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CE224734 - Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Object Transfer Client / Server

Objective

This BLE example project demonstrates how to create an object transfer and object managing system using Cypress BLE Component APIs and application layer callback of Object Transfer Profile (OTP) on the CY8CKIT-042-BLE PSoC® 4 Pioneer Kit.

Overview

This code example demonstrates the Object Transfer operation of the PSoC® Creator™ Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Component. It consists of two projects:

- Object Transfer Client
- Object Transfer Server

The Object Transfer Client project uses the BLE Object Transfer profile to manage and control the objects in the Server device. These projects support bulk data transfers which occur via a separate L2CAP connection-oriented channel. The Client is enabled to create and delete objects and to execute an action using the currently selected object. The selected object can be written, updated, or read via an Object Transfer Channel opened by the Client. This service provides a general method for a Client to select and initiate the transfer of any type of object.

This example supports all the GATT sub-procedures defined in the Object Transfer Service and Object Transfer Profile specifications. The device remains in Sleep mode between BLE connection intervals.

Requirements

Tool: PSoC Creator 4.2

Programming Language: C (Arm® GCC 5.4-2016-q2-update)

Associated Parts: PSoC 4 BLE parts

Related Hardware: two parts of CY8CKIT-042-BLE PSoC 4 Pioneer Kit

Hardware Setup

This example uses the kit's default configuration. See the kit guide to ensure the kit is configured correctly.

Software Setup

Terminal Tool

This example uses a UART terminal window. User must have terminal software, such as Tera Term or PuTTY.

Operation

The Object Transfer Server can be connected to any BLE (Bluetooth 4.1 or later) - compatible device configured as GAP Central role and GATT Client which supports the Object Transfer Profile.

Advertising packets received during the scanning procedure from Peripheral devices are parsed and filtered. Only packets with Object Transfer service-specific data are handled and showed in the debug terminal. The Object Transfer Client device automatically connects to the Server devices. When a connection is established, the Client device automatically discovers and pairs with Server device. To disable automatic operations user should set value of `AUTOCONNECT` parameter to (0u) in the *common.h* file in the Object Transfer Client project.

The Object Transfer Client device can perform next operation on the Server: create a new object, delete an active object, write the active object, read the active object, rename the active object, or change properties of the active object. Client device can select then active object on the Server using next commands: First object, Last object, Next object, Previous object. Also, the Client device can read the number of objects form the Server Device and Objects list. All these operations can be executed by entering the appropriate command in the Terminal application. Table 1 contains all possible commands for the Client project and Table 2 lists commands for the Server project.

The green LED in the Object Transfer Server project blinks while the device is advertising. The green LED in the Object Transfer Client project blinks while the device is scanning. The blue LED is turned ON when a connection is established. The red LED is turned ON after disconnection.

Table 1. List of Commands of Object Transfer Client Project

OTS-Specified Commands	
l - Objects list	g - Number of objects
Selecting object:	Object Operations:
f – First	c - Create
t – Last	d - Delete
n – Next	w - Write
p – Previous	r - Read
Editing Active Object:	
y – Name	o - Properties
General Commands	
h - Commands list	z - Scan
x - Select peer device	i - Initiate connection
s - Start discovery	a - Authentication request
q – Disconnect	u - Unbond device

The commands listed in Table 2 are the procedures the user can perform in the Object Transfer Server Project.

Table 2. Commands of Object Transfer Server Project

General Commands	
h - Commands list	d – Disconnection
r - Remove device from white list and bond list	p - Enter passkey
y - Send accept displayed passkey command	n - Send reject displayed passkey command

Operation Steps

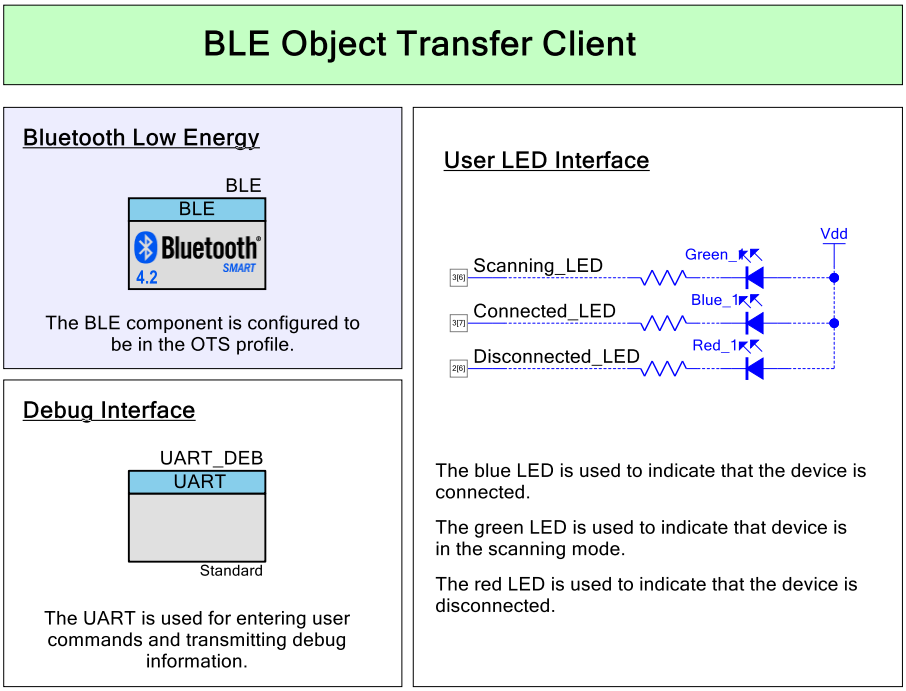
1. Plug the first CY8CKIT-042-BLE kit board into your computer's USB port.
2. Open a terminal window and perform the following configuration: Baud rate – 115200, Parity – None, Stop bits – 1, Flow control – XON/XOFF. These settings must match the configuration of the PSoC Creator UART Component in the project.
3. Build the BLE Object Transfer Client project and program it into the PSoC 4 device. Choose **Debug** > **Program**. For more information on device programming see PSoC Creator Help.
4. Plug the second CY8CKIT-042-BLE kit board into your computer's USB port.
5. Open a terminal window and perform following configuration: Baud rate – 115200, Parity – None, Stop bits – 1, Flow control – XON/XOFF. These settings must match the configuration of the PSoC Creator UART Component in the project.
6. Build the BLE Object Transfer Server project and program it into the PSoC 4 device. Choose **Debug** > **Program**. For more information on device programming see PSoC Creator Help.

