

# **Tiva™ Application Update Using the USB DFU Class**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This application report provides a brief overview of the Device Firmware Upgrade (DFU) class, describes the Tiva implementation in the USB boot loader (boot\_usb) application, and also describes the host-side “Imdfu” dynamic link library for Windows. Use of the standard USB DFU class on Tiva USB-enabled microcontrollers offers a convenient and fast method of replacing main application images in microcontroller Flash on boards configured to operate as USB devices.

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## **1 DFU Overview**

The USB DFU class defines mechanisms that can be used by USB devices to write new firmware application images to their internal storage and, optionally, to return the current firmware image to the host. The class specifies a functional descriptor that the DFU device must return as part of its configuration descriptor, a set of class-specific requests, and a state machine that controls the download or upload operations.

The basic DFU specification defines the following operations:

- Firmware image download to a device (write operations)
- Firmware image upload from a device (read operations)
- Device status and state queries

It does not, however, specify the following:

- Address selection for downloaded or uploaded images
- The ability to erase blocks of Flash
- The ability to check that areas of memory are erased
- Methods to query the target device storage parameters (for example, Flash size and writeable region addresses)

While these operations are not explicitly mentioned in the specification, they are typically supported by DFU-device manufacturers via device-specific commands embedded in downloaded binary data. In this implementation, care has been taken to ensure that a host-side application which is unaware of these binary commands can still download a suitably wrapped binary file to the device using nothing more than standard DFU download requests. More details of this are provided in [Section 5](#).

## 1.1 Device Operating Modes

Unlike most device classes, the DFU class specifies two operating modes for the device: Run Time mode and DFU mode, each of which publishes a different set of USB descriptors to the host. In Run Time mode, the device operates using its normal USB class descriptors (for example, a printer operates as a printer and a mass storage device offers mass storage device services), but also publishes an additional interface descriptor and functional descriptor publicizing the fact that it is DFU-capable. In this mode, no actual firmware upload or download is supported, but the DFU specification defines how a host can signal the device to indicate that it should switch into the second mode in preparation for DFU operation.

In DFU mode, the device no longer publishes its standard device descriptors, instead it reports only its DFU capabilities, all of which are accessed via a single interface and using the control endpoint, endpoint 0. The device descriptor published in this mode often contains a different product ID (PID) than the descriptor published in Run Time mode, thus ensuring that the connected USB host only loads the DFU device driver when the device is in DFU mode. In this mode, firmware download (write) and upload (read) operations are possible. On exit from DFU mode, the device typically reboots and runs the main application image, reverting to Run Time mode operation.

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**NOTE:** The remainder of this document refers to the DFU mode only.

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## 2 DFU Descriptors

In DFU mode, the device publishes the following USB descriptors:

- Device
- Configuration
- Interface
- DFU Functional

### 2.1 Device Descriptor

A standard device descriptor is published with the vendor ID assigned to the manufacturer of the device (0x1CBE for Tiva examples) and a product ID, which is typically different from the one published during Run Time mode operation. For the Tiva USB boot loader, product ID 0x00FF is used.

The bDeviceClass and bDeviceSubclass fields of the device descriptor are each set to 0x00 indicating that the class and subclass are defined at the interface level.

### 2.2 Configuration Descriptor

A standard configuration descriptor is published by the device. In DFU mode, the bNumInterfaces field must be set to 1 indicating that a single interface is present.

### 2.3 Interface Descriptor

A single interface descriptor is published with the DFU interface identified by bInterfaceClass set to 0xFE, bInterfaceSubClass set to 0x01, and bInterfaceProtocol set to 0x02. The DFU specification allows different programmable areas of the device memory to be identified through the use of multiple alternate settings but the Tiva USB boot loader only supports a single alternate setting for the interface.

The interface supports no endpoints (bNumEndpoints is set to 0) since all DFU communication is carried out via the default control endpoint, endpoint 0.

## 2.4 DFU Functional Descriptor

The only device class-specific descriptor published by the device is the DFU functional descriptor, which offers information on the DFU capabilities of the device and the size of data blocks that can be written to or read from the device during download or upload operations. [Table 1](#) shows the DFU functional descriptor fields.

**Table 1. DFU Functional Field Descriptions**

Offset	Field	Size	Value	Description
0	bLength	1	0x09	Size of this descriptor in bytes.
1	bDescriptorType	1	0x21	DFU FUNCTIONAL descriptor type.
2	bmAttributes	1	Bit Mask	This field provides bit flags indicating DFU-specific device capabilities.
			[7:4]	Reserved
			[3]	bitWillDetach: (1) indicates that the device will detach and reattach automatically on receipt of the DFU_DETACH request whereas (0) indicates that the host must issue a USB reset after the DFU_DETACH request.
			[2]	bManifestationTolerant: (0) indicates that the device must be reset after completion of a firmware download operation whereas (1) indicates that the device remains responsive and capable of receiving further DFU requests after a download ends.
			[1]	bitCanUpload: (1) indicates that the device is capable of uploading data to the host and (0) indicates that this is not supported.
			[0]	bitCanDnload: (1) indicates that the device supports firmware download operations and: (0) indicates that download is not supported.
				In the Tiva USB boot loader, this field is set to 0x07 to indicate that the device is “manifestation tolerant” and that it can perform both upload and download operations.
3	wDetachTimeOut	2	Number	This field defines the number of milliseconds that the device waits for a USB reset after receiving the DFU_DETACH request. The Tiva USB boot loader does not support DFU_DETACH (since this is a Run Time mode request) and the field is set to 0xFFFF.
5	wTransferSize	2	Number	Defines the maximum number of bytes that the device can accept or provide in each control endpoint transaction. For the Tiva USB boot loader, this value is 1024.
7	bcdDFUVersion	2	0x110	Identifies this device as DFU 1.1 compliant.

## 3 DFU Requests

All communication between the USB host and DFU device is made via a group of seven DFU-defined requests sent using the default control endpoint, endpoint 0. [Table 2](#) shows the DFU-defined requests.

