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WHO AM I ?

MILOSCH MERIAC

RFID- & HW SECURITY EXPERT

- ★ Love breaking things
- ★ Co-Founder of various open source and open hardware projects like OpenPCD.org, OpenBeacon.org where I designed the first open 13.56MHz hardware design.
- ★ RFID & Hardware Security Researcher (broke HID iClass security)
- ★ Enjoy designing secure ultra low power wireless sensors with privacy-enabled protocols and services.
- ★ In my private time I love making/grokking things. I am currently playing with RGB strips to create light paintings.

OPENPCD.ORG

PASSIVE RFID

13.56 MHZ WITH NFC SUPPORT

- ★ Open Hardware and Open Firmware
- ★ ARM Cortex-M3 LPC134x - flashed via USB Mass Storage
- ★ Security Research Tool: boatload of test signals for Oscilloscope via two U.FL sockets
- ★ Compatible to LibNFC and MIFARE Classic cracking tools
- ★ See also RFID sniffer tools

OPENBEACON.ORG

ACTIVE RFID TAG

REAL TIME CONFERENCE TRACKING

- ★ Started with tracking 1000 people at the CCC conference in Berlin in 2006
- ★ 2.4GHz + 8bit PIC microcontroller
- ★ Detects human interaction in real time
- ★ Open Hardware & Software

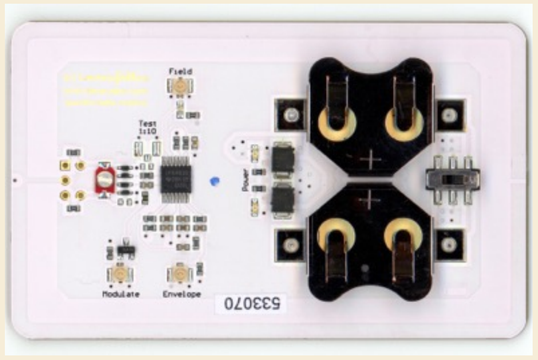
BLINKENLIGHT STEREOSCOPE

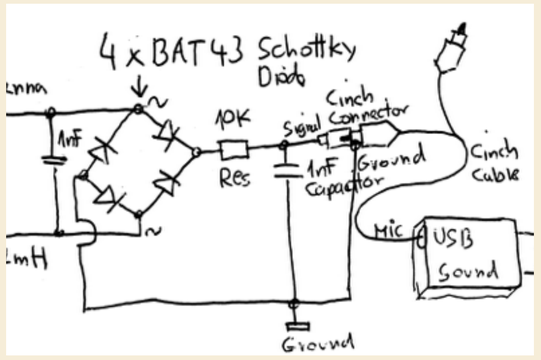
NUIT BLANCHE

TORONTO, CANADA

- ★ 960 wireless OpenBeacon 2.4GHz AC dimmers
- ★ per-floor wireless-toEthernet gateways
- ★ real time UDP protocol, each floor forwards only the data for it's lights
- ★ one wireless packet per floor
- ★ Chaos Communication Protocol for resilient realtime animations

OTHER PROJECTS





If you have interesting projects or need my help - feel free to contact me at meriac.com

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ABOUT BLUETOOTH
QUICK AND DIRTY

HARDWARE
WHAT WE HAVE

SOFTWARE
DEVELOPMENT FLOW

APPLICATIONS
EPLOITING THE INTERNET OF THINGS

BLUETOOTH LOW ENERGY

2.4GHZ ISM

- ★ 2402-2480 MHz
- ★ 1 Mbps
- ★ GFSK (modulation index 0.5)
- ★ range between 30m to 150m

