

RA4W1 Group

Bluetooth Mesh Startup Guide

Introduction

This document describes how to get started Bluetooth Mesh with Bluetooth Mesh Stack.

Bluetooth Mesh Stack is the software library to build a mesh network that is compliant with Bluetooth Mesh Networking Specification and to perform many-to-many wireless communication.

Target Device

RA4W1 Group

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1. Features

This chapter introduces the features of Bluetooth Mesh Network implemented by the Bluetooth Mesh Stack software.

1.1 **Communication Topology**

Communication topologies provided by Bluetooth Low Energy technology are Point-to-Point and Broadcast. Bluetooth Mesh Stack software uses the Bluetooth Low Energy technology and build a Mesh network. Figure 1-1 shows the communication topologies.

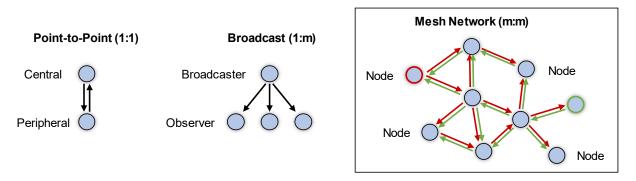


Figure 1-1 Communication Topologies

Point-to-Point

In a Point-to-Point topology, Central communicates with Peripheral bidirectionally. For example, central device is a smartphone and peripheral device is a fitness tracker respectively. Smartphone informs the tracker that a user starts exercise and then the tracker sends measurement data such as user's exercise intensity.

Broadcast

In a Broadcast topology, Broadcaster broadcasts data to unspecified Observers, while each Observer decides whether to use received data. For example, Broadcaster device is a beacon for shopping coupon and Observer device is a smartphone respectively. Beacon sends a coupon ID and then the smartphone gets a coupon corresponding the coupon ID via internet.

Mesh Network

In a Mesh Network topology, many Nodes communicate with each other bidirectionally. Each node can send messages in any timing. Moreover, a node can communicate with the nodes in a place where the message originator node cannot communicate directly, because neighbor nodes relay the message. An example of use-case is a building automation system composed of lightings, air-conditioners, control panel, and smartphones. Building administrator controls whole lightings and air-conditioners of a floor, and building users adjust operations of the lightings and air-conditioner in a room.

1.2 Mesh Network Operation

Operation of Bluetooth Mesh Network is shown below. Also, a network implementing this mesh operation is defined as a **Managed-Flood-based Mesh Network**.

Figure 1-2 shows the operation of nodes making a mesh network. One node (SRC in the figure) sends a message, and neighbor nodes relay the message one after another. The message spreads in whole network and finally arrives at destination node (DST in the figure).

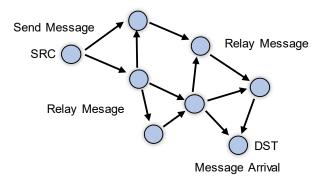


Figure 1-2 Mesh Network Operation

Moreover, nodes use the two method not to relay each message unlimitedly.

Message Cache method

When receiving a message, each node relays it and caches it in own list. After that, when receiving the same message again, the node does not relay it.

• Time to Live method

Before sending a message, each node sets limitation of the number of relaying times to TTL (Time to Live) value in the message. Maximum number that can be set is 127. Other nodes decrement the TTL value by 1 and relays the message. Message which TTL value is 0 is not relayed.

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1.3 Lifecycle of a Mesh Device

Figure 1-3 shows typical lifecycle of a device supporting Bluetooth Mesh.

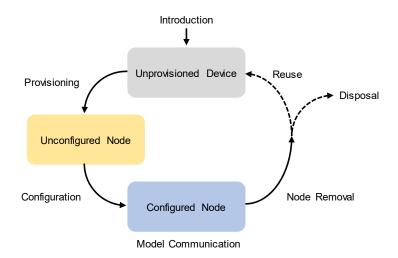


Figure 1-3 Mesh Network Operation

A device supporting Bluetooth Mesh is authenticated and receives Provisioning Data such as a Network Key and Unicast Addresses of each element by Provisioning process.

After Provisioning, device referred to as a node receives configuration required for model operations such as Application Keys, Publish Address, and Subscription Addresses by Configuration process.

After Configuration, the node can communicate with other nodes with models. Also, configuration of the node may be changed by performing Configuration process again.

