

eZ430-RF2500 Development Tool

User's Guide



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If You Need Assistance

Support for MSP430 devices and the eZ430-RF2500 is provided by the Texas Instruments [Product Information Center \(PIC\)](#). Contact information for the PIC can be found on the TI web site at www.ti.com. Additional device-specific information can be found on the MSP430 web site at www.ti.com/msp430 and www.ti.com/eZ430-rf.

Note: IAR Embedded Workbench® KickStart is supported by Texas Instruments.

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eZ430-RF2500 Development Tool

1 eZ430-RF2500 Overview. Wireless Made Easy.

The eZ430-RF2500 is a complete USB-based MSP430 wireless development tool providing all the hardware and software to evaluate the MSP430F2274 microcontroller and CC2500 2.4-GHz wireless transceiver.

The eZ430-RF2500 uses the IAR Embedded Workbench Integrated Development Environment (IDE) or Code Composer Essentials (CCE) to write, download, and debug an application. The debugger is unobtrusive, allowing the user to run an application at full speed with both hardware breakpoints and single stepping available while consuming no extra hardware resources.

The eZ430-RF2500T target board is an out-of-the-box wireless system that may be used with the USB debugging interface, as a stand-alone system with or without external sensors, or may be incorporated into an existing design.

The new USB debugging interface enables the eZ430-RF2500 to remotely send and receive data from a PC using the MSP430 Application UART.

eZ430-RF2500 features:

- USB debugging and programming interface featuring a driverless installation and application backchannel
- 21 available development pins
- Highly integrated, ultra-low-power MSP430 MCU with 16-MHz performance
- Two general-purpose digital I/O pins connected to green and red LEDs for visual feedback
- Interruptible push button for user feedback

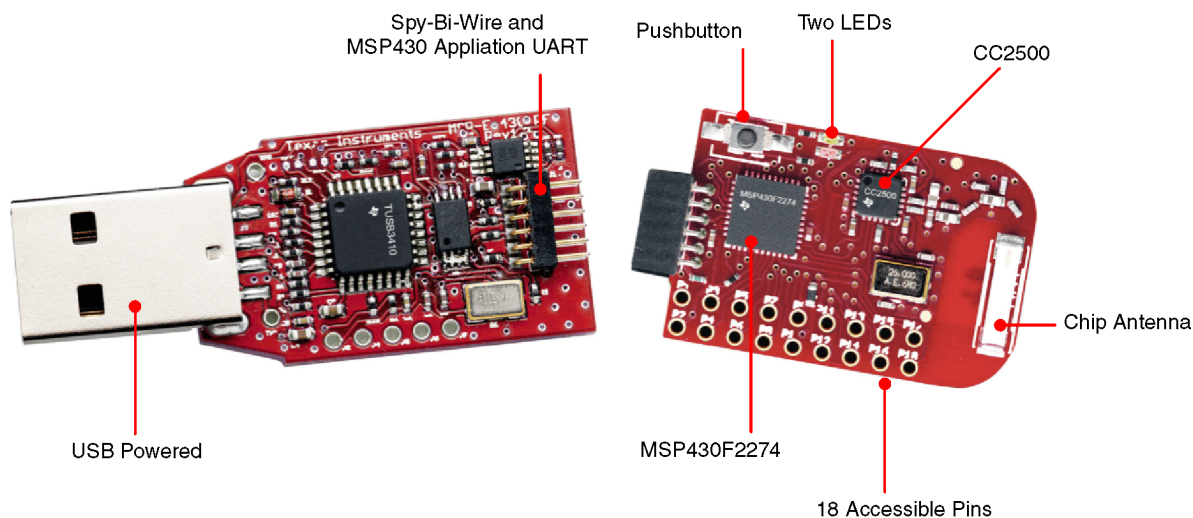


Figure 1. eZ430-RF2500

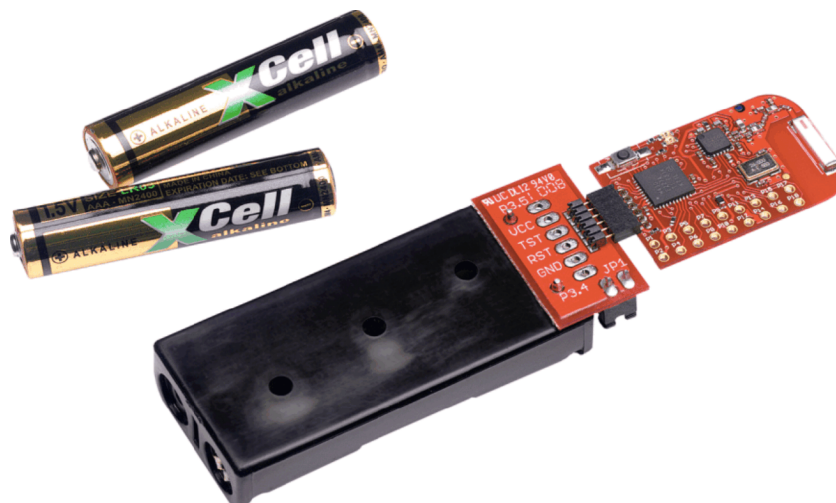


Figure 2. eZ430-RF2500 Battery Board

2 Kit Contents, eZ430-RF2500

- The hardware includes:
 - Two eZ430-RF2500T target boards
 - One eZ430-RF USB debugging interface
 - One AAA battery pack with expansion board (batteries included)
- One MSP430 Development Tool CD-ROM containing documentation and new development software for eZ430-RF2500:
 - MSP430x2xx Family User's Guide, [SLAU144](#)
 - eZ430-RF2500 User's Guide, [SLAU227](#)
 - Code Composer Essentials (CCE), [SLAC063](#)
 - IAR Embedded Workbench (KickStart Version), [SLAC050](#)
 - eZ430-RF2500 Sensor Monitor (Code and Visualizer), [SLAC139](#)

