

Amazon ACK HMCU On NuTiny-NUC1261S

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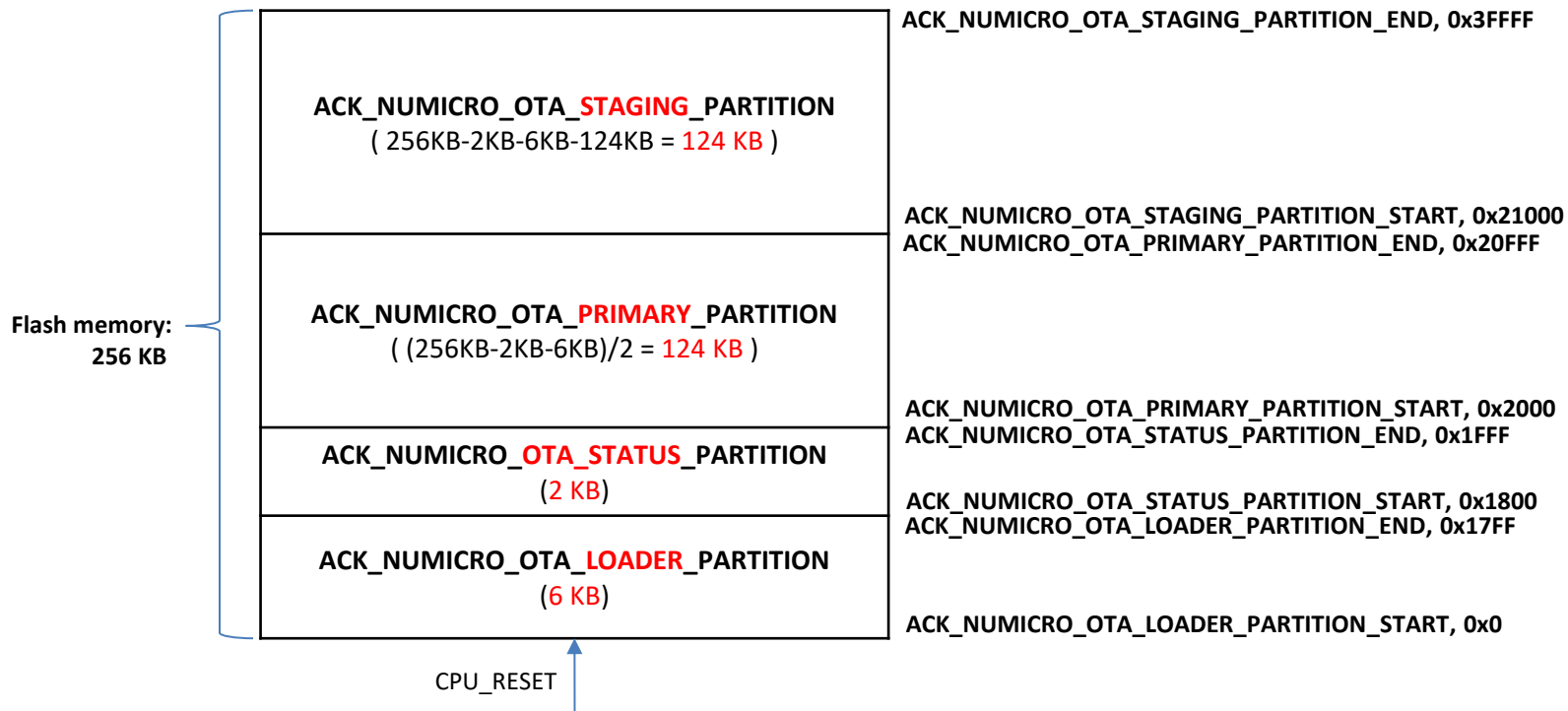
