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Multiplayer Game Types		<u>Same Place</u>	<u>Separate</u>
	<u>Real time</u>	<u>Bluetooth</u>	<u>Internet</u>
	<u>Turn based</u>	Pass and play	<u>Messaging</u>



Turn Based Games

- Turn based multiplayer between players in the same place
- * One mobile phone, passed back and forth between turns, great for board games (chess, checkers, blackjack etc)
- *Easy to develop. (Easier than single player, where the opponent is controlled by AI)



<u>Internet</u>

- * Carriers (Singtel, Starhub, M1, etc) act as a service provider to the Internet for mobile phones with data access in their service plan
- Speeds vary based on network technology (GSM, CDMA, GPRS, UMTS, ...)
- ★ Connection times and latencies can be high
- Connections dropped quickly after short periods of inactivity to free bandwidth
- ★ All mobile phones and carriers support at least HyperText Transport Protocol
 - Connectionless behavior of the HTTP protocol well suited for the unreliability of the network
 - Standard web application programming techniques can be used to implement the server
- * Newer handsets can maintain direct socket connections (TCP), with security permission



<u>Internet</u>

- *Low latency, real time multiplayer still not practical on a mass market scale
- ★ Internet servers required for games with more than two players, like poker
- Internet servers maintain community high scores, downloadable content



Networking using Generic Connection Framework

- * All the classes including the common *Connector* class defined in the CLDC specification for networking APIs forms the Generic Connection Framework (GCF).
- * The common Connector class of the GCF can be used to create any type of connection.
- * The type of connection is determined by the *protocol* string in the URI parameter passed to the *open()* method of the *Connector* class.

* Package: javax.microedition.io



Generic Connection Framework (GCF)

http://www.anuflora.com	for HTTP connection.
socket://localhost:8000	for connecting to a Socket.
serversocket://:8001	for connecting to a Server Socket.
btspp://008003DD8901:1; authenticate=true	for Bluetooth serial port protocol client connection.
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The Generic Connection Framework (GCF) defines

- * One Generic class : *Connector*
- ***** One Exception : *ConnectionNotFoundException*
- ★ Eight Interfaces :
 - Connection, ContentConnection, Datagram, DatagramConnection, InputConnection, OutputConnection, StreamConnection, StreamConnectionNotifier



The Connector class

- * The Connector class is a 'factory' for creating new Connection objects. The static methods of Connector class return an instance of the Connection interface or one of its descendents.
- ★ Methods
 - open(String name)
 - open(String name, int mode)
 - open(String name, int mode, Boolean timeouts)
- **★** Eg.

Connector.open("socket://127.0.0.1:8080");

- ★ Modes
 - READ read only
 - WRITE write only
 - READ_WRITE read and write
- * Parameter 'timeouts': Indicates whether or not the connection should throw an *InterruptedIOException* is a timeout occurs.



The Connector class (other methods)

* openInputStream(String name)
* openOutputStream(String name)
* openDataInputStream(String name)
* openDataOutputStream(String name)

 - 'name' - URI parameter. The type of connection is determined by the *protocol* string in the URI parameter.

★Eg.

OutputStream os = Connector.openOutputStream("socket://127.0.0.1:8080");

<u>Note: The connections must be executed in a</u> <u>separate Thread.</u>







GCF Interfaces

- * The InputConnection [input stream only]
- * The OutputConnection [output stream only]
- * The StreamConnection [input and output stream]
- * Server socket: StreamConnectionNotifier
- * The ContentConnection [input and output stream with content type, content length, content encoding]
- The HttpConnection [input and output stream with most of the http specific methods, Defined in MIDP 1.0]

* Note: No TCP Socket, UDP Datagram support in MIDP 1.0



InputConnection interface

- The InputConnection interface represents a connection's stream data as an InputStream, that is, a stream of byteoriented data.
- ★ The *InputConection* methods:

Method	Description
openDataInputStream()	Opens and returns a data input stream for a connection.
openInputStream()	Opens and returns an input stream for a connection.

- These methods return either an InputStream object or DataInputStream object.
- ★ Tables 6.4 and 6.5 describe the methods of *InputStream* and *DataInputStream* objects to read data.



