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QUICK START

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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Name	Description
BTMAC		Bluetooth® conform MAC address of the module used on the RF-interface.
CS	Checksum	Byte wise XOR combination of the preceding fields.
GND	Ground	
Bluetooth LE	Bluetooth Low Energy	
LED	Light Emitting Diode	
LSB	Least Significant bit	
MAC		MAC address of the module.
MSB	Most Significant Bit	
MPS	Maximum Payload Size	The maximum size of the payload, that can be transmitted/received using one Bluetooth® LE transaction.
MTU	Maximum Transmission Unit	Maximum packet size of the Bluetooth® connection.
Payload		The intended message in a frame / package.
PC	Personal Computer	
RSSI	Receive Signal Strength Indicator	The RSSI indicates the strength of the RF signal. Its value is always printed in two's complement notation.
SoC	Sistem-on-Chip	
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter	Allows the serial communication with the module.
USB	Universal Serial Bus	
VDD	Voltage Drain Drain	Supply voltage

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1 Introduction

The Proteus-e is a Bluetooth® module based on the nRF52 Nordic Semiconductors SoC, which provides various Bluetooth® LE and low power features.

In addition to the standard command mode, that uses predefined commands to run and configure the radio module, Würth Elektronik eiSos launches the "transparent mode" on the Proteus-e to use the module as Bluetooth® LE bridge in a simple way. In this mode, a transparent UART interface is provided such that no configuration of the module is required to equip a custom application with it.

The following chapters describe how to establish a connection to the radio module in transparent (see chapter 4) and command mode (see chapter 5).

2 Prerequisites

- A Proteus-e evaluation board in factory state.
- A central device that initiates the connection setup. For example
 - a smart phone with Bluetooth® LE function and the Proteus Connect App or Nordic Semiconductor nRF Connect App
 - a Proteus-I,-II,-III evaluation board, mini evaluation board or Proteus-I,-II USB radio stick.



To be sure that all Proteus devices are in factory state, please run a factory reset before doing any other action.



Please check whether the most recent firmware is installed on any Proteus device used.

3 General information

For a better understanding of the content of this chapter, basic knowledge of the Bluetooth® standard as well as that of the SPP-like profile is of advantage. Please find more details on that in the respective advanced developer guide:

- ANR024 Proteus-e advanced developer guide [3]

3.1 How to choose the operation mode?

The operation mode of the Proteus-e can be selected using different voltage levels of the *MODE_1* pin during module start-up.

The module starts in transparent mode, when a HIGH level is applied at the *MODE_1* pin and a reset is done via the */RESET* pin. If the *MODE_1* pin is LOW during the reset, the module starts in normal operation mode with command interface.



A pull-down is applied to the *MODE_1* pin during start-up. Thus increased currents can occur for a period ≤ 1 ms. After the start-up procedure has been finished, the *MODE_1* pin and thus the applied signal level has no function.

In case of the evaluation board for Proteus-e, the *MODE_1* pin is on pin 4 of the P1 pin header. Connect this pin to GND (P4) or leave it open and press the reset button to restart the Proteus-e in command mode. Connect this pin to VDD (P3) and press the reset button to restart the module in transparent mode.

3.2 General connection setup information

Figure 1 shows the steps that have to be performed successively during connection setup:

1. Physical connection establishment

A physical connection has to be established first. Therefore, a central device (i.e. smart phone) has to connect to the Proteus-e which runs as peripheral.

2. Pairing process (optional, in case the user setting RF_SecFlags has been set)

The authentication and exchange of encryption information is part of the pairing process. The central device must request at least the same security level to access the characteristics of the Proteus-e.



In case the peripheral device has enabled a security mode, but the central device goes on with the next steps without placing the pairing request, the peripheral device disconnects immediately as the required security level is not achieved. The same holds, if the central device places a bonding request with lower security level than required by the peripheral device.

3. Exchange of the maximum transmission unit (MTU) (optional)

The maximum transmission unit can be increased to allow the transmission of larger data packets. The Proteus-e allows an MTU of up to 247 bytes, which results in a maximum payload size (MPS) of 243 bytes. Not selecting a higher MTU will use the Bluetooth® LE 4.0 default MTU which results in a MPS of 19 bytes, but will be compatible to pre Bluetooth® LE 4.2 devices.

4. Discover the characteristics of the Proteus-e SPP-like profile

The characteristics offered by the Proteus-e have to be discovered by the central.

5. Notification enable

To transmit data from the peripheral to the central, the central must enable the notifications on the peripheral's characteristics. After this step, the channel is open and data transmission can start. In case of transparent mode, the UART is enabled at this time.

For the description, we assume that a smart phone is the initiator of the connection. Thus, it acts as central and the Proteus-e acts as peripheral in figure 1.

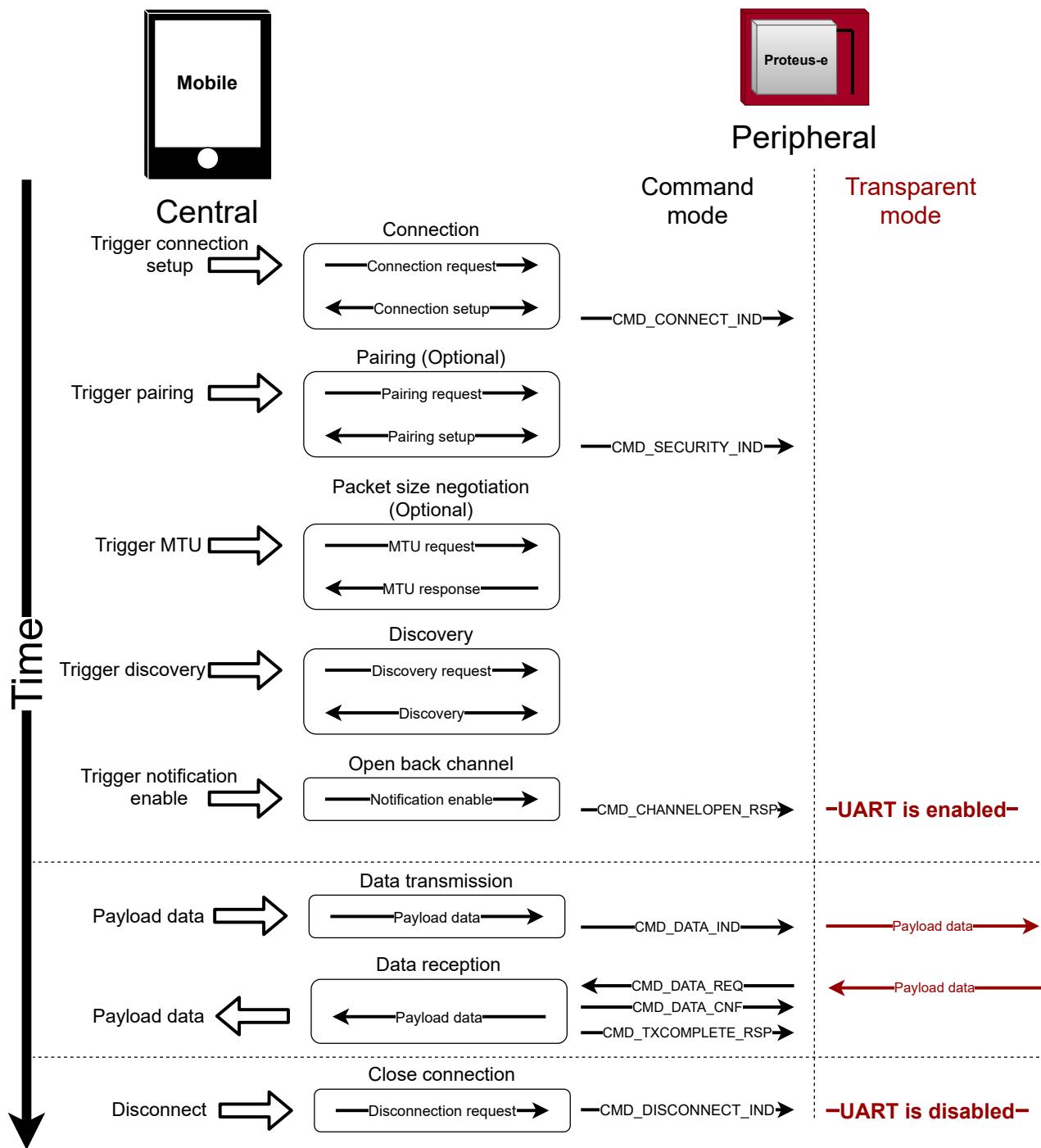


Figure 1: Steps for the connection setup

3.3 Transparent mode: Preconfiguring of the module

Only in case in transparent mode the user settings (such as UART baud rate, security mode or the static passkey value) have to be modified, please start the module in command mode. Then use the commands like CMD_SET_REQ to update these user settings and switch back to transparent mode.



For security reasons it is strongly recommended to change the default RF_StaticPasskey to a customer specific passkey in case static passkey pairing method is used.



Custom product: Upon request, Würth Elektronik eiSos can apply customer specific configuration(s) during the production process.

4 Transparent mode: Quickstart

In chapter 3.2 it has been described which steps have to be performed by the central device to setup a connection to a Proteus-e radio module running in **transparent mode**. What this means in practice will be shown in this chapter.

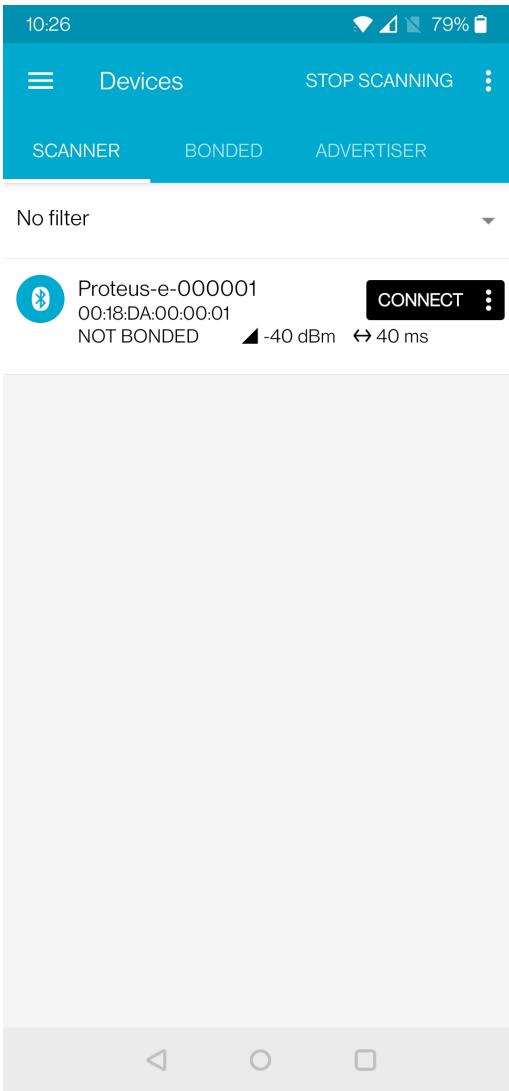
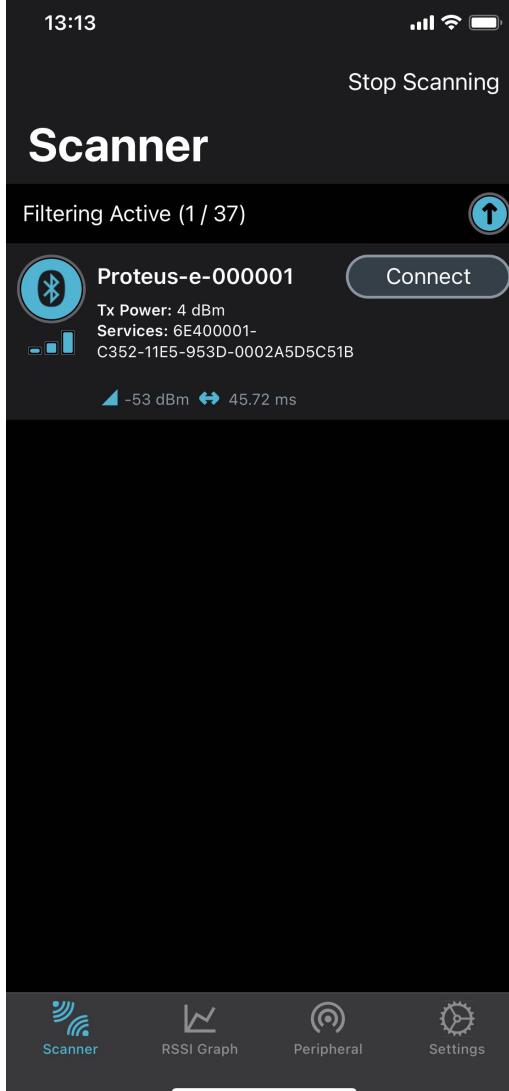
4.1 Smart phone using nRFConnect app as central device

This chapter describes how to setup a connection to the Proteus-e radio module in transparent mode, when a smart phone and the nRF Connect App are used.

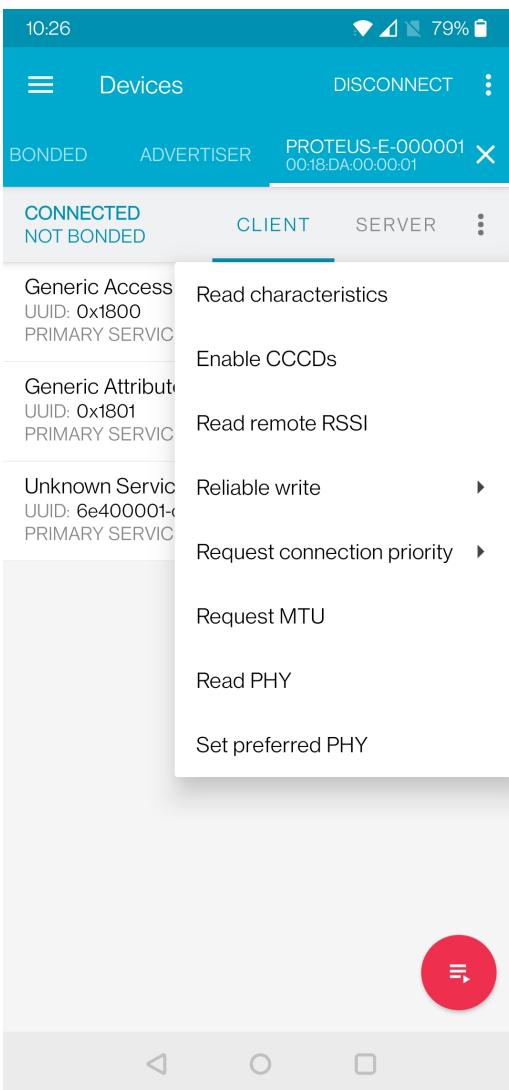
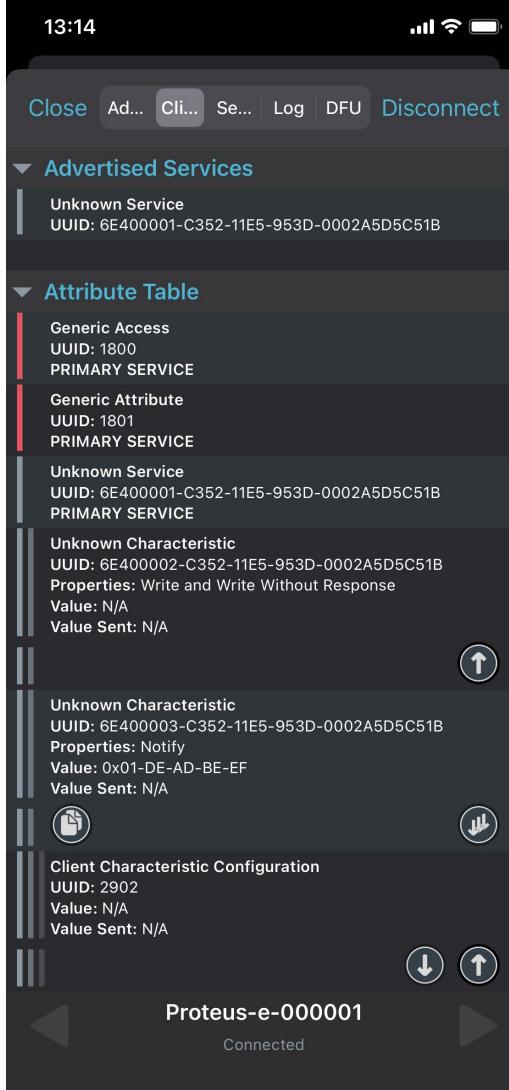


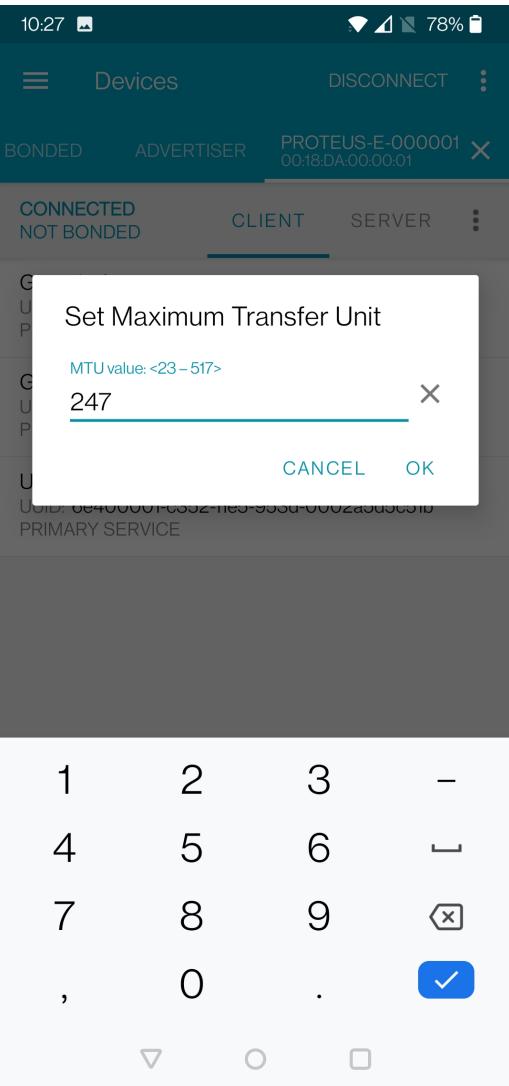
The nRF Connect App is an open source App providing standard Bluetooth® LE functions for iOS as well as for Android devices.

