Exciting new features in nRF Connect SDK v2.2.0



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Agenda

- Intro to the nRF Connect SDK
- Generic updates
- Security, ANT, Bluetooth, Thread, Wi-Fi and Matter updates in nRF Connect SDK v2.2.0
- Cellular IoT updates in nRF Connect SDK v2.2.0
- Q&A

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nRF Connect SDK intro

nRF Connect SDK



- One code base and toolchain for nRF91, nRF70, nRF53, nRF52 and nRF21 Series
 - Optional for nRF52 Series (>= v1.3.0)
- Includes ANT, Bluetooth Low Energy, Wi-Fi, LTE-M, NB-IoT, GNSS, Bluetooth mesh, Thread, Zigbee, Matter, ESB, Gazell, NFC
- Bluetooth v5.3 qualified Host and Controller stack since v2.0.0































Generic Updates

- Introducing nRF Util
- nRF Connect for VS Code improvements
- TX Power envelope updates

nRF Util v7.x.x

- Major upgrade (6.x.x -> 7.x.x)
- Unified command line utility for Nordic products
- functionality is provided through installable and upgradeable commands
 - nrf5sdk-tools
 - device
 - completion
- Flash, recover, and erase all Nordic devices
 - nRF5 SDK DFU
 - MCUboot DFU support (nRF Connect SDK)
 - J-link support
- Provided as a <u>binary</u> (No Python packages dependencies)



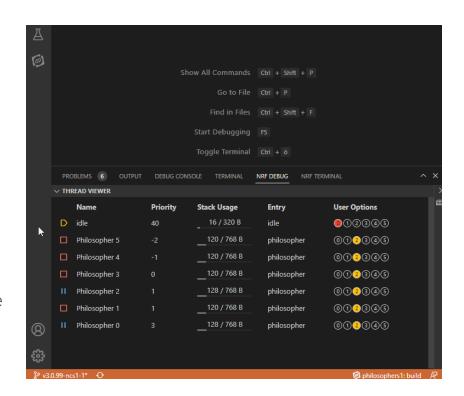
nRF Util demo

- Setup <u>guide</u>
- List connected Nordic devices
- Flash a DK (nRF52833 DK using J-link)
- Flash a Thingy:91 using MCUboot serial recovery
- Flash an nRF52840 Dongle using nRF5 DFU
- Scripting options



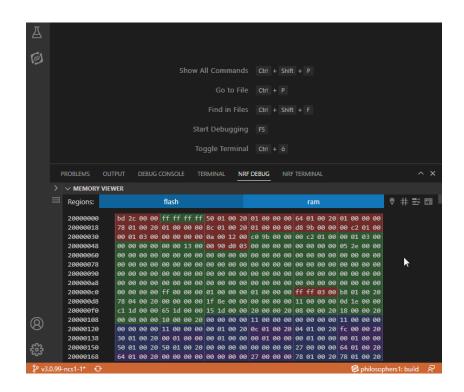
nRF Connect for VS Code

- <u>Debugging improvements</u> (nRF Debug)
 - Live stack usage with bar graph (per thread)
 - Thread state with icons (Ex: Running, Ready, Waiting)
 - Thread name with link to thread declaration
 - Thread entry with link to source code



nRF Connect for VS Code

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 - Peripherals view
 - > Added interactions (Read/Write)
 - > Ex: Manually trigger the TIMER peripheral

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> TIMER2
 > TIMER3

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 MODE 0x00000000
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TX power envelope updates

- Improved output power control with nRF21540 FEM
- Uses built-in software power model on the SoC side to compensate for temperature, carrier frequency, FEM supply voltage and input power