**Table 2. DFU-Defined Requests**

bmRequestType	bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
00100001b	DFU_DETACH	wTimeout	Interface	Zero	None
00100001b	DFU_DNLOAD	wBlockNum	Interface	Length	Firmware data
10100001b	DFU_UPLOAD	Zero	Interface	Length	Firmware data
10100001b	DFU_GETSTATUS	Zero	Interface	6	Status
00100001b	DFU_CLRSTATUS	Zero	Interface	Zero	None
10100001b	DFU_GETSTATE	Zero	Interface	1	State
00100001b	DFU_ABORT	Zero	Interface	Zero	None

- **DFU\_DETACH**  
This request is not supported by the Tiva USB boot loader since it only applies to the Run Time mode operation. The request instructs the device that it should switch into DFU mode either immediately (if the device DFU functional descriptor bitWillDetach attribute bit is set) or following the next USB reset.
- **DFU\_DNLOAD**  
The DFU\_DNLOAD request is used to send binary firmware data to the device. This can include target-specific commands in addition to the firmware data since the DFU specification does not define the actual content or meaning of the payload of the download request. The size of data passed with the request must be less than or equal to the wTransferSize specified in the DFU functional descriptor (1024 for the Tiva implementation). After each transfer, the host must issue a DFU\_GETSTATUS and wait until the previous transfer has been processed prior to sending the next block of data.
- **DFU\_UPLOAD**  
The DFU\_UPLOAD request is used to retrieve the existing firmware image from the device. As in the download case, each transfer can be up to wTransferSize bytes. DFU\_UPLOAD may also be used to retrieve device-specific information in response to a command embedded in a previous DFU\_DNLOAD request.
- **DFU\_GETSTATUS**  
The DFU\_GETSTATUS request returns information on the state of the DFU device and also acts as a synchronization mechanism during download operations. The request must be made following each DFU\_DNLOAD and no more download requests issued until the returned state indicates that the device can accept more download data.

This request returns a six-byte structure containing the fields shown in [Table 3](#).

**Table 3. DFU\_GETSTATUS Field Descriptions**

Offset	Field	Size	Value	Description
0	bStatus	1	Number	An indication of the device status as a result of the execution of the most recent request. The value 0 indicates that no error condition is present.
1	bwPollTimeout	3	Number	The minimum time that the host should wait before sending another DFU_GETSTATUS while polling for completion of a DFU_DNLOAD operation.
4	bState	1	Number	The state that the device will transition to immediately after sending this response.
5	iString	1	Index	The index of any status description string that the device may offer. 0 indicates that no string is available.

- **DFU\_CLRSTATUS**  
In cases where DFU\_GETSTATUS has reported an error (non-zero value) in the bStatus field, this request must be sent to clear the error condition before the host can issue any further download or upload requests.
- **DFU\_GETSTATE**  
The DFU\_GETSTATE request is similar to DFU\_GETSTATUS in that it returns the current state of the device. Unlike DFU\_GETSTATUS, however, it does not cause any state machine transitions and only returns the current device state and not the status information indicating the source of any error.
- **DFU\_ABORT**  
The DFU\_ABORT request will return the device to IDLE state and abort any partially-complete upload or download operation.

## 4 DFU State Machine

The DFU specification defines not only the collection of requests that a DFU device must support, but also a detailed state machine that the device must implement. For each of the states, the specification defines the action to be performed on receipt of each of the DFU requests and also various USB events, and also the state that is to be transitioned to following that request or stimulus. The Tiva USB boot loader implementation is designed to closely follow the state machine definition from the specification, making it straightforward to understand the code after reading the specification. A couple of deviations from the specification do exist to facilitate download command extensions and these are described later in this document. The following states are used while the device is operating in DFU mode:

- **dfuIDLE**

The device enters dfuIDLE state whenever it first enters DFU mode and on completion of a download or upload operation (unless the device is not “manifestation tolerant” – see dfuMANIFEST state for more details). In this state, it is ready to start a new operation.

- **dfuDNLOAD-SYNC**

Once a DFU\_DNLOAD request has been received, the device enters this state and remains here until DFU\_GETSTATUS is received, at which point it will transition to dfuDNLOAD-IDLE assuming the download request processing has completed.

- **dfuDNLOAD-IDLE**

When a previous download request has completed and the device is ready to accept another transfer of binary data, this state is entered.

- **dfuUPLOAD-IDLE**

Following a DFU\_UPLOAD request, this device transitions from dfuIDLE to this state and remains there until all the requested upload data has been transmitted to the host. In this state, further DFU\_UPLOAD requests may be issued by the host to retrieve subsequent data blocks. When all data has been transferred, the device transitions back to dfuIDLE.

- **dfuERROR**

At any time when an error occurs, the device transitions into dfuERROR state. A DFU\_GETSTATUS request will result in details of the error being returned to the host. To clear the error, DFU\_CLRSTATUS must be sent, which results in the device transitioning back to dfuIDLE in preparation for the start of a new operation.

- **dfuMANIFEST-SYNC**

Once a download operation completes and all data has been received by the device (as indicated by the host sending a DFU\_DNLOAD request with 0 in the wLength field of the request structure), this state is entered. The next DFU\_GETSTATUS request causes the Tiva USB boot loader to transition back to dfuIDLE (since it is “manifestation tolerant”).

- **dfuMANIFEST**

Once a download operation is completed and the host has sent a DFU\_GETSTATUS request, a device that is not “manifestation tolerant” will enter this state during which it will finalize the programming of the new firmware. Since the Tiva USB boot loader is “manifestation tolerant” it does not support states dfuMANIFEST or dfuMANIFEST-WAIT-RESET. At the end of a download, the device transitions to dfuMANIFEST-SYNC and, on completion of programming, directly back to dfuIDLE.

- **dfuMANIFEST-WAIT-RESET**

This state is used by devices which are not manifestation tolerant to indicate that a download has completed and that the device is waiting for the host to issue a USB reset and cause the device to boot the new firmware.

## 5 Tiva DFU Binary Protocol

The Tiva DFU boot loader implementation supports several commands that can be sent to the target device to perform operations that are outside the scope of the existing DFU specification. This protocol is defined in such a way, however, that a host application that is unaware of it may still be used to download and upload firmware images. Using protocol commands, however, the application can access additional features such as the ability to erase specific regions of Flash, query device parameters or download binary data to particular addresses.

Each command in the Tiva C DFU binary protocol is sent to the target device as a DFU\_DNLOAD request with an 8 byte payload. The first byte of the payload is a command identifier and the following bytes are command-specific. The Tiva device expects that any DFU\_DNLOAD request received while in state dfuIDLE will contain a command header. In other states, however, commands are not parsed, thus allowing a host application unaware of the command protocol to download a correctly formatted firmware image in multiple transfers without the need to inject commands into the download stream. In this case, “correctly formatted” means that the image has been wrapped with a DFU suffix and a command prefix structure containing the 8 byte command indicating that binary data is being sent. This wrapper can be added by using the “dfuwrap” command line application, which is included in TivaWare™ releases for USB-capable Tiva evaluation and development kits.

### 5.1 Tiva DFU Binary Protocol Query

Since the Tiva DFU binary protocol involves sending data via DFU\_DNLOAD requests, it is desirable to be able to determine whether or not a target device supports the protocol before attempting to use it. Sending such commands to a device that does not expect them could cause corruption of the device firmware so a special request is supported by the Tiva DFU boot loader allowing a client to determine whether the protocol is supported. A correct response to this request, rather than a stall, indicates that the protocol is supported.

