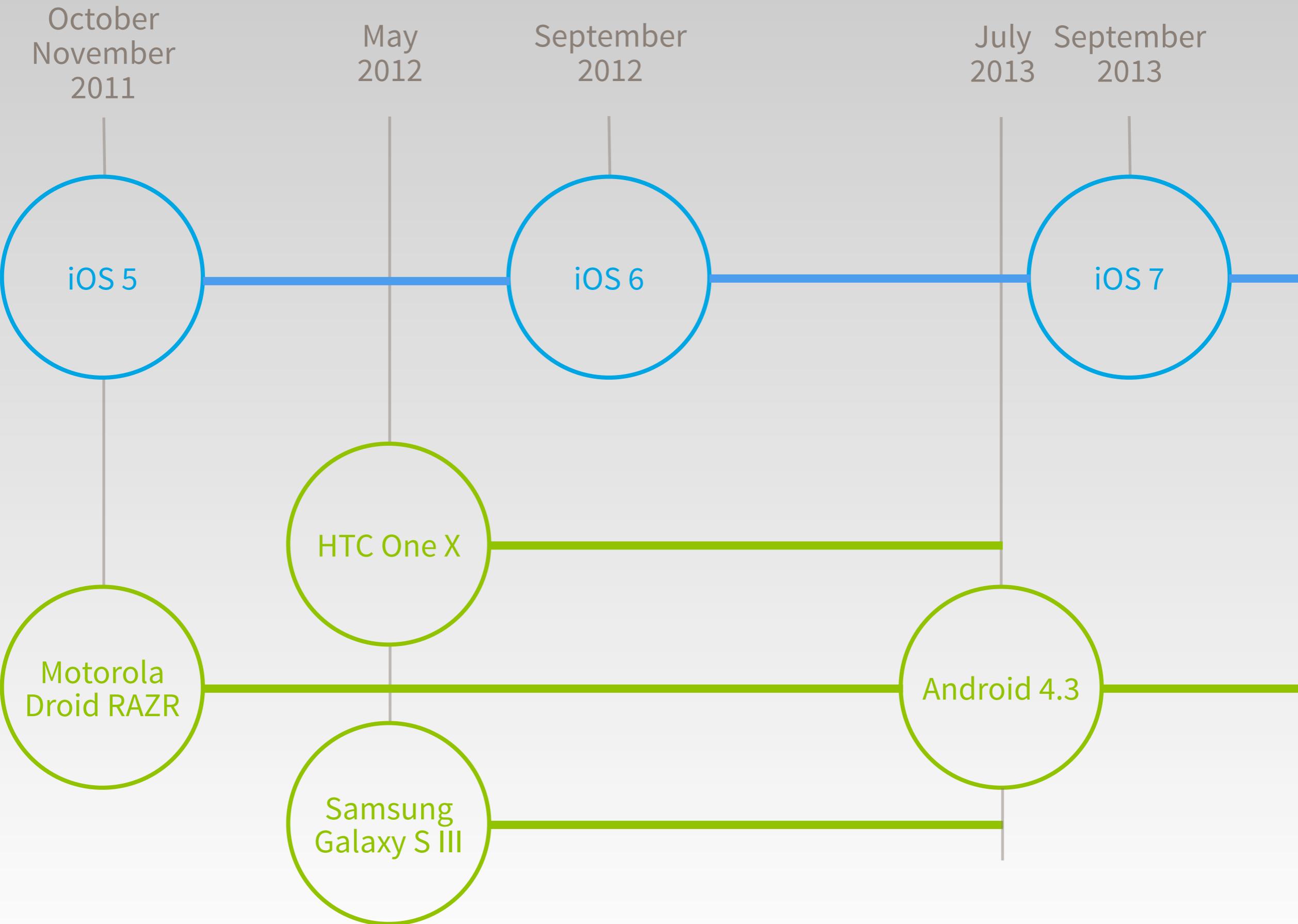


May
2012









- 1 Ubiquitous
- 2 Inexpensive
- 3 Hackable

2 Inexpensive

Made for iPhone (MFi)
Not Required

2

Inexpensive

Simpler Software
Cheaper Hardware

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3 Hackable

Core Bluetooth

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Few limitations

3 Hackable

Core Bluetooth

Few limitations

Even in the background

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Few limitations

Even in the background

iOS gets out of the way

Core Bluetooth

Few limitations

Even in the background

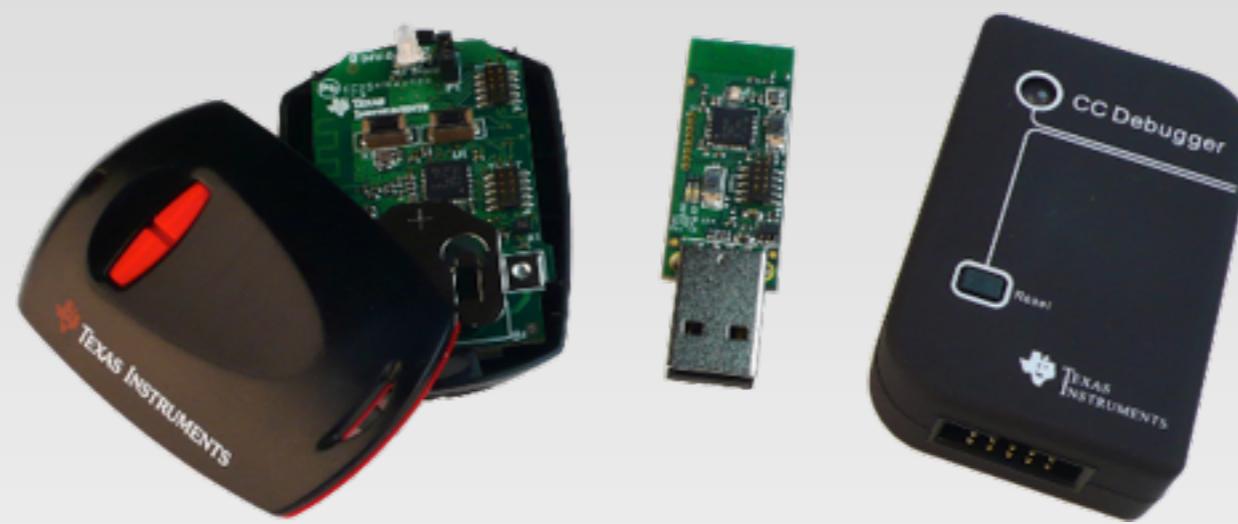
iOS gets out of the way

No MFi

Hackable

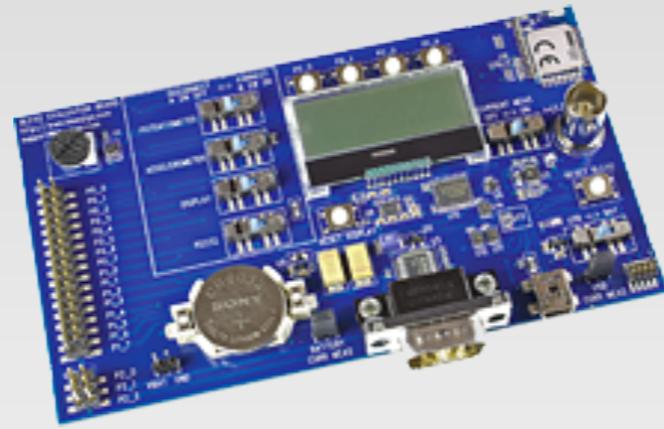
Hardware

③ Hackable



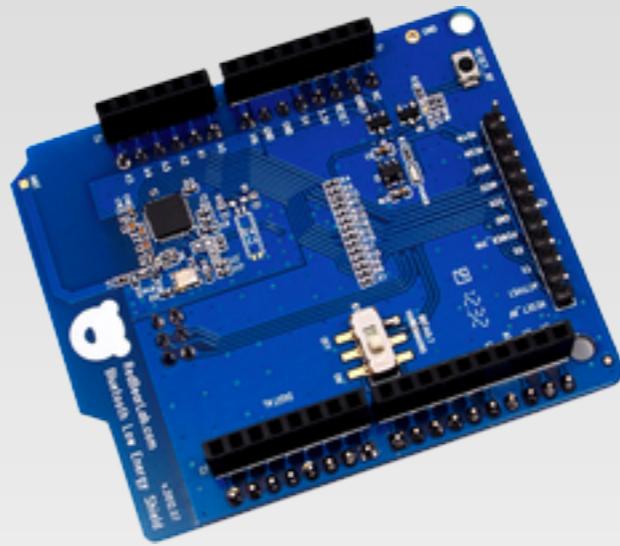
Texas Instruments
CC2540 Mini Development Kit
\$100

