

Amazon ACK HMCU On NuTiny-M451V

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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

ACK_NUMICRO_OTA_STAGING_PARTITION (256KB-2KB-6KB-124KB = 124 KB)

> ACK_NUMICRO_OTA_STAGING_PARTITION_START, 0x21000 ACK NUMICRO OTA PRIMARY PARTITION END, 0x20FFF

ACK NUMICRO OTA STAGING PARTITION END, 0x3FFFF

ACK NUMICRO OTA PRIMARY PARTITION Flash memory: -((256KB-2KB-6KB)/2 = 124 KB)256 KB

> ACK_NUMICRO_OTA_STATUS_PARTITION (2 KB)

ACK NUMICRO OTA LOADER PARTITION (6 KB)

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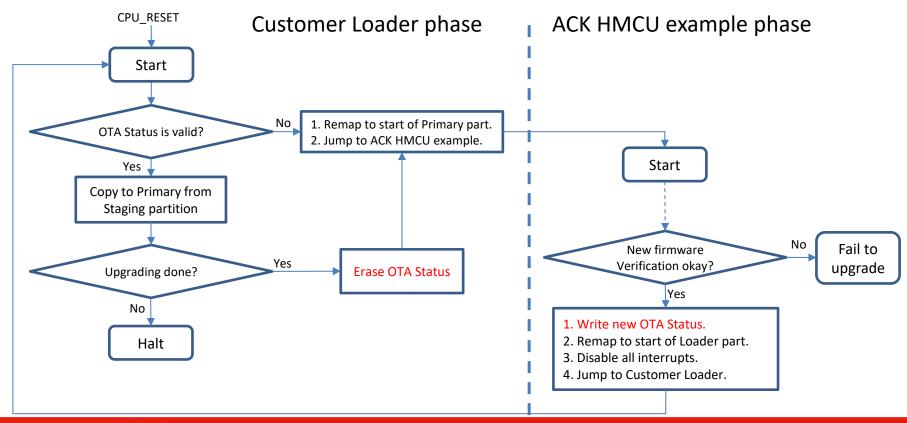
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CPU RESET



Boot flow & OTA upgrading





Demo

- Requirements
- Driver Installation
- Build Steps
- HMCU Board Setting
- ACK HMCU Firmware Installation
- ACK HMCU Boot Option Configuration



Requirements

Hardware

- An ACK module board (USI MT7697H development kit)
- An development board for ACK HMCU (NuTiny-M451V 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

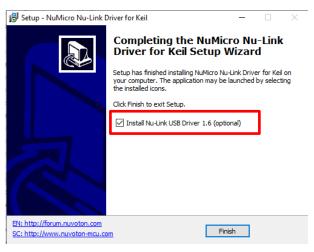
Software/Drivers

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



Driver Installation

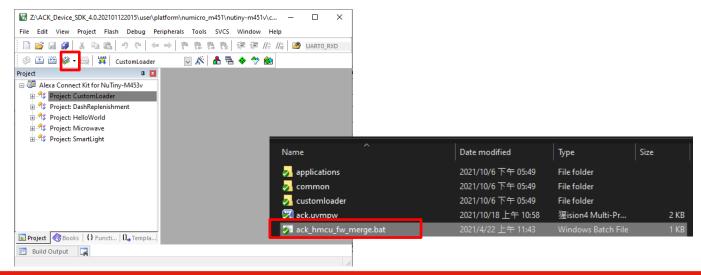
- Install "Nu-Link Driver for Keil" on Window platform
 - Nuvoton provides installshield wizard to help user to install these utilities for keil.
 - It also includes a Nu-Link USB Driver. Please install it for MDK-ARM debugger and Nuvoton virtual COM(VCOM) function.





Build Steps

- Open ack.uvmpw Keil multiple project file using MDK 5.26.
 - Path: <Path-to-ACK_Device_SDK>\user\platform\numicro_m451\nutiny-m451v\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.





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-M451V 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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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-M451V	ACK shield board	
+ 3.3v	ioref	
+5v	+5v	
GND	GND	

Communication-related Pins

NuTiny-M451V	ACK shield board
P66	RX
P67	TX
P68	INT
P69	RES

Other I/O Pins

NuTiny-M451V	Function description	
On-board Heart Beat LED (GPIO output, IO1)	Alexa-connected indicator	
P45 (Defined PWM I/O pin)	Smart Light LED	
P43 (GPIO input)	Factory Setting Restore	

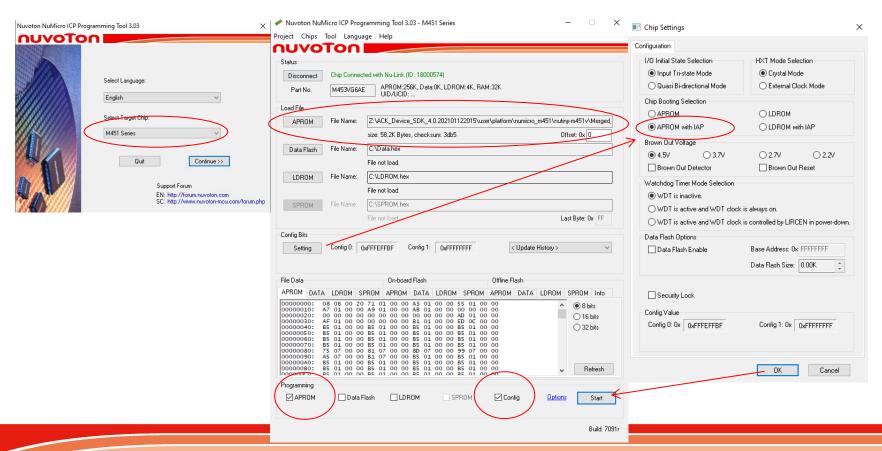


ACK HMCU Firmware Installation

- 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





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_m451\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



M451 Series Resources

- Link to Keil tools for Nuvoton NuMicro
 - http://www2.keil.com/nuvoton/M0-M23
- Development board schematics
 - https://www.nuvoton.com/resource-download.jsp?tp_GUID=HL0120141225192023
- 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