The request is an IN request to the DFU interface on the control endpoint, endpoint 0 containing specific values for the bRequest (USBD\_DFU\_REQUEST\_TIVA, 0x42), wValue (REQUEST\_TIVA\_VALUE, 0x23) and wLength (sizeof(tDFUQueryTivaProtocol), 4) parameters. A device supporting the Tiva DFU binary protocol is expected to respond to a request containing these known values with a 4 byte structure (tDFUQueryTivaProtocol) containing two marker pattern bytes (DFU\_PROTOCOL\_TIVA\_MARKER) and a version number. Receipt of the marker bytes by the host indicates that the protocol is supported and the version number (currently DFU\_PROTOCOL\_TIVA\_VERSION\_1, 0x0001) can be used to determine the set of features supported.

The protocol support request is shown in [Table 4](#).

**Table 4. Protocol Support Request**

bmRequest	Type bRequest	wValue	wIndex	wLength	Data
10100001b	0x42	0x23	Interface	4	A structure containing a 2 byte marker and 2 byte version number is returned by the device

A device supporting the protocol must respond with the following packed structure:

```
typedef struct
{
    unsigned short usMarker; // Set to DFU_PROTOCOL_TIVA_MARKER
    unsigned short usVersion; // Set to DFU_PROTOCOL_TIVA_VERSION_1
}
tDFUQueryTivaProtocol;
```

### 5.2 Tiva DFU Binary Protocol Commands

The following commands can be sent to the USB boot loader as the first 8 bytes of the payload to a DFU\_DNLOAD request. The boot loader expects any DFU\_DNLOAD request received while in dfu\_IDLE state to contain a command header but will not look for commands unless the state is dfu\_IDLE. This allows an application that is unaware of the command header to download a DFUwrapped binary image using a standard sequence of multiple DFU\_DNLOAD and DFU\_GETSTATUS requests without the need to insert additional command headers during the download.

The commands defined here and their parameter block structures can be found in the `usb\lib\usbdfu.h` header file. In all cases where multi-byte numbers are specified, the numbers are stored in little-endian format with the least significant byte in the lowest addressed location. The following definitions specify the command byte ordering unambiguously, but care must be taken to ensure correct byte swapping if using the command structure types defined in `usbdfu.h` on big-endian systems.

### 5.2.1 DFU\_CMD\_PROG

This command is used to provide the USB boot loader with the address at which the next download should be written and the total length of the firmware image that is to follow. This structure forms the header that is written to the DFU-wrapped file generated by the `dfuwrap` tool.

The start address is provided in terms of 1024 byte Flash blocks. To convert a byte address to a block address, merely divide by 1024. The start address must always be on a 1024 byte boundary.

This command can be followed by up to 1016 bytes of firmware image data, this number being the maximum transfer size minus the 8 bytes of the command structure.

The format of the command is as follows:

```
uint8_t ui8Data [8];
ui8Data[0] = DFU_CMD_PROG (0x01)
ui8Data[1] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[2] = Start Block Number [7:0]
ui8Data[3] = Start Block Number [15:8]
ui8Data[4] = Image Size [7:0]
ui8Data[5] = Image Size [15:8]
ui8Data[6] = Image Size [23:16]
ui8Data[7] = Image Size [31:24]
```

### 5.2.2 DFU\_CMD\_READ

This command is used to set the address range whose content will be returned on subsequent `DFU_UPLOAD` requests from the host. The start address is provided in terms of 1024 byte Flash blocks. To convert a byte address to a block address, merely divide by 1024. The start address must always be on a 1024 byte boundary.

To read back the contents of a region of Flash, the host should send a `DFU_DNLOAD` request with command `DFU_CMD_READ`, start address set to the 1KB block start address and length set to the number of bytes to read. The host should then send one or more `DFU_UPLOAD` requests to receive the current Flash contents from the configured addresses. Data returned includes an 8 byte `DFU_CMD_PROG` prefix structure unless the prefix has been disabled by sending a `DFU_CMD_BIN` command with the `bBinary` parameter set to 1. The host should, therefore, be prepared to read 8 bytes more than the length specified in the `READ` command if the prefix is enabled.

By default, the 8 byte prefix is enabled for all upload operations. This is required by the DFU class specification, which states that uploaded images must be formatted to allow them to be directly downloaded back to the device at a later time.

The format of the command is as follows:

```
uint8_t ui8Data [8];
ui8Data[0] = DFU_CMD_READ (0x02)
ui8Data[1] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[2] = Start Block Number [7:0]
ui8Data[3] = Start Block Number [15:8]
ui8Data[4] = Image Size [7:0]
ui8Data[5] = Image Size [15:8]
ui8Data[6] = Image Size [23:16]
ui8Data[7] = Image Size [31:24]
```

### 5.2.3 DFU\_CMD\_CHECK

This command is used to check a region of Flash to ensure that it is completely erased.

The start address is provided in terms of 1024 byte Flash blocks. To convert a byte address to a block address, merely divide by 1024. The start address must always be on a 1024 byte boundary. The length must also be a multiple of 4.

To check that a region of Flash is erased, the DFU\_CMD\_CHECK command should be sent with the required start address and region length set, then the host should issue a DFU\_GETSTATUS request. If the erase check was successful, the returned bStatus value will be OK (0x00), otherwise it will be errCheckErased (0x05).

The format of the command is as follows:

```
uint8_t ui8Data [8];
ui8Data[0] = DFU_CMD_CHECK (0x03)
ui8Data[1] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[2] = Start Block Number [7:0]
ui8Data[3] = Start Block Number [15:8]
ui8Data[4] = Region Size [7:0]
ui8Data[5] = Region Size [15:8]
ui8Data[6] = Region Size [23:16]
ui8Data[7] = Region Size [31:24]
```

### 5.2.4 DFU\_CMD\_ERASE

This command is used to erase a region of Flash.

The start address is provided in terms of 1024 byte Flash blocks. To convert a byte address to a block address, merely divide by 1024. The start address must always be on a 1024 byte boundary. The length must also be a multiple of 4.

The size of the region to erase is expressed in terms of Flash blocks. The block size can be determined using the DFU\_CMD\_INFO command.

The format of the command is as follows:

```
uint8_t ui8Data [8]
ui8Data[0] = DFU_CMD_ERASE (0x04)
ui8Data[1] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[2] = Start Block Number [7:0]
ui8Data[3] = Start Block Number [15:8]
ui8Data[4] = Number of Blocks [7:0]
ui8Data[5] = Number of Blocks [15:8]
ui8Data[6] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[7] = Reserved - set to 0x00
```



### 5.2.5 DFU\_CMD\_INFO

This command is used to query information relating to the target device and programmable region of Flash. The device information structure, `tDFUDeviceInfo`, is returned on the next `DFU_UPLOAD` request following this command.

