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1.1. Scope

This document describes the usage of the Bluetooth module BlueMod+S50/Central.

1.2. Audience

This document is intended for Telit customers, especially system integrators, about to implement Bluetooth modules in their application.

1.3. Contact and Support Information

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Caution or Warning – Alerts the user to important points about integrating the module, if these points are not followed, the module and end user equipment may fail or malfunction.



Tip or Information – Provides advice and suggestions that may be useful when integrating the module.

All dates are in ISO 8601 format, i.e. YYYY-MM-DD.

1.5. Related Documents

- [1] BlueMod+S50 Hardware User Guide, 1VV0301505
- [2] BlueMod+S50/Central AT Command Reference, 80578ST10890A
- [3] Bluetooth 5.0 Core Specification
- [4] UICP+ UART Interface Control Protocol, 30507ST10756A

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2. FEATURE SET

The combined central and peripheral BlueMod+S50/Central firmware includes the following feature set:

- Handling for 4 parallel links (3 in central role and 1 in peripheral role)
- Generic GATT client support in central role
- Terminal I/O server role in peripheral role
- Up to 60 characteristics shared by all GATT clients
- 10 configurable 128 bit UUIDs
- Fix pin for easy security
- AT command mode
- Easy control over all connection parameters
- Advanced power saving features like UICP and SYSTEMOFF
- Firmware over the air update
- LE secure connections

This document shows the practical use of some AT commands listed in the AT command reference. For command details please refer to the *BlueMod+S50/Central AT Command Reference*.



3. MODES AND CONNECTIONS

In AT command mode the BlueMod+S50/Central supports 3 parallel central connections or one peripheral Terminal I/O server connection. This means that the BlueMod+S50/Central stops advertising (being connectable) as peripheral as soon a central connection is established.

When a peripheral Terminal I/O server connection is active, it is not possible to establish a central connection to be used as GATT client.

The reason for this behavior is that a Terminal I/O connection in AT mode puts the serial interface in data mode, where it is not possible to handle AT commands or events for an additional central connection. Therefore, it is not possible to use the ATD command for connection establishment during a Terminal I/O connection.

3.1. AT Command Mode

This chapter describes connection examples for different roles:

- Central role: GATT client connections to BLE peripheral devices in AT command mode
- Peripheral role as Terminal I/O server

3.1.1. Central Role as GATT Client

In central role the BlueMod+S50/Central supports the possibility to connect to any Bluetooth low energy peripheral devices.

The following example lists the GATT connection in multiple steps include an explanation of the different result messages.



3.1.1.1. Searching for Available Peripheral Devices

If the Bluetooth address of the peripheral device is unknown the BlueMod+S50/Central needs to scan for available peripheral devices first.

AT+LESCAN=GATT	
	D0A4E9658F65,t3 RSSI:-60 TYPE:CONN
	NAME:BM+S 8F65
	MNF:8F0009B0011000
	UUID:FEFB
	DE338F0D1A22,t3 RSSI:-68 TYPE:CONN
	NAME:BM+S 1A22
	MNF:8F0009B0011000
	UUID:FEFB
	0080254978B3,t2 RSSI:-62 TYPE:CONN
	NAME:BM+SR 7
	MNF:8F0009B0011000
	UUID:53544D544552494F5345525631303030
	UUID:FEFB
	F1B9EB41D81E,t3 RSSI:-57 TYPE:CONN
	NAME:TESTDEVICE
	UUID:FF00
	008025001162,t2 RSSI:-68 TYPE:CONN
	NAME:BM+SR 1
	MNF:8F0009B0011000
	UUID:53544D544552494F5345525631303030
	UUID:FEFB
	ОК

This output lists 5 different peripheral devices with different services.

To list peripheral devices with a specific UUID it is possible to add this UUID value in the AT+LESCAN command.

AT+LESCAN=uFF00	
	F1B9EB41D81E,t3 RSSI:-57 TYPE:CONN
	NAME:TESTDEVICE
	UUID:FF00
	ОК

The found peripheral device includes the following information:

- Bluetooth address and type: F1B9EB41D81E,t3
- Signal strength in dbm: RSSI:-57
- Advertisement type: TYPE:CONN
- Device name: NAME:TESTDEVICE
- Service UUID: UUID:FF00



3.1.1.2. Create GATT Connection

To establish a GATT connection to a peripheral device it is required to initiate a call request to the unique Bluetooth address.

ATDF1B9EB41D81E,t3,GATT	
	CONNECT GATT 0x10

The BlueMod+S50/Central reports the created GATT connection with the result message "CONNECT" include the connection type "GATT" and a connection handle "0x10".

This connection handle is not set to a fixed value and will be different for each connection.

The given connection handle is required for further activities onto this peripheral device.

3.1.1.3. Discovering Services and Characteristics

After the GATT connection was established the BlueMod+S50/Central should search for available services and their characteristics using the AT+LESRVD command.

AT+LESRVD=0x10	
	UUID:1800
	UUID:1801
	UUID:180A
	UUID:FF00
	ОК

The BlueMod+S50/Central reports a list of GATT services from the peripheral device.

This list of available services also includes the UUID: "FF00". This UUID was listed during the LESCAN result of this peripheral device as well. If the required service UUID is already known, the service search function could be skipped.

In addition to the service UUID value it is required to get the characteristic values of the required service UUID.

AT+LESRVD=0x10,uFF00	
	UUID:FF00
	0x0011 PROP:0x3E UUID:FF01
	0x0014 PROP:0x3E UUID:FF02
	0x0017 PROP:0x3E UUID:FF03
	0x001A PROP:0x08 UUID:FF04
	0x001C PROP:0x04 UUID:FF05
	0x001E PROP:0x02 UUID:FF06
	0x0020 PROP:0x10 UUID:FF07
	0x0023 PROP:0x20 UUID:FF08
	0x0026 PROP:0x30 UUID:FF09
	0x0029 PROP:0x3E UUID:FF0A
	0x002C PROP:0x3E UUID:FF0B
	0x002F PROP:0x3E UUID:FF0C
	0x0032 PROP:0x3E UUID:FF0D
	0x0035 PROP:0x3E UUID:0000FF0A000010008000008025000000
	0x0038 PROP:0x3E UUID:0000FF0B000010008000008025000000
	0x003B PROP:0x3E UUID:0000FF0C000010008000008025000000
	0x003E PROP:0x3E UUID:0000FF0D000010008000008025000000
	ОК



The BlueMod+S50/Central reports a list of GATT characteristics of the requested GATT service UUID: "FF00" from the peripheral device. This list of characteristics includes all characteristic specific values like, characteristic handle, characteristic properties, characteristic UUID.

The following example lists the information of the first characteristic in details:

- characteristic handle: 0x0011
- characteristic properties: PROP:0x3E
- characteristic UUID: UUID:FF01

The <u>characteristic handle</u> is required for all access functions to use with this characteristic.

The <u>characteristic properties</u> inform about the possible access functions available on this characteristic, like: read, write, write without response, notify, indicate. In this example the properties PROP: 0x3E with the characteristic handle 0x0011 are set to all possible properties.

The <u>characteristic UUID</u> identifies the characteristic ID within this service.

3.1.1.4. Writing Data to a Characteristic

To write data to a characteristic it is required that the properties of this characteristic support "write" or "write without response".

There are two different options to write data to the characteristic:

- AT+LEWRITE: Initiate a <u>write with response</u> access to the characteristic
- AT+LEWRITECMD: Initiate a <u>write without response</u> access (write command) to the characteristic

In addition, it is important to know the data size of the GATT characteristic.

This information is listed in the service specification of the addressed service.

In the example the data size is defined to two bytes.

To write two data bytes (0xaa and 0xbb) to the GATT server on the peripheral side the host controller needs to use the connection handle and characteristic handle from the ATD and AT+LESRVD commands. Additionally, the data content has to be added to the command line.

AT+LEWRITE=0x10,0x0011,aabb	
	ОК

The AT+LEWRITE command uses a "write request" command which is confirmed by the peripheral side with a "write response" message.

The result "OK" means that the value was written to the peripherals GATT server successfully.

