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Preface

Purpose

This document introduces principles and applications for Device Firmware Update (DFU) of GR551x SoCs, to help you quickly get familiar with GR551x firmware update modes, and get started with secondary development.

Audience

This document is intended for:

- GR551x user
- GR551x developer
- GR551x tester
- Technical writer

Release Notes

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1 Introduction

Device Firmware Update (DFU) is a boot loading mechanism to update firmware for target devices, allowing developers to quickly fix defects and provide more functions for their products.

This document introduces the methods and principles of DFU for GR551x SoCs, and how to enable and test DFU functionalities.

Before you get started, it is recommended to refer to the following documents.

Table 1-1 Reference documents

Name	Description
GR551x Developer Guide	Introduces the software/hardware and quick start guide of GR551x SoCs.
Bluetooth Core Spec v5.1	Offers official Bluetooth standards and core specification (v5.1) from Bluetooth SIG. Available at https://www.bluetooth.com/specifications/bluetooth-core-specification/ .
J-Link/J-Trace User Guide	Provides J-Link operational instructions. Available at www.segger.com/downloads/jlink/UM08001_JLink.pdf .
Keil User Guide	Offers detailed Keil operational instructions. Available at www.keil.com/support/man/docs/uv4/ .
GR551x OTA Example Application	Introduces how to implement Over The Air (OTA) for GR551x firmware on GRToolbox (Android).
GR551x Bluetooth Low Energy Stack User Guide	Introduces the BLE Protocol Stack supported by GR551x SoCs.

2 GR551x DFU

This chapter introduces fundamental concepts about GR551x DFU from the following aspects:

- [DFU Mode](#)
- [DFU Device Role](#)
- [DFU File Format](#)
- [DFU Communications Protocol](#)
- [DFU Command Set](#)

2.1 DFU Mode

GR551x SoCs support two DFU approaches (update through Bluetooth LE connection):

- Approach 1: Perform update in application firmware. Run the application firmware to download the target firmware. After download, the system jumps to the target firmware for running. During update, users can update firmware directly without disabling Bluetooth connection on a mobile phone. This approach provides smooth user experience.
- Approach 2: Jump to Boot firmware for firmware update. During firmware update, the system jumps from applications to the Boot firmware, and the Boot firmware enables download of the target firmware. After download, the system jumps to the target firmware for running. During update, it is required to first disable Bluetooth connection on the mobile phone and then scan and reconnect to the Boot firmware via Bluetooth. Compared with the first approach, this approach makes the best use of flash.

Note:

- To choose the Approach 1, you need to pre-define the load addresses of the current application firmware and the target firmware, and set different code load addresses for the current application firmware and the target firmware.
- The Approach 1 supports “Copy Mode”. That is, before DFU, first update the target firmware to another unused flash address; then copy it to the required run address. For details, see “Section 3.3 Connect to GR5515 SK Board and Update Firmware” in the *GR551x OTA Example Application*.

2.2 DFU Device Role

Two DFU device roles are defined:

- Control device (the host): a device, such as a mobile phone, that sends update data to the target device
- Target device (the device): a device, such as a wristband, that receives update data from the control device

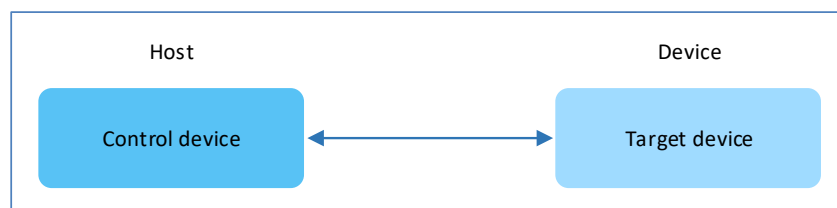


Figure 2-1 DFU device role

2.3 DFU File Format

Firmware files transferred in DFU mode are in BIN format, including encrypted and non-encrypted BIN files.

