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**ABSTRACT:** This document is informative. It aims to facilitate the task of implementing a transcoder from GATT based specifications designed for *Bluetooth* LE devices to a format compatible with IEEE 11073-20601. It provides recommendations and examples describing how a transcoding process can be done.



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# 1. Overview

This document describes how data sent by a *Bluetooth*® low energy (LE) Sensor and received by a Collector can be transcoded at the Collector into an IEEE Std. 11073-20601a [1] compatible nomenclature and model, thus enabling compatibility with the ISO/IEEE Std. 11073-104xx family of standards (both hereafter known as 11073). Services and profiles for *Bluetooth* LE implementations have been developed using the GATT based profile architecture designed to support low power and low cost device implementation. Data values used in these profiles are defined as characteristics associated with a UUID accessible via the Bluetooth SIG Assigned Numbers [4].

This document covers how characteristic values can be mapped or transcoded in a consistent way to 11073 nomenclature/object/attribute equivalents. This data compatibility will enable data from *Bluetooth* LE devices to be used in the broader health ecosystem such that the transcoded measurement data will look the same as data from a *Bluetooth* Health Device Profile device or a USB Personal Healthcare Device Class device.

This data compatibility will enable data to be useable and consumable by a variety of healthcare-related organizations including the Continua Health Alliance and standards organizations related to health records such as HL7. All mandatory (as well as some optional) attributes defined for each specialization in 11073 are supported by *Bluetooth* profiles defined within this document, but support for optional attributes is not specifically required for data compatibility.

For the profiles encompassed by the material in this document, all characteristics and fields that are relevant to 11073 have been defined with the intent that they can be transcoded at the Collector without any loss of precision.

In order to enable such a process for a particular device, the Collector device implementing transcoding software is required to follow the general requirements in Section 2 and the device-specific requirements in Section 3. Section 3 will be expanded as new *Bluetooth* profiles become available. Section 3.3 provides an end-to-end example describing how data can be mapped from an LE Health Thermometer [3] to a Collector implementing a Transcoder.

While it is beyond the scope of this document to mandate or specify a specific *method* for transcoding *Bluetooth* characteristics into 11073, this white paper provides requirements and guidelines to enable implementations to do so. This document does not discuss 11073 concepts and details; rather, it focuses on how data from *Bluetooth* sensors can be transcoded for use in the 11073 domain.

Although some areas of this document summarize requirements of 11073 documents as a useful reference, refer to the 11073 standards to ensure the most accurate information regarding 11073 specifications' requirements. Similarly, refer to the relevant *Bluetooth* profile specifications with their associated service specifications and characteristic(s) as the official sources for *Bluetooth*-related requirements.

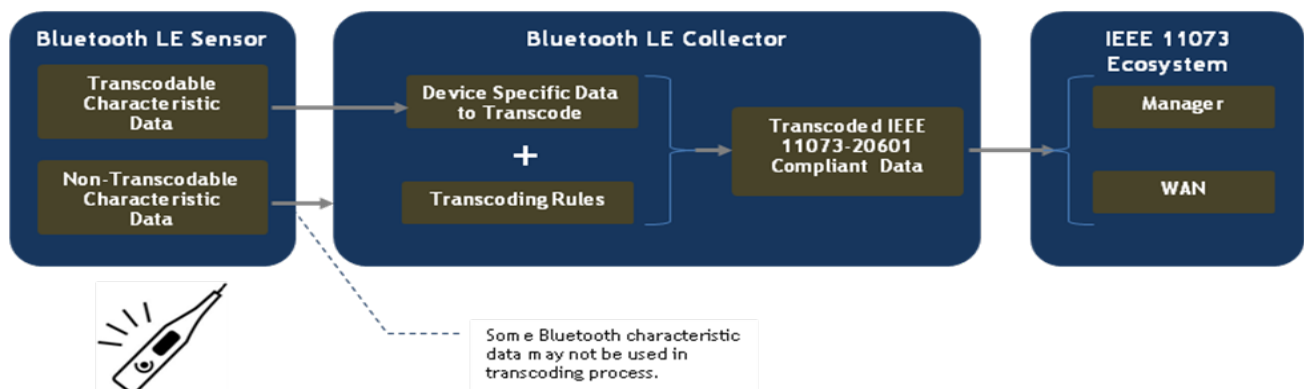


Figure 1: Bluetooth LE Sensor to 11073 Data Flow



## 2. General Data Requirements

.This section describes the transcoding of general data from a *Bluetooth* sensor device for compatibility with the 11073 ecosystem, and general data mapping requirements that are common to all devices addressed by this white paper. Device-specific data requirements are described in Section 3.

### 2.1 COMMON MDS CLASS REQUIREMENTS

This sub-section describes general Medical Device System (MDS) class requirements from 11073-20601. 11073 attributes not mentioned in this section likely refer to *Bluetooth* device-specific data requirements and are shown in Section 3.

The Device Information Service (DIS) [2] is a general *Bluetooth* service designed to describe characteristics that are often common between different sensors. The DIS includes characteristics that contain information such as the manufacturer name, model number, hardware revision, firmware revision, and software revision among others. Many characteristics in the DIS are used within the 11073 and Continua Health Alliance infrastructure.

11073 Attribute	<i>Bluetooth</i> Equivalent Characteristic	<i>Bluetooth</i> Service	<i>Bluetooth</i> Data Type	11073 Attribute Type (ASN.1)	11073 Data Type (informative)
Handle	None	N/A	N/A	HANDLE <sup>1</sup>	INT-U16
System-Model	Model Number String, Manufacturer Name String	DIS	UTF-8 String, UTF-8 String	SystemModel <sup>2</sup>	(OCTET STRING, OCTET STRING)
System-Id	System ID	DIS	EUI-64	OCTET STRING	OCTET STRING
Attribute-Value-Map	None	N/A	N/A	AttrValMap <sup>3</sup>	List of (INT-U16, INT-U16)
Production-Specification	Serial Number String, Hardware Revision String, Software Revision String, Firmware Revision String <sup>4</sup>	DIS	UTF-8 String	ProductionSpec	List of (INT-U16, INT-U16, OCTET STRING)
Date-and-Time	Date Time	Various <sup>5</sup>	Aggregate	AbsoluteTime	(INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8)
Mds-Time-Info	None	N/A	N/A	MdsTimeInfo	(BITS-16, INT-U16, INT-U32, INT-U16, INT-U16, INT-U32)
Relative-Time	None	N/A	N/A	RelativeTime	INT-U32