40 CHANNELS

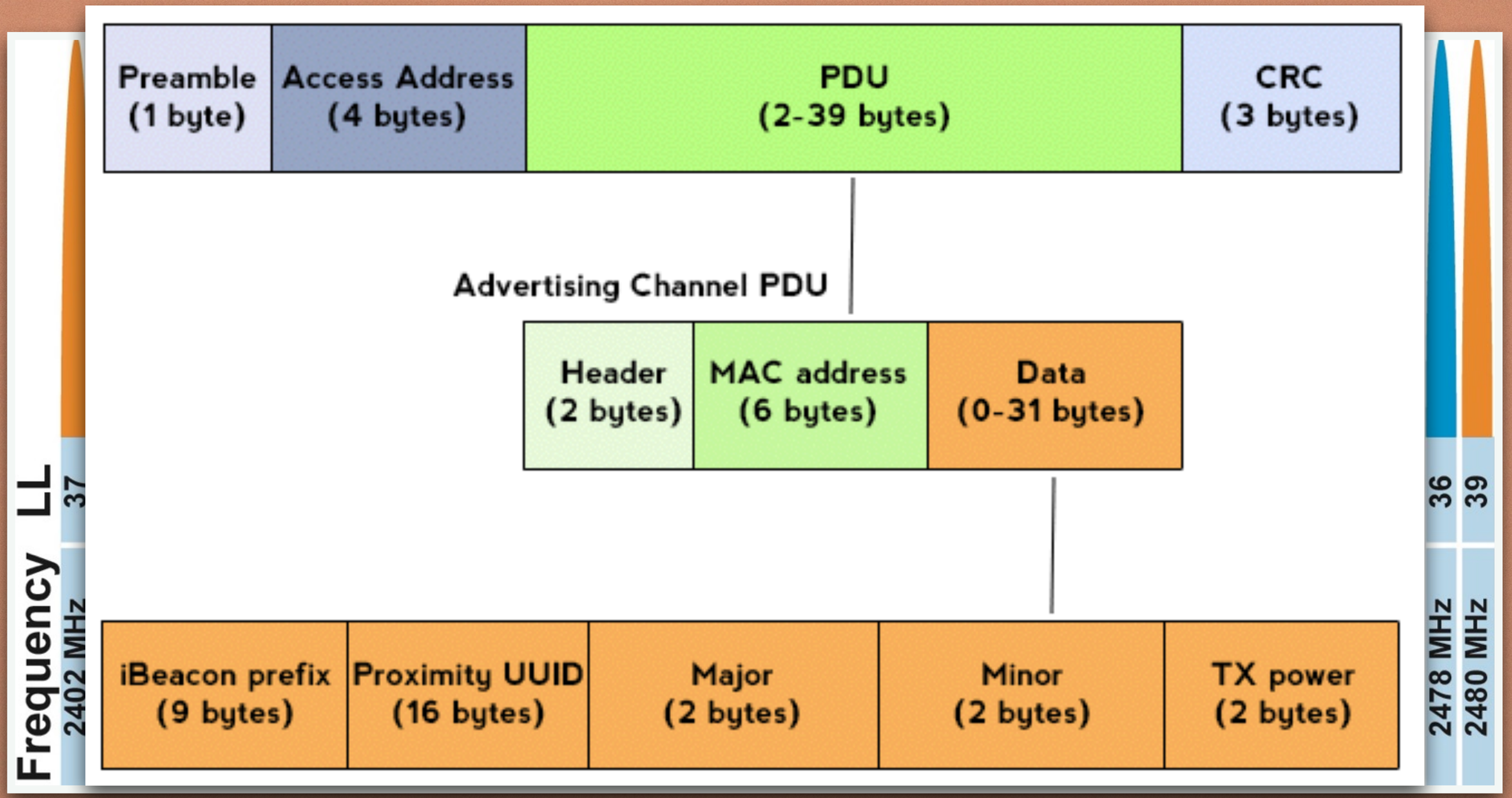
- ★ 3 advertisement channels (2402, 2426 and 2480 MHz)
- ★ 37 data channels with 2 MHz spacing

4.0 Bluetooth®

SIMPLE

- ★ 1 byte preamble 0xAA or 0x55
- ★ 4 byte access address for target (0x8E89BED6 for advertisement channel)
- ★ 2 to 29 byte Protocol Data Unit
- ★ 3 byte CRC for PDU
- ★ PDU & CRC whitened per channel

