

Mini-project #3: Data Upload Using Bluetooth

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Introduction

This project uses an **ESP32** microcontroller to read temperature and humidity data from a **DHT11** sensor and broadcast it over **Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)**. The data is transmitted via BLE characteristics that support notification. Additionally, a simulated battery level characteristic is implemented, which decreases over time to demonstrate power drain. The BLE device is named "**Team 7**", and the project adheres to BLE standards for transmitting environmental sensor data.

Components Required:

- ESP32 Development Board
- DHT11 Temperature and Humidity Sensor
- Jumper wires
- Breadboard (optional)
- BLE Debugging App (e.g., nRF Connect or LightBlue)

Libraries Used:

1. **BLEDevice.h**: Manages BLE functionality on the ESP32.
2. **DHT.h**: For interfacing with the DHT11 sensor.
3. **Wire.h**: Enables communication over I2C (if needed for future expansions).

Project Setup

Hardware Connections:

1. **Connect the DHT22 sensor:**
 - **VCC** to **3.3V** on the ESP32
 - **GND** to **GND** on the ESP32
 - **Data Pin** to **GPIO 14** on the ESP32

Software Setup:

1. **Install Arduino IDE:** Ensure the latest version of the Arduino IDE is installed.
2. **Install Required Libraries:**
 - Install the DHT sensor library using the Arduino Library Manager.
 - Install the BLE library for ESP32.
3. **Install BLE Debugging App:**
 - Install **nRF Connect** or **LightBlue** on your mobile phone to verify BLE services and characteristics.

Code Overview

1. Initialization

```
BLEDevice::init("Team 7");
```

- The `BLEDevice::init` function initializes the BLE device and sets the device name to "**Team 7**".

2. BLE Services and Characteristics

- The project implements the **Environmental Sensing Service** with two characteristics: **Temperature** and **Humidity**. Additionally, a **Battery Service** is created to simulate battery level.

BLE UUIDs:

- **Environmental Sensing Service UUID:** 0x181A
- **Temperature Characteristic UUID:** 0x2A6E
- **Humidity Characteristic UUID:** 0x2A6F

- **Battery Service UUID:** 0x180F
- **Battery Level Characteristic UUID:** 0x2A19

```
BLEService *envService = pServer->createService(ENVIRONMENTAL_SENSING_SERVICE_UUID);
```

```
BLECharacteristic *temperatureCharacteristic = envService->createCharacteristic(TEMPERATURE_CHARACTERISTIC_UUID, BLECharacteristic::PROPERTY_NOTIFY);
```

```
BLECharacteristic *humidityCharacteristic = envService->createCharacteristic(HUMIDITY_CHARACTERISTIC_UUID, BLECharacteristic::PROPERTY_NOTIFY);
```

- The **Environmental Sensing Service** contains the temperature and humidity characteristics, both set to support notification properties.

3. DHT11 Sensor Integration

```
float temperature = dht.readTemperature();
```

```
float humidity = dht.readHumidity();
```

- The **DHT11** sensor reads temperature and humidity, and the values are then converted to 16-bit integers for transmission over BLE.

4. Encoding Data for BLE

- Temperature and humidity values are scaled by 100 to account for two decimal places.

```
int16_t temperatureBLE = (int16_t)(temperature * 100);
```

```
uint16_t humidityBLE = (uint16_t)(humidity * 100);
```

- The sensor values are then notified to the client:

```
temperatureCharacteristic->setValue((uint8_t*)&temperatureBLE, sizeof(int16_t));
```

```
humidityCharacteristic->setValue((uint8_t*)&humidityBLE, sizeof(uint16_t));
```

```
temperatureCharacteristic->notify();
```

```
humidityCharacteristic->notify();
```

- BLE clients receive real-time updates for temperature and humidity through notifications.

5. Battery Simulation

```
if (batteryLevel > 0) {  
    batteryLevel--;  
    batteryCharacteristic->setValue(&batteryLevel, 1);  
    batteryCharacteristic->notify();  
}
```

- A simple simulation of battery drain reduces the battery level by 1% every minute, notifying connected BLE clients of the updated battery status.

6. Connection Handling

```
class MyServerCallbacks : public BLEServerCallbacks {  
    void onConnect(BLEServer* pServer) { deviceConnected = true; }  
    void onDisconnect(BLEServer* pServer) { deviceConnected = false; pServer->startAdvertising(); }  
};
```

- The **MyServerCallbacks** class handles BLE connections and disconnections. When the device disconnects, it automatically starts advertising again to allow new connections.

