EVK1000 USER MANUAL

HOW TO USE, CONFIGURE AND INTERFACE TO THE DW1000 EVALUATION KIT

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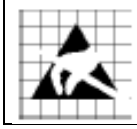

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

The EVK1000 consists of a pair of EVB1000 boards. Each of the pair of EVB1000 boards is configured to run a pre-programmed two-way ranging demonstration application. This "DecaRanging" application controls the DW1000 IC to exchange messages, calculate the time-of-flight, estimate the resultant distance between the two boards and display that result on the on-board display. Only external powering is required for this operation.

The boards may optionally be driven via USB interface using a PC version of the "DecaRanging" software, as described in section 4.3. Alternatively an external micro-controller system may drive the DW1000 IC directly through its SPI interface made available via the SPI header as described in section 4.4.

In addition to demonstrating two-way ranging this kit may be used to evaluate the following DW1000 features: -

- range
- ranging precision
- transmit spectrum
- power/current consumption
- multipath immunity
- blocking immunity
- antenna options

It can also be used as a development platform for the DW1000 allowing you develop your own software and applications.

1.2 Document Layout

- Section 2 describes the contents of the EVK1000 kit.
- Section 3 describes the on-board "DecaRanging" application.
- Section 4 describes using an external application to control the DW1000 on the EVB1000.
- Section 5 is a brief troubleshooting guide
- Section 6 provides detailed information on the functions and settings of all on-board switches and jumpers and headers.

If you are in any doubt about how to perform any of the steps illustrated in this manual or you are unsure how to proceed, please contact DecaWave (sales@decawave.com) and we will be happy to advise you.

1.3 External References

Table 1: External references and publications

Reference	Title/Description
1	"DecaRanging" Demo Application (PC) User Guide
2	DW1000 Data Sheet
3	DW1000 User Manual

2 THE EVK1000 KIT DESCRIPTION

The kit comprises: -

- 2 x EVB1000 boards
- 2 x Antennae
- 2 x USB 2.0 cable (50 cm)
- 2 x Power leads
- 1 x Quick start guide
- 2 x Perspex stands

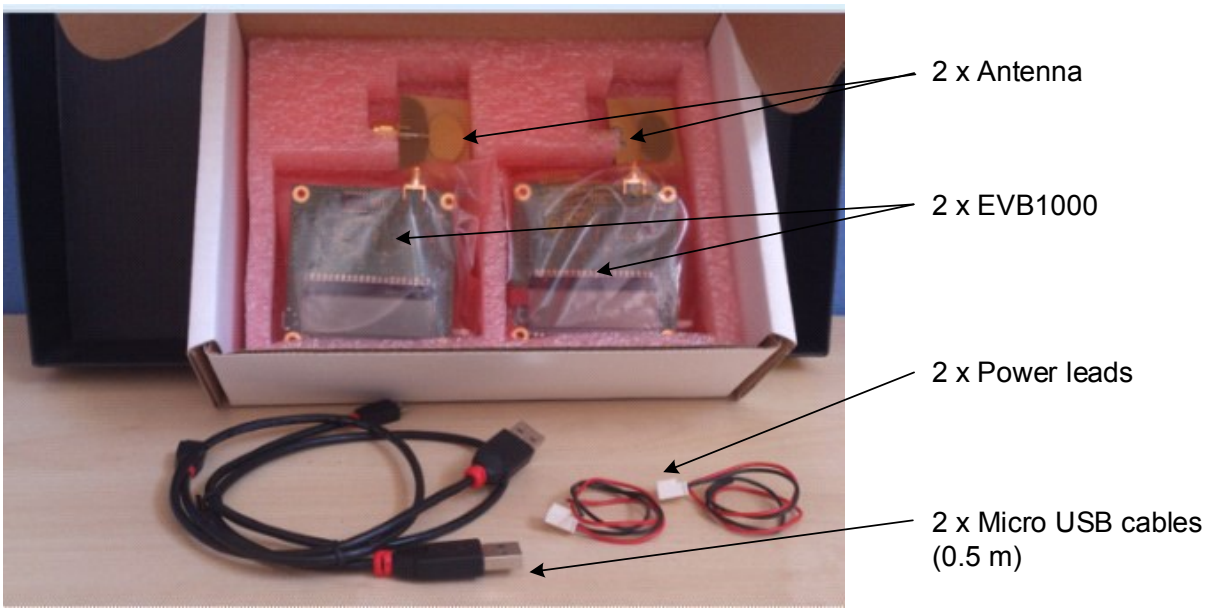

Figure 1: EVK1000 contents

Please contact DecaWave immediately if any of these items is missing from your kit.

2.1 Description of the EVB1000 board

The EVB1000 evaluation board measures 7 cm x 7 cm. Its two sides, identifying the main components, are shown in Figure 2.

The front side contains the LCD display which is used to show ranging information and the mode in which the board is operating, the DIP switch (**S1**), which allows the user to set the mode of operation of the EVB1000 and there are also a number of LEDs.

The rear side contains the DW1000 IC, the ARM IC, the ARM reset button, two DIP switches (**S2** and **S3**), the JTAG connection header, the external SPI connection header, and various jumpers and power connectors for configuring the input powering mode. More details on all of these components are contained in section 6.