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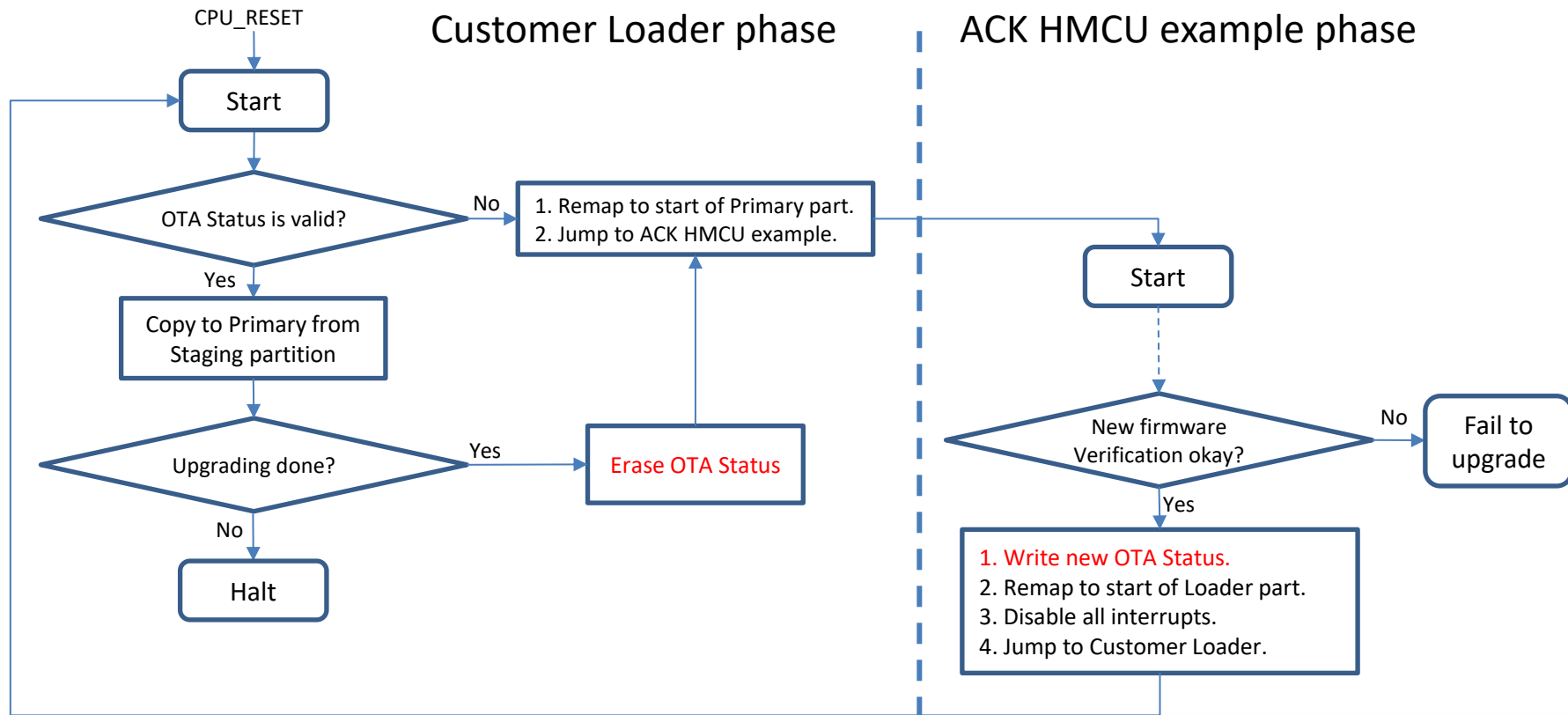
Introduction