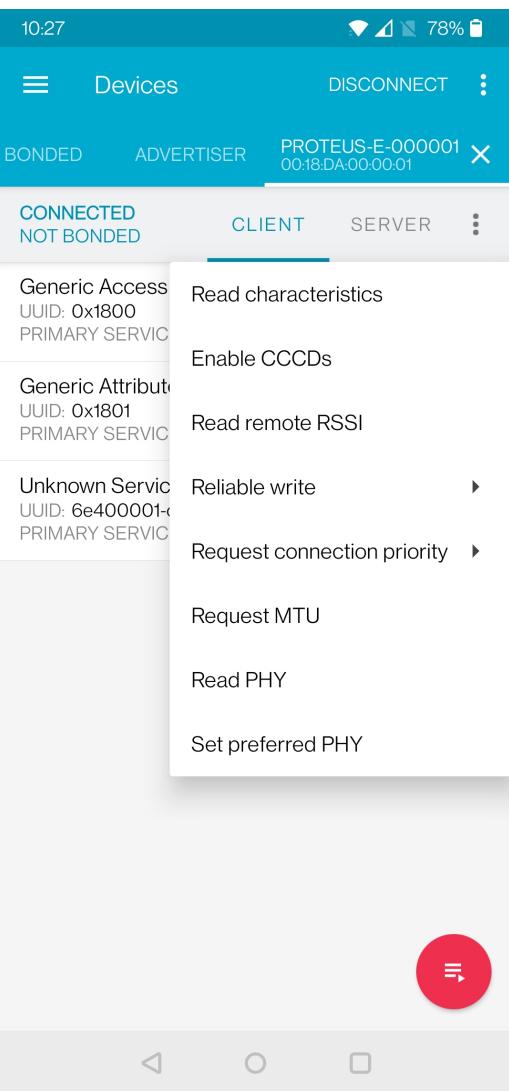
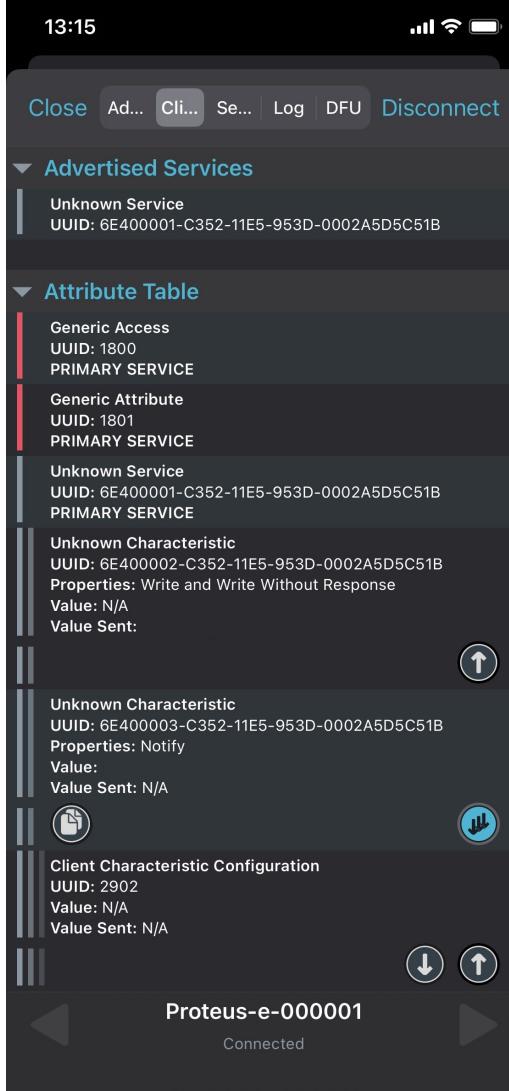
Please perform the following steps:

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect the module to a PC and open a terminal program using the Proteus-e default UART settings (115200 Baud, 8n1). • Set the module into transparent mode as described in chapter 3.1. Initially, the module is advertising. Thus, the Proteus-e <i>LED_1</i> is blinking slowly. • Start your smart phone, enable the Bluetooth® LE feature and start the nRF Connect App. • Press "SCAN" to find the module on the radio. • When the module appears, press connect. 	
	

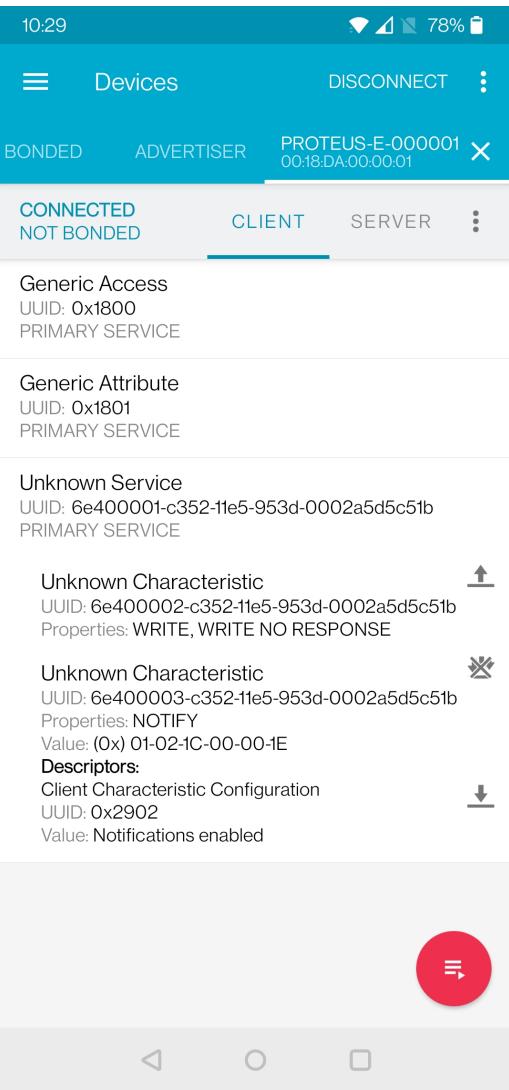
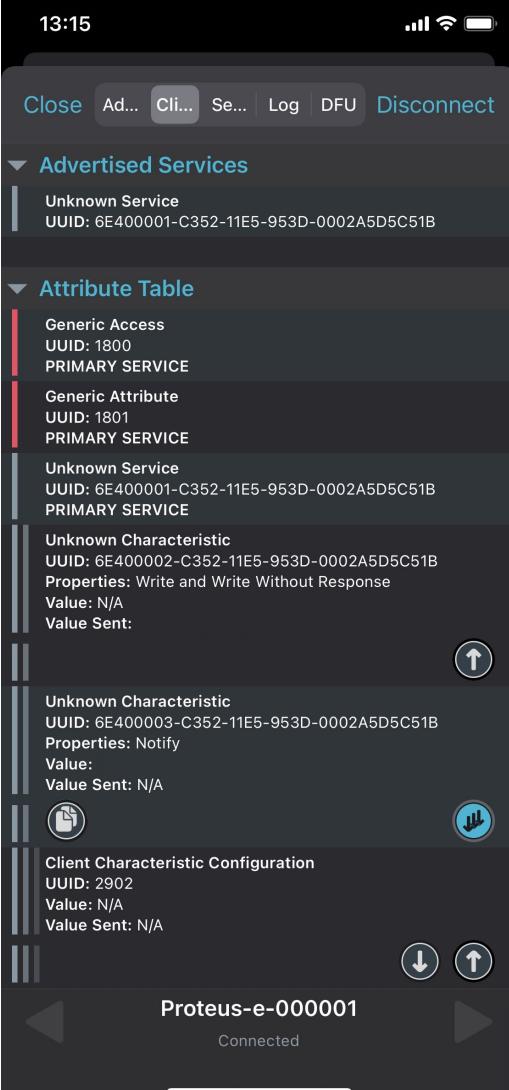
- As soon as the module has received the connection request, the module *LED_1* will blink faster.

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please click on the menu bullets on the right and press "Request MTU" to request for a larger MTU. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please click on the "Unknown Service" to start the service discovery and the MTU request. 

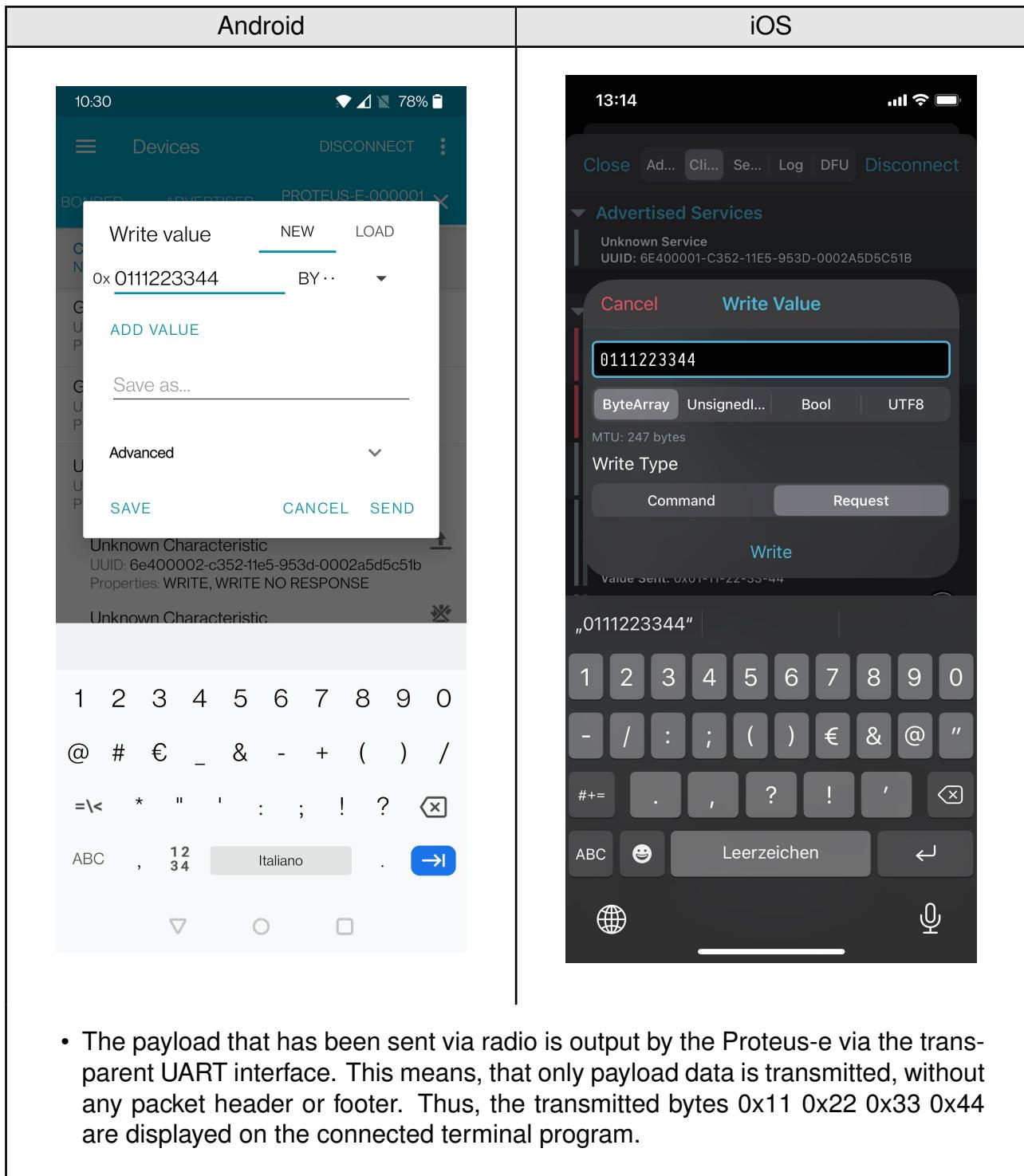
Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Proteus-e allows an MTU of up to 247 bytes, which results in a maximum payload size (MPS) of 243 bytes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The iOS App runs this step simultaneously in the background, a user-defined MTU is not possible.

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Again click on the menu bullets on the right and press "Enable services"/"Enable CCCDs" to enable the notifications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press the arrows on the RX-characteristic 6E400003-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B to enable the notifications. Press it until the symbol turns blue (see below, it has to be pressed at least once). If it is already blue, press it twice such that it is deselected and selected again. 

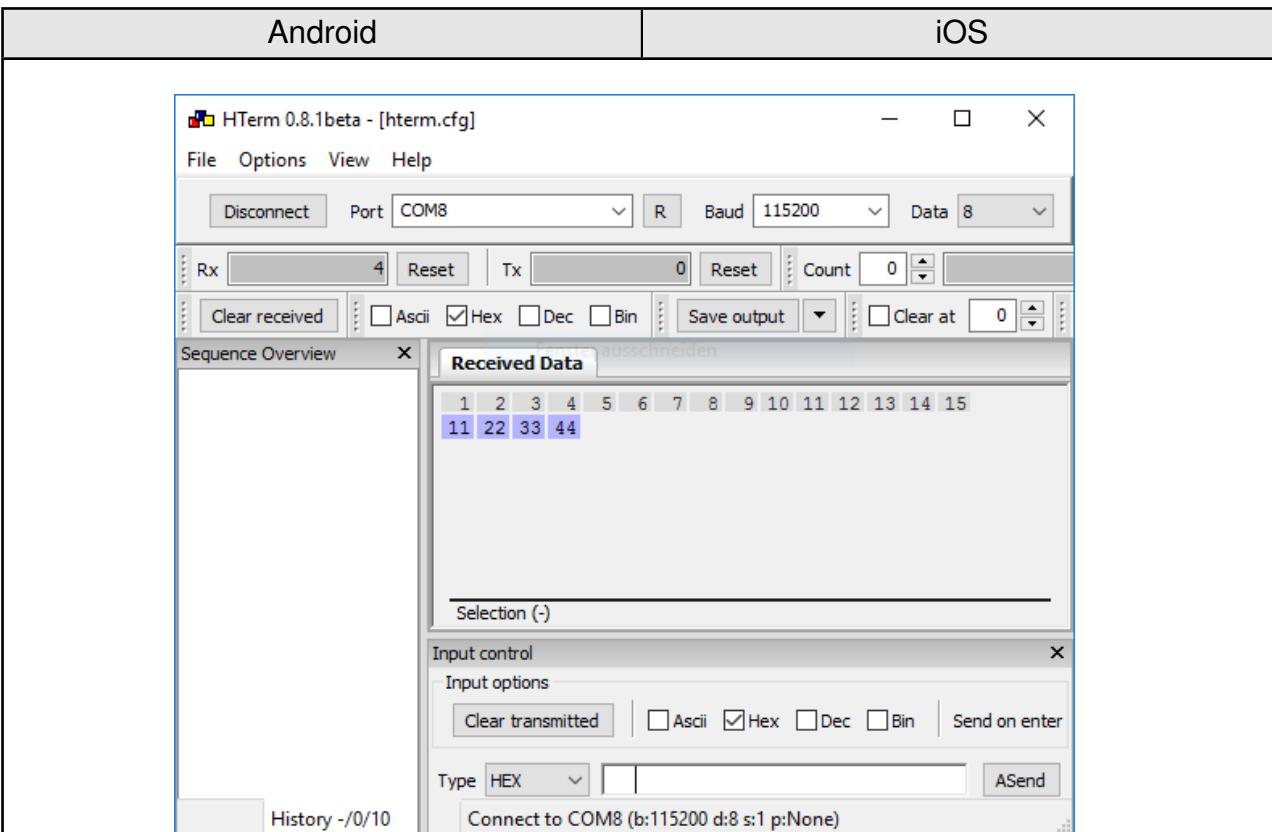
- As soon as the module has received the notification enable request the Proteus-e LED_1 is static on.

Android	iOS
 <p>10:29 78%</p> <p>Devices DISCONNECT</p> <p>BONDED ADVERTISER PROTEUS-E-000001 00:18:DA:00:00:01 X</p> <p>CONNECTED NOT BONDED CLIENT SERVER</p> <p>Generic Access UUID: 0x1800 PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Generic Attribute UUID: 0x1801 PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Unknown Service UUID: 6e400001-c352-11e5-953d-0002a5d5c51b PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Unknown Characteristic UUID: 6e400002-c352-11e5-953d-0002a5d5c51b Properties: WRITE, WRITE NO RESPONSE</p> <p>Unknown Characteristic UUID: 6e400003-c352-11e5-953d-0002a5d5c51b Properties: NOTIFY Value: (0x) 01-02-1C-00-00-1E Descriptors: Client Characteristic Configuration UUID: 2902 Value: Notifications enabled</p>	 <p>13:15</p> <p>Close Ad... Cli... Se... Log DFU Disconnect</p> <p>Advertised Services</p> <p>Unknown Service UUID: 6E400001-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B</p> <p>Attribute Table</p> <p>Generic Access UUID: 1800 PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Generic Attribute UUID: 1801 PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Unknown Service UUID: 6E400001-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Unknown Characteristic UUID: 6E400002-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B Properties: Write and Write Without Response Value: N/A Value Sent:</p> <p>Unknown Characteristic UUID: 6E400003-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B Properties: Notify Value: Value Sent: N/A</p> <p>Client Characteristic Configuration UUID: 2902 Value: N/A Value Sent: N/A</p> <p>Proteus-e-000001 Connected</p>

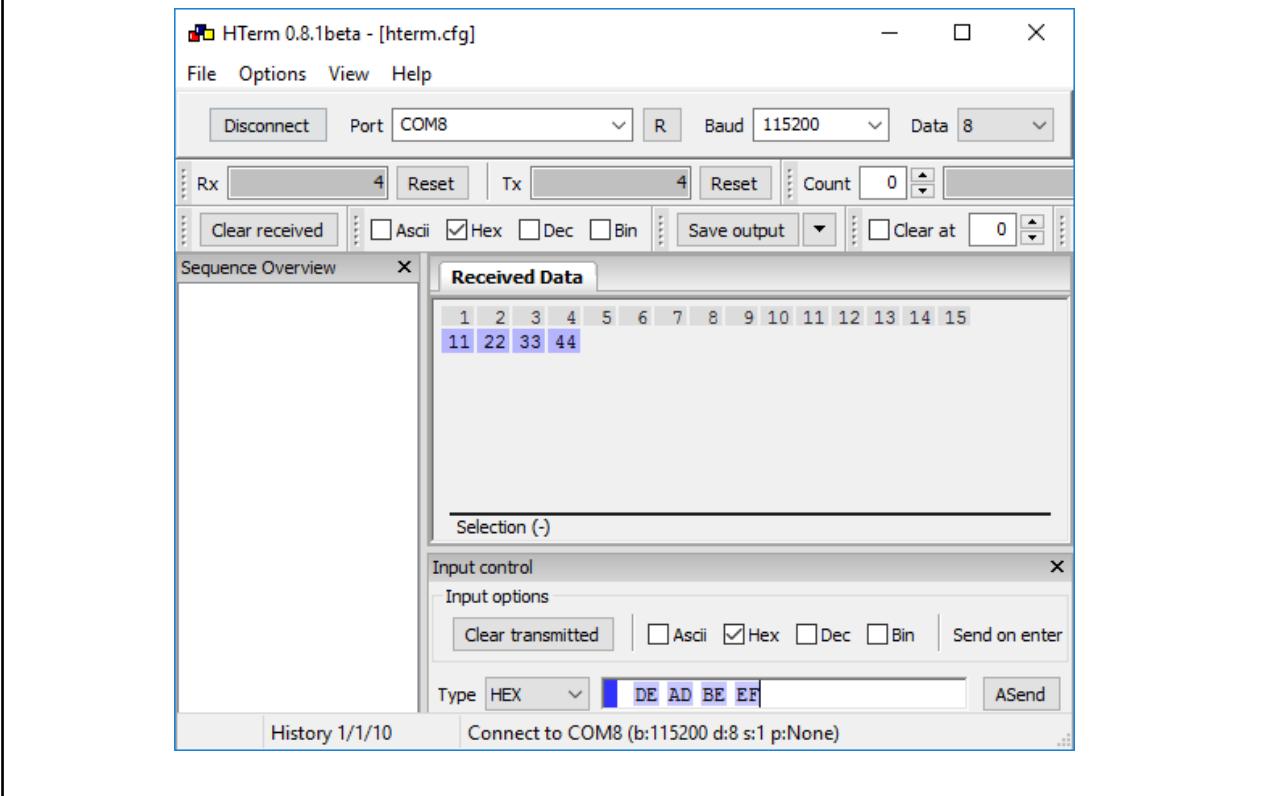
- Now you are fully connected and you can access the characteristics. The maximum size of payload depends on the chosen MTU size. Here we chose 247 bytes, which allows us to send 243 bytes of payload (MPS) via the channel.
- To send data to the Proteus-e, press the arrow next to the TX-characteristic 6E400002-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B.
- Then enter 0x01 as header byte followed by your payload (for example 0x11 0x22 0x33 0x44) and press "SEND". The payload size is dependent on the MPS that was negotiated in the connection process. The smallest supported MTU for all Bluetooth® 4.0 (or newer) devices results in a max payload size (MPS) of 19 bytes.