7. Observe the information about the device address, advertising, scanning, connecting, discovering, pairing, authentication and bonding in the Client Terminal and Server Terminal.
8. Observe the information in the Client Terminal window about the number of objects on the Server and the list of available commands.
9. Enter the [**l**] command in the Client Terminal to display list of object on the Server.
10. Enter the [**h**] command in the Client Terminal to display list of available commands.
11. Enter the [**c**] command in the Client Terminal to create new object on the Server. Enter the name of the object. For example, “Test”. Enter the [**g**] command to display number of objects on the Server. Observe that number of objects is one count more than before this operation. Enter the [**l**] command in the Client Terminal to display list of object on the Server. Observe that new object “Test” was created on the Server and this object is active.
12. Enter the [**w**] command in the Client Terminal to write active object. Enter the [**l**] command in the Client Terminal to display list of object on the Server. Observe change Current Size of object “Test”.
13. Enter the [**p**] command in the Client Terminal to select previous object as an active object. Enter the [**y**] command to change name of active object. Enter new name of active object. For example, “MyFile”. Enter the [**l**] command to display list of object on the Server. Observe that active object has name “MyFile”.
14. Enter the [**p**] command in the Client Terminal to select previous object as an active object. Enter the [**d**] command to delete active object. Enter the [**g**] command to display number of objects on the Server. Observe that number of objects is one count less than before this operation. Enter the [**l**] command to display list of object on the Server. Observe that object “File 4” has been deleted.
15. Enter the [**t**] command in the Client Terminal to select last object as an active object. Enter the [**r**] command to read active object. Observe read information on the Client Terminal.

Design and Implementation

The schematic of BLE Object Transfer Client Code Example is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. BLE Object Transfer Client Schematic



The project demonstrates the functionality of the BLE Component configured as Object Transfer Client.

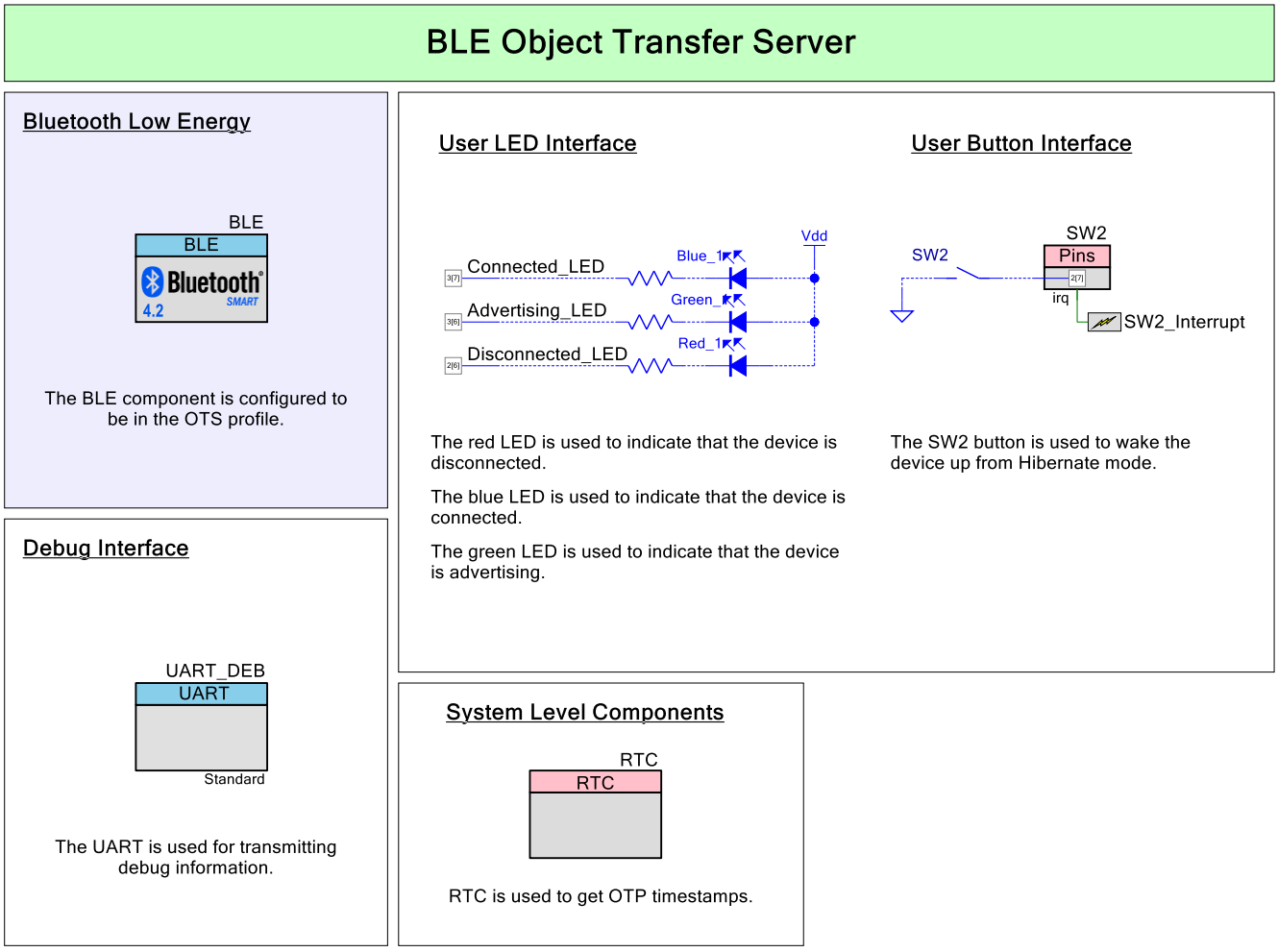
After startup, the device performs the BLE Component initialization. In this project, two callback functions are required for the BLE operation: `AppCallBack()` is required to receive generic events from the BLE Stack and the service-specific callback `OtsCallBack()` is required for Object Transfer Status service-specific events. The `CY_BLE_EVT_STACK_ON` event indicates successful initialization of the BLE Stack.

