



DARR79 Evaluation Kit Getting Started

DWAM79 D2D

5739-D-500
Revision 2.1

DARR79 Evaluation Kit Regulatory Information

This chapter addresses the regulatory information that is applicable to the DARR79 Evaluation Kit.

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Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

When the Evaluation Kit is shipped with external antennas (wireless module version 0027.2), the following paragraph applies:

To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (EIRP) is not more than that required for successful communication.

FCC

Information to User

This product does not contain any user serviceable components and is to be used with approved antennas only. Any product changes or modifications will invalidate all applicable regulatory certifications and approvals.

FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure

Warning: In order to comply with RF exposure limits, the user is advised to maintain a distance of at least 20 cm from the antenna structure of this device while it is in use.

FCC Electronic Emission Notices

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

FCC Radio Frequency Interference statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

Operation of this equipment in a residential area may cause harmful interference, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

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1 Introduction

The DARR79 evaluation kit demonstrates a myriad of possible wireless audio applications on the DWAM79 module that features the capability of DARR79 chip designed and developed by STS for robust wireless audio experience.

Some application examples include:

1. Wireless broadcast stereo headphone or speaker system for multi-room environment
2. Wireless discrete channel headphone or speaker system for multi-room environment
3. Up to two simultaneous stereo audio source for 4 speaker system

1.1 Evaluation Kit

The evaluation kit¹ contains:

- ✓ Two evaluation boards
- ✓ A GUI program
- ✓ An electronic copy of this manual in Adobe PDF

1.2 Evaluation Board

The evaluation board contains an interface board IB, adaptor board AB and DWAM79 D2D module. Figure 1.2a shows the evaluation board.

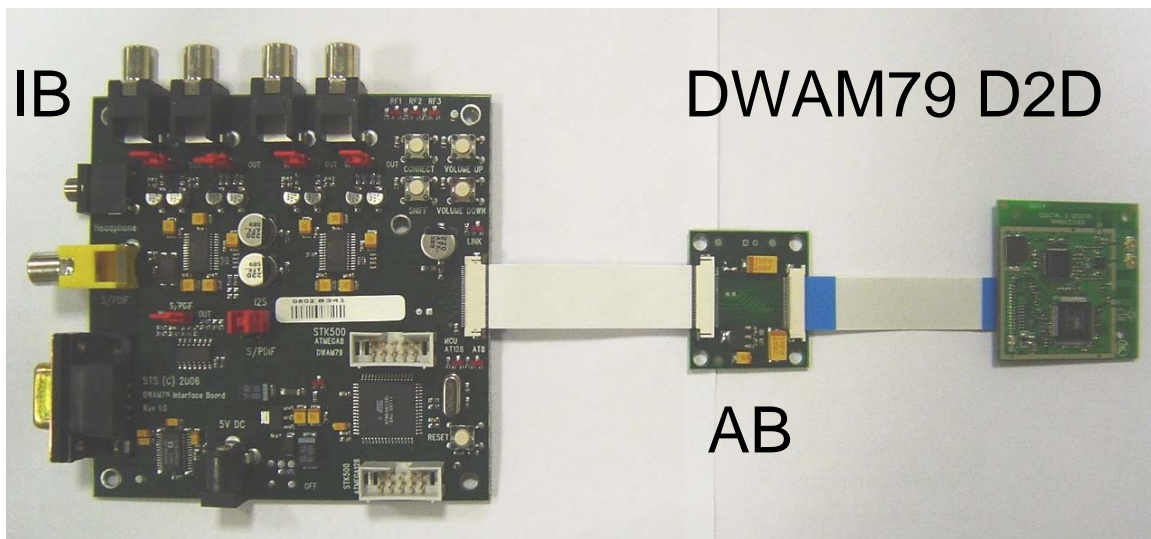


Figure 1.2a Evaluation Board

¹ subject to availability and not all components may be included in the same delivery of the evaluation kit

The interface board IB provides different input/output I/O as shown below in figure 1.2b.

