Wireless Module

WM825B00

Single-Band (2.4 GHz) Wi-Fi IEEE 802.11 b/g/n module with integrated antenna

Datasheet

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Revision	Revision Date	Originator	Changes
0.4	10/13/2016	SA	Initial version Datasheet
0.5	11/21/2016	DS	Added Certification text under Section 13
0.6	12/11/2016	SA	Added a note under Table 2: Electrical Characteristics
0.7	02/02/2017	SA	Matched power numbers to certification testing in Table 2
0.9	02/06/2017	DS	Noted under Certifications that any external antenna via u.FL Conn or RF Pad must be certified, Corrected avg and peak output TX power values in Table 2

1. Overview

WM825B00 is a complete wireless subsystem with industry's best integration in a small form factor, featuring full 802.11 b/g/n WLAN capabilities with excellent performance. WM825B00 is part of Wi2Wi's Maximum Performance (MX) series. It includes integrated MAC, baseband, RF front-end, PA, crystal, Tx/Rx switch, filter and OTP memory for calibration data and MAC address storage. This module also has an onboard chip antenna and u.Fl connector. This module is fully optimized to yield excellent throughput and receive sensitivity performance through careful design. It supports SDIO and USB host interfaces. This module is available in industrial, extended and commercial operating temperature variants.

1.1   Features

- Compact design for easy integration: 12.5mm x 16mm x 1.76mm
- QFN module with 32pins
- Single-band (2.4 GHz) Wi-Fi 802.11 b/g/n
- 20 MHz channel bandwidth, 1x1 SISO operation
- Optimized RF and electrical design for better performance in co-existence with other wireless standards
- Support for SDIO and USB host interfaces
- SDIO HS up to 50 MHz, 4 bit
- Antenna Options: Chip Antenna, u.FL Connector, RF Pad
- Support for Antenna Diversity
- Operating system support for Linux
- Support for Station Mode, AP Mode, and Wi-Fi Direct Mode
- WEP, WPA, WPA2 (Wi-Fi Protected Access)
- Certifications: FCC, IC, CE
- Green/ROHS compliant
- Internal 38.4 MHz crystal clock
- Low power operation: Deep Sleep and IEEE Power Save modes
- OTP memory (eliminates need for external EEPROM)
- Single power supply of 3.3V

1.2   IEEE 802.11 Standards

- 802.11b data rates of 1, 2, 5.5 and 11 Mbps (DSSS/CCK Modulation)
- 802.11g data rates of 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48 and54 Mbps (OFDM Modulation) for multimedia content transmission
- 802.11g/b performance enhancements
- 802.11n compliant with maximum data rates up to72.2 Mbps (20 MHz channel)
- 802.11d international roaming

- 802.11e quality of service
- 802.11h transmit power control
- 802.11i enhanced security
- 802.11k radio resource measurement
- 802.11n block acknowledgement extension
- 802.11r fast hand-off for AP roaming
- 802.11w protected management frames
- Fully supports clients (stations) implementing IEEE Power Save mode
- Wi-Fi direct connectivity

1.3   Packaging

- 32-pins with pads on 3 sides of the module and 4 ground pads in the middle of the module on the bottom side.

1.4   Memory

- Internal SRAM for TX frame queues/RX data buffers
- Boot ROM
- OTP

1.5   WLAN MAC

- Simultaneous peer to peer and infrastructure modes
- RTS/CTS for operating under DCF
- Hardware filtering of 32 multicast addresses.
- On-chip TX and RX FIFO for maximum throughput
- Open system and shared key authentication services
- A-MPDU RX (de-aggregation) and TX (aggregation)
- Reduce Inter-Frame Spacing (RIFS) receive
- Management information base counters
- Radio resource measurement counters
- Quality of Service queues
- Block acknowledgement extension
- Multiple BSSID and multiple station operation
- Transmit rate adaption
- Long and Short preamble generation on a frame by frame basis for 802.11b frames
- Mobile Hotspot

1.6   WLAN Radio

- Integrated Direct Conversion Radio
- Integrated T/R switch, PA, and LNA
- Integrated Antenna and Antenna Connector

1.7 Peripheral Bus Interfaces

- Clocked serial unit
- UART (debug) interface

2. System Description

WM825B00 is a complete module, combination of the 88W8801 802.11b/g/n,1 x 1 SISO device and all the components needed to operate the radio. It preserves characteristics from the chipset while providing optimized system level functionality and performance.