- **ACK – Alexa Connect Kit**
- **An Amazon-managed solution that makes it simpler, faster, and more economical to create and manage Alexa-controlled, Wi-Fi-enabled smart devices.**
 - ACK module
 - High-reliability/Low-latency device control cloud
 - ACK Management Console
 - Extensibility APIs
 - Dash Replenishment Service

Partition layout



Boot flow & OTA upgrading



Demo

- Requirements
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Requirements

- **Hardware**

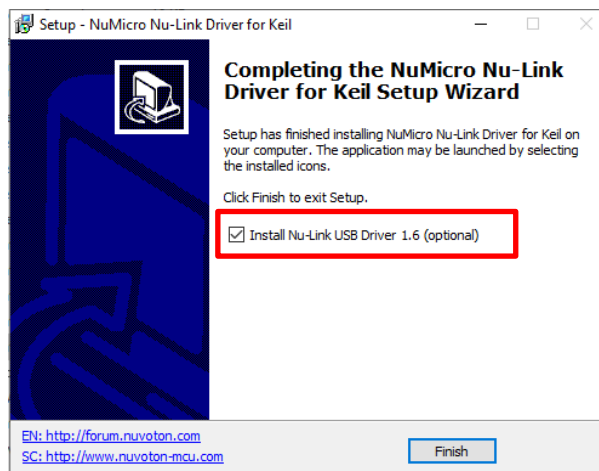
- An ACK module board (USI MT7697H development kit)
- An development board for ACK HMCU (NuTiny-NUC1261S board)
- An internet-accessible **2.4G** Wi-Fi router
- A mobile phone with Alexa APP
- A LED, some dupont lines and an USB Mini line

- **Software/Drivers**

- Keil MDK 5.26
- Latest Nu-Link Keil drivers
- Python-3.8 environment

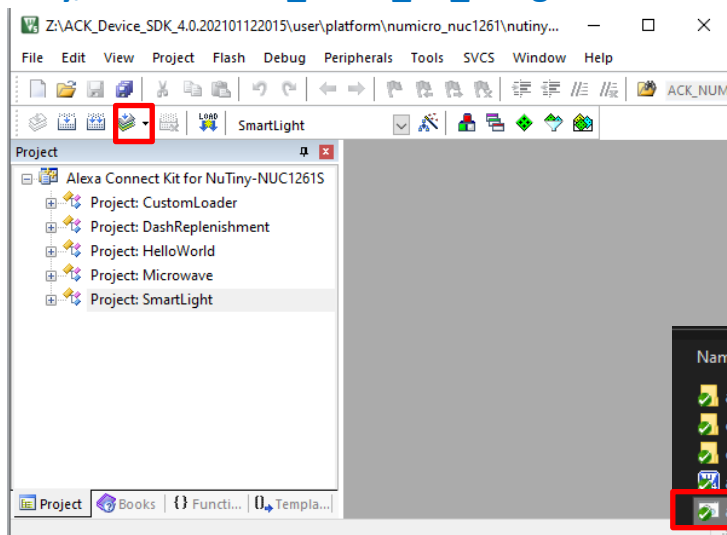
Driver Installation

- **Install “Nu-Link Driver for Keil” on Window platform**
 - Nuvoton provides installshield wizard to help user to install these utilities for keil.
 - It also includes a Nu-Link USB Driver. Please **install it for MDK-ARM debugger and Nuvoton virtual COM(VCOM) function.**



Build Steps

- Open ack.uvmpw Keil multiple project file using MDK 5.26.
 - Path: <Path-to-ACK_Device_SDK>\user\platform\numicro_nuc1261\nutiny-nuc1261s\ack.uvmpw
- Press “Batch rebuild” to build all examples.
- Finally, execute “ack_hmcu_fw_merge.bat” to merge customer_loader and example into a hex file.



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Python Installation

- **Python 3.8** or later is required, with the following optional modules (install with pip): intelhex, protobuf, pyserial.
 - Download: <https://www.python.org/ftp/python/3.8.6/python-3.8.6-amd64.exe>
 - The **intelhex** is *MUST* before you executing the [ack_hmcu_fw_merge.bat](#) script.
 - To execute '**pip install intelhex**' in command line window.
 - Remember to add python execution to **PATH** variable.

ack_hmcu_fw_merge.bat

- This is batch script for window platform. Help user to get all merged firmwares for programming, just a double-click step.
- It invokes some python utilities Amazon provided
 - For producing a merged firmware for NuMicro MCU.
 - Notice: The Nu-Link-Me on NuTiny-NUC1261S board is without Drag-and-drop firmware downloading function.
 - For OTA upgrading file for publishing on Amazon Cloud.
 - Please remember to modify the device type for yours.

