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1 Preface

This preface introduces the Cordio Stack Attribute Protocol API Reference Manual.

1.1 About this book

This document describes the *Attribute Protocol* (ATT) API and lists the API functions and their parameters.

1.1.1 Intended audience

This book is written for experienced software engineers who might or might not have experience with ARM products. Such engineers typically have experience writing Bluetooth applications but might have limited experience with the Cordio software stack.

It is also assumed that the readers have access to all necessary tools.

1.1.2 Using this book

This book is organized into the following chapters:

- **Introduction**
Read this for an overview of the Attribute Protocol subsystem.
- **Main Interface**
Read this for a description of the portion of the API that is common to the client and server.
- **Server Interface**
Read this for a description how the API controls the *Attribute Protocol Server* (ATTS).
- **Server Client Characteristic Configuration Interface**
Read this for a description of the ATTS interface functions used for managing *Client Characteristic Configuration Descriptors* (CCCD).
- **Client Interface**
Read this for a description of the functions related to initializing and initiating the attribute client.
- **Client Discovery Interface**
Read this for a description of the utility interface that simplifies common GATT client service and characteristic discovery procedures.
- **GATT Discovery Procedures**
Read this for a description of how the ATTC API is used to perform GATT discovery procedures.
- **Scenarios**
Read this for a description of typical scenarios that use the API.
- **Revisions**
Read this chapter for descriptions of the changes between document versions.

1.1.3 Terms and abbreviations

For a list of ARM terms, see the ARM [glossary](#).

Terms specific to the Cordio software are listed below:

Term	Description
ACL	Asynchronous Connectionless data packet
AD	Advertising Data
ARQ	Automatic Repeat reQuest
ATT	Attribute Protocol, also attribute protocol software subsystem
ATTC	Attribute Protocol Client software subsystem
ATTS	Attribute Protocol Server software subsystem
CCC or CCCD	Client Characteristic Configuration Descriptor
CID	Connection Identifier
CSRK	Connection Signature Resolving Key
DM	Device Manager software subsystem
GAP	Generic Access Profile
GATT	Generic Attribute Profile
HCI	Host Controller Interface
IRK	Identity Resolving Key
JIT	Just In Time
L2C	L2CAP software subsystem
L2CAP	Logical Link Control Adaptation Protocol
LE	(Bluetooth) Low Energy
LL	Link Layer
LLPC	Link Layer Control Protocol
LTK	Long Term Key
MITM	Man In The Middle pairing (authenticated pairing)
OOB	Out Of Band data
SMP	Security Manager Protocol, also security manager protocol software subsystem
SMPI	Security Manager Protocol Initiator software subsystem
SMPR	Security Manager Protocol Responder software subsystem
STK	Short Term Key
WSF	Wireless Software Foundation software service and porting layer.

1.1.4 Conventions

The following table describes the typographical conventions:

Typographical conventions	
Style	Purpose
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1.1.5 Additional reading

This section lists publications by ARM and by third parties.

See [Infocenter](#) for access to ARM documentation.

Other publications

This section lists relevant documents published by third parties:

- Bluetooth SIG, “*Specification of the Bluetooth System*”, Version 4.2, December 2, 2015.

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2 Introduction

This document describes the API of the *Attribute Protocol* (ATT) subsystem. The attribute protocol is a core component of the Bluetooth LE protocol stack responsible for reading and writing attributes. The ATT API is divided into three parts: The *ATT server interface* (ATTS), the ATT client interface (ATTC) and the main interface common to both ATTS and ATTC.

Cordio's ATT subsystem also implements the features of the *Generic Attribute Profile* (GATT) specification.

3 Main Interface

This portion of the ATT API is common to both client and server.

3.1 Constants and data types

3.1.1 Status

This parameter indicates the status of an attribute protocol operation.

Table 1 Main interface types

Name	Description
ATT_SUCCESS	Operation successful.
ATT_ERR_HANDLE	Invalid handle.
ATT_ERR_READ	Read not permitted.
ATT_ERR_WRITE	Write not permitted.
ATT_ERR_INVALID_PDU	Invalid pdu.
ATT_ERR_AUTH	Insufficient authentication.
ATT_ERR_NOT_SUP	Request not supported.
ATT_ERR_OFFSET	Invalid offset.
ATT_ERR_AUTHOR	Insufficient authorization.
ATT_ERR_QUEUE_FULL	Prepare queue full.
ATT_ERR_NOT_FOUND	Attribute not found.
ATT_ERR_NOT_LONG	Attribute not long.
ATT_ERR_KEY_SIZE	Insufficient encryption key size.
ATT_ERR_LENGTH	Invalid attribute value length.
ATT_ERR_UNLIKELY	Other unlikely error.
ATT_ERR_ENC	Insufficient encryption.
ATT_ERR_GROUP_TYPE	Unsupported group type.
ATT_ERR_RESOURCES	Insufficient resources.
ATT_ERR_CCCD	CCCD improperly configured.
ATT_ERR_IN_PROGRESS	Procedure already in progress.
ATT_ERR_RANGE	Value out of range.
ATT_ERR_MEMORY	Out of memory.
ATT_ERR_TIMEOUT	Transaction timeout.

ATT_ERR_OVERFLOW	Transaction overflow.
ATT_ERR_INVALID_RSP	Invalid response PDU.
ATT_ERR_CANCELLED	Request cancelled.
ATT_ERR_UNDEFINED	Other undefined error.
ATT_ERR_REQ_NOT_FOUND	Required characteristic not found.
ATT_ERR_MTU_EXCEEDED	Attribute PDU length exceeded MTU size
ATT_CONTINUING	Procedure continuing.
ATT_ERR_VALUE_RANGE	Value out of range.

HCI status values can also be passed through ATT. Since the values of HCI and ATT error codes overlap, the constant ATT_HCI_ERR_BASE is added to HCI error codes before being passed through ATT. See the *Cordio HCI API Reference Manual* for HCI error code values.

3.1.2 Operation

This parameter indicates the over-the-air attribute protocol operation.

Table 2 Operation parameter values

Name	Description
ATT_PDU_ERR_RSP	Error response.
ATT_PDU_MTU_REQ	Exchange mtu request.
ATT_PDU_MTU_RSP	Exchange mtu response.
ATT_PDU_FIND_INFO_REQ	Find information request.
ATT_PDU_FIND_INFO_RSP	Find information response.
ATT_PDU_FIND_TYPE_REQ	Find by type value request.
ATT_PDU_FIND_TYPE_RSP	Find by type value response.
ATT_PDU_READ_TYPE_REQ	Read by type request.
ATT_PDU_READ_TYPE_RSP	Read by type response.
ATT_PDU_READ_REQ	Read request.
ATT_PDU_READ_RSP	Read response.
ATT_PDU_READ_BLOB_REQ	Read blob request.
ATT_PDU_READ_BLOB_RSP	Read blob response.
ATT_PDU_READ_MULT_REQ	Read multiple request.
ATT_PDU_READ_MULT_RSP	Read multiple response.

ATT_PDU_READ_GROUP_TYPE_REQ	Read by group type request.
ATT_PDU_READ_GROUP_TYPE_RSP	Read by group type response.
ATT_PDU_WRITE_REQ	Write request.
ATT_PDU_WRITE_RSP	Write response.
ATT_PDU_WRITE_CMD	Write command.
ATT_PDU_SIGNED_WRITE_CMD	Signed write command.
ATT_PDU_PREP_WRITE_REQ	Prepare write request.
ATT_PDU_PREP_WRITE_RSP	Prepare write response.
ATT_PDU_EXEC_WRITE_REQ	Execute write request.
ATT_PDU_EXEC_WRITE_RSP	Execute write response.
ATT_PDU_VALUE_NTF	Handle value notification.
ATT_PDU_VALUE_IND	Handle value indication.
ATT_PDU_VALUE_CNF	Handle value confirmation.
ATT_PDU_MAX	PDU maximum.

3.1.3 attCfg_t

This data type contains ATT run-time configurable parameters.

