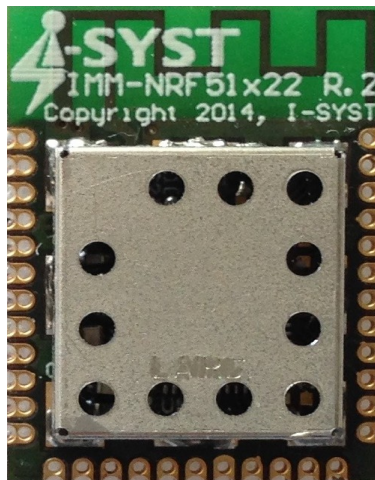


HARDWARE REFERENCE

IMM-NRF51422 Micro-module



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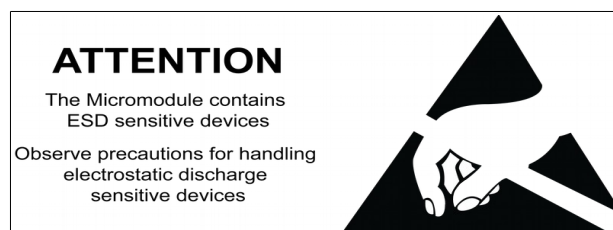


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Introduction

The nRF51422 is an ultra low power System on Chip (SoC) from Nordic Semiconductor. It integrates the nRF51 series 2.4GHz transceiver, a 32 bits ARM® Cortex™-M0 CPU, Flash memory, analog and digital I/O. The nRF51422 supports ANT, Bluetooth Low Energy and proprietary protocols.

The IMM-NRF51422 is a 23 x 17 mm micro-module with embedded PCB antenna. It allows developers to take full advantage of the nRF51422 by making all its I/O available via 35 SMD/Through hole 1.27mm pitch pads. The module can be mounted with header pins in order to re-use during development and prototyping phase and SMD it for production to be the most cost effective.

Features:

- 32 bits ARM® Cortex™-M0 @ 16MHz.
- 2.4GHz multi-protocol transceiver
- 32KB SRAM.
- 256KB Flash
- 16 MHz & 32.768 KHz Crystals
- DC/DC power mode configuration
- 29 configurable I/O pins
- One 32 and two 16 bit timers with counter mode
- 16 channel CPU independent Programmable Peripheral Interconnect (PPI)
- Encryption -128 bit AES ECB/CCM/AAR co-processor
- RNG
- RTC
- Temperature sensor
- Up to 4 PWM
- Digital interfaces SPI Master/Slave, 2-wire Master (I2C compatible), UART (CTS/RTS)
- Quadrature decoder
- 8/9/10 bit ADC - 6 configurable channels
- Low power comparator
- Operating voltage : 1.8V to 3.6V
- Dimension : 23 x 17 mm

Module Layout

I/O Pads layout

Bellow is the direct relationship of the module pads and the nRF51422 I/O pins. Shared peripherals pins are indicated in different colors.