2.1 Block Diagram

Figure 1 shows a block diagram of WM825B00 module.
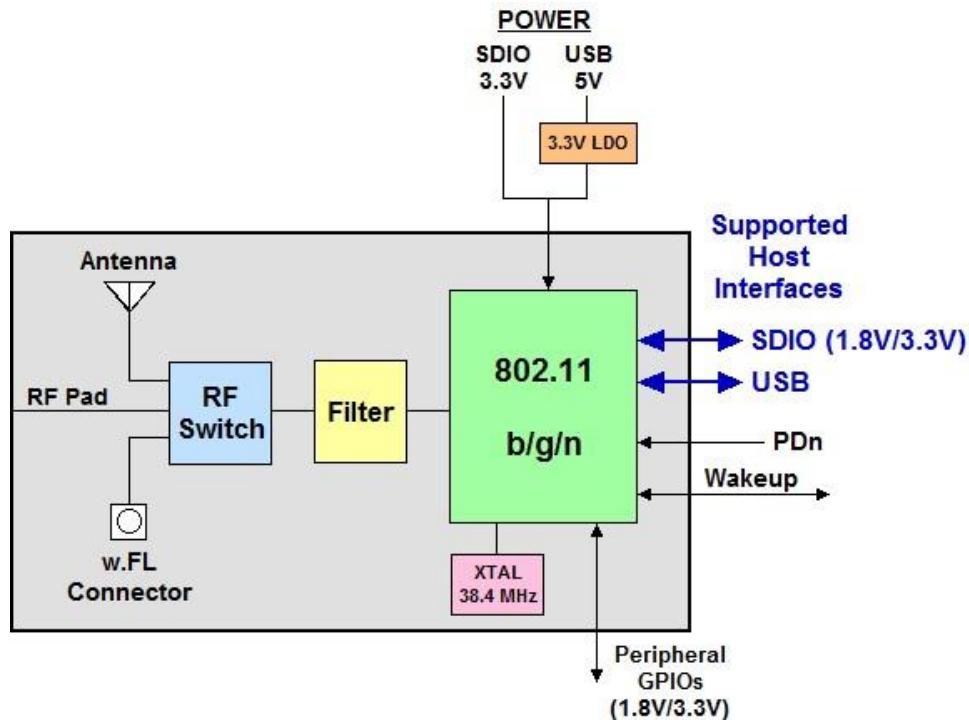
Figure 1: Block Diagram

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2.2 Pin Diagram and Description

Figure 2 shows the pin assignments for the 32-pin QFN package
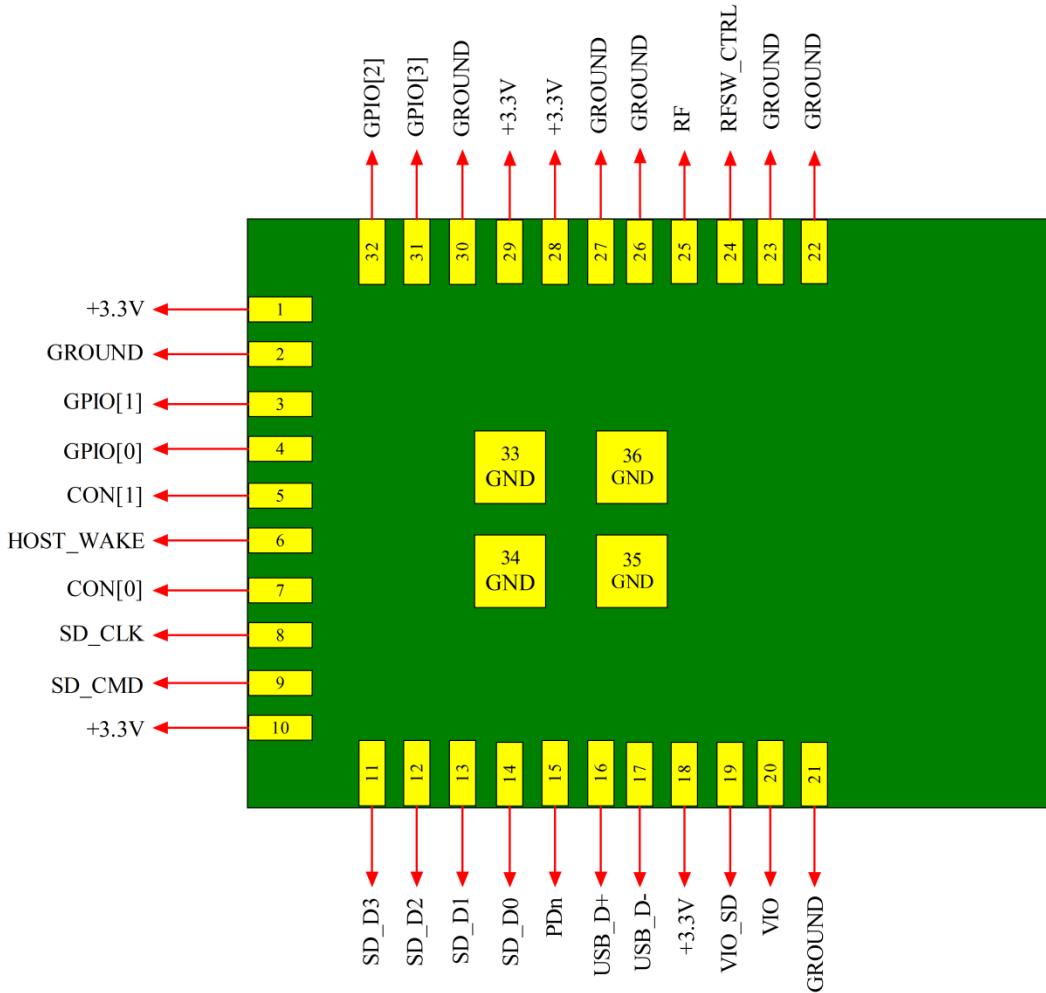
Figure 2 : WM825B00 Module Pin Diagram – Top View