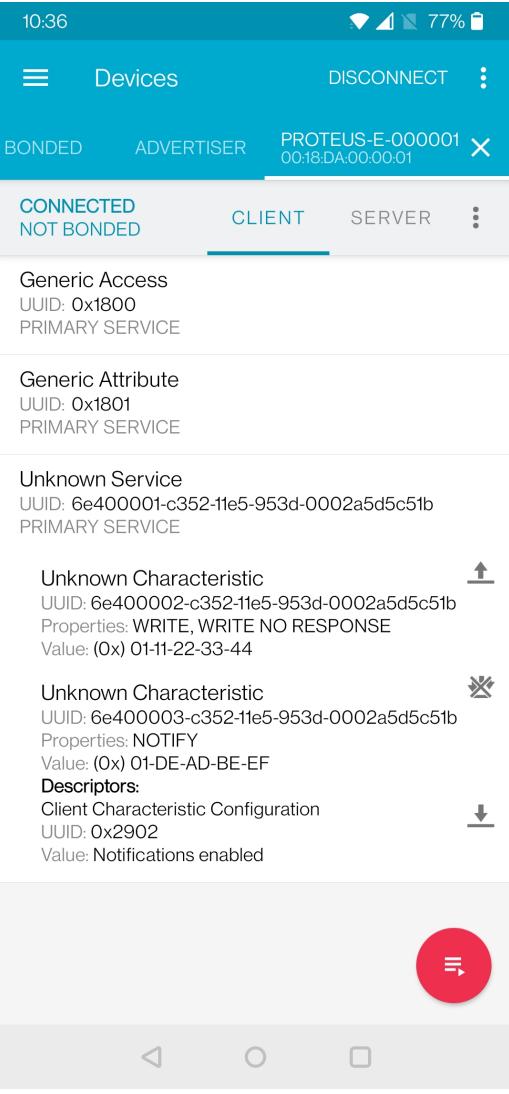
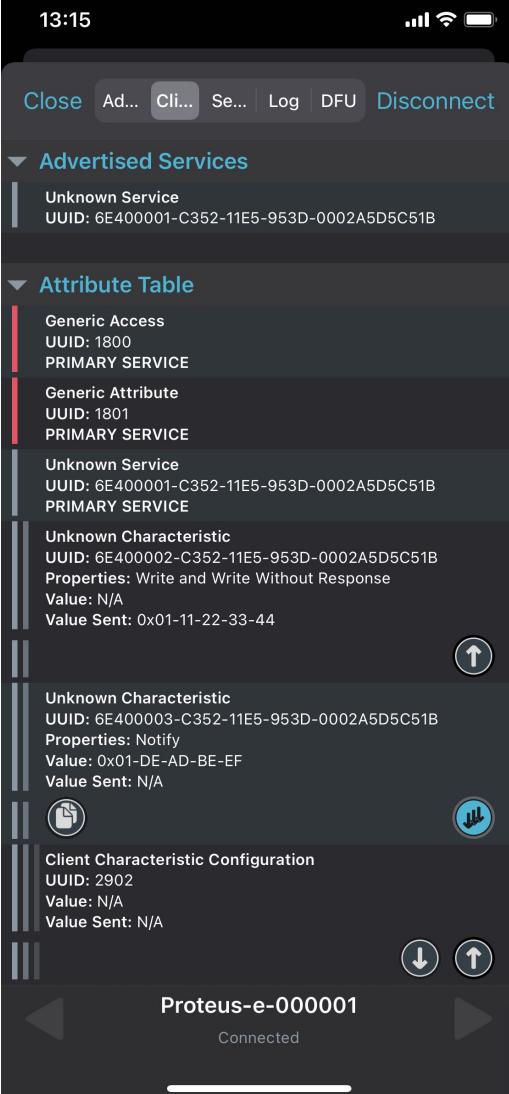


- The payload that has been sent via radio is output by the Proteus-e via the transparent UART interface. This means, that only payload data is transmitted, without any packet header or footer. Thus, the transmitted bytes 0x11 0x22 0x33 0x44 are displayed on the connected terminal program.



- To send back data, simply enter your payload in the respective terminal program field and press enter. In this example we choose 0xDE 0xAD 0xBE 0xEF. The header 0x01 will be automatically applied by the module and is not to be transmitted by the host.
- Here again the maximum payload size (MPS) must be respected.



Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The received data can be found in the RX-characteristic 6E400003-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B. It contains the header byte 0x01 and the payload 0xDE 0xAD 0xBE 0xEF. 	
 <p>10:36</p> <p>Devices</p> <p>DISCONNECT :</p> <p>BONDED ADVERTISER PROTEUS-E-000001 00:18:DA:00:00:01 X</p> <p>CONNECTED NOT BONDED CLIENT SERVER :</p> <p>Generic Access UUID: 0x1800 PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Generic Attribute UUID: 0x1801 PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Unknown Service UUID: 6e400001-c352-11e5-953d-0002a5d5c51b PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Unknown Characteristic UUID: 6e400002-c352-11e5-953d-0002a5d5c51b Properties: WRITE, WRITE NO RESPONSE Value: (0x) 01-11-22-33-44</p> <p>Unknown Characteristic UUID: 6e400003-c352-11e5-953d-0002a5d5c51b Properties: NOTIFY Value: (0x) 01-DE-AD-BE-EF Descriptors: Client Characteristic Configuration UUID: 0x2902 Value: Notifications enabled</p>	 <p>13:15</p> <p>Close Ad... Cli... Se... Log DFU Disconnect</p> <p>Advertised Services</p> <p>Unknown Service UUID: 6E400001-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B</p> <p>Attribute Table</p> <p>Generic Access UUID: 1800 PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Generic Attribute UUID: 1801 PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Unknown Service UUID: 6E400001-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B PRIMARY SERVICE</p> <p>Unknown Characteristic UUID: 6E400002-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B Properties: Write and Write Without Response Value: N/A Value Sent: 0x01-11-22-33-44</p> <p>Unknown Characteristic UUID: 6E400003-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B Properties: Notify Value: 0x01-DE-AD-BE-EF Value Sent: N/A</p> <p>Client Characteristic Configuration UUID: 2902 Value: N/A Value Sent: N/A</p> <p>Proteus-e-000001 Connected</p>

4.2 Smart phone using Proteus Connect app as central device

This chapter describes how to setup a connection to the Proteus-e radio module in transparent mode, when a smart phone and the Proteus Connect App are used.



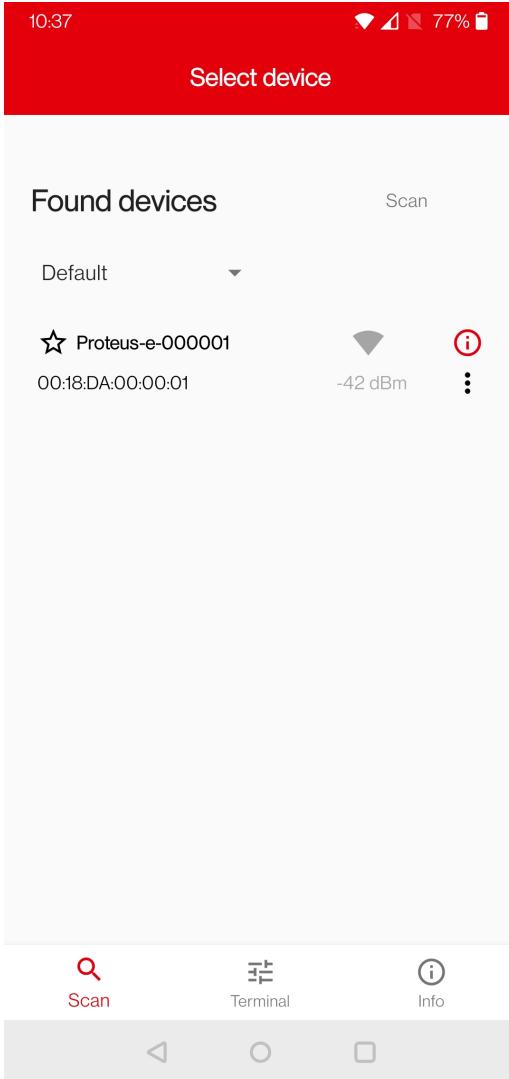
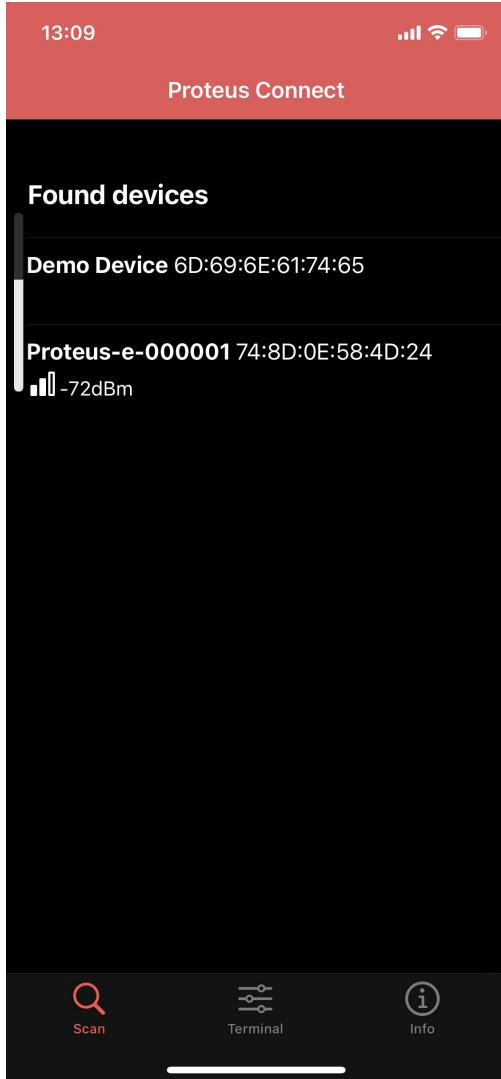
The Proteus Connect App (for iOS [7] and Android [6]) is provided by Würth Elektronik eiSos as executable as well as source code.

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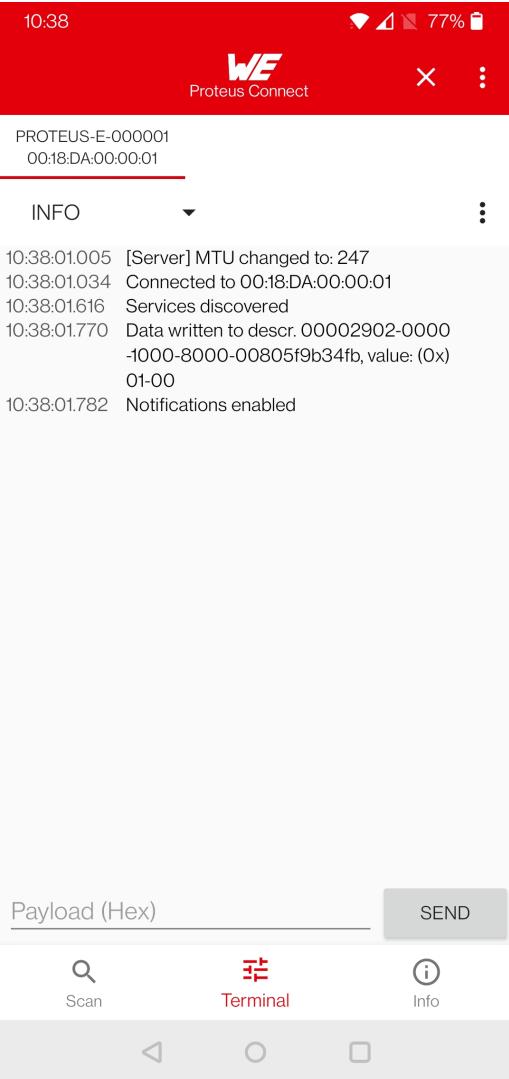
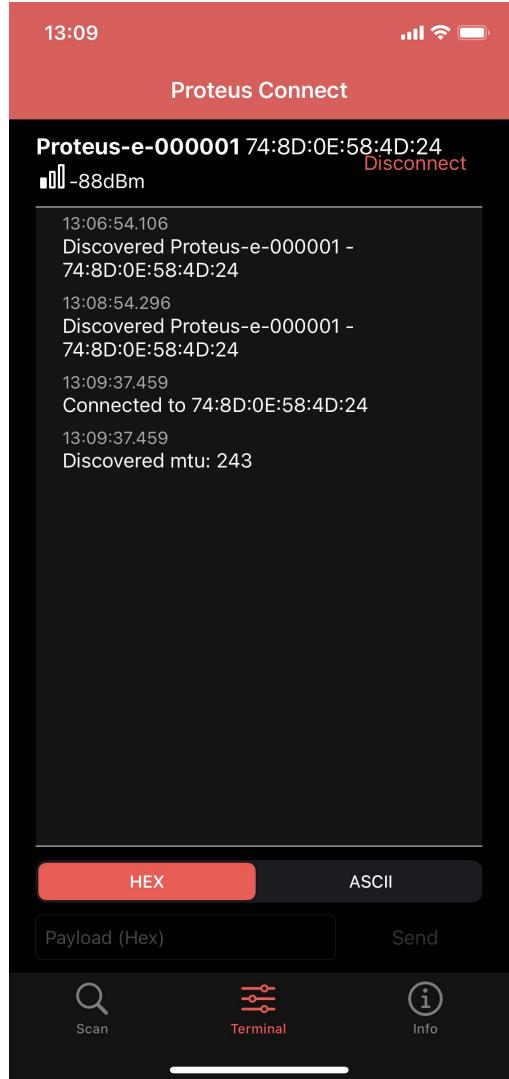
Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connect the module to a PC and open a terminal program using the Proteus-e default UART settings (115200 Baud, 8n1).• Set the module into transparent mode as described in chapter 3.1. Initially, the module is advertising. Thus the Proteus-e <i>LED_1</i> is blinking slow.• Start your smart phone, enable the Bluetooth® LE feature and start the Proteus Connect App.	

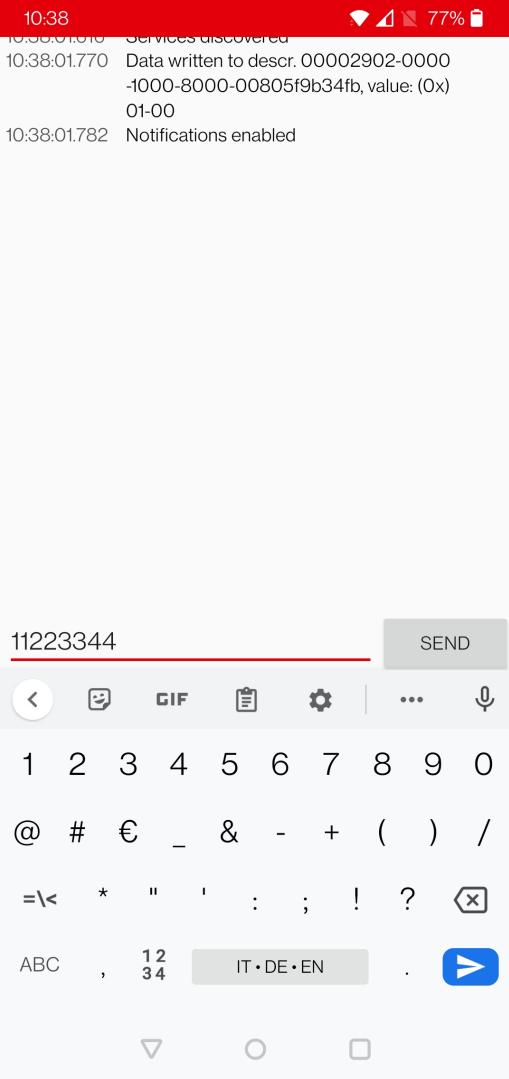
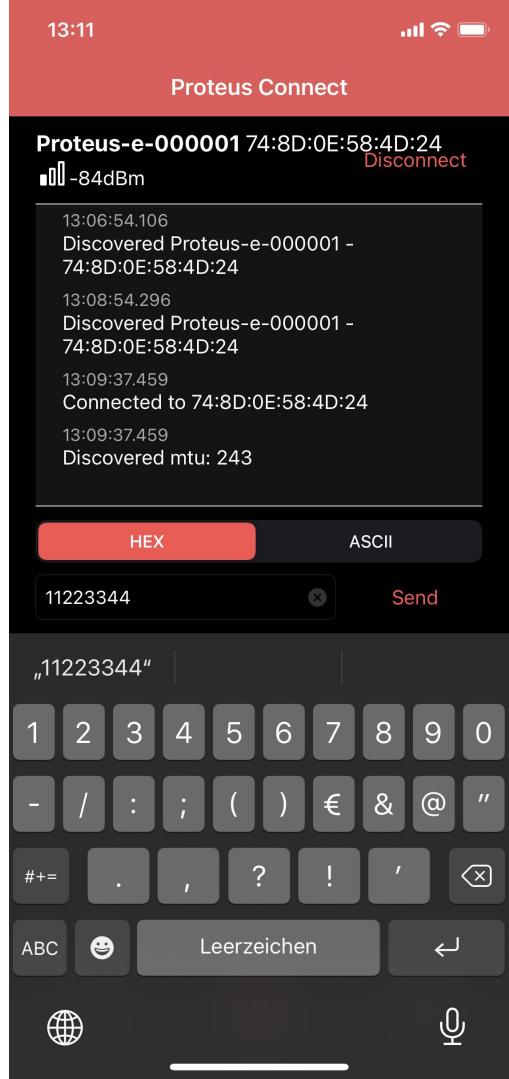


Please note that Bluetooth® LE function of Android devices is only available if the location services are enabled in addition.

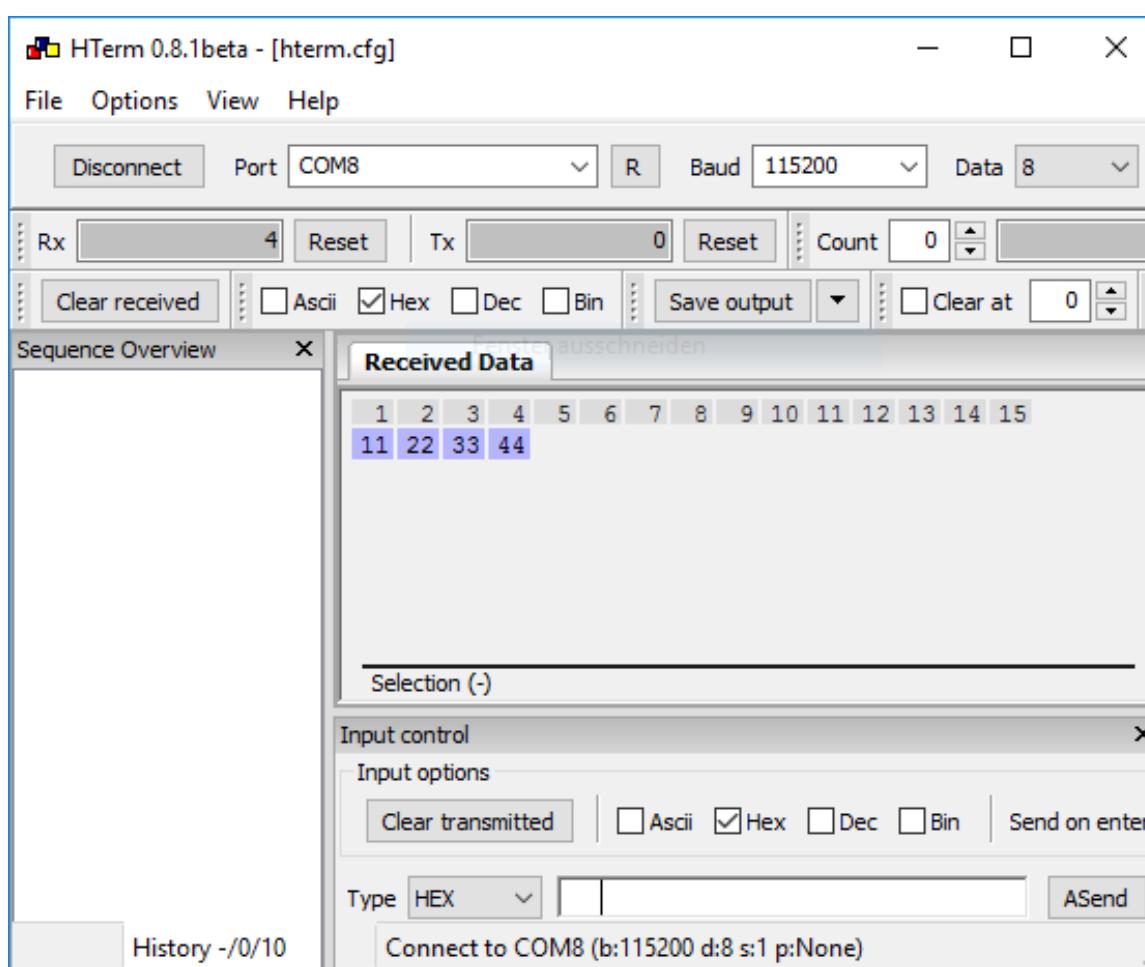
Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Press "Scan" to find the module on the radio.  <p>10:37 77% Select device</p> <p>Found devices Scan</p> <p>Default</p> <p>Proteus-e-000001 6D:69:6E:61:74:65 00:18:DA:00:00:01 -42 dBm</p> <p>Scan Terminal Info</p>	 <p>13:09 Proteus Connect</p> <p>Found devices</p> <p>Demo Device 6D:69:6E:61:74:65</p> <p>Proteus-e-000001 74:8D:0E:58:4D:24 -72dBm</p> <p>Scan Terminal Info</p>

- When the module appears, press connect.
- As soon as the module has received the connection request, the module *LED_1* blinks fast.

