

# Building companion apps in Flutter





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# What are companion apps?



what are mobile companion apps?

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Mobile companion apps are designed to complement and enhance the functionality of another primary device or service. They often provide additional features, convenience, or remote control capabilities, allowing users to interact with the main device or service from their mobile devices.

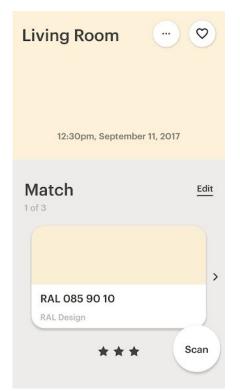
#### Key characteristics of mobile companion apps:

- Complementary functionality: They extend the capabilities of the primary device or service.
- **Remote control:** They allow users to control or manage the primary device or service from a distance.
- Convenience: They offer a more convenient way to access and interact with features and services.
- Additional features: They may provide unique features or functionalities not available on the primary device or service.

### Companion Apps:

## Provide an alternative or even primary UI for a specific hardware device

#### Example: Palette Colour Cube







#### Example: Nura Headphones

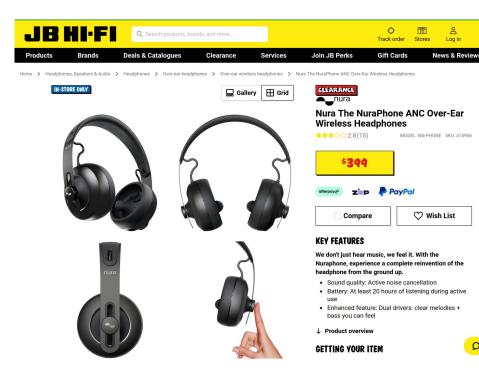


#### Getting a good fit

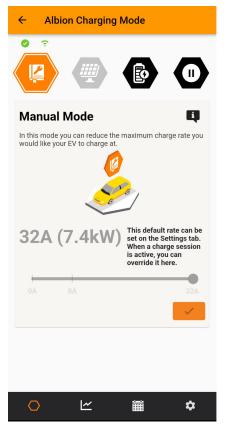
Adjust your NURAPHONE by moving the ear cups until both ticks appear and remain constant.

When the ticks remain constant, move your hands away and wait.





#### Example: Jet Charge EV Charger





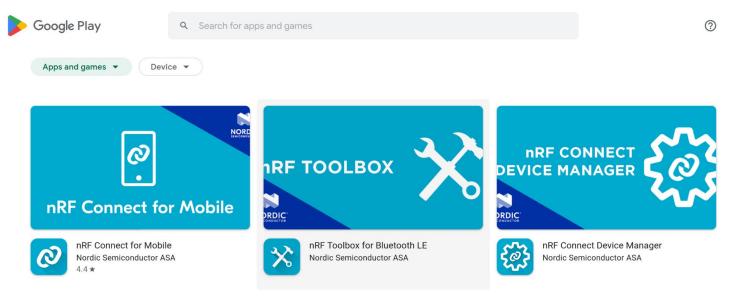


## Connectivity

# WIFI BLE **USB**

#### BLE (Bluetooth Low Energy)

- By far most widely used
- Simple protocol to understand
- Android apps from Nordic:





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Flutter plugin for connecting and communicationg with Bluetooth Low Energy devices, on Android, iOS, and MacOS.

Repository (GitHub)

#### Not so classic...

Bluetooth Classic is not supported

i.e. Arduino HC-05 & HC-06, speakers, headphones, mice, keyboards, gamepads, and more are not supported. These all use Bluetooth Classic.

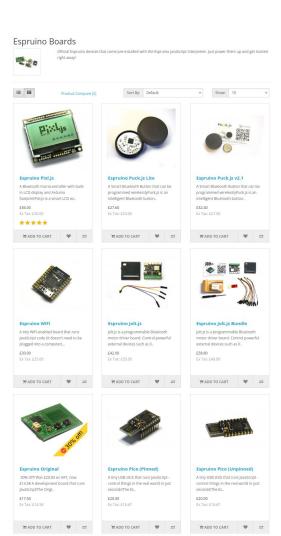
Also, iBeacons are not supported on iOS. Apple requires you to use CoreLocation.

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**Dark** Hardware Side

#### Espruino

- JS running on embedded devices
- Focuses on STM32 & Nordic nRF52832
- Easy, inc: "Blocks" programming option
- Wonderfully productive web-based REPL
- nRF52832 based devices make for great experimenting with BLE



#### Espruino on DS-D6

#### Espruino on \$9.99 fitness tracker

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Hi,

this is not strictly raspberry pi related (even if I did all the stuff on my Pi 3 and Pi3 or Zero W can easily connect to it) I just think people here might be interested in it. In past half year I've been searching for cheap hackable fitness tracker/smart watch and my drawer is full of \$6-\$11 bluetooth fitness trackers with various chinese chipsets with no datasheets or SDKs available but I finally found one that is cheap, still easy to buy and perfectly hackable with good open source support for the hardware.

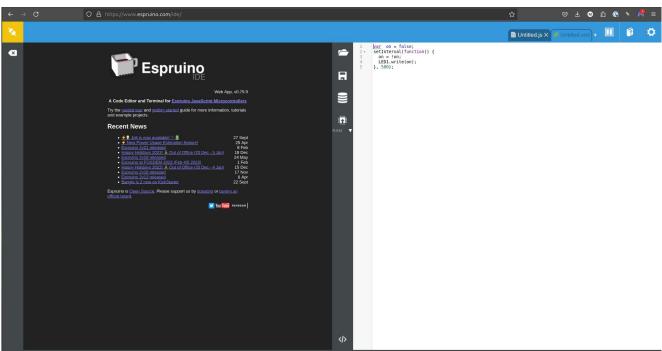
It is the DS-D6 fitness tracker/watch - device based on Nordic nRF52832 chipset (Cortex M4, 64KB RAM, 512KB flash) with Bluetooth LE, 128x32 OLED, and two reconfigurable GPIOs on USB charging connector by default used as serial console. It is relatively easy to open and seal back without visible damage if you really need to.

I have managed to reverse engineer the hardware and the update procedure and build currrent Espruino for it. It is now possible to update the watch over serial port with custom firmware without opening it and possibly also restore original fitness app back.

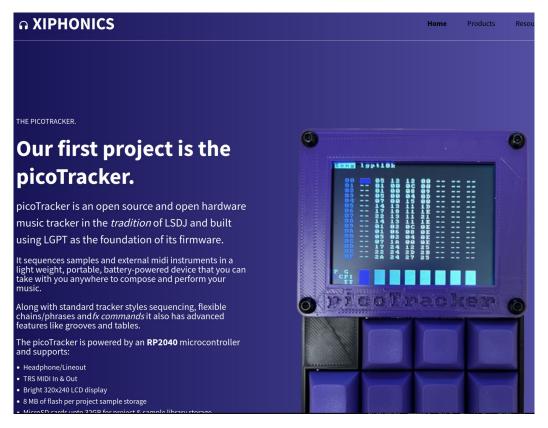
#### Espruino on DS-D6

https://forums.raspberrypi.com/viewtopic.php?t=231468

https://github.com/fanoush/ds-d6



#### picoTracker



#### picoTracker

- USB UART Connectivity
- Remote UI
- Great for devs: testing & debugging
- Great for <u>end users</u> too! (hello **YouTube!**

## DEMO TIME!





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