Table 1: Pin Description

Pin Number	Pin Name	Type	Supply	Description
Clock and Reset Signals				
8	SD_CLK	I	VIO_SD	SDIO 4-bit Mode: Clock input
				SDIO 1-bit Mode: Clock input
				SDIO SPI Mode: Clock input
6	HOST_WAKE	I	AVDD18	Host-to-SoC Wakeup (input)

Pin	Name	Type	Voltage	Description
5, 7	CON[1], CON[0]	I	AVDD18	Host Interface Selection CON[1] CON[0] Mode 0 0 UART debug 0 1 Reserved 1 0 SDIO 1 1 USB
15	PDN	I	3.3V	Full Power-Down (active low) 0 = full power-down mode 1 = normal mode Connect to power-down pin of host or 3.3V External host required to drive this pin low for shutdown
Interface Signals				
17	USB_DMNS	I/O	3.3V	USB Serial Differential Data Negative
16	USB_DPLS	I/O	3.3V	USB Serial Differential Data Positive
9	SD_CMD	I/O	VIO_SD	SDIO 4-bit Mode: Command/response SDIO 1-bit Mode: Command line USB Mode: USB_VBUS_ON (input)
14	SD_D0	I/O	VIO_SD	SDIO 4-bit Mode: Data line Bit[0] SDIO 1-bit Mode: Data line
13	SD_D1	I/O	VIO_SD	SDIO 4-bit Mode: Data line Bit[1] SDIO 1-bit Mode: Interrupt SDO is tri-state when SCSn is inactive Enables multiple devices driving SDO line
12	SD_D2	I/O	VIO_SD	SDIO 4-bit Mode: Data line Bit[2] or read wait (optional) SDIO 1-bit Mode: Read wait (optional) SDIO SPI Mode: Reserved
11	SD_D3	I/O	VIO_SD	SDIO 4-bit Mode SDIO Data Line Bit[3] SDIO 1-bit Mode: Reserved SDIO SPI Mode: Card Select (active low)
RF Antenna				
25	RF	RF		Wi-Fi RF PAD
24	RFSW_CTRL	I/O	VIO	Selects the external RF pad
GPIO Pins				
4	GPIO0	I/O	VIO	*UART Mode: UART_SIN (input), debug only
3	GPIO1	I/O	VIO	*UART Mode: UART_SOUT (output), debug only Host Wakeup: SoC-to-Host wakeup (output)
32	GPIO2	I/O	VIO	*TWSI EEPROM Mode: SER_CLK Serial interface clock (input/output)

31	GPIO3	I/O	VIO	*TWSI EEPROM Mode: SER_DAT Serial interface data (input/output)
Power				
1 , 10, 18, 28, 29	+3.3V	Power	3.3V	3.3V
19	VIO-SD	Power	VIO_SD	Power 3.3V or 1.8V Digital I/O SDIO
20	VIO	Power	VIO	Power 3.3V or 1.8V Digital I/O SDIO
Ground Pins				
2, 21, 22, 23,26, 27, 30	GND	Ground	GND	Ground
33, 34, 35, 36	GND EXPOSED PADS	Ground	GND	Ground

Note: * marked is not available with the current software

2.3 Physical Dimensions and Pad Locations

- Module Physical Size: 12.5 x 16 x 1.76 mm (including shield)
- Solder Pad Size: 0.5 x 0.65 mm
- Pad to Pad Space: 0.4 mm
- Pad Pitch: 0.9 mm
- Last Pad to Module Edge: 0.375 mm
- Pad Finish: ENIG (Electro-less Nickel Immersion Gold)
- Pads: [(Three sides (10 + 11 + 11) + 4 Ground Pads in the middle)]

Note: For Hardware Application notes and module dimensions and symbol library files please contact Wi2Wi sales or send an email to sales@wi2wi.com

3. Electrical Characteristics

Table 2: Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Test Condition	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Absolute Maximum Ratings					
Storage Temperature		-40	-	85	°C
Supply Voltage +3V_IO		2.7	3.3	4.2	V
Recommended Operating Conditions					
Operating Temperature	Commercial	0	-	+70	°C
	Extended	-30	-	+85	°C
	Industrial	-40	-	+85	°C
Supply Voltage +3V_IO		3.0	3.3	3.6	V
Current Consumption USB Mode					
Transmit Mode current Consumption	Measurements during Iperf TX with 11Mbps data rate and max TX power dBm	-	369	-	mA
Receive Mode current consumption	Measurements during Iperf RX with 11Mbps data rate	-	90	-	mA
Current consumption in IEEE 802.11 Power Save Mode[1]	Deep Sleep Mode	-	238	-	uA
Current consumption in MH (Mobile Hotspot) mode	MH not beaconing and deep sleep enabled	-	711	-	uA
Current consumption in MH	External Station connected to MH	-	870	-	uA
802.11 RF System Specifications					
Transmit Power Output	Average		17.64		dBm
Transmit Power Output	Peak		24.93		dBm
Receive Sensitivity	1 Mbps	-	-94	-97	dBm
Current Consumption SDIO Mode					
Transmit Mode current Consumption	Measurements during Iperf TX with 11Mbps data rate and 17.9 dBm TX power	-	358	-	mA
Receive Mode current consumption	Measurements during Iperf RX with 11Mbps data rate	-	68	-	mA
Current consumption in IEEE 802.11 Power Save Mode[1]	Deep Sleep Mode	-	99	-	uA
Current consumption in MH (Mobile Hotspot) mode	MH not beaconing and deep sleep enabled	-	0.635	-	mA
Current consumption in MH	External Station connected to MH	-	73	-	mA

Note [1]: VCC_IO, I VCC_SD are excluded from current measurement.

