



Hands-On Tutorial with OpenThread

This lab procedure walks through the steps to create a Thread network and an OpenThread Border Router. The first part reviews how to create an OpenThread project in Simplicity Studio v5. The second part shows how to create a network with three nodes, and how to use some basic commands to explore the feature of each node. The final part introduces how to remove and add a node, and analyze the status of each node. A demonstration of commissioning ends this session.

KEY POINTS

- Create OpenThread project for EFR32MG12
- Create a Thread network
- Add and remove a node and analyze the network topology change
- Create an OpenThread Border Router
- Use commissioning with Thread
- Use Silicon Labs tools to analyze the network

Prerequisites

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For this lab you will need the following:

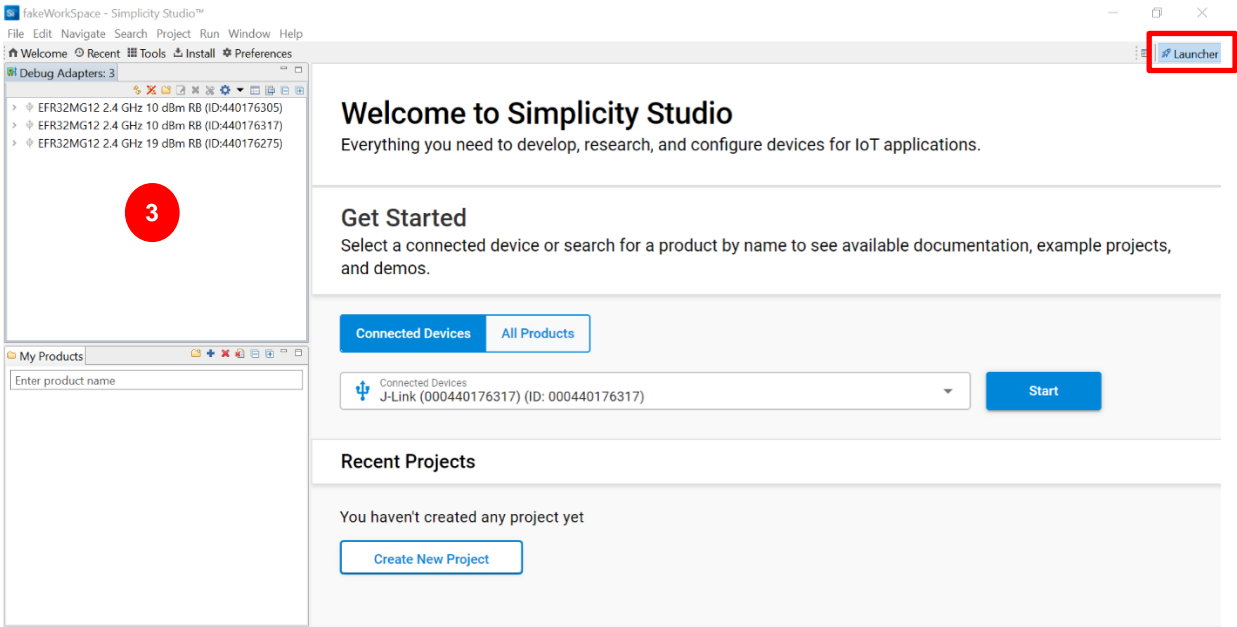
- Three EFR32MG12 radio boards - this tutorial assumes BRD4170A, although other EFR32MG12 radio boards would work too with possible minor adaptation in instructions
- Three Mini-USB Type-B to USB Type-A cable supplied with any Wireless Gecko starter kit
- Simplicity Studio v5
 - GNU ARM V7
 - Gecko SDK Suite 3.1.0 or later
- (Optional) a serial terminal such as Tera Term

Create an OpenThread Project

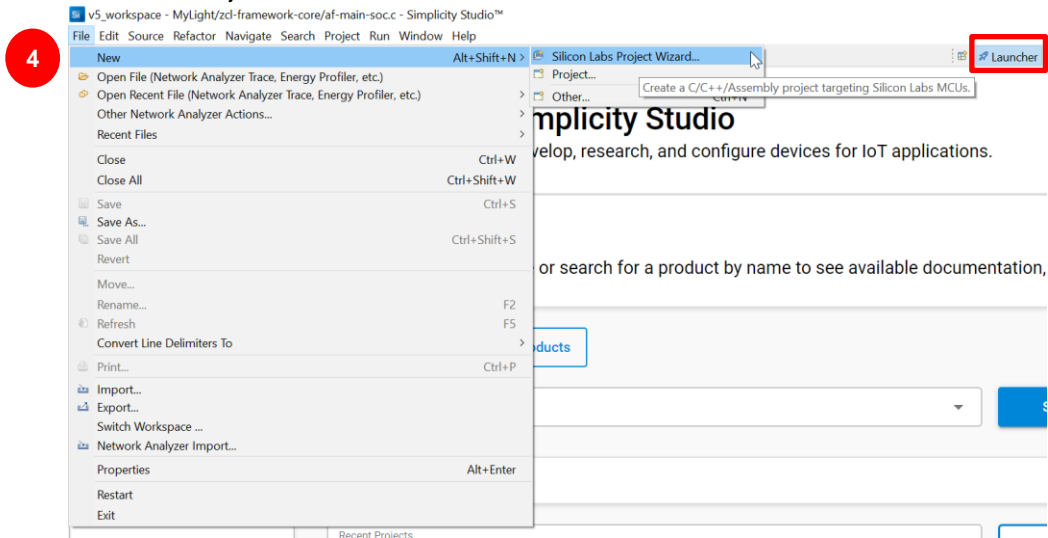
2 Create an OpenThread Project

We want to create three OpenThread projects and then create a network:

- ✓ child project
 - ✓ router_eligible_1 project
 - ✓ router_eligible_2 project
1. Launch Simplicity Studio from your desktop
 2. Connect the **4170A** radio board with **EFR32MG12** to your PC using the USB cable
 3. When the device is connected to your PC, you should see it listed in the **Debug Adapters** window in Simplicity Studio



4. File >> New >> Silicon Labs Project Wizard



5. If your radio board and WSTK are detected automatically, a new window shows up
6. Make sure you use Gecko SDK 3.1.0 or later and GNU ARM v7.X.X compiler
7. Click on **NEXT**

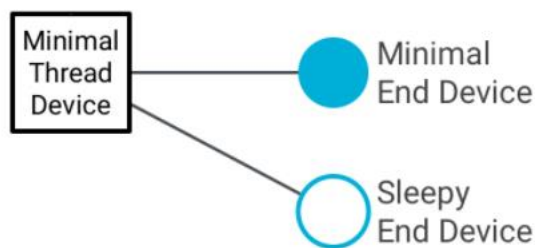
2.1 Minimal Thread Device project

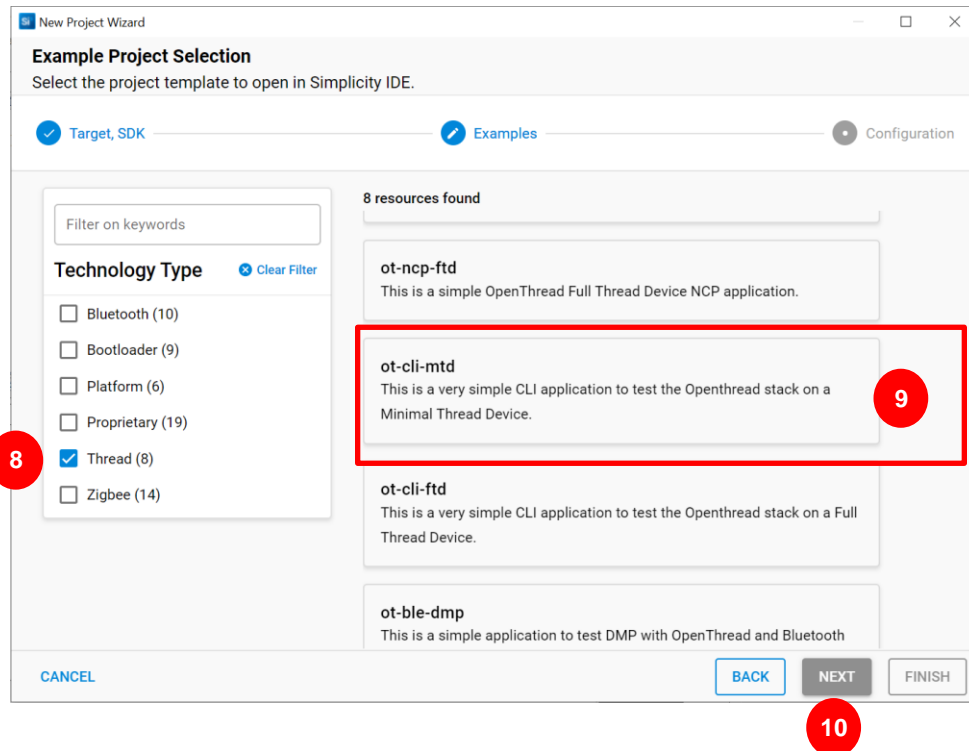
The node **child** project is created with *ot-cli-mtd* example. The child is linked with a parent device (leader, router). In a network the child can act in two different ways:

- As a **Sleepy End Device** (SED), in the software, we need to wake it up to check if there is a new message
- As a **Minimal End Device** (MED), its radio device is always on, we do not need to poll to have an update.

In our case, we will use it as a **MED**.

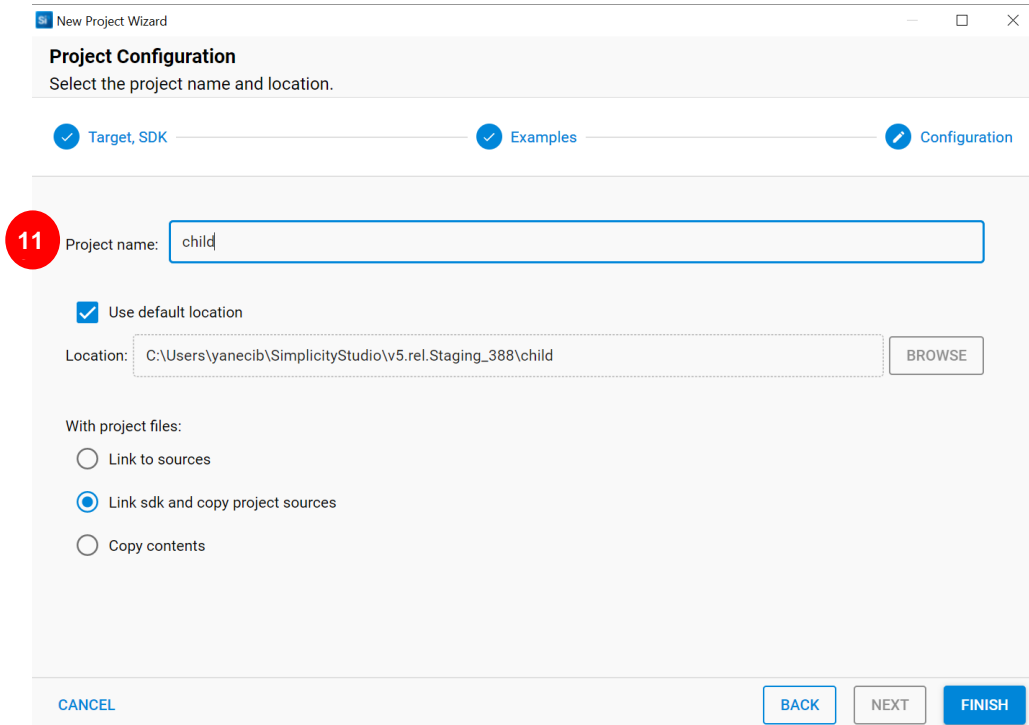
- Now, we can tick the thread check box,
- Select the *ot-cli-mtd* example only for the first node and click on next. The other two nodes use *ot-cli-ftd* example
- Then click on **NEXT**





