

BLE Virtual UART Application

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Introduction

This document describes the programming method of an Android application which performs data communication between PC (terminal software) and Android device by using the BLE Virtual UART Application of RL78/G1D.

Target Device

- RL78/G1D Evaluation Board (RTK0EN0001D01001BZ)
- Android 5.0 or later

Related Documents

Document Name	Document No.
Bluetooth® Low Energy Protocol Stack	
BLE Virtual UART Application	R01AN3130E
GATTBrowser for Android	
Smartphone Application Instruction manual	R01AN3802E

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1. Overview

This document describes the programming method of an Android application which performs data communication between PC (terminal software) and Android device by using the BLE Virtual UART Application of RL78/G1D.

Figure 1-1 shows the overall configuration. Connect a RL78/G1D evaluation board to a PC via USB cable. A user operates a RL78/G1D evaluation board through a terminal software. A RL78/G1D evaluation board communicate with Android devices using BLE.

From the perspective of PC (terminal software), data is exchanged between PC (terminal software) and Android devices with virtual UART connection via RL78/G1D.

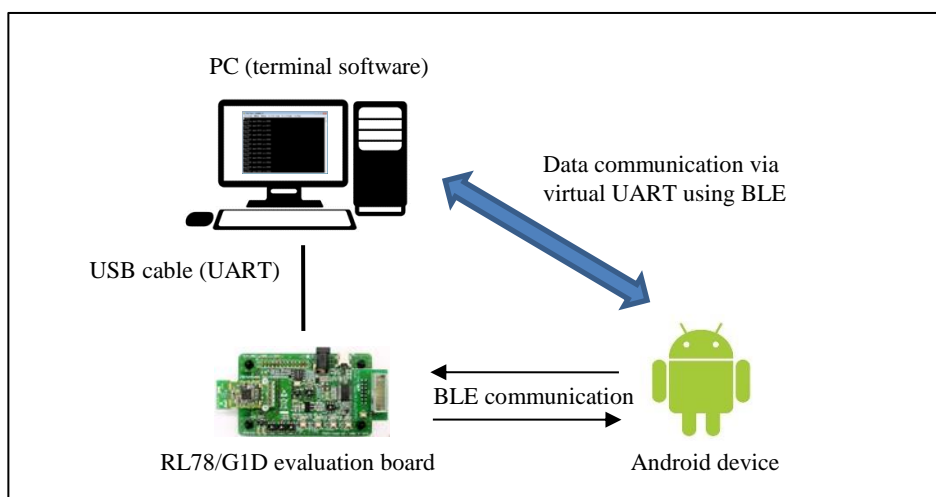


Figure 1-1 Overview

Note: The source code described in this document is not to guarantee the actual operation but to explain the programming method. Also, a sample application for Android using them will be not provided.

2. Evaluation environment

- Windows®7 Service Pack1 or later
- Android 5.0 or later
- RL78/G1D Evaluation Board (RTK0EN0001D01001BZ)
<https://www.renesas.com/products/software-tools/boards-and-kits/evaluation-demo-solution-boards/rtk0en0001d01001bz.html>
- Renesas On-chip debug emulator E1 (used for writing firmware)
<https://www.renesas.com/products/software-tools/tools/emulator/e1.html>
- Renesas Flash Programmer (used for writing firmware)
<https://www.renesas.com/products/software-tools/tools/programmer/renesas-flash-programmer-programming-gui.html>
- Bluetooth® low energy Protocol Stack BLE Virtual UART application (R01AN3130)
<https://www.renesas.com/search/keyword-search.html?q=r01an3130&genre=tooldownload>
- GATTBrowser for Android
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.renesas.ble.gattbrowser>
- Tera Term
<https://ttssh2.osdn.jp/>
- UART-USB conversion device driver

Note: It may be that device driver of UART-USB conversion IC “FT232RL” is requested is in the first connection with host. In this case, you can get the device driver from below link.

FTDI (Future Technology Devices International) - Drivers

<http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/D2XX.htm>

3. Reference material

- Android Bluetooth Low Energy API Guide
<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/connectivity/bluetooth-le.html>
- Android BluetoothLeGatt Sample Source Code
<https://developer.android.com/samples/BluetoothLeGatt/index.html>
- Bluetooth Core Specification v4.2 (PDF)
[Bluetooth Core Specification v4.2](#)

4. Operation check using GATTBrowser

4.1 Preparation of RL78/G1D

Download the BLE Virtual UART Application (R01AN3130) from the following website.

Bluetooth® low energy Protocol Stack BLE Virtual UART Application (R01AN3130)

<https://www.renesas.com/search/keyword-search.html?q=r01an3130&genre=tooldownload>

Expand the zip file and write the following hex file to RL78/G1D.

ROM_File/cc_rl/RL78_G1D_CCE(VUART).hex

Start the terminal software on the PC and set up the configuration according to Table 4-1. This document uses Tera Term for terminal software.

Table 4-1 Terminal software configuration

Setting	Value
New-line Receive	LF
New-line Send	CR
Baud rate	4800 [bps]
Data length	8 [bit]
Parity bit	none
Stop bit	1 [bit]
Flow control	none

Figure 4-1 shows the setup screen of Tera Term.

- Select "Serial Port..." from "Setup" menu and set "Baud rate", "Data", "Parity", "Stop", and "Flow control"
- Select "Terminal..." from "Setup" menu and set "New-line Receive" and "New-line Transmit"

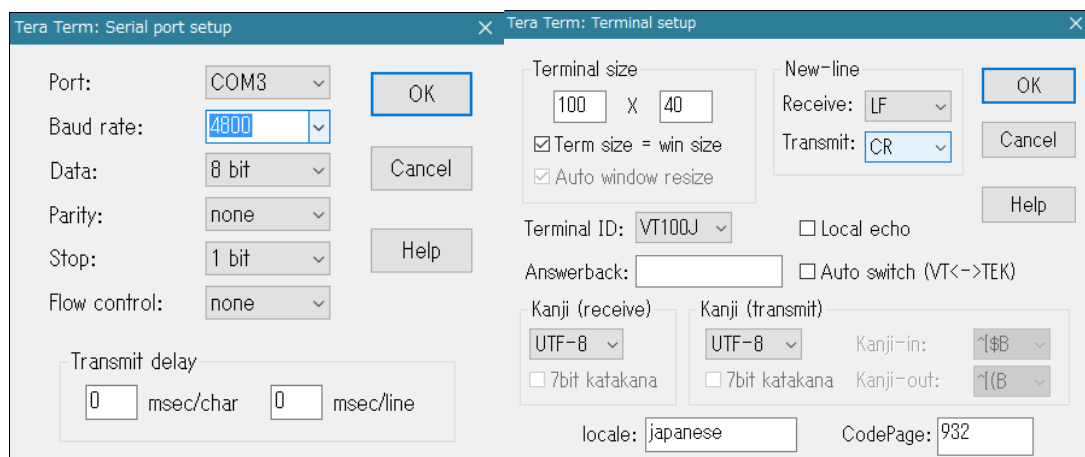


Figure 4-1 Terminal software (Tera Term) settings

When the connection between the RL78/G1D and the terminal software is completed, enter the ESC key on the terminal software and switch the RL78/G1D to the "Virtual UART Mode".

