

Test Procedure for the SIGFOX-GEVB Evaluation Board

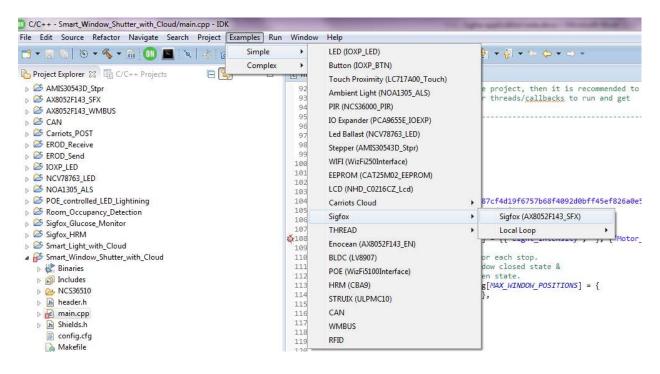
Step 1:

Connect the ON Semiconductor Sigfox shield on top of a ON Semiconductor Base Board.





Step 2: Follow instruction to get the Sigfox example Software loaded in the IDE:





Step 3:

The firmware should include the read_out for PAC and Device_ID info readout. (PAC is a 16 digits Hexadecimal number; DEVICE ID is a 8 digits Hexadecimal Number)

```
// GET PAC Info
      sfx.getChipInfo(PAC, sfxBuff, USR BUFFER SIZE);
      sprintf(dataBuf, "PAC = %s\r\n", sfxBuff);
      lcd.displayString(dataBuf);
      pc.printf("Sigfox PAC = %s\r\n", sfxBuff);
      sfx.cleanBuffer(dataBuf, USR BUFFER SIZE);
      sfx.cleanBuffer(sfxBuff, USR_BUFFER_SIZE);
      wait(2);
// GET DEVICE ID Info
             sfx.getChipInfo(DEVICE_ID, sfxBuff, USR_BUFFER_SIZE);
             sprintf(dataBuf, "DEVICE_ID = %s\r\n", sfxBuff);
             lcd.displayString(dataBuf);
             pc.printf("Sigfox DEVICE_ID = %s\r\n", sfxBuff);
             sfx.cleanBuffer(dataBuf, USR BUFFER SIZE);
             sfx.cleanBuffer(sfxBuff, USR_BUFFER_SIZE);
             wait(2);
```

Comment out the following transmission section as your account has not yet been activated:

```
75
        //Max number of messages that can be sent to sigfox cloud is 140
76
        //This limit of 140 messages is limited by sigfox protocol and not the application
       //the application or library
78⊖<mark>//</mark> while (count < MAX_SFX_TX)
79 //
            sprintf(dataBuf, "ONSemi %d", count);
            lcd.displayString(dataBuf);
81
            //param1: Const char data(max of 12 bytes), param2: downlink(1)/no downlink(0)
83
            //param3: buffer to contain downlink if expected, param4: size of downlink buffer
            //Max bytes to be sent is restricted by the AT command of sigfox firmware and not
85
            //the library/application
869 //
            sfx.sendFrame(dataBuf, 0, sfxBuff, USR BUFFER SIZE);
            count++;
            wait(2);
```

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Flash the code to your device and enable it so that it will read out the codes: On LCD:





(Alternatively) on Console:



Step 4 (Optional: Should have been completed by default):

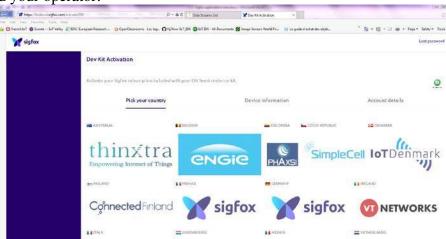
Ask your ON Semiconductor marketing contact to get your device activated through Sigfox by providing your representative with the PAC and Device_ID information.

Step 5:

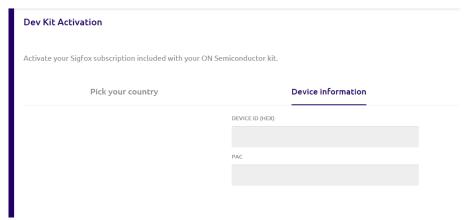
Once activation confirmed by Sigfox (through ON Semiconductor Marketing) create and activate your Sigfox account.

https://backend.sigfox.com/activate/ON

Select country and your operator:



Enter Device ID and PAC info when prompted:



Complete registration information and submit.



A password creation link will be sent to you for next log on.