When there can be a security risk related to Network Keys or/and Application Keys, Configuration Client refreshes these encryption keys. Moreover, unnecessary nodes have risks such as leakage of currently used encryption keys, so the Configuration adds unnecessary nodes into blacklist. Blacklisted nodes cannot receive new encryption keys.

Configuration Client can remove unnecessary node to from a network by Node Removal Procedure. Device removed from a network may be reused or discarded.

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2. Overview

Bluetooth Mesh Demonstration

The sample program included in "Bluetooth Mesh sample application Application Note" (R01AN5848) performs the following four demonstration phases.

- Demo Phase1: Provisioning
- Demo Phase2: Configuration
- Demo Phase3: Model Communication
- Demo Phase4: Node Removal

To perform the demonstration, Mesh Mobile Application (hereinafter referred to as "Mesh Mobile") which works on a smart phone is included in this document. The Mesh Mobile will perform as Provisioner and Configuration Client.

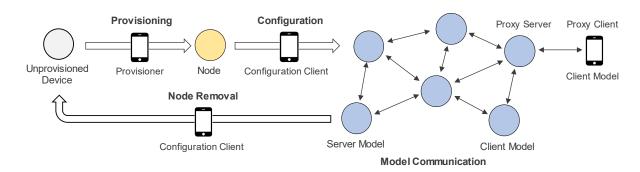


Figure 2-1 Overview of Mesh Demonstration

2.1.1 Demo-Phase1: Provisioning

Each Unprovisioned Device needs to be provisioned by a Provisioner. Provisioning is the process of authenticating and providing basic information such as Unicast Addresses and a Network Key to transmit or receive messages in a mesh network as a node. Also, Provisioner is typically mobile computing device such as smart phone.

The sample program works as a Unprovisioned Device (Provisioning Server). After power on, the sample program starts transmitting Unprovisioned Device beacon and connectable advertising alternately to be discovered by a Provisioner.

On the other hand, Mesh Mobile Application works as a Provisioner (Provisioning Client) and performs provisioning by receiving a connectable advertising.

2.1.2 Phase2: Configuration

After provisioned, provisioned device is called a Node. Configuration Client distributes configuration for mesh model communication such as Application Keys, Publish Address and Subscription List to each Node which works as Configuration Server. Also, Configuration Client is typically a smart phone or other mobile computing device.

The sample program works as a Configuration Server. After Provisioning, the sample program transmits Connectable Advertising to connect to Configuration Client.

On the other hand, Mesh Mobile Application works as a Configuration Client and performs configuration by receiving a connectable advertising.



2.1.3 Phase3: Model Communication

After Configuration, each node encrypts messages with the Application Key and sends them to the Publish Address. Also, it receives the message sent to the address in the Subscription List and decrypts it with the Application Key.

Original Vendor Server and Vendor Client as well as Generic OnOff Server and Generic OnOff Client are implemented in the sample program.

When a switch (SW1) on EK-RA4W1 is pushed, Generic OnOff Client sends Generic OnOff Set Unacknowledged message that includes value representing either On or Off. When receiving the message, Generic OnOff Server controls a LED on EK-RA4W1 in accordance with the value included in the message.

When character string is input to console on PC connected to EK-RA4W1, Vendor Client sends Vendor Set Unacknowledged message that includes the character string. When receiving the message, Vendor Server Vendor Client outputs the character string included in the message to console on PC.

Mesh Mobile Application can work as Generic OnOff Client and Vendor Client and send messages. It connects to a Proxy node to transmit and receive messages. Proxy node forwards massages to neighbor nodes, and each node relays messages, then messages spread in the mesh network.

2.1.4 Phase4: Node Removal

Configuration Clien can remove a node from a mesh network by sending Config Node Reset message.

When receiving a Config Node Reset message, the sample program reset its configuration information and perform Provisioning again.

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3. Hardware Requirement

"Bluetooth Mesh sample application Application Note" (R01AN5848) includes the sample program that works on the following EK-RA4W1. It is recommended to use two or more boards for developing applications.

3.1 EK-RA4W1

EK-RA4W1 can be used for developing applications using Bluetooth Mesh Stack. It has on-board debugger (J-Link OB), so you can develop software without external emulator.