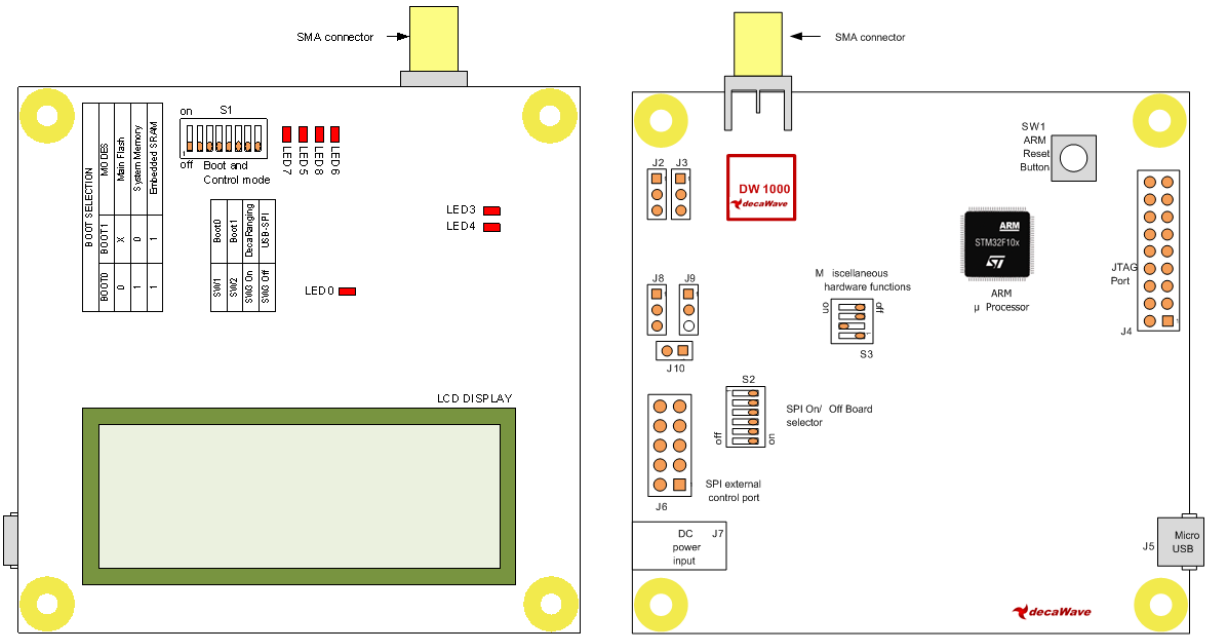

Figure 2: The two sides of the EVB1000 showing main components

2.2 Essential items that are not part of the kit

The following items are not included in the EVK1000 as delivered and are required to operate the kit: -

1. Power supply: No power supply units are supplied. The boards may be powered from a bench power supply using the supplied power supply leads, or via a USB power source using the supplied USB cables. These options are described in section 3.3.

2.3 Optional items that are not part of the kit

The following items are not included in the EVK1000 as delivered and may be required for further application development using the EVK1000:

1. JTAG interface module: In order to reprogram the on-board ARM Cortex microcontroller, a suitable JTAG adaptor is needed, (e.g. ST microelectronics ST-LINK/V2 in-circuit debugger/programmer).

3 EVB1000 ON-BOARD RANGING APPLICATION

3.1 Introduction

Each of the pair of the EVB1000 boards in the evaluation kit comes with a pre-programmed two-way ranging demonstration software application called “DecaRanging”. This application controls the DW1000 IC to exchange messages, calculate the time-of-flight and estimate & display the resulting distance between two EVB1000 units.

To start running the “DecaRanging” demonstration, please follow the steps described below.

3.2 Antenna connection

The supplied antenna should be connected to the SMA connector (**J1**) shown in Figure 2. Best results will be achieved when the planes of the antennae at both ends of the radio link are parallel to each other. It is also possible to use other commercially available UWB antennae with the EVB1000. For references and application advice, please contact DecaWave.

3.3 Powering the EVB1000

The EVB1000 can be powered either via an external DC power supply (or battery) through **J7** using the supplied power cable leads or via a standard 5 V 500 mA USB power supply through **J5**. To change between the two, jumper **J8** is used as shown in the Figure 3.

