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Amazon ACK HMCU On NuMaker-M032SE

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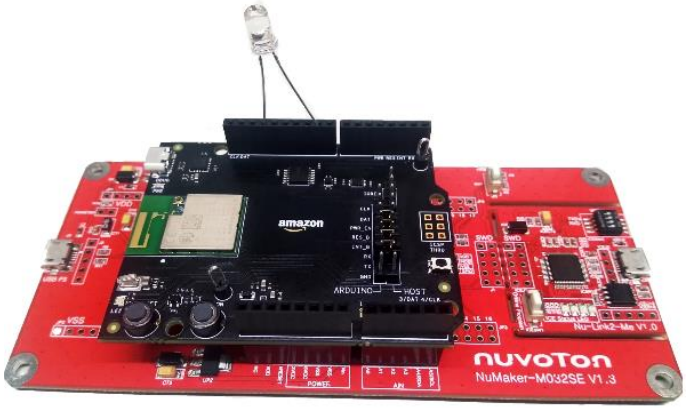
Introduction

- **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



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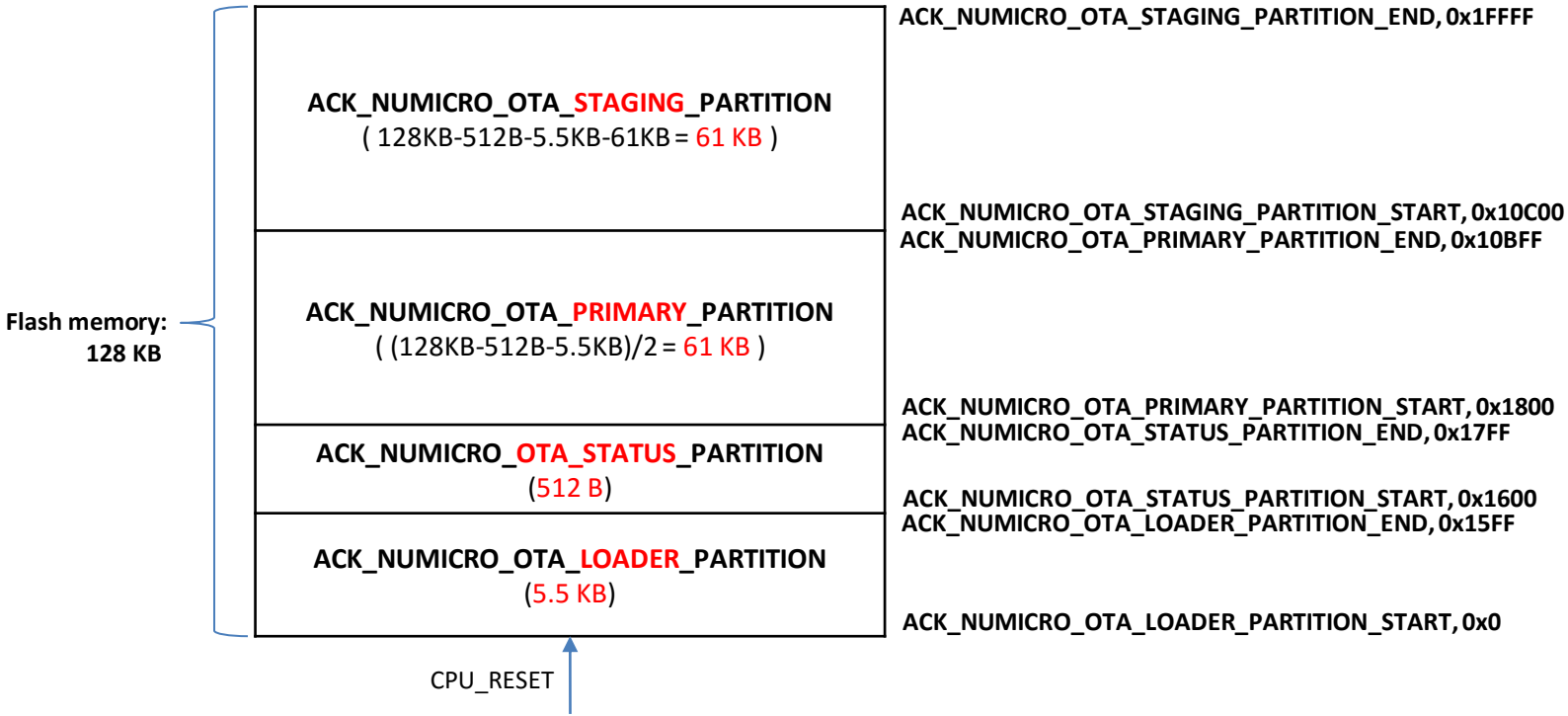