For more information regarding EK-RA4W1, refer to "RA4W1 Group EK-RA4W1 Quick Start Guide" (R20QS0015) and "RA4W1 Group EK-RA4W1 User's Manual" (R20UT4683).

3.2 Smart Phone or Mobile Computing Device

An Android or iOS smartphone capable of Bluetooth Low Energy Communication is required to run the Mesh Mobile Application included in this document. Typically, Mobile Computing Device such as Smart Phone is used as a Provisioner and Configuration Client.

The following versions of devices have been confirmed to work.

Android: 12iOS: 14.7.1



4. Software Requirement

4.1 Bluetooth Mesh Stack

Bluetooth Mesh Stack (hereinafter referred to as "Mesh Stack") provides applications with the Bluetooth Mesh Networking features for many-to-many wireless communication in a mesh network.

Mesh Stack is provided as a <u>FSP</u>. And, Sample programs are included in "Bluetooth Mesh sample application Application Note" (R01AN5848).

4.2 Bluetooth Low Energy Protocol Stack

Mesh Stack requires the Bluetooth Low Energy Protocol Stack to use Bluetooth Low Energy technology. Bluetooth Low Energy Protocol Stack is provided as a <u>FSP</u>.

4.3 Mesh Mobile Application

Bluetooth Mesh Mobile Application (hereinafter referred to as "Mesh Mobile") is a sample application for demonstration and works on Android and iOS. You can get Mesh Mobile application from following link. Install the application to your device.

For Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.renesas.meshmobile

For iOS: https://apps.apple.com/app/renesas-meshmobile/id1641877699

This document includes Mesh Mobile application package (*.apk), too. Install the application package according to following procedures.

NOTE: Application for Android only is included in this document. If you will use iOS device, build and install the application in accordance with "\mesh mobile\mesh mobile guide.pdf" included this document.

NOTE: Mesh Mobile for Android requires some permissions; Location, Nearby devices, and Storage.

1. Copy the following package file from PC to Android via USB.

\mesh_mobile\app-debug.apk

2. Execute the package file using any file manager application on Android.

About Mesh Mobile application for iOS, refer to section 4.5.2



4.4 Tool required for writing sample program

Table 4-1 shows a tool required for writing the sample program included in "Bluetooth Mesh sample application Application Note" (R01AN5848) to EK-RA4W1.

Table 4-1 Tool

Software	Version	Description
SEGGER J-Flash Lite	V6.86 or later	SEGGER J-Flash Lite (hereinafter referred to as "J-Flash Lite") is a tool for writing firmware to the on-chip flash memory of RA4W1. The EK-RA4W1 has an on-board debugger (J-Link OB), therefore it is not necessary to prepare an emulator.

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4.5 Third-party Software

4.5.1 Serial Terminal Emulator

The sample program sends log messages over UART. Serial terminal emulator that supports CSI (Control Sequence Indicator) of ANSI escape sequence can be used for checking log message.

Tera Term

Serial port configurations to get log messages from the sample program are following.

Table 4-2 Serial Port Setting

Item	Setting
Baud rate	115200 bps
Data	8 bits
Parity	none
Stop	1 bit
Flow Control	none

Refer to section 6.1 about example of log massages.

4.5.2 Development Tools required for building Mesh Mobile

The following development tools are required for building Mesh Mobile. You can get them from the internet. Regarding how to build and install Mesh Mobile, refer to "\mesh_mobile\mesh_mobile_guide.pdf" included this document.

npm (Node Package Manager) included in Node.js

Python

Capacitor and Ionic framework

Android Studio, for building the Mesh Mobile for Android

Xcode, for building the Mesh Mobile for iOS

NOTE: Xcode works on Mac PC only. To download this, Apple ID is required. Moreover, to develop the iOS App products, paid license is required.

<u>Apple Developer Program</u>, for distributing Apps via App Store Apple Developer Enterprise Program, for In-house Apps



5. Demonstration

This chapter describes how to operate the sample program and Mesh Mobile for mesh demonstration. It is recommended to use at least two EK-RA4W1 for this demonstration; one works as a Client and the other works as a Server.