11073 Attribute	Bluetooth Equivalent Characteristic	Bluetooth Service	Bluetooth Data Type	11073 Attribute Type (ASN.1)	11073 Data Type (informative)
HiRes-Relative-Time	None	N/A	N/A	HighResRelativeTime	OCTET STRING (SIZE(8))
Date-and-Time-Adjustment	None	N/A	N/A	AbsoluteTimeAdjust	OCTET STRING (SIZE(6))
Power-Status	Drafting	Drafting	N/A	PowerStatus	BITS-16
Battery-Level	Drafting	Drafting	N/A	INT-U16	INT-U16
Remaining-Battery-Time	None	N/A	N/A	BatMeasure	(FLOAT-Type, INT-U16)
Reg-Cert-Data-List	IEEE 11073-20601 Regulatory Certification Data List	DIS	Aggregate	RegCertDataList	List of ((INT-U8, INT-U8), ANY)
System-Type-Spec-List	None	N/A	N/A	TypeVerList <sup>6</sup>	List of (INT-U16, INT-U16)
Confirm-Timeout	None	N/A	N/A	RelativeTime	OCTET STRING (SIZE(6))

Table 1: Common MDS Class Requirements

Notes:

1. Always set to 0.
2. SystemModel is described as SEQUENCE (Manufacturer Name, Model Number).
3. This 11073 attribute is transmission-related only. As this document is only relevant for nomenclature and model compatibility and does not mandate any way to reach the 11073 domain, this attribute is implementation specific.
4. Each field is mapped into a unique entry of ProductionSpec list; for example, Serial Number String is mapped as (0x0001, INT-U16, serial\_number\_value). See Section 2.2.4.
5. Provided by any service that includes a Time Stamp.
6. For each profile addressed by this white paper and implemented by the device, an entry has to be added to the TypeVerList. For example, if a device implements the Health Thermometer Profile [3], the following entry is required by 11073-20601 to be added to the TypeVerList:

```

0x10 0x08           type = MDC_DEV_SPEC_PROFILE_TEMP
0x00 0x01           version = version 1 of the specialization
    
```

## 2.2 TRANSCODING BLUETOOTH CHARACTERISTICS TO 11073 ATTRIBUTES

### 2.2.1 32-BIT FLOATING POINT DATA TYPE (FLOAT-TYPE)

The following information is defined in ISO/IEEE Std. 11073-20601™-2008 [1].

The FLOAT-Type data type is defined to represent numeric values that are not integer in type. The FLOAT-Type is defined as a 32-bit value with a 24-bit mantissa and an 8-bit exponent. See Annex F.6 of [1] for a thorough definition of the FLOAT-Type. This data type is defined as follows:



	Exponent	Mantissa
Size	1 octet	3 octets

The 32 bits contain an 8-bit signed exponent to base 10, followed by a 24-bit signed integer (mantissa).

Special values are assigned to express the following:

- + INFINITY [exponent 0, mantissa  $+(2^{23}-2)$  → 0x007FFFFE]
- NaN (not a number) [exponent 0, mantissa  $+(2^{23}-1)$  → 0x007FFFFFF]
- NRes (not at this resolution) [exponent 0, mantissa  $-(2^{23})$  → 0x00800000]
- Reserved for future use [exponent 0, mantissa  $-(2^{23}-1)$  → 0x00800001]
- - INFINITY [exponent 0, mantissa  $-(2^{23}-2)$  → 0x00800002]

NaN is used to report an invalid result from a computation step or to indicate missing data due to the hardware's inability to provide a valid measurement, perhaps from sensor disturbances.

NRes is used to report that the value cannot be represented with the available range and resolution, possibly resulting from an overflow or underflow situation.

### Example

Example for temperature measurement in 11073-20601 FLOAT-Type format:

Consider a temperature measurement of 36.4 **degrees** Celsius with precision of 0.1 **degrees** Celsius. The FLOAT-Type representation is a 32-bit value consisting of an exponent of an 8-bit signed integer followed by a mantissa of a 24-bit signed integer; here, the exponent is -1 (0xFF) and the mantissa is 364 (0x00016C). Therefore, the FLOAT-Type representation of 36.4 is 0xFF00016C.

### 2.2.2 16-BIT FLOATING POINT DATA TYPE (SFLOAT-TYPE)

The following information is defined in ISO/IEEE Std. 11073-20601<sup>TM</sup>-2008 [1].

The SFLOAT-Type data type (a shortened version of FLOAT-Type) is defined to represent numeric values that are not integer in type. The SFLOAT-Type is defined as a 16-bit value with 12-bit mantissa and 4-bit exponent. See Annex F.8 of [1] for a thorough definition of the SFLOAT-Type. This data type is defined as follows:

	Exponent	Mantissa
Size	4 bit	12 bit

The 16-bit value contains a 4-bit exponent to base 10, followed by a 12-bit mantissa. Each is in two's-complement form.

Special values are assigned to express the following:

- NaN [exponent 0, mantissa  $+(2^{11}-1)$  → 0x07FF]
- NRes [exponent 0, mantissa  $-(2^{11})$  → 0x0800]
- + INFINITY [exponent 0, mantissa  $+(2^{11}-2)$  → 0x07FE]
- - INFINITY [exponent 0, mantissa  $-(2^{11}-2)$  → 0x0802]
- Reserved for future use [exponent 0, mantissa  $-(2^{11}-1)$  → 0x0801]

### Example

Example for blood pressure measurement in 11073-20601 SFLOAT-Type format:

Consider a systolic blood pressure measurement of 114 mmHg with a precision of 1 mmHg. The SFLOAT-Type representation is a 16-bit value consisting of an exponent of a 4-bit signed integer followed by a mantissa of a 12-bit signed integer; here, the exponent is 0 (0x0) and the mantissa is 114 (0x072). Therefore, the SFLOAT-Type representation of 114 is 0x0072.



### 2.2.3 STRING CONVERSION

11073 variable-length string type is encoded with a field length of 2 octets followed by the specific OCTET STRING data array. 11073 strings must be even length (16-bit aligned). For optimized data exchange over *Bluetooth* LE, no such requirement exists. *Bluetooth* characteristic strings can be odd or even length, and the length of the string can be deciphered from the data. To transcode an odd length string, append a zero (0x00) byte to the end of the string, and increment the string length field.