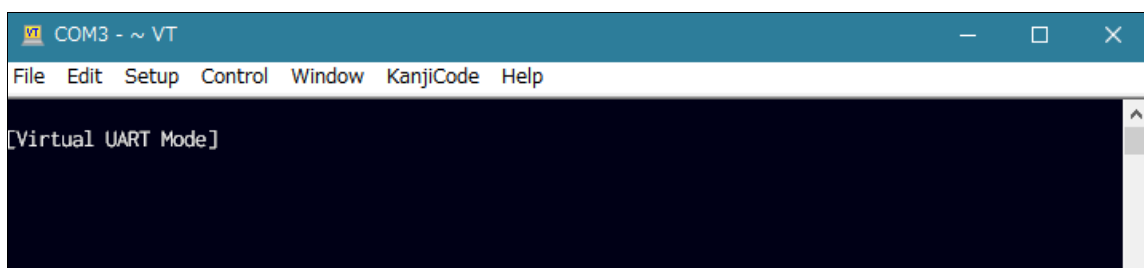


Figure 4-2 Virtual UART Mode

Reference: BLE Virtual UART Application (R01AN3130) "7.3 Preparation for Execution Environment"

4.2 Preparation of GATTBrowser

GATTBrowser is a general-purpose application for Android that can scan BLE devices, connect with those devices, and perform GATT-based communication. In this section, GATTBrowser will be used to check the operation of BLE Virtual UART function of RL78/G1D.

GATTBrowser for Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.renesas.ble.gattbrowser>

Start GATTBrowser and receive the advertising of RL78/G1D. (Figure 4-3)

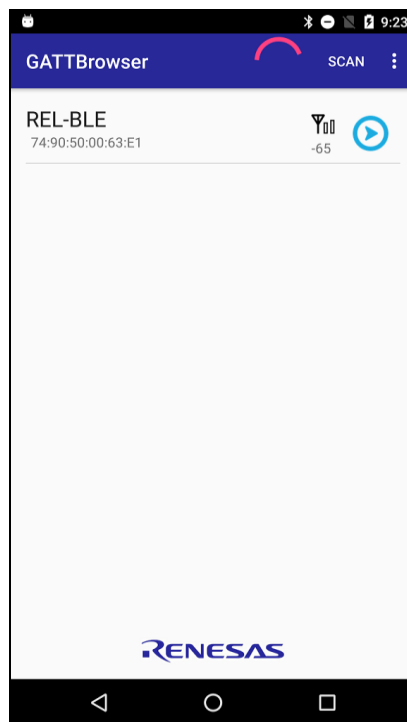


Figure 4-3 Scanning (GATTBrowser)

Receive the advertising of RL78/G1D and connect to the RL78/G1D. When the connection is successful, the “Service and Characteristic list” screen is displayed.

After the “Service and Characteristic list” screen is displayed, tap the "Indication Characteristic" item in the "Renesas Virtual UART Service" item to move to the "Indication Characteristic" operation screen. (Figure 4-4)

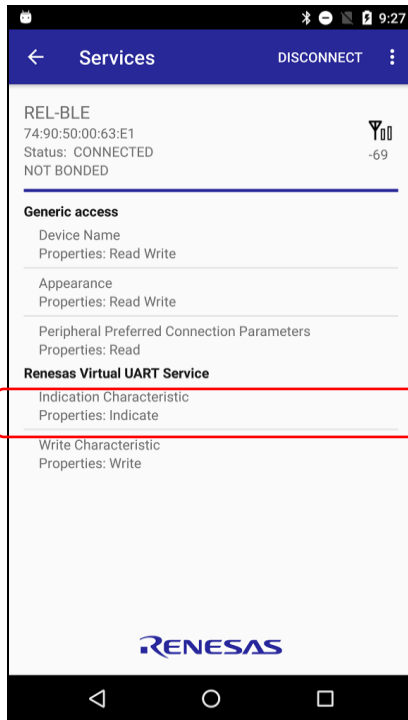


Figure 4-4 Service and Characteristic list (GATTBrowser)

After moving to the "Indication Characteristic" operation screen, tap the "Indication Off" toggle button and put it in the "Indication On" state. (Figure 4-5)

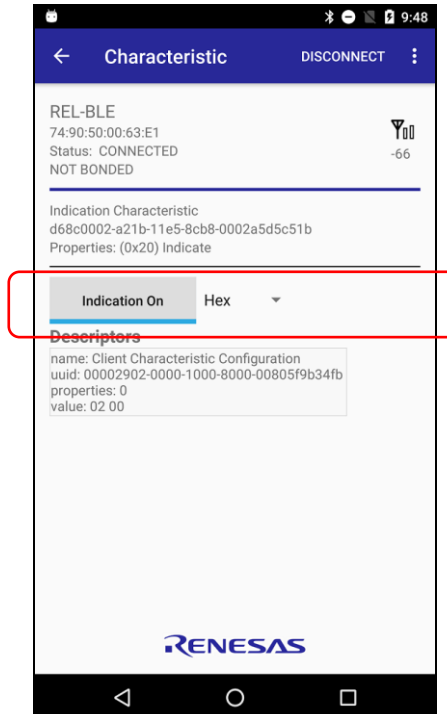


Figure 4-5 Characteristic operation (GATTBrowser)

When the toggle button becomes the "Indication On", The character string "CONNECT" is displayed in the terminal software. (Figure 4-6)

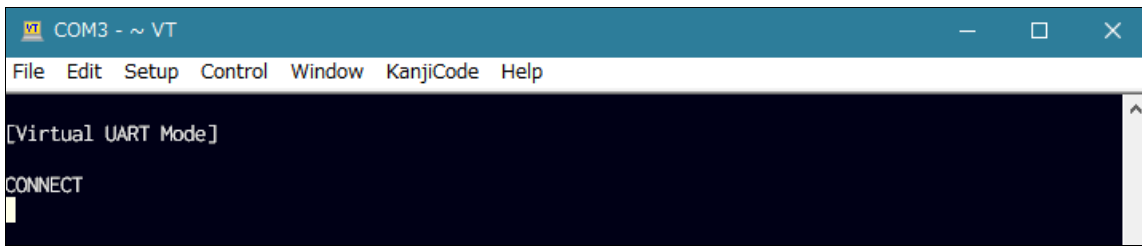


Figure 4-6 Ready for the Indication (Terminal software)

Up to this point, preparation for data communication between RL78/G1D and GATTBrowser has been completed.

