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1 Introduction

Quectel FC2x, FC06E, FC6xE, FC900E, and FGE57xQ series modules support Bluetooth feature on the Linux platform. This document takes Quectel RK3568-WF EVB as an example to describe how to enable and verify Bluetooth feature with Quectel FC2x, FC06E, FC6xE, FC900E, and FGE57xQ modules on Linux platform.

1.1. Applicable Modules

Table 1: Applicable Modules

Module
FC06E
FC20 Series
FC21
FC62E
FC64E
FC65E
FC66E Series
FC900E
FGE573Q
FGE576Q



2 Environment Preparations

2.1. Hardware Environment

Table 2: Hardware Environment

Hardware	Quantity
Quectel RK3568-WF EVB	1
Quectel Bluetooth Module	1
Antenna	1
USB Type-C Cable	1
Power Cable	1

NOTE

- 1. The development board model is for reference only. If you use other models, please consult the corresponding manufacturer for details.
- RK3568-WF EVB is connected to the module through the M.2 interface. Please check whether the
 connection with each interface/GPIO of the module is correct according to the actual situation of
 the development board.
- Please ensure that the Bluetooth antenna is connected properly. (The position of the antenna interface varies according to the module model. Please contact Quectel Technical Support for more details.)



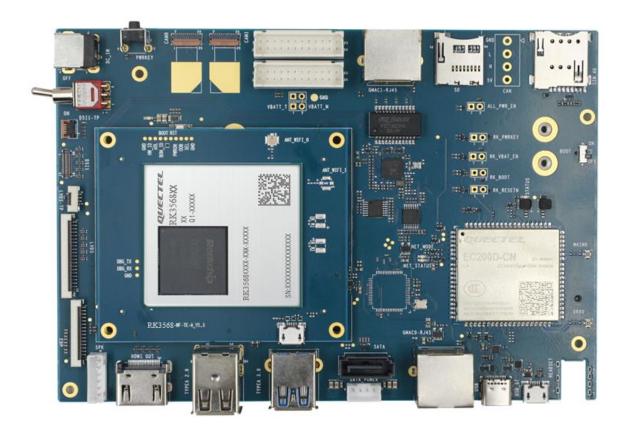


Figure 1: Top View of RK3568-WF EVB



Figure 2: Bottom View of RK3568-WF EVB



2.2. Software Environment

This document uses the Linux BSP of Quectel RK3568-WF EVB as the software environment. You should prepare the Linux BSP that is compatible with the actual development board and meet the following requirements.

Table 3: Software Environment

Туре	Description
Code environment	Linux 4.19
Driver package	Quectel Bluetooth driver package (include Bluetooth driver source code)
Compilation environment	Ubuntu 20.04
	qlbt and Btdiag tool
Tool	QRCT test tool
	3. nRF Connect tool

Execute the following commands to obtain the Bluetooth driver package.

mkdir Quectel
cd Quectel
git clone <specific repository name>

Table 4: Commands for Obtaining Bluetooth Driver Package

Module	Command
FC20 series	git clone https://git-master.quectel.com/wifi.bt/fc2x
FC21	git clone https://git-master.quectel.com/wifi.bt/fc2x
FC900E	git clone https://git-master.quectel.com/wifi.bt/fc2x
FC06E	git clone https://git-master.quectel.com/wifi.bt/fc6xe
FC62E	git clone https://git-master.quectel.com/wifi.bt/fc6xe
FC64E	git clone https://git-master.quectel.com/wifi.bt/fc6xe
FC65E	git clone https://git-master.quectel.com/wifi.bt/fc6xe



FC66E series	git clone https://git-master.quectel.com/wifi.bt/fc6xe
FGE573Q	git clone https://git-master.quectel.com/wifi.bt/qcc207x
FGE576Q	git clone https://git-master.quectel.com/wifi.bt/qcc207x

The Quectel Bluetooth driver package contains the following information:

Table 5: Bluetooth Files

File Folder	Description
BT/Linux/patch	Includes patch files for the BlueZ source code package to provide support for the Quectel Bluetooth modules
BT/Linux/tool	 Various toolkits for Bluetooth test qlbt is used to verify whether the communication between the Linux device (RK3568-WF EVB) and Quectel module is normal Btdiag is used for RF test with QRCT
BT/FW	Bluetooth firmware (users need to obtain the firmware from the subdirectory with the same name as the module model under <i>BT/FW</i> directory)
BT/Android	Bringup software package for Android platform (No need to pay attention)
Doc/EN	Wi-Fi and Bluetooth user guide documents in English version
Doc/CN	Wi-Fi and Bluetooth user guide documents in Chinese version
WiFi	Wi-Fi Bringup driver package (No need to pay attention)

NOTE

- 1. When obtaining the Bluetooth driver package, if necessary, please contact Quectel Technical Support to obtain git path access permission.
- 2. Linux BSP must support hardware flow control for UART, and should support at least 115200 bps and 3000000 bps baud rate.
- 3. The Linux BSP must support enabling the Bluetooth feature of the module through the BT_EN.



