

WiFi 9 Click



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WiFi 9 Click is fully embedded stand-alone Wi-Fi module, equipped with the PAN9420 a 2.4 GHz ISM band Wi-Fi-embedded module which includes a wireless radio and an MCU for easy integration of Wi-Fi connectivity into various electronic devices. This module combines a high-performance CPU with Wireless radio and integrated memory, which offers many features like webpage storing of HTML or image data, possibility to work in access point or infrastructure mode, and dual UART interface for communication with the host controllers.

WiFi 9 click is supported by a mikroSDK compliant library, which includes functions that simplify software development. This Click board™ comes as a fully tested product, ready to be used on a system equipped with the mikroBUS™ socket.

This board is featuring PAN9420 a 2.4 GHz 802.11 b/g/n embedded Wi-Fi module with integrated stack and API that minimizes firmware development and includes a full security suite. The module is specifically designed for highly integrated and cost-effective applications. The module includes a fully shielded case, integrated crystal oscillators, and a chip antenna.

How does it work?

The WiFi 9 click comes equipped with the [PAN9420](#), a full embedded Wi-Fi module from [Panasonic](#). The module combines a high-performance CPU, high-sensitivity wireless radio, baseband processor, medium access controller, encryption unit, boot ROM with patching capability, internal SRAM, and in-system programmable flash memory. The module's integrated QSPI flash memory is available to the application for storing web content such as HTML pages or image data.

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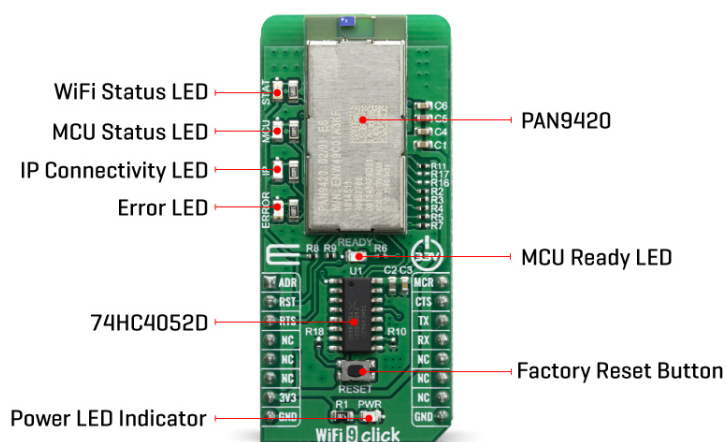
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Parallel support of access point and infrastructure mode allows easy setup of simultaneous Wi-Fi connections from the module to smart devices and home network routers. The pre-programmed Wi-Fi SoC firmware enables client (STA), micro access point (μ AP), and Ad-hoc mode (Wi-Fi Direct) applications. With the transparent mode, raw data can be sent from the UART to the air interface to smart devices, web servers, or PC applications.

For working with PAN9420 module at your disposal are two data UART interfaces, one for command and another for transparent data. In order to enable simultaneous communication between the module and host MCU through one UART on mikroBUS™ socket we have added [74HC4052](#) multiplexer from Nexperia USA Inc.

For selecting between UART0/UART1 you may use ADR pin (ADDRES):

ADR pin state	Module pins	Selected Interface
LOW	TXD0/RXD0	UART0
HIGH	TXD/RXD	UART1

On the WiFi 9 click board several status LED's are implemented for easiest visual monitoring of the module states like MCU heartbeat, IP connectivity, Errors, WiFi connection and Booting.

The PAN9420 supports Over-the-Air firmware updates. In order to make use of this feature, the customer needs to ensure that the appropriate preconditions are fulfilled and that a suitable environment is provided, particularly with regard to:

- Module configuration
- Utilization of the related module interface commands
- Server infrastructure and application

The PAN9420 module is operated at 3.3V. Having in mind its absolute maximum ratings, it is not advisable to use the Click board™ with MCUs that use logic voltage levels up to 5V.

