

Introduction

This release note is updated periodically to keep abreast of STM32CubeMonRF (hereinafter referred to as STM32CubeMonitor-RF) evolution, problems, and limitations.

Check the STMicroelectronics support website at www.st.com for the latest version. For the latest release summary, refer to [Table 1](#).

Table 1. STM32CubeMonRF 2.7.0 release summary

Type	Summary
Official release	Alignment of OpenThread API with version 1.1.0 and addition of CoAP Secure API Addition of 802.15.4 sniffer mode

Customer support

For more information or help concerning STM32CubeMonitor-RF, contact the nearest STMicroelectronics sales office. For a complete list of STMicroelectronics offices and distributors, refer to the www.st.com web page.

Software updates

Software updates and all the latest documentation can be downloaded from the ST microcontroller support www.st.com web page.

1 General information

1.1 Overview

STM32CubeMonitor-RF is a tool provided to help designers to:

- Perform RF (Radio Frequency) tests of Bluetooth® Low Energy (BLE) applications
- Perform RF (Radio Frequency) tests of 802.15.4 applications
- Send commands to BLE parts to perform tests
- Configure BLE beacon and manage file over-the-air (OTA) transfers
- Discover BLE devices profiles and interacts with services
- Send commands to OpenThread parts to perform tests
- Visualize Thread® devices connections
- Sniff 802.15.4 network

This software applies to microcontrollers of the STM32WB Series, based on Arm®(a) cores.



1.2 Host PC system requirements

Supported operating systems and architectures

- Windows® 10, 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64)
- Linux® Ubuntu®(b), minimum version 18.04 64-bit
- macOS®(c), minimum version macOS Catalina®(c), architecture Intel®(d) or M1

Software requirements

For Linux, java^(e) runtime is required for the installer.

For 802.15.4 sniffer only:

- Wireshark v2.4.6 or later available from <http://www.wireshark.org>
- Python v2.7.x or later available from <https://www.python.org/downloads>
- pySerial v3.4 or later, available from <https://pypi.org/project/pyserial>

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1.3 Setup procedure

1.3.1 Windows®

Install

If an older version of STM32CubeMonitor-RF is already installed, the existing version must be uninstalled before installing the new one. The user must have administrator rights on the computer to perform the installation.

1. Download *STM32CMonRFWin.zip*
2. Unzip this file in a temporary location
3. Launch *setupSTM32CubeMonitor-RF.exe* to be guided through the setup process

Uninstall

To uninstall STM32CubeMonitor-RF, follow the steps below:

1. Open the Windows Control panel
2. Select Programs and Features to display the list of programs installed on the computer
3. Left-click on STM32CubeMonitor-RF from STMicroelectronics publisher and select the Uninstall function

1.3.2 Linux®

Software requirements

The Java™ Run Time Environment is required for the Linux installer. It can be installed with the command *apt-get install default-jdk* or with the package manager.

Install

1. Download *STM32CMonRFLin.tar.gz*
2. Unzip this file in a temporary location
3. Make sure you have access rights to the target installation directory
4. Launch the execution of the *SetupSTM32CubeMonitor-RF.jar* file, or launch manually the installation with *java -jar <install path>/SetupSTM32CubeMonitor-RF.jar*
5. An icon appears on the desktop. If the icon is not executable, edit its properties and select the option "Allow executing file as program" or for Ubuntu 19.10, select the option "Allow launching".

Information about com port on Ubuntu

The modemmanager process is checking the com port when the board is plugged. Due to this activity, the com port is busy for a few seconds, and STM32CubeMonitor-RF is unable to connect.

The users need to wait for the end of the modemmanager activity before opening the com port. If the modemmanager is not required by the user, it is possible to uninstall it with the command *sudo apt-get purge modemmanager*.

For the sniffer mode, the modem manager must be uninstalled or disabled through the command *sudo systemctl stop ModemManger.service* before connecting the sniffer device.

If the modem manager cannot be disabled, it is also possible to define rules so that the modem manager ignores the sniffer device. *10-stsniffer.rules* available in the

~/STMicroelectronics/STM32CubeMonitor-RF/sniffer directory can be copied in */etc/udev/rules.d*.

Uninstall

1. Launch the “*uninstaller.jar*” located in installation directory */STMicroelectronics/STM32CubeMonitor-RF/Uninstaller*. If the icon is not executable, edit its properties and select the option “Allow executing file as program”.
2. Select “Force deletion...” and click on the Uninstall button.