3 Integration and Compilation

3.1. Code Integration

3.1.1. Patching BlueZ Source Code of Linux Platform

Execute the following command to patch the BlueZ source code.

Table 6: Commands for Patching BlueZ Source Code

Module	Command
FC20 series	git am Quectel/fc2x-master/BT/Linux/patch/*.patch
FC21	git am Quectel/fc2x-master/BT/Linux/patch/*.patch
FC900E	git am Quectel/fc2x-master/BT/Linux/patch/*.patch
FC06E	git am Quectel/fc6xe-master/BT/Linux/patch/*.patch
FC62E	git am Quectel/fc6xe-master/BT/Linux/patch/*.patch
FC64E	git am Quectel/fc6xe-master/BT/Linux/patch/*.patch
FC65E	git am Quectel/fc6xe-master/BT/Linux/patch/*.patch
FC66E series	git am Quectel/fc6xe-master/BT/Linux/patch/*.patch
FGE573Q	git am Quectel/qcc207x-master/BT/Linux/patch/*.patch
FGE576Q	git am Quectel/qcc207x-master/BT/Linux/patch/*.patch



3.1.2. Copying Bluetooth Firmware to Linux Platform

Copy the .tlv and .bin files in the module Bluetooth firmware to the lib/firmware/qca directory under the Linux 4.19 source code.

NOTE

Since multiple modules share Bluetooth firmware, if the Bluetooth firmware of all modules is copied to rootfs at the same time, the RF parameters will not match. Therefore, please copy the specific module's Bluetooth firmware to rootfs according to your actual needs.

3.2. Compilation

Execute the following command in the *BlueZ* directory of the Linux 4.19 source code to compile BlueZ. (If BlueZ comes with the system, it is not necessary to compile it.)

./bootstrap-configure --disable-android --prefix=<user-defined BlueZ installation path> make make install

3.3. Image Downloading

After completing the above compilation steps, download the generated image file to the Linux platform (RK3568-WF EVB). For specific compilation and downloading steps, refer to: https://wiki.t-firefly.com/en/ROC-RK3568-PC/Windows_upgrade_firmware.html. Contact Quectel Technical Support for assistance, if necessary.



4 Function Verification

This chapter uses RK3568-WF EVB installed with Quectel Bluetooth module as an example to describe how to verify the Bluetooth function on Linux device.

NOTE

The function verification process for other Linux platforms is similar to the Bluetooth function verification described in this chapter. You can contact Quectel Technical Support if needed.

4.1. Verifying Basic Bluetooth Function

4.1.1. Enabling Bluetooth Module

Execute the following commands to enable module Bluetooth function.

echo 0 > /sys/class/rfkill/rfkill0/state echo 1 > /sys/class/rfkill/rfkill0/state

4.1.2. Initializing Bluetooth Module

Execute the following commands to initialize the module.