4. Voltage Domains

Voltage domains and limits of all the signal pins are listed in table 3 and table 4.

Table 3: 3.3V Voltage Domain Signal Limits

	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Vih	2	-	3.6	V
Vil	-0.3	-	1	V
Vihys	300	-	-	mV
Voh	2.3	-	-	V
Vol	-	-	0.4	V

Table 4: 1.8V Voltage Domain Signal Limits

	Min	Typical	Max	Units
Vih	1.2	-	2.1	V
Vil	-0.3	-	0.6	V
Vihys	250	-	-	mV
Voh	1.22	-	-	V
Vol	-	-	0.4	V

5. WLAN External Host Interface

For connection to a host processor, supports the SDIO HS 4 bit.

5.1   SDIO Timing Diagrams
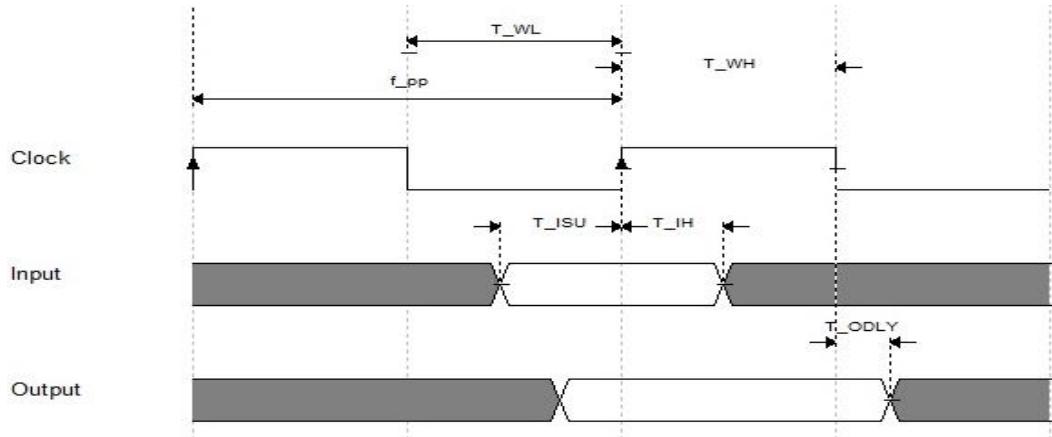

Figure 3: SDIO FS Timing
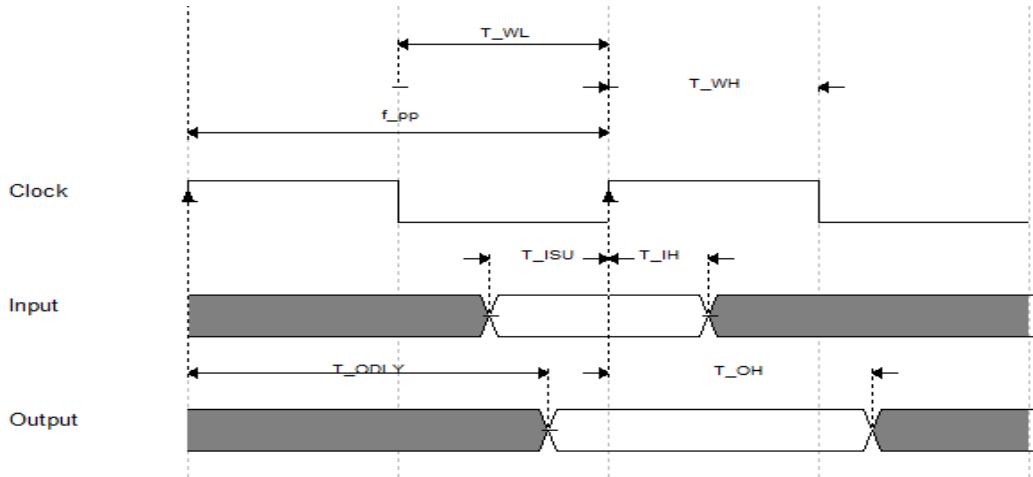
Figure 4: SDIO HS Timing

Note: The SDIO-SPI CS Signal timing is identical to all other SDIO inputs

Symbol	Parameter	Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Units
f_{pp}	Clock Frequency	Normal	0	--	25	MHz
		High speed	0	--	50	MHz
T_{WL}	Clock Low Time	Normal	10	--	--	ns
		High speed	7	--	--	ns
T_{WH}	Clock High Time	Normal	10	--	--	ns
		High speed	7	--	--	ns
T_{ISU}	Input Setup Time	Normal	5	--	--	ns
		High speed	6	--	--	
T_{IH}	Input Hold Time	Normal	5	--	--	ns
		High speed	2	--	--	
T_{ODLY}	Output Delay Time	--	0	--	14	ns

Table 5: SDIO Timing Data

Note: Over full range of values specified in the Recommended Operating Conditions, unless otherwise specified.