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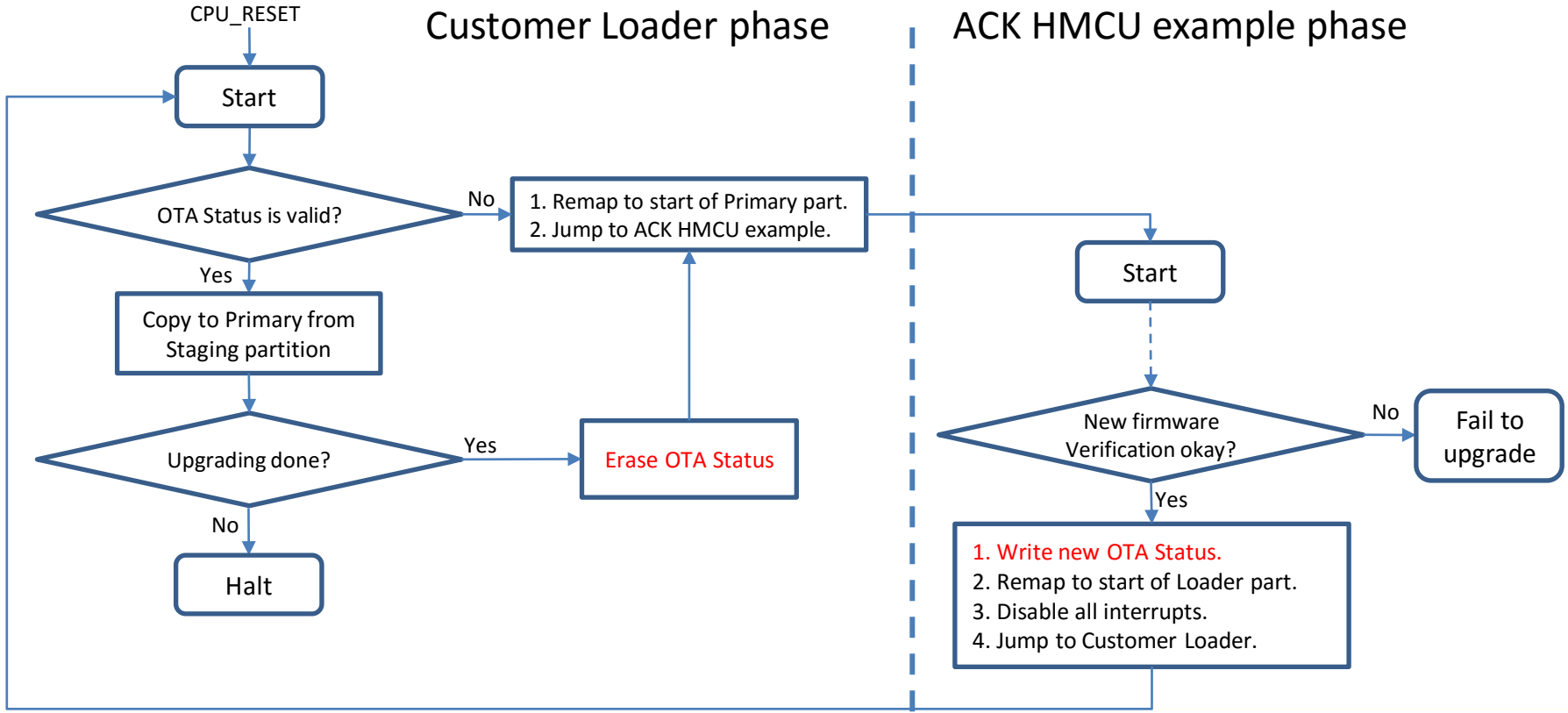