hciattach /dev/ttyS1 qca 3000000 flow hciconfig hci0 up hciconfig -a



```
qca_soc_init: Download TLV file successfully
rome_set_baudrate_req: HCI CMD: 0x1 0x48 0xfc 0x1 0xe
## userial set baud: 14
read vs hci event: Wait for HCI-Vendor Specfic Event from SOC
wait_for_data: HCI-VS-EVENT available in TTY Serial buffer
read_vs_hci_event: Wait for HCI-Vendor Specfic Event from SOC, buf[0] - 0x4
read_vs_hci_event: Wait for HCI-Vendor Specfic Event from SOC, buf[1] - 0xe
get_vs_hci_event: Received HCI-Vendor Specific event
get_vs_hci_event: 0x 4 0x e 0x 4 0x 1 0x48 0xfc 0x 1 0x 0
get_vs_hci_event: Command response: 0x48
get_vs_hci_event: Response type
                                  : 0x0
get_vs_hci_event: EDL_SET_BAUDRATE_CMD_OCF err=0!!!
read_vs_hci_event: Wait for HCI-Vendor Specfic Event from SOC, count - 0x7
rome_set_baudrate_req: Received HCI-Vendor Specific Event from SOC
rome_set_baudrate_req
rome_hci_reset_req: HCI RESET
rome_hci_reset_req: HCI CMD: 0x1 0x3 0xc 0x0
## userial_set_baud: 14
HCI Reset is done
Setting TTY to N_HCI line discipline
Device setup complete
```

```
hci0:
        Type: Primary Bus: UART
        BD Address: 64:C4:03:88:FC:F1 ACL MTU: 1024:8 SC0 MTU: 240:4
        UP RUNNING
        RX bytes:1422 acl:0 sco:0 events:80 errors:0
        TX bytes:908 acl:0 sco:0 commands:80 errors:0
        Features: 0xff 0xfe 0x8f 0xfe 0xd8 0x3f 0x5b 0x87
        Packet type: DM1 DM3 DM5 DH1 DH3 DH5 HV1 HV2 HV3
        Link policy: RSWITCH HOLD SNIFF
        Link mode: PERIPHERAL ACCEPT
        Name: ''
        Class: 0x000000
        Service Classes: Unspecified
        Device Class: Miscellaneous,
        HCI Version: (0xc) Revision: 0x0
        LMP Version: (0xc) Subversion: 0x3a98
        Manufacturer: Qualcomm (29)
```

4.1.3. Loading Bluetooth Deamon

Execute the following command in Linux 4.19 system to enable the Bluetooth daemon.

/usr/libexec/bluetooth/bluetoothd -n -d &

NOTE

- 1. On RK3568-WF EVB, it needs to execute the **rfkill** command to enable the Bluetooth module, and you can flexibly adjust it according to the actual situation.
- 2. Parameter /dev/ttyS1 indicates the device number corresponding to the serial port of the Bluetooth module, and you can flexibly adjust it according to the actual situation.



3. The above operations are in the Linux 4.19 system, some steps may require sudo permissions, please flexibly adjust it according to the actual situation.

4.2. Verifying Audio Play (Sink)

4.2.1. Loading PulseAudio Service

Execute the following command in Linux 4.19 system to start the PulseAudio service.

pulseaudio &

4.2.2. Scanning and Connecting Device

Execute the following commands to scan and connect to the device.

bluetoothctl

[bluetooth]# scan on

[bluetooth]# scan off

[bluetooth]# devices

[bluetooth]# connect xx:xx:xx:xx:xx

NOTE

xx:xx:xx:xx:xx indicates the Bluetooth address of the target device.

4.2.3. Playing Audio

- **Step 1:** Check whether the Bluetooth connection icon is displayed on the phone to confirm whether the A2DP connection is successful. If the Bluetooth connection icon is displayed, it indicates that the A2DP connection is successful.
- Step 2: Execute the following commands to set the sink of the PulseAudio service.

pactl list sinks

pactl set-default-sink 2 (2 needs to correspond to the actual sink#)



```
Sink #2

State: SUSPENDED

Name: alsa_output.0.HiFi_hw_rockchiprk809co_sink

Description: Built-in Audio Speaker Playback + Headphones Playback

Driver: module-alsa-card.c

Sample Specification: s16le 2ch 44100Hz

Channel Map: front-left,front-right

Owner Module: 8

Mute: no

Volume: front-left: 65536 / 100% / 0.00 dB, front-right: 65536 / 100% / 0.00 dB

balance 0.00

Base Volume: 65536 / 100% / 0.00 dB

Monitor Source: alsa_output.0.HiFi_hw_rockchiprk809co_sink.monitor

Latency: 0 usec, configured 0 usec

Flags: HARDWARE DECIBEL_VOLUME LATENCY
```

Step 3: Execute the following commands to set up the audio input device for the PulseAudio service.

```
pactl list sources
pactl set-default-source 5 (5 needs to correspond to the actual source#)
```

```
State: SUSPENDED

Name: bluez_source.74_15_75_DC_F2_3C.a2dp_source

Description: Redmi K40

Driver: module-bluezb-device.c

Sample Specification: s16le 2ch 44100Hz

Channel Map: front-left,front-right

Owner Module: 24

Mute: no

Volume: front-left: 65536 / 100% / 0.00 dB, front-right: 65536 / 100% / 0.00 dB

balance 0.00

Base Volume: 65536 / 100% / 0.00 dB

Monitor of Sink: n/a

Latency: 0 usec, configured 0 usec

Flags: HARDWARE DECIBEL_VOLUME LATENCY
```