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Merged_Microwave.hex	2021/4/26 下午 07:28	HEX File	156 KB
Merged_SmartLight.hex	2021/4/26 下午 07:28	HEX File	157 KB

HMCU board Setting

- **Bridge USB micro line between Nu-Link-Me and PC.**
- **Nu-Link-Me firmware upgrade guiding**
 - Please find out Chapter 5 of 'NuMicro Cortex-M Keil ICE driver user manual.pdf' in installed Nu-Link_Keil driver folder - C:\Program Files (x86)\Nuvoton Tools\Nu-Link_Keil\.

HMCU board and ACK shield board wiring

- Power-related Pins

NuTiny-NUC1261S	ACK shield board
+ 3.3v	ioref
+5v	+5v
GND	GND

- Communication-related Pins

NuTiny-NUC1261S	ACK shield board
P37	RX
P38	TX
P39	INT
P40	RES

- Other I/O Pins

NuTiny-NUC1261S	Function description
On-board Heart Beat LED (GPIO output, LED)	Alexa-connected indicator
P28 (Defined PWM I/O pin)	Smart Light LED
P23 (GPIO input)	Factory Setting Restore

ACK HMCU Firmware Installation

- Using Nuvoton NuMicro ICP Programming Tool to program merged ACK HMCU and CustomerLoader hex file into MCU's APROM.
 - Specify the path of merged file in APROM entry.
 - Configure “Boot Options” is in “**APROM with IAP**” mode.
 - Select APROM and Config options to start programming.

ACK HMCU Firmware Installation

The image displays three screenshots of the Nuvoton NuMicro ICP Programming Tool 3.03 interface, illustrating the steps for ACK HMCU Firmware Installation. Red circles and arrows highlight specific settings and actions.

Screenshot 1: Main Interface

- Select Language:** English
- Select Target Chip:** NUC126 Series (highlighted with a red circle)
- Buttons:** Quit, Continue >>
- Support Forum:** EN: <http://forum.nuvoton.com>, SC: <http://www.nuvoton-mcu.com/forum.php>

Screenshot 2: Project Configuration

- Status:** Chip Connected with Nu-Link (ID: 1800042)
- Part No.:** NUC1261SG4AE
- Load File:**
 - LDROM:** File Name: C:\LDROM.hex
 - APROM:** File Name: Z:\ACK_Device_SDK_4.0.202101122015\user\platform\numicro_nuc1261\nuclink-nuc1261s\Merged_Sm2 size: 58.9K Bytes, checksum: 6872 (highlighted with a red circle)
 - Data Flash:** File Name: C:\data.hex
 - SPROM:** File Name: C:\SPROM.hex
- Config Bits:** Config 0: 0xFFFFFBBF, Config 1: 0x000FFFFF
- File Data:** On-board Flash, Offline Flash
- Programming:**
 - ☐ LDROM
 - ☒ APROM (highlighted with a red circle)
 - ☐ Data Flash
 - ☐ SPROM
 - ☒ Config (highlighted with a red circle)
- Buttons:** Start (highlighted with a red circle), Options, Refresh