7. Advertising

```
pServer->getAdvertising()->start();  
  
Serial.println("Waiting for a client connection to notify...");
```

- The ESP32 begins advertising itself as a BLE device after setting up the services and characteristics.

Testing

Steps:

1. **Upload Code to ESP32:** Flash the ESP32 with the provided code.
2. **Open BLE Debugging App:** Use an app like **nRF Connect** to find "**Team 7**" and connect.

3. **Verify Notifications:** Ensure that the temperature, humidity, and battery level notifications are being received on the mobile app.
4. **Check Serial Monitor:** Use the Arduino IDE Serial Monitor to observe real-time readings of temperature, humidity, and battery level.

Code Screenshots:

```
BLE.ino
1  #include <BLEDevice.h>
2  #include <BLEUtils.h>
3  #include <BLEServer.h>
4  #include <DHT.h>
5
6  #define DHTPIN 14 // Pin connected to the DHT sensor
7  #define DHTTYPE DHT11 // DHT 11 (AM2302) sensor
8
9  DHT dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE);
10
11 // BLE UUIDs
12 #define ENVIRONMENTAL_SENSING_SERVICE_UUID "181A"
13 #define TEMPERATURE_CHARACTERISTIC_UUID "2A6E"
14 #define HUMIDITY_CHARACTERISTIC_UUID "2A6F"
15 #define BATTERY_SERVICE_UUID "180F"
16 #define BATTERY_LEVEL_CHARACTERISTIC_UUID "2A19"
17
18 BLECharacteristic *temperatureCharacteristic;
19 BLECharacteristic *humidityCharacteristic;
20 BLECharacteristic *batteryCharacteristic;
21
22 bool deviceConnected = false;
23 uint8_t batteryLevel = 100; // Simulate 100% battery level
24 unsigned long lastBatteryUpdate = 0;
25 unsigned long lastSensorUpdate = 0;
26
27 // Server callbacks to handle connection and disconnection
28 class MyServerCallbacks : public BLEServerCallbacks {
29     void onConnect(BLEServer* pServer) {
30         deviceConnected = true;
31     }
32