Demo

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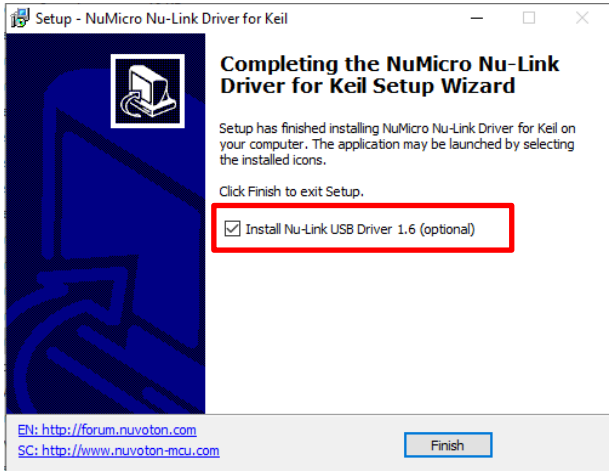
Requirements

- **Hardware**
  - An ACK module board (USI MT7697H development kit)
  - An development board for ACK HMCU (NuMaker-M032SE board)
  - An internet-accessible **2.4G** Wi-Fi router
  - A mobile phone with Alexa APP
  - A LED, a dupont line and an USB Micro line
- **Software/Drivers**
  - Keil MDK 5.26
  - Latest Nu-Link Keil drivers
  - Python-3.8 environment

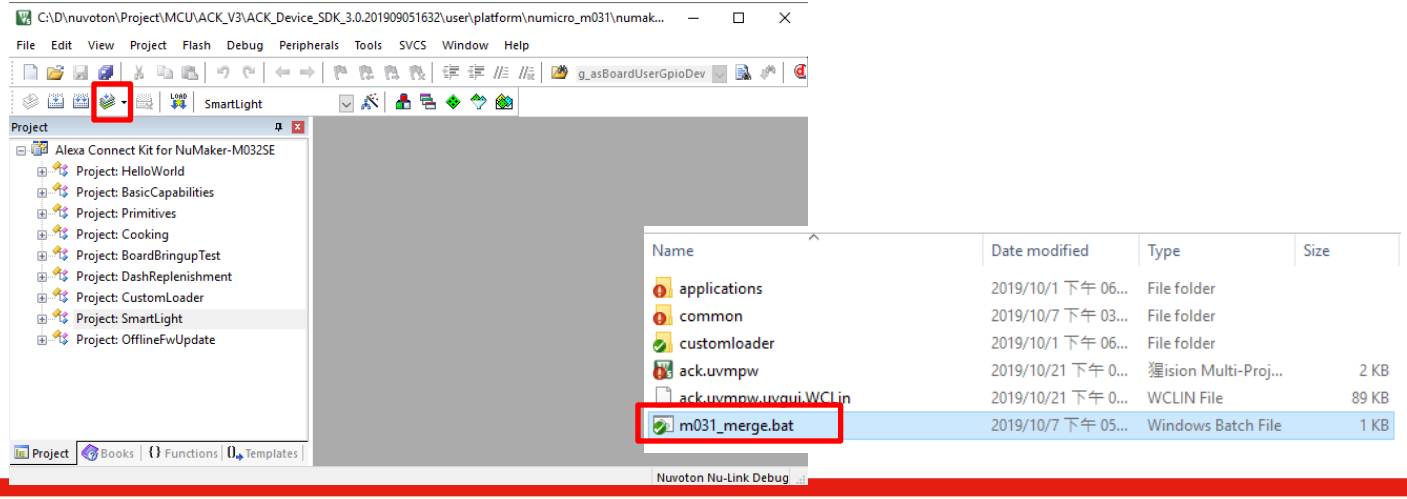
Driver Installation

- **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_m031\numaker-m032se\ack.uvmpw
- **Press “Batch rebuild” to build all examples.**
- **Finally, execute “m031_merge.bat” to merge customer_loader and example into a hex file.**