11. For *ot-cli-mtd*, enter the name “child”.

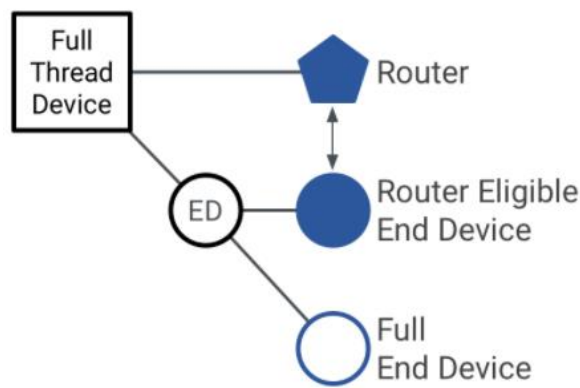
12. Click on **FINISH**



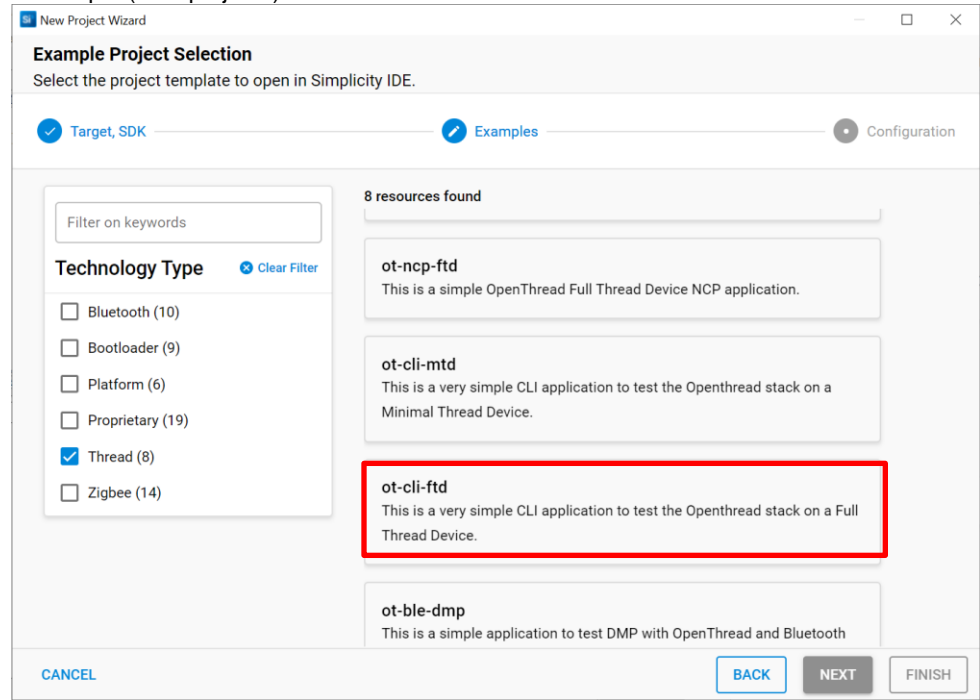
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2.2 Full Thread Device Project

The **router_eligible_1** project is created with *ot-cli-ftd* example. The **router_eligible_1** will be the *leader* when the network first forms. The **router_eligible_1** can act as a router, Router Eligible End Device, or Full End Device.



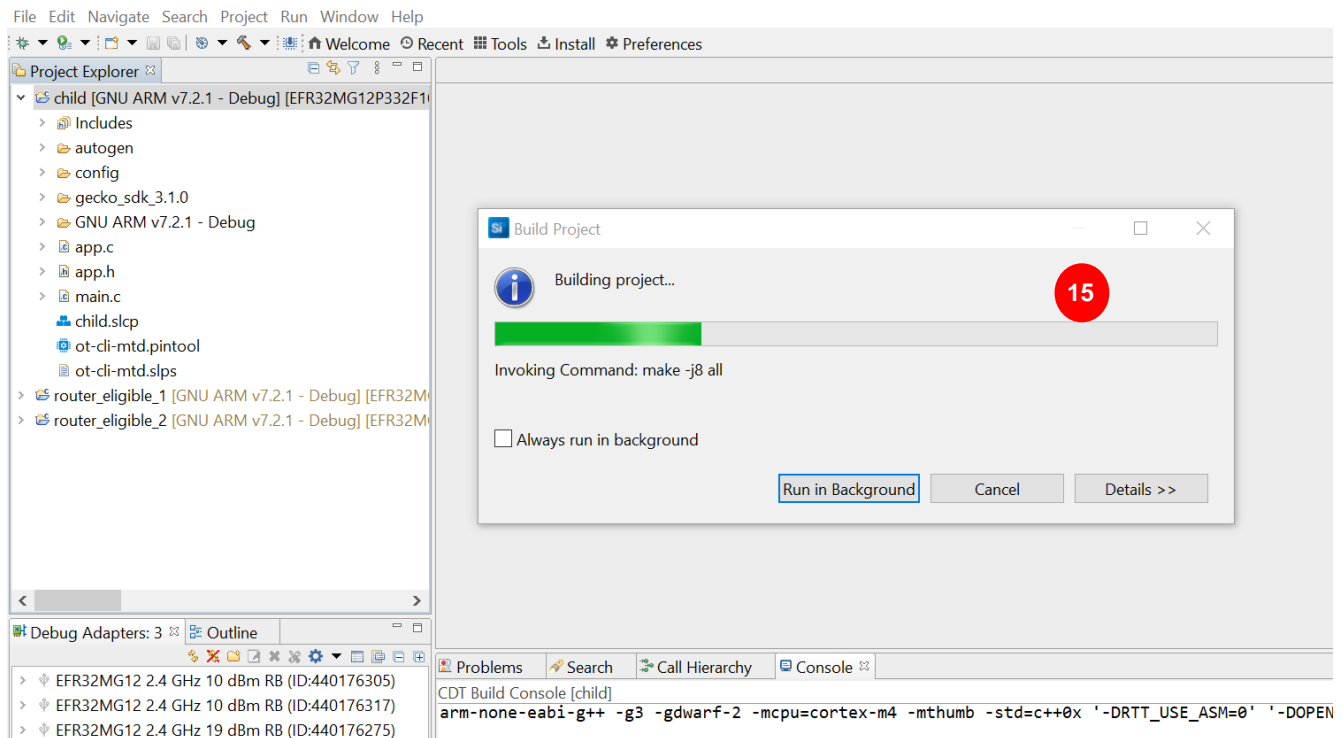
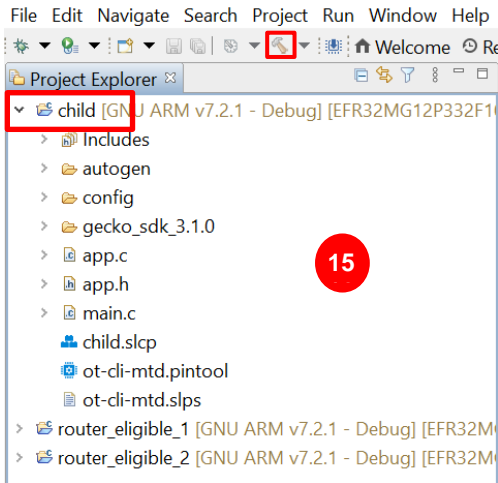
- 13. Repeat [step 4 to 8 Create an OpenThread Project](#) to create two projects, name the first one **router_eligible_1** and the other one **router_eligible_2**
- 14. Select the *ot-cli-ftd* example (both projects) and click on **NEXT**



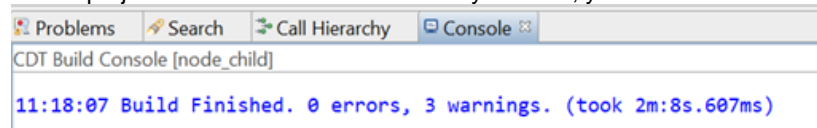
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3 Compile and Flash Device Firmware

15. Select your **child** project and click on the **hammer** to compile your project. Repeat this step for the **router_eligible_1** and **router_eligible_2**



16. Wait a few minutes until the full project is built. Once it is successfully finished, you can read this message in the **Console** tab:

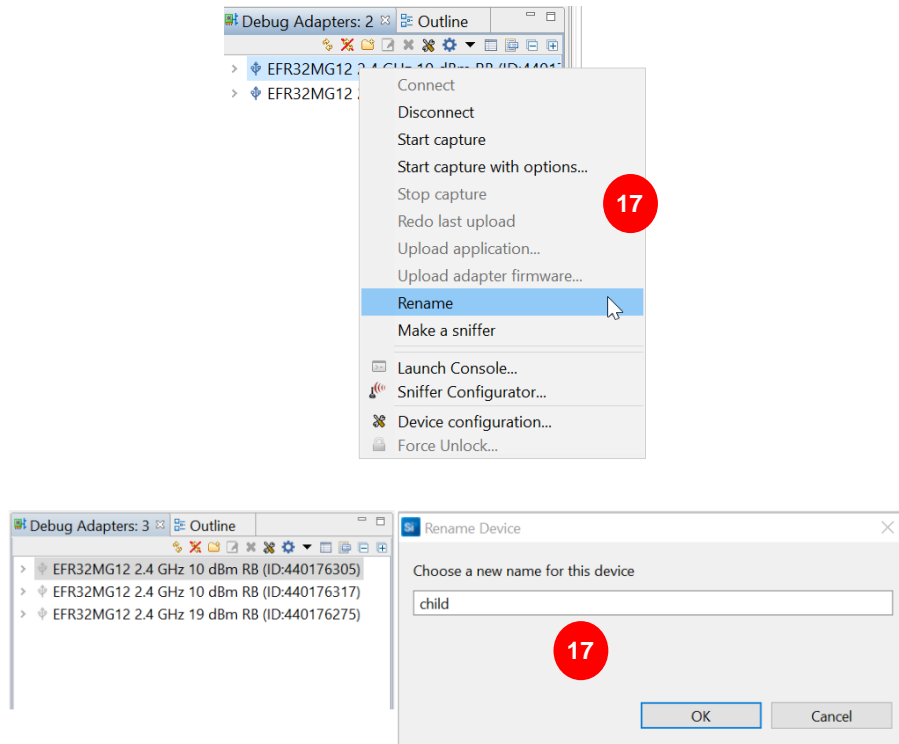


4 Node Debug setup

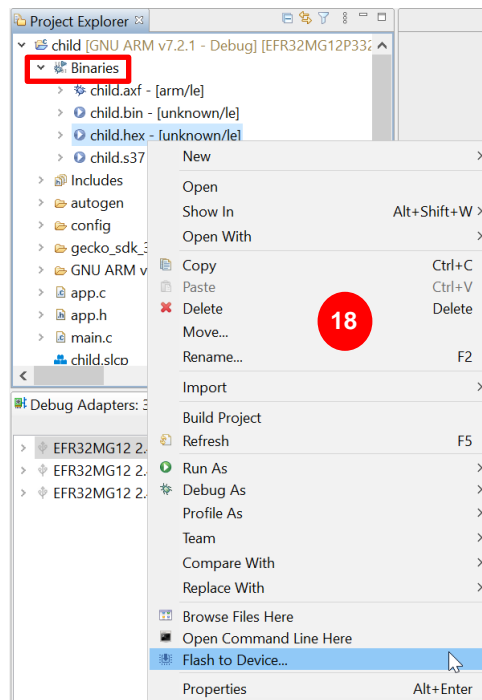
4.1 Rename Your Board

17. Rename your device to display each device role

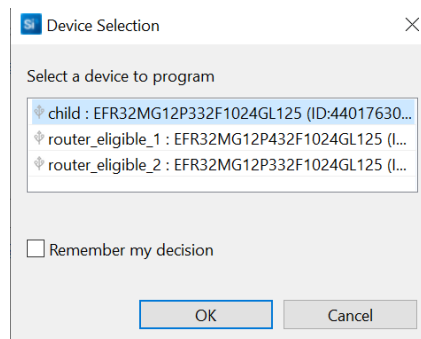
In **Debug Adapter review**, right-click on your device and select **Rename**, then a “Rename Device” window opens.



18. For each project, to flash the corresponding .hex file, expand the **Binaries folder** under your project, right-click on the **.hex**, and select **Flash to Device...**



19. Select your device in the window and click **OK**

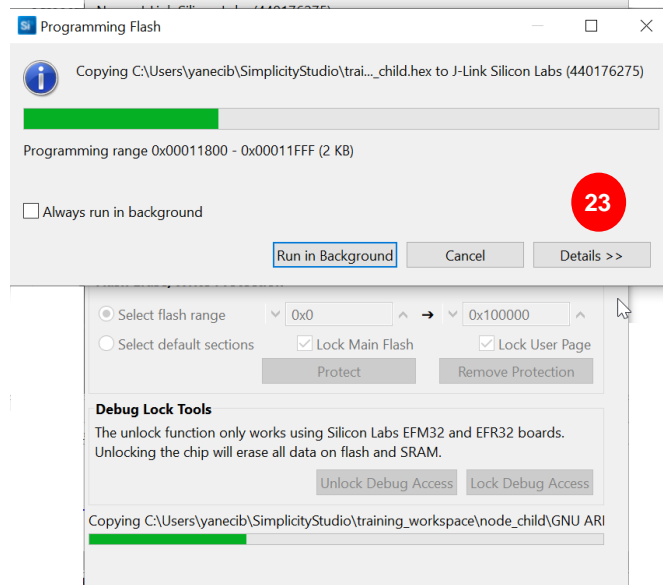
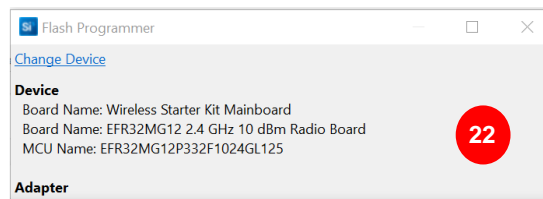
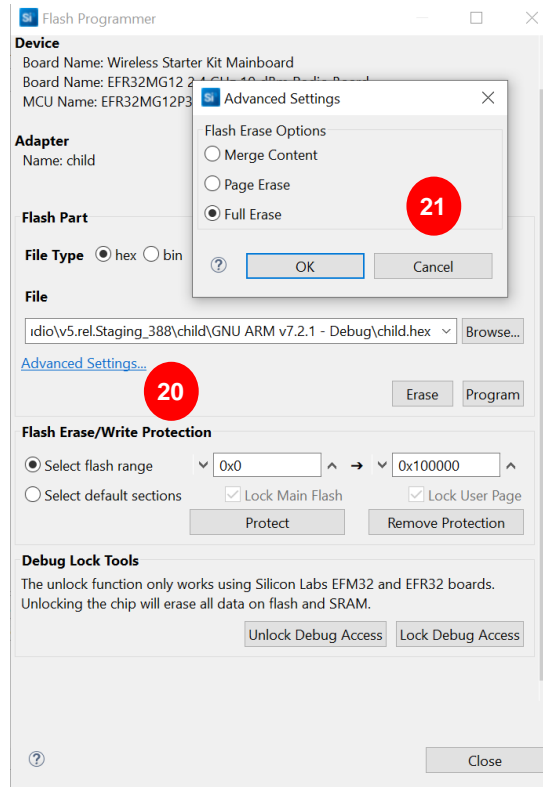


20. Click on **Advanced Settings**

21. **Advanced settings** window opens, click on **Full Erase** and **OK**

22. Then on the **Flash Programmer** window click on **Program**

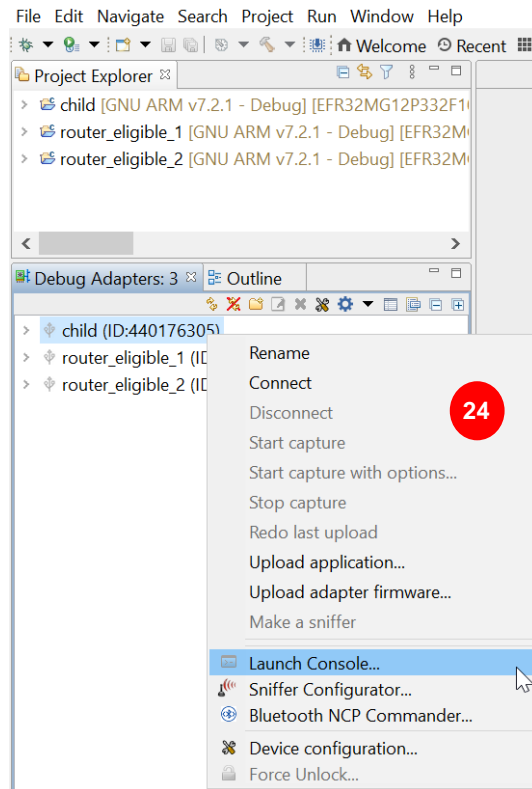
23. A **Programming Flash** window will be opened, the firmware is being flashed.



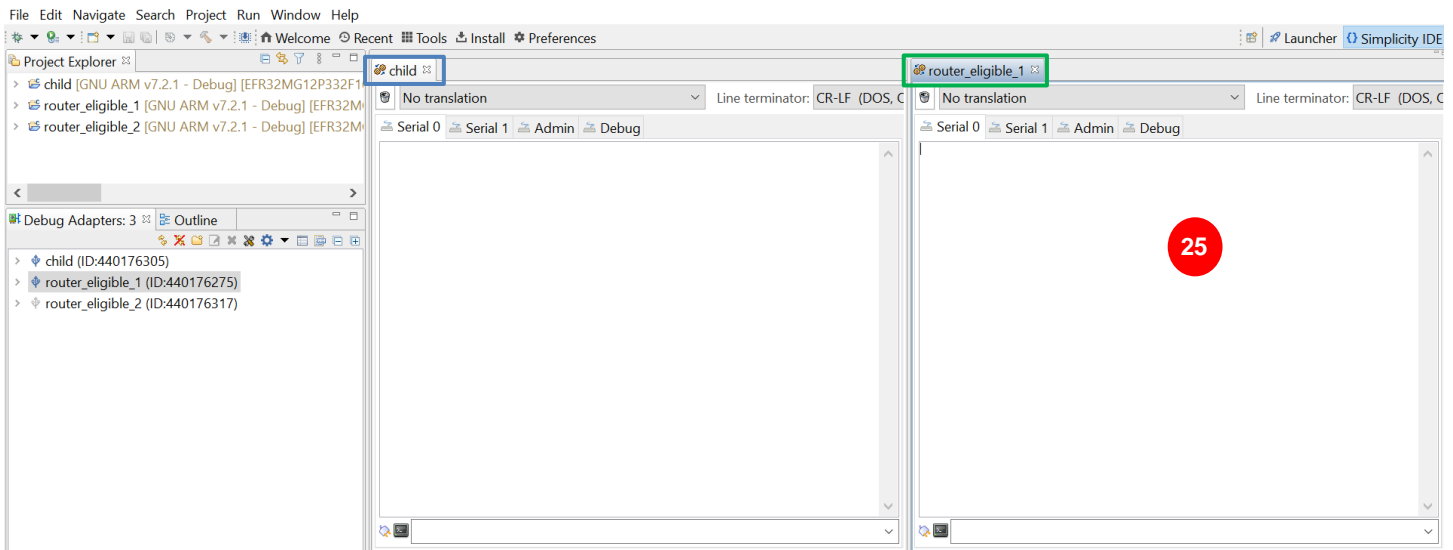
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4.2 Open Console to Communicate with Your Board

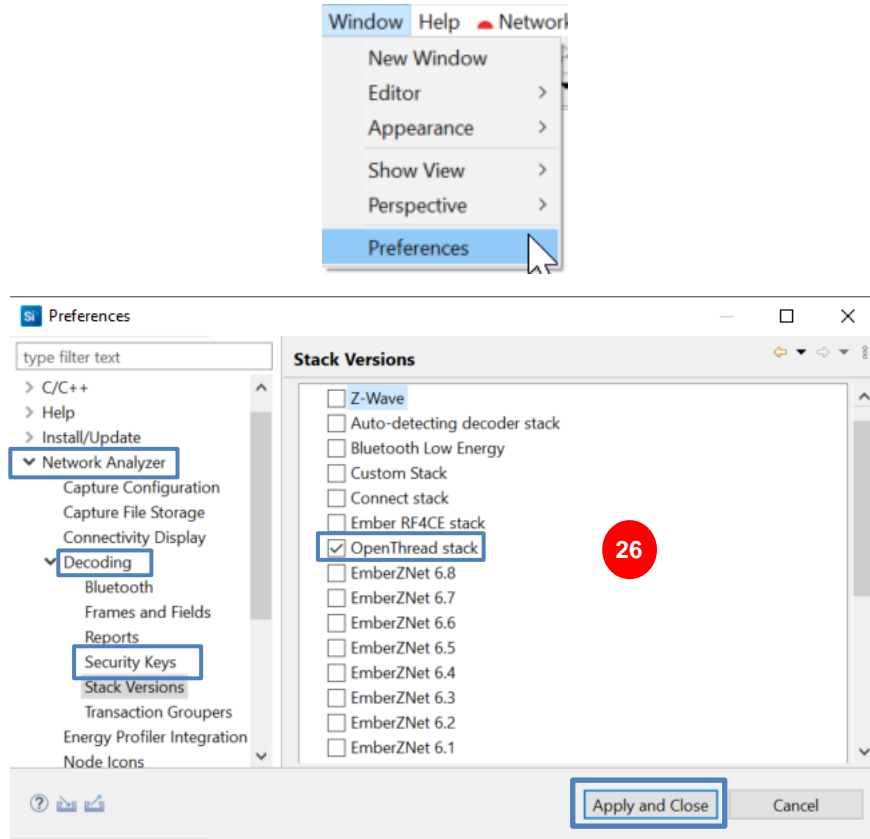
24. Open a console for each project in the **Debug Adapter** window:
Right-click on the device and select **Launch Console...**



25. Placing the two console windows side by side, as shown in the picture below, can make it easier to switch your active console window from one node to another. We use **serial 1** to communicate with the device.