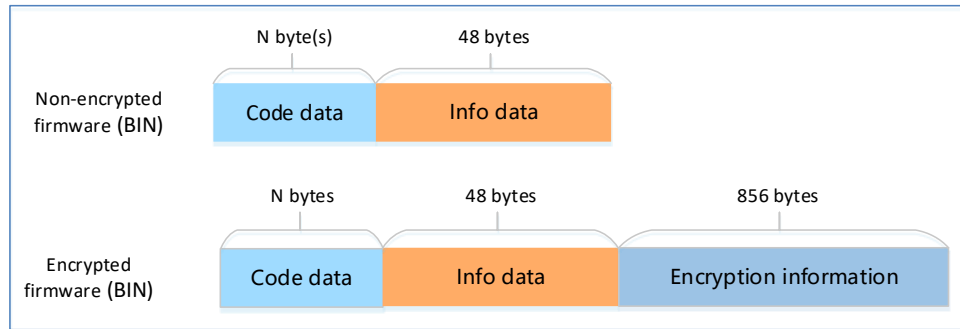


Figure 2-2 Data format of BIN files

Each field of the data format is detailed as below:

- Code data: firmware data that shall be 16-byte aligned. N indicates a variable length.
- Info data: firmware descriptions
- Encryption information: information used in encrypting non-encrypted firmware

The info data format (little-endian mode) is shown in the table below:

Table 2-1 Info data format

Byte	Field	Description	
0–1	pattern	Data identifier for SoCs, value: 0x4744	
2–3	version	Version information	
4–7	bin_size	Code data length (byte)	Boot info (24 bytes)
8–11	check_sum	Checksum of code data bit	
12–15	load_addr	Start address of code data storage area	
16–19	run_addr	Run address of code data	
20–23	xqspi_xip_cmd	SPI access mode	
24–27	boot config	Bit field	
28–39	comments	Firmware descriptions	
40–47	reserved	Used for 16-byte alignment; value: 0x00	

2.3.1 DFU Storage

The firmware to be updated is stored in the `Img_Info` area in GR551x flash. This area (start address: 0x01000040; length: 400 bytes) can store up to 10 firmware packages.

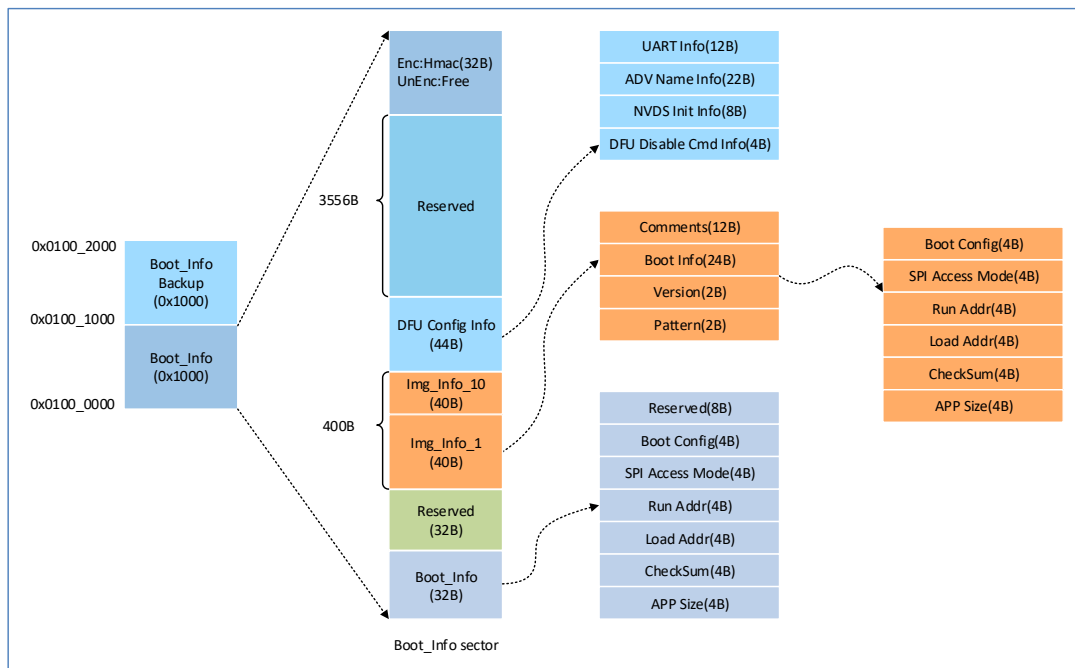


Figure 2-3 Structure of Boot_Info sector in flash

2.4 DFU Communications Protocol

The firmware update between the host and the device is based on DFU communications protocols.

