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This document provides detailed user guides and examples for ESP32-C3 series development boards.

Note: For the full list of Espressif development boards, please go to ESP DevKits.

Chapter 1

ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02

ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 is an entry-level development board based on ESP32-C3-WROOM-02 or ESP32-C3-WROOM-02U, general-purpose modules with 4 MB SPI flash. This board integrates complete Wi-Fi and Bluetooth® Low Energy functions.

1.1 ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02

This user guide will help you get started with ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 and will also provide more in-depth information.

ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 is an entry-level development board based on ESP32-C3-WROOM-02 or ESP32-C3-WROOM-02U, general-purpose modules with 4 MB SPI flash. This board integrates complete Wi-Fi and Bluetooth® Low Energy functions.

Most of the I/O pins are broken out to the pin headers on both sides for easy interfacing. Developers can either connect peripherals with jumper wires or mount ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 on a breadboard.

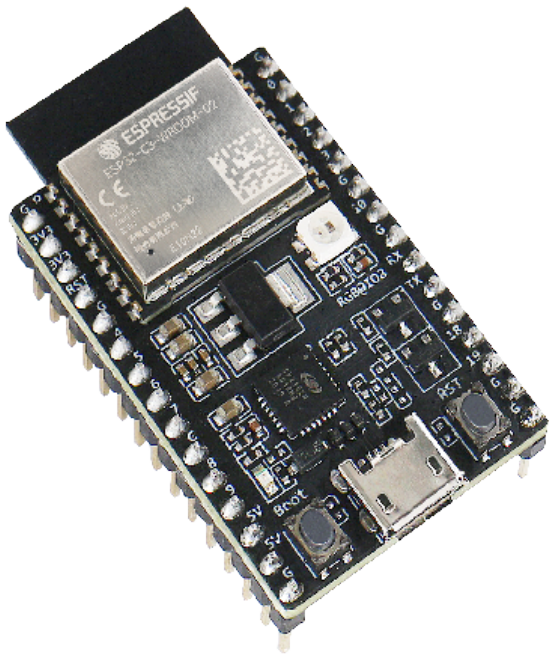


Fig. 1: ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02

The document consists of the following major sections:

- *Getting Started*: Overview of ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 and hardware/software setup instructions to get started.
- *Hardware Reference*: More detailed information about the ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02' s hardware.
- *Hardware Revision Details*: Revision history, known issues, and links to user guides for previous versions (if any) of ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02.
- *Related Documents*: Links to related documentation.

1.1.1 Getting Started

This section provides a brief introduction of ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02, instructions on how to do the initial hardware setup and how to flash firmware onto it.

Description of Components

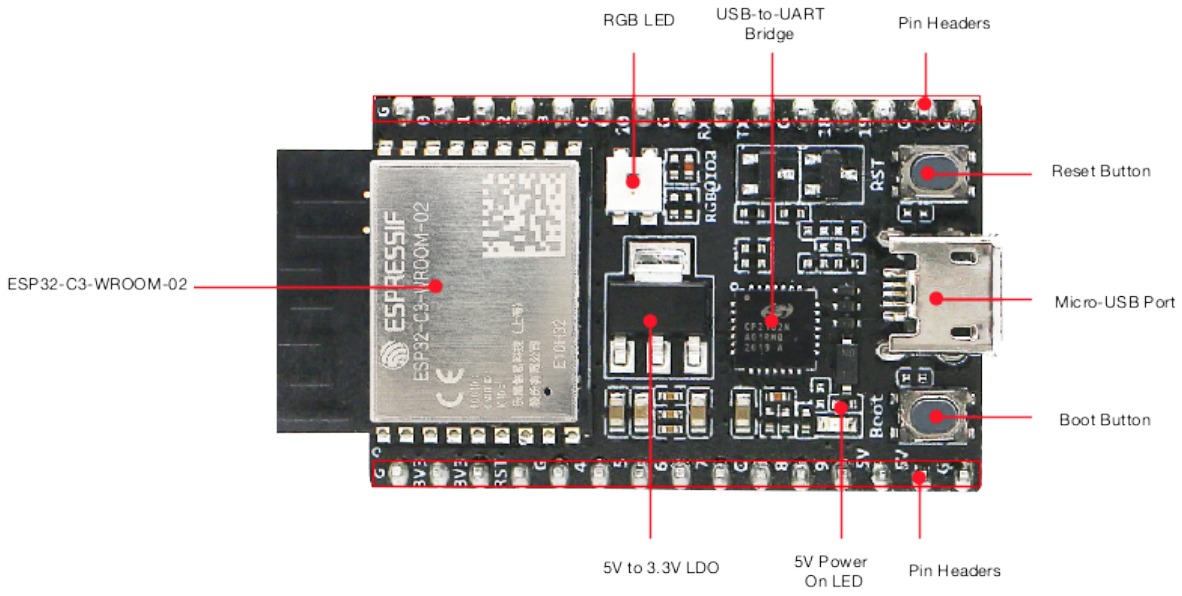


Fig. 2: ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 (with the ESP32-C3-WROOM-02 module) - front

The key components of the board are described in a counter-clockwise direction.

Key Component	Description
ESP32-C3-WROOM-02 or ESP32-C3-WROOM-02U	ESP32-C3-WROOM-02 and ESP32-C3-WROOM-02U are powerful and general-purpose Espressif modules that offer Wi-Fi and Bluetooth Low Energy coexistence. ESP32-C3-WROOM-02 has a PCB antenna, while ESP32-C3-WROOM-02U has an external antenna connector. They both integrate a 4 MB SPI flash.
5 V to 3.3 V LDO	Power regulator that converts a 5 V supply into a 3.3 V output.
5 V Power On LED	Turns on when the USB power is connected to the board.
Pin Headers	All available GPIO pins (except for the SPI bus for flash) are broken out to the pin headers on the board. For details, please see *Header Block*.
Boot Button	Download button. Holding down **Boot** and then pressing **Reset** initiates Firmware Download mode for downloading firmware through the serial port.
Micro-USB Port	USB interface. Power supply for the board as well as the communication interface between a computer and the ESP32-C3 chip.
Reset Button	Press this button to restart the system.
USB-to-UART Bridge	Single USB-to-UART bridge chip provides transfer rates up to 3 Mbps.
RGB LED	Addressable RGB LED, driven by GPIO8.

Start Application Development

Before powering up your ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02, please make sure that it is in good condition with no obvious signs of damage.

Required Hardware

- ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02
- USB 2.0 cable (Standard-A to Micro-B)
- Computer running Windows, Linux, or macOS

Note: Be sure to use an appropriate USB cable. Some cables are for charging only and do not provide the needed data lines nor work for programming the boards.

Software Setup Please proceed to ESP-IDF Get Started, which will quickly help you set up the development environment then flash an application example onto your board.

Contents and Packaging

Retail Orders If you order a few samples, each ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 comes in an individual package in either antistatic bag or any packaging depending on your retailer.

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Wholesale Orders If you order in bulk, the boards come in large cardboard boxes.

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1.1.2 Hardware Reference

Block Diagram

The block diagram below shows the components of ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 and their interconnections.

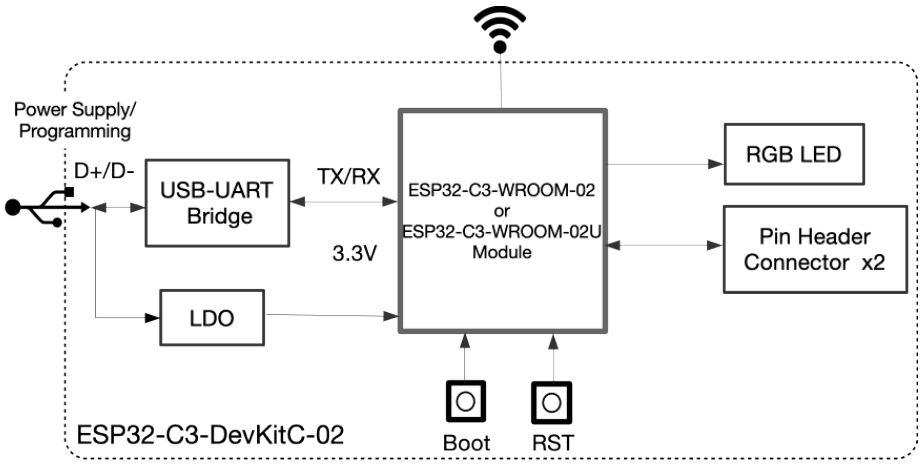


Fig. 3: ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 (click to enlarge)

Power Supply Options There are three mutually exclusive ways to provide power to the board:

- Micro-USB Port, default power supply
- 5V and GND pin headers
- 3V3 and GND pin headers

It is recommended to use the first option: Micro-USB Port.