③ Hackable



Bluegiga
BLE112 Evaluation Board
\$375

③ Hackable



RedBearLab
BLE-Shield for Arduino
\$30

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Products

Products

Bluetooth Smart &
Bluetooth Smart Ready

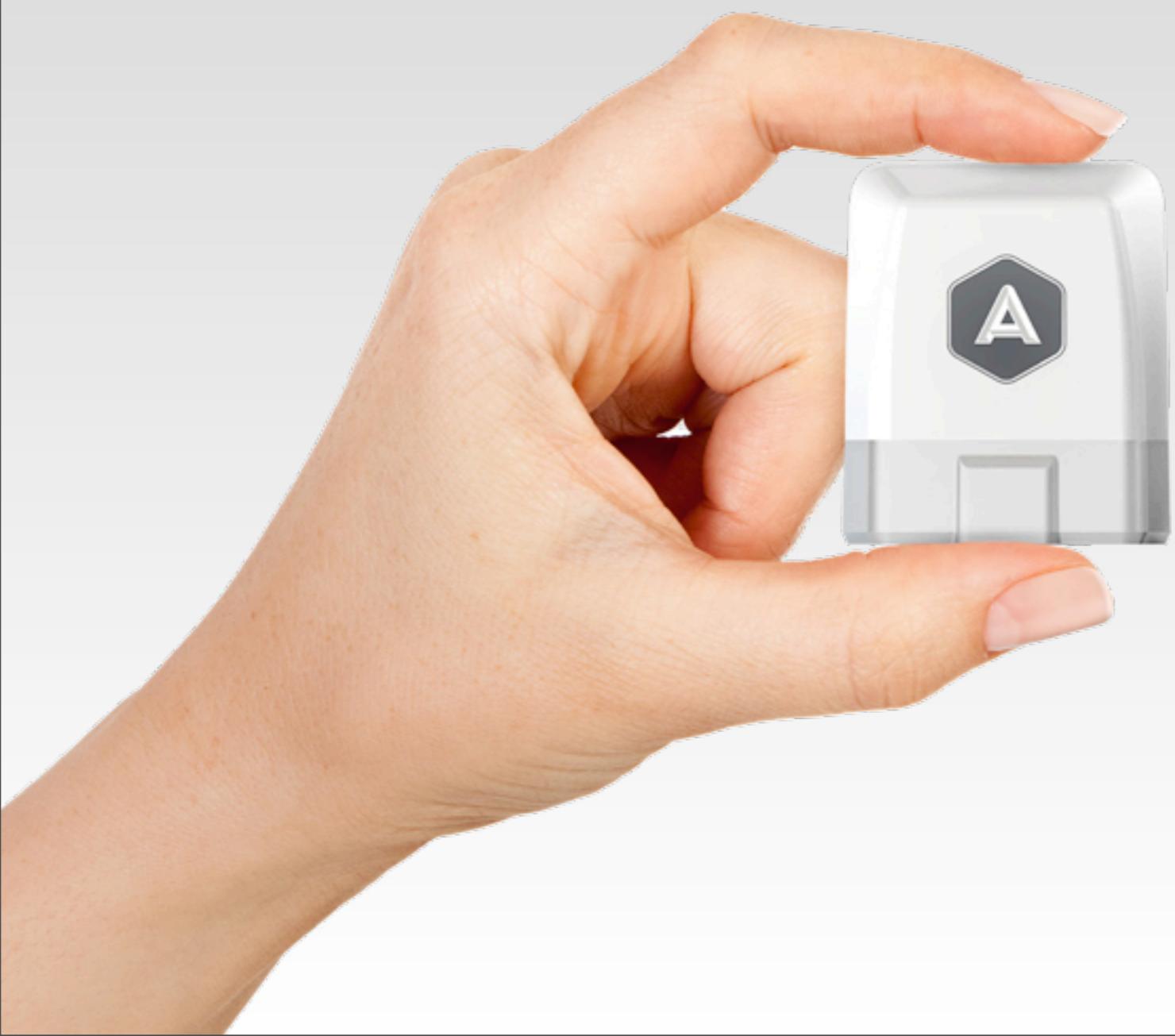
FitBit



hipKey



Automatic



COOKOO

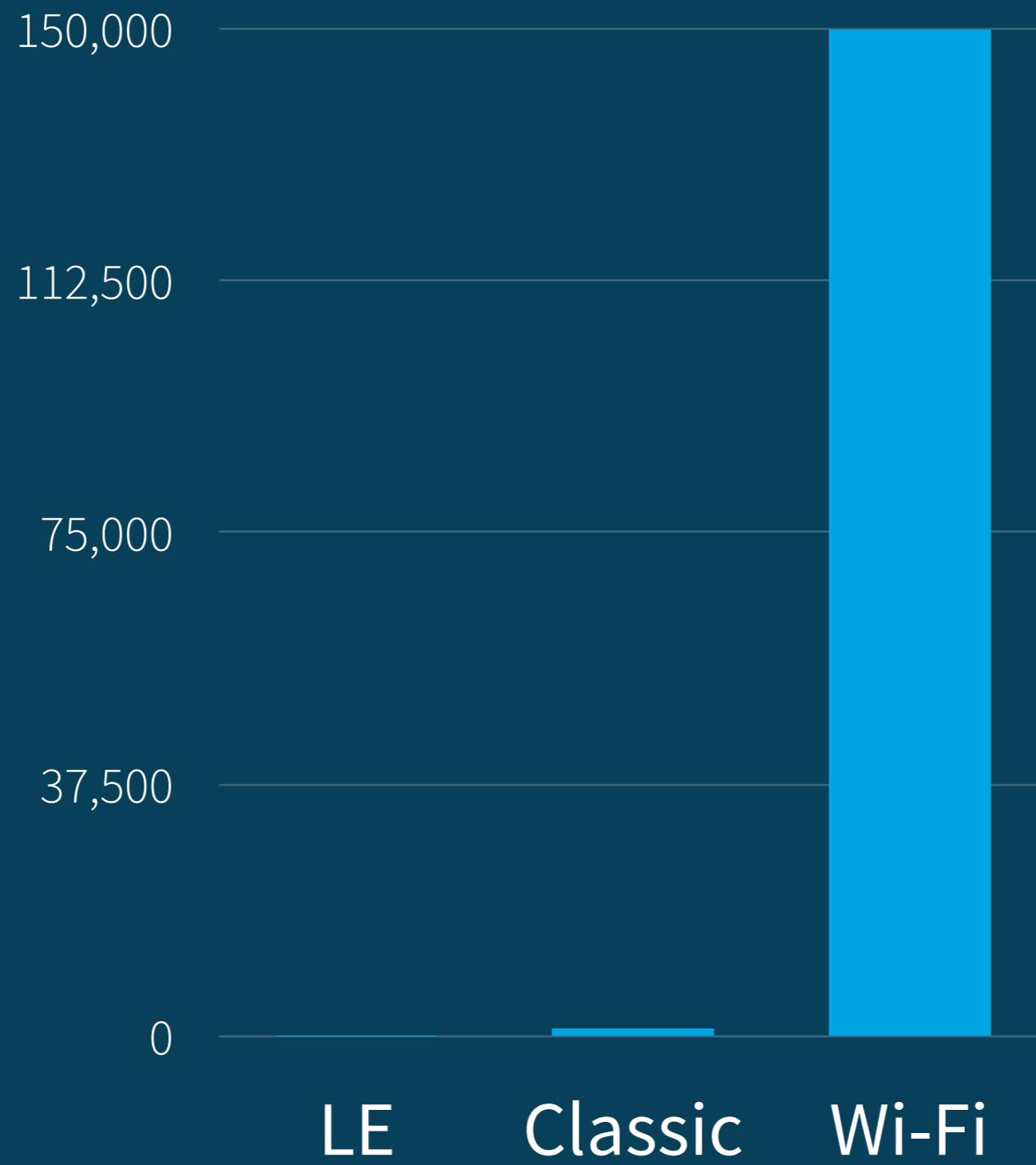


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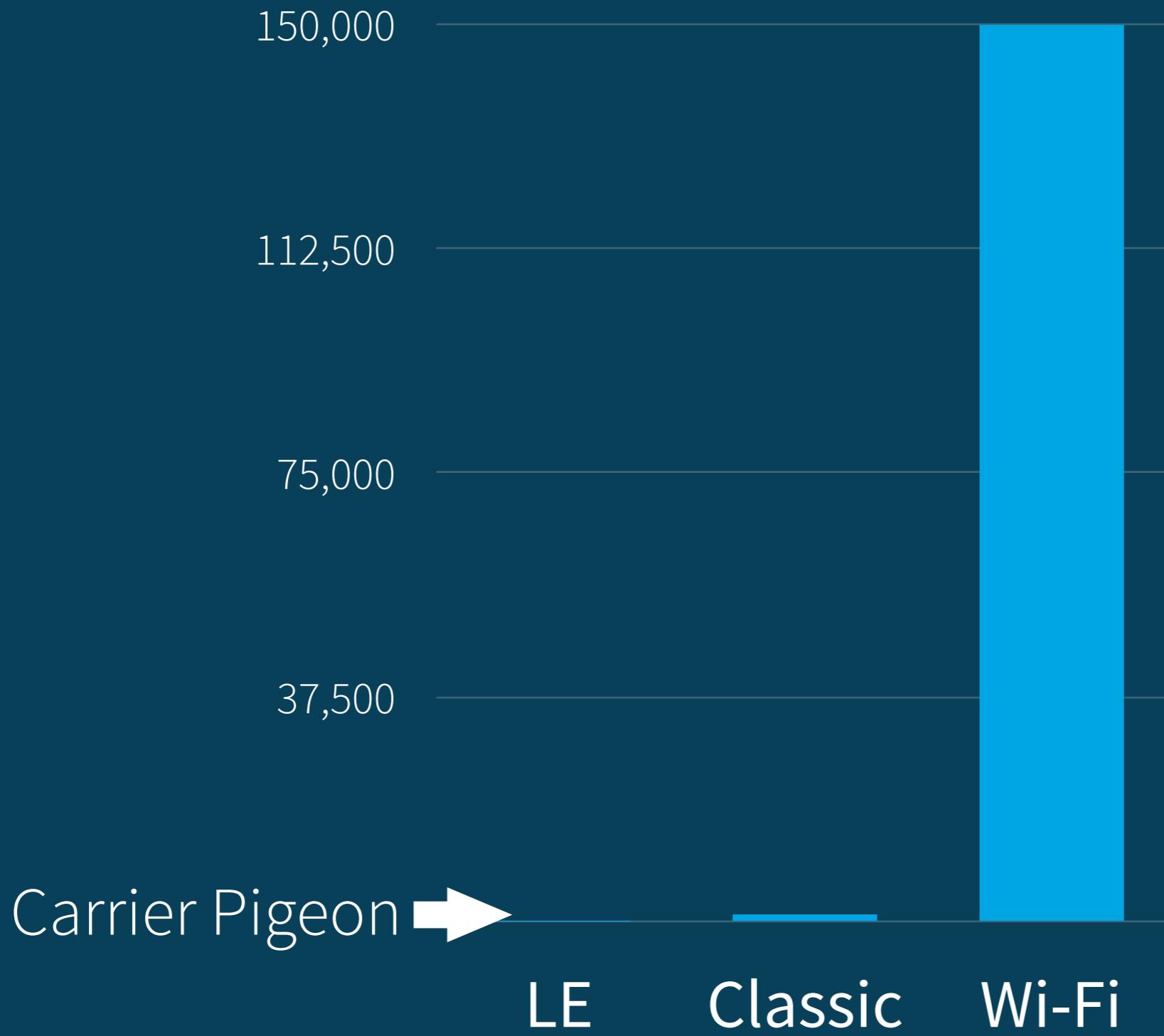
It's slow.

It's really slow.

