

# nRF52 SDK

A brief introduction – Global Tech Tour 2015

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# SDK in numbers

- ▶ nRF52 SDK is a collection of code to make nRF52 development easy

Drivers 15+	Libraries 10+	Modules 7+	Example applications	Externals
TWI	CRC	NFC	Hardware Peripheral 40+	SoftDevices
UART	FIFO	BLE Security manager	Bluetooth 20+	MDK
PWM	HASH	DFU	ANT 10+	RTOSes

# Compiler and IDE support

- ▶ Support for multiple compilers: IAR, Keil and GCC.
- ▶ Not locked to a Proprietary IDE. Use whatever OS and IDE you want.
  - ▶ some guides are shared on dev-zone.
  - ▶ Keil as our supported reference IDE



# Where to get it

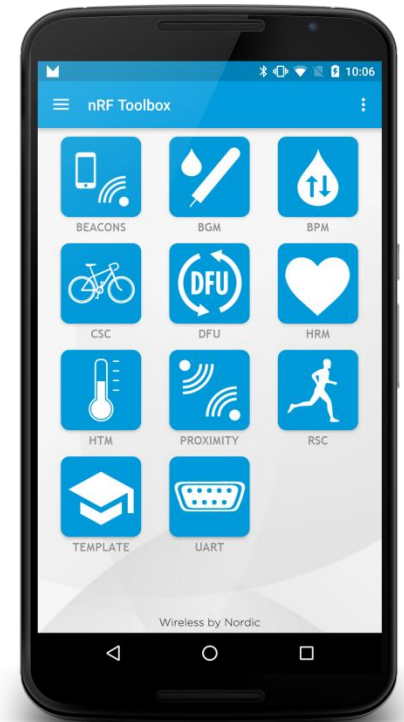
- ▶ Free and easy to get
  - ▶ Zip [developer.nordicsemi.com](http://developer.nordicsemi.com)
  - ▶ Documentation [infocenter.nordicsemi.com](http://infocenter.nordicsemi.com)
  - ▶ CMSIS-packs from Keil 5 Pack Installer
- ▶ Meant to be used together with the nRF52 Development kits, but switching to your production PCB or other boards is intuitive.

# Why use the nRF52 SDK

- ▶ Speed up development
  - ▶ Compilable and runnable code ready to be expanded upon
  - ▶ Code is written by a team with deep knowledge of the hardware
  - ▶ Stay updated on the latest developments – New SoftDevices, drivers, modules, services and profiles
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- ▶ Tech Support knows the product well, and respond quickly
  - ▶ Great community on Nordic Developer Zone
  - ▶ Same codebase used for other Nordic SDKs

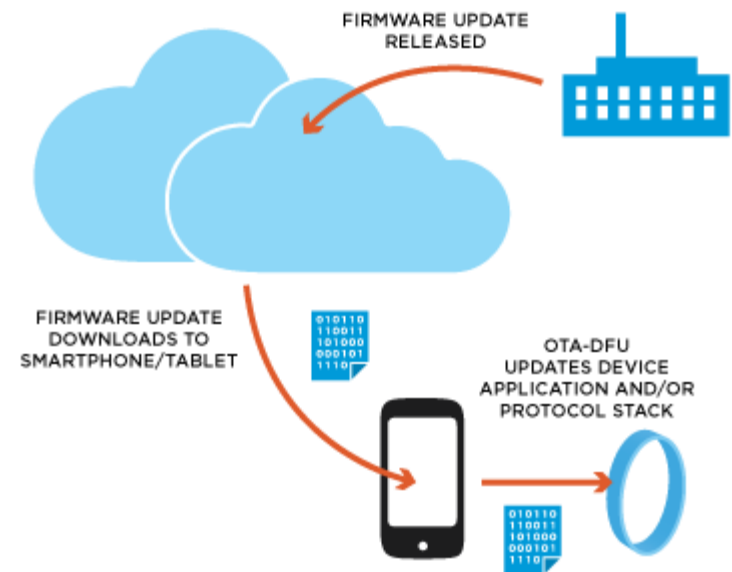
# Why use the nRF52 SDK

- ▶ Complemented by software for iOS, Android
- ▶ Master Control Panel for both PC and Android
- ▶ Available on Play-and App store, and as BSD on GitHub!



# DFU

- ▶ Over the air wireless device firmware update
- ▶ Bootloader with custom BLE service
- ▶ Upload any combination of Application, SoftDevice or new bootloader





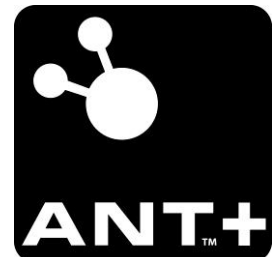
# DFU with Asymmetric Signing

- ▶ Add-on to regular DFU implementation
  - ▶ Uses same custom BLE service
  - ▶ Easy to integrate
- ▶ Firmware images signed with elliptic curve cryptography
  - ▶ ECDSA using elliptic curve P-256 and SHA-256
  - ▶ Popular “footprint vs security” ratio
- ▶ Signing secures the OTA firmware upgrades
  - ▶ Trusted source
  - ▶ Trusted operation
- ▶ Based on Private/Public key-pair
  - ▶ Nobody can create a valid firmware image without access to the private key
  - ▶ Public keys are stored in flash
- ▶ Tools provided to generate keys
  - ▶ Python based for automated operation