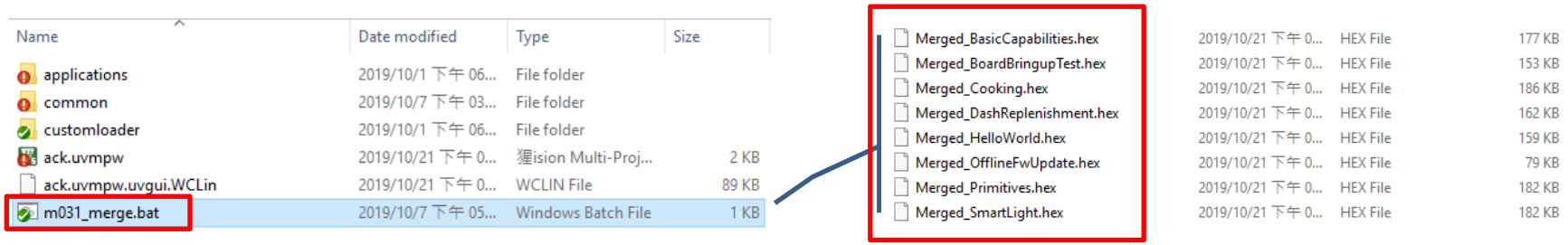


Python Installation

- **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 **m031_merge.bat** script.
  - To execute '**pip install intelhex**' in command line window.
  - Remember to add python execution to **PATH** variable.

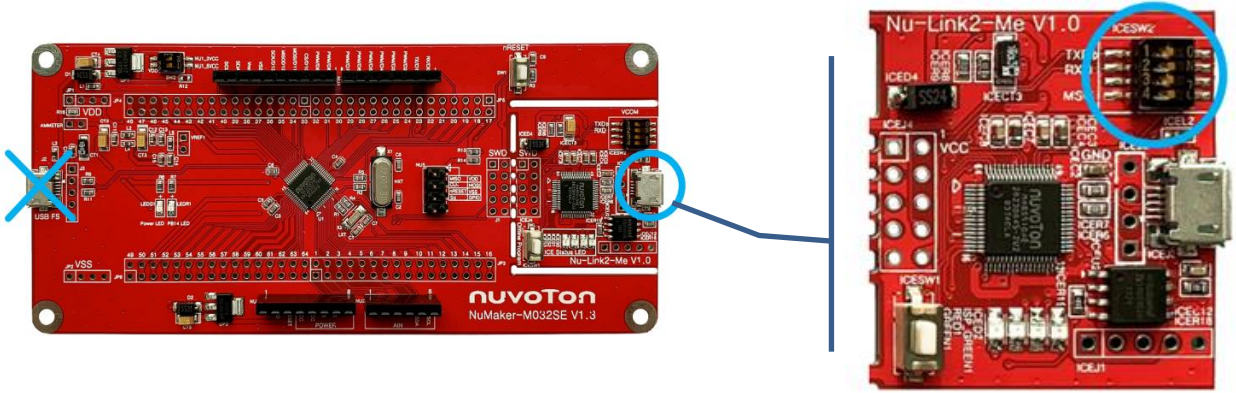
m031_merge.bat

- **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.
  - **For OTA upgrading file for publishing on Amazon Cloud.**
    - **Please remember to modify the device type for yours.**