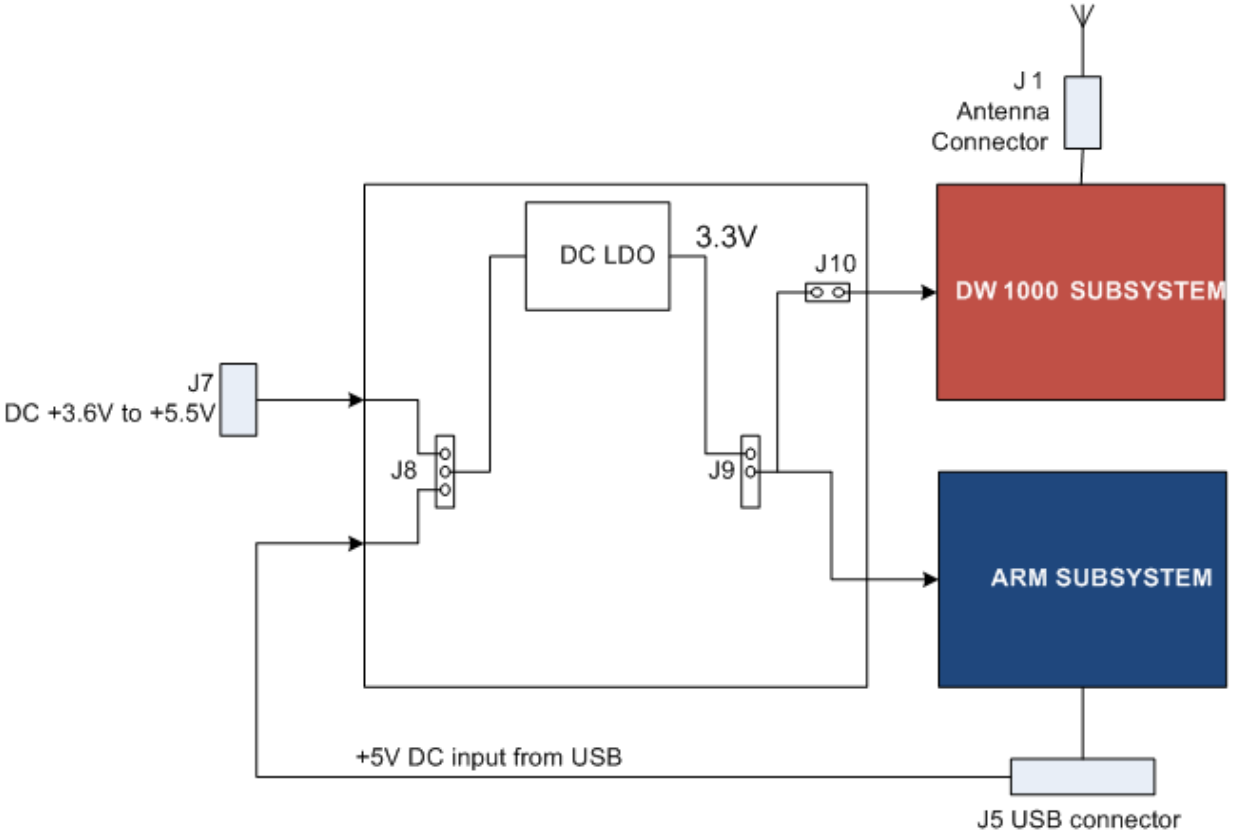

Figure 3: EVB1000 power supply options

Table 2: Power option settings

Power Source	J8 (Insert on pins)	Comment
USB	2 & 3	The USB port to which you connect the EVB1000 should be capable of supplying at least 250mA
3.6 V to 5.5V	1 & 2	In this mode the externally applied supply is indirectly connected to the on-board circuitry through an LDO regulator

Changes to jumper settings should only be made with the board powered down – under no circumstances should jumper settings be changed while power is applied to the board via any of the possible off-board connectors, or damage to the board may result.

For the two power source options the positions of the jumpers are shown in Figure 4. Jumpers **J2** and **J3** can be used to select whether sections of DW1000 are powered with 1.8V or 3.3V, for more details on this operation see Reference [2]. Jumper **J10** can be used to measure the current consumption of DW1000.

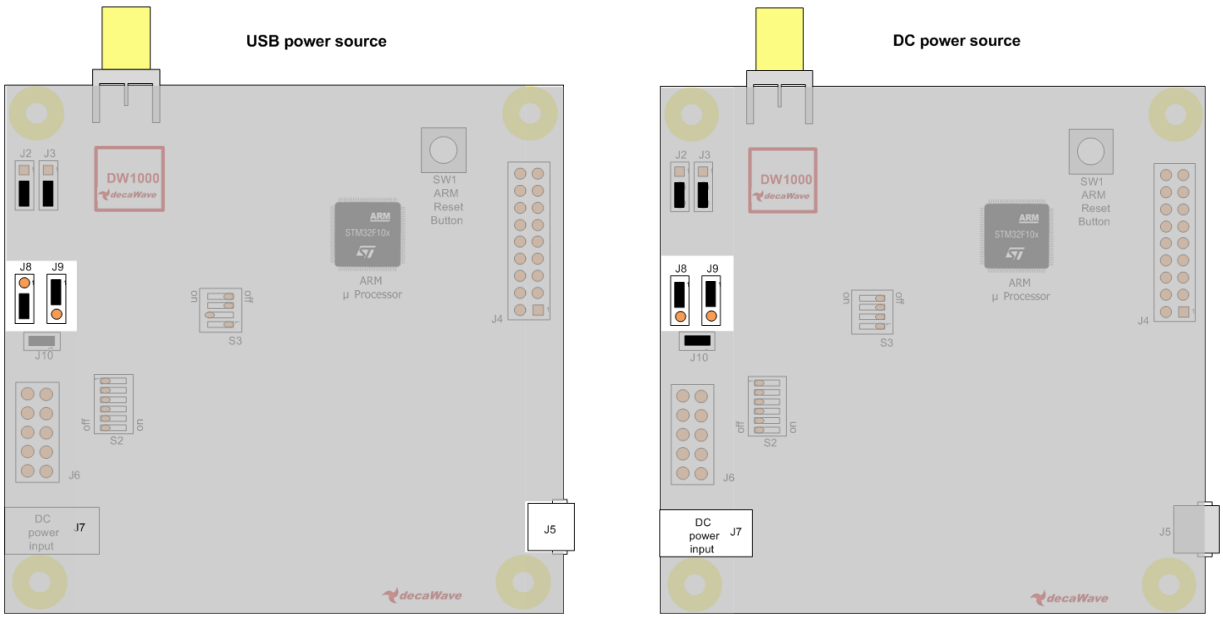

Figure 4: USB and DC 3.6V to 5.5V power source jumper connections

3.4 EVB1000 functional modes

The on-board "DecaRanging" application requires one unit to be configured as an "Anchor", and the other as a "Tag". These functional modes are controlled with switch, ***S1-4***, as indicated in Figure 5.

1. **S1-4** to **ON.** EVB1000 configured as an "Anchor".
2. **S1-4** to **OFF.** EVB1000 configured as a "Tag".

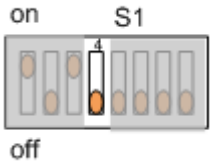

Figure 5: Switch S1-4 Tag / Anchor configuration

The EVK1000, by default, has one of the boards configured in Anchor mode and the other in Tag mode. Further details on each function can be found in Reference [1].

