

NFC Chat Application with Symbian LLCP API

Introduction

Near field communication (NFC) is not new technology but has received momentum after introducing NFC forum. NFC forum generates specification in such a way that compatible devices are interoperable. There are three major ways to communicate with NFC devices. These are:

Peer to peer mode

Two NFC enabled devices actively communicate with each other.

Card emulation mode

In this mode, phone behaves just like a tag.

Reader Writer mode

In this mode, phone can read and write data to passive tag.

In this code snippet we are going to use logical link control protocol (LLCP) and show how we can use native Symbian API to communicate between two devices.

Logical Link Control Protocol

The Logical Link Control Protocol (LLCP) specification provides the procedural means for the transfer of upper layer information units between two NFC Forum Devices.

It provides a reliable communication channel between the local and the remote Logical Link Control (LLC) that provides the transport for all data link connections and logical data links.

Starts listening for connection-less requests. Once remote peer has sent the first data packet to specified service access point MLLcpConnLessListener::FrameReceived method will be called. Only MLLcpConnectionListener object can be attached to given service at a time.

```
void CMyConnectionLessNFCHandler::Start()
{
    if ( !iStarted )
    {
        // Adding LLCP link listener
        iLLcp->AddLLcpLinkListenerL( *this );

        // Adding listener to SSAP 35. If any Connection-less transport
        // messages is sent to SSAP 35, this listener will handle them.
        iLLcp->StartListeningConnLessRequestL( *this, KInterestingSsap );

        iStarted = ETrue;
    }
}
```

To get notification about remote device connection we need to implement MLLcpConnLessListener interface.

```
void CMyConnectionLessNFCHandler::FrameReceived( MLLcpConnLessTransporter* aConnection )
{
    TInt error = KErrNone;
    // Only accepting one incoming remote connection
    if ( !iRemoteConnection )
    {
        // Creating wrapper for connection.
        TRAP( error, iRemoteConnection = COwnLLcpConnection::NewL( aConnection ) );
        if ( error == KErrNone )
        {
            // Start receiving data
            iRemoteConnection->Receive( *this );
        }
        else
        {
            delete aConnection;
        }
    }
    else
    {
        delete aConnection;
    }
}
```

Download the example for C7: <File:Symbianllcp.zip>