InputConnection

```
class readWeb implements Runnable { //Runnable class
public void run() {
 InputConnection inc = null; InputStream is = null;
 StringBuffer b=new StringBuffer();
 try {
    inc = (InputConnection)
                Connector.open("http://books.anuflora.com");
    is = inc.openInputStream();
    int ch;
   while((ch = is.read())!= -1){
         b.append((char)ch);
 }
 strltm.setText(new String(b));
 }catch(IOException e){
 } finally {
 if (is!=null) try { is.close(); } catch (Exception e) { }
 if (stc!=null) try { stc.close(); } catch (Exception e) { }
 }
```

```
readWeb r = new readWeb(); //Running in new Thread
new Thread(r).start();
```

}



OutputConnection Interface

The OutputConnection interface is another subinterface of Connection. The OutputConnection interface represents a connection's stream data as an OutputStream.

★ OutputConection methods:

Method	Description
openDataOutputStream()	Opens and returns a data output stream for a connection.
openOutputStream()	Opens and returns an output stream for a connection.

* Tables 6.7 and 6.8 describe the methods of OutputStream and DataOutputStream objects to write data. (attached)

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```
StreamConnection
_StringBuffer b=new StringBuffer();
 try {
 stc = (StreamConnection)
         Connector.open("http://www.anuflora.com/index.html");
 is = stc.openInputStream();
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 int ch;
                                        <html>
                                        <head>
 while((ch = is.read())!= -1){
                                        </head>
                                        <bodv>
    b.append((char)ch);
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                                                                  <bodv>
                                                                  <h1> Welcome to BSA site </h1>
Can both READ and WRITE.
                                                                   This is a test site 
                                                                  </body>
                                                                  </html>
```



<u>StreamConnectionNotifier</u>

- ★ Represents the server socket.
- * The StreamConnectionNotifier defines only one method, which returns a StreamConnection interface representing the client.
- * acceptAndOpen()

- Returns a *StreamConnection* that represents a server side socket connection.



Content Connection Interface

- ContentConnection knows how to extract encoding, length and content type of the data received.
 try {
 - cc = (ContentConnection)

cc.getType());

}catch(IOException e){



HttpConnection interface

- The HttpConnection interface adds a more complete set of HTTP handling methods including the ability to extract the host name, url, query string, port, get and set request methods (GET, HEAD, POST), response content and return codes. [MIDP 1.0 – SOAP method is not supported]
- ★ Implementations should support HTTP 1.1





HttpInterface methods and Error codes. Table 6.10 to 6.14 (Attached)



HttpConnection

c = (HttpConnection)Connector.open(url); c.setRequestMethod(HttpConnection.POST); c.setRequestProperty("User-Agent", "Profile/MIDP-2.0

Configuration

```
/CLDC-1.0");
```

c.setRequestProperty("Content-Language", "en-US"); os = c.openOutputStream(); os.write("LIST games\n".getBytes());

```
rc = c.getResponseCode();
if (rc != HttpConnection.HTTP_OK) {
    throw new IOException("HTTP response code: " + rc); }
is = c.openInputStream(); // Get the ContentType
String type = c.getType();
int len = (int)c.getLength();
if (len > 0) {
    int actual = 0; int bytesread = 0;
    byte[] data = new byte[len];
while ((bytesread != len) && (actual != -1)) {
    actual = is.read(data, bytesread, len - bytesread);
    bytesread += actual; } ......
```



MIDP 2.0 Extensions to GCF

* CommConnection

– This interface defines a logical serial port connection.

* HttpsConnection

 This interface defines the necessary methods and constants to establish a secure network

***** SecureConnection

- This interface defines the secure socket stream connection.

* SecurityInfo

 This interface defines methods to access information about a secure network connection.

***** ServerSocketConnection

– This interface defines the server socket stream connection.

* SocketConnection

- This interface defines the socket stream connection.

*** UDPDatagramConnection**

 This interface defines a datagram connection which knows it's local end point address.



ServerSocketConnection (Echo Server)