The format of the command is as follows:

```
uint8_t ui8Data [8]
ui8Data[0] = DFU_CMD_INFO (0x05)
ui8Data[1] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[2] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[3] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[4] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[5] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[6] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[7] = Reserved - set to 0x00

//*****
//
// Payload returned in response to the DFU_CMD_INFO command.
//
// This structure is returned in response to the first DFU_UPLOAD
// request following a DFU_CMD_INFO command. Note that byte ordering
// of multi-byte fields is little-endian.
//
//*****
typedef struct
{
    //
    // The size of a flash block in bytes.
    //
    uint16_t ui16FlashBlockSize;

    //
    // The number of blocks of flash in the device. Total
    // flash size is usNumFlashBlocks * usFlashBlockSize.
    //
    uint16_t ui16NumFlashBlocks;

    //
    // Information on the part number, family, version and
    // package as read from SYSTCTL register DID1.
    //
    uint32_t ui32PartInfo;

    //
    // Information on the part class and revision as read
    // from SYSTCTL DID0.
    //
    uint32_t ui32ClassInfo;

    //
    // Address 1 byte above the highest location the boot
    // loader can access.
    //
    uint32_t ui32FlashTop;

    //
    // Lowest address the boot loader can write or erase.
    //
    uint32_t ui32AppStartAddr;
}
PACKED tDFUDeviceInfo;
```

## 5.2.6 DFU\_CMD\_BIN

By default, data returned in response to a DFU\_UPLOAD request includes an 8 byte DFU\_CMD\_PROG prefix structure. This ensures that an uploaded image can be directly downloaded again without the need to further wrap it, as required by the DFU specification. This can, however, prove awkward when pure binary data is required, so the DFU\_CMD\_BIN command allows the upload prefix to be disabled or enabled under host control.

The format of the command is as follows:

```
uint8_t ui8Data [8]
ui8Data[0] = DFU_CMD_BIN (0x06)
ui8Data[1] = 0x01 to disable upload prefix, 0x00 to enable
ui8Data[2] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[3] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[4] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[5] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[6] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[7] = Reserved - set to 0x00
```

## 5.2.7 DFU\_CMD\_RESET

This command may be sent to the USB boot loader to cause it to perform a soft reset of the board. This reboots the target system and, assuming that the main application image is present, runs the main application. Note that a reboot also takes place if a firmware download operation completes and the host issues a USB reset to the DFU device.

The format of the command is as follows:

```
uint8_t ui8Data [8]
ui8Data[0] = DFU_CMD_RESET (0x07)
ui8Data[1] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[2] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[3] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[4] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[5] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[6] = Reserved - set to 0x00
ui8Data[7] = Reserved - set to 0x00
```

## 6 Deviations From the DFU Specification

The Tiva USB boot loader contains a couple of small deviations from the DFU specification. It is not expected that these differences will materially impact host software accessing the device without knowledge of the Tiva DFU binary protocol.

- State dfuDNBUSY is not supported.  
After each DFU\_DNLOAD request, the device transitions to dfuDNLOAD\_SYNC state and remains there until the previously downloaded data has been processed, at which point it transitions back to dfuDNLOAD\_IDLE state. This change was made to reduce the image size since it means that timers do not need to be supported. The specification suggests that dfuDNBUSY state basically results when the host sends DFU\_GETSTATUS too frequently while the device is programming a block of Flash yet the Tiva implementation is capable of responding to DFU\_GETSTATUS while programming is ongoing.
- The device will transition back to state dfuIDLE on completion of a DFU\_DNLOAD request, which contained a Tiva-specific command other than DFU\_CMD\_PROG rather than transitioning into dfuDNLOAD\_IDLE state.  
If the previous DFU\_DNLOAD request contained binary data to be written to Flash, the state transitions to dfuDNLOAD\_IDLE as required by the specification. By doing this, the device is ready to accept a new command once a previous command is complete, yet the expected state transitions are maintained while flashing an image to the microcontroller.
- The Tiva USB boot loader does not support run time states (appIDLE and appDETACH).  
If an application wishes to support both run time and DFU modes, it must include the software necessary to respond to at least the DFU\_DETACH request and transfer control to the boot loader.

## 7 DFU Library for Windows

The DFU Library for Windows is a DLL offering a high-level application interface allowing communication with attached USB-DFU equipped Tiva devices. Functions are provided to allow the host application to determine the number and type of DFU devices currently attached to the system, to query DFU-related parameters from those devices, to download new firmware images, to upload existing images and to erase sections of the DFU device Flash memory.

This DLL is included as part of the device driver, which is installed when the DFU device is first placed on the host's USB bus. The device driver can be found in the windows\_drivers directory of a TivaWare software installation. TivaWare can be downloaded from <http://www.ti.com/tool/sw-tm4c>.

The dfuprog example application, which is part of the SW-USB-win “Windows-side examples for USB kits” package, is also downloadable from <http://www.ti.com/tool/SW-TM4C-USB-WIN> and makes use of the LMUSB DLL interface as does the latest version of the LM Flash Programmer.

### 7.1 Window Messages

Various functions in the LMDFU library allow the caller to provide a window handle that receives periodic status messages during time-consuming operations. The library sends the messages shown in [Table 5](#).

**Table 5. Windows Messages**

Message	WPARAM	LPARAM	Description
WM_DFU_DOWNLOAD	Total transfer count at completion	tLMDFUHandle	A download operation has started
WM_DFU_UPLOAD	Total transfer count at completion	tLMDFUHandle	An upload operation has started
WM_DFU_VERIFY	Total transfer count at completion	tLMDFUHandle	A verify operation has started
WM_DFU_ERASE	Total transfer count at completion	tLMDFUHandle	An erase operation has started
WM_DFU_PROGRESS	Transfers completed	tLMDFUHandle	Provides progress information on the current operation. The completed transfer count will increment to the value provided in the download, upload, verify or erase message sent at the start of the operation.
WM_DFU_ERROR	0	tLMDFUHandle	An error was detected and the current operation has been aborted.
WM_DFU_COMPLETE	0	tLMDFUHandle	The previous operation has completed successfully.

