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| Abstract | Provides the step-by-step guidance to set up NXP-based wireless modules with i.MX RT products, build the firmware image and run Wi-Fi and Bluetooth demo applications. |



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1 About this document

This document details the integration of modules based on NXP Wi-Fi and Bluetooth solutions with i.MX RT crossover MCUs. It describes the hardware setup to connect NXP-based wireless modules with i.MX RT EVK boards, the software download, and how to run Wi-Fi and Bluetooth demo applications.

The i.MX RT crossover MCUs are powered by FreeRTOS and the FreeRTOS-based Wi-Fi drivers are used for NXP-based wireless modules.

1.1 Considerations

This document does not include the detailed description of i.MX RT evaluation kits (EVKs) nor MCUXpresso SDK implementation and configuration as these are covered in i.MX documentation (see <u>ref.[11]</u> and <u>ref.[15]</u>).

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2 i.MX RT products

i.MX RT crossover MCUs feature NXP's advanced implementation of the ARM Cortex-M core and support the FreeRTOS available within the MCUXpresso SDK to help users reduce the overall time-to-market for their product. This section provides a brief description of i.MX RT EVK along with the jumpers or switch settings. For more details on i.MX RT Crossover MCUs, see ref.[16].

The following i.MX RT products support NXP-based wireless modules:

- i.MX RT1020
- i.MX RT1040
- i.MX RT1050
- i.MX RT1060
- i.MX RT1060B
- i.MX RT1060C
- i.MX RT1064
- i.MX RT1160
- i.MX RT1170
- i.MX RT1170B
- i.MX RT500
- i.MX RT600
- i.MX RT595
- i.MX RT685
- i.MX RT685Si.MX RT1180A
- i.MX RT700

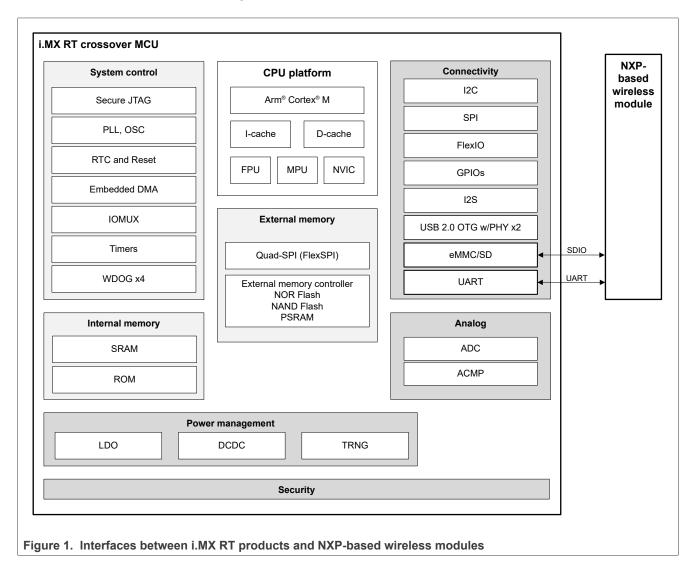
2.1 i.MX RT processor family

The i.MX RT processor family offers high-performance processing optimized for the lowest power consumption and best real-time response. The i.MX RT products provide various memory interfaces and types including SDRAM, Raw NAND FLASH, NOR FLASH, SD/eMMC, and Quad SPI (FlexSPI). The i.MX RT crossover MCUs also feature a wide range of other interfaces for peripherals, such as SDIO, UART, displays, camera sensors, and GPS. i.MX RT series supports rich audio and video features, including LCD display, 2D graphics, camera interface, SPDIF and I2S audio interface.

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2.2 i.MX RT products and NXP-based wireless modules

<u>Figure 1</u> shows the interfaces between i.MX RT products and NXP-based wireless modules. The SDIO interface is used for Wi-Fi communication and UART interface is used for Bluetooth communication.



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Table 1 shows the combinations of i.MX RT products and wireless modules.

Table 1. Combinations of i.MX RT products and wireless modules

| i.MX RT product | Wireless product | NXP-based wireless module [1] |
|---|------------------|--|
| SDIO interface for Wi- | Fi | |
| i.MX RT1060 EVK | IW416 | AW-AM457-uSD AW-AM510-uSD 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 EVK-MAYA-W1 |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358-uSD 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 EVK-JODY-W2 |
| i.MX RT1050 EVKB i.MX RT1064 EVK i.MX RT600 EVK | IW416 | AW-AM457-uSD AW-AM510-uSD 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358-uSD 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| i.MX RT595 EVK | IW416 | AW-AM457 M.2 AW-AM510 M.2 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358MA M.2 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| i.MX RT685 EVK | IW416 | AW-AM510-uSD 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358-uSD 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| i.MXRT685-AUD-EVK | IW416 | AW-AM510 M.2 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358MA M.2 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| i.MX RT1160 EVK | IW416 | AW- AM510MA M.2 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358MA M.2 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| i.MX RT1170 EVK | IW416 | AW- AM510MA M.2 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358MA M.2 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| i.MX RT1060 EVKB | IW416 | AW-AM457-uSD AW- AM510MA M.2 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358-uSD 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |

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| i.MX RT product | Wireless product | NXP-based wireless module [1] |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| i.MX RT1060 EVKC | IW416 | 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| | IW612 | 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) + LBEE0ZZ2WE-uSD-M2 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) |
| | IW610 | 2LL M2 Module (EAR00500/EAR00501) |
| i.MX RT1040 EVK | IW416 | AW-AM457MA M.2 AW-AM510 M.2 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358MA M.2 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| | IW612 | 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) |
| i.MX RT1170 EVKB | IW416 | AW- AM510MA M.2 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358MA M.2 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| | IW612 | 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) + LBEE0ZZ2WE-uSD-M2 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) |
| i.MX RT1180 EVKA | AW611 | u-blox Jody W5 |
| i.MX RT700 | IW416 | 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| | IW612 | 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) |
| UART interface for BI | uetooth/Bluetooth LE | |
| i.MX RT1060 EVK | IW416 | AW-AM457-uSD AW-AM510-uSD 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358-uSD 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| i.MX RT1040 EVK | IW416 | 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| i.MX RT1050 EVKB | IW416 | AW-AM510-uSD 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358-uSD 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| i.MX RT1060 EVKB | IW416 | AW-AM457-uSD AW-AM510-uSD 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358-uSD 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |

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| i.MX RT product | Wireless product | NXP-based wireless module [1] |
|--------------------|------------------|---|
| i.MX RT1160 EVK | IW416 | AW-AM510 M.2 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358MA M.2 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| i.MX RT1060 EVKC | IW416 | 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| | IW612 | 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) + LBEE0ZZ2WE-uSD-M2 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) |
| | IW610 | 2LL M2 Module (EAR00500/EAR00501) |
| i.MX RT1170 EVK | IW416 | AW-AM510 M.2 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358MA M.2 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| i.MX RT1170 EVKB | IW416 | AW-AM510 M.2 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358MA M.2 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| | IW612 | 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) + LBEE0ZZ2WE-uSD-M2 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409 |
| i.MX RT1180 EVKA | AW611 | u-blox Jody W5 |
| i.MX RT595 EVK | IW416 | AW-AM510 M.2 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358MA M.2 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| i.MX RT685 EVK | IW416 | AW-AM457-uSD AW-AM510-uSD 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| | 88W8987 | AW-CM358-uSD 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| i.MX RT685-AUD-EVK | IW416 | 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| i.MX RT700 | IW416 | 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| | 88W8987 | 1ZM M.2 Module (EAR00364) |
| | 00000907 | 12 W W.2 Wodule (LAROUSO4) |

^[1] uSD refers to microSD interface, and M2 refers to M.2 interface.

Information about the board settings of M.2 interface is available in the readme_modules.md file in <PATH_TO_SDK_Wi-Fi_Example> directory.

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Table 2 shows NXP-based wireless modules which are configured by default for a list of i.MX RT products.

Table 2. Wireless modules configured by default on i.MX RT products

| i.MX RT product | NXP-based wireless module |
|--|--|
| i.MX RT1060 EVK i.MX RT1050 EVKB i.MX RT1064 EVK i.MX RT685 EVK | 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| i.MX RT1060 EVKB | 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) + LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 |
| i.MX RT1040 EVK | 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| i.MX RT1160 EVK i.MX RT1170 EVK i.MX RT1170 EVKB i.MX RT595 EVK i.MX RT685-AUD-EVK | 1XK M.2 Module (EAR00385) |
| i.MX RT 1170 EVKB i.MX RT 1060 EVKC | 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) + LBEE0ZZ2WE-uSD-M2 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) |
| i.MX RT 1080 EVKA | u-blox Jody W5 |
| i.MX RT700 EVK | 2EL M.2 Module (EAR00409) |

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2.3 i.MX RT EVK boards

The i.MX RT EVK boards are USB powered printed circuit boards (PCB). At their heart lies the i.MX RT crossover MCU, featuring NXP's advanced implementation of the Arm Cortex-M core. This core operates at sufficient speed to provide high CPU performance and excellent real-time response.

For more details on i.MX RT EVK, visit i.MX RT Products page, click the link to the product of interest, and look for the section under **Development Boards and Designs**.

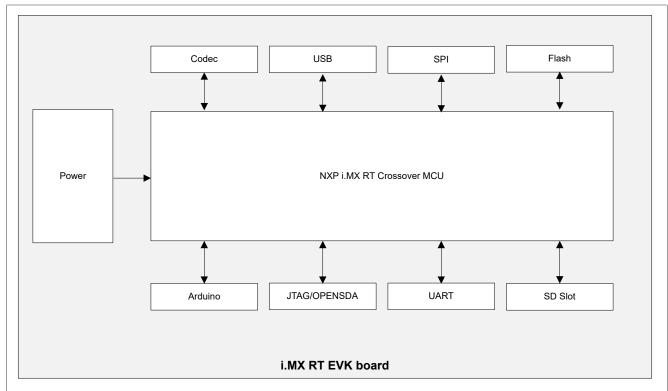


Figure 2. i.MX RT evaluation board diagram

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The i.MX RT EVK boards support different boot modes. Specific switch and/or jumper settings are used to configure the boot modes. Select the i.MX RT product of interest on i.MX RT Products web page and look for the EVK User Manual and EVK Hardware User Guide on the documentation tab of the product web page. The documents include the details on the jumpers, boot mode, and switch settings.

Table 3 shows the switch settings for the i.MX RT EVK boards that support NXP-based wireless modules.