Table 3 attCfg_t parameters

Type	Name	Description
wsfTimerTicks_t	discIdleTimeout	ATT server service discovery connection idle timeout in seconds.
uint16_t	mtu	Desired ATT MTU.
uint8_t	transTimeout	Transaction Timeout in seconds.
uint8_t	numPrepWrites	Number of queued prepare writes supported by server.

3.2 Functions

3.2.1 AttRegister()

Register a callback with ATT.

Syntax:

```
void AttRegister(attCbback_t cbback)
```

Where:

- cback: Client callback function. See 3.3.1.

3.2.2 AttConnRegister()

Register a connection callback with ATT. The callback is typically used to manage the attribute server database.

Syntax:

```
void AttConnRegister(dmCback_t cback)
```

Where:

- cback: DM client callback function. See the *Cordio Device Manager API Reference Manual* for more information.

3.2.3 AttGetMtu()

Get the attribute protocol MTU of a connection.

Syntax:

```
uint16_t AttGetMtu(dmConnId_t connId)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.

3.3 Callback interface

3.3.1 (*attCback_t)()

This callback function sends ATT events to the client application. A single callback function is used for both ATTS and ATTC.

Syntax:

```
void (*attCback_t)(attEvt_t *pEvt)
```

Where:

- pEvt: Pointer to ATT event structure.

3.3.2 Callback events

The following callback event values are passed in the ATT event structure.

Table 4 Callback events

Name	Description
ATTC_FIND_INFO_RSP	Find information response.

ATTC_FIND_BY_TYPE_VALUE_RSP	Find by type value response.
ATTC_READ_BY_TYPE_RSP	Read by type value response.
ATTC_READ_RSP	Read response.
ATTC_READ_LONG_RSP	Read long response.
ATTC_READ_MULTIPLE_RSP	Read multiple response.
ATTC_READ_BY_GROUP_TYPE_RSP	Read group type response.
ATTC_WRITE_RSP	Write response.
ATTC_WRITE_CMD_RSP	Write command response.
ATTC_PREPARE_WRITE_RSP	Prepare write response.
ATTC_EXECUTE_WRITE_RSP	Execute write response.
ATTC_HANDLE_VALUE_NTF	Handle value notification.
ATTC_HANDLE_VALUE_IND	Handle value indication.
ATTS_HANDLE_VALUE_CNF	Handle value confirmation.
ATTS_CCC_STATE_IND	Client characteristic configuration state change

3.3.3 attEvt_t

This data type is used for all callback events.

Table 5 attEvt_t types

Type	Name	Description
uint8_t	hdr.event	Callback event.
uint16_t	hdr.param	DM connection ID.
uint8_t	hdr.status	Event status.
uint8_t *	pValue	Pointer to value data, valid if valueLen > 0.
uint16_t	valueLen	Length of value data.
uint16_t	handle	Attribute handle.
bool_t	continuing	TRUE if more response packets expected.

4 Server Interface

This API controls the operation of the attribute protocol server (ATTS).

4.1 Attribute server operation

An attribute server provides access to an attribute database stored within the server. According to the Bluetooth specification, attributes are collected into groups of characteristics, which are further collected into a service. A service is a collection of characteristics designed to accomplish a particular function, such as an alert service or a sensor service.

Figure 1 shows how services, characteristics, and attributes are organized according to the Bluetooth specification. An attribute database typically contains one or more services. Each service contains a set of characteristics, which is made up of one or more attributes. The type of attribute is uniquely identified by a UUID and an instance of an attribute in a server is uniquely identified by a handle. An attribute typically contains data that can be read or written by the attribute client on a peer device.

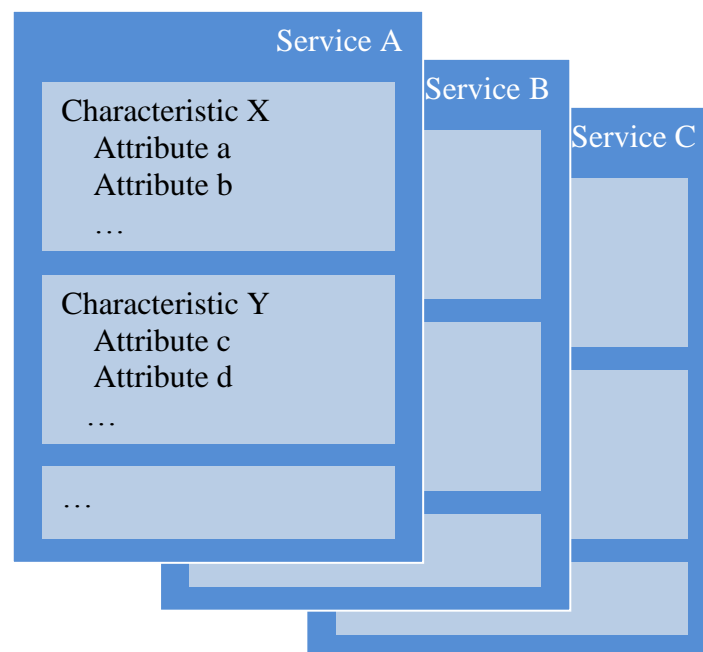


Figure 1. Services, characteristics, and attributes stored in an attribute server

In the ATTS implementation, the attribute database consists of a linked list of one or more group structures. Each attribute group structure points to an array of attribute structures. Each attribute structure contains the UUID, data, and other information for the attribute. The data structures in the ATTS database implementation are illustrated in Figure 2.

The group structure contains a pointer to the attribute array, the handle range of the attributes it references, and other data. A database implementation will typically use one group structure per service, although this is not a requirement; a group can contain multiple services, or a service can

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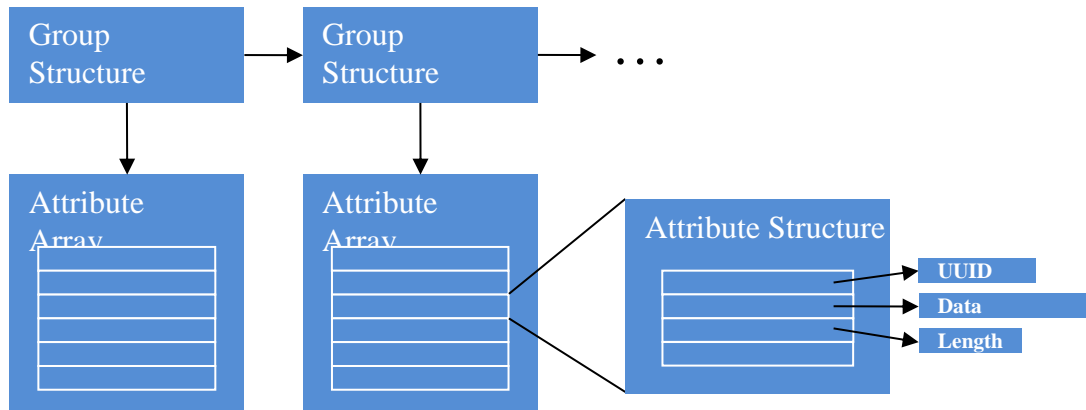


Figure 2. ATTS attribute database data structures

4.2 Constants and data types

4.2.1 Attribute settings

This bit mask parameter controls the settings of an attribute.

Table 6 Server interface types

Name	Value	Description
ATTS_SET_UUID_128	0x01	Set if the UUID is 128 bits in length.
ATTS_SET_WRITE_CBACK	0x02	Set if the group callback is executed when this attribute is written by a client device
ATTS_SET_READ_CBACK	0x04	Set if the group callback is executed when this attribute is read by a client device.
ATTS_SET_VARIABLE_LEN	0x08	Set if the attribute has a variable length.
ATTS_SET_ALLOW_OFFSET	0x10	Set if writes are allowed with an offset.
ATTS_SET_CCC	0x20	Set if the attribute is a client characteristic configuration descriptor.
ATTS_SET_ALLOW_SIGNED	0x40	Set if signed writes are allowed.
ATTS_SET_REQ_SIGNED	0x80	Set if signed writes are required if link is not encrypted.

4.2.2 Attribute security settings

This bit mask parameter controls the security settings of an attribute. These values can be set in any combination.

Table 7 Attribute security settings

Name	Value	Description
ATTS_PERMIT_READ	0x01	Set if attribute can be read.
ATTS_PERMIT_READ_AUTH	0x02	Set if attribute read requires authentication.
ATTS_PERMIT_READ_AUTHORIZ	0x04	Set if attribute read requires authorization.
ATTS_PERMIT_READ_ENC	0x08	Set if attribute read requires encryption.
ATTS_PERMIT_WRITE	0x10	Set if attribute can be written.
ATTS_PERMIT_WRITE_AUTH	0x20	Set if attribute write requires authentication.
ATTS_PERMIT_WRITE_AUTHORIZ	0x40	Set if attribute write requires authorization.
ATTS_PERMIT_WRITE_ENC	0x80	Set if attribute write requires encryption.

4.2.3 Attribute UUID

An attribute UUID is either 16 bits or 128 bits in length. The UUID value is stored as a byte array in little endian format. For example:

```
/* 16 bit UUID value 0x0016 */
uint8 uuid16[] = {0x16, 0x00};
```

```
/* 128 bit UUID value 00001234-0000-1000-8000-00805F9B34FB */
uint8 uuid128[] = {0xFB, 0x34, 0x9B, 0x5F, 0x80, 0x00, 0x00, 0x80,
                   0x00, 0x10, 0x00, 0x00, 0x34, 0x12, 0x00, 0x00};
```

4.2.4 Attribute value

The attribute value is stored as a byte array. If the attribute is an integer, the value is stored in little endian format.

4.2.5 Attribute handles

The attribute protocol uses handles to uniquely identify attributes. To save memory, the attribute server does not store a handle for each attribute. Rather, it uses the starting handle value in each group to derive the handle of a particular attribute in the group. The start handle is the handle of the attribute at index zero of the group's attribute array. The handle of each subsequent attribute is simply the start handle plus the attributes index in the array.

4.2.6 attsAttr_t

This data type defines the structure used by an attribute in a group.

Table 8 attsAttr_t types

Type	Name	Description
uint8_t *	pUuid	Pointer to the attribute's UUID.

uint8_t *	pValue	Pointer to the attribute's value.
uint16_t *	pLen	Pointer to the length of the attribute's value.
uint16_t	maxLen	Maximum length of attribute's value.
uint8_t	settings	Attribute settings. See 4.2.1.
uint8_t	permissions	Attribute permissions. See 4.2.2.

4.2.7 attsGroup_t

This data type defines the structure used by a group.

Table 9 attsGroup_t types

Type	Name	Description
attsGroup_t *	pNext	For internal use only.
attsAttr_t *	pAttr	Pointer to attribute list for this group.
attsReadCbcbk_t	readCbcbk	Read callback function. See 4.4.1.
attsWriteCbcbk_t	writeCbcbk	Write callback function. See 4.4.2.
uint16_t	startHandle	The handle of the first attribute in this group.
uint16_t	endHandle	The handle of the last attribute in this group.

4.3 Functions

4.3.1 AttsInit()

This function is called to initialize the attribute server. This function is generally called once during system initialization before any other ATTS API functions are called.

Syntax:

```
void AttsInit(void)
```

4.3.2 AttsIndInit()

This function is called to initialize the attribute server for indications/notifications. This function is generally called once during system initialization before any other ATTS API functions are called.

Syntax:

```
void AttsIndInit(void)
```

4.3.3 AttsSignInit()

This function is called to initialize the attribute server for data signing. This function is generally called once during system initialization before any other ATTS API functions are called.

Syntax:

```
void AttsSignInit(void)
```

4.3.4 AttsAuthorRegister()

This function is called to register an authorization callback with the attribute server. This provides a mechanism to allow user authorization of read or write operations on a particular attribute.

Syntax:

```
void AttsAuthorRegister(attsAuthorCbback_t cbback)
```

4.3.5 AttsAddGroup()

Add an attribute group to the attribute server. The memory for the group structure is allocated by the caller and can only be deallocated after `AttsRemoveGroup()` is called.

Syntax:

```
void AttsAddGroup(attsGroup_t *pGroup)
```

Where:

- `pGroup`: Pointer to an attribute group structure. See 4.2.7.

4.3.6 AttsRemoveGroup()

Remove an attribute group from the attribute server.

Syntax:

```
void AttsRemoveGroup(uint16_t startHandle)
```

Where:

- `startHandle`: Start handle of attribute group to be removed.

4.3.7 AttsSetAttr()

Set an attribute value in the attribute server. Before calling this function the group containing the attribute must be added to the server by calling `AttsAddGroup()`.

Syntax:

```
void AttsSetAttr(uint16_t handle, uint16_t valueLen, uint8_t *pValue)
```

Where:

- `handle`: Attribute handle.
- `valueLen`: Attribute length.
- `pValue`: Attribute value. See 4.2.4.

This function returns `ATT_SUCCESS` if successful otherwise error.

4.3.8 `AttsGetAttr()`

Get an attribute value from the attribute server.

Syntax:

```
void AttsGetAttr(uint16_t handle, uint16_t *pLen, uint8_t **pValue)
```

Where:

- `handle`: Attribute handle.
- `pLen`: Pointer to the attribute length.
- `pValue`: Attribute value. See 4.2.4.

This function returns `ATT_SUCCESS` if successful otherwise error.

This function returns the attribute length in `pLen` and a pointer to the attribute value in `pValue`.

Note that `pValue` directly accesses memory inside the attribute database.

4.3.9 `AttsHandleValueInd()`

Send an attribute protocol Handle Value Indication.

Syntax:

```
void AttsHandleValueInd(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t handle, uint16_t valueLen, uint8_t *pValue)
```

Where:

- `connId`: DM connection ID.
- `handle`: Attribute handle.
- `valueLen`: Length of value data.
- `pValue`: Pointer to value data.

When the operation is complete the client's callback function is called with an `ATT_HANDLE_VALUE_CNF` event.

4.3.10 `AttsHandleValueNtf()`

Send an attribute protocol Handle Value Notification.

Syntax:

```
void AttsHandleValueNtf(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t handle, uint16_t
    valueLen, uint8_t *pValue)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.
- handle: Attribute handle.
- valueLen: Length of value data.
- pValue. Pointer to value data.

When the operation is complete the client's callback function is called with an ATTS_HANDLE_VALUE_CNF event.

4.3.11 AttsSetCsrk()

Set the peer's data signing key on this connection. This function is typically called from the ATT connection callback when the connection is established. The caller is responsible for maintaining the memory that contains the key.

Syntax:

```
void AttsSetCsrk(dmConnId_t connId, uint8_t *pCsrk)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.
- pCsrk: Pointer to data signing key (CSRK).

4.3.12 AttsSetSignCounter()

Set the peer's sign counter on this connection. This function is typically called from the ATT connection callback when the connection is established. ATT maintains the value of the sign counter internally and sets the value when a signed packet is successfully received.

Syntax:

```
void AttsSetSignCounter(dmConnId_t connId, uint32_t signCounter)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.
- handle: Attribute handle.

4.3.13 AttsGetSignCounter()

Get the current value peer's sign counter on this connection. This function is typically called from the ATT connection callback when the connection is closed so the application can store the sign counter for use on future connections.

Syntax:


```
uint32_t AttsGetSignCounter(dmConnId_t connId)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.

This function returns the current value of the sign counter.

4.4 Callback interface

4.4.1 (*attsReadCbcbk_t)()

This is the attribute server read callback. It is executed on an attribute read operation if bitmask ATTS_SET_READ_CBAC is set in the settings field of the attribute structure.

Syntax:

```
uint8_t (*attsReadCbcbk_t)( dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t handle, uint8_t
                             operation, uint16_t offset, attsAttr_t *pAttr)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.
- handle: Attribute handle.
- operation: Operation type. See 3.1.2.
- offset: Read data offset.
- pAttr: Pointer to attribute structure.

This function returns a status value (see 3.1.1). If the operation is successful then ATT_SUCCESS should be returned.