The device is in Sleep mode when it is connected to the Server and between connection intervals.

This example project uses the UART Component for displaying debug information and entering commands through the terminal emulator app. Freeware, such as HyperTerminal, PuTTY, and so on, is available on the web and can be used with this example.

The schematic of BLE Object Transfer Server Code Example is shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2. BLE Object Transfer Server Schematic



After startup, the device initializes the BLE Component. The Component requires several callback functions to receive events from the BLE Stack. `AppCallBack()` is used to receive general BLE events. Another callback, (`OtsCallBack()`), is used to receive events specific to the service's attribute operations.

The `CYBLE_EVT_STACK_ON` event indicates the successful initialization of the BLE Stack. After this event is received, the Component starts fast advertising with the packet structure, as configured in the BLE Component Customizer (Figure 12).

The device is in Sleep mode when it is connected to the server and between connection intervals.

Pin Assignments

The pin assignments for the Object Transfer Client Project are in Table 3 and for the Object Transfer Server Project are in Table 4.

Table 3. Pin Assignment Object Transfer Client Project

Pin Name	Development Kit	Comment
	CY8CKIT-062	
\UART_DEB:rx\	P1[4]	
\UART_DEB:tx\	P1[5]	
Connected_LED	P3[7]	The blue color of the RGB LED
Disconnected_LED	P2[6]	The red color of the RGB LED
Scanning_LED	P3[6]	The green color of the RGB LED

Table 4. Pin Assignment of Object Transfer Server Project

Pin Name	Development Kit	Comment
	CY8CKIT-062	
\UART_DEB:rx\	P1[4]	
\UART_DEB:tx\	P1[5]	
Connected_LED	P3[7]	The blue color of the RGB LED
Disconnected_LED	P2[6]	The red color of the RGB LED
Advertising_LED	P3[6]	The green color of the RGB LED
SW2	P2[7]	

Components and Settings

Table 5 lists the PSoC Creator Components used in Object Transfer Client example, how they are used in the design, and the non-default settings required for expected functionality.

Table 5. PSoC Creator Components used in Object Transfer Client Example

Component	Instance Name	Purpose	Non-default Settings
Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)	BLE	The BLE Component is configured to demonstrate operation of the Object Transfer Status Client.	See the Parameter Settings for Object Transfer Client Project section
Digital Output Pins	Disconnected_LED Connected_LED Scanning_LED	These GPIOs are configured as firmware-controlled digital output pins that control LEDs.	**[General tab]** Uncheck HW connection Drive mode: Strong Drive
UART (SCB)	UART_DEBUG	This Component is used to print messages on a terminal program.	Default

Table 6 lists the PSoC Creator Components used in Object Transfer Server example, how they are used in the design, and the non-default settings required for expected functionality.

Table 6. PSoC Creator Components used in Object Transfer Server Example

Component	Instance Name	Purpose	Non-default Settings
Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)	BLE	The BLE Component is configured to demonstrate operation of the Object Transfer Status Server device.	See the Parameter Settings for Object Transfer Server Project section
Digital Input Pin	SW2	This pin is used to generate interrupts when the user button (**SW2**) is pressed.	**[General tab]** Uncheck HW connection Drive mode: Resistive Pull Up
Digital Output Pins	Disconnect_LED Advertising_LED Connected_LED	These GPIOs are configured as firmware-controlled digital output pins that control LEDs.	**[General tab]** Uncheck HW connection Drive mode: Strong Drive
SysInt	SW2_Interrupt	This Component is configured to extract interrupts from SW2.	**[Basic tab]** DeepSleepCapable = true
UART (SCB)	UART_DEBUG	This Component is used to print messages on a terminal program.	Default
RTC	RTC	This Component is used to count date and time.	Default

For information on the hardware resources used by a Component, see the Component datasheet.

Parameter Settings for Object Transfer Client Project

BLE Component

The BLE Component is configured as the OTS Client in the GAP Central role with the settings shown in Figure 3