Data Rate (kbps)



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	Data Rate (kbps)		
Bluetooth LE	50		
Bluetooth Classic	1,200		

	Data Rate (kbps)	Wake Up (ms)	
Bluetooth LE	50	2–6	
Bluetooth Classic	1,200	1,000–6,000	

	Data Rate (kbps)	Wake Up (ms)	Range (ft)
Bluetooth LE	50	2–6	160
Bluetooth Classic	1,200	1,000–6,000	300

Demos

Demos

1. Scanning & Connecting
2. Signal Strength & Proximity
3. Discover Services & Read Data
4. Remote Brain

Core Bluetooth



Central



Peripheral

Scan



Central



Peripheral

Advertise



Central



Peripheral



Hello?

Central



Hello!

Peripheral

CBCentralManager

CBCentralManager

CBCentralManagerDelegate

CBCentralManager

CBCentralManagerDelegate

central scanForPeripheralsWithServices:options:

...

CBCentralManager

CBCentralManagerDelegate

central scanForPeripheralsWithServices:options:

...

delegate didDiscoverPeripheral:advertisementData:RSSI:

delegate didDiscoverPeripheral:advertisementData:RSSI:

CBCentralManager

CBCentralManagerDelegate

CBCentralManager

CBCentralManagerDelegate

delegate didDiscoverPeripheral:advertisementData:RSSI:

CBCentralManager

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delegate didDiscoverPeripheral:advertisementData:RSSI:

central connectPeripheral:options:

delegate didConnectPeripheral:

Your app can be
backgrounded.

Your app can be
terminated.