26. From the top bar menu, click on window and select **Preferences >> Network Analyzer >> Decoding >> Stack Versions**



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5.1 Create the Network

To create the network, we start with the **router_eligible_1**. From its console enter the commands lines below:

Router_eligible_1 console		
Command-line	Expected Response	Description
> dataset init new	Done	Create a new network configuration
> dataset commit active	Done	Commit new dataset to the Active Operational Dataset in non-volatile storage.
> ifconfig up	Done	Enable Thread interface
> thread start	Done	Enable and attach Thread protocol operation.
Wait about 10 seconds		
> state	leader	Read the current status : offline, disabled, detached, child, router, or leader
> dataset	> dataset Active Timestamp: 1 Channel: 15 Channel Mask: 0x07fff800 Ext PAN ID: fa8f8d5f1cd2b5e9 Mesh Local Prefix: fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9::/64 Master Key: 97e05cb1f2df6f0d9af3026448f4b834 Network Name: OpenThread-2136 PAN ID: 0x2136 PSKc: 47c8cd2bed340bab86c47929cf0e99db Security Policy: 0, onrcb Done	View network configuration

According to the response of the command *state* and *dataset*, the **leader** is created.

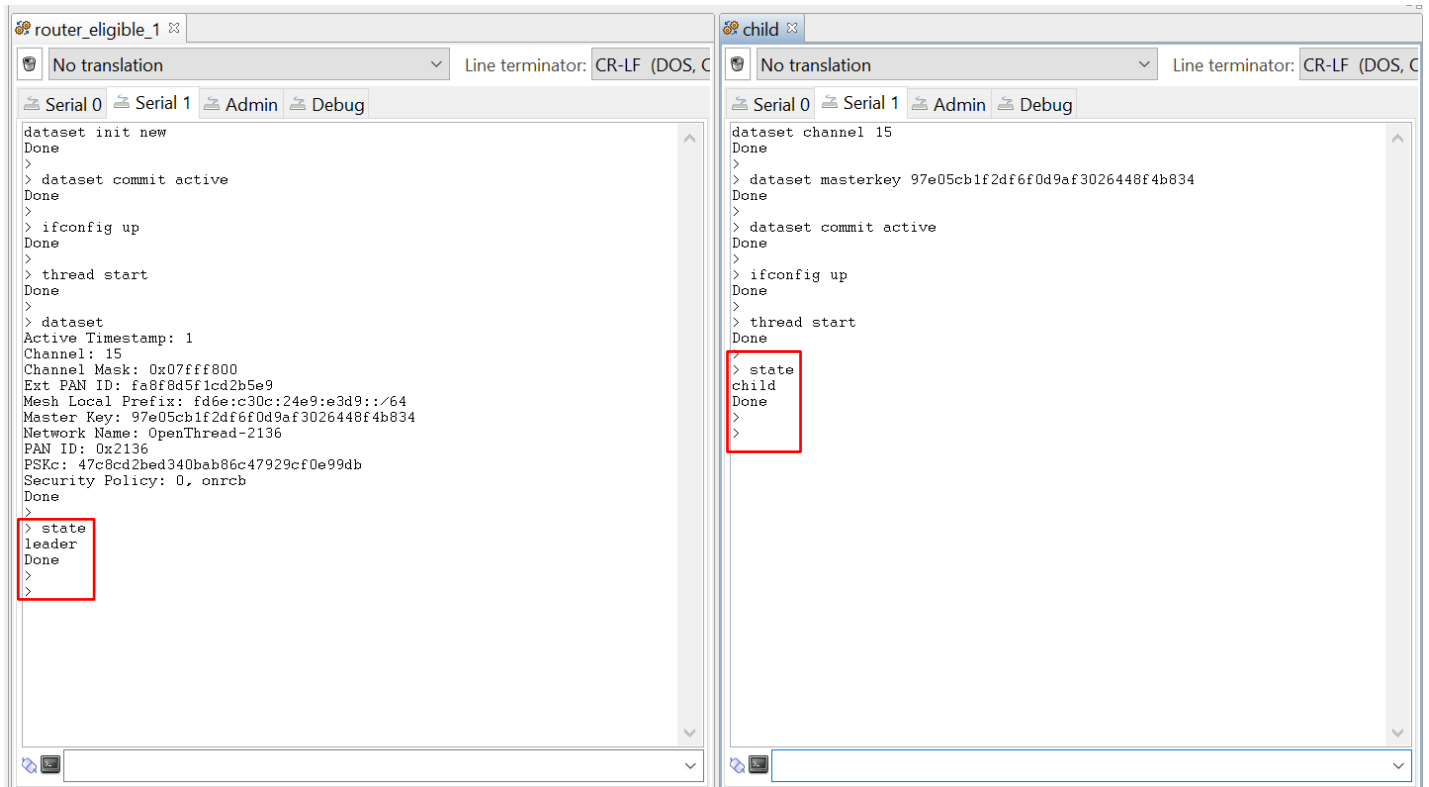
5.2 Add a Node to Our Network

To add a node to our network, enter the commands lines below in the **child** console:

Child console		
Command-line	Expected Response	Description
> dataset channel 15	Done	To decrease latency, the node needs to use the channel used in the alive network.
> dataset masterkey 97e05cb1f2df6f0d9af3026448f4b834	Done	Only the Master Key is required for a device to attach to a Thread network
> dataset commit active	Done	Commit new dataset to the Active Operational Dataset in non-volatile storage.

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> ifconfig up	Done	Enable Thread interface
> thread start	Done	Enable and attach the Thread protocol operation.
<i>Wait about 20 seconds</i>		
> state	child	Read the current status: offline, disabled, detached, child, router, or leader

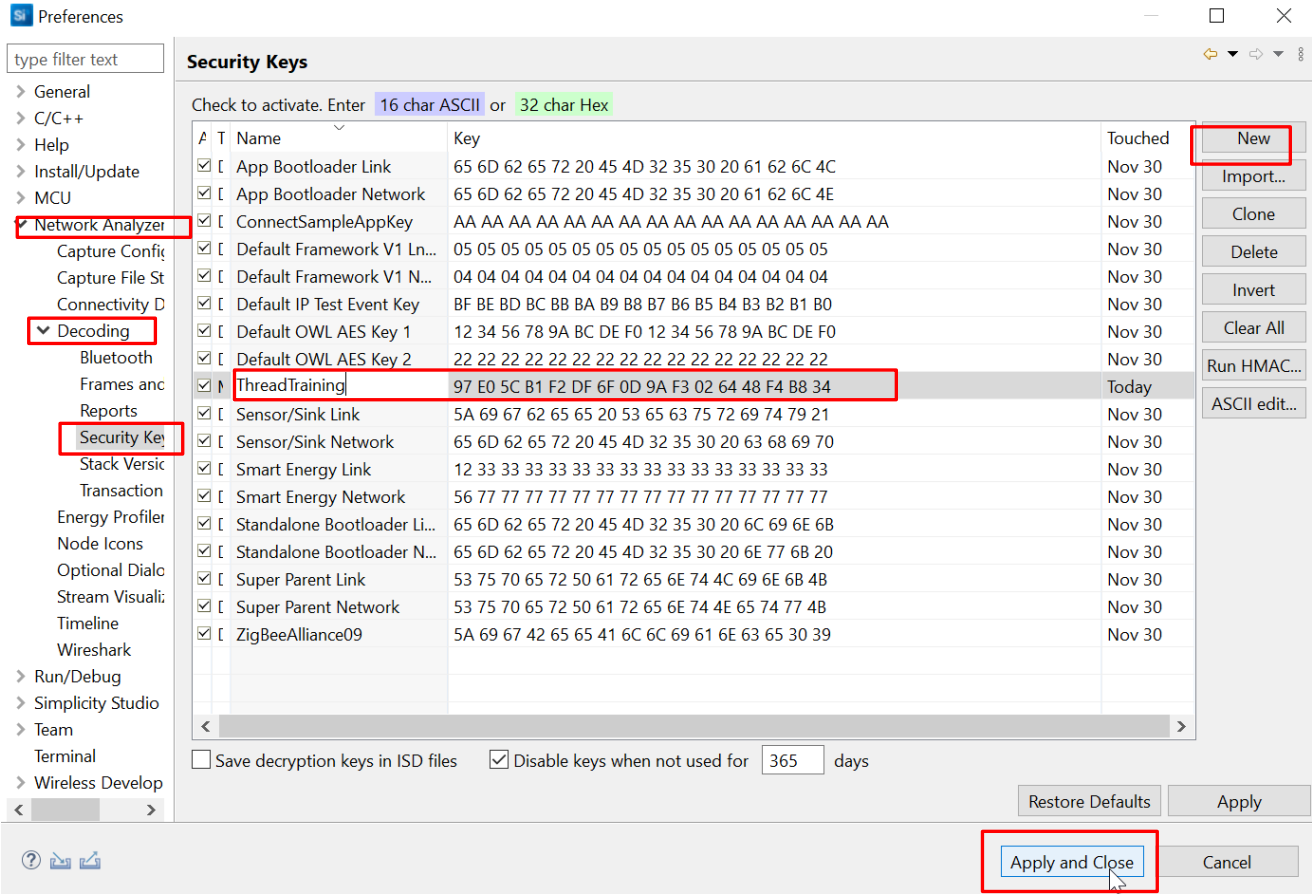


5.3 Explore Deeper in Our Network

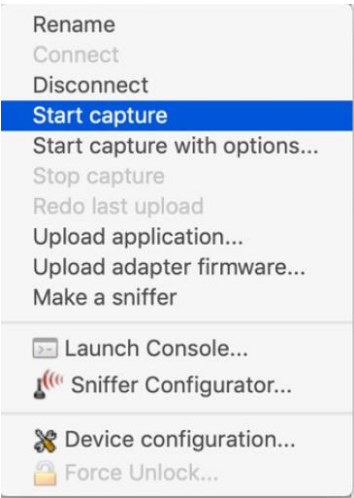
After our network is created, we want to check the environment and use the Network Analyzer in Simplicity Studio

1. Enter the security key: Window >> Preferences

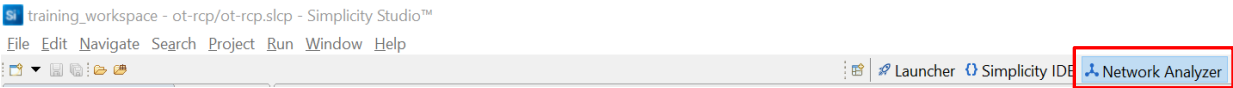
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2. In the Debug adapter, right-click on **router_eligible_1** and select **Start capture**, repeat this step for the **child**.