AT+LEWRITECMD=0x10,0x0011,aabb	
	ОК

The AT+LEWRITECMD command uses a "write command" which is not confirmed by the peripheral side. The result "OK" means that the data was sent over the air.



3.1.1.5. Reading Data from a Characteristic

To read data from a characteristic it is required that the properties of this characteristic supports "read", "notify" or "indicate".

To read data bytes from a characteristic of the GATT server on the peripheral side the host controller needs to use the connection handle and characteristic handle from the ATD and AT+LESRVD commands.

AT+LEREAD=0x10,0x0011	
	LEREAD:0x10,0x0011,AABB
	ОК

The answer is separated into two parts:

- The result message "OK" reports that reading to the required connection handle and characteristic handle was successful.
- The "LEREAD:0x10,0x0011,AABB" message reports the read data of the requested connection handle "0x10" and characteristic handle "0x0011".

The data is formatted as a hexadecimal stream "AABB" that includes two bytes 0xAA and 0xBB.

3.1.1.6. Reading Data with Indications or Notifications

Indications and notifications are messages that inform the GATT client when a characteristic on the GATT server changes its value.

- INDICATIONS: The GATT client generated a response to the GATT server when receiving data
- NOTIFICATIONS: The GATT client generated no response to the GATT server when receiving data

This feature has to be enabled by the client for a specific characteristic.

It is not possible to enable indications and notifications at the same time.

To use this feature, it is required that the properties of the characteristic supports "notify" or "indicate". This information is given in the service discovery for the characteristic in the "PROP" value.

3.1.1.6.1. Enable Notifications:

AT+LECCCD=0x10,0x0011,1	
	ОК

The result message "OK" reports that activating notifications to the required connection handle and characteristic handle was successful.

When the data of this characteristic on the GATT server changed to "0x36, 0x37" the BlueMod+S50/Central generates an event (LENOTI) that reports these changes.

LENOTI:0x10,0x0011,3637



The reported "LENOTI" event of the BlueMod+S50/Central contains the new data of the characteristic with handle "0x0011" and connection handle "0x10".

The data is formatted as a hexadecimal stream "3637" that includes two bytes 0x36 and 0x37.

Every data change on the remote GATT server characteristic generates a new "LENOTI" event until the notifications to this characteristic are switched off.

3.1.1.6.2. Disable Notifications:

AT+LECCCD=0x10,0x0011,0	
	ОК

The result message "OK" reports that deactivating the notifications to the required connection handle and characteristic handle was successful.

3.1.1.6.3. Enable Indications:

AT+LECCCD=0x10,0x0011,2	
	ОК

The result message "OK" reports that activating indications to the required connection handle and characteristic handle was successful.

When the data of this characteristic on the GATT server changed to "0x36, 0x38" the BlueMod+S50/Central generates an event (LEIND) that reports these changes.

		LEIND:0x10,0x0011,3638
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The reported "LEIND" event of the BlueMod+S50/Central contains the new data of the characteristic with handle "0x0011" and connection handle "0x10".

The data is formatted as a hexadecimal stream "3638" that includes two bytes 0x36 and 0x38.

Every data change on the remote GATT server characteristic generates a new "LEIND" event until the indications to this characteristic are switched off.

3.1.1.6.4. Disable Indications:

AT+LECCCD=0x10,0x0011,0	
	ОК

The result message "OK" reports that deactivating the indications to the required connection handle and characteristic handle was successful.



3.1.1.6.5. Close Connection:

When the connection is not needed anymore, it could be disconnected. To close a GATT connection to a peripheral device the host controller needs to use the connection handle.

ATH=0x10	
	NO CARRIER 0x10

The response of the disconnect request ATH is the event "NO CARRIER" followed by disconnected connection handle.

The same event is reported when the remote peripheral disconnects the connection.

It is also possible to disconnect all existing GATT connections to different peripheral devices by using the GPIO "HANGUP".

3.1.2. Peripheral Role as Terminal I/O Server

A Terminal I/O connection to the BlueMod+S50/Central can be created from each Bluetooth Low Energy device that supports the Terminal I/O client role.

Telit provide the Terminal I/O client implementation for iOS and Android.

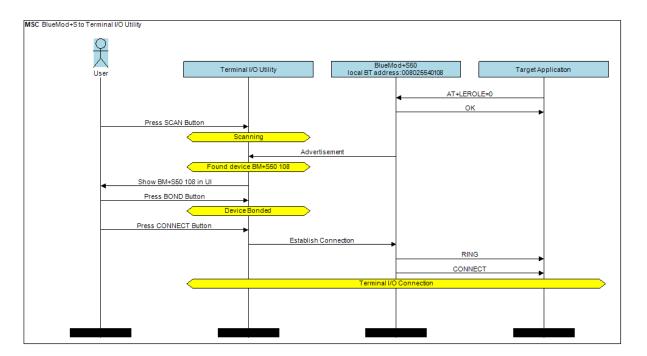
To establish a Bluetooth Low Energy connection from a smartphone to the BlueMod+S50/Central the "Terminal IO Utility" app from Telit needs to be installed on the smartphone.

The following QR-Codes provide the link to download the "Terminal IO Utility" app.



The Terminal IO Utility app allows the user to connect to Terminal I/O peripheral devices (BlueMod+S50/Central) and exchange data providing a simple terminal emulation.





As soon as the connection is established data can be sent from the smartphone to BlueMod+S50/Central and vice versa.

3.1.2.1. Incoming Terminal I/O Connection

For a Terminal I/O connection it is necessary that the Terminal I/O service and the advertising mode are enabled. This is the default behavior of the BlueMod+S50/Central.

The BlueMod+S50/Central signals an incoming Terminal I/O connection with the following event.

RING
CONNECT TIO 0x01

The BlueMod+S50/Central reports the incoming Terminal I/O connection with the result message "RING". The established Terminal I/O connection is reported with the message "CONNECT" including the connection type "TIO" and a connection handle "0x01".

The given connection handle is required for detailed activities onto this Terminal I/O connection.

After reporting the "CONNECT" result message the BlueMod+S50/Central changed from the AT based "command mode" to the "online data mode".

3.1.2.2. Exchange Terminal I/O Data

All data send on the serial interface are transparently sent to the Terminal I/O client side.

All data send by the remote Terminal I/O client are binary output on the serial interface of the BlueMod+S50/Central.

When a peripheral Terminal I/O server connection is active, it is not possible to create a GATT connection to a peripheral device.



3.1.2.3. Close Terminal I/O Connection

The Terminal I/O connection can be closed in the following two different options:

- By using the GPIO "HANGUP" (only available if this GPIO is controlled by the host controller)
- Send the ATH command

Using the GPIO "HANGUP":

set GPIO "HANGUP" to high level	
	NO CARRIER 0x01
set GPIO "HANGUP" to low level	

Using the ATH command:

<wait 1="" after="" data="" exchange="" sec=""></wait>	
+++	
	OK
ATH=0x01	
	NO CARRIER 0x01

The response of the disconnect request reports the event "NO CARRIER" followed by disconnected connection handle.

The same event is reported when the remote Terminal I/O client side disconnects the connection.

3.1.3. Multiple GATT Connections

This chapter describes the possibility to connect to different GATT peripheral devices at the same time.

In complement to chapter 3.1.1 the following example demonstrates GATT connections to 3 different peripheral devices.

3.1.3.1. Searching for Available Peripheral Devices

Scan for available devices.

AT+LESCAN=GATT	
	D0A4E9658F65,t3 RSSI:-60 TYPE:CONN
	NAME:BM+S 8F65
	MNF:8F0009B0011000
	UUID:FEFB
	DE338F0D1A22,t3 RSSI:-68 TYPE:CONN
	NAME:BM+S 1A22
	MNF:8F0009B0011000
	UUID:FEFB
	0080254978B3,t2 RSSI:-62 TYPE:CONN
	NAME:BM+SR 7
	MNF:8F0009B0011000
	UUID:53544D544552494F5345525631303030
	UUID:FEFB
	F1B9EB41D81E,t3 RSSI:-57 TYPE:CONN
	NAME:TESTDEVICE
	UUID:FF00
	008025001162,t2 RSSI:-68 TYPE:CONN
	NAME:BM+SR 1
	MNF:8F0009B0011000
	UUID:53544D544552494F5345525631303030
	UUID:FEFB
	ОК

This output lists 5 different peripheral devices with different services.