Table 3. Boot mode selection

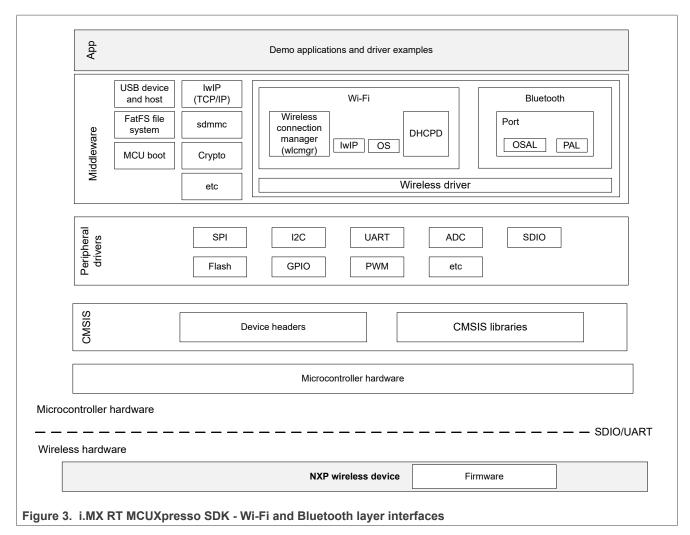
| i.MX RT EVK board | Component | Configuration | Boot mode |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|
| i.MX RT1020 | SW8 | 0010 | Internal (QSPI flash) |
| i.MX RT106X | SW7 | 0010 | Internal (QSPI flash) |
| I.MX RT1040 | SW4 | 0010 | Internal (QSPI flash) |
| i.MX RT1050 | SW7 | 0110 | Internal (Hyperflash) |
| i.MX RT1170 | SW1 | 0010 | Internal (QSPI flash) |
| i.MX RT1170B | SW1 | 0010 | Internal (QSPI flash) |
| i.MX RT1160 | SW1 | 0010 | Internal (QSPI flash) |
| i.MX RT1160B | SW7 | 0010 | Internal (QSPI flash) |
| i.MX RT1180A | SW5 | 0010 | Internal (QSPI flash) |
| i.MX RT500 | SW7 | 001 | Internal (OSPI flash) |
| i.MX RT600 | SW5 | 101 | Internal (OSPI flash) |
| i.MX RT685S | SW2 | 011 | Internal (OSPI flash) |
| i.MX RT700 | SW10 | 10 | Internal (OSPI flash) |

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2.4 i.MX RT MCUXpresso SDK

This section provides an overview of MCUXpresso Software Development Kit. The MCUXpresso SDK architecture consists of the following key components:

- The Arm Cortex Microcontroller Software Interface Standard (CMSIS) CORE compliance device specific header files, SOC Header, and CMSIS math/DSP libraries
- · Cloud connectivity APIs for Amazon AWS, and Microsoft Azure
- IW416/88W8987 Firmware with a support for SDIO and UART host interfaces
- Peripheral drivers such as SPI, I2C, ADC, uSDHC, UART
- Real-time Operating Systems (FreeRTOS)
- Stacks and Middleware that are part of MCUXpresso SDK and include:
 - Connectivity, Security, DMA, File System, MCU boot, and other software features
 - Specific features for Wi-Fi connectivity: IwIP stack, DHCP Daemon, Wireless connection manager and Wi-Fi module driver
 - Specific features for Bluetooth connectivity: Bluetooth stack, Bluetooth module driver
- Demo Applications based on the MCUXpresso SDK



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3 NXP-based wireless modules

The wireless modules described in this section are based on the following NXP products:

- IW416
- 88W8987
- IW612
- AW611¹
- IW610

¹ The AW611 module support is available only in i.MX RT1180 EVKA and SDK version 2.16.0.

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3.1 IW416-based wireless modules

This section provides information about a few IW416-based modules: details about the evaluation board, jumper configuration, and how to connect the module to an i.MX RT EVK board.

3.1.1 AzureWave AW-AM457 module

The AW-AM457 is a 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz dual band Wi-Fi and Bluetooth radio module, specifically designed for highly integrated and cost-effective applications. This module is based on the IW416 chipset supporting 802.11a/b/g/n simultaneous station and access point. The integrated power management, the fast dual-core CPU, 802.11i security standard support, and high-speed data interfaces deliver the performance for the speed, reliability, and quality requirements of products. For more details about module Wi-Fi and Bluetooth features, see ref.[2].

3.1.1.1 AzureWave AW-AM457-uSD evaluation board

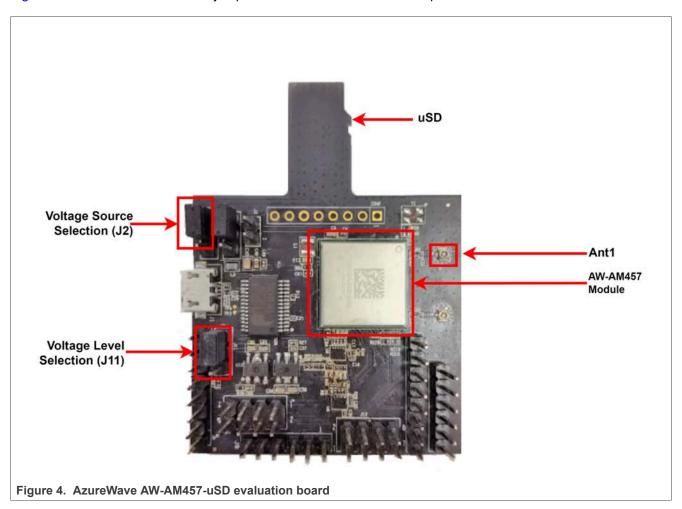
The AW-AM457-uSD evaluation board comprises AW-AM457 wireless module and the uSD-15x15 adapter board. The adapter board enables the Micro SD interface for the module.

Table 4. AzureWave AW-AM457 module features

| Feature | Description | |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Wi-Fi chipset | IW416 | |
| Module name | AW-AM457 | |
| Module evaluation board | AW-AM457-uSD EVB | |
| Host interface | Wi-Fi: SDIO 3.0 Bluetooth: UART | |
| Antenna | AW-AM457-uSD EVB kit includes Mag Layers MSA-4008-25GC1-A2_V01 PIFA antenna | |
| Form factor | 15 x 15 x 2.5 mm stamp module | |

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Figure 4 shows the interfaces and jumpers on the AW-AM457-uSD adapter board.



3.1.1.2 Jumper settings on AzureWave AW-AM457-uSD evaluation board

<u>Table 5</u> shows the jumper settings for the power source and for VIO_SD voltage level selection.

Table 5. Jumper settings on AzureWave AW-AM457-uSD evaluation board

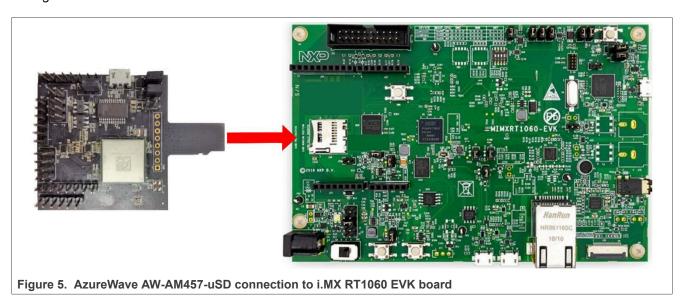
| Jumper | Description |
|-----------|---|
| J2 (1-2) | Connect J2 on pins 1 and 2 to set the power source to VIO_uSD |
| J11 (1-2) | Connect J11 on pins 1 and 2 to set VIO_SD voltage level to 1.8 V supply |

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3.1.1.3 Connecting AzureWave AW-AM457-uSD to i.MX RT1060 EVK board

To connect AzureWave AW-AM457-uSD to i.MX RT1060 EVK board

• Plug AzureWave AW-AM457-uSD evaluation board into the Micro SD slot of i.MX RT1060 EVK board



- Connect the antenna to AzureWave AW-AM457-uSD evaluation board
- Use a Micro USB to USB cable to connect i.MX RT1060 EVK board to a host computer running Windows, Linux or Mac OS



Figure 6. i.MX RT1060 EVK connection to the host computer for power supply and console access

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Note: In case the initialization of the Wi-Fi driver fails with the setup described in <u>Figure 6</u>, it is recommended to use an external power supply for RT1060 instead of a USB connector to power up RT1060 EVK board. Connect the 5V 3A adapter over the J2 connector of RT1060 as shown in <u>Figure 7</u>. Set the J1 jumper to position 1-2 instead of 5-6 to power up RT1060 EVK board.



Figure 7. External power supply for i.MX RT1060 EVK board and connection to the host computer for console access

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3.1.1.4 About Bluetooth host and audio interfaces

For Bluetooth, the communication between the Host stack and the Link Layer (LL) is implemented via the standard HCI UART host interface and PCM interface for voice.

To enable the Bluetooth UART and PCM interfaces, some rework is required. See ref.[12].

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3.1.2 Embedded Artists' (Murata) 1XK M.2 module

Type 1XK is a small module with high-performance based on NXP IW416 combo chipset which supports Wi-Fi 802.11a/b/g/n and Bluetooth 5.2 BR/EDR/LE up to 150 Mbps PHY data rate on Wi-Fi and 3 Mbps PHY data rate on Bluetooth. The Wi-Fi section supports SDIO 3.0 interface. The Bluetooth section supports high-speed 4-wire UART interface (optional support for SDIO) and PCM for audio data. The IW416 implements sophisticated enhanced collaborative coexistence hardware mechanisms and algorithms, which ensure that Wi-Fi and Bluetooth collaboration is optimized for maximum performance. In IEEE 802.11n mode, the Wi-Fi operation supports rates of MCS0 – MCS7 in 20 MHz and 40 MHz channels for data rate up to 150 Mbps. Type 1XK module is packaged in an impressively small form factor that facilitates integration into size- and power-sensitive applications such as IoT applications, hand-held wireless system, gateway and more.

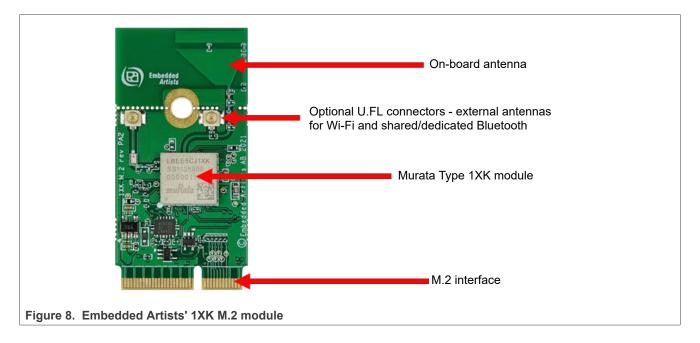
Embedded Artists collaborated with Murata on designing/validating their type 1XK M.2 module. For more details about the module, see <u>ref.[4]</u>. And for details on the M.2 module, see <u>ref.[18]</u>.

Table 6. Embedded Artists' 1XK M.2 module features

| Feature | Description |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Wi-Fi and Bluetooth chipset | NXP IW416 |
| Module name | Murata Type 1XK M.2 |
| Module interface | M.2 (Type 2230-S3-E) / microSD (via the Murata uSD-M.2 adapter) |
| Antenna | PCB trace antenna or U.FL connected patch antenna |
| Wi-Fi standard | Wi-Fi 4, 802.11 b/g/n |
| Frequency | 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz |
| Network | uAP and STA dual mode |
| Measurement | 22x30 mm without trace antenna, 22x44 mm with trace antenna |
| Supply voltage | 3.3 V (3.0 V-3.6 V) |
| Operating temperature range | -40°C to +85°C |

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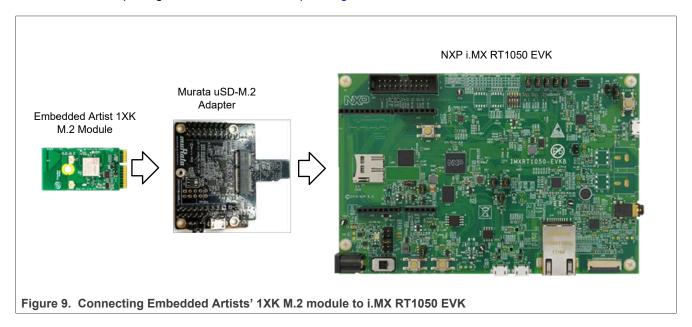
Figure 8 shows the main components on Embedded Artists' 1XK M.2 module.



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3.1.2.1 Connecting Embedded Artists' (Murata) 1XK M.2 module to i.MX RT1050 EVK using Murata's uSD-M.2 adapter

Embedded Artists' 1XK M.2 module can be connected to i.MX RT1050 EVK (or any other EVK with a microSD or full-size SD slot) using Murata's uSD-M.2 adapter. <u>Figure 9</u> shows the connection scheme.



The Murata uSD-M.2 adapter provides the following interfaces to host MCU/MPU:

- microSD (uSD) interface for Wi-Fi-SDIO (SD is an option with microSD-SD adapter)
- · Arduino Headers for Bluetooth UART, Bluetooth PCM and Wi-Fi/Bluetooth control signals
- Optional power, debug, and clocking signals connect through Arduino header or Micro-AB USB connector For details of the uSD-M.2 adapter, see ref.[20] or ref.[22].

Note: For EVKs with M.2 slots (e.g., NXP i.MX RT1160, RT1170), Embedded Artists' M.2 module can be directly connected.

3.1.2.2 Bluetooth host and audio interfaces

For Bluetooth, the communication between the Host stack and the Link Layer (LL) is implemented via the standard HCI UART host interface and PCM interface for voice.

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3.1.3 AzureWave AW-AM510 module

The AW-AM510 is a 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz dual-band single-antenna Wi-Fi and Bluetooth radio module. The module includes IW416 wireless device that supports 802.11a/b/g/n simultaneous station and access point. For more details about the module Wi-Fi and Bluetooth features, see ref.[3].