3.5 EVB1000 operational modes

The on-board DecaRanging application supports a number of different operational modes. These are chosen to demonstrate the DW1000's performance in high speed short range and lower speed longer range applications; these are described in detail in Reference [3]. Table 3 below shows the supported configurations; the default EVK1000 configuration, as delivered, is Mode 5. The mode setting is configured with the **S1** switches ***S1-5, S1-6*** and ***S1-7*** shown in Figure 6 below.

Table 3: Operational modes configuration details

S1-5	S1-6	S1-7	Mode	Channel	Data Rate	PRF	Preamble	Preamble Code	Non standard SFD
OFF	OFF	OFF	1	2	110 kb/s	16	1024	3	Yes
ON	OFF	OFF	2	2	6.8 Mb/s	16	128	3	No
OFF	ON	OFF	3	2	110 kb/s	64	1024	9	Yes
ON	ON	OFF	4	2	6.8 Mb/s	64	128	9	No
OFF	OFF	ON	5	5	110 kb/s	16	1024	3	Yes
ON	OFF	ON	6	5	6.8 Mb/s	16	128	3	No
OFF	ON	ON	7	5	110 kb/s	64	1024	9	Yes
ON	ON	ON	8	5	6.8 Mb/s	64	128	9	No

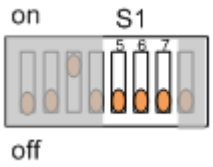

Figure 6: Mode configuration selection

3.6 Ready to go?

Once you have configured the power supply method of your choice and the desired modes of operation and configuration, the board can be powered up. LED 0 will illuminate to indicate that power is applied.

You and now ready to begin using your EVK1000 ranging demonstration. The two units will initialise and start the ranging exchange. The messages you will see on the LCD screen during this process are shown in Figure 7, Figure 8, and Figure 9 below. LED 5 will illuminate in Anchor mode whereas LED 6 will illuminate in

Tag mode. After a few moments the calculated range will be displayed on the LCD. For more details on the "DecaRanging" application please consult Reference [1].

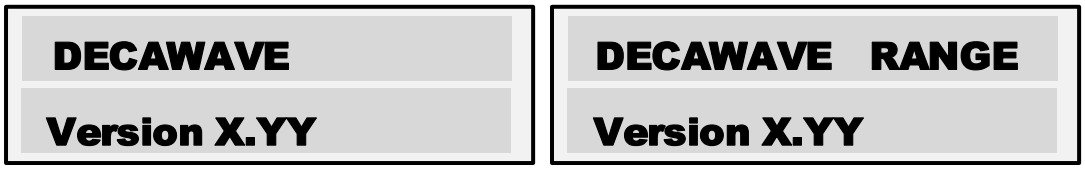

Figure 7: EVB1000 power on LCD screen messages showing software version

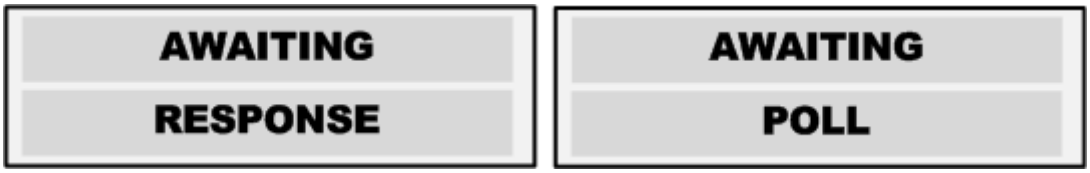

Figure 8: Tag and Anchor power on LCD messages

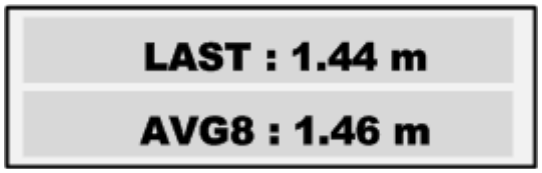

Figure 9: Tag/Anchor range display

4 EVB1000 CONTROL WITH AN EXTERNAL APPLICATION

4.1 Introduction

The EVB1000 has two configuration options which enable an external application to control the DW1000. These are:

1. Using the USB connection (**J5**). An external application (e.g. DecaWave's "DecaRanging" PC application) can use the on-board USB to SPI application, to control the DW1000 IC. This is described in section 4.3.
2. Using the external SPI header (**J6**). This allows a software application running on an external microcontroller or a PC to directly interface with the DW1000 SPI bus. This is described in section 4.4.

As the DW1000 is controlled via an SPI interface any external controller wishing to control the DW1000 transceiver must use SPI for direct communication with the chip.