1.3.3 macOS®

Install

1. Download “*STM32CMonRFMac.zip*”.
2. Unzip this file in a temporary location.
3. Make sure you have access rights to the target installation directory.
4. Double click on the *installerSTM32CubeMonitor-RF.dmg* file.
5. Open the STM32CubeMonitor-RF new disk.
6. Drag and drop the STM32CubeMonitor-RF shortcut to the Applications shortcut.
7. Drag and drop the document folder to a location of your choice.

If an error “STM32CubeMonitor-RF can't be opened because it is from an unidentified developer” occurs, the command *sudo spctl --master-disable* must be used to disable the verification.

Uninstall

1. In the applications folder, select the STM32CubeMonitor-RF icon and move it to trash.
2. In the user's home directory, remove the folder *Library/STM32CubeMonitor-RF*.
If the Library folder is hidden:
 - a) open Finder
 - b) hold down Alt (Option) and choose Go from the drop-down menu bar at the top of the screen
 - c) the Library folder is listed below the Home folder.

1.4 Devices supported by STM32CubeMonitor-RF

Supported devices

The tool is tested with the STM32WB Nucleo board (P-NUCLEO-WB55).

Boards based on STM32WBxx are compatible if they feature:

- A connection through a USB “Virtual COM port” or a serial link and
- A “transparent mode” firmware, bridging the UART to the BLE stack controller or command-line software.

The device connection details and firmware location are described in Section 2 of the user manual *STM32CubeMonitor-RF software tool for wireless performance measurements* (UM2288).

2 Release information

2.1 New features/enhancements

Updates OpenThread API with the version V1.1.0.

Adds the OpenThread CoAP Secure API.

Adds 802.15.4 sniffer mode.

2.2 Fixed issues

This release:

- Fixes the OTA updater panel address bytes inverted,
- Fixes the OpenThread network explore button label management,
- Fixes the behavior of parameter field when the parameter is from the terminal and is wrong,
- Fixes the naming of BLE commands according to AN5270 specification,
- Fixes OpenThread com port connection fail behavior,
- Fixes BLE tester connection fail behavior on Linux,
- Fixes OpenThread panId hexadecimal value display,
- Improve SBSFU OTA and tests,
- Fixes ACI client characteristic configuration after reconnection.

2.3 Restrictions

When the device under test is disconnected the software may not immediately detect the disconnection. In this case, an error is reported when a new command is sent. If the board is not detected after the error, it is necessary to unplug and then reconnect it.

2.4 Licensing

Table 2. List of licenses embedded in the tool

Name	Version	License	Details	Copyright
ST components	-	Proprietary	https://www.st.com/content/ccc/resource/legal/legal_agreement/license_agreement/group0/39/50/32/6c/e0/a8/45/2d/DM00218346/files/DM00218346.pdf/jcr:content/translations/en.DM00218346.pdf	STMicroelectronics
jSerialComm	2.5.1	Apache-2.0 ⁽¹⁾	http://fazecast.github.io/jSerialComm/	Copyright (C) 2012-2020 Fazecast, Inc.
commons-lang3	3.5		http://commons.apache.org/proper/commons-lang/	Copyright The Apache Software Foundation
Apache Commons IO	2.5		http://commons.apache.org/proper/commons-io/	
log4j-api	2.8.1		https://logging.apache.org/log4j/2.x/	
log4j-core				
izpack	5.1.3		http://izpack.org/	Julien Ponge, René Krell and the IzPack contributors
gson	2.2.4		https://github.com/google/gson	Copyright 2008 Google Inc.
Roboto font	2.137		https://github.com/google/fonts/	Google Inc.
Cousine font	1.211		https://github.com/google/fonts/tree/master/apache/cousine	
font awesome svg icons	5.2.0	CC BY-4.0 ⁽²⁾	https://github.com/FortAwesome/Font-Awesome/	Font Awesome Free 5.2.0 by @fontawesome
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Table 3. List of software bundled with the tool

Name	Version	License	Details	Copyright
Java SE and Java FX	1.8.0-265	GPL-2.0 with Classpath Exception	Copy of license is in the License folder https://openjdk.java.net/legal/gplv2+ce.html	Copyright © 1995, 2020, Oracle and/or its affiliates.
Inno setup	5.6.1	Inno Setup license	Windows installer: http://www.innosetup.com/	Copyright (C) 1997-2020 Jordan Russell. All rights reserved. Portions Copyright (C) 2000-2020 Martijn Laan. All rights reserved.