2.4.1 Basic Frame

The basic frame defines the lowest-level data packet structure in communications. The application data packet protocol is based on the basic frame, in the “Data” field of the basic frame. If the basic frame length exceeds the maximum payload of link communications, the host needs to segment the frame for transmission. After receiving the correct frame header and data length, the device starts processing data.

2.4.2 Frame Structure

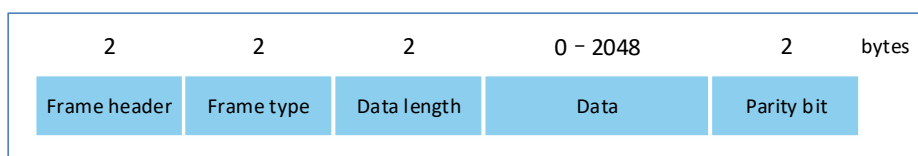


Figure 2-4 Frame structure

- Frame header: the start of a frame, represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters ‘G’ and ‘D’
- Frame type: used to distinguish data types in the “Data” field
- Data length: length of data in the “Data” field
- Data: data with configurable length; maximum length: 2048 bytes
- Parity bit: 16-bit checksum for frame type, response, data length, and data

2.4.3 Byte Order

The little-endian mode is adopted for the “Data” field of the basic frame. The low-byte data shall be stored at low addresses in flash, and the high-byte data at high addresses.

2.5 DFU Command Set

DFU commands are delivered by the host and received by the device.

Table 2-2 DFU command description

Command	Command Code	Description
Program Start	0x0023	The host sends Image Info when programs are downloaded to the device.
Program Flash	0x0024	Write up to 1024 bytes of data for one time to a specified address of flash. This command can specify the way to write data to flash (erasable write/non-erasable write).
Program End	0x0025	The host sends this command to notify the device that the programming data has been sent. The first byte of the data field is Reset Flag, which indicates the device to reset and run the current application or not after the programming data is sent.
Configure External Flash	0x002A	Configure external flash.
Get Flash Information	0x002B	Get flash information.

2.5.1 Program Start Command

The host sends this command to send the Image Info (data excluding the “reserved” field; 40 bytes) to the device.

After the device receives the Image Info:

- For internal flash programming, check whether the Code Load Address of the programming data is the internal flash address.
- For external flash programming, specify the programming address and the data length.

2.5.1.1 Data Sent from the Host

Table 2-3 Format of data sent through the Program Start command

Byte No.	Description		Valid Value	Note
0–1	Frame header		0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters ‘G’ and ‘D’
2–3	Frame type		0x0023	Program Start command
4–5	Data length		0x0029/0x0009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Program Start command targets firmware, the “Data” field has 41 bytes, including 1 byte for flash type and 40 bytes for Image Info. • If the Program Start command targets data, the “Data” field has 9 bytes, including 1 byte for flash type, 4 bytes for start address, and 4 bytes for data content.
6	Data	Flash type	0x00/0x01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0x00: internal flash • 0x01: external flash
7–14 or 7–46		Data to be written to flash	Value range for each byte: 0x00–0xFF	Data content
15–16 or 47–48	Checksum		0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and data field

2.5.1.2 Response Data from the Device

Table 2-4 Format of data replied through the Program Start command

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
0–1	Frame header	0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters 'G' and 'D'
2–3	Frame type	0x0023	Program Start command
4–5	Data length	0x0001	Length of data in the "Data" field
6	Response	0x01/0x02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01: Data send succeeds. 0x02: Data send fails.
7–8	Checksum	0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and response field


2.5.2 Program Flash Command

The host sends this command to write data to a valid (internal or external) flash address of the device. After receiving the command, the device parses the start address, length, and content of the data. If the start address is valid, the device starts writing data from this address (see Table 2-5 for data format), and returns ACK. Otherwise, the device returns NACK.