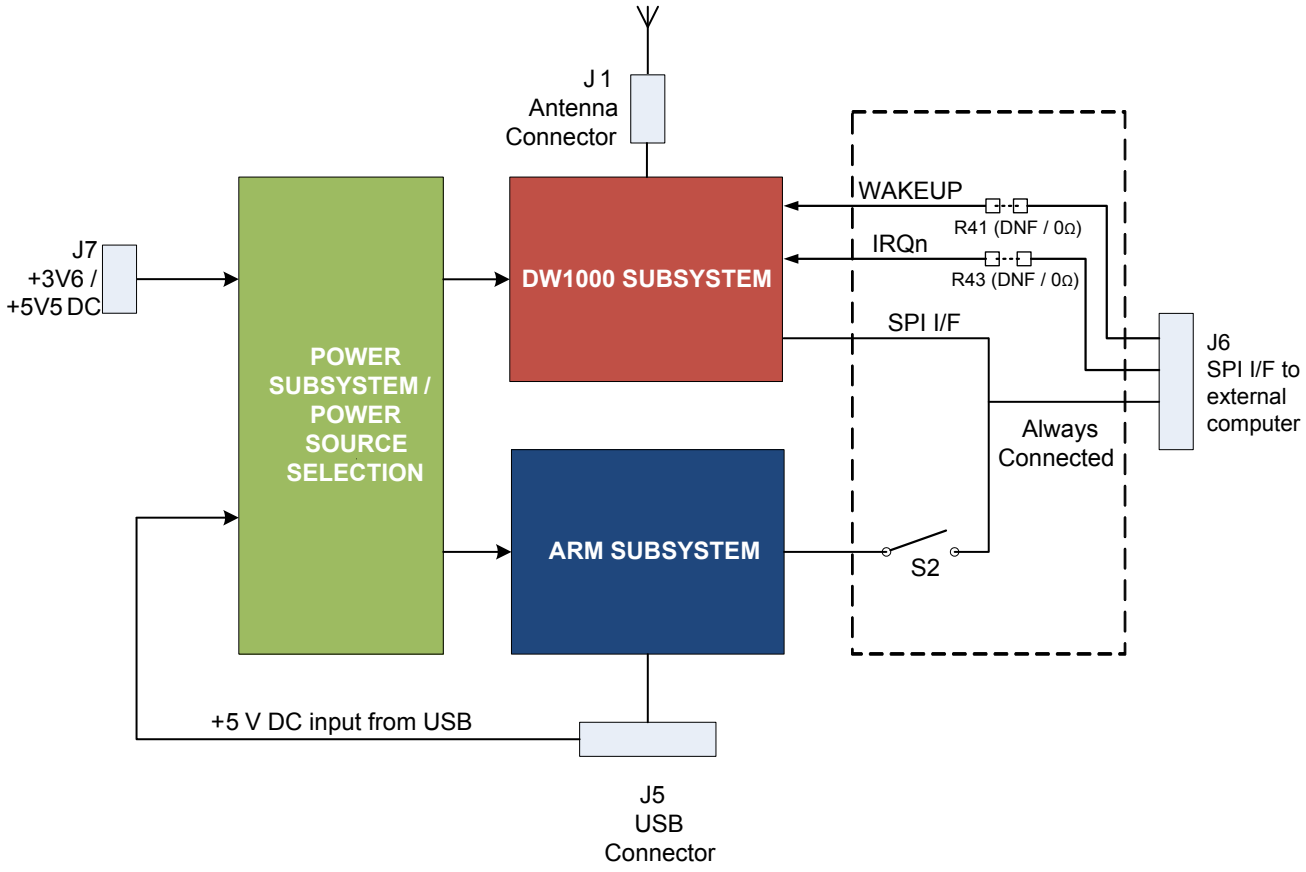

Figure 10: Logical view of the EVB1000

4.2 "DecaRanging" PC application

The on-board "DecaRanging" application that comes pre-programmed on the EVB1000 ARM microcontroller has an equivalent PC application which can be connected to the EVB1000 via the micro USB, to control the DW1000 from a PC.

The “DecaRanging” PC application is available from DecaWave. The description of the “DecaRanging” application is beyond the scope of this manual and is described in Reference [1].

4.3 External application control of the DW1000 via the USB interface (J5)

In this mode of control the on-board USB to SPI application acts as a USB slave virtual COM port. It translates the COM port commands into SPI transactions to the DW1000. To enable the USB to SPI application the EVB1000 needs to have the **S1** switch ***S1-3*** set to the off position.

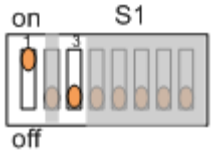

Figure 11: USB to SPI configuration

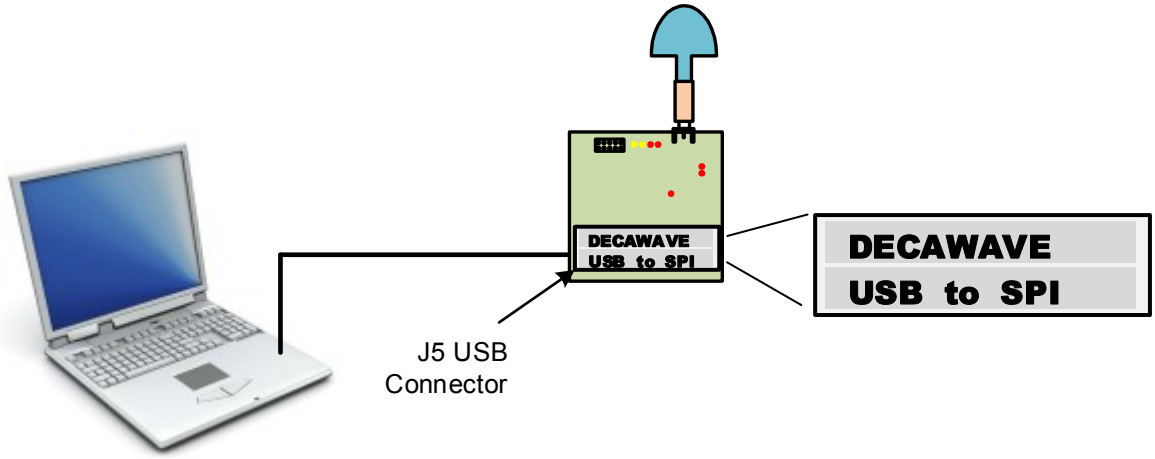

Figure 12: External application control using USB interface

4.4 External application control of the DW1000 via the external SPI header (J6)

In this mode of control the on-board ARM processor is not used and it should be disabled and disconnected from the DW1000 SPI bus (switch **S1** and **S2** should be all in the off position).

Figure 13: S1 and S2 configuration for external application control through USB

The pin-out of the external SPI connection header **J6** has been arranged to be compatible with that of the “Cheetah” series of SPI to USB converters provided by TotalPhase™. For more details on the external SPI connector pin out see section 6. Using one of these converters it is possible to control the DW1000 directly from a PC. The “DecaRanging” PC application supports this operation; further details are described in Reference [1].