3.1.3.1 AzureWave AW-510-uSD evaluation board

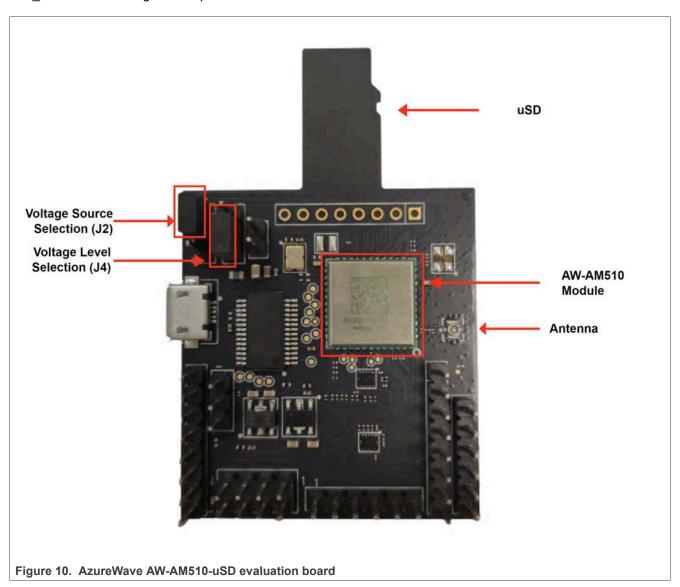
The AW-AM510-uSD evaluation board comprises AW-AM510 wireless module and the uSD-12x12 adapter board. The adapter board enables the Micro SD interface for the module.

Table 7. AzureWave AW-AM510 module features

| Feature | Description |
|-------------------------|---|
| Wi-Fi chipset | IW416 |
| Module name | AW-AM510 |
| Module evaluation board | AW-AM510-uSD EVB |
| Host interface | Wi-Fi: SDIO 3.0 Bluetooth: UART |
| Antenna | AW-AM510-uSD EVB kit includes Mag Layers MSA-4008-25GC1-A2_V01 PIFA antenna |
| Form factor | 12 x 12 x 2 mm stamp module |

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<u>Figure 10</u> shows the interfaces of AzureWave AW-AM510-uSD evaluation board and the jumpers used for VIO SD and VIO voltage level options.



3.1.3.2 Jumper settings on AzureWave AW-AM510-uSD evaluation board

<u>Table 8</u> shows the jumper settings for the power source and for VIO_SD voltage level selection.

Table 8. Jumper settings on AzureWave AW-AM510-uSD evaluation board

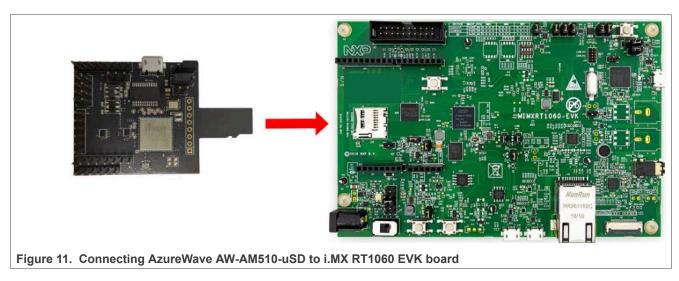
| Jumper | Description |
|----------|--|
| J2 (1-2) | Connect J2 on pins 1 and 2 to set the power source to VIO_uSD |
| J4 (1-2) | Connect J4 on pins 1 and 2 to set VIO_SD voltage level to 1.8 V supply |

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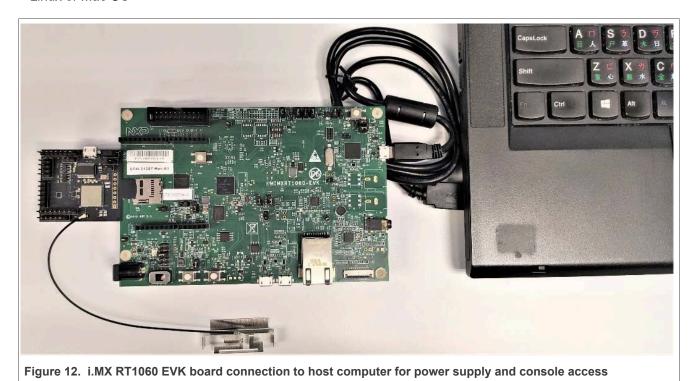
3.1.3.3 Connecting AzureWave AW-AM510-uSD to i.MX RT1060 EVK board

To connect AzureWave AW-AM510-uSD to i.MX RT1060 EVK board:

Plug AzureWave AW-AM510-uSD evaluation board into the Micro SD slot of i.MX RT1060 EVK board



- Connect the antenna to AzureWave AW-AM510-uSD evaluation board
- Use a Micro USB to USB cable to connect i.MX RT1060 EVK board to a host computer running Windows, Linux or Mac OS



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3.1.3.4 Bluetooth host and audio interfaces

For Bluetooth, the communication between the Host stack and the Link Layer (LL) is implemented via the standard HCI UART host interface and PCM interface for voice.

To enable the Bluetooth UART and PCM interfaces, some rework is required. See ref.[12].

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3.1.4 u-blox MAYA-W1 module

The MAYA-W1 series are host-based Wi-Fi 4 and Bluetooth 5 multi-radio modules based on IW416 device. MAYA-W1 modules support the Wi-Fi 4 (802.11a/b/g/n) standard, Bluetooth classic and the full-feature set of Bluetooth Low Energy 5.

Table 9. u-blox MAYA-W1 module features

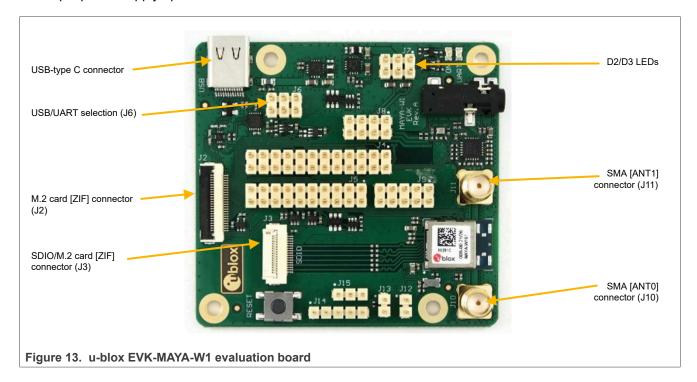
| Feature | Description |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Wi-Fi chipset | NXP IW416 |
| Wi-Fi standard | Wi-Fi 4, IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n (2.4 GHz and 5 GHz) Bluetooth 5.2 |
| Antenna | MAYA-W160: 2 U.FL connectors MAYA-W161: 2 antenna pins MAYA-W166: 1 embedded PCB antenna |
| Host interfaces | Wi-Fi: SDIO Bluetooth: UART |
| Output RF power | LILY-W131: 19 dBm including 3 dBi antenna gain LILY-W132 and LILY-W133: 15 dBm including antenna gain |
| Operating temperature range | -40°C to +85°C |

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3.1.4.1 u-blox EVK-MAYA-W1 evaluation board

EVK-MAYA-W1 features:

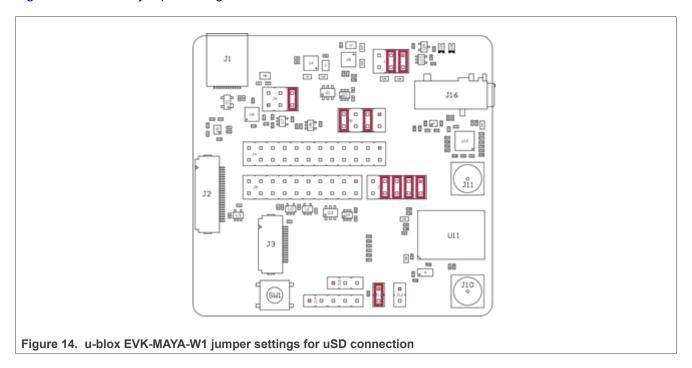
- External connectors to all host interfaces through SD card and M.2 key E adapters
- USB interface to easily access the Bluetooth UART interface via a USB-to-UART bridge
- · Digital and analog audio interfaces for Bluetooth
- SMA connectors for external antennas (EVK-MAYA-W161)
- · Multiple power supply options



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3.1.4.2 Jumper settings on u-blox EVK-MAYA-W1 evaluation board for uSD

Figure 14 shows the jumper settings on u-blox EVK-MAYA-W1 evaluation board.

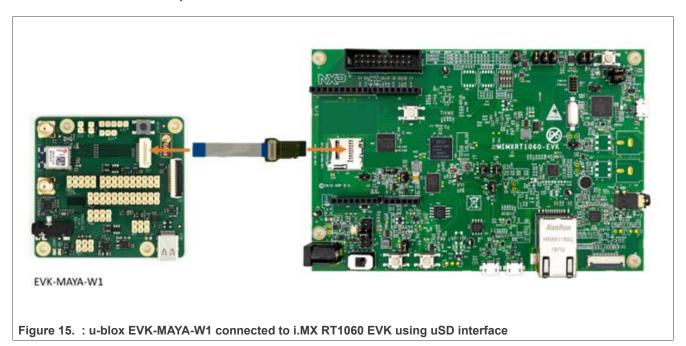


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3.1.4.3 Connecting u-blox EVK-MAYA-W1 to i.MX RT1060 EVK board using uSD

To connect u-blox EVK-MAYA-W1 to i.MX RT1060 EVK board:

• Use a Micro SD/SDIO adaptor to connect EVK-MAYA-W1 evaluation board to i.MXRT1060 EVK board



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• Use a Micro USB to USB cable to connect i.MX RT1060 EVK board to a host computer running Windows, Linux or Mac OS

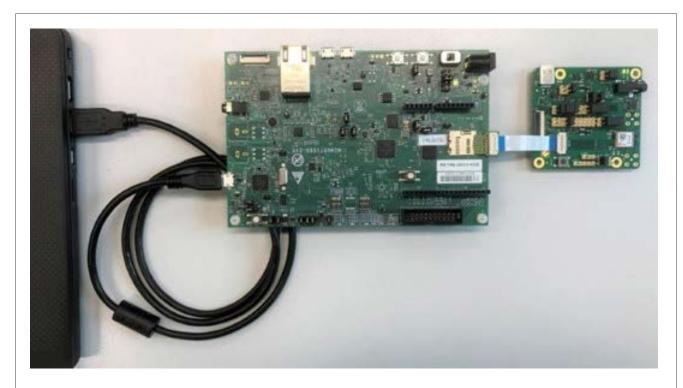


Figure 16. i.MX RT1060 EVK board connection to the host computer for power supply and console access

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3.2 88W8987-based wireless modules

This section provides information about a few 88W8987-based modules: details about the evaluation board, jumper configuration, and how to connect the module to an i.MX RT EVK board.

3.2.1 AzureWave AW-CM358-uSD adapter board

The AW-CM358 is a 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz dual band Wi-Fi and Bluetooth radio module, specifically designed for highly integrated and cost-effective applications. This module is based on the 88W8987 chipset supporting 802.11a/b/g/n/ac simultaneous station and access point. The integrated power management, the fast dual-core CPU, 802.11i security standard support, and high-speed data interfaces deliver the performance for the speed, reliability, and quality requirements of products. For more details about module Wi-Fi and Bluetooth features, see ref.[1].

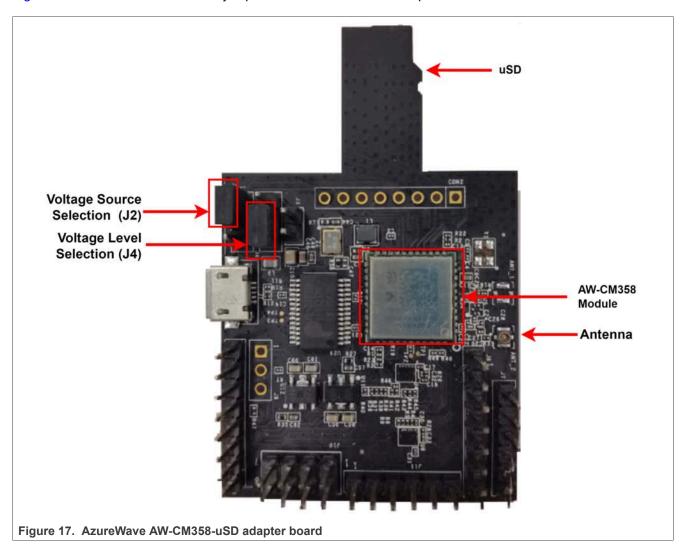
The AW-CM358-uSD adapter board includes AW-CM358 (88W8987-based Wi-Fi) module and the uSD-1212 adapter which enables the Micro SD interface for the module.

