

s122_nrf52 release notes

Introduction to the s122_nrf52 release notes

About the document

These release notes describe the changes in the s122_nrf52 from version to version.

The release notes are intended to list all relevant changes in a given version. They are kept brief to make it easy to get an overview of the changes.

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s122_nrf52_8.0.0

The main new features of this version compared to the s122_nrf52_8.0.0-10.alpha version are synchronous scheduling of central links, scanner, initiator, and QoS channel survey.

SoftDevice Properties

- This SoftDevice variant is compatible with nRF52820 and nRF52833.
- This SoftDevice contains the Master Boot Record (MBR) version 2.5.0 (DRGN-11287).
 - This MBR version is compatible with previous MBR versions.
- The combined MBR and SoftDevice memory requirements for this version are as follows:
 - Flash: **112 kB** (0x1C000 bytes)
 - RAM: **4.8 kB** (0x12e0 bytes). This is the minimum required memory. The actual requirements depend on the configuration chosen at `sd_ble_enable()` time.
 - Call stack: The SoftDevice uses a call stack combined with the application. The worst-case stack usage for the SoftDevice is **1.5 kB** (0x600 bytes). Application writers should ensure that enough stack space is reserved to cover the worst-case SoftDevice call stack usage combined with the worst-case application call stack usage.
- The Firmware ID of this SoftDevice is 0x00EA.

New Features

- SoftDevice
 - An API to turn off event length validation. The SoftDevice still allocates the required time for the active PHY, which may cause scheduling conflicts. For example, this allows connecting on 1 Mbps PHY while allocating an event length for 2 Mbps PHY when the application intends to use 2 Mbps PHY (DRGN-13902/DRGN-13908).

Changes

- SoftDevice
 - Bluetooth Core Specification v5.2 qualified (DRGN-11264).
 - The VersNr field in the LL_VERSION_IND packet now contains the value 0x0B to indicate compatibility with Bluetooth Core Specification v5.2 (DRGN-13606).
 - References to SoC Errata are added to the documentation of all the events and APIs which report RSSI and should be observed if using RSSI measurements (DRGN-13544).
 - Reduced the overhead for an earliest possible Radio Timeslot (DRGN-10440).
 - Central links, scanner, initiator and QoS channel survey are now scheduled synchronously. Previously, this was the case only for central links and the scanner (DRGN-13866).
- LL
 - Unsolicited PING_RSP packets are ignored instead of closing the connection (DRGN-12792).
 - If the Host sets 1 Mbps PHY in the TX_PHYs or RX_PHYs parameters and the event length is not sufficient, the BTLE_CONNECTION_LIMIT_EXCEEDED error code is returned. Previously, it was not possible to set an event length insufficient for 1 Mbps PHY (DRGN-14039).

Bug Fixes

- SoftDevice
 - Fixed an issue where the SoftDevice could slightly misplace events when resolving scheduling conflicts between Timeslot events and higher priority radio events (DRGN-13571).

Limitations

- SoftDevice
 - If Radio Notifications are enabled, flash write and flash erase operations initiated through the SoftDevice API will be notified to the application as Radio Events (DRGN-5197/FORT-809).
 - Synthesized low frequency clock source is not tested or intended for use with the BLE stack.
 - Applications must not modify the `SEVONPEND` flag in the `SCR` register when running in priority levels higher than 6 (priority level numerical values lower than 6) as this can lead to undefined behavior.
 - If the scanner is configured with a scan window larger than 16 seconds, the scanner will truncate the scan window to 16 seconds (DRGN-10305).
 - The SoftDevice may generate several events when connected, based on peer actions, meaning without previous action from the application. The `BLE_GAP_EVT_PHY_UPDATE_REQUEST` event, for instance, is generated when a connected peer sends a Phy Update Request, even when an application does not include logic to change PHY. There are several such events that may require action from an application if they are received. For more information, see the `sd_ble_enable()` API in SoftDevice.
- GATT
 - To conform to the Bluetooth Core Specification v 5.2, there shall be no secondary service that is not referenced somehow by a primary service. The SoftDevice does not enforce this (DRGN-906).

Known Issues

- SoftDevice
 - For idle periods shorter than 9 ms, there will be an additional power consumption of 0.5 to 1 mA. For example this means an additional average current consumption of about 600 μ A for 7.5 ms interval connections (DRGN-14154/DRGN-14152).
- GATT
 - The `ble_gattc_service_t::uuid` field is incorrectly populated in the `BLE_GATT_EVT_PRIM_SRVC_DISC_RSP` event if the `sd_ble_gattc_primary_services_discover()` or `sd_ble_gattc_read()` is called when a Primary Service Discovery by Service UUID is already ongoing (DRGN-11300). When the application has called `sd_ble_gattc_primary_services_discover()`, it should wait for the `BLE_GATT_EVT_PRIM_SRVC_DISC_RSP` event before calling `sd_ble_gattc_primary_services_discover()` or `sd_ble_gattc_read()`.
- LL
 - If the application adds an all zeroes IRK with the `sd_ble_gap_device_identities_set()`, it will be treated as a valid entry in the device identity list. An all zeroes IRK is invalid and must not be added (DRGN-9083).

s122_nrf52_8.0.0-10.alpha

The S122 is a size-optimized central only BLE SoftDevice. The S122 API is a compatible subset of the S132 SoftDevice API. For features that are common to S122 and S132, the API is the same. To show the API compatibility, the S122 follows the same version numbering as S132. See the section "Changes" below for features that are not available in the S122 compared to the S132.