Note: Visit Texas Instrument's website for the latest versions: www.ti.com/msp430

3 Developing With eZ430-RF2500T Target Board

The eZ430-RF2500 can be used as a stand-alone development tool. Additionally, the eZ430-RF2500T target board also may be detached from the debugging interface and integrated into another design by removing the plastic enclosure. The target board features an MSP430F2274 and most of its pins are easily accessible. The pins are shown in [Figure 3](#) and described in [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#):

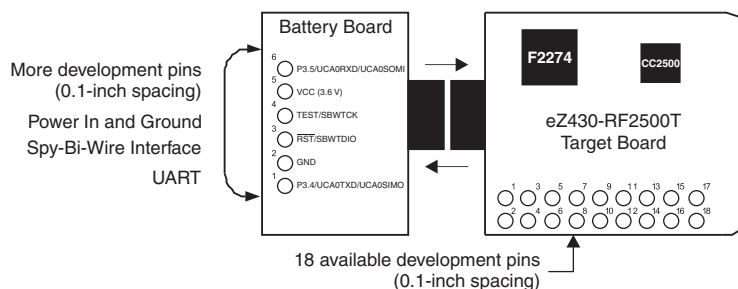


Figure 3. eZ430-RF2500 Development Tool

Table 1. eZ430-RF2500T Target Board Pinouts

Pin	Function	Description
1	GND	Ground reference
2	VCC	Supply voltage
3	P2.0 / ACLK / A0 / OA0I0	General-purpose digital I/O pin / ACLK output / ADC10, analog input A0
4	P2.1 / TAINCLK / SMCLK / A1 / A00	General-purpose digital I/O pin / ADC10, analog input A1 Timer_A, clock signal at INCLK, SMCLK signal output
5	P2.2 / TA0 / A2 / OA0I1	General-purpose digital I/O pin / ADC10, analog input A2 Timer_A, capture: CCI0B input/BSL receive, compare: OUT0 output
6	P2.3 / TA1 / A3 / VREF– / VeREF– / OA1I1 / OA10	General-purpose digital I/O pin / Timer_A, capture: CCI1B input, compare: OUT1 output / ADC10, analog input A3 / negative reference voltage output/input
7	P2.4 / TA2 / A4 / VREF+ / VeREF+ / OA1I0	General-purpose digital I/O pin / Timer_A, compare: OUT2 output / ADC10, analog input A4 / positive reference voltage output/input
8	P4.3 / TB0 / A12 / OA00	General-purpose digital I/O pin / ADC10 analog input A12 / Timer_B, capture: CCI0B input, compare: OUT0 output
9	P4.4 / TB1 / A13 / OA10	General-purpose digital I/O pin / ADC10 analog input A13 / Timer_B, capture: CCI1B input, compare: OUT1 output
10	P4.5 / TB2 / A14 / OA0I3	General-purpose digital I/O pin / ADC10 analog input A14 / Timer_B, compare: OUT2 output
11	P4.6 / TBOUTH / A15 / OA1I3	General-purpose digital I/O pin / ADC10 analog input A15 / Timer_B, switch all TB0 to TB3 outputs to high impedance
12	GND	Ground reference
13	P2.6 / XIN (GDO0)	General-purpose digital I/O pin / Input terminal of crystal oscillator
14	P2.7 / XOUT (GDO2)	General-purpose digital I/O pin / Output terminal of crystal oscillator
15	P3.2 / UCB0SOMI / UCB0SCL	General-purpose digital I/O pin USCI_B0 slave out/master in when in SPI mode, SCL I2C clock in I2C mode
16	P3.3 / UCB0CLK / UCA0STE	General-purpose digital I/O pin USCI_B0 clock input/output / USCI_A0 slave transmit enable
17	P3.0 / UCB0STE / UCA0CLK / A5	General-purpose digital I/O pin / USCI_B0 slave transmit enable / USCI_A0 clock input/output / ADC10, analog input A5
18	P3.1 / UCB0SIMO / UCB0SDA	General-purpose digital I/O pin / USCI_B0 slave in/master out in SPI mode, SDA I2C data in I2C mode

Table 2. Battery Board Pinouts

Pin	Function	Description
1	P3.4 / UCA0TXD / UCA0SIMO	General-purpose digital I/O pin / USCI_A0 transmit data output in UART mode (UART communication from 2274 to PC), slave in/master out in SPI mode
2	GND	Ground reference
3	RST / SBWTDIO	Reset or nonmaskable interrupt input Spy-Bi-Wire test data input/output during programming and test
4	TEST / SBWTCK	Selects test mode for JTAG pins on Port1. The device protection fuse is connected to TEST. Spy-Bi-Wire test clock input during programming and test
5	VCC (3.6V)	Supply voltage
6	P3.5 / UCA0RXD / UCA0SOMI	General-purpose digital I/O pin / USCI_A0 receive data input in UART mode (UART communication from 2274 to PC), slave out/master in when in SPI mode

4 Specifications

MSP430F2274

- 16-MIPS performance
- 200-ksps 10-bit SAR ADC
- Two built-in operational amplifiers
- Watchdog timer, 16-bit Timer_A3 and Timer_B3
- USCI module supporting UART/LIN, (2) SPI, I2C, or IrDA
- Five low-power modes drawing as little as 700 nA in standby