```
public void run() {
  try {
    mServerSocketConnection = (ServerSocketConnection)
       Connector.open("socket://:80");
    SocketConnection sc = null:
    sc = (SocketConnection)
         mServerSocketConnection.acceptAndOpen();
    Reader in = new InputStreamReader(
                     sc.openInputStream());
   PrintStream out = new PrintStream(sc.openOutputStream());
  out.print("HTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n\r\n");
  String line;
  while ((line = readLine(in)) != null) { //Echo line by line
       out.print(line); }
  out.close();
  in.close();
  sc.close();
  } catch (Exception ex) {.....
```



Secure Networking

- * An HttpsConnection is returned from Connector.open() when an "https://" connection string is accessed. A SecureConnection is returned from Connector.open() when an "ssl://" connection string is accessed. [Both provides secured networking connections (with/without Http).]
 - javax.microedition.io.HttpsConnection
 - javax.microedition.io.SecureConnection
 - javax.microedition.io.SecurityInfo
 - javax.microedition.pki.Certificate
 - javax.microedition.pki.CertificateException



Low level network API

- * A SocketConnection is returned from Connector.open() when a "socket://host:port" connection string is accessed. A ServerSocketConnection is returned from Connector.open() when a "socket://:port" connection string is accessed. A UDPDatagramConnection is returned from Connector.open() when a "datagram://host:port" connection string is accessed.
 - javax.microedition.io.SocketConnection
 - javax.microedition.io.ServerSocketConnection
 - javax.microedition.io.DatagramConnection
 - javax.microedition.io.Datagram
 - javax.microedition.io.UDPDatagramConnection

Question to ponder: What is push registry (javax.microedition.io.PushRegistry)? Is it useful for Games.



Multiplayer Games

- ★ Design Issue
 - Network Architecture
 - Effects of Latency in real-time networking games
- ★ Design Requirements
 - scalability, consistency, good responsiveness, security, cheat prevention, ability to maintain player's interest
- ★ Design Techniques
 - Dead Reckoning static state based on PDU (protocol data unit), extrapolate using velocity, extrapolate using velocity and acceleration, extrapolate based on orientation (roll, pitch and heading), extrapolate the moving parts of the entities.
 - Partitioning
 - Interest Filtering



Messaging

- Text messages can be used as a carrier of small amounts of data between phones
- * Applications do not need to be running in order to receive specially coded text messages, they will be launched when the message is viewed by the user
- Allows direct mobile-to-mobile turn based multiplayer without a server, but 1-to-1 only!
- * Access to the phone contact/address book key to make it easy to initiate communication



Wireless Messaging API (WMA)

- Wireless Messaging API (WMA) is the first optional package defined for J2ME, which the applications can use to send and receive short text or binary messages over wireless connections.
- ★WMA is based on the Generic Connection Framework (GCF) defined for the Connected Limited Device Configuration.
- ★WMA defines a set of interfaces in the javax.wireless.messaging package for sending and receiving short messages through the wireless network such as Global System for Mobile Communication (GSM), Code-Division Multiple Access (CDMA), General Packet Radio Services (GPRS), etc.



Creating a Connection

 Connector class factory of Generic Connection Framework (GCF) is used to create a MessageConnection interface for sending and receiving messages.

★Eg.

- To Create a connection
 - conn = (MessageConnection)
 Connector.open(uri);
- To Close the connection

Conn.close();

* The uri passed to the Connector.open method is used to identify the protocol (sms or cbs in WMA 1.1 and mms in WMA 2.0).



URI for SMS and CBS

★URI for SMS and CBS has three parts:

- Protocol (sms or cbs)
- Phone number (for receiving messages : optional)
- Port number (for sending messages : optional, if not specified the default text messaging port will be used)

★ Examples:

- sms://+6596709800
- sms://+6596709800:5670
- sms://5670
- Cbs://5070



Sending a Message

* <u>STEPS</u>

- Create a MessageConnection interface.
- Use the MessageConnection's *newMessage()* method to create a message object.
 - newMessage() method will takes a parameter which indicates the message type (TEXT_MESSAGE or BINARY_MESSAGE)
- Use the Message object's
 - setPayloadText(text) to set message text if TEXT_MESSAGE
 - setPayloadData(data) to set data if BINARY_MESSAGE
- Use the MessageConnection's send() method to send the Message. send() method takes a message object as a parameter.



Example : Sending Text Message



Example : Sending Binary Data

public void sendBinary(MessageConnection conn, byte[] data)
 throws IOException, InterruptedIOException {
 BinaryMessage txtMsg =

conn.newMessage(conn.BINARY_MESSAGE); txtMsg.setPayloadData(data); conn.send(txtMsg);

}



Receiving a Message

- * To receive a message, open a server connection and then call the connection's receive() method to receive the next available message on the specified port.
- \star If no message is available,
 - the method blocks until a new message arrives,
 - or until a different thread closes the connection.



Example : Receiving a Message