Header Block

The two tables below provide the **Name** and **Function** of the pin headers on both sides of the board (J1 and J3). The pin header names are shown in *ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 (with the ESP32-C3-WROOM-02 module) - front*. The numbering is the same as in the ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 Schematic (PDF).

J1

No.	Name	Type[1]	Function
1	G	G	Ground
2	3V3	P	3.3 V power supply
3	3V3	P	3.3 V power supply
4	RST	I	CHIP_PU
5	G	G	Ground
6	4	I/O/T	GPIO4, ADC1_CH4, FSPIHD, MTMS
7	5	I/O/T	GPIO5, ADC2_CH0, FSPIWP, MTDI
8	6	I/O/T	GPIO6, FSPICLK, MTCK
9	7	I/O/T	GPIO7, FSPID, MTDO
10	G	G	Ground
11	8	I/O/T	GPIO8[2], RGB LED
12	9	I/O/T	GPIO9[2]
13	5V	P	5 V power supply
14	5V	P	5 V power supply
15	G	G	Ground

[1] P: Power supply; I: Input; O: Output; T: High impedance.

[2] GPIO2, GPIO8, and GPIO9 are strapping pins of the ESP32-C3 chip. These pins are used to control several chip functions depending on binary voltage values applied to the pins during chip power-up or system reset. For description and application of the strapping pins, please refer to Section Boot Configurations in ESP32-C3 Datasheet.

J3

No.	Name	Type[1]	Function
1	G	G	Ground
2	0	I/O/T	GPIO0, ADC1_CH0, XTAL_32K_P
3	1	I/O/T	GPIO1, ADC1_CH1, XTAL_32K_N
4	2	I/O/T	GPIO2[Page 6, 2], ADC1_CH2, FSPIQ
5	3	I/O/T	GPIO3, ADC1_CH3
6	G	G	Ground
7	10	I/O/T	GPIO10, FSPICS0
8	G	G	Ground
9	RX	I/O/T	GPIO20, U0RXD
10	TX	I/O/T	GPIO21, U0TXD
11	G	G	Ground
12	18	I/O/T	GPIO18, USB_D-
13	19	I/O/T	GPIO19, USB_D+
14	G	G	Ground
15	G	G	Ground

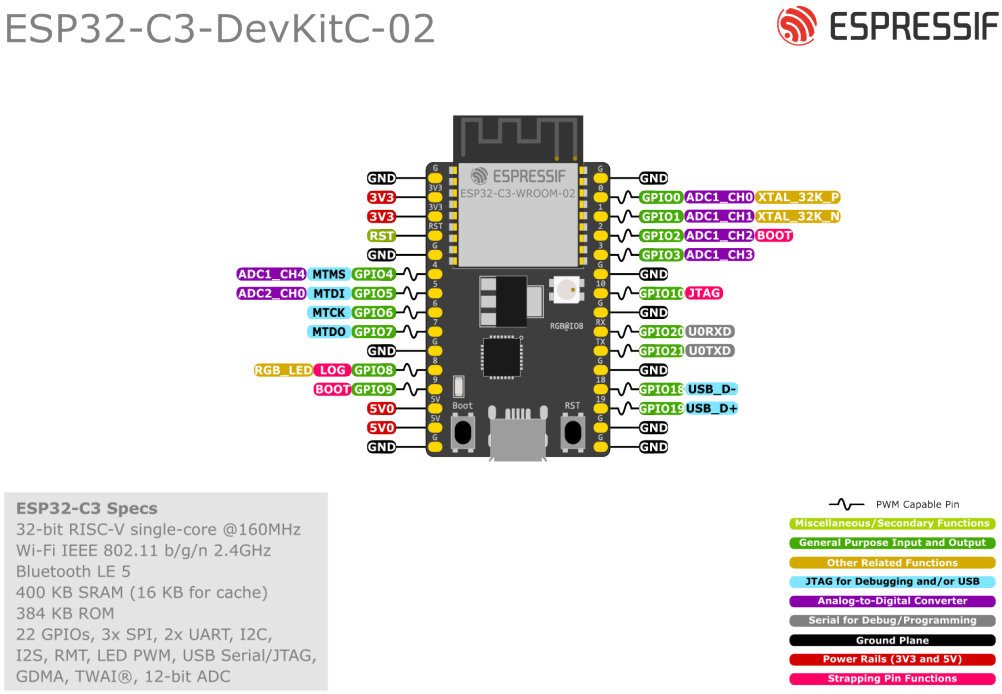


Fig. 4: ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 Pin Layout (with the ESP32-C3-WROOM-02 module, click to enlarge)

Pin Layout

1.1.3 Hardware Revision Details

No previous versions available.

1.1.4 Related Documents

- ESP32-C3 Datasheet (PDF)

- ESP32-C3-WROOM-02 & ESP32-C3-WROOM-02U Datasheet (PDF)
- ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 Schematic (PDF)
- ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 PCB Layout (PDF)
- ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 Dimensions (PDF)
- ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02 Dimensions source file (DXF) - You can view it with Autodesk Viewer online

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Chapter 2

ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1

ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 is an entry-level development board based on ESP32-C3-MINI-1 or ESP32-C3-MINI-1U, modules named for its small size. This board integrates complete Wi-Fi and Bluetooth® Low Energy functions.

2.1 ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1

This user guide will help you get started with ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 and will also provide more in-depth information.

ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 is an entry-level development board based on ESP32-C3-MINI-1 or ESP32-C3-MINI-1U modules, which are named for their compact size. This board integrates complete Wi-Fi and Bluetooth® Low Energy functions.

Most of the I/O pins on the module are broken out to the pin headers on both sides of this board for easy interfacing. Developers can either connect peripherals with jumper wires or mount ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 on a breadboard.

The document consists of the following major sections:

- *Getting Started*: Overview of ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 and hardware/software setup instructions to get started.
- *Hardware Reference*: More detailed information about the ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 ' s hardware.
- *Hardware Revision Details*: Revision history, known issues, and links to user guides for previous versions (if any) of ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1.
- *Related Documents*: Links to related documentation.

2.1.1 Getting Started

This section provides a brief introduction of ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1, instructions on how to do the initial hardware setup and how to flash firmware onto it.

Description of Components

The key components of the board are described in a counter-clockwise direction.