For a read operation, if the operation is successful the function must set pAttr->pValue to the data to be read. In addition, if the attribute is variable length then pAttr->pLen must be set as well.

4.4.2 (*attsWriteCbcbk_t)()

This is the attribute server write callback. It is executed on an attribute write operation if bitmask ATTS_SET_WRITE_CBAC is set in the settings field of the attribute structure.

Syntax:

```
void (*attsWriteCbcbk_t)( dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t handle, uint8_t
                           operation, uint16_t offset, uint16_t len, uint8_t *pValue,
                           attsAttr_t *pAttr)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.
- handle: Attribute handle.
- operation: Operation type. See 3.1.2.

- **offset:** Write data offset.
- **len:** Length of data to write.
- **pValue:** Data to write.
- **pAttr:** Pointer to attribute structure.

This function returns a status value (see 3.1.1). If the operation is successful then **ATT_SUCCESS** should be returned.

4.4.3 (*attsAuthorCback_t)()

This callback function is executed when a read or write operation occurs and the security field of an attribute structure is set to **ATTS_PERMIT_READ_AUTHORIZ** or **ATTS_PERMIT_WRITE_AUTHORIZ** respectively.

Syntax:

```
uint8_t (*attsAuthorCback_t)(dmConnId_t connId, uint8_t permit, uint16_t
                             handle)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **permit:** Set to **ATTS_PERMIT_WRITE** for a write operation or **ATTS_PERMIT_READ** for a read operation.
- **handle:** Attribute handle.

This function returns a status value (see 3.1.1). If the operation is successful then **ATT_SUCCESS** should be returned. If the operation fails then **ATTS_ERR_AUTHOR** is typically returned.

5 Server Client Characteristic Configuration Interface

The following ATTS interface functions are a utility service for managing client characteristic configuration descriptors (abbreviated as CCC or CCCD). The client characteristic configuration descriptor is used to enable or disable indications or notifications of the characteristic value associated with the descriptor.

The Bluetooth specification has certain requirements for CCCDs:

1. The server must maintain the value of the CCCD separately for each client.
2. If the server and client are bonded, the value of the CCCD is persistent across connections.
3. If the server and client are not bonded, the value of the CCCD is reset to zero when the client connects.

The functions in this interface simplify and centralize the management of CCCDs. However if a server application does not use notifications or indications, or does not support bonding, then these functions do not need to be used.

An application using this interface is responsible for defining certain data structures, as shown below in Figure 3.

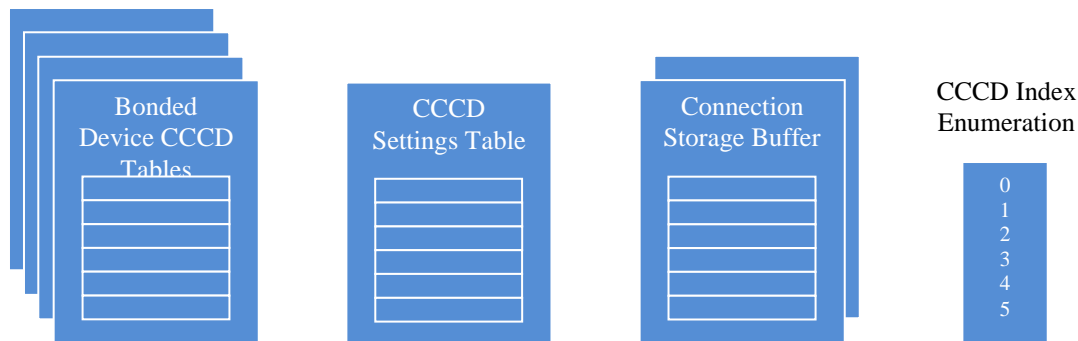


Figure 3. CCCD data structures defined by the application

The data structures consist of bonded device CCCD tables, a CCCD settings table, a connection storage buffer, and a CCCD index enumeration. The Bonded device CCCD tables maintain persistent storage of the CCCD values for each bonded device. The CCCD settings table contains the CCCD attribute handle, security settings, and permitted CCCD values. The connection storage buffer holds separate CCCD values for all simultaneous connections. All tables are indexed by the CCCD index enumeration that defines the position in the table associated with each CCCD.

5.1 Constants and data types

5.1.1 attsCccSet_t

This data type defines the client characteristic configuration settings.

Table 10 attsCccSet_t types

Type	Name	Description
uint16_t	handle	Client characteristic configuration descriptor handle.
uint16_t	valueRange	Acceptable value range of the descriptor value.
uint8_t	secLevel	Security level of characteristic value associated with the CCCD.

5.2 Functions

5.2.1 AttsCccRegister()

Register the utility service for managing client characteristic configuration descriptors. This function is typically called once on system initialization.

Syntax:

```
void AttsCccRegister(uint8_t setLen, attsCccSet_t *pSet, attsCccCbback_t
    cbback)
```

Where:

- setLen: Length of settings array.
- pSet: Array of CCC descriptor settings.
- cbback: Client callback function.

5.2.2 AttsCccInitTable()

Initialize the client characteristic configuration descriptor value table for a connection. The table is initialized with the values from pCccTbl. If pCccTbl is NULL the table will be initialized to zero. This function is typically called when a connection is established or when a device is bonded.

Syntax:

```
void AttsCccInitTable(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t *pCccTbl)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.
- pCccTbl: Pointer to the descriptor value array. The length of the array must equal the value of setLen passed to AttsCccRegister().

5.2.3 AttsCccClearTable()

Clear and deallocate the client characteristic configuration descriptor value table for a connection. This function must be called when a connection is closed.

Syntax:

```
void AttsCccClearTable(dmConnId_t connId)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.

5.2.4 AttsCccGet()

Get the value of a client characteristic configuration descriptor by its index. If not found, return zero.

Syntax:

```
uint16_t AttsCccGet(dmConnId_t connId, uint8_t idx)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.
- idx: Index of descriptor in CCC descriptor handle table.

5.2.5 AttsCccSet()

Set the value of a client characteristic configuration descriptor by its index.

Syntax:

```
void AttsCccSet(dmConnId_t connId, uint8_t idx, uint16_t value)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.
- idx: Index of descriptor in CCC descriptor handle table.
- value: Value of the descriptor.

5.2.6 AttsCccEnabled()

Check if a client characteristic configuration descriptor is enabled and if the characteristic's security level has been met.

Syntax:

```
uint16_t AttsCccEnabled(dmConnId_t connId, uint8_t idx)
```

Where:

- `connId`: DM connection ID.
- `idx`: Index of descriptor in CCC descriptor handle table.

5.3 Callback Interface

5.3.1 `attsCccEvt_t`

This data type defines the client characteristic configuration callback structure.

Table 11 `attsCccEvt_t` callback types

Type	Name	Description
<code>uint8_t</code>	<code>hdr.event</code>	Callback event.
<code>uint16_t</code>	<code>hdr.param</code>	DM connection ID.
<code>uint16_t</code>	<code>handle</code>	CCCD handle.
<code>uint16_t</code>	<code>value</code>	CCCD value.
<code>uint8_t</code>	<code>idx</code>	CCCD index.

5.3.2 `(*attsCccCbck_t)()`

Client characteristic configuration callback. This function is executed when a CCCD value changes. This happens when a peer device writes a new value to the CCCD or when a CCCD table is initialized by calling function `AttsCccInitTable()`.

Syntax:

```
void (*attsCccCbck_t)(attsCccEvt_t *pEvt)
```

Where:

- `pEvt`: Pointer to callback structure.

6 Client interface

This section describes functions related to initializing and initiating the attribute client.

6.1 Functions

6.1.1 AttcInit()

This function is called to initialize the attribute client. This function is generally called once during system initialization before any other ATTC API functions are called.

Syntax:

```
void AttcInit(void)
```

6.1.2 AttcSignInit()

This function is called to initialize the attribute client for data signing. This function is generally called once during system initialization before any other ATTC API functions are called.

Syntax:

```
void AttcSignInit(void)
```

6.1.3 AttcFindInfoReq()

Initiate an attribute protocol Find Information Request.