Write firmware to EK-RA4W1 by using the J-Flash Lite. As for how to write, refer to "RA4W1 Group EK-RA4W1 Quick Start Guide" (R20QS0015). Firmware for demonstration is included in "Bluetooth Mesh sample application Application Note" (R01AN5848). Binary files for Server and Client are the followings.

ekra4w1_mesh_client_baremetal.srec
ekra4w1_mesh_server_baremetal.srec



5.1 Phase1: Provisioning

To start demonstration, power on all EK-RA4W1 and launch the Mesh Mobile.

NOTE: Mesh Mobile for Android requires some permissions; Location, Nearby devices, and Storage.

NOTE: If SCAN operation fails on Mesh Mobile for Android, remove the permissions above once and then set the permissions again.

Repeat the following steps to provision all EK-RA4W1.

- 1. To start searching Unprovisioned Devices, move to PROVISION tab and tap SCAN button.
- 2. Select any device in result of searching to provision it.
- 3. Establishing a connection and provisioning are performed.
- 4. When the device supports OOB Public Key and/or any of the Authentication method, the Mesh Mobile shows a screen to select whether to use OOB Public Key and select any of Authentication method. For simplicity of procedure in this demo, check "No OOB Public Key is used" and "No OOB Authentication is used", and tap PROVISIONING START button.

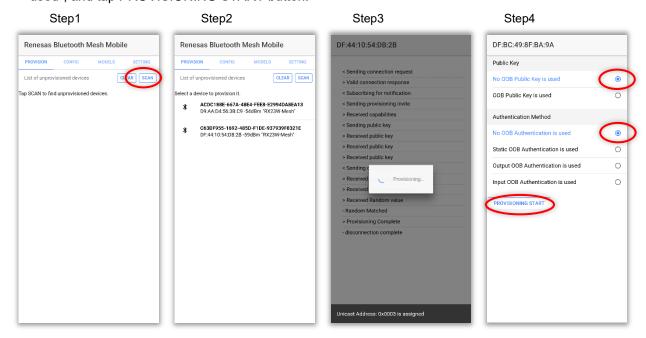


Figure 5-1 Provisioning



5.2 Phase2: Configuration

After all EK-RA4W1 are provisioned, repeat the following steps to configure all EK-RA4W1.

5.2.1 When selecting Demo group

- 1. To start searching nodes, move to CONFIG tab and tap SCAN button.
- 2. Connectable nodes are displayed in green. To connect and perform Configuration, select any node displayed in green.

NOTE: Node suspends Connectable Advertising transmission after 60seconds. If device to be configured is not displayed in green, long-press the SW1 of EK-RA4W1 longer than 2seconds to resume Connectable Advertising transmission.

3. After Composition Data is displayed, move to CONFIGURATION tab.

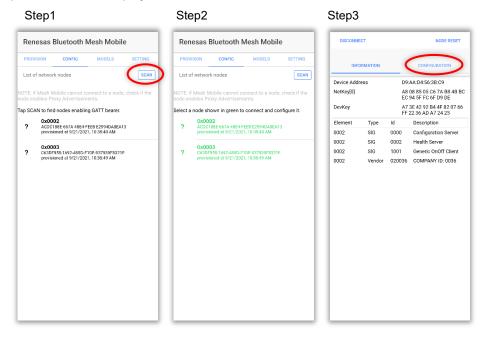


Figure 5-2 Configuration (1/2)



- 4. In the CONFIGURATION tab, configure to enable Relay, Proxy, and Friend and register "Demo" Group.
- 5. Tap APPLY button.
- 6. After Configured, tap DISCONNECT button.

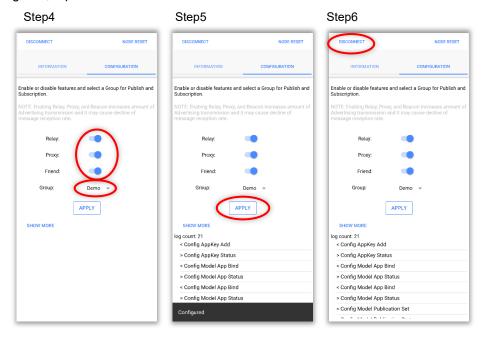


Figure 5-3 Configuration (2/2)

5.2.2 When adding any group

Group selected by Configuration is used when the application makes a group to operate multiple nodes. Any group can be added by the following steps.

