

IoT Deep Dive #3

Advanced BLE - Custom GAP/GATT



Grab Food 'n Drink

- Connect to WiFi
- Download Evothings Workbench (evothings.com/download)
- Download smartphone apps



-  LightBlue
-  Evothings Client



-  nRF Master Control panel
-  Evothings Client

Schedule

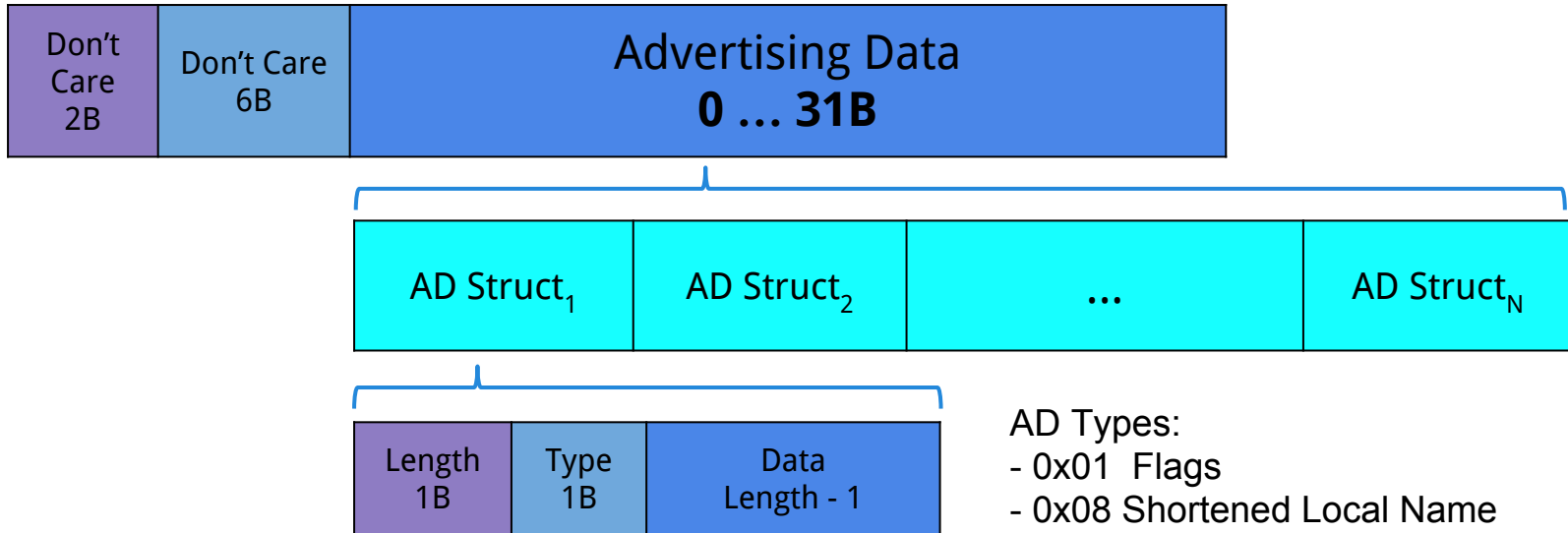
- BLE overview ~1hr
 - Custom GAP/GATT - mbed
 - Evothings - smartphone
- BLE workshop ~1hr
 - create custom protocol
 - send data back and forth

Custom GAP

Use those 26B!

GAP : A review

Advertising data : 2B overhead for every type of information



AD Types:

- 0x01 Flags
- 0x08 Shortened Local Name
- 0xFF Manufacturer Data
- ...

GAP: A Review

31B Advertising Data Space

-3B to Flags

-2B to Header per field

= **26B** Max of space

<http://goo.gl/QqmePE>

```
// Headers necessary for mbed and BLE device mode
#include "mbed.h"
#include "BLEDevice.h"
```

```
// BLE object
BLEDevice ble;
```

≤26B data

```
const static uint8_t AdvData[] = {"ChangeThisData"}; // example of character data
const static uint8_t AdvData[] = {0x01,0x02,0x03,0x04,0x05}; // example of hex data
```

```
int main(void){
    // Initial ways do this first!
    ble.init();
```

First thing

-3B of Flags

```
    // Sacrifice 3B of 31B to Advertising Flags
    ble.accumulateAdvertisingPayload(GapAdvertisingData::BREDR_NOT_SUPPORTED | GapAdvertisingData::LE_GENERAL_DISCOVERABLE );
    ble.setAdvertisingType(GapAdvertisingParams::ADV_CONNECTABLE_UNDIRECTED);
```