Syntax:

```
void AttcFindInfoReq(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t startHandle, uint16_t  
endHandle, bool_t continuing)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **startHandle:** Attribute start handle.
- **endHandle:** Attribute end handle.
- **continuing:** TRUE if ATTC continues sending requests until complete.

When a response is received the client's callback function is called with an `ATTC_FIND_INFO_RSP`. If parameter `continuing` is TRUE, ATTC will automatically send the next request until all responses are received or an error is received. If parameter `continuing` is FALSE, the client application must call this function again and update the start handle appropriately to send the next response.

6.1.4 AttcFindByTypeValueReq()

Initiate an attribute protocol Find By Type Value Request.

Syntax:

```
void AttcFindByTypeValueReq(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t startHandle,
    uint16_t endHandle, uint16_t uuid16, uint16_t valueLen, uint8_t
    *pValue, bool_t continuing)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **startHandle:** Attribute start handle.
- **endHandle:** Attribute end handle.
- **uuid16:** 16-bit UUID to find.
- **valueLen:** Length of value data.
- **pValue:** Pointer to value data.
- **continuing:** TRUE if ATTC continues sending requests until complete.

When a response is received the client's callback function is called with an `ATTC_FIND_BY_TYPE_VALUE_RSP`. If parameter `continuing` is TRUE, ATTC will automatically send the next request until all responses are received or an error is received. If parameter `continuing` is FALSE, the client application must call this function again and update the start handle appropriately to send the next response.

6.1.5 AttcReadByTypeReq()

Initiate an attribute protocol Read By Type Request.

Syntax:

```
void AttcReadByTypeReq(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t startHandle, uint16_t
    endHandle, uint8_t uuidLen, uint8_t *pUuid, bool_t continuing)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **startHandle:** Attribute start handle.
- **endHandle:** Attribute end handle.
- **uuidLen:** Length of UUID (2 or 16).
- **pUuid:** Pointer to UUID data.
- **continuing:** TRUE if ATTC continues sending requests until complete.

When a response is received the client's callback function is called with an `ATTC_READ_BY_TYPE_RSP`. If parameter `continuing` is TRUE, ATTC will automatically send the next request until all responses are received or an error is received. If parameter `continuing` is FALSE, the client application must call this function again and update the start handle appropriately to send the next response.

6.1.6 AttcReadReq()

Initiate an attribute protocol Read Request.

Syntax:


```
void AttcReadReq(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t handle)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **handle:** Attribute handle.

When a response is received the client's callback function is called with an `ATTC_READ_RSP`.

6.1.7 AttcReadLongReq()

Initiate an attribute protocol Read Long Request.

Syntax:

```
void AttcReadLongReq(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t handle, uint16_t offset,
    bool_t continuing)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **handle:** Attribute handle.
- **offset:** Read attribute data starting at this offset.
- **continuing:** TRUE if ATTC continues sending requests until complete.

When a response is received the client's callback function is called with an `ATTC_READ_LONG_RSP`. If parameter `continuing` is TRUE, ATTC will automatically send the next request until all responses are received or an error is received. If parameter `continuing` is FALSE, the client application must call this function again and update the offset appropriately to send the next response.

6.1.8 AttcReadMultipleReq()

Initiate an attribute protocol Read Multiple Request.

Syntax:

```
void AttcReadMultipleReq(dmConnId_t connId, uint8_t numHandles, uint16_t
    *pHandles)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **numHandles:** Number of handles in attribute handle list.
- **pHandles:** List of attribute handles.

When a response is received the client's callback function is called with an `ATTC_READ_MULTIPLE_RSP`.

6.1.9 AttcReadByGroupTypeReq()

Initiate an attribute protocol Read By GroupType Request.

Syntax:

```
void AttcReadByGroupTypeReq(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t startHandle,
    uint16_t endHandle, uint8_t uuidLen, uint8_t *pUuid, bool_t
    continuing)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **startHandle:** Attribute start handle.
- **endHandle:** Attribute end handle.
- **uuidLen:** Length of UUID (2 or 16).
- **pUuid:** Pointer to UUID data.
- **continuing:** TRUE if ATTC continues sending requests until complete.

When a response is received the client's callback function is called with an `ATTC_READ_BY_GROUP_TYPE_RSP`. If parameter `continuing` is TRUE, ATTC will automatically send the next request until all responses are received or an error is received. If parameter `continuing` is FALSE, the client application must call this function again and update the start handle appropriately to send the next response.

6.1.10 AttcWriteReq()

Initiate an attribute protocol Write Request.

Syntax:

```
void AttcWriteReq(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t handle, uint16_t valueLen,
    uint8_t *pValue)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **handle:** Attribute start handle.
- **valueLen:** Length of value data.
- **pValue:** Pointer to value data.

When a response is received the client's callback function is called with an `ATTC_WRITE_RSP`.

6.1.11 AttcWriteCmd()

Initiate an attribute protocol Write Command.

Syntax:

```
void AttcWriteCmd(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t handle, uint16_t valueLen,
    uint8_t *pValue)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.

- **handle:** Attribute start handle.
- **valueLen:** Length of value data.
- **pValue:** Pointer to value data.

When the packet has been sent the client's callback function is called with an `ATTC_WRITE_CMD_RSP`.

6.1.12 `AttcSignedWriteCmd()`

Initiate an attribute protocol Write Command.

Syntax:

```
void AttcSignedWriteCmd(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t handle, uint32_t
    signCounter, uint16_t valueLen, uint8_t *pValue)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **handle:** Attribute start handle.
- **signCounter:** Value of sign counter.
- **valueLen:** Length of value data.
- **pValue:** Pointer to value data.

When the packet has been sent the client's callback function is called with an `ATTC_WRITE_CMD_RSP`.

Note that the application is responsible for maintaining the value of the sign counter. The sign counter should be incremented each time this function is called.

6.1.13 `AttcPrepareWriteReq()`

Initiate an attribute protocol Prepare Write Request.

Syntax:

```
void AttcPrepareWriteReq(dmConnId_t connId, uint16_t handle, uint16_t
    offset, uint16_t valueLen, uint8_t *pValue, bool_t valueByRef,
    bool_t continuing)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **handle:** Attribute start handle.
- **offset:** Write attribute data starting at this offset.
- **valueLen:** Length of value data.
- **pValue:** Pointer to value data.
- **valueByRef:** TRUE if `pValue` data is accessed by reference rather than copied.
- **continuing:** TRUE if ATTC continues sending requests until complete.

When a response is received the client's callback function is called with an

ATTC_PREPARE_WRITE_RSP. If parameter continuing is TRUE, ATTC will automatically send the next request until all responses are received or an error is received. If parameter continuing is FALSE, the client application must call this function again and update the offset appropriately to send the next response.

6.1.14 AttcExecuteWriteReq()

Initiate an attribute protocol Execute Write Request.

Syntax:

```
void AttcExecuteWriteReq(dmConnId_t connId, bool_t writeAll)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.
- **writeAll:** TRUE to write all queued writes, FALSE to cancel all queued writes.

When a response is received the client's callback function is called with an ATTC_EXECUTE_WRITE_RSP.

6.1.15 AttcCancelReq()

Cancel an attribute protocol request in progress.

Syntax:

```
void AttcCancelReq(dmConnId_t connId)
```

Where:

- **connId:** DM connection ID.

If the request is cancelled the client's callback function is called with the event corresponding to the request.

7 Client Discovery Interface

The ATTC API contains a utility interface that simplifies common GATT client service and characteristic discovery procedures. It also contains interfaces that simplify the configuration of a service, for example reading or writing a set of characteristics or attributes after discovery is complete.

An application using this interface is responsible for defining certain data structures, as shown below in Figure 4.