*Bluetooth* characteristic strings are encoded as UTF-8, whereas 11073 strings are encoded as ASCII printable characters (a UTF-8 subset). The transcoder shall convert non-ASCII characters in characteristic strings to ASCII in order to satisfy 11073 standards. The converted string may have a different length than the original UTF-8 string. The conversion should be done such that it maintains human readability; e.g., accented characters should be converted to non-accented equivalents.

### 2.2.4 MDS ATTRIBUTE CONVERSION

#### System-Model

The System-Model 11073 attribute consists of a sequence that contains manufacturer name and model number, respectively. Its content is vendor-decided, and represented as an OCTET STRING. Therefore, it must follow the string conversion rules as described in Section 2.2.3.

All fields of the System-Model attribute are derived from the characteristics in the DIS [2]. The *Bluetooth* “Manufacturer Name String” and “Model Number String” characteristics of the DIS map to the Manufacturer Name and Model Number field of the System Model 11073 Attribute.

#### System-Id

The System-Id 11073 attribute has the same constraints as defined by the “System ID” *Bluetooth* characteristic (an EUI-64, which consists of a 24-bit Organizationally Unique Identifier followed by a 40-bit manufacturer-defined identifier). It is mapped directly from the DIS “System ID” *Bluetooth* characteristic value. For more information, see the DIS [2].

#### Production-Specification

The 11073 attribute consists of a ProdSpecEntry list. Each entry may describe specific information such as serial number, hardware revision, software revision, protocol revision, firmware revision, and part numbers. Additionally, each entry in the list contains a Spec Type defining which type of specification it refers to, a vendor-specified component ID, and a vendor-specified ASCII printable string, mapped directly from the DIS characteristics as follows.

ProdSpecEntry Spec Type	<i>Bluetooth</i> Characteristic	11073 Spec Type Value
Unspecified	N/A	0x0000
Serial Number	Serial Number String (DIS)	0x0001
Part Number	N/A	0x0002
Hardware Revision	Hardware Revision String (DIS)	0x0003
Software Revision	Software Revision String (DIS)	0x0004
Firmware Revision	Firmware Revision String (DIS)	0x0005
Protocol Revision	N/A	0x0006
GMDN (Global Medical Device Nomenclature)	N/A	0x0007

Table 2: Production Specification

The conversion is done as follows for each *Bluetooth* characteristic (Serial Number String, Hardware Revision String, Software Revision String, and Firmware Revision String):

1. Create a new ProdSpecEntry.
2. Set the first field (spec\_type) according to table above.
3. Set the second field to the vendor-specified component ID.
4. Set the third field to the corresponding *Bluetooth* characteristic value.





## Date-and-Time

See Section 2.2.6.

### 2.2.5 IEEE 11073-20601 REGULATORY CERTIFICATION DATA LIST

Health and Medical Devices may claim adherence to various regulatory and/or certification compliance items as an informative statement.

The IEEE 11073-20601 Regulatory Certification Data List enables a device to list the compliance items identifying the authorizing body and its data. IEEE, Continua, and the FDA are a few examples of authorizing bodies.

The IEEE 11073-20601 Regulatory Certification Data List is defined as an opaque structure in the DIS by a regulatory body. The endianness of this data structure is as defined in the associated regulatory specification. For example, if the regulatory body is Continua, the “RegCertDataList” data structure will be in big-endian format.

Following is an example of this structure based on Continua Design Guidelines 2010 (v1.5) [7].

In this example, the *IEEE 11073-20601 Regulatory Certification Data List* characteristic is required to have the following format:

Field Name	Offset	Size	Data Type	Definition / Notes
Regulatory Certification Data List	0			
Count	0	2 octet	INT-U16	
Length	2	2 octet	INT-U16	
Authorization Body	4	1 octet	INT-U8	Code assigned by IEEE 11073-20601 identifying the authorizing body
Authorization Body Structure Type	5	1 octet	INT-U8	Identifies the data structure
Authorization Body Structure Length	6	2 octet	INT-U16	Defines authorization body data length
Authorizing Body Data	8	variable length	Opaque structure	Format defined by Authorizing Body (Continua)
Major IG version	8	1 octet	INT-U8	
Minor IG version	9	1 octet	INT-U8	
Certified device class list	10			
Count (c)	10	2 octet	INT-U16	Number of device classes
Length	12	2 octet	INT-U16	$c * \text{sizeof}(\text{INT-U16})$
Certified device class entry	$12+n*2$	2 octet	INT-U16	May be several of these entries (i.e., $c > 1$ ), where $n$ is the index of device entry [1..c].
Continua Regulatory Structure	$14+c*2$	2 octet	INT-U16	
Structure length	$16+c*2$	2 octet	INT-U16	
Regulation Bit Field Type	$18+c*2$	2 octet	BITS-16	

Table 3: Format Example for IEEE 11073-20601 Regulatory Certification Data List Characteristic

Table 4 is an example showing the contents of this structure based on Continua Design Guidelines 2010 (v1.5) [7]. The minor and major Interoperability Guidelines (IG) version represents the current Continua



Guideline being followed, and will be updated as new guidelines are adopted and followed by this document.

In this example, the Continua Health Alliance is the regulatory body and the device includes only one device specialization – the IEEE 11073-10408 Thermometer device specialization [5]. As a result, the *IEEE 11073-20601 Regulatory Certification Data List* characteristic is required to have the following format and values:

Data	Description
0x00 0x02	RegCertDataList.count = 2
0x00 0x12	RegCertDataList.length = 18
0x02 0x01	RegCertDataList[0]  auth-body = auth-body-continua = 2  RegCertDataList[0].auth-body-struct-type = continua-version-struct = 1 ( <i>ContinuaBodyStruct</i> )
0x00 0x08	RegCertDataList[0]. auth-body-data.length = 8
0x01 0x05	RegCertDataList[0]. auth-body-data:  ContinuaBodyStruct.major-IG-version = 1  ContinuaBodyStruct.minor-IG-version = 5
0x00 0x01	CertifiedDeviceClassList.count = 1
0x00 0x02	CertifiedDeviceClassList.length = 2
0x80 0x08	CertifiedDeviceClassList[0] = 0x8008  Based on Continua 2010 (v1.5) guidelines for a Low Power Wireless PAN Thermometer:Transport Code (TCode) = 4 (Low Power Wireless PAN)  MDC_DEV_SPEC_PROFILE_TEMP = 0x10 0x08 = 4104 <sub>10</sub>  CertifiedDeviceClass = 4104-4096+4*8192 = 32776 <sub>10</sub> -> 0x8008
0x02 0x02	RegCertDataList[1]  auth-body = auth-body-continua = 2  RegCertDataList[1].auth-body-struct-type = continua-reg-struct = 2 ( <i>ContinuaRegStruct</i> )
0x00 0x02	RegCertDataList[1]. auth-body-data.length = 2
0x00 0x00	This is a regulated device

Table 4: IEEE 11073-20601 Regulatory Certification Data List Characteristic Example

In this example, the total length of the structure is 22 octets.