3. Click on **Network Analyzer** button to switch the view



The network analyzer opens, feel free to set up your consoles as below to have a panoramic view.

-Highlight a network transaction such as the “MLE Child Update” shown in the example below, and in the “Event Detail” window you can find the PAN ID of your network. In my example, the PAN ID is 0x2136. Yours may be different.

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Time: 34.992903s Real time: N/A Nodes: 2 Event: UDP Message

000440176305 child F002

000440176275 leader F000

Transactions total: 22 shown: 22

Time	Durati...	Summary	IPv6 Src	IPv6 Dest	P#	M#	E#	Error Status	Warning
34.992903	0.003	MLE Child Update	fe80::8065:91...	fe80::a447:e8...	2				
34.997364	0.005	MLE Child Update Respon...	fe80::a447:e8...	fe80::8065:91...	2				
35.992260	0.003	MLE Child Update	fe80::8065:91...	fe80::a447:e8...	2				
35.996727	0.005	MLE Child Update Respon...	fe80::a447:e8...	fe80::8065:91...	2				
36.993674	0.003	MLE Child Update	fe80::8065:91...	fe80::a447:e8...	2				
36.997175	0.010	MLE Child Update Respon...	fe80::a447:e8...	fe80::8065:91...	3	1			
37.993232	0.003	MLE Child Update	fe80::8065:91...	fe80::a447:e8...	2				
37.997054	0.005	MLE Child Update Respon...	fe80::a447:e8...	fe80::8065:91...	2				
39.579151	0.006	MLE Parent Response	fe80::a447:e8...	fe80::8065:91...	2				
40.057114	0.004	MLE Child ID Request	fe80::8065:91...	fe80::a447:e8...	2				
40.064889	0.003	MLE Child ID Response	fe80::a447:e8...	fe80::8065:91...	2				

Event Detail

MLE crypto: ROOT, 97 E0 5C B1 F2 DF 6F 0D 9A F3 02 64

IEEE 802.15.4 [22 bytes]

PHY Header: 0x52

Packet Length: 82

Frame Control: 0xDC61

Frame Type: Data (1)

Security Enabled: false

Frame Pending: false

Ack Required: true

Intra Pan: true

Frame Version: 2006 (1)

Reserved: 0x00

Destination Address Mode: Long (3)

Source Address Mode: Long (3)

Sequence: 0xE7

Destination PAN ID: 0x2136

Long Destination Address: A647E8537EA50834

Long Source Address: 826591EE3CDA032E

6Lowpan [2 bytes]

Lowpan UDP [7 bytes]

Next Header Encoding: 0xF0

NHC ID: UDP (30)

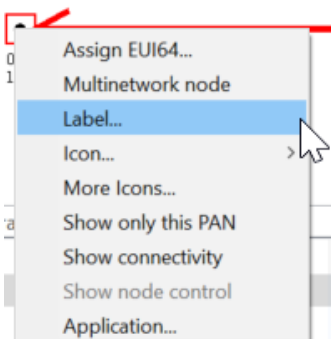
Checksum Elided: false

Port Mask: Full Ports (0)

Source Port: 0x4D4C

Dest Port: 0x4D4C

You can also rename your device represented in the upper view: right-click on it and choose **label**, then enter the desired name



5.4 A Quick Look at Our IP Addresses

Router_eligible_1 console		
Command line	Response	Description
> ipaddr	> ipaddr fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9::ff:fe00:fc00 fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9::ff:fe00:f000 fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9::fb6d:7770:b132:5823 fe80:0:0:0:a447:e853:7ea5:834 Done	Display the ipv6

Child console		
Command line	Response	Description
> ipaddr	> ipaddr	Display the ipv6

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	<code>fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:0:ff:fe00:f001</code> <code>fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:6fa:ecc5:34b1:27c5</code> <code>fe80:0:0:0:8065:91ee:3cda:32e</code> Done	
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5.4.1 Link-Local addresses (LLA)

This address starts with `fe80::/16` prefix (for instance `fe80:0:0:0:a447:e853:7ea5:834`), it is created with the MAC address. It is not used to communicate between nodes. We can still use them between two nodes if there is only a link, one radio transmission, not more than one cable to retransmit the message.

5.4.2 Example of building LLA (`router_eligible_1`):

Mac address:	<code>A647:e853:7ea5:834</code>
Flip the seventh bit	<code>A6 = 1010 0110</code> <code>A4 = 1010 0100</code>
LLA	<code>FE80::A447:e853:7ea5:834</code>

5.4.3 Routing Locator Address (RLOC)

`fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:0:ff:fe00:f000` (**`Router_eligible_1`**), this address is created when the device is attached to the network, and is generally not used by applications. The blue part is the mesh prefix. This address changes if the topology changes, in other words, if you remove/add a device.

5.4.4 Mesh Local Address (ML-EID)

`fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:fb6d:7770:b132:5823` (**`Router_eligible_1`**), this address is independent of the network topology, and is used to communicate with the other interface in the same thread network.

5.4.5 Anycast (only the leader)

`fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:0:ff:fe00:fc00` (**`router_eligible_1`**), this is anycast address, it is used to route traffic to a Thread interface when the RLOC of a destination is not known. An Anycast Locator (ALOC) identifies the location of multiple interfaces within a Thread partition. The last 16 bits of an ALOC, called the ALOC16, is in the format of `0xfcXX`, which represents the type of ALOC.

ALOC16	Type
<code>0xfc00</code>	Leader

To sum up, only the leader has an anycast address, the LLA is built from the MAC address, the ML-EID is created when the network is up and does not change, the RLOC changes if the topology of the network changes as well. To communicate between the interface of the same mesh network, we use the ML-EID. To identify an interface we use RLOC. Here is a link to study deeper IPV6 addressing: <https://openthread.io/guides/thread-primer/ipv6-addressing>

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Nature	Communication	Description	Comments
LLA	A-----B	Yes, both direction	Point to point
	A-----B-----C	A to B yes, both direction B to C yes, both direction A to C no, any direction	Only one radio transmission, useful to discover the neighbor or routing.
RLOC		A to B yes, both direction B to C yes, both direction A to C yes, any direction	If you change the topology, the address change.
ML-EID			Any interface of the same mesh network, so here my address which starts with fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9

5.4.6 Zoom in on the “child table” command line

Router_eligible_1 console		
Command-line	Example of an Expected Response	Description
> child table	<pre> ID RLOC16 Timeout Age LQ In C_VN R S D N Extended MAC +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ 1 0xf001 240 38 3 47 1 1 0 0 826591ee3cda032e Done </pre>	Attached child info

5.5 Understanding Leader, Router, and Child Roles

We want to add a device and then remove the current leader to understand some of the healing properties of Thread networks.

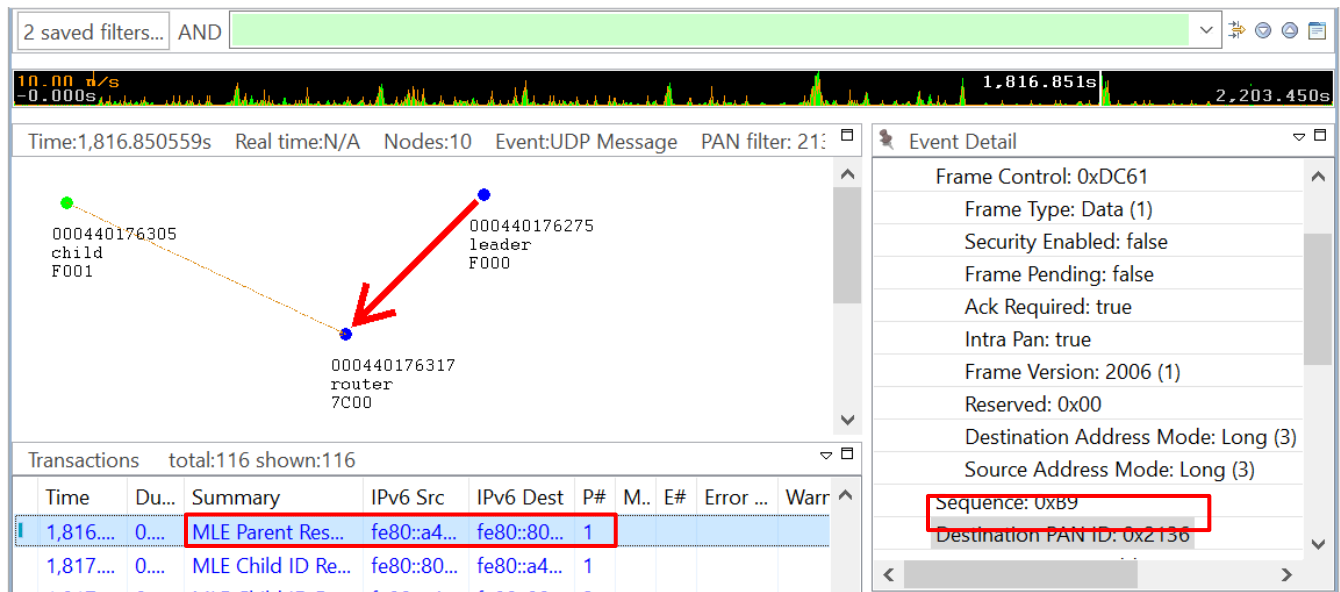
Launch the console of the **router_eligible_2** and repeat command lines in the section [Add a Node to Our Network](#).

The screenshot displays three terminal windows side-by-side, each showing the execution of a specific Thread network command. In the first window, labeled 'router_eligible_1', the command 'state leader' is entered and the output shows 'Done'. In the second window, labeled 'router_eligible_2', the command 'state router' is entered and the output shows 'Done'. In the third window, labeled 'child', the command 'state child' is entered and the output shows 'Done'. Each window also shows a 'child table' command being executed, displaying a table of network parameters such as ID, RLOC16, Timeout, Age, LQ In, C_VN, R, S, D, N, and Extended MAC.

router_eligible_2 starts as a child and becomes quickly a router.