IBEACON PROTOCOL EXAMPLE



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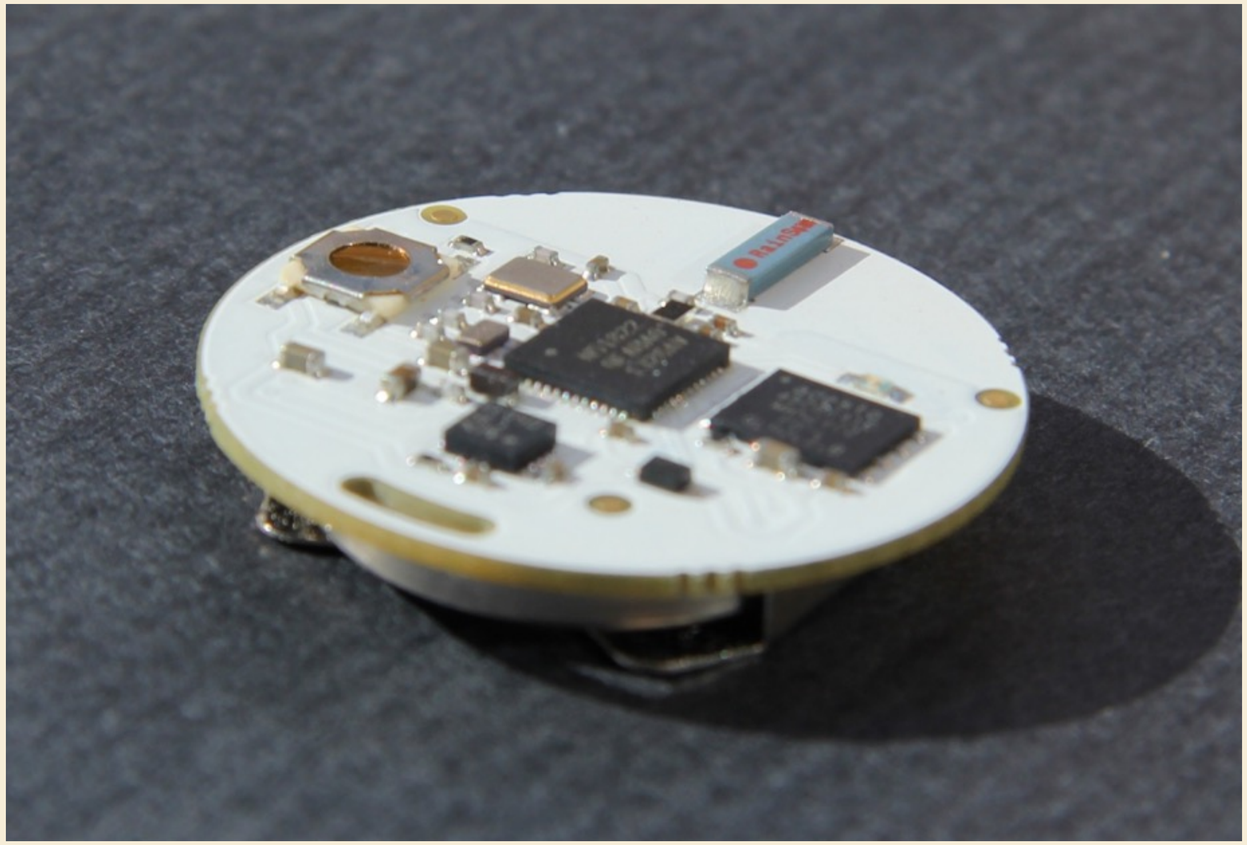
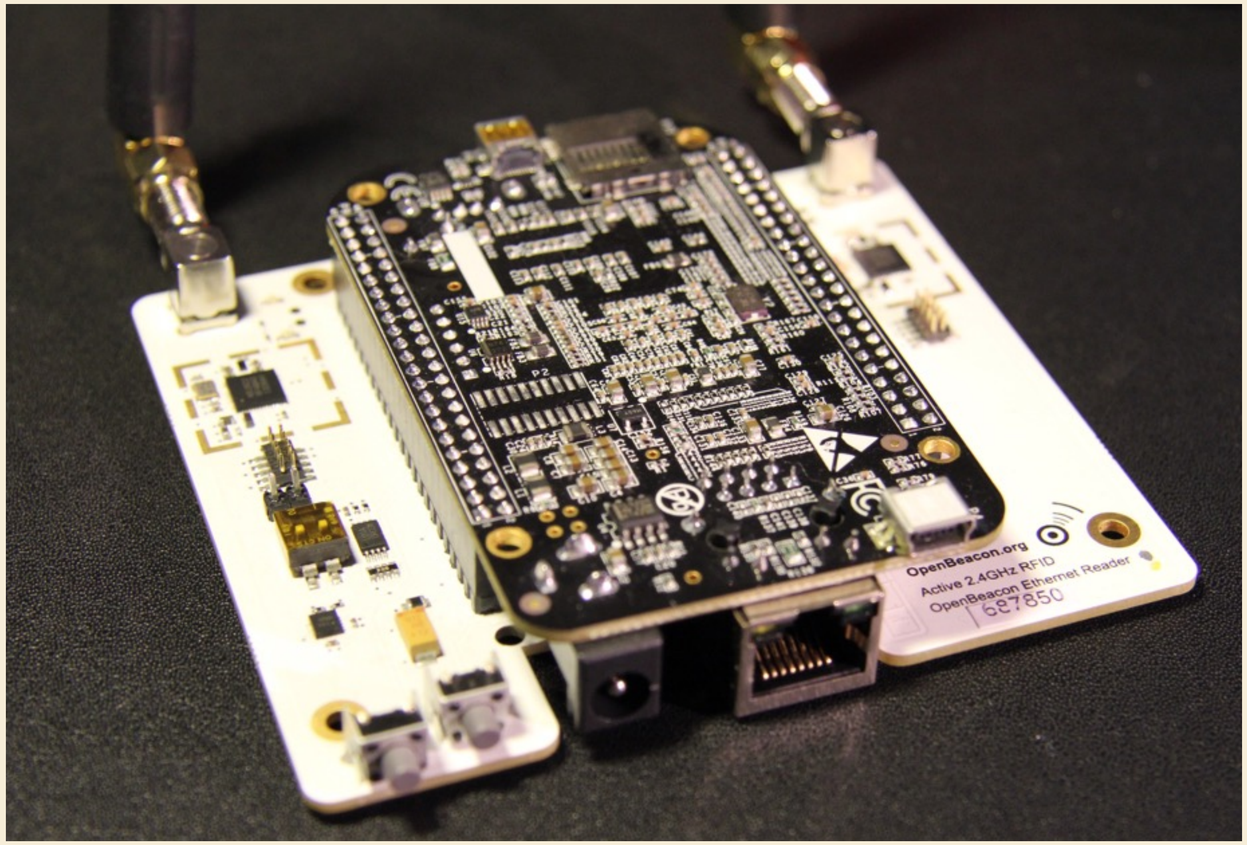


