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The Gecko Platform provides infrastructure support for applications developed with higher-level protocols, and it provides an interface with the underlying hardware. It is composed of the following modules:

CMSIS Device is a vendor-independent hardware abstraction layer for the Cortex®-M processor series

Peripherals provides a complete peripheral API for all Silicon Labs EFM32, EZR32 and EFR32 MCUs and SoCs.

Drivers is the Gecko Platform driver library for EFM32, EZR32 and EFR32 on-chip peripherals. Drivers are typically DMA-based and use all available low-energy features.

Services includes common services such as NVM3 and Power Manager.

Common components are used throughout the SDKs.

Middleware includes the Capacitive Sensing Firmware Library and the GLIB graphics library, along with Micrium OS stacks like CAN/CANopen, File System, Networking and USB Device and Host.

Security includes mbed TLS and other security services.

Operating System includes Micrium OS Kernel as well as other things related to Operating Systems such as a CMSIS-RTOS2 layer.

The **Gecko Bootloader** is a code library configurable through Simplicity Studio's IDE to generate bootloaders that can be used with a variety of Silicon Labs protocol stacks. The Gecko Bootloader can be used with EFM32 and EFR32 Series 1 and later devices.

Examples are example applications illustrating platform functionality.

Boards and External Devices cover supported hardware.

Other Gecko Platform Components regroups changes to documentation, project building and configuration, as well as any other aspects related to Gecko Platform.

RAIL (Radio Abstraction Interface Layer) provides a customizable radio interface layer that supports proprietary or standards-based wireless protocols. RAIL use by application protocols such as Silicon Labs Zigbee or Silicon Labs Connect is managed through the stack library. Direct RAIL use is exposed through the Flex SDK.

These release notes cover SDK version(s):

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KEY FEATURES

Peripherals

- Include handling pcntModeOvsQuadx modes in PCNT_Init

Services

- New NVM3 function that enables reading only parts of a data object

Common

- Platform converted to use BASEPRI interrupt levels, vs. PRIMASK interrupt enable/disable
- MCU SDK 6.0 integrated into Common platform.

Security

- Mbed TLS updated to version 2.24.0
- Added attestation support in SE Manager

Operating System

- Platform components are now compatible with any kernel providing a CMSIS-RTOS2 implementation.

Examples

- Added alpha quality Hello World and Micro Speech examples for TensorFlow Lite for Microcontrollers.
- Added several common sample apps for EFM and EFR devices.
- Removed several MCU sample apps.

Boards and External Devices

- Added better support for 60 Ohm ESR crystals.

Other Platform Components

- Added alpha support for TensorFlow Lite for Microcontrollers version 2.3.1.

RAIL Library

- EFR32FG23 Alpha 2 Support

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1 CMSIS Device

1.1 New Items

Added in release 3.1.0.0

- Added support for new OPN: EFM32PG22.

1.2 Improvements

None

1.3 Fixed Issues

None

1.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

1.5 Deprecated Items

None

1.6 Removed Items

None

2 Peripherals

2.1 New Items

None

2.2 Improvements

Changed in release 3.1.0.0

- CMU_OscillatorTuningGet() and CMU_OscillatorTuningSet() can now be used on Series 2 for HFXO Core Bias Current Optimization, in order to skip Optimization stage when needed.

2.3 Fixed Issues

Fixed in release 3.1.0.0

ID #	Description
481036	Fixed issue with the SL_FLOOR macro.
482546	Include handling of the pcntModeOvsQuadx modes in PCNT_Init.
625661	Fixed EMU_DCDCModeSet() function on xG22, where it could hard-fault if trying to set the DCDC converter to bypass when it was already in bypass mode.
634635	Fixed an issue on BG22 where MSC_EccConfigSet() could lead to a hard fault. The initialization of the ECC is now done properly to avoid unwanted read or write operations while initializing.