```
MessageConnection conn = null;
String loc = "sms://5070";
```

try {

conn = (MessageConnection) Connector.open(loc);
while (true) {

```
Message msg = conn.receive();
```

if (msg instanceof TextMessage) {

String text = ((TextMessage) msg).getPayLoadText();
// Display the text or do some actions



Testing the Messaging Application

- SMS applications are best experienced with the Over-The-Air (OTA) provisioning mode of the J2ME Wireless Toolkit.
- Open the SMS application in the J2ME wireless Toolkit. Build and package it (create the JAD/JAR files).
- ★ Choose Project menu and select Run via OTA

<u>WMA 2.0</u>

★ Adds support for MMS.


<u>Bluetooth</u>

- * Bluetooth devices can broadcast their identity to be discovered by others
- ★ Bluetooth is commonly used to emulate a direct serial cable connection
- * De facto standard for low-cost and low-power short-range radio links between mobile devices, PCs, headsets, GPS receivers, peripherals and consumer electronics
- * Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG) releases specifications.
- ★ IEEE 802.15 WPAN
- ★ 2.4 Ghz ISM band, 1 Mbps (within piconet gross)
- ★ Ver1: 10 meters, Ver2: 100 meters



<u>Bluetooth</u>

- Logically Bluetooth belongs to, connection-free token-based multi-access network
- ★ 1 Master and up to 7 Slave
- * Shared channel. Master decides which slave has access to the channel.
- * "Piconet" Slaves are synchronised to the same master.
- * "Scatternet" Independent piconets that have overlapping coverage. Time-multiplex mode to communicate with multiple piconets. (Synchronization parameters need to be changed)
- ★ Comparision with Wi-Fi
 - The cost of *Bluetooth* chips is under \$3
 - Bluetooth technology costs a third of Wi-Fi to implement
 - Bluetooth technology uses a fifth of the power of Wi-Fi
- ***** Compare with other wireless standards
 - <u>http://bluetooth.com/Bluetooth/Learn/Technology/Compare/</u>



<u>Bluetooth</u>

- * Non-game entertainment possibilities: eg. viral social networking applications
- * Other Applications: Automation industry, security industry, logistics, construction (more applications when combined with RFID (eg. IDBlue)www.baracoda.com)
- ★ Mobile phone viruses now possible
- ★ "Bluejacking"
 - Sending unexpected messages or files
- ★ "Bluesnarfing"
 - Stealing data from Bluetooth devices
- * Bluetooth-enabled kiosks may make retail software distribution a reality





Java API for Bluetooth wireless technology (JABWT)

<u>Packages</u>

- javax.bluetooth
- javax.obex



Image Source: Bluetooth Application Programming with the Java APIs (book) mkp.com



<u>Bluetooth</u> <u>Application</u>

Activities

Image Source: <u>http://developers.sun.com/</u>, by C. Enrique Ortiz,

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Attribute List: https://www.bluetooth.org/foundry/assignnumb/document/service_discovery



Frequently used service record attributes

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Value Type
ServiceRecordHandle	0x0000	32-bit unsigned integer
ServiceClassIDList	0x0001	DATSEQ of UUIDs
ServiceRecordState	0x0002	32-bit unsigned integer
ServiceID	0x0003	UUID
ProtocolDescriptorList	0x0004	DATSEQ of DATSEQ of UUID and optional parameters
BrowseGroupList	0x0005	DATSEQ of UUIDs
LanguageBasedAttribut eIDList	0x0006	DATSEQ of DATSEQ triples
ServiceInfoTimeToLive	0x0007	32-bit unsigned integer
ServiceAvailability	0x0008	8-bit unsigned integer



Frequently used service record attributes

Attribute Name	Attribute ID Offset	Attribute Value Type