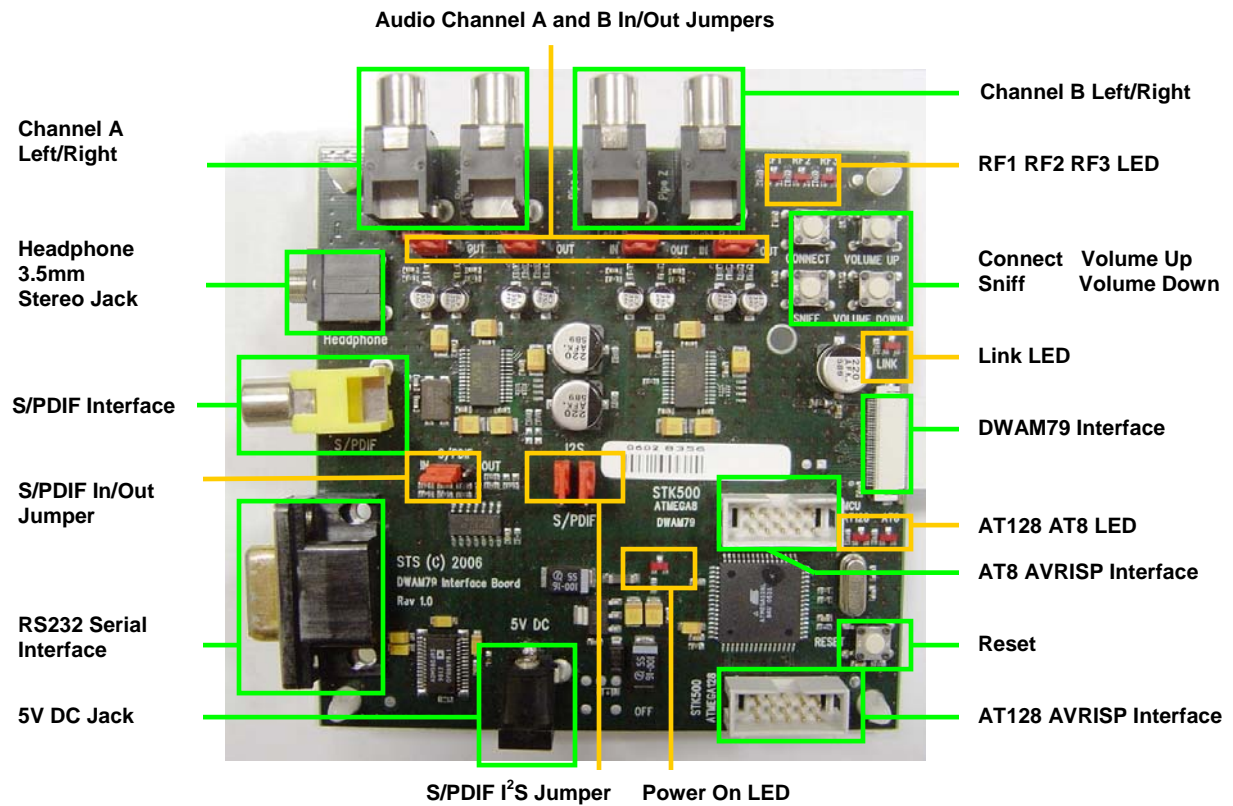


Figure 1.2b Different I/O of IB

The DWAM79 D2D module contains the DARR79 chip and two inverted F-antennas as shown in figure 1.2c.