2.5.2.1 Data Sent from the Host

Table 2-5 Format of data sent through the Program Flash command

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
0–1	Frame header	0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters 'G' and 'D'
2–3	Frame type	0x0024	Program Flash command
4–5	Data length	0x0007–0x0800	Length of data in the "Data" field
6	Data	Program type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00: Store data after erasing the internal flash page at a specified address. 0x01: Store data in internal flash according to Image Info sent by the Program Start command. 0x02: Call a flash write API to write data to internal flash. 0x10: Store data after erasing the external flash page at a specified address. 0x11: Store data in external flash according to Image Info sent by the Program Start command. 0x12: Call a flash write API to write data to external flash.
7–10	Start address	Value range for each byte: 0x00–0xFF	Valid flash address of the device
11–12	Length of data to be written to flash	0x0000–0x00FF	Maximum length of data to be written to flash: 1024 bytes
13–N	Data to be written to flash	Value range for each byte: 0x00–0xFF	Data to be written to flash
N+1 to N+2	Checksum	0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and data field

 **Note:**

N in Table 2-5 indicates variable length for the "Data" field, ranging from 14 to 1036.

2.5.2.2 Response Data from the Device

Table 2-6 Format of data replied through the Program Flash command

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
0–1	Frame header	0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters 'G' and 'D'
2–3	Frame type	0x0024	Program Flash command
4–5	Data length	0x0001	1 byte (for response)
6	Response	0x01/0x02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01: Data write succeeds. 0x02: Data write fails.
7–8	Checksum	0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and response field

2.5.3 Program End Command

The host sends this command to notify the device that the programming data has been sent. The data field contains the start address after the next reset and the Reset Flag. The Reset Flag decides whether the device runs the downloaded application or not immediately after receiving the Program End command.

2.5.3.1 Data Sent from the Host

Table 2-7 Format of data sent through the Program End command

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
0–1	Frame header	0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters 'G' and 'D'
2–3	Frame type	0x0025	Program End command
4–5	Data length	0x0005	Length of data in the "Data" field
6	Data	Reset Flag 0x00/0x01/0x02/ 0x12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00: Store the firmware information in the img_info area in flash. 0x01: Store the firmware information in the img_info and boot_info areas in flash, and run the programming firmware after reset. 0x02: Download data to internal flash without operations to the img_info and boot_info areas. 0x12: Download data to external flash.
7–10	Checksum of programming file	Value range for each byte: 0x00–0xFF	Checksum of BIN file
11–12	Checksum	0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and data field

2.5.3.2 Response Data from the Device

Table 2-8 Format of data replied through the Program End command

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
0–1	Frame header	0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters 'G' and 'D'
2–3	Frame type	0x0025	Program End command
4–5	Data length	0x0001	1 byte (for response)
6	Response	0x01/0x02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01: Notification succeeds.

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x02: Notification fails.
7–8	Checksum	0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and response field

2.5.4 Read/Update Data in System Configuration Area Command

The host sends this command to handle data in the System Configuration Area of the device, including reading and updating the data. For addresses of System Configuration Area, see “[Section 2.3.1 DFU Storage](#)”.

2.5.4.1 Data Sent from the Host

Table 2-9 Format of data sent through the Read/Update Data in System Configuration Area command

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note	
0–1	Frame header	0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters ‘G’ and ‘D’	
2–3	Frame type	0x0027	Read/Update Data in System Configuration Area command	
4–5	Data length	0x0007–0x0407	Length of data in the “Data” field	
6	Data	Operating command	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00: Read the data in the System Configuration Area. 0x01: Update the data in the System Configuration Area. 	
7–10		Start address	0x01000000–0x01002000	A valid address in the System Configuration Area
11–12		Data length	0x0000–0x0400	Length of data to be read or updated
13–N		Update data	Value range for each byte: 0x00–0xFF	N/A for data read command
N+1 to N+2	Checksum	0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and data field	

Note:

N in [Table 2-9](#) indicates variable length for the “Data” field:

- For a data update command, N ranges from 14 to 1036.
- For a data read command, the “Data” field has a fixed length of 7 bytes.