3 STM32CubeMonitor-RF release information

3.1 STM32CubeMonitor-RF V1.5.0

- Tool first version to support BLE features of STM32WB55. The version 1.x.y have only BLE support.

3.2 STM32CubeMonitor-RF V2.1.0

- Addition of OpenThread support in the tool

3.3 STM32CubeMonitor-RF V2.2.0

- Improvement of OpenThread command windows: Option to clear windows/history, details about OT commands selected in the tree
- Addition of “read param” and “set param” buttons for OT commands used to read or set parameters
- Addition of scripts for OpenThread
- It is possible to add a loop in the script (Refer to the user manual for details)
- User interface update: the disabled items are now colored in gray
- Search command for threads has been implemented
- Addition of the selection of BLE PHY and BLE modulation index
- In BLE RF tests, the frequency can be changed when the test is running

3.4 STM32CubeMonitor-RF V2.2.1

3.4.1 New features/enhancements

The OTA download procedure has been updated: When the target device is configured in OTA loader mode, the target address is incremented by one. STM32CubeMonitor-RF now uses the incremented address for the download.

The list of OpenThread commands is aligned with the Thread stack.

3.5 STM32CubeMonitor-RF V2.3.0

3.5.1 New features/enhancements

Alignment with STM32WB55 cube firmware 1.0.0

Addition of 802.15.4 RF tests

New features in ACI Utilities panel:

- The discovery of remote BLE devices
- Interaction with the services of remote devices

3.6 STM32CubeMonitor-RF V2.4.0

3.6.1 New features/enhancements

Alignment with STM32WB cube firmware 1.1.1

Support firmware update over the air of the wireless stack (FUOTA)

Optimize FUOTA connection parameters to increase performance. Add a warning if the address is below 0x6000.

Correction of UART detection issue on windows 10

The tool uses properly the “write without response” function to write a characteristic with permission “write without response”

Update the device name in the device information box

Fix the value of HCI_LE_SET_EVENT_MASK

Correction of error reason description text

Fix issues with OpenThread scripts

Set a maximum size for graphs

Update some control lock to prevent wrong actions from the user

3.7 STM32CubeMonitor-RF V2.5.0

3.7.1 New features/enhancements

Network Explorer is added to a new tab of Thread® mode.

This feature displays the connected Thread® devices and the connections between them.

3.8 STM32CubeMonitor-RF V2.6.0

3.8.1 New features/enhancements

802.15.4 RF tests are added.

In the transmitter test, the sending of MAC frames is available, the frame is defined by the user.

In the receiver test, the LQI, ED, and CCA tests are available and the PER test shows the decoded frames.

3.8.2 Fixed issues

This release:

- Updates the C1_Read_Device_Information command description,
- Disables the navigation link when the 802.15.4 receiver test is in progress,
- Updates ST logo and colors,
- Fixes the blank popup message displayed when the script detects an error,
- Disables the start button as soon as the channel list is inconsistent in 802.15.4 PER multi-channel test,
- Includes workaround to prevent freeze observed on a serial port with MacOS.

4 Revision history

Table 4. Document revision history

Date	Revision	Changes
02-Mar-2017	1	Initial release.
25-Apr-2017	2	Modified for release 1.2.0: – updated Section 2: Release information – updated Section 2.3: Restrictions – added Section 3.2: STM32CubeMonitor-RF V1.2.0 information
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Table 4. Document revision history (continued)

Date	Revision	Changes
15-Oct-2018	8	Modified for release 2.2.1, hence updated document title and added Section 3.8: STM32CubeMonitor-RF V2.2.1 information . Updated Section 1.1: Overview , Section 1.3.2: Linux® , Section 1.3.3: macOS® , Section 2.1: New features/enhancements , and Section 2.2: Restrictions . Removed former Section 2.2: Fixed issues .
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12-Jul-2019	10	Updated: -Title, Table 1 , and Section 2 switch to 2.4.0 release - Table 2 jSerialComm version - Section 3 former releases history
3-Apr-2020	11	Updated: -Title, Table 1 , and Section 2 switch to 2.5.0 release - Table 2 Inno setup version - Section 3 former releases history
13-Nov-2020	12	Updated: -Title, Table 1 , and Section 2 switch to 2.6.0 release - Table 2 and Table 3 details with added copyright column - Section 3 former releases history
8-Feb-2021	13	Updated: -Title, Table 1 , Section 1 , and Section 2 switch to 2.7.0 release with new 802.15.4 sniffer mode and Host PC system requirements - Table 3 Java SE and Java FX version - Section 3 former releases history

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