- 1. Move to MODELS tab and tap ADDGROUP button.
- 2. In the Add Group dialog, enter any group name like a "Kitchen".
- 3. Check the group is added.

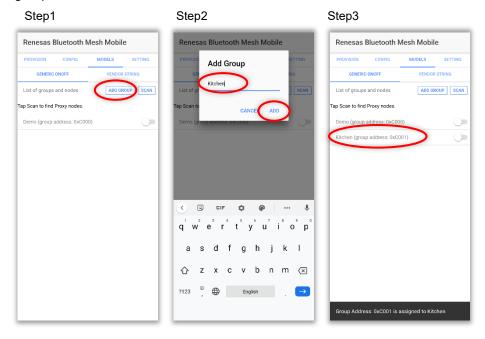


Figure 5-4 Add Group

5.3 Phase3: Model Communication

After EK-RA4W1 are configured, Mesh Mobile and EK-RA4W1 can send model messages. First, follow the steps below to establish a Proxy connection between Mesh Mobile and one of EK-RA4W1. Mesh Mobile sends messages to any nodes over the connected Proxy node.

- 1. To start searching Proxy Nodes, move to MODELS tab and tap SCAN button.
- 2. To connect a Proxy node, select any node displayed in green. After a connection is established, node is displayed in blue.
- 3. Tapping the node displayed in blue can disconnect a connection.

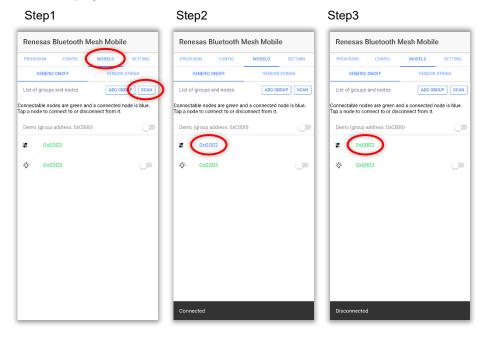


Figure 5-5 Proxy Connection



5.3.1 Generic OnOff State Control by Mesh Mobile

In the GENERIC ONOFF of the MODELS tab, switch a toggle button of the group repeatedly.
 You can see that LEDs of all EK-RA4W1 working as Generic OnOff Server follow the Generic OnOff SET messages received.

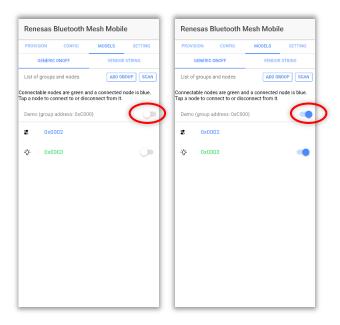


Figure 5-6 Publication of Generic OnOff SET Messages to Unicast Address

In the GENERIC ONOFF tab of the MODELS tab, switch a toggle button of any EK-RA4W1 repeatedly.
 You can see that a LED of the EK-RA4W1 working as Generic OnOff Server follows the Generic OnOff SET messages received.

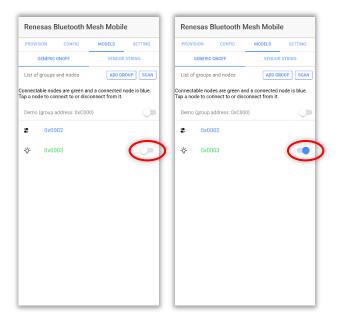


Figure 5-7 Publication of Generic OnOff SET Messages to Group Address

5.3.2 Generic OnOff State Control by EK-RA4W1

Push the SW1 on each EK-RA4W1 working as Generic OnOff Client repeatedly.
 You can see that LEDs of all EK-RA4W1 working as Generic OnOff Server follow the Generic OnOff SET messages received.

5.3.3 Vendor State Control by Mesh Mobile

1. In the VENDOR STRING of the MODELS tab, tap the STRING button of the group. Next, enter any character string and tap SEND button in the dialog.

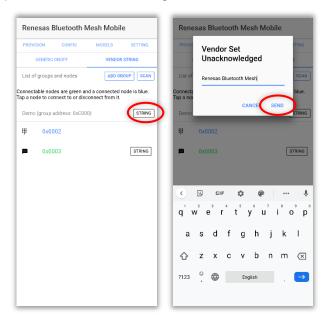


Figure 5-8 Publication of Vendor SET Messages to Group Address

You can see that all EK-RA4W1 working as Vendor Server output the character string included in the Vendor SET messages received to console.