4.3 Sending data from RL78/G1D to GATTBrowser

This section describes how to send data from RL78/G1D to GATTBrowser.

In the terminal software, enter the character string "abc". (Figure 4-7)

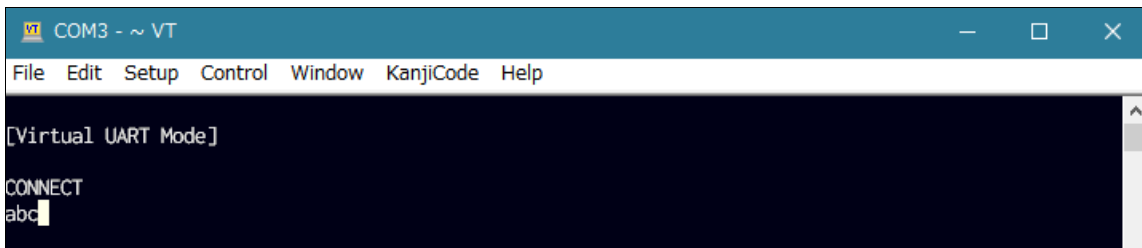


Figure 4-7 Sending the data to Android (Terminal software)

The character string "abc" entered by the terminal software is sent to the GATTBrowser with the BLE Virtual UART function of RL78/G1D. Figure 4-8 shows the screen where the GATTBrowser received the character string "abc".

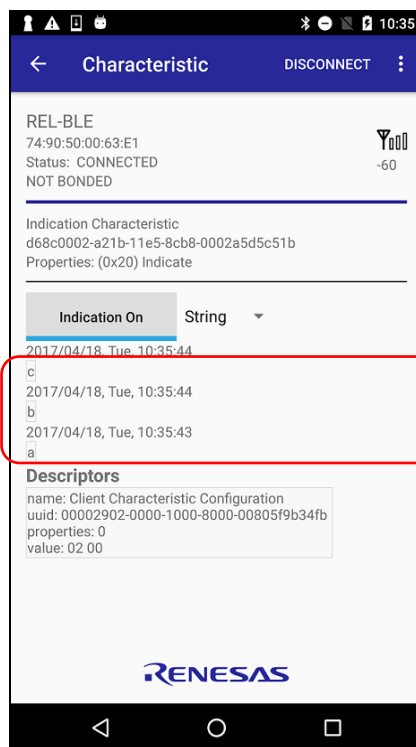


Figure 4-8 Receiving the data from RL78/G1D (GATTBrowser)

4.4 Sending data from GATTBrowser to RL78/G1D

This section describes how to send data from GATTBrowser to RL78/G1D.

Tap the Back button ("◀") or the Up button ("←") in the GATTBrowser and return to the "Service and Characteristic list" screen from the "Indication Characteristic" operation screen. (Figure 4-9)

After moving to the "Service and Characteristic list" screen, tap the "Write Characteristic" item in the "Renesas Virtual UART Service" item and go to the "Write Characteristic" operation screen.

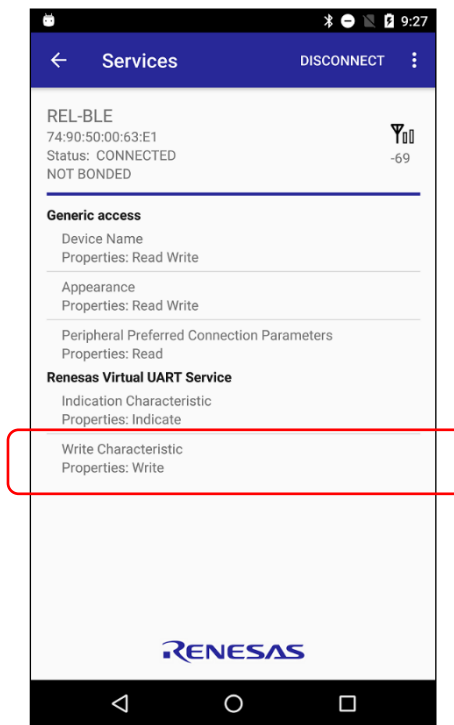


Figure 4-9 Service and Characteristic list (GATTBrowser)

After moving to the "Write Characteristic" operation screen (Figure 4-10), execute the following procedure.

1. Select "String" with the "Write mode selection" spinner next to the "Write" button
2. Enter the character string "Renesas-BLE" in the sending text field.
3. Tap the "Write" button

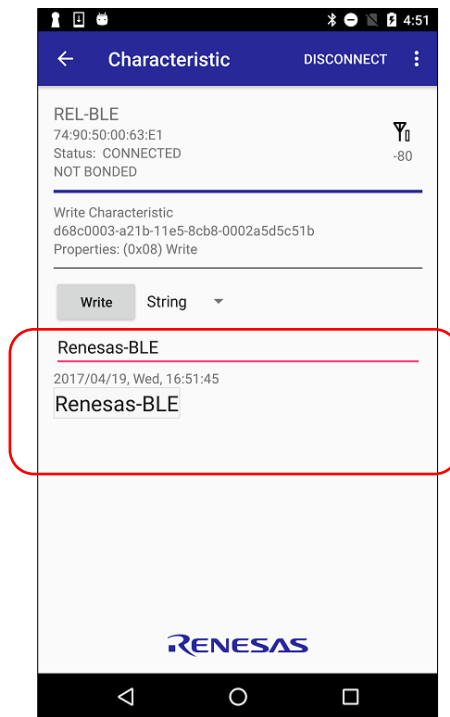


Figure 4-10 Sending the data to RL78/G1D (GATTBrowser)

When the "Write" button is tapped, the sending data is sent from the GATTBrowser to the RL78/G1D using the BLE Virtual UART function of RL78/G1D. Figure 4-11 is the screen that the RL78/G1D outputs the data ("Renesas-BLE") received from the GATTBrowser to the terminal software.

