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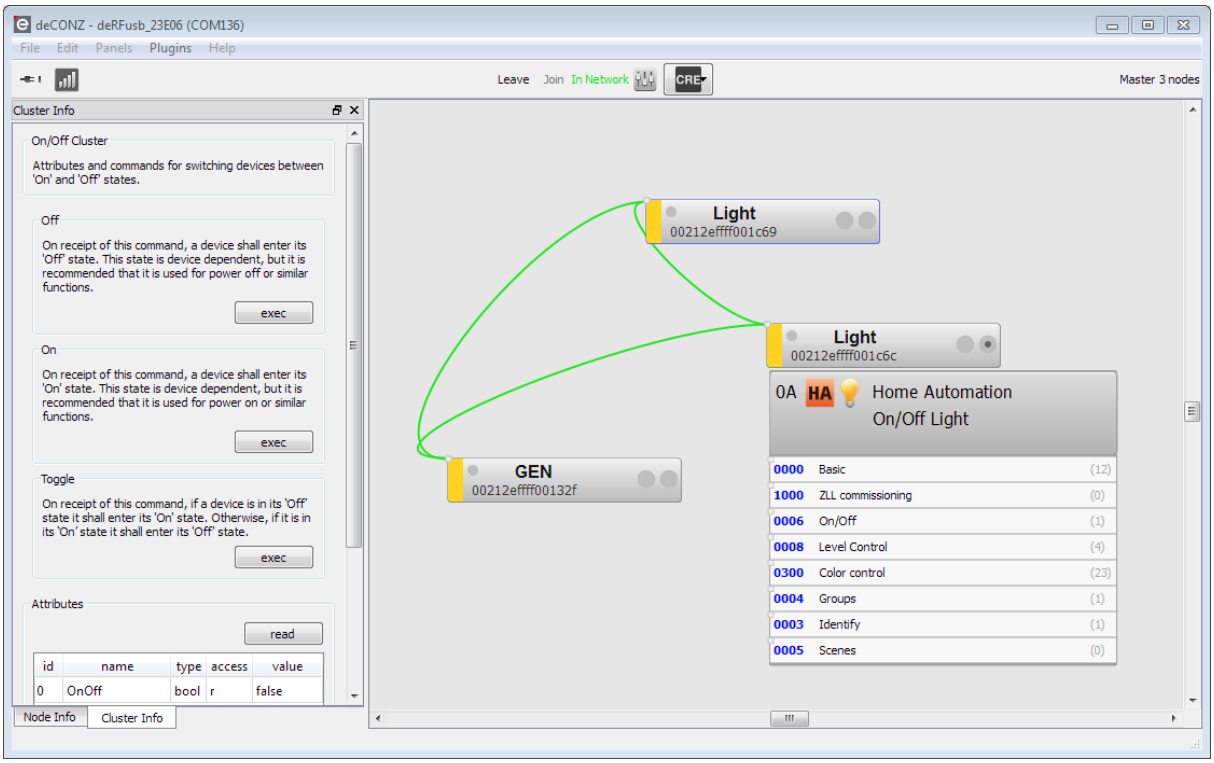
deCONZ — Serial Protocol



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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
APS	Application Support
CRE	Control Automatic Discovery
GUI	Graphical User Interface
IEEE 802.15.4	Standard, applicable to low-rate wireless personal area networks (WPAN)
LQI	Link Quality Indicator
NWK	Network
PANID	Personal Area Network Identifier
RSSI	Received Signal Strength Indication
SLIP	Serial Line Internet Protocol
TC	Trust Center
(W)PAN	(Wireless) Personal Area Network
ZCL	ZigBee Cluster Library
ZDP	ZigBee Device Profile
ZigBee	Wireless networking standard targeted at low-power applications

1. Overview

ZigBee is a technology which offers a powerful solution to a wide range of low-power, low-cost wireless sensor network applications. Some popular application profiles are Home Automation, Smart Energy and Health Care; beside them and other public profiles ZigBee PRO provides the possibility to easily develop special purpose applications.