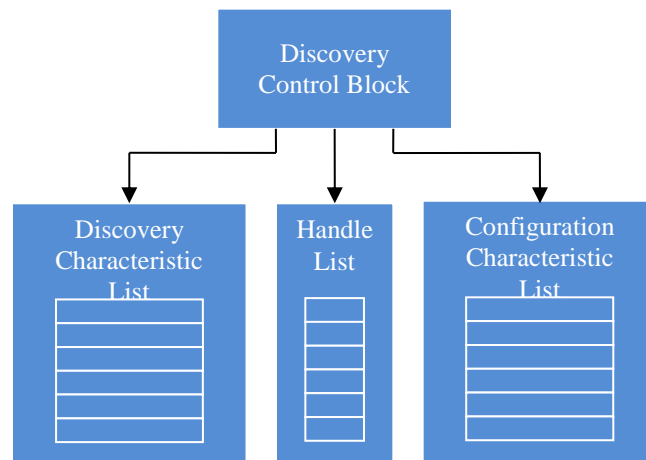


Figure 4. Client discovery data structures defined by the application

The client discovery API uses a discovery control block that contains data used for the discovery and configuration procedure. The control block points to a discovery characteristic list, a configuration characteristic list, and a handle list.

The discovery characteristic list is a list of characteristics and descriptors that are to be discovered. Each item in the list contains the UUID of the characteristic or descriptor and its settings. As characteristics and descriptors are discovered the handle list is populated with their respective handles.

The configuration characteristic list contains a list of characteristics and descriptors to read or write. Each item in the list contains the value (if it is to be written) and the handle index of the characteristic or descriptor in the handle list.

7.1 Constants and data types

7.1.1 Discovery Settings

These settings are used to define the features of a characteristic that are being discovered.

Table 12 Client discovery type

Name	Description
ATTC_SET_UUID_128	Set if the UUID is 128 bits in length.
ATTC_SET_REQUIRED	Set if characteristic must be discovered.
ATTC_SET_DESCRIPTOR	Set if this is a characteristic descriptor.

7.1.2 attcDiscChar_t

This data type is the structure for characteristic and descriptor discovery.

Table 13 attsDiscChar_t type

Type	Name	Description
uint8_t *	pUuid	Pointer to UUID.
uint8_t	settings	Characteristic discovery settings. See 7.1.1.

7.1.3 attcDiscCfg_t

This data type is the structure for characteristic and descriptor configuration.

Table 14 attsDiscCfg_t type

Type	Name	Description
uint8_t *	pValue	Pointer to UUID.
uint8_t	valueLen	Default value length.
uint8_t	hdlIdx	Index of its handle in handle list.

7.1.4 attcDiscCb_t

This data type is the discovery control block.

Table 15 attsDiscCb_t type

Type	Name	Description
attcDiscChar_t **	pCharList	Characterisic list for discovery.
uint16_t*	pHdlList	Characteristic handle list.
attcDiscCfg_t*	pCfgList	Characterisic list for configuration.
uint8_t	charListLen	Characteristic and handle list length.
uint8_t	cfgListLen	Configuration list length.

7.2 Functions

7.2.1 AttcDiscService()

This utility function discovers the given service on a peer device. Function `AttcFindByTypeValueReq()` is called to initiate the discovery procedure.

Syntax:

```
void AttcDiscService(dmConnId_t connId, attcDiscCb_t *pCb, uint8_t uuidLen,
                    uint8_t *pUuid)
```

Where:

- `connId`: DM connection ID.
- `pCb`: Pointer to discovery control block.
- `uuidLen`: Length of service UUID (2 or 16).
- `pUuid`: Pointer to service UUID.

7.2.2 AttcDiscServiceCmpl()

This utility function processes a service discovery result. It should be called when an `ATT_FIND_BY_TYPE_VALUE_RSP` callback event is received after service discovery is initiated by calling `AttcDiscService()`.

Syntax:

```
uint8_t AttcDiscServiceCmpl(attcDiscCb_t *pCb, attEvt_t *pMsg)
```

Where:

- `pCb`: Pointer to discovery control block.
- `pMsg`: ATT callback event message.

Returns `ATT_SUCCESS` if successful otherwise error.

7.2.3 AttcDiscCharStart()

This utility function starts characteristic and characteristic descriptor discovery for a service on a peer device. The service must have been previously discovered by calling `AttcDiscService()` and `AttcDiscServiceCmpl()`.

Syntax:

```
void AttcDiscCharStart(dmConnId_t connId, attcDiscCb_t *pCb)
```

Where:

- `connId`: DM connection ID.

- pCb: Pointer to discovery control block.

7.2.4 AttcDiscCharCmpl()

This utility function processes a characteristic discovery result. It should be called when an ATT_READ_BY_TYPE_RSP or ATT_FIND_INFO_RSP callback event is received after characteristic discovery is initiated by calling AttcDiscCharStart().

Syntax:

```
uint8_t AttcDiscCharCmpl(attcDiscCb_t *pCb, attEvt_t *pMsg)
```

Where:

- pCb: Pointer to discovery control block.
- pMsg: ATT callback event message.

Returns ATT_CONTINUING if successful and the discovery procedure is continuing. Returns ATT_SUCCESS if the discovery procedure completed successfully. Returns ATT_ERR_REQ_NOT_FOUND if discovery failed because a required characteristic was not found. Otherwise the discovery procedure failed.

7.2.5 AttcDiscConfigStart()

This utility function starts characteristic configuration for characteristics on a peer device. The characteristics must have been previously discovered by calling AttcDiscCharStart() and AttcDiscCharCmpl().

Syntax:

```
uint8_t AttcDiscConfigStart(dmConnId_t connId, attcDiscCb_t *pCb)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.
- pCb: Pointer to discovery control block.

Returns ATT_CONTINUING if successful and configuration procedure is continuing. Returns ATT_SUCCESS if nothing to configure.

7.2.6 AttcDiscConfigCmpl()

This utility function initiates the next characteristic configuration procedure. It should be called when an ATT_READ_RSP or ATT_WRITE_RSP callback event is received after characteristic configuration is initiated by calling AttcDiscConfigStart().

Syntax:

```
uint8_t AttcDiscConfigCmpl(dmConnId_t connId, attcDiscCb_t *pCb)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.
- pCb: Pointer to discovery control block.

Returns ATT_CONTINUING if successful and configuration procedure is continuing. Returns ATT_SUCCESS if configuration procedure completed successfully.

7.2.7 AttcDiscConfigResume()

This utility function resumes the characteristic configuration procedure. It can be called when an ATTC_READ_RSP or ATTC_WRITE_RSP callback event is received with failure status to attempt the read or write procedure again.

Syntax:

```
AttcDiscConfigResume(dmConnId_t connId, attcDiscCb_t *pCb)
```

Where:

- connId: DM connection ID.
- pCb: Pointer to discovery control block.
- Returns ATT_CONTINUING if successful and configuration procedure is continuing. Returns ATT_SUCCESS if configuration procedure completed successfully.

8 GATT Discovery Procedures

The *Generic attribute profile* (GATT) of the Bluetooth core specification defines how attribute protocol operations are used to perform GATT procedures. The table below demonstrates how the ATTC API is used to perform GATT discovery procedures.

Table 16 GATT procedures

GATT Procedure	ATTC API
Discover All Primary Services	<pre> AttcReadByGroupTypeReq() startHandle = 0x0001 EndHandle = 0xFFFF uuidLen = 2 pUuid = pointer to ATT_UUID_PRIMARY_SERVICE continuing = TRUE </pre>
Discover Primary Services by Service UUID	<pre> AttcFindByTypeValueReq() startHandle = 0x0001 EndHandle = 0xFFFF uuid16 = ATT_UUID_PRIMARY_SERVICE valueLen = 2 or 16 pValue = pointer to service UUID continuing = TRUE </pre>
Find Included Services	<pre> AttcReadByTypeReq() startHandle = service start handle EndHandle = service end handle uuidLen = 2 pUuid = pointer to ATT_UUID_INCLUDE </pre>
Discover All Characteristics of a Service	<pre> AttcReadByTypeReq() startHandle = service start handle EndHandle = service end handle uuidLen = 2 pUuid = pointer to ATT_UUID_CHARACTERISTIC continuing = TRUE </pre>
Discover Characteristics by UUID	<pre> AttcReadByTypeReq() startHandle = service start handle </pre>

	EndHandle = service end handle uuidLen = 2 pUuid = pointer to ATT_UUID_CHARACTERISTIC continuing = TRUE
Discover All Characteristic Descriptors	AttcFindInfoReq() startHandle = characteristic value handle + 1 EndHandle = characteristic end handle continuing = TRUE

9 Scenarios

This section describes typical scenarios that use the API.

