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The MicroPython environment exposes certain OS-level functions, primarily via the standard
os module
However, not all commands from the MicroPython os library are implemented—especially in
older firmware versions-
so the best way to check availability is to try executing the command in the Python REPL
on your device.
import os
print(os.listdir())
This would list files in the device's filesystem, if supported by your firmware.
BLE Message Flow (Canvas BLE + UWB) :
The set of available OS functions may vary depending on your Canvas firmware version.
If a command is not implemented, you will receive an error. Always test commands directly
on your device
Phone
                           NX040 Tag
   Connect BLE
                            | ble_conn_cb()
                             | -> set security level
  | Initialize (0x0A msg)
   ----->| qpp_rx_cb()
                              | -> initialize_android() or initialize_ios()
  | Receive TX (0x01)
   <-----| gattserver.notify(..., "QPP TX", ...)</pre>
  | Configure (0x0B)
   ----->| -> configure_android()
  | Start UWB session
BLE Stack - Layer Breakdown :
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                          ← Your Python app code (e.g., GATT server)
| Application | +----+ ← Canvas API (canvas_ble module)
| Generic Attribute | GATT - Read/write characteristics
| Attribute Protocol | ATT — Data exchange protocol
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| Generic Access | GAP — Advertising, connection
| Security Manager | Pairing, bonding, encryption
| Logical Link Control| L2CAP - Packet framing
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| Link Layer | LL - BLE radio protocol
| Physical Layer (PHY)| Actual radio signals on 2.4 GHz
Advertiser:
Method Description
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add_canvas_data()
provisioning info).
add_data()
add_ltv()
Adds Canvas-specific BLE advertisement data (e.g., UWB support,
Adds raw bytes to the advertisement payload.
Adds standard BLE [Length-Type-Value] formatted data (used for
most BLE fields like name, service UUIDs).
add_smp_uuid() Adds the BLE SMP (Security Manager Protocol) UUID to indicate pairing support.
add_tag_string() Adds a human-readable name string to the advertisement (like '
                     Adds a human-readable name string to the advertisement (like "UWB"
or "TAG").
clear_buffer()
                     Clears either the advertising or scan response buffer.
                       Takes a boolean: True for advertising buffer, False for scan
response.
set_channel_mask() Sets the BLE advertising channel mask (rarely used; controls which
BLE channels 37/38/39 to use).
set_directed()
Makes the advertisement "directed" to a specific central device
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build_from_dict()

(rare in typical Canvas use). set interval() Sets the advertisement interval range, in milliseconds. E.g. adv.set_interval(100, 200) set_phys()
set_properties()
Sets the PHY (1M, 2M, Coded) used during advertising.
Sets advertisement properties like Sets advertisement properties like connectable, scannable, etc. Example: set properties(True, True, False). Begins BLE advertising with the current buffer. start() stop() Stops BLE advertising. update() Updates the active advertisement payload without restarting. Validates that advertisement buffer contents are valid BLE fields. validate_data() Connection: Method Description change_security() Requests a specific security level (e.g., encrypted or authenticated pairing). You typically call this after connecting. delete pairing() Removes the stored pairing information for this connection. Use it when pairing fails or before retrying. Takes a bonded argument (True or False). disconnect() Disconnects the BLE connection with the central device (e.g., phone). Returns the Bluetooth address of the connected device as a tuple get_addr() or string. aet rssi() Gets the current signal strength (RSSI) of the connection, in dBm. Useful for proximity/quality checks. set_security_cb()
Registers a callback to be called when security level changes (e.g., after pairing completes). Used to detect success/failure of pairing. GattClient - Methods && Flags Method Description discover() Initiates service and characteristic discovery on the connected BLE peripheral. You must call this before reading or writing. get dict() Returns the discovered services/characteristics in a Python dictionary format for easy access. read(name) Reads the value of a characteristic by its name (defined in the peripheral's GATT table). write(name, data, flags) Writes data to a characteristic by name. Flags determine how the write is done (acknowledged or not). set callback(callback) Sets a callback function to be called when the client receives a notification or indication from the peripheral. set name(name) Sets a name to identify this GATT client (used in logs/ debugging, optional). subscribe(name, flags) Subscribes to a characteristic to receive notifications or indications (based on flag). Subscribe with indications (reliable; requires FLAG INDICATE acknowledgment from client). FLAG NOTIFY Subscribe with notifications (fast, no ACK). FLAG_READ Used internally for read access. FLAG_WRITE ACK Write with response (ACK from peripheral). FLAG_WRITE_NO_ACK Write without response (faster but no confirmation). GattServer: Method Description

Initializes the GATT server using a Python dictionary (the

GATT table).

This defines services, characteristics, permissions, and

callbacks.

indicate(name, data)

Sends an indication to the connected central for the

specified characteristic.

Indications require acknowledgment.

notify(connection, name, data) Sends a notification (no acknowledgment required) to the

connected central for a given characteristic.

Returns the current value of a characteristic (by name). read(name) Updates the local value of a characteristic on the server. write(name, data)

Used internally or to reflect app state.

Starts the GATT server, making it ready to accept

connections.

stop() Stops the GATT server, disconnecting any connected

centrals.

Data was written to a characteristic by the central (write

Client enabled both notifications and indications.

EVENT_CCCD_INDICATE

EVENT_CCCD_NOTIFY

EVENT_CCCD_NONE

EVENT_CCCD_NONE

EVENT_INDICATION_OK

EVENT_INDICATION_TIMEOUT

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Indication timed out waiting for a client acknowledgment.

Stops BLE scanning.

Adds a scan filter of a given type (e.g., name,

Sets the PHY to use for scanning (1M, Coded PHY,

Sets the scanning timing parameters — window is

Begins scanning. The callback is called when a

Only matching devices are reported. Clears all previously added scan filters.

Characteristic is readable. FLAG_READ

FLAG_WRITE_ACK Writable with response (default behavior).

Writable without response (default b Writable without response (faster Can send notifications to client. FLAG_WRITE_NO_ACK Writable without response (faster). FLAG NOTIFY FLAG INDICATE Can send indications to client.

Scanner:

Method Description

filter_add(type, value) UUID, manufacturer data).

filter_reset() set_phys()

etc.).

set timing(window ms, interval ms)

the active scan time per interval.

start(callback)

matching advertisement is found.

stop()

FILTER ADDR Filter by advertiser address

FILTER DATA Raw data match

FILTER MANUF DATA Filter by manufacturer-specific data

FILTER_NAME Filter by advertisement name string Filter by UUID (usually a service UUID) FILTER UUID

TYPE CONNECTABLE Connectable advertisement

TYPE_DIRECTED Directed advertisement to a known peer

TYPE_EXTENDED Extended advertisement

TYPE_LEGACY Legacy advertisement (standard 31-byte payload)

TYPE_SCANNABLE Scannable advertisement TYPE SCAN RESPONSE Scan response packet