6. WLAN Power-Save Modes

Three types of power save modes can be used by the WM825B00. They are Full Power-Down mode, IEEE Power Save mode, and Deep Sleep mode. The key difference between the three modes is the current consumption, and the time it takes to the transition from the power save mode to normal Wi-Fi operation.

6.1 Full Power-Down Mode[2]

In this mode all internal clocks are shutdown, register and memory states are not maintained. Upon exiting power down mode, a reset is automatically performed and a firmware re-download is required to re-enter any of the other modes.

6.2 IEEE Power Save

This mode puts sections of the Wi-Fi into "sleep with periodic wake" mode. This mode is entered when the appropriate command is sent by the host processor to the Wi-Fi.

The device automatically wakes up to receive beacons periodically, and if there is no traffic indicated for the device, it will go back to sleep. Power consumption is dependent on the DTIM value of the AP it is connected to.

When DTIM=1, the device wakes up every 100ms to receive and acknowledge the beacon from AP to maintain association.

Note [2]: Power Down mode is for USB mode only.

6.3 Deep Sleep

This mode puts the complete Wi-Fi section into deep sleep mode, which is the same as the IEEE mode above except there are no periodic wake-ups to receive beacons. Thus it offers lower power consumption than IEEE mode.

This mode is entered when the host processor sends the appropriate command. In deep sleep mode, the device is not listening for packets or beacons from the AP, so it cannot maintain an association with it.

When the host processor sends a command to take the device out of deep sleep mode, the device will have to re-associate with the AP.

7. Antenna and Clock

WM825B00 has an integrated chip antenna, a u.FL connector and an RF pad.
WM825B00 has an internal crystal oscillator and requires no external clock source.

8. Software Specifications

Wi2Wi provides all the drivers needed for operating WM825B00. Wi2Wi provides drivers specific to operating systems in the form of source files, which can be cross compiled for different platforms. Wi2Wi also provides custom driver development services based on customers' requirements. Following is a brief description of the driver features along with the processors, operating systems and host buses. Please contact your sales representative for an up-to-date list of supported OS's and platforms.

Key Features:
- WEP encryption (64 bit/128 bit)
- Simultaneous peer-to-peer and Infrastructure Modes
- RTS/CTS for operation under DCF
- Hardware filtering of 32 multicast addresses
- On-chip Tx and Rx FIFO for maximum throughput
- Open System and Shared Key Authentication Services
- A-MPDU Rx (de-aggregation) and Tx (aggregation)
- Reduced Inter-Frame Spacing (RIFS) receive
- Management information base counters
- Radio resource measurement counters
- Quality of service queues
- Block acknowledgement extension
- Multiple-BSSID and Multiple-Station operation
- Transmit rate adaptation

- Transmit power control
- Long and short preamble generation on a frame-by-frame basis
- Mobile hotspot
- IEEE power save mode
- Deep sleep mode
- Infrastructure and ad-hoc mode
- Rate adaptation
- WPA TKIP security
- WPA2
- Operating System Support
- Driver available for Linux kernel 2.6.24 to 3.13.0

In addition to the end user driver, Wi2Wi also provides, engineering tools needed for production testing and certification.
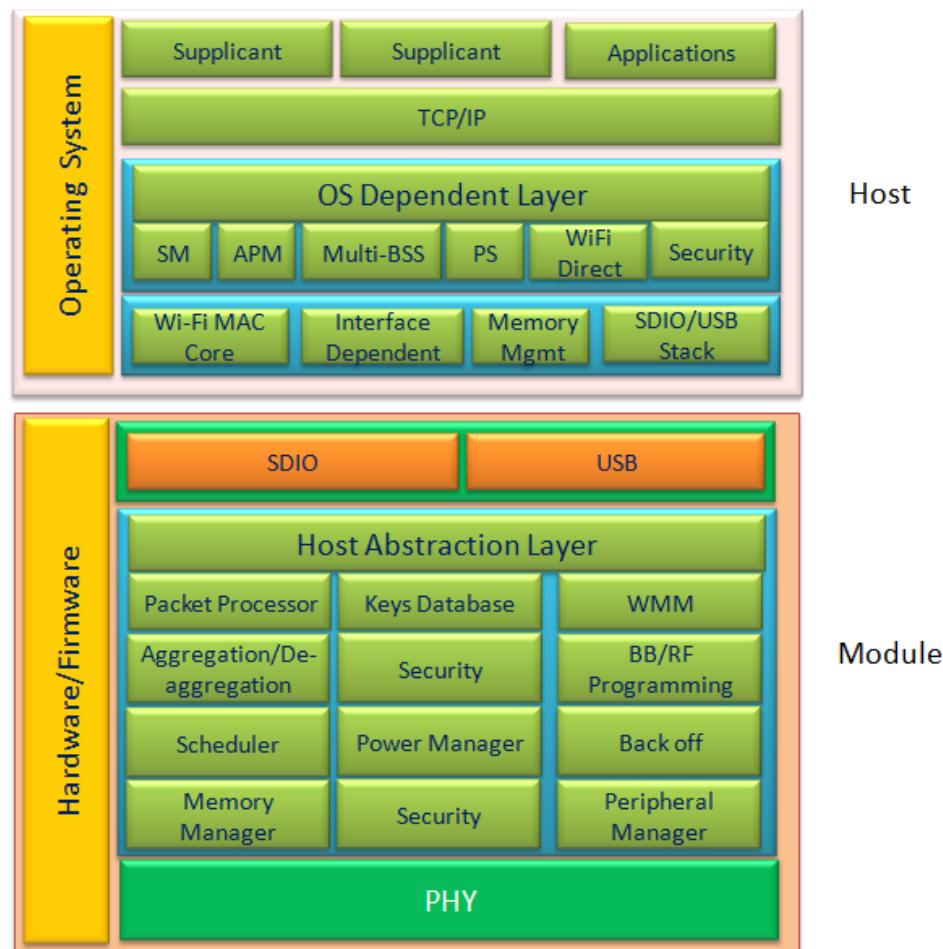