2.5.4.2 Response Data from the Device

Table 2-10 Format of data replied through the Read/Update Data in System Configuration Area command

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
0–1	Frame header	0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters ‘G’ and ‘D’
2–3	Frame type	0x0027	Read/Update Data in System Configuration Area command
4–5	Data length	0x0002–0x0402	Length of data in the “Data” field
6	Data	Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01: Data handling succeeds. 0x02: Data handling fails.
7		Operating command	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00: Read the data in the System Configuration Area (non-encrypted SoCs). 0x10: Read the data in the System Configuration Area

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
			(encrypted SoCs). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01: Update the data in the System Configuration Area (non-encrypted SoCs). 0x11: Update the data in the System Configuration Area (encrypted SoCs).
8–11	Start address of the System Configuration Area	0x01000000–0x01002000	N/A for data update command
12–13	Length of data in the System Configuration Area	0x0000–0x0400	
14–N	Content of data in the System Configuration Area	Value range for each byte: 0x00–0xFF	
N+1 to N+2	Checksum	0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and data field

2.5.5 Configure External Flash Command

The host sends this command to configure the external flash SPI of the device.

2.5.5.1 Data Sent from the Host

Table 2-11 Format of data sent through the Configure External Flash command

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
0–1	Frame header	0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters 'G' and 'D'
2–3	Frame type	0x002A	Configure External Flash command
4–5	Data length	0x0003	Length of data in the "Data" field
6	Data	CS PIN	GPIO pin selection
7		CS MUX	Pin Mux selection
8		SPI GROUP	Four SPI groups in total. Each group corresponds to different MOSI, MISO, and CLK pins of GR551x SoCs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00: MISO to PIN5, MOSI to PIN4, CLK to PIN3 0x01: MISO to PIN5, MOSI to PIN6, CLK to PIN7 0x02: MISO to PIN14, MOSI to PIN13, CLK to PIN12 0x03: MISO to PIN16, MOSI to PIN25, CLK to PIN24
9–10	Checksum	0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and data field

2.5.5.2 Response Data from the Device

Table 2-12 Format of data replied through the Configure External Flash command

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
0–1	Frame header	0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters 'G' and 'D'
2–3	Frame type	0x002A	Initialize external flash commands.
4–5	Data length	0x0001	1 byte (for response)

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
6	Response	0x01/0x02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01: Configuration succeeds. 0x02: Configuration fails.
7–8	Checksum	0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and response field

2.5.6 Get Flash Information Command

The host sends this command to get internal/external flash information from the device, including flash ID and flash size. External flash size is available through the Serial Flash Discoverable Parameters (SFDP) protocol. For all flash chips supporting the SFDP protocol, the host can get the flash size by sending this command.

2.5.6.1 Data Sent from the Host

Table 2-13 Format of data sent through the Get Flash Information command

Byte No.	Description	Valid Value	Note
0–1	Frame header	0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters 'G' and 'D'
2–3	Frame type	0x002B	Get flash ID.
4–5	Data length	0x0001	1 byte
6	Flash type	0x00/0x01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x00: internal flash 0x01: external flash
7–8	Checksum	0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and data field

2.5.6.2 Response Data from the Device

Table 2-14 Format of data replied through the Get Flash Information command

Byte No.	Description		Valid Value	Note
0–1	Frame header		0x4744	Represented by 0x47 and 0x44 which are the ASCII code values of characters 'G' and 'D'
2–3	Frame type		0x002B	Get flash ID.
4–5	Data length		0x0009	9 bytes (for response)
6	Data	Response	0x01/0x02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0x01: Data get succeeds. 0x02: Data get fails.
7–14	Flash information	Flash ID	Value range for each byte: 0x00–0xFF	Flash ID (4 bytes)
		Flash size	Value range for each byte: 0x00–0xFF	Flash size (4 bytes)
15–16	Checksum		0x0000–0xFFFF	16-bit checksum for frame type, data length, and data field

3 Enablement of DFU

This chapter introduces how to enable DFU for GR551x SoCs, including:

- [Add DFU to Application Firmware](#)
- [Jump to Boot Firmware for Firmware Update](#)

3.1 Add DFU to Application Firmware

The DFU functionality is encapsulated in the `SDK_Folder\components\libraries\dfu_port` module. To add DFU to applications, you only need to call related APIs. Details are provided below by taking `ble_dfu_boot` as an example.

Note:

SDK_Folder is the root directory of GR551x SDK.

3.1.1 ble_dfu_boot Project

The source code and project file of the example `ble_dfu_boot` are in `SDK_Folder\projects\ble\dfu\ble_dfu_boot`, and project file is in the `Keil_5` folder.