PARAMETER	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
OPERATING CONDITIONS				
Operating supply voltage	1.8		3.6	V
Operating free-air temperature range	-40		85	°C
CURRENT CONSUMPTION				
Active mode at 1 MHz, 2.2 V		270	390	μA
Standby mode		0.7	1.4	μA
Off mode with RAM retention		0.1	0.5	μA
OPERATING FREQUENCY				
VCC ≥ 3.3 V			16	MHz

CC2500

- 2.4-GHz radio-frequency (RF) transceiver
- Programmable data rate up to 500 kbps
- Low current consumption

PARAMETER	CONDITION	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
OPERATING CONDITIONS					
Operating supply voltage		1.8		3.6	V
CURRENT CONSUMPTION					
RX input signal at the sensitivity limit, 250 kbps	Optimized current		16.6		mA
	Optimized sensitivity		18.8		mA
RX input signal 30 dB above the sensitivity limit, 250 kbps	Optimized current		13.3		mA
	Optimized sensitivity		15.7		mA
Current consumption TX (0 dBm)			21.2		mA
Current consumption TX (-12 dBm)			11.1		mA
RF CHARACTERISTICS					
Frequency range		2400		2483.5	MHz
Data rate (programmable)		1.2		500	kbps
Output power (programmable)		-30		0	dBm
Sensitivity, 10 kbps	Optimized current, 2-FSK, 230-kHz RX filter bandwidth, 1% PER		-99		dBm
	Optimized sensitivity		-101		dBm
Sensitivity, 250 kbps	Optimized current, 500-kHz RX filter bandwidth, 1% PER		-87		dBm
	Optimized sensitivity		-89		dBm

5 Supported Devices

The eZ430-RF USB debugging interface may be used as a standard Flash Emulation Tool through its Spy-Bi-Wire interface. The eZ430-RF USB debugging interface supports the following MSP430 families:

- MSP430F20xx
- MSP430F22xx

The connector on the USB debugging interface is backward compatible with the eZ430-F2013 and T2012 target boards.

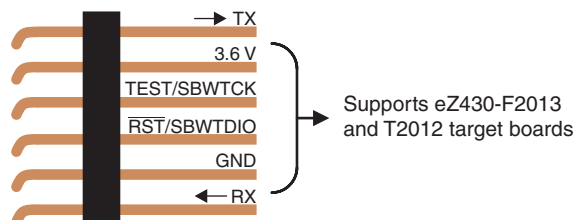


Figure 4. eZ430-RF2500 USB Debugging Interface 6-Pin Male Header

6 MSP430 Application UART

The eZ430-RF USB debugging interface features a back channel MSP430 Application UART that may be used independently of a debug session. This allows the user to transfer serial data to a terminal window at a fixed rate of 9600 bps with no flow control. See [Figure 5](#) for typical settings.

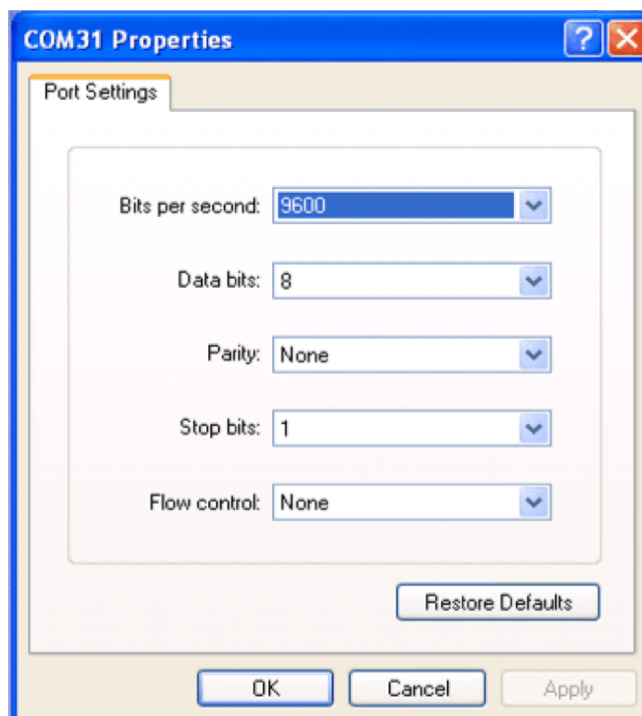


Figure 5. 9600 bps With No Flow Control

Check the Device Manager for COM port assignment of the MSP430 Application UART. For more details, see [Section 14](#).

7 Software Installation

The CD-ROM includes two different development software tools for the MSP430: IAR Embedded Workbench KickStart and Code Composer Essentials (CCE). The term "KickStart" refers to the limited version of Embedded Workbench that allows up to 4 KB of C-code compilation. The included CCE is also limited, but it allows up to 16 KB of code compilation. The full version of CCE Pro offers unlimited code compilation and can be purchased from www.ti.com/msp430.

7.1 Installing the IDE

1. Insert the eZ430-RF2500 CD-ROM into the computer. The eZ430-RF2500 start page should automatically display. If it does not display, use a browser to open "index.htm", which is located in the root directory of the eZ430-RF2500 CD-ROM.
The eZ430-RF2500 is compatible with Windows XP and Windows Vista.
2. Select **Software** → **IAR Workbench KickStart / Code Composer Essentials**.
3. Respond to the prompts to install the software. The installation procedure installs the IDE and TI files.

7.2 Installing the Sensor Monitor Visualizer Application

1. Select **Software** → **Sensor Monitor Visualizer** and follow the instructions.
2. Choose the installation path for the software.
3. Open the eZ430-RF2500 Sensor Monitor using the shortcut installed on the desktop.

