



AudioAmp 4 Click

PID: MIKROE-3271

Weight: 27 g

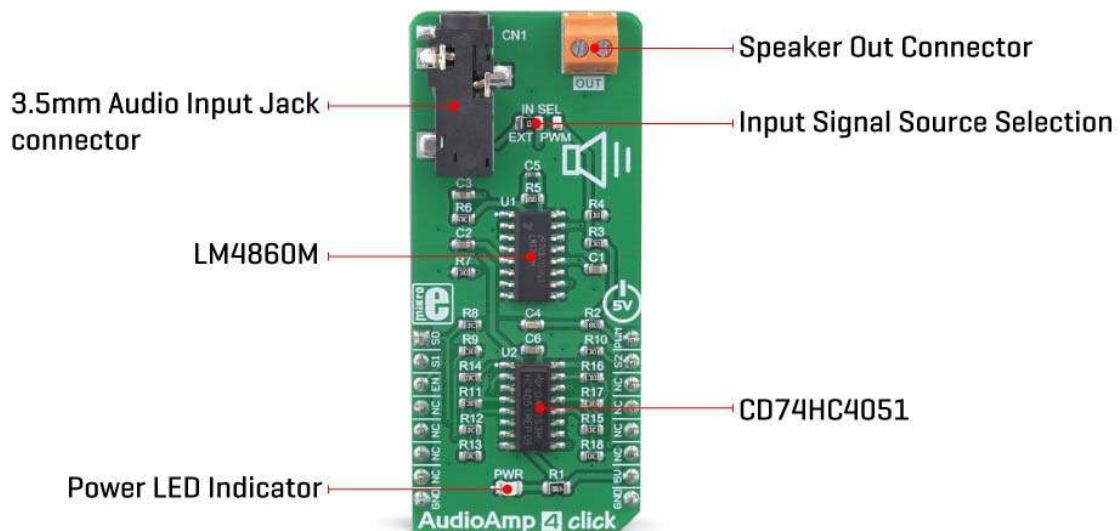
AudioAmp 4 click is a low-power audio amplifier with a digital volume control. It is equipped with the LM4860, an audio amplifier IC capable of delivering up to 1W of continuous power to an 8 Ω load. It has a very low total harmonic distortion (THD) of less than 1% over the entire audio spectrum, which makes it perfectly suited for small boom-boxes, PC speakers, and similar low-power sound reinforcing devices that can be powered by batteries. A high integration level of the LM4860 IC allows an additional circuit for digital signal attenuation to be used, offering 8 different volume levels, selectable over 3 GPIO pins of the mikroBUS™.

AudioAmp 4 click is supported by the mikroSDK compliant library, which includes functions that simplify software development. The Click board™ comes as a fully tested product, ready to be used on a system equipped with the mikroBUS™ slot.

In addition to the possibility to attenuate the input signal from the included 3.5mm JACK connector, AudioAMP 4 click can use analog voltage as the amplifier input, derived from the PWM signal at the mikroBUS™ PWM pin. This allows the MCU software to generate custom waveforms, by simply changing the duty cycle of the PWM signal. Features such as the flat audio characteristic, low THD and noise levels over the entire range of the audio spectrum, digital volume control, power supply from the mikroBUS™ 5V rail, make this Click board™ a perfect solution for rapid development of applications, when a quick and simple low-power audio signal reinforcement is required.

How does it work?

There are two integrated circuits on the AudioAMP 4 click: the **LM4860**, a Boomer® series 1W audio power amplifier with shutdown mode; CD74HC4051, a high-speed CMOS logic analog mux/demux IC, both from **Texas Instruments**. The LM4860 is used as the main audio amplifier component. This IC features a high level of integration, reducing the number of external components to a minimum. It does not require any output capacitors, bootstrap capacitors, or snubber circuits, which makes the design very simple and straightforward.



Besides other functions, the IC features the Shutdown mode, activated by a HIGH logic level on a dedicated SHUTDOWN pin. Therefore, to enable the amplifier, this pin must be set to a LOW logic level. However, AudioAmp 4 click already has a pull-down resistor, so the audio amplifier IC is enabled by default. The SHUTDOWN pin is routed to the CS pin of the mikroBUS™ and it is labeled as EN. While in Shutdown mode, the power consumption is minimized, which is very useful for applications that rely on a battery power supply. The Shutdown mode pin is also routed to the #E pin of the CD74HC4051, simultaneously disabling this IC as well.

The audio signal can be connected via the 3.5mm JACK connector. By default, this signal is connected to one side of the voltage divider, composed of eight resistors. The other end of the voltage divider is tied to the GND, while the middle tap of the voltage divider can be selected by activating any of the 8 available positions of the CD74HC4051 IC. The CD74HC4051 IC uses three control pins, allowing its internal analog SP8T switch to be closed between any of the eight I/O pins (A0 to A7), and one common I/O pin. The audio signal goes through this divider, gets divided by the ratio selected with the control pins, and into the audio input of the LM4860 audio amp IC. This results in having eight discrete volume levels, which can be digitally selected by S0 to S3 control pins routed to the mikroBUS™.