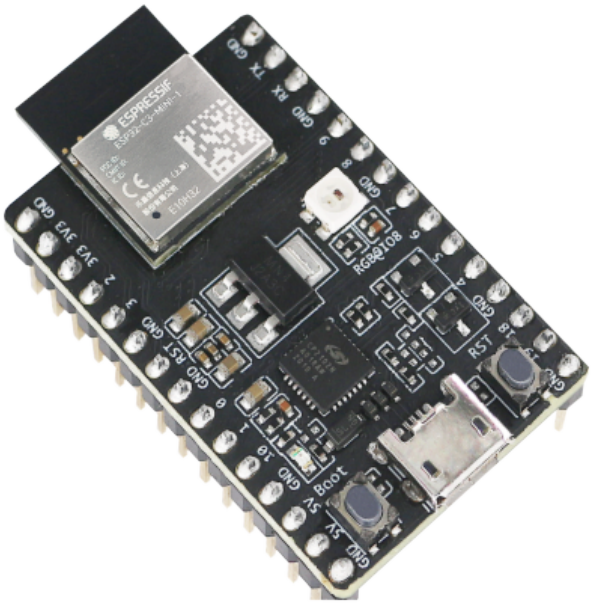


Fig. 1: ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1

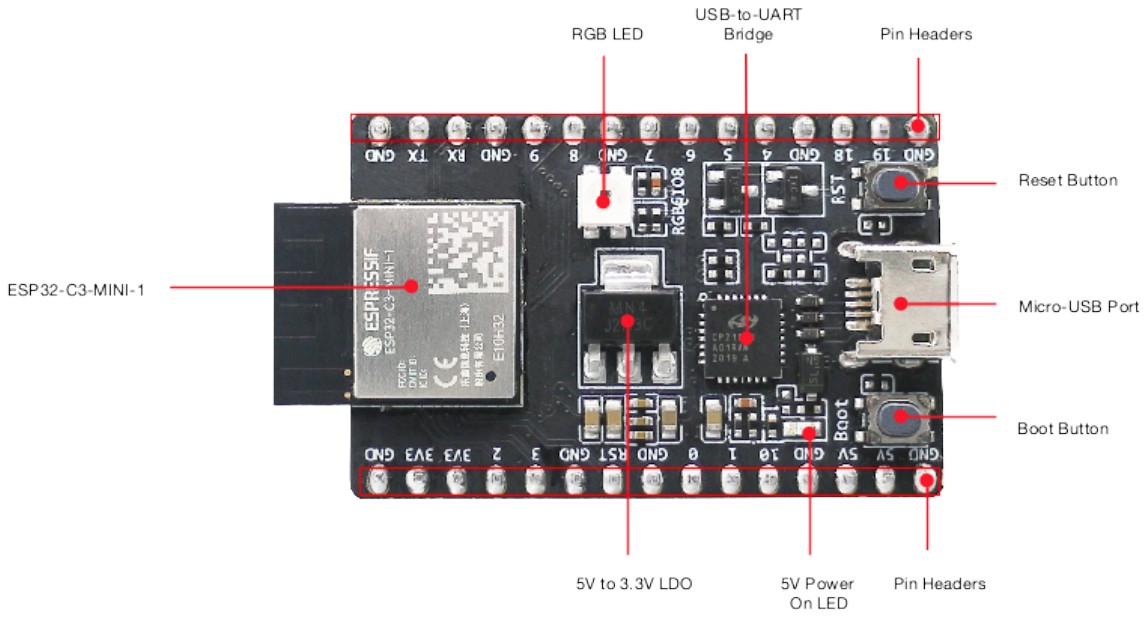


Fig. 2: ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 (with the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module) - front

Key Component	Description
ESP32-C3-MINI-1 or ESP32-C3-MINI-1U	ESP32-C3-MINI-1 and ESP32-C3-MINI-1U are general-purpose Wi-Fi and Bluetooth Low Energy combo modules. ESP32-C3-MINI-1 comes with an on-board PCB antenna, whereas ESP32-C3-MINI-1U comes with an external antenna connector. They both have a flash of 4 MB, integrated inside the chip's package.
5 V to 3.3 V LDO	Power regulator that converts a 5 V supply into a 3.3 V output.
5 V Power On LED	Turns on when the USB power is connected to the board.
Pin Headers	All available GPIO pins (except for the SPI bus for flash) are broken out to the pin headers on the board. For details, please see *Header Block*.
Boot Button	Download button. Holding down **Boot** and then pressing **Reset** initiates Firmware Download mode for downloading firmware through the serial port.
Micro-USB Port	USB interface. Power supply for the board as well as the communication interface between a computer and the ESP32-C3 series of chips.
Reset Button	Press this button to restart the system.
USB-to-UART Bridge	Single USB-UART bridge chip provides transfer rates up to 3 Mbps.
RGB LED	Addressable RGB LED, driven by GPIO8.

Start Application Development

Before powering up your ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1, please make sure that it is in good condition with no obvious signs of damage.

Required Hardware

- ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1
- USB 2.0 cable (Standard-A to Micro-B)
- Computer running Windows, Linux, or macOS

Note: Be sure to use an appropriate USB cable. Some cables are for charging only and do not provide the needed data lines nor work for programming the boards.

Software Setup Please proceed to ESP-IDF Get Started, which will quickly help you set up the development environment then flash an application example onto your board.

Contents and Packaging

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2.1.2 Hardware Reference

Block Diagram

The block diagram below shows the components of ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 and their interconnections.

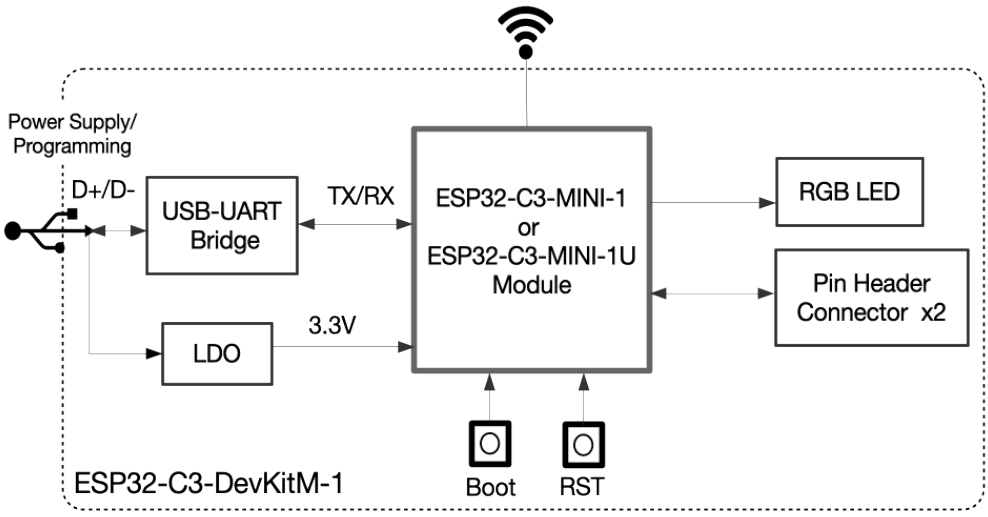


Fig. 3: ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 (click to enlarge)

Power Supply Options There are three mutually exclusive ways to provide power to the board:

- Micro-USB Port, default power supply
- 5V and GND pin headers
- 3V3 and GND pin headers

It is recommended to use the first option: Micro-USB Port.

Header Block

The two tables below provide the **Name** and **Function** of the pin headers on both sides of the board (J1 and J3). The pin header names are shown in *ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 (with the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module) - front*. The numbering is the same as in the ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 Schematic (PDF).

J1

No.	Name	Type[1]	Function
1	GND	G	Ground
2	3V3	P	3.3 V power supply
3	3V3	P	3.3 V power supply
4	IO2	I/O/T	GPIO2[2], ADC1_CH2, FSPIQ
5	IO3	I/O/T	GPIO3, ADC1_CH3
6	GND	G	Ground
7	RST	I	CHIP_PU
8	GND	G	Ground
9	IO0	I/O/T	GPIO0, ADC1_CH0, XTAL_32K_P
10	IO1	I/O/T	GPIO1, ADC1_CH1, XTAL_32K_N
11	IO10	I/O/T	GPIO10, FSPICS0
12	GND	G	Ground
13	5V	P	5 V power supply
14	5V	P	5 V power supply
15	GND	G	Ground

[1] P: Power supply; I: Input; O: Output; T: High impedance.

[2] GPIO2, GPIO8, and GPIO9 are strapping pins of the ESP32-C3 series of chips. These pins are used to control several chip functions depending on binary voltage values applied to the pins during chip power-up or system reset. For description and application of the strapping pins, please refer to Section Boot Configurations in ESP32-C3 Datasheet.