9.1 Server operations

Figure 5 shows an example server operation.

First, a connection is established with an attribute protocol client on a peer device. The peer device sends an attribute protocol read request. In this example, the read request is handled internally by the stack and no interaction is required from the application.

Next, the peer device sends a write request. In this example, the attribute being written is configured to execute a write callback function. The callback executes and the application performs whatever operation is necessary for the attribute. Upon return of the callback the stack sends a write response packet.

Next, the application sends a handle value notification to the peer device by calling `AttsHandleValueInd()`. The stack sends a handle value indication packet.

When the stack receives a handle value confirmation packet from the peer it executes the application's ATT callback with event `ATT_HANDLE_VALUE_CNF`.

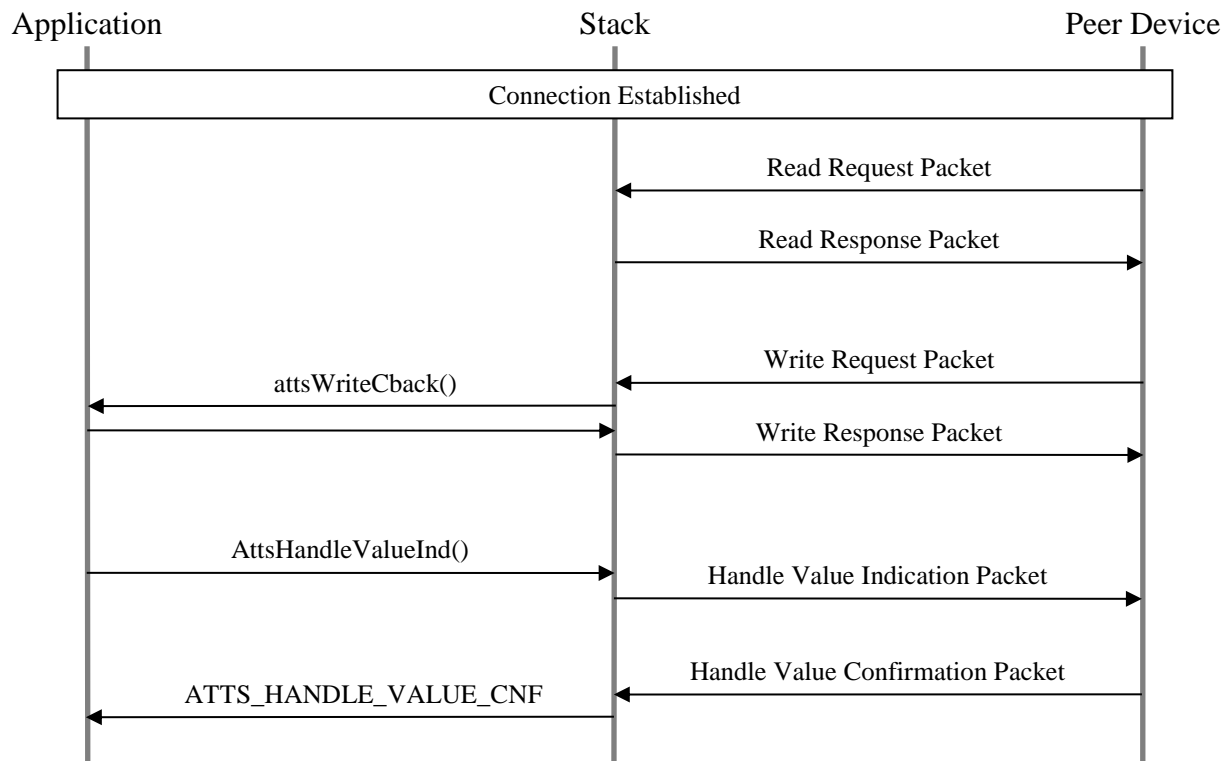


Figure 5. Server operations

9.2 Client operations

Figure 6 shows some example client operations.

1. First, a connection is established with an attribute protocol server on a peer device.
 - a. The application initiates a request by calling `AttcReadByGroupTypeReq()` with the continuing parameter set to `TRUE`.
 - b. The client sends an attribute protocol read by group type request, receives a response and executes the ATT callback with event `ATTC_READ_BY_GROUP_TYPE_RSP`. Since the read by group type procedure is not complete the client automatically sends another read by group type request packet to continue the procedure.
 - c. When the procedure is complete the ATT callback is executed with event `ATTC_READ_BY_GROUP_TYPE_RSP` and the continuing parameter set to `FALSE`.
2. Next the application sends another request by calling `AttcReadByTypeReq()`.
 - a. The stack sends a read by type request packet, receives a response, and executes the ATT callback with event `ATTC_READ_BY_TYPE_RSP`.
 - b. In this example the procedure is complete in the first packet transaction and the continuing parameter is set to `FALSE`.
3. Finally, the application writes a attribute by calling `AttcWriteCmd()`.
 - a. The stack sends a write command packet. This packet does not have a corresponding response packet.
 - b. When the stack has sent the packet it executes the ATT callback with event `ATTC_WRITE_CMD_RSP`.

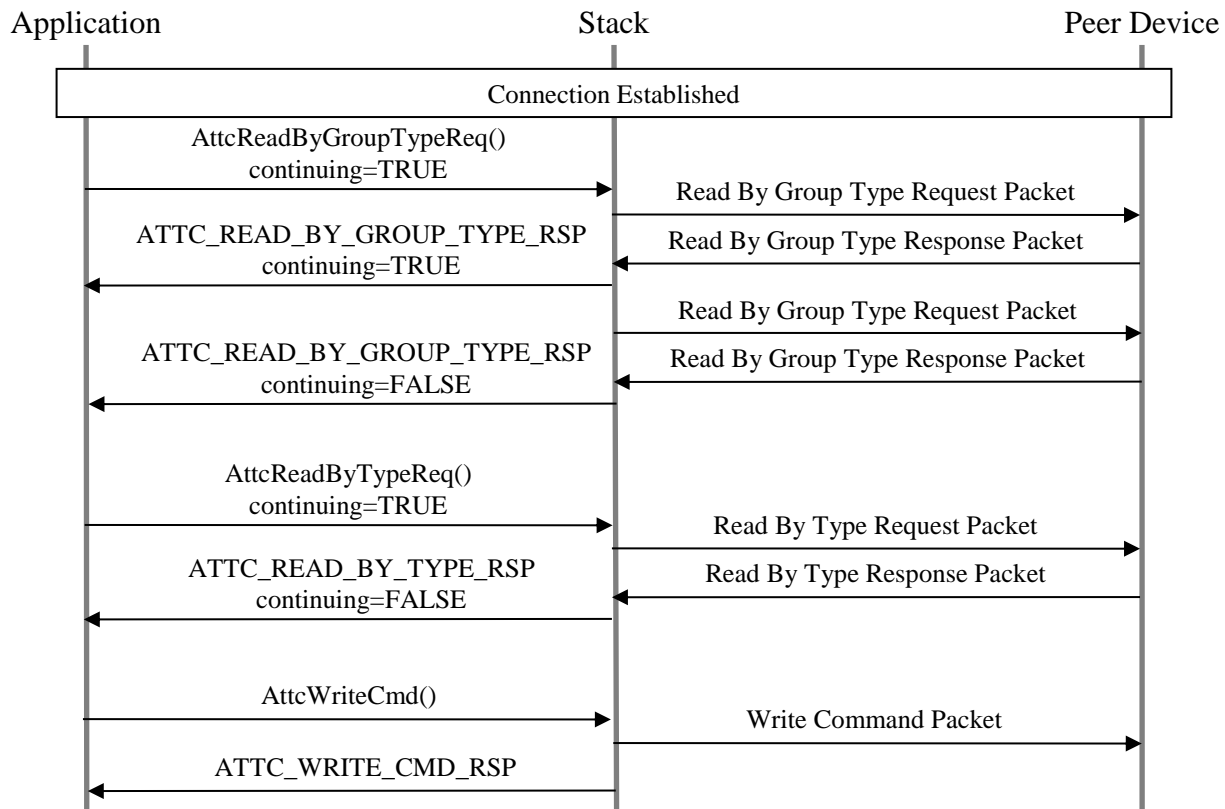


Figure 6. Client operations

9.3 Client prepare and execute write

Figure 7 shows an example prepare and execute write procedure.

