s132_nrf52 release notes

Introduction to the s132_nrf52 release notes

These release notes describe the changes in the s132_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 the overview. More details regarding changes and new features may be found in the s13x_nrf5x migration document (normally available for major releases only).

Issue numbers in parentheses are for internal use, and should be disregarded by the customer.

s132_nrf52_3.0.0

The main new features of this major version, compared to the 2.0.1 version, are Configurable ATT_MTU, LE Data Packet Length Extension (DLE), LL Privacy and LE Ping. The updates from the previous alpha version (3.0.0-2.alpha) are minor changes and bug fixes.

Notes:

- This release has changed the Application Programmer Interface (API), requiring applications to be recompiled.
- The memory requirements of the SoftDevice have changed.

SoftDevice properties

- An updated SoftDevice Specification document is available at http://infocenter.nordicsemi.com/.
- The combined MBR and SoftDevice memory requirements for this version are as follows:
    - Flash: **124 kB** (`0x1F000` bytes).
    - RAM: **6.43 kB** (`0x19C0` bytes) (minimum required memory - actual requirements are dependent upon the configuration chosen at `sd_ble_enable()` time).

New functionality

- All new features have been introduced in alpha versions 3.0.0-1.alpha and 3.0.0-2.alpha. See the release notes for those versions below.

Changes

- BLE
    - The length of connection events is now set to fit the configured maximum LL packet size during connection setup (DRGN-7672). In 3.0.0-2.alpha, the connection event length was increased after a DLE procedure, which would lead to collisions with other established central links. This change affects the recommended connection intervals documented in the SDS.
    - Connection Event Length Extension (enabling extra packets to be sent per connection interval) is now disabled by default and a new API has been added to enable/disable this feature (DRGN-7562).
- GAP
    - The Tx power level configuration API has been updated to support the +3dBm power level (DRGN-7644).

Bug fixes

- Fixed an issue where MIC failures may have happened if the LL payload length is increased to more than 27 bytes on an encrypted link (DRGN-7779).
- Fixed an issue where some LL payload bytes may have been lost if the LL payload length was increased to more than 27 bytes and there was a CRC error (DRGN-7777).
- Fixed an issue where the authenticated payload timeout event (`BLE_GAP_TIMEOUT_SRC_AUTH_PAYLOAD`) was not triggered for a link if the link was blocked multiple times during the authenticated payload timeout expiration (DRGN-7769).
- Fixed an issue where the SoftDevice may have asserted if DLE and Radio Notification were used together (DRGN-7710).
- FIxed an issue where the SoftDevice may have asserted during the ATT_MTU exchange procedure (DRGN-7703).
- Fixed an issue where pairing with passkey entry would fail if the keypress notification was received in the same connection event as the pairing response (DRGN-7680).

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 (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 level 1 as this can lead to undefined behavior.
    - If the application uses TIMER0 inside a timeslot (scheduled with the Radio Timeslot API), INTENSET for TIMER0 must be cleared before the timeslot ends (DRGN-7776).
- LL

- The peripheral role has priority over the central role when it comes to keeping the links alive.
- GAP
  - A broadcaster **and** a scanner cannot both be active if there are 8 connections established (DRGN-6543).
- GATTS
  - To conform to the Bluetooth specification there shall not be a secondary service that is not referenced somehow by a primary service. The SoftDevice does not enforce this (DRGN-906, DRGN-2260).

Known Issues

- If `sd_softdevice_enable()` is called with `fault_handler` set to `NULL`, an invalid function pointer, or a pointer to a returning function, the behavior will be undefined (DRGN-7122).
- If Connection Event Length Extension is enabled, the Radio Notification may be suppressed between connection events (DRGN-7687).
- When `sd_ble_gap_connect()` returns an error code, the scanner may be stopped (DRGN-7679). To ensure the scanner is in a known state, `sd_ble_gap_scan_stop()` should be used to stop the scanner when `sd_ble_gap_connect()` returns an error code.

s132_nrf52_3.0.0-2.alpha

This release adds features and fixes going towards the production v3.0.0 release.

Notes:

- This release has changed the Application Programmer Interface (API), requiring applications to be recompiled.
- The memory requirement of the SoftDevice is changed.
- Previous alpha release was not made public, hence refer to its release notes too to get full update.

SoftDevice properties

- An updated SoftDevice Specification document is not available for this alpha release.
- The combined MBR and SoftDevice memory requirements for this version are as follows:
  - Flash: **124 kB** (`0x1F000` bytes).
  - RAM: **5.59 kB** (`0x1660` bytes) (minimum required memory - actual requirements are dependent upon the configuration chosen at `sd_ble_enable()` time).