33     void onDisconnect(BLEServer* pServer) {
34         deviceConnected = false;
35         pServer->startAdvertising(); // Restart advertising
36     }
37 };
38
39 void setup() {
40     Serial.begin(115200);
41     dht.begin();
42
43     // Create the BLE Device
44     BLEDevice::init("Team 7");
```

```

46 // Create the BLE Server
47 BLEServer *pServer = BLEDevice::createServer();
48 pServer->setCallbacks(new MyServerCallbacks());
49
50 // Create the Environmental Sensing Service
51 BLEService *envService = pServer->createService(ENVIRONMENTAL_SENSING_SERVICE_UUID);
52
53 // Create Temperature Characteristic
54 temperatureCharacteristic = envService->createCharacteristic(
55     TEMPERATURE_CHARACTERISTIC_UUID,
56     BLECharacteristic::PROPERTY_NOTIFY
57 );
58
59 // Create Humidity Characteristic
60 humidityCharacteristic = envService->createCharacteristic(
61     HUMIDITY_CHARACTERISTIC_UUID,
62     BLECharacteristic::PROPERTY_NOTIFY
63 );
64
65 // Start the Environmental Sensing Service
66 envService->start();
67
68 // Create the Battery Service
69 BLEService *batteryService = pServer->createService(BATTERY_SERVICE_UUID);
70
71 // Create Battery Level Characteristic
72 batteryCharacteristic = batteryService->createCharacteristic(
73     BATTERY_LEVEL_CHARACTERISTIC_UUID,
74     BLECharacteristic::PROPERTY_NOTIFY
75 );
76
77 // Start the Battery Service
78 batteryService->start();
79
80 // Start advertising
81 pServer->getAdvertising()->start();
82 Serial.println("Waiting for a client connection to notify...");
83 }
84
85 void loop() {
86     // Simulate temperature and humidity readings every 5 seconds
87     if (millis() - lastSensorUpdate >= 5000) {
88         lastSensorUpdate = millis();

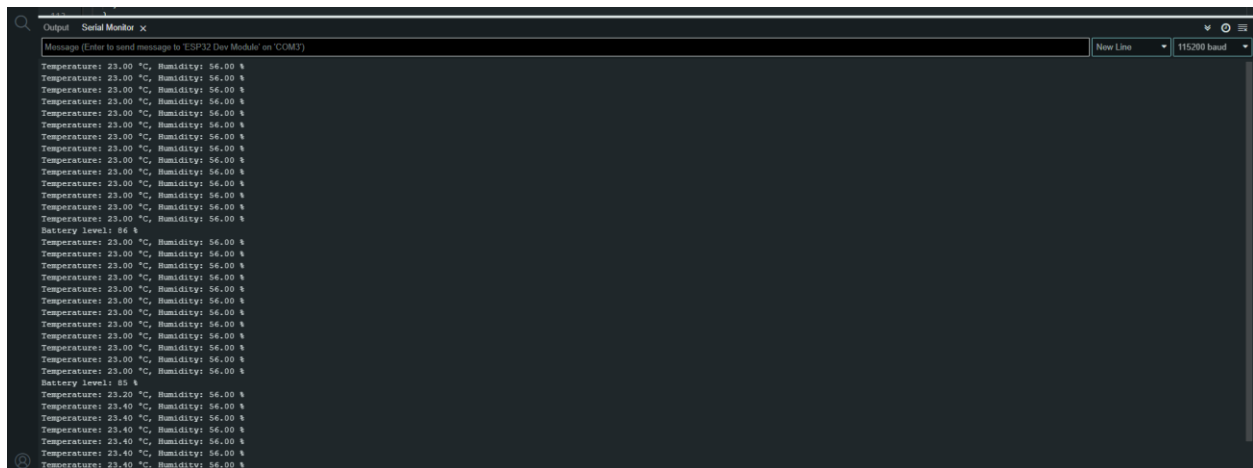
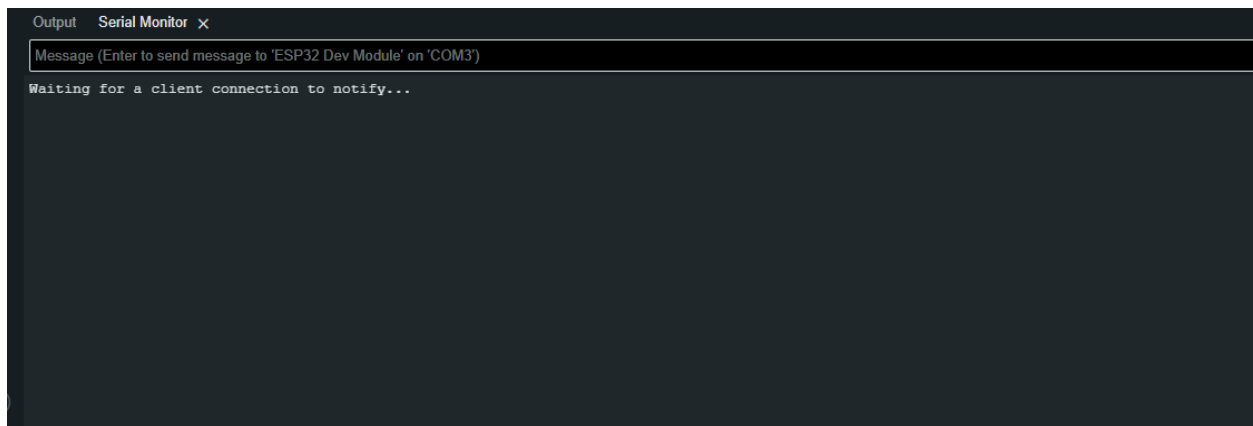
```

```