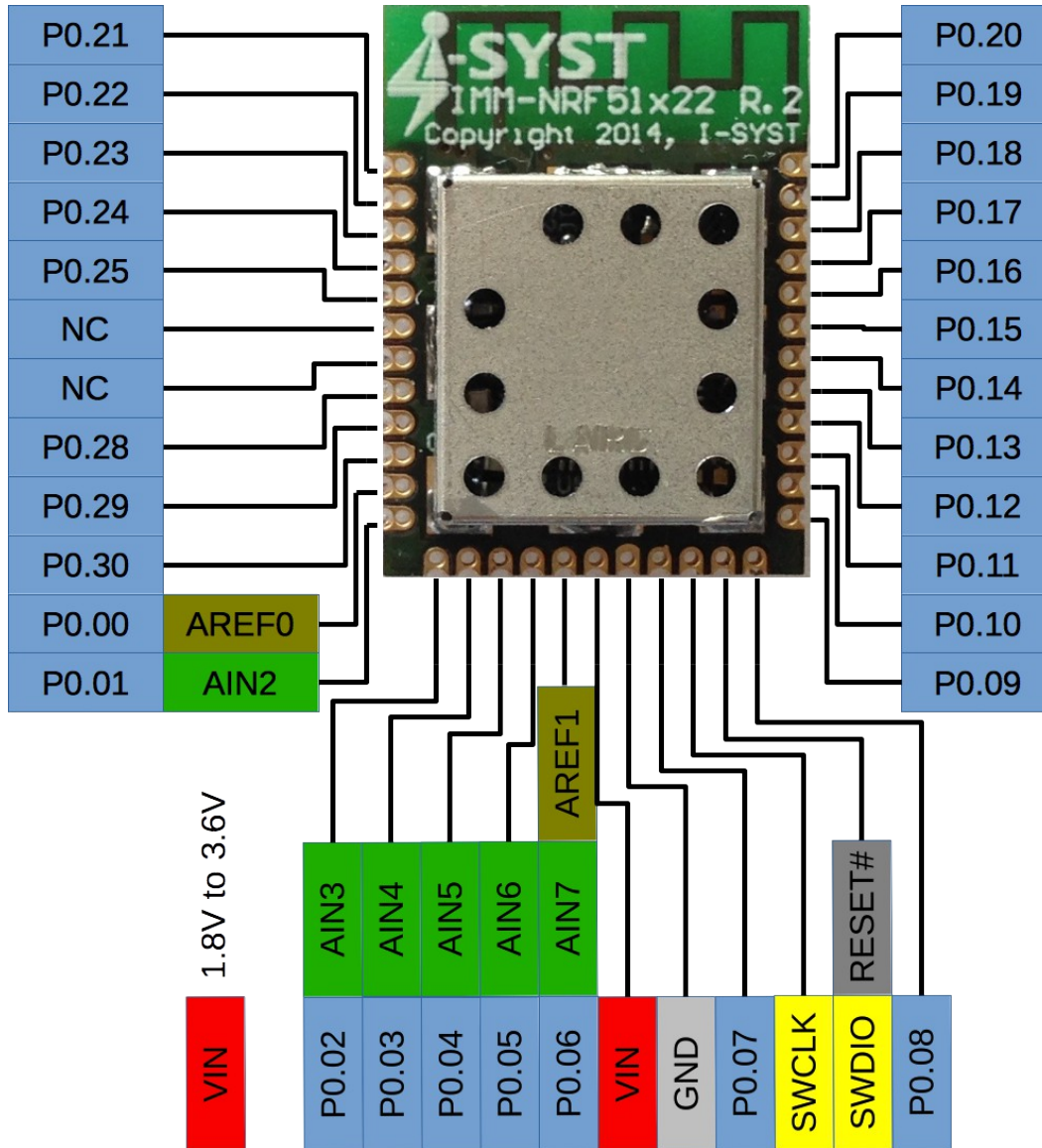
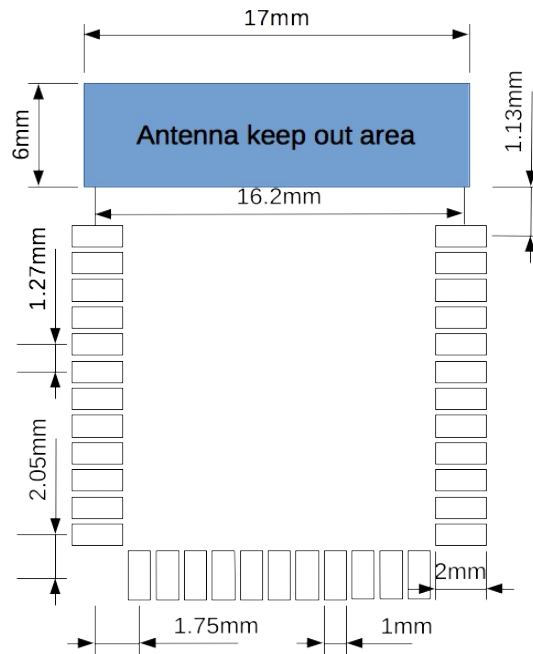


Fig. 1: I/O Mapping

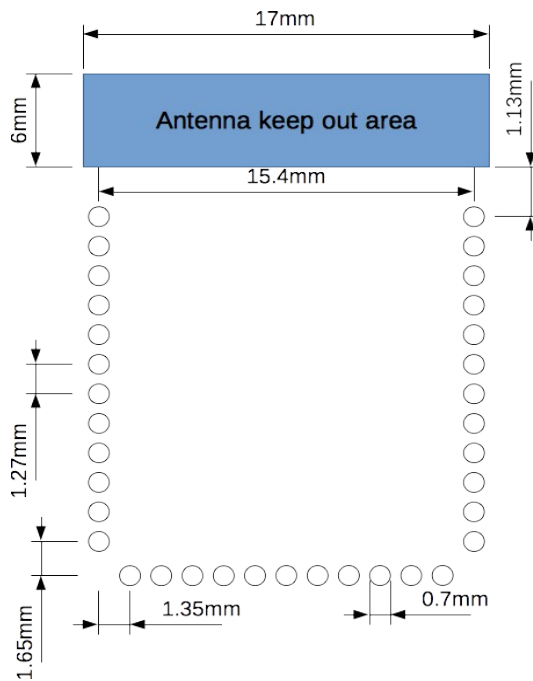
SMD Foot Print

Note : Do not route any traces or planes under the indicated antenna area.



Through Hole Foot Print

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Quick Start

Requirements

The follows are required for software development

- Debug Jtag : Segger J-Link, IDAP-Link, or any ARM compatible Jtag.
- Nordic SDK & Softdevice ANT & BLE stack (<https://developer.nordicsemi.com/>)
- C/C++ embedded software development environment : Eclipse, Keil, CrossWorks, ...