J3

No.	Name	Type[1]	Function
1	GND	G	Ground
2	TX	I/O/T	GPIO21, U0TXD
3	RX	I/O/T	GPIO20, U0RXD
4	GND	G	Ground
5	IO9	I/O/T	GPIO9[Page 12, 2]
6	IO8	I/O/T	GPIO8[Page 12, 2], RGB LED
7	GND	G	Ground
8	IO7	I/O/T	GPIO7, FSPID, MTDO
9	IO6	I/O/T	GPIO6, FSPICLK, MTCK
10	IO5	I/O/T	GPIO5, ADC2_CH0, FSPIWP, MTDI
11	IO4	I/O/T	GPIO4, ADC1_CH4, FSPIHD, MTMS
12	GND	G	Ground
13	IO18	I/O/T	GPIO18, USB_D-
14	IO19	I/O/T	GPIO19, USB_D+
15	GND	G	Ground

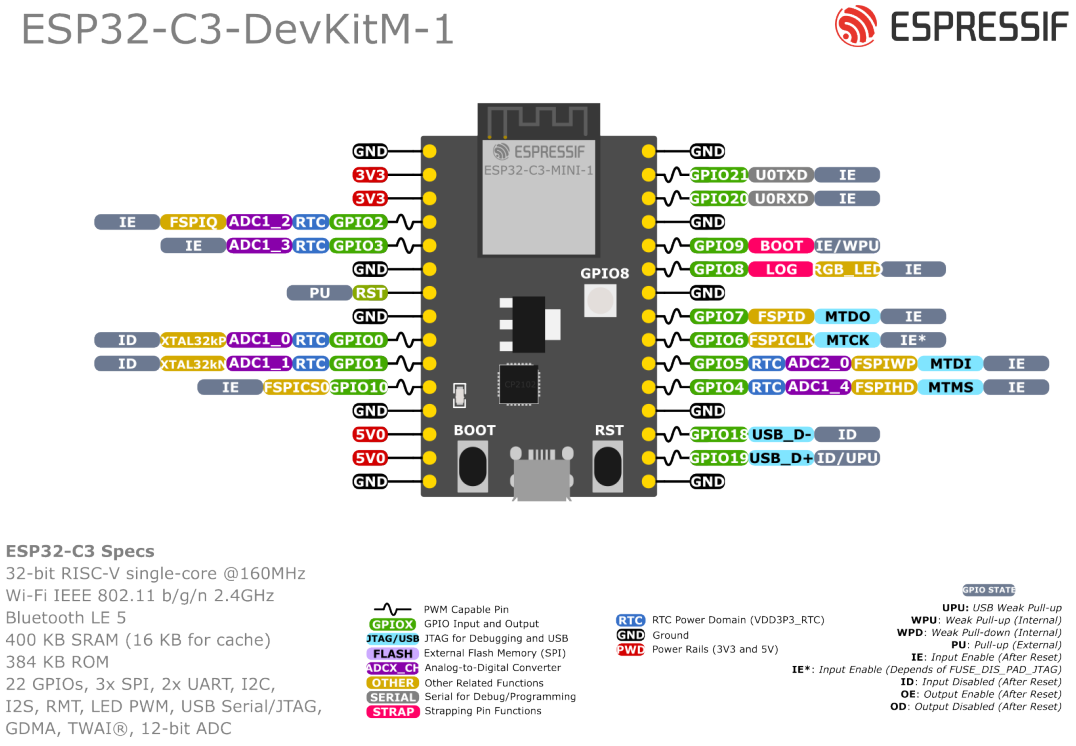


Fig. 4: ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 Pin Layout (with the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module, click to enlarge)

Pin Layout

2.1.3 Hardware Revision Details

No previous versions available.

2.1.4 Related Documents

- ESP32-C3 Datasheet (PDF)
- ESP32-C3-MINI-1 & ESP32-C3-MINI-1U Datasheet (PDF)

- ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 Schematic (PDF)
- ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 PCB Layout (PDF)
- ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 Dimensions (PDF)
- ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1 Dimensions source file (DXF)

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Chapter 3

ESP32-C3-LCDkit

ESP32-C3-LCDkit is a development board designed for wildlife protection. It is used to evaluate and verify the application of the ESP32-C3 screen. And it is composed of mainboard and subboard.

3.1 ESP32-C3-LCDkit

This user guide will help you get started with ESP32-C3-LCDkit and will also provide more in-depth information.

The document consists of the following sections:

- *Board Overview*: Overview of the board hardware/software.
- *Start Application Development*: How to set up hardware/software to develop applications.
- *Hardware Reference*: More detailed information about the board’ s hardware.
- *Hardware Revision Details*: This is the first revision of this board released.
- *Sample Request*: How to get a sample board.
- *Related Documents*: Links to related documentation.

3.1.1 Board Overview

ESP32-C3-LCDkit is an ESP32-C3-based evaluation development board with an SPI interface display. It also has an integrated rotary encoder switch and features screen interaction. Due to its low cost, low power consumption, and high performance, ESP32-C3 satisfies the basic GUI interaction needs, gaining ground in scenarios with small screen sizes.

Feature List

The main features of the board are listed below:

- **Module Embedded:** ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module with 4 MB flash and 400 KB SRAM
- **Display:** Compatibility with various subboards and support for displays with `I2C` and `SPI` interfaces. Please refer to *LCD Subboards* for more information
- **Rotary Encoder Switch:** Key switches and 360° rotation for on-screen GUI control
- **Infrared module**: Infrared transmitter and infrared receiver for infrared wireless control
- **Audio**: On-board audio amplifier and speaker for audio playback
- **USB:** USB Type-C download/debug



Fig. 1: ESP32-C3-LCDkit with ESP32-C3-MINI-1 Module

Block Diagram

The block diagram below shows the components of ESP32-C3-LCDkit and their interconnections.

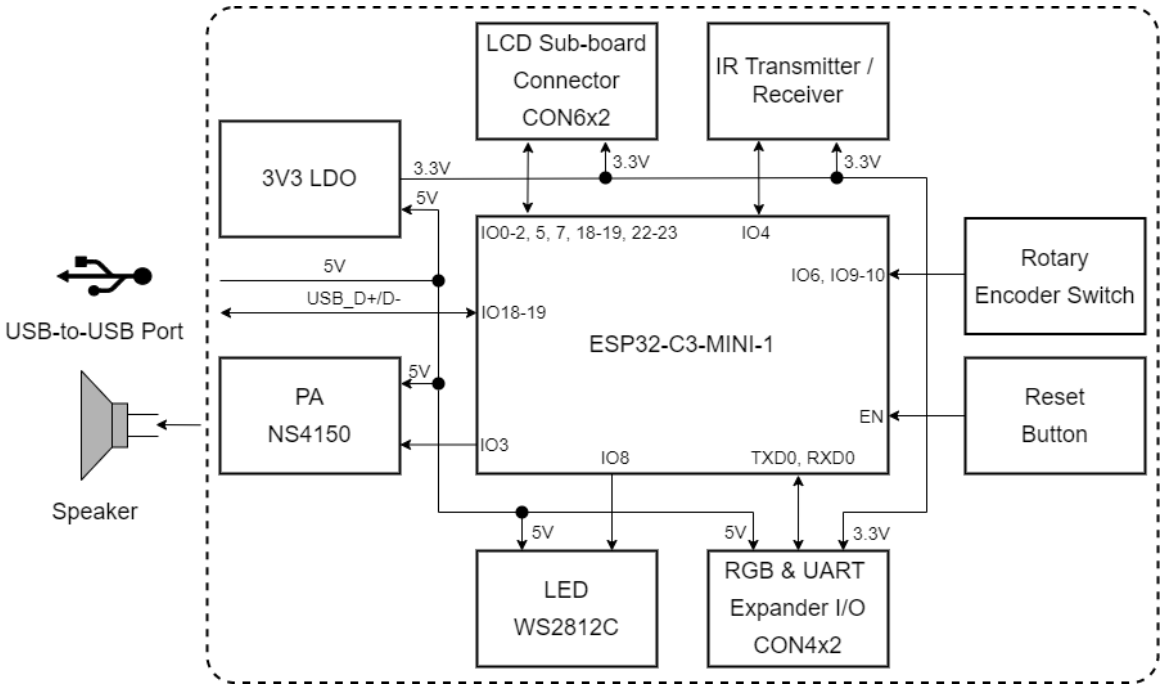


Fig. 2: ESP32-C3-LCDkit Block Diagram (Click to Enlarge)

Description of Components

ESP32-C3-LCDkit is a development board designed for wildlife protection. It contains a mainboard and a subboard.

Mainboard **ESP32-C3-LCDkit_MB** is the core of the kit, which integrates the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module and provides ports for connection to the LCD subboard.

The key components of the board are described in a clockwise direction.