3.1.3.2. Create Multiple GATT Connection

Initiate first GATT connection to a peripheral device.

ATDF1B9EB41D81E,t3,GATT	
	CONNECT GATT 0x10

The BlueMod+S50/Central reports the created GATT connection with the result message "CONNECT" include the connection type "GATT" and a connection handle "0x10".

Initiate second GATT connection to a peripheral device.

ATDDE338F0D1A22,t3,GATT	
	CONNECT GATT 0x11

The BlueMod+S50/Central reports the created GATT connection with the result message "CONNECT" include the connection type "GATT" and a connection handle "0x11".

Initiate third GATT connection to a peripheral device.

ATD0080254978B3,t2,GATT	
	CONNECT GATT 0x12



The BlueMod+S50/Central reports the created GATT connection with the result message "CONNECT" include the connection type "GATT" and a connection handle "0x12".

For all further activities to each established GATT connections (read or write data), it is required to set the specific connection handle value.

This is already described here: 3.1.1 Central Role as GATT Client



4. STARTUP TIMING

The startup time until the BlueMod+S50/Central is able to accept link requests or serial data depends on:

- The firmware version
- The source of the slow clock
- The usage of the UART Interface Control Protocol (UICP)

For more details about the UICP protocol please refer to the document *UICP*+ *UART Interface Control Protocol [4].*

The following diagram shows the startup timing of the BlueMod+S50/Central based on firmware version 5.0.005 with external 32,768 kHz crystal signal and UICP deactivated.

				Salea	e Logic 1.2.	5 Beta - [C	onnected] -	[32 MHz D	igital, 5 Ms]			Options 👻 🗕 🖻	9
Start	_	 ⊧0.8s +0.	2 s	+0.1 s	+0.2 s	+0.3 s	+0.4 s	+0.5 s	+0.6 s		+0.8 s	+0.9	▼ Annotations	
0 UART-TxD (out)	¢ +;	10.85 +0.	9 s 🛺							₹2.7 s		+0.9		
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(*) The firmware is command ready ~750 ms after the reset has been released and when GPIO8 (IOA) is low.

After GPIO8 gets low the state of the /RTS and /IUR-OUT lines depends on the UICP parameter. When UICP is disabled (AT+UICP=0) both output lines get low, otherwise the UICP function will be started.



This chapter describes the security mechanisms of the BlueMod+S50/Central to control the access to the local Bluetooth devices characteristics. The pairing process is triggered automatically when an access to a characteristic is requested that requires security.

5.1. Pairable and Bondable Mode

In general, we distinguish between pairing and bond. Pairing is the active process to generate a set of encryption keys. The paring can be done with or without user interaction depending of the I/O capabilities. The pairing will result in a bond if the generated data is stored in the bonded device list (AT+BNDLIST).

AT+BPAIRMODE controls if a pairing is performed or not.

Value	Description
0	No pairing allowed, BlueMod+S50/Central advertises TIO as "functional"
1	Pairing allowed, BlueMod+S50/Central advertises TIO as "bondable and functional" (default)

AT+BNDS controls the storing of the pairing information as bond.

Value	Description
0	Bonds persists for the duration of the authenticated connection
1	Bonds are permanently stored in the NVRAM of the BlueMod+S50/Central (default)

The bonded device list is affected by the following commands:

- AT+BNDLIST shows the devices stored in the bonded device list
- AT+BNDSIZE determines the size of the bonded device list and deletes the whole list when decreasing the size below the number of currently bonded devices.
- AT+BNDS deletes the bonded device list
- AT+BNDDEL deletes single entries or the whole list
- AT&F1 deletes the bonded device list

If the bonded device list is full and another device is bonded, the least recently bonded device will be overwritten by the new one. If bonds are not required please set AT+BNDS=0.

5.2. LE Secure Connections

Since Bluetooth 4.2 a security mechanism called "Secure Connections" is supported.

LE Secure Connection introduces a method to generate a shared secret (key) in a way that ensures the data integrity and privacy of a connection even in cases where the pairing/ponding procedure was completely tapped with a Bluetooth sniffer if that shared secret is used for authentication and encryption.

Secure connection key generation is applicable for all authentication methods (e.g. just works or passkey entry) while all authentication trigged I/O activity remain the same as for legacy LE security but one new method (display yes/no) is introduced.

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Since Bluetooth 4.2 it is mandated that LE Secure Connection key generation is used while pairing/bonding if both devices of a given connection support this feature. If one device of a given connection only supports LE legacy security key generation procedures these legacy procedures will be used instead.

From user point of view this negotiation is mostly transparent and backward compatible. The only exceptions are if LE Secure Connection is mandated (AT+LETIO=4) or the new display yes/no (AT+BIOCAP=1) configuration is used.

By configuring AT+LETIO=4 for incoming Terminal I/O connections LE Secure Connection usage is mandated for incoming Terminal I/O connections. In such case Terminal I/O connections from devices that only support LE legacy security are rejected.

By configuring AT+BIOCAP=1 for I/O capabilities "display yes/no", the "yes/no" functionality is only used for LE Secure Connection procedures.

For LE legacy security, only the "display" functionality is used so the results are the same as for a "display only" configuration.

5.3. Security Levels for Terminal I/O

The behavior of LE Security is configurable using the parameters for I/O capabilities (AT+BIOCAP) and a man in the middle protection (AT+BMITM).

Value	Description
0	Terminal I/O service disabled (no advertising, no characteristics)
1	Terminal I/O service enabled, security is required with encryption (no MITM)
2	Terminal I/O service enabled, no security (authentication or encryption) required (default)
3	Terminal I/O service enabled, authenticated pairing with encryption (MITM required)
4	Terminal I/O service enabled, authenticated LE secure connections pairing with encryption (MITM required, LE secure connections required)

The security level of Terminal I/O is configurable using the parameter AT+LETIO.

AT+BIOCAP sets the input and output capabilities of the device used for LE Security.

Value	Description
0	Display only
1	Display Yes/No
2	Keyboard only
3	No input no output (default)
4	Display and keyboard



Value	Description
0	Parameter disabled, connection and service based configuration applies (see ATD command and AT+LETIO parameter) (default)
1	Man in the middle protection enabled (connection and service based configuration is ignored)

AT+BMITM controls the man in the middle (MITM) protection of the device during LE Security.

LE Security defines the following association models based on the Input/Output (I/O) capabilities of the two devices:

• Just Works

This method is used when at least one of the devices does not have display capability of six digits and is not capable of entering six decimal digits using a keyboard or any other means (no I/O).

This method does not provide MITM protection (see 5.4 Connection Example Terminal I/O "Just Works").

• Passkey Entry

This method may be used between a device with a display and a device with numeric keypad entry (such as a keyboard), or two devices with numeric keypad entry (see 5.5 Connection Example Terminal I/O "Passkey Entry").

In the first case, the display is used to show a six digit numeric code to the user, who then enters the code on the keypad.

In the second case, the user of each device enters the same six digit numeric code.

Both cases provide MITM protection.

Possible combinations of I/O capabilities and the possibility of MITM protection are listed in the table below. For each case of the "MITM protection" an example of the serial messages between the BlueMod+S50/Central and the DTE are listed.

In case the user chooses a scenario where MITM protection is not allowed but one of the communication devices is configured to MITM protection, the pairing is refused.

• Numeric Comparison

This method may be used between two devices with a display and keys that allow the user to accept or reject a connection.

If the "Display Yes/No" or "Display and keyboard" capability is supported by both devices the displays show a 6 digit numerical code. The user is then requested to compare the codes of both displays. If the codes on both displays are equal the user can accept the connection by pressing the "yes" input of both devices. In case the user presses the "no" input on at least one of the devices the pairing becomes rejected.

This method provides MITM protection.