Double-click the project file, `ble_dfu_boot.uvprojx`, to view the project directory structure of `ble_dfu_boot` in Keil. For related files, see [Table 3-1](#).

Table 3-1 File description of `ble_dfu_boot`

Group	File	Description
gr_profiles	<code>ble_prf_utils.c</code>	This file contains profile-related operational tools.
	<code>ota.s</code>	This file implements OTA Service.
user_callback	<code>user_gap_callback.c</code>	This file implements GAP callback, such as connection, disconnection, and GAP parameter update.
	<code>user_gatt_common_callback.c</code>	This file implements GATT common callback, such as MTU exchange.
user_platform	<code>user_periph_setup.c</code>	This file configures serial port device address, power management mode, and DFU.
user_app	<code>main.c</code>	This file contains the <code>main()</code> function.
	<code>user_app.c</code>	This file implements OTA profile registration and logical processing.

3.1.2 Steps

1. Configure UART for DFU.

Path: `platform\user_periph_setup.c` under the project directory

Name: `app_periph_init()`;

Call `dfu_port_init()` in this function to configure UART for DFU.

```
void app_periph_init(void)
{
    SET_BD_ADDR(BD_ADDR_NVDS_TAG, BD_ADDR_LENGTH, s_bd_addr);
    bsp_uart_init();
    app_uart_receive_async(APP_UART_ID_0, uart_rx_data, UART_RX_SIZE);
    dfu_port_init(uart_send_data, &dfu_pro_call);
}
```



```

pwr_mgmt_mode_set (PMR_MGMT_ACTIVE_MODE);
#if SK_GUI_ENABLE
user_gui_init();
#endif
}

```

Table 3-2 Input parameter description for dfu_port_init()

Parameter	Description	Value
uart_send_data	Enable/Disable DFU through UART	Yes: The UART send function which is implemented by users is assigned to this parameter. No: "NULL" is assigned to this parameter.
dfu_pro_call	Enable/Disable monitoring on update status at the application layer	Yes: The DFU status handling callback function is assigned to this parameter. No: "NULL" is assigned to this parameter.

2. Configure a DFU approach. Two approaches are available: update through Bluetooth LE connection and update through UART. Users can choose one approach as needed.

- Update through Bluetooth LE connection

Path: user\user_app.c under the project directory

Name: service_init();

Call dfu_service_init() in this function for update through Bluetooth LE connection.

```

static void services_init(void)
{
    dfu_service_init(NULL);
}

```

Path: user_callback\user_gatt_common_callback.c under the project directory

Name: app_gatt_mtu_exchange_cb();

Call dfu_ble_set_mtu_size() in this function to configure MTU for update through Bluetooth LE connection.

```

static void app_gatt_mtu_exchange_cb(uint8_t conn_idx, uint8_t status, uint16_t mtu)
{
    if(BLE_SUCCESS == status)
    {
        dfu_ble_set_mtu_size(mtu);
    }
}

```

- Update through UART

Path: platform\user_periph_setup.c under the project directory

Name: app_uart_evt_handler();

Call dfu_uart_receive_data_process() in this function to implement update through UART.

```

void app_uart_evt_handler(app_uart_evt_t * p_evt)
{

```

```
switch(p_evt->type)
{
    case APP_UART_EVT_TX_CPLT:
        break;
    case APP_UART_EVT_RX_DATA:
        app_uart_receive_async(APP_UART_ID_0, uart_rx_data, UART_RX_SIZE);
        dfu_uart_receive_data_process(uart_rx_data, p_evt->data.size);
        break;
    case APP_UART_EVT_ERROR:
        break;
    default:break;
}
```

3. Call `dfu_schedule()` in the `while(1) {}` loop of the `main()` function.

Path: `\user\main.c` under the project directory

Name: `main();`

Call `dfu_schedule()` in this function to schedule tasks. For FreeRTOS, create a `dfu_schedule()` for DFU task scheduling.

```
int main (void)
{
    // Initialize user peripherals.
    app_periph_init();

    // Initialize BLE Stack.
    ble_stack_init(&s_app_ble_callback, &heaps_table);

    // loop
    while(1)
    {
        dfu_schedule();
#ifdef SK_GUI_ENABLE
        gui_refresh_schedule();
#endif
        pwr_mgmt_schedule();
    }
}
```

3.2 Jump to Boot Firmware for Firmware Update

To jump to Boot for firmware update, you need to download the DFU Boot firmware (such as `ble_dfu_boot`) to be updated to a GR551x SoC. Update applications then jump to DFU Boot for firmware update. Details are provided below by taking `ble_app_template_dfu` as an example.