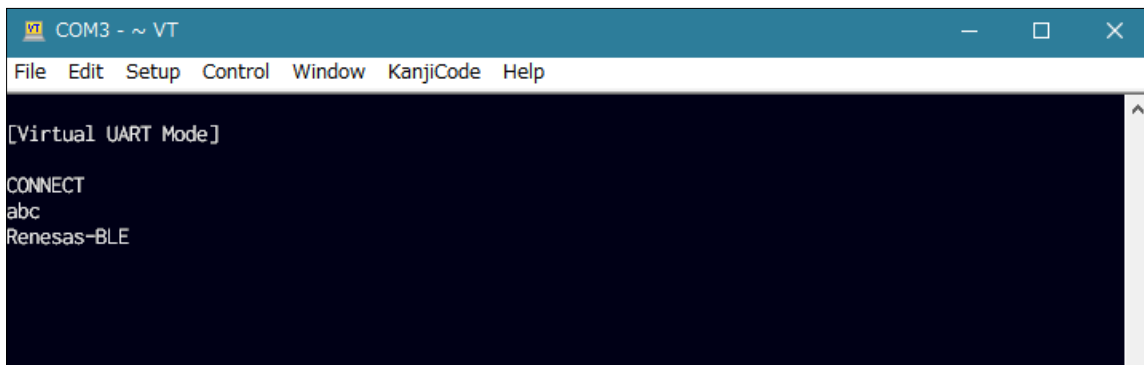


Figure 4-11 Receiving the data from Android (Terminal software)

5. Virtual UART Profile

Table 5-1 shows the Virtual UART Profile specification. This table is an excerpt from Bluetooth® Low Energy Protocol Stack BLE Virtual UART Application (R01AN3130) ‘8.1 Virtual UART Profile’

Table 5-1 Virtual UART Profile specification

Attribute Handle	Attribute type and the value
VUART_HDL_SVC 0x000C	Type: Primary Service Declaration UUID: D68C0001-A21B-11E5-8CB8-0002A5D5C51B UUID for virtual UART service
VUART_HDL_INDICATION_CHAR 0x000D	Type: Characteristic Declaration UUID: D68C0002-A21B-11E5-8CB8-0002A5D5C51B Property: Indicate Used for character transfer from the server to the client
VUART_HDL_INDICATION_VAL 0x000E	Type: Indication Value By setting characters to this characteristic and send Indication, the characters are sent from the server to the client. Max 20 characters.
VUART_HDL_INDICATION_CFG 0x000F	Type: Client Characteristic Configuration Descriptor Used for Indication enable / disable of the server from the client
VUART_HDL_WRITE_CHAR 0x0010	Type: Characteristic Declaration UUID: D68C0003-A21B-11E5-8CB8-0002A5D5C51B Property: Write Used for character transfer from the client to the server.
VUART_HDL_WRITE_VAL 0x0011	Type: Write Value By writing characters to this characteristic with “Write Request”, the characters are sent from the client to the server. Max 20 characters.

Note: The hex value of attribute handle can be changed depends on profiles included in the firmware.

Table 5-2 and Table 5-3 show the service and characteristics that an Android device needs to operate.

Table 5-2 Renesas Virtual UART Service

Service name	UUID
Renesas Virtual UART Service	D68C0001-A21B-11E5-8CB8-0002A5D5C51B

Table 5-3 Characteristics

Characteristic name	UUID	Properties
Indication Characteristic	D68C0002-A21B-11E5-8CB8-0002A5D5C51B	Indication
Write Characteristic	D68C0003-A21B-11E5-8CB8-0002A5D5C51B	Write

5.1 How to send data from Android to RL78/G1D

Data is sent from Android to RL78/G1D by writing a sending value to the "Write Characteristic" using the "Write Request". To write a value to a characteristic, use `BluetoothGatt#writeCharacteristic()`.

Write Request:

BLUETOOTH SPECIFICATION Version 4.2 [Vol 3, Part F], 3.4.5.1 Write Request

`BluetoothGatt#writeCharacteristic()` method:

[https://developer.android.com/reference/android/bluetooth/BluetoothGatt.html#writeCharacteristic\(android.bluetooth.BluetoothGattCharacteristic\)](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/bluetooth/BluetoothGatt.html#writeCharacteristic(android.bluetooth.BluetoothGattCharacteristic))

5.2 How to send data from RL78/G1D to Android

From Android, enable the Characteristic Value Indication (Indication) of the "Indication Characteristic".

If the Indication of the "Indication Characteristic" is enabled, when RL78/G1D changes the value of the "Indication Characteristic", it will be notified that the value of the "Indication Characteristic" has been changed to Android. By using this mechanism, data is sent from RL78/G1D to Android.

The actual method of enabling the Indication of the "Indication Characteristic" is described in 6.3.1.

Characteristic Value Indication:

BLUETOOTH SPECIFICATION Version 4.2 [Vol 3, Part G], 3.3.3.3 Client Characteristic Configuration

BLUETOOTH SPECIFICATION Version 4.2 [Vol 3, Part G], 4.11 CHARACTERISTIC VALUE INDICATIONS

6. Programming guide

- Android BluetoothLeGatt Sample Source Code

<https://developer.android.com/samples/BluetoothLeGatt/project.html>

- Android Bluetooth Low Energy API Guide

<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/connectivity/bluetooth-le.html>

This chapter describes how to program an Android application that communicates with RL78/G1D using the BLE Virtual UART function of RL78/G1D. The description is based on the BluetoothLeGatt sample application provided by the Android Developers website and the API guide of the Android Bluetooth Low Energy.

6.1 Scanning

Figure 6-1 is a screen of the BluetoothLeGatt sample application, receiving an advertising of RL78/G1D.

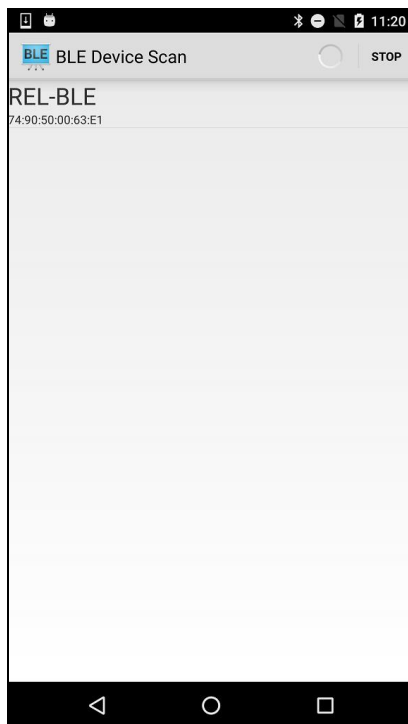


Figure 6-1 Scanning (BluetoothLeGatt sample application)

To run the BluetoothLeGatt sample application using Android 6.0 or later, it is necessary to support for the Runtime Permission introduced from Android 6.0

Requesting Permissions at Run Time

<https://developer.android.com/training/permissions/requesting.html>

If the Runtime Permission is not supported, the following exception occurs and the BLE function can't be used.

```
W/Binder: Caught a RuntimeException from the binder stub implementation.  
    java.lang.SecurityException: Need ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION or ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION permission to  
get scan results  
    at android.os.Parcel.readException(Parcel.java:1620)  
    at android.os.Parcel.readException(Parcel.java:1573)  
    ....
```

6.1.1 Support for Runtime Permission

- Added support for Runtime Permission (Recommended)

1. Add the following declaration to AndroidManifest.xml

```
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION" />
```

2. Add the request of the ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION permission to DeviceScanActivity.java

For details on how to add processing, please refer to the following website etc.