New functionality

- Softdevice
  - The effect of connection interval on bandwidth is reduced. If free time is available, extra packets compared to the configured bandwidth will be sent in a connection interval. (DRGN-7561)
- LL
  - Data length extension feature support (DRGN-7245)
  - LE Privacy feature support (DRGN-7199)
- GATT
  - API to allow application to set the Rx MTU size during ATT MTU exchange procedure. (DRGN-7651)

Changes

- GATTC API event size increase due to ATT MTU size increase has been reduced.(DRGN-7610)
- Default timeout for LE PING is changed to API allowed max value from 30sec. (DRGN-7603)

Bug fixes

- In some cases GAP/GATT/SMP timeouts might be missed.(DRGN-7648)
- In some cases the GATTC event will occupy more memory than required. This might result in a hanging softdevice.(DRGN-7610)

Limitations

Known Issues

- If `sd_softdevice_enable()` is called with `fault_handler` set to `NULL`, to an invalid function pointer or a pointer to a returning function, the behavior will be undefined (DRGN-7122).
- Radio notification suppressed more than expected in some cases. (DRGN-7687)
- sd_ble_gap_connect may return error code but still stop scanner. (DRGN-7679)

s132_nrf52_3.0.0-1.alpha

This release changes the major version number from 2 to 3.

The main features of this release, compared to the 2.0.1 version, is the long ATT_MTU and LE ping support

Notes:

- This is a major release which has changed the Application Programmer Interface (API), requiring applications to be recompiled.
- The memory requirement of the SoftDevice is changed.

SoftDevice properties

- An updated SoftDevice Specification document is not available for this alpha release.
- The combined MBR and SoftDevice memory requirements for this version are as follows:
    - Flash: **116 kB** (0x1D000 bytes).
    - RAM: **4.22 kB** (0x10E0 bytes) (minimum required memory - actual requirements are dependent upon the configuration chosen at sd_ble_enable() time).

New functionality

- GAP
    - LE ping feature support. (DRGN-7015).
- GATT
    - Long ATT_MTU support (DRGN-7346)

Changes

- BLE
    - Enumeration BLE_CONN_BW_NONE is renamed to BLE_CONN_BW_INVALID
- SoftDevice
    - New interfaces added for set, get, clear for both GPREG registers (SD_POWER_GPREGRET_GET/CLEAR/SET).

Bug fixes

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 (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 level 1 as this can lead to undefined behavior.
- LL
    - The peripheral role has priority over the central role when it comes to keeping the links alive.
- GAP
    - A broadcaster **and** a scanner cannot both be active if there are 8 connections established (DRGN-6543).
- GATTS
    - To conform to the Bluetooth specification there shall not be a secondary service that is not referenced somehow by a primary service. The SoftDevice does not enforce this (DRGN-906, DRGN-2260).
- GATT
    - The maximum ATT_MTU is set during SoftDevice initialization and is applied to all connections.

Known Issues

- If sd_softdevice_enable() is called with fault_handler set to NULL, to an invalid function pointer or a pointer to a returning function, the behavior will be undefined (DRGN-7122).

s132_nrf52_2.0.1

This is a minor release of the s132_nrf52 Softdevice. This release provides minor bug fixes and documentation updates.

Notes:

- This SoftDevice version is compatible **only** with the latest nRF52 IC revision (Engineering C or Revision 1).

SoftDevice properties

- An updated SoftDevice Specification document is available at http://infocenter.nordicsemi.com/.
- This version of the SoftDevice contains the Master Boot Record (MBR) version 2.0.0.
- The combined MBR and SoftDevice memory requirements for this version are as follows:
    - Flash: **112 kB** (`0x1C000` bytes).
    - RAM: **4.95 kB** (`0x13C8` bytes) (minimum required memory - actual requirements are dependent upon the configuration chosen at `sd_ble_enable()` time).

Changes

- GATTS
    - The GATTS documentation has been updated to include additional error codes (DRGN-7252).