Responder Initiator	Display only	Display Yes/No	Keyboard only	No input no output	Display and keyboard
Display only AT+BIOCAP=0	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i>	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i>	Passkey entry (initiator displays, responder inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx <passkey></passkey></bt>	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i>	Passkey entry (initiator displays, responder inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx <passkey></passkey></bt>
Display Yes/No AT+BIOCAP=1	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i>	Just Works (for LE legacy pairing) (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i> Numeric comparison (for LE secure connections) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPCONF <bt addr="">,tx <passkey> ? AT+BSSPCONF <bt addr="">,tx,1</bt></passkey></bt>	Passkey entry (initiator displays, responder inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx <passkey></passkey></bt>	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i>	Passkey entry (for LE legacy pairing) (initiator displays, responder inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx <passkey> </passkey></bt>
Keyboard only AT+BIOCAP=2	Passkey entry (responder displays, initiator inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx ? AT+BSSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx,<passkey></passkey></bt></bt>	Passkey entry (responder displays, initiator inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx ? AT+BSSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx,<passkey></passkey></bt></bt>	Passkey entry (initiator and responder inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx ? AT+BSSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx,<passkey></passkey></bt></bt>	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i>	Passkey entry (responder displays, initiator inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx ? AT+BSSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx,<passkey< td=""></passkey<></bt></bt>
No input no output AT+BIOCAP=3	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i>	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i>	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i>	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) No MITM protection	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i>
Display and keyboard AT+BIOCAP=4	Passkey entry (responder displays, initiator inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx ? AT+BSSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx,<passkey></passkey></bt></bt>	Passkey entry (for LE legacy pairing) (responder displays, initiator inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr=""> ? AT+BSSPPIN <bt addr="">,<passkey> </passkey></bt></bt>	Passkey entry (initiator displays, responder inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx <passkey></passkey></bt>	Just Works (both automatic confirmation) <i>No MITM protection</i>	Passkey entry (for LE legacy pairing) (initiator displays, responder inputs) <i>MITM protection</i> SSPPIN <bt addr="">,tx <passkey> </passkey></bt>

Green color: BM+Sx output message SSPPIN <BT addr>,tx ? (example) BM+Sx input request Blue color:

AT+BSSPPIN <BT addr>,tx <passkey> (example)



The following flow charts will give an example for the different SSP authentication methods "just works" and "passkey entry" within an incoming call request from a smartphone (iOS or Android) using Telit's Terminal I/O Utility app in combination with the BlueMod+S50/Central (see also the connection example in chapter 3.1.2 Peripheral Role as Terminal I/O Server).

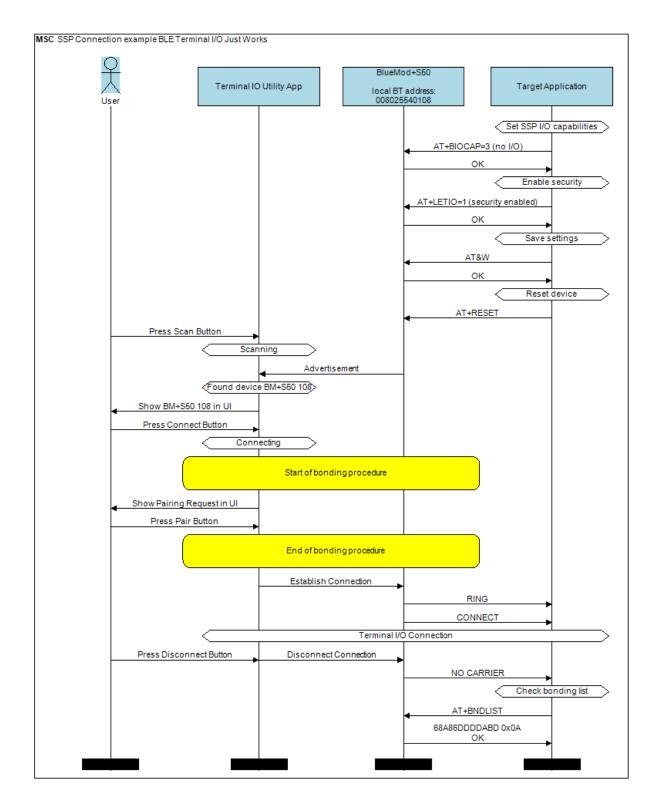
The "*Target Application*" part will simulate the device at the end (DTE) which communicates to the BlueMod+S50/Central with configuration commands.

The interesting part of the bonding procedure is placed between the yellow boxes "*Start of bonding procedure*" and "*End of bonding procedure*".

All serial commands between the "*Target Application*" and the "*BlueMod*+*S50*" outside of the bonding procedure are used for preparation of LE Security configuration.

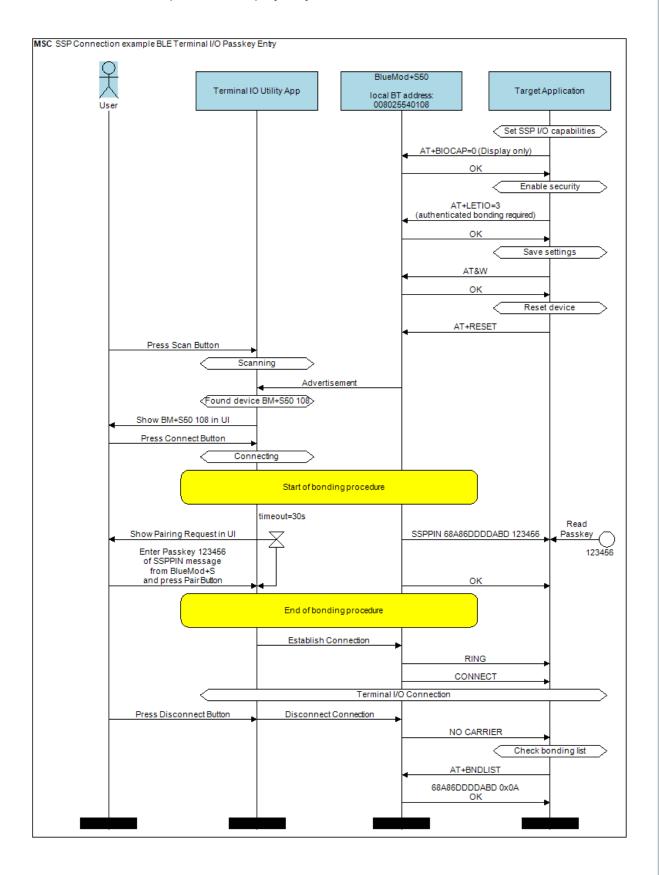
These configuration commands and responses within the flow charts are described in the *BlueMod+S50/Central AT Command Reference* [2].

5.4. Connection Example Terminal I/O "Just Works"



5.5. Connection Example Terminal I/O "Passkey Entry"

with I/O capabilities "display only"





6. UART INTERFACE CONTROL PROTOCOL (UICP)

6.1. General Protocol Description

Telit UART Interface Control Protocol (UICP) defines a protocol to control the logical state of an UART based interface, thereby peers to switch off local UART devices for power saving (or other) reasons.

The UICP+ is a bi-directional, symmetrical protocol that allows to negotiate UART interface states with a communication partner connected via UART by using of standard UART signal lines.

The UICP+ mechanisms defined here enable the involved peers to negotiate UART interface states by signaling the remote peer it is allowed to enter or exit an UART interface up state.

The UICP+ does not enforce any power saving support of the involved peers but implements mechanisms to allow the save usage of MCU power saving features like UART peripheral switched off.

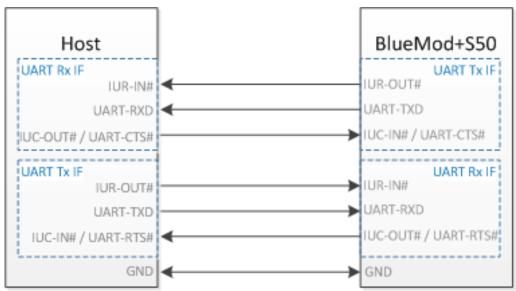
6.2. Requirements of Using UICP on BlueMod+S50/Central

To make use of UICP, the lines UART-TXD, UART-RXD, UART-RTS# (IUC-OUT#), UART-CTS# (IUC-IN#), IUR-OUT# and IUR-IN# should be connected between BlueMod+S50/Central and the host and additionally the UICP protocol should be implemented on host site.