Requesting Permissions at Run Time

<https://developer.android.com/training/permissions/requesting.html>

ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION

https://developer.android.com/reference/android/Manifest.permission.html#ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION

- Exclude Runtime Permission (Not recommended)

In Android 6.0 and later, to run the BluetoothLeGatt sample application without supporting the Runtime Permission, indicate the "targetSdkVersion" value in the build.gradle file to be less than Android 6.0, exclude the Runtime Permission introduced from Android 6.0

```
android {
    compileSdkVersion 25
    buildToolsVersion "25.0.2"

    defaultConfig {
        minSdkVersion 18
        targetSdkVersion 25
    }
    ...
}
```

Change the "targetSdkVersion" value from 25 to 21.

6.1.2 Search for BLE devices providing BLE Virtual UART service

By filtering the BLE Virtual UART service UUID from the advertising data, it is possible to display only BLE devices providing the BLE Virtual UART function on the scanning screen.

Add the following declaration to the build.gradle file.

```
dependencies {
    ...
    compile 'com.google.guava:guava:20.0' Add
}
```

This declaration is the use of Google Guava library. For the Google Guava, please see below.

<https://github.com/google/guava>

In this sample source code, Bytes#indexOf(byte [] array, byte [] target) method in the Google Guava library is used.

<https://google.github.io/guava/releases/20.0/api/docs/com/google/common/primitives/Bytes.html#indexOf-byte:A-byte:A->

Add the following source code to DeviceScanActivity.java

```
import com.google.common.primitives.Bytes;

private final byte[] RENESAS_VIRTUAL_UART_SERVICE = {
    (byte)0x11, // length
    (byte)0x07, // AD Type (Complete List of 128-bit Service Class UUIDs)
    // Renesas Virtual UART Service UUID
    (byte)0x1b, (byte)0xc5, (byte)0xd5, (byte)0xa5, (byte)0x02, (byte)0x00,
    (byte)0xb8, (byte)0x8c, (byte)0xe5, (byte)0x11, (byte)0x1b, (byte)0xa2,
    (byte)0x01, (byte)0x00, (byte)0x8c, (byte)0xd6,
};

// Device scan callback.
private BluetoothAdapter.LeScanCallback mLeScanCallback = new BluetoothAdapter.LeScanCallback() {
    @Override
    public void onLeScan(final BluetoothDevice device, int rssi, final byte[] scanRecord) {
        runOnUiThread(new Runnable() {
            @Override
            public void run() {
                if (Bytes.indexOf(scanRecord, RENESAS_VIRTUAL_UART_SERVICE) != -1) {
                    mLeDeviceListAdapter.addDevice(device);
                    mLeDeviceListAdapter.notifyDataSetChanged();
                }
            }
        });
    }
};
....
```

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The onLeScan method is invoked when the Android device receives an advertising data from BLE devices. In the above sample source code, if the UUID of the “Renesas Virtual UART Service” (Table 5-2) is included in the advertising data, the information of the discovered BLE device is registered in the display list.

For details of advertising data, refer to the following documents.

- Bluetooth® low energy Protocol Stack BLE Virtual UART Application (R01AN3130) ‘8.2 Advertising’
- BLUETOOTH SPECIFICATION Version 4.2 [Vol 3, Part C], 11 ADVERTISING AND SCAN RESPONSE DATA FORMAT

6.2 Discovering Services and Characteristics

Add the following source code to SampleGattAttributes.java

```
static {
    ....
    // Renesas custom services
    attributes.put("d68c0001-a21b-11e5-8cb8-0002a5d5c51b", "Renesas Virtual UART Service");
    attributes.put("d68c0002-a21b-11e5-8cb8-0002a5d5c51b", "Indication Characteristic");
    attributes.put("d68c0003-a21b-11e5-8cb8-0002a5d5c51b", "Write Characteristic");
}
}
```

Add source code

Although it is not necessary, operation on the “Service and Characteristic list” screen becomes easy. (Figure 6-2)

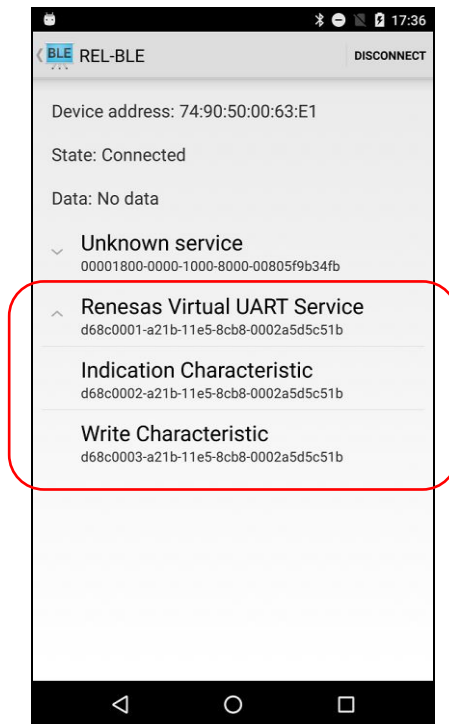


Figure 6-2 Service and Characteristic list (BluetoothLeGatt sample application)

6.3 Characteristic operation

Add the following source code to BluetoothLeService.java. These methods are invoked from the source code to add to DeviceControlActivity.java.

```

/**
 * Requests a write on a given {@code BluetoothGattCharacteristic}.
 *
 * @param characteristic The characteristic to write from.
 */
public void writeCharacteristic(BluetoothGattCharacteristic characteristic) {
    if (mBluetoothAdapter == null || mBluetoothGatt == null) {
        Log.w(TAG, "BluetoothAdapter not initialized");
        return;
    }
    mBluetoothGatt.writeCharacteristic(characteristic);
}

/**
 * Requests a write on a given {@code BluetoothGattDescriptor}.
 *
 * @param descriptor The descriptor to write to.
 */
public void writeDescriptor(BluetoothGattDescriptor descriptor) {
    if (mBluetoothAdapter == null || mBluetoothGatt == null) {
        Log.w(TAG, "BluetoothAdapter not initialized");
        return;
    }
    mBluetoothGatt.writeDescriptor(descriptor);
}