## 2.2.6 TRANSCODING TIME STAMP TO IEEE 11073-20601 ABSOLUTETIME

For the *Bluetooth* profiles addressed by this white paper, the measurement time stamp follows the format of the *Bluetooth* Date Time characteristic.

This format is encoded according to the Date Time characteristic definition accessible via the Bluetooth SIG Assigned Numbers [4]. Each field is an 8-bit integer, except for “year”, which is a 16-bit integer. For example, the time stamp for 18th December 2010, 15:23:06 is encoded as 0x07DA 0x0C 0x12 0x0F 0x17 0x06.



IEEE 11073-20601 AbsoluteTime data format is encoded using binary coded decimal (i.e., 4-bit nibbles) and every field has 8 bits. For example, the time stamp for 18th December 2010, 15:23:06:73 is encoded as 0x20 0x10 0x12 0x18 0x15 0x23 0x06 0x73.

AbsoluteTime specifies time with a resolution of 1/100 of a second and the *Bluetooth* Date Time characteristic has a resolution of one second, so the sec-fractions field must be set to zero in the transcoding process.

Because AbsoluteTime is encoded as a Binary Coded Decimal (BCD) format, a conversion between formats is needed; however, this conversion does not result in a loss of precision.

Table 5 shows mapping from the *Bluetooth* Time Stamp fields to the AbsoluteTime type fields:

<i>Bluetooth</i> Field Name (Date Time)	AbsoluteTime Field Name
Year	century <sup>1</sup>
	year <sup>2</sup>
Month	month
Day	day
Hours	hour
Minutes	minute
Seconds	second
N/A	sec-fractions

Table 5: *Bluetooth* Date Time Characteristic to IEEE 11073-20601 AbsoluteTime Conversion

Notes:

1. This field is set to the two most significant digits of the Bluetooth Year field.
2. This field is set to the two least significant digits of the Bluetooth Year field.

### 2.3 ATTRIBUTE-VALUE-MAP

Each Metric object has a conditional Attribute-Value-Map attribute. It is mandatory if the agent uses fixed-format data update messages. Fixed-format event reports refer to those attributes.

As this document is only relevant for nomenclature and model compatibility and does not mandate any way to reach the 11073 domain, this attribute is implementation-specific.



## 3. Device Specific Data Requirements

This section describes the mapping of device specific data from a *Bluetooth* environment to an 11073 environment. This section will be expanded for various *Bluetooth* profiles and services in the future as they become available.

### 3.1 HEALTH THERMOMETER

This sub-section defines transcoding the thermometer device specific data into IEEE 11073-10408 Thermometer device specialization [5] class attributes.

#### 3.1.1 DEVICE-SPECIFIC MDS CLASS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the MDS class requirements shown in Section 2.1, Table 6 shows incremental MDS class requirements specific to this device.

11073 Attribute	<i>Bluetooth</i> Equivalent Characteristic	<i>Bluetooth</i> Service	<i>Bluetooth</i> Data Type	11073 Attribute Type (ASN.1)	11073 Data Type (informative)
System-Type	N/A	N/A	N/A	TYPE <sup>1</sup>	(INT-U16, INT-U16)
Dev-Configuration-Id	N/A	N/A	N/A	ConfigId <sup>2</sup>	INT-U16
System-Type-Spec-List	N/A	N/A	N/A	TypeVerList <sup>3</sup>	List of (INT-U16, INT-U16)
Confirm-Timeout	N/A	N/A	N/A	RelativeTime	OCTET STRING (SIZE(6))

Table 6: Device-specific MDS Class Requirements

Notes:

1. Value not present since System-Type-Spec-List exists.
2. Set to any value in range of 0x4000 to 0x7FFF (Extended Configuration). This is to assure that the Manager requests the configuration and does not assume it, as it could for a Standard Configuration.
3. Since the “Health Thermometer Service” [6] is a “Primary Service”, an entry is required to be added to the TypeVerList as follows:

```
0x10 0x08      type = MDC_DEV_SPEC_PROFILE_TEMP
0x00 0x01      version = version 1 of the 11073 device specialization
```



### 3.1.2 11073 NUMERIC CLASS REQUIREMENTS

This section describes the 11073 numeric class requirements. It is restricted to those 11073 attributes that are used on the Thermometer device. All unmentioned attributes defined in [1] are not applicable to a Thermometer device.

11073 Attribute	Bluetooth Equivalent Characteristic	Bluetooth Service	Bluetooth Data Type	11073 Attribute Type (ASN.1)	11073 Data Type (informative)
Handle	N/A	N/A	N/A	HANDLE <sup>1</sup>	INT-U16
Type	N/A	N/A	N/A	TYPE <sup>2</sup>	(INT-U16, INT-U16)
Metric-Spec-Small	N/A	N/A	N/A	MetricSpecSmall <sup>3</sup>	BITS-16
Unit-Code	Temperature Measurement	Health Thermometer	Aggregate	OID-Type <sup>4</sup>	INT-U16
Attribute-Value-Map	N/A	N/A	N/A	AttrValMap <sup>5</sup>	List of (INT-U16, INT-U16)
Absolute-Time-Stamp	Temperature Measurement	Health Thermometer	Aggregate	AbsoluteTime <sup>6</sup>	(INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8)
Simple-Nu-Observed-Value	Temperature Measurement	Health Thermometer	Aggregate	SimpleNuObsValue <sup>7</sup>	FLOAT-Type

Table 7: 11073 Numeric Class Requirements

Notes:

1. Each object is required to have a unique non-zero ID assigned by the implementation.
2. The value can be inferred based on the Temperature Type value. Although [1] indicates that supplemental information covers the location of the sensor, the thermometer device specialization [5], defines that an Extended Configuration with type {MDC\_PART\_SCADA, MDC\_TEMP\_???} is required to be used to report a specific temperature type.