Figure 3. General Settings

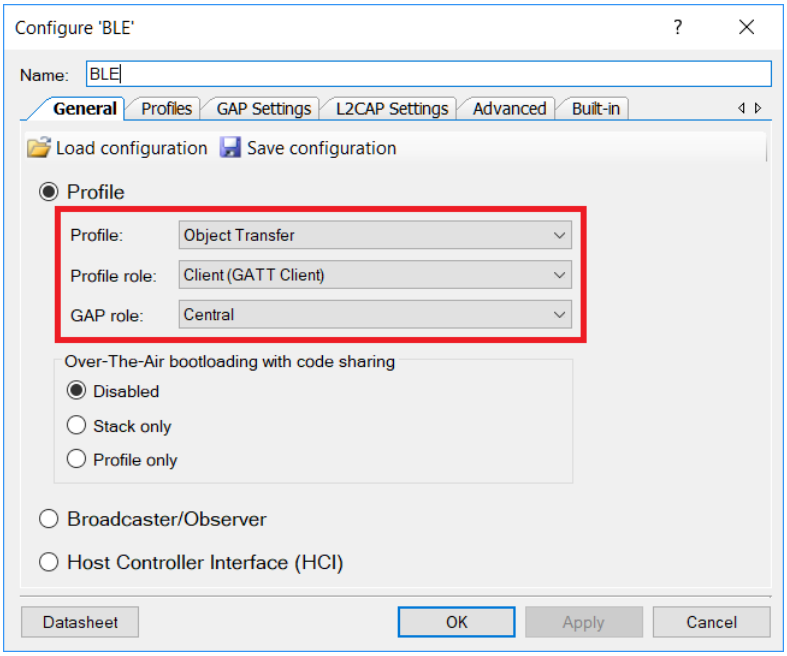


Figure 4. Profiles Settings

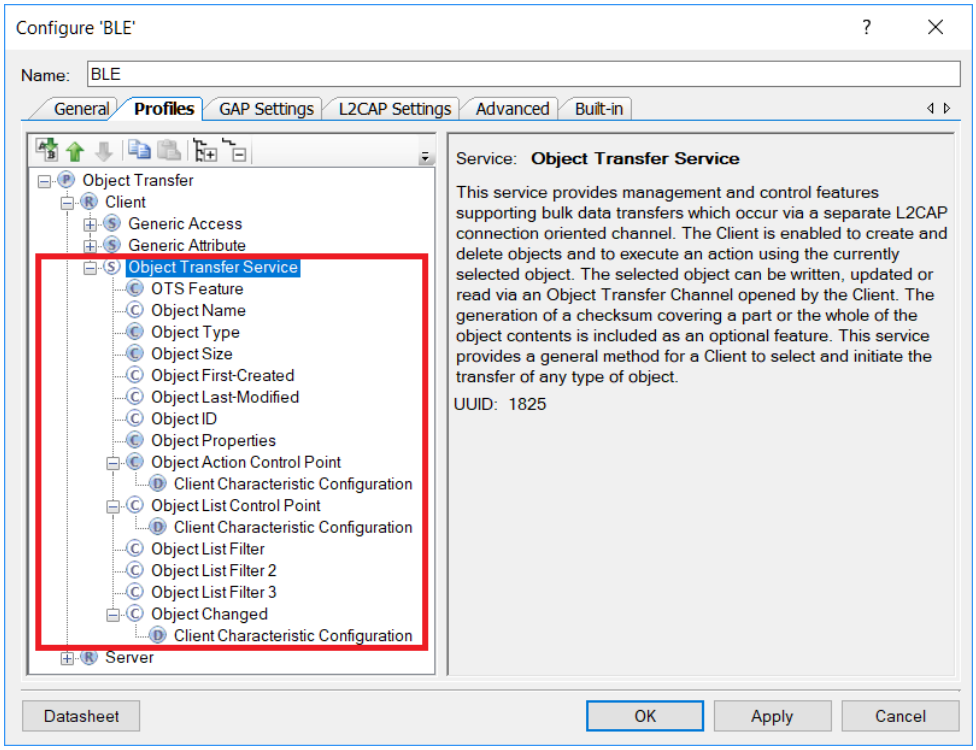


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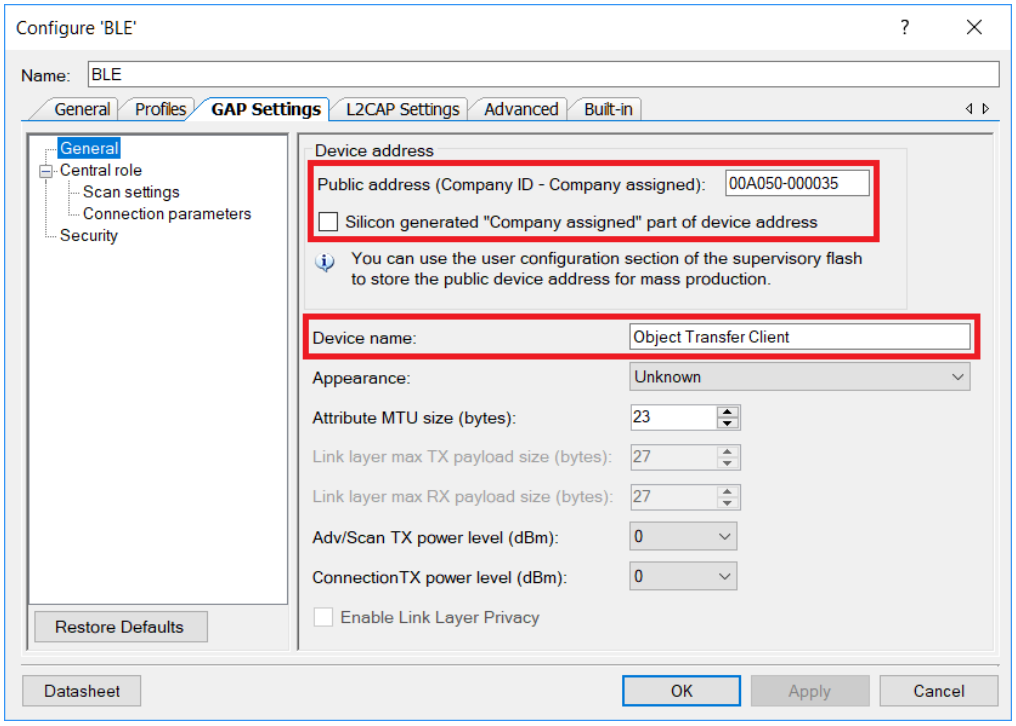