1. The application calls `AttcPrepareWriteReq()` to write an attribute value.
2. The stack sends prepare write request packets until all the data has been sent to the peer device.
3. The ATT callback is executed with event `ATTC_PREPARE_WRITE_RSP` each time a response packet is received.
4. When callback event parameter `continuing` is set to `FALSE`, the procedure is complete.
5. Next the application calls `AttcExecuteWriteReq()` to execute the write procedure in the peer device's attribute server.
6. The stack sends and execute write request packet.
7. When it receives a response it executes the ATT callback with event `ATTC_EXECUTE_WRITE_RSP`.

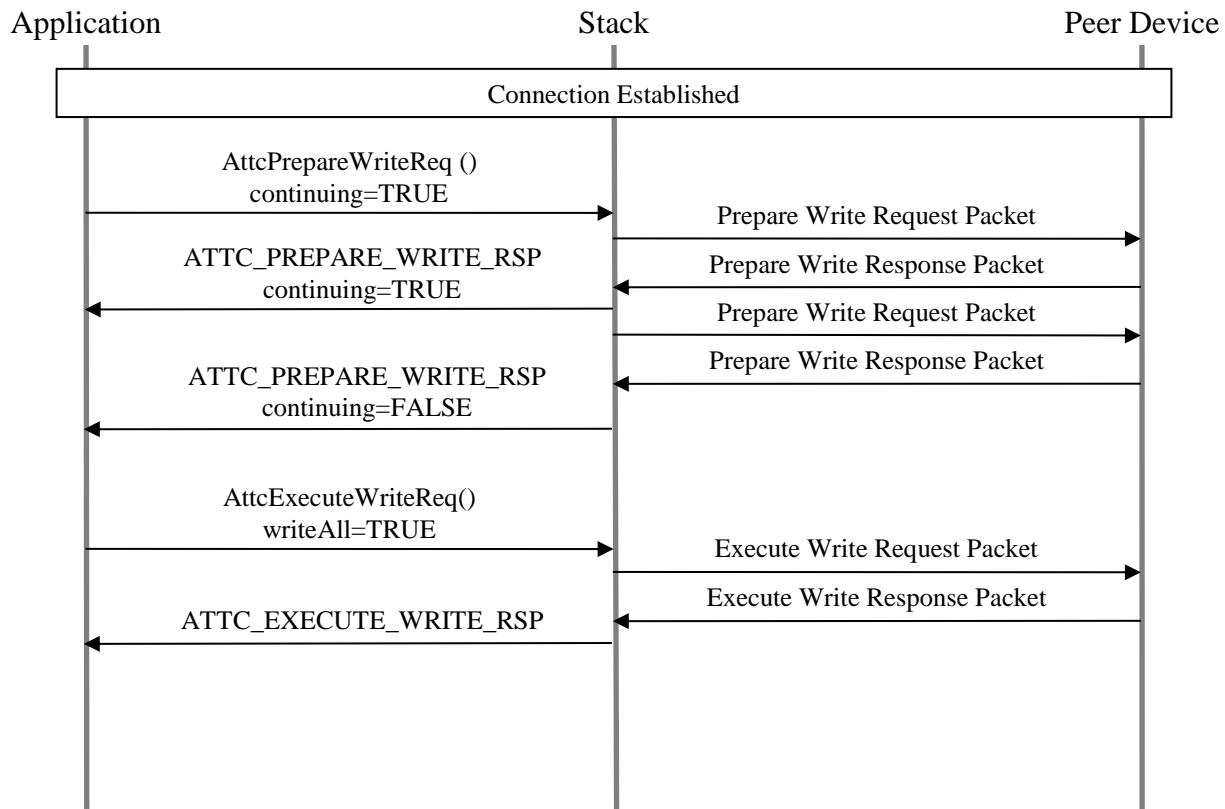


Figure 7. Client prepare and execute write

9.4 Client discovery and configuration

Figure 8 shows an example of discovery and configuration using the ATT client discovery API.

1. First, service discovery is initiated by calling `AttcDiscService()` with the UUID of the service to be discovered.
2. The ATT callback is executed with event `ATTC_FIND_BY_TYPE_VALUE_RSP` containing discovery results.
3. The callback message is passed to function `AttcDiscServiceCmpl()`, which returns `ATT_SUCCESS` indicating that service discovery completed successfully.
4. Then the application proceeds with characteristic discovery by calling `AttcDiscCharStart()`.
5. The ATT callback is executed with event `ATTC_READ_BY_TYPE_RSP` containing characteristic discovery results.
6. The callback message is passed to function `AttcDiscCharCmpl()`, which returns `ATT_CONTINUING` indicating that characteristic discovery is continuing. This procedure repeats until `AttcDiscCharCmpl()` returns `ATT_SUCCESS` indicating that characteristic discovery completed successfully.
7. Then the application proceeds with characteristic configuration by calling

- `AttcDiscConfigStart()`. A characteristic read or write is performed according to the contents of the configuration characteristic list, and the ATT callback is executed.
8. The callback message is passed to function `AttcDiscConfigCmpl()`, which returns `ATT_CONTINUING` indicating that configuration is not complete. The procedure repeats until `AttcDiscConfigCmpl()` returns `ATT_SUCCESS`.

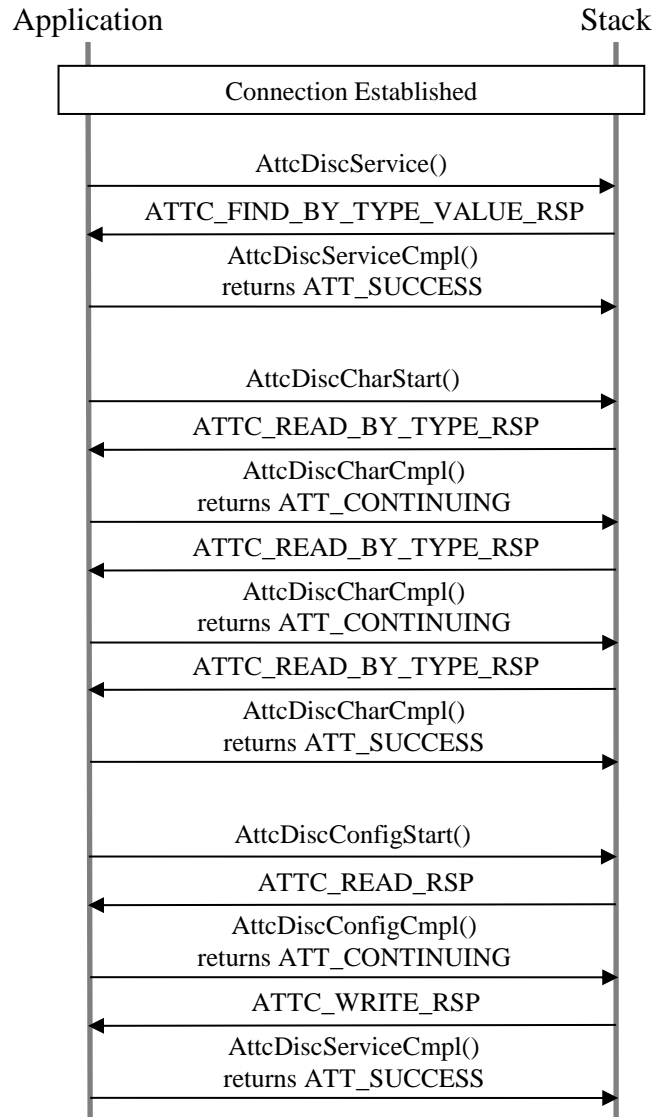


Figure 8. Client discovery and configuration procedures