Step 6:

Back to the Firmware and the IoT Kit:

In order to avoid consumption of your daily 140 message maximum (6 Messages per hour) Modify the code so that messages are only sent twice per reset of the board:

At the send frame section re-establish code section and modify the frame to be sent with "0011223344"

```
75
       //Max number of messages that can be sent to sigfox cloud is 140
76
       //This limit of 140 messages is limited by sigfox protocol and not the application
77
       //the application or library
       while (count < MAX SFX TX) {
78
            sprintf(dataBuf, "ONSemi %d", count);
79
80
            lcd.displayString(dataBuf);
81
82
           //param1: Const char data(max of 12 bytes), param2: downlink(1)/no downlink(0)
83
           //param3: buffer to contain downlink if expected, param4: size of downlink buffer
84
            //Max bytes to be sent is restricted by the AT command of sigfox firmware and not
85
            //the library/application
86
           sfx.sendFrame("0011223344", 0, sfxBuff, USR BUFFER SIZE);
87
           count++;
88
           wait(2);
89
90
91
       lcd.displayString("Max.Msg:2. Exiting....\r\n");
92
       pc.printf("Maximum message limit of 2 reached. Exiting.....\r\n");
93
       return SFX RET SUCCESS;
94
95
```

Flash it to the shield:

```
opening port: \\.\COM7
open_serial_port: opening of serial port successful
Please reset the board: 98
Board detected
Started flashing
flash Upgraded -> Reset the board
opening port: \\.\COM7
open_serial_port: opening of serial port successful
```



Step 7:

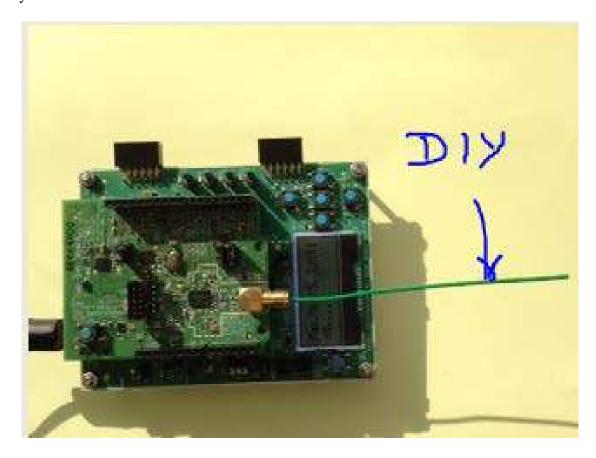
Make your DIY ¼ wave antenna:

 $F=867MHz \Rightarrow Lambda = 34cm$

Cut a piece of electric wire with section similar to the SMA connector central hole.

Wire length is 9cm and remove 5mm of plastic envelope:

This antenna is only 1dB less efficient than of- the-shelf products so it should not affect the connection capability of the kit.



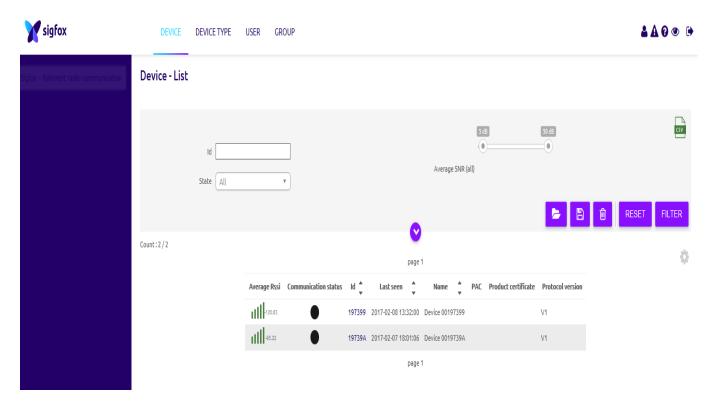


Step 8:

Reset the Board; Communication is started (2 loops)

Step 9:

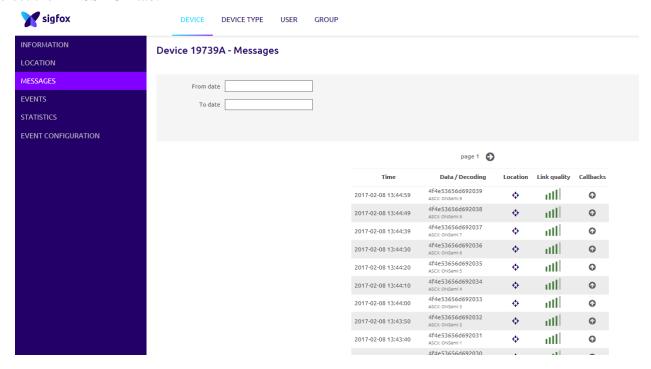
Log to the Sigfox Backend web site: https://backend.sigfox.com/welcome/news Using the credentials established in step 5. Go to DEVICE TAB and select your device:



RSSI and SNR perf quasi identical to Commercial antenna show that your device has transmitted message to Sigfox infrastructure; Click on your device ID



Select the MESSAGE tab:



Step 10: View your message stored on SIGFOX Cloud:

