

Mobila applikationer och trådlösa nät

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Lecture 10

Today's topics

- Bluetooth
- NFC



Bluetooth



Bluetooth



- Wireless technology standard for exchanging data over short distances, peer-to-peer
- Ericsson, IBM, Toshiba, Nokia, Intel, ...
- Proprietary open

Bluetooth

- Each device has a Bluetooth chip and antenna
- Radio frequency 2.45 GHz
- Relatively slow; 721 kbit/sec – 3 Mbit/sec (ver. 2.0)
- Frequency jumps, 1600/sec, takes care of interference problems
- Up to 7 connections simultaneously
- Can run in parallel with WiFi (802.11b)

Bluetooth

Class	Min. power, sender	Max. power, sender	Min. range	Typical use
Class 1	0 dBm (1 mW)	20 dBm (100 mW)	<100 m	Devices with no limit on current
Class 2	-7 dBm (0,25 mW)	4 dBm (2,5 mW)	<10 m	Battery powered devices
Class 3	0 dBm (1 mW)	0 dBm (1 mW)	<1 m	Battery powered devices

Bluetooth



- Bluetooth protocols simplify the discovery and setup of services between devices
- Bluetooth devices can advertise all of the services they provide
- A device in discoverable mode on demand transmits
 - Device name
 - Device class
 - List of services
 - Technical information
- Two devices need to be paired to communicate with each other
- Bluetooth v2.1 - Encryption is required for all non Service Discovery Protocol connections