## 7.2 Data Structures

### 7.2.1 tLMDFUDeviceInfo

This structure is returned from a call to LMDFUDeviceOpen and provides information about the opened device.

```
typedef struct
{
    unsigned short usVID;
    unsigned short usPID;
    unsigned short usDevice;
    unsigned short usDetachTimeOut;
    unsigned short usTransferSize;
    unsigned char ucDFUAttributes;
    unsigned char ucManufacturerString;
    unsigned char ucProductString;
    unsigned char ucSerialString;
    unsigned char ucDFUInterfaceString;
    bool bSupportsTivaExtensions;
    bool bDFUMode;
    unsigned long ulPartNumber;
    char cRevisionMajor;
    char cRevisionMinor;
    char pcPartNumber[10];
}
tLMDFUDeviceInfo;
```

usVID	Vendor ID published in the device descriptor.
usPID	Product ID published in the device descriptor.
usDevice	BCD device release number published in the device descriptor.
usDetachTimeOut	Device detach timeout published in the DFU functional descriptor.
usTransferSize	Maximum number of bytes that the device can accept per control-write transaction as published in the DFU functional descriptor.
ucDFUAttributes	Contains the device attributes from the DFU functional descriptor. Bits in this value indicate whether the device is capable of upload and/or download, and whether it is able to continue communication after completing a download (whether it is “manifestation tolerant”).
ucManufacturerString	Index of the manufacturer name string published in the device descriptor.
ucProductString	Index of the product name string published in the device descriptor.
ucSerialString	Index of the serial number string published in the device descriptor.
ucDFUInterfaceString	Index of the interface string published in the DFU interface descriptor.
bSupportsTiva Extensions	Set to true if the DFU device supports the Tiva DFU binary protocol or false otherwise.
bDFUMode	Set to true if the device is currently operating in DFU mode or false if operating in runtime mode.
ulPartNumber	Hexadecimal number indicating the Stellaris part number on the target device. This value is only valid if bSupportsStellarisExtensions is true. For example, if the device contains an lm3s3748 part, this field will be set to 0x3748.
cRevisionMajor	Hexadecimal number indicating the major revision of the Tiva part on the target device. Major revision ‘A’ is represented by 0x00, ‘B’ by 0x01 and so on. This value is only valid if bSupportsTivaExtensions is true.
cRevisionMinor	Hexadecimal number indicating the minor revision of the Tiva part on the target device. This value is only valid if bSupportsTivaExtensions is true.

**pcPartNumber** An ASCII string identifying the target part. The string will contain the portion of the part number following the "TM" prefix which is assumed to be present on all Tiva parts. If the target device is an Im3s Stellaris part, this string will contain the full part number including the common "Im3s" prefix.

### 7.2.2 tLMDFUParams

This structure is returned in response to a call to LMDFUParamsGet and provides information on the writable area of the Flash address space on the device.

```
typedef struct
{
    unsigned short usFlashBlockSize;
    unsigned short usNumFlashBlocks
    unsigned long ulFlashTop;
    unsigned long ulAppStartAddr;
}
tLMDFUParams;
```

**usFlashBlockSize** Size of an individual Flash block on the device.

**usNumFlashBlocks** Total number of blocks of Flash in the device. The total Flash size is (usNumFlashBlocks \* usFlashBlockSize).

**ulFlashTop** Address 1 byte above the highest location that the DFU boot loader can access. This will typically be at the very top of Flash but some implementations may reserve some space at the top of Flash for parameter storage in which case this will be reflected in ulFlashTop.

**ulAppStartAddr** Lowest address that the DFU boot loader can write or erase.

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**LMDFUInit**      *Initializes the DLL for use by the host application.*

**Prototype**      `tLMDFUErr  
LMDFUInit(void)`

**Parameters**      None.

**Description**      This function must be called by the host application before any other entry point in the library. It initializes the global data required to access DFU devices.

**Returns**      Returns `DFU_OK` on success.

**LMDFUDeviceOpen**      *Opens a DFU device and returns a handle to the caller.*

**Prototype**      `tLMDFUErr  
LMDFUDeviceOpen(int iDeviceIndex,  
                  tLMDFUDeviceInfo *psDevInfo,  
                  tLMDFUHandle *phHandle)`

**Parameters**

<code>iDeviceIndex</code>	Zero-based index indicating which DFU-capable device is to be opened.
<code>psDevInfo</code>	Structure that is filled in with information relating to the DFU device that has been opened.
<code>phHandle</code>	Points to storage that will be written with a valid DFU device handle on success.

**Description**      This function opens a DFU device and returns information on the device state and capabilities.

Note that this function will open DFU devices that are currently in runtime mode. The caller must ensure that a device is in DFU mode prior to making any further requests that are not supported in runtime mode. Currently, this DLL does not contain a function to cause a switch from runtime to DFU mode and it is assumed that DFU devices used with this DLL will have some means to allow you to start them in DFU mode. Depending on the configuration of the boot loader in use, the DFU mode may be entered by resetting the board with the select button pressed.

The returned `psDevInfo` structure contains a flag, `bDFUMode`, which is set to true if the device is operating in DFU mode or false if operating in runtime mode.

Handles allocated by this function must be closed using a matching call to `LMDFUDeviceClose()`.

`LMDFUDeviceOpen()` and `LMDFUDeviceClose()` may be used to enumerate DFU devices on the bus by opening devices in a loop, incrementing `iDeviceIndex` until `DFU_ERR_NOT_FOUND` is returned.

**Returns**      Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_ADDR` if `psDevInfo` or `phHandle` is NULL.
- `DFU_ERR_MEMORY` if it was not possible to allocate system memory to support the request.
- `DFU_ERR_NOT_FOUND` if a DFU device with index `iDeviceIndex` could not be found attached to the system.
- `DFU_ERR_UNKNOWN` if the device was found but an error was reported while trying to open it.

**LMDFUDeviceClose** *Closes a DFU device and, optionally, returns it to its runtime configuration.*

---

**Prototype**

```
tLMDFUErr  
LMDFUDeviceClose(tLMDFUHandle hHandle,  
                 bool bReset)
```

**Parameters**

hHandle	Handle of the DFU device that is to be closed. This handle was previously returned from a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
bReset	Indicates whether to leave the device in DFU mode (false) or reset it and return to runtime mode (true).

**Description**

This function closes a DFU device previously opened using a call to `LMDFUDeviceOpen()`. If the `bReset` parameter is true, the device is reset and returned to its run time mode of operation. If `bReset` is false, the device is left in DFU mode and can be reopened again without the need to perform a mode switch.

**Returns**

Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors.
- `DFU_ERR_HANDLE` if `hHandle` is `NULL`.

---

**LMDFUDeviceStringGet** *Retrieves a Unicode string descriptor from a DFU device.*


---

**Prototype**

```
tLMDFUErr
LMDFUDeviceStringGet(tLMDFUHandle hHandle,
                    unsigned char ucStringIndex,
                    unsigned short usLanguageID,
                    char *pcString,
                    unsigned short *pusStringLen)
```

**Parameters**

hHandle	Handle of the DFU device from which the string is to be queried. This handle was previously returned from a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
ucStringIndex	Index of the string that is to be queried and found in either a USB device descriptor or the <code>tLMDFUDeviceInfo</code> structure returned following a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
usLanguageID	ID of the language for the returned string. This ID must exist in the device's string table.
pcString	Points to a buffer into which the returned Unicode string will be written.
pusStringLen	Points to a variable that contains the size of the <code>pcString</code> buffer (in bytes) on entry. If the string is read, this variable is updated to show the number of bytes written into the <code>pcString</code> buffer.