HMCU board Setting

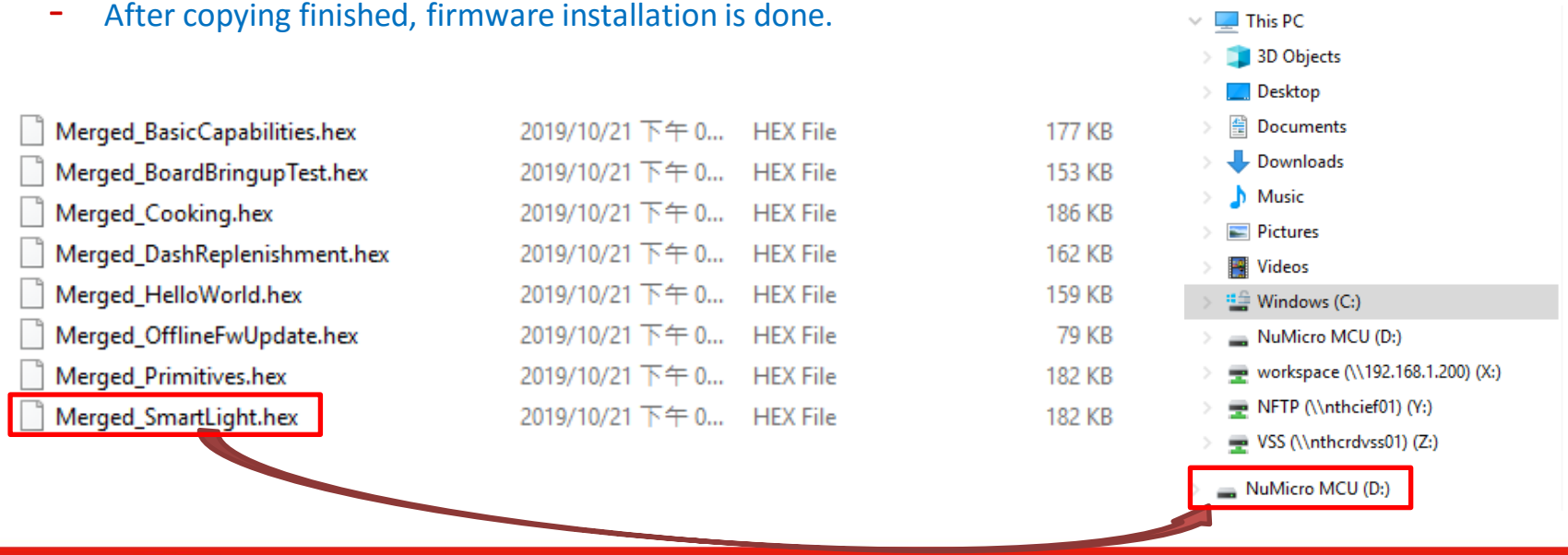
- Switch Pin 1 and pin 2 of VCOM(ICESW2) on Nu-Link2-Me to “ON” position.
- Bridge USB micro line between Nu-Link2-Me and PC.
- After that, PC will show a “NuMicro MCU” disk on Window file manager.



- Nu-Link2-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\.