8 Hardware Installation

1. Insert the eZ430-RF into USB port. The debugging interface automatically installs itself.
2. When prompted for the software for the MSP430 Application UART, allow Windows to **install the software automatically**. This is only possible if either IAR KickStart R4.64 (or higher) or the Sensor Monitor Visualizer has already been installed. For more information, see [Section 14](#).

9 SimpliciTI™ Network Protocol

The SimpliciTI network protocol is a proprietary, low-power radio-frequency (RF) protocol targeting simple, small RF networks (<100 nodes). The SimpliciTI network protocol is designed for easy implementation with minimal microcontroller resource requirements. The protocol runs out of the box on TI's MSP430 ultra-low-power microcontrollers and multiple RF transceivers.

Small low-power RF networks typically contain battery-operated devices, which require long battery life, low data rate, and low duty cycle, and have a limited number of nodes talking directly to each other. With the SimpliciTI network protocol, MCU resource requirements are minimal, resulting in lower system cost for low-power RF networks. More complex mesh networks that need routing typically require 10x the program memory and RAM to implement.

Despite the modest resources required, SimpliciTI network protocol supports End Devices in a peer-to-peer network topology, the option to use an Access Point to store and forward messages, and Range Extenders to extend the range of the network up to four hops. Future releases will add more sophisticated features such as frequency agility, an ETSI-compliant listen-before-talk discipline, and a software security routine for message encryption.

The SimpliciTI network protocol supports a wide range of low-power applications including alarm and security (smoke detectors, glass breakage detectors, carbon monoxide sensors, and light sensors), automated meter reading (gas meters and water meters), home automation (appliances, garage door openers, and environmental devices), and active RFID.

The SimpliciTI network protocol is provided as source code under a free license without royalties.

Developers are encouraged to adapt the protocol to their own specific application needs. For information on compatibility, updates, and the latest version of the SimpliciTI protocol, visit www.ti.com/simpliciti.

The eZ430-RF2500 demonstration application uses the SimpliciTI protocol to demonstrate a temperature sensor network application that provides a starting point to develop a wireless applications.

10 Demo – eZ430-RF2500 Sensor Monitor

eZ430-RF2500 is preloaded with a wireless temperature sensor network firmware and may be reprogrammed at any time. This network consists of an Access Point that measures its own temperature and also wirelessly receives temperature measurements from End Devices. End Devices measure their temperature once per second and then enter a low-power mode to reduce battery usage. The Access Point transmits all measured data to the PC through the UART backchannel. The included PC Sensor Monitor Visualizer provides a demonstration of the eZ430-RF2500 using the SimpliciTI protocol across a star network. In the PC Sensor Monitor Visualizer, the center node is the Access Point and the attached bubbles are the End Devices. The PC application displays the temperature of both the End Devices and Access Point. Additionally, the PC application is capable of simulating distance from its access point when the End Devices are moved. The number of End Devices can be expanded by adding more target boards in the star network as seen in Figure 6.

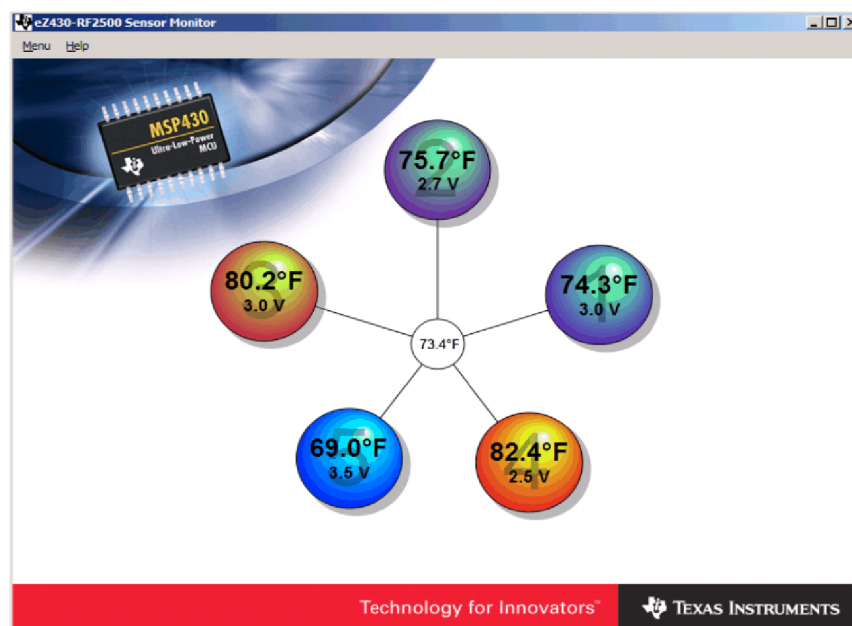


Figure 6. eZ430-RF2500 Sensor Monitor

10.1 Demo Hardware Setup

1. Connect the eZ430-RF2500 to a USB port on the PC.
2. Connect the second eZ430-RF2500T target board to the battery board. Insert the jumper on the board to power up the device.

10.2 Demo Firmware Download

The following steps describe how to update the demo application firmware on the eZ430-RF2500 target boards and are not required out of the box.

1. Open IAR Workbench KickStart.
2. Select Open Existing Workspace, and browse for the demo application workspace (*.eww) file. The project is available on the CD or at <http://www.ti.com/lit/zip/slac139>.
3. To download demo firmware, follow steps 3a for Access Point firmware and 3b for End Device firmware.
 - a. Right click on **Access Point** project in the workspace and click **Set as Active** as shown in Figure 7.
 - b. Right click on **End Device** project in the workspace and click **Set as Active**.