## Peripherals and Utility

- ▶ Abundance of example applications.
- ▶ Hardware peripheral drivers
  - ▶ HAL ensures easy migration from nRF51
  - ▶ All hardware has at least one example to see the driver in use.
- ▶ Generic utility modules and Libraries.
  - ▶ Flash storage management
- ▶ Common RTOS support (RTX and FreeRTOS)
  - ▶ RTOS agnostic



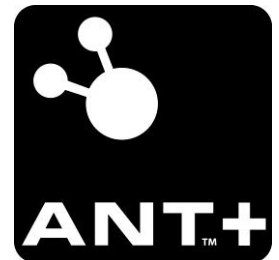
# BLE

- ▶ Wide range of qualified Bluetooth LE services and profiles
  - ▶ Heart Rate, HID, Alert Notification, Glucose ++
- ▶ Proprietary BLE services
  - ▶ UART, DFU, BLE Blinky
- ▶ Bluetooth LE modules
  - ▶ Security management
  - ▶ Advertising management
- ▶ Direct Test Mode (DTM)
- ▶ DFU over BLE and UART
- ▶ NFC touch to pair



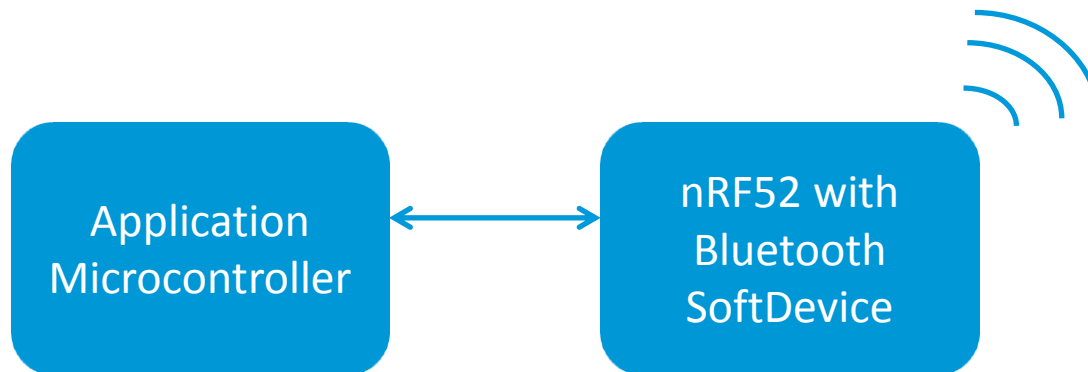
# ANT

- ▶ Wide range of ANT profiles and examples
  - ▶ Heart Rate, Bicycle Power, Bike Speed & Cadence and more
- ▶ Support for up to 15 ANT channels
- ▶ ANT modules
  - ▶ File sharing
  - ▶ Encryption
- ▶ ANT DFU
  
- ▶ Proprietary radio protocol library (ESB, Gazell)



# Serialization

- ▶ Bluetooth LE SoftDevice serialization, converting our nRF52 into a connectivity chip



## Product specific SDK's

- ▶ Some SDK do live their own life outside of the generic nRF52 SDK,
- ▶ All based on nRF52 SDK, and holds same basic code base
- ▶ Separate because of product maturity (and/or licensing)

Rezence SDK	IoT SDK	SDK for HomeKit
		

# Rezence SDK

- ▶ Specialized SDK to target wireless charging
- ▶ Rezence: Wireless standard that uses BLE as signaling protocol
- ▶ Feature complete A4WP Baseline System Specification (BSS) 1.3
- ▶ Device Firmware Update (DFU) support
- ▶ Simple device integration
- ▶ Reference design 2016 Q1

Available from <http://www.rezence.com/>



# IoT SDK

- ▶ SDK where core functionality is to enable IPv6 over BLE
  - ▶ 6LoWPAN compression/decompression
- ▶ 100% based on open standards
- ▶ Security through well tested TLS and DTLS libraries
- ▶ Support and examples for major M2M protocols:
  - ▶ CoAP
  - ▶ MQTT
  - ▶ LWM2M
- ▶ Examples for Linux based router
- ▶ Utilizes the strength of BLE support in mobile devices to ensure user friendly deployment.





# SDK for HomeKit\*

- ▶ SDK that enables Single-Chip HomeKit BLE solution
- ▶ HomeKit: Communicate with and control accessories in a home.
- ▶ SDK Approved by Apple
- ▶ Software to support all features needed for
  - ▶ Highly optimized HomeKit Application Protocol (HAP)
  - ▶ HomeKit profiles
  - ▶ MFI authentication
- ▶ Device Firmware Update (DFU) support
- ▶ Cross platform support

*\*Only available to verified MFI members*



# Summary

- ▶ nRF52 SDK aims to make development fast and fun.
- ▶ Drivers, libraries, modules, MDK, SoftDevices, example applications
- ▶ ANT and Qualified Bluetooth LE examples.
- ▶ Powerful features such as the Device Firmware Upgrade & NFC touch to Pair.
- ▶ Helps you stay updated on valuable nRF52 features
  
- ▶ Several Compilers supported
- ▶ Custom SDKs for specific use cases
- ▶ Excellent Tech Support and Community

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