BluetoothProfileDescriptor List	0x0009	DATSEQ of DATSEQ pairs
DocumentationURL	0x000A	URL
ClientExecutableURL	0x000B	URL
IconURL	0x000C	URL
VersionNumberList	0x0200	DATSEQ of 16-bit unsigned integers
ServiceDatabaseState	0x0201	32-bit unsigned integer
ServiceName	0x0000	String
ServiceDescription	0x0001	String
ProviderName	0x0002	String

http://www.bluetooth.com/dev/specifications.asp) for full list.



UUIDs for common Bluetooth protocols

The Base UUID is used for calculating 128-bit UUIDs from 'short UUIDs' (uuid16 and uuid32)

Minemonic	size	Short UUID	Name	(uuid16 and uuid32)
SDP	uuid16	0x0001	bt-sdp	
UDP	uuid16	0x0002		Base UUID *296 + Shout UUID
RFCOMM	uuid16	0x0003	bt-fcomm	Need to promote small size to
ТСР	uuid16	0x0004		uuids.
OBEX	uuid16	0x0008	obex	
IP	uuid16	0x0009		Full List: https://www.bluetooth.org/foundry/a
FTP	uuid16	0x000A	ftp	ery
HTTP	uuid16	0x000C	http	
L2CAP	uuid16	0x0100	bt-l2cap	

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BASE_UUID: 0000000-0000-1000-8000-00805F9B34FB (16 bytes, 128 bit)

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	OBEXFileT
	Headset
	CordlessTel
	AudioSource
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EXFileTransfer	uuid16	0x1106	DirectPrinting	uulu 10	0X1118	
adset	uuid16	0x1108	Imaging	uuid16	0x111A	
rdlessTelephony	uuid16	0x1109	Handsfree	uuid16	0x111E	
dioSource	uuid16	0x110 A	HandsfreeAudioGate way	uuid16	0x111F	
dioSink	uuid16	0x110B	DirectPrintingReferen	uuid16	0x1120	
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Connection String

Client

- * StreamConnection con = (StreamConnection)
 Connector.open("btspp://0050C000321B:5");
- * L2CAPConnection con = (L2CAPConnection)
 Connector.open("btl2cap://0050C000321B:1000");

<u>Server</u>

* StreamConnectionNotifier cn =
 (StreamConnectionNotifier)
 Connector.open("btspp://localhost:" +
 MY_SERVICE_NUMBER);

* L2CAPConnectionNotifier cn=
 (L2CAPConnectionNotifier)Connector.open("btl2cap://loca
 lhost:" + MY_SERVICE_NUMBER);



Optional Parameters in URI

scheme://host:port;parameters - clients
scheme://localhost:UUID;parameters - server

- * String URL = "btl2cap://localhost:UUID_STRING ; name=L2CAPService; authenticate=true; authorize=true; master=true";
 - Master/slave for piconet and scatternets. Note in scatternet: one device in each piconet should play dual role (both master and slave)

Exception

***** BluetoothConnectionException



RFCOMM (serial Port) and L2CAP connections

Bluetooth Connection	URL Scheme	Client Connection	Server Connection
Serial Port Profile (RFCOMM)	btspp	StreamConnection	StreamConnectionNotifier StreamConnection
L2CAP	btl2cap	L2CAPConnection	L2CAPConnectionNotifier L2CAPConnection

BLUETOOTH C/S Application – using Serial Port Profile

Device Discovery – (client)

- device = LocalDevice.getLocalDevice(); // obtain reference to
 singleton
- device.setDiscoverable(DiscoveryAgent.GIAC); // set Discover mode to GIAC
- agent = device.getDiscoveryAgent(); // obtain reference to singleton

agent.startInquiry(DiscoveryAgent.GIAC, new Listener());

Other Modes:

- DiscoveryAgent.GIAC
- DiscoveryAgent.LIAC
- DiscoveryAgent.NOT_DISCOVERABLE
 - GIAC General Inquiry Access Code (general discoverable)
 - LIAC Limited Inquiry Access Code (limited discoverable)





Service Discovery – (client)

try {

agent.searchServices(attr, // null = just retrieve the default attributes,

```
attr = all L2CAP services
```

new UUID[]{ new UUID(0x1101) }, // 0x1100 - SerialPort Profile
remoteDevice,

new Listener()); // direct discovery response to Listener object