90         float temperature = dht.readTemperature();
91         float humidity = dht.readHumidity();
92
93         // Update and notify temperature and humidity
94         if (!isnan(temperature) && !isnan(humidity)) {
95             // Convert temperature to uint16 in 0.01°C
96             uint16_t temperatureValue = (uint16_t)(temperature * 100);
97             // Convert humidity to uint16 in 0.01%
98             uint16_t humidityValue = (uint16_t)(humidity * 100);
99
100             // Set and notify the temperature and humidity values
101             temperatureCharacteristic->setValue((uint8_t*)&temperatureValue, sizeof(temperatureValue));
102             humidityCharacteristic->setValue((uint8_t*)&humidityValue, sizeof(humidityValue));
103
104             if (deviceConnected) {
105                 temperatureCharacteristic->notify();
106                 humidityCharacteristic->notify();
107                 Serial.print("Temperature: ");
108                 Serial.print(temperature);
109                 Serial.print(" °C, Humidity: ");
110                 Serial.print(humidity);
111                 Serial.println(" %");
112             }
113         }
114     }
115
116     // Simulate battery drain every minute
117     if (millis() - lastBatteryUpdate >= 60000) {
118         lastBatteryUpdate = millis();
119
120         if (batteryLevel > 0) {
121             batteryLevel--;
122             batteryCharacteristic->setValue(&batteryLevel, 1);
123             if (deviceConnected) {
124                 batteryCharacteristic->notify();
125                 Serial.print("Battery level: ");
126                 Serial.print(batteryLevel);
127                 Serial.println(" %");
128             }
129         }
130     }
131
132     delay(100);
133 }

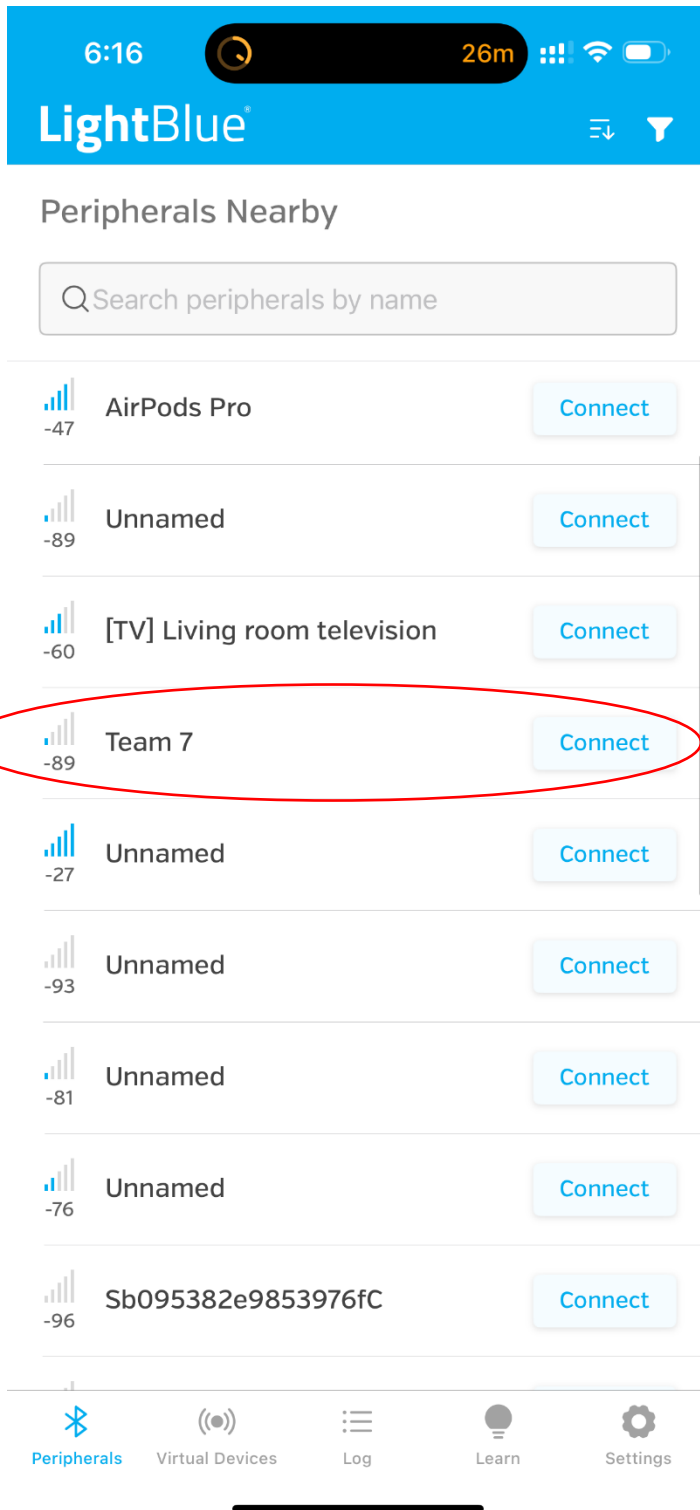
```