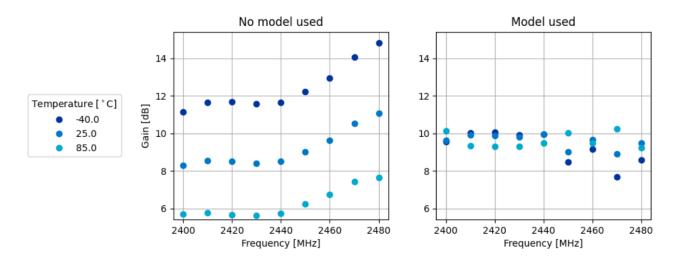


Figure 2a. nRF21540 gain vs temperature over frequency sweep for 10dB setting



PSA certification update



 nRF52840 has been re-certified for PSA Level 1 with nRF Connect SDK

 Existing listing on PSA certified products list has been updated

 Two certificates are now available, depending on the associated SDK

Trusted Firmware-M updates

Arm Platform Security Architecture (PSA) best practice demonstrated on nRF5340 and nRF9160 using Trusted Firmware-M.

New samples:

- <u>Provisioning image</u>: provisions Hardware Unique Keys to secure storage and transitions security lifecycle state.
- TF-M: PSA template: combines TF-M, nRF Secure Immutable Bootloader and MCUboot as a starting point for secure application development following Arm PSA best practice and enforcing correct transition and usage of the PSA lifecycle states.



Experimental ANT support

- Experimental ANT support on nRF5340 SoC
- Garmin Developer Virtual
 Conference Webinars
 - Introducing ANT support to the nRF5340 SoC and nRF Connect SDK
 - Getting Started with ANT for nRF
 Connect SDK



Demo

- ANT for nRF Connect
 SDK documentation
 (requires
 authorization)
- Sends simulated HRM values from an nRF5340 DK to an ANT-connected watch

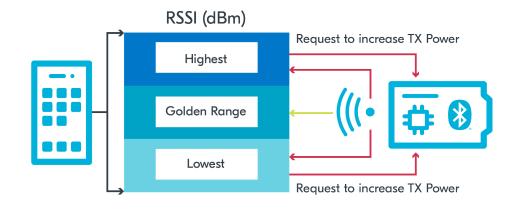






LE Power Control Request

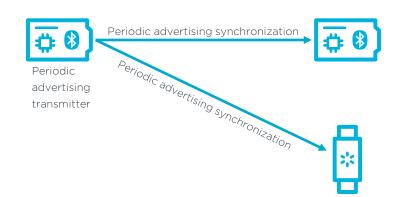
- LE Power Control Request experimental support
 - Softdevice controller support with HCI commands
 - Enables requesting a change in TX power from a peer device
 - The goal is to have RSSI within a "golden range" of optimum RSSI
 - Too high or too low RSSI can lead to decreased link quality (saturation, errors, retransmissions)



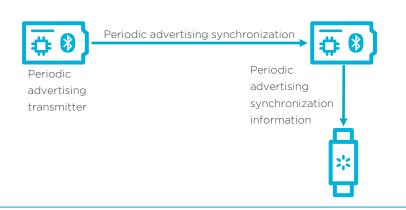
Periodic Advertising Sync Transfer Sending

PAST Sending Experimental support

Without PAST both devices need to go through periodic advertising synchronization process which requires time and energy



With PAST the periodic advertising synchronization information can be sent over Bluetooth LE, saving time and energy



Bluetooth mesh Updates

- Performance and reliability improvements in terms of reduced latency and increased relay throughput under high network load
 - Achieved by changing default advertiser implementation in Bluetooth mesh subsystem from adv_legacy.c to adv_ext.c

- Bluetooth mesh distance measurement vendor model
 - Allows measuring the distance between different Bluetooth mesh devices
 - Utilizes the distance measurement library
 - Experimental support



Matter 1.0 in nRF Connect SDK

For Thread and Bluetooth LE

- Matter over Thread no longer experimental
- Added documentation for
 - Matter OTA
 - Multi-fabrics feature
 - Commissioning and Topology
 - Security and certification
 - ...
- <u>Matter light switch</u> sample added Wi-Fi support