```
catch ( BluetoothStateException e ) { .....
```



```
<u>Service Discovery – (client) – Call back events (DiscoveryListener)</u>
public static Vector services = new Vector();
public void servicesDiscovered(int transId, ServiceRecord[] records)
```

```
for ( int i=0; i< records.length; i ++ ) {
   ServiceRecord record = records[i];
   services.addElement( record ); }</pre>
```

public void serviceSearchCompleted(int transId, int complete)

```
if ( services.size() > 0 )
```

// found at least one SPP service. We can send a message. If morethan one SPP service is found, we send to the first one. (use sppConnection). sendData("Hello There"); //sendData -> MAKE CONNECTION and SEND } else

// no service record found for SerialPort
Alert alert = new Alert("Problem!", "no spp", null, AlertType.ERROR);
alert.setTimeout(Alert.FOREVER);
display.setCurrent(devicediscoveryScreen); }

.



Send Data over Bluetooth – (client)

public void sendData(String msg)

ServiceRecord r = (ServiceRecord) services.elementAt(0); //to first spp service // obtain the URL reference to this service on remote device String url = r.getConnectionURL(ServiceRecord.NOAUTHENTICATE_NOENCRYPT, false);

try

// obtain connection and stream to this service
StreamConnection con = (StreamConnection) Connector.open(url);
DataOutputStream out = con.openDataOutputStream();

// write data into serial stream
out.writeUTF(msg);
out.flush();

Note: Each connection must be in a New Thread.

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Bluetooth ServerConnection – (server) – Register Service

device = LocalDevice.getLocalDevice(); // obtain reference to singleton device.setDiscoverable(DiscoveryAgent.GIAC); // set Discover mode to L String appName = "SSPServer"; // unique UUID for this service. this can be defined by developers UUID uuid = new UUID(0xABCD); StreamConnectionNotifier server = null; StreamConnection c = null; try {

server = (StreamConnectionNotifier)Connector.open(
 "btspp://localhost:" + uuid.toString() +";name="+appName);

// Retrieve the service record template (empty)
ServiceRecord rec = device.getRecord(server);

//set/update optional attributes that are to be added to the service record.
// populate BluetoothProfileDescriptionList (0x0009) using SerialPort version 1
DataElement e1 = new DataElement(DataElement.DATSEQ);
e1 eddElement(new DataElement(DataElement LUUD, new LUUD(0x1101)))

e1.addElement(new DataElement(DataElement.UUID, new UUID(0x1101))); // add SerialPort

e1.addElement(new DataElement(DataElement.INT_8, 1)); // add Version 1 rec.setAttributeValue(0x0009, e2); // add BluetoothProfileDescriptionList



Bluetooth ServerConnection – (server) – Listen and Read

// obtain an input stream to the remote service
DataInputStream in = c.openDataInputStream();

// read in a string from the string
String s = in.readUTF();

// display this string on GUI
append(s, null);

// close current connection
c.close();

Further Reading: benhui.net, forum.nokia.com, developers.sonyericsson.com



Bluetooth C/S using L2CAP (Client)

int index = 0; L2CAPConnection con = null; transmitBuffer[] temp = null; byte[] data = ...; try {

con = (L2CAPConnection)Connector.open(url); int MTUSize = con.getTransmitMTU(); //Maximum Transmission Unit // Allocation a buffer of that (MTU) size transmitBuffer = new byte[MaxOutBufSize];

:

```
while (index < data.length) {</pre>
```

// Send the data... move MTUSize bytes from data

// buffer to transmit buffer

```
if ((data.length - index) < MTUSize) {</pre>
```

System.arraycopy(data, index, transmitBuffer, 0, data.length - index); } else {

System.arraycopy(data, index, transmitBuffer, 0, MTUSize);

```
con.send(transmitBuffer);
```

index += MTUSize;

// Reset the transmit buffer

for (int=0; i<MTUSize; i++) transmitBuffer[i] = 0;</pre>

con.close();

} catch (Exception e) {... Handle Exception }



Bluetooth C/S using L2CAP (Server)

L2CAPConnectionNotifier server = null; byte[] data = null; int length;

:.... try {