LATEST HARDWARE

HARDWARE SPECIFICATION

- ★ Bluetooth Low Energy Protocol
- ★ 3D accelerometer for real-time movement detection
- ★ OpenBeacon proximity & tracking protocol
- ★ 8MB of external flash for offline-logging of tag-to-tag proximity encounters and movement
- ★ 32-bit ARM Cortex M0 CPU based on the nRF51822 SoC from Nordic Semiconductors
- ★ 256KB flash & 16KB SRAM

OPENBEACON HARDWARE



LATEST READER

HARDWARE SPECIFICATION

- ★ BeagleBone Black Cape
- ★ Add precision RTC with CR2032 battery buffering
- ★ 3D accelerometer for theft detection
- ★ 2 nRF51822 Interfaces better reception (Diversity)
- ★ WIFI-Compatible RPSMA antennas (5dBi)
- ★ 100 MBit Ethernet
- ★ WIFI Meshing planned

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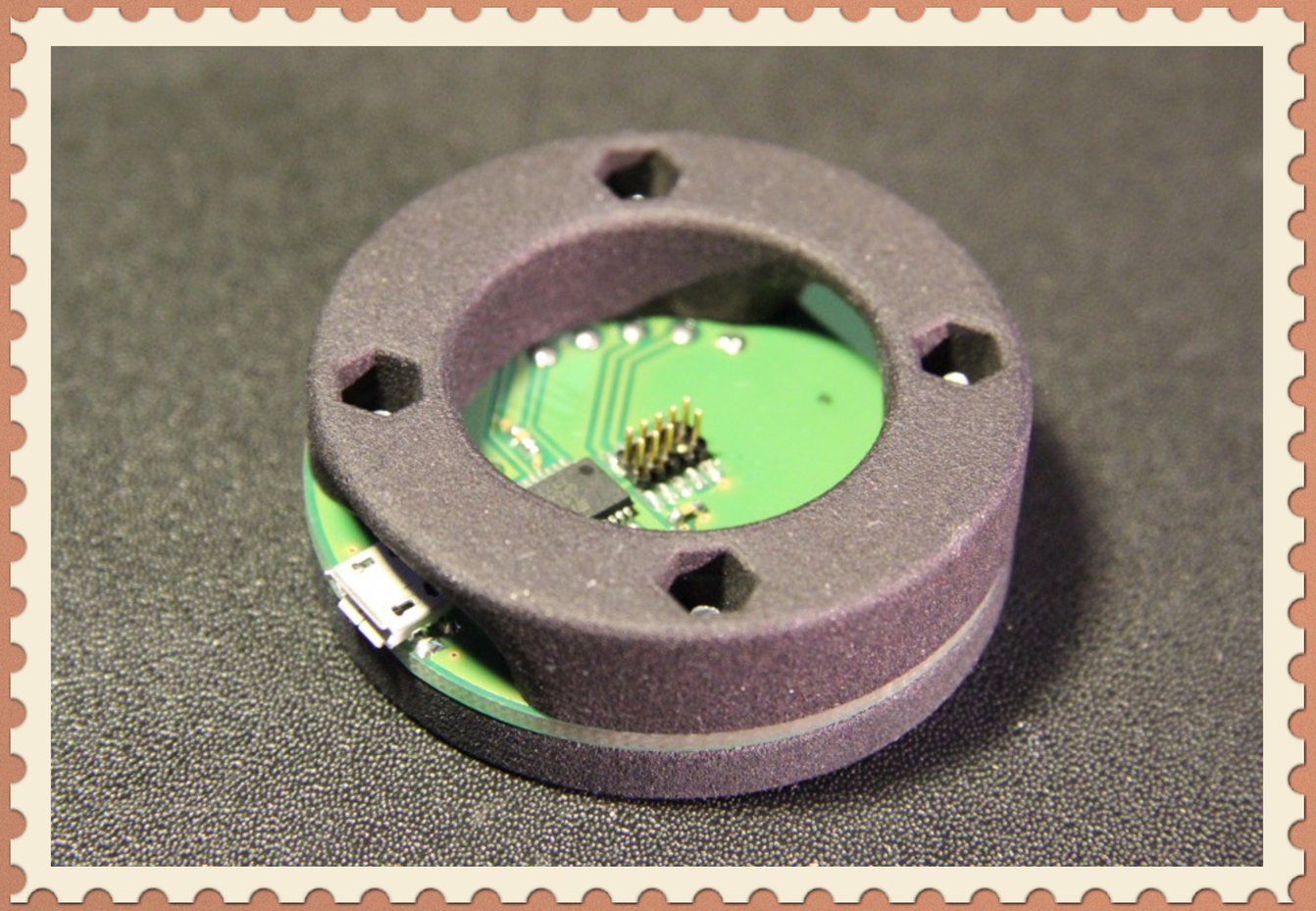