Wi-Fi

- Added Wi-Fi location in nRF Cloud Location Services
- Experimental support for Target Wait time (TWT)
 - Negotiating sleep schedule with Wi-Fi access point to drastically reduce energy consumption
- Added <u>Wi-Fi samples</u>:
 - Radio test sample
 - Scan sample
 - Station sample
 - Provisioning Service sample
- Added powersaving to Wi-Fi shell sample with TWT

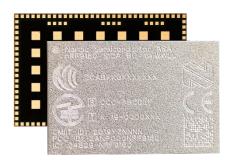
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Complete low power cellular IoT solution

nRF9160



Dedicated application processor and memory

Multimode LTE-M / NB-IoT modem with integrated

RFFE and GNSS support

Ultra Low Power

nRF Connect



nRF Connect SDK

nRF Connect for Desktop

nRF Cloud Services

nRF9160 DK &

Thingy:91

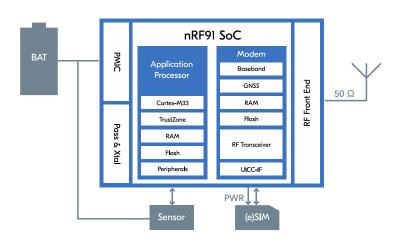




Standalone development kit & prototyping platform eSIM from iBasis

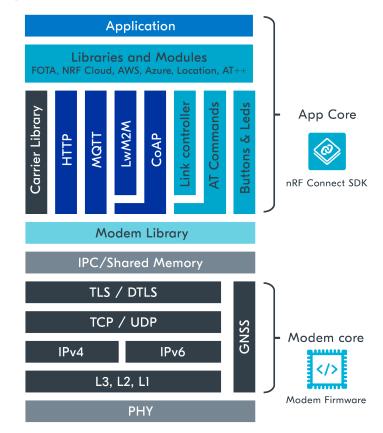
nRF52840 board controller with Bluetooth LE LTE, GNSS, and 2.4 GHz antennas

nRF Connect SDK Overview









Cellular Highlights

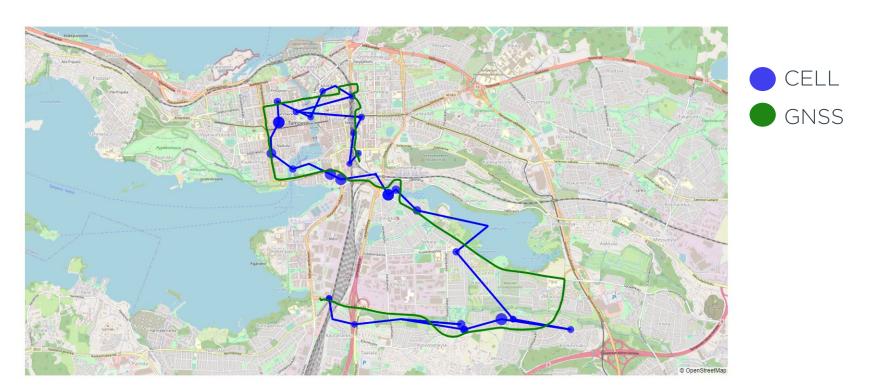
- Added support for Wi-Fi location in nRF Cloud Location Services
- Experimental support for <u>AS</u>
 Release Assistance Indication
 (RAI) with LwM2M with demo