Figure 5: Stack Diagram

8.1 Host Processor

The TCP/IP stack, Ethernet Driver, Security Supplicant, and the 802.11 extensions reside on the host processor. The Hardware Interface driver is partitioned between the host and the module. WLAN firmware for Wi-Fi is downloaded through the host interface (SDIO or USB) by the Hardware Interface Driver at power up. Once the firmware is downloaded, the Data Path and the Control Path between the host and Wi-Fi are established, and information can flow between the two devices.

9. Reference Schematics

The Figure 6 below shows the WM825B00's reference schematics.
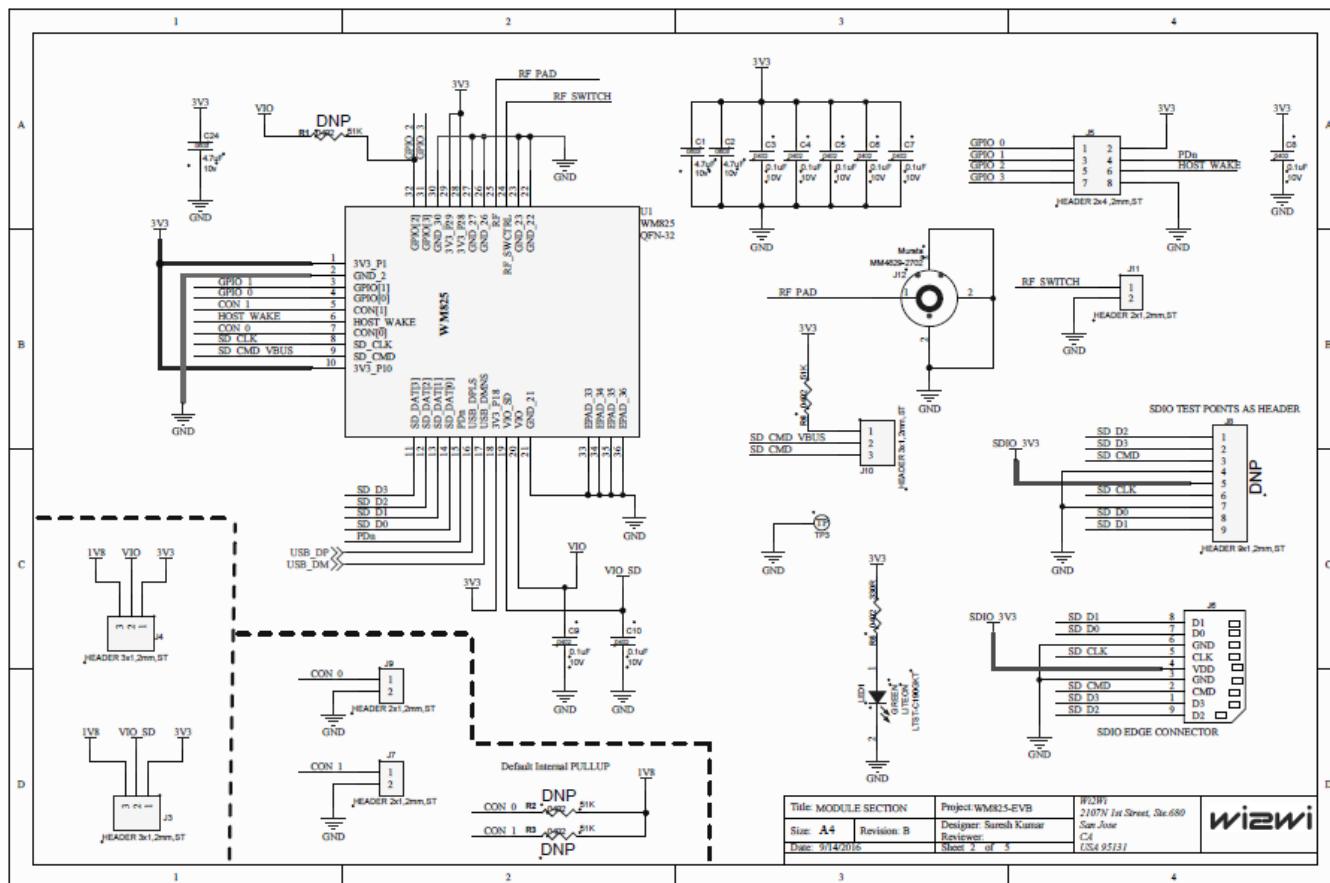
Figure 6: EVB Reference Schematics