A detailed description of implementing UICP is described in the document UICP+ UART Interface Control Protocol [4].

To activate UICP on the BlueMod+S50/Central the configuration parameter AT+UICP=1 needs to be set (followed by AT&W and AT+RESET).

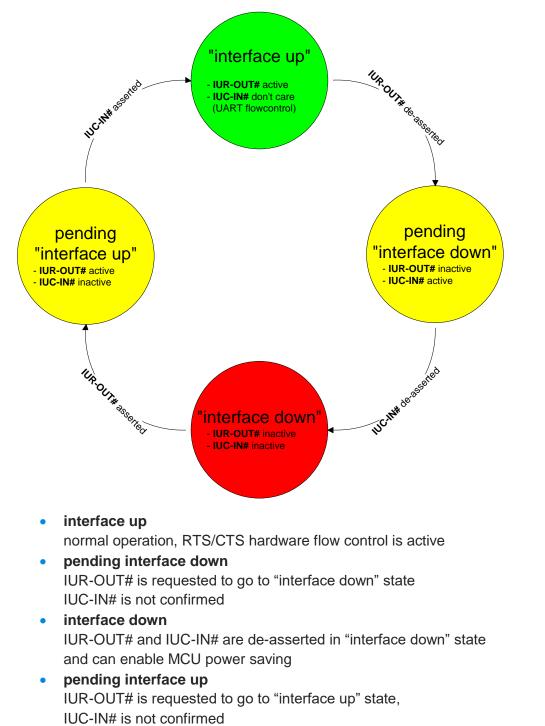
6.3. Connection Example between BlueMod+S50/Central and Host Controller



Further information about the BlueMod+S50/Central UART interface is described in the document *BlueMod+S50 Hardware User Guide* [1].

6.4. UICP Protocol States

The UICP protocol defines four states:





All data received before the interface up state has been achieved shall be seen as invalid data and shall be discarded. Telit



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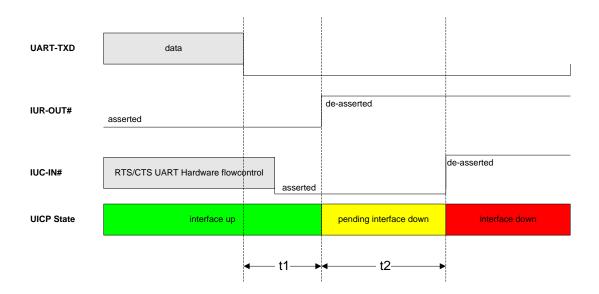
After reset in activated UICP configuration the initial state is "interface down", in case of non connected host BlueMod+S50/Central remain in "interface down".

6.4.1. Drive from "interface up" to "interface down" State

Once a de-asserted IUR-OUT# signal of the initiator is detected by the acceptor, the acceptor shall confirm that signal by de-asserting its IUC-OUT# signal which is connected to the IUC-IN# signal of the initiator.

After the initiator detects a de-asserted IUC-IN# signal both devices go into "interface down" state and can enable MCU power saving mechanisms.

During MCU power saving, the MCU can switch off the UART but shall be able to detect an IUR# assert.



t1 >= 100 ms (see this chapter)

t2 < 1 s



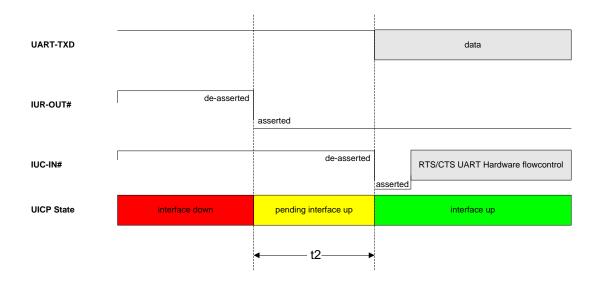
6.4.2. Drive from "interface down" to "interface up" State

To initiate the state change from "interface down" state to "interface up" state the initiator shall assert the IUR-OUT# signal.

The acceptor confirms the IUR-IN# signal with asserting its IUC-OUT# signal which is connected to the IUC-IN# signal of the initiator.

Once the acceptor detects the assert of the IUR-OUT# signal from the initiator, it can disable MCU power saving mechanisms but shall ensure the UART is ready to receive data before it confirms asserting its IUC-OUT# signal which is connected to the IUC-IN# signal of the initiator.

Once the initiator detects the assert of the IUC-IN# signal of the acceptor, the in initiator can send data to the acceptor.





6.5. Example of UICP Usage

The following examples shows the state change between the BlueMod+S50/Central and the host.

The scenario here might be that both devices use the "interface down" state to drive the MCU into some kind of power saving mode that allows to "wake up" the MCU with external GPIO signals.

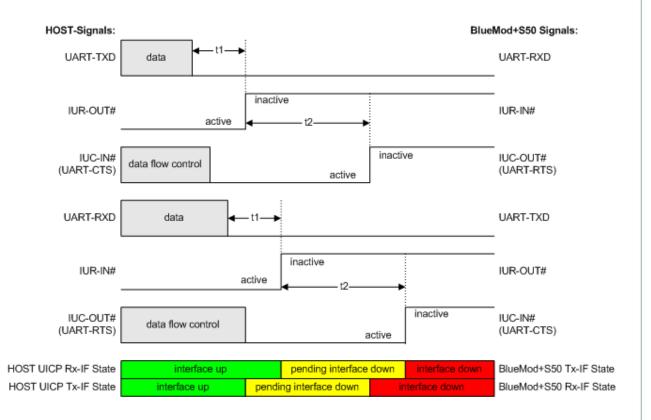
6.5.1. State Change from "interface up" to "interface down"

Host and BlueMod+S50/Central are in the state "interface up" and exchange bidirectional data. After the host has send all data and is idle for **t1** in its Tx direction it signals the BlueMod+S50/Central it is allowed to go to "interface down" state by de-asserting IUR-OUT# signal.

Parallel to that UICP signaling from host to BlueMod+S50/Central the BlueMod+S50/Central has send all data as well and is idle for **t1** in its Tx direction, so it signals the host it is allowed to go to "interface down" state by de-asserting IUR-OUT# signal.

The host and the BlueMod+S50/Central each wait for a maximum time **t2** to detect the deasserted IUC-IN# signal. After receiving this input change via the IUC-IN# signal both devices may change from state "pending interface down" to state "interface down".

Both UICP signaling sequences proceed in parallel until host and BlueMod+S50/Central interfaces are in "interface down" state.





6.5.2. State Change from "interface down" to "interface up"

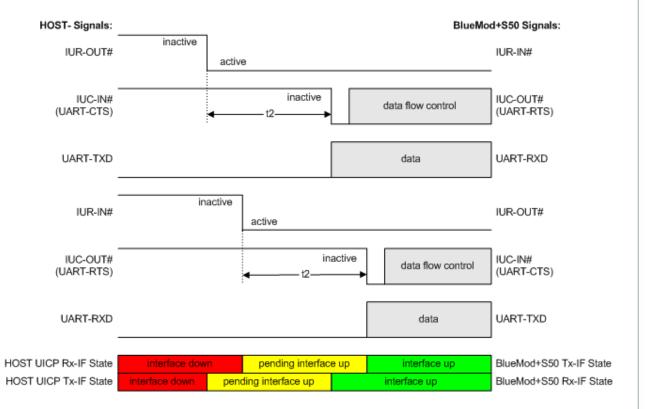
Host and BlueMod+S50/Central are in the state "Interface down" and may have the MCU into some kind of power saving states.

The host wants to send data to the BlueMod+S50/Central and asserts its IUR-OUT# signal.

Parallel to that UICP signaling from host to BlueMod+S50/Central the BlueMod+S50/Central wants to send data to the host and asserts its IUR-OUT# signal as well.

The host and the BlueMod+S50/Central each wait for a maximum time **t2** to detect the assertion via the IUC-IN# signal. After receiving this input change of IUC-IN# both devices may assume that the interface of the remote device changed from state "pending interface up" to state "interface up".