```


Add the following source code to DeviceControlActivity.java The explanation of the source code will be described later.

```

private static final String INDICATION_CHARACTERISTIC = "d68c0002-a21b-11e5-8cb8-0002a5d5c51b";
private static final String WRITE_CHARACTERISTIC      = "d68c0003-a21b-11e5-8cb8-0002a5d5c51b";

private StringBuilder mBuff = new StringBuilder();

private enum NotificationType {
    NOTIFY, INDICAT
}

private boolean setGattNotification(NotificationType type, boolean enable) {
    BluetoothGattDescriptor descriptor = mNotifyCharacteristic.getDescriptor(
        UUID.fromString(SampleGattAttributes.CLIENT_CHARACTERISTIC_CONFIG));
    if (descriptor != null) {
        if (enable) {
            if (type == NotificationType.NOTIFY) {
                descriptor.setValue(BluetoothGattDescriptor.ENABLE_NOTIFICATION_VALUE);
            } else {
                descriptor.setValue(BluetoothGattDescriptor.ENABLE_INDICATION_VALUE);
            }
        } else {
            descriptor.setValue(BluetoothGattDescriptor.DISABLE_NOTIFICATION_VALUE);
        }
        mBluetoothLeService.writeDescriptor(descriptor);
    } else {
        Log.w(TAG, "Couldn't get CLIENT_CHARACTERISTIC_CONFIG.");
        return false;
    }
    return true;
}

private final BroadcastReceiver mGattUpdateReceiver = new BroadcastReceiver() {
    @Override
    public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
        ....
    } else if (BluetoothLeService.ACTION_DATA_AVAILABLE.equals(action)) {
        displayData(intent.getStringExtra(BluetoothLeService.EXTRA_DATA));

        String value = intent.getStringExtra(BluetoothLeService.EXTRA_DATA);
        mBuff.append(value.substring(0, value.lastIndexOf('\n')));
        int index = mBuff.toString().indexOf('\n');
        if (index != -1) {
            String line = mBuff.toString().substring(0, index);
            mBuff = mBuff.delete(0, index + 1);
            Toast.makeText(DeviceControlActivity.this, line, Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
        }
    }
};

private final ExpandableListView.OnChildClickListener servicesListClickListener =
    new ExpandableListView.OnChildClickListener() {
        @Override
        public boolean onChildClick(ExpandableListView parent, View v, int groupPosition,
            int childPosition, long id) {
            ....
        }
    }
};

```

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```
//if ((charaProp | BluetoothGattCharacteristic.PROPERTY_NOTIFY) > 0) {
    if ((charaProp & (BluetoothGattCharacteristic.PROPERTY_INDICATE |
        BluetoothGattCharacteristic.PROPERTY_NOTIFY)) > 0) {
        mNotifyCharacteristic = characteristic;
        mBluetoothLeService.setCharacteristicNotification(characteristic, true);
    }
}

if (characteristic.getUuid().toString().equalsIgnoreCase(INDICATION_CHARACTERISTIC)) {
    setGattNotification(NotificationType.INDICATE, true);
}

if (characteristic.getUuid().toString().equalsIgnoreCase(WRITE_CHARACTERISTIC)) {
    final EditText editText = new EditText(DeviceControlActivity.this);
    new AlertDialog.Builder(DeviceControlActivity.this)
        .setTitle("Enter the data to send")
        .setView(editText)
        .setPositiveButton("OK", new DialogInterface.OnClickListener() {
            public void onClick(DialogInterface dialog, int whichButton) {
                characteristic.setValue(editText.getText().toString());
                mBluetoothLeService.writeCharacteristic(characteristic);
            }
        }).show();
}
....
```

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6.3.1 Sending data from RL78/G1D to Android

Enter the ESC key on the terminal software and change to the "Virtual UART Mode". (Figure 6-3)

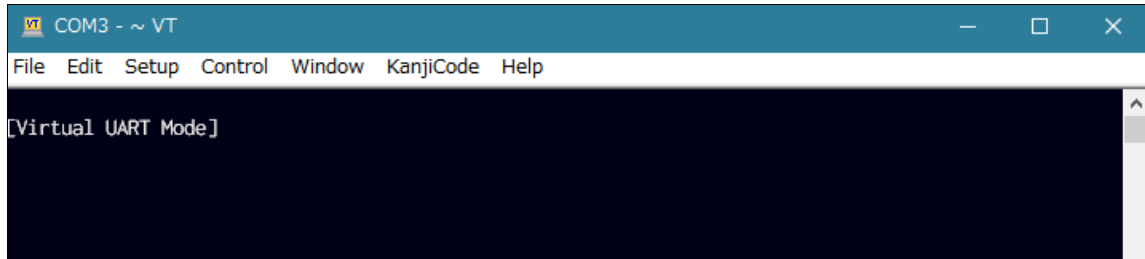


Figure 6-3 Virtual UART Mode

After the character string "[Virtual UART Mode]" is displayed in the terminal software, tap the "Indication Characteristic" item in the "Service and Characteristic list" screen of the BluetoothLeGatt sample application. (Figure 6-4)

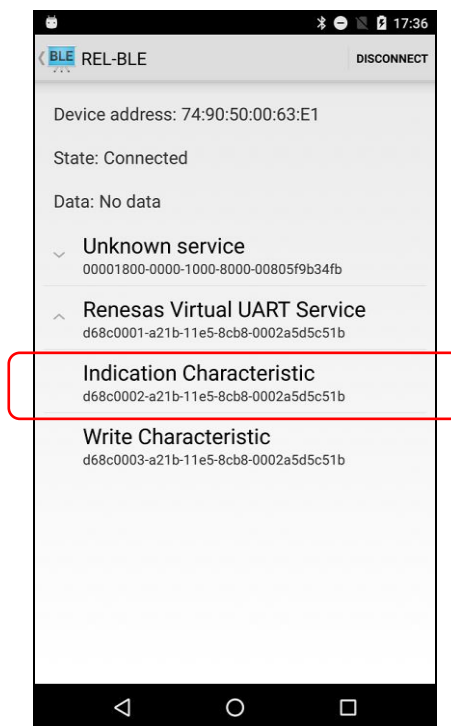


Figure 6-4 Service and Characteristic list (BluetoothLeGatt sample application)

By tapping the "Indication Characteristic" item, the character string "CONNECT" will be displayed in the terminal software. When the character string "Renesas-BLE" is entered in the terminal software (Enter the Enter key at the end), the character string "Renesas-BLE" will be sent to the Android application from the RL78/G1D. (Figure 6-5)

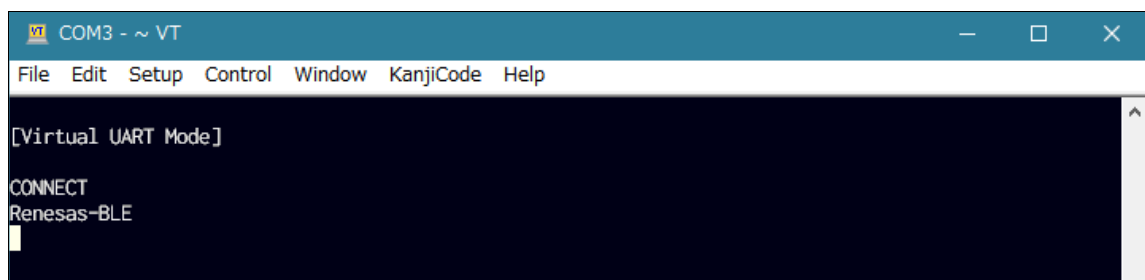


Figure 6-5 Sending the data to Android (Terminal software)

Figure 6-6 is the screen where the Android application received the character string "Renesas-BLE" sent by the RL78/G1D.

When entering characters in the terminal software, the input characters are notified to the Android application using the Indication of Characteristic for one character or every few characters. In the Android application, the data received by the Indication is displayed in the "Data:" part. If the received data contains a line feed code, the contents of the data received so far are displayed by the Toast.

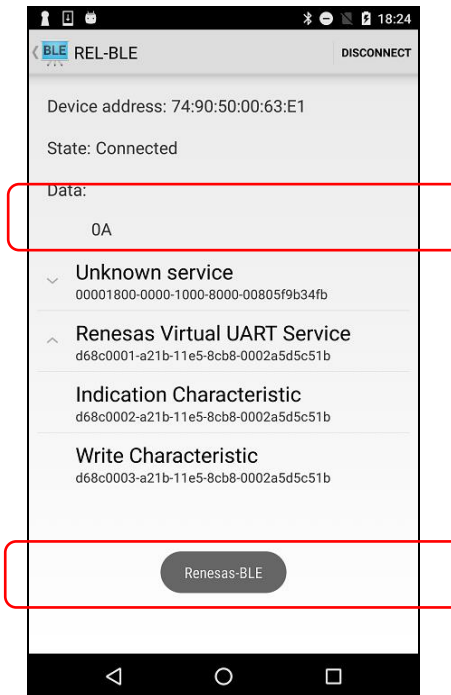


Figure 6-6 Receiving the data from RL78/G1D (BluetoothLeGatt sample application)

Below is a description of the source code.

Sending data from RL78/G1D to Android is executed using the Indication of the "Indication Characteristic". The following source code performs to enable the Indication of the "Indication Characteristic".