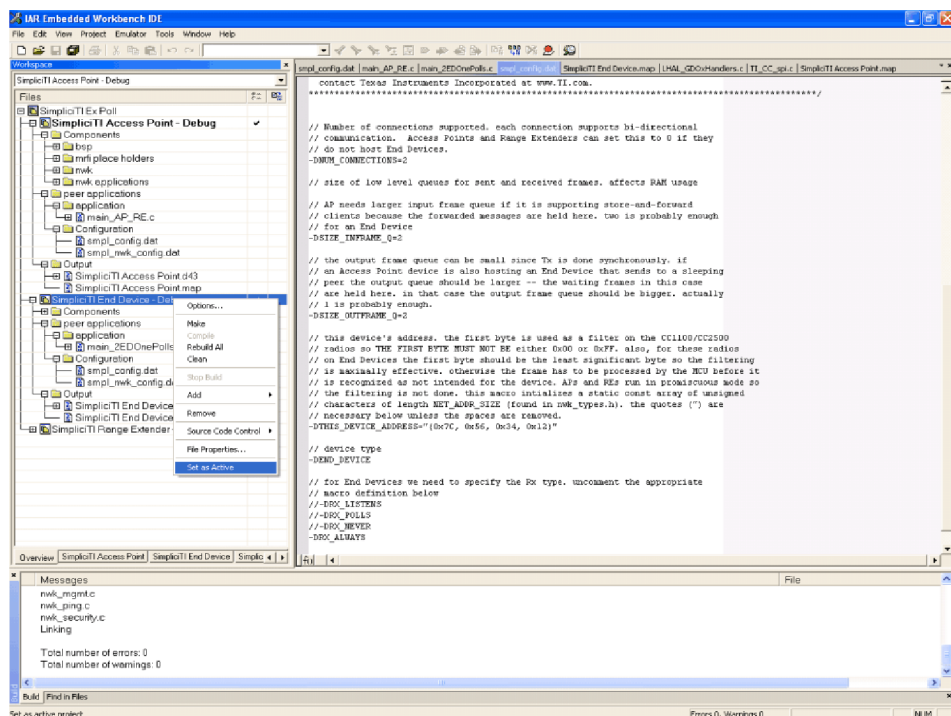


Figure 7. IAR Embedded Workbench KickStart Workspace

4. Select **Project** → **Debug** in IAR to download the code for the target boards.
5. Select **Debug** → **Go** to start running code while in debug mode.
6. Select **Debug** → **Stop Debugging** exits the debug mode while leaving the target board executing code.

10.3 Demo Software GUI Setup

1. Ensure the Access Point is connected to the PC.
2. Apply power to the End Device.
3. Launch eZ430-RF2500 Sensor Monitor Demo Visualizer. After installation, a shortcut is placed on the desktop. It is available on the CD and online at <http://www.ti.com/lit/zip/slac139>. The application should automatically display End Devices when in range.

10.4 Demo Options

1. Go to **Menu** → **Settings**.
2. Under the settings menu, the demo application is capable of displaying values in Celsius or Fahrenheit.
3. Checking the box **Disable Animations** disables the dynamic distance change, thus decreasing CPU processing on PC.
4. See the demo application help file by clicking **Help** for more detailed options.

11 Suggested Reading

The primary sources of MSP430 information are the device-specific data sheets and user's guides. The most up-to-date versions of the user's guide documents available at the time of production have been provided on the CD-ROM included with this tool. The most current information is found at www.ti.com/msp430. Information specific to the eZ430-RF2500 development tool can be found at www.ti.com/eZ430-rf.

MSP430 device user's guides and the FET user's guide may be accessed from the main page on the CD-ROM under the User's Guides section. The FET user's guide includes detailed information on setting up a project for the MSP430 using IAR.

Documents describing the IAR tools (Workbench/C-SPY, the assembler, the C compiler, the linker, and the library) are located in common\doc and 430\doc. The documents are in PDF format. Supplements to the documents (i.e., the latest information) are available in HTML format within the same directories. 430\doc\readme_start.htm provides a convenient starting point for navigating the IAR documentation.

12 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Does the eZ430-RF2500 support fuse blow?

The eZ430-RF USB debugging interface lacks the JTAG security fuse-blow capability. To ensure firmware security on devices going to production, the USB Flash Emulation Tool or the Gang Programmer, which include the fuse-blow feature, are recommended.

2. What is the voltage supplied to the eZ430-RF2500T target board from the debugging interface?

The eZ430-RF USB debugging interface supplies a regulated 3.6 V to the eZ430-RF2500T target board.

3. Can other programming tools interface to the eZ430-RF2500T target board?

The eZ430-RF2500T target board works with any programming tool supporting the 2-wire Spy-Bi-Wire interface. Both the MSP430 USB FET (MSP-FET430UIF) and the Gang Programmer (MSP-GANG430) support these devices. See MSP-FET430 Flash Emulation Tool User's Guide (SLAU138) for details on using MSP430 USB FET and the Gang Programmer for a 2-wire Spy-Bi-Wire interface.

4. What versions of IAR Embedded Workbench and Code Composer Essentials are supported?

The eZ430-RF2500 hardware is supported by IAR Embedded Workbench KickStart Release 4.64 (IAR 3.42F) and Code Composer Essentials v2.03 (SP3) or higher.

At the time of print, CCE is currently not supported by the SimpliciTI protocol or the Sensor Monitor Demo. Please check the TI web site for updates.