Table 10. AzureWave AW-CM358 module features

| Feature | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| Wi-Fi chipset | 88W8987 |
| Module name | AW-CM358 |
| Module evaluation board | AW-CM358-uSD EVB |
| Host interface | Wi-Fi: SDIO 3.0 |
| | Bluetooth: UART |
| Antenna | AW-CM358-uSD EVB kit includes Mag Layers MSA-4008-25GC1-A2_ V01 PIFA antenna |
| Form factor | 12 x 12 x 1.65 mm stamp module |

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Figure 17 shows the interfaces and jumpers on AW-CM358-uSD adapter board



3.2.1.1 Jumper settings on AzureWave AW-CM358-uSD evaluation board

<u>Table 11</u> shows the jumper settings for the power source and for VIO_SD voltage level selection.

Table 11. Jumper settings on AzureWave AW-CM358-uSD evaluation board

| Jumper | Description |
|----------|--|
| J2 (1-2) | Connect J2 on pins 1 and 2 to set the power source to VIO_uSD |
| J4 (1-2) | Connect J4 on pins 1 and 2 to set VIO_SD voltage level to 1.8 V supply |

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3.2.1.2 Connecting AW-CM358-uSD adapter board to i.MX RT1060 EVK board

• Plug AW-CM358-uSD adapter board into the Micro SD slot of i.MX RT1060 EVK board (Figure 18).



- Connect the antenna to the antenna slot of the AW-CM358-uSD adapter board (Figure 19).
- Use a Micro USB to USB cable to connect i.MX RT1060 EVK board to a host computer running Windows, Linux or Mac OS (Figure 19).



Figure 19. Connection to i.MX RT1060 EVK board and connection of the antenna

About Bluetooth host and audio interfaces

For Bluetooth, the communication between the Host stack and the Link Layer (LL) is implemented via the standard HCI UART host interface and PCM interface for voice.

To enable the Bluetooth UART and PCM interfaces, some rework is required. See ref.[12].

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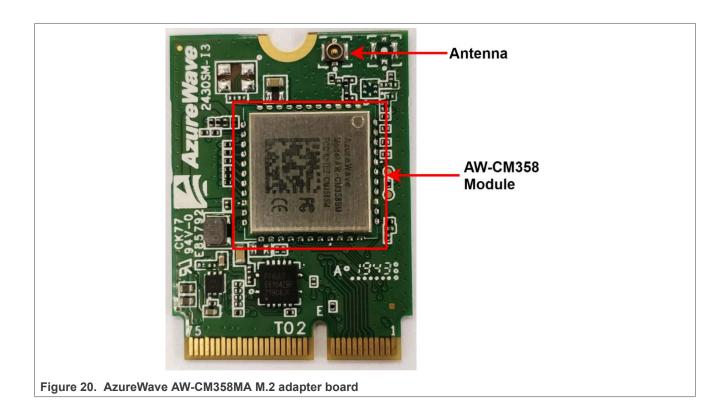
3.2.2 AzureWave AW-CM358MA M.2 adapter board

The AW-CM358MA M.2 adapter board includes AW-CM358 (88W8987-based Wi-Fi and Bluetooth) module with M.2 adapter which enables the SDIO interface for the module.

Note: Only i.MX RT1170 EVK board require AW-CM358MA M.2 adapter board as it does not has support for the Bluetooth on AW-CM358-uSD adapter board.

Table 12. AzureWave AW-CM358MA module features

| Feature | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| Wi-Fi chipset | 88W8987 |
| Module name | AW-CM358 |
| Module evaluation board | AW-CM358MA M.2 |
| Host interface | Wi-Fi: SDIO 3.0 Bluetooth: UART |
| Antenna | AW-CM358MA M.2 adapter board includes Mag Layers MSA-4008-25GC1-A2_ V01 PIFA antenna |
| Form factor | 22 x 30 x 2.45 mm stamp module |



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3.2.2.1 Connecting AW-CM358MA adapter board to i.MX RT1170 EVK board

• Plug AW-CM358MA adapter board into the M.2 slot of i.MX RT1170 EVK board screw (Figure 21).

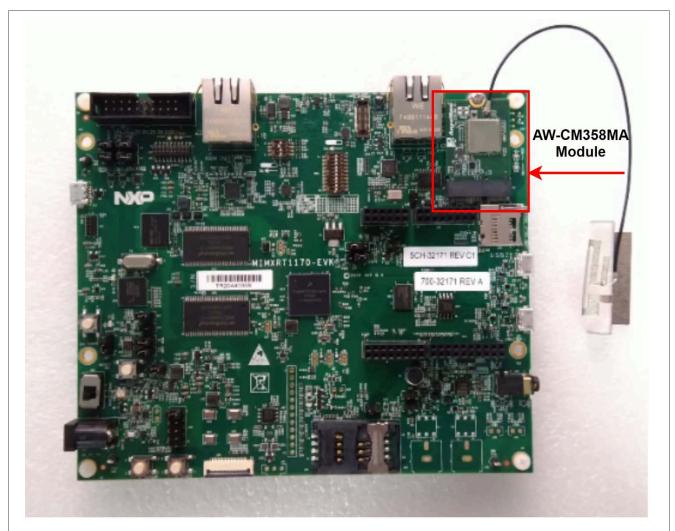


Figure 21. AW-CM358MA adapter board plugged to the M.2 slot of i.MX RT1170 EVK board

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- Connect the antenna to the antenna slot of the AW-CM358MA adapter board (Figure 22).
- Use a Micro USB to USB cable to connect i.MX RT1170 EVK board to the host computer (Figure 22).



Figure 22. Connection to i.MX RT1170 EVK board and connection of the antenna

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3.2.3 Embedded Artists' (Murata) 1ZM M.2 module

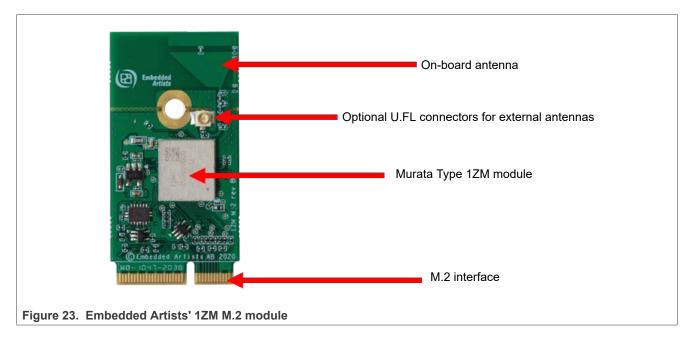
Type 1ZM is a small module with and very high performance based on NXP 88W8987 combo chipset which supports Wi-Fi 802.11a/b/g/n/ac + Bluetooth 5.1 BR/EDR/LE up to 433 Mbps PHY data rate on Wi-Fi and 3 Mbps PHY data rate on Bluetooth. The Wi-Fi section supports SDIO 3.0 interface, and the Bluetooth section supports high-speed 4-wire UART interface and PCM for audio data. The 88W8987 implements highly sophisticated enhanced collaborative coexistence hardware mechanisms and algorithms, which ensure that Wi-Fi and Bluetooth collaboration is optimized for maximum performance. In IEEE 802.11ac mode, the Wi-Fi operation supports rates of MCS0 - MCS9 (up to 256 QAM) in 20 MHz, 40 MHz and 80 MHz channels for data rate up to 433 Mbps. Type 1ZM module is packaged in an impressively small form factor that facilitates integration into size- and power-sensitive applications such as IoT applications, hand-held wireless system, gateway and more.

Embedded Artists collaborated with Murata on designing/validating their Type 1ZM M.2 Module. For more details about the module, see <u>ref.[5]</u>. And for details on the M.2 module, see <u>ref.[19]</u>.

Table 13. Embedded Artists' 1ZM M.2 module features

| Feature | Description |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Wi-Fi chipset | NXP 88W8987 |
| Module name | Murata Type 1ZM M.2 |
| Module interface | M.2 (Type 2230-S3-E) / microSD (via the Murata uSD-M.2 adapter) |
| Antenna | PCB trace antenna or U.FL connected patch antenna |
| Wi-Fi standard | Wi-Fi 5, 802.11a/b/g/n/ac |
| Frequency | 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz |
| Network | uAP and STA dual mode |
| Measurement | 22x30 mm without trace antenna, 22x44 mm with trace antenna |
| Supply voltage | 3.3 V (3.2 V-3.6 V) |
| Operating temperature range | -30°C to +85°C |

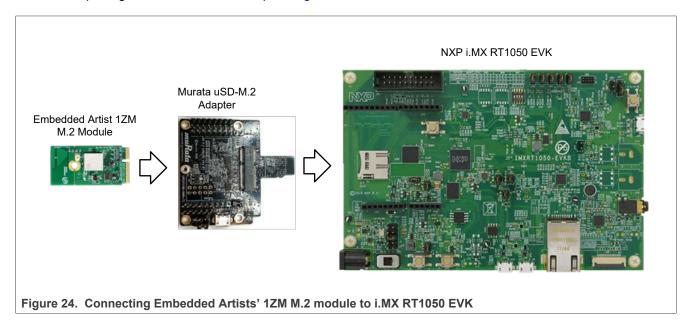
Figure 23 shows the main components on Embedded Artists' 1ZM M.2 module.



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3.2.3.1 Connecting Embedded Artists' (Murata) 1ZM M.2 module to i.MX RT1050 EVK using Murata's uSD-M.2 adapter

Embedded Artists' M.2 module can be connected to i.MX RT1050 EVK (or any other EVK with a microSD or full-size SD slot) using Murata's uSD-M.2 adapter. Figure 24 shows the connection scheme.



The Murata uSD-M.2 adapter provides the following interfaces to host MCU/MPU:

- microSD (uSD) interface for Wi-Fi-SDIO (SD is an option with microSD-SD adapter)
- · Arduino headers for Bluetooth UART, Bluetooth PCM and Wi-Fi/Bluetooth control signals
- Optional power, debug, and clocking signals connect through Arduino header or Micro-AB USB connector For details of the uSD-M.2 adapter, see ref.[21] or ref.[22].

For EVKs with M.2 slots like NXP i.MX RT1160 or RT1170, the Murata M.2 EVB can be directly connected.

3.2.3.2 About Bluetooth host and audio interfaces

For Bluetooth, the communication between the Host stack and the Link Layer (LL) is implemented via the standard HCI UART host interface and PCM interface for voice.

To enable the Bluetooth UART and PCM interfaces, some rework is required. See ref.[12].

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3.2.4 u-blox JODY-W2 module

The JODY-W2 series are compact modules based on NXP 88W8987 wireless device for automotive. The JODY-W2 modules comply with AEC-Q100 automotive grade, and enable Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and Bluetooth Low Energy (LE) communication. These modules are ideal for automotive and industrial applications. For more details, see <u>ref.[7]</u>.

Table 14. u-blox JODY-W2 module features

| Feature | Description |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Wi-Fi chipset | NXP 88W8987 |
| Wi-Fi standard | Wi-Fi 5, IEEE 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac (2.4 GHz and 5 GHz) Bluetooth 5.2 |
| Antenna | Antenna pin 1: 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz Wi-Fi Antenna pin 2: 2.4 GHz Bluetooth |
| Host interfaces | Wi-Fi: SDIO Bluetooth: UART |
| Operating temperature range | -40°C to +105°C (JODY-W263-01A) |

3.2.4.1 u-blox EVK-JODY-W2 evaluation board

The EVK-JODY-W2 evaluation board includes NXP 88W8987-based JODY-W2 module. An external host processor can access the module via SDIO and UART communication. The EVK provides internal antennas and SMA connectors for external antennas. All the module interfaces are externally available via connectors or pin headers.