DEBUG ADAPTER

USER FRIENDLY INTERFACE

- ★ Interfaces to JLink SQO/JTAG Debugger or nRF51-DK with integrated SWO debug interface
- ★ provides serial over USB serial interface for convenient printf debugging
- ★ Spring loaded pogo pins for flashing a large number of tags
- ★ provides 3.3V power over USB
- ★ Can act as a reader in combination with a tag
- ★ Fastening clip for tags available

TOOLCHAIN INSTALLATION

Development is possible on OS X, Linux (Fedora or Ubuntu). Development on Windows might work with Cygwin, but is not supported by our Makefiles

1

GET ARM TOOLCHAIN

LAUNCHPAD.NET/GCC-ARM-EMBEDDED

2

GET DEBUGGER

NORDICSEMI.COM

3

GET JLINK SOFTWARE

SEGGER.COM

4

GET OPENBEACON-NG

GITHUB.COM/MERIAC/OPENBEACON-NG

BLUETOOTH LOW ENERGY

EXAMPLE CODE

IBEACON

In our source tree you can find both an iBeacon reader and an iBeacon tag example.
The reader decodes iBeacon advertisements and prints them on a 3.3V serial interface in text format.
The reader can be connected with little effort to Arduino or similar devices.

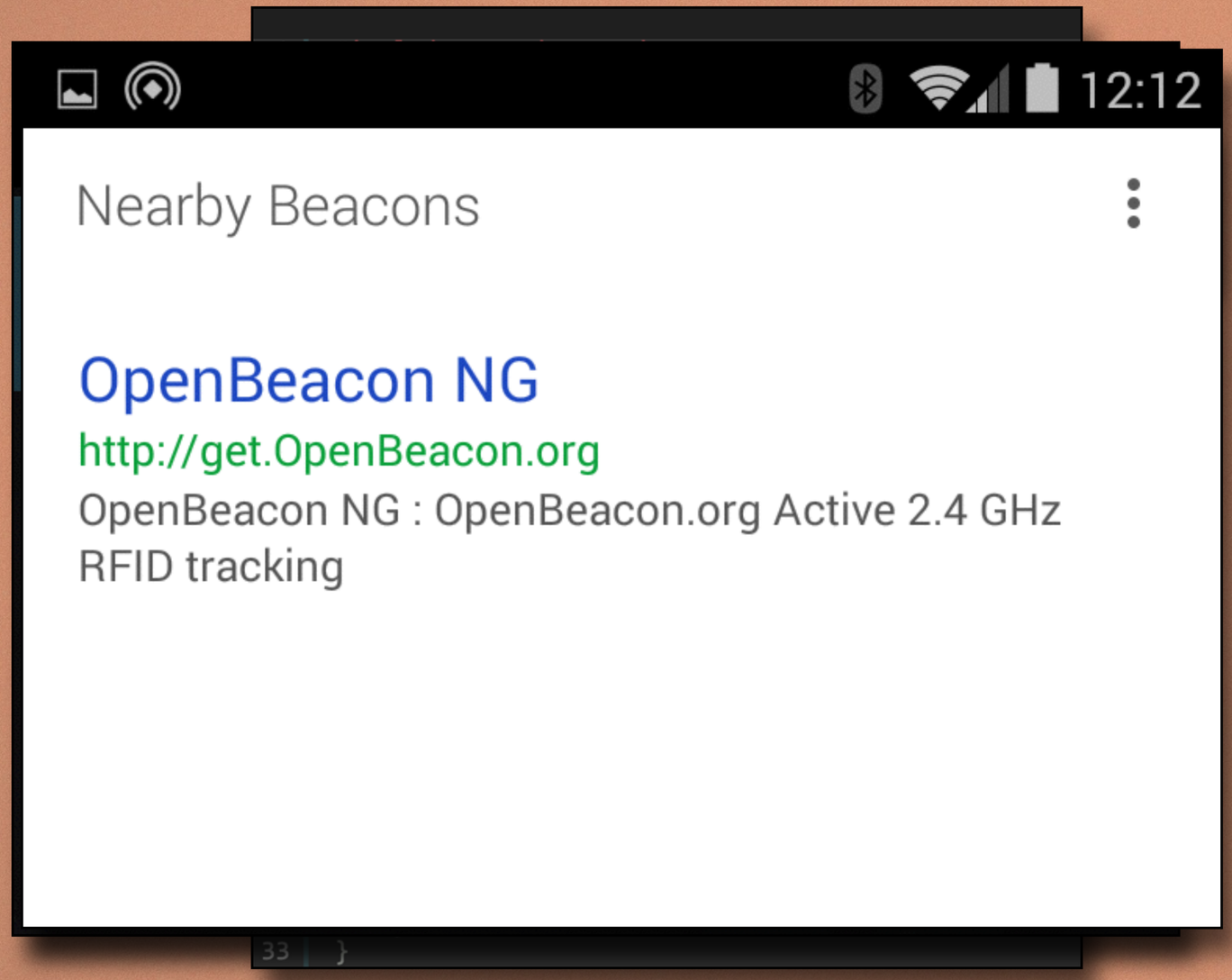
PHYSICAL WEB

The physical web beacon firmware allows advertising of URL's - clients are available for IOS and Android

MISCHIEF

Due to Bare Metal Access to the radio interface, mischievous Bluetooth devices can be easily created.
The first example in a series of upcoming devices allows the creation of an arbitrary amount of virtual BLE devices on the fly to confuse people scanning for their devices.