In many stages of a product development process it is necessary to interact with the devices in order to verify their correct operation. To achieve this in an efficient way extra PC tools are often built around the related application first for the developer and later for deployment, for operation and for maintenance. The deCONZ application from resden elektronik is a powerful graphical tool addressing all those stages. The deCONZ provides comprehensive monitoring, control and commissioning capabilities based on the ZigBee PRO specification. The application core is kept completely generic and is therefore not limited to a specific application profile. All ZigBee application specifics like devices, profiles and clusters are described in XML files. Based on this information, the deCONZ application can generate a full functional graphical user interface for each device and any application.

2. Requirements

2.1 Required Hardware

To use the deCONZ application you need appropriate hardware that is capable of communicating with other ZigBee devices. resden elektronik offers two solutions for that purpose. The ConBee is a ZigBee capable radio USB dongle that turns any PC or MAC with a free USB port into a ZigBee gateway. The other solution is the RaspBee that is an attachment for the Raspberry Pi that uses the Raspberry Pi's GPIO pins. Before you can use the deCONZ application you have to set up your device and install all required software. A detailed description for this is available for ConBee[1] and RaspBee[2].

Figure 1: ConBee USB dongle

Figure 2: Raspberry Pi with attached RaspBee

2.2 Supported Operating Systems

- Microsoft Windows 7, 8, 8.1 and 10

[1] https://www.dresden-elektronik.de/conbee

[2] https://www.dresden-elektronik.de/raspbee

- Canonical Ubuntu Linux 16.04
- Raspberry Pi Raspbian Jessie and Stretch
- Apple Mac OS X 10.11

3. Target Audience

This document describes the serial protocol used between the deCONZ application and the radio module. The targeted audience should be familiar with the ZigBee PRO protocol — especially the Application Support Layer (APS), ZigBee Device Profile (ZDP) and ZigBee Cluster Library (ZCL). A deep understanding of these is required to utilize the protocol, since the radio module represents only a basic modem.

Details of the ZigBee protocol and its various standards like ZigBee Light Link (ZLL) and ZigBee Home Automation (ZHA) are described in their respective specifications. These can be obtained from the http://www.zigbee.org website (registration required). The very basic specification needed to apply this protocol is the ZigBee PRO Specification.

4. Transmission Protocol

The application protocol frames which are used by the deCONZ application to communicate with the microcontroller are encapsulated in the Serial Line Internet Protocol (SLIP) — for detailed documentation and a reference implementation of SLIP, please refer to RFC 1055.

4.1 16-bit CRC Calculation

As extension each frame contains a 16-bit CRC after the content, calculated over the complete frame payload as described in following pseudo code:

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U16 crc = 0;
for (i = 0; i < payloadLength; i++)
    crc += payload[i];
U8 crc0 = (~crc + 1) & 0xFF;
U8 crc1 = ((~crc + 1) >> 8) & 0xFF;
```

5. Application Protocol

Before running a device inside a network it has to be integrated; at first it has to get connected to the host PC and then it has to be configured to be able to join the network. On Windows, Linux PC or Mac you can use the ConBee USB Stick. On Rasberry Pi you can also use the RasBee Shield.

Value	Status Code
0x00	SUCCESS
0x01	FAILURE
0x02	BUSY
0x03	TIMEOUT
0x04	UNSUPPORTED
0x05	ERROR
0x06	NO_NETWORK
0x07	INVALID_VALUE

Table 5-1: Status Codes

Value	Network State
0x00	NET_OFFLINE
0x01	NET_JOINING
0x02	NET_CONNECTED
0x03	NET_LEAVING

Table 5-2: Network States

ID	Command
0x07	DEVICE_STATE
0x08	CHANGE_NETWORK_STATE
0x0A	READ_PARAMETER
0x0B	WRITE_PARAMETER
0x0E	DEVICE_STATE_CHANGED
0x0D	VERSION
0x12	APS_DATA_REQUEST
0x04	APS_DATA_CONFIRM

0x17	APS_DATA_INDICATION

Table 5-3: Commands

6. Configure Network Parameters

Various parameters define how the device participates in a ZigBee network. Some of these parameters are read-only and will be set automatically by the stack when the network operation is started.

ID	Name	Type	Description	Mode
0x01	MAC Address	U64	0x0000000000000001–0xfffffffffffffffe	R
0x05	NWK PANID	U16	0x0000–0xFFFF	R
0x07	NWK Address	U16	0x0000–0xFFFE	R
0x08	NWK Extended PANID	U64	0x0000000000000000–0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF	R
0x09	APS Designed Coordinator	U8	0x01 — Coordinator, the node will form a network and let other nodes join. 0x00 — Router, the node will join a network	RW
0x0A	Channel Mask	U32	0x00000000–0x7FFF800	RW
0x0B	APS Extended PANID	U64	0x0000000000000000–0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF	RW
0x0E	Trust Center Address	U64	0x0000000000000000–0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF	RW
0x10	Security Mode	U8	0x00 — no security 0x01 — preconfigured network key 0x02 — network key from trust center 0x03 — no master but trust center link key	RW
0x18	Network Key	U8 [16]	Encryption key to secure network traffic	RW
0x1C	Current Channel	U8	11–26	R
0x22	Protocol Version	U16	Version of the implemented protocol	R
0x24	NWK Update ID	U8	0–255	RW

Table 6-1: Parameters

6.1 Read Configuration

By reading parameters the current configuration can be obtained. Be aware that this configuration might not reflect the active configuration, since changes to parameters affect the network operation only as soon as it's stopped and started again.

6.1.1 Read Parameter Request

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	READ_PARAMETER (0x0A)
U8	Sequence number	0–255
U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0
U16	Frame length	7 + Payload length
U16	Payload length	1
U8	Parameter ID	An identifier from Table 6-1: Parameters

Table 6-2: Format of Read Parameter Request

6.1.2 Read Parameter Response

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	READ_PARAMETER (0x0A)
U8	Sequence number	Same as request
U8	Status	SUCCESS or UNSUPPORTED
U16	Frame length	7 + Payload length
U16	Payload length	1 + Length of parameter
U8	Parameter ID	Same as request
Variable	Parameter	The parameter

Table 6-3: Format of Read Parameter Response

If the response status is SUCCESS the parameter data is included in the response according to its definition in Table 6-1: Parameters. If the status is UNSUPPORTED the 'Length' field is 0 and the fields 'Parameter ID' and 'Parameter' aren't included in the response.

6.2 Write Configuration

6.2.1 Write Parameter Request

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	WRITE_PARAMETER (0x0B)
U8	Sequence number	0–255

U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0
U16	Frame length	7 + Payload length
U16	Payload length	1 + Length of parameter
U8	Parameter ID	An identifier from Table 6-1: Parameters
Variable	Parameter	The parameter

Table 6-4: Format of Write Parameter Request

6.2.2 Write Parameter Response

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	WRITE_PARAMETER (0x0B)
U8	Sequence number	Same as request
U8	Status	SUCCESS, UNSUPPORTED or INVALID_VALUE
U16	Frame length	7 + Payload length
U16	Payload length	1
U8	Parameter ID	An identifier from Table 6-1: Parameters

Table 6-5: Format of Write Parameter Response

7. Control Network State

7.1 Reading Network State

7.1.1 Device State Request

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	DEVICE_STATE (0x07)
U8	Sequence number	0–255