**Description**

This function retrieves Unicode (UTF16) strings from the DFU device. If the requested string is available in the chosen language, `DFU_OK` is returned and the string is written into the supplied `pcString` buffer and `*pusStringLen` updated to provide the length of the returned string in bytes.

**Returns**

Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors.
- `DFU_ERR_HANDLE` if `hHandle` is `NULL`.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_ADDR` if `pcString` or `pusStringLen` is `NULL`.
- `DFU_ERR_NOT_FOUND` if the string requested cannot be found.



**LMDFUDeviceASCIIStringGet** *Retrieves an ASCII string descriptor from a DFU device.*


---

**Prototype**

```
tLMDFUErr
LMDFUDeviceASCIIStringGet(tLMDFUHandle hHandle,
                          unsigned char ucStringIndex,
                          char *pcString,
                          unsigned short *pusStringLen)
```

**Parameters**

hHandle	Handle of the DFU device from which the string is to be queried. This handle was previously returned from a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
ucStringIndex	Index of the string that is to be queried and found in either a USB device descriptor or the <code>tLMDFUDeviceInfo</code> structure returned following a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
pcString	Points to a buffer into which the returned ASCII string will be written.
pusStringLen	Points to a variable that contains the size of the <code>pcString</code> buffer (in bytes) on entry. If the string is read, this variable is updated to show the number of characters written into the <code>pcString</code> buffer.

**Description**

This function retrieves a string descriptor from the DFU device using the first language supported by the device. If the requested string is available, the Unicode string descriptor is converted to 8-bit ASCII and written into the buffer pointed to by `pcString` and `*pusStringLen` is updated to provide the length of the returned string.

**Returns**

Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors.
- `DFU_ERR_HANDLE` if `hHandle` is `NULL`.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_ADDR` if `pcString` or `pusStringLen` is `NULL`.
- `DFU_ERR_NOT_FOUND` if the string requested cannot be found.

---

**LMDFUParamsGet** *Query DFU download-related parameters from a Tiva device.*


---

**Prototype**

```

tLMDFUErr
LMDFUParamsGet(tLMDFUHandle hHandle,
               tLMDFUParams *psParams)

```

**Parameters**

hHandle	Handle of the DFU device whose parameters are being queried. This handle was previously returned from a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
psParams	Points to a structure which will be written with the device's DFU parameters.

**Description**

This function allows an application to query various parameters related to the Tiva DFU device that it has opened. These parameters are the size of a Flash block, the number of blocks the device supports and the address region that is writeable.

The bottom of the Flash address range is always considered read-only since this contains the DFU boot loader code itself. Depending on the application, a section of Flash at the top of the range may also be reserved for persistent application parameter storage and marked read-only to the DFU host.

**Returns**

Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors.
- `DFU_ERR_HANDLE` if hHandle is NULL.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_ADDR` if pcString is NULL.
- `DFU_ERR_UNSUPPORTED` if the target DFU device does not support Tiva C DFU binary protocol extensions.
- `DFU_ERR_TIMEOUT` if the control transaction times out.
- `DFU_ERR_STALL` if the device stalls the request indicating an error.
- `DFU_ERR_DISCONNECTED` if the device has been disconnected.
- `DFU_ERR_UNKNOWN` if an unexpected error is reported by the device.

**LMDFUIsValidImage** *Determines whether the supplied firmware image is a correctly formatted DFU image.*

---

**Prototype**

```
tLMDFUErr
LMDFUIsValidImage(tLMDFUHandle hHandle,
                  unsigned char *pcDFUImage,
                  unsigned long ulImageLen,
                  bool *pbTivaFormat)
```

**Parameters**

hHandle	Handle of the DFU device that the firmware image is destined to be used with. This handle was previously returned from a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
pcDFUImage	Points to the first byte of the firmware image to check.
ullImageLen	Number of bytes in the image data pointed to by <code>pcDFUImage</code> .
pbTivaFormat	Pointer that is written to true if the supplied data appears to start with a valid Tiva DFU prefix structure. If the data ends in a valid DFU suffix structure but does not contain the Tiva prefix, this value will be written to false.

**Description**

This function checks a provided binary to determine whether it is a correctly formatted DFU image or not. A valid image contains a 16 byte suffix with a checksum and the IDs of the intended target device. An image is considered to be valid if the following criteria are met:

- The CRC of the whole block calculates to 0 (that is, the CRC of all but the last 4 bytes equals the CRC stored in the last 4 bytes).
- The "DFU" suffix marker exists at the correct place at the end of the data block.
- The vendor and products IDs read from the expected positions in the DFU suffix match the VID and PID of the device whose handle is passed.

Additionally, if these conditions are met, the data is examined for the presence of a Tiva DFU prefix. This structure contains the address at which to Flash the image and also the length of the payload.

The `pbTivaFormat` pointer is written to true if the following additional criteria are met:

- The first byte of the data block is 0x01.
- The unsigned long in bytes 4 through 7 of the image matches the value of the length of the block minus the DFU suffix (length read from the suffix itself) and Tiva prefix (8 bytes).
- The unsigned short in bytes 2 and 3 of the image forms a sensible Flash block number (`address/1024`) for a Tiva device.

**Returns**

Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors and the passed image contains a valid DFU suffix structure.
- `DFU_ERR_HANDLE` if `hHandle` is NULL.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_ADDR` if `pcDFUImage` or `pbTivaFormat` is NULL.
- `DFU_ERR_UNSUPPORTED` if the device VID and PID do not match those in the DFU image suffix structure.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_FORMAT` if the firmware image provided does not appear to contain a valid DFU suffix structure.

---

**LMDFUDownload**     *Downloads a DFU-formatted firmware image to a target device.*


---

**Prototype**

```

tLMDFUErr
LMDFUDownload(tLMDFUHandle hHandle,
              unsigned char *pcDFUImage,
              unsigned long ulImageLen,
              bool bVerify,
              bool bIgnoreIDs,
              HWND hwndNotify)

```

**Parameters**

hHandle	Handle of the DFU device to which a new firmware image is to be downloaded. This handle was previously returned from a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
pcDFUImage ulImageLen	Pointer to the first byte of the DFU-formatted firmware image to download. Length of the firmware image pointed to by <code>pcDFUImage</code> . This is the length of the whole image including the Tiva prefix and DFU suffix structures.
bVerify	Should be set to true if the download is to be verified (by reading back the image and checking it against the original data) or false if verification is not necessary.
bIgnoreIDs	Should be set to true if the DFU image is to be downloaded regardless of the fact that the DFU suffix contains a VID or PID that differs from the target device. If set to false, the call will fail with <code>DFU_ERR_UNSUPPORTED</code> if the device VID and PID do not match the values in the DFU suffix.
hwndNotify	Handle of a window to which periodic notifications will be sent indicating the progress of the operation. If NULL, no status notifications will be sent.