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As soon as the connection has been setup successfully <i>LED_1</i> is turned static on. Now data can be transmitted in both directions. 	
	

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First of all, we want to send data from the smart phone to the radio module. To do so, enter your payload (for example 0x11 0x22 0x33 0x44) and press "SEND". The maximum payload size (MPS) is dependent on the MTU that was negotiated in the connection process. The smallest supported MTU for all Bluetooth® 4.0 (or newer) devices results in a max payload size (MPS) of 19 bytes. iOS and Android usually allow up to 243 bytes. 	
	

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The payload that has been sent via radio is output by the Proteus-e via UART. In transparent mode, a transparent UART interface is used. This means, that only payload data is transmitted, without any packet header or footer. Thus, the transmitted bytes 0x11 0x22 0x33 0x44 are displayed on the connected terminal program.	



The screenshot shows the HTerm 0.8.1beta software interface. The title bar reads "HTerm 0.8.1beta - [hterm.cfg]". The menu bar includes File, Options, View, and Help. The main window displays a "Received Data" table with columns numbered 1 to 15. The data row shows the bytes 11, 22, 33, and 44, which are highlighted with a blue selection bar. Below the table is a "Selection (-)" label. To the right, there is an "Input control" panel with "Input options" and checkboxes for Ascii, Hex, Dec, and Bin, with Hex selected. The "Type" dropdown is set to "HEX". At the bottom, there is a "History -/0/10" button and a status bar showing "Connect to COM8 (b:115200 d:8 s:1 p:None)".

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To send back data simply enter your payload in the respective terminal program field and press enter. In this example we choose 0xDE 0xAD 0xBE 0xEF. The header 0x01 will be automatically applied by the module and is not to be transmitted by the host. Here again the maximum payload size (MPS) must be respected. 	

HTerm 0.8.1beta - [hterm.cfg]

File Options View Help

Disconnect Port COM8 R Baud 115200 Data 8

Rx 4 Reset Tx 4 Reset Count 0

Clear received Ascii Hex Dec Bin Save output Clear at 0

Sequence Overview x Received Data

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
11	22	33	44											

Selection (-)

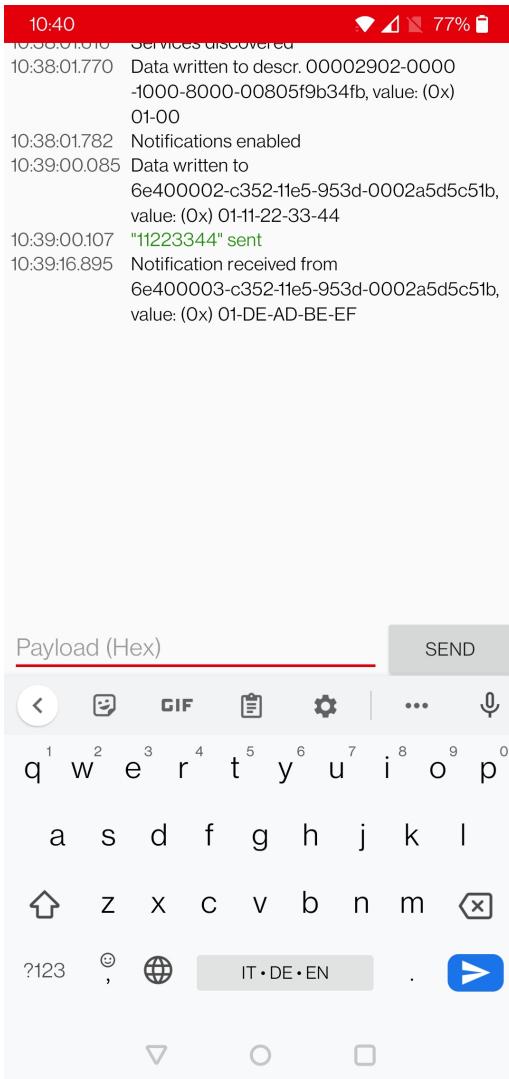
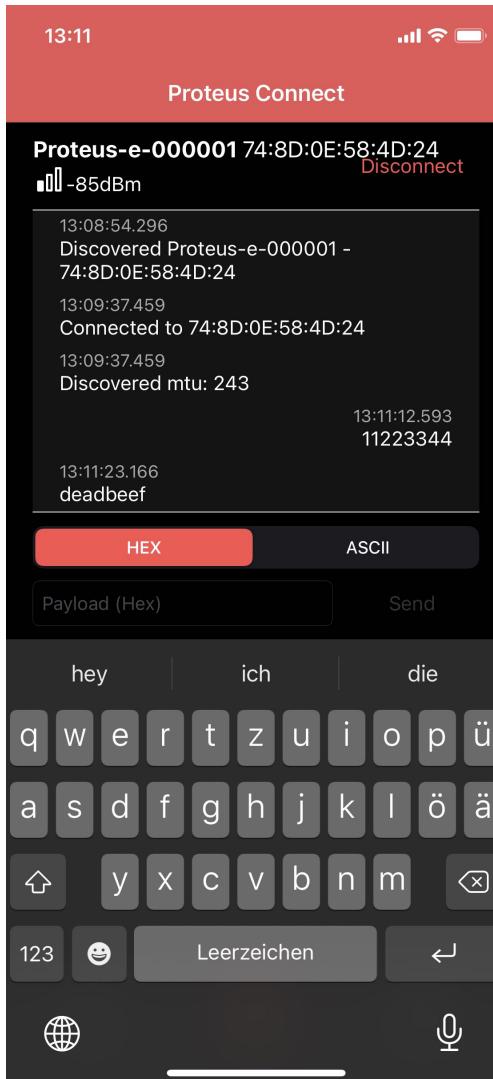
Input control x

Input options

Clear transmitted Ascii Hex Dec Bin Send on enter

Type HEX DE AD BE EF ASend

History 1/1/10 Connect to COM8 (b:115200 d:8 s:1 p:None)

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The received data is shown in the status window. It contains the header byte 0x01 and the payload 0xDE 0x-AD 0xBE 0xEF, that has been entered in the terminal program.  <p>10:40 10:38:01.010 Services discovered 10:38:01.770 Data written to descr. 00002902-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb, value: (0x) 01-00 10:38:01.782 Notifications enabled 10:39:00.085 Data written to 6e400002-c352-11e5-953d-0002a5d5c51b, value: (0x) 01-11-22-33-44 10:39:00.107 "11223344" sent 10:39:16.895 Notification received from 6e400003-c352-11e5-953d-0002a5d5c51b, value: (0x) 01-DE-AD-BE-EF</p> <p>Payload (Hex) <input type="text" value="11223344"/> SEND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The received data is shown in the status window.  <p>13:11 Proteus Connect Proteus-e-000001 74:8D:0E:58:4D:24 -85dBm 13:08:54.296 Discovered Proteus-e-000001 - 74:8D:0E:58:4D:24 13:09:37.459 Connected to 74:8D:0E:58:4D:24 13:09:37.459 Discovered mtu: 243 13:11:12.593 11223344 13:11:23.166 deadbeef</p> <p>HEX ASCII</p> <p>Payload (Hex) <input type="text" value="11223344"/> Send</p> <p>hey ich die q w e r t z u i o p ü a s d f g h j k l ö ä z x c v b n m <input type="button" value="X"/> 123 <input type="button" value=""/> Leerzeichen <input type="button" value=""/> <input type="button" value=""/></p>

4.2.1 Background service on iOS

By default, iOS disconnects the Bluetooth® LE connection, in case the Proteus Connect App is put to background. To avoid this behaviour, the background service of the Proteus Connect App must be enabled by going to the info tab and selecting the "Bluetooth Background Mode" slider.

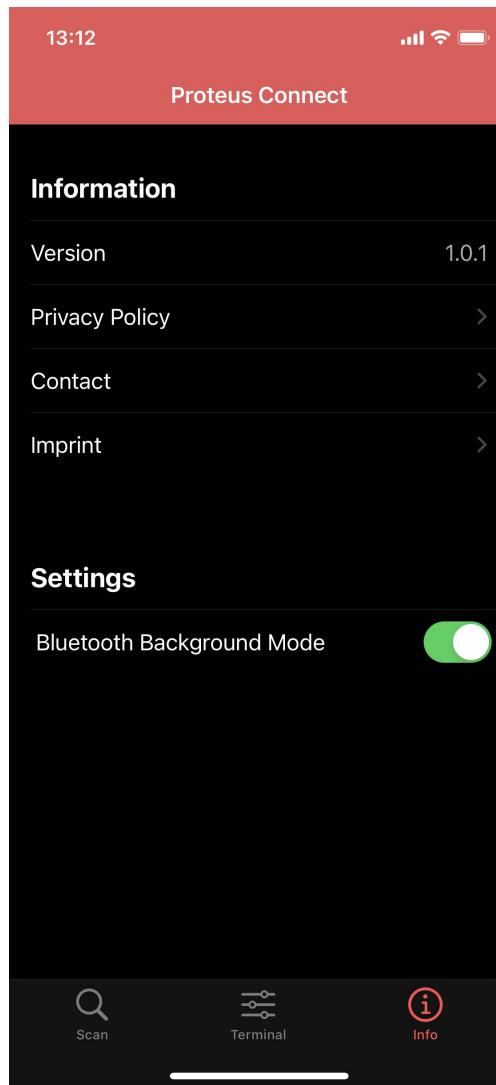


Figure 2: Enable the background service on iOS

4.3 Proteus module or USB radio stick as central device

This chapter describes how to setup a connection to the Proteus-e radio module in transparent mode, when another Proteus radio module or even Proteus USB radio stick is used as central device.



The Proteus-e does not support the role of central device.



For reasons of simplicity, we will call the Proteus radio module or USB radio stick that is intended to setup the connection to the Proteus module running in transparent mode, **Proteus_central**. Furthermore, we will call the Proteus-e module running in transparent mode, **Proteus_peripheral**.



Please note that the **Proteus_central** must run in command mode to initiate the connection setup.



In this example we assume that the MAC of the **Proteus_peripheral** is 0x0018DA000011.

1. Connect **Proteus_central** to the **Proteus_peripheral** via Bluetooth® LE.

Info	Proteus_central	Proteus_peripheral
⇒ Request CMD_CONNECT_REQ with FS_BTMAC of Proteus_peripheral	02 06 06 00 11 00 00 DA 18 00 D1	
⇐ Response CMD_CONNECT_CNF: Request understood, try to connect now	02 46 01 00 00 45	
⇐ Indication CMD_CONNECT_IND: Physical connection established successfully to the module with FS_BTMAC 0x11 0x00 0x00 0xDA 0x18 0x00	02 86 07 00 00 11 00 00 DA 18 00 50	
⇐ Channel opened successfully to the module with FS_BTMAC 0x11 0x00 0x00 0xDA 0x18 0x00 and maximum payload size of 0xF3 (243 Bytes) per packet	02 C6 08 00 00 11 00 00 DA 18 00 F3 EC	

2. Now the connection is active. Thus, data can be sent in each direction. Let us send a string "ABCD" from **Proteus_peripheral** to **Proteus_central**.



The RSSI values will be different in your tests.

Info	Proteus_central	Proteus_peripheral
⇒ Transparent send "ABCD" to Proteus_central		41 42 43 44
⇐ Indication CMD_DATA_IND: Received string "ABCD" from FS_BTMAC 0x11 0x00 0x00 0xDA 0x18 0x00 with RSSI of 0xCA (-54dBm)	02 84 0B 00 11 00 00 DA 18 00 CA 41 42 43 44 90	

3. Reply with "EFGH" to the **Proteus_peripheral**.

Info	Proteus_central	Proteus_peripheral
⇒ Request CMD_DATA_REQ: Send "EFGH" to Proteus_peripheral	02 04 04 00 45 46 47 48 0E	
⇐ Response CMD_DATA_CNF: Request received, send data now	02 44 01 00 00 47	
⇐ Transparent received string "EFGH"		45 46 47 48
⇐ Response CMD_TXCOMPLETE_RSP: Data transmitted successfully	02 C4 01 00 00 C7	

4. Now **Proteus_central** closes the connection.

Info	Proteus_central	Proteus_peripheral
⇒ Request CMD_DISCONNECT_REQ: Disconnect	02 07 00 00 05	
⇐ Response CMD_DISCONNECT_CNF: Request received, disconnect now	02 47 01 00 00 44	
⇐ Indication CMD_DISCONNECT_IND: Connection closed	02 87 01 00 16 92	

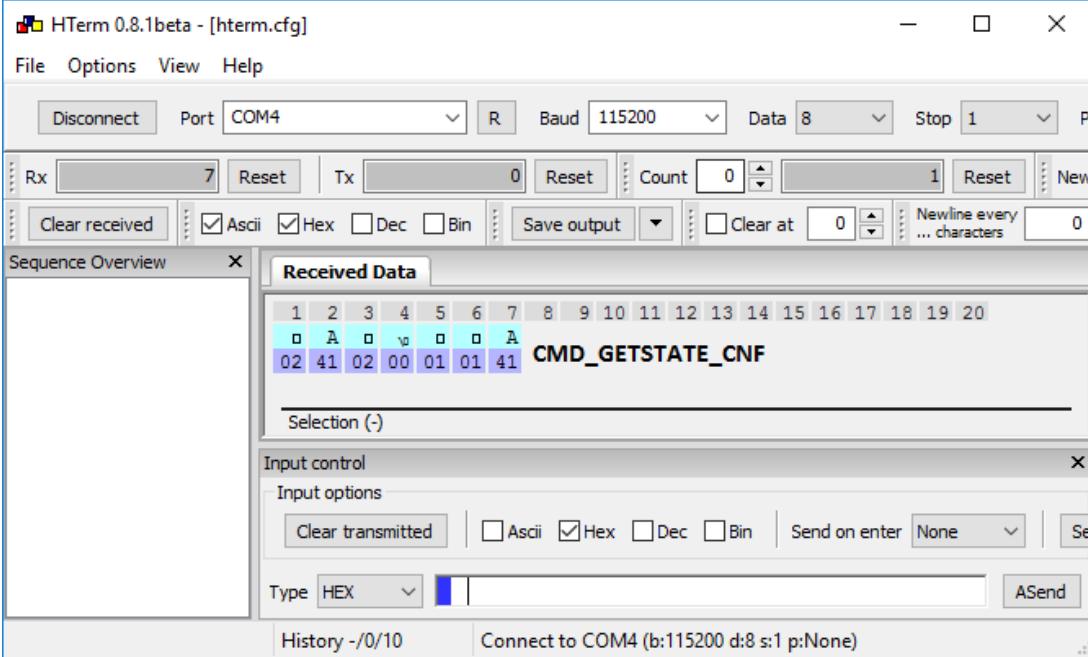
5 Command mode: Quickstart

In chapter 3.2 it has been described which steps have to be performed by the central device to setup a connection to a Proteus-e radio module running in **command mode**. What this means in practice will be shown in this chapter.

5.1 Smart phone using nRFConnect app as central device

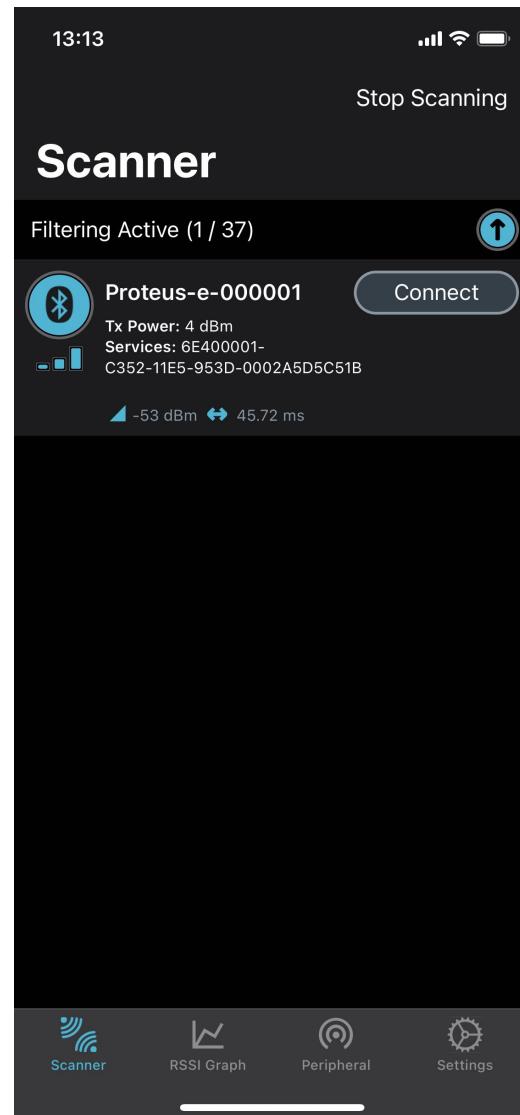
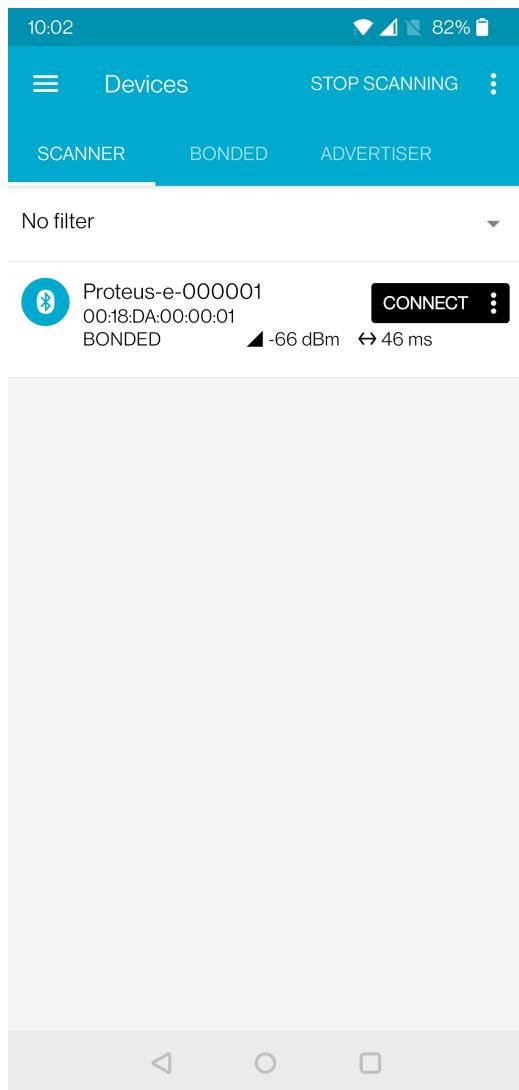
This chapter describes how to setup a connection to the Proteus module in command mode, when a smart phone and the **nRF Connect** App [1][2] are used. Please perform the following steps:

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect the Proteus evaluation board to a host. In this application note, we assume that a Windows PC and the terminal program <i>hterm</i> is used. To make life easy, also the SmartCommander PC tool provided by Würth Elektronik eiSos can be used. This tool implements all commands of the radio module. • Open the terminal program using the Proteus-e default UART settings (115200 Baud, 8n1). • Press the reset button on the evaluation board. The module outputs a CMD_GETSTATE_CNF (0x02410200010141) message to indicate that it is ready for operation. 	