U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0
U16	Frame length	8
U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0
U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0
U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0

7.1.2 Device State Response

Type	Field	Value

U8	Command ID	DEVICE_STATE (0x07)
U8	Sequence number	Same as request
U8	Status	SUCCESS
U16	Frame length	8
U8	Reserved	0000 0011 — Network state 0000 0100 — APSDE-DATA.confirm flag (0x04) 0000 1000 — APSDE-DATA.indication flag (0x08) 0001 0000 — Configuration changed flag (0x10) 0010 0000 — APSDE-DATA.request free slots flag (0x20)
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored

The device state determines if the device is operation in a ZigBee network and if so, various flags provide the state of incoming and outgoing command queues. The 'Network state' field value can be NET_OFFLINE, NET_CONNECTED, NET_JOINING and NET_LEAVING.

7.2 Create or Join Network

7.2.1 Create or Join Network Request

The device can create a network when configured as coordinator and trust center, or join a network as a router.

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	CHANGE_NETWORK_STATE (0x08)
U8	Sequence number	0–255
U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0
U16	Frame length	6
U8	Network state	NET_CONNECTED (0x02)

Table 7-1: Format of Create or Join Network Request

7.2.2 Create or Join Network Response

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	CHANGE_NETWORK_STATE (0x08)
U8	Sequence number	Same as request
U8	Status	SUCCESS or ERROR

U16	Frame length	6
U8	Network state	NET_CONNECTED (0x02)

Table 7-2: Format of Create or Join Network Response

A status of SUCCESS means the request will be processed; the network state transitions should be further queried with DEVICE_STATE commands once a second.

The following two behaviors are possible:

1) NET_OFFLINE → NET_JOINING → NET_CONNECTED
2) NET_OFFLINE → NET_JOINING → NET_OFFLINE

The second transition may occur when the device can't join a network, due to invalid parameters or because the network is not opened — which, in ZigBee terms, means no node in the network has its 'Permit Join' flag set.

7.3 Leave Network

7.3.1 Leave Network Request

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	CHANGE_NETWORK_STATE (0x08)
U8	Sequence number	0–255
U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0
U16	Frame length	6
U8	Network State	NET_OFFLINE (0x00)

Table 7-3: Format of Leave Network Request

7.3.2 Leave Network Response

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	CHANGE_NETWORK_STATE (0x08)
U8	Sequence number	Same as request
U8	Status	SUCCESS or ERROR
U16	Frame length	6
U8	Network state	NET_CONNECTED (0x02)

Table 7-4: Format of Leave Network Response

7.4 Receiving Data

7.4.1 Received Data Notification

When the device receives a data frame an unsolicited DEVICE_STATE_CHANGED command will be send to the application.

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	DEVICE_STATE_CHANGED (0x0E)
U8	Sequence number	0–255
U8	Status	SUCCESS
U16	Frame length	7
U8	Device state	0000 0011 — Network state 0000 0100 — APSDE-DATA.confirm flag (0x04) 0000 1000 — APSDE-DATA.indication flag (0x08) 0001 0000 — Configuration changed flag (0x10) 0010 0000 — APSDE-DATA.request free slots flag (0x20)
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored

Table 7-5: Format of Unsolicited Device State Command

If the APSDE-DATA.indication flag is set, the application can read the received frame from the device by executing an APSDE-Data.indication request.

7.4.2 Read Received Data Request

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	APS_DATA_INDICATION (0x17)
U8	Sequence number	0–255
U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0
U16	Frame length	7 + Payload length
U16	Payload length	0 / 1
U8	Flags	Only included if payload length is 1 0x01 — always return source address as 16-bit short address 0x02 — put last hop address after ASDU in first two reserved bytes (since protocol version 0x0108)

Table 7-6: Format of the Read Received Data Request

7.4.3 Read Received Data Response

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	APS_DATA_INDICATION (0x17)
U8	Sequence number	Same as request
U8	Status	SUCCESS
U16	Frame length	7 + Payload length
U16	Payload length	Variable
U8	Device state	0000 0011 — Network state 0000 0100 — APSDE-DATA.confirm flag (0x04) 0000 1000 — APSDE-DATA.indication flag (0x08) 0001 0000 — Configuration changed flag (0x10) 0010 0000 — APSDE-DATA.request free slots flag (0x20)