Bugfixes

- SoftDevice
    - Calling `sd_power_pof_threshold_set` will now configure the power-fail comparator correctly (DRGN-7280).
    - Calling `sd_ecb_block_encrypt` will no longer prevent the application from entering sleep mode (DRGN-7381).
    - The instantiation of `nrf_nvic_state_t` shown in a code example in `nrf_nvic.h` is now correctly zero-initialized (DRGN-7198).
    - Several doxygen documentation errors have been corrected (DRGN-7134).
- Link Layer
    - The supervision timeout of the slave link will no longer expire due to priority issues (DRGN-7308).
    - The Link Layer will no longer trigger an invalid assertion while performing connection parameter updates under certain circumstances (DRGN-7246).
    - The SoftDevice will now timely deliver scan response reports (DRGN-7153).
- GAP
    - Security: The SoftDevice will no longer assert during pairing/bonding using LESC numerical comparison under certain circumstances (DRGN-7235).
    - Security: The SoftDevice will now interrupt pairing procedures where the key size is smaller than the one requested by the application (DRGN-7125).

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 (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 level 1 as this can lead to undefined behavior.
- LL
    - The peripheral role has priority over the central role when it comes to keeping the links alive.
- GAP
    - A broadcaster **and** a scanner cannot both be active if there are 8 connections established (DRGN-6543).
- GATTS
    - To conform to the Bluetooth specification there shall not be a secondary service that is not referenced somehow by a primary service. The SoftDevice does not enforce this (DRGN-906, DRGN-2260).

s132_nrf52_2.0.0

This is the first production release of the s132_nrf52 SoftDevice. The reason for the major version number being "2" is to align the major number with the one of the s130 SoftDevice, as these are functionally very similar.

The main feature of this release, compared to the 2.0.0-8.alpha version, is the inclusion of support for LE Secure Connections which introduces public key cryptography into the pairing mechanism.

Notes:

- This release has changed the Application Programmer Interface (API), requiring applications to be recompiled.
- This SoftDevice version is compatible **only** with the latest nRF52 IC revision (Engineering C or Revision 1).

Update 1

- `sd_nvic_critical_region_enter()` is functional and provided to application as part of the `nrf_nvic.h` header file.
- `sd_nvic_critical_region_enter()` does not check for valid pointers, so the application must ensure that the supplied pointer as a parameter is valid.
- `sd_nvic_*` functions operate for all available interrupts (including those with IRQ numbers higher than 31).

SoftDevice properties

- An updated SoftDevice Specification document is available at http://infocenter.nordicsemi.com/.
- This version of the SoftDevice contains the Master Boot Record (MBR) version 2.0.0.
- The combined MBR and SoftDevice memory requirements for this version are as follows:
    - Flash: **112 kB** (`0x1C000` bytes).
    - RAM: **4.9 kB** (`0x13C8` bytes) (minimum required memory - actual requirements are dependent upon the configuration chosen at `sd_ble_enable()` time).

New functionality

- GAP
    - Support for LE Secure Connections has been added, along with all required API changes to enable it. This change requires applications making use of GAP security APIs to adapt to the new interface (DRGN-3979).
- L2CAP
    - The `sd_ble_l2cap_*` APIs now support packets longer than 23 bytes (DRGN-6649).

Changes

- SoftDevice
    - The timeslot API clock source selection API has been improved (DRGN-5882).
    - The documentation for `sd_softdevice_enable()` has been corrected to no longer state idempotence (DRGN-6910).
    - The documentation for `opt_id` in `sd_ble_opt_set()` and `sd_ble_opt_get()` has been expanded (DRGN-6912).
    - The `sd_nvic_*` API calls have changed from being SV calls to being implemented as static functions in the new `nrf_nvic.h` header file (DRGN-7131).
- BLE
    - The Message Sequence Charts (MSCs) have been corrected, extended and improved (DRGN-6529).
    - It is now possible for the application to queue outgoing packets and process incoming packets during the connection event. As a result of this more packets can be sent and received per connection event (DRGN-6785).
    - The documentation for bandwidth configuration of BLE connections has been rewritten to improve its readability (DRGN-6911).
    - A new error code, `NRF_ERROR_CONN_COUNT`, is now returned when invalid or unsupported connection counts are specified by the application (DRGN-6921).
    - Variable length fields in SoftDevice events are now defined as arrays of size 1 to ensure compatibility with a wider range of compilers (DRGN-6975).
- GATTS
    - The `ble_gatts_attr_context_t` field has been replaced with a `ble_uuid_t` in the `ble_gatts_evt_write_t` and `ble_gatts_evt_read_t` structures (DRGN-6825).
    - The documentation for `sd_ble_gatts_service_changed()` has been extended (DRGN-6986).

