Single chip ultra low power wireless

Ultra low power wireless system-on-chip solution

The nRF24LE1 is a unique solution offering a complete ultra low power (ULP) wireless system-on-chip (SoC) solution. It integrates the industry best nRF24L01+ 2.4GHz transceiver core, an enhanced 8051 microcontroller, flash memory and a wide range of analog and digital peripherals.

Block diagram

The 8-bit microcontroller is powerful enough to run both the RF protocol stack and the application layer, enabling a true single chip implementation of ULP wireless applications.

System diagram

Optimized for ultra low power wireless

Advanced power management and on-chip peripherals

The nRF24LE1 is optimized to provide a single chip solution for ULP wireless applications. The combination of processing power, memory, low power oscillators, real-time counter, AES encryption accelerator, random generator, plus a range of power saving modes provides an ideal platform for implementation of RF Protocols. Benefits include tighter protocol timing, security, lower power consumption and improved co-existence performance. For the application layer the nRF24LE1 offers a rich set of peripherals including: SPI, 2-wire, UART, 6 to 12-bit ADC, PWM, and an ultra low power analog comparator for voltage level system wake-up.

Three package sizes for different applications

Same core but different package and I/O count

The nRF24LE1 comes in three different package variants:

- An ultra compact 4x4mm 24-pin QFN (7 generic I/O pins)
- A compact 5x5mm 32-pin QFN (15 generic I/O pins)
- A 7x7mm 48-pin QFN (31 generic I/O pins)

The 4x4mm 24-pin QFN with 7 generic I/O pins is ideal for low I/O count applications where small size is key. Examples include wearable sports sensors and watches. The 5x5mm 32-pin QFN with 15 generic I/O pins is ideal for medium I/O count applications such as wireless mice, remote controls and toys. The 7x7mm 48-pin QFN with 31 generic I/O pins is for high I/O count products like wireless keyboards.

Applications

- PC peripherals – mice, keyboards and remotes
- Gaming controllers
- RF remote controls for consumer electronics devices such as set-top boxes, media players and TVs
- Sports and healthcare sensors
- Sport watches, bike computers, and gym equipment
- Remote controlled toys
- Active RFID

PRODUCT BRIEF

nRF24LE1-F16Q24
nRF24LE1-F16Q32
nRF24LE1-F16Q48

KEY FEATURES

- Fully featured ultra low power nRF24L01+ 2.4GHz transceiver core
- Worldwide 2.4GHz ISM band operation
- Enhanced ShockBurst™ hardware link layer
- 250 kbps, 1 Mbps and 2 Mbps on-air data rate options
- Air compatible with nRF24L01; nRF24L01+; nRF24LU1; and nRF2401A, -02, -E1 and -E2
- Low cost external ±60ppm 16MHz crystal
- Enhanced 8-bit 8051 compatible microcontroller
- 32-bit multiplication-division unit
- AES encryption/decryption accelerator
- 16 kbytes on-chip flash memory
- 1 kbyte on-chip data flash memory
- 512 bytes high-endurance data flash memory
- 1 kbyte on SRAM plus 256 bytes of IRAM
- Low power 16MHz crystal and RC oscillators
- Ultra low power 32kHz crystal and RC oscillators
- Flexible real-time counter and three 16-bit timers/counters
- Ultra low power analog comparator for system wake-up
- Rich set of digital interfaces including: SPI master/slave, 2-wire master/slave, and UART
- 2-channel PWM
- Programmable resolution ADC: 6, 8, 10, or 12-bits
- Random Number Generator based on thermal noise
- Supports the Nordic nRFProbe hardware debugger
- Programmable generic I/O pins
- Three package options:
  - 4x4mm 24-pin QFN (7 Generic I/O pins)
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A complete development platform

For firmware and hardware engineers

The nRF24LE1 is supported by a complete development platform enabling designers to easily develop hardware and firmware for the chip. The platform comprises two key elements: the nRFgo Starter Kit and the nRF24LE1 Development Kit. One of each is required to get started with nRF24LE1.

nRFgo Starter Kit

The nRFgo Starter Kit provides a generic development platform including motherboards with sockets for radio modules, and the nRFgo Studio evaluation PC application. The nRF24LE1 Development Kit comes in three versions: one for each package variant. These include the nRF24LE1 radio modules, complete Software Development Kit (SDK), and nRFProbe hardware debug support.

For more information

Please visit www.nordicsemi.com for the complete product specification and more information about this or any other ULP wireless products.

About Nordic Semiconductor ASA

Ultra low power RF silicon solutions

Nordic Semiconductor is a fabless semiconductor company specializing in ULP short-range wireless communication. Nordic is a public company listed on the Norwegian stock exchange.

Nordic provides RF Silicon Solutions for ultra low power wireless including:

- Highly integrated RF silicon
- Sophisticated and flexible development tools
- Application specific communication software
- Complete reference designs

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Related Products

nRF6700
nRF24LE1-F16Q24-DK
nRF24LE1-F16Q32-DK
nRF24LE1-F16Q48-DK

nRFgo Starter Kit
nRFgo compatible Development Kit for 4x4mm 24-pin nRF24LE1
nRFgo compatible Development Kit for 5x5mm 32-pin nRF24LE1
nRFgo compatible Development Kit for 7x7mm 48-pin nRF24LE1