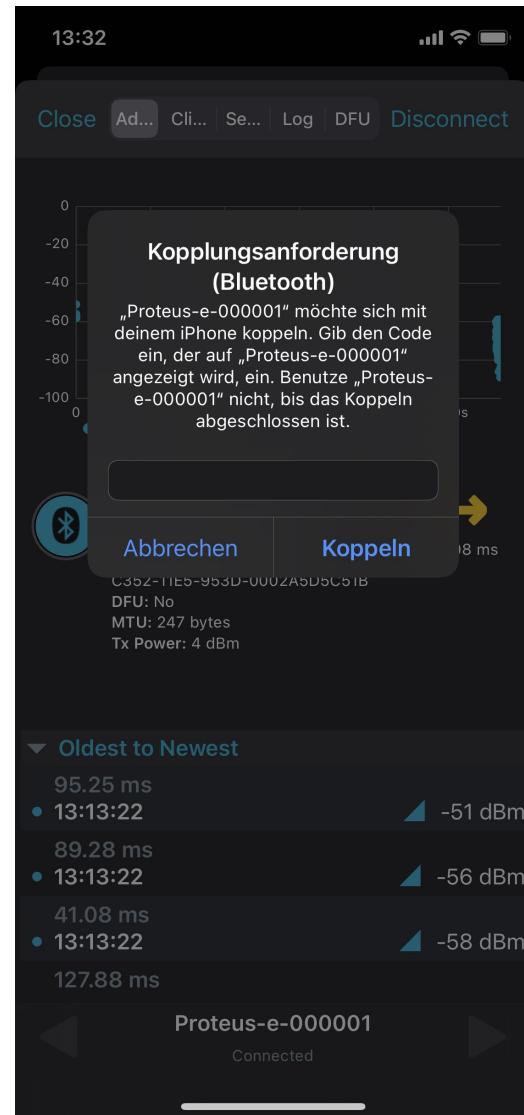
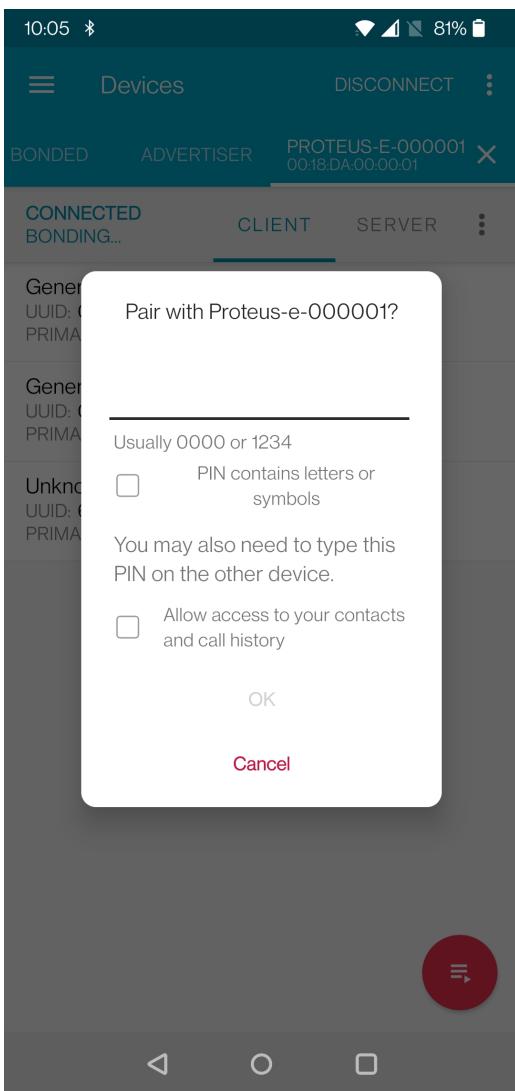
The screenshot shows the HTerm 0.8.1beta terminal window with the title 'HTerm 0.8.1beta - [hterm.cfg]'. The window has a menu bar with File, Options, View, and Help. Below the menu is a control panel with buttons for Disconnect, Port (COM4), R, Baud (115200), Data (8), Stop (1), and a New button. There are also buttons for Rx (7), Reset, Tx (0), Count (0), and a New button. Below the control panel are checkboxes for Clear received, Ascii (checked), Hex (checked), Dec, and Bin. There are also buttons for Save output, Clear at (0), and Newline every ... characters (0). The main window is titled 'Received Data' and shows a sequence of bytes. The bytes are displayed in two rows: the top row shows the byte values 1 through 20, and the bottom row shows the corresponding ASCII characters. The message 'CMD_GETSTATE_CNF' is highlighted in the received data window. At the bottom of the window, there is an 'Input control' section with checkboxes for Clear transmitted, Ascii (unchecked), Hex (checked), Dec, and Bin. There is also a 'Send on enter' dropdown set to 'None' and an 'ASend' button. The bottom of the window also shows a 'History -/0/10' and a 'Connect to COM4 (b:115200 d:8 s:1 p:None)' button.

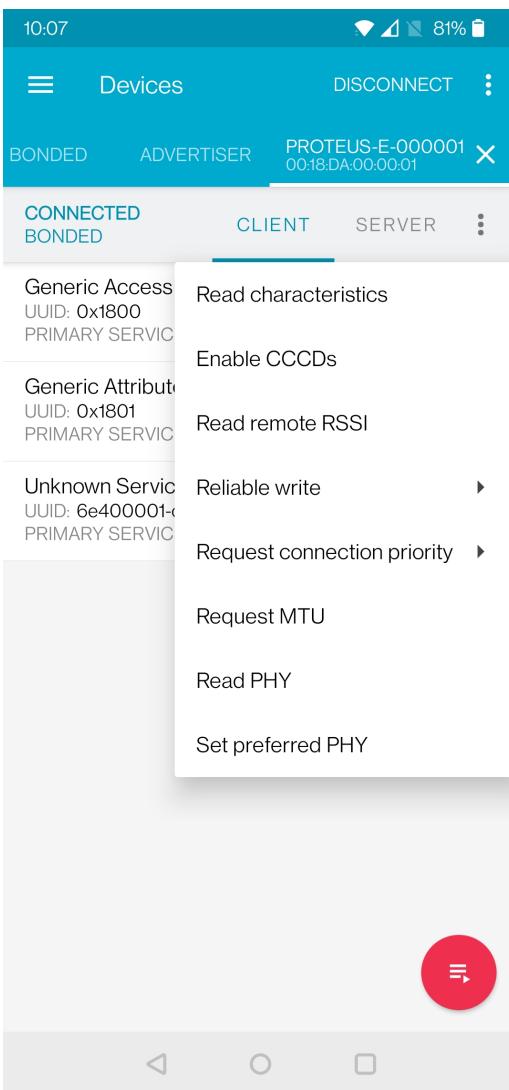
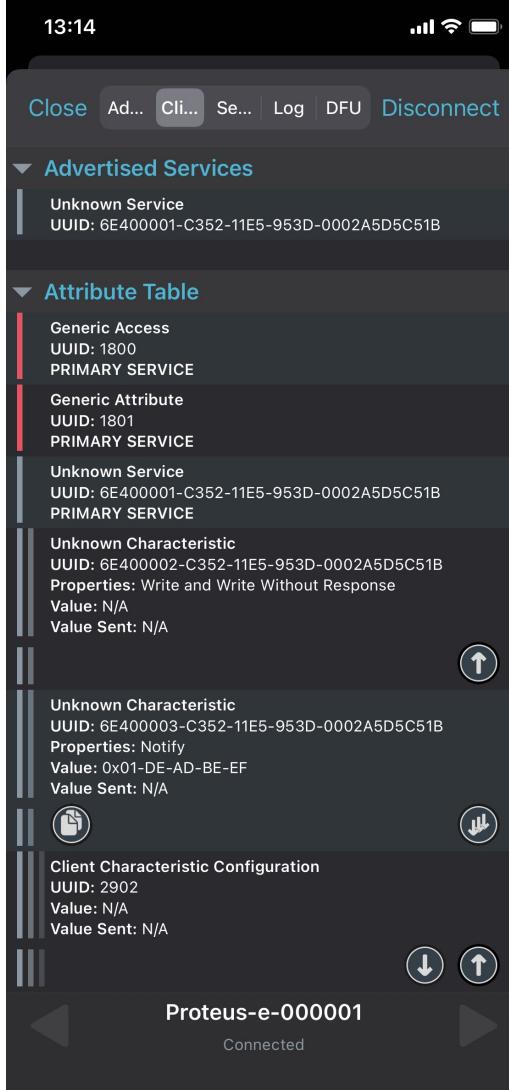
Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initially, the module is advertising. Thus, one LED of the Proteus evaluation board is blinking. Start your smart phone, enable the Bluetooth® LE feature and start the nRF Connect App. Press "SCAN" to find the module on the radio. In case several Proteus modules are found, the Bluetooth® MAC 0x0018DAxxxx can be used to detect the right one. The Bluetooth® MAC consists of the module's serial number, that can be also found on the module label. 	

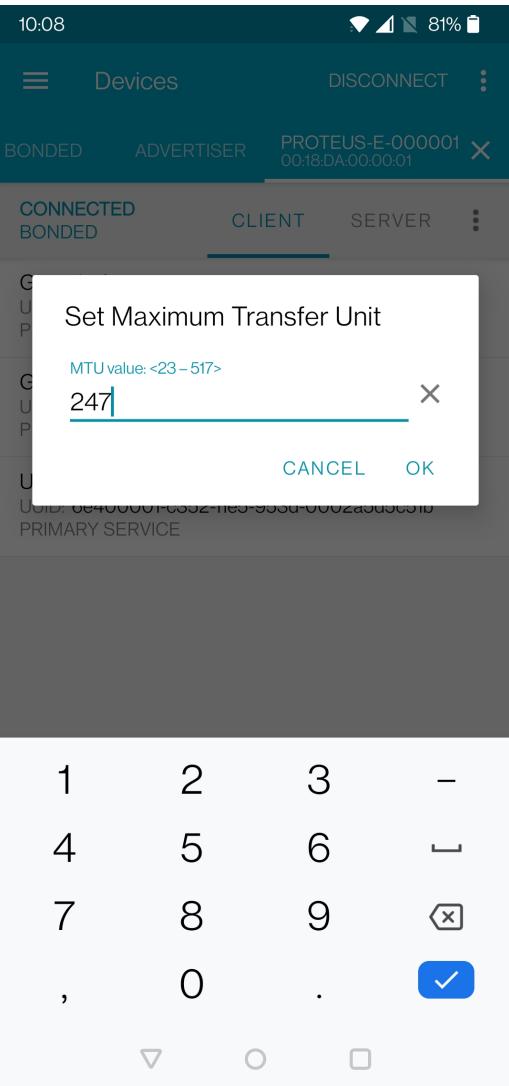


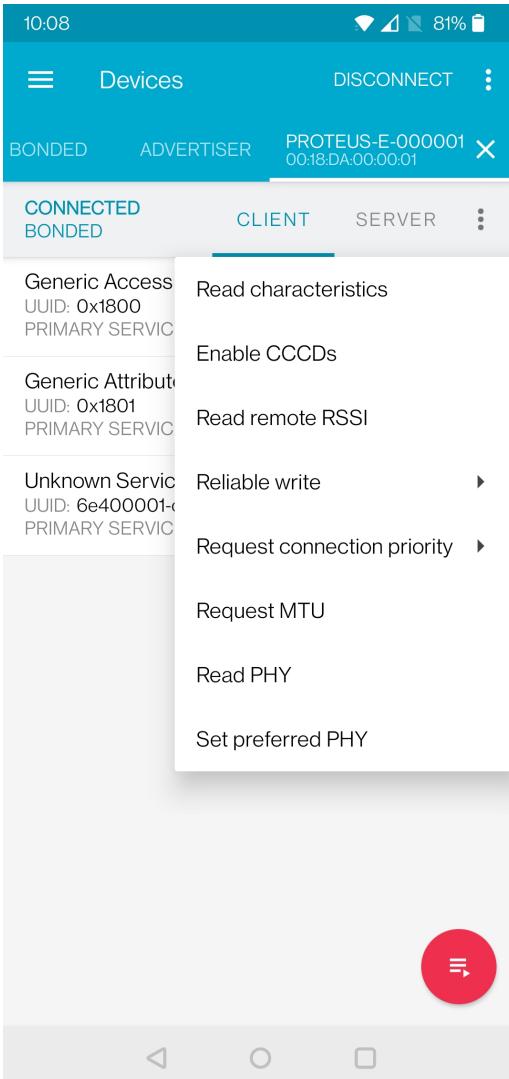
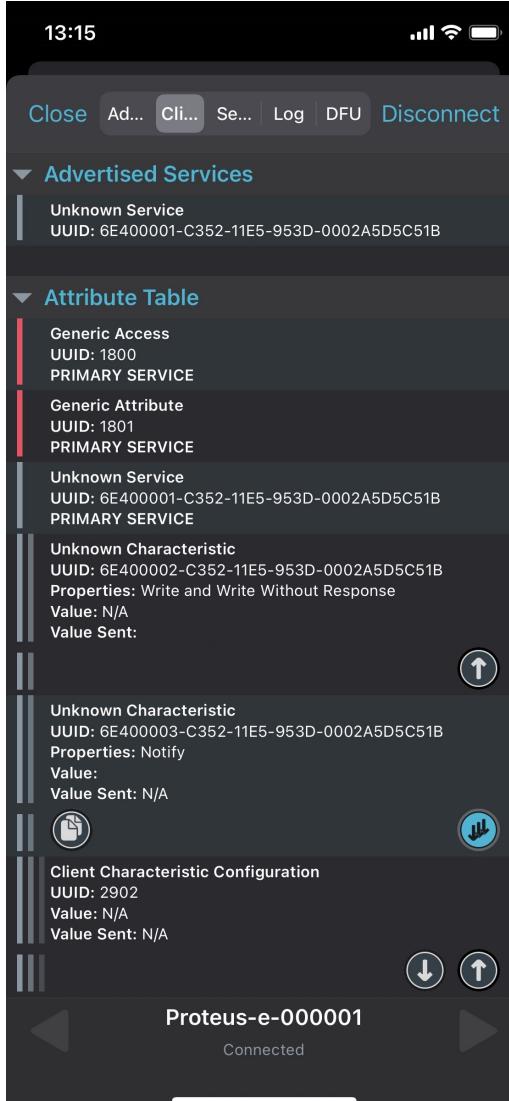
- When the module appears, press "CONNECT".

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As soon as the module has received the connection request from the smart phone the blinking LED will blink faster. Optional pairing: In case a security mode has been configured before, the smart phone requests the user for pairing actions. In case of the static passkey authentication, the Proteus requests to enter the static passkey. The default passkey is "123123". The Bluetooth® coupling requirement pop-up is shown on your smart phone. When the bonding feature is enabled in the authentication settings and the bonding information already exists, a re-entering of the passkey is not required when reconnecting. 	



Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please click on the menu bullets on the right and press "Request MTU" to request for a larger MTU. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please click on the "Unknown Service" to start the service discovery and the MTU request. 

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Proteus module allows a MTU of up to 247 bytes, which results in a maximum payload size (MPS) of 243 bytes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The iOS App runs this step simultaneously in the background, a user-defined MTU is not possible.

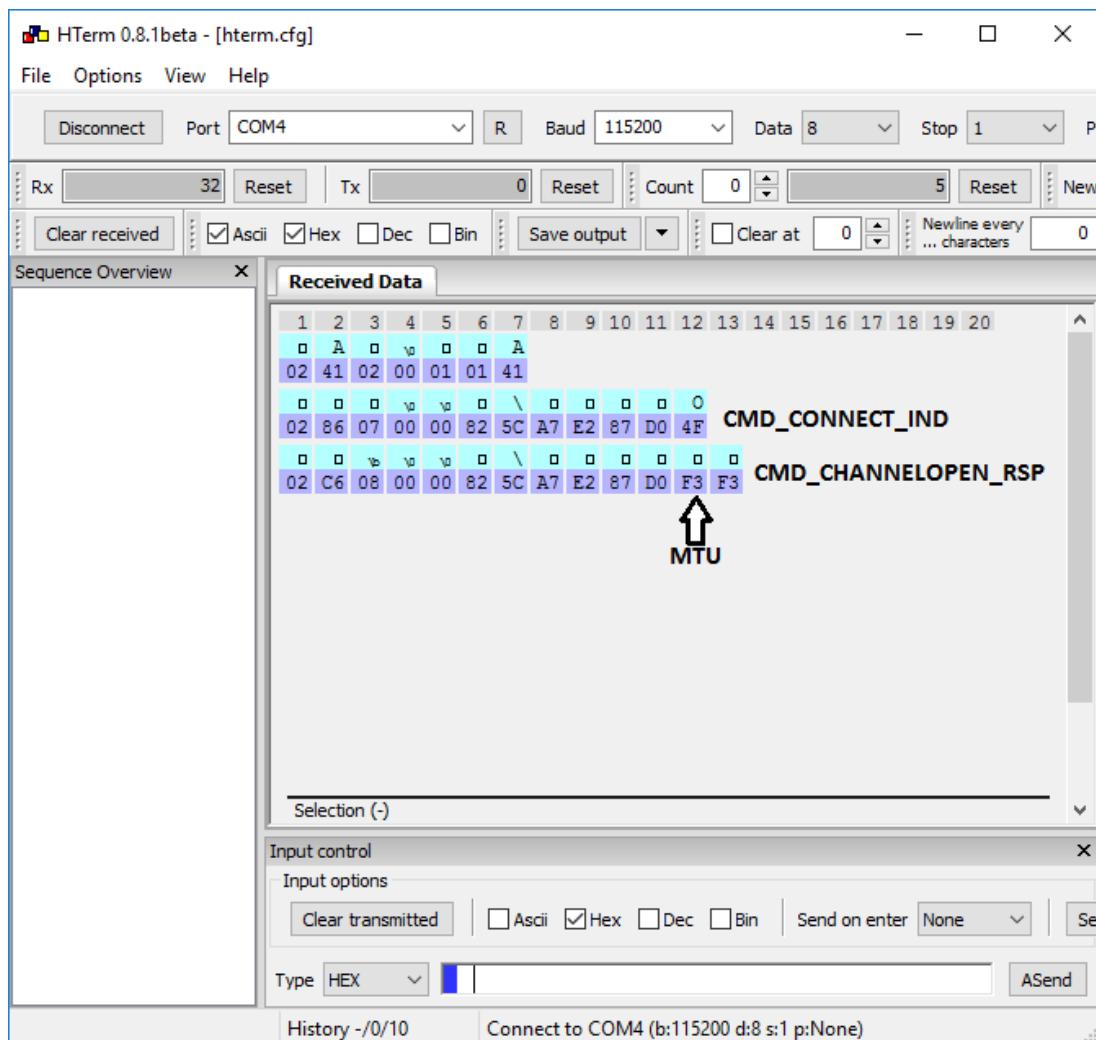
Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Again click on the menu bullets on the right and press "Enable services"/"Enable CCCDs" to enable the notifications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press the arrows on the RX-characteristic 6E400003-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B to enable the notifications. Press it until the symbol turns blue (see below, it has to be pressed at least once). If it is already blue press it twice such that it is deselected and selected again. 