Both UICP signaling sequences proceed in parallel until host and BlueMod+S50/Central interfaces are in "interface up" state and data can be exchanged bidirectional.



7. NFC HANDOVER

The NFC mode can be activated or deactivated by using the following AT command: AT+NFCMODE=<value>

Value	Description
0	NFC interface off (default)
1	Automatic mode

Enable the NFC Handover functionality by using the following AT command.

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Log file: COM6 115200	D 🗎 CTS 🖗	RTS 👳 D	TR

7.1. NFC Handover Example

Make sure NFC is available and enabled in the smartphone and move it over the NFC antenna.

The Bluetooth address will be read out and the smartphone initiates a Bluetooth pairing request to the device of the given Bluetooth address and a Bluetooth pairing request message will appear. Now continue with "Pair" or "Yes" to accept the Bluetooth pairing request scenario.

Are you sure you want to pair the B device ?	luetooth	
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After the pairing request ended successfully you will find the new paired device within the Bluetooth settings of your smartphone.

For further information regarding NFC Handover please refer to the *BlueEva+S50 User Guide*.



8. SYSTEM OFF MODE

The BlueMod+S50/Central supports the possibility to set the module into low power mode during the time the module is not used with the AT+SYSTEMOFF command.

Value	Description			
1	Wake up by GPIO			
2	Wake up by RESET signal			

Depending on the value the BlueMod+S50/Central will restart either on activity at the GPIO input lines UART-RTS#, IUR-IN# or GPIO[4] or after RESET signal.

The host controller can use the IOA pin (GPIO[8]) to monitor the system status. Please also verify the configuration of the AT+IOACFG parameter.

It is also possible to monitor the UART flow control line UART-RTS#.

8.1. Using System OFF Mode for Terminal I/O

The following example will list the communication between the host controller and the BlueMod+S50/Central using the integrated Terminal I/O profile.

To set the BlueMod+S50/Central into the low power mode the host controller needs to send the AT+SYSTEMOFF command.

The BlueMod+S50/Central will respond "OK" before changing into low power mode.

To activate the BlueMod+S50/Central from low power mode the host controller needs to activate one of the following GPIO lines: UART-RTS#, IUR-IN#, GPIO[4]

The module detects the GPIO change and starts the firmware.

After the firmware is started the host can continue the UART communication.

An incoming call is reported with RING and CONNECT.



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Host Co	ontroller	BlueMo	od+S50
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	UART lines active (IOA	UART-RTS, IUR-OUT)	System started
UART communication	A O RIN	T K	
	CON	NECT	



9. FIRMWARE UPDATE

The firmware update of the BlueMod+S50/Central can be done locally by either

- A Telit provided firmware update tool. This is a Windows[™] program that contains the firmware and uses a PC with a serial port for the update
- Implementing the firmware update protocol on the host system

or over the air.

9.1. Serial Firmware Update

9.1.1. Prerequisites for Serial Firmware Update

You need to have access to the UART interface of the BlueMod+S50/Central.

Serial firmware update requires at least the serial lines UART-RXD, UART-TXD, UART-CTS#, UART-RTS# and GND.

Serial firmware update requires a UART speed of 38400 bps.

Pin BOOT0 (E-1) shall be pulled high to access the bootloader at start-up.

9.1.2. Telit IoT Updater

The firmware update will be done by a Telit provided firmware update tool. This is a Windows[™] program that contains the firmware and uses a PC with a serial port for the update.

For example, a firmware version V5.0.002 will result in the executable file "BM+S50_v5_0_002_FWupdate.exe".

The software used for the upgrade is able to run on the following Win32/Win64 platforms:

- Windows 7
- Windows 8
- Windows 10



Testing was carried out on Windows 10 Pro, Windows 8 Pro and Windows 7 Ultimate 64-bit platforms; however experience suggests that the described software runs on all Windows 10 / 8 / 7 32 and 64-bit platforms.

The program requires a PC with at least one free COM port.

The upload is processed via the serial port the device is attached to.

Before starting the update by pressing the "Update" button the device shall be reset.

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COM-Port COM6 ~	Telit
Click "Update" to start the update.	
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Update	

- COM-Port The COM port the device is attached to
- Update
 Starts the update procedure

After the successful update close the software, remove the high level on pin BOOT0 and reset the BlueMod+S50/Central.



Do not disconnect the device while the update is in progress, otherwise the update will fail and has to be repeated. In case it is not possible to update the BlueMod+S50/Central please contact the Telit support (mailto:ts-srd@telit.com).

9.1.3. Firmware Update Protocol on the Host System

This chapter describes the protocol layer used for firmware update over serial on the BlueMod+S50/Central.

The table below contains the maximum possible binary firmware sizes:

Firmware variant	Maximum possible binary firmware size
V5.0.xxx	331776 (0x51000) Bytes

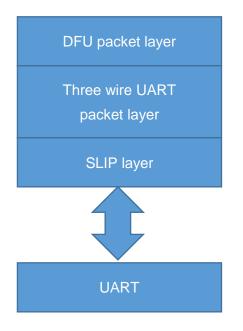


The actual size of each firmware binary file can be found in the firmware release notes



9.1.3.1. Layer Structure

The device firmware update uses the HCI Three-Wire UART Transport Layer specified in *Bluetooth 5.0 Core Specification*. Instead of HCI frames, four different DFU packets are sent to the BlueMod+S50/Central over the UART serial interface using this transport.



9.1.3.2. DFU Packet Layer

There are four different packet types in this layer. The packet type is an unsigned 32 bit integer in LSB first order.

- 2. Init packet 0x0000001
- 3. Application data packet 0x00000004
- 4. Stop packet 0x00000005

Start packet

With the "Start packet" the DFU bootloader is informed about the kind of update and the length of the binary image. The length of the image is an unsigned 32 bit integer in LSB first order. It is length of the file with the ".bin" extension in the Telit delivery package (zip file). For a binary application with image size of 17,336 bytes (0x000043B8), the packet is coded as:

Byte1	Byte2	Byte3	Byte4	Byte5	Byte6	Byte7	Byte8
0x03	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x04	0x00	0x00	0x00

Byte9	Byte10	Byte11	Byte12	Byte13	Byte14	Byte15	Byte16
0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00



Byte17	Byte18	Byte19	Byte20
0xB8	0x43	0x00	0x00

Init packet

The init packet contains information about the application that is transferred. The DFU bootloader checks this information to determine if the image is valid for the device. Please use as contents only the init packet provided by Telit. The data starting with "Device type" and ending with "CRC of the image that will be transferred" (see the Nordic documentation) is provided by Telit in the Telit delivery package (zip file). It is the contents of the file with the extension ".dat". The binary application to load with the data packets is the file with the ".bin" extension.

The init packet is coded as:

Byte1	Byte2	Byte3	Byte4	Byte5 up to Byte n	Byte n+1	Byte n+2
0x01	0x00	0x00	0x00	Contents of the ".dat" file. The length is variable.	0x00	0x00

Required waiting

After accepting the init packet the bootloader prepares (erases) the internal flash memory to accommodate the new image. The bootloader accepts no data packets during this time. Please wait 10 seconds before sending the first data packet.

Application data packet

With the Application data packet the binary application image is transferred to the BlueMod+S50/Central. The binary application to load with the data packets is the file with the ".bin" extension in the Telit delivery package (zip file). The maximum packet size is 512 bytes of data + header per packet. Each packet is coded:

Byte1	Byte2	Byte3	Byte4	Byte 5 up to Byte 516
0x04	0x00	0x00	0x00	Max 512 bytes of binary application data

Stop packet

When the Application image has been transferred to the BlueMod+S50/Central boot loader the image must be activated. The stop packet will inform the boot loader that transferring of the image has completed and the application can be started. The packet is coded as:

Byte1	Byte2	Byte3	Byte4
0x05	0x00	0x00	0x00

9.1.3.3. Three Wire UART Packet Layer

Every packet that is sent over the Three-Wire UART Transport Layer has a packet header. It also has 16 bit CCITT-CRC at the end of the payload.



