



Ultra-low-power
wireless MCU for
sub-1 GHz wireless
connectivity
applications

Kinetis KW0x Wireless MCUs

Powered by the ultra-low-power 48 MHz ARM® Cortex®-M0+ 32-bit core, the KW0x family of MCUs embeds a rich set of peripherals such as a high-performance, bi-directional sub-1 GHz radio capable of operating over a wide frequency range of 315, 433, 470, 868, 915, 928 and 960 MHz in the license-free industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) frequency bands.

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- ▶ Smart metering
- ▶ Building control
- ▶ Home automation
- ▶ Wireless sensor networks
- ▶ Medical/healthcare

The KW0x smart radio supports OOK, FSK, GFSK and MSK signal modulation to transmit and receive information from 1.2 to 600 kbit/s for addressing the different types of communications required in the industrial market. An embedded front end radio integrates high-performance, low noise amplifiers and power amplifiers to reach a sensitivity of -120 dBm at 1.2 kbit/s and an output power adjustable from -18 to +17 dBm.

The KW0x smart radio has 128 KB of on-chip, non-volatile flash memory and 16 KB of RAM for running various types of communication protocols, from proprietary protocols (simple media access controller (SMAC)) to globally standardized protocols (IEEE® 802.15.4). This platform approach includes hardware, software, tools and reference designs to help simplify development.

KINETIS KW0X KEY BENEFITS

- ▶ Ultra-low-power 32-bit ARM Cortex -M0+ core offers a well-matched CPU to run target applications
- ▶ Optimized flash and RAM memory size provide a single-chip device for operation of the communication stack and the application
- ▶ Flexible radio (multiple frequency bands, multiple modulation) provides common platform development for compliance with multiple industry standards
- ▶ High performance and low power consumption are ideal for coin cell battery-operated equipment

FEATURES SUMMARY

MCU

- ▶ Ultra-low-power 32-bit ARM Cortex-M0+ core. 2 x more CoreMark®/mA than the closest 8/16-bit architecture.
- ▶ Single-cycle fast I/O access port facilitates bit banging and software protocol emulation, maintaining an 8-bit "look and feel"





- multiple, flexible low-power modes including new compute operation which reduces dynamic power by placing peripherals in an asynchronous stop mode
- I²C, ADC, DAC, LP timer and DMA support low-power mode operation without waking up the core

RF Transceiver

- Supports 290–340 MHz, 424–510 MHz, and 862–1020 MHz frequency bands
- High sensitivity: As low as -120 dBm at 1.2 kbit/s
- High selectivity: 80 dB blocking immunity
- Low current: RX = 16 mA, 100nA register retention
- Programmable output: -18 to +17 dBm in 1 dB steps
- FSK bit rates up to 600 kbit/s
- FSK, GFSK, MSK, GMSK and OOK modulations
- Packet engine with CRC, AES-128 encryption and 66 byte FIFO
- Built-in temperature sensor and low battery indicator

Memory

- 128 KB flash with 64 byte flash cache
- 16 KB RAM

Peripherals

- 16-bit ADC with configurable resolution, sample time and conversion speed/power
- High-speed comparator with internal 6-bit DAC
- 12-bit DAC with DMA support

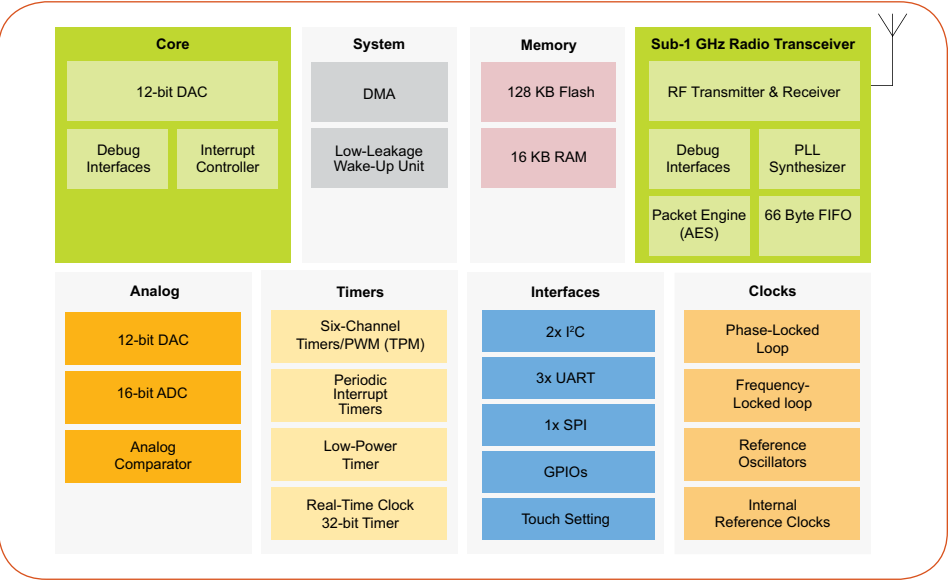
Interfaces

- Capacitive touch-sense interface supports external electrodes
- GPIO with pin interrupt support, DMA request capability and other pin control options
- One I²C with DMA support, up to 100 kbit/s and compatible with SMBus V2 features
- One LPUART and two UART with DMA support

Operating Voltage and Temperature Range

- 1.8 to 3.6 V operating voltage with on-chip voltage regulators

KINETIS KW0x WIRELESS MCU



- Temperature range of -40 °C to +85 °C

SOFTWARE AND TOOLS

Radio Test Utility

- Run on PC connected through USB
- Allows fast evaluation of radio performance in a lab environment without the need for writing software:
 - Common control allows setting of frequency, modulation and operation mode.
 - Transmit control allows setting of TX power, ramp and shaping for analysis.

- Receive control allows setting of bandwidths, AFC, OOK thresholds, LNA Sensitivity, RSSI thresholds and readings.
- Packet Handler control allows setting of packet preamble, sync and payload for board-to-board testing.

SMAC

- Simple communication and test applications based on drivers/PHY utilities available as source code
- Small footprint (<10 KB)
- Supports point-to-point communication (bi-directional RF communication link), broadcast communication

DEVELOPMENT TOOLS

Part Number	Description	\$USD
MRB-KW019032NA	KW01 915 MHz module with 32 MHz XTAL - Device programmed with code for North America - Antenna - USB cable - Quick start guide	\$99
MRB-KW019032EU	KW01 868 MHz module with 32 MHz XTAL - Device programmed with code for Europe - Antenna - USB cable - Quick start guide	\$99
MRB-KW019030JA	KW01 900 MHz module with 30 MHz XTAL - Device programmed with code for Japan - Antenna - USB cable - Quick start guide	\$99
TWR-RF-MRB	Adaptor for connecting the modular reference board to the Kinetis Tower system	\$99

*Please note: A minimum of two MRB-KW01 boards of the same style are typically required to demonstrate full functionality of the system. Refer to www.nxp.com/MRB-KW0x for additional information.



NOTE: MRB-KW0x, TWR-RF-MRB and TWR-ELEV boards, as well as other boards for the TWR system each are ordered separately.



MRB-KW0x on TWR-RF-MRB

ORDERABLE PART

Part Number	Description
MKW01Z128CHN	• 290–1020 MHz smart radio • 128 KB flash/16 KB RAM • Bulk tray