```
LocalDevice local = LocalDevice.getLocalDevice();
local.setDiscoverable(DiscoveryAgent.GIAC);
server = (L2CAPConnectionNotifier)
Connector.open("btl2cap://localhost:1020304050d0708093a1b121d1e1f100
");
while (!done) {
L2CAPConnection conn = null;
conn = server.acceptAndOpen();
length = conn.getReceiveMTU();
data = new byte[length];
length = conn.receive(data);
```

} catch (Exception e) {
... Handle Exception

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RFCOMM vs L2CAP

- L2CAP
 - ★ The protocol overhead for L2CAP is 4 bytes.
 - *L2CAP is recommended if you have a small amount of data and you need fast response times.

RFCOMM

- ★ RFCOMM is a Bluetooth protocol based on L2CAP.
- * The protocol overhead for RFCOMM is between 4 and 5 bytes for small packets. For every 127 bytes of data, the header increases in size by 1 byte.
- * The overall protocol overhead is about 8 to 9 bytes for data less than 127 bytes (4 bytes from L2CAP and 4 to 5 bytes from RFCOMM).



Device classes (DeviceClass class)

DeviceClass represents a class of device (CoD) as specified in the Bluetooth specification.

Devices classes are identified using a major, minor and service class.

int getMajorDeviceClass() – retrieves the major device class.
int getMinorDeviceClass() – retrieves the minor device class.
int getServiceClasses() – retrieves the major service classes



Device classes (DeviceClass class)

static final NLDMSC = 0x22000; // Networking, Limited Discoverable Major Service Class static final PHONE_MAJOR_CLASS = 0x200; static final CELLULAR_MINOR_CLASS = 0x04;

LocalDevice localDevice; DeviceClass deviceClass;

try {

localDevice = LocalDevice.getLocalDevice(); deviceClass = localDevice.getDeviceClass(); if (deviceClass.getMajorDeviceClass() == PHONE_MAJOR_CLASS) { if (deviceClass.getMinorDeviceClass() == CELLULAR_MINOR_CLASS) {

.....//Do something



RemoteDevice class

- static RemoteDevice
 getRemoveDevice(javax.microedition.io.Connection) –
 static method to retrieve the RemoteDevice object
 associated with the passed Connection.
- * java.lang.String getBluetoothAddress() retrieves the Bluetooth address of the remote device. java.lang.String getFriendlyName() – retrieves the name of the remote device.
- * boolean authenticate() attempts to authenticate the remote device.
- * boolean isAuthenticated() determines if this RemoteDevice has been authenticated.
- * boolean isEncrypted() determines if data exchanges with this RemoteDevice are currently being encrypted.



LocalDevice class

- * static LocalDevice getLocalDevice()
- * java.lang.String getBluetoothAddress()
- * java.lang.String getFriendlyName()
- * DiscoveryAgent getDiscoveryAgent()- returns the discovery agent for this device.
- * boolean setDiscoverable(int mode) sets the discoverable mode of the device.
- * static java.lang.String getProperty(java.lang.String property) – retrieves Bluetooth system properties. [refer next slide]
- ★ ServiceRecord

getRecord(javax.microedition.io.Connection notifier) – retrieves the service record corresponding to the passed (btspp, btl2cap, or btgoep) notifier.



Property

- ★ bluetooth.api.version
- * bluetooth.l2cap.receiveMTU.max
- * bluetooth.connected.devices.max
- * bluetooth.connected.inquiry
- * bluetooth.connected.page
- * bluetooth.connected.inquiry.scan
- * bluetooth.connected.page.scan
- ★ bluetooth.master.switch
- ★ bluetooth.sd.trans.max
- * bluetooth.sd.attr.retrievable.max



Games Over Bluetooth

- * Bluetooth is suitable for 'proximity gaming' playing games with people around you
- * The low latency makes it suitable for real-time games
 - driving games, shooting games, ...
 - but also card games, etc.
- * Up to 8 players, if master device supports point-tomultipoint
- ★ Use L2CAP packets or RFCOMM streams



Games over Bluetooth – Best Practices

- * Several Bluetooth actions at the same time does not speed the application.
- * All Bluetooth activities consume bandwidth, which leads to higher latency for the game. All Bluetooth activities that do not belong to the game should be canceled.
- Then the user should be asked to select a game client or game host role.
- * Bluetooth provides a reliable connection; there is no need to add a custom protocol for data correction or data acknowledgement. Corrupted packets are retransmitted until they are correctly received.