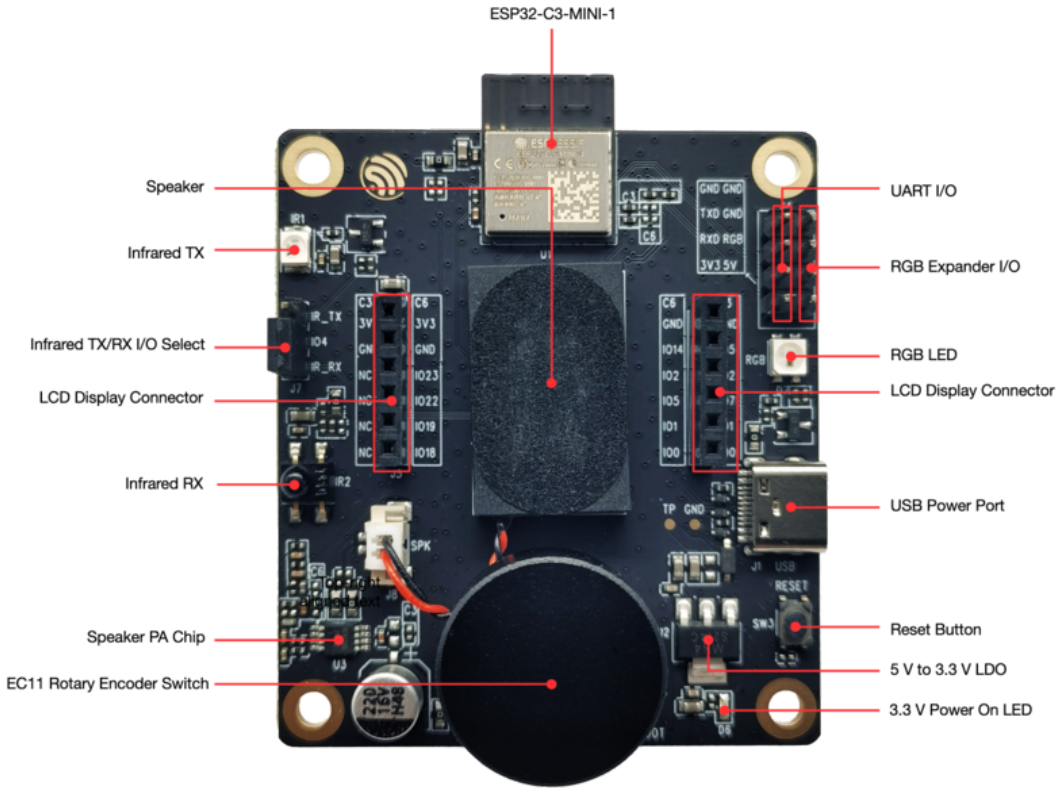


Fig. 3: ESP32-C3-LCDkit - Front (Click to Enlarge)

Key Component	Description
ESP32-C3-MINI-1 Module	ESP32-C3-MINI-1 is a generic Wi-Fi + Bluetooth LE MCU module that is built around the ESP32-C3 series of SoCs. It is integrated with 4 MB flash and 400 KB SRAM.
UART & RGB Expander I/O	Connects the system power supply pins and UART and RGB data pins via a 2.54 mm pitch pin header.
RGB LED	Supports configuring the RGB LED display to indicate status or behavior.
Speaker	Supports speaker playback through an audio power amplifier.
LCD Display Connector	Connects the 1.28" LCD subboard via a 2.54 mm pitch female header.
USB Power Port	Provides power to the entire system. It is recommended to use at least a 5V/2A power adapter to ensure a stable power supply. Used for USB communication between the PC side and the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module.
Reset Button	Press this button to reset the system.
5 V to 3.3 V LDO	Low Dropout Regulator (LDO).
3.3 V Power On LED	Indicates the status of the system power supply.
EC11 Rotary Encoder Switch	Features both a 360° rotary encoder and a key switch to enable control of the on-screen GUI.
Speaker PA Chip	Supports speaker playback.
Infrared RX	Receives external infrared signals.
Infrared TX/RX I/O Select	Select the infrared RX/TX function via a 2.54 mm pitch pin header and jumper caps.
Infrared TX	Sends out infrared signals.

LCD Subboards The **ESP32-C3-LCDkit_DB** subboard supports a 1.28" LCD screen with SPI interface and 240x240 resolution. The driver chip used for this screen is GC9A01.

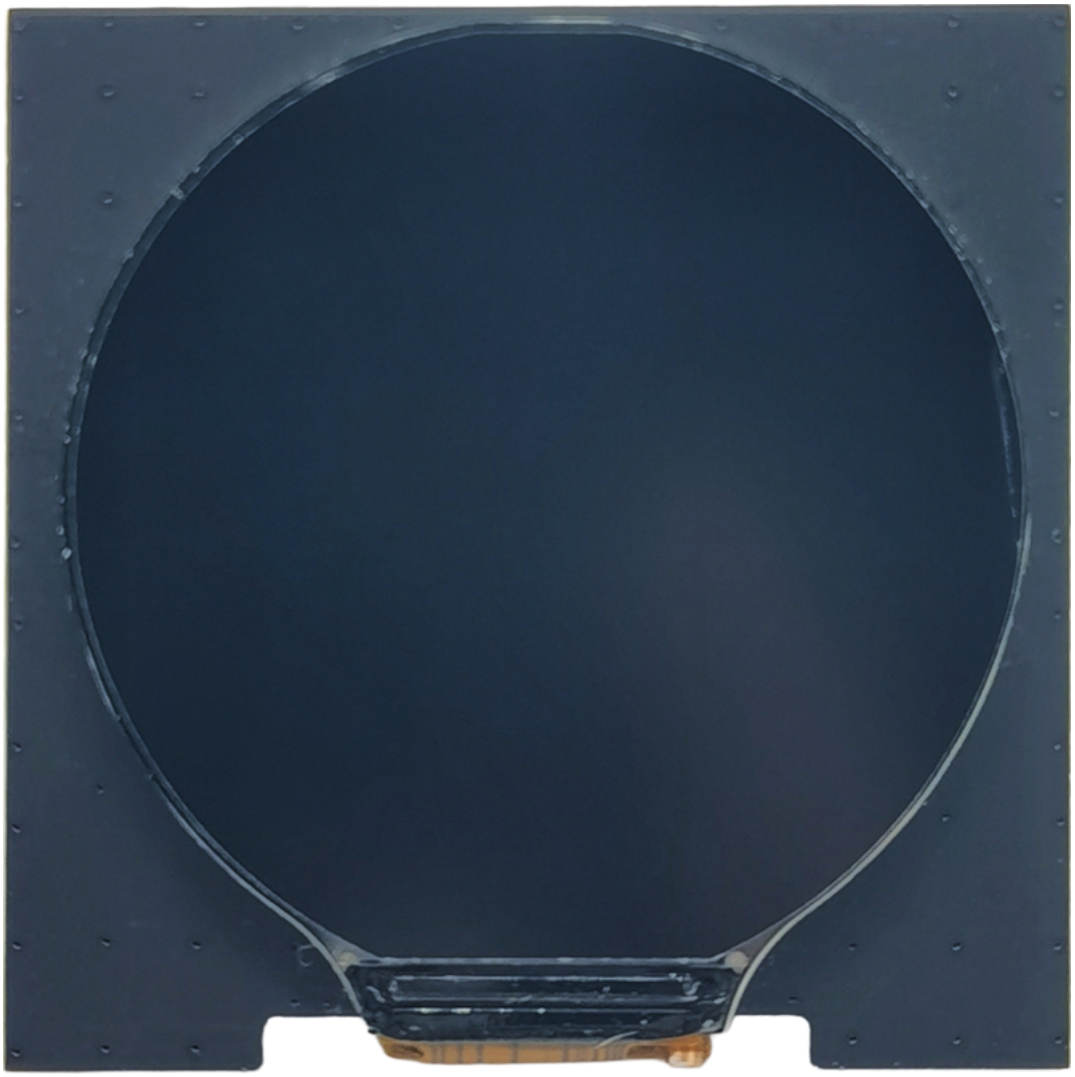


Fig. 4: ESP32-C3-LCDkit_DB - Front (Click to Enlarge)

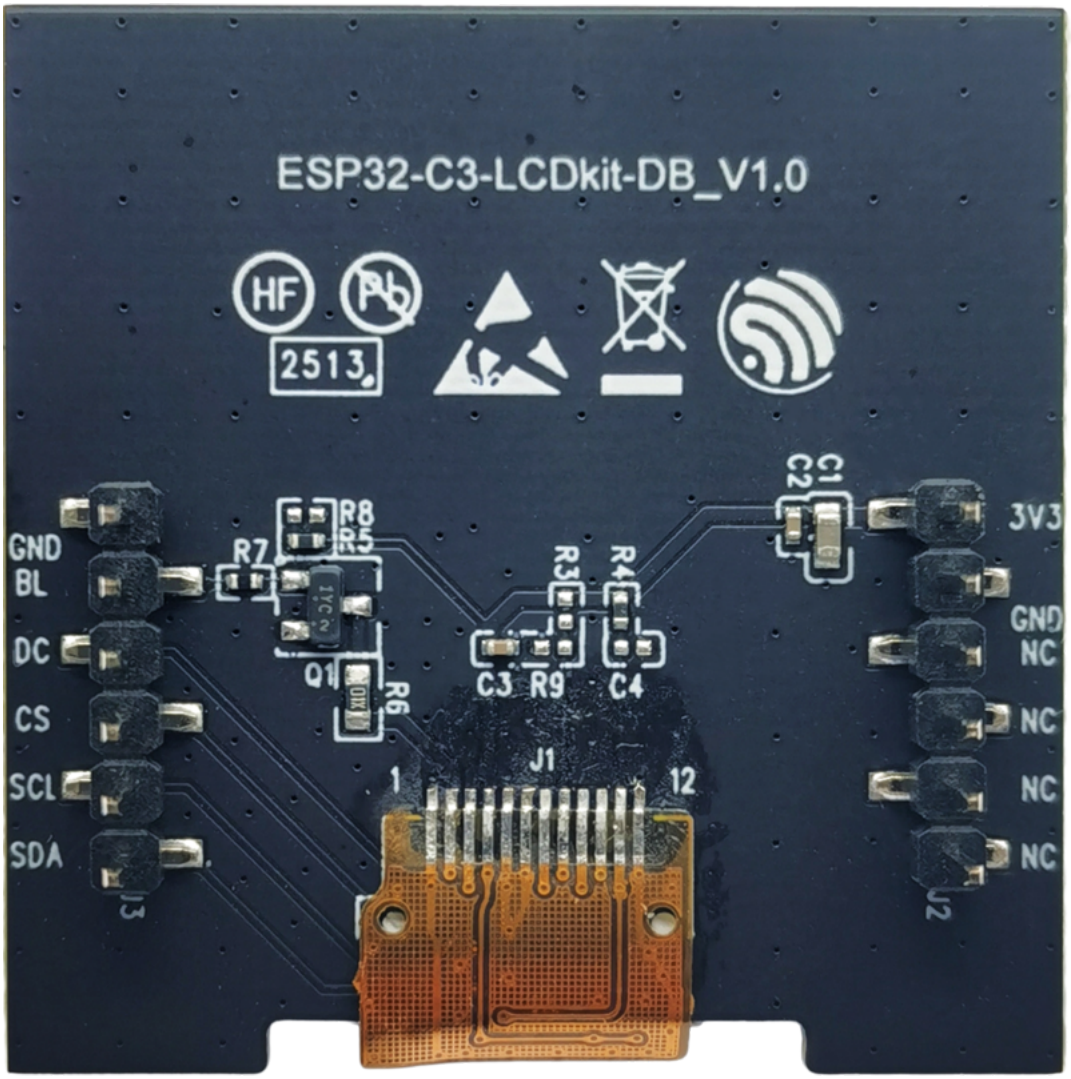


Fig. 5: ESP32-C3-LCDkit_DB - Back (Click to Enlarge)

Software Support

The ESP32-C3-LCDkit development framework is ESP-IDF. ESP-IDF is a FreeRTOS-based SoC development framework with a bunch of components including LCD, ADC, RMT, and SPI. An example is provided for ESP32-C3-LCDkit under the folder Examples . You can configure project options by entering `idf.py menuconfig` in the example directory.

Application Examples

The following application examples are available for ESP32-C3-LCDkit:

- Knob Panel Example - Demonstrates a GUI demo for a knob panel with voice playback functionality, providing a reference for developing similar applications using the ESP32-C3-LCDkit.

For more examples and the latest updates, please refer to the examples folder.

To explore the application examples or to develop your own, please follow the steps outlined in the *Start Application Development* section.

3.1.2 Start Application Development

This section provides instructions on how to do hardware and software setup and flash firmware onto the board to develop your own application.

Required Hardware

- 1 x ESP32-C3-LCDkit_MB
- 1 x LCD subboard
- 1 x USB 2.0 cable (standard Type-A to Type-C)
- 1 x PC (Windows, Linux, or macOS)

Note: Please make sure to use the appropriate USB cable. Some cables can only be used for charging, not for data transfer or program flashing.

Hardware Setup

Prepare the board for loading of the first sample application:

1. Connect the LCD subboard to the **LCD Display Connector**.
2. Plug in the USB cable to connect the PC with the board.
3. The LCD lights up and you can now control GUI through the rotary encoder switch.

Now the board is ready for software setup.

Software Setup

To learn how to quickly set up your development environment, please go to Get Started > Installation.

For more software information on developing applications, please go to *Software Support*.

3.1.3 Hardware Reference

This section provides more detailed information about the board's hardware.

GPIO Allocation

The table below provides the allocation of GPIOs exposed on terminals of ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module to control specific components or functions of the board.

Table 1: ESP32-C3-MINI-1 GPIO Allocation

Pin	Pin Name	Function
1	GND	Ground
2	GND	Ground
3	3V3	3.3 V power supply
4	NC	No connection
5	IO2	LCD_D/C
6	IO3	AUDIO_PA
7	NC	No connection
8	EN	Reset
9	NC	No connection
10	NC	No connection
11	GND	Ground
12	IO0	LCD_SDA
13	IO1	LCD_SCL
14	GND	Ground
15	NC	No connection
16	IO10	ENCODER_A
17	NC	No connection
18	IO4	IR_RX/IR_TX
19	IO5	LCD_BL_CTRL
20	IO6	ENCODER_B
21	IO7	LCD_CS
22	IO8	RGB_LED
23	IO9	ENCODER_SW
24	NC	No connection
25	NC	No connection
26	IO18	USB_DN
27	IO19	USB_DP
28	NC	No connection
29	NC	No connection
30	RXD0	Reserved
31	TXD0	Reserved
32-35	NC	No connection
36-53	GND	Ground

Power Distribution

The development board is powered via the `USB-to-USB` port:

Output system power supply:

Infrared TX/RX Select

Since the Infrared TX and Infrared RX modules share the same signal line on the chip, it is required to short-circuit specific pins in `Infrared TX/RX Select Port` via jumper caps to choose between the TX/RX function:

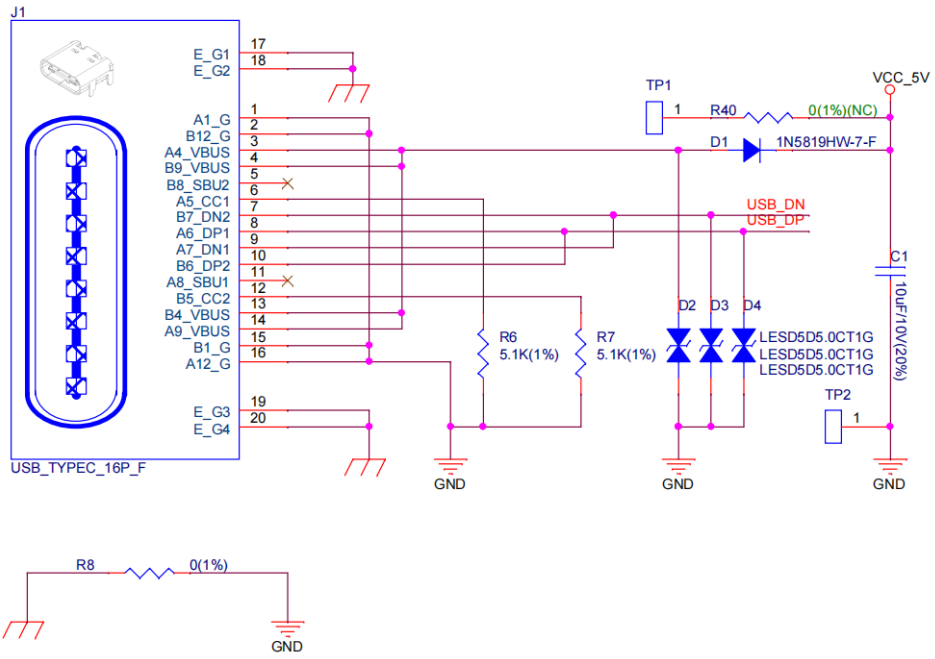


Fig. 6: ESP32-C3-LCDkit - USB-to-USB Power Supply

3V3 LDO

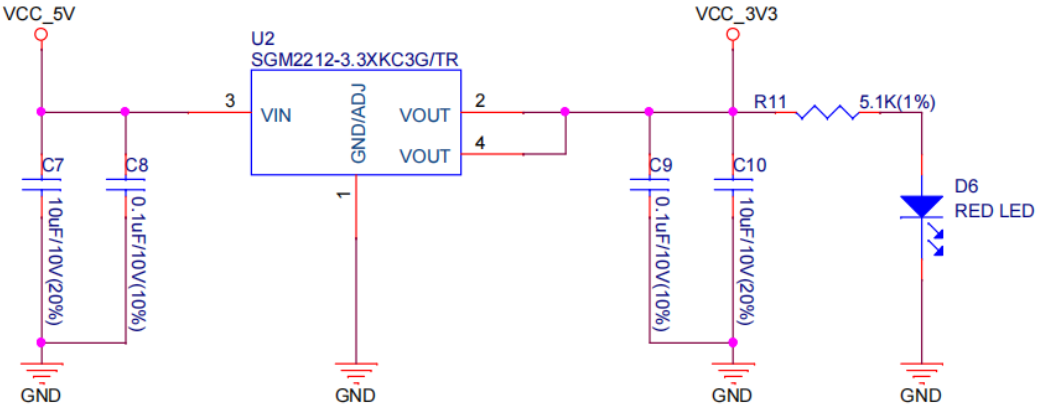


Fig. 7: ESP32-C3-LCDkit - System Power Supply

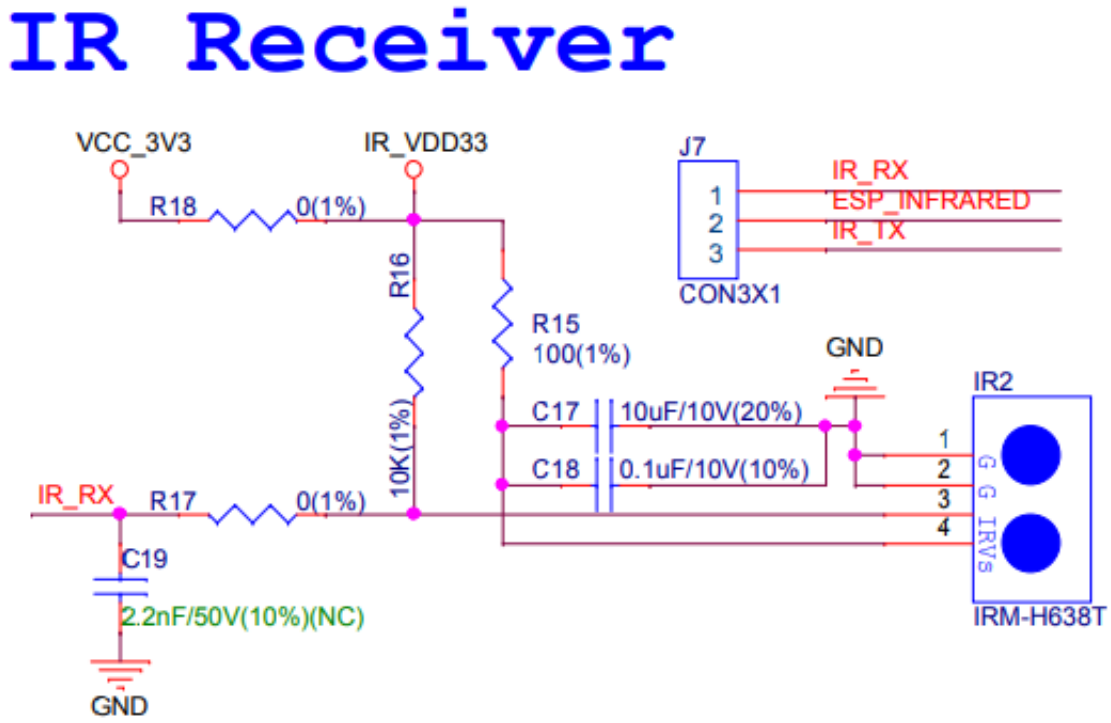


Fig. 8: ESP32-C3-LCDkit - Infrared RX Module

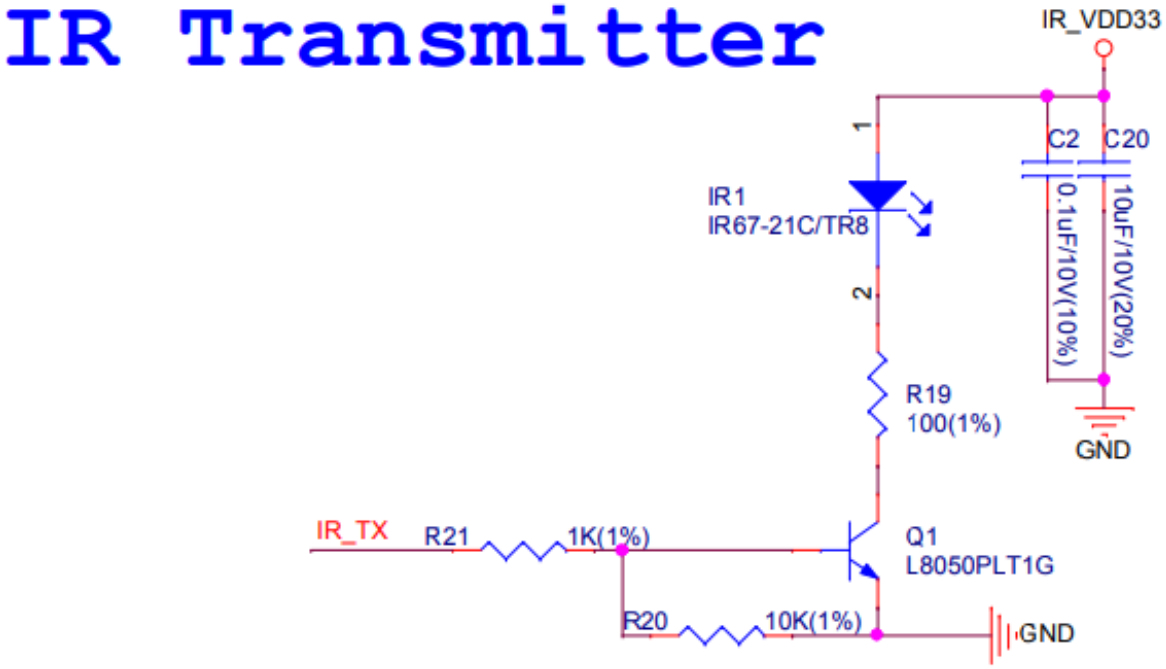


Fig. 9: ESP32-C3-LCDkit - Infrared TX Module

C6 Module Compatibility Design

ESP32-C3-LCDkit development board uses the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module by default, with resistors R2, R4, R5, and R35 connected to the mainboard:

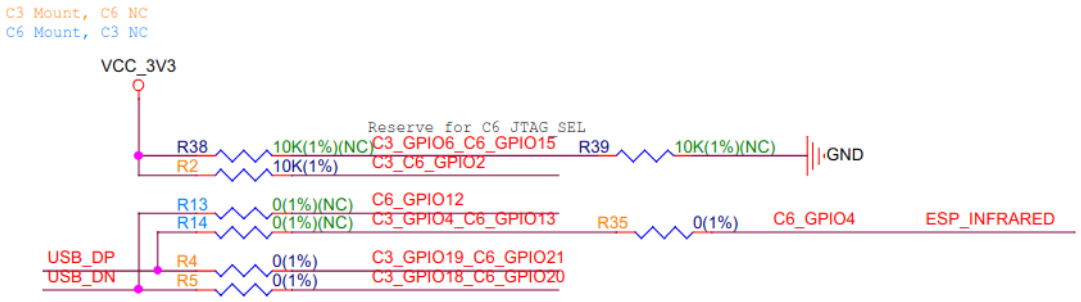


Fig. 10: ESP32-C3-LCDkit - C3/C6 Resistor Settings

The development board is also designed to be compatible with the ESP32-C6-MINI-1 module, where resistors R2, R4, R5, and R35 need to be removed and resistors R13 and R14 need to be connected.