2.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

2.5 Deprecated Items

None

2.6 Removed Items

None

3 Drivers

3.1 New Items

None

3.2 Improvements

None

3.3 Fixed Issues

Fixed in release 3.1.0.0

ID #	Description
399547	Fixed an issue with i2cspm with the lockup recovery happening as part of the initialization where the frequency of the pulse could be too fast and where the clock toggle ended with the clock signal being low instead of high. The lockup recovery function should now work as expected by standard I2C.

3.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

Issues in bold were added since the previous release. If you have missed a release, recent release notes are available on <https://www.silabs.com/products/software>.

ID #	Description
485403	UARTDRV operation in EM2 does not work when using EUART.
520149	When creating SPIDRV instances using the Simplicity Studio Project Configurator, code to initialize the instance is not automatically generated and must instead be added manually.

3.5 Deprecated Items

None

3.6 Removed Items

None

4 Services

4.1 New Items

Added in release 3.1.0.0

- Added new NVM3 function, `nvm3_readPartialData`, which enables reading only parts of a data object.

4.2 Improvements

Changed in release 3.1.0.0

- Added the option to re-call `sl_power_manager_init()` if clock settings have changed, so that the Power Manager updates its internal settings and cached values.

4.3 Fixed Issues

Fixed in release 3.1.0.0

ID #	Description
519083	Added initialization of the DPLL in device init for xG22 devices.
652396	Fixed an issue in the Power Manager where the HFXO startup delay was added to calculations of schedule wake-ups even when HFXO was not being used, which caused the system to wake up too early without needing to.

4.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

4.5 Deprecated Items

None

4.6 Removed Items

None

5 Common

5.1 New Items

None

5.2 Improvements

Changed in release 3.1.0.0

- The Gecko SDK has switched to use BASEPRI method for atomic section by default, when module_init_nvic component is present. This allows to have interrupt at a higher priority than the Gecko SDK's atomic sections, in order to meet strict latency requirements. Interrupts that are not masked by the Gecko SDK's atomic sections should not interact with anything in the Gecko SDK. For existing applications not relying on the module_init_nvic component, the behavior does not change.

5.3 Fixed Issues

None

5.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

5.5 Deprecated Items

None

5.6 Removed Items

None

6 Middleware

6.1 New Items

None

6.2 Improvements

None

6.3 Fixed Issues

Fixed in release 3.1.0.0

ID #	Description
644559	Added support for TRNG; TCP sequence is now generated with a true entropy source and it follows the specifications outlined in RFC 6528.

6.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

6.5 Deprecated Items

None

6.6 Removed Items

None

7 Security

7.1 New Items

Added in release 3.1.0.0

- mbed TLS library updated to version 2.24.0 and moved to path util/third_party/crypto/mbedtls/.
- The new version of mbed TLS does not allow simultaneous use of both TRNG and RAIL entropy sources.
- Add API for retrieving attestation tokens through SE Manager

7.2 Improvements

Changed in release 3.1.0.0

- Initialization of the TRNG peripheral has been improved.
- For the IAR toolchain, added forced optimization mode 'balanced' for certain functions in file bignum.c.

7.3 Fixed Issues

None

7.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

7.5 Deprecated Items

None

7.6 Removed Items

None

8 Operating System

8.1 New Items

Added in release 3.1.0.0

- Added CMSIS-RTOS2 support on Micrium OS Kernel. Converted Platform Services to rely on CMSIS-RTOS2 APIs, allowing them to run on either Micrium OS Kernel, FreeRTOS or other kernels providing a CMSIS-RTOS2 implementation.
- Added the option to select between Micrium OS Kernel or FreeRTOS in the Project Configurator Software Components tab in Simplicity Studio. Wireless stack developers should consult with the wireless stack documentation or release notes to confirm support for the chosen kernel.

8.2 Improvements

Changed in release 3.1.0.0

- In the version of FreeRTOS included with the Gecko SDK, we have added support for staying in sleep on ISR exit if no preemption occurs.