Bug fixes

- SoftDevice
    - Removed workaround for nRF52832 Erratum-73: The SoftDevice no longer leaves `TIMER0` running at all times which

resulted in 5 uA increased average current between BLE events (DRGN-6647).
- ~~The `sd_nvic_critical_region_enter()` SV call will now return an error when an invalid pointer is provided as an input (DRGN-6302).~~
- Fixed an assert that could have occurred on boot due to nRF52832 Erratum-36 (DRGN-7097).
- BLE
  - Fixed an issue where an application could invoke `sd_ble_*` SVCs without previously having called `sd_ble_enable()` (DRGN-6862).
  - Calling `sd_ble_uuid_vs_add()` with an UUID already present in the internal table will no longer fail with error code `NRF_ERROR_NO_MEM` (DRGN-6962).
- GAP
  - When trying to establish a connection as a peripheral and there is not enough memory available to honor the bandwidth configuration, the SoftDevice will return `NRF_ERROR_NO_MEM` instead of triggering a fault (DRGN-6874).
  - When disconnecting and reconnecting multiple connections, the SoftDevice will no longer return `NRF_ERROR_NO_MEM` with a valid configuration (DRGN-6875).
  - GAP will no longer trigger a fault when a connection as a peripheral is established right before the advertising timeout, or just before a call to `sd_ble_adv_stop()` (DRGN-6976).
  - GAP will no longer trigger a fault when starting a broadcaster or an observer with all configured connections established. It will instead return the new `NRF_ERROR_RESOURCES` error code (DRGN-7090).

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 (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 level 2 or 3 as this can lead to undefined behavior.
- LL
  - The peripheral role has priority over the central role when it comes to keeping the links alive.
- GAP
  - A broadcaster **and** a scanner cannot both be active if there are 8 connections established (DRGN-6543).
- GATTS
  - To conform to the Bluetooth specification there shall not be a secondary service that is not referenced somehow by a primary service. The SoftDevice does not enforce this (DRGN-906, DRGN-2260).

Known Issues

- The address in the `pc` parameter of the `nrf_fault_handler_t` callback for `NRF_FAULT_ID_APP_MEMACC` might be 2 or 4 bytes higher than the one of the actual instruction that triggered the fault (DRGN-7110).
- If `sd_softdevice_enable()` is called with `fault_handler` set to `NULL`, to an invalid function pointer or a pointer to a returning function, the behaviour will be undefined (DRGN-7122).
- During LE Secure Connections pairing, when operating in the peripheral role, the SoftDevice will not automatically fail the pairing procedure if the peer's key size is smaller than the minimum key size (`min_key_size`) set during the call to `sd_ble_gap_sec_params_reply()`. Normally the full key size (16 bytes) is used in LE Secure Connections pairing procedures, so this issue should not typically manifest itself. If the application expects to interact with a peer central using a reduced key size, it should check the peer's key size in `BLE_GAP_EVT_SEC_PARAMS_REQUEST` and reply with `sd_ble_gap_sec_params_reply(BLE_GAP_SEC_STATUS_ENC_KEY_SIZE, NULL, NULL)` if the peer's key size is too small (DRGN-7125).
- ~~`sd_nvic_*` functions do not operate with interrupts with an IRQ number higher than 31.~~
- ~~`sd_nvic_critical_region_enter()` is not functional.~~

s132_nrf52_2.0.0-8.alpha

This release adds features and fixes going towards the production v2.0.0 release.

Notes:

- This release has changed the Application Programmer Interface (API), requiring applications to be recompiled.
- This SoftDevice version is compatible **only** with the latest nRF52 IC revision (Engineering B).

SoftDevice properties

- An updated SoftDevice Specification document is not available for this alpha release.

- This version of the SoftDevice contains the Master Boot Record (MBR) version 2.0.0-1.alpha.
- The combined MBR and SoftDevice memory requirements for this version are as follows:
  - Flash: **112 kB** (`0x1C000` bytes). This number is subject to change before the production release.
  - RAM: **4.7 kB** (`0x12B8` bytes) (minimum required memory - actual requirements are dependent upon the configuration chosen at `sd_ble_enable()` time).

New functionality

- SoftDevice
  - The configuration of the 32 kHz RCOSC calibration in `sd_softdevice_enable()` has been made more flexible (DRGN-6362). It now supports more calibration intervals, and the ability to combine temperature and time triggered calibration.