Figure 6. Security Settings

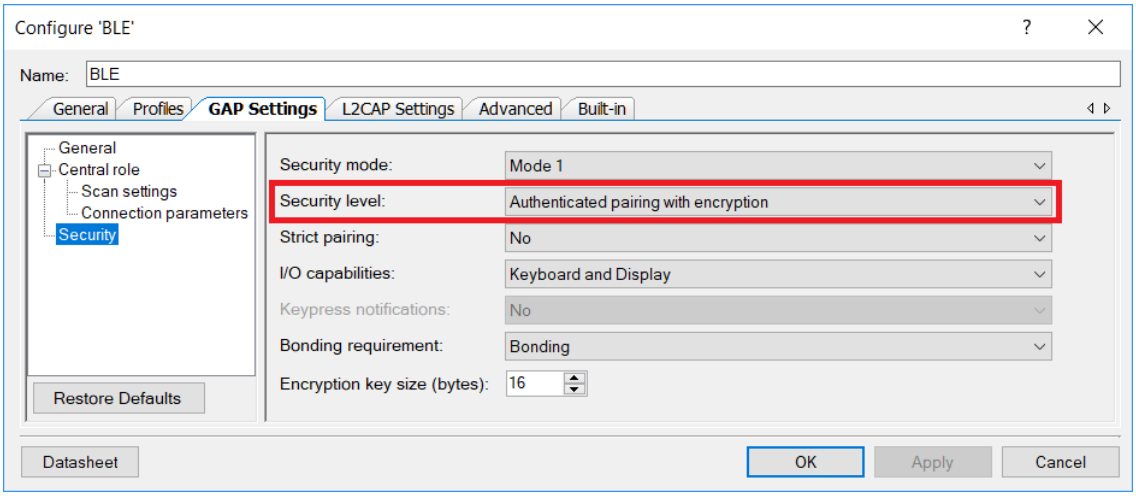
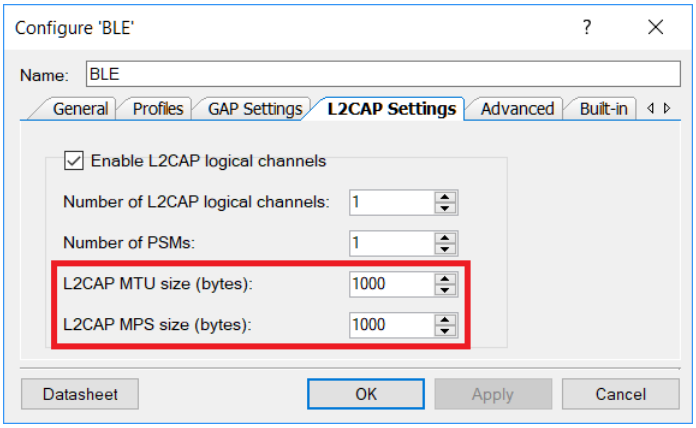


Figure 7. L2CAPSettings



Parameter Settings for Object Transfer Server Project

BLE Component

The BLE Component is configured as the Object Transfer Server in the GAP Peripheral role with the settings shown Figure 8 to Figure 14.