10. Manufacturing Notes

10.1 Shield Marking
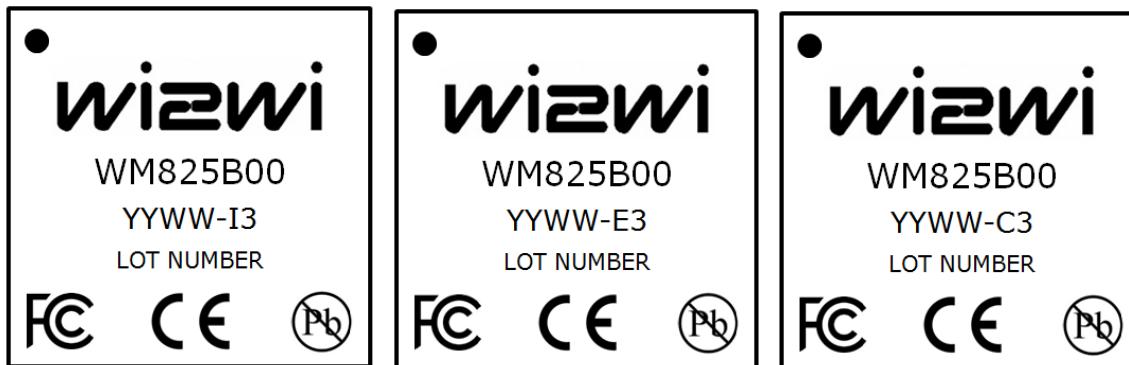
Figure 7: Shield Marking – Top View

YY indicates Year
WW indicates Work Week
- -I indicates Industrial operating temperature range (-40°C to +85°C)
- -E indicates Extended operating temperature range (-30°C to +85°C)
- -C indicates Commercial operating temperature range (0°C to +70°C)
- 3 indicates Chip Antenna and u.FL connector

10.2 Storage and Baking Instructions

WM825B00 is an MSL3 qualified package.
- After opening the bag, the parts should be stored as per J-STD-033 standard, and mounted within 168 hours of factory conditions (≤ 30°C, 60% RH)
- If the parts have been exposed in transit, they need to be baked at 125°C for 16 hours

10.3 Recommended Reflow Profile

Assembly Guidelines:
1. Follow solder paste manufacturers recommended profile
   a. All RoHS solder pastes contain the same basic chemistry; however, each manufacturer may have a recommended reflow profile that performs best for their product
2. The profile illustrated below is for reference only
   a. **There is no one profile that fits all scenarios**
3. Profiles must be dialed in to the specific assembly type
4. ENIG finishes are more susceptible to voids and air entrapment
   a. Selecting a RoHS solder paste that is "ENIG" compatible is recommended
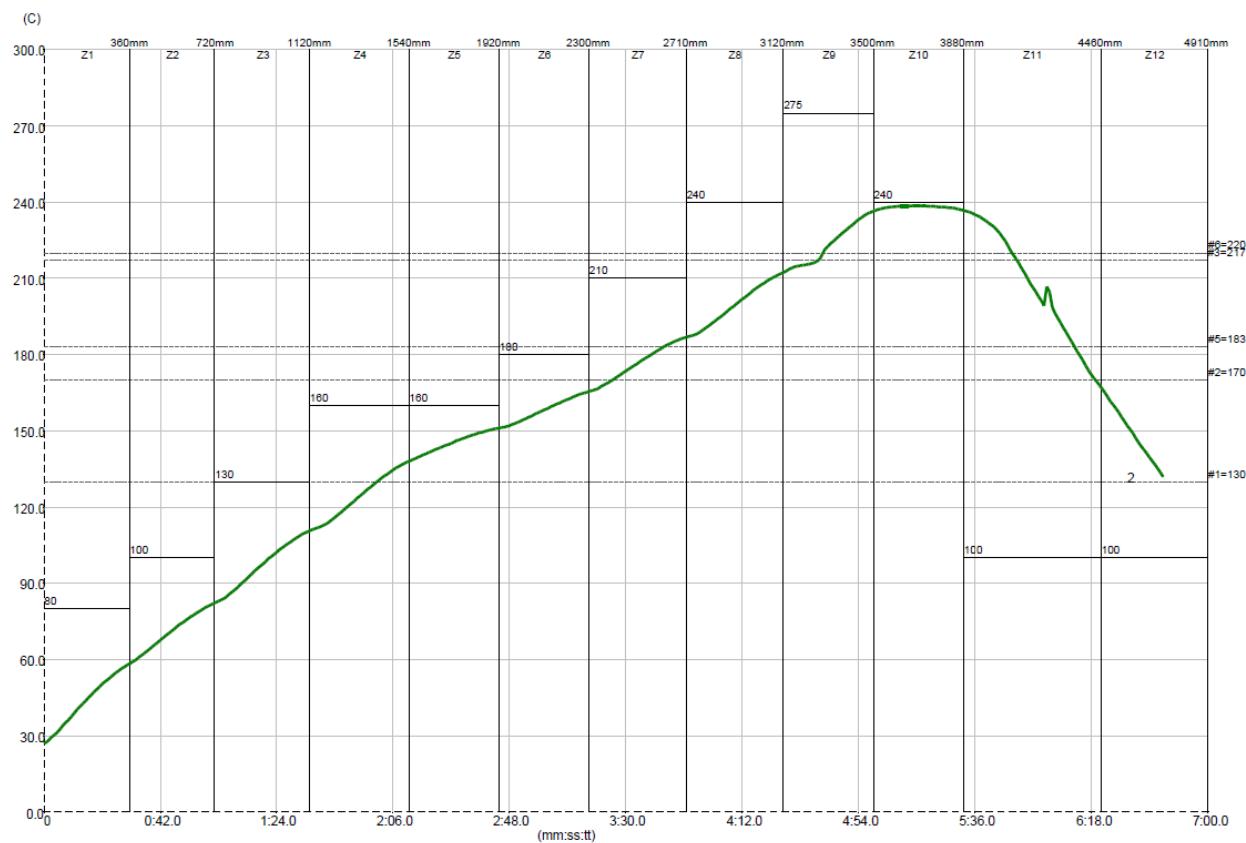
Figure 8: Recommended Reflow Profile