iOS 7

iOS 7

Apple Notification Center Service

iBeacons

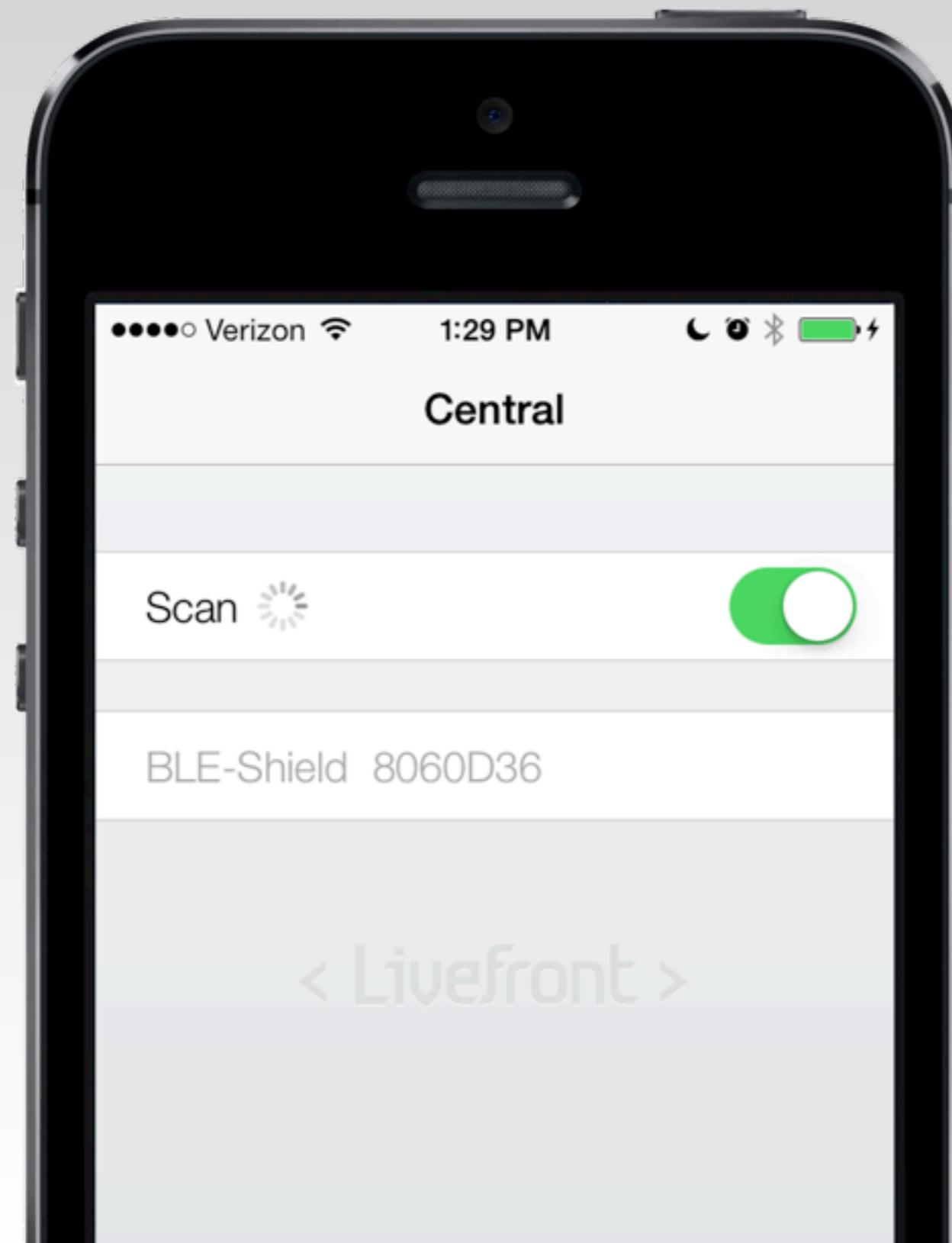
Dropped simulator support

Better performance & docs

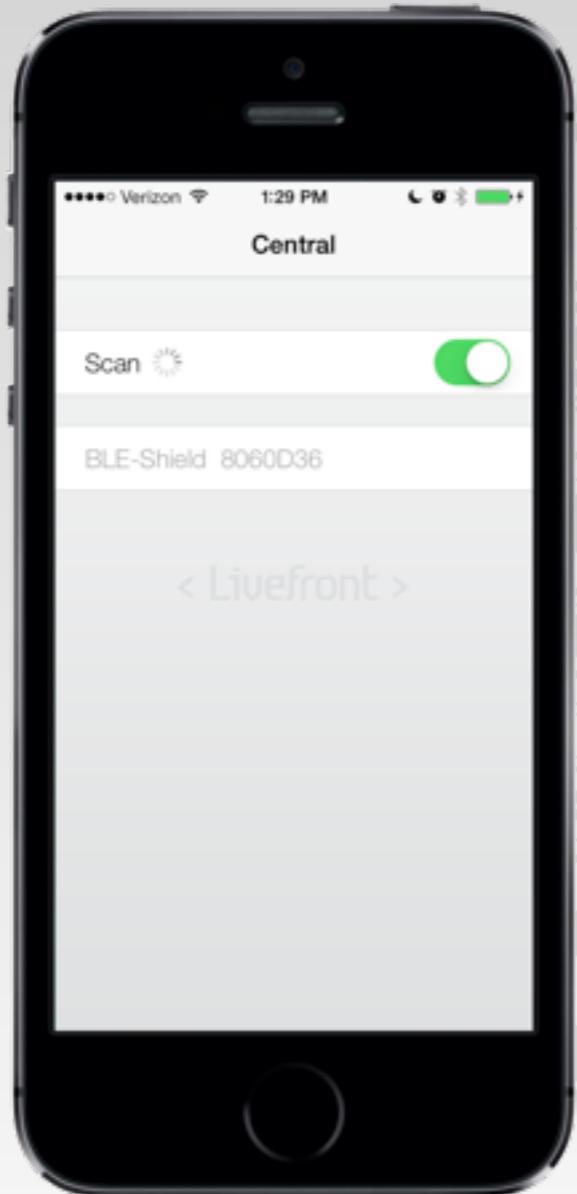
Demo

1. Scanning & Connecting