The source code and project file of the project `ble_app_template_dfu` are in `SDK_Folder\projects\ble\ble_peripheral\ble_app_template_dfu`, and project file is in the `Keil_5` folder.

Double-click the project file, `ble_app_template_dfu.uvprojx` in Keil for compilation. Information about the DFU Boot firmware displays in the log pane of Keil.

Path: \user\user_app.c under the project directory

Name: dfu_enter(void);

When receiving an update command, applications call dfu_start_address() in this function to load boot information of the DFU Boot firmware.

```
static void dfu_enter(void)
{
    //use flash dfu boot
    boot_info_t boot_info =
    {
        .bin_size = 0x26cf0,
        .check_sum = 0xf04eff,
        .load_addr = 0x1002000,
        .run_addr = 0x1002000,
        .xqspi_xip_cmd = 0xeb,
        .xqspi_speed = 0x0,
        .code_copy_mode = 0x0,
        .system_clk = 0x0,
        .check_image = 0x0,
        .boot_delay = 0x1,
        .is_dap_boot = 0x1,
    };
    dfu_start_address(&boot_info);
}
```

4 GR551x OTA DFU

The host can implement OTA firmware update for target devices through wireless transmission. To update through Bluetooth LE connection, set the OTA Profile and the OTA Service.

4.1 Bluetooth LE OTA Profile

The Goodix-customized OTA Profile defines two device roles:

- Host: the Central that sends user application and fixed user data, including font library/image data and external application data. The Central can be a PC, a mobile phone, or other devices.
- Device: the Peripheral that receives user application and fixed user data. The Peripheral can be a wristband, a heart rate meter, or other devices.

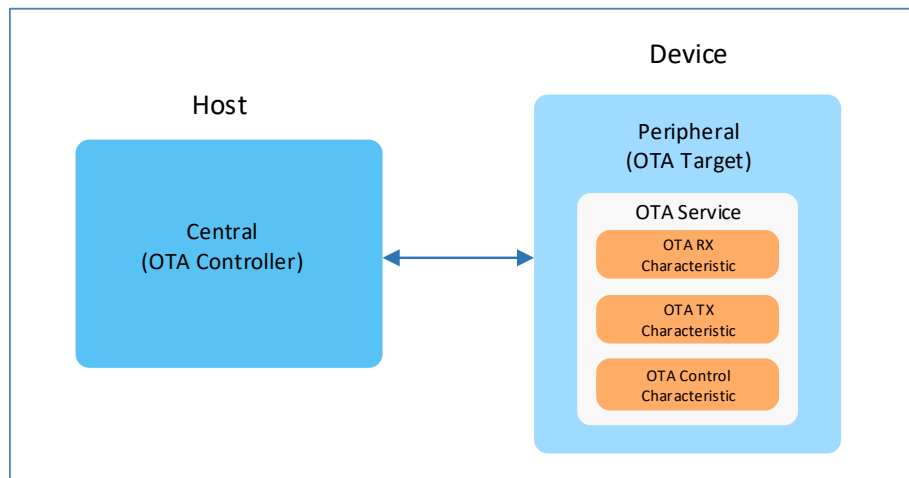


Figure 4-1 OTA Profile device roles

4.2 Bluetooth LE OTA Service

The Goodix-customized OTA Service provides necessary information for DFU. The OTA Service is independent and supports the following GATT operations:

- Write Characteristic Value
- Notifications
- Read Characteristic Descriptors
- Write Characteristic Descriptors

4.2.1 OTA Service and OTA Characteristics

The UUID of OTA Service is a6ed0401-d344-460a-8075-b9e8ec90d71b. OTA characteristics are divided into 3 types, as listed in [Table 4-1](#).