Vendor Set src: 0x7F00 dst: 0xC000 len = 23 value: "Renesas Bluetooth Mesh"

Figure 5-9 Console Log of Vendor Server Nodes

2. In the VENDOR STRING of the MODELS tab, tap the STRING button of any node. Next, enter any character string and tap SEND button in the dialog.

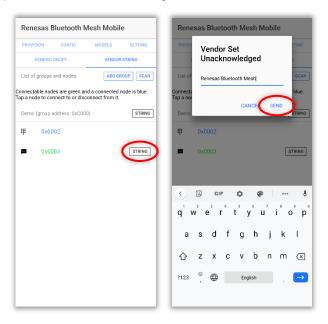


Figure 5-10 Publication of Vendor SET Messages to Unicast Address

You can see that the EK-RA4W1 working as Vendor Server outputs the character string included in the Vendor SET messages received to console.

```
Vendor Set src: 0x7F00 dst: 0x0003 len = 23 value: "Renesas Bluetooth Mesh"
```

Figure 5-11 Console Log of a Vendor Server Node

5.3.4 Vendor State Control by EK-RA4W1

 Enter any character string and press enter key in the console connected to the EK-RA4W1 which works as Vendor Client.

```
Renesas Bluetooth Mesh
MS_vendor_set_unack() status:0x0000
```

Figure 5-12 Entering Character String in Console of a Vendor Client Node

You can see that the EK-RA4W1 working as Vendor Server outputs the character string included in the Vendor SET messages received to console.

```
Vendor Set src: 0x0002 dst: 0xC000 len = 23 value: "Renesas Bluetooth Mesh"
```

Figure 5-13 Console Log of a Vendor Server Node



5.3.5 Node Reset by Mesh Mobile

1. Connect a node in the CONFIG tab and tap the RESET button. Next, tap the SEND button in the dialog.

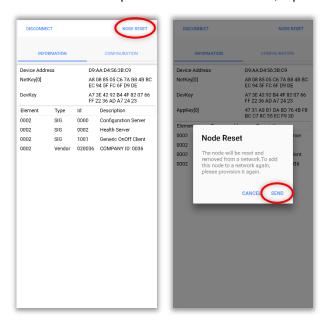


Figure 5-14 Publication of Config Node Reset Message to a Node

You can see that the EK-RA4W1 connecting to Mesh Mobile performs Provisioning again by receiving the Config Node Reset message.

```
MS ACCESS CONFIG NODE RESET OPCODE
Reboot platform
Bearer Initialization Completed
        Device Address: D1:7A:AE:3E:B5:CF rnd
Start Observing...
RM_BLE_MESH_ACCESS_Open() status:0x0000
RM_MESH_CONFIG_SRV_Open() status:0x0000
RM MESH_HEALTH_SERVER_Open() status:0x0000
RM_MESH_GENERIC_ON_OFF_CLT_Open() status:0x0000
MS_vendor_client_init() status:0x0000
RM_BLE_MESH_PROVISION_Open() status:0x0000
RM BLE MESH PROVISION Setup() status:0x0000
         Role : UNPROVISIONED DEVICE
         Bearer: BOTH
RM BLE MESH PROVISION Bind() status:0x0000
         Device UUID: 9DFE158E-4EBF-4074-BC05-69347BCD3673
```