11073 Temperature type code	Bluetooth Temperature Type Description	Bluetooth Value
MDC_TEMP_AXILLA	Armpit	0x01
MDC_TEMP_BODY	Body (general)	0x02
MDC_TEMP_EAR	Ear (usually ear lobe)	0x03
MDC_TEMP_FINGER	Finger	0x04
MDC_TEMP_GIT	Gastro-intestinal Tract	0x05
MDC_TEMP_ORAL	Mouth	0x06
MDC_TEMP_RECT	Rectum	0x07
MDC_TEMP_TOE	Toe	0x08
MDC_TEMP_TYMP	Tympanum (ear drum)	0x09
	Reserved	All other values

Table 8: Temperature Type Description Conversion



3. When the Measurement Interval characteristic is not present or when it is present and its value is zero (aperiodic mode) then this is set to 0xF040 (mss-avail-intermittent, mss-avail-stored-data, mss-upd-aperiodic, mss-msmt-aperiodic, mss-acc-agent-initiated). When the Measurement Interval characteristic is present and its value is non-zero (periodic mode) this is set to 0x4040 (mss-avail-stored-data, mss-acc-agent-initiated).
4. This value is mapped from Bit 0 of the least significant octet of the Temperature Measurement characteristic. The mapping is as follows in [Table 9](#):

11073 Temperature Unit Value	Bluetooth Temperature Unit Value	Temperature Unit Description
MDC_DIM_DEGC	0	Celsius
MDC_DIM_FAHR	1	Fahrenheit

Table 9: Temperature Type Description Conversion

5. See Section [2.3](#).
6. When supported, this value is derived from the Time Stamp field of Temperature Measurement characteristic. See Section [2.2.6](#).
7. This value is derived from the Temperature Measurement Value field of the Temperature Measurement characteristic.

### 3.2 HEART RATE SENSOR

This section defines transcoding the heart rate sensor device specific data into IEEE 11073-10406 Basic Electrocardiograph (ECG) device specialization [\[8\]](#) class attributes.

#### 3.2.1 DEVICE-SPECIFIC MDS CLASS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the MDS class requirements shown in Section [2.1](#), [Table 10](#) shows incremental MDS class requirements specific to this device.

11073 Attribute	BLUETOOTH Equivalent Characteristic	Bluetooth Service	Bluetooth Data Type	11073 Attribute Type (ASN.1)	11073 Data Type (informative)
System-Type	N/A	N/A	N/A	TYPE <sup>1</sup>	(INT-U16, INT-U16)
Dev-Configuration-Id	N/A	N/A	N/A	ConfigId <sup>2</sup>	INT-U16
System-Type-Spec-List	N/A	N/A	N/A	TypeVerList <sup>4</sup>	List of (INT-U16, INT-U16)
Confirm-Timeout	N/A	N/A	N/A	RelativeTime	OCTET STRING (SIZE(6))
Tick-resolution <sup>3</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	FLOAT-Type	FLOAT-Type

Table 10: Device-specific MDS Class Requirements

Notes:

1. Value not present since System-Type-Spec-List exists.
2. Set to any value in range of 0x4000 to 0x7FFF (Extended Configuration). This is to assure that the Manager requests the configuration and does not assume it, as it could for a Standard Configuration.
3. Defined as  $2^{(-10)}=1/1024$ . Matches [\[9\]](#) RR-Interval unit, and can be represented exactly by FLOAT-Type.



4. Since the “Heart Rate Service” [9] is a “Primary Service”, the following entries are required to be added to the TypeVerList:

0x10 0x06            Specialization value = MDC\_DEV\_SPEC\_PROFILE\_ECG  
 0x00 0x01            version = version 1 of the 11073 device specialization

0x10 0x8D            Profile value = MDC\_DEV\_SUB\_SPEC\_PROFILE\_HR  
 0x00 0x01            version = version 1 of the 11073 device specialization

**3.2.2 11073 NUMERIC CLASS REQUIREMENTS**

This section describes the 11073 numeric class requirements. It is restricted to those 11073 attributes that are used on the Basic Electrocardiograph device and the Cardiovascular Fitness and Activity Monitor device. All unmentioned attributes defined in [1] are not applicable to those devices.

**3.2.2.1 HEART RATE MEASUREMENT**

11073 Attribute	Bluetooth Equivalent Characteristic	Bluetooth Service	Bluetooth Data Type	11073 Attribute Type (ASN.1)	11073 Data Type (informative)
Handle	N/A	N/A	N/A	HANDLE <sup>1</sup>	INT-U16
Type	N/A	N/A	N/A	TYPE <sup>2</sup>	(INT-U16, INT-U16)
Metric-Spec-Small	N/A	N/A	N/A	MetricSpecSmall <sup>3</sup>	BITS-16
Unit-Code	N/A	N/A	N/A	OID-Type <sup>4</sup>	INT-U16
Attribute-Value-Map	N/A	N/A	N/A	AttrValMap <sup>5</sup>	List of (INT-U16, INT-U16)
Simple-Nu-Observed-Value	Heart Rate Measurement (Heart Rate Measurement Value field)	Heart Rate	Aggregate	SimpleNuObsValue <sup>6</sup>	FLOAT-Type

Table 11: 11073 Numeric Class Requirements

Notes:

- Each object is required to have a unique non-zero ID assigned by the implementation.
- Value is set to {MDC\_PART\_SCADA | MDC\_ECG\_HEART\_RATE\_INSTANT}.
- Set to 0x4040 (mss-avail-stored-data, mss-acc-agent-initiated).
- Unit is MDC\_DIM\_BEAT\_PER\_MIN.
- See Section 2.3.
- This value is derived from the Heart Rate Measurement Value field of the Heart Rate Measurement characteristic, which is either an 8-bit or 16-bit unsigned integer depending upon bit 0 of the Flags field. This value is converted to FLOAT-Type for transcoding using an exponent of 0.



### 3.2.2.2 RR-INTERVAL

Optionally transcoded when Heart Rate Measurement contains RR-Interval data.