Step 4: Play the audio file on the phone. If Bluetooth audio can be heard in the wired headset and audio-related information can be seen on the system terminal, it means that the audio playback function is normal.

```
[Redmi K40]# bluetoothd[1356]: profiles/audio/player.c:media_player_set_playlist_item() 0 bluetoothd[1356]: profiles/audio/player.c:media_player_set_metadata() Title: Bye Bye Bye bluetoothd[1356]: profiles/audio/player.c:media_player_set_metadata() Artist: Lovestoned bluetoothd[1356]: profiles/audio/player.c:media_player_set_metadata() Album: Rising Love bluetoothd[1356]: profiles/audio/player.c:media_player_set_metadata() TrackNumber: 3 bluetoothd[1356]: profiles/audio/player.c:media_player_set_metadata() NumberOfTracks: 397 bluetoothd[1356]: profiles/audio/player.c:media_player_set_metadata() Genre: bluetoothd[1356]: profiles/audio/player.c:media_player_set_metadata() Duration: 151510 [CHG] Player /org/bluez/hci0/dev_74_15_75_DC_F2_3C/player0 Title: Bye Bye Bye [CHG] Player /org/bluez/hci0/dev_74_15_75_DC_F2_3C/player0 TrackNumber: 0x000000003 (3) [CHG] Player /org/bluez/hci0/dev_74_15_75_DC_F2_3C/player0 NumberOfTracks: 0x0000018d (397) [CHG] Player /org/bluez/hci0/dev_74_15_75_DC_F2_3C/player0 Duration: 0x00024fd6 (151510) [CHG] Player /org/bluez/hci0/dev_74_15_75_DC_F2_3C/player0 Album: Rising Love [CHG] Player /org/bluez/hci0/dev_74_15_75_DC_F2_3C/player0 Artist: Lovestoned [CHG] Player /org/bluez/hci0/dev_74_15_75_DC_F2_3C/player0 Genre:
```



NOTE

It's necessary to execute **amixer -c 0 cset numid=1 3** to enable the RK3568-WF EVB speaker. You can set mixer through the **amixer** command according to actual needs.

4.3. Verifying Bluetooth Audio (Source)

4.3.1. Loading PulseAudio Service

See Chapter 4.2.1 for details.

4.3.2. Scanning and Connecting Device

See Chapter 4.2.2 for details.

4.3.3. Playing Audio

- **Step 1:** Check whether the Bluetooth connection icon is displayed on the phone to confirm whether the A2DP connection is successful. If the Bluetooth connection icon is displayed, it indicates that the A2DP connection is successful.
- Step 2: Execute the following commands to set the sink of the PulseAudio service.

```
pactl list sinks
pactl set-default-sink 3 (3 needs to correspond to the actual sink#)
```

```
State: SUSPENDED

Name: bluez_sink.CD_45_71_E8_29_D4.a2dp_sink

Description: BT-SPEAKER

Driver: module-bluez5-device.c

Sample Specification: s16le 2ch 44100Hz

Channel Map: front-left,front-right

Owner Module: 24

Mute: no

Volume: front-left: 65536 / 100% / 0.00 dB, front-right: 65536 / 100% / 0.00 dB

balance 0.00

Base Volume: 65536 / 100% / 0.00 dB

Monitor Source: bluez_sink.CD_45_71_E8_29_D4.a2dp_sink.monitor

Latency: 0 usec, configured 0 usec

Flags: HARDWARE DECIBEL_VOLUME LATENCY
```

Step 3: Play the audio file on the development board and see whether you can hear the audio from the Bluetooth headphones or Bluetooth speaker. If you can hear the audio, it means that the Bluetooth audio playback function is normal.