Each transport packet will contain one higher layer packet. A transport packet consists of a Packet Header of 4 octets, a payload of 4 to 516 octets, and a 16 bit CCITT-CRC.

The Packet header consists of a Sequence Number of 3 bits, an Acknowledge Number of 3 bits, a Data Integrity Check Present bit, a Reliable Packet bit, a Packet Type of 4 bits, a Payload Length of 12 bits and a 8 bit Header Checksum.

The used Packet Type is vendor specific (0xe).

MSB

4 Octets	1 156 Octets	2 Octets
Packet Header	DFU packet layer	16 bit CCITT-CRC

The detailed format description of the used packet header can be found in *Bluetooth 5.0 Core Specification*.

For a detailed description of the procedural requirements of this protocol have a look in the *Bluetooth 5.0 Core Specification*, chapter "Three-Wire UART Transport Layer".

9.1.3.4. SLIP Layer

The SLIP layer performs octet stuffing on the octets entering the layer so that specific octet codes which may occur in the original data do not occur in the resultant stream.

The SLIP layer places octet 0xC0 at the start and end of every packet it transmits.

Any occurrence of 0xC0 in the original packet is changed to the sequence 0xDB 0xDC before being transmitted. Any occurrence of 0xDB in the original packet is changed to the sequence 0xDB 0xDD before being transmitted. These sequences, 0xDB 0xDC and 0xDB 0xDD are SLIP escape sequences.

For a detailed description of this protocol have a look in the *Bluetooth 5.0 Core Specification*, chapter "Three-Wire UART Transport Layer".



9.2. Firmware Update Over the Air (OTA)

The BlueMod+S50/Central supports firmware over the air update. The firmware update over the air can be performed by using the Nordic nRF ToolBox app available for iOS and Android or by using the Nordic Master Control Panel and the corresponding Nordic Bluetooth hardware.

The firmware over the air update in the BlueMod+S50/Central will be enabled with the commands below:

- AT+DFUMODE=2
- AT+DFUSTART

After sending the AT+DFUSTART command the BlueMod+S50/Central is visible in the air as "BM+S_DFU" (name configured with command AT+DFUNAME) for a time period of 2 minutes. If no firmware update is performed during this time the BlueMod+S50/Central will continue with normal operation.

The following chapter describes the firmware over the air update by using the Nordic nRF Toolbox app on Android



9.2.1. Firmware Update Over The Air using Nordic nRF Toolbox on AndroidMake sure the BlueMod+S50/Central has already activated the firmware over the air update.Open the nRF ToolBox app on the smartphone and choose "DFU".

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CGMS	CSC CSC	DFU
HRM	НТМ	PROXIMITY
RSC	TEMPLATE	UART
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Press the button "SELECT FILE".



Select file type "Distribution packet (ZIP)".

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	INFO	CANCEL OK	
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		SELECT DEVICE	
		Wireless by Nordic	

Search via file manager for the firmware package which was previously copied to the smartphone (e.g. BM+S50_Central_V5_0_0005_FWupdate_OTA.zip in the example below).

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Press the button "SELECT DEVICE" and select the "BM+S_DFU" from the list of available devices.

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5	n/a 0C:DC:47:53:A4:1A	÷
ARE	n/a 7D:5A:35:0E:BF:70	
WW	n/a 17:93:F7:92:6C:71	÷
	n/a 5D:D6:D4:CF:A2:C3	•
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Press the "UPLOAD" button to upload the firmware package over the air to the BlueMod+S50/Central.

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After the file was uploaded successfully the BlueMod+S50/Central will start with the new firmware.



10. LE CONNECTION PARAMETERS

This chapter describes the kind of creating a BLE connection from the central device to the peripheral device include the usage of the LE connection parameters.

10.1. Create a Bluetooth Low Energy Connection

In a typical Bluetooth Low Energy system, the peripheral device advertises with specific data letting any central device know that it is a connectable device. This advertisement contains the device address, and can contain some additional data as well, such as the device name. The central device, upon receiving the advertisement, sends a "scan request" to the peripheral. The peripheral responds with a "scan response". This is the process of device discovery, in that the central device is now aware of the peripheral device, and knows that it can form a connection with it. The central device can then send out a request to establish a link with the peripheral device. A connection request contains a few connection parameters:

Connection Interval

In a BLE connection between two devices, a frequency-hopping scheme is used, in that the two devices each send and receive data from one another on a specific channel, then "meet" at a new channel (the link layer of the BLE stack handles the channel switching) at a specific amount of time later. This "meeting" where the two devices send and receive data is known as a "connection event". Even if there is no application data to be sent or received, the two devices will still exchange link layer data to maintain the connection. The connection interval is the amount of time between two connection events, in units of 1.25 ms. The connection interval can range from a minimum value of 6 (7.5 ms) to a maximum of 3200 (4.0 s).

The BlueMod+S50/Central uses the configuration command AT+LECONINTMIN and AT+LECONINTMAX to set these predefined values of the connection interval.

• Slave Latency

This parameter gives the slave (peripheral) device the option of skipping a number of connection events. This gives the peripheral device some flexibility, in that if it does not have any data to send it can choose to skip connection events and stay asleep, thus providing some power savings. The decision is up to the peripheral device.

The slave latency value represents the maximum number of events that can be skipped. It can range from a minimum value of 0 (meaning that no connection events can be skipped) to a maximum of 499. However, the maximum value must not make the effective connection interval (see below) greater than 32.0 s.

The BlueMod+S50/Central uses the configuration command AT+LESLAVELAT to set the predefined slave latency timeout value.

Supervision Timeout

This is the maximum amount of time between two successful connection events. If this amount of time passes without a successful connection event, the device is to consider the connection lost, and return to an unconnected state. This parameter value is represented in units of 10ms. The supervision timeout value can range from a minimum of 10 (100ms) to 3200 (32.0s). In addition, the timeout must be larger than the effective connection interval (explained below).



The BlueMod+S50/Central calculates this timeout value as followed: (Slave latency value + 1) x 2 x Connection interval time x 2

Limitations of calculated "Connection supervision timeout":

calculated value: +/- 10ms minimum value: >= 100ms maximum value: <= 32s

10.2. Optimize the Connection Interval from Slave by using the Slave Latency

The "effective connection interval" is equal to the amount of time between two connection events, assuming that the slave skips the maximum number of possible events if slave latency is allowed (the effective connection interval is equal to the actual connection interval if slave latency is set to zero). It can be calculated using the formula:

Effective Connection Interval = (Connection Interval) * (1 + (Slave Latency))

Take the following example:

Connection Interval:	80 (80 * 1.25 ms = 100 ms)
Slave Latency:	4
Effective Connection Interval:	(100 ms) * (1 + 4) = 500 ms

This tells us that in a situation in which no data is being sent from the slave to the master, the slave will only transmit during a connection event once every 500 ms.

10.3. Identify the Required Connection Interval

Different applications may require different connection intervals. The advantage of having a very long connection interval is that significant power is saved, since the device can sleep most of the time between connection events. The disadvantage is that if a device has data that it needs to send, it must wait until the next connection event.

The advantage of having a very short connection interval is that there is more opportunity for data to be sent or received, as the two devices will connect more frequently. The disadvantage is that more power will be consumed, since the device is frequently waking up for connection events.

In many applications, the slave will skip the maximum number of connection events. Therefore, it is useful to consider the effective connection interval when selecting the connection parameters. Selecting the correct group of connection parameters plays an important role in power optimization of the BLE device. The following list gives a general summary of the trade-offs in connection parameter settings.

Reducing the connection interval will:

- Increase the power consumption for both devices
- Increase the throughput in both directions
- Reduce the amount of time that it takes for data to be sent in either direction

Increasing the connection interval will:

- Reduce the power consumption for both devices
- Reduce the throughput in both directions



• Increase the amount of time that it takes for data to be sent in either direction

Reducing the slave latency (or setting it to zero) will:

- Increase the power consumption for the peripheral device
- Reduce the amount of time that it takes for data sent from the central device to be received by the peripheral device

Increasing the slave latency will:

- Reduce power consumption for the peripheral during periods when the peripheral has no data to send to the central device
- Increase the amount of time that it takes for data sent from the central device to be received by the peripheral device

10.4. Update the Connection Parameters

In some cases, the central device will request a connection with a peripheral device containing connection parameters that are unfavorable to the peripheral device. In other cases, a peripheral device might have the desire to change parameters in the middle of a connection, based on the peripheral application. The peripheral device can request the central device to change the connection settings by sending a "Connection Parameter Update Request".