Figure 5-15 Console Log of the Node that received Config Node Reset message

Appendix

Log Message 6.1

An example of log message sent from the sample program is shown below. Regarding the serial port setting for terminal tool, refer to Table 4-2 in Chapter 5.

```
Bearer Initialization Completed
         Device Address: DF:BC:49:8F:BA:9A rnd
RM BLE MESH ACCESS Open() status:0x0000
RM_MESH_CONFIG_SRV_Open() status:0x0000
RM_MESH_HEALTH_SERVER_Open() status:0x0000
RM_MESH_GENERIC_ON_OFF_SRV_Open() status:0x0000
MS_vendor_server_init() status:0x0000
RM_BLE_MESH_PROVISION_Open() status:0x0000
RM_BLE_MESH_PROVISION_Setup() status:0x0000
         Role : UNPROVISIONED DEVICE
         Bearer: BOTH
RM_BLE_MESH_PROVISION_Bind() status:0x0000
         Device UUID: C8010B0A-429B-4899-F853-7F72EDA2BBAA
BLEBRR_GATT_IFACE_UP
         Device Address: 52:04:EE:2F:0E:91 rnd
BLEBRR_GATT_IFACE_ENABLE
         Device Address: 52:04:EE:2F:0E:91 rnd
RM BLE MESH PROVISION Bind() status:0x0000
                                                                            Start of Provisioning
BLE MESH PROVISION EVENT TYPE PROVISIONING SETUP status:0x0000
BLE_MESH_PROVISION_EVENT_TYPE_PROVDATA_INFO status:0x0000
         Unicast Address: 0x0235
         IV Index: 0x00000006
         Flags: 0x00
RM BLE MESH ACCESS SetProvisioningData() status:0x0000
                                                                            End of Provisioning
BLE_MESH_PROVISION_EVENT_TYPE_PROVISIONING_COMPLETE status:0x00000
RM_BLE_MESH_ACCESS_GetNetKey() status:0x0000
         NetKey: F9 8B 2D 37 B3 1D 45 51 01 D8 0E B5 5D 41 A9 4E
RM BLE MESH_ACCESS_GetDeviceKey()
         DevKey: FA CE 0A 41 07 ED D8 15 5B 37 C0 3D D8 D6 AF A1
BLEBRR GATT IFACE DOWN
         Device Address: 52:04:EE:2F:0E:91 rnd
RM_BLE_MESH_NETWORK_Open() status:0x0000
RM_BLE_MESH_NETWORK_StartProxyServerAdv() status:0x0000
         Identification Type: Node Identity
BLEBRR_GATT_IFACE_UP
         Device Address: F4:03:2A:25:12:60 rnd
                                                                       Establishment of Proxy Connection
MS_PROXY_UP_EVENT
RM BLE MESH NETWORK BroadcastSecureBeacon() status:0x0000
BLEBRR_GATT_IFACE_ENABLE
         Device Address: F4:03:2A:25:12:60 rnd
                                                                            Start of Configuration
MS ACCESS CONFIG APPKEY GET OPCODE
MS_ACCESS_CONFIG_RELAY_GET_OPCODE
MS_ACCESS_CONFIG_FRIEND_GET_OPCODE
MS_ACCESS_CONFIG_GATT_PROXY_GET_OPCODE
MS_ACCESS_CONFIG_APPKEY_ADD_OPCODE
MS_ACCESS_CONFIG_MODEL_APP_BIND_OPCODE
MS_ACCESS_CONFIG_MODEL_APP_BIND_OPCODE
MS ACCESS CONFIG MODEL PUBLICATION SET OPCODE
MS ACCESS CONFIG MODEL PUBLICATION SET OPCODE
MS_ACCESS_CONFIG_MODEL_SUBSCRIPTION_ADD_OPCODE
MS_ACCESS_CONFIG_MODEL_SUBSCRIPTION_ADD_OPCODE
MS_ACCESS_CONFIG_RELAY_SET_OPCODE
MS ACCESS CONFIG FRIEND SET OPCODE
                                                                            End of Configuration
MS ACCESS CONFIG GATT PROXY SET OPCODE
```

```
Generic OnOff Set src: 0x7F00 dst: 0xC001 tid: 0x00 state: ON

Generic OnOff Set src: 0x7F00 dst: 0xC001 tid: 0x01 state: OFF

Generic OnOff Server Model

Vendor Set src: 0x7F00 dst: 0xC001 len = 36 value: "Renesas Bluetooth Mesh vendor model"

Vendor Server Model
```

6.2 Trouble Shooting

This section describes troubleshooting in the process of running the demo in Chapter 5.

6.2.1 Cannot find device which broadcast Un-provisioned Device beacons

Cause

The device that you are trying to provision may already be provisioned.

Recovery procedure for EK-RA4W1

The Bluetooth Mesh stack stores information such as the network key exchanged with the provisioner during provisioning process in the data flash. At storing the information in the data flash, the Bluetooth Mesh stack writes a magic number on the top of the data flash that indicates this device is already provisioned. The sample program included in the "Bluetooth Mesh Sample Application" (R01AN5848) resumes sending unprovisioned device beacons by erasing this magic number as described below.