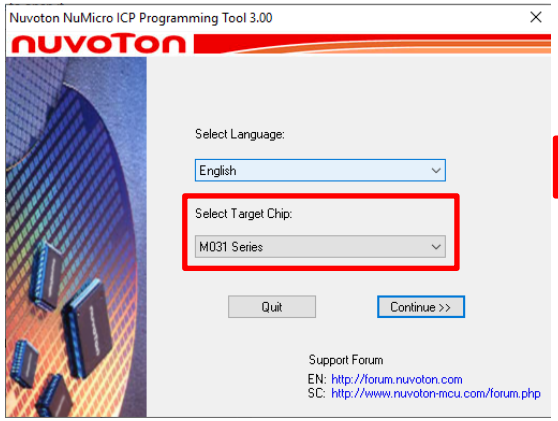
ACK HMCU Firmware Installation

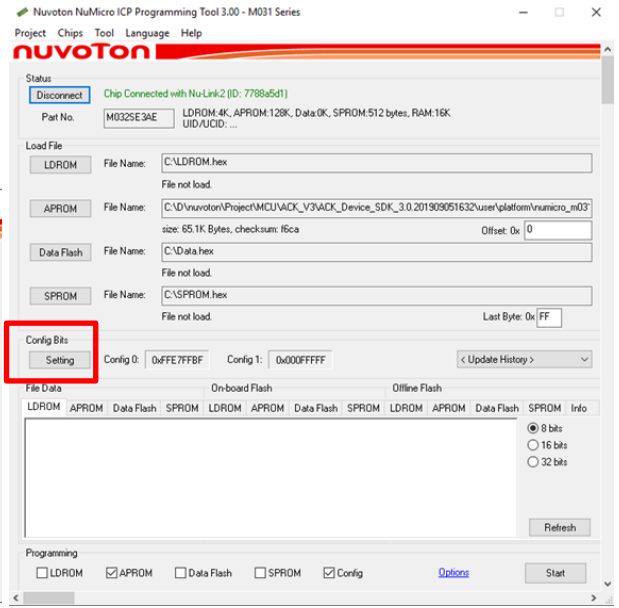
- **Drag-and-drop firmware into “NuMicro MCU” disk.**
  - The firmware includes a bootloader and an ACK example in a .hex file is merged by hexmerge.py.
  - After copying finished, firmware installation is done.

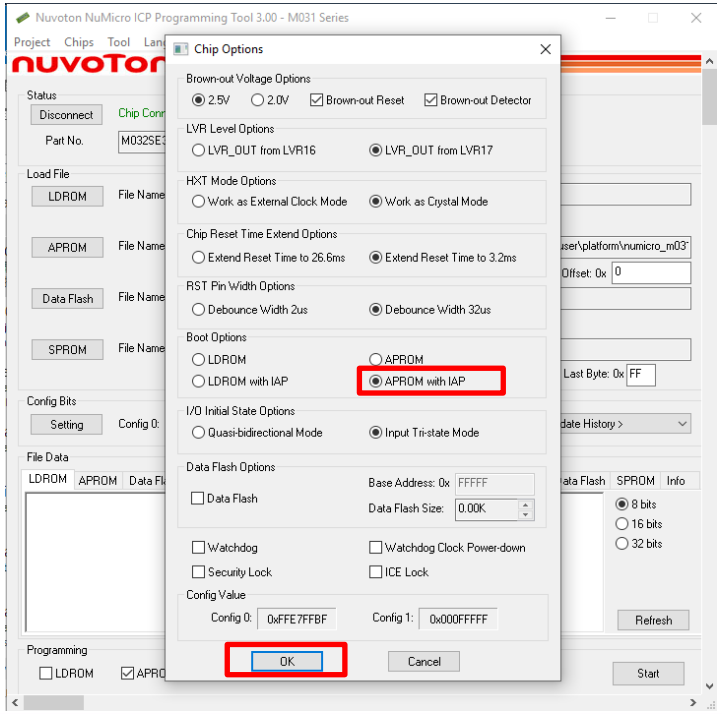


ACK HMCU Boot Option Configuration

- Configure “Boot Options” is in “APROM with IAP” mode using ICP programming Tool.