5. What are the part numbers for the connectors between the eZ430-RF USB debugger and the eZ430-RF2500T target board?

Header: Mill-Max 850-10-006-20-001000

Socket: Mill-Max 851-93-006-20-001000

6. Where can I obtain more information about the 2.4-GHz chip antenna?

Part Number: 7488910245

Würth Elektronik Group: www.we-online.com

7. I am not able to select the MSP430 Application UART, cannot receive data, or the demo app doesn't appear to change.

Ensure that the Application UART driver is correctly installed. This is done by either running the installer for the Sensor Monitor Visualizer or IAR KickStart 3.42F or higher and following the directions in [Section 14](#).

To determine if the driver is correctly installed:

- Plug in the eZ430-RF USB debugging interface.
- Right click **My Computer** and select **Properties**.
- Select the **Hardware** tab and click on **Device Manager**.
- Under **Ports (COM & LPT)** should be an entry for "MSP430 Application UART (COM xx)".

If the entry is there, but no characters are received, restart the PC.

If the Application UART is not listed, please install the driver by following the instructions in [Section 14](#).

8. **When trying to compile the Sensor Monitor Demo project in IAR, I receive the following error:**
Error[e117]: Incompatible runtime models. Module ISR specifies that '___rt_version' must be '3', but module LHAL_GDOxHandlers has the value '2'
Please use the latest version of the demo source code off the web (<http://www.ti.com/lit/zip/slac139>) and use IAR KickStart 4.x.
Early versions of the demo code included a precompiled version of the SimpliciTI library for IAR 3.x. IAR 4.x changes the calling conventions, which returns Error[e117] when trying to build libraries for an older version of the compiler.
9. **What kind of range should I expect to get with the eZ430-RF2500?**
Based on practical range testing with one node connected to a PC and the other node connected to the battery board, we have measured indoor line-of-sight range of more than 50 meters. This range can be significantly affected by the orientation of the boards and the environment. Note that the eZ430-RF2500 target board was designed to optimize for factor and does not focus on maximizing RF range. Please visit the TI website for additional reference designs and antenna options.
10. **Why is my battery board different than in the documentation?**
Since introduction, the eZ430RF-2500 battery board was slightly modified. The connections and function remain the same.