AudioAmp 4 click is equipped with the SMD jumper, labeled as IN SEL. This jumper allows to select the output from the RC filter, which filters out the PWM signal from the mikroBUS™ PWM pin, creating a DC signal of constant voltage. By changing the pulse width of the PWM signal, the voltage output of the RC filter will change. If the IN SEL switch is moved to the PWM position, this signal will be introduced into the voltage divider, instead of the audio signal from the 3.5mm JACK connector. It can be used to generate custom waveforms by the software running on the host MCU.

Three control pins of the CD74HC4051 labeled as S0, S1, and S2, are routed to the mikroBUS™ pins AN, RST, and INT, respectively, labeled according to the names of the control pins. These pins accept logic HIGH and LOW levels from the host MCU, so the CD74HC4051 can be controlled using a binary format on the control pins.


The Click board™ uses only 5V rail from the mikroBUS™ and as such it should not be interfaced with MCUs that have only 3.3V tolerant pins. The complete control of the IC is done exclusively by GPIO pins of the MCU, so the software development complexity is reduced to a minimum. However, the click comes with the mikroSDK compliant library, offering a simple usage example and functions for the rapid development of applications.

Specifications

Type	Amplifier
Applications	It can be used in various low power audio systems, home stereo components, computer speakers, and many other similar audio applications that require an audio amplification with the digitally controlled volume level
On-board modules	LM4860M, a Boomer® series 1W audio power amplifier with shutdown mode; CD74HC4051, a high-speed CMOS logic analog mux/demux IC, both from Texas Instruments
Key Features	High quality audio output up to 1W of continuous power, good frequency response, low THD and SNR, it can be directly implemented into the existing stereo system, digital volume control.
Interface	GPIO,PWM
Input Voltage	5V
Click board size	L (57.15 x 25.4 mm)

Pinout diagram

This table shows how the pinout on **AudioAmp 4 Click** corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS™ socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin					Pin	Notes
		1	AN	PWM	16		
Control pin 0	S0	1	AN	PWM	16	PWM	PWM signal Input
Control pin 1	S1	2	RST	INT	15	S2	Control pin 2
Shutdown mode enable	EN	3	CS	RX	14	NC	
	NC	4	SCK	TX	13	NC	
	NC	5	MISO	SCL	12	NC	
	NC	6	MOSI	SDA	11	NC	
	NC	7	3.3V	5V	10	5V	Power Supply
Ground	GND	8	GND	GND	9	GND	Ground

Onboard settings and indicators

Label	Name	Default	Description
LD1	PWR	-	Power LED indicator
JP1	IN SEL	Left	Input signal source selection: left position 3.5mm JACK, right position PWM pin of the mikroBUS™

Software support

We provide a library for the **AudioAmp 4 Click** on our [LibStock](#) page, as well as a demo application (example), developed using MikroElektronika [compilers](#). The demo can run on all the main MikroElektronika [development boards](#).

Library Description

The library performs a audio control and works as audio amplifier. Possible commands are to turn ON or OFF the output (speaker) and to set the output volume by selecting the desired channel. For more details check documentation.

Key functions:

- `T_AUDIOAMP4_RETVAL audioamp4_setChannel(uint8_t channel)` - Function performs a volume channel selection.
- `T_AUDIOAMP4_RETVAL audioamp4_shutdown(uint8_t state)` - Function turns shutdown to ON or OFF state.

Examples description

The application is composed of the three sections :

- System Initialization - Initializes peripherals and pins.
- Application Initialization - Initializes GPIO interface, turns shutdown OFF and performs a volume channel 3 selection.
- Application Task - (code snippet) - Checks which command is sent from uart and performs a determined command. Note : Possible commands are:
- Shutdown OFF

- Shutdown ON | Legend 0-7 Volume channel selection

```
void applicationTask()
{
    rxDat = UART_Rdy_Ptr();

    if (rxDat != _NO_RECEIVED_DATA)
    {
        rxDat = UART_Rd_Ptr();

        if (rxDat == '+')
        {
            audioamp4_shutdown( _AUDIOAMP4_SHUTDOWN_OFF );

            mikrobus_logWrite( "* Shutdown OFF *", _LOG_LINE );
        }
        else if (rxDat == '-')
        {
            audioamp4_shutdown( _AUDIOAMP4_SHUTDOWN_ON );

            mikrobus_logWrite( "* Shutdown ON *", _LOG_LINE );
        }
        else if (rxDat == 'l')
        {
            writeLegend();
        }
        else
        {
            channSel = rxDat - '0';
            responseCheck = audioamp4_setChannel( channSel );

            checkResponse();
        }
    }
}
```

Additional Functions :

- void checkResponse() - Checks is channel selection parametar valid or not.
- void writeLegend() - Writes the all possible commands on uart.

The full application code, and ready to use projects can be found on our [LibStock](#) page.

Other mikroE Libraries used in the example:

- [UART](#)

Additional notes and informations

Depending on the development board you are using, you may need [USB UART click](#), [USB UART 2 click](#) or [RS232 click](#) to connect to your PC, for development systems with no UART to USB interface available on the board. The terminal available in all MikroElektronika [compilers](#), or any other terminal application of your choice, can be used to read the message.