ENTRY LEVEL EXAMPLE

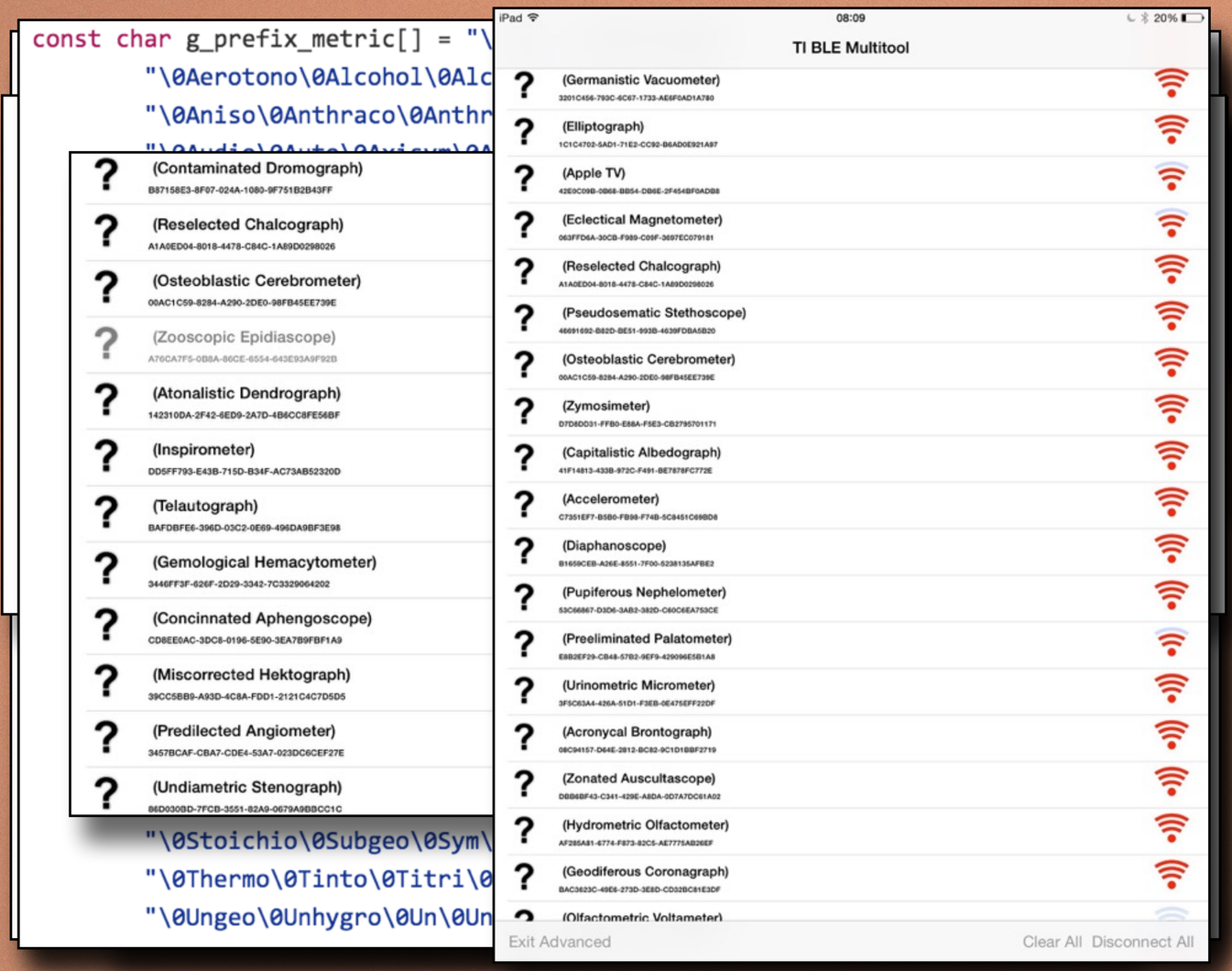


EXAMPLE CODE

PHYSICAL WEB BEACON

- ★ Nice starter example - try modifying the URL in the example software.
- ★ Make sure to update the length field in the protocol header to reflect your new string length
- ★ Resulting firmware is around 4.7k - including C-lirary functions like printf
- ★ UART debug support

ADVANCED EXAMPLE



MISCHIEVOUS TAG

ANNOY YOUR PEER GROUP

- ★ Shows chaining of hardware Events to allow low power
- ★ Radio initialisation and BLE advertisement state machine is just 259 lines of code
- ★ Simulates at any given time 23 concurrent BLE beacon with names that are constantly changing
- ★ To confuse people more, the names are made up on the fly from a word snippet database

QUESTIONS ?

See OpenBeacon Tracker API Installation for setting up the server API and example code applications on your own server. Feel free to browse our git source code repository or download the source code as Unix tar.bz2 archive file or Windows ZIP file.