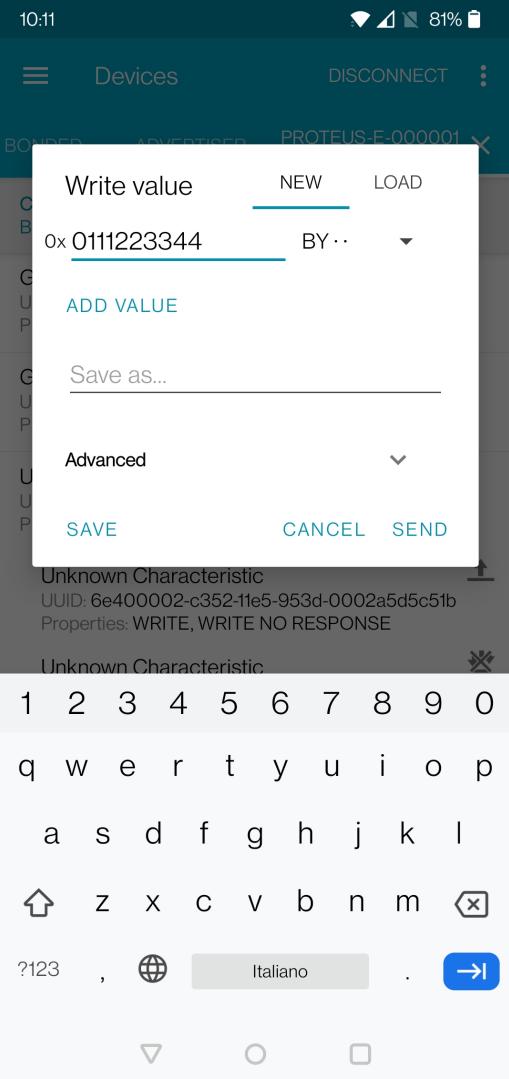
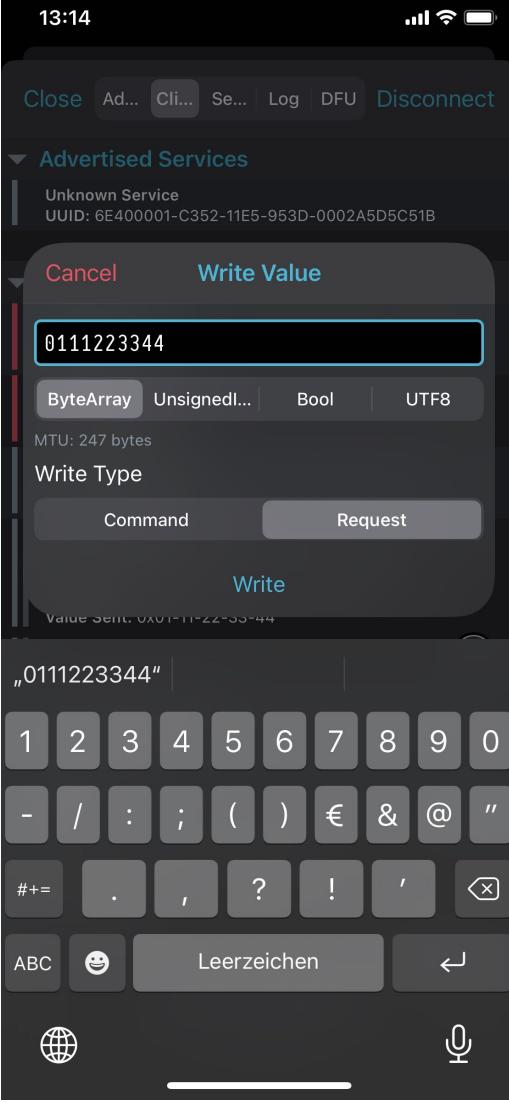
- As soon as the module has received the notification enable request, the LED on the evaluation board is turned static on. Now you are fully connected and you can access the characteristics to transmit and receive data.

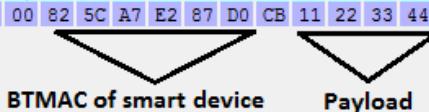
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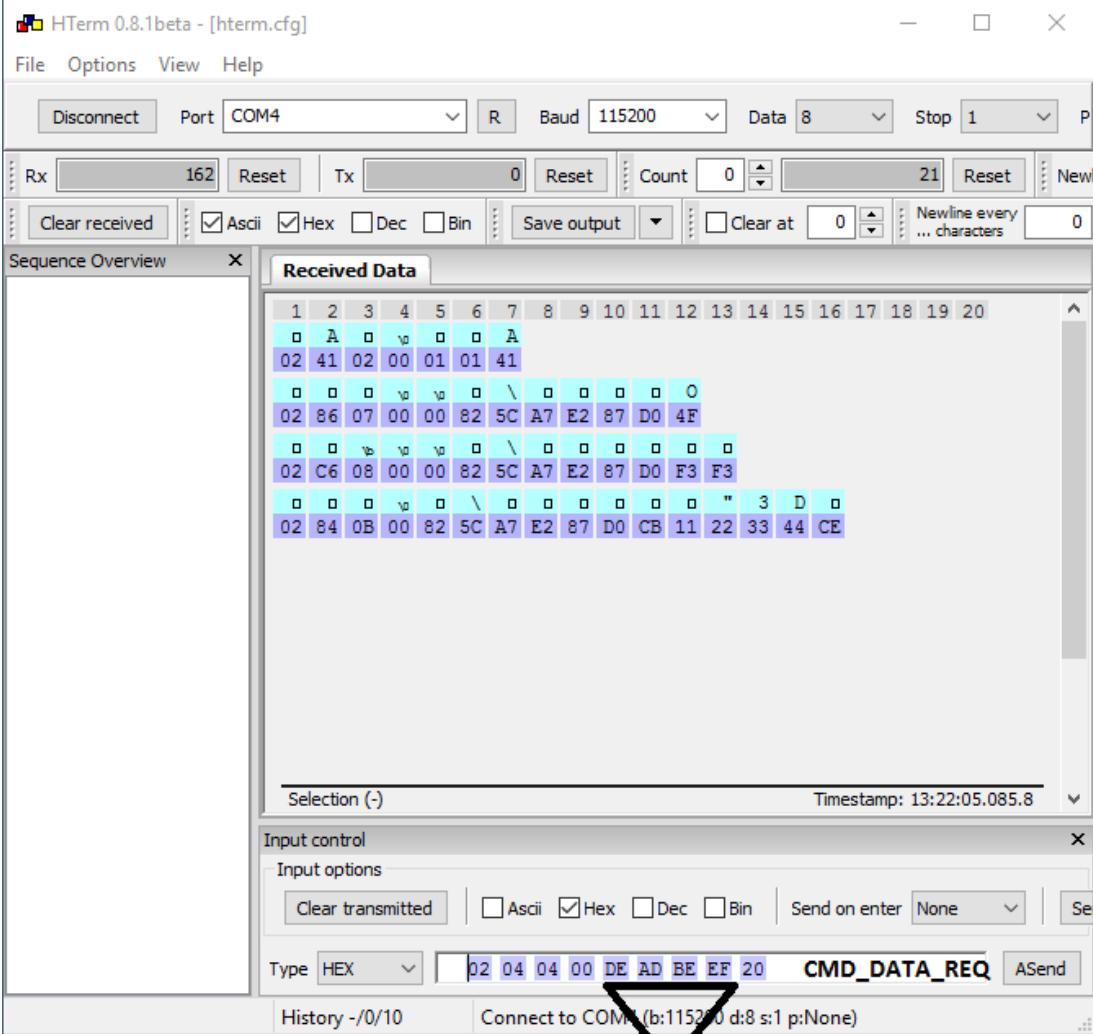
- On the Proteus side, the radio module sent the corresponding CMD_CONNECT_IND (0x02860700...) and CMD_CHANNELOPEN_RSP (0x02C60800...) in between. These messages indicate that a connection has been setup and a link has been opened. The CMD_CHANNELOPEN_RSP message contains the MPS (maximum payload size) of the current link. In this example it is 0xF3 (243_{dec}) bytes payload per packet.



Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To send data to the Proteus module, press the arrow next to the TX-characteristic 6E400002-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B in the nRF Connect App. First enter 01 right behind the 0x as header byte, followed by your payload (for example 0x11 0x22 0x33 0x44) and press "SEND" to start the transmission. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To send back data to the smart phone simply insert your payload (here we choose 0xDE 0xAD 0xBE 0xEF) in a CMD_DATA_REQ message. The format of the CMD_DATA_REQ message is as follows, where the check sum (CS) is calculated as XOR of the preceding bytes: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Start signal</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Command</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Length</th> <th style="width: 35%;">Payload</th> <th style="width: 15%;">CS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0x02</td> <td>0x04</td> <td>2 Bytes</td> <td>Length Bytes</td> <td>1 Byte</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0x02</td> <td>0x04</td> <td>0x04 0x00</td> <td>0xDE 0xAD 0xBE 0xEF</td> <td>0x20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The header 0x01 of the radio frame header will be automatically applied by the module and is not part of the payload of the CMD_DATA_REQ message. 		Start signal	Command	Length	Payload	CS	0x02	0x04	2 Bytes	Length Bytes	1 Byte	0x02	0x04	0x04 0x00	0xDE 0xAD 0xBE 0xEF	0x20
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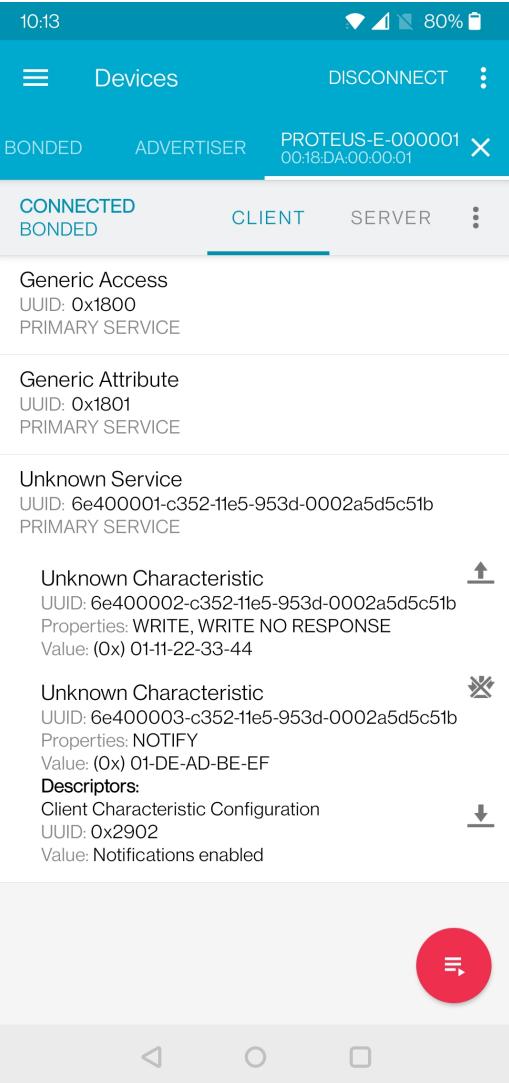
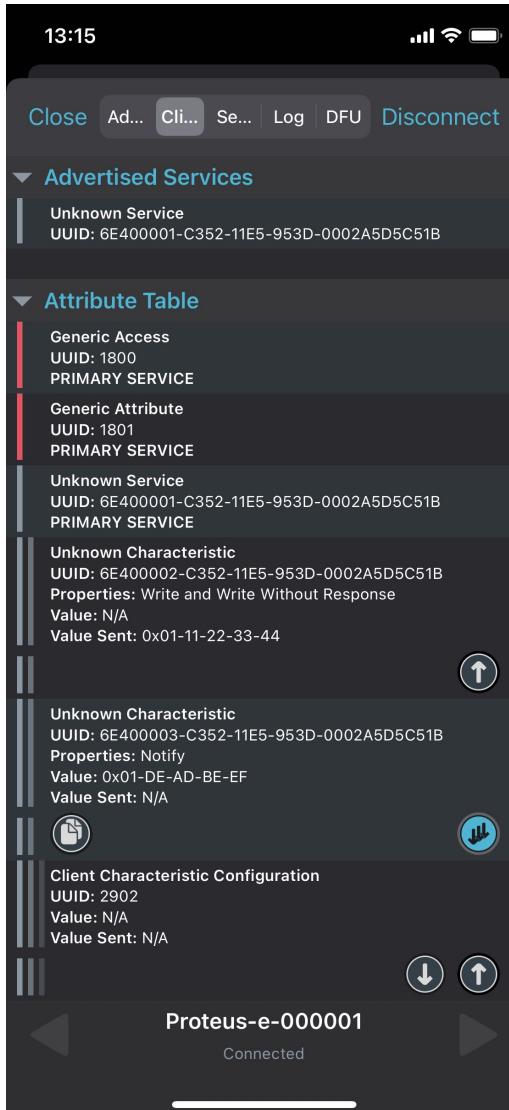
The screenshot shows the HTerm terminal window. The 'Received Data' pane displays a sequence of bytes in hex and ASCII. The transmitted message in the input pane is:

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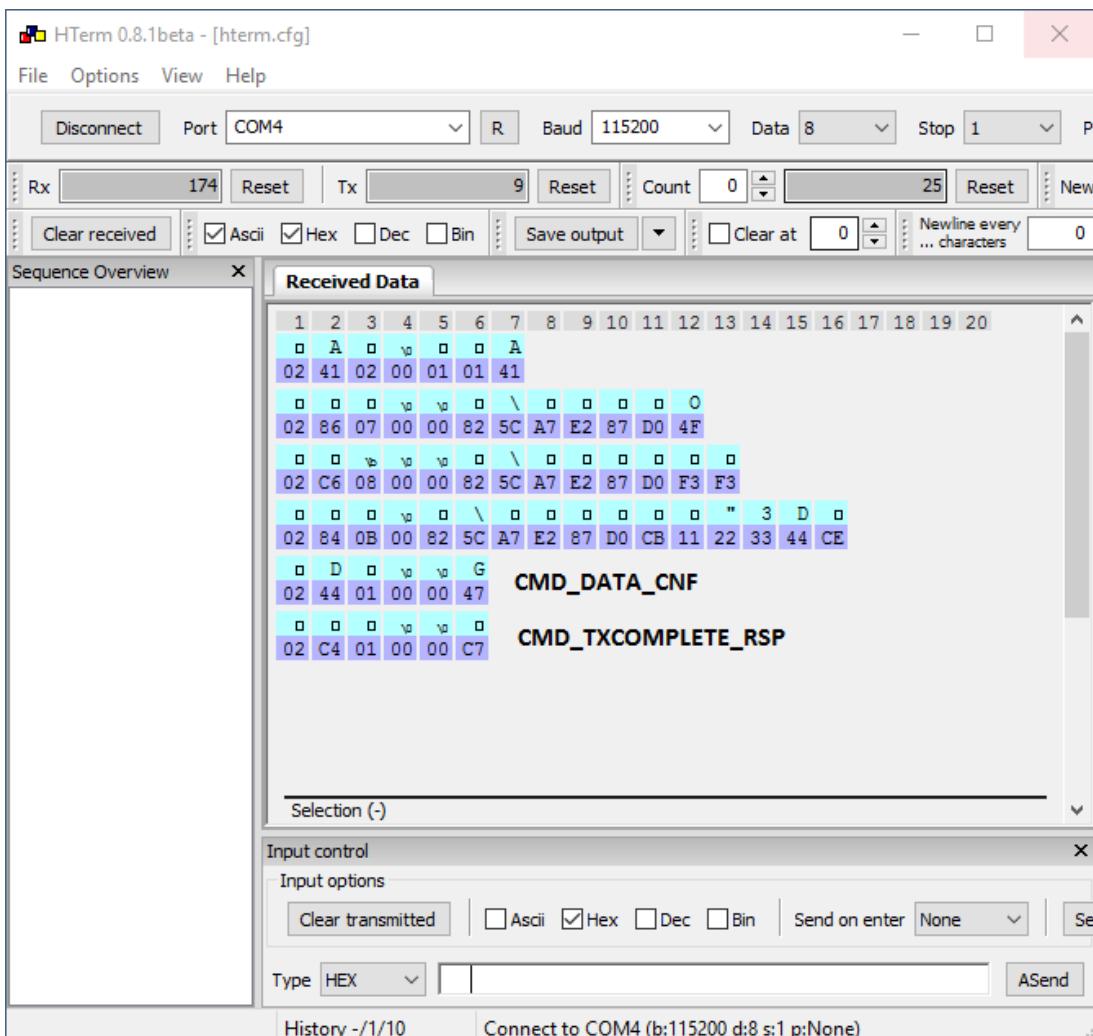
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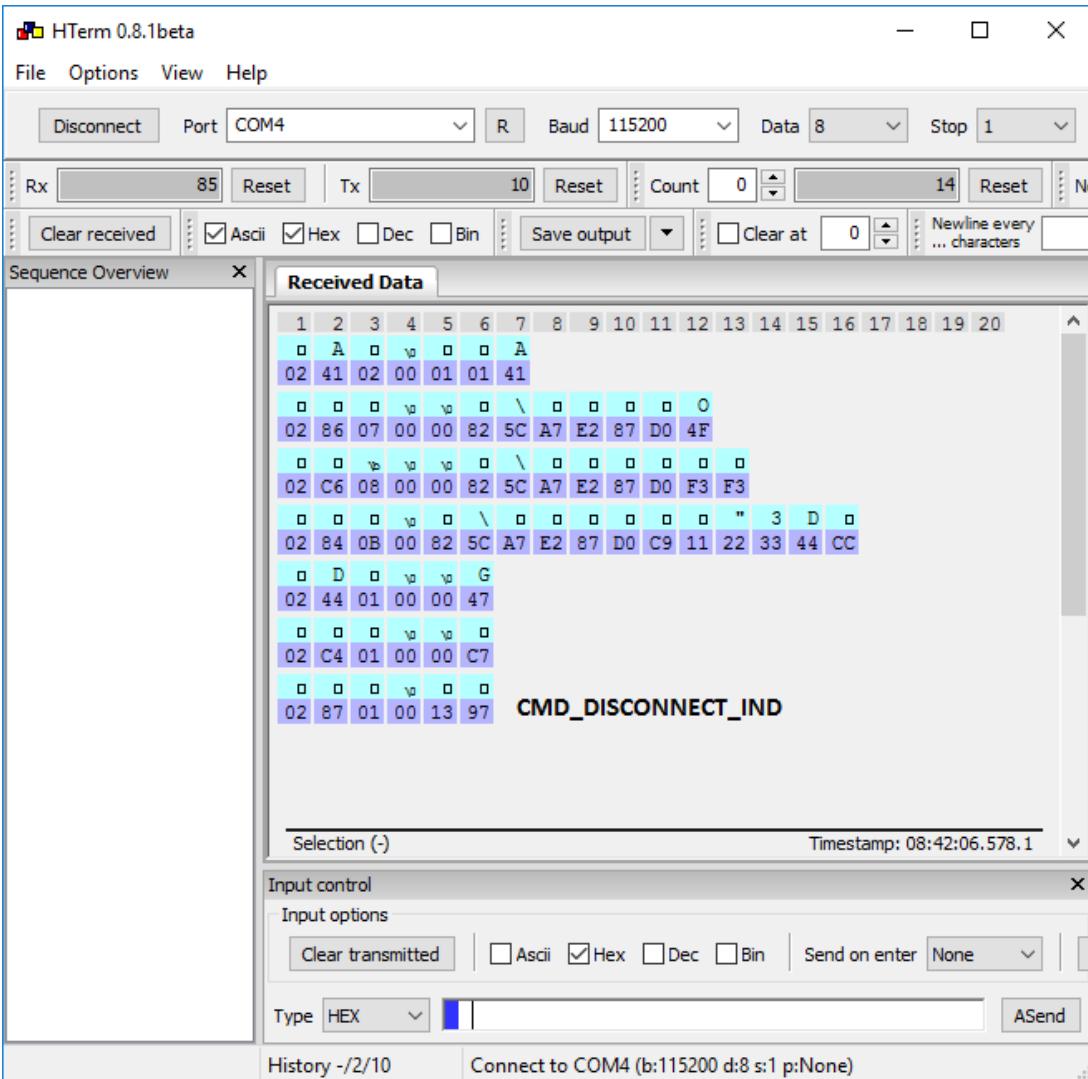
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A black triangle points to the bytes 'DE AD BE EE'. Below the input pane, the text 'Payload, no header 0x01 needed' is displayed.