4.4. Verifying BLE Protocol (Server)

4.4.1. Creating Server and Advertising

- **Step 1:** Execute **bluetoothctl** to run bluetoothctl.
- **Step 2:** Execute [bluetooth]# menu gatt to enter the gatt subdirectory.

```
bluetooth]# menu gatt
Menu gatt:
Available commands:
list-attributes [dev/local]
                                                                                         List attributes
select-attribute <attribute/UUID>
attribute-info [attribute/UUID]
                                                                                         Select attribute
Select attribute
read [offset]
                                                                                         Read attribute value
                                                                                         Read attribute value
Write attribute value
Acquire Write file descriptor
Release Write file descriptor
Acquire Notify file descriptor
Release Notify file descriptor
Notify attribute value
Clone a device or attribute
write <data=xx xx ...> [offset] [type]
acquire-write
release-write
acquire-notify
release-notify
notify <on/off>
clone [dev/attribute/UUID]
register-application [UUID ...]
                                                                                         Clone a device or attribute
Register profile to connect
unregister-application
                                                                                         Unregister profile
register-service <UUID> [handle]
unregister-service <UUID/object>
register-includes <UUID> [handle]
                                                                                         Register application service.
Unregister application service
Register as Included service in.
unregister-includes <Service-UUID><Inc-UUID> Unregister Included service.
register-characteristic <UUID> <Flags=read,write,notify...> [handle] Register application characteristic unregister-characteristic <UUID/object> Unregister application characteristic
register-descriptor <UUID> <Flags=read,write...>
                                                                                       [handle] Register application descriptor
unregister-descriptor <UUID/object>
                                                                                         Unregister application descriptor
                                                                                         Return to main menu
Display version
back
version
                                                                                          Quit program
quit
                                                                                         Quit program
                                                                                         Display help about this program Print environment variables
help
```

Step 3: Execute **[bluetooth]# register-service e2d36f99-8909-4136-9a49-d825508b297b** to register the service e2d36f99-8909-4136-9a49-d825508b297b.

Step 4: Execute [bluetooth]# register-characteristic 0x1234 read to register a readable characteristic.

Step 5: Execute [bluetooth]# register-characteristic 0x5678 write to register a writable characteristic.



Step 6: Execute the following commands to start advertising.

```
[bluetooth]# register-application
[bluetooth]# back
[bluetooth]# menu advertise
[bluetooth]# name Quectel
[bluetooth]# back
[bluetooth]# advertise on
```

4.4.2. Test for Reading and Writing

- **Step 1:** Install and open the application nRF Connect on the phone and enter the "SCANNER" interface.
- Step 2: Find the target device and then click "CONNECT" to find the two created characteristics.
- **Step 3:** Click the arrow on the phone to test reading and writing.

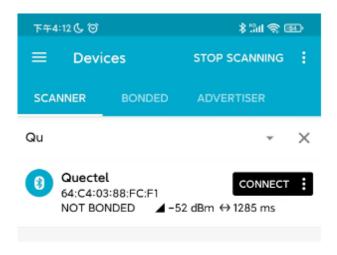


Figure 3: "SCANNER" interface



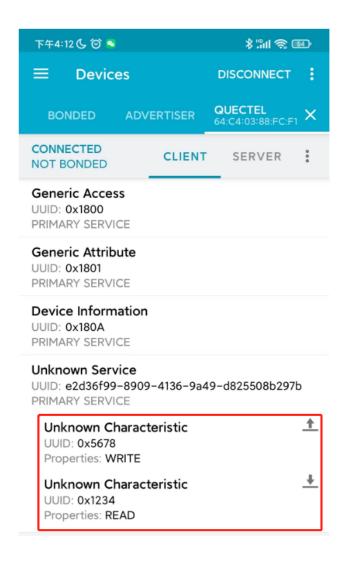


Figure 4: Created Characteristics

NOTE

For the downloading and using of nRF Connect tool, please refer to the official website: https://www.nordicsemi.com/Products/Development-tools/nRF-Connect-for-mobile.



4.5. Verifying BLE Protocol (Client)

4.5.1. Enabling Server and Advertising

Step 1: Open the application nRF Connect on the phone and enter the "ADVERTISER" interface to enable server and advertising.

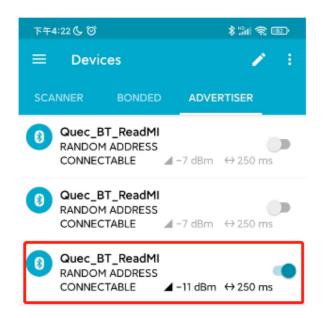


Figure 5: Enable Server and Advertising

4.5.2. Scanning and Connecting Device

Execute the following commands to scan and connect to the device.

bluetoothctl
[bluetooth]# scan on
[bluetooth]# scan off
[bluetooth]# devices
[bluetooth]# connect xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
[bluetooth]# menu gatt
[bluetooth]# list-attributes



4.5.3. Test for Reading and Writing

4.5.3.1. Test for Reading

Step 1: Execute the following command to select the attribute whose UUID is fff1 to receive data from the mobile phone.

select-attribute 0000fff1-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb

Step 2: Execute the following command to enable notification function.

notify on

- **Step 3:** Write data through nRF Connect on the phone. The UUID for writing data must correspond to the UUID in **select-attribute** command.
- **Step 4:** Check whether the received data can be viewed in the printed information on the BlueZ running interface.

