CC2541 SensorTag Quick Start Guide

Opening the Box and Using the SensorTag

The SensorTag simplifies development of Bluetooth low energy sensor applications. It allows app developers to quickly and easily write smart phone apps for Bluetooth low energy accessories without any embedded hardware or software development.

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1. Kit Contents

- 1 x CC2541 SensorTag with enclosure
- 1 x CR2032 Battery
- 1 x Screw (for the enclosure)
- Quick Start Guide

The RF board in this kit is FCC and IC certified and tested/compiles with ETSI/R&TTE over temperature from 0 to +35°C. The RF board has an integrated PCB antenna.

2. Assembly of the SensorTag

Insert the battery in the battery connector and place the printed circuit board in the black plastic cover with the battery facing down. The screw may be used to secure the PCB to the black plastic cover.

Note that when inserting the battery for the first time, the PCB contact point surface may have a thin layer of solder residue that can prevent contact with the battery. Remove and insert the battery a few times to power the SensorTag.

Push the side button to check if the battery is correctly inserted. When the button is pushed the LED marked D1 should start to blink.

Add the transparent plastic cover to close the inner hard plastic pieces.

Complete the assembly of the SensorTag by adding the red plastic cover.

3. Sensors

The SensorTag is fitted with six sensors and all sensors are chosen to be small, energy efficient and low cost surface mount devices. The sensors use I2C interface and are connected to the same interface bus with separate enable signals. To minimize current consumption all sensors are by default disabled and they are in sleep mode between measurements. Each sensor can be enabled and read individually. The SensorTag includes the following sensors:


4. Downloading the app from App Store

The SensorTag can communicate with any Bluetooth 4.0 enabled devices, for instance a smart phone or a tablet.

Currently the TI Bluetooth SensorTag app is only supported for Bluetooth 4.0 enabled iOS devices (iPhone 4S, iPhone 5, iPod Touch and the new iPad). There is currently no common Bluetooth low energy Application Program Interface (API) for Android devices available.

Download the TI Bluetooth SensorTag app from Apple’s App Store.

Or search for SensorTag on App Store.

5. Connecting to a Bluetooth 4.0 enabled iDevice

For a Bluetooth 4.0 iOS Device to communicate with the SensorTag, Bluetooth needs to be turned on and the SensorTag needs to be advertising. The SensorTag can enable and disable advertising by pushing the side button. When the SensorTag is advertising the green LED (D1) is blinking. It might be hard to see the blinking LED when the SensorTag is fully assembled.

Start the TI Bluetooth SensorTag app. When the app is launched it will search for all Bluetooth low energy devices in the area. Enable advertising by clicking on the side button. The SensorTag icon should appear indicating a successful connection.

If no Bluetooth 4.0 devices are detected by the SensorTag within 30 seconds, advertising will stop and the SensorTag will go back to sleep. To re-activate advertising and turning on the SensorTag press the side button once more.

1 Operating temperature for CC2541 is -40° to 85°C
2 Maximum input voltage is 3.6V

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6. Use the SensorTag app

The TI Bluetooth SensorTag app allows you to create your "own" app by selecting the different sensors you want to use.

When connected to the SensorTag click on the SensorTag tab to see readings from the different sensors.

Turn on and off the different sensors by selecting 'Profiles' in the bottom, left corner. In the Profiles section it is possible to adjust the sensor data collection interval by moving the sliding bars, and select which axis to display for the multi-axis sensors. When you click 'Back' the TI Bluetooth SensorTag app will display the selected sensor data with the selected data interval.

To view and store the sample code select 'Generate Source code' in the Profiles section.

Enable sensor information data by clicking the different sensors, this will also allow for a graph view of the sensor readings. The data collected in the graph view can then be sent to an e-mail address by clicking on the icon in the bottom left corner.

An example source code for the Bluetooth low energy SensorTag app can be downloaded from: http://www.ti.com/tool/sensortag-ios

7. Using the app as an attribute and service explorer

In addition you can use the TI Bluetooth SensorTag app to read the services and attributes of any Bluetooth low energy enabled device.

Connect the Bluetooth low energy device, and make sure that the Bluetooth low energy device is advertising prior to connecting.

When the device is seen in the available device list select 'Advanced Mode' in the bottom left corner. In advanced mode an RSSI indicator is available and by clicking on the device it will connect to the iOS device. If you then click and hold on the device name you will be able to: Show Profiles, Show Services & Characteristics, Show Advertisement data or disconnect.

Select Show Services & Characteristics to view the services and characteristics of the Bluetooth low energy device.

When Show Services & Characteristics is selected, click on the arrow next to the different services to see the associated characteristics.

8. Using the SensorTag with TI's BLE Device Monitor

Download and install TI's BLE Device Monitor from: www.ti.com/SensorTag. Please note that you also need a CC2540 USB dongle to use the BLE Device monitor.

The BLE Device Monitor allows you to discover, read and alter attributes on any BLE device. More detailed information about the BLE Device Monitor can be found at: www.ti.com/sensortag

Note that BLE Device Monitor is currently only supported on Windows 7/XP.

9. Supported platforms

To use the SensorTag a Bluetooth 4.0 device is required and the API of the device must support the Bluetooth low energy API. Currently the following devices are supported:

- iPhone 4S
- iPhone 5
- iPad (3) or newer
- iPod Touch (5th generation)
- MacBook Air (2011 model and newer)
- MacBook Pro (2012 model and newer)
- Windows 7/XP PC with CC2540 USB dongle connected using BLE Device Monitor. Part of TI BLE stack v1.30 and newer.

10. Next steps

1. Learn more about the SensorTag and the BLE Device Monitor at: www.ti.com/sensortag

2. Download the TI Bluetooth low energy stack at: www.ti.com/tool/ble-stack

3. Download SensorTag app example source code at: http://www.ti.com/tool/sensortag-ios

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