

# CC3100 SLS Transceiver Mode Application

## Overview

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This is a sample application demonstrating how to use CC31xx's transceiver mode of operation. This is the ability of a device to send data directly over the WLAN MAC layer without being connected to a WLAN AP.

**Note:** This wiki page is only applicable for **CC3100-SDK v1.0.0** and upward releases. For documentation on older SDKs' examples, refer corresponding file in `<cc3100-sdk-installation-location>\cc3100-sdk\docs\examples\`

## Application details

Two use-cases that are shown in the example code are:

€ **TX Continuous:** In this mode, the SimpleLink device is able to communicate directly over the Wi-Fi PHY layer, .i.e. bypass the Network Stack, Wi-Fi driver and MAC layer. In this mode, the user is given with a full flexibility in building the transmitted packet.

**Note:** : User is fully responsible for building the transmitted packet. If it is desired to build a proprietary protocol on top of Wi-Fi PHY layer, then the user should be familiar with Wi-Fi MAC layer specifications and build the packet appropriately.

€ **RX Statistics:** Main purpose is to provide major medium statistics. Statistics provided by CC3100 are:

- € **Received Packets:** The number of packets sampled.
- € **Received FCS:** The number of packets received that had frame check sequence errors.
- € **Received PLCP:** The number of packets received that had physical layer convergence protocol errors.
- € **Average RSSI:** for Management/Other Packets: The average signal strength of the management packets or data packets.
- € **RSSI Histogram:** A histogram showing the signal strength of the different packets during the collection period.
- € **Rate Histogram:** A histogram of the transmission rate of the different packets. The rates corresponding to the numbers can be found in the RateIndex\_e enum in the wlan.h header file.
- € **Sample Time:** The amount of time spent gathering samples.

For information on how to use Visual-Studio or Eclipse to compile and run this application, refer to [cc3100\\_getting\\_started\\_guide\\_swru375](#)<sup>[1]</sup> in '`<cc3100/>docs`' folder.

By default, this application communicates w/ CC3100 over SPI. The SDK has UART-Drivers as well for 'SimpleLink Studio' platform. For using the UART interface to communicate w/ CC3100, macro **SL\_IF\_TYPE\_UART** has to be defined in the application-project's properties. Also, 'COMM\_PORT\_NUM' in **main.c** needs to be changed to the first com-port that gets enumerated for 'J6' of 'CC31xxEMUBOOST Brd'. In case four ports are getting enumerated, user should use the third com-port.

## Limitations/Known Issues

- € TX continuous mode works in WiFi disconnected mode only
- € The user needs to make sure the connection policy is not set to auto/fast mode
- € Complete RX statistics can be obtained in disconnected mode only, however this feature can be used to get the RSSI of the AP the device is connected to.
- € When `sl_rcv()` API is invoked in transceiver mode, the SimpleLink device remains in RX mode and doesn't go to low power mode

## References

- [1] <http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/swru375>

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