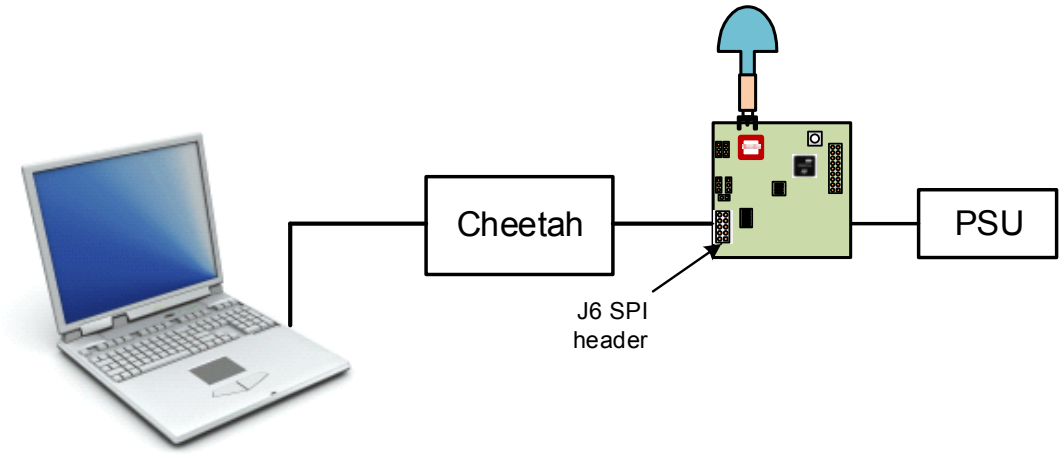

Figure 14: External application control using SPI external header

Other microprocessor platforms may also be used to control the DW1000. An example using the Keil evaluation platform (MCBSTM32C) is shown below. The ARM SPI1 bus is connected to the EVB1000 SPI header **J6**. The DW1000 IRQn line is also connected to a GPIO of the ARM processor. For more details on the external SPI connector pin out see section 6.

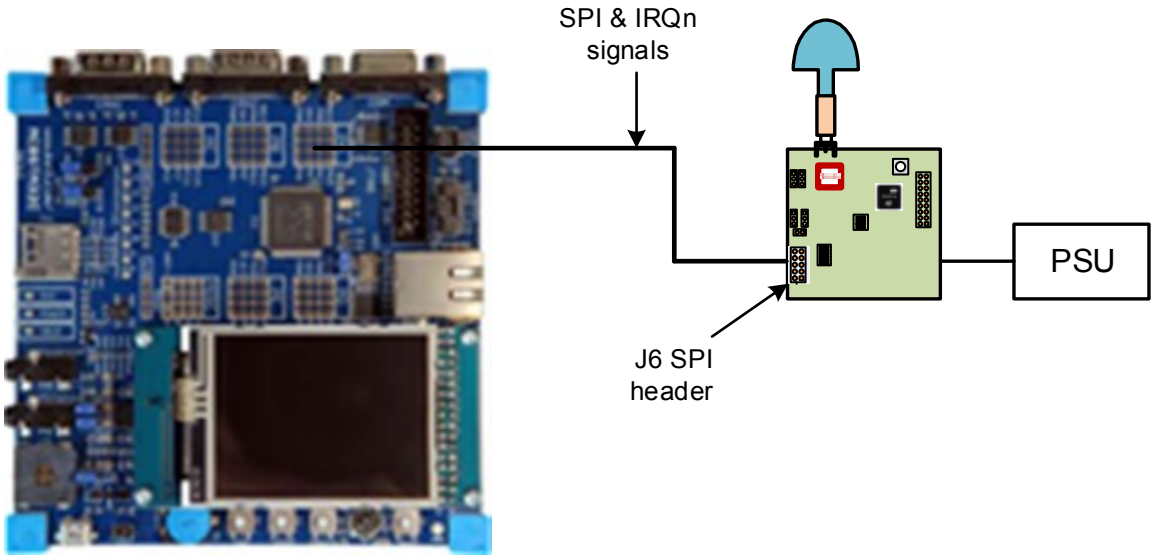

Figure 15: External application control with Keil evaluation platform using SPI external header

4.5 EVB1000 options when using "DecaRanging" PC application

The hardware setup necessary to allow you use your EVB1000 with the "DecaRanging" PC application is covered in section 4 of this manual.

There are two options:

1. Using the external application to control both EVB1000 units.
2. Using the external application to control one of the pair of the EVB1000 units.

4.5.1 Using an external application to control both EVB1000 units

In this configuration both of the two EVB1000s are controlled by the “DecaRanging” PC application further details are described in Reference [1].