- 1. Press SW1 and RESET button on EK-RA4W1.
- 2. Release only RESET button and keep more than 2 seconds.
- 3. Release SW1.

In addition, you can also resume un-provisioned beacons by re-programming the sample program with the following procedures.

- 1. Launch J-Flash Lite and select RA4W1 as device.
- Erase data flash by pushing Erase Chip button.

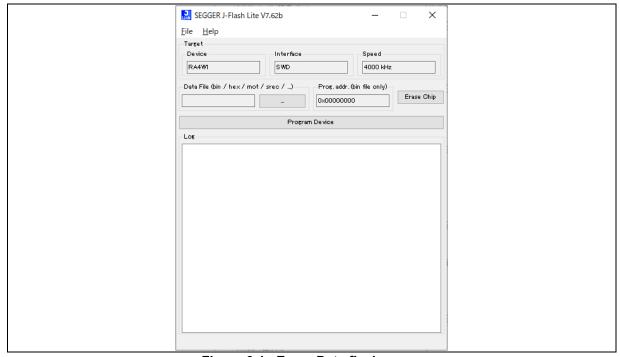


Figure 6-1 Erase Data flash

3. Re-programming the sample program.

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Recovery procedure for Mesh mobile application

The Mesh mobile application stores information such as network keys exchanged during provisioning. The Mesh mobile application detect un-provisioned beacons again by deleting the information applying the following procedures.

1. Move to SETTING tab.

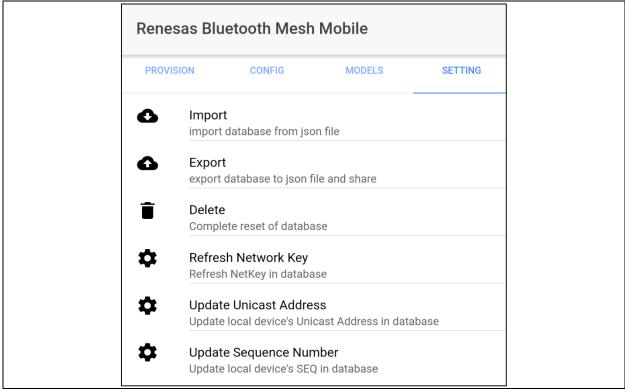


Figure 6-2 SETTING tab

2. Tap Delete and choose OK in following confirmation window.

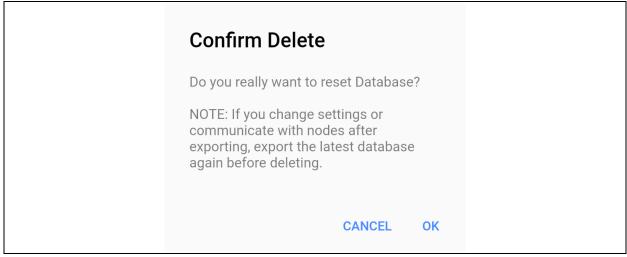


Figure 6-3 Confirmation dialog

3. Back to PROVISION tab and press SCAN button.



6.2.2 Cannot find node which can accept connection

Cause

The node that you are trying to provision may not broadcast connectable advertising PDUs.

Recovery procedure for EK-RA4W1

The sample program included in the "Bluetooth Mesh Sample Application" (R01AN5848) continues connectable advertising for 60 seconds to accept the configuration after provisioning is complete. And when you enabled proxy feature, connectable advertising is always performed for message exchange via GATT bearer. Therefore, if 60 seconds or more have passed from provisioning to the start of configuration, or if the proxy function is not enabled, connectable advertising will not be executed, and it will not be detected as a connectable node in the CONFIGURATION or MODEL tab. In such cases, the node resumes connectable advertising for 60 seconds by performing the following steps:

- 1. Press SW1 on EK-RA4W1 more than 2 seconds.
- Release SW1.

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3. Input of signal during power-off state

Do not input signals or an I/O pull-up power supply while the device is powered off. The current injection that results from input of such a signal or I/O pull-up power supply may cause malfunction and the abnormal current that passes in the device at this time may cause degradation of internal elements. Follow the guideline for input signal during power-off state as described in your product documentation.

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