Wi-Fi Location Services with nRF Cloud

Location data using Wi-Fi method



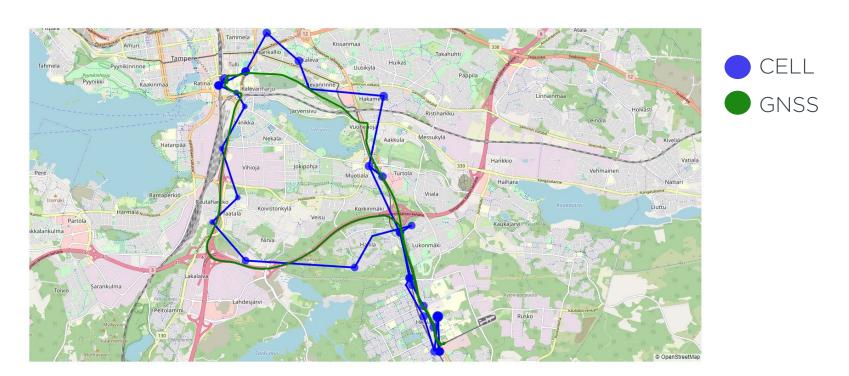
Test drive #1 in Tampere: Multi-Cell Location



Test drive #1 in Tampere: Wi-Fi Location



Test drive #2 in Tampere: Multi-Cell Location



Test drive #2 in Tampere: Wi-Fi Location

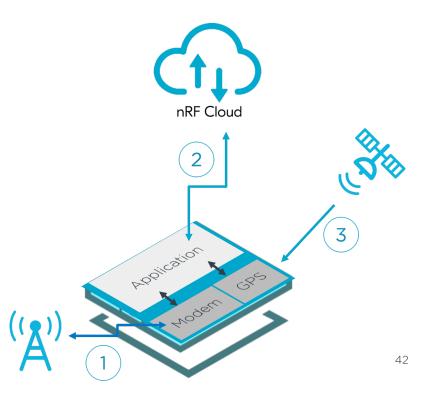


Different Location Services / Features

Feature	Accuracy	Power savings	Requires GPS	Description
Assisted GPS (A-GPS)	High	Good	Yes	 Provides assistance data to the device. Enables a faster time-to-first-fix (TTFF) for the GPS modem. Gets assistance data over the cellular connection and uses the GPS modem to obtain a fix. Typical 4 meters accuracy
Predicted GPS (P-GPS)	High	Better	Yes	 Provides up to two weeks of predicted assistance data to the device. Enables a faster time-to-first-fix (TTFF) for the GPS modem. While it still uses the GPS modem, the power savings comes from reducing the frequency to request new assistance data. Typical 4 meters accuracy
Single-Cell (SCELL)	Low	High	No	 Gets the coarse location of the device based off of the nearest cell tower. Typical 1000 meters accuracy Saves power by eliminating the need to use the GPS modem.
Multi-Cell (MCELL)	Medium	High	No	 Gets the coarse location of the device based off of the nearest cell towers. Provides a higher level of accuracy by using multiple cell towers to obtain location. Typical 300 meters accuracy Saves power by eliminating the need to use the GPS modem.
Wi-Fi	Medium/ high	High	No	 Get location based on nearby Wi-Fi networks. At least two Access Points are required. Typical 30 meters accuracy Saves power by eliminating the need to use the GPS modem.

GPS vs A-GPS and P-GPS

- Will post a <u>DevZone blog post</u> soon to compare and contrast
 - Can subscribe to get DevZone blog updates
- Will include PPK2 measurements and a video
- TTFF improvements and optimized current





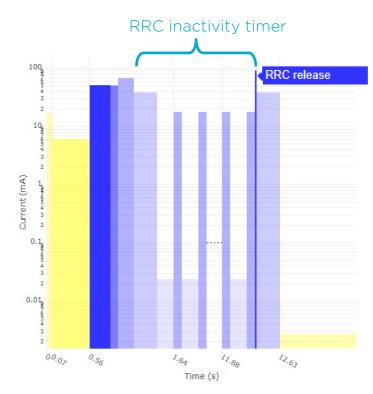
AS Release Assistance Indication (RAI) with LwM2M

- Experimental support in <u>LwM2M</u>
 <u>client</u>
- AS RAI needs to be supported on the cellular network

3GPP Rel 14

AS Release Assistance Indication

- Skip the network dependent "RRC inactivity timer"
- Switch quickly from RRC connected mode to IDLE/PSM if there is no more data to send or receive.
- A lot of power to be saved since radio needs to stay
 ON after each send/recv. in this RRC inactivity
 timer.
- AT Command : <u>AT%RAI</u> plus <u>socket options</u>