**Description**

This function downloads a DFU-formatted binary to the device. A valid binary contains both the standard DFU footer suffix structure and also a Tiva prefix informing the device of the address to which the image is to be written. If the data passed does not appear to contain this information, `DFU_ERR_INVALID_FORMAT` will be returned and the image will not be written to the device Flash. The `dfuwrap` tool provided in TivaWare software releases can be used to produce a firmware file containing the required prefix and suffix.

This function is synchronous and will not return until the operation is complete. To receive periodic status updates during the operation, a window handle may be provided. This window will receive `WM_DFU_PROGRESS` messages during the download operation allowing an application to update its user interface accordingly.

To Flash a pure binary image without the DFU suffix or Tiva prefix, use `LMDFUDownloadBin()` instead of this function.

Note that the Tiva prefix structure contains the address at which the image is to be flashed so no parameter exists here to provide this information.

**Returns**

Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors.
- `DFU_ERR_DNLOAD_FAIL` if the device reported an error during image download.
- `DFU_ERR_VERIFY_FAIL` if `bVerify` is true and the image read back after download does not match the image originally sent.
- `DFU_ERR_CANT_VERIFY` if the device is not manifestation tolerant and does not return to idle state after the download completes.
- `DFU_ERR_HANDLE` if `hHandle` is NULL.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_ADDR` if `pcDFUImage` is NULL.

- `DFU_ERR_UNSUPPORTED` if the target DFU device does not support download operations or, if `blgnoreIDs` is false and the device VID and PID do not match those in the DFU image suffix structure.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_FORMAT` if the firmware image provided does not appear to contain a valid DFU suffix structure.
- `DFU_ERR_TIMEOUT` if the control transaction times out.
- `DFU_ERR_STALL` if the device stalls the request indicating an error.
- `DFU_ERR_DISCONNECTED` if the device has been disconnected.
- `DFU_ERR_UNKNOWN` if an unexpected error is reported by the device.

---

**LMDFUDownloadBin** Downloads a binary firmware image to a target device.

**Prototype**

```
tLMDFUErr
LMDFUDownloadBin(tLMDFUHandle hHandle,
                 unsigned char *pcBinaryImage,
                 unsigned long ulImageLen,
                 unsigned long ulStartAddr,
                 bool bVerify,
                 HWND hwndNotify)
```

**Parameters**

hHandle	Handle of the DFU device to which a new firmware image is to be downloaded. This handle was previously returned from a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
pcBinaryImage	Pointer to the first byte of the binary firmware image to download. This image must not contain a Tiva DFU prefix structure.
ulImageLen	Length of the firmware image pointed to by <code>pcDFUImage</code> .
ulStartAddr	Flash address at which the image is to be written. If this parameter is set to 0 and the target device supports Tiva DFU binary extensions, the binary image will be downloaded to the currently-configured application start address.
bVerify	Should be set to true if the download is to be verified (by reading back the image and checking it against the original data) or false if verification is not necessary.
blgnoreIDs	Should be set to true if the download is to be verified (by reading back the image and checking it against the original data) or false if verification is not necessary.
hwndNotify	Handle of a window to which periodic notifications will be sent indicating the progress of the operation. If NULL, no status notifications will be sent.

**Description**

This function downloads a pure binary image containing no DFU suffix or Tiva header to the device at an address supplied by the caller.

This function is synchronous and will not return until the operation is complete. To receive periodic status updates during the operation, a window handle may be provided. This window will receive `WM_DFU_PROGRESS` messages during the download operation allowing an application to update its user interface accordingly.

To Flash a DFU-formatted image, use `LMDFUDownload()` instead of this function.

**Returns**

Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors.
- `DFU_ERR_DNLOAD_FAIL` if the device reported an error during image download.
- `DFU_ERR_VERIFY_FAIL` if `bVerify` is true and the image read back after download does not match the image originally sent.
- `DFU_ERR_CANT_VERIFY` if the device is not return to idle state after the download completes.
- `DFU_ERR_HANDLE` if `hHandle` is NULL.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_ADDR` if `pcBinaryImage` is NULL or `ulStartAddr` does not coincide with the start of a Flash block or any part of the image would fall outside the range of Flash addresses that are writeable.
- `DFU_ERR_UNSUPPORTED` if the target DFU device does not support Tiva DFU binary protocol extensions.
- `DFU_ERR_TIMEOUT` if the control transaction times out.
- `DFU_ERR_STALL` if the device stalls the request indicating an error.

- DFU\_ERR\_DISCONNECTED if the device has been disconnected.
- DFU\_ERR\_UNKNOWN if an unexpected error is reported by the device.

---

**LMDFUErase**      ***Erases a section of the device Flash.***


---

**Prototype**

```

tLMDFUErr
LMDFUErase(tLMDFUHandle hHandle,
            unsigned long ulStartAddr,
            unsigned long ulEraseLen,
            bool bVerify,
            HWND hwndNotify)

```

**Parameters**

hHandle	Handle of the DFU device whose Flash is to be erased. This handle was previously returned from a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
ulStartAddr	Address of the first byte of Flash to be erased. This must correspond to a Flash block boundary, typically multiples of 1024 bytes. If this parameter is set to 0 the entire writeable Flash region will be erased.
ulEraseLen	Number of bytes of Flash to erase. This must be a multiple of the Flash block size, typically 1024 bytes.
bVerify	Should be set to true if the erase is to be verified (by reading back the Flash blocks and ensuring that all bytes contain 0xFF) or false if verification is not necessary.
hwndNotify	Handle of a window to which periodic notifications will be sent indicating the progress of the operation. If NULL, no status notifications will be sent.

**Description**

This function erases a section of the device Flash and, optionally, checks that the resulting area has been correctly erased before returning.

The function is synchronous and will not return until the operation is complete. To receive periodic status updates during the operation, a window handle may be provided. This window will receive `WM_DFU_PROGRESS` messages during the erase operation allowing an application to update its user interface accordingly.

The start address provided must correspond to the start of a Flash block within the writeable address region and the length must indicate an integral number of blocks. The block size, number of blocks and writeable region addresses can be determined by calling `LMDFUParamsGet()`.

**Returns**

Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors.
- `DFU_ERR_DNLOAD_FAIL` if `bVerify` is true and the blank check following erase failed.
- `DFU_ERR_HANDLE` if `hHandle` is NULL.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_ADDR` if `ulStartAddr` does not coincide with the start of a Flash block.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_SIZE` if `ulEraseLen` is not a multiple of the Flash block size.
- `DFU_ERR_UNSUPPORTED` if the target DFU device does not support Tiva DFU binary protocol extensions.
- `DFU_ERR_TIMEOUT` if the control transaction times out.
- `DFU_ERR_STALL` if the device stalls the request indicating an error.
- `DFU_ERR_DISCONNECTED` if the device has been disconnected.
- `DFU_ERR_UNKNOWN` if an unexpected error is reported by the device.