Specifications

Type	WiFi
Applications	Contains all necessary IoT functionality perfectly suited for IoT applications which

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	require simultaneous support of Access-Point- and Infrastructure mode
On-board modules	Full featured standalone WiFi module PAN9420 from Panasonic, a 2.4 GHz ISM module which includes a wireless radio and an MCU
Key Features	Full-featured embedded network stack, integrated webserver, over-the-air firmware updates, integrated QSPI flash memory for customer web contents or configuration file storing
Interface	GPIO,UART
Feature	No ClickID
Compatibility	mikroBUS™
Click board size	L (57.15 x 25.4 mm)
Input Voltage	3.3V

Pinout diagram

This table shows how the pinout on WiFi 9 click corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS™ socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin					Pin	Notes
Address Select	ADR	1	AN	PWM	16	MCU	MCU Reset
Reset	RST	2	RST	INT	15	CTS	Clear to Send
Request to Send	RTS	3	CS	RX	14	TX	UART Transmit
	NC	4	SCK	TX	13	RX	UART Receive
	NC	5	MISO	SCL	12	NC	
	NC	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
T1	RESET	-	Reset button for firmware rebooting
LD1	MCU	-	MCU status (heartbeat) LED
LD2	IP	-	IP connectivity (allocated IP) status LED
LD3	ERROR	-	Error (active during booting) status LED
LD4	STAT	-	Wireless (Wi-Fi) status LED
LD5	READY	-	MCU ready (booting ready) status LED

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LED GREEN	PWR	-	Power LED Indicator
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WiFi 9 click LED status legend

LED	Application	LED Function
MCU	OFF: Shut-off BLINK (1sec): Firmware active	MCU status (heartbeat)
IP	OFF: no IP assigned ON: IP assigned	IP connectivity in Infrastructure mode
ERROR	OFF: no error ON: error appeared	MCU Firmware Error
STAT	OFF: no AP connection BLINK (0.2 s): Scanning for AP BLINK (0.4 s): trying to connect to AP BLINK (1.2 s): WLAN Error ON: Associated with AP	WLAN connectivity in Infrastructure mode
READY	OFF: Shut-off ON: Firmware ready	Firmware application is ready
PWR	ON: Click board is powered on OFF: Click boards is missing power	Power LED Indicator

Software Support

We provide a library for the WiFi 9 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

Library carries generic command parser adopted for WiFi 9 command based modules.
Generic parser

Key functions:

- wifi9_cmdSingle - Sends provided command to the module.
- wifi9_setHandler - Handler assignation to the provied command.
- wifi9_modulePower - Turn on module.

Examples description

The application is composed of three sections :

- System Initialization - Initializes all necessary GPIO pins, UART used for the communcation with WIFI module and UART used for infromation logging.
- Application Initialization - Initializes driver, power on module and a procedure has been created with commands where the module connects to the WIFI router and opens the Netcat server.
- Application Task - running in parallel core state machine.

Additional Functions :

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All additional functions such as timer initialization and default handler.

Notes :

- First hold the reset button on the click board for about 5 seconds so that the module would perform a factory reset.
- When the module turns on and writes "factory reset" on the terminal.
- it's ready to be configured.
- In the example we've created a procedure that connects your module to WiFi network and sends commands for creating Netcat server with port (1234).
- After all commands are finished executing, it is necessary to create a Netcat client on a terminal (we used Cygwin64 terminal).
- In the example only some of the supported commands were used.
- the rest you can find in the technical documentation.
- Keep in mind that the click board uses two UART modules.
- CMD-UART(for sending commands) and BIN-UART(for sending the data)..

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

Other mikroE Libraries used in the example:

- String
- Conversion
- UART

Additional notes and informations

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](#) - MikroElektronika Software Development Kit. To ensure proper operation of mikroSDK compliant Click board™ demo applications, mikroSDK should be downloaded from the [LibStock](#) and installed for the compiler you are using.

For more information about mikroSDK, visit the [official page](#).

Resources

[mikroBUS™](#)

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Downloads

[WiFi 9 click example on Libstock](#)

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[74HC4052 datasheet](#)

[PAN9420 datasheet](#)

[WiFi 9 click 2D and 3D files](#)

[WiFi 9 click schematic](#)

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