Changes

- SoftDevice
  - The application priority enumeration has been removed. The application now has four interrupt priority levels available: levels 2, 3, 6 and 7 (DRGN-6350).
  - The `softdevice_assert.h` header file is no longer part of the SoftDevice API (DRGN-2548).
  - The `nrf_svc.h` header file has been updated to be compatible with all GCC versions (DRGN-6747).
  - All header files now include C++ guards (DRGN-6777).
  - Type definitions for certain basic types have been removed (DRGN-5348).
  - The number of PPI channels available for the application when the SoftDevice is enabled has been increased to 17 (DRGN-6131).
- BLE
  - The API to configure the bandwidth of BLE connections is now functional. The application can configure the bandwidth of BLE connections with the `BLE_OPT_CONN_BW_SET` option before the BLE connection is established (DRGN-6468). When using the configurable bandwidth option the application must have specified beforehand, at BLE stack initialization time, a set of connection bandwidth that includes the ones that it intends to use through this option. The `sd_ble_gap_connect()` and `sd_ble_gap_adv_start()` SV calls can now return `NRF_ERROR_NO_MEM` if there is not enough memory to honor the requested bandwidth configuration.

Bug fixes

- GAP
  - Fixed an issue where the GAP API accepted channel map updates with only one channel set. This has been done to comply with the Bluetooth specification (DRGN-6743).
  - Fixed an issue where the SoftDevice did not use optimal radio configuration values for the current IC version that resulted in a loss of 3 dB of RX sensitivity (DRGN-6000, DRGN-6157).

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 (FORT-809).
  - Synthesized low frequency clock source is not tested or intended for use with BLE stack.
- LL
  - The peripheral role has priority over the central role when it comes to keeping the links alive.
- GAP
  - The maximum amount of concurrent connections is limited to 8, with an additional broadcaster **or** scanner active. (DRGN-6543).
- GATTS
  - To conform to the Bluetooth specification there shall not be a secondary service that is not referenced somehow by a primary service. The SoftDevice does not enforce this (DRGN-906, DRGN-2260).

Known Issues

- SoftDevice
  - Due to nRF52832 Errata-73, the SoftDevice leaves TIMER0 running at all times which results in 5uA increased average current between BLE events (DRGN-6647).
  - When disconnecting and reconnecting multiple connections, the SoftDevice might unexpectedly return `NRF_ERROR_NO_ME`

`M` (DRGN-6875).
- When trying to establish a connection as a peripheral and there is not enough memory available to honor the bandwidth configuration, the SoftDevice will trigger a fault instead of returning `NRF_ERROR_NO_MEM` (DRGN-6874).

s132_nrf52_2.0.0-7.alpha

This release adds features and fixes going towards the production v2.0.0 release.

Notes:

- This release has changed the Application Programmer Interface (API), requiring applications to be recompiled.
- This SoftDevice version is compatible **only** with the latest nRF52 IC revision (Engineering B).

SoftDevice properties

- An updated SoftDevice Specification document is not available for this alpha release.
- This version of the SoftDevice contains the Master Boot Record (MBR) version 2.0.0-1.alpha.
- The combined MBR and SoftDevice memory requirements for this version are as follows:
  - Flash: **108 kB** (`0x1B000` bytes). This number is subject to change before the production release.
  - RAM: **4.5 kB** (`0x1230` bytes) (minimum required memory - actual requirements are dependent upon the configuration chosen at `sd_ble_enable()` time).

New functionality

- SoftDevice
  - The `sd_ecb_block_encrypt()` SV call now puts the CPU to sleep while waiting for the encryption to complete. In addition, a new SV call, `sd_ecb_blocks_encrypt()`, has been added to perform multiple block encryptions in a single call (DRGN-6359).
- BLE
  - A new `BLE_COMMON_OPT_PA_LNA` option supports enable/disable switching of external Power Amplifiers and Low Noise Amplifiers using GPIO pins (DRGN-6478).
- GATTS
  - Write Commands (Write Without Response) are now subject to attribute authorization. The incoming data will not be written into the Attribute Table, requiring the application to do so itself by using `sd_ble_gatts_value_set()` (DRGN-2460).

Changes

- SoftDevice
  - A new MBR (2.0.0-1) is included with this release. The size has been reduced to 4KB in code memory (DRGN-6134, DRGN-6609, DRGN-5436). In order to issue the `SD_MBR_COMMAND_COPY_BL` and `SD_MBR_COMMA ND_VECTOR_TABLE_BASE_SET` commands to the bootloader `UICR.NRFFW[1]` must be set to an address corresponding to a page in the application flash space. This page will be cleared by the MBR and used to store parameters before reset. When the `UICR.NRFFW[1]` field is set the page it refers to should not be used by the application. If the `UICR.NRFFW[1]` is set to `0xFFFFFFFF` (the default) all MBR commands will return `NRF_ERROR_NO_MEM` and DFU will be unavailable.
  - The CPU Cache is now turned on when enabling the SoftDevice (DRGN-6479).
  - SoftDevice assert handling has been completely overhauled. The application now provides a pointer to the new `nrf_fault _handler_t` callback type that handles all types of unrecoverable errors. The file name and line number parameters to this callback have been replaced by parameters including the program counter of the instruction that triggered the error (DRGN-6587).
  - The SV call handler has been optimized to reduce overhead when invoking SV calls from the application (DRGN-6692).
- BLE
  - The documentation for the `sd_ble_uuid_vs_add()` SV call has been extended and corrected (DRGN-6169).
- GAP
  - The `sd_ble_gap_tx_power_set()` SV call no longer accepts a -30dBm setting, the minimum now being -40dBm (DRGN-2702).