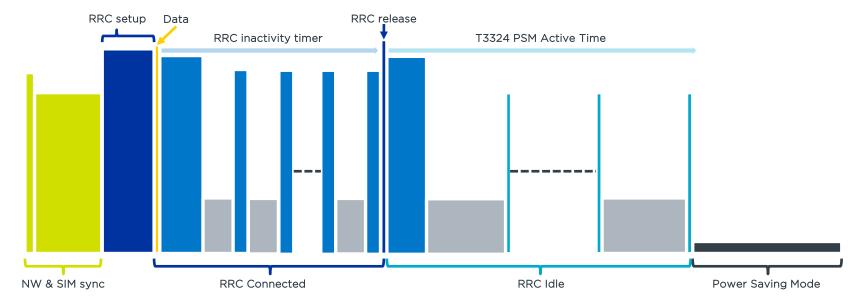


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Without AS RAI

LTE Event charge *84.36 mC

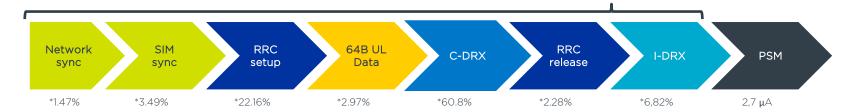


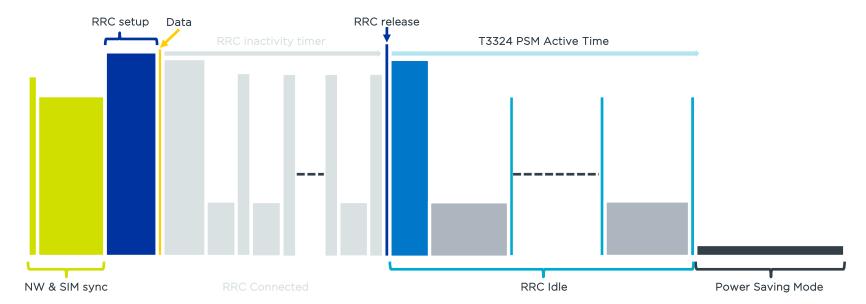


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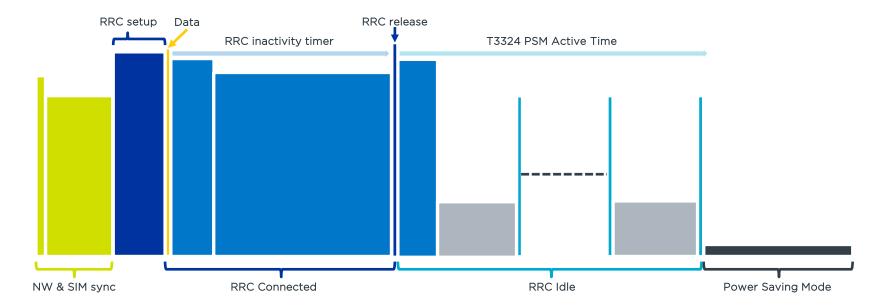
LTE Event charge > *33.07 mC <60.8% improvement





Without AS RAI Demo





Supported Modem firmware



- mfw_nrf9160 v1.3.3
- Compatibility matrix
- nRF9160 Certification web page

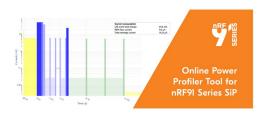
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Table 1, nRF9160 modern firmware and nRF Connect SDK versions

Tools for saving power

Online Power Profiler

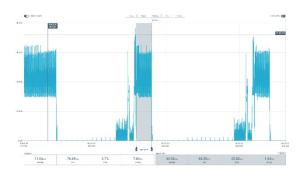
Online Power Profiler for LTE



Power Profiler Kit II



Power optimization guide



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