11073 Attribute	Bluetooth Equivalent Characteristic	Bluetooth Service	Bluetooth Data Type	11073 Attribute Type (ASN.1)	11073 Data Type (informative)
Handle	N/A	N/A	N/A	HANDLE <sup>1</sup>	INT-U16
Type	N/A	N/A	N/A	TYPE <sup>2</sup>	(INT-U16, INT-U16)
Metric-Spec-Small	N/A	N/A	N/A	MetricSpecSmall <sup>3</sup>	BITS-16
Unit-Code	N/A	N/A	N/A	OID-Type <sup>4</sup>	INT-U16
Attribute-Value-Map	N/A	N/A	N/A	AttrValMap <sup>5</sup>	List of (INT-U16, INT-U16)
Compound-Simple-Nu-Observed-Value	Heart Rate Measurement (RR-Interval field)	Heart Rate	Aggregate	Compound-SimpleNuObsValue <sup>6</sup>	List of FLOAT-Type

Table 12: 11073 Numeric Class Requirements

Notes:

1. Each object is required to have a unique non-zero ID assigned by the implementation.
2. Value set to MDC\_PART\_SCADA | MDC\_ECG\_TIME\_PD\_RR\_GL.
3. Set to 0x5440 (mss-avail-stored-data, mss-acc-agent-initiated, mss-msmt-btb-metric, mss-msmt-aperiodic).
4. Unit is MDC\_DIM\_TICK (1/1024s).
5. See Section 2.3.
6. One or more values are derived from the variable-size RR-Interval field of Heart Rate Measurement characteristic.

## 3.3 BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR

This section defines transcoding the blood pressure monitor device specific data into IEEE 11073-10407 Blood Pressure Monitor device specialization [11] class attributes.

### 3.3.1 DEVICE-SPECIFIC MDS CLASS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the MDS class requirements shown in Section 2.1, Table 13 shows incremental MDS class requirements specific to this device.

11073 attribute	Bluetooth equivalent characteristic	Bluetooth Service	Bluetooth data type	11073 attribute type (ASN.1)	11073 data type (informative)
System-Type	N/A	N/A	N/A	TYPE <sup>1</sup>	(INT-U16, INT-U16)
Dev-Configuration-Id	N/A	N/A	N/A	ConfigId <sup>2</sup>	INT-U16
System-Type-Spec-List	N/A	N/A	N/A	TypeVerList <sup>3</sup>	List of (INT-U16, INT-U16)
Confirm-Timeout <sup>4</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	RelativeTime	OCTET STRING (SIZE(6))

Table 13: Device-specific MDS Class Requirements





Notes:

1. Value not present since System-Type-Spec-List exists.
2. Set to any value in range of 0x4000 to 0x7FFF (Extended Configuration). This is to assure that the Manager requests the configuration and does not assume it, as it could for a Standard Configuration.
3. Since the “Blood Pressure Service” [10] is a “Primary Service,” the following entries are required to be added to the TypeVerList:
  - 0x10 0x07 Specialization value = MDC\_DEV\_SPEC\_PROFILE\_BP
  - 0x00 0x01 version = version 1 of the 11073 device specialization
4. This is optional and informs the manager how much time the transcoding agent will wait for confirmation of event reports before transitioning to Unassociated state.

3.3.2 11073 NUMERIC CLASS REQUIREMENTS

This section describes the 11073 numeric class requirements. It is restricted to those 11073 attributes that are used on the Blood Pressure Monitor device. All unmentioned attributes defined in [1] are not applicable to those devices.

3.3.2.1 SYSTOLIC/DIASTOLIC/MAP COMPOUND NUMERIC OBJECT (BLOOD PRESSURE)

11073 attribute	Bluetooth equivalent characteristic	Bluetooth Service	Bluetooth data type	11073 attribute type (ASN.1)	11073 data type (informative)
Handle	N/A	N/A	N/A	HANDLE <sup>1</sup>	INT-U16
Type	N/A	N/A	N/A	TYPE <sup>2</sup>	(INT-U16, INT-U16)
Metric-Spec-Small	N/A	N/A	N/A	MetricSpecSmall <sup>3</sup>	BITS-16
Metric-Structure-Small	N/A	N/A	N/A	MetricStructureSmall <sup>4</sup>	(INT-U8, INT-U8)
Metric-Id-List	N/A	N/A	N/A	MetricIdList <sup>5</sup>	List of (INT-U16)
Unit-Code	Blood Pressure Measurement	Blood Pressure	Aggregate	OID-Type <sup>6</sup>	INT-U16
Attribute-Value-Map	N/A	N/A	N/A	AttrValMap <sup>7</sup>	List of (INT-U16, INT-U16)
Absolute-Time-Stamp	Blood Pressure Measurement	Blood Pressure	Aggregate	AbsoluteTime <sup>8</sup>	(INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8)
Compound-Basic-Nu-Observed-Value	Blood Pressure Measurement	Blood Pressure	Aggregate	Compound-BasicNuObservedValue <sup>9</sup>	List of SFLOAT-Type

Table 14: 11073 Numeric Class Requirements

Notes:

1. Each object is required to have a unique non-zero ID assigned by the implementation.
2. Value is set to {MDC\_PART\_SCADA | MDC\_PRESS\_BLD\_NONINV}.
3. Set to 0xF040 (mss-avail-intermittent | mss-avail-stored-data | mss-upd-a-periodic | mss-msmt-a-periodic | mss-acc-agent-initiated).



4. Set to (0x03, 0x03) {ms-struct-compound-fix, 3}.
5. List set to {MDC\_PRESS\_BLD\_NONINV\_SYS, MDC\_PRESS\_BLD\_NONINV\_DIA, MDC\_PRESS\_BLD\_NONINV\_MEAN}.
6. This value is mapped from Bit 0 of the least significant octet of the Blood Pressure Measurement characteristic. The mapping is as follows in [Table 15](#):

11073 Pressure Unit Value	Bluetooth Pressure Unit Value	Unit description
MDC_DIM_MMHG	0	mmHg
MDC_DIM_KILO_PASCAL	1	kPa

Table 15: Pressure Type Description Conversion

7. See Section [2.3](#).
8. When supported, this value is derived from the Time Stamp field of Blood Pressure Measurement characteristic. See Section [2.2.6](#).
9. This is a list of exactly three values derived from Blood Pressure Measurement characteristic: Systolic pressure, Diastolic Pressure and MAP. If any of measures is temporarily unavailable, this condition is signaled with NaN special value.

**3.3.2.2 PULSE RATE**

Optionally transcoded when Blood Pressure Measurement contains Pulse Rate data.