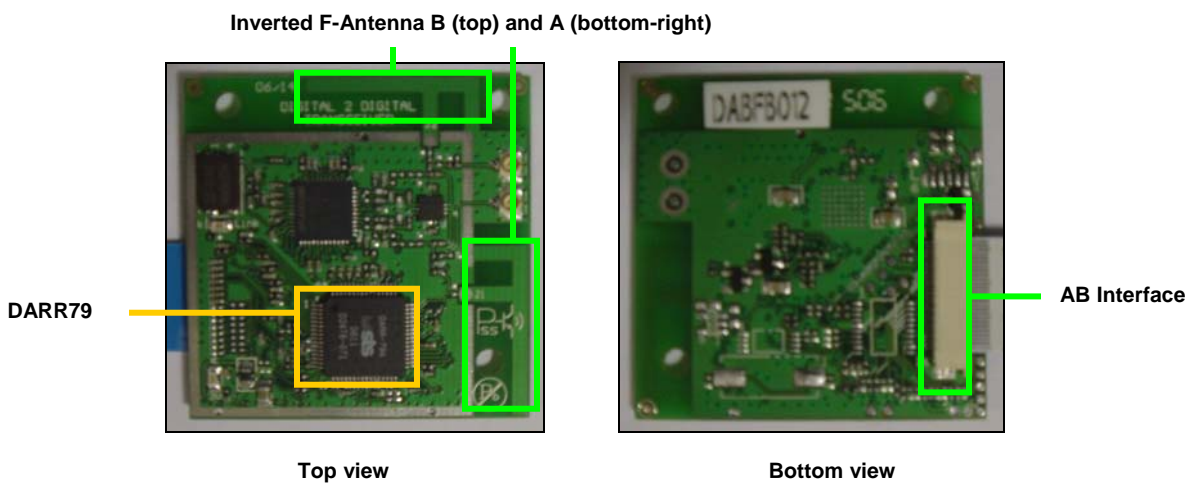


Figure 1.2c DWAM79 D2D Module

The adaptor board AB has two interfaces. The 30-pin FFC connector interfaces the IB. The 26-pin FFC connector interfaces the DWAM79 D2D. This is shown in figure 1.2d.

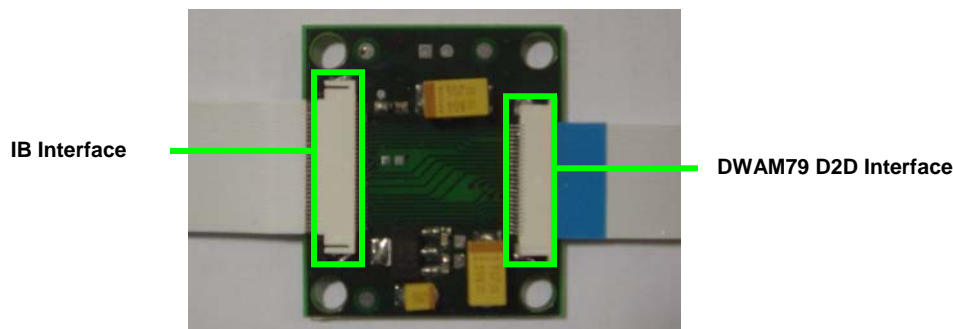


Figure 1.2d Adapter Board

1.3 Powered by Battery Pack (May Not Be Included)

The evaluation board can also be powered by a 4-AA battery pack (NiCd, NiMH or Alkaline or normal) as shown in figure 1.3.

The plug is configured as a standard DC jack with outer rim (5.2mm) to Ground (-) and inner rim (2.6mm) to DC 5V (+).

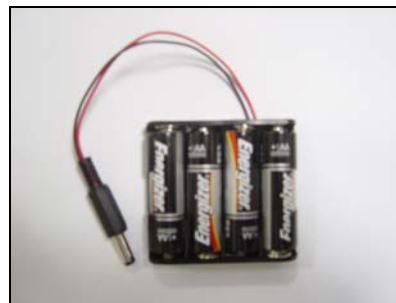
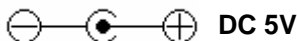


Figure 1.3 4-AA Battery Pack

1.4 USB-RS232 Serial Cable (May Not Be Included)

If you have a RS232 serial-serial cable and your notebook/PC has a RS232 serial port, you do not need a USB-RS232 serial cable.

The evaluation kit does not include a USB-RS232 serial cable that would be required to configure the evaluation boards with the desired CU or MU settings in GUI. You have to provide this cable as shown in figure 1.4.



Figure 1.4 USB-RS232 Serial Cable

1.5 Stereo-RCA Cable (May Not Be Included)

The evaluation kit does not include a stereo-RCA cable, as shown in figure 1.5, that would be required to connect between stereo jack of MP3 Player, Notebook/PC to the Left + Right RCA jacks of the evaluation boards, or vice-versa.

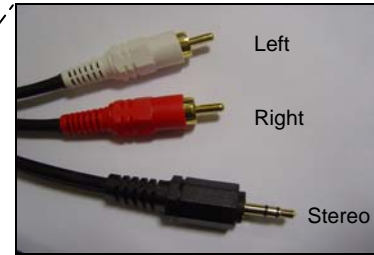


Figure 1.5 Stereo-RCA Cable

1.6 Graphical User Interface GUI (delivered by e-mail)

The evaluation kit also includes a graphical user interface program called GUI that is delivered to you via e-mail with the latest version from our WSS offices, shown in figure 1.6.

