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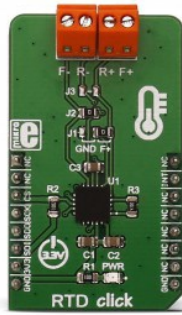
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RTD click

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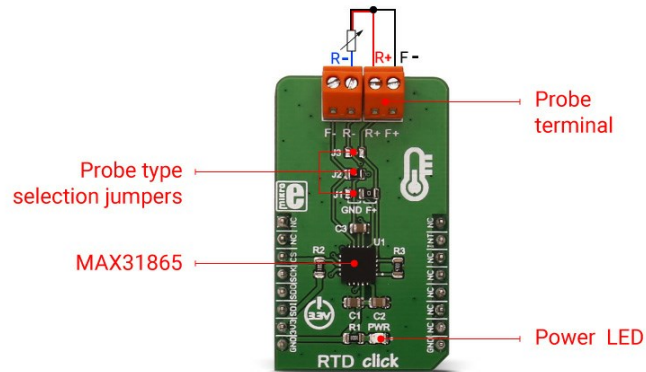
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How the click works

RTD sensors are basically thermosensitive resistors – materials that change the resistance depending on their temperature. In this case, the resistor is a small strip of platinum with a resistance of 100Ω at 0°C - that is why it is called PT100. The RTD measurement is more stable and precise than with most NTC/PTC thermistors, so it is commonly used for measuring temperature in the laboratory and industrial processes.

Measurement probe is connected to the RTD click by using the screw terminals, and it has wires that can be 1m long, which makes possible to measure high temperatures from a safe distance. To successfully measure small differences in the sensor resistance, the signal must be amplified. There is an input signal amplifier before the ADC converter, inside the MAX 31865 IC. Once amplified, the signal goes through the ADC converter and then, this value can be then read through the SPI interface on the mikroBUS™ socket. Since the temperature vs resistance curve of the platinum probes is not ideal, a compensating calculation is done with the functions, contained in the click library. The 15bit ADC can provide the resolution of ±0.3125°C, but the total accuracy of the RTD click is ±0.5°C.

The RTD click can work with several different variations of the RTD probes:

- The 2-wire probe connection can give acceptable results when the RTD is located close to the MAX31865. For the PT100 probes, the series resistance of 0.4Ω causes an error of approximately 1°C. Therefore, as the cable length increases, the error due to cable resistance can become excessive.

- The 3-wire probe connection is a compromise that uses one less conductor than the 4-wire solution. If the cable resistances are well matched, the error due to cable resistance is canceled.

- The 4-wire probe connection eliminates errors due to cable resistance by using separate force and sense leads.

To select proper mode for the type of the connected probe, the SMD jumpers on the click board must be set to a proper position. The jumper settings can be found in the **Onboard settings and indicators** table, below.

DRDY - Data ready pin is used to signal a ready status to the MCU. This pin will go to a LOW logic state when there is a new conversion result is available in the data register. When a read operation of an RTD resistance data register occurs, DRDY goes to a HIGH logic level. It can be used to trigger an interrupt on the MCU so that the polling of the temperature registers can be avoided.

Specifications

Type	Temperature
Applications	Measuring a wide range of temperatures in hard to reach places and in hazardous conditions.
On-board modules	RTD click uses Maxim Integrated MAX31865 15bit resistance to digital converter, optimized for platinum resistance temperature detectors (RTD)
Key Features	RTD click can be equipped 2, 3 or 4-wire PT100 RTD probe, measuring wide range of temperatures with the accuracy of ±0.5°C, ±45V overvoltage protection, fast measurement data processing of 21mS, DRDY pin for interrupt triggering...
Interface	GPIO,SPI
Input Voltage	3.3V
Click board size	M (42.9 x 25.4 mm)

Pinout diagram

This table shows how the pinout on **RTD click** corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS™ socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin	mikroBUS		Pin	Notes
	NC	1	AN	PWM	16	NC	
	NC	2	RST	INT	15	**DRDY**	Data-Ready output
SPI chip select	**CS**	3	CS	RX	14	NC	
SPI clock	**SCK**	4	SCK	TX	13	NC	
SPI slave data out	**MISO**	5	MISO	SCL	12	NC	
SPI slave data in	**MOSI**	6	MOSI	SDA	11	NC	
Power supply	3.3V	7	3.3V	5V	10	NC	
Ground	**GND**	8	GND	GND	9	**GND**	Ground

Onboard settings and indicators

Label	Name	Default	Description
PWR	Power LED	-	Power LED indicates that the click is powered on

J1	Jumper	Right	For 3-wire probe, connect to the RIGHT position. For 2 or 4-wire probe, connect to the LEFT position
J2	Jumper	Soldered	Solder the 0Ω resistor when using the 2 or 3-wire probe, leave open for 4-wire probe
J3	Jumper	NC	Solder the 0Ω resistor when using the 2-wire probe, leave open otherwise

Note: RTD click is set to work with the 3-wire probe by default.

Software support

We provide a library for the RTD click on our LibStock page, as well as a demo application (example), developed using MikroElektronika compilers. The demo can run on all the main MikroElektronika development boards.

Library Description

This library contains functions for basic reading and writing of the click's registers, as well as temperature conversion function that can convert raw data into degrees Celsius.

Key functions:

- `void rtd_writeRegister(uint8_t regAddress, uint8_t writeData)` - Writes data into a register

- `uint16_t rtd_readTemperature()` - Reads temperature from temperature registers

- `float rtd_convertTemperature(uint16_t inputData, uint16_t referentResistance)` - Converts raw data to degrees Celsius

Examples Description

The application is composed of three sections:

- System Initialization - Initializes SPI peripheral, CS pin, and UART logger

- Application Initialization - Initializes RTD click driver, and sets the proper configuration mode for 3-wire RTD

- Application Task (code snippet) - Measures temperature, converts the data to Celsius degrees, and outputs them via UART. The conversion function also accepts the value for the resistance, which is used for the proper compensation, depending on the used referent voltage resistor.

```
uint16_t readValue;
    float convertedValue;
    char testTxt [20];

    readValue = rtd_readTemperature();
    convertedValue = rtd_convertTemperature(readValue, _RTD_REF_RESISTANCE_470)
;

    floatToStr(convertedValue, testTxt);
    mikrobus_logWrite("Current temperature: ", _LOG_TEXT );
    mikrobus_logWrite(testTxt, _LOG_LINE );

    delay_ms(1000);
```

The full application code, and ready to use projects can be found on our LibStock page.

Other mikroE Libraries used in this example:

- UART
- Conversions
- C_string

Additional notes and information

Depending on the development board you are using, you may need USB UART click, USB UART 2 click or RS232 click to connect to your PC, for development systems with no UART to USB interface available on the board. The terminal available in all MikroElektronika compilers, or any other terminal application of your choice, can be used to read the message.

mikroSDK

This click board is supported with mikroSDK, the MikroElektronika Software Development Kit. To download mikroSDK visit LibStock. For more information about SDK, visit the official page.

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