Bug fixes

- SoftDevice

- The whole of the RAM is no longer configured not to go into low-power mode when entering either CPU idle (WFE, WFI) or SYSTEM OFF (DRGN-6635).
- The DebugMonitor interrupts are now correctly forwarded by the MBR (DRGN-6242).
- Fixed an issue where the application did not return from a call to `sd_ble_app_evt_wait()` when waking up from IRQ numbers above 31 (DRGN-6205).
- Pointers addressing the Code RAM section are now permitted as parameters to the SoftDevice (DRGN-6535).
- BLE
  - The `p_app_ram_base` pointer passed to `sd_ble_enable()` is now NULL-checked (DRGN-6719).
  - Specifying a total connection count of 0 (0 peripheral connections and 0 central connections) in `sd_ble_enable()` no longer leads to a SoftDevice assert (DRGN-6613).
- GAP
  - Fixed an issue which could cause peers to reject or drop connection parameter update requests sent by the local device if the signalling identifier was set to 0x00 (invalid value) (DRGN-6354).
- GATTS
  - The pointer checking for the system attribute access functions has been corrected. The `sd_ble_gatts_sys_attr_get()` SV call now only allows pointers to RAM and the `sd_ble_gatts_sys_attr_set()` SV call now allows pointers to both RAM and Flash memory (DRGN-6532).

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 (FORT-809).
  - Synthesized low frequency clock source is not tested or intended for use with BLE stack.
- BLE
  - Only the bandwidth configurations `BLE_CONN_BW_MID` for connections as a central and `BLE_CONN_BW_HIGH` for connections as a peripheral are currently allowed (DRGN-6371).
- LL
  - The peripheral role has priority over the central role when it comes to keeping the links alive.
- GAP
  - The maximum amount of concurrent connections is limited to 8, with an additional broadcaster **or** scanner active. (DRGN-6543).
- GATTS
  - To conform to the Bluetooth specification there shall not be a secondary service that is not referenced somehow by a primary service. The SoftDevice does not enforce this (DRGN-906, DRGN-2260).

Known Issues

- SoftDevice
  - The SoftDevice does not use optimal Radio configuration values for the current chip version that results in a loss of 3dB of RX sensitivity. This limitation will not be present in the S132 Production version (DRGN-6000).
  - Temperature based calibration of the RC low frequency clock source does not work. (DRGN-5429).
  - Due to nRF52832 Errata-73, the SoftDevice leaves TIMER0 running at all times which results in 5uA increased average current between BLE events (DRGN-6647).

s132_nrf52_2.0.0-4.alpha

This release changes the major version number from 1 to 2, compared to the previous alpha (1.0.0-3). This is done just to align the major number with the one of the s130 SoftDevice, as these are functionally very similar.

The main features of this release, compared to the 1.0.0-3.alpha version, are the ability to set the number, role and bandwidth of connections when initializing the BLE stack.

Notes:

- This is a major release which has changed the Application Programmer Interface (API), requiring applications to be recompiled.

SoftDevice properties

- An updated SoftDevice Specification document is not available for this alpha release.
- This version of the SoftDevice contains the Master Boot Record (MBR) version 1.1.0-2.alpha.
- The combined MBR and SoftDevice memory requirements for this version are as follows:
  - Flash: **124 kB** (`0x1F000` bytes).

- RAM: **4.6 kB** (`0x1268` bytes) (minimum required memory - actual requirements are dependent upon the configuration chosen at `sd_ble_enable()` time).