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The received data can be found in the RX-characteristic 6E400003-C352-11E5-953D-0002A5D5C51B. It contains the header byte 0x01 and the payload 0xDE 0xAD 0xBE 0xEF. 	

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When sending the CMD_DATA_REQ to the Proteus module, it responds with two different messages. First, a CMD_DATA_CNF (0x024401000047) message is returned, as soon as the request was interpreted. Then a CMD_TXCOMPLETE_RSP (0x02C4010000C7) message is returned as soon as the data has been transmitted. 	



Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To disconnect the smart phone from the Proteus module, press the "DISCONNECT" button in the nRF Connect App. The Proteus module will output a CMD_DISCONNECT_IND (0x028701001397) message to indicate that the connection has been closed. 	
 <p>The screenshot shows the HTerm terminal window with the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> File Options View Help Port: COM4 Baud: 115200 Data: 8 Stop: 1 Received Data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sequence Overview: Shows a list of received bytes in hex and ASCII. Received Data: A table showing bytes 1 through 20. Bytes 18, 19, and 20 are highlighted in blue and labeled CMD_DISCONNECT_IND. Input control: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input options: Clear transmitted, Ascii (checked), Hex (checked), Dec, Bin, Send on enter: None. Type: HEX ASend Timestamp: 08:42:06.578.1 History: -/2/10 Connect to COM4 (b:115200 d:8 s:1 p:None) 	

- After disconnection, the Proteus module starts advertising again, such that a reconnection can be performed.

5.2 Smart phone using Proteus Connect app as central device

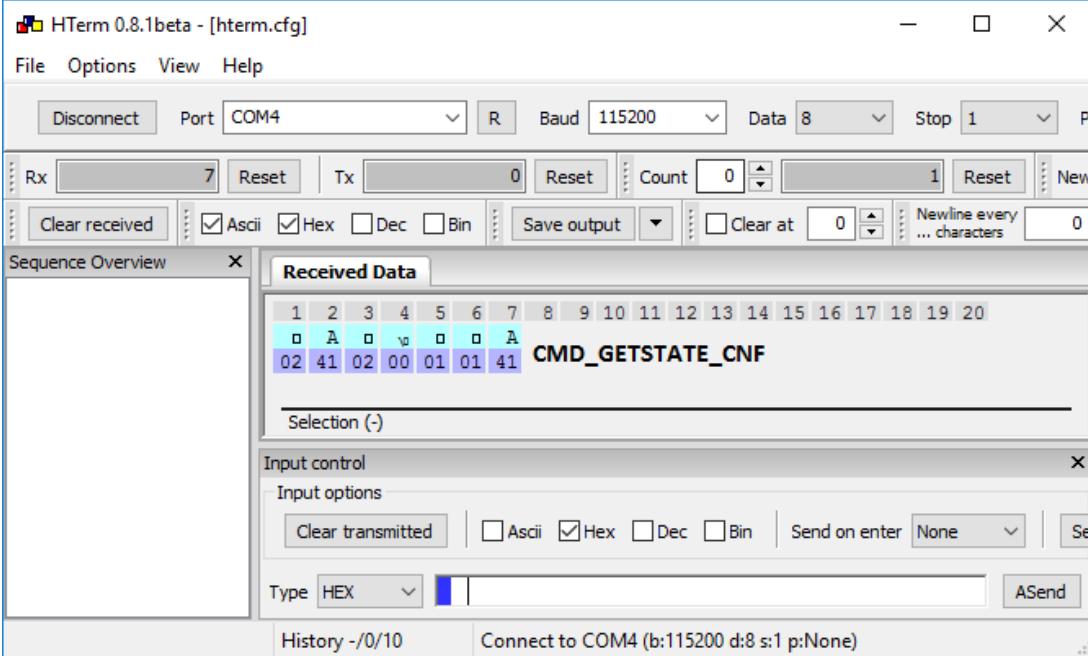
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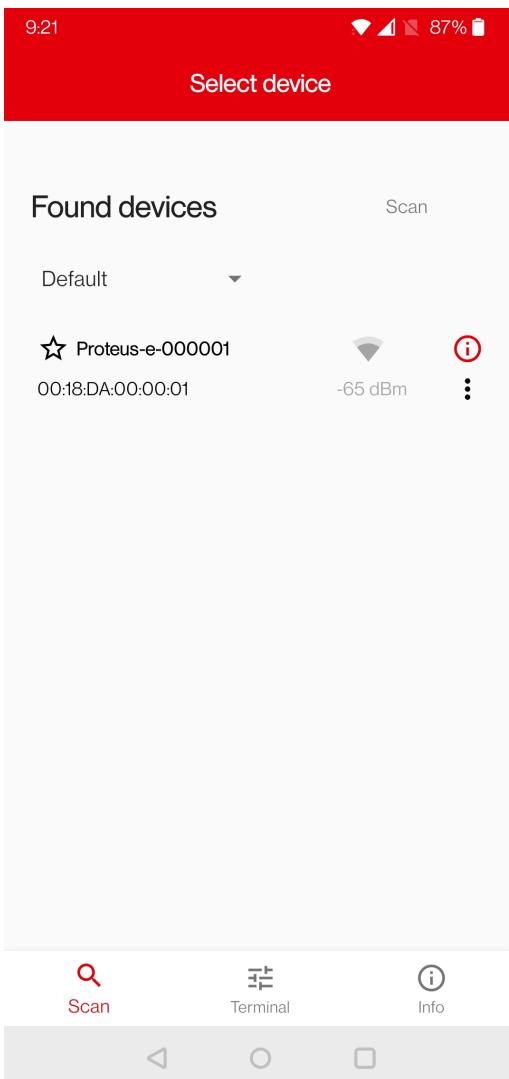
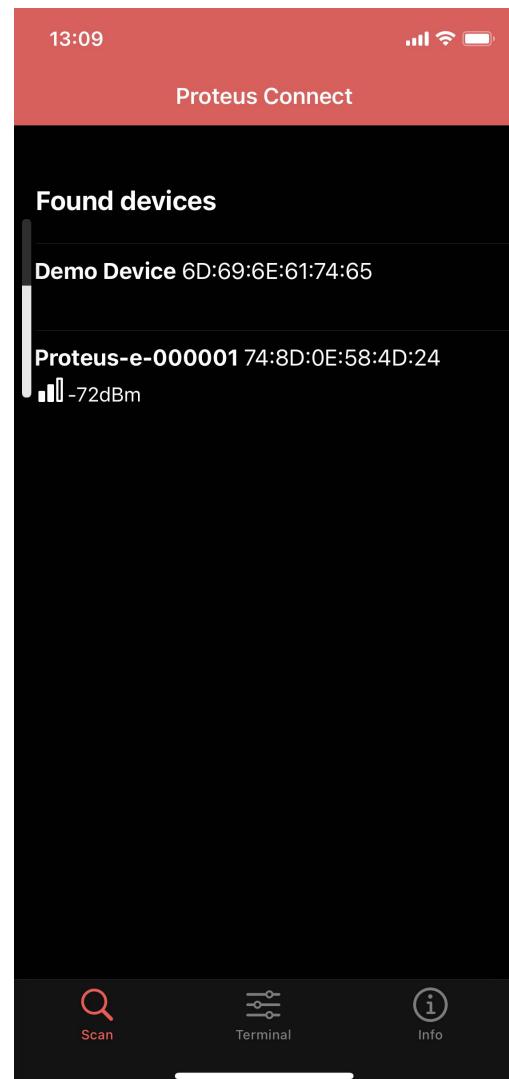


The Proteus Connect App for iOS and Android is provided by Würth Elektronik eiSos as executable [4][5] as well as source code [6][7].

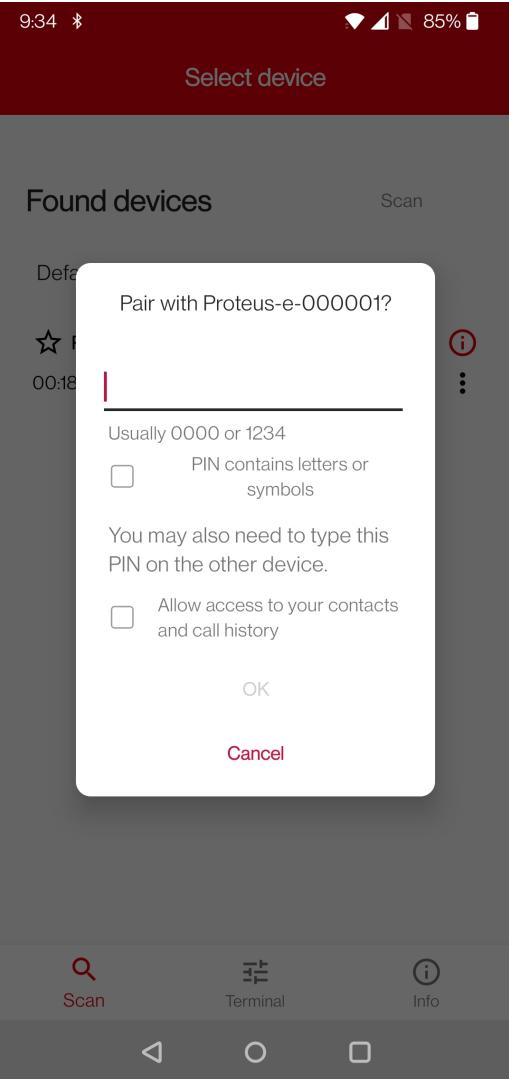
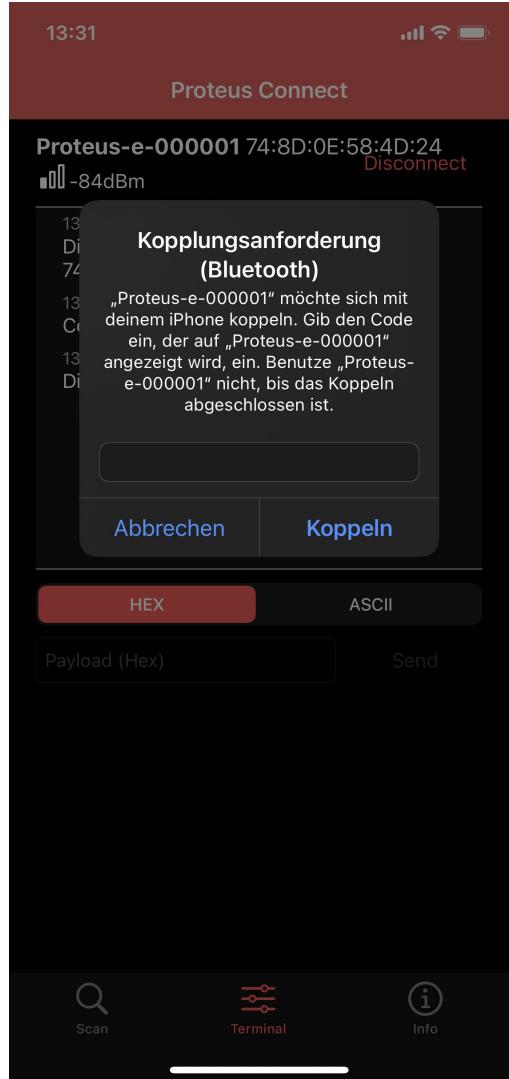
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Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect the Proteus evaluation board to a host. In this application note, we assume that a Windows PC and the terminal program <i>hterm</i> is used. To make life easy, also the SmartCommander PC tool provided by Würth Elektronik eiSos can be used. This tool implements all commands of the Proteus-e. • Open the terminal program using the default UART settings (115200 Baud, 8n1). • Press the reset button on the Proteus evaluation board. The Proteus module outputs a CMD_GETSTATE_CNF (0x02410200010141) message to indicate that it is ready for operation. 	



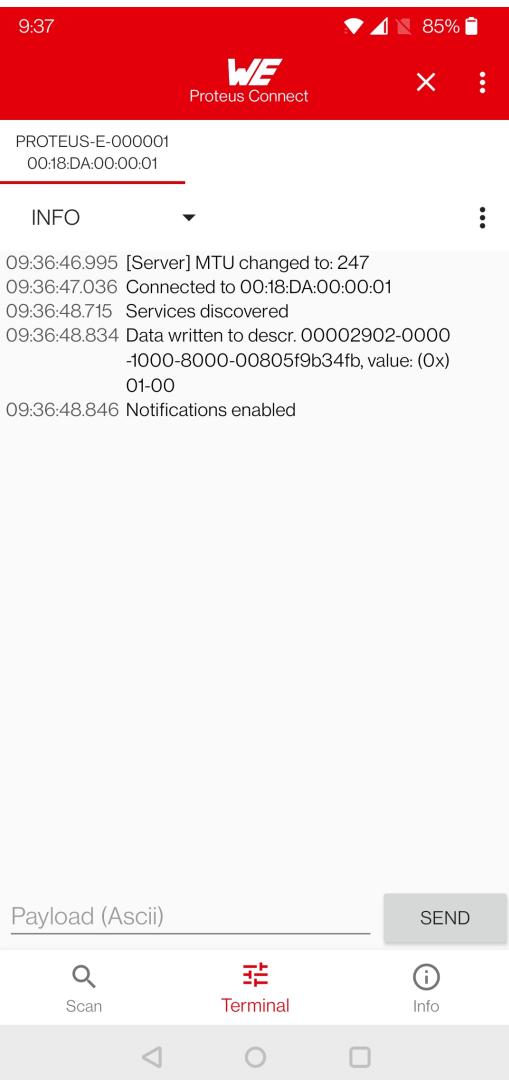
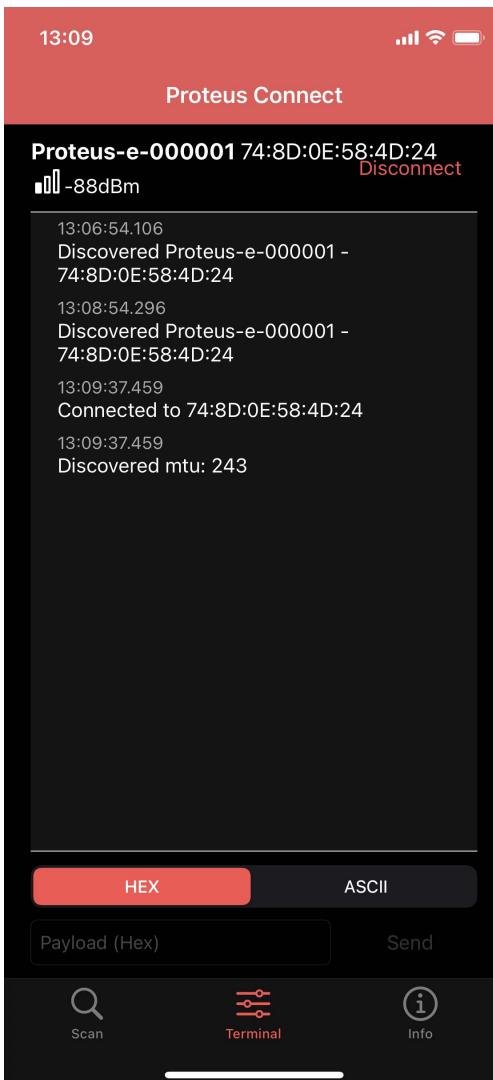
Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initially, the module is advertising. Thus, one LED of the evaluation board is blinking. Start your smart phone, enable the Bluetooth® LE and location feature and start the Proteus Connect App. Press "Scan" to find the module on the radio. 	

- When the module appears, select it to start the connection process.
- As soon as the module has received the connection request the module *LED_1* blinks faster.

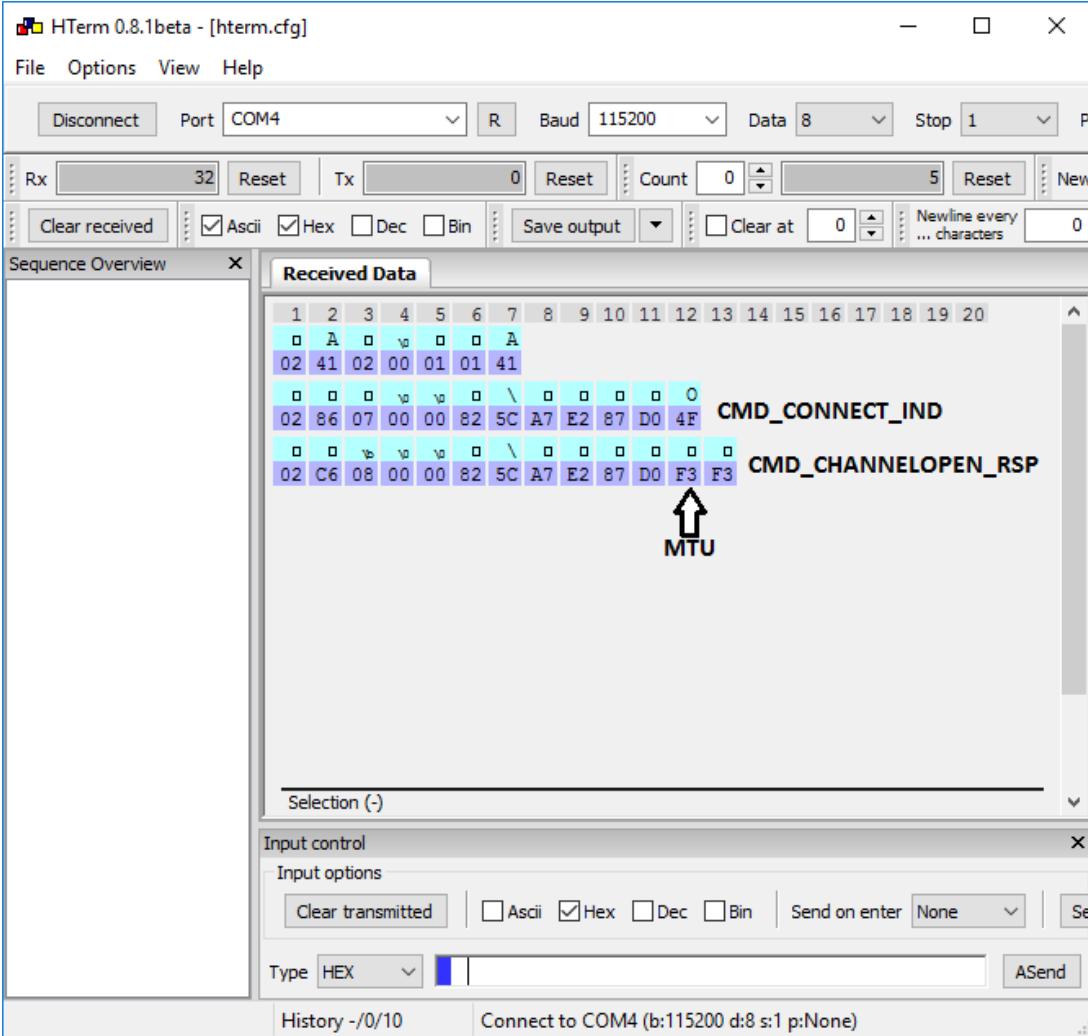
Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional pairing: In case a security mode has been configured before, the smart phone requests the user for pairing actions. In case of the static passkey authentication, the Proteus requests to enter the static passkey. The default passkey is "123123". The Bluetooth® coupling requirement pop-up is shown on your smart phone. When the bonding feature is enabled in the authentication settings and the bonding information already exists, a re-entering of the passkey is not required when reconnecting. 	
	