11073 attribute	Bluetooth equivalent characteristic	Bluetooth Service	Bluetooth data type	11073 attribute type (ASN.1)	11073 data type (informative)
Handle	N/A	N/A	N/A	HANDLE <sup>1</sup>	INT-U16
Type	N/A	N/A	N/A	TYPE <sup>2</sup>	(INT-U16, INT-U16)
Metric-Spec-Small	N/A	N/A	N/A	MetricSpecSmall <sup>3</sup>	BITS-16
Unit-Code	N/A	N/A	N/A	OID-Type <sup>4</sup>	INT-U16
Attribute-Value-Map	N/A	N/A	N/A	AttrValMap <sup>5</sup>	List of (INT-U16, INT-U16)
Absolute-Time-Stamp	Blood Pressure Measurement (Time Stamp field)	Blood Pressure	Aggregate	AbsoluteTime <sup>6</sup>	(INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8, INT-U8)
Basic-Nu-Observed-Value	Blood Pressure Measurement (Pulse Rate field)	Blood Pressure	Aggregate	BasicNuObserved Value <sup>7</sup>	SFLOAT-Type

Table 16: 11073 Numeric Class Requirements

Notes:

1. Each object is required to have a unique non-zero ID assigned by the implementation.
2. Value set to MDC\_PART\_SCADA | MDC\_PULS\_RATE\_NON\_INV.
3. Set to 0xf040 (mss-avail-intermittent | mss-avail-stored-data | mss-upd-aperiodic | mss-msmt-aperiodic | mss-acc-agent-initiated).
4. Unit is MDC\_DIM\_BEAT\_PER\_MIN.



5. See Section [2.3](#).
6. When supported, this value is derived from the Time Stamp field of Blood Pressure Measurement characteristic. See Section [2.2.6](#).
7. This value is derived from Pulse Rate field of Blood Pressure Measurement characteristic, if available.

#### 3.3.2.3 USER ID

The User ID data field in Blood Pressure Measurement characteristic value may be transcoded at the event report level by using multiple-person event reports e.g. ScanReportInfoMPFixed. Such reports transmit a Person-ID along with each event, which can accommodate the User ID value.

Person-ID is of INT-U16 type, while User ID from the characteristic is one octet, unsigned. When the User ID is in range 0x00 to 0xFE, conversion shall keep the numeric value. For example, User ID 0x02 would be transcoded to Person-ID 0x0002, and 0x85 would be transcoded to 0x0085.

When the User ID is 0xFF (unknown or guest user) it shall be transcoded to 0xFFFF (unknown-person-id).

If User-ID is absent in the characteristic value, the transcoder shall use the simple event report types (e.g. ScanReportInfoFixed). That is, absence of User-ID is **not** transcoded to unknown-person-id.

#### 3.3.2.4 MEASUREMENT STATUS

The Measurement Status data field in the Blood Pressure Measurement characteristic is not transcodable.

#### 3.3.2.5 BLOOD PRESSURE FEATURE

The Blood Pressure Feature characteristic of the Blood Pressure Service is not transcodable.



## 4. End-To-End Example

This section provides an example of an end-to-end communication between a *Bluetooth* low energy Health Thermometer and a Collector (e.g., phone) implementing an 11073 Manager and a transcoder. This section also describes how *Bluetooth* characteristic data can be mapped to 11073 nomenclature and modeling. This example illustrates the steps required to use the mappings so that the transcoder can generate 11073 APDUs based on the received data.

Hypothetical Health Thermometer data is used in Section 4.1 as an input. Section 4.3 discusses how this data could be mapped into 11073 objects.

### 4.1 HEALTH THERMOMETER DATA

Table 17 and Table 18 describe the Health Thermometer data being sent to the Collector, which implements a Transcoder. The Health Thermometer *Bluetooth* Address is 00:23:6C:AF:BD:F4.

#### Health Thermometer Service Data

This data refers to a previous time-stamped measurement taken from a general body location.

<i>Bluetooth</i> Characteristic	<i>Bluetooth</i> Value
Date Time	18th December 2010 15:23:06 encoded as 0x07DA 0x0C 0x12 0x0F 0x17 0x06
Temperature Measurement	37.0 degrees Celsius with Timestamp of 18th December 2010 15:00:00: 0x02 0xFF 0x00 0x01 0x72 0x07 0xDA 0x0C 0x12 0x0F 0x00 0x00
Temperature Type	Body: 0x02
Intermediate Temperature	Not transcoded to 11073.
Measurement Interval	Not transcoded to 11073.
Valid Range Descriptor	Not transcoded to 11073.

Table 17: Health Thermometer Service Data

#### Device Information Service Data

This data refers to a Health Thermometer that has its System ID filled in based on its *Bluetooth* address as described in the characteristic definition accessible via the Bluetooth SIG Assigned Numbers [4].

<i>Bluetooth</i> Characteristic	<i>Bluetooth</i> Value
System ID	0x00 0x23 0x6C 0xFF 0xFE 0xAF 0xBD 0xF4
Model Number String	"TS-1017"
Manufacturer Name String	"ACME"
Serial Number String	"237495-3282-A"
Firmware Revision String	"1.23"
Hardware Revision String	"1.0"
Software Revision String	"1.2"
IEEE 11073-20601 Regulatory Certification Data List	For an example on how to populate this structure, refer to Section 2.2.5.

Table 18: Device Information Service data



## 4.2 HEALTH THERMOMETER SERVICE RECORD

Table 19 shows the Health Thermometer Service record and the attributes contained on the server.