New functionality

- BLE
    - The application can now configure the number of connections and their roles when initializing the BLE stack (DRGN-4669). A range of 0 to 8 connections can be specified, one of which may be of the peripheral role type.
    - The application can now configure the bandwidth requirements of connections when initializing the BLE stack (DRGN-4670).
    Bandwidth configuration is optional. By default, the BLE stack will assign typical bandwidth settings to all connections depending on their role. See the Limitations section for additional information.
    - The application can now configure the number of vendor specific UUIDs when initializing the BLE stack (DRGN-6257). UUID count configuration is optional. By default, the BLE stack will reserve memory for 10 UUIDs .
- GATTS
    - A new SV call, `sd_ble_gatts_attr_get()`, has been added to allow retrieval of a local attribute's UUID and metadata (DRGN-6203).
    - A new SV call, `sd_ble_gatts_initial_user_handle_get()`, has been added to allow retrieval of the first valid user attribute handle in the Attribute Table (DRGN-5152).
- GATTC
    - A new SV call, `sd_ble_gattc_attr_info_discover()`, has been added to allow retrieval of remote attribute information including full 128-bit UUIDs (DRGN-6195).

Changes

- BLE
    - The public API header files now require C99 compiler support. In particular, flexible array members must be supported to correctly parse array definitions in the SoftDevice header files (DRGN-4662).
    - The documentation has been revamped and improved with additional links between functions, events and MSCs (DRGN-6366).
    - The doxygen documentation for `ble_gap_adv_params_t` and `ble_gap_adv_ch_mask_t` has been corrected (DRGN-6363).
    - The doxygen documentation for `ble_evt_hdr_t` has been corrected (DRGN-6016).
    - `sd_ble_tx_buffer_count_get()` and `BLE_ERROR_NO_TX_BUFFERS` have been renamed to `sd_ble_tx_packet_count_get()` and `BLE_ERROR_NO_TX_PACKETS`, respectively (DRGN-4670).
    In addition, `sd_ble_tx_packet_count_get()` has been updated to take a connection handle as an input parameter and to return the total number of available guaranteed application transmission packets for a particular connection.
- GAP
    - Distribution of the identity keys (`ble_gap_id_key_t`) has been aligned with the rest of the keys and no longer constitutes an exception (DRGN-6279).
    - The default device name has been changed from "nRF51822" to "nRF5x" (DRGN-6262).
    - The documentation for `sd_ble_gap_adv_data_set()` has been corrected (DRGN-5396).
- GATTS
    - The default Attribute Table size has been reduced to `0x580` bytes. (DRGN-5797)
    - The SoftDevice now allows an application to reply with the `BLE_GATT_STATUS_ATTERR_INVALID_OFFSET` and the `BLE_GATT_STATUS_ATTERR_PREPARE_QUEUE_FULL` error codes as a response to an app-handled queued write request (DRGN-5994, DRGN-6187).
    - The format used for the system attribute data is now publicly documented for application developers (DRGN-5689).
    - The documentation for `sd_ble_gatts_service_changed()` has been corrected (DRGN-6202).
- GATTC
    - The documentation for `sd_ble_gattc_read()` has been corrected (DRGN-5728).

Bug fixes

- SoftDevice
    - Fixed a problem which prevented application from enabling the Floating-Point Unit (FPU) when running from the Process Stack Pointer (PSP) (DRGN-6556, DRGN-7043).
- GAP
    - Fixed a memory leak that could appear when authenticating with invalid security parameters and could prevent further authentication attempts from taking place (DRGN-6227).
- GATTS
    - The SoftDevice will now generate an `BLE_GATTS_EVT_RW_AUTHORIZE_REQUEST` event with opcode `BLE_GATTS_OP_EXEC_WRITE_REQ_CANCEL` upon receiving an execute write request that cancels all prepared writes (DRGN-6022, DRGN-6186, NRFFOETT-1048).

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 (FORT-809).
  - Synthesized low frequency clock source is not tested or intended for use with BLE stack.
- BLE
  - Only the bandwidth configurations `BLE_CONN_BW_MID` for connections as a central and `BLE_CONN_BW_HIGH` for connections as a peripheral are currently allowed (DRGN-6371).
- LL
  - The peripheral role has priority over the central role when it comes to keeping the links alive.
- GAP
  - The maximum amount of concurrent connections is limited to 8, with an additional broadcaster **or** scanner active. (DRGN-6543).
- GATTS
  - To conform to the Bluetooth specification there shall not be a secondary service that is not referenced somehow by a primary service. The SoftDevice does not enforce this (DRGN-906, DRGN-2260).