GUI allows you to customize application settings on the CU and MU(s) in order to evaluate our solution for the high quality audio and wireless robustness of the DWAM79 module.

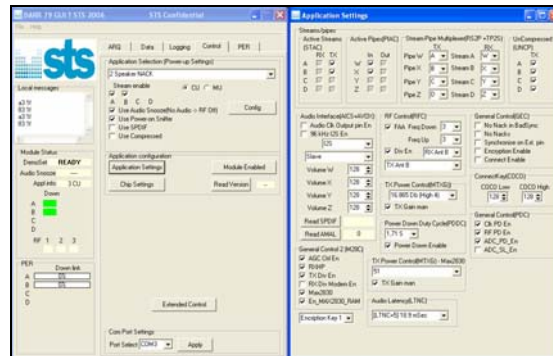


Figure 1.6 Graphical User Interface GUI

2. Easy steps to setup the evaluation boards

One evaluation board has already been configured as the Central Unit (CU) and the other evaluation board as the Mobile Unit (MU) as shown in figure 2a, which is a 2 Speaker NACK configuration.

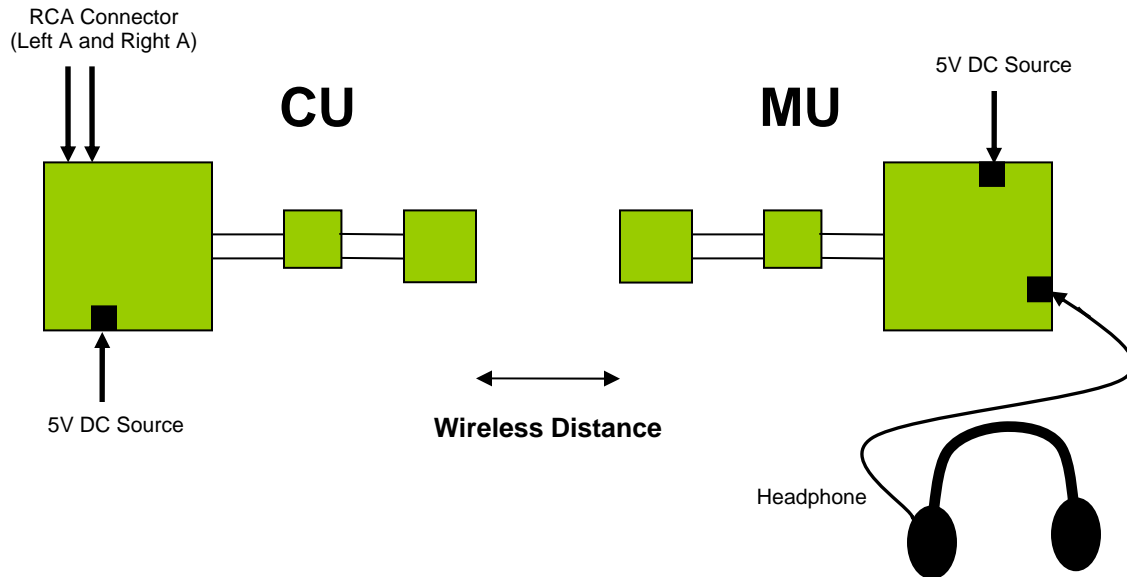


Figure 2a CU and MU in a 2 Speaker NACK Configuration

Step 1: Check that CU is configured correctly (see 2.1 CU Custom Settings).
Check that MU is configured correctly (see 2.2 MU Custom Settings).

Step 2: Connect 5V DC source to the CU and MU.
Switch on the power.
NB: Maximum rating of 7V DC is allowed. 4-AA battery pack may be used.

Step 3: Check that Power On LED lights up.

Step 4: Check that only AT128 LED lights up.

Step 5: Check that Link LED lights up at the CU.
NB: This is an audio link indication, not RF.
If no audio source is provided to the CU, the Link LED will turn off after 5 seconds.