Bluetooth Attribute		Bluetooth Attribute Value	Description
<b>Primary Service (0x2800)</b>		<b>0x180A</b>	<b>Device Information Service</b>
Characteristic (0x2803)		{0x02, 0xhhhh, 0x2A23}	Characteristic Value is Read, Value Handle reference is 0xhhhh, and Characteristic is "System ID"
	System ID (0x2A23)	{0x00236CFFFEAFBDF4}	System ID
Characteristic (0x2803)		{0x02, 0xhhhh, 0x2A29}	Characteristic Value is Read, Value Handle reference is 0xhhhh, and Characteristic is "Manufacturer Name String"
	Manufacturer Name String (0x2A29)	{0x41, 0x43, 0x4D, 0x45}	Manufacturer Name String = UTF-8 String "ACME"
Characteristic (0x2803)		{0x02, 0xhhhh, 0x2A24}	Characteristic Value is Read, Value Handle reference is 0xhhhh, and Characteristic is "Model Number String"
	Model Number String (0x2A24)	{0x54, 0x53, 0x2D, 0x31, 0x30, 0x31, 0x37}	Model Number String = UTF-8 String "TS-1017"
Characteristic (0x2803)		{0x02, 0xhhhh, 0x2A25}	Characteristic Value is Read, Value Handle reference is 0xhhhh, and Characteristic is "Serial Number String"
	Serial Number String (0x2A25)	{0x32, 0x33, 0x37, 0x34, 0x39, 0x35, 0x2D, 0x33, 0x32, 0x38, 0x32, 0x2D, 0x41}	Serial Number String = UTF-8 String "237495-3282-A"
Characteristic (0x2803)		{0x02, 0xhhhh, 0x2A26}	Characteristic Value is Read, Value Handle reference is 0xhhhh, and Characteristic is "Firmware Revision String"
	Firmware Revision String (0x2A26)	{0x31, 0x2E, 0x32, 0x33}	Firmware Revision String = UTF-8 String "1.23"
Characteristic (0x2803)		{0x02, 0xhhhh, 0x2A27}	Characteristic Value is Read, Value Handle reference is 0xhhhh, and Characteristic is "Hardware Revision"
	Hardware Revision String (0x2A27)	{0x31, 0x2E, 0x30}	Hardware Revision String = UTF-8 String "1.0"
Characteristic (0x2803)		{0x02, 0xhhhh, 0x2A28}	Characteristic Value is Read, Value Handle reference is 0xhhhh, and Characteristic is "Software Revision String"
	Serial Number String (0x2A28)	{0x31, 0x2E, 0x32}	Software Revision String = UTF-8 String "1.2"
<b>Primary Service (0x2800)</b>		<b>0x1809</b>	<b>Health Thermometer Service</b>
Characteristic (0x2803)		0x20, 0xhhhh, 0x2A1C	Characteristic Value is Indicated, Value Handle reference is 0xhhhh and Characteristic is "Temperature Measurement"
	Temperature Measurement (0x2A1C)	{0x02, 0xFF000172, 0x07DA 0x0C 0x12 0x0F 0x17 0x06}	Timestamp [18th December 2010 15:23:06] Temperature Measurement of 37.0 degrees in Celsius

Table 19: Health Thermometer Service Record



### 4.3 11073 OBJECTS

The following tables describe how data are represented as 11073 objects.

#### MDS Object

11073 Attribute	Bluetooth Equivalent Characteristic	11073 Value	Reference
Handle	None	0	
System-Model	Model Number String	"TS-1017" <sup>1</sup>	Section 2.2.4 – System Model
	Manufacturer Name String	"ACME"	
System-Id	System ID	0x00 0x23 0x6C 0xFF 0xFE 0xAF 0xBD 0xF4	Section 2.2.4 – System Id
Dev-Configuration-Id	None	MDC_TEMP_BODY = 0x4002	Section 3.1.1
Production-Specification	Serial Number String	"237495-3282-A" <sup>1</sup>	Section 2.2.4 – Prod. Specification
	Hardware Revision String	"1.0" <sup>1</sup>	
	Software Revision String	"1.2" <sup>1</sup>	
	Firmware Revision String	"1.23"	
Date-and-Time	Date Time	0x20 0x10 0x0C 0x12 0x0F 0x17 0x06 0x00	Section 2.2.6
Reg-Cert-Data-List	IEEE 11073-20601 Regulatory Certification Data List	For an example on how to populate this structure, refer to Section 2.2.5.	Section 2.2.4 – Reg-Cert-Data-List
System-Type-Spec-List	None	{MDC_DEV_SPEC_PROFILE_TEMP, 1}	

Table 20: MDS Object for Health Thermometer

#### Notes:

1. Because this is an uneven string, a zero (0x00) byte must be appended to its end and its length field must be incremented. See Section 2.2.3 for more information.



### Numeric Object

11073 Attribute	Bluetooth Equivalent Characteristic	Value	Reference
Handle	None	1	
Type	None	MDC_PART_SCADA	Section 3.1.1
	None	MDC_TEMP_BODY	
Metric-Spec-Small	None		
Measurement-Status	None	relevant data, 0x10	
Metric-Id	None	MDC_TEMP_BODY = 0x4002	Section 3.1.2
Metric-Id-List	None		
Metric-Id-Partition	None		
Unit-Code	Temperature Measurement	MDC_DIM_DEGC	Section 3.1.2
Attribute-Value-Map	None		
Absolute-Time-Stamp	Temperature Measurement	0x20 0x10 0x0C 0x12 0x0F 0x00 0x00	Section 3.1.2
Measure-Active-Period	None		
Simple-Nu-Observed-Value	None	0xFF000172 (37.0)	Section 3.1.2 and Annex F.8 of [1]
Compound-Simple-Nu-Observed-Value	None		
Basic-Nu-Observed-Value	None		
Compound-Basic-Nu-Observed-Value	None		
Nu-Observed-Value	Temperature Measurement		
Compound-Nu-Observed-Value	None		
Accuracy	None		

Table 21: Numeric Object for Health Thermometer



## 5. Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronyms and Abbreviations	Meaning
APDU	Application Protocol Data Unit
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange as defined in ISO/IEC 646 (1991)
ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One
BCD	Binary-Coded Decimal
DIS	Device Information Service
EUI	Extended Unique Identifier
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
GATT	Generic Attribute Profile
IEEE	Worldwide technical society which generated the IEEE 11073 series standards, <a href="http://www.ieee.org">www.ieee.org</a>
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
LE	Low Energy
MDS	Medical Device System
USB	Universal Serial Bus
UTF-8	Unicode Transformation Format-8
UUID	Universally Unique Identifier

Table 22: Acronyms and Abbreviations





## 6. References

- [1] ISO/IEEE Std 11073-20601™- 2008 Health Informatics - Personal Health Device Communication - Application Profile - Optimized Exchange Protocol - version 1.0. This also includes ISO/IEEE Std 11073-20601a™-2010 – Amendment 1
- [2] Device Information Service V10r00
- [3] Health Thermometer Profile V10r00
- [4] Characteristic descriptions are accessible via the [Bluetooth SIG Assigned Numbers](#).
- [5] ISO/IEEE Std 11073-10408-2008 Standard for Health informatics - Personal health device communication - Device specialization - Thermometer
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- [7] Continua Design Guidelines 2010 (version 1.5)
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- [9] Heart Rate Service V10r00
- [10] Blood Pressure Service V10r00
- [11] IEEE Std 11073-10407-2008™ Standard for Health informatics – Personal health device communication – Device specialization – Blood Pressure Monitor