-2B of Header overhead

```
    // Sacrifice 2B of 31B to AdvType overhead, rest goes to AdvData array you define
    ble.accumulateAdvertisingPayload(GapAdvertisingData::MANUFACTURER_SPECIFIC_DATA, AdvData, sizeof(AdvData));
```

Last thing

```
    // Set advertising interval = longer battery life
    ble.setAdvertisingInterval( in multiples of 0.625ms.
    ble.startAdvertising();
```

```
    // Infinite loop waiting for BLE events
    for (;;) {
        ble.waitForEvent(); // this saves battery
    }
```

```
}
```

Do This

<http://goo.gl/QqmePE>

- Add Name by uncommenting

```
//const static char    DEVICE_NAME[]    = "ChangeMe!!"; // change this
...
//ble.accumulateAdvertisingPayload(GapAdvertisingData::COMPLETE_LOCAL_NAME, (uint8_t *)DEVICE_NAME, sizeof
(DEVICE_NAME));
```

- compile & load onto board

-  iOS use ,  ANDROID use 

- Find your device
- view Advertising Data
- Change advertising data

Play with it!

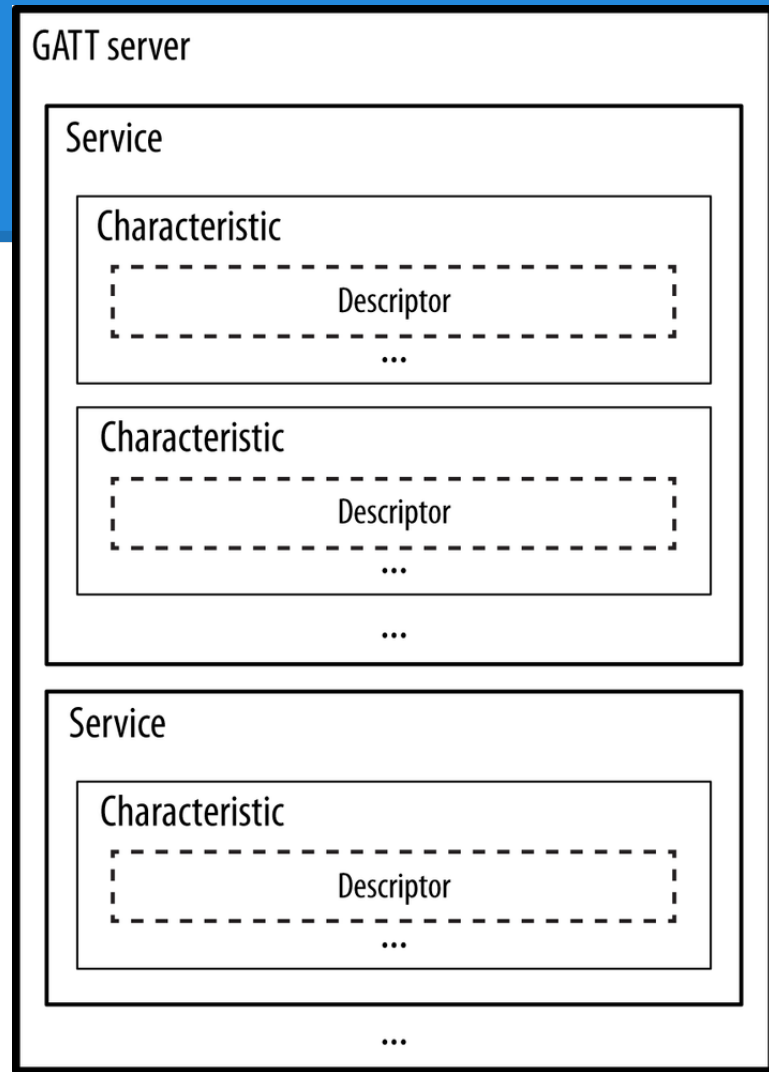
change the data!