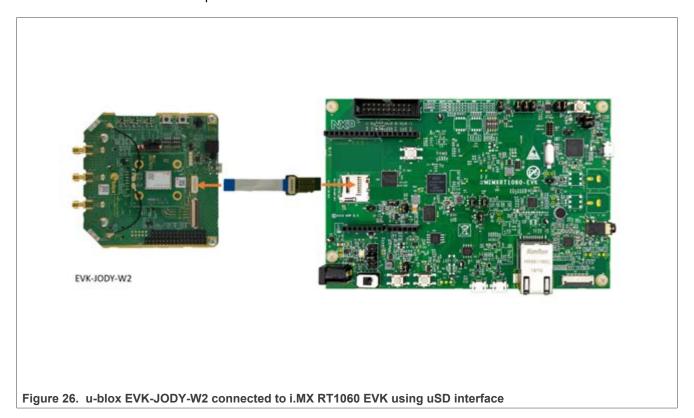
Figure 25. u-blox EVK-JODY-W2 evaluation board

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3.2.4.2 Connecting u-blox EVK-JODY-W2 to i.MX RT1060 EVK board using uSD

To connect u-blox EVK-JODY-W2 to i.MX RT1060 EVK board:

• Use the included SD card adapter to connect EVK-JODY-W2 to i.MX RT1060 EVK board



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• Use a Micro USB to USB cable to connect i.MX RT1060 EVK board to a host computer running Windows, Linux or Mac OS



Figure 27. i.MX RT1060 EVK board connection to the host computer for power supply and console access

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3.3 IW612-based wireless modules

This section provides information about one IW612-based module: details about the evaluation board, jumper configuration, and how to connect the module to an i.MX RT EVK board.

3.3.1 Embedded Artists' (Murata) 2EL M.2 module

Type 2EL is a small module with high-performance based on NXP IW612 combo solution. The module supports:

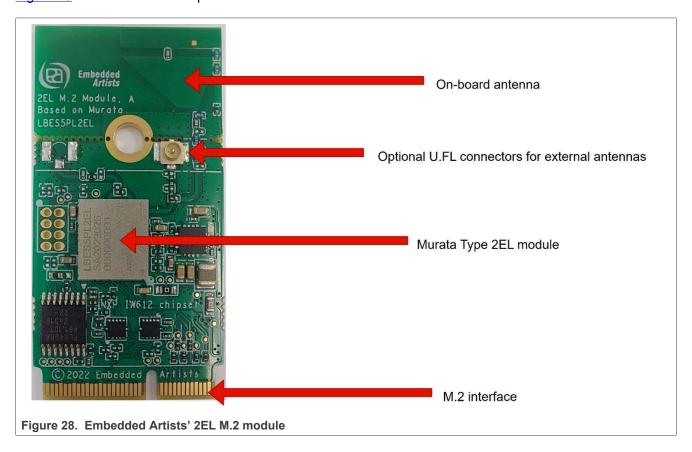
- Wi-Fi 802.11a/b/g/n
- Bluetooth 5.3 BR/EDR/LE
- IEEE 802.15.4 up to 601 Mbps PHY data rate on Wi-Fi
- · 3 Mbps PHY data rate on Bluetooth

The Wi-Fi section supports SDIO 3.0 interface. The Bluetooth section supports high-speed 4-wire UART interface (optional support for SDIO) and PCM for audio data.

The IW612 implements sophisticated enhanced collaborative coexistence hardware mechanisms and algorithms, which ensure that Wi-Fi and Bluetooth collaboration is optimized for maximum performance. In IEEE 802.11n mode, the Wi-Fi operation supports rates of MCS0 – MCS11 in 20 MHz and 40 MHz channels for data rate up to 150 Mbps. Type 2EL module is packaged in an impressively small form factor that facilitates integration into size- and power-sensitive applications such as IoT applications, hand-held wireless system, gateway and more.

Embedded Artists collaborated with Murata on designing/validating their type 2EL M.2 module. For more details about the module, see <u>ref.[6]</u>. And for details on the M.2 module, see <u>ref.[14]</u>.

Figure 28 shows the main components on Embedded Artists' 2EL M.2 module.



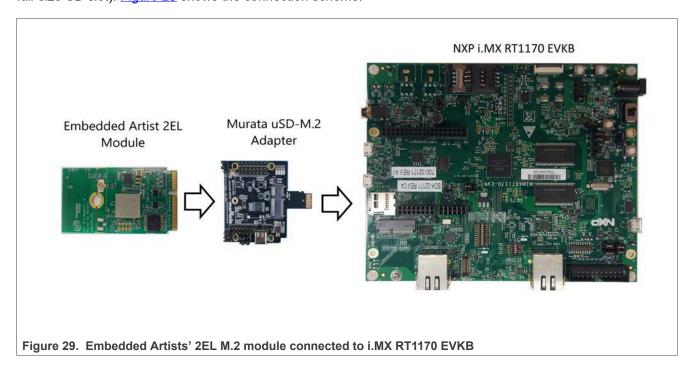
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Table 15. Embedded Artists' 2EL M.2 module features

| Feature | Description |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Wi-Fi and Bluetooth chipset | NXP IW612 |
| Module name | Murata Type 2EL M.2 |
| Module interface | M.2 (Type 2230-D5-E) M.2 (Type 2230-D5-E) / microSD (via the Murata uSD-M.2 adapter) |
| Antenna | PCB trace antenna or U.FL connected patch antenna |
| Wi-Fi standard | Wi-Fi 6, 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax SISO |
| Frequency | 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz |
| Network | uAP and STA dual mode |
| Measurement | 22x30 mm without trace antenna, 22x44 mm with trace antenna |
| Supply voltage | 3.3 V (3.0 V-3.6 V) |
| Operating temperature range | -40°C to +85°C |

3.3.1.1 Connecting Embedded Artists' (Murata) 2EL M.2 module to i.MX RT1170 EVKB

Embedded Artists' M.2 module can be connected to i.MX RT1170 EVKB (or any other EVK with a microSD or full-size SD slot). Figure 29 shows the connection scheme.



The Murata uSD-M.2 adapter provides the following interfaces to host MCU/MPU:

- microSD (uSD) interface for Wi-Fi-SDIO (SD is an option with microSD-SD adapter)
- · Arduino headers for Bluetooth UART, Bluetooth PCM and Wi-Fi/Bluetooth control signals
- Optional power, debug, and clocking signals connect through Arduino header or Micro-AB USB connector

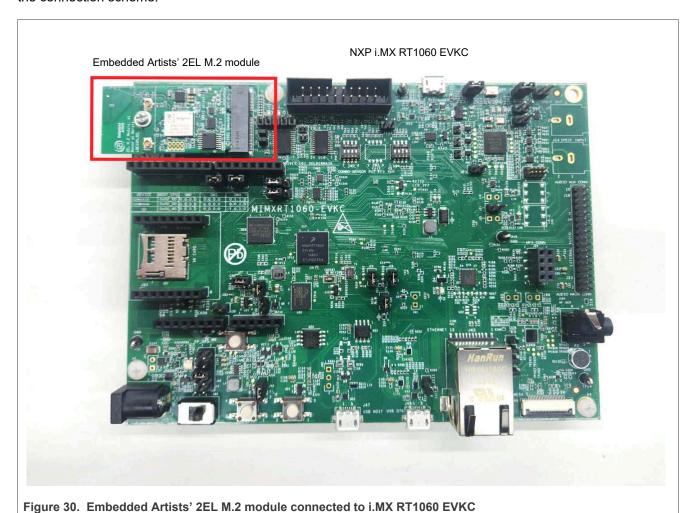
For details of the uSD-M.2 adapter, see ref.[21] or ref.[22].

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Note: Wi-Fi and Bluetooth operations can be validated by connecting the module directly to the M.2 slot of the i.MX RT board. For the 802.15.4 operations only, Murata uSD adapter is required.

3.3.1.2 Connecting Embedded Artists' (Murata) 2EL M.2 module to i.MX RT1060 EVKC

Embedded Artists' M.2 module can be connected to i.MX RT1060 EVKC direct on the M.2 slot. Figure 30 shows the connection scheme.



Note: USB power supply of i.MX RT1060 EVKC is not sufficient for Murata 2EL module. Power up the i.MX RT1060 EVK with an external power supply:

- Connect the external power supply to J45.
- set J40: 1-2 and turn on SW6.

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3.3.1.3 About Bluetooth host and audio interfaces

For Bluetooth, the communication between the Host stack and the Link Layer (LL) is implemented via the standard HCI UART host interface and PCM interface for voice.

To enable the Bluetooth UART and PCM interfaces, some rework is required. See ref.[12].

3.3.1.4 Module limitations for the 802.15.4 SPI interface

The 802.15.4 subsystem is only supported on NXP IW612-based modules with Murata uSD adapters.

Note: Murata uSD adapters version LBEE0ZZ2WE-uSD-M2/LBEE0ZZ2WF-uSD-M2 and higher do not have any limitation.

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3.4 IW611-based wireless modules

This section provides information about one IW611-based module: details about the evaluation board, jumper configuration, and how to connect the module to an i.MX RT EVK board.

3.4.1 Embedded Artists' (Murata) 2DL M.2 module

The type 2DL M.2 is a small module with high-performance based on NXP IW611 combo solution. The module supports:

- Wi-Fi 6, 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax SISO
- Bluetooth 5.3 BR/EDR/LE
- 601 Mbps PHY data rate on Wi-Fi
- 3 Mbps PHY data rate on Bluetooth

The Wi-Fi subsystem supports SDIO 3.0 interface. The Bluetooth subsystem supports high-speed 4-wire UART interface (optional support for SDIO) and PCM for audio data.

The IW611 implements sophisticated enhanced collaborative coexistence hardware mechanisms and algorithms, which ensure that Wi-Fi and Bluetooth operation is optimized for maximum performance. In IEEE 802.11n mode, the Wi-Fi operation supports rates of MCS0 – MCS11 in 20 MHz and 40 MHz channels for data rate up to 150 Mbps. Type 2DL module is packaged in a small form factor that facilitates integration into size-and power-sensitive applications such as IoT applications, hand-held wireless system, gateway, and more.

Embedded Artists collaborated with Murata on designing/validating their type 2DL M.2 module. For more details about the module, see <u>ref.[23]</u>. And for details on the M.2 module, see <u>ref.[24]</u>.

Figure 31 shows the main components on Embedded Artists' 2DL M.2 module.

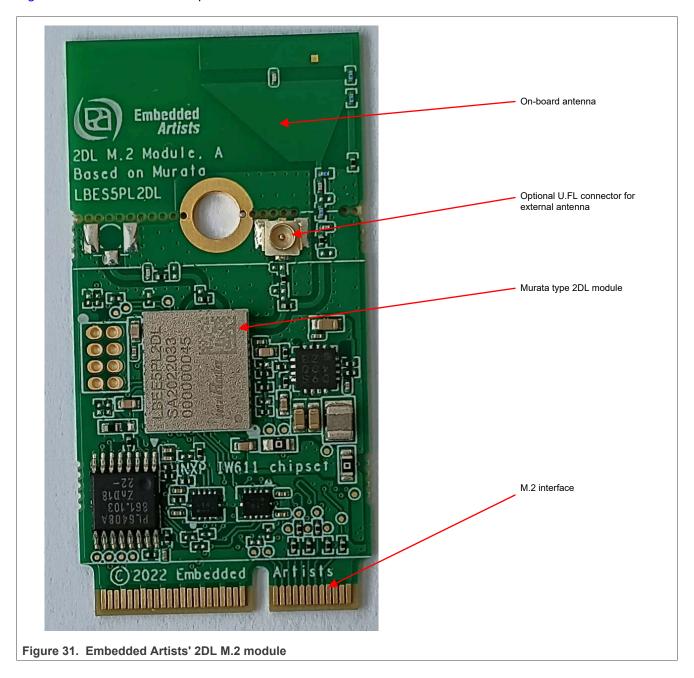


Table 16. Embedded Artists' 2DL M.2 module features

| Feature | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Wi-Fi and Bluetooth SoC | NXP IW611 |
| Module name | Murata Type 2DL M.2 |
| Module interface | M.2 (Type 2230-D5-E) |
| Antenna | PCB trace antenna or U.FL connected patch antenna |
| Wi-Fi standard | Wi-Fi 6, 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax SISO |
| Frequency | 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz |
| Network | uAP and STA dual mode |
| Bluetooth / Bluetooth LE standard | Dual mode Bluetooth and Bluetooth LE - Bluetooth 5.3 |
| Bluetooth / Bluetooth LE data rates | BR/EDR 3Mbit/s, Bluetooth LE 2Mbit/s via High-Speed UART |
| Key Bluetooth LE features | Bluetooth LE Long Range, Bluetooth LE Power Control, Isochronous channels for LE Audio |
| Measurement | 22x30 mm without trace antenna, 22x44 mm with trace antenna |
| Supply voltage | 3.3 V (3.0 V-3.6 V) |
| Operating temperature range | -40°C to +85°C |

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3.4.1.1 Connecting Embedded Artists' (Murata) 2DL M.2 module to i.MX RT1060 EVKC

Embedded Artists' M.2 module can be connected to i.MX RT1060 EVKC on the M.2 slot. <u>Figure 32</u> shows the connection scheme.