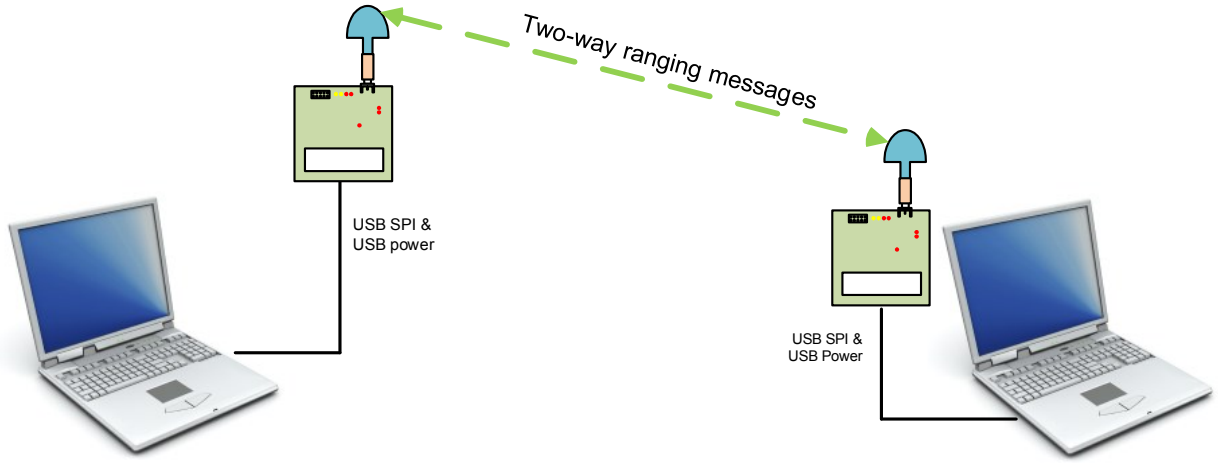

Figure 16: Both EVB1000’s controlled by the external application

4.5.2 Using one externally controlled EVB1000 with one on-board controlled EVB1000

In this configuration one of the two EVB1000s in the “DecaRanging” demonstration runs the “DecaRanging” application from the on-board ARM microcontroller while the other EVB1000 is controlled from a PC which has “DecaRanging” Installed.

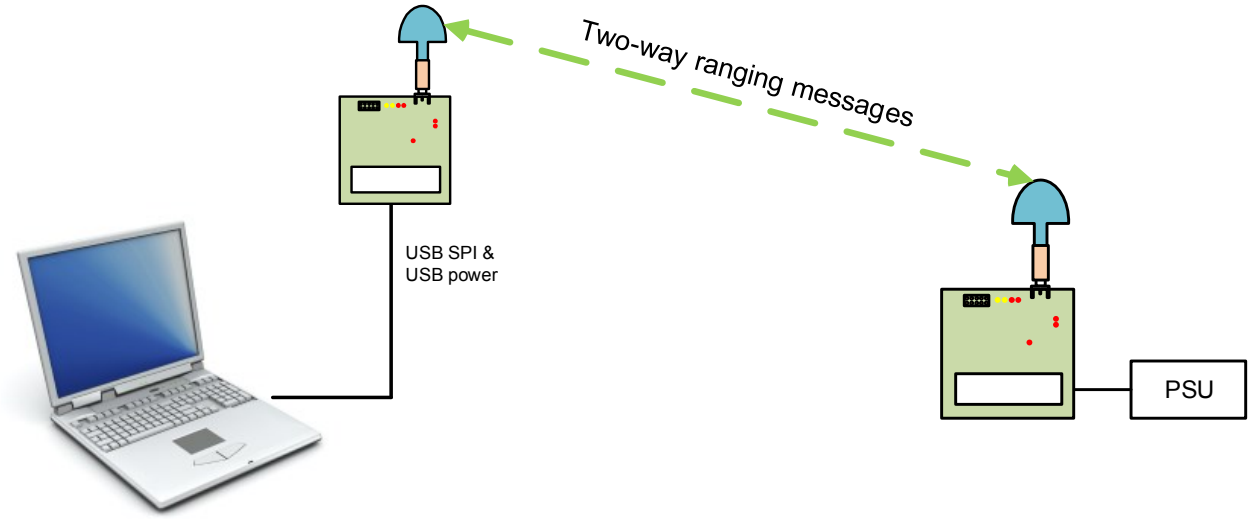

Figure 17: One EVB1000 controlled by the external application

Make sure that the channel configuration settings in the “DecaRanging” PC application are identical to the mode used on the other EVB1000.

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- No ranging when using “DecaRanging” PC application with one EVB1000 and ARM application on the other EVB1000.
    - Make sure that the channel configuration settings in the “DecaRanging” PC application are identical to the mode used on the other EVB1000.
    - If channel configuration settings are the same but the Anchor does not report any TX frames, a longer response time might be needed. Further details are described in Reference [1] (the ARM controlled EVB needs to have ***S1-2*** in the OFF position and ***S1-8*** in the ON position).

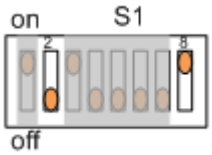

Figure 18 - S1 S1-2 and S1-8 configuration for the longer response time

- LCD shows “ERROR INIT FAIL” message. Check that all switches in S2 are in the ON position.
- Range reads 0.00 m: press the reset button or disconnect and reconnect power

Note: To help investigate any potential issues the voltages on **J2** and **J3** should be either 3.3 V or 1.8 V after power up, depending on which configuration is used as specified in Reference [2]. The voltage on J9 should be 3.3 V.

6 EVB1000 BOARD DETAILS

This section gives further details of the EVB1000 including the pin-outs of all connectors and the function of all the on-board switches and Jumpers.

6.1 Off-board connector headers

6.1.1 J1 – SMA antenna connector

External antenna connector

Table 4: J1 pin out

Pin	Function
J1-Centre	RF signal
J1-Body	Ground

6.1.2 J7 – External DC supply

Optional external DC power supply pin. SIL 2 pin 0.1” pitch

Table 5: J7 pin-out

Pin	Function
J7-1 (GND)	Ground
J7-2 (+VE)	DC supply can be from +3.6V to +5.5V

6.1.3 J5 – Micro USB connector

This is the micro USB connector.

Table 6: Micro USB connector pin-out

Pin	Function
J5-1	VSUB +5V IN
J5-2	USBDM to ARM GPIO PA11
J5-3	USBDP to ARM GPIO PA12
J5-4	ID to ARM GPIO PA10
J5-5	GND

6.1.4 J4 – JTAG connector

The JTAG connector is intended for connection to an external ARM debug interface / development toolset. DIL Header, 20 pin, 0.1” pitch.