Custom GATT

Services and Characteristics

GATT: Generic Attribute

- GATT organizes data
 - Service
 - Characteristic
 - Properties (R/W,notify...)
 - 1 value (<=512B)
 - 0+ descriptors



Custom GATT Service

Custom Service hooked up to LED / terminal

Service: S1 (0xA000)

Char: - C1 (0xA001), Read

- C2 (0xA002), Write

Service &
Characteristic
UUID's

```
uint16_t customServiceUUID = 0xA000;  
uint16_t reachCharUUID     = 0xA001;  
uint16_t writeCharUUID     = 0xA002;
```

Device Name &
Device UUID

```
const static char DEVICE_NAME[] = "ChangeMe!!"; // change this  
static const uint16_t uuid16_list[] = {0xFFFF}; // Custom UUID, FFFF is reserved for development
```

// Set Up custom Characteristics

```
static uint8_t readValue[10] = {0};  
GattCharacteristic readChar(reachCharUUID, readValue, sizeof(readValue), sizeof(readValue),  
    GattCharacteristic::BLE_GATT_CHAR_PROPERTIES_READ | GattCharacteristic::BLE_GATT_CHAR_PROPERTIES_NOTIFY);
```

C1, readable

```
static uint8_t writeValue[10] = {0};  
GattCharacteristic writeChar(writeCharUUID, writeValue, sizeof(writeValue), sizeof(writeValue),  
    GattCharacteristic::BLE_GATT_CHAR_PROPERTIES_WRITE | GattCharacteristic::BLE_GATT_CHAR_PROPERTIES_NOTIFY);
```

C2, writable

// Set up custom service

```
GattCharacteristic *characteristics[] = {&readChar, &writeChar};  
GattService customService(customServiceUUID, characteristics, sizeof(characteristics) / sizeof(GattCharacteristic *));
```

assemble Characteristics together
into a service

```
int main(void){
    ...
    ble.onDataWritten(writeCharCallback);
    ...
}

// handle writes to writeCharacteristic
void writeCharCallback(const GattCharacteristicWriteCBParams *params)
{
    // check to see what characteristic was written, by handle
    if(params->charHandle == writeChar.getValueHandle()) {
        // toggle LED if only 1 byte is written
        if(params->len == 1) {
            led = params->data[0];
            (params->data[0] == 0x00) ? printf("\n\rled on ") : printf("\n\rled off ");
        }
        // print the data if more than 1 byte is written
        else {
            printf("\n\r Data received: length = %d, data = 0x",params->len);
            for(int x=0; x < params->len; x++) {
                printf("%x",params->data[x]);
            }
        }
    }
    // update the readChar with the value of writeChar
    ble.updateCharacteristicValue(readChar.getValueHandle(), params->data, params->len);
}
```

Initialize write
callback

This function handles
all writes to the device

Check to see what characteristic we are
responding to (could be multiple that are writable)

If 1B, toggle LED,
If >1B, print to console

copy value to
readChar
characteristic

Grab the custom GATT code



http://developer.mbed.org/users/mbedAustin/code/BLE_EvothingsExample_GATT

or

<http://goo.gl/urWUTv>

Do This

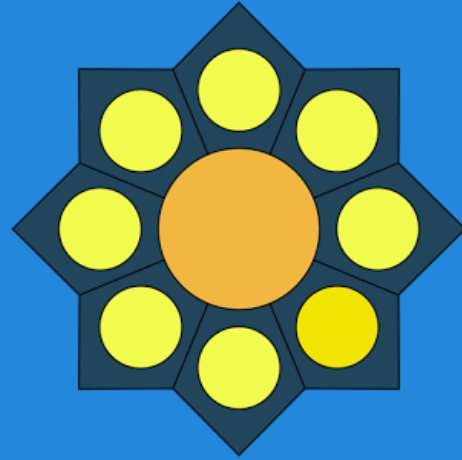
<http://goo.gl/urWUTv>

- Change `const static char DEVICE_NAME[] = "ChangeMe!!"; // change this`
- compile & load onto board
-  iOS use ,  ANDROID use 
 - Connect to your device
 - Write 0 or 1 to write characteristic to see LED flash

Play with it!

see what you can do!

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Smartphone Apps in Javascript

Grab the Evothings Custom Apps

- GAP: <http://goo.gl/tJP5EY>
- GATT: <http://goo.gl/F9YmEO>



- Drag index.html into evthings workbench
- run Evothings program with mbed code from earlier
- See notes for Evothings API references

Everything Custom GAP

The Custom GAP program will print out advertising data of all GAP devices it can find.

Make sure to check Tools window for console.
log() output.

Evthings Custom GATT

- In app.js change “ChangeMe!!” to your device name
- When connected use toggle button to change LED status.
- Inspect the code and play with it!