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1 Overview

1.1 Document Overview

This document describes the non-standard interface of the RivieraWaves (RW) Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Scan Parameters Profile (SCPP) implementation. Along this document, the interface messages will be referred to as API messages for the profile block(s).

Their description will include their utility and reason for implementation for a better understanding of the user and the developer that may one day need to interface them from a higher application.

1.2 BLE Scan Parameters Profile Overview

The Scan Parameters Profile is used to provide devices with information to assist them in managed their connection idle timeout and advertising parameters to optimize for power consumption and/or reconnection latency.

This service has been implemented as a profile. Within this profile, two roles can be supported: Server role (SCPPS) and Client role (SCPPC). The Client role must support the GAP Central Role and the Server role, the GAP Peripheral role. The profile requires a connection to be established between the two devices for its functionality.

The various documents edited by the Bluetooth SIG present different use cases for this profile, their GATT, GAP and security, mandatory and optional requirements. The Scan Parameters Profile specifications have been adopted by the Bluetooth SIG on December 27th 2011 ([1] and [3]). Their related Test Specifications have been released at the same time and are referenced in [2] and [4].

The profile is implemented in the RW-BLE software stack as two tasks, one for each role. Each task has an API decided after the study of the profile specifications and test specifications, and it is considered to be minimalistic and designed for a future application which would combine the profile functionality with the device connectivity and security procedures.

The Scan Parameters Service structure as defined in the Scan Parameter specification is exposed in the table below:

Characteristic Name	Requirements	Properties	Security	Descriptors
Scan Interval Window	Mandatory	Write Without Response (Mandatory)	None	None
Scan Refresh	Optional	Notify (Mandatory)	None	Client Characteristic Configuration <i>Requirement : If characteristic is supported.</i> <i>Permissions: Read (Mandatory) / Write (Mandatory)</i>

The Scan Interval Window Characteristic is used to store the scan parameters of the Client. This parameters are the last known values of LE_Scan Interval (Maximum Scan Interval the Scan Client intends to use while scanning) and LE_Scan Window (Minimum Scan Windows the Scan Client intends to use while scanning in conjunction with the maximum Scan Interval written) of the Client.

The Scan Refresh characteristic is used to nitofy the Client that the Server requires the Scan Interval Window characteristic to be written with the latest values upon notification.



2 SCPP Server Role API

2.1 Environment

SCPPS task, is mono instantiated task, so the connection index is not present into the task number. This task is able to communicate with several peer devices in same time.

2.2 Initialization / Database Creation

During the initialization phase of the device, to use the Scan Parameters Service task, the SCPPS task has to be allocated and corresponding attribute database initialized, using GAPM API. Application has to send GAPM_PROFILE_TASK_ADD_CMD [6] with specific device required security level and following parameters.

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	features	SCPS Configuration.

The features parameter shall be used to specified if the Scan Refresh Characteristic is supported, possible values are SCPPS_SCAN_REFRESH_CHAR_NOT_SUP (0x00 – Scan Refresh Characteristic not added in the database) and SCPPS_SCAN_REFRESH_CHAR_SUP (0x01 – Scan Refresh Characteristic added in the database).



2.3 API Messages

2.3.1 Connection Messages

2.3.1.1 SCPPS_ENABLE_REQ

Source: TASK_APP

Destination: TASK_SCPPS

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	conidx	Connection Index.
uint8_t	ntf_cfg	Notification Configuration

Response: SCPPS_ENABLE_RSP

Description: This API message can be used after the connection to restore bond data (peer notification configuration) of a known device.

2.3.1.2 SCPPS_ENABLE_RSP

Source: TASK_SCPPS

Destination: TASK_APP

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	conidx	Connection Index.
uint8_t	status	Status code (see [5])

Description: Inform application if restoring bond data for peer device succeed or not.



2.3.2 Communication Messages

2.3.2.1 SCPPS_SCAN_INTV_WD_IND

Source: TASK_SCPPS

Destination: TASK_APP

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	conidx	Connection Index.
struct scan_intv_wd	scan_intv_wd	Scan Interval Window Characteristic value (see Table 4. 1)

Description: This API message informs the application that the Scan Interval Window Characteristic value has been written by the peer device.

2.3.2.2 SCPPS_SCAN_REFRESH_NTF_CFG_IND

Source: TASK_SCPPS

Destination: TASK_APP

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	conidx	Connection Index.
uint8_t	ntf_cfg	Scan Refresh Notification Configuration

Description: This API message is sent to the application to inform it that the peer device has enabled or disabled sending of notifications for the Scan Refresh Characteristic. This information can be stored as bond data in a non-volatile memory.

2.3.2.3 SCPPS_SCAN_REFRESH_SEND_REQ

Source: TASK_APP

Destination: TASK_SCPPS

Required state: CONNECTED

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	conidx	Connection Index.