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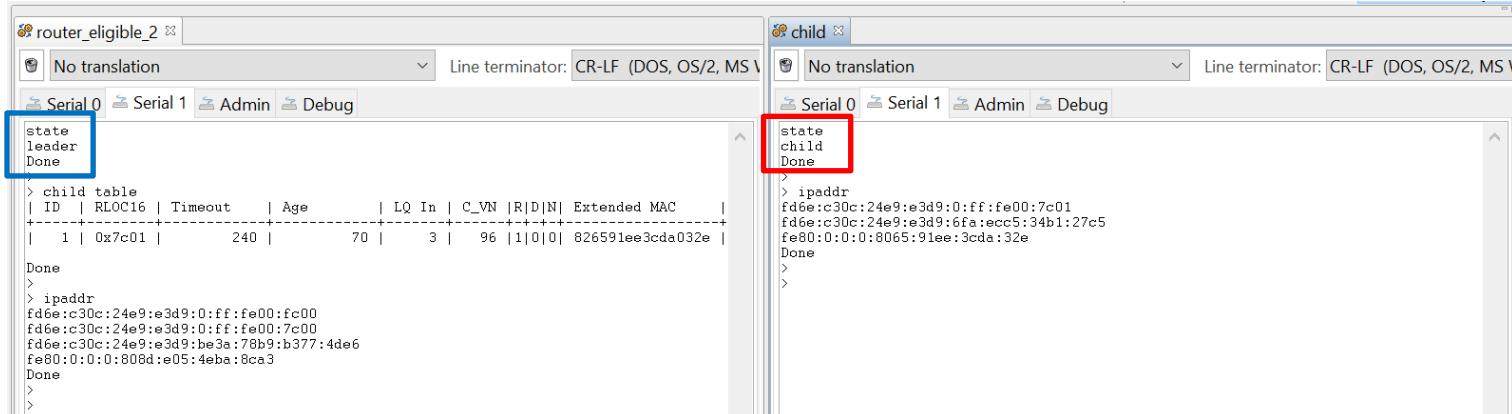
Then we can check the capture in the **Network Analyzer** view.



The image above shows communication between the **leader (router_eligible_1)** and the **router (router_eligible_2)**

5.6 Remove a leader

We want to discover what happens if we remove the current leader. Unplug the **router_eligible_1** node, wait three minutes and, from each remains nodes enter this command: `state`



Once the **router_eligible_1** is removed, the **child** has a new parent, the router (**router_eligible_2**) became the new **leader**, as we can see, in the child table of **router_eligible_2**, there is the extended mac address of the **child**. We can notice some differences for the **child**:

- Only the local address did not change
- Its **RLOC16** value changed: 0x7c01

5.7 Put router_eligible_1 back

Plug it back in, open its console and display its state

We need to add it to our network, repeat command lines in the section [Add a Node to Our Network](#).

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router_eligible_1
No translation
Serial 0 Serial 1 Admin Debug
> state
disabled
Done
>
> dataset channel 15
Done
>
> dataset masterkey 97e05cb1f2df6f0d9ef3026448f4b834
Done
>
> dataset commit active
Done
>
> ifconfig up
Done
>
> thread start
Done
>
> state
router
Done
>
> ipaddr
fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:0:ff:fe00:f000
fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:fb6d:7770:b132:5823
fe80:0:0:0:a447:e853:7ea5:834
Done
>

router_eligible_2
No translation
Serial 0 Serial 1 Admin Debug
> state
state
Done
>
> leader
Done
>
>
> ipaddr
fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:0:ff:fe00:fc00
fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:0:ff:fe00:7c00
fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:be3a:78b9:b377:4de6
fe80:0:0:0:808d:e05:4eba:8ca3
Done
>
> child table
| ID | RLOC16 | Timeout | Age | LQ In | C_VN | R|D|N | Extended MAC |
|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | 0x7c01 | 240 | 174 | 3 | 96 | 1|0|0 | 826591ee3cda032e |
Done
>

child
No translation
Serial 0 Serial 1 Admin Debug
> state
state
Done
>
> child
Done
>
>
> ipaddr
fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:0:ff:fe00:7e01
fd6e:c30c:24e9:e3d9:6fa:ccc5:34b1:27c5
fe80:0:0:0:8065:91ee:3cda:32e
Done
>

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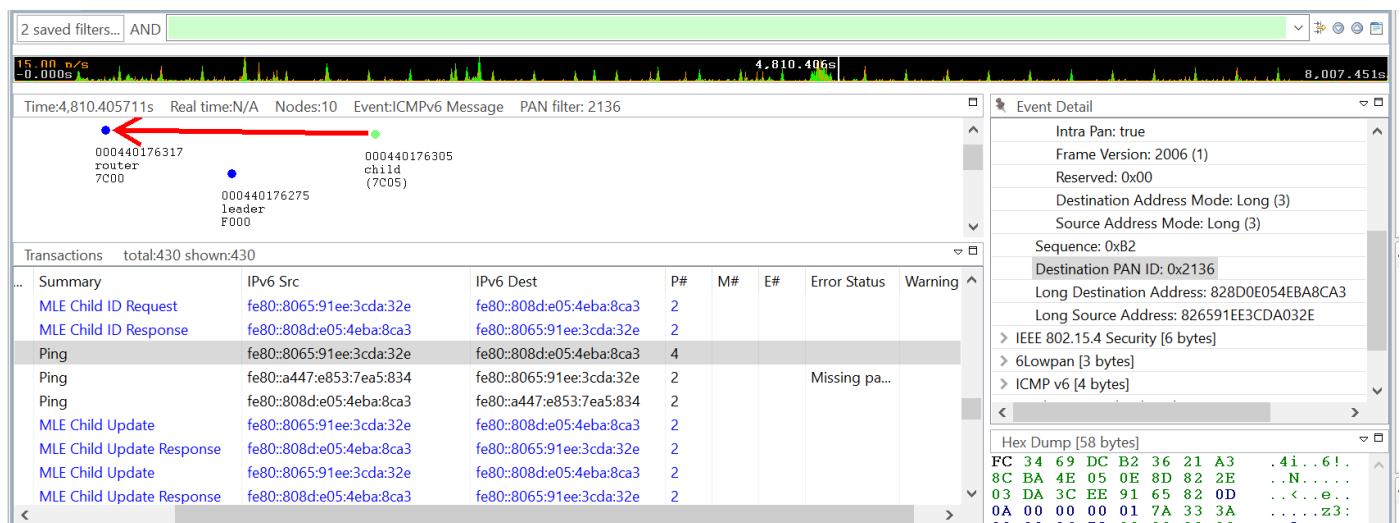
The **router_eligible_1** became a **router**; the **child** did not change and **router_eligible_2** is still the leader. We notice that **Router_eligible_1** does not have anycast address anymore.

5.8 Communication between Nodes

The ping command enables to send a request and check if the communication works, let's have a ping between the leader and the child:

5.8.1 Leader (router_eligible_2) and child ping each other

Router_eligible_2 console (ping local address)		
Command line	Response	Description
> ping	ping fe80:0:0:0:8065:91ee:3cda:32e Done > 16 bytes from fe80:0:0:0:8065:91ee:3cda:32e: icmp_seq=2 hlim=64 time=11ms ping fe80:0:0:0:a447:e853:7ea5:834	Send an ICMPv6 Echo Request



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5.8.2 The child and the router (router_eligible_1) cannot ping each other by their local addresses

child console (ping local address)		
Command line	Response	Description
> ping	ping fe80::0:0:a447:e853:7ea5:834 Done	Send an ICMPv6 Echo Request

Time: 4,838.057051s Real time: N/A Nodes: 10 Event: ICMPv6 Message PAN filter: 2136

Event Detail:

- Frame Pending: false
- Ack Required: true
- Intra Pan: true
- Frame Version: 2006 (1)
- Reserved: 0x00
- Destination Address Mode: Long (3)
- Source Address Mode: Long (3)
- Sequence: 0x44
- Destination PAN ID: 0x2136
- Long Destination Address: 826591EE3CDA032E
- Long Source Address: A647E8537EA50834
- IEEE 802.15.4 Security [6 bytes]

Transactions total: 430 shown: 430

Summary	IPv6 Src	IPv6 Dest	P#	M#	E#	Error Status	Warning
MLE Child ID Request	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	2				
MLE Child ID Response	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	2				
Ping	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	4				
Ping	fe80::a447:e853:7ea5:834	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	2			Missing pa...	
Ping	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	fe80::a447:e853:7ea5:834	2				
MLE Child Update	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	2				

5.8.3 Leader (router_eligible_2) and the router (router_eligible_1) can ping each other by their local addresses

Child console (ping local address)		
Command line	Response	Description
> ping	ping fe80::0:0:a447:e853:7ea5:834 Done > > 16 bytes from fe80::0:0:a447:e853:7ea5:834: icmp_seq=6 hlim=64 time=12m	Send an ICMPv6 Echo Request

Time: 4,898.277680s Real time: N/A Nodes: 10 Event: ICMPv6 Message PAN filter: 2136

Event Detail:

- Frame Version: 2006 (1)
- Reserved: 0x00
- Destination Address Mode: Long (3)
- Source Address Mode: Long (3)
- Sequence: 0xC8
- Destination PAN ID: 0x2136
- Long Destination Address: A647E8537EA50834
- Long Source Address: 828D0E054EBA8CA3
- IEEE 802.15.4 Security [6 bytes]
- 6Lowpan [3 bytes]
- ICMP v6 [4 bytes]
- Application Payload [12 bytes]

Transactions total: 430 shown: 430

Summary	IPv6 Src	IPv6 Dest	P#	M#	E#	Error Status	Warning
MLE Child ID Request	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	2				
MLE Child ID Response	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	2				
Ping	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	4				
Ping	fe80::a447:e853:7ea5:834	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	2			Missing pa...	
Ping	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	fe80::a447:e853:7ea5:834	2				
MLE Child Update	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	2				
MLE Child Update Response	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	2				
MLE Child Update	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	2				
MLE Child Update Response	fe80::808d:e05:4eba:8ca3	fe80::8065:91ee:3cda:32e	2				

Hex Dump [59 bytes]

```

F8 34 69 DC C8 36 21 34 .41..6!4
08 A5 7E 53 E8 47 A6 A3 ..S.G..
8C BA 4E 05 0E 8D 82 0D ..N....
FC 03 00 00 01 7A 33 3A ....z3:
80 00 AA BF 00 07 00 07

```

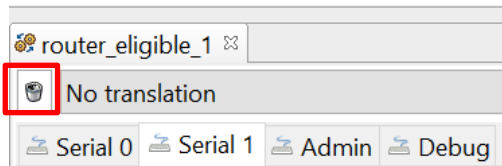
The **ping** request from the **child** to **leader** or leader to the **router** works with the local IPV6 address since there is only one hop!

Let's take a look at the network analyzer trace., There is a "Missing packet" which means a message is missing.

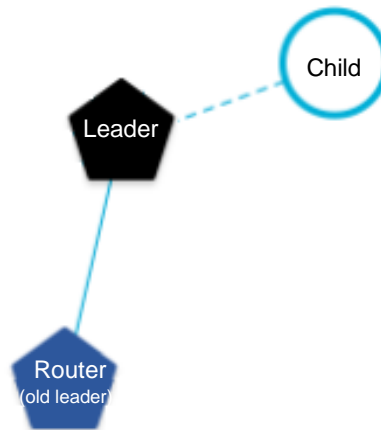
The prefix has a 64 bits length, thread uses IPV6 native address. The MSB 64 bits for the network ID and the LSB 64 bits for the ID device.

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We added back **router_eligible_1**, so the topology changed as the RLOC16 of the child too. Once **router_eligible_1** is attached to the network, refresh the console (click on the bin icon) and enter the **rloc16** command to see: 0x7C05.



According to the result of the ping response, we can draw our network topology:



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6 Lab2: OpenThread Border Router (Raspberry Pi 3b/b+)

6.1 Prepare your Raspberry Pi

Once you get the image `OT_FAE_Training_2020_Labs.img`, you have to burn it on an SD card.