Table 7: J4 pin-out

Function	Pin	Pin	Function
VCC	1	2	VCC
JTRST	3	4	GND
J TDI	5	6	GND
J TMS	7	8	GND
J TCK	9	10	GND
Pulled to GND via 10kΩ resistor	11	12	GND
J TDO	13	14	GND
ARM_RESET	15	16	GND
Pulled to GND via 10kΩ resistor	17	18	GND
Pulled to GND via 10kΩ resistor	19	20	GND

6.1.5 J6 – External SPI connector

The external SPI connector is intended for connection to an external microcontroller or to a PC via a USB to SPI converter (The pin-out of has been arranged to be compatible with that of the "Cheetah" series of SPI to USB converters provided by TotalPhase™), DIL Header, 10 pin, 0.1" pitch.

Table 8: J6 Pin-out

Function	Pin	Pin	Function
SS2	1	2	GND
SS3	3	4	IRQ (fit R43, 0Ω)
MISO - SPI Data in from PC / External Micro	5	6	Not Connected
SCK - SPI Clock from PC / External Micro	7	8	MOSI - SPI Data out to PC / External Micro
SS1	9	10	GND

6.2 On-board switch functions

6.2.1 S1

S1 is a SPST 8-way switch. Its various functions are described in the table below.

Table 9: S1 switch configuration descriptions

Switch	Off function	On function	Description
S1-1	Disables ARM booting	Enables ARM booting	If the onboard ARM functionality is not required this switch can be turned off to disable ARM booting.
S1-2	Disable fast onboard ranging	Enable fast onboard ranging	This switch is used to enable fast two-way ranging with the response time is set to 5 ms. If turned off the response time is set to 150 ms.
S1-3	Enable USB to SPI application	Disable USB to SPI application	When switched off, the USB to SPI application runs on the onboard ARM to enable “DecaRanging” PC application to control the DW1000.
S1-4	Enable DecaRanging Tag function	Enable DecaRanging Anchor function	Switches between on-board “DecaRanging” Anchor and Tag functionality.
S1-5	Operational mode selection	Operational mode selection	See **EVB1000 operational modes** for the functionality of this switch
S1-6	Operational mode selection	Operational mode selection	See **EVB1000 operational modes** for the functionality of this switch
S1-7	Operational mode selection	Operational mode selection	See **EVB1000 operational modes** for the functionality of this switch
S1-8	Disable remote response time configuration	Enable remote response time configuration	If enabled, the “DecaRanging” PC application can be used to modify the default 150 ms response time in the embedded “DecaRanging” application.

6.2.2 S2

S2 is a SPST 6-way switch. Its various functions are described in the table below. It disables the DW1000 SPI bus connections to the onboard ARM processor.

Table 10: S2 switch configuration descriptions

Switch	ALL Off function	All On function	Description
S2	Disables ARM SPI connection to DW1000	Enables ARM SPI connection to DW1000	If the onboard ARM functionality is not required this switch can be turned off to disable ARM SPI connection to the DW1000.

6.2.3 S3

S3 is a SPST 4-way switch. Its various functions are described in the table below.

Table 11: S3 switch configuration descriptions

Switch	Off function	On function	Description
S3-1	Disconnects onboard ARM PA0 GPIO to DW1000 RSTn pin	Connects onboard ARM PA0 GPIO to DW1000 RSTn pin	If used it allows ARM GPIO PA0 pin to connect to DW1000 RSTn pin. This allows ARM to reset the DW1000. **This should be on when running the onboard ARM application.**
S3-2	Disables LED 0	Enables LED 0	Can be used to enable or disable LED 0. (current consumption measurement)
S3-3	Selects DW1000 SPI mode	Selects DW1000 SPI mode	This switch can be used to select DW1000 SPI mode it is connected to DW1000 GPIO 5 pin. For more information see Reference [2].
S3-4	Selects DW1000 SPI mode	Selects DW1000 SPI mode	This switch can be used to select DW1000 SPI mode it is connected to DW1000 GPIO 6 pin. For more information see Reference [2].

6.2.4 SW1

This is the ARM reset button.

Table 12: SW1 ARM reset button

Switch	Pressed	Released	Description
SW1	Forces hardware reset of ARM processor	Allows ARM processor to operate normally	Is used to allow reset the ARM processor.

6.3 On-board 2-pin jumper functions

Table 13: J10 function

Jumper	In	Out	Description
J10	Connects main3.3V power from DW1000	Disconnects main3.3V power from DW1000	Enables DW1000 power/current measurement.

6.4 On-board 3-pin headers with jumper functions

6.4.1 J2 and J3 functions

Table 14: J2 and J3 functions

Jumper	In pins 1 & 2	In pins 2 & 3	Out	Description
J2	DW1000 uses 3.3 V supply for VDDLDO	DW1000 uses external DC-DC 1V8 supply for VDDLDO as current saving option	DW1000 VDDLDO power disconnected	For more information see Reference [2].
J3	DW1000 uses 3.3 V supply for VDDLDO2	DW1000 uses external DC-DC 1V8 supply for VDDLDO2 as current saving option	DW1000 VDDLDO2 power disconnected	For more information see Reference [2].

6.4.2 J8 and J9 functions

Table 15: J8 and J9 functions

Jumper	In pins 1 & 2	In pins 2 & 3	Out	Description
J8	Enables EVB1000 powering from J6	Enables EVB1000 powering from J5	EVB1000 is not powered	Enables different power configuration options.
J9	In this mode the externally applied supply is connected to the onboard circuitry through a 3.3V voltage regulator	n/a	Voltage regulator is disconnected – EVB1000 is not powered.	Must be connected for EVB1000 power.