```
//if ((charaProp | BluetoothGattCharacteristic.PROPERTY_NOTIFY) > 0) {
if ((charaProp & (BluetoothGattCharacteristic.PROPERTY_INDICATE |
    BluetoothGattCharacteristic.PROPERTY_NOTIFY)) > 0) {
    mNotifyCharacteristic = characteristic;
    mBluetoothLeService.setCharacteristicNotification(characteristic, true);
}

if (characteristic.getUuid().toString().equalsIgnoreCase(INDICATION_CHARACTERISTIC)) {
    setGattNotification(NotificationType.INDICATE, true);
}
}
```

To enable the Indication of the "Indication Characteristic", follow the procedure below.

1. Enable the Indication of the "Indication Characteristic" using [BluetoothLeService#setCharacteristicNotification\(\)](#)
2. Acquire the Characteristic Descriptor corresponding to the attribute type «Client Characteristic Configuration» (0x2902) of the "Indication Characteristic" (Table 6-1)
3. Write the Configuration Value Indication (0x0002) to the acquired Characteristic Descriptor (Table 6-2)

Note: 2. and 3. is executed with the setGattNotification method. For the implementation of the setGattNotification method, see the source code listed in 6.3

Table 6-1 Client Characteristic Configuration declaration

Attribute Type	UUID	Description
«Client Characteristic Configuration»	0x2902	Client Characteristic Configuration Descriptor

(BLUETOOTH SPECIFICATION Version 4.2 [Vol 3, Part G] page 543)

Table 6-2 Client Characteristic Configuration bit field definition

Configuration	Value	Description
Notification	0x0001	The Characteristic Value shall be notified. This value can only be set if the characteristic's property has the notify bit set.
Indication	0x0002	The Characteristic Value shall be indicated. This value can only be set if the characteristic's property has the indicate bit set.

(BLUETOOTH SPECIFICATION Version 4.2 [Vol 3, Part G] page 537)

Once these processes have been completed, the Android application can receive the Indication from RL78/G1D. For detailed specifications for enabling the Indication, refer to the following document.

BLUETOOTH SPECIFICATION Version 4.2 [Vol 3, Part G], 3.3.3.3 Client Characteristic Configuration

To get the characteristic value notified by the Indication, follow the procedure below.

When RL78/G1D updates a value of the "Indication Characteristic" (it equals to send the data from RL78/G1D to Android), the following method defined in BluetoothLeService.java is invoked.

```
@Override
public void onCharacteristicChanged(BluetoothGatt gatt,
    BluetoothGattCharacteristic characteristic) {
    broadcastUpdate(ACTION_DATA_AVAILABLE, characteristic);
}
```

Invoking the broadcastUpdate(ACTION_DATA_AVAILABLE, characteristic) method invokes the onReceive method defined in DeviceControlActivity.java The onReceive method processes the data received from RL78/G1D.

```
private final BroadcastReceiver mGattUpdateReceiver = new BroadcastReceiver() {
    @Override
    public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
        ....
    } else if (BluetoothLeService.ACTION_DATA_AVAILABLE.equals(action)) {
        displayData(intent.getStringExtra(BluetoothLeService.EXTRA_DATA));
    }
}
};
```

In the above source code, a value of the data received by the onReceive method is displayed every reception, but in an actual application, processing such as buffering the received data is necessary depending on the purpose. The following source code is an example of buffering the received data and displaying the received data using the Toast when receiving a line feed code.