U8	Destination address mode	0x01 — Group address 0x02 — NWK address 0x03 — IEEE address
*U16	16-bit destination short address	Only included if destination address mode is 0x01 or 0x02
*U64	64-bit destination extended address	Only included if destination address mode is 0x03
U8	Destination endpoint	0–255
U8	Source address mode	0x02 — NWK address 0x03 — IEEE address
*U16	16-bit source short address	Only included if source address mode is 0x02
*U64	64-bit source extended address	Only included if source address mode is 0x03
U8	Source endpoint	0–255
U16	Profile ID	0x0000–0xFFFF
U16	Cluster ID	0x0000–0xFFFF
U16	ASDU length	0–127 — The APS frame payload length
U8[*]	ASDU	The APS frame payload
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored

U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored
U8	LQI	0–255 — Link Quality Indication
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored
I8	RSSI	-100–0 — Received Signal Strength Indication [dBm]

Table 7-7: Format of the Read Received Data Response

7.5 Sending Data

7.5.1 Enqueue Send Data Request

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	APS_DATA_REQUEST (0x12)
U8	Sequence number	0–255
U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0
U16	Frame length	7 + Payload length
U16	Payload length	Variable
U8	Request ID	0–255
U8	Flags	0
U8	Destination address mode	0x01 — Group address 0x02 — NWK address 0x03 — IEEE address
*U16	16-bit destination short address	Only included if destination address mode is 0x01 or 0x02
*U64	64-bit destination extended address	Only included if destination address mode is 0x03
*U8	Destination endpoint	0–255 Only included if destination address mode is 0x02 or 0x03
U16	Profile ID	0x0000–0xFFFF
U16	Cluster ID	0x0000–0xFFFF
U8	Source endpoint	0–255
U16	ASDU length	0–127 — The APS frame payload length
U8[*]	ASDU	The APS frame payload

U8	Tx options	0x04 — Use APS ACKs
U8	Radius	The maximum hops that the request will be forwarded. Set to 0 for unlimited hops.

Table 7-8: Format of the Enqueue Send Data Request

7.5.2 Enqueue Send Data Response

A data response with a status of SUCCESS signals that the request is enqueued and will be processed by the device. Note that the response does not reflect the actual completion of the request, which should be further monitored with an APSDE-DATA.confirm command as soon as the relevant flag is set in the device status fields. The APS Request ID shall be used to match a specific request to its confirmation.

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	APS_DATA_REQUEST (0x12)
U8	Sequence number	Same as request
U8	Status	SUCCESS, NO_NETWORK, ERROR, BUSY or INVALID_VALUE
U16	Frame length	9
U16	Payload length	2
U8	Device state	0000 0011 — Network state 0000 0100 — APSDE-DATA.confirm flag (0x04) 0000 1000 — APSDE-DATA.indication flag (0x08) 0001 0000 — Configuration changed flag (0x10) 0010 0000 — APSDE-DATA.request free slots flag (0x20)
U8	Request ID	Same as request

Table 7-9: Format of the Enqueue Send Data Response

7.5.3 Query Send Data State Request

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	APS_DATA_CONFIRM (0x04)
U8	Sequence number	0–255
U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0
U16	Frame length	7
U16	Payload length	0

7.5.4 Query Send Data State Response

Type	Field	Value
U8	Command ID	APS_DATA_CONFIRM (0x04)
U8	Sequence number	0–255
U8	Reserved	Shall be set to 0
U16	Frame length	7
U16	Payload length	11 — For destination address mode 0x01 12 — For destination address mode 0x02 18 — For destination address mode 0x03
U8	Device state	0000 0011 — Network state 0000 0100 — APSDE-DATA.confirm flag (0x04) 0000 1000 — APSDE-DATA.indication flag (0x08) 0001 0000 — Configuration changed flag (0x10) 0010 0000 — APSDE-DATA.request free slots flag (0x20)
U8	Request ID	To match this confirmation to a certain request
U8	Destination address mode	0x01 — Group address 0x02 — NWK address 0x03 — IEEE address
*U16	16-bit destination short address	Only included if destination address mode is 0x01 or 0x02
*U64	64-bit destination extended address	Only included if destination address mode is 0x03
*U8	Destination endpoint	0–255 Only included if destination address mode is 0x02 or 0x03
U8	Source endpoint	0–255
U8	Confirm status	An ZigBee APS, NWK or MAC layer status code
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored
U8	Reserved	Shall be ignored

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