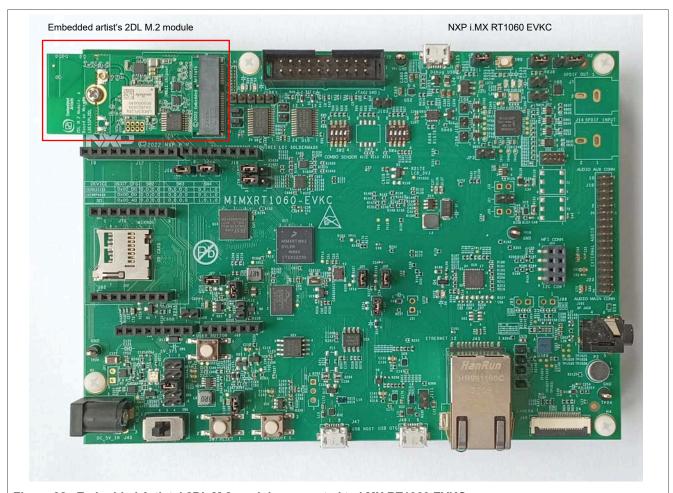


Figure 32. Embedded Artists' 2DL M.2 module connected to i.MX RT1060 EVKC

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3.5 AW611-based wireless modules

This section provides information about one AW611-based module: details about the evaluation board, jumper configuration, and how to connect the module to an i.MX RT EVK board.

3.5.1 u-blox JODY-W5 module

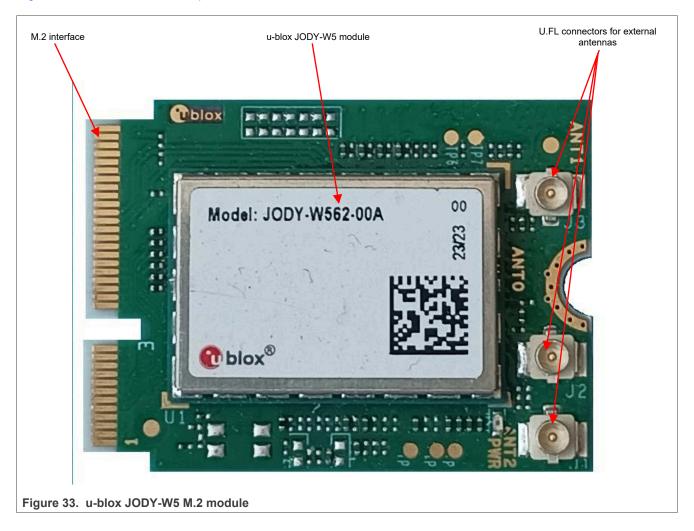
The JODY-W5 series are compact modules based on NXP AW611 wireless device for automotive. The JODY-W5 modules comply with AEC-Q104 automotive grade, and enable Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and Bluetooth Low Energy (LE) communication. These modules are ideal for automotive and industrial applications. For more details, see ref.[8].

Note: AW611 module operation is available only with i.MX RT1180 EVKA.

Table 17. u-blox JODY-W5 M.2 module features

| Feature | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Wi-Fi and Bluetooth chipset | NXP AW611 |
| Module name | u-blox JODY-W5 module |
| Module interface | M.2 (Type 2230-D5-E) |
| Antenna | PCB trace antenna or U.FL connected patch antenna |
| Wi-Fi standard | Wi-Fi 6 (802.11ax), 802.11d/e/h/i/k/r/u/v/w/mc/az, 1X1 SISO |
| Frequency | 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz |
| Wi-Fi Throughput | Up to 480 Mbit/s throughput via SDIO 3.0 |
| Wi-Fi security | WPA3, WPA2, WAPI, AES |
| Network | uAP and STA dual mode |
| Bluetooth / Bluetooth LE standard | Dual mode Bluetooth and Bluetooth LE - Bluetooth 5.3 |
| Bluetooth / Bluetooth LE data rates | BR/EDR 3Mbit/s, LE 2Mbit/s via High-Speed UART |
| Key Bluetooth LE features | LE Long Range, LE Power Control, Isochronous channels for LE Audio |
| Coexistence management | Internal (Wi-Fi / Bluetooth) and external via WCI-2 and PTA interfaces |
| Measurement | 22x30 mm without trace antenna, 22x44 mm with trace antenna |
| Security features | Secure boot and secure OTP |
| Supply voltage | 3.3 V (3.0 V-3.6 V) |
| Operating temperature range | -40°C to +85 / 105°C |

Figure 33 shows the main components on u-blox JODY-W5 M.2 module.



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3.5.1.1 Connecting u-blox JODY-W5 to i.MX RT1180 EVKA board

- Plug u-blox JODY-W5 adapter board into the M.2 slot of i.MX RT1180 EVKA board screw.
- Connect the antenna to the antenna slot of the u-blox JODY-W5 adapter board.



Figure 34. u-blox JODY-W5 M.2 module connected to i.MX RT1180 EVKA

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3.6 IW610-based wireless modules

This section provides information about one IW610-based module: details about the evaluation board, and how to connect the module to an i.MX RT EVK board.

3.6.1 Embedded Artists' (Murata) 2LL M.2 module

The type 2LL is a small module with high performance based on NXP IW610 combo solution. The module supports:

- Wi-Fi 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax
- · Bluetooth LE
- IEEE 802.15.4 up to 114.7 Mbps PHY data rate on Wi-Fi
- 2 Mbps PHY data rate on Bluetooth

The Wi-Fi section supports SDIO v3.0 DDR50 interface. The Bluetooth section supports high-speed 4-wire UART interface (optional support for SDIO) and PCM for audio data.

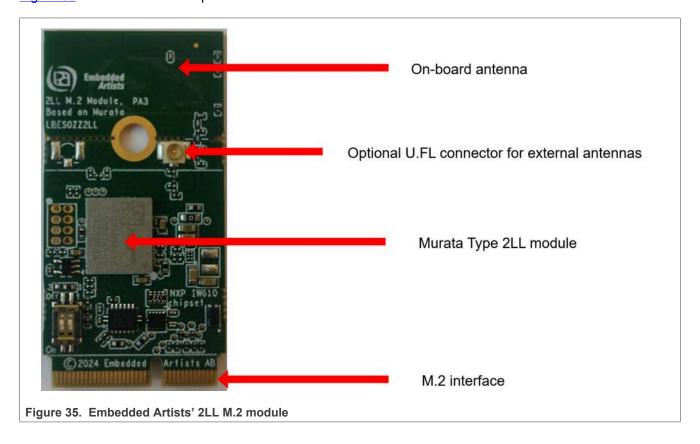
The IW610 implements coexistence hardware mechanisms and algorithms, which ensure that Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and 802.15.4 collaboration is optimized for maximum performance.

In IEEE 802.11ax mode, the Wi-Fi operation supports rates of MCS0 – MCS9 in 20 MHz for data rate.

The type 2LL module is packaged in a small form factor that facilitates integration into size- and power-sensitive applications such as IoT applications, hand-held wireless system, , and more.

Embedded Artists collaborated with Murata on designing/validating their type 2LL M.2 module.

Figure 35 shows the main components on Embedded Artists' 2LL M.2 module.



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Table 18. Embedded Artists' 2LL M.2 module features

| Feature | Description | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Wi-Fi and Bluetooth SoC | NXP IW610G | |
| Module name | Murata Type 2LL M.2 | |
| Module interface | M.2 (Type 2230-D5-E) | |
| Antenna | PCB trace antenna or U.FL connected patch antenna | |
| Wi-Fi standard | Wi-Fi 6, 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax SISO | |
| Frequency | 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz | |
| Network | uAP and STA dual mode | |
| Measurement | 7.7 mm x 8.8 mm x 1.3 mm | |
| Supply voltage | 3.3 V (3.14V to 3.46V) | |
| Operating temperature range | -40°C to +85°C | |

3.6.1.1 Connecting Embedded Artists' (Murata) 2LL M.2 module to i.MX RT1060 EVKC

Embedded Artists' M.2 module can be connected to i.MX RT1060 EVKC using the M.2 slot. Figure 36 shows the connection scheme.

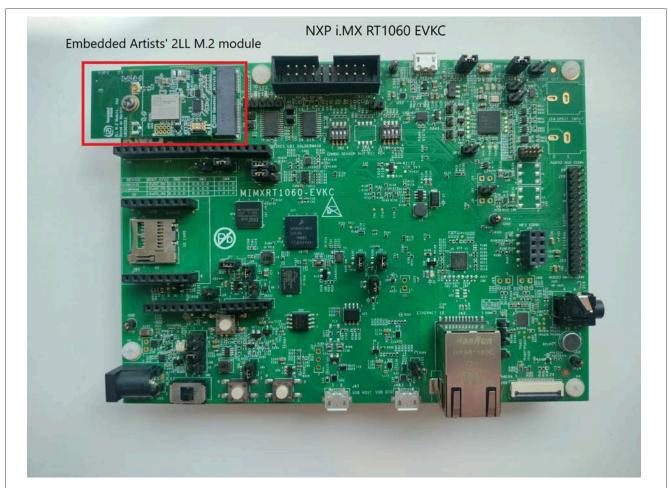


Figure 36. Embedded Artists' 2LL M.2 module connected to i.MX RT1060 EVKC

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Note:

- 1. USB power supply of i.MX RT1060 EVKC is not sufficient for Murata 2LL module. Power up the i.MX RT1060 EVKCx with an external power supply:
 - Connect the external power supply to J45.
 - Set J40: 1-2 and turn on SW6.
- 2. For any Wi-Fi initialization issue, connect J112 on i.MX RT1060 EVKC.

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4 Software download

This section provides guidance for MCUXpresso SDK download and for the serial console setup.

Note: This section covers the download of MCUXpresso SDK and IDE. For the other IDEs and toolchains such as uVision Keil, Arm GNU toolchain, and IAR, see <u>ref.[13]</u>.

4.1 SDK download

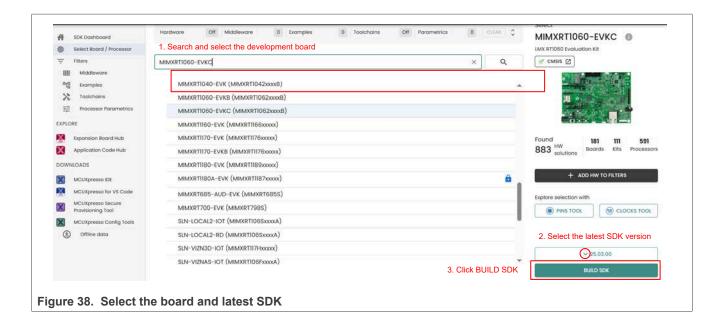
The section presents the two ways to download MCUXpresso SDK.