4.5.3.2. Test for Writing

Step 1: Execute the following command to select the attribute whose UUID is fff2 to write data to the mobile phone.

select-attribute 0000fff20000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb

- **Step 2:** Execute **write 1** to write data 1 (1 can be any value).
- **Step 3:** Check the received data in the fff2 box of nRF Connect on the phone. If the received data is 1, it means that the data is written successfully.



5 Usage of Tool

This chapter takes Quectel RK3568-WF EVB as an example to introduce the use of Bluetooth related tools in the git repository.

5.1. qlbt

This tool is used to check whether the Linux device can communicate with the Bluetooth module through the UART when Bluetooth initialization fails.

5.1.1. Enabling Bluetooth Module

See Chapter 4.1.1 for details.

5.1.2. Obtaining Version

Execute the following HCI commands to obtain the version of Bluetooth chip.

```
./qlbt -v /dev/ttyS1
```

If the information as shown in the red box in the figure below, it indicates that the main controller of the Linux platform can communicate with the Bluetooth module normally through the UART.

```
root@rockchip:/# ./albt -v /dev/ttyS1
send : 0x01 0x00 0xfc 0x01 0x19
recv : 0x04 0x0e 0x12 0x01 0x00 0xfc 0x00 0x19 0x0c 0x19 0x00 0x00 0x00 0xfb 0x43 0x00 0x02 0x00 0x02 0x17 0x40
```



5.2. Btdiag

This tool is used to verify the RF function of Bluetooth with QRCT tool.

5.2.1. Enabling Bluetooth Module

See Chapter 4.1.1 for details.

5.2.2. Using Btdiag with QRCT (Ethernet)

Step 1: Execute **hciconfig -a** to get Bluetooth device ID.

Step 2: Execute the following command to enable Btdiag.

./Btdiag UDT=yes PORT=2390 IOType=USB QDARTIOType=ethernet BT-DEVICE=hci0

NOTE

Please choose the device ID according to your development board.

Step 3: Execute ifconfig to check the Ethernet IP address of the development board.

Step 4: Open the QRCT tool and enter the TCP port set in **Step 2** into the input box next to "TCP Port". Enter the IP address obtained in **Step 3** into the input box next to "IP Address". Then, click the "**Connect**" button to connect the Btdiag tool. As shown in the figure below:



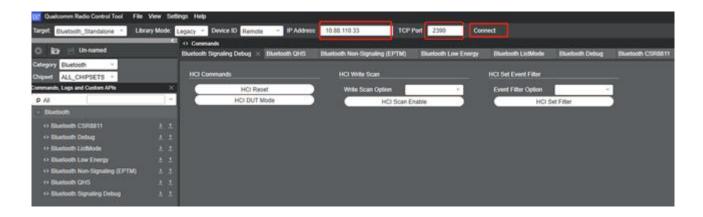


Figure 6: QRCT Configuration

After completing the above steps, you can proceed with the subsequent RF testing process. For specific RF testing procedures, please contact Quectel Technical Support.

NOTE

- 1. Using QRCT test tool requires authorization from Qualcomm.
- 2. The PC on which QRCT is used must be on the same network segment as the development board on which Btdiag runs.



6 Appendix References

Table 7: Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
A2DP	Advanced Audio Distribution Profile
ARM	Advanced RISC Machine
BLE	Bluetooth Low Energy
BSP	Board Support Package
ВТ	Bluetooth
CTS	Clear To Send
EVB	Evaluation Board
GATT	Generic Attribute Profile
GPIO	General-Purpose Input/Output
HCI	Host Controller Interface
ID	Mostly refers to Identifier in terms of software
IP	Internet Protocol
PC	Personal Computer
PCM	Pulse Code Modulation
RTS	Request to Send
Rx	Receive
ТСР	Transmission Control Protocol
Тх	Transmit
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter



USB	Universal Serial Bus
UUID	Universally Unique Identifier