

Z-Wave Alliance Summit 2024

Building a Z-Wave SDK

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## Agenda

Open source SDK overview

What was changed in Z-Wave Open Source

How Trident IoT has build an SDK with OS Z-Wave

How to build Open Source for Silicon labs chips



## The Structure of Open-Source Z-Wave

Z-Wave open source was made as a self contained software project

#### This means that:

- 1. The build system expects to be the root build system
- Everything must exist in the Open Source directory structure

## The Structure of Open-Source Z-Wave

When making a vendor specific SDK using Open Source Z-Wave as source, Z-Wave Open should not be the root project.

#### This means that:

 Z-Wave open must be a sub module to another build system

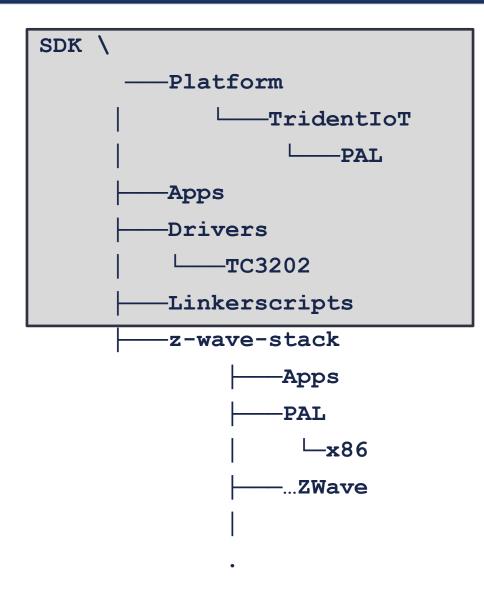


## The Structure of Open-Source Z-Wave

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Z-wave-stack \
       -PAL
            -src
            -inc
       -Apps
       -platform
        ____x86
       -ThirdParty
            -FreeRTOS-Kernel
            -mbedtls
       -ZAF
       -ZWave
       -SubTree
           -libs2
```



### The Structure of an SDK





# What was changed in the Open-Source Project

- Given: CMake supports "project in project"
- Using CMake functions defined in z-wave-stack
- Moved all apps to Apps/
- Inherit CMake presets
- Invoke custom callback for each app



# Upcoming changes in the Open-Source Project

- Add support for template file naming
- Add support for building for different platform variants
- Define versions in the parent project

Probably more...



## Live demo of Trident IoT Z-Wave SDK





## Z-Wave stack to product

- SiliconLabs provides Z-Wave as market ready product ( HW+SW)
  - Through <u>Simplicity Studio</u> or GitHub <u>GSDK</u>
  - Sample apps as source linking to SiLabs' Z-Wave stack and PAL as binary
  - Industry ready, QA, consumer support etc.
- Silicon Labs is part of ZWA cooperative development
  - Z-Wave stack reference platform, x86: it's a **simulated** network
    - No consumer support, we don't advise to go to production
  - For community, experimental, debugging purposes
  - Take into account that code base differs
    - Different upstreaming strategies or timelines, TTM...

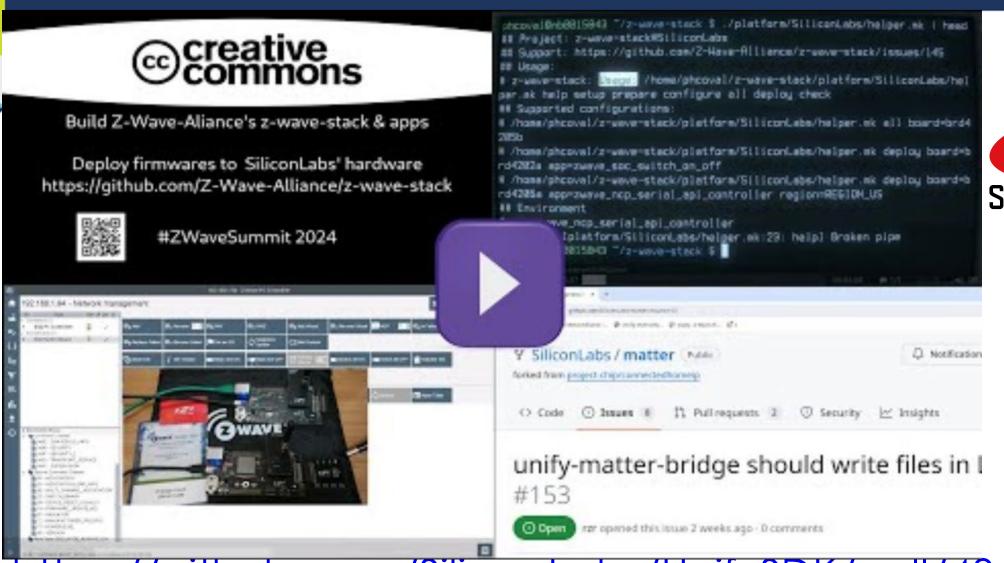


## Hardware support of opensource z-wave-stack

- Experimental support of OSS stack on SiLabs hardware
  - With a single minimalist makefile with a few rules
  - Try: ./platform/SiliconLabs/helper.mk help
  - setup: It will install needed dependencies your system
    - Debian 12 supported, can be adapted to WSL and other Linux distros
  - all: build the ZWA stack and selected app (app=...) for board, region
    - app=zwave\_ncp\_serial\_api\_controller or app=zwave\_soc\_switch\_on\_off
  - deploy: flash the application to the selected hardware
    - ZGM230 is default board=brd4205b
  - Adapt if needed, note that some boards are too constrained
    - E.g.: ZG14 (board=brd4206a) can support only controller
- Feedback welcome, check:
  - https://github.com/Z-Wave-Alliance/z-wave-stack/wiki/Hardware



#### Demo: Build z-wave-stack for SiliconLabs' hardware...









https://github.com/SiliconLabs/UnifySDK/pull/43

# Cooperation, Competition, Convergence?

- Challenges and limitations
  - Any PAL API changes will break hardware support
    - Until a new release of PAL (months at SiLabs)
  - Any PAL related changes should be also upstreamed on time
    - Hard to predict/control integration flow
- How to mitigate API breakages?
  - Work in branches
  - Become an additional supported hardware platform?
    - x86 will remain the reference model in z-wave-stack
    - CI enabled, should it block merges?
  - Hold breaking changes will slow down project
  - SiLabs to share API related changes to keep flowing
- Scalability challenge for more PAL vendors