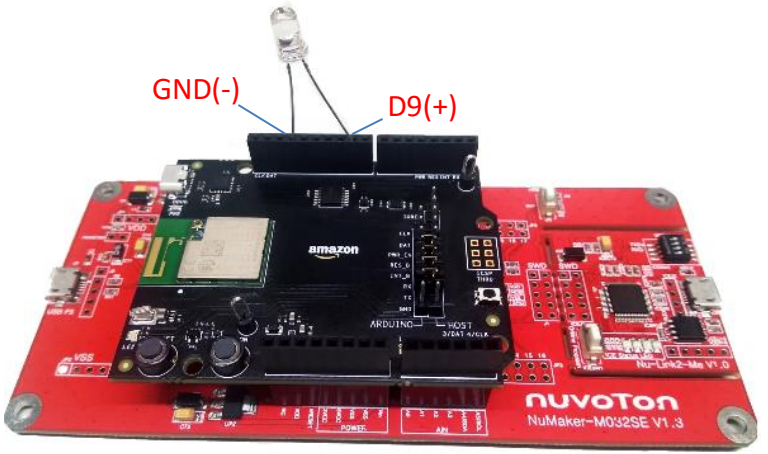






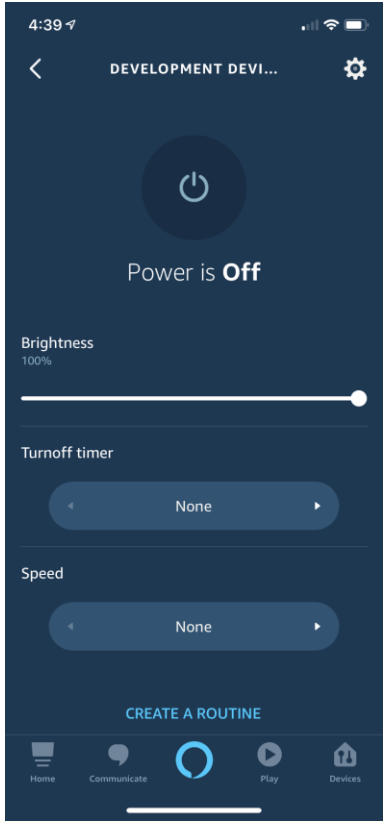
Wiring and Alexa APP

- **Mount ACK connectivity board on Arduino shield of NuMaker board.**
- **Connect a LED to D9(+) 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.



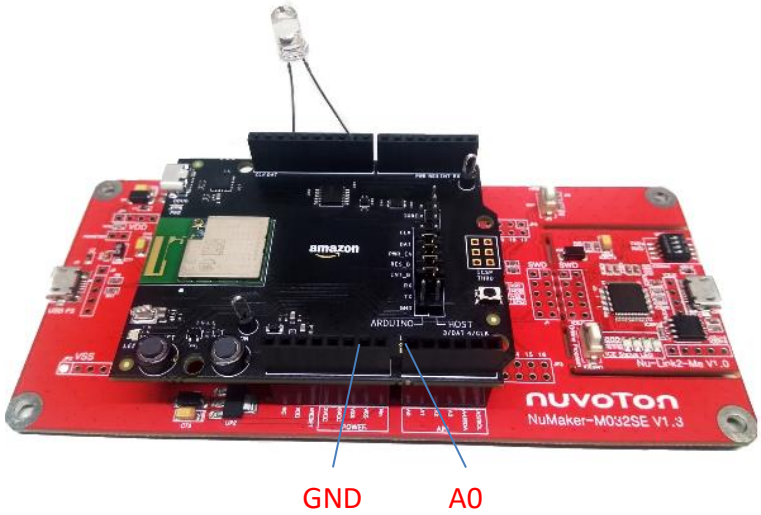
Speech controlling

- **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%]**

To Restore factory setting

- **You can use a dupont line to short A0 to GND over 5 seconds to enter restoring factory setting mode.**
  - After restoring, all settings on ACK module will be cleared. So, you need to register ACK module again.

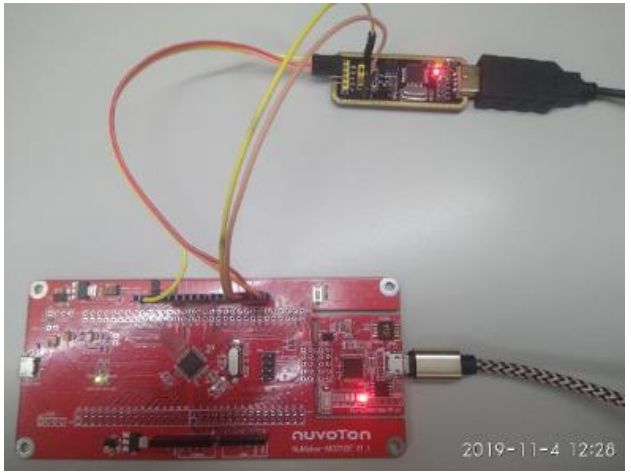


HMCU firmware version control

- **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_m031\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.

