

WICED Studio



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Requirements to deploy and manage devices

Secure wireless devices typically require

A process for factory configuration of	

- ☐ Radio regulatory domain, AP credentials, security certs, serial number, etc
- A user-friendly way to get the device connected to a network
- A wireless upgrade mechanism
 - ☐ aka Over The Air (OTA) Upgrade

These requirements drive the need for ...

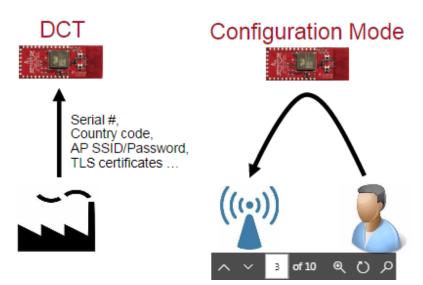
- A dedicated area in Flash memory to store configuration information
- A simple wireless user configuration process
- A fault-tolerant OTA Upgrade process
 - ☐ OTA application. Performs OTA firmware upgrade
 - ☐ Factory reset. What if the new OTA firmware is corrupt?
 - ☐ Bootloader. Manages device integrity and factory reset.

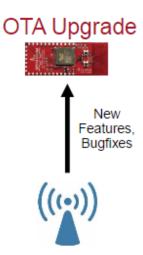


1 WICED Application Framework (WAF)

Provides infrastructure, tools and software components for

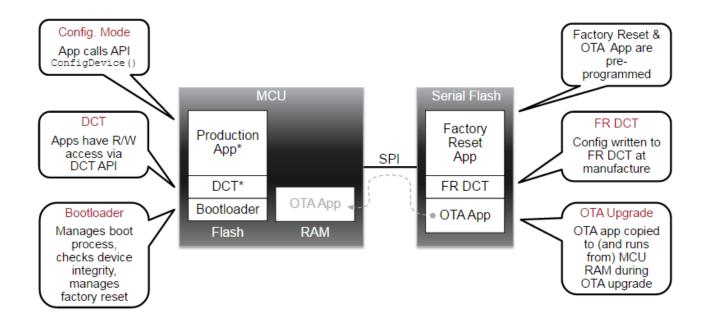
- Programming and storing factory and user app configuration items
 - ☐ Device Configuration Table (DCT)
- An automated wireless configuration and connection process
 - ☐ WICED Configuration Mode
- OTA Upgrade Process
 - ☐ OTA Upgrade App, Factory Reset, Bootloader







1.1 WAF: Device Memory Architecture

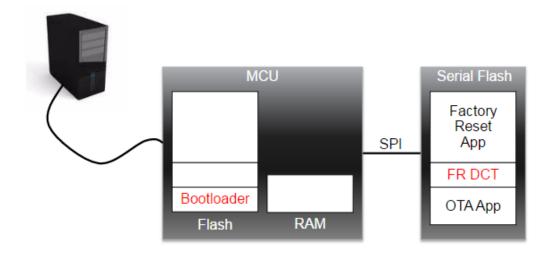


Note:

*The Production App & DCT are identical to the Factory Reset App and FR DCT at time of manufacture

1.2 Factory Config Steps for a WICED Device (1)

- 1. Test Controller creates a unique FR DCT for the device
- Serial number, security certificates, AP SSID, etc
- 2. TC uses WICED toolchain to write FR DCT to serial flash
- Factory Reset App & OTA App may be pre-programmed in serial flash
- 3. TC uses WICED toolchain to write Bootloader to MCU flash



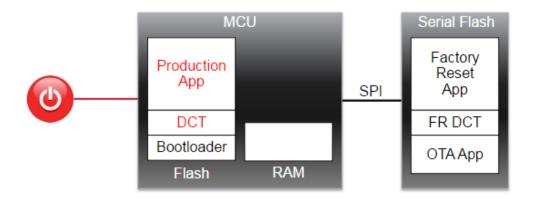


1.3 Factory Config Steps for a WICED Device (2)

- 1. Test Controller creates a unique DCT for the device
- Serial number, security certificates, AP SSID, etc
- 2. TC uses WICED toolchain to write FR DCT to serial flash
- Assume Factory Reset & OTA App are pre-programmed in serial flash
- 3. TC uses WICED toolchain to write Bootloader to MCU flash
- 4. Power is applied to the WICED Device
- Bootloader runs and copies Factory Reset App and FR DCT into internal MCU flash memory (which become Production App and DCT)

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Manufacturing Test process follows





2 OTA Upgrade Process - Overview

Upgrade Methods

- 1. Pull: The device automatically upgrades itself over a network connection
- 2. Push: The upgrade process is initiated by a user

WICED SDK provides a 'Push' example

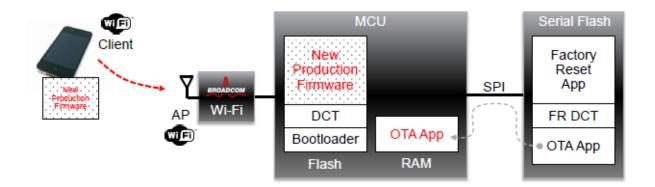
- WICED Device starts ...
 - ☐ Wi-Fi Access Point with WPA2 security
 - □ DHCP server
 - □ DNS redirect server
 - ☐ HTTP webserver
- A Wi-Fi client (eg. PC, tablet, phone) joins the WICED Device AP
- The Wi-Fi client opens a web browser
- The client uploads new firmware using a webpage on the WICED device

An app on a smartphone or tablet could be used instead of a web browser

2.1 OTA Upgrade Process - Details

- 1. OTA Upgrade initiated by an API call from the Production App
- 2. Device reboots, Bootloader copies OTA App into MCU RAM
- 3. OTA App runs from RAM, starts Wi-Fi AP and webserver
- 4. Wi-Fi Client connects and browses to the upgrade webpage
- 5. OTA App writes new firmware over existing Production App
- 6. Device reboots, Bootloader verifies New Production Firmware

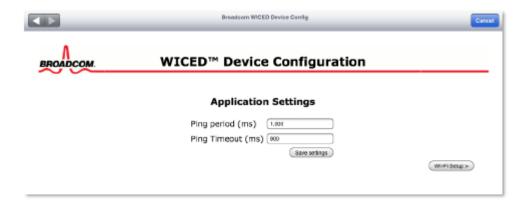
If the image is corrupt, Factory Reset occurs as a failsafe





3 Wireless Configuration & Connection

- A single API call manages Wi-Fi configuration and connection
 - □ wiced_configure_device()
- WICED Configuration Mode
 - $\hfill \square$ Starts an open Wi-Fi Access Point, DHCP & DNS redirect server
 - ☐ Starts a secure HTTPS webserver to encrypt the setup process
 - ☐ Provides web pages to enable application and Wi-Fi setup
 - □ Configuration information entered by users is stored in the DCT
 - ☐ Coming soon : Support for Apple MFi Wi-Fi autoconfig via Bluetooth





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