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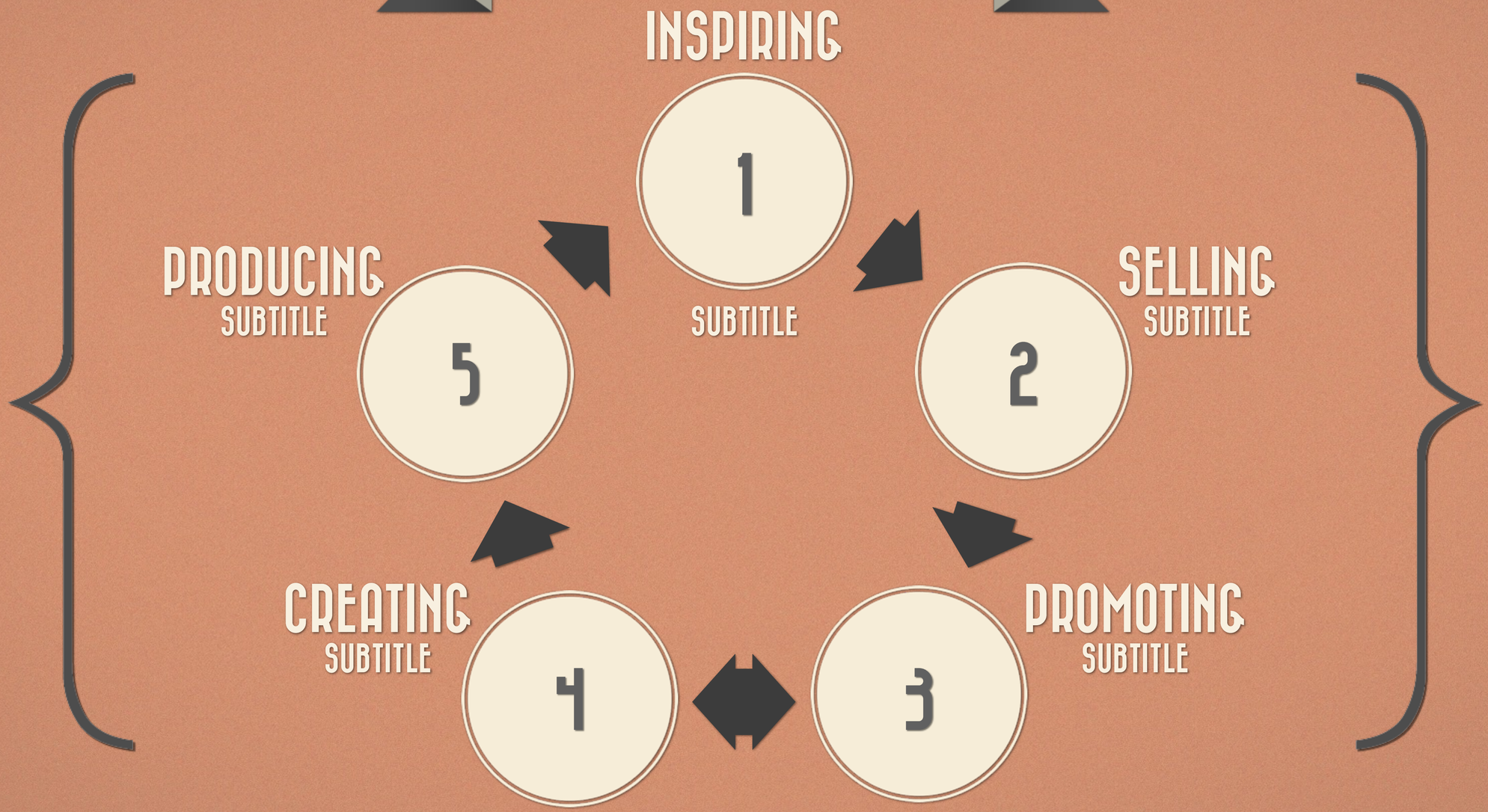
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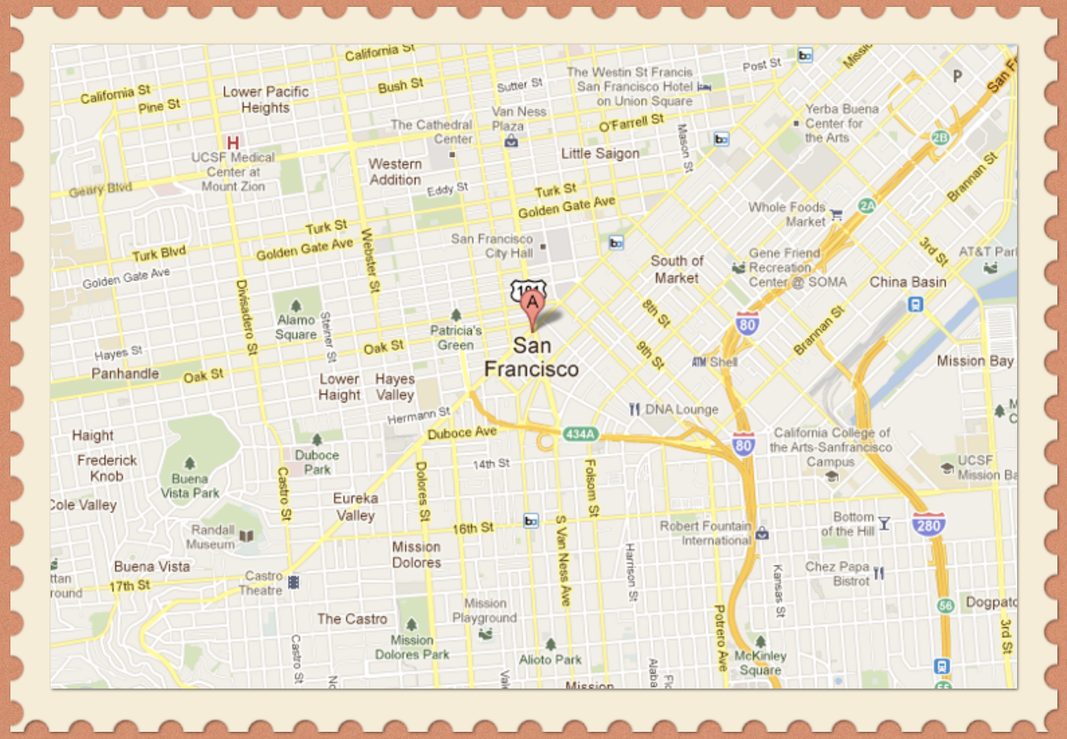

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