Response: SCPPS_SCAN_REFRESH_SEND_RSP

Description: This API message is used notify the Client that the Server writes the latest intended scan parameters to the Scan Interval Window Characteristic.

2.3.2.4 SCPPS_SCAN_REFRESH_SEND_RSP

Source: TASK_SCPPS

Destination: TASK_APP



Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	conidx	Connection Index.
uint8_t	status	Status code (see [5])

Description: This API message is used to inform the application if the Scan Refresh Characteristic value has been notified or not.



3 SCPP Client Role API

3.1 Environment

Within the SCPPC task, three states are defined: FREE, IDLE, BUSY.

Important Note: The TASK_SCPPC task is multi-instantiated, one instance is created for each connection for which the profile will be enabled and each of these instances will have a different task ID. To communicate with the peer device, the corresponding connection index has to be used to calculate the SCPPC task instance.

The term TASK_SCPPC_IDX will be used in the rest of the document to refer to any instance of the Scan Parameters profile Client Role Task. The term TASK_SCPPC will refer to the first instance of this task.

3.2 Initialization

During the initialization phase of the device, to use the Scan Parameters Client task, the SCPPC task has to be allocated using GAPM API. Application has to send GAPM_PROFILE_TASK_ADD_CMD [6].

3.3 API Messages

3.3.1 Connection Messages

3.3.1.1 SCPPC_ENABLE_REQ

Source: TASK_APP

Destination: TASK_SCPPC_IDX

Required state: IDLE

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	con_type	Connection type
struct scps_content	scps	For bonded devices, information about the SCPS that has been found during the last discovery process (see Table 4. 2).

Response: SCPPC_ENABLE_RSP

Description: This API message is used for enabling the Client role of the SCPP. This Application message contains BLE connection handle, the connection type and the previously saved discovered SCPS details on peer.

The connection type may be PRF_CON_DISCOVERY (0x00) for discovery/initial configuration or PRF_CON_NORMAL (0x01) for a normal connection with a bonded device. Application shall save those information to reuse them for other connections. During normal connection, previously discovered device information can be reused.

If it is a discovery /configuration type of connection, it is useless to fill the scps parameter are useless. Otherwise they will contain pertinent data which will be kept in the Client environment while enabled.

For a normal connection, the response to this request is sent right away after saving the SCPS content in the environment and registering SCPPC in GATT to receive the notifications for the known attribute handles in SCPS that would be notified (Scan Refresh Characteristic).

For a discovery connection, discovery of the peer SCPS is started and the response will be sent at the end of the discovery with the discovered attribute details.



Following the provided connection type and the SCPS information, several behaviors may happen. They are presented in the table below:

Connection Type	Scan Refresh Characteristic Found	Comments
	YES	
	NO	
	YES	Enable notifications of the Scan Refresh characteristic.
	NO	Write the latest scan parameters (scan_intv_wd parameter) to the Scan Interval Windows Characteristic.

The Task for this profile role will go from IDLE state to CONNECTED state for a normal connection, and to DISCOVERING state for a discovery/configuration type of connection.

3.3.1.2 SCPPC_ENABLE_RSP

Source: **TASK_SCPPC_IDX**

Destination: TASK_APP

Required state: IDLE

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	status	Discovery status code (see [5])
struct scps_content	scps	Information about the SCPS that has been found during the discovery process (see Table 4. 2).

Description: This API message is used by the Client role task to either send the discovery results of SCPS on the peer device and confirm enabling of the Client role, or to simply confirm enabling of Client role if it is a normal connection and the attribute details are already known.



3.3.2 Communication Messages

3.3.2.1 SCPPC_SCAN_INTV_WD_WR_REQ

Source: TASK_APP

Destination: TASK_SCPPC_IDX

Required state: CONNECTED

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
struct scan_intv_wd	scan_intv_wd	Scan Parameters (see Table 4. 2)

Response: SCPPC_SCAN_INTV_WD_WR_RSP

Description: This API message shall be used to inform the Scan Server that the Scan Client has changed its intended scanning behavior. It will write the Scan Interval Window Characteristic value in the Scan Server database.

The provided scan parameters are saved within the role task environment so that when the Scan Server requires the latest scan parameters (sends a notification for the Scan Refresh Characteristic), these values are automatically written in its database.

3.3.2.2 SCPPC_SCAN_INTV_WD_WR_RSP

Source: TASK_SCPPC_IDX

Destination: TASK_APP

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	status	Write request status (see [5])

Description: This API message is sent to the application when a write response has been received from the peer device after sending of a write request.

3.3.2.3 SCPPC_SCAN_REFRESH_NTF_CFG_RD_REQ

Source: TASK_APP

Destination: TASK_SCPPC_IDX

Parameters: None

Response: SCPPC_SCAN_REFRESH_NTF_CFG_RD_RSP

Description: This API message shall be used to read the value of the Scan Refresh Characteristic Client Characteristic Configuration Descriptor.