***** Use a protocol with little overhead, such as L2CAP.



Game Update Strategies

* Frame-based: clients operate synchronously with server, displaying each frame as they receive its data. BLUETOOTH

needs latency < 40ms or so

* Dead reckoning: clients operate asynchronously from server, predicting action and correcting when the server sends updates

OK for Internet-level latencies, 100-200ms

* *Turn-based*: clients take turn to act, when the server tells them it's their turn

OK even if latency is several seconds







Bluetooth Latency

- * Using JSR-82, we measured round-trip latency of about 30ms
- ★ It gets worse if:
 - many other devices are around
 - you send data so fast it must be buffered
 - your packets are bigger than your device's packet size (MTU)
 - devices are far apart (so poor link quality and re-sends)

* For more details see Forum Nokia document Games Over Bluetooth: Recommendations to Game Developers



Special Considerations for Nokia Devices

- * Low-Power Mode: if a Nokia device gets no Bluetooth data for 15 seconds, it enters SNIFF mode, only checking for new data every 0.5 seconds
 - avoid this by sending an empty message every few seconds if necessary
- * Link Loss: if the device receives no low-level Bluetooth packets for 20 seconds, the link will be dropped
- * *Disconnection*: players will often leave a game before it ends



Demo Game: Paintball (Nokia)

- * Simple real-time 'shooter' game
- ★ Motion on a 16x16 grid
- ★ Master holds the game state






Demo Game: Communications







Problems with Bluetooth connections

- * Device and service discovery sometimes fail
- ★ Connection setup takes time
- ★ Connections can drop anytime
- ★ Latency
- ★ Threading
- ★ Testing!



Hints & Tips

- ★ Pay attention to threading issues
- ***** Close connections on exit
- Ignore cached devices, since you can't find out their Class of Device
- ★ On Series 60, prefer RFCOMM to L2CAP
- * Test with many devices, different devices, and with other Bluetooth devices (e.g. headsets) in proximity



Other topics

- ★ Use OBEX to exchange images
- ***** How to connect Bluetooth devices of different platforms
- ★ Understand Bluetooth security
- ***** How to develop multi-connection Bluetooth application
- * N-Gage Arena (SNAP) full-scale mobile online game environment
- ★ X-Box Live



Some examples

- **★**It's Alive (Swedish):
 - "botfighters" www.botfighters.com
 - Players chase each other to various cellular network locations
- ★ Jamba (German):
 - "Attack of the Killer Virus"
 - Player shoots viruses/monsters projected to a real-life environment shown through a lens of a camera phone. A player has to move around with the camera to destroy the viruses.
- ★ Warhol's 15 minutes
 - Messages -> game actions
 - Shown to large audiences on TVs



SNAP Overview

* Package: com.nokia.sm.net

- Contains classes that support communication with a SNAP Mobile game server.
- ★ SnapEventListener
 - Callback interface for asynchronous SNAP Mobile event notification.

★ ItemList

 This class implements a container for one or more items of different types.

* ServerComm

– This class facilitates communication between a game client and a SNAP Mobile server.



SNAP Overview

- * Communication between a game client and a SNAP Mobile server. It provides methods for accessing online multiplayer game and community features such as
 - instant messaging,
 - chat,
 - presence management,
 - buddy list (or friends list),
 - versatile matchmaking, and
 - ranking.
- Implementation does not depend on the underlying network protocol. At present, HTTP and TCP are the only supported protocols, but other protocols may be added in the future.



SNAP Overview

Server Events:

- SNAP Mobile servers generate events for certain actions that take place, such as creating new lobbies or game rooms, chat messages delivered to a particular user, and so on.
- * These events are held on the server until retrieved by the client.
- ★ Retrieving Events:
 - Polling by client using methods such as receiveEvents(int,int) and retrieveAllEvents().
 - Client can register as a listener for SNAP events by calling addSnapEventListener(). SNAP server calls back the client when new events are available.



SNAP server

★ Demo Application

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