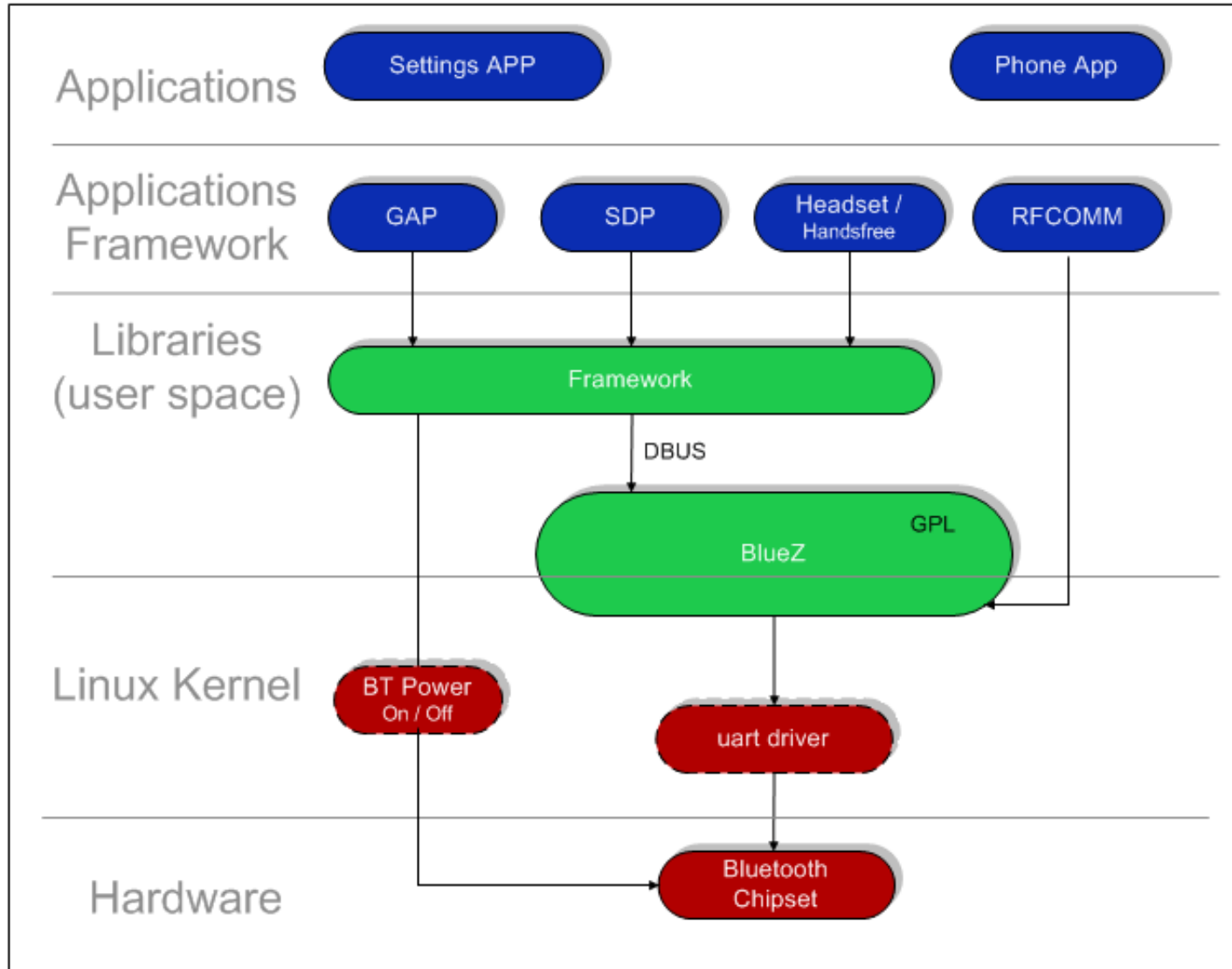
Bluetooth profiles

- Generic Access Profile, Service Discovery Application Profile supported by all devices
- Other, optional, profiles defining e.g.
 - audio/video/image distribution
 - Object exchange (push)
 - Remote control
 - Headsets, hands free
 - SIM access
 - Health Device Profile
 - ...

Serial Port Profile (SPP)

- Based on the RFCOMM protocol which provides a simple reliable data stream to the user, similar to TCP
- Emulates a serial cable to provide a simple substitute for existing RS-232
- The basis for other profiles, such as DUN, FAX, HSP and AVRCP

Android Bluetooth stack



Communicate using Bluetooth

Steps:

1. Setting up Bluetooth
2. Finding devices that are either available in the local area (discovery) or already paired
3. Connecting devices
4. Transferring data between devices

Android Bluetooth API

- Supports Bluetooth 2.1
- Using Bluetooth APIs, an Android application can perform the following:
 - Scan for other Bluetooth devices
 - Query the local Bluetooth adapter for paired Bluetooth devices
 - Connect to other devices through service discovery
 - Establish RFCOMM channels
 - Transfer data to and from other devices
 - Manage multiple connections

Android Bluetooth API

- **BluetoothAdapter**
 - the *local* adapter (Bluetooth radio)
 - the entry point for all interaction
- **BluetoothDevice**
 - represents a *remote* Bluetooth device
- **BluetoothSocket**
 - represents the interface for a Bluetooth socket
 - allows an application to exchange data with another device
- **BluetoothServerSocket**
 - represents an open server socket listening for incoming requests
 - to connect two devices, one must open a server socket
- **BluetoothClass**
 - describes the general characteristics and capabilities of a Bluetooth device

Uses permissions

- BLUETOOTH
 - required for requesting/accepting a connection and data transfer
- BLUETOOTH_ADMIN
 - required to initiate device discovery and manage bluetooth settings
- ```
<manifest . . . >
 <uses-permission android:name=
 "android.permission.BLUETOOTH" />
</manifest>
```

# Set up the local adapter

- ```
BluetoothAdapter adapter =  
    BluetoothAdapter.getDefaultAdapter();  
if (adapter != null) {  
    // Device does support Bluetooth  
}
```
- ```
if(adapter.isEnabled() == false) {
 Intent intent = new Intent(
 BluetoothAdapter.ACTION_REQUEST_ENABLE);
 startActivityForResult(
 intent, REQUEST_ENABLE_BT);
}
```
- The user is prompted to enable the device

# Finding devices

- Android devices are not discoverable by default!
- An application can request that the *user* enable discoverability for limited time
- Discover remote devices by
  - Querying for paired devices
  - Starting a device discovery
- Device discovery
  - inquiry scan + page scan
  - > 10 sec, consumes bandwidth!

# *Discovering* devices

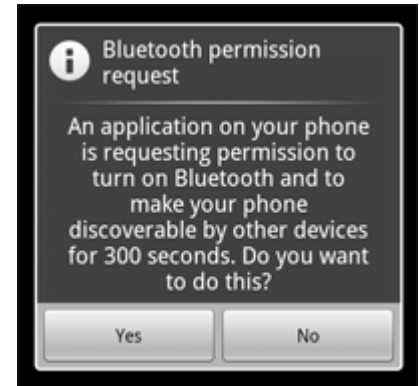
- startDiscovery() - stopDiscovery() (!)
- Asynchronous
  - Register a BroadcastReceiver to receive information on individual devices being discovered
- ```
IntentFilter filter = new  
IntentFilter(BluetoothDevice.ACTION_FOUND);  
registerReceiver(discoveryReceiver, filter);
```
- Don't forget to unregister, e.g. during onDestroy