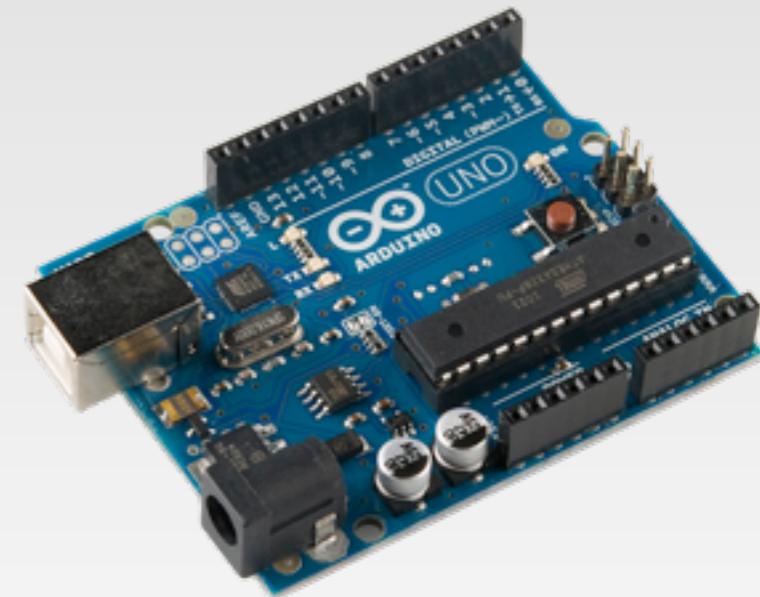
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Demo App



Arduino

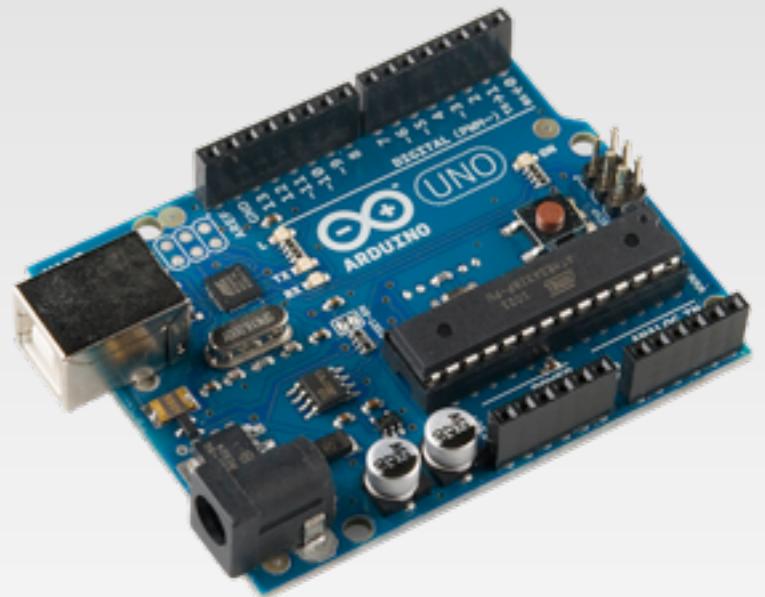
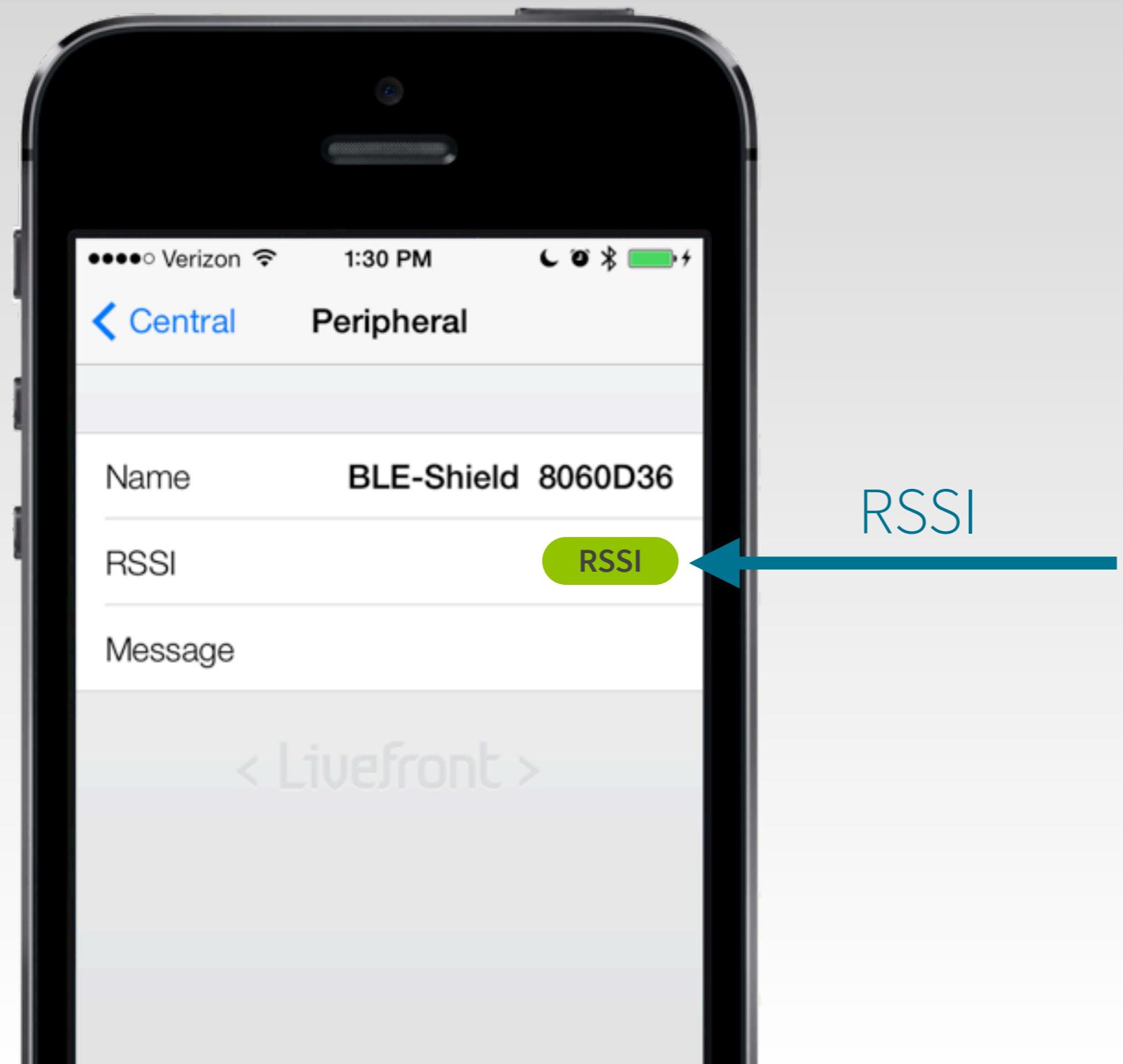
1 Scanning & Connecting