This request contains four parameters:

- minimum connection interval
- maximum connection interval
- slave latency
- timeout

These values represent the parameters that the peripheral device desires for the connection (the connection interval is given as a range). When the central device receives this request, it has the option of accepting or rejecting the new parameters.

The BlueMod+S50/Central uses the configuration command AT+LECONPARAM to initiate the "Connection Parameter Update Request" message or report the current connection parameter set.

Changing the connection parameter set using the AT+LECONPARAM command effects in the current connection only. After disconnecting the GATT connection, the BlueMod+S50/Central uses the configured connection parameters (AT+LECONINTMIN, AT+LECONINTMAX, AT+SLAVELAT, and the calculated connection timeout) for further connections.

To automatically signal a "Connection Parameter Update Request" the BlueMod+S50/Central uses the command "AT+LECPEVENT=1" that enables the reporting of connection parameter set changes to the local serial interface.

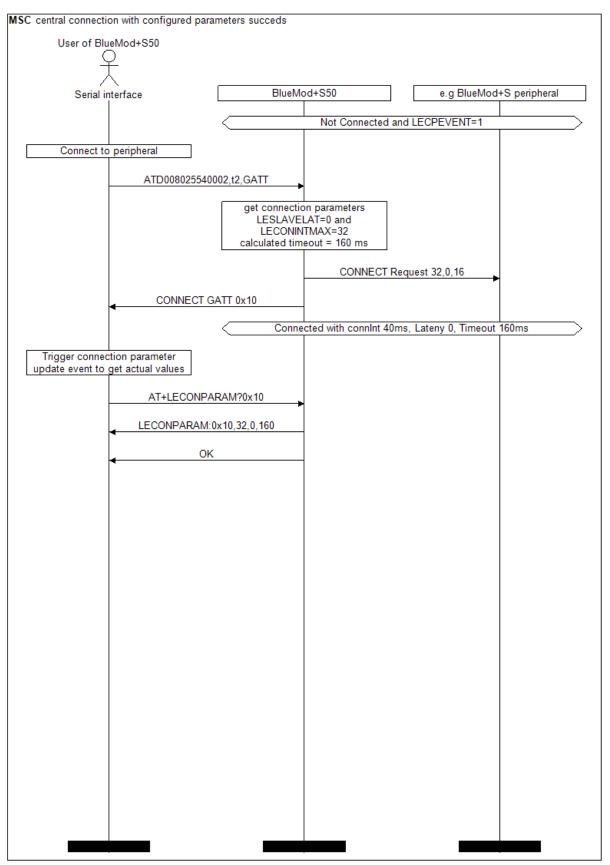
The BlueMod+S50/Central accepts all valid "Connection Parameter Update Requests" values of a peripheral device in order to save power consumption for the peripheral device.



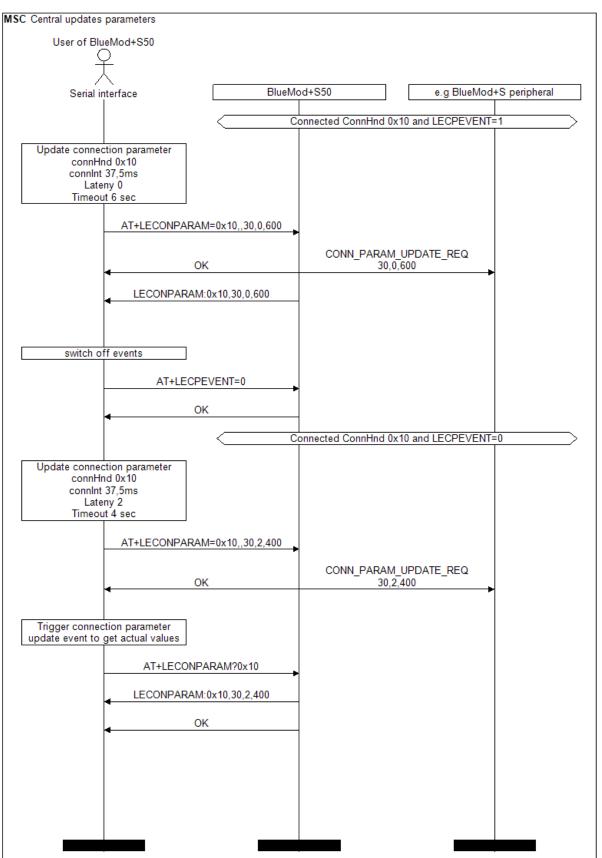
10.5. Connection Examples of Different Use Cases

The following examples will demonstrate Bluetooth LE GATT connections between different devices to demonstrate the initial connection parameter set and the possibility to monitor or change these connection parameters set.

10.5.1. Central Side Initiates a GATT Connection









MSC Peripheral updates parameters User of BlueMod+S50 ()e.g BlueMod+S peripheral BlueMod+S50 Serial interface Connected ConnHnd 0x10 and LECPEVENT=1 Update connection parameter connHnd 0x10 connIntMin 12,5ms connIntMax 37,5ms Lateny 0 Timeout 6 sec AT+LECONPARAM=0x10,10,30,0,600 CONN_PARAM_REQ 10,30,0,600 OK CONN_PARAM_RSP accepted CONN_PARAM_UPDATE_REQ 20,0,600 LECONPARAM:0x10,20,0,600 Update connection parameter connHnd 0x10 connIntMin 12,5ms connIntMax 37,5ms Lateny 4 Timeout 5 sec AT+LECONPARAM=0x10,10,30,4,500 ΟK CONN_PARAM_REQ 10,30,4,500 LECONPARAM:0x10,20,0,600 CONN_PARAM_RSP rejected

10.5.3. Peripheral Side Create a Connection Parameter Update Request



11. 2 MBPS CONNECTIONS

This chapter describes the AT commands required to use 2 Mbps Bluetooth Low Energy connections.

11.1. Introduction

2Mbps connections (LE 2M) are an optional feature defined with Bluetooth 5.0. 2 Mbps connections are only possible between two Bluetooth 5.0 devices that both support the 2 Mbps option.

BlueMod+S50/Central supports 2Mbps connections.

Examples of other devices supporting 2 Mbps are:

- Google Pixel 2
- Apple iPhone 8 / iPhone X

When using 2 Mbps connections:

- The data throughput is increased.
- The operating range of a Bluetooth connection is slightly reduced, as the receiver sensitivity is reduced when running in 2 Mbps mode.
- The current consumption is typically decreased: When transferring the same amount of data, the radio-on time is reduced.

11.2. BlueMod+S50/Central Support of 2 Mbps Connections

The BlueMod+S50/Central initially always creates a 1 Mbps (LE 1M) connection. After successful connection setup, depending on the status of AT+LEPHY=<x> parameter, the BlueMod+S50/Central tries to negotiate a 2 Mbps connection.

AT+LEPHY setting	BlueMod+S50 as initiator	BlueMod+S50 as acceptor
AT+LEPHY=0 (allow LE 2M)	No active request for LE 2M, remains at LE 1M	Accepts LE 1M and LE 2M
AT+LEPHY=1 (remain LE 1M)	No active request for LE 2M, remains at LE 1M	Accepts only LE 1M
AT+LEPHY=2 (preferred LE 2M) (default)	Request LE 2M (if supported by remote device)	Accepts LE 1M and LE 2M



12. GLOSSARY AND ACRONYMS

AT	Attention Command
GAP	Generic Access Profile
GATT	Generic Attribute Profile
SSP	Secure Simple Pairing
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter
UICP	UART Interface Control Protocol
UUID	Universal Unique Identifier



13. DOCUMENT HISTORY

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0	2018-02-26	First issue
1	2018-03-15	Added chapter about 2 Mbps Connections
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