Step 6: Check that either RF1, RF2 or RF3 lights up at the CU and MU.
If they are alternately blinking, wait until only one of them lights up.
MU will wait until the CU to fix a RF channel before it can wirelessly link to the CU.

Step 7: Use the Stereo-RCA cable that has a 3.5mm stereo plug on one end, whereas the Left + Right RCA plugs on the other end, shown in figure 2b and figure 1.5.

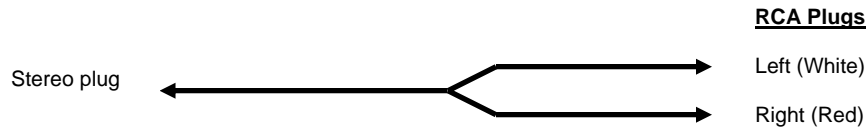


Figure 2b Stereo-RCA Cable

Step 8: Connect the stereo plug of the Stereo-RCA cable to an audio source.
(Example of audio source: MP3 Player, Notebook/PC or DVD/CD Player)

Step 9: Connect the RCA plugs of the Stereo-RCA cable to the RCA jacks of the CU.
Left (White) plug to Left A jack.
Right (Red) plug to Right A jack.

Step 10: Check that the Link LEDs light up at the CU and MU.
If no audio source is provided to the CU, the Link LEDs will turn off after 5 seconds.

Step 11: Connect a stereo headphone or speaker to the MU headphone 3.5mm stereo jack.

Step 12: Play music at the audio source and listen from the headphone or speaker.

Step 13: Press Volume Up/Down buttons to adjust the audio volume.
The CU provides the master volume control to all the MUs.
The MU provides the local or slave volume control only to the MU.
The AT8 LED will light up at CU and MU when Volume Up/Down button is pressed.

Step 14: Move around to experience the wireless capability and robustness of our product.

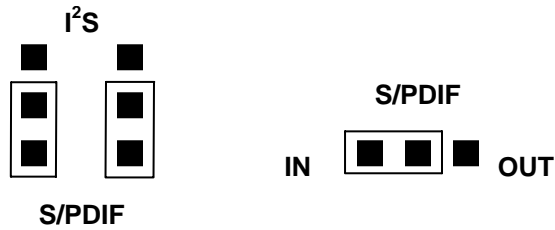
Notes

- 1:** If you hear fuzzy noises or breaks before you walk more than 5 metres between the CU and MU, this indicates that either your 4-AA battery pack is running low.
If the Power On LED looks dim or fading, please replace DC source.
- 2:** If you hear distortion and the Link LED is off, the MU fails to link wirelessly to the CU.
This indicates that either the range is exceeded or there is a huge interference.
You can move around or closer to the CU. The MU will automatically re-link to the CU.
- 3:** If all the 3 RF LEDs blinks together at every 3 seconds, this indicates that the FFC cable connection is loose.

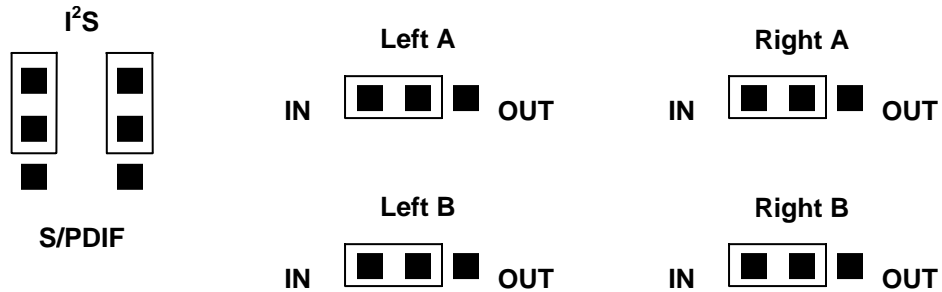
2.1 CU Custom Settings

The Central Unit (CU) is configured to accept audio input, from either S/PDIF or L+R stereo channel A and B.

To accept audio input from S/PDIF, configure S/PDIF In/Out jumper and S/PDIF I²S jumper as shown.