8.3 Fixed Issues

None

8.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

8.5 Deprecated Items

None

8.6 Removed Items

None

9 Gecko Bootloader

9.1 New Items

Added in release 3.1.0.0

- Storage bootloaders will park in a busy wait loop if both the installed application image and the images in the storage slots are corrupt.

9.2 Improvements

None

9.3 Fixed Issues

None

9.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

9.5 Deprecated Items

None

9.6 Removed Items

None

10 Examples

10.1 New Items

Added in release 3.1.0.0

- Added common applications that can be used on EFM and EFR devices:
 - Blink (with Micrium OS Kernel, with FreeRTOS, with PWM on one LED).
 - DMADRV
 - IO Stream (EUSART with and without Micrium OS Kernel, USART with Micrium OS Kernel)
 - mbedTLS (AES Crypt, ECDH, ECDSA)
 - MEMLCD (with and without Micrium OS Kernel) (based on previous LCDDRV example)
 - Simple MPU
 - NVM3
 - Power Manager (both with and without Micrium OS Kernel)
 - SE Manager (Asymmetric Key Handling, Block Cipher, ECDH, EC J-PAKE, Hash, Host Firmware Upgrade, KDF, Key Provisioning, SE Firmware Upgrade, Secure Debug, Secure Identity, Signature, Stream Cipher, Symmetric Key Handling, Tamper, User Data)
 - Simple Button (with and without Micrium OS Kernel)
 - Sleep Timer (Timer, Wall-clock)
 - SPIDRV (master with and without Micrium OS Kernel, slave with and without Micrium OS Kernel)
 - TEMPDRV (with Micrium OS Kernel)
 - UARTDRV (with and without Micrium OS Kernel)
 - WiFi Commissioning using a WF200 (with Micrium OS Kernel)
- Added Alpha quality Hello World and Micro Speech examples for TensorFlow Lite for Microcontrollers.

10.2 Improvements

None

10.3 Fixed Issues

None

10.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

10.5 Deprecated Items

None

10.6 Removed Items

None

11 Boards and External Devices

11.1 New Items

Added in release 3.1.0.0

- Added support for new Thunderboard BG22 board (PG22-DK2503A).
- Added support for MGM220PC22HNA module as well as board SLWRB4311B.
- Added better support for 60 Ohm ESR crystals, as well as “sleepy” crystals, allowing to more reliably start crystal oscillation.
- Added support for WiFi boards BRD8022 and BRD8023 to be used as components.

11.2 Improvements

None

11.3 Fixed Issues

None

11.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

11.5 Deprecated Items

None

11.6 Removed Items

None

12 Other Gecko Platform Software Components

12.1 New Items

Added in release 3.1.0.0

- Added Alpha support for TensorFlow Lite for Microcontrollers version 2.3.1.

12.2 Improvements

None

12.3 Fixed Issues

None

12.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

12.5 Deprecated Items

None

12.6 Removed Items

None

13 RAIL Library

13.1 New Items

Added in release 3.1.0.0

- Added new API RAIL_GetRadioStateDetail() that provides more detailed radio state information than RAIL_GetRadioState.
- Added RAIL_RxPacketInfo_t::filterMask field of type RAIL_AddrFilterMask_t, which is a bitmask representing which address filter(s) the packet has passed.
- Added the ability for RAIL_GetRssi() to wait for a valid RSSI in radio states that are transitioning into RX. Additionally, a maximum wait timeout for a valid RSSI can be configured using the new API RAIL_GetRssiAlt().
- Added a new RAIL_ZWAVE_ConfigRxChannelHopping() API to configure Z-Wave Rx channel hopping using the recommended hopping parameters.
- Added a new RAIL_ZWAVE_GetRegion() API to determine the currently selected Z-Wave region.
- Added a new RAIL_SupportsTxPowerModeAlt() API to get the minimum and maximum power levels for a specific power mode if the power mode is supported by the chip.
- Added a new API RAIL_SetAddressFilterAddressMask() that allows for setting a bit mask pattern for packet data in the address filters.
- Added support for MGM210PB22JIA, MGM210PB32JIA, BGM210PB22JIA and BGM210PA32JIA modules.
- Added an event RAIL_EVENT_PA_PROTECTION to indicate the power protection circuit has kicked in.
- Created a “RAIL Utility, Callbacks” component for application-level callbacks.