Offline OTA Validation

- **Amazon engineer develops an ACK module simulator using python language. This is without ACK module connective, just connect HMCU board with an USB2Serial dongle.**
  - Path: <Path_To_ACK_Device_SDK>\test\validation\validate-ota.py
- **More details, you should follow steps in readme.txt file.**
  - Path: <Path_To_ACK_Device_SDK>\test\validation\readme.txt
- **Wiring**
  - HMCU_UART_TX -- USB2Serial_RX,
  - HMCU_UART_RX -- USB2Serial_TX
  - HMCU_HOSTINT -- USB2Serial_RTS
  - HMCU_RESET -- USB2Serial_CTS
  - HMCU_GND -- USB2Serial_GND



m031_offline_ota.bat

- **This is batch script for window platform. It can help user to do ACK HMCU offline OTA validation.**
- **Hint: Before do the batch script, you should finished steps in previous 'Offline OTA validation' slide.**
- **Set timeout thresholds**
  - If your xxxxx.ota file size is bigger, you should enlarge the timeout thresholds in validate-ota.py for firmware downloading and applying.
  - For smartlight.ota example, we enlarge the **HMCU_OTA_COMPLETE to 30** and **RESTART_DEVICE to 10** seconds.
- **Execute**
  - Execute m031_offline_ota.bat, then press reset button on board.
  - Wait validation done, then see report .

```
77      ackModule.SetOtaImage(otaImage, args.force)
78      orchestrator.WaitForMarkers(
79          Marker(MarkerKind.HMCU_OTA_COMPLETE),
80          timeout = 30,
81          description = STR_SCRIPT_STEP_ADVERTISE_OTA)
82
83      orchestrator.WaitForMarkers(
84          Marker(MarkerKind.HMCU_OTA_RESTART_DEVICE),
85          timeout = 10,
86          description = STR_SCRIPT_WAIT_FOR_OTA_APPLY)
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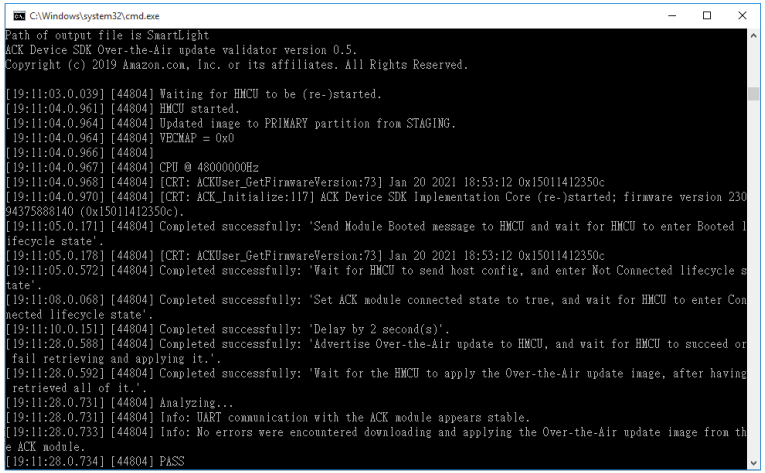

ACK development kits

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

MO31 Series Resources

- **Link to Keil tools for Nuvoton NuMicro**
  - http://www2.keil.com/nuvoton/M0-M23
- **Technical reference manual**
  - http://www.nuvoton.com/resource-files/TRM_M031_Series_EN_Rev1.03.pdf
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