**LMDFUBlankCheck** Checks a section of the device Flash to ensure that it has been erased.

**Prototype**

```
tLMDFUErr
LMDFUBlankCheck(tLMDFUHandle hHandle,
                unsigned long ulStartAddr,
                unsigned long ulLen)
```

**Parameters**

hHandle	Handle of the DFU device whose Flash is to be checked. This handle was previously returned from a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
ulStartAddr	Address of the first byte of Flash to check. This must correspond to a Flash block boundary, typically multiples of 1024 bytes. If this parameter is set to 0 the entire writable Flash region will be checked
ulLen	Number of bytes of Flash to check. This must be a multiple of 4.

**Description**

This function checks a region of the device Flash and reports whether or not it is blank (with all bytes containing value 0xFF).

The function is synchronous and will not return until the operation is complete.

The start address provided must correspond to the start of a Flash block within the writable address region. Writable region addresses and block size can be determined by calling `LMDFUParamsGet()`.

**Returns**

Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors.
- `DFU_ERR_DNLOAD_FAIL` if the region described by `ulStartAddr` and `ulLen` is not completely blank.
- `DFU_ERR_HANDLE` if `hHandle` is `NULL`.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_ADDR` if `ulStartAddr` is not a multiple of 1024.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_SIZE` if `ulLen` is not a multiple of 4.
- `DFU_ERR_UNSUPPORTED` if the target DFU device does not support Tiva DFU binary protocol extensions.
- `DFU_ERR_TIMEOUT` if the control transaction times out.
- `DFU_ERR_STALL` if the device stalls the request indicating an error.
- `DFU_ERR_DISCONNECTED` if the device has been disconnected.
- `DFU_ERR_UNKNOWN` if an unexpected error is reported by the device.

---

**LMDFUUpload**      *Reads back a section of the device Flash.*


---

**Prototype**

```

tLMDFUErr
LMDFUUpload(tLMDFUHandle hHandle,
            unsigned char *pcBuffer,
            unsigned long ulStartAddr,
            unsigned long ulImageLen,
            bool bRaw,
            HWND hwndNotify)

```

**Parameters**

hHandle	Handle of the DFU device whose Flash is to be read. This handle was previously returned from a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
pcBuffer	Points to a buffer of at least <code>ullImageLen</code> bytes into which the returned data will be written. If <code>bRaw</code> is set to false, the buffer must be 24 bytes longer than the actual data requested to accommodate the DFU prefix and suffix which are added during the upload process.
ulStartAddr	Address of the first byte of Flash to be read.
ullImageLen	Number of bytes of Flash to read. If <code>bRaw</code> is set to false, this length must be increased by 24 bytes to accommodate the DFU prefix and suffix added during the upload process.
bRaw	Indicates whether the returned image will be wrapped in a Tiva prefix and DFU standard suffix. If false, the wrappers will be omitted and the raw data returned. If true, the wrappers will be included allowing the returned image to be written to a device later by calling <code>LMDFUDownload()</code> .
hwndNotify	Handle of a window to which periodic notifications will be sent indicating the progress of the operation. If NULL, no status notifications will be sent.

**Description**

This function reads back a section of the device Flash into a buffer supplied by the caller. The data returned may be either raw data containing no DFU control prefix and suffix or a DFU-wrapped image suitable for later download via a call to `LMDFUDownload()`. If a DFU-wrapped image is requested, the buffer pointed to by `pcBuffer` must be 24 bytes larger than the number of bytes of device Flash which is to be read. For example, to read 1024 bytes of Flash wrapped as a DFU image, `ullImageLen` must be set to  $(1024 + 24)$  and `pcBuffer` allocated accordingly.

The function is synchronous and will not return until the operation is complete. To receive periodic status updates during the operation, a window handle may be provided. This window will receive `WM_DFU_PROGRESS` messages during the erase operation allowing an application to update its user interface accordingly.

**Returns**

Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors.
- `DFU_ERR_HANDLE` if `hHandle` is NULL.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_ADDR` if `ulStartAddr` is not a multiple of 1024.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_SIZE` if the buffer provided is too small to hold the image prefix and suffix (when `bRaw` is false).
- `DFU_ERR_UNSUPPORTED` if the target DFU device does not support Tiva DFU binary protocol extensions.
- `DFU_ERR_TIMEOUT` if the control transaction times out.
- `DFU_ERR_STALL` if the device stalls the request indicating an error.
- `DFU_ERR_DISCONNECTED` if the device has been disconnected.
- `DFU_ERR_UNKNOWN` if an unexpected error is reported by the device.

**LMDFUStatusGet**     *Queries the current status of the DFU device.*


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**Prototype**

```
tLMDFUErr
LMDFUStatusGet(tLMDFUHandle hHandle,
               tDFUStatus *pStatus )
```

**Parameters**

hHandle	Handle of the DFU device whose Flash is to be requested. This handle was previously returned from a call to <code>LMDFUDeviceOpen()</code> .
pStatus	Points to storage which will be written with the DFU status returned by the device.

**Description**

This call may be made to receive detailed error status from the connected DFU device. The status value returned is an error code as defined in the *DFU\_UPLOAD Request* section of the *USB Device Firmware Upgrade Specification* located at [http://www.usb.org/developers/devclass\\_docs/DFU\\_1.1.pdf](http://www.usb.org/developers/devclass_docs/DFU_1.1.pdf).

**Returns**

Returns one of the following error codes:

- `DFU_OK` if the operation completed without errors.
- `DFU_ERR_HANDLE` if hHandle is NULL.
- `DFU_ERR_INVALID_ADDR` if pStatus is NULL.
- `DFU_ERR_TIMEOUT` if the control transaction times out.
- `DFU_ERR_STALL` if the device stalls the request indicating an error.
- `DFU_ERR_DISCONNECTED` if the device has been disconnected.
- `DFU_ERR_UNKNOWN` if an unexpected error is reported by the device.

**LMDFUErrorStringGet** — Returns an ASCII string describing the passed error code.

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**LMDFUErrorStringGet** Returns an ASCII string describing the passed error code.

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**Prototype**

```
char *  
LMDFUErrorStringGet( tLMDFUErr eError )
```

**Parameters**

eError is the error code whose description is being queried.

**Description** This function is provided for debug and diagnostic purposes. It maps the return code from an LMDFU function into a human readable string suitable for, for example, debug trace output.

**Returns** Returns a pointer to an ASCII string describing the return code.

## 8 Conclusion

USB device firmware upgrade allows the high speed of the USB interface to be used to quickly and easily update application binary images on a target device. Making use of the Tiva DFU DLL on Windows, DFU functionality can very easily be added to new or existing host applications supporting those target devices.

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