4.1.1 MCUXpresso SDK download

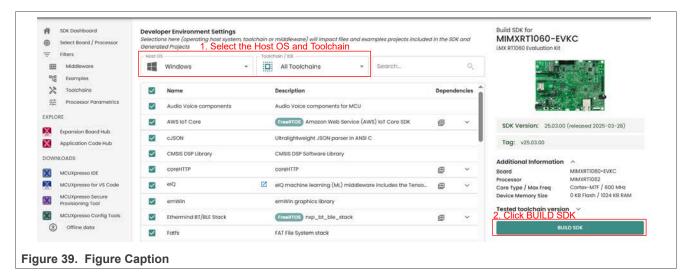
- Go to MCUXpresso SDK Builder page on NXP website ref.[17].
- Click Select Development Board.



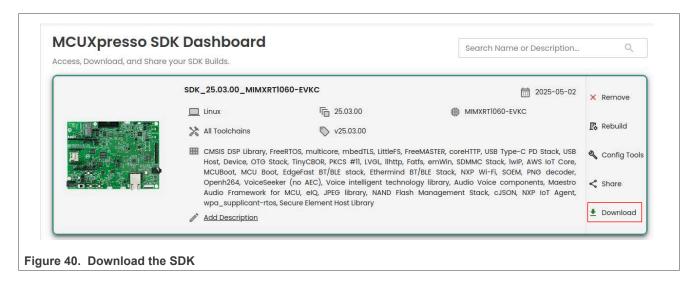
- · Select the board and the latest SDK version.
- Click Build SDK.



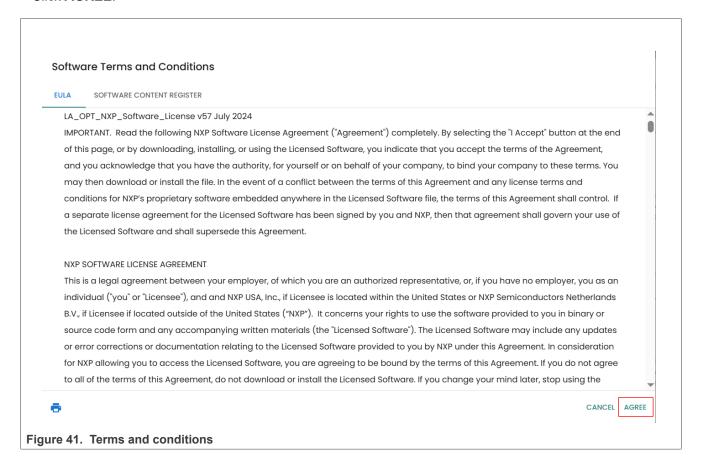
- · Select the Host OS and the Toolchain.
- · Click Build SDK.



- · Check the content on MCUXpresso SDK Dashboard.
- Click DOWNLOAD.

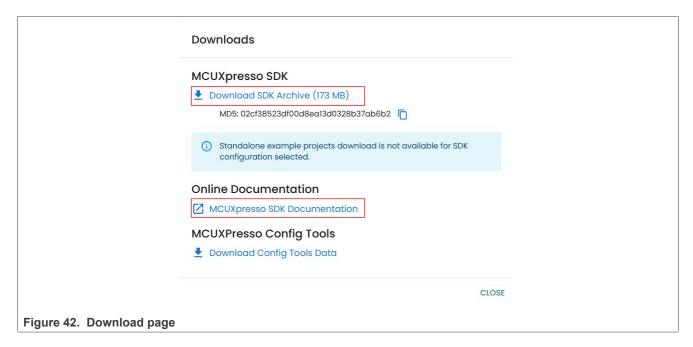


- · Read the terms and conditions.
- Click AGREE.



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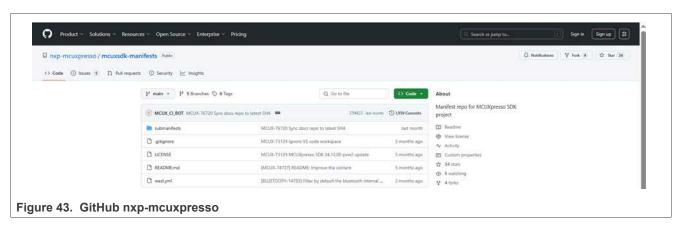
• Select the items to download.



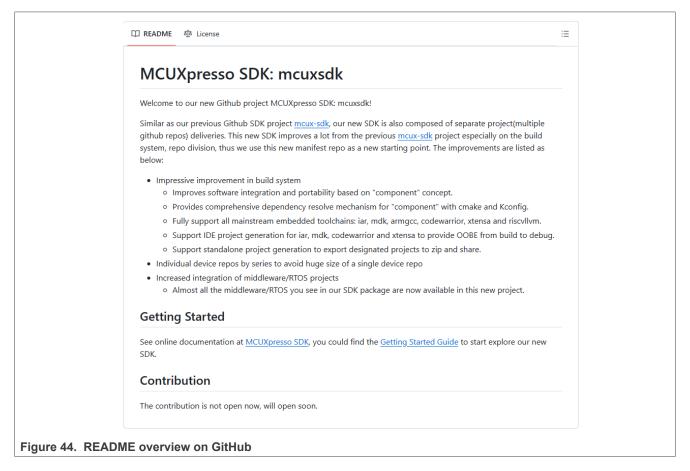
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4.1.2 GitHub download

• Go to the GitHub NXP MCUXPresso project ref.[9].



Scroll down to the README.md file.



 Follow the instructions in the README to "Clone/check-out a new delivery of whole SDK" or "Update existing west cloned SDK whole delivery".

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4.2 Serial console tool setup

The serial console tool is used to read out the demo application logs on the computer connected to i.MX RT EVK board.

- Download and install the terminal emulator software such as Tera Term (Windows) or Minicom (Linux or Mac OS)
- Use a micro USB to USB cable to connect i.MX RT1060 EVKC board to the host computer running Windows, Linux, or Mac OS
- Open a terminal emulator program like Minicom or Tera Term, and configure the settings for serial console access

Command to access Minicom configuration menu:

```
# minicom -s
```

Settings for serial console access:

```
- /dev/ttyACMX serial port
- 115200 baud rate
- 8 data bits
- No parity
- One stop bit
- No flow control
```

Prior to running the Bluetooth demo application, update the serial console configuration so there is no extra spacing.

For Tera Term:

- Go to Setup > Terminal
- · Look for the New line section
- · Set the Receive to Auto

For Minicom:

- Press the Ctrl + A keys and then press the Z key to open the Help menu
- Press the **U** key to add a carriage return

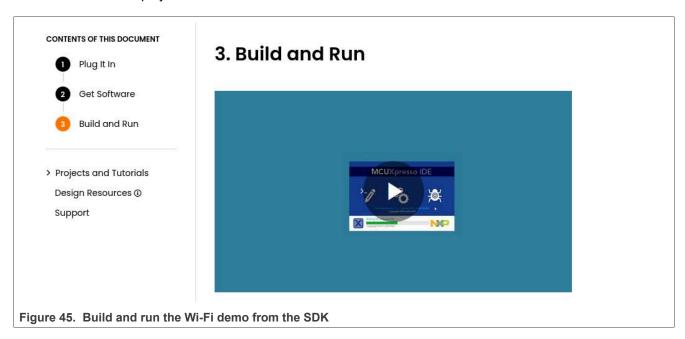
4.3 IDE setup

- Go to MCUXpresso IDE page on NXP website
- Download MCUXpresso IDE
- · Install MCUXpresso IDE on the host computer

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5 i.MX RT product image setup

- Open the Getting started page ref.[15].
- Select the section 2.Build and Run Wi-Fi demo from the SDK in the left navigation pane
- · Click on the icon to play the video.



• Follow the instructions to install the SDK, import a project, build an image, and run an application in debug mode

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6 Run a Wi-Fi demo application

Use the Wi-Fi example application available in the SDK to bring up the Wi-Fi interface.

- **Step 1** Open the Getting started page ref.[15].
- Step 2 Select the section 2.Build and Run Wi-Fi demo from the SDK in the left navigation pane.
- **Step 3** Scroll down the page and click **BUILD AND RUN WIFI EXAMPLE** button to access the step-by-step procedure to build and run a Wi-Fi demo application.

Note: The default application works on Murata 2EL module using the macro <code>WIFI_IW612_BOARD_MURATA_2EL_M2</code>.

To enable the support for other modules:

- · Import the project.
- Go to project properties > C/C++ Build > Settings > Preprocessor (<u>Figure 46</u>).
- · Select another macro.

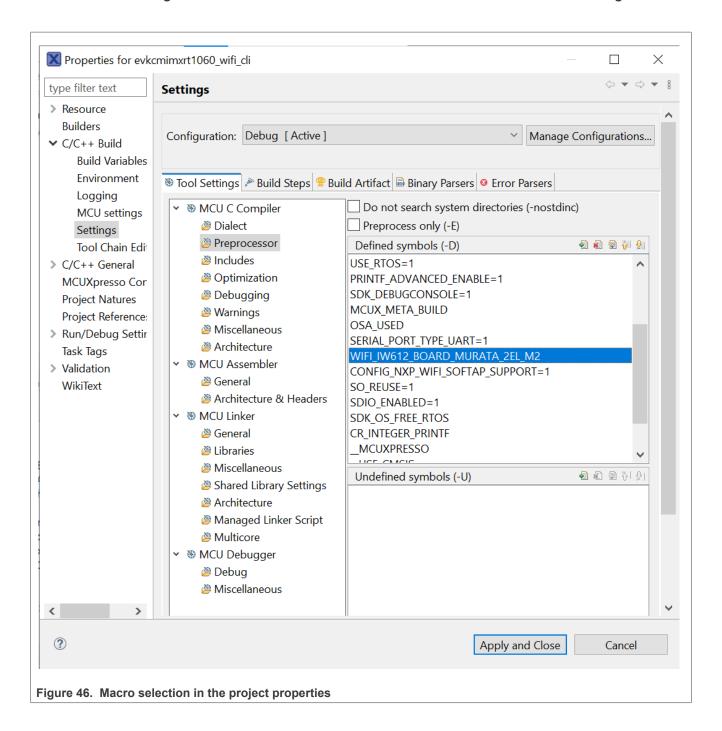


Table 19. List of macros

| Module | Wireless product | Macro ^[1] |
|--------------------|------------------|---|
| AzureWave AW-AM457 | IW416 | WIFI_IW416_BOARD_AW_AM457_USD WIFI_IW416_BOARD_AW_AM457MA |
| AzureWave AW-CM358 | 88W8987 | WIFI_88W8987_BOARD_AW_CM358_USD WIFI_88W8987_BOARD_AW_CM358MA |
| Murata Type 1XK | IW416 | WIFI_IW416_BOARD_MURATA_1XK_USD WIFI_IW416_BOARD_MURATA_1XK_M2 |
| Murata Type 1ZM | 88W8987 | WIFI_88W8987_BOARD_MURATA_1ZM_USD WIFI_88W8987_BOARD_MURATA_1ZM_M2 |
| EVK-MAYA-W1 | IW416 | WIFI_IW416_BOARD_UBX_MAYA_W1_USD |
| EVK-JODY-W2 | 88W8987 | WIFI_88W8987_BOARD_UBX_JODY_W2_USD |
| Murata Type 2EL | IW612 | WIFI_IW612_BOARD_MURATA_2EL_M2 |
| EVK-JODY-W5 | AW611 | WIFI_AW611_BOARD_UBX_JODY_W5_M2 |
| Murata Type 2LL | IW610 | WIFI_IW610_BOARD_MURATA_2LL_M2 |

^[1] USD refers to microSD interface, and M2 refers to M.2 interface.

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7 Run a Bluetooth/Bluetooth LE demo application

This section describes the steps to run *peripheral_ht* demo application. The application demonstrates the Bluetooth LE peripheral role, more specifically, it exposes the health thermometer (HT) GATT Service. Peer devices that subscribe to receive temperature indications get temperature readings every second. The temperature readings show values between 20°C and 25°C.

7.1 Demo start-up logs

Step 1 – Build and run peripheral ht application.

Step 2 - Flash the image on i.MX RT EVK board.