Screenshot 3: Chip Settings

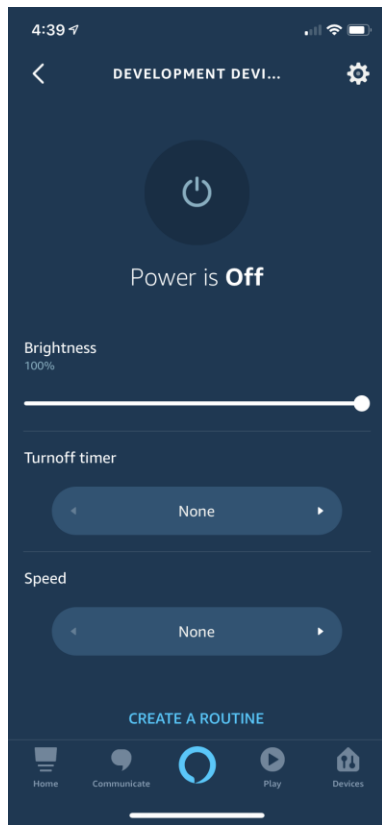
- Brown-out Voltage Options:**
 - ☒ 4.5V
 - ☐ 3.7V
 - ☐ 2.7V
 - ☐ 2.2V
- Boot Options:**
 - ☐ LDROM
 - ☐ LDROM with IAP
 - ☒ APROM
 - ☒ APROM with IAP (highlighted with a red circle)
- PF[4:3] Multi-function Options:**
 - ☐ Work as GPIO
 - ☒ Work as External 4~24MHz Crystal Pin
- I/O Initial State Options:**
 - ☐ Input Tri-state Mode
 - ☒ Quasi-bidirectional Mode
- Data Flash Options:**
 - ☐ Data Flash
 - Base Address: 0x FFFFF
 - Data Flash Size: 0.00K
- Config Value:**
 - Config 0: 0xFFFFFBBF
 - Config 1: 0x000FFFFF
- Buttons:** OK (highlighted with a red circle), Cancel

Wiring and Alexa APP

- **Connect a LED to P45 and GND(-).**
- **Use terminal utility to see Log**
 - Open window device manager to get Nuvoton VCOM COM port number.
 - UART communication setting is **115200N81**.
- **Associate with an Internet-accessible Wi-Fi router**
- **Install Amazon Alexa APP in your mobile device**
 - Got an Amazon account to login.
 - Make sure the APP version number is latest.

Alexa APP controlling

- You can use Alexa APP to set smart-light functions
 - Press Turn-on/off button
 - LED will be turn-on/off.
 - Slide brightness bar to [1-100] percent.
 - LED light brightness will be adjusted.
 - Select speed option to none/low/medium/high.
 - LED blink speed will changed to none/low/medium/high.
 - Select Turnoff timer option to none/5mins/10mins/1hours.
 - LED will be turn be after specified time.



Speech controlling

- Golden utterances
 - <https://developer.amazon.com/zh/docs/device-apis/alexa-brightnesscontroller.html>
- You also can talk to Alexa APP below commands.
(Renamed development board to light)
 - Alexa, turn-on light
 - Alexa, turn-off light
 - Alexa, set turn off timer to **five minutes**. (none/5minutes/10minutes/1hour)
 - Alexa, set the speed to **low** on light. (none/low/medium/high)
 - Alexa, set light to **fifty** percent. [1-100%]

HMCU firmware version control

- You can modify `ACKUser_GetFirmwareVersion` function to do version control. This version number is for ACK HMCU firmware OTA upgrading.
 - PATH: `<PATH-TO-ACKDeviceSDK>\user\platform\numicro_nuc1261\ack_user_device.c`
 - We use building-date-time to implement the function.
 - You need to publish new version number and HMCU firmware on Amazon cloud.

ACK development kits

- Please visit Amazon ACK official page
 - <https://developer.amazon.com/en-US/alexa/connected-devices/alexa-connect-kit/dev-kits>

NUC1261 Series Resources

- **Link to Keil tools for Nuvoton NuMicro**
 - <http://www2.keil.com/nuvoton/M0-M23>
- **Latest Nu-Link Keil driver download**
 - https://www.nuvoton.com/opencms/resource-download.jsp?tp_GUID=SW0520101208200142
- **Latest ICP Programming tool download**
 - https://www.nuvoton.com/resource-download.jsp?tp_GUID=SW1720200221181328