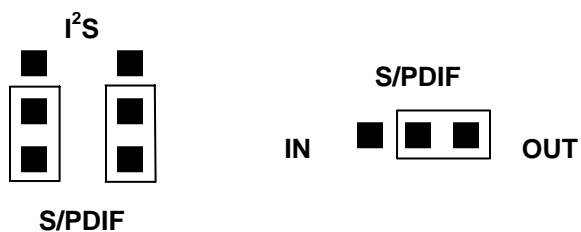
To accept audio input from stereo channel A and B, configure S/PDIF I²S jumper, Left A jumper, Right A jumper, Left B jumper, and Right B jumper as shown.



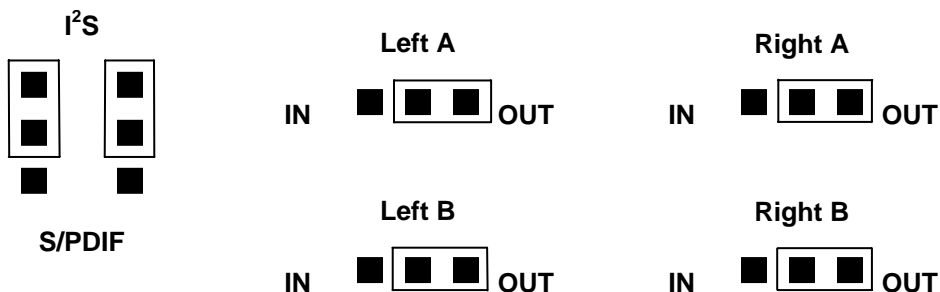
2.2 MU Custom Settings

The Mobile Unit (MU) is configured to produce audio output, either to S/PDIF or two L+R stereo channel A and B or headphone mini-jack.

To produce audio output to S/PDIF, configure S/PDIF In/Out jumper and S/PDIF I²S jumper as shown.



To produce audio output to stereo channel A and B, configure S/PDIF I²S jumper, Left A jumper, Right A jumper, Left B jumper, and Right B jumper as shown.



3. Easy steps to configure the evaluation boards

The GUI is required to configure the evaluation boards for different applications.

Step 1: Double-click on the GUI Icon or shortcut to run the program.

Step 2: Read the limited license carefully and click **I Agree** to proceed.

Step 3: Make sure the evaluation board is turned on.

Step 4: Connect the serial cable between your notebook/PC and the evaluation board.

Step 5: Setup your Com Port in Com Port Settings.

You need to setup your com port for the first time.
There are 99 options to choose from **COM1 to COM99**

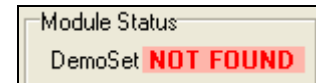


Click **Apply** to proceed.

You should see **READY** in Module Status.



If you see **NOT FOUND**, please check that the serial cable is not disconnected or loose.



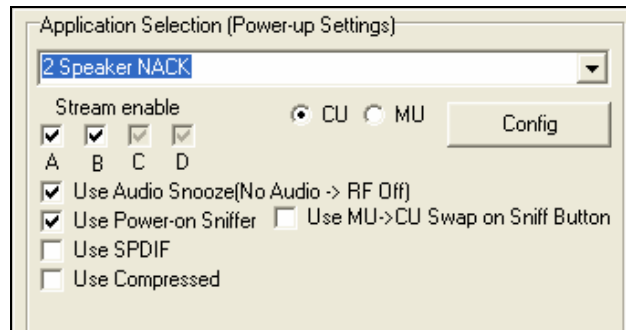
Step 6: At the top-left corner of the GUI, click **Help**, then click **About**.

The current firmware version is shown as Evaluation Kit Version.

The current GUI version is shown as GUI Version.



Step 7: Setup your choice of application in the **Application Selection (Power-up Settings)**.



Application Selection

2 Speaker ACK
 3 Speaker ACK
 4 Speaker ACK
 2 Speaker NACK
 4 Speaker NACK
 Headset 2 NACK down 2 ACK up
 Continuous RX or TX
 2 Speaker ACK 44.1
 2 Speaker NACK 44.1
 4 Speaker NACK 44.1
 Microphone

Click **Config** to configure the evaluation board.

ACK is the Active Acknowledgement protocol. MU will always acknowledge to CU for every packet received from the CU.

NACK is the Not Active Acknowledge protocol. MU will only acknowledge to CU for packet not received within expected duration or when MU received an error packet.

Continuous RX and TX is intended for RF testing only.

CU MU

CU is the Central Unit or the wireless audio transmitter.