```
private final BroadcastReceiver mGattUpdateReceiver = new BroadcastReceiver() {
    @Override
    public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
        ....
    } else if (BluetoothLeService.ACTION_DATA_AVAILABLE.equals(action)) {
        displayData(intent.getStringExtra(BluetoothLeService.EXTRA_DATA));

        String value = intent.getStringExtra(BluetoothLeService.EXTRA_DATA);
        mBuff.append(value.substring(0, value.lastIndexOf('\n')));
        int index = mBuff.toString().indexOf('\n');
        if (index != -1) {
            String line = mBuff.toString().substring(0, index);
            mBuff = mBuff.delete(0, index + 1);
            Toast.makeText(DeviceControlActivity.this, line, Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
        }
    }
}
};
```

The data received with the onReceive method is broadcasted from the following source code in BluetoothLeService.java

Note: "Line feed code + hexadecimal binary string of received data" is added to the end of the data. The format of the data to be broadcasted needs to be changed depending on the purpose of the application.

```
private void broadcastUpdate(final String action,
    final BluetoothGattCharacteristic characteristic) {
    ....
} else {
    // For all other profiles, writes the data formatted in HEX.
    final byte[] data = characteristic.getValue();
    if (data != null && data.length > 0) {
        final StringBuilder stringBuilder = new StringBuilder(data.length);
        for(byte byteChar : data)
            stringBuilder.append(String.format("%02X ", byteChar));
        intent.putExtra(EXTRA_DATA, new String(data) + "\n" + stringBuilder.toString());
    }
}
sendBroadcast(intent);
}
```

6.3.2 Sending data from Android to RL78/G1D

Tap the "Write Characteristic" item in the "Service and Characteristic list" screen of the BluetoothLeGatt sample application. (Figure 6-7)

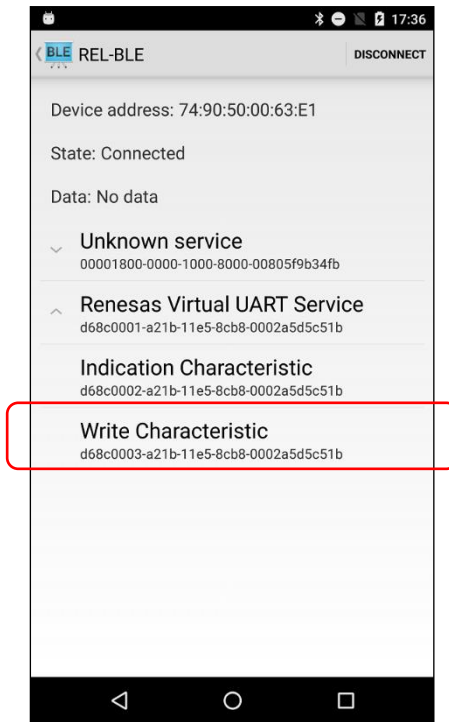


Figure 6-7 Service and Characteristic list (BluetoothLeGatt sample application)

By tapping the "Write Characteristic" item, the sending data input dialog will be displayed. Enter the sending data and tap the "OK" button. (Figure 6-8).

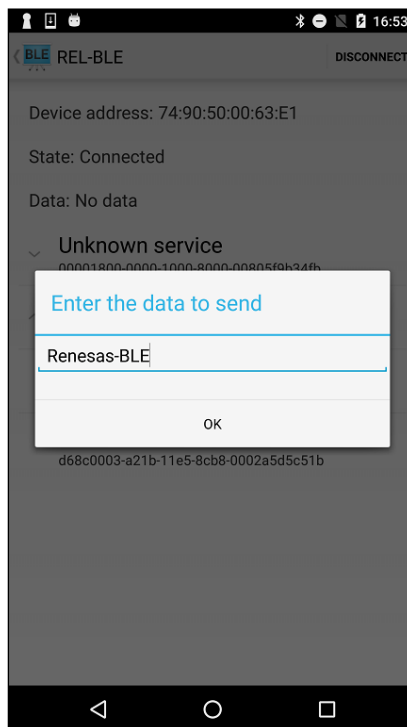


Figure 6-8 Entering the sending data (BluetoothLeGatt sample application)

When the "OK" button in the sending data input dialog is tapped, the input "Renesas-BLE" character string is sent to the RL78/G1D, and the result received at the RL78/G1D is output to the terminal software. (Figure 6-9)

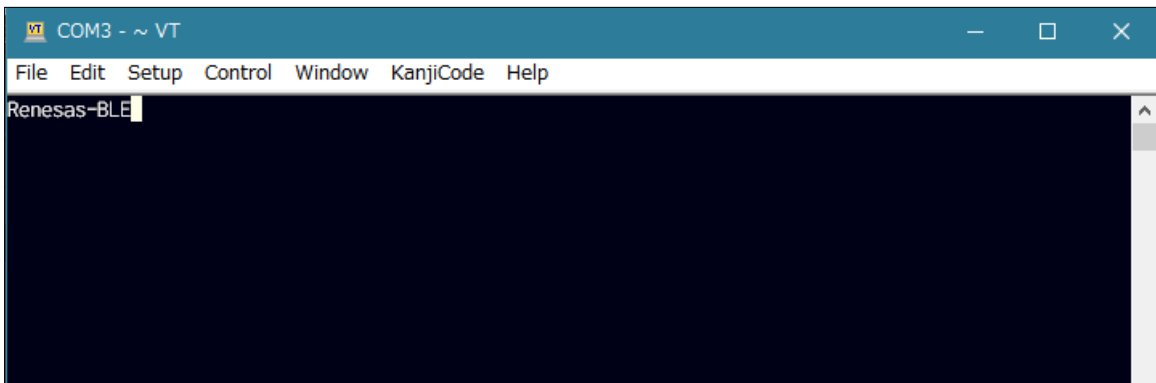


Figure 6-9 Receiving the data from Android (Terminal software)

Sending data is performed in the following source code.

```
final EditText editText = new EditText(DeviceControlActivity.this);
new AlertDialog.Builder(DeviceControlActivity.this)
    .setTitle("Enter the data to send")
    .setView(editText)
    .setPositiveButton("OK", new DialogInterface.OnClickListener() {
        public void onClick(DialogInterface dialog, int whichButton) {
            characteristic.setValue(editText.getText().toString());
            mBluetoothLeService.writeCharacteristic(characteristic);
        }
    }).show();
```

Write the sending data to the "Write Characteristic" using [BluetoothLeService#writeCharacteristic\(\)](#).

In the above source code, a dialog (AlertDialog) to enter a sending data is displayed. But in an actual application, it is necessary to prepare sending data according to the purpose. Also, since the maximum data length is 20 bytes, to send data exceeding 20 bytes, it is necessary to divide the sending data and write it to the "Write Characteristic". (Refer to Table 5-1 Virtual UART Profile specification)

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