Discovering devices

```
private class DiscoveryReceiver extends BroadcastReceiver {  
    public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {  
        String action = intent.getAction();  
  
        // Device discovered?  
        if (BluetoothDevice.ACTION_FOUND.equals(action)) {  
  
            // Get the discovered device  
            BluetoothDevice device =  
                intent.getParcelableExtra(  
                    BluetoothDevice.EXTRA_DEVICE);  
  
            // Do something . . .  
            arrayAdapter.add(device.getName() + "\n" +  
                device.getAddress());  
        }  
    }  
};
```

Enabling *discoverability*

- Prompts the user
- Makes the local device discoverable to others for 120 (max 300) secs
- Bluetooth is automatically enabled



- ```
Intent intent = new Intent(
 BluetoothAdapter.ACTION_REQUEST_DISCOVERABLE);
intent.putExtra(
 BluetoothAdapter.EXTRA_DISCOVERABLE_DURATION,
 300);
startActivityForResult(intent, REQ_DISCOVERABLE);
```

# Pairing (bonding)

- When a connection is made with a remote device for the first time, a pairing request is automatically presented to the user
- Information about the remote device is stored; device name, class, MAC address, . . .
- A connection can be initiated with a paired device without performing discovery
- Paired vs. Connected:
  - Paired devices are aware of each other's existence, having a shared link-key that can be used for authentication
  - Connected devices currently share an RFCOMM channel

# Querying paired devices

```
Set<BluetoothDevice> pairedDevices =
 adapter.getBondedDevices();

if (pairedDevices.size() > 0) {
 for (BluetoothDevice device : pairedDevices) {
 // Show name and MAC address in a ListView
 arrayAdapter.add(device.getName() + "\n" +
 device.getAddress());
 }
}
```

- Normally:  
First search paired devices, then (if necessary) make a discovery

# Connecting devices

- Server listens for incoming connections using `BluetoothServerSocket`
- Client initiate the connection using a `BluetoothSocket` + the servers *MAC address*
- Communication via `BluetoothSockets` and streams
- If not yet paired, user will be prompted for this
- P2P? Prepare each device as a client and as a server, listening for incoming connections?

# Server side

- Get a BluetoothServerSocket via  
`listenUsingRfcommWithServiceRecord(  
String name, UUID id)`
- The UUID identifies your application – must match the client UUID
- Set a time out!
- Call `accept()` to start listen  
- *blocks* until connection or time out
- Returns a BluetoothSocket for the data transfer
- Close the server socket

# Sever side

```
private class AcceptThread extends Thread {
 private BluetoothServerSocket serverSocket;

 public AcceptThread() {
 serverSocket= null;
 try {
 serverSocket =
 adapter.listenUsingRfcommWithServiceRecord(NAME, MY_UUID);
 } catch (IOException e) { }
 }

 public void run() {
 BluetoothSocket socket = null;
 try {
 socket = serverSocket.accept();
 // Manage the connection, in a separate threa/ASyncTask
 manageConnectedSocket(socket);
 }
 catch (IOException e) { . . . }
 finally {
 serverSocket.close();
 }
 }
}
```

# Server side

```
private class AcceptThread extends Thread {
 private final BluetoothServerSocket serverSocket;

 . . .

 /** Will cancel the listening socket, and cause the
 thread to finish */
 public void cancel() {
 try {
 serverSocket.close();
 } catch (IOException e) { }
 }
}
```



# Client side

- Use the *BluetoothDevice* object representing the remote device to get a `BluetoothSocket`
- `createRfcommSocketToServiceRecord(UUID id)`
- Initiate the connection by calling `socket.connect()`
  - blocking, call in a separate thread.
- Times out after 12 seconds, throwing an exception
  - close the socket
- If the UUID matches and the remote device accepts the connection, the socket is ready to transfer data

# Client side

```
private class ConnectThread extends Thread {
 private BluetoothSocket socket = null;
 private BluetoothDevice device;

 public ConnectThread(BluetoothDevice device) {
 this.device = device;
 try {
 socket = device.createRfcommSocketToServiceRecord(MY_UUID);
 } catch (IOException e) { }
 }

 public void run() {
 try {
 socket.connect();
 // Manage the connection in a separate thread/AsyncTask
 manageConnectedSocket(socket);
 }
 catch (IOException connectException) {
 socket.close(); // Unable to connect; close the socket
 }
 }
}
```