Figure 8. eZ430-RF, USB Debugging Interface, Schematic

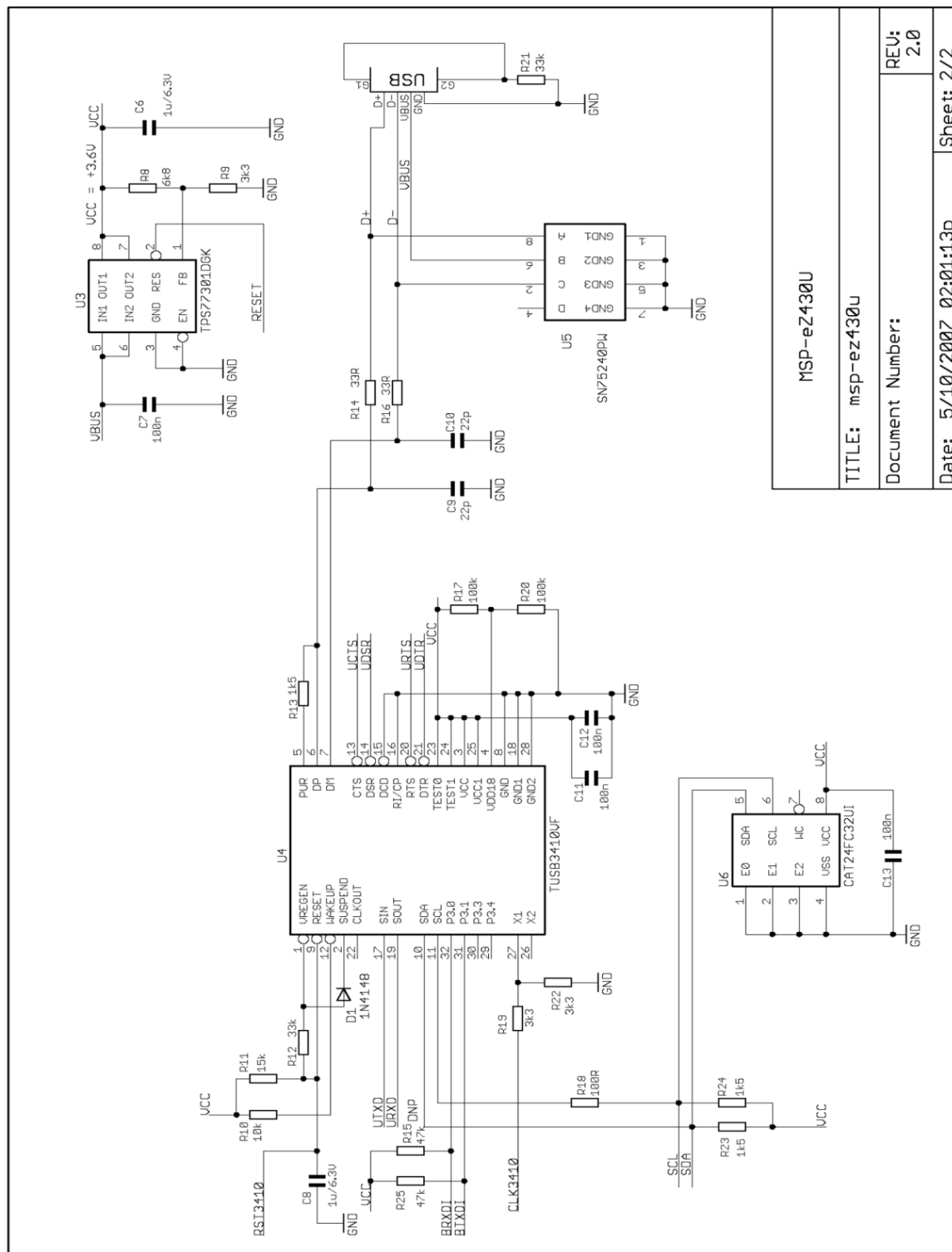


Figure 9. eZ430-RF, USB Debugging Interface, Schematic



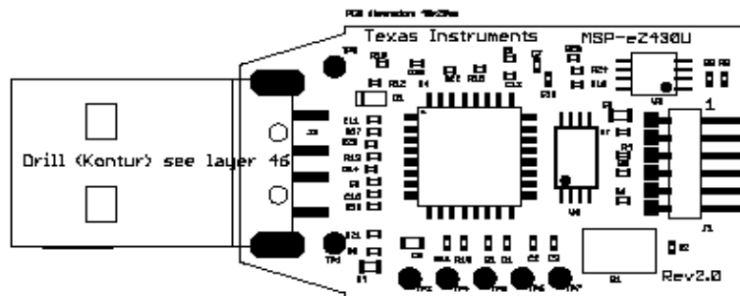


Figure 11. eZ430-RF, USB Debugger, PCB Components Layout

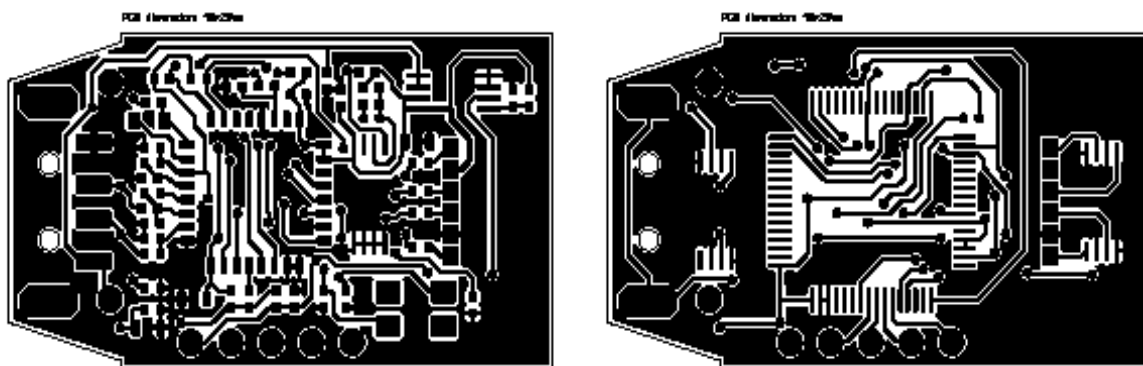


Figure 12. eZ430-RF, USB Debugger, PCB Layout

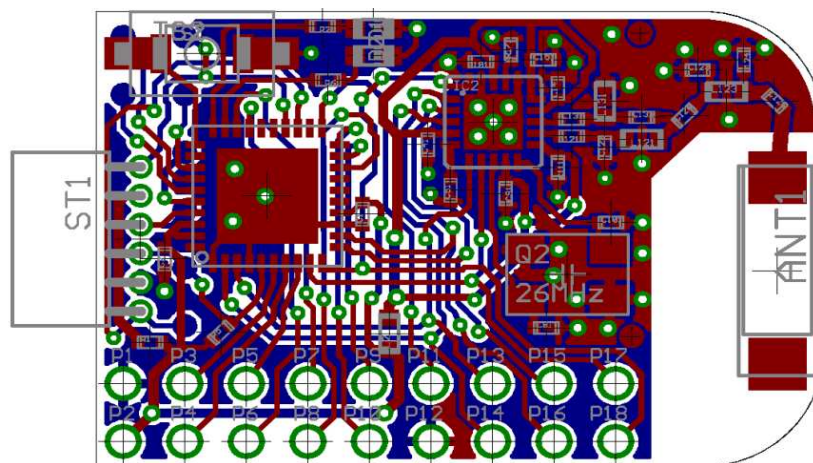


Figure 13. eZ430-RF2500T, Target Board, PCB Layout

14 Detailed Hardware Installation Guide

1. Insert the eZ430-RF2500 CD-ROM into a CD drive.
2. Install the eZ430-RF2500 Sensor Monitor Demo Visualizer. It is available on the CD and online at <http://www.ti.com/lit/zip/slac139>. This installs the necessary drivers on your system.
3. Insert the eZ430-RF2500 into a USB port of the PC.
4. Windows should recognize the new hardware as **Texas Instruments MSP-FET430UIF** (see [Figure 14](#)). Windows should automatically install the drivers for the MSP-FET430UIF as a HID tool.



Figure 14. Windows XP Hardware Recognition

5. Windows recognizes another new hardware driver to be installed called **MSP430 Application UART** (see [Figure 15](#)).

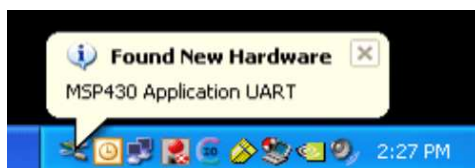


Figure 15. Windows XP Hardware Recognition for MSP430 Application UART

Note: This Installation Step is **Optional**. The USB debugging interface works without the MSP430 Application UART as long as (R4.64 or newer) IAR Workbench is used.

6. The Found New Hardware Wizard opens a dialog window. Select No, not this time and click Next (see [Figure 16](#)).



Figure 16. Windows XP Found New Hardware Wizard

7. Select **Install the software automatically (Recommended)** (see [Figure 17](#)), if IAR KickStart R4.64 or higher has already been installed.