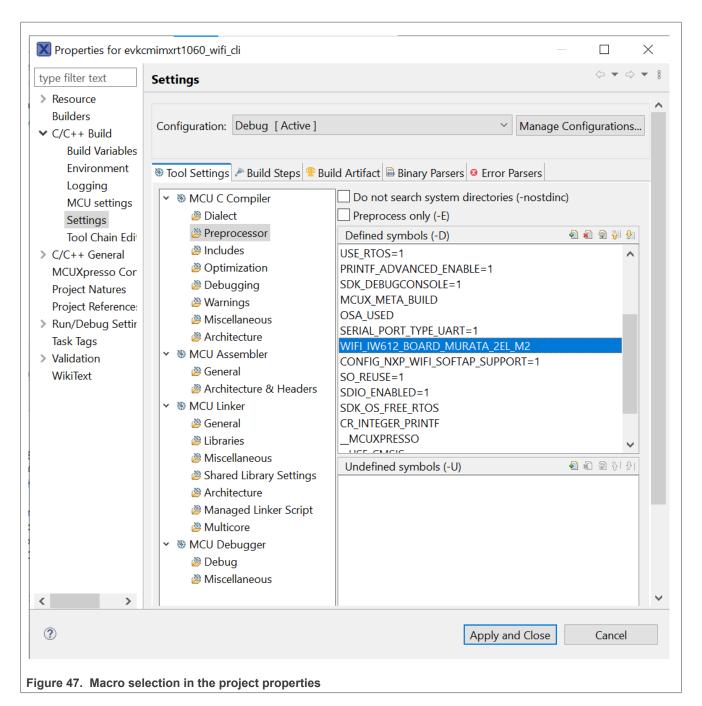
Refer to <u>Section 5</u> for guidance on how to build and run a demo application. Follow the steps with *peripheral_ht* application instead of *iperf* application.

Note: The default application works on Murata 2EL module using the macro WIFI_IW612_BOARD_MURATA_2EL_M2.

To enable the support for other modules:

- · Import the project.
- Go to project properties > C/C++ Build > Settings > Preprocessor (Figure 47).
- · Select another macro.

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Step 3 – Apply a power reset on i.MX RT EVK board.

Step 4 – Check the console on the connected computer screen to see the application start-up logs.

The demo application first loads the Wi-Fi and Bluetooth module firmware through the SDIO interface. Next, the application automatically sets the Bluetooth LE advertisement parameters and enables the advertisements for a sample Bluetooth LE service. The following logs can be observed once the i.MX RT EVK board and NXP-based wireless module are up and running.

Bluetooth initialized Advertising successfully started

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At this point, the stack is ready to accept incoming connections from any peer device.

Table 20. List of macros

| Module | Wireless product | Macro ^[1] |
|--------------------|------------------|---|
| AzureWave AW-AM457 | IW416 | WIFI_IW416_BOARD_AW_AM457_USD |
| AzureWave AW-AM510 | IW416 | WIFI_IW416_BOARD_AW_AM510_USD WIFI_IW416_BOARD_AW_AM510MA |
| AzureWave AW-CM358 | 88W8987 | WIFI_88W8987_BOARD_AW_CM358_USD |
| Murata Type 1XK | IW416 | WIFI_IW416_BOARD_MURATA_1XK_USD WIFI_IW416_BOARD_MURATA_1XK_M2 |
| Murata Type 1ZM | 88W8987 | WIFI_88W8987_BOARD_MURATA_1ZM_USD WIFI_88W8987_BOARD_MURATA_1ZM_M2 |
| Murata Type 2EL | IW612 | WIFI_IW612_BOARD_MURATA_2EL_M2 |
| u-blox EVK-JODY-W5 | AW611 | WIFI_AW611_BOARD_UBX_JODY_W5_M2 |
| Murata Type 2LL | IW610 | WIFI_IW610_BOARD_MURATA_2LL_M2 |

^[1] USD refers to microSD interface, and M2 refers to M.2 interface.

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7.2 Establishing a Bluetooth LE connection

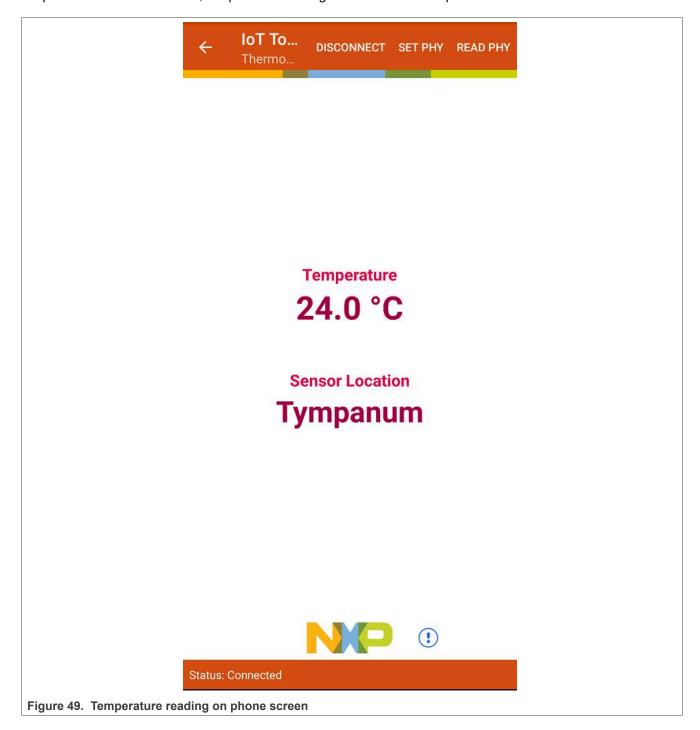
This section describes the steps to establish a Bluetooth LE connection between a smartphone and NXP-based wireless module.

- Install and launch the IoT Toolbox application on the smartphone
- Enable the Bluetooth and Location service of the smartphone
- Select Thermometer to scan the available devices using the Health Thermometer service



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- Look for peripheral_ht in IoT Toolbox application ref.[10]. From the application it is now be possible to connect to the device.
- Upon successful connection, temperature readings show on the smartphone.



Note: The SDK package includes other Bluetooth demo applications. See ref.[13].

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8 Run a 802.15.4 demo application

This section describes the steps to run 802.15.4 cli demo application on the RT1170 EVK.

Step 1 - Clone the OT-NXP source code

Use the github link https://github.com/NXP/ot-nxp to clone the OT-NXP source.

Step 2 - Set up the tool-chain

- SDK_2_10_1_MIMXRT1170-EVK_RFP_Linux.zip or later version of the software package includes all the required tool-chain for i.MX RT1170. See ref.[11] to download the SDK.
- For OpenThread, go to ot-nxp directory

```
$ cd <path_to_ot-nxp>
```

Step 3 - Compile 802.15.4 demo

 Download and unzip SDK_2_10_1_MIMXRT1170-EVK_RFP_Linux.zip or a later version of the software package.

```
$ unzip SDK_2_10_1_MIMXRT1170-EVK_RFP_Linux.zip
```

Use cd command to go to ot-nxp directory and compile the code

```
$ cd SDK_2_10_1_MIMXRT1170-EVK_RFP_Linux/<path_to_ot-nxp>
$ export NXP_RT1170_SDK_ROOT=<patch_to_SDK_2_10_1_MIMXRT1170-
EVK_RFP_Linux.zip_decompress_folder>
$ .7script/build_rt1170
```

The binary image ot-cli-rt1170 for i.MX RT1170 is created in ot-nxp/build_rt1170/iwx12_spi directory.

Step 4 - Load the image onto i.MX RT1170 EVK board

- Set the switch SW1 on RT1170 (Table 3)
- Connect i.MX RT1170 EVK board to the host PC with the USB port.
 To check that the host PC recognizes the USB port, look for the USB port in Linux file manager GUI.
- For 802.15.4 demo, copy the binary image from <path_to_ot-nxp>/build_rt1170/iwx12_spi/ directory into the directory with i.MX RT1170 USB location.
- Check the red LED close to the mini USB port on i.MX RT1170 EVK board. This LED should be blinking while
 the image is being copied.
- When the LED stops blinking, the USB port in the host laptop is unmounted and mounted automatically. (You can monitor this in GUI directory)
- Look at the content of *RT1170 USB* directory. If the directory includes the *fail.txt* file, it means that the image flashing process has failed.

Note: For the demo to work, there must be a micro SD connection between RT1170 EVK and IW612 evaluation board.

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Step 5 - Check the output in the serial console

• When you have completed the steps above, you should see the following output in the serial console:

```
>
```

• Run the help command to get the list of ot-cli commands

```
> help
```

Command output example:

```
bufferinfo
ccathreshold
channel
child
childip
childmax
childsupervision
childtimeout
coap
commissioner
contextreusedelay
counters
dataset
delaytimermin
discover
dns
eidcache
eui64
extaddr
extpanid
factoryreset
```

Example using scan command:

```
> scan
```

Command output:

Note: Refer to the README for details on OpenThread commands.

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9 Abbreviations

Table 21. Abbreviations

| Terms | Definition |
|-------|---|
| AP | Access point |
| DHCP | Dynamic host configuration protocol |
| DHCPD | DHCP daemon |
| EVB | Evaluation board |
| EVK | Evaluation kit |
| FW | Firmware |
| HCI | Host controller interface |
| HTS | Health thermometer service |
| I/O | Input/output |
| IDE | Integrated development environment |
| IP | Internet protocol |
| LE | Low energy |
| IwIP | Light weight IP |
| PCM | Pulse code modulation |
| SD | Secure digital |
| SDK | Software development kit |
| STA | Station/client |
| SW | Software |
| UART | Universal asynchronous receiver-transmitter |
| uSD | Micro SD |
| uSDHC | ultra-secured digital host controller |
| WLAN | Wireless local area network |

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10 References

- [1] Data sheet AzureWave AW-CM358 IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac WLAN with Bluetooth 5 Combo Stamp Module With M.2 2230 adapter Board (<u>link</u>)
- [2] Data sheet AzureWave AW-AM457 IEEE 802.11 1X1 a/b/g/n Wireless LAN + Bluetooth 5.1 Combo LGA Module (link)
- [3] Data sheet Azurewave AW-AM510 IEEE 802.11 1X1 a/b/g/n Wireless LAN + Bluetooth 5.2 Combo 12 x 12 LGA Module(link)
- [4] Data sheet Murata Type 1XK W-LAN+Bluetooth Combo Module Data Sheet (link)
- [5] Data sheet Murata Type 1ZM W-LAN+Bluetooth Combo Module Data Sheet (link)
- [6] Data sheet Murata LBES5PL2EL-923 Type 2EL Wi-Fi + Bluetooth + 802.15.4 Tri-Radio Module Data Sheet NXP IW612 Chipset for 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/ax + Bluetooth 5.3 + IEEE 802.15.4 (link)
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- [10] Mobile application NXP IoT Toolbox Android (<u>IoT Toolbox on Google Play</u>) (<u>IoT Toolbox on the APP Store</u>)
- [11] User guide Getting Started with MCUXpresso SDK (link)
- [12] User guide HWRGEFBTPA: Hardware Rework Guide for EdgeFast Bluetooth PAL (link)
- [13] User manual UM11442: NXP Wi-Fi and Bluetooth Demo Applications User Guide for i.MX RT Platforms (link)
- [14] Webpage Embedded Artists EAR 2EL M.2 module (link)
- [15] Webpage Getting Started with Wi-Fi on i.MX RT platforms (link)
- [16] Webpage i.MX RT Crossover MCUs (<u>link</u>)
- [17] Webpage MCUXpresso SDK Builder (link)
- [18] Webpage Embedded Artists EAR00385 1XK M.2 Module (link)
- [19] Webpage Embedded Artists EAR00364 1ZM M.2 Module (link)
- [20] Webpage Murata LBEE0ZZ1WE-uSD-M2 uSD-M.2 Adapter (link)
- [21] Webpage Murata LBEE0ZZ2WE-uSD-M2 uSD-M.2 Adapter (link)
- [22] Webpage Murata LBEE0ZZ2WF-uSD-M2 uSD-M.2 Adapter (link)
- [23] Webpage Murata Type 2DL (<u>link</u>)
- [24] Webpage Embedded Artists Type 2DL M2 module (link)

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11 Contact information

Refer to the following links for more details on the products, and for queries or support.

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• NXP community: https://community.nxp.com/

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