Known Issues

- SoftDevice
  - Due to nRF52832 Errata-16, the whole of the RAM is configured not to go into low-power mode when entering either CPU idle (WFE, WFI) or SYSTEM OFF, which will result in higher power consumption than documented (FTPAN-16). This workaround will be removed for the S132 Production version as Errata-16 is no longer present in the current chip version.
  - When using the SoftDevice on nRF52832 revision Engineering B (current chip version) the device will not be able to wake up from SYSTEM OFF. The application therefore needs to avoid using SYSTEM OFF altogether (DRGN-6635).
  - The SoftDevice does not use optimal Radio configuration values for the current chip version that results in a loss of 3dB of RX sensitivity. This limitation will not be present in the S132 Production version (DRGN-6000).
  - Temperature based calibration of the RC low frequency clock source does not work. (DRGN-5429).
- GAP
  - Specifying a total connection count of 0 (0 peripheral connections and 0 central connections) in `sd_ble_enable()` leads to a SoftDevice assert (DRGN-6613).

s132_nrf52_1.0.0-3.alpha

The s132 SoftDevice for the nRF52 platform is based upon Nordic Semiconductor's s130 SoftDevice for the nRF51 platform, which in turn is based upon Nordic Semiconductor's S110 and S120 SoftDevices, extended to support concurrent LL (master and slave) and GAP (central and peripheral) roles.

This release contains several bug fixes and an updated license agreement.

New functionality

There is no new functionality in this release.

Changes

- Added the s132 SoftDevice to the license agreement (DRGN-5948).

Bug fixes

- SoftDevice
  - Fixed an issue where passing pointers to code memory above 256 kB as parameters to SoftDevice API calls would lead to an error being returned (DRGN-5834).
  - Temperature based calibration of the RC low frequency clock is now verified to work as expected (DRGN-5429).
  - Fixed an issue where the chip would not wake up via GPIO after calling SYSTEMOFF (DRGN-6001).
  - Fixed an issue where writing to the flash could cause the SoftDevice to not send packets to the peer or deliver events to the application (DRGN-5993).

Limitations

- MBR
  - The MBR in this release uses 12 kB of flash, meaning that the SoftDevice start address is 0x3000 and the SoftDevice info structure address is 0x5000. This is subject to change in future releases (DRGN-5436).
- 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).
  - Synthesized low frequency clock source is not tested or intended for use with BLE stack.
- LL
  - The peripheral role has priority over the central role when it comes to keeping the links alive.
- GATTS
  - To conform to the Bluetooth specification there shall not be a secondary service that is not referenced somehow by a primary service. The SoftDevice does not enforce this (DRGN-906, DRGN-2260).

Known Issues

There are no known issues in this release.

s132_nrf52_1.0.0-2.alpha

The s132 SoftDevice for the nRF52 platform is based upon Nordic Semiconductor's s130 SoftDevice for the nRF51 platform, which in turn is based upon Nordic Semiconductor's S110 and S120 SoftDevices, extended to support concurrent LL (master and slave) and GAP (central and peripheral) roles. The s132_nrf52_1.0.0-2.alpha is the first alpha release of s132, and these release notes list the changes and differences from s130_nrf51_1.0.0.

Notes:

- This is a major release which has changed the Application Programmer Interface (API) from the s130 for nRF51, requiring applications to be recompiled.

SoftDevice properties

- There is no SoftDevice Specification corresponding to this release, but the S130 SoftDevice Specification version 1.0 should be applicable in large parts.
- This version of the SoftDevice contains the Master Boot Record (MBR) version 1.1.0.
- The combined MBR and SoftDevice memory requirements for this version are as follows:
    - Flash: **124 kB** (`0x1F000` bytes).
    - RAM: **10 kB** (`0x2800` bytes) (default value - dependent upon configured size of the GATT Server Attribute Table).

New functionality

Since this is the first release of this SoftDevice, this section is not applicable.

Changes

- API changes from **s130_nrf51_1.0.0**:
    - New event: `NRF_EVT_FLASH_OPERATION_VERIFY_FAILED`, only available on nRF52.
    - `sd_flash_protect()` has been changed to be compatible both with nRF52 and with future nRF51 releases.
    - Platform-specific declarations, definitions and macros split out and placed in subfolders with the platform name (e.g. 'nrf52').
- Call stack usage increased from s130_nrf51_1.0.0: The application should reserve 2 kB of stack space for the SoftDevice.

Bug fixes

There are no bug fixes in this release.

Limitations

- MBR
    - The MBR in this release uses 12 kB of flash, meaning that the SoftDevice start address is 0x3000 and the SoftDevice info structure address is 0x5000. This is subject to change in future releases (DRGN-5436).
- 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).
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Known Issues

- SoftDevice
    - Temperature based calibration of the RC low frequency clock source does not work. (DRGN-5429)

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