Code

Demo

2. Signal Strength & Proximity

② Signal Strength & Proximity



Arduino

CBPeripheral

CBPeripheralDelegate

CBPeripheral

CBPeripheralDelegate

peripheral readRSSI

delegate didUpdateRSSI:

CBPeripheral

CBPeripheralDelegate

peripheral readRSSI

delegate didUpdateRSSI:

peripheral readRSSI

delegate didUpdateRSSI:

2 Signal Strength & Proximity

Code

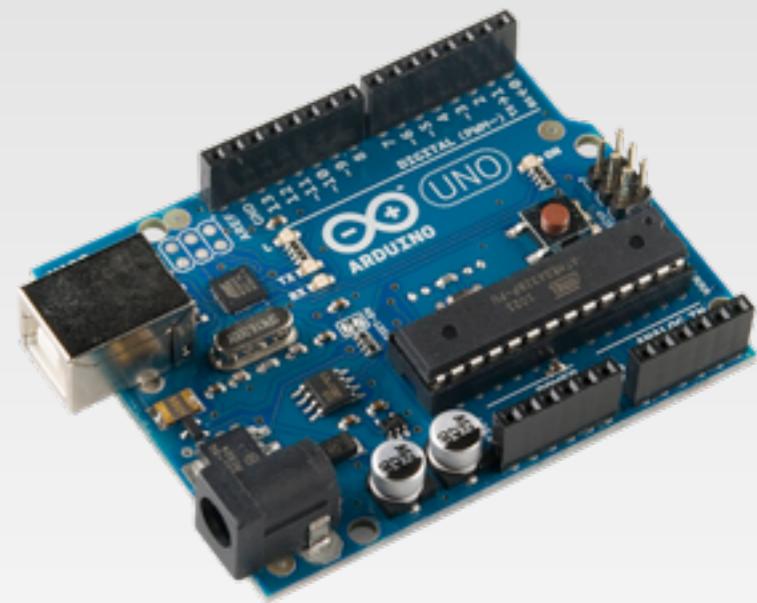
Demo

3. Discover Services & Read Data

③ Discover Services & Read Data



Demo App



Arduino

Bluetooth Profiles

Profile

Profile

Service

Profile

Service



Profile

Service

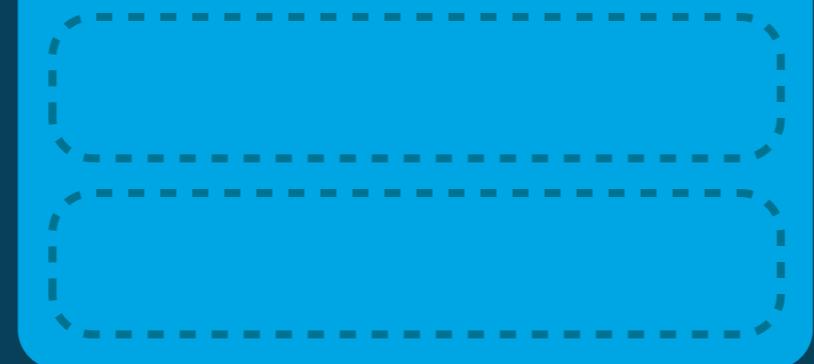
Characteristic



Profile

Service

Characteristic

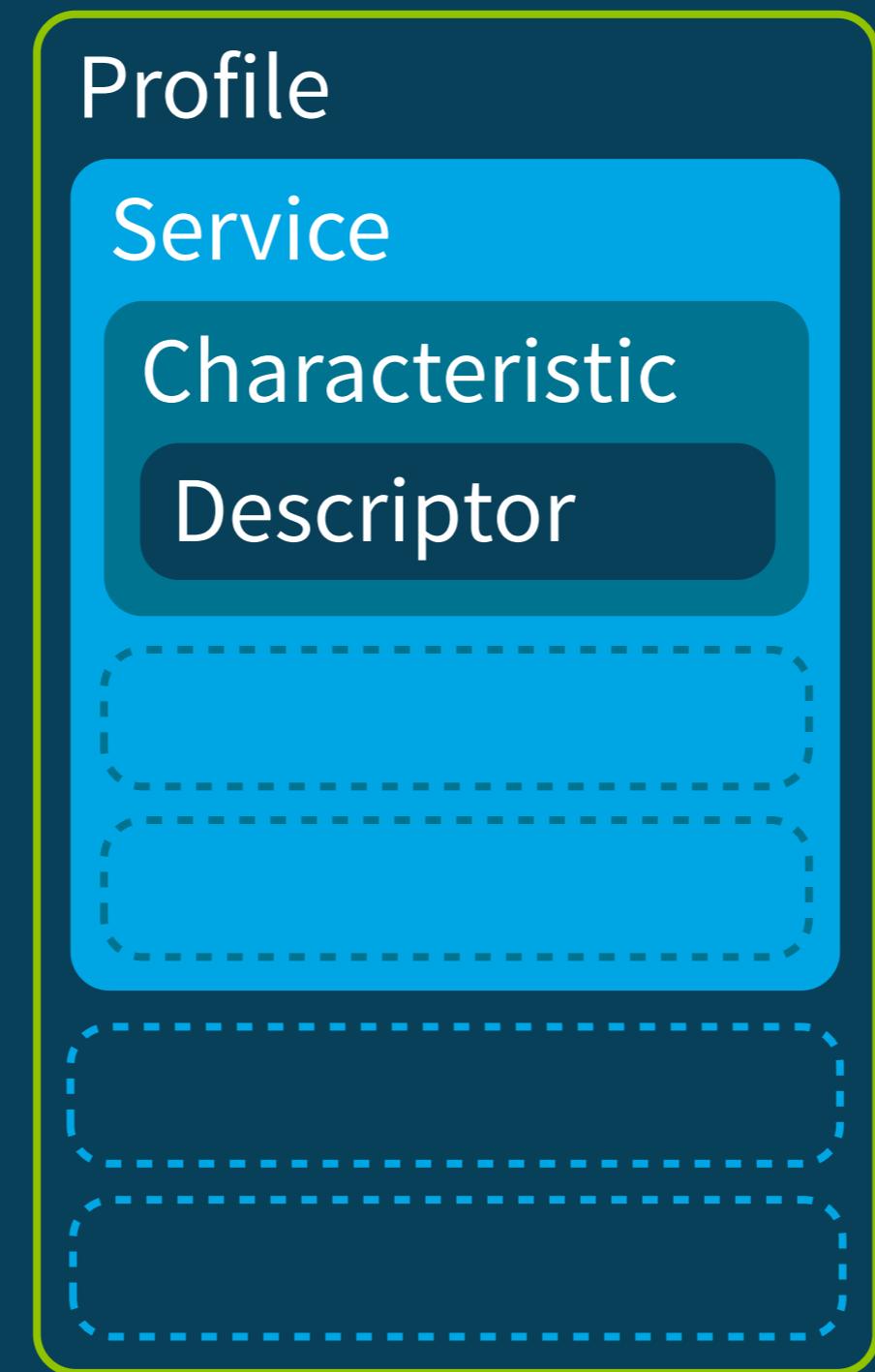
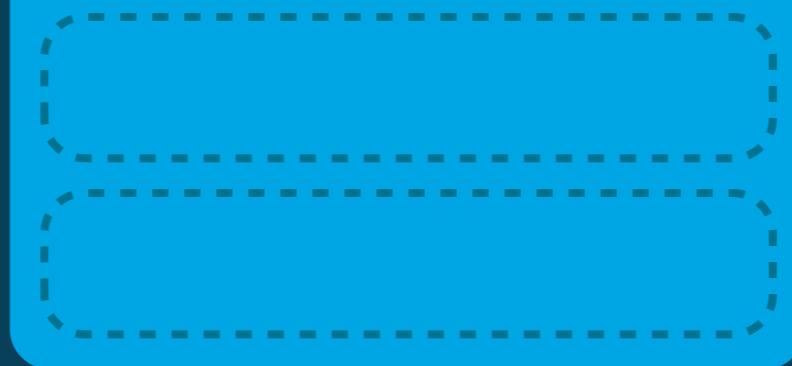