Outputs:

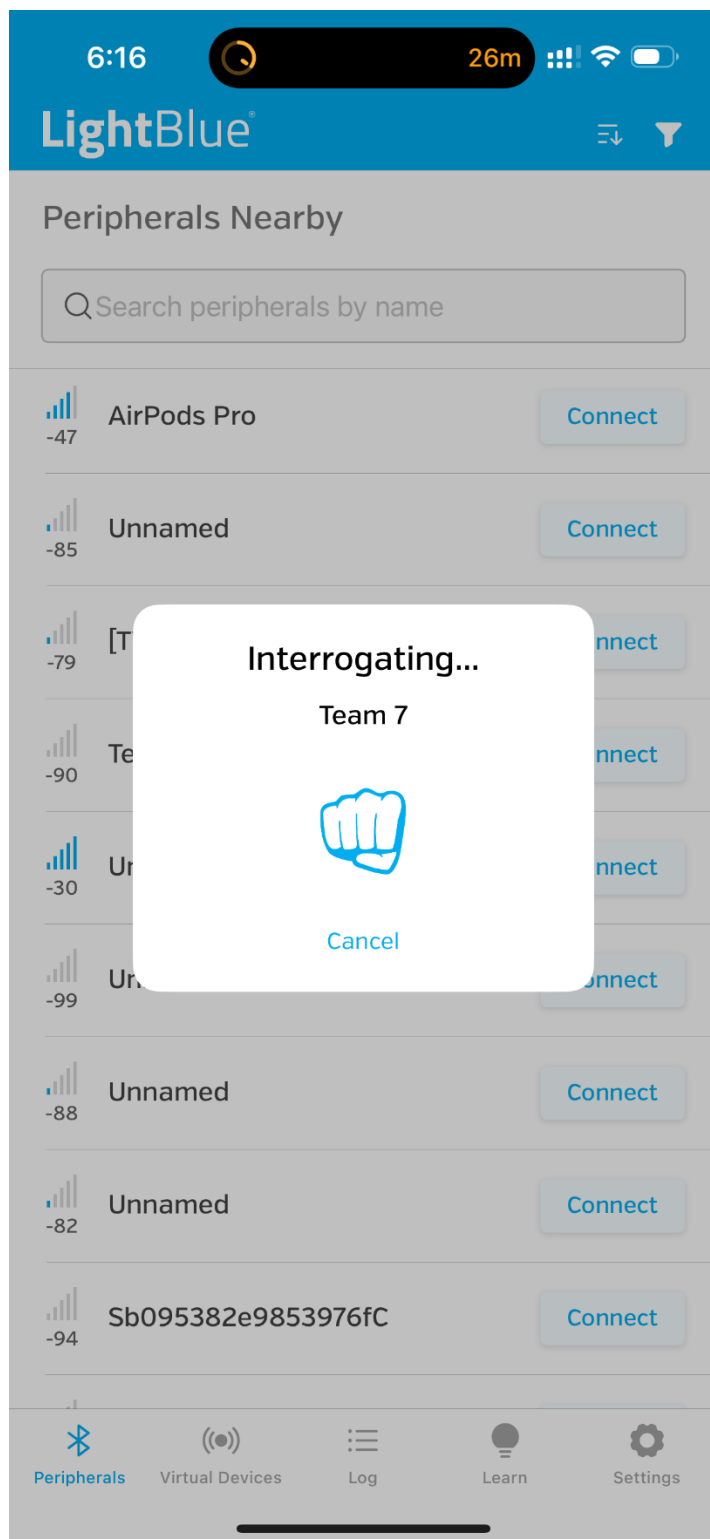


Output Screenshots from App:

Team 7:



Connecting to the Device



6:18



24m



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Peripheral



Team 7

UUID:

B40A9556-350F-51BA-3040-7A9A9D79988F

Connected

Advertisement Data



Services

Environmental Sensing

0x2A6E

Properties: Notify



0x2A6F

Properties: Notify



Battery Service

Battery Level

98%



Peripherals



Virtual Devices



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Settings

Reading Temperature:

6:17

25m

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Characteristic

2 Byte Unsigned Integer

0x2A6E

Connected

Device

Team 7

Service UUID

181A

Notified values

Subscribe

i

Cloud Connect

OFF

18:17:22.792

2340

18:17:17.727

2340

18:17:12.687

2340

18:17:07.677

2340

18:17:02.638

2340

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Reading Humidity:

6:17

25m

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Characteristic

2 Byte Unsigned Integer

Ox2A6F

Connected

Device

Team 7

Service UUID

181A

Notified values

Subscribe

i

Cloud Connect

OFF

18:17:37.829

5600

18:17:32.790

5600

18:17:27.778

5600

18:17:22.792

5600

18:17:17.729

5600

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Reading the Battery Percentage:

6:18

24m

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Characteristic

1 Byte Unsigned Integer

Battery Level

UUID: 2A19

Connected

Device

Team 7

Service UUID

180F

Notified values

Subscribe

i

Cloud Connect

OFF

18:17:07.078

98

Descriptors

No Data

Properties

×

Un-readable

Unable to be read from

×

Un-writeable

Unable to be written to

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