11. Ordering Information

Table 6: Ordering Information for Modules

Part Order Number	Operating Temperature Range	Packaging Method
WM825-B00-I3QT	Industrial: -40°C to +85°C	Tray
WM825-B00-I3QR	Industrial: -40°C to +85°C	Tape & Reel
WM825-B00-E3QT	Extended: -30°C to +85°C	Tray
WM825-B00-E3QR	Extended: -30°C to +85°C	Tape & Reel
WM825-B00-C3QT	Commercial: 0°C to +70°C	Tray
WM825-B00-C3QR	Commercial: 0°C to +70°C	Tape & Reel

Table 7: Ordering Information for Evaluation Kits

Part Order Number	Contents of the Evaluation Kit	Packaging Method
WM825-B00-EVK3	WM825-B00-I3 Module on Evaluation Board, 2.4 GHz Rubber Duck Antenna, u.FL connector cable and USB-A / Micro-AB Cable	Box
WM825-B00-DVK3	WM825-B00-EVK3 and i.MX6 development platform with all software and collaterals	Box

12. Data Sheet Status

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13.   Certifications

WM825B00 complies with the following standards:

    FCC: 15C
    IC: RSS-247
    CE: EN 300 328 v1.9.1, EN 301 489-1 v1.9.2
                    EN 301 489-17 v2.2.1, EN 60950-1

FCC Statement:

Note: 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 in a residential installation. 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. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. 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.

The FCC requires the user to be notified that any changes or modifications made to this device that are not expressly approved by Wi2Wi may void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

IC Statement:

English:

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). 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 of the device.

Français:

Cet appareil est conforme à Industrie Canada une licence standard RSS exonérés (s). Son fonctionnement est soumis aux deux conditions suivantes:

1. Cet appareil ne doit pas provoquer d'interférences;

2. Cet appareil doit accepter toute interférence reçue, y compris les interférences pouvant provoquer un fonctionnement indésirable de l'appareil.

RF Exposure Statement:

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. End users must follow the specific operating instructions for satisfying RF exposure compliance. This transmitter must be at least 20 cm from the user and must not be co-located or operating in

conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. The information in this guide may change without notice. The manufacturer assumes no responsibility for any errors that may appear in this guide.

Integrator Guidance:
- All certifications apply to the integrated chip antenna only. Customers using any optional external antenna connecting via the onboard u.FL connector or the RF Pad must get their antenna certified themselves.
- Only the antenna(s) described in the filings under this FCC ID or equivalent antenna(s) with equal or lesser gain may be used with this transmitter. Any new antenna type, or higher gain antenna would require a Class II permissive change.
- If the operation of the equipment is for portable use (within 20 cm of user), or where co-location configuration use is required; the end product, including the transmitter will require re-evaluation in accordance to the FCC rules.

Labeling:
The final end product must be labeled in a visible area with the following text:
"Contains FCC ID: U9RWM825, IC: 7089A-WM825", where:
- "U9RWM825"is the approved FCC ID of this module
- "7089A-WM825" is the approved IC ID of this module

The grantee's FCC/IC ID can be used only when all FCC/IC compliance requirements are met.

14. References

14.1 Specifications

IEEE 802.11 b/g/n Wireless LAN Specification
SDIO HS 4-bit Specification

14.2 Trademarks, Patents and Licenses

Trademarks: Wi-Fi

14.3 Disclosures

WM825-B00-EVK3:Evaluation Kit
WM825-B00-DVK3: Development Kit

The specification maximum and minimum limits presented herein are those guaranteed when the unit is integrated into the Wi2Wi's Development System. These limits are to serve as representative performance characteristics of the WM825B00 when properly designed into a customer's product. Wi2Wi makes no warranty, implied or otherwise specified, with respect to design and performance characteristics presented in this specification when used in customer designs.