MU is the Mobile of the wireless audio receiver.

Stream enable

Stream is the digital audio channel between the DARR79 and the MAXIM radio chip.

Pipe is the digital audio channel between the DARR79 and the Wolfson Audio Codec and S/PDIF.

By default, stream A, B, C, D are mapped to Pipe W, X, Y and Z directly.

Stream A should always be enabled at the CU.

E.g. Use Stream A and B in 2 Speaker ACK/NACK.

Use Stream A and B (or C or D) in 4 Speaker in ACK/NACK.

Use Audio Snooze (No Audio -> RF Off)

This enables the CU to detect for the availability of audio signal at the input from the audio source.

If no audio source is detected for 5 seconds, CU will enter Audio Snooze Mode and the LINK LED will turn off. Likewise, when CU enters Audio Snooze Mode, the MU will automatically enter Power Down Duty Cycle Mode PDDCM. In these modes, MAXIM radio chip is put to sleep.

If audio source is detected at the CU while in Audio Snooze Mode, DARR79 wakes up the MAXIM radio chip and LINK LED turns on again. MU will also recover from PDDCM.

By default, audio snooze is enabled.

Use Power-on Sniffer

This enables the CU to sniff or check for the best RF channel to communicate with the MU(s), upon power up.

This feature is intended for co-existence with other 2.4 GHz wireless communication devices using IEEE802.11b/g WLAN, Bluetooth, DECT and microwave ovens.

By default, power-on sniffer is enabled.

Use SPDIF

This enables the evaluation board to accept SPDIF digital audio signal. The CU will only accept SPDIF input, whereas the MU will only accept SPDIF output.

See 2.1 CU Custom Settings and 2.2 MU Custom Settings.

By default, I²S is used between the Wolfson Audio Codec and DARR79, hence CU will accept audio signal from Channel A/B, whereas MU will produce audio signal to Channel A/B.



Use Compressed

This enables the CU and MU to transmit and receive respectively in compressed audio.

By default, this is not enabled, thus uncompressed 16-bit audio is used.

Use MU->CU Swap on Sniff Button

This enables MU->CU swap feature, which can only be used when CU and MU(s) have this feature enabled.

This feature is currently available in 2/3/4 Speaker NACK only.

By default, MU->CU Swap is not enabled.

Audio Snooze must be disabled and this is disabled by default.

When Sniff button is pressed at the MU, it checks for a CU.

If CU is found, CU and MU swaps. MU becomes the new CU and the old CU becomes the MU.

If no CU is found, MU changes into a CU.

When Reset button is pressed at the MU, if it is a new CU, it changes back to MU.

When Reset button is pressed at the CU, if it is a new MU, it changes back to CU.

Please check the audio input and output again after MU->CU swap.

The new CU accepts audio input and the new MU produces audio output.

4. Connect Mechanism for Protected Pairing

4.1 Concept of Connect Mechanism

Press this button on the CU and MU to enable the Connect mechanism for protected mode in which only the CU and MU(s) using the same Connect code can communicate.

This differentiates the MU(s) that are connected to different CU(s) which are using different Connect codes.

Only 1 CU can be connected to the MU(s) in the same protected mode.

By default, the evaluation boards use the open unprotected mode in which the CU and MU(s) not using any Connect code can communicate.

The CU and MU will remember the connect code and the mode of operation (open or protected).

4.2 To establish protected mode:

Step 1: Press this button only on the CU and MU(s) that must be connected.

Step 2: Press this button on the MU(s) that must be connected.

The RF LEDs will start to flash to indicate that the MU is ready to receive new Connect code from the CU.

Step 3: Press this button on the CU.

The CU will send a random 16-bit Connect code to the MU(s) that must be connected.

The protected mode should be established within 30 seconds after the button is pressed. After 30 seconds, this will cease.

After the protected mode has been established, only the MU(s) using the same Connect code with the CU can receive the audio streams from the CU.

4.3 To resume open mode or unestablish protected mode:

Press **Volume Up + Volume Down + Reset** (or Off/On Power) together at the same time.

If this is performed on the MU, only the MU is resumed to open mode.

If this is performed on the CU, only the CU is resumed to open mode. This does not resume the MU(s) to open mode.