I recommend using this software to flash your SD card *balenaEtcher-Setup-1.5.100*.

6.2 Prepare 4170A radio board

The OTBR is built with two hardware platforms:

- A host processor hosts the core of OpenThread and the applications, in our case, this is Linux with OpenThread core
- A device controller with the minimal MAC layer: in our case 4170A board with *ot-rdp* runs on it.

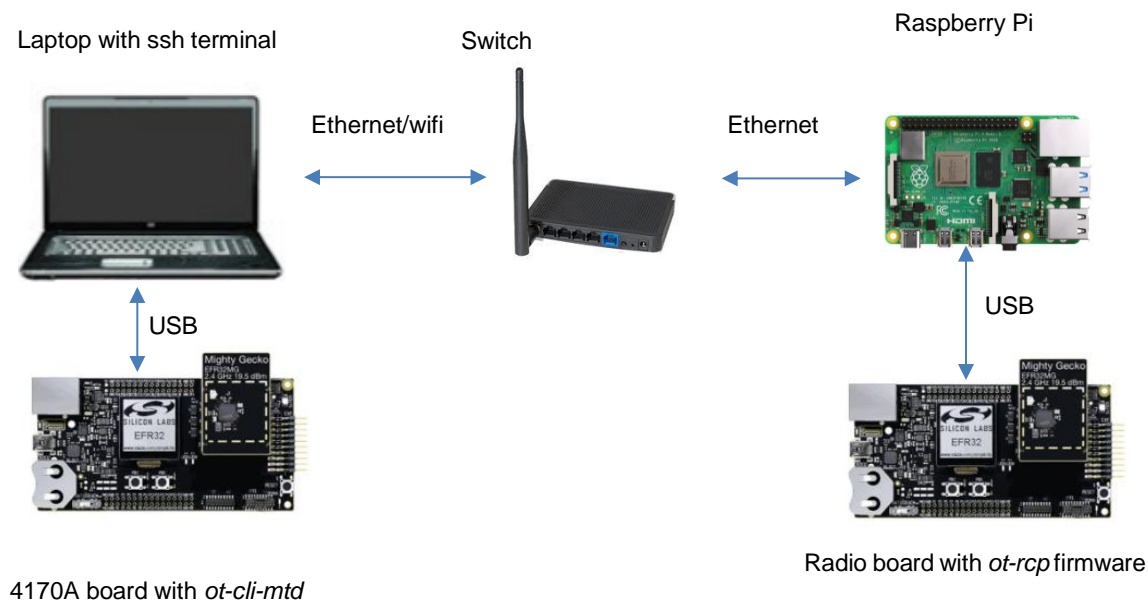
Create an OpenThread project from Simplicity Studio v5 ([section 4 to 8 Create an OpenThread Project](#)) and choose *ot-rdp* example, compile it and flash **router_eligible_1**.

6.3 Prepare a node device

Use your **child**, it has already the corresponding firmware.

6.3.1 OpenThread Border Router setup

At this step you should have this configuration:



6.4 Start the OTBR (OpenThread Border Router)

Once your Raspberry Pi boots,

1. The command line below shows if **otbr-agent** and **otbr-web** processes are running. The expected result is below.

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```

192.168.50.128 - pi@raspberrypi: ~ VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
pi@raspberrypi:~$ ps aux | grep -i othr
root      423  0.1  0.3 8856 3764 ?        Ss   17:23   0:00 /usr/sbin/otbr-agent -I wpan0 spinel+hdlc+uart:///dev/ttyACM0
root      424  0.0  0.1 4980 1216 ?        Ss   17:23   0:00 /usr/sbin/otbr-web
pi        1359  0.0  0.0 4368   576 pts/0    S+   17:24   0:00 grep --color=auto -i othr

```

- Go to `ot-br-posix` directory: `cd ot-br-posix`
- Run the script `sudo ./startOTBR_Lab2.sh`

```

192.168.50.128 - pi@raspberrypi: ~/ot-br-posix VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
pi@raspberrypi:~/ot-br-posix$ sudo ./startOTBR_Lab2.sh
ot-ctl factoryreset

sleep 3
ot-ctl thread stop
Done

sleep 1
ot-ctl ifconfig down
Done

sleep 1
ot-ctl panid 0xface
Done

ot-ctl extpanid dead00beef00cafe
Done

ot-ctl masterkey 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeee
Done

ot-ctl channel 11
Done

ot-ctl networkname SL-OpenThread
Done

ot-ctl ifconfig up
Done

ot-ctl thread start
Done

sleep 5

ot-ctl state
leader
Done

On the client, you will need these commands:
dataset channel 11
dataset panid 0xface
dataset masterkey 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeee
dataset commit active
ifconfig up
thread start

```

The table below sums up some command lines to setup the OTBR.

Leader console (startOTBR_Lab2.sh)		
Command-line	Expected Response	Description
> factoryreset		Delete all stored settings, and signal a platform reset
> thread stop	> Done	Disable Thread protocol operation and detach from a Thread network.
> networkname SL-OpenThread	> Done	Set the Thread Network Name.

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6.4.1 OTBR info

We can enter commands at the Raspberry Pi terminal:

Leader console from Raspberry Pi (sudo ot-ctl)		
Command line	Response	Description
> sudo ot-ctl	>	Enter in thread terminal

```

192.168.50.128 - pi@raspberrypi: ~/ot-br-posix VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
pi@raspberrypi:~/ot-br-posix $ sudo ot-ctl
> state
leader
Done
> ipaddr
fdde:ad00:beef:0:0:ff:fe00:fc00
fdde:ad00:beef:0:0:ff:fe00:5800
fdde:ad00:beef:0:d39c:92b1:b641:c557
fe80:0:0:0:9cd3:2016:4823:f4af
Done

```

To leave the Thread host terminal hit Ctrl+c keys. Now have a look at our network interface.

The `ifconfig` Linux command line displays the network interface available.

```

192.168.50.128 - pi@raspberrypi: ~ VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ ifconfig -a
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.50.128 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.50.255
    inet6 fe80::b6e7:5f9b:5648:ed55 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether b8:27:eb:25:d5:05 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 247 bytes 53618 (52.3 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 446 bytes 120643 (117.8 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 18 bytes 812 (812.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 18 bytes 812 (812.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

nat64: flags=4305<UP,POINTOPOINT,RUNNING,NOARP,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet6 fe80::d249:ace6:451:cc59 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    unspec 00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00 txqueuelen 500 (UNSPEC)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 4 bytes 304 (304.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

wlan0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.50.37 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.50.255
    inet6 fe80::c0e7:8405:2697:6926 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 8e:cd:3c:e5:de:47 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 289 bytes 90646 (88.5 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 183 bytes 33405 (32.6 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

wpan0: flags=4305<UP,POINTOPOINT,RUNNING,NOARP,MULTICAST> mtu 1280
    inet6 fe80::9cd3:2016:4823:f4af prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    inet6 fdde:ad00:beef:0:d39c:92b1:b641:c557 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 fdde:ad00:beef::ff:fe00:5800 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 fdde:ad00:beef::ff:fe00:fc00 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    unspec 00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00 txqueuelen 500 (UNSPEC)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 1 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 5 bytes 920 (920.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

```

`wpan0` interface was added once the script `startOTBR_Lab2.sh` was executed successfully

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6.4.2 Add a node to our network (out-of-band method)

With the out-of-band method, we know all security information and add the node manually. In the “real world”, we use a user interface via the web or mobile app to add the node automatically.

At the end of the script, you can read all the necessary data to add an end device.

```
On the client, you will need these commands:
dataset channel 11
dataset panid 0xfac
dataset masterkey 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeee
dataset commit active
ifconfig up
thread start
```

From the node, console [Add a Node to Our Network](#) the node should join the network properly.

```
ot-rp.slcp node_child (440176275)
No translation
Serial 0 Serial 1 Admin Debug
dataset channel 11
Done
>
> dataset panid 0xfac
Done
>
> dataset masterkey 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeee
Done
>
> dataset commit active
Done
>
> ifconfig up
Done
>
> thread start
Done
> state
child
Done
```

Go back to Raspberry Pi Thread host terminal and check if the **child** is present in the child table:

```
192.168.50.128 - pi@raspberrypi: ~ VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
pi@raspberrypi:~$ sudo ot-ctl
> child table
! ID ! RLOC16 ! Timeout ! Age ! LQ In ! C_UN ! R:D:N ! Extended MAC !
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
! 1 ! 0x5801 ! 240 ! 201 ! 3 ! 35 ! 1:0:0 ! c627f71398728122 !
Done
>
```

So, the child was added successfully, let's ping each other.

6.4.3 Communication between OTBR and the node

The ping command is from the leader ==> node

```
192.168.50.128 - pi@raspberrypi: ~ VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
pi@raspberrypi:~$ sudo ot-ctl
> child table
! ID ! RLOC16 ! Timeout ! Age ! LQ In ! C_UN ! R:D:N ! Extended MAC !
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
! 1 ! 0x5801 ! 240 ! 201 ! 3 ! 35 ! 1:0:0 ! c627f71398728122 !
Done
> ipaddr
fdde:ad00:beef:0:0:ff:fe00:fc00
fdde:ad00:beef:0:0:ff:fe00:5800
fdde:ad00:beef:0:d39c:92b1:b641:c557
fe80:0:0:0:9cd3:2016:4823:f4af
Done
> ping fe80:0:0:0:c427:f713:9872:8122
Done
> 16 bytes from fe80:0:0:0:c427:f713:9872:8122: icmp_seq=1 hlim=64 time=34ms
```

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Go back to your child console, ping from the node ==> leader