13.2 Improvements

Changed in release 3.1.0.0

- Added support for reporting more detailed transmit errors on the Packet Trace Interface (PTI).
- Updated RAIL_ZWAVE_ReceiveBeam() to automatically idle the radio when RAIL_ZWAVE_ReceiveBeam() finishes even when no beam is detected.
- Added the ability to use the “RAIL Utility, Initialization” component multiple times when creating a multiprotocol application.
- Changed RAIL_PacketTimeStamp_t::totalPacketBytes from uint32_t to uint16_t to reduce RAM usage.
- The “RAIL Utility, Initialization” component now defaults most options to a disabled state, instead of enabled. Now you have to opt-in, instead of opt-out, of RAIL init functionality.
- The “RAIL Utility, PA” component now enables PA calibration by default to ensure that PA power remains consistent chip-to-chip.
- Add new RAIL_EVENT_RF_SENSED as an alternative to the current RAIL_StartRfSense() callback parameter.
- Added a new API RAIL_ConfigSleepAlt() to allow configuring the PRS channel, RTCC channel, and whether sleep is enabled in one call.
- Created a new “RAIL Utility, Protocol” component for setting up RAIL to use one of the standards based PHYs by default.
- In multiprotocol RAIL, when the supplied handle is not the active handle, RAIL_GetRadioState now returns RAIL_RF_STATE_RX rather than RAIL_RF_STATE_IDLE if a background receive is currently scheduled.
- Antenna diversity settings for xGM210 modules are now split in a new config file: sl_rail_util_ant_div_config.h.

13.3 Fixed Issues

Fixed in release 3.1.0.0

ID #	Description
362133	The default RSSI offset on the EFR32xG1, EFR32xG12, EFR32xG13, EFR32xG14, and EFR32xG21 chips does not compensate for a known internal hardware offset. This offset is chip specific and can be found using the new “RAIL Utility, RSSI” component which will load the correct value for your chip by default when the plugin is enabled. Since the hardware and antenna design can also impact this offset it is recommended that you measure this value for your particular hardware for the best accuracy. This correction is not enabled by default on the chips listed above to prevent changing radio behavior significantly without the user opting into this change. For the EFR32xG22 and future chips the hardware offset is measured and included by default.

ID #	Description
471715	Fixed an issue when using RAIL_ConfigAntenna() on the EFR32xG22 with an RF path other than 0 since these parts do not have multiple RF paths.
519195	The EFR32xG21 will now use RTCC channel 0, as opposed to the PRORTC, to perform sleep timer synchronization. This will help lower the EM2 current consumption for this chip.
630457	On custom boards, the "RAIL Utility, PTI" component no longer reserves pins for use without being configured.
632723	The EFR32xG22 will limit going to EM1P sleep mode when an 80MHz HRFRCO PLL system clock is selected. Going to EM1P sleep is not supported when using the DPLL on this hardware as it can cause clock drift which would impact radio timing and tuning.
638067	Fixed a DMP issue that poached transmit power when switching between protocols using the same channel configuration and channel.
639833	Fixed a potential radio hang on a corrupted BLE packet when doing BLE AoX.
642893	Reduced RAIL library flash data alignment needs on the EFR32xG22.
645641	Fixed an EFR32xG22 issue where a state transition to receive after a transmit from EM2 sleep would drop packets.

13.4 Known Issues in the Current Release

None

13.5 Deprecated Items

None

13.6 Removed Items

None

14 Legal

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