SoftDevice properties

- This SoftDevice variant is targeted towards nRF52820.
- This SoftDevice contains the Master Boot Record (MBR) version 2.5.0 (DRGN-11287).
 - This MBR version is compatible with previous MBR versions.
- The combined MBR and SoftDevice memory requirements for this version are as follows:
 - Flash: **108 kB** (0x1B000 bytes)
 - RAM: **4.8 kB** (0x12a8 bytes). This is the minimum required memory. The actual requirements depend on the configuration chosen at `sd_ble_enable()` time.
 - Call stack: The SoftDevice uses a call stack combined with the application. The worst-case stack usage for the SoftDevice is **1.75 kB** (0x700 bytes). Application writers should ensure that enough stack space is reserved to cover the worst-case SoftDevice call stack usage combined with the worst-case application call stack usage.
- The Firmware ID of this SoftDevice is 0xFFFE.

New functionality

This release is the first version of the S122.

Changes

Compared to the s132_nrf52_7.0.1, the following features have been added:

- SoftDevice:
 - `sd_power_usb*` APIs and events.
- GAP:
 - The security manager timer is now reset on the reception of each keypress notification (DRGN-13374).

Compared to the s132_nrf52_7.0.1, the following features have been removed:

- SoftDevice:
 - MWU is not supported (DRGN-13658).
 - Cache is not supported (DRGN-13451).

- GAP:
 - Peripheral Role is no longer supported and the following functions, structures, defines and events have been removed (DRGN-13474):
 - `sd_ble_gap_adv_addr_get()`
 - `sd_ble_gap_adv_set_configure()`
 - `sd_ble_gap_adv_start()`
 - `sd_ble_gap_adv_stop()`
 - `sd_ble_gap_ppcp_set()`
 - `sd_ble_gap_ppcp_get()`
 - `sd_ble_gap_sec_info_reply()`
 - `BLE_GAP_EVT_SEC_INFO_REQUEST`
 - `BLE_GAP_EVT_SCAN_REQ_REPORT`
 - `BLE_GAP_EVT_ADV_SET_TERMINATED`
 - `BLE_GAP_OPT_LOCAL_CONN_LATENCY`
 - `BLE_GAP_OPT_SLAVE_LATENCY_DISABLE`
 - LE Data Length Extension is no longer supported and the following functions, structures, defines and events have been removed (DRGN-13451):
 - `sd_ble_gap_data_length_update()`
 - `BLE_GAP_EVT_DATA_LENGTH_UPDATE_REQUEST`, `BLE_GAP_EVT_DATA_LENGTH_UPDATE`
 - `BLE_GAP_DATA_LENGTH_AUTO`
 - `ble_gap_data_length_params_t`, `ble_gap_data_length_limitation_t`
 - `ble_gap_evt_data_length_update_request_t`, `ble_gap_evt_data_length_update_t`
- L2CAP:
 - L2CAP Connection Oriented Channels is no longer supported and the header file *ble_l2cap.h* with its functions, structures, defines and events have been removed (DRGN-13451):
 - `sd_ble_l2cap_ch_setup()`, `sd_ble_l2cap_ch_release()`, `sd_ble_l2cap_ch_rx()`, `sd_ble_l2cap_ch_tx()`, `sd_ble_l2cap_ch_flow_control()`
 - `ble_l2cap_ch_rx_params_t`, `ble_l2cap_ch_setup_params_t`, `ble_l2cap_ch_tx_params_t`, `ble_l2cap_conn_cfg_t`
 - `BLE_L2CAP_EVT_CH_SETUP_REQUEST`, `BLE_L2CAP_EVT_CH_SETUP_REFUSED`, `BLE_L2CAP_EVT_CH_SETUP`, `BLE_L2CAP_EVT_CH_RELEASED`, `BLE_L2CAP_EVT_CH_SDU_BUF_RELEASED`, `BLE_L2CAP_EVT_CH_CREDIT`, `BLE_L2CAP_EVT_CH_RX`, `BLE_L2CAP_EVT_CH_TX`
 - `ble_l2cap_evt_t`, `ble_l2cap_evt_ch_tx_t`, `ble_l2cap_evt_ch_rx_t`, `ble_l2cap_evt_ch_credit_t`, `ble_l2cap_evt_ch_sdu_buf_released_t`, `ble_l2cap_evt_ch_setup_request_t`, `ble_l2cap_evt_ch_setup_refused_t`, `ble_l2cap_evt_ch_setup_t`

Bug fixes

- SoftDevice
 - Fixed an issue where attempting to enable or disable privacy during passive scanning could cause the SoftDevice to assert. (DRGN-12165).
 - Fixed an issue where `sd_ble_gap_device_name_set()` would return `NRF_ERROR_INTERNAL` if the allocated space for the device name is too small. The new behavior is that `NRF_ERROR_D` `ATA_SIZE` is returned instead (DRGN-10195).
 - Fixed an issue where SoftDevice could very rarely assert if `LFCLKSRC` is `RCOSC` and a scanner with long scan window was used (DRGN-12529).

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