# Client side

```
private class ConnectThread extends Thread {
 private final BluetoothSocket socket = null;
 private final BluetoothDevice device;

 . . .

 // Will cancel an in-progress connection,
 // and close the socket
 public void cancel() {
 try {
 mmSocket.close();
 } catch (IOException e) { }
 }
}
```

# RFCOMM-socket API

- Prior to Android version 4.x

```
bluetoothSocket = bluetoothDevice.
 createRfcommSocketToServiceRecord(
 STANDARD_SPP_UUID);
bluetoothSocket.connect();
```

- Version 4.x

```
bluetoothSocket = bluetoothDevice.
 createInsecureRfcommSocketToServiceRecord(
 STANDARD_SPP_UUID);
bluetoothSocket.connect();
```

- UUID `STANDARD_SPP_UUID = UUID.fromString("00001101-0000-1000-8000-00805F9B34FB");`

# Transferring data

- `getInputStream()` / `getOutputStream()`
- Read and write data to the streams with `read(byte[])` and `write(byte[])`, or
- Add wrapper/filter streams like `BufferedReader`, `PrintWriter`, ...
- Use a separate thread for all stream reading and writing (`read/write` calls are blocking)
- *Provide a method to shut down the connection, by raising a flag and closing the socket*

# Transferring data

```
private class DataTransferThread extends Thread {
 . . .
 public DataTransferThread(socket) {
 this.socket = socket;
 try {
 sin = socket.getInputStream();
 sout = socket.getOutputStream();
 } catch (IOException e) { }
 }

 public void run() {
 byte[] buffer = new byte[1024]; int bytes;
 // Keep listening to the InputStream until an exception occurs
 while (true) {
 try {
 bytes = sin.read(buffer);
 // Send the obtained bytes to the UI Activity
 handler.obtainMessage(
 MESSAGE_READ, bytes, -1, buffer).sendToTarget();
 } catch (IOException e) {
 break;
 }
 }
 }
}
```

# Transferring data

```
private class DataTransferThread extends Thread {
 private final BluetoothSocket socket;
 private final InputStream sin;
 private final OutputStream sout;
 . . .

 // Call this from the main Activity to send data
 // to the remote device
 public void write(byte[] bytes) {
 try {
 sout.write(bytes);
 } catch (IOException e) { }
 }

 // Call this from the main Activity to shutdown the connection
 public void cancel() {
 try {
 socket.close();
 } catch (IOException e) { }
 }
}
```

# Bluetooth Health Device Profile (HDP)



- BT profile designed to facilitate transmission and reception of Medical Device data
- API available on Android 4.0 (API level 14)



# Testing, resources

- Currently, the AVD doesn't support Bluetooth
- Test the BT part of your application on 2 devices, or
- Use a 3<sup>rd</sup> part simulator  
<https://github.com/cheng81/Android-Bluetooth-Simulator>
- Readings
  - Meier – chapter 13
  - <http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/wireless/bluetooth.html>
  - Bluetooth chat:  
<http://developer.android.com/resources/samples/BluetoothChat/index.html>

# Near Field Communication

- NFC is a set of short-range wireless technologies, typically  $< 5$  cm
- Radio frequency 13.56 MHz
- Rates ranging from 106 kbit/s to 848 kbit/s
- Very low power consumption
- Initiator and Target - the initiator actively generates an RF field that can power a passive target



# Near Field Communication

- Mobile ticketing in public transport, such as Mobile Phone Boarding Pass
- Mobile payment: the device acts as a debit/credit payment card
- Smart poster: the mobile phone is used to read RFID tags
- Bluetooth pairing
- Applications in the future, e.g.
  - Electronic money
  - Identity documents
  - Mobile commerce
  - Electronic keys - car keys, house/office keys, hotel room keys, etc.

# Mobile payment

- Primary models for mobile payments:
  - SMS based transactional payments
  - Direct Mobile Billing
  - Mobile web payments (WAP)
  - Contactless Near Field Communication
- NFC: A Mobile phone equipped with a smartcard is brought near a reader module
- No authentication, or authentication using PIN
- Europe, e.g. parking payment

# NFC Mobile payment

- Standard by NFC Forum 2004, supported by Nokia and others
- Banks, Payment technology companies and Telecommunications companies has to cooperate...
- Breakthrough 2012? 2013?

# NFC and (Smart)phones at present

- Today (Spring 2012)
  - 10% of devices has NFC hardware
  - < 1% are used
- Nokia Money: NFC supported by all new devices, 2011 -
- Apple: NFC chip in Iphone 5? – Nope.
- Android API from version (>) 2.3, android.nfc package (of course, hardware support needed)