Table 4-1 OTA characteristics

Description	UUID	Property
OTA RX Characteristic	a6ed0402-d344-460a-8075-b9e8ec90d71b	Write without Response
OTA TX Characteristic	a6ed0403-d344-460a-8075-b9e8ec90d71b	Notify, Indicate
OTA Control Characteristic	a6ed0404-d344-460a-8075-b9e8ec90d71b	Write without Response, Indicate

The role of each characteristic:

- OTA RX Characteristic: Receive data from the host with a property of Write without Response to speed up data transmission.
- OTA TX Characteristic: Send data to the host with a property of Notify. Data is reported by the device to the host in this way.
- OTA Control Characteristic: Receive control commands from the host, such as a command to start DFU process for a device.

4.3 OTA DFU Test

To perform an OTA DFU test, see the *GR551x OTA Example Application* for details.

5 DFU Test Through UART with GR551x

This chapter introduces how to perform DFU tests through UART by using a GR5515 Starter Kit Board (GR5515 SK Board).

5.1 Preparation

Perform the following tasks before the test.

- **Hardware preparation**

Table 5-1 Hardware preparation

Name	Description
J-Link debug probe	JTAG emulator launched by SEGGER. For more information, visit www.segger.com/products/debug-probes/j-link/ .
Development board	GR5515 Starter Kit Board (2 boards in total)

- **Software preparation**

Table 5-2 Software preparation

Name	Description
Windows	Windows 7/Windows 10
J-Link driver	A J-Link driver. Available at www.segger.com/downloads/jlink/ .
Keil MDK5	An integrated development environment (IDE). Available at www.keil.com/download/product/ .
GProgrammer (Windows)	A GR551x programming tool. Available in <code>SDK_Folder\tools\GProgrammer</code> .

5.2 Test and Verification

The DFU tests through UART include:

- DFU test by using GProgrammer
- DFU test by using DFU Master and DFU Boot firmware in a GR551x SDK

5.2.1 Test with GProgrammer

1. Download and run the firmware.


Download the firmware *ble_dfu_boot_fw.bin* to the GR5515 SK Board serving as the device (DFU Boot) through GProgrammer via UART and run the firmware. For details, see the *GProgrammer User Manual*.

 **Note:**

The *ble_dfu_boot_fw.bin* is in `SDK_Folder\projects\ble\dfu\ble_dfu_boot\build\`.

5.2.2 Test with DFU Master and DFU Boot

For this test, GR5515 SK Board A serves as the host (DFU Master), and GR5515 SK Board B as the device (DFU Boot).

 **Note:**

The source code and project file of DFU Master are in `SDK_Folder\projects\ble\dfu\dfu_master`, and project file *dfu_master.uvprojx* is in the `Keil_5` folder.

For the project directory of the DFU Boot firmware *ble_dfu_boot_fw.bin*, see "[Section 5.2.1 Test with GProgrammer](#)".

Steps for tests by using DFU Master and DFU Boot firmware in a GR551x SDK:

1. Remove jumper caps of Pins 5–6 and Pins 7–8 at J5 pin header on the Board A and B.
 2. Connect Pin 5 at J5 on the Board A to Pin 7 at J5 on the Board B, and Pin 7 at J5 on the Board A to Pin 5 at J5 on the Board B with DuPont wires, to establish connection between serial ports on the two boards.
 3. Download *dfu_master_fw.bin* to the Board A and *ble_dfu_boot_fw.bin* to the Board B with GProgrammer.
 4. Download the BIN file to be updated to the Board A with GProgrammer.
 5. Press appropriate keys on Board A to update firmware through UART according to tips on the display of Board A.
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 **Tip:**

- The load address and run address of *ble_dfu_boot_fw.bin* (DFU Boot) are 0x01002000.
 - To prevent the downloaded DFU Boot firmware being overwritten, you need to set different load addresses for the firmware to be updated and the DFU Boot firmware. For details, see “Section 2.4 Create Target Firmware for Update” in the *GR551x OTA Example Application*.
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6 FAQs

This chapter lists possible problems with corresponding solutions in DFU process for GR551x SoCs.

- Description
Firmware update fails.
- Analysis
For update through Bluetooth LE connection at 2.4 GHz with severe interference, the Bluetooth connection may be broken.
- Solution
 1. To update through Bluetooth LE connection, check the Bluetooth connection state of the device.
 2. To update through UART, check whether the baud rates of the host and of the device are consistent.
 3. Check whether the address of the firmware to be updated conflicts with the address of the current firmware.