

CoAP over GATT

[draft-amsuess-core-coap-over-gatt](#)

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What?

Exchange CoAP over GATT

GATT: Generic Attribute Profile of Bluetooth Low Energy

Why?

All the same reasons as for CoAP-over-WS

- ▶ Extend CoAP, especially OSCORE, to applications with limited APIs
 - “Smart” phone apps, browsers¹
- ▶ ~~Too lazy to implement IPSP~~
- ▶ ~~But with IPSP I'll have to have a full IP stack~~
- ▶ Explain non-CoAP GATT values to CoAP devices through SCHC ?

¹Not generally approved; future versions on future protocols (WebRTC data channel?).

How?

Request: Write *Method* || *Options* || [0xff || *Payload*]

Response: Read *Code* || *Options* || [0xff || *Payload*]

No message type / MID: Reliability handled by BLE

No Token: Multiplexing handled by descriptors²

~ 512 Byte MTU³: Block-wise up to szx=5

²May or may not be practical.

³May be lower per device, to be investigated.

URI questions

coap+bluetooth://00-11-22-33-44-55-66-77-88-99/.well-known/core

coap+bluetooth://0x2000a140/.well-known/core

coap+bluetooth://[]%0x2000a140/.well-known/core

coap://device.example.com/.well-known/core

where

device.example.com. IN BLUETOOTH 00-11-..-99

coap://00-11-..-99.blue.arpa/.well-known/core

... but basically this means continuing on protocol-negotiation

Implementations

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Tab Bar:** Shows a single tab labeled "CoAP-over-GATT demo".
- Address Bar:** Displays the URL "localhost:8003/demo.html".
- Content Area:** A modal dialog box is open, containing the text "http://localhost:8003 wants to pair". Below this, a section titled "CoAP over GATT - Paired" is visible.
- Left Sidebar:** Contains buttons for "Send CoAP req" and "Picking a CoA".
- Bottom Right:** Includes navigation icons (back, forward, search) and a page number "6 / 8".

Implementations

CoAP-over-GATT demo * x +

localhost:8003/demo.html



Send CoAP request

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Picking a CoAP server...
Connecting to GATT Server...
Getting Service...
Getting Characteristic...
Sending request for .well-known/core...
Reading response...
Got response: </board>
Sending second request
01 b5 62 6f 61 72 64
Waiting for response...
Response is 45 ff 6e 72 66 35 32 38 34 30 64 6f 6e 67 6c 65
Textual content: nrf52840dongle
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Roadmap

- ▶ Gather implementation experience
- ▶ Keep draft in sync
- ▶ WG feedback
- ▶ Experimental “This is how a few people do it” document

- ▶ If aiming for standards track, not before GATT is accessible from Mozilla browsers⁴

⁴<https://github.com/mozilla/standards-positions/issues/95>