```
> ipaddr
fdde:ad00:beef:0:0:ff:fe00:5801
fdde:ad00:beef:0:452e:1161:341a:fca4
fe80:0:0:0:c427:f713:9872:8122
Done
>
> ping fe80:0:0:0:9cd3:2016:4823:f4ef
Done
>
> 16 bytes from fe80:0:0:0:9cd3:2016:4823:f4ef: icmp_seq=1 hlim=64 time=32ms
```

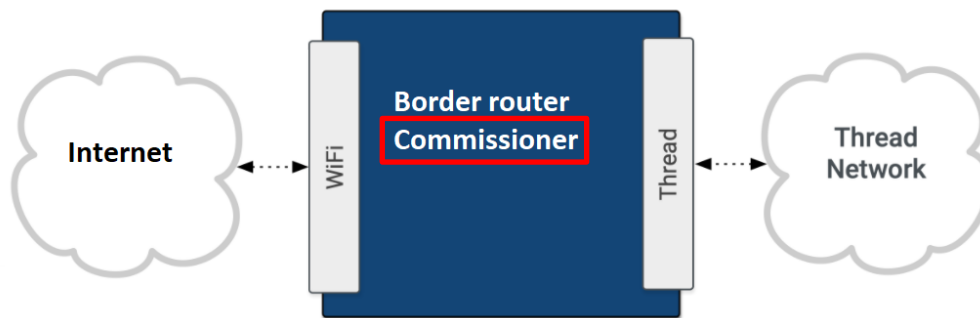
Communication through the local address works on both sides.

7 Demo

In this demonstration, the user will discover the commissioning with a user interface command line. The commissioner application is embedded in the Raspberry Pi contrary to the external commissioner, which is a web or mobile application. All steps will be described, I will show you how to automatize all steps.

OpenThread Commissioner

A Thread Commissioner connects to and manages a Thread network. A Thread network requires a Commissioner to commission new Joiner devices.



We need an OTBR and another node, the software/hardware configuration is the same as the Lab2.

Restart your Raspberry Pi, make sure the node has *ot-cli-mtd* firmware.

Go to *ot-commissioner* folder: `cd ot-commissioner`

Execute the following script: `sudo ./scriptCommissionDemo.sh`

All-new command lines are described below (all characters between “\${}” are script bash variable):

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/ot-commissioner $ sudo ./scriptCommissionDemo.sh
ot-ctl factoryreset

sleep 3
ot-ctl thread stop
Done

sleep 1

ot-ctl ifconfig down
Done

sleep 1

ot-ctl panid 0xface
Done

ot-ctl extpanid dead00beef00cafe
Done

ot-ctl masterkey 00112233445566778899aabbccddeeee
Done
ot-ctl channel 11
Done

ot-ctl networkname SL-OpenThread
Done
****SL-OpenThread
****dead00beef00cafe
  SL-OpenThread J01NME dead00beef00cafe
Done
****pskc is dbc1dc72993de43bfb2bd5f853d3ec63

ot-ctl ifconfig up
Done
ot-ctl prefix add 2001:dce:1:ffff::/64 pasor
Done
ot-ctl thread start
Done
ot-ctl state
leader
Done
dbc1dc72993de43bfb2bd5f853d3ec63
Done
/usr/local/etc/commissioner/non-ccm-config.json dbc1dc72993de43bfb2bd5f853d3ec63
File name modified is /usr/local/etc/commissioner/non-ccm-config.json
New PSKc is dbc1dc72993de43bfb2bd5f853d3ec63
```

Leader console from Raspberry Pi (sudo ot-ctl)		
Command-line	Expected Response	Description
> ot-ctl extpanid dead00beef00cafe	> Done	Set the Thread Extended PAN ID value.
> ot-ctl pskc -p J01NME \${EXTPANID} \${NETWORKNAME}	> Done	Generate a hex-encoded PSKc by using a Passphrase (Commissioner Credential), the extpanid, and the Network Name with the PSKc Generator tool on the OTBR. Make sure to use the same Extended PAN ID and Network Name that was used in the operational dataset:
ot-ctl prefix add 2001:dce:1:ffff::/64 pasor		Add a valid prefix to the Network Data.

		In other words, the OTBR and the node must have the same network ID, to be on the same network.
ot-ctl pskc	> Done dbc1dc72993de43bfb2bd5f853d3ec63	Display security key
./updatePSKc.sh \${PATH_PSKC} \${PSKC}		Replace PSKC in /usr/local/etc/commissioner/non-ccm-config.json and change the PSKC

We can see our new pskc in /usr/local/etc/commissioner/non-ccm-config.json the command line below can show quicker the result:

```
cat /usr/local/etc/commissioner/non-ccm-config.json | grep -i pskc
```

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/ot-commissioner $ cat /usr/local/etc/commissioner/non-ccm-config.json | grep -i pskc
"PSKc" : "dbc1dc72993de43bfb2bd5f853d3ec63"
```

Now we can start our commissioner application:

Open a new terminal from your Raspberry Pi and enter the followings commands below:

1. commissioner-cli /usr/local/etc/commissioner/non-ccm-config.json
2. start :: 49191
3. active
4. joiner enableall meshcop J01NU5

Leader console from Raspberry Pi (sudo ot-ctl)		
Command line	Response	Description
commissioner-cli /usr/local/etc/commissioner/non-ccm-config.json	A commissioner shell opens	Start the OT Commissioner CLI with the Non-CCM configuration:
> start :: 49191	[done]	Connect to OTBR
> active	true [done]	Verify that the Commissioner is active
> joiner enableall meshcop J01NU5	> Done	In OT Commissioner, enable Thread 1.1 MeshCoP joiner for all Joiners with a password of J01NU5:

```
192.168.50.128 - pi@raspberrypi: ~ VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
pi@raspberrypi:~ $ commissioner-cli /usr/local/etc/commissioner/non-ccm-config.json
OT Commissioner CLI
> start :: 49191
[done]
> active
true
[done]
> joiner enableall meshcop J01NU5
[done]
>
```

7.1.1 Join the network

From the joiner (node device), enter the following commands lines (image below), it should take 2 minutes:

As we can see, at the beginning the device is not in the network.

```

ot-rcp.slcp node_child (440176275)
No translation Line terminator: CR-LF (DOS, C
Serial 0 Serial 1 Admin Debug
state
disabled
Done
>
> ifconfig up
Done
>
> joiner start J01NU5
Done
>
> thread start
Done
>
> state
child
Done
>
> =====[THCI] direction=send | type=JOIN_FIN.req | len=051]=====
| 10 01 01 21 0D 53 4C 2D | 4F 50 45 4E 54 48 52 45 | ...!.SL-OPENTHRE
| 41 44 22 05 45 46 52 33 | 32 23 10 31 2E 30 2E 30 | AD".EFR32#.1.0.0
| 2E 32 20 47 69 74 48 75 | 62 2D 66 25 06 18 B4 30 | .2 GitHub-f%.40
| 00 00 10 .. .. .. .. | .. .. .. .. .. | .....
-----
=====[THCI] direction=recv | type=JOIN_FIN.rsp | len=003]=====
| 10 01 01 .. .. .. .. | .. .. .. .. .. | .....
-----
[THCI] direction=recv | type=JOIN_ENT.ntf
[THCI] direction=send | type=JOIN_ENT.rsp
Join success

```

We do not need to enter channel, masterkey, panid and so on, all steps were automatized in bash script.

In case you have a fail message, repeat joiner start J01NU5 command line.

8 Communicate with the external world

Previously we added a prefix to communicate locally with IPV6 addresses:

OTBR pings child (ping local address)		
Command line	Response	Description
> ping	<pre>sudo ot-ctl > ping fe80:0:0:0:584b:fe7e:55d3:61fd Done > 16 bytes from fe80:0:0:0:584b:fe7e:55d3:61fd: icmp_seq=1 hlim=64 time=37ms</pre>	Send an ICMPv6 Echo Request
child pings OTBR (ping local address)		
Command line	Response	Description
> ping	<pre>> ping fe80::e01c:c24:102:dc9 Done > > 16 bytes from fe80:0:0:0:e01c:c24:102:dc9: icmp_seq=4 hlim=64 time=32ms</pre>	Send an ICMPv6 Echo Request

In both directions, the local address works, since there is only one hop.

If I want to communicate with my IPV6 *eth0* interface, it will not work, the mesh prefix was not created for it. The interface *eth0* uses ipv4 address, to communicate between IPV6 and IPV4, we need a translator: NAT64.

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/ot-commissioner $ ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.50.128 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.50.255
    inet6 fe80::b6e7:5f9b:5648:ed55 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether b8:27:eb:25:d5:05 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 1075 bytes 129605 (126.5 KiB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 1190 bytes 248899 (243.0 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Contrary to *eth0*, *wpan0* interface has the mesh prefix

```
pi@raspberrypi:~/ot-commissioner $ ifconfig wpan0
wpan0: flags=4305<UP,POINTOPOINT,RUNNING,NOARP,MULTICAST> mtu 1280
    inet6 fdde:ad00:beef::ff:fe00:4c00 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 fdde:ad00:beef::0:5fc9:3d24:caa8:f611 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 fe80::e01c:c24:102:dc9 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    inet6 fdde:ad00:beef::ff:fe00:fc00 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    inet6 2001:dce:1:ffff::60de:a6a9:1019:7812 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x0<global>
    unspc 00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00 txqueuelen 500 (UNSPEC)
    RX packets 8 bytes 448 (448.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 1 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 21 bytes 2936 (2.8 KiB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

In */etc/tayga.conf*, we have the prefix to communicate between IPV4 and IPV6,.

The prefix used in NAT64 is 2001:db8:1:ffff::/96, you can retrieve it with the following command line:

```
cat /etc/tayga.conf | grep -i prefix.*96$
```

Do not mix NAT64 prefix with the mesh prefix, the mesh prefix 2001:dce:1:ffff is used to communicate in mesh network and the prefix NAT64 2001:db8:1:ffff::/96 is used to communicate between IPV4 and IPV6 addresses.

```
192.168.50.128 - pi@raspberrypi: ~/ot-commissioner VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
pi@raspberrypi:~/ot-commissioner $ cat /etc/tayga.conf | grep -i prefix.*96$
prefix 2001:db8:1:ffff::/96
# prefix fd-ff7b-796
pi@raspberrypi:~/ot-commissioner $
```


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To ping an IPV4, just use the NAT64 prefix and add the IPV4 address in hex format, here we have 192.168.50.128

Decimal	Hexadecimal	Prefix::IPV4	Description
192.168.50.128	C0a8:3280	2001:db8:1:ffff::C0a8:3280	Communicate with eth0 interface

Child pings (eth0 interface)		
command	Response	Description
ping 2001:db8:1:ffff::C0a8:3280	> 16 bytes from 2001:db8:1:ffff:0:0:c0a8:3280: icmp_seq=8 hlim=62 time=42ms Done	ping eth0 address
Child pings google		
ping 2001:db8:1:ffff::808:808 Done	> 16 bytes from 2001:db8:1:ffff:0:0:808:808: icmp_seq=9 hlim=116 time=50ms	ping google

Here is the result of the external communication of the child and the external world, you can get IPV4 of Google from this link https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google_Public_DNS

Google Public DNS

Google Public DNS is a service from [Google](#) that provides recursive [DNS](#) servers to Internet users. It was announced on December 9, 2009¹.

The [anycast](#) IP addresses of the servers are as follows:

- IPv4: 8.8.8.8 and 8.8.4.4
- IPv6: 2001: 4860: 4860 :: 8888 and 2001: 4860: 4860 :: 8844²

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ot-rcp.slcp  node_child (440176275)
No translation  Line terminator: CR-LF (DOS, OS
Serial 0  Serial 1  Admin  Debug
ipaddr
ipaddr
fdde:ad00:beef:0:0:ff:fe00:4c02
fe80:0:0:0:584b:fe7e:55d3:61fd
2001:dce:1:ffff:b407:8914:b223:3513
fdde:ad00:beef:0:452e:1161:341a:fca4
Done
>
>
>
> ping fe80::e01c:c24:102:dc9
Done
>
> 16 bytes from fe80:0:0:0:e01c:c24:102:dc9: icmp_seq=4 hlim=64 time=32ms
ping 2001:db8:1:ffff::c0a8:3280
Done
>
> 16 bytes from 2001:db8:1:ffff:0:0:c0a8:3280: icmp_seq=5 hlim=62 time=38ms
ping 2001:db8:1:ffff::808:808
Done
>
> 16 bytes from 2001:db8:1:ffff:0:0:808:808: icmp_seq=6 hlim=116 time=47ms

```