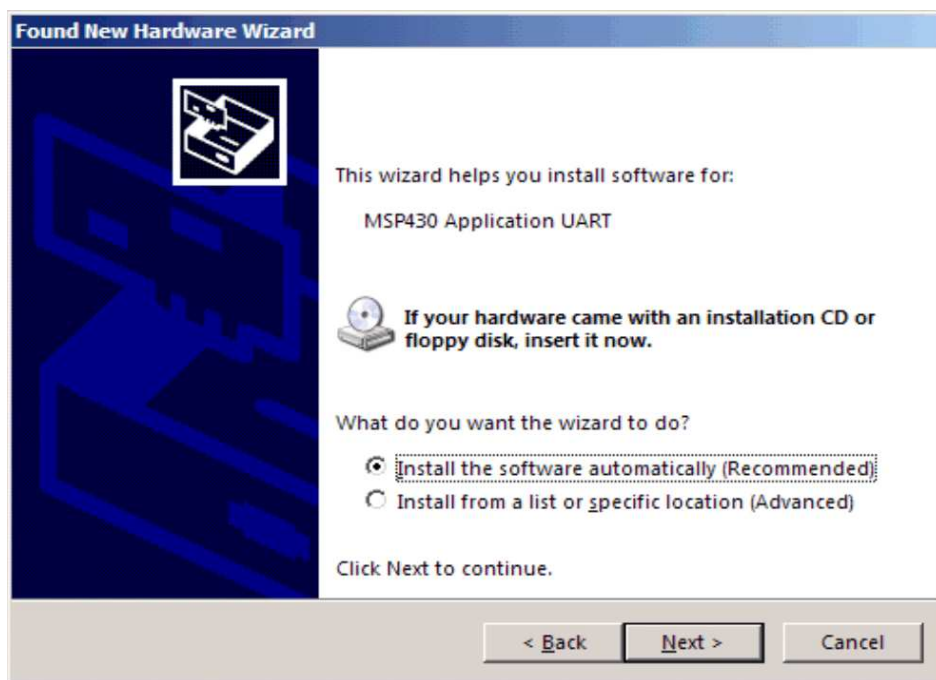


Figure 17. Windows XP Hardware Wizard

8. The Wizard should find the appropriate driver for a Windows XP system; it shows a warning that Microsoft did not certify the driver. The drivers have been tested exhaustively, and this warning may be ignored. Click **Continue Anyway** (see [Figure 18](#)).



Figure 18. Windows XP Warning

9. The Wizard continues to install the driver and then provides notification when it has finished the installation of the software.

10. The eZ430-RF2500 is now installed and ready to use. The assigned COM port for the MSP430 Application UART is shown in the Windows Device Manager (see [Figure 19](#)).

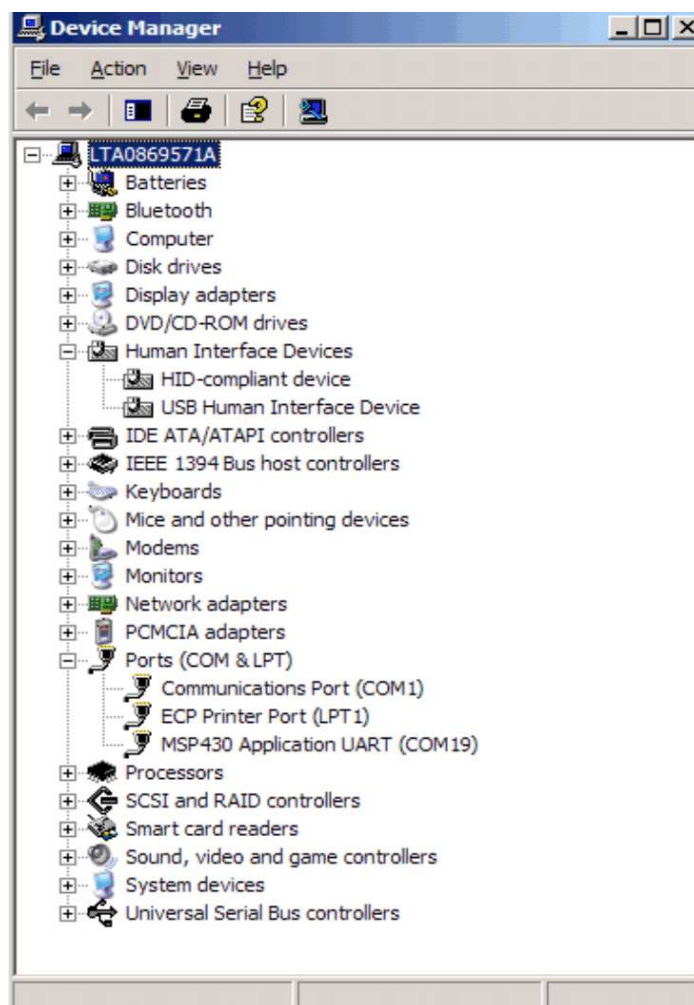


Figure 19. Device Manager

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Note: In this document, "IAR version" refers to the IAR compiler version. This can be obtained by clicking **Help** → **About** → **Product Info**.

IAR KickStart version 3.42F (FET_R4.64)

- Minimum version compatible with eZ430-RF USB debugging interface board
- Compatible with eZ430-RF2500 Sensor Monitor demo v1.00

IAR KickStart version 4.09A+ (FET_R5.10+)

- Compatible with eZ430-RF USB debugging interface board
- Compatible with SimpliciTI libraries 1.0.3+
- Compatible with eZ430-RF2500 Sensor Monitor demo v1.02+

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