Figure 8. General Settings

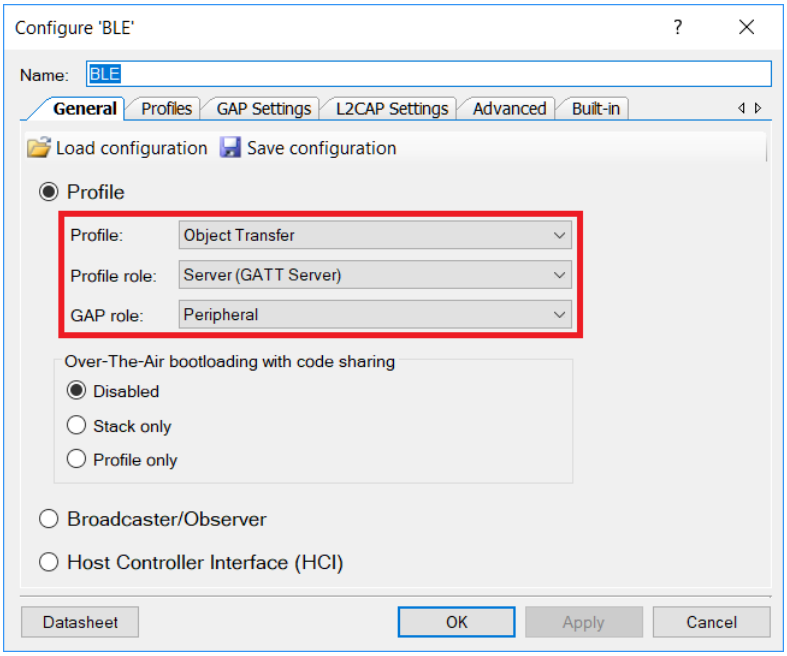


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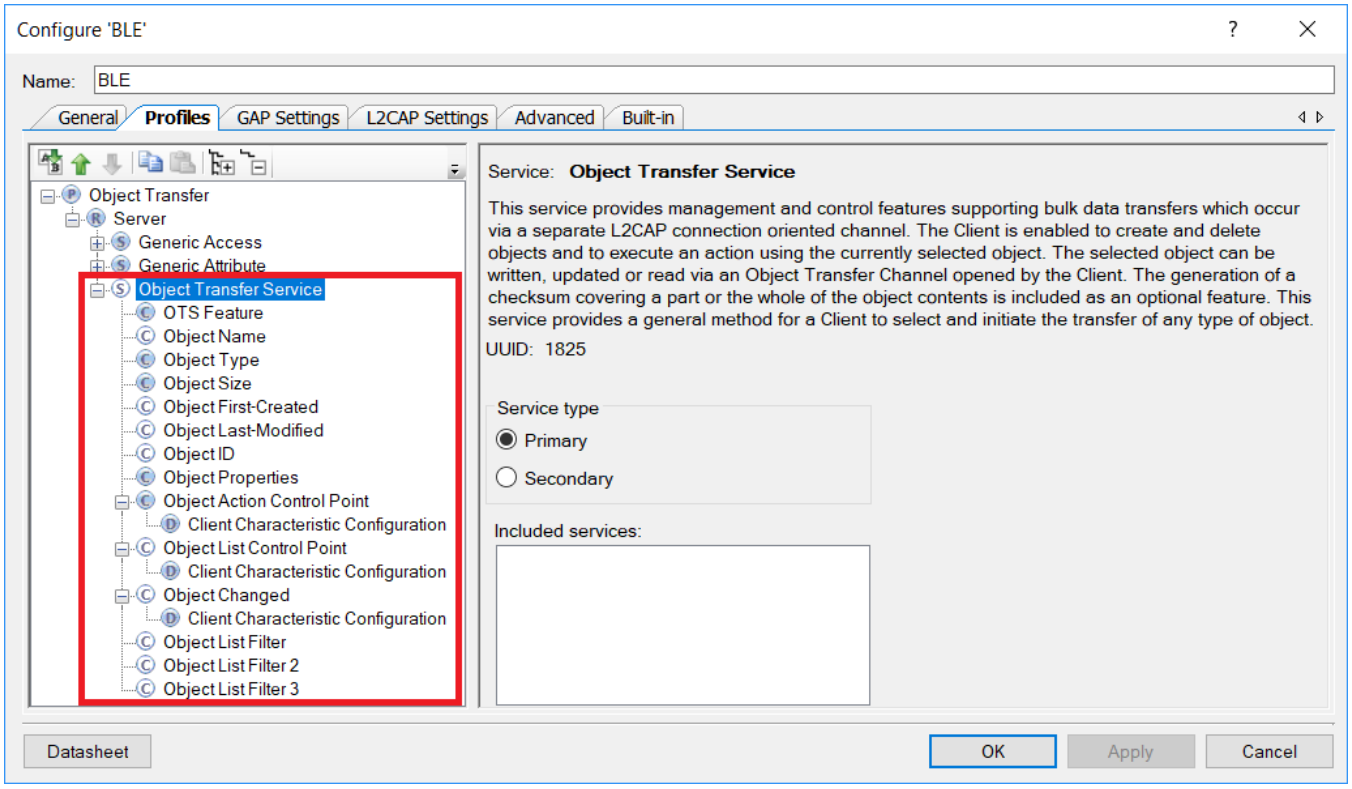


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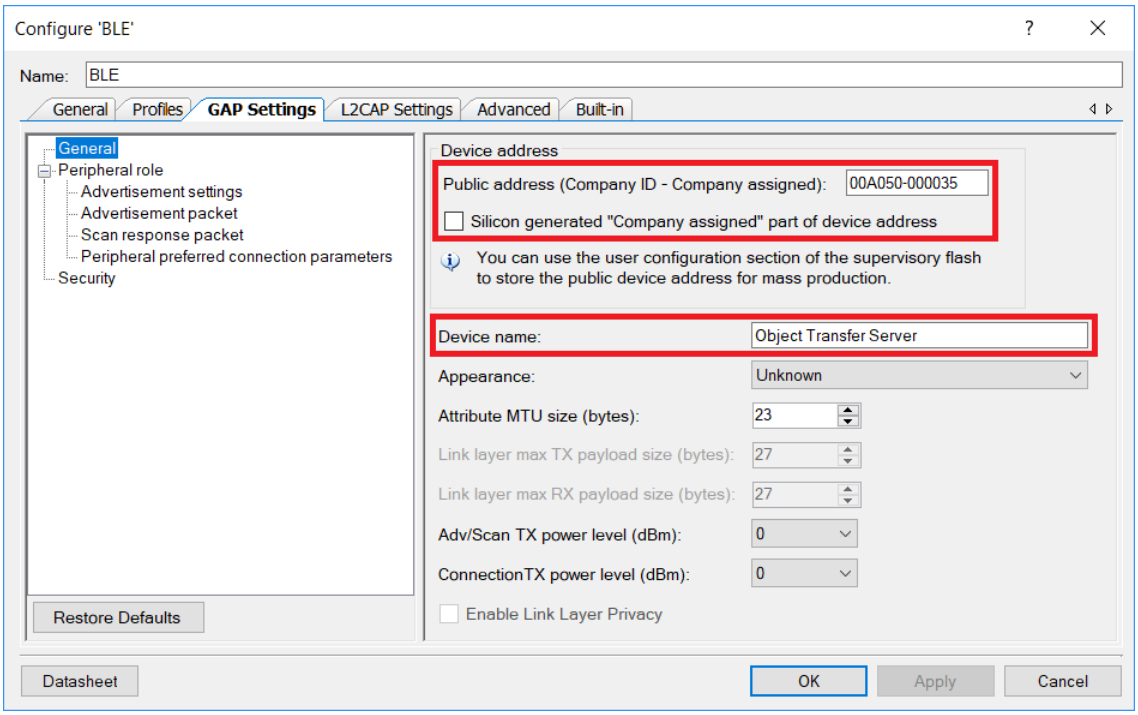