Profile

Service

Characteristic

Descriptor



Profile

Service

Characteristic

Descriptor

Profile

Thermometer

Measurement

Location

Interval

Profile

BLE-Shield

RX

TX

Profile

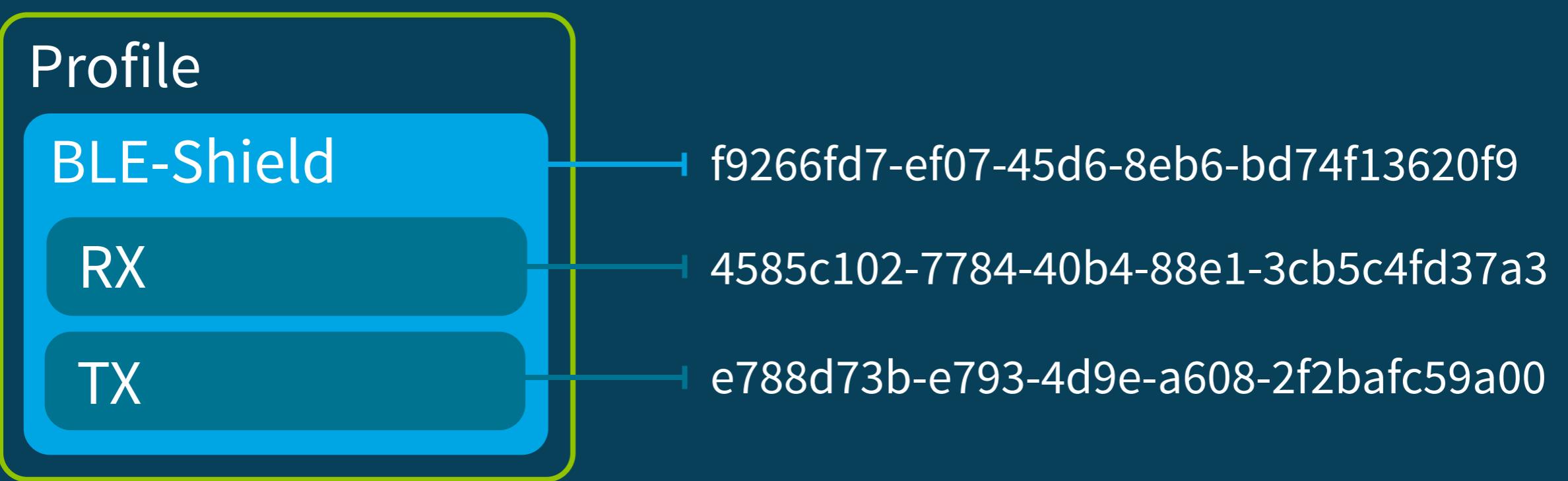
BLE-Shield

RX

TX

New message every 3 seconds

Receives incoming data



CBPeripheral

CBPeripheralDelegate

CBPeripheral

CBPeripheralDelegate

peripheral discoverServices:

delegate didDiscoverServices:

CBPeripheral

CBPeripheralDelegate

peripheral discoverServices:

delegate didDiscoverServices:

peripheral discoverCharacteristics:forService:

delegate didDiscoverCharacteristicsForService:error:

CBPeripheral

CBPeripheralDelegate

peripheral setNotifyValue:forCharacteristic:

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CBPeripheral

CBPeripheralDelegate

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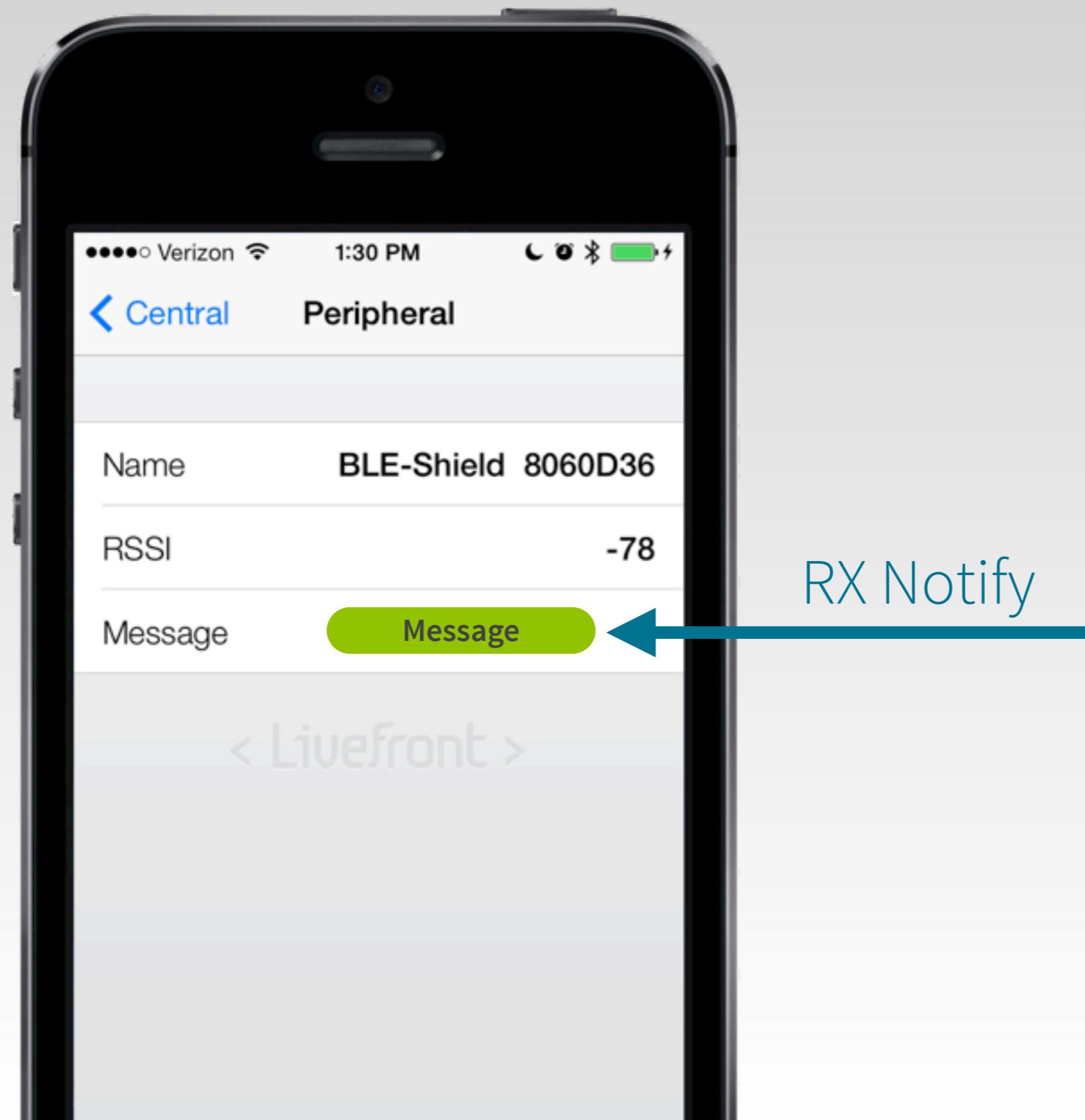
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delegate didUpdateValueForCharacteristic:error:

delegate didUpdateValueForCharacteristic:error:

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③ Discover Services & Read Data



Arduino

3 Discover Services & Read Data

Code

Demo

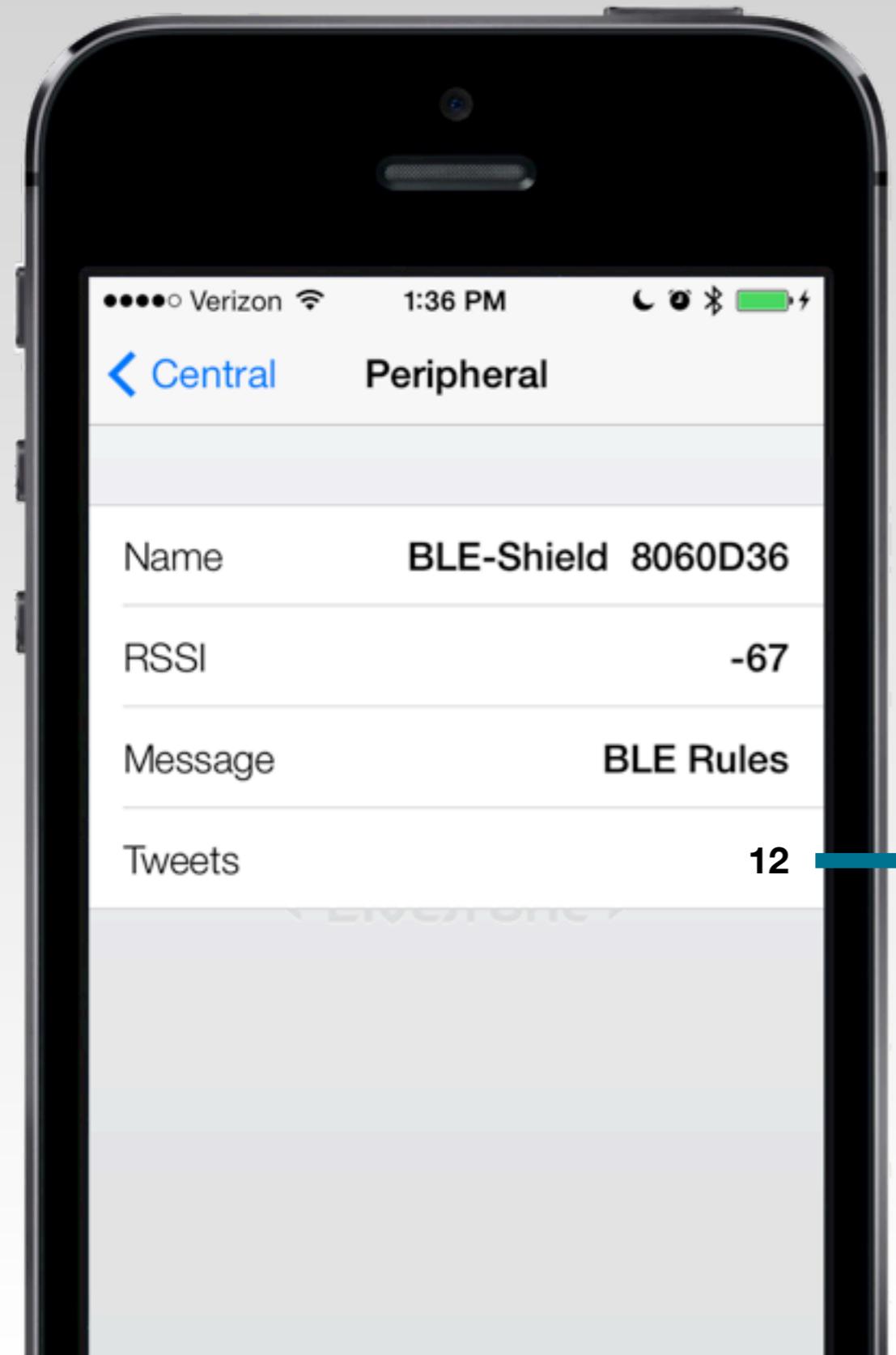
4. Remote Brain

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Remote Brain



Remote Brain



Arduino

Remote Brain

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Remote Brain

Code

Recap

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Convinced you it's awesome
Did cool demos

Thanks!

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