3.3.2.4 SCPPC_SCAN_REFRESH_NTF_CFG_RD_RSP

Source: TASK_SCPPC_IDX

Destination: TASK_APP

Parameters:



Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	status	Status code (see [5])
uint16_t	ntf_cfg	Configuration value : PRF_CLI_STOP_NTFFIND or PRF_CLI_START_NTF.

Description: This API message is sent to the application to inform it about the read Client Characteristic Configuration Descriptor value for the Scan Refresh Characteristic.

3.3.2.5 SCPPC_SCAN_REFRESH_NTF_CFG_REQ

Source: TASK_APP

Destination: TASK_SCPPC_IDX

Required state: CONNECTED

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint16_t	ntf_cfg	Configuration value to write: PRF_CLI_STOP_NTFFIND or PRF_CLI_START_NTF.

Response: SCPPC_SCAN_REFRESH_NTF_CFG_RSP

Description: This API message shall be used to either enable or disable notifications for the Scan Refresh Characteristic.

3.3.2.6 SCPPC_SCAN_REFRESH_NTF_CFG_RSP

Source: TASK_SCPPC_IDX

Destination: TASK_APP

Parameters:

Type	Parameters	Description
uint8_t	status	Write request status (see [5])

Description: This API message is sent to the application when a write response has been received from the peer device after sending of a write request.

3.3.2.7 SCPPC_SCAN_REFRESH_IND

Source: TASK_SCPPC_IDX

Destination: TASK_APP

Parameters: none

Description: This API message is sent to the application to inform that peer service request a refresh of Scan Parameters values.



4 Miscellaneous

Type	Parameters	Description
uint16_t	le_scan_intv	Scan Interval
uint16_t	le_scan_window	Scan Window

Table 4. 1 – Scan Interval Window Characteristic value structure (struct scan_intv_wd)

Type	Parameters	Description
struct prf_svc	svc	Start handle and End handle of the SCPS (see Table 4. 3).
struct prf_char_inf	chars[SCPPC_CHAR_MAX]	Informations about the found Characteristics (see Table 4. 4). <i>SCPPC_CHAR_MAX = 2</i> <i>chars[SCPPC_CHAR_SCAN_INTV_WD] = Scan Interval Window Characteristic</i> <i>chars[SCPPC_CHAR_SCAN_REFRESH] = Scan Refresh Characteristic</i>
struct prf_char_desc_inf	descs[SCPPC_DESC_MAX]	Informations about the found Descriptors (see Table 4. 5). <i>SCPPC_DESC_MAX = 1</i> <i>descs[SCPPC_DESC_SCAN_REFRESH_CFG] = Client Characteristic Configuration Descriptor</i>

Table 4. 2 – Scan Parameters Service Content structure (struct scps_content)

Type	Parameters	Description
uint16_t	shdl	Start handle of the Service.
uint16_t	ehdl	End handle of the Service.

Table 4. 3 – Service description structure (struct prf_svc)

Type	Parameters	Description
uint16_t	char_hdl	Characteristic declaration attribute handle.
uint16_t	val_hdl	Characteristic value attribute handle.
uint8_t	prop	Properties
uint8_t	char_ehdl_off	Number of attribute within the Characteristic.

Table 4. 4 – Characteristic description structure (struct prf_char_inf)

Type	Parameters	Description
uint16_t	desc_hdl	Descriptor attribute handle

Table 4. 5 – Descriptor description structure (struct prf_char_desc_inf)



5 Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Original Terminology
API	Application Programming Interface
BLE	Bluetooth Low Energy
GAP	Generic Access Profile
GATT	Generic Attribute Profile
SCPP	Scan Parameters Profile
SCPPS	Scan Parameters Profile Server Role
SCPPC	Scan Parameters Profile Client Role
SCPS	Scan Parameters Service
RW	RivieraWaves



6 References

[1]	Title	SCAN PARAMETERS PROFILE SPECIFICATION		
	Reference	ScPP_SPEC_V10		
	Version	V10r00	Date	2011-12-27
	Source	Bluetooth SIG		

[2]	Title	SCAN PARAMETERS PROFILE TEST SPECIFICATION		
	Reference	ScPP.TS.1.0.0		
	Version	1.0.0	Date	2011-12-27
	Source	Bluetooth SIG		

[3]	Title	SCAN PARAMETERS SERVICE SPECIFICATION		
	Reference	ScPS_SPEC_V10		
	Version	V10r00	Date	2011-12-27
	Source	Bluetooth SIG		

[4]	Title	SCAN PARAMETERS SERVICE TEST SPECIFICATION		
	Reference	ScPS.TS.1.0.0		
	Version	1.0.0	Date	2011-12-27
	Source	Bluetooth SIG		

[5]	Title	RW BLE Host Error Code Interface Specification		
	Reference	RW-BLE-HOST-ERR-CODE-IS		
	Version	7.00	Date	2014-06-30
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[6]	Title	GAP Interface Specification		
	Reference	RW-BLE-GAP-IS		
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