Flashing firmware

The Nordic Softdevice is required to use ANT & BLE application. There are many methodes to flash it in the module. The official methodes from Nordic is to use nRFGo with J-Link. This program is available only on Windows operating system. The other methodes is to use IDAP-Link with IDAPnRFProg for OSX & Windows. More details available on blog page <http://embeddedsoftdev.blogspot.ca/p/ehal-nrf51.html>. The IDAPnRFProg can program Softdevice, DFU and Firmware app without requiring mergehex. It can parallel program multiple nRF51 boards at once when multiple IDAP-Link are connected to PC..

Breakout board

The module can also be mounted on the optional breakout board, the IBK-BLUEIO. This breakout board has all I/O pins routed out to standard DIP32, 2.54mm pitch header pin, with onboard LED indicator and coin battery holder. Ready to be mounted on a breadboard. The SWD pins are also routed out for debug probe. Connect it to the IDAP-Link for OpenOCD debugging or turn the IMM-NRF51422 into mBed compatible.

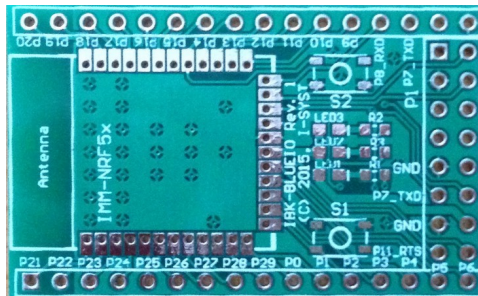


Fig. 2: IBK-BLUEIO - Breakout board for the IMM-NRF51822, IMM-NRF51422 & IMM-NRF52832 micro-module

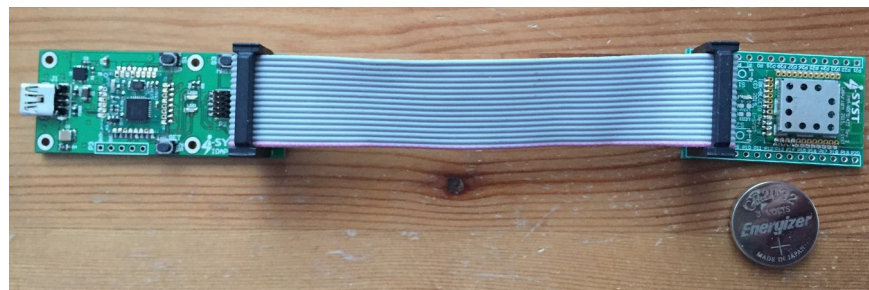


Fig. 3: Connecting IDAP-Link to the breakout board

Jtag wiring

The IMM-NRF51422 micro-module has exposed the SWD (Serial Wire Debug) pins SWDIO & SWCLK, see I/O layout section. The module can be directly connected to a Jtag tool for development by wiring the 2 SWD pins to the appropriate pins on the Jtag connector. The VIN must be wire to the VCC pin on the Jtag. GND pad is also require to be connected to GND on Jtag.

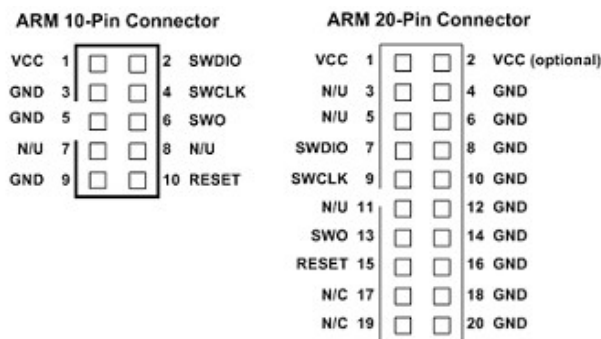


Fig. 4: ARM JTAGE Connector

The module can be powered from 2V to 3.6V on VIN. It could be coin battery or DC supply source.

Nordic Software

The module comes with a product key for access to download Nordic SDK and software tools. The key can be found on the included I/O layout and foot print card. To download the SDK, go to <http://developer.nordicsemi.com> website. Register a user account then add the product key into your profile. Community support at <https://devzone.nordicsemi.com>.

Eclipse IDE

Eclipse with GCC is the most cost effective software development environment. It is 100% free. The drawback is that it requires a bit of gymnastics to setup. Fortunately many Blog posts are available on the Internet showing step by step. Follow this blog to setup the Eclipse IDE & GCC compiler: <http://embeddedsoftdev.blogspot.ca/p/eclipse.html>.

There are samples code in the Nordic SDK itself. Other Eclipse based example code are available from this Blog page <http://embeddedsoftdev.blogspot.ca/p/ehal-nrf51.html>