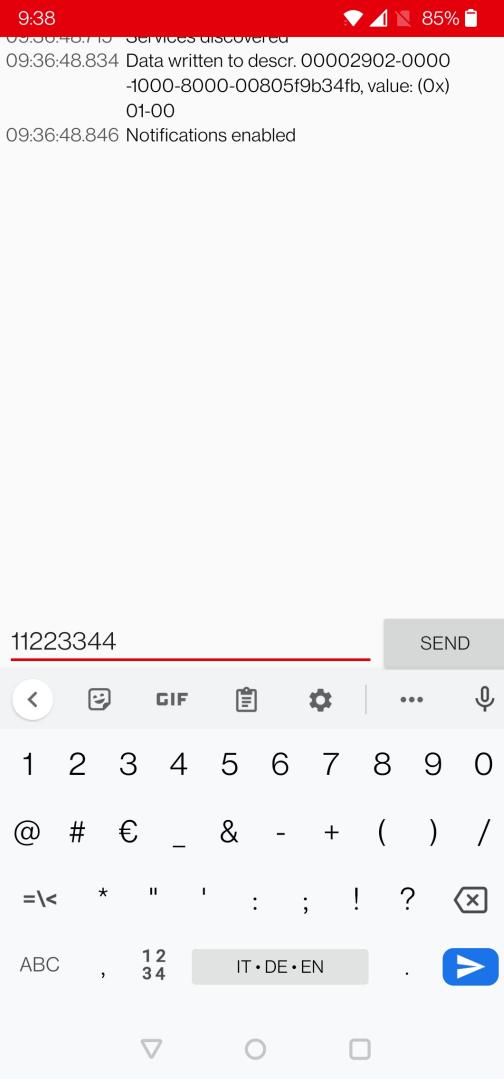
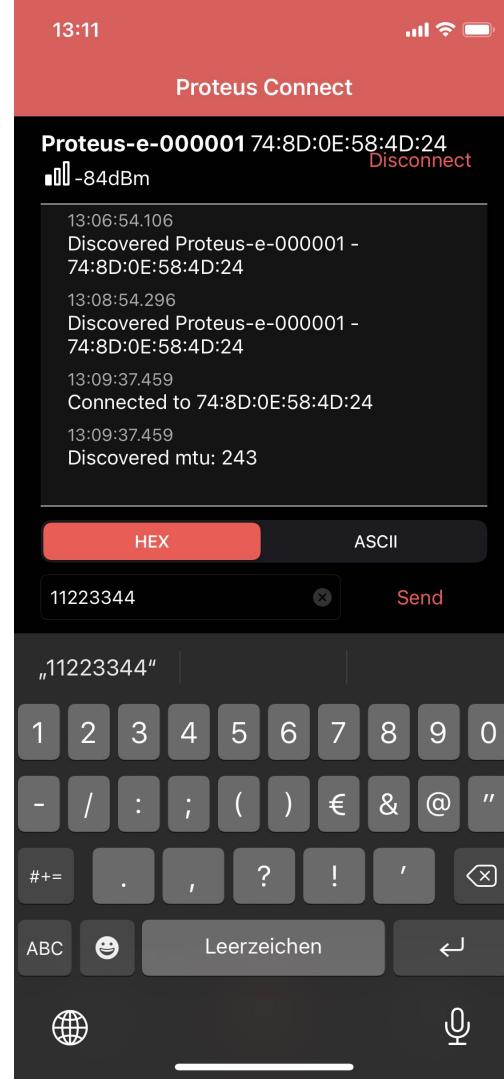


In few cases, the Android may show an "authentication timeout" pop-up message, when entering the key. In this case, please proceed entering the key and simply do a reconnect. On this reconnect, the entered key information is reused and the connection is opened.

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now you are authenticated and the <i>LED_1</i> is turned static on. Now data can be transmitted in both directions. 	
 <p>9:37 85% Proteus Connect</p> <p>PROTEUS-E-000001 00:18:DA:00:00:01</p> <p>INFO</p> <p>09:36:46.995 [Server] MTU changed to: 247 09:36:47.036 Connected to 00:18:DA:00:00:01 09:36:48.715 Services discovered 09:36:48.834 Data written to descr. 00002902-0000-1000-8000-00805f9b34fb, value: (0x) 01-00 09:36:48.846 Notifications enabled</p> <p>Payload (Ascii) <input type="text"/> SEND</p> <p>Scan Terminal Info</p>	 <p>13:09 Proteus Connect</p> <p>Proteus-e-000001 74:8D:0E:58:4D:24 -88dBm Disconnect</p> <p>13:06:54.106 Discovered Proteus-e-000001 - 74:8D:0E:58:4D:24 13:08:54.296 Discovered Proteus-e-000001 - 74:8D:0E:58:4D:24 13:09:37.459 Connected to 74:8D:0E:58:4D:24 13:09:37.459 Discovered mtu: 243</p> <p>HEX ASCII</p> <p>Payload (Hex) <input type="text"/> Send</p> <p>Scan Terminal Info</p>

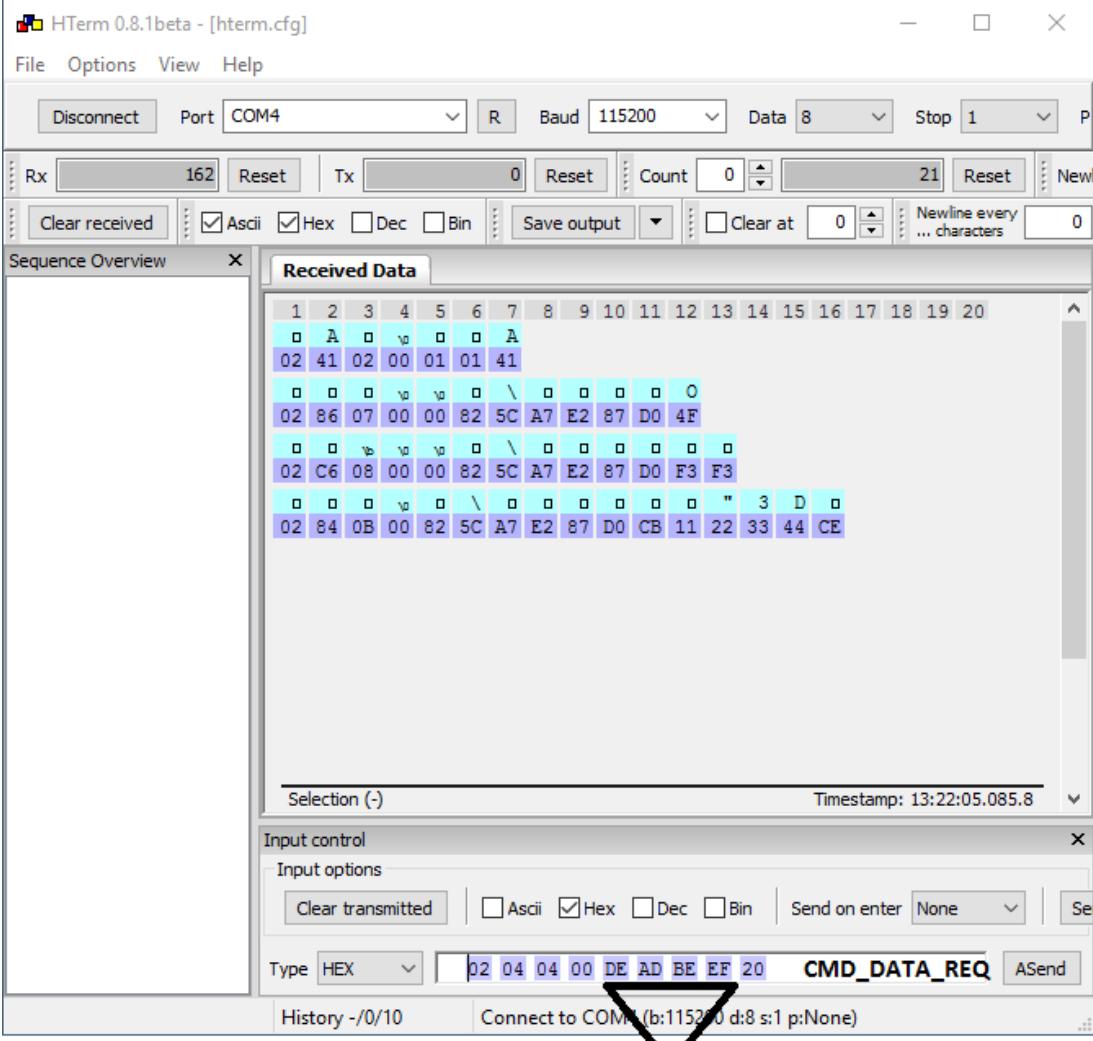
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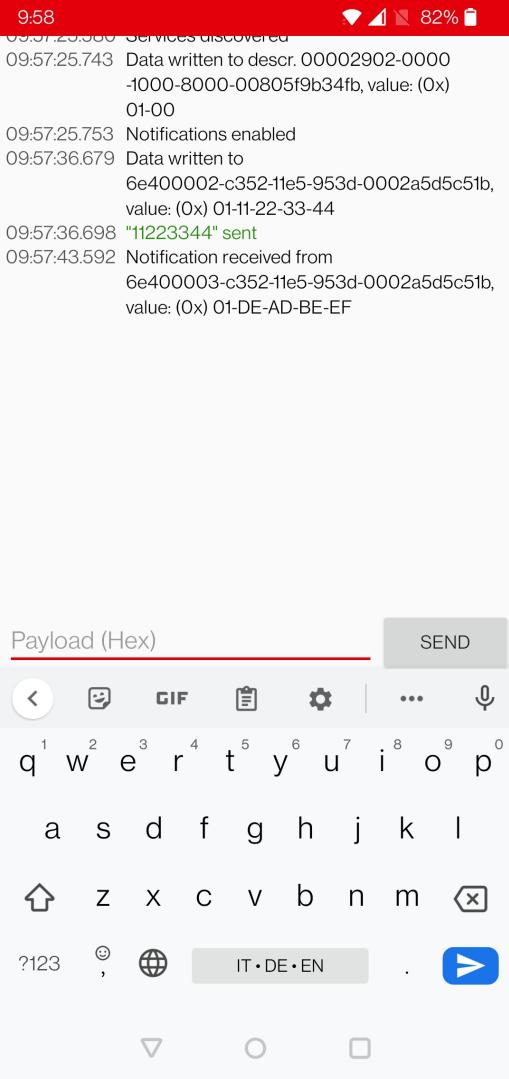
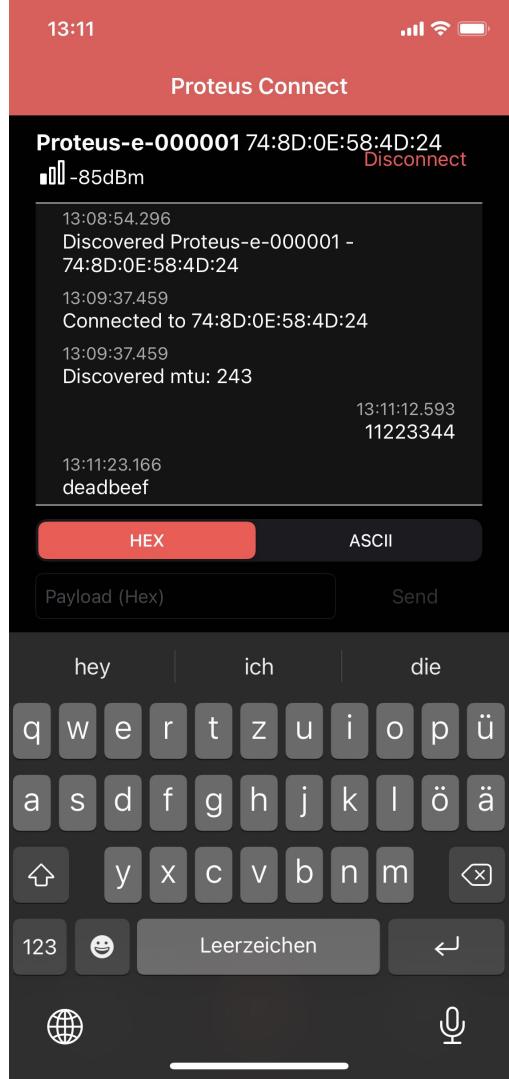
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Payload, no header
0x01 needed

Android	iOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The received data is shown in the status window. It contains the header byte 0x01 and the payload 0xDE 0x-AD 0xBE 0xEF, that has been entered in the terminal program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The received data is shown in the status window. 

5.2.1 Background service on iOS

By default, iOS disconnects the Bluetooth® LE connection, in case the Proteus Connect App is put to background. To avoid this behaviour, the background service of the Proteus Connect App must be enabled by going to the info tab and selecting the "Bluetooth Background Mode" slider.

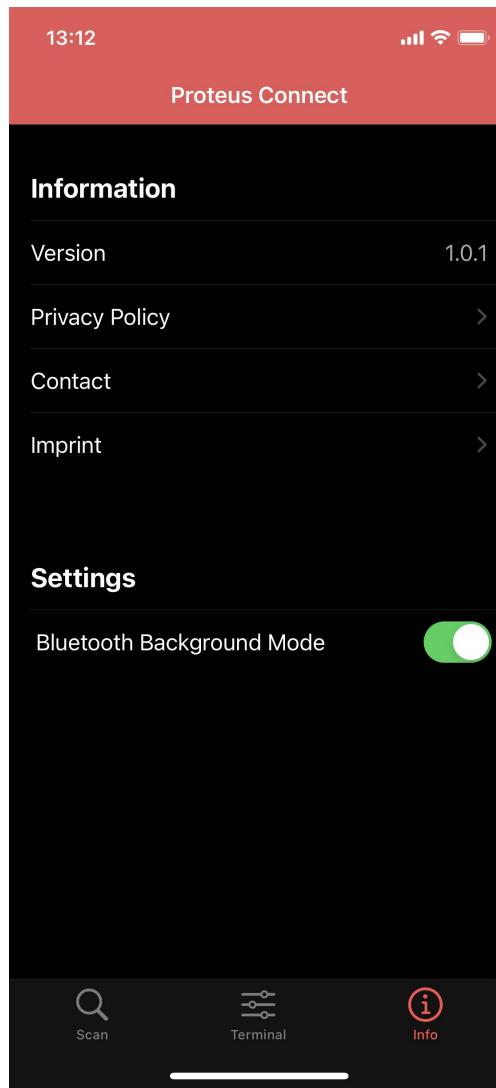


Figure 3: Enable the background service on iOS

5.3 Proteus module or USB radio stick as central device

This chapter describes how to setup a connection to the Proteus-e radio module in command mode, when another Proteus radio module (Proteus-I,-II,-III) or even Proteus USB radio stick is used as central device.



For reasons of simplicity, we will call the Proteus radio module or USB radio stick that is intended to setup the connection to the Proteus-e, **Proteus_central**. Furthermore, we will call the Proteus-e module, **Proteus_peripheral**.



Please note that the **Proteus_central** must run in command mode to initiate the connection setup.



In this example, we assume that the MAC of the **Proteus_peripheral** is 0x0018DA000011, and the MAC of the **Proteus_central** is 0x0018DA000055.

1. Connect **Proteus_central** to the **Proteus_peripheral** via Bluetooth® LE.

Info	Proteus_central	Proteus_peripheral
⇒ Request CMD_CONNECT_REQ with FS_BTMAC of Proteus_peripheral	02 06 06 00 11 00 00 DA 18 00 D1	
⇐ Response CMD_CONNECT_CNF: Request understood, try to connect now	02 46 01 00 00 45	
⇐ Indication CMD_CONNECT_IND: Physical connection established successfully to the module with FS_BTMAC 0x11 0x00 0x00 0xDA 0x18 0x00	02 86 07 00 00 11 00 00 DA 18 00 50	
⇐ Indication CMD_CONNECT_IND: Physical connection established successfully to module with FS_BTMAC 0x55 0x00 0x00 0xDA 0x18 0x00		02 86 07 00 00 55 00 00 DA 18 00 14
⇐ Channel opened successfully to the module with FS_BTMAC 0x11 0x00 0x00 0xDA 0x18 0x00 and maximum payload size of 0xF3 (243 Bytes) per packet	02 C6 08 00 00 11 00 00 DA 18 00 F3 EC	
⇐ Indication CMD_CHANNELOPEN_RSP: Channel opened successfully to module with FS_BTMAC 0x55 0x00 0x00 0xDA 0x18 0x00 and maximum payload size of 0xF3 (243 Bytes) per packet		02 C6 08 00 00 55 00 00 DA 18 00 F3 A7

2. Now the connection is active. Thus, data can be sent in each direction. Let us send a string "ABCD" from **Proteus_peripheral** to **Proteus_central**.

Info	Proteus_central	Proteus_peripheral
⇒ Request CMD_DATA_REQ: Send "ABCD" to Proteus_central		02 04 04 00 41 42 43 44 06
⇐ Response CMD_DATA_CNF: Request received, send data now		02 44 01 00 00 47
⇐ Indication CMD_DATA_IND: Received string "ABCD" from FS_BTMAC 0x11 0x00 0x00 0xDA 0x18 0x00 with RSSI of 0xCA (-54dBm)	02 84 0B 00 11 00 00 DA 18 00 CA 41 42 43 44 90	
⇐ Response CMD_TXCOMPLETE_RSP: Data transmitted successfully		02 C4 01 00 00 C7

3. Reply with "EFGH" to the **Proteus_peripheral**.

Info	Proteus_central	Proteus_peripheral
⇒ Request CMD_DATA_REQ: Send "EFGH" to Proteus_peripheral	02 04 04 00 45 46 47 48 0E	
⇐ Response CMD_DATA_CNF: Request received, send data now	02 44 01 00 00 47	
⇐ Indication CMD_DATA_IND: Received string "EFGH" from FS_BTMAC 0x55 0x00 0x00 0xDA 0x18 0x00 with RSSI of 0xC1 (-63dBm)		02 84 0B 00 55 00 00 DA 18 00 C1 45 46 47 48 D7
⇐ Response CMD_TXCOMPLETE_RSP: Data transmitted successfully	02 C4 01 00 00 C7	

4. Now **Proteus_central** closes the connection.

Info	Proteus_central	Proteus_peripheral
⇒ Request CMD_DISCONNECT_REQ: Disconnect	02 07 00 00 05	
⇐ Response CMD_DISCONNECT_CNF: Request received, disconnect now	02 47 01 00 00 44	
⇐ Indication CMD_DISCONNECT_IND: Connection closed	02 87 01 00 16 92	
⇐ Indication CMD_DISCONNECT_IND: Connection closed		02 87 01 00 13 97

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