Figure 11. GAP Settings: Advertisement Settings

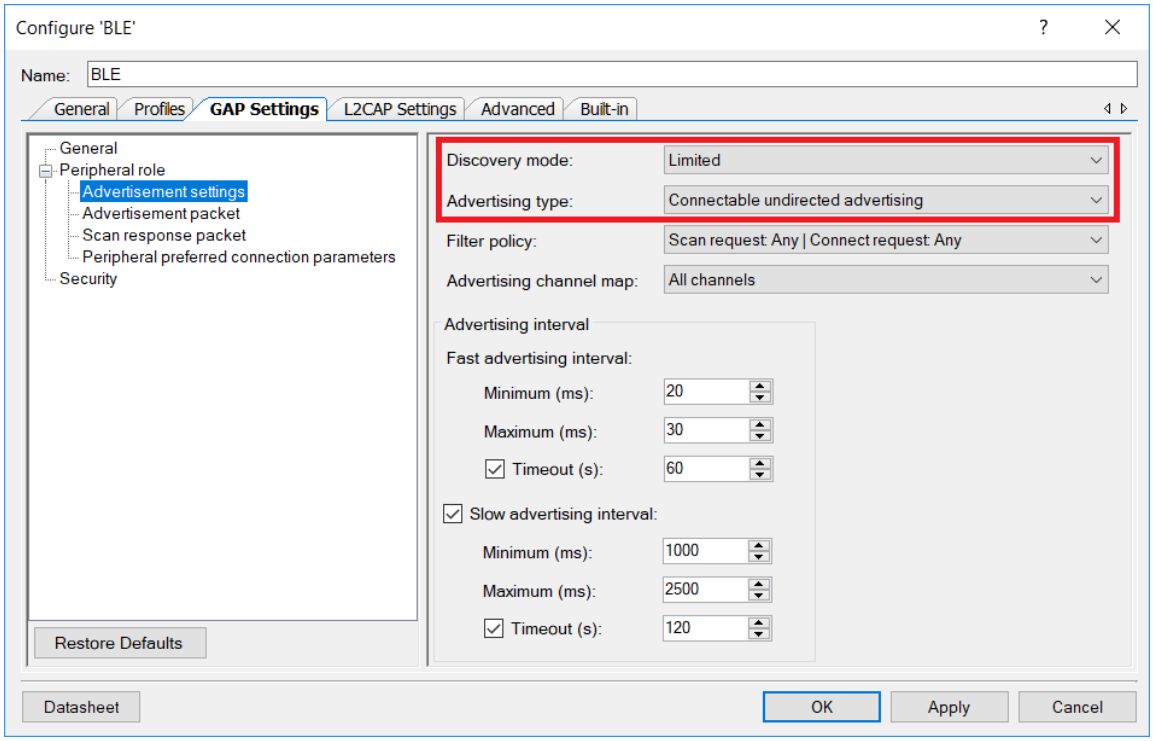


Figure 12. GAP Settings: Advertisement Packet

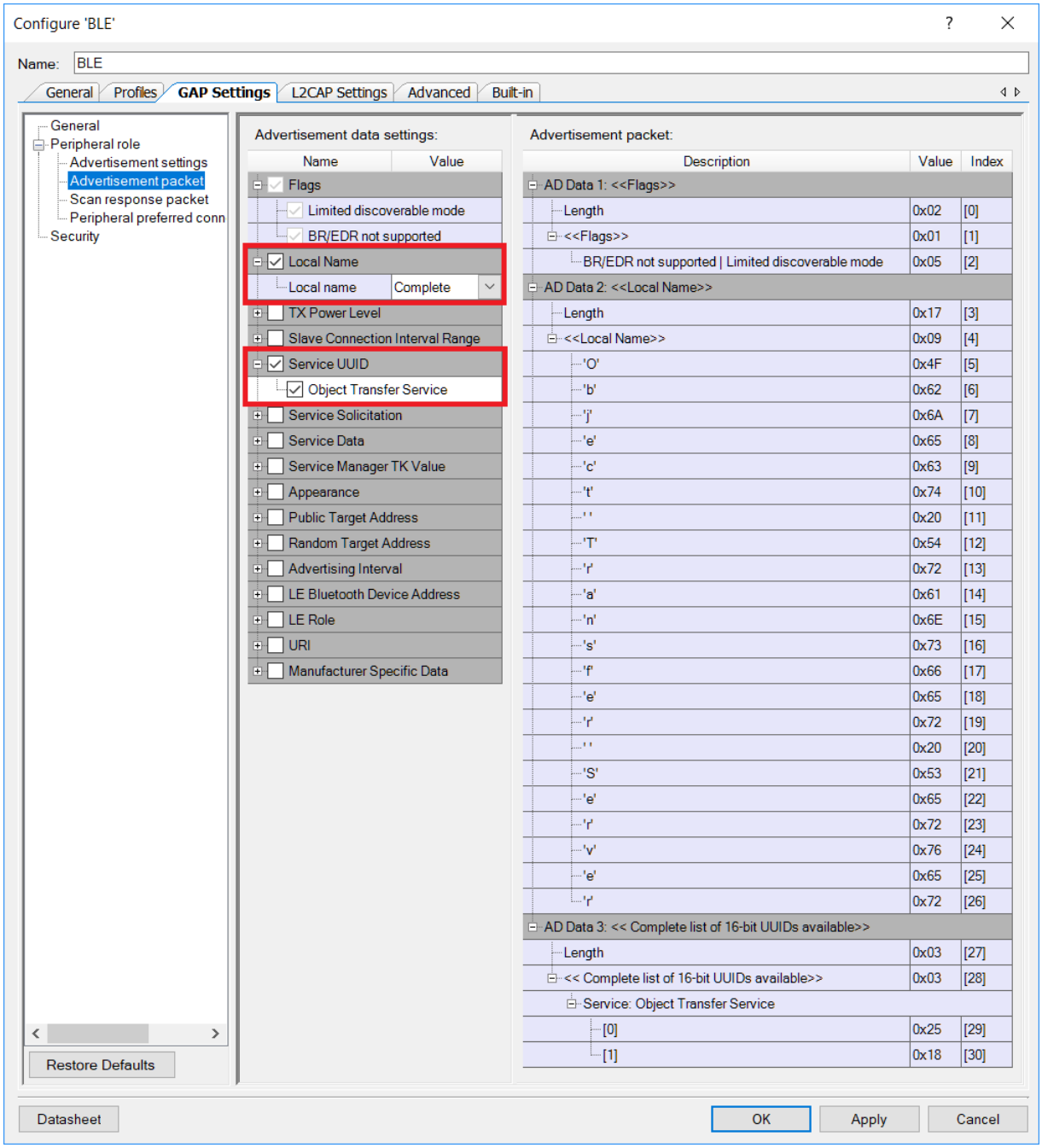


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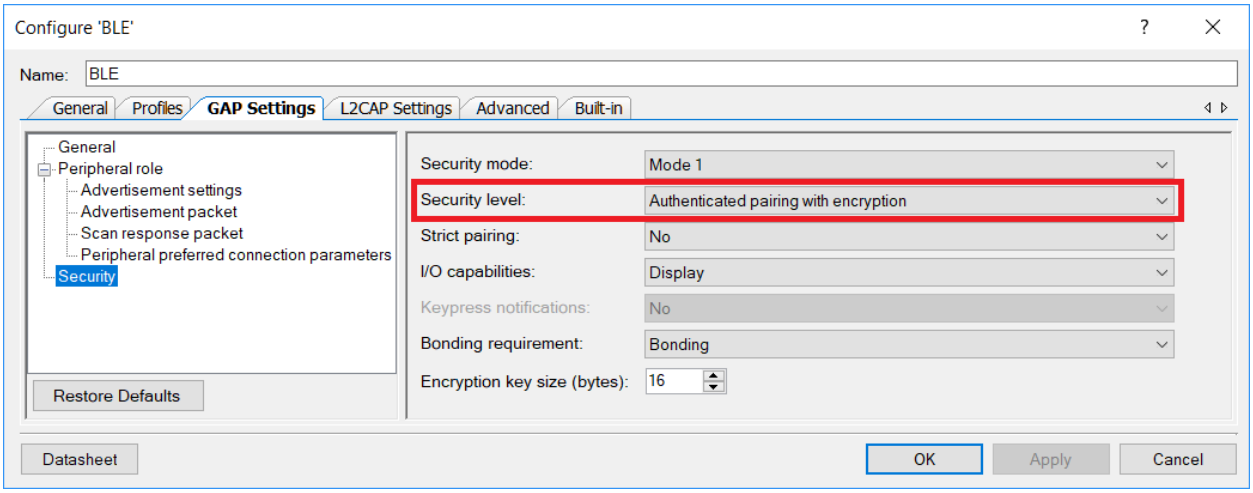
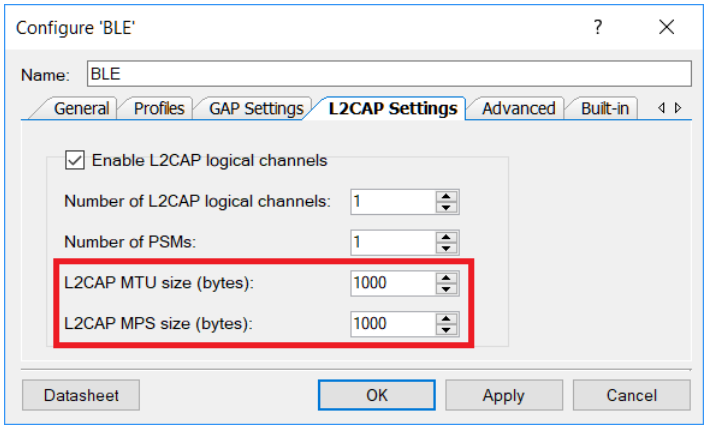


Figure 14. L2CAP Settings



Reusing This Example

This example is designed for the CY8CKIT-042-BLE pioneer kit. To port the design to a different PSoC 4 device, kit, or both, change the target device using the Device Selector and update the pin assignments in the Design Wide Resources Pins settings as needed.

Related Documents

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AN91184	PSoC 4 BLE - Designing BLE Applications	Shows how to design the Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) application based on PSoC 4 BLE, using standard profiles defined by the Bluetooth SIG included in the BLE Component in PSoC Creator. Demonstrates how to build an application with the BLE Health Thermometer Profile on the CY8CKIT-042-BLE kit.
Videos		
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PSoC 4 BLE 101: 3 Adding Battery Level Service and Testing with CySmart		This lesson takes the Find Me profile built in the first two lessons and adds a Battery Level service.
PSoC 4 BLE 101: 5 Extending Battery Life with PSoC Low Energy Modes		Adds power savings into your BLE designs easily using PSoC and PSoC Creator. In the last lesson, we created Find Me peripheral with the Battery Level service.
Software and Drivers		
CySmart – Bluetooth® LE Test and Debug Tool		CySmart is a Bluetooth® LE host emulation tool for Windows PCs. The tool provides an easy-to-use Graphical User Interface (GUI) to enable customers to test their Bluetooth LE peripheral applications.
PSoC Creator Component Datasheets		
Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Component		The Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Component provides a comprehensive GUI-based configuration window to facilitate designing applications requiring BLE connectivity.
PSoC 4 Serial Communication Block (SCB) Component		Supports a PSoC 4 multifunction hardware block that implements I^2C, SPI, UART, and EZI2C communications
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PSoC® 4: PSoC 4200 BLE Family Datasheet Programmable System-on-Chip (PSoC®)		
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