Hardware Setup Options

Automatic Download After the development board is powered on, press the rotary encoder switch and Reset button, then release Reset first and the encoder second, to put the ESP development board into download mode.

3.1.4 Hardware Revision Details

- ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board: This older-version board is an engineering sample and is minimally maintained by Espressif. For historical documentation for this board, please refer to *ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board User Guide*.

3.1.5 Sample Request

ESP32-C3 is a cost-effective and industry-leading low-power performance solution for building rotary or small displays driven by an SPI interface. For sample requests, please contact us at sales@espressif.com.

3.1.6 Related Documents

Please download the following documents from the HTML version of esp-dev-kits Documentation.

- ESP32-C3 Datasheet
- ESP32-C3-MINI-1 Datasheet
- ESP Product Selector
- ESP32-C3-LCDkit_MB Schematics
- ESP32-C3-LCDkit_MB PCB Layout
- ESP32-C3-LCDkit_DB Schematics
- ESP32-C3-LCDkit_DB PCB Layout
- ESP32-C6-LCDkit_DB Schematics
- ESP32-C6-LCDkit_DB PCB Layout
- 1.28_TFT_240x240_SPI_Display
- Infrared Transmitter (IR67-21CTR8)
- Infrared Receiver（IRM-H638TTR2）
- Audio Amplifier (NS4150)
- RGB LED (WS2812B)
- 2415 Voice Cavity Horn

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ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board

This user guide will help you get started with ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board and will also provide more in-depth information.

The document consists of the following sections:

- *Board Overview*: Overview of the board hardware/software.
- *Start Application Development*: How to set up hardware/software to develop applications.
- *Hardware Reference*: More detailed information about the board' s hardware.
- *Hardware Revision Details*: This is the first revision of this board released.
- *Sample Request*: How to get a sample board.
- *Related Documents*: Links to related documentation.

Board Overview ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board is an ESP32-C3-based evaluation development board with an SPI interface display. It also has an integrated rotary encoder switch and features screen interaction. Due to its low cost, low power consumption, and high performance, ESP32-C3 satisfies the basic GUI interaction needs, gaining ground in scenarios with small screen sizes.



Fig. 11: ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board with ESP32-C3-MINI-1 Module

Feature List The main features of the board are listed below:

- **Module Embedded:** ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module with 4 MB flash and 400 KB SRAM

- **Display:** Compatibility with various subboards and support for displays with `I2C` and `SPI` interfaces. Please refer to *LCD Subboards* for more information
- **Rotary Encoder Switch:** Key switches and 360° rotation for on-screen GUI control
- **USB:** USB Type-C download/debug

Block Diagram The block diagram below shows the components of ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board and their interconnections.

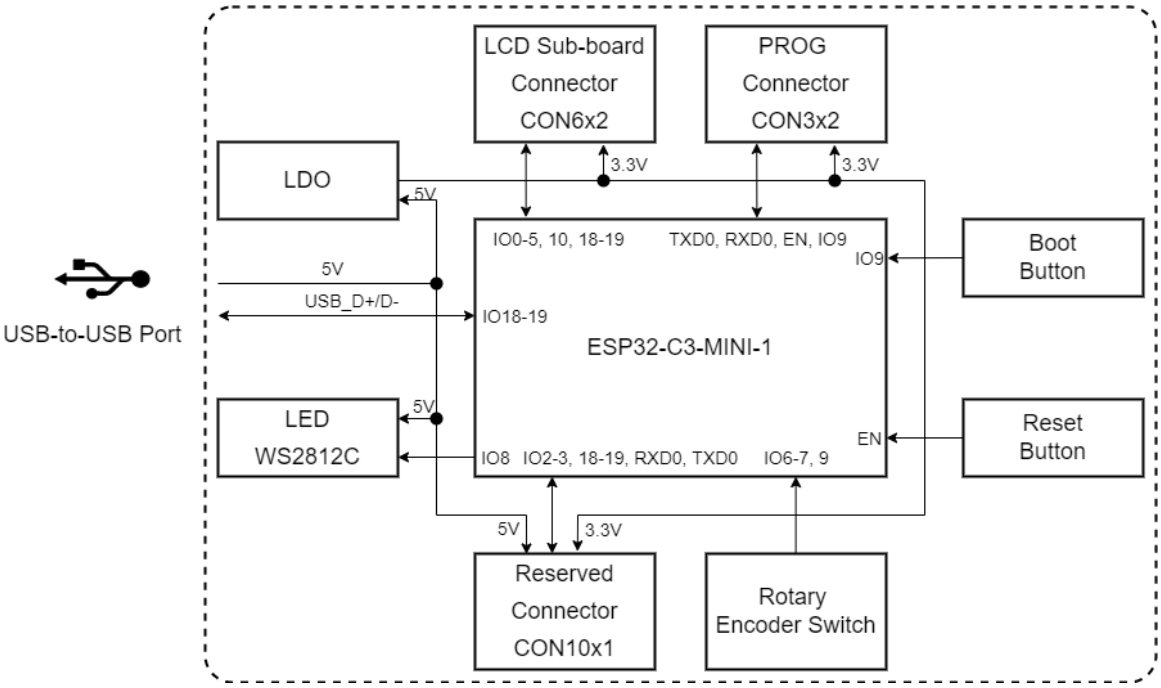


Fig. 12: ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board Block Diagram (Click to Enlarge)

Description of Components The ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board development board consists of a mainboard and a subboard.

Mainboard **ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board_MB** is the core of the kit, which integrates the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module and provides ports for connection to the LCD subboard.

The key components of the board are described in a counter-clockwise direction.

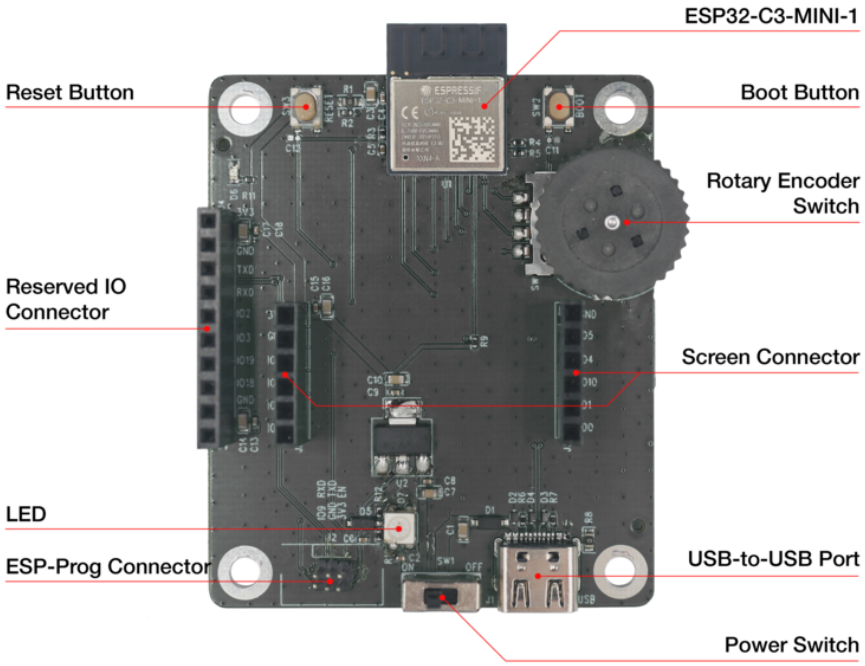


Fig. 13: ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board - Front (Click to Enlarge)

Key Component	Description
ESP32-C3-MINI-1 Module	ESP32-C3-MINI-1 is a generic Wi-Fi + Bluetooth LE MCU module that is built around the ESP32-C3 series of SoCs. It is integrated with 4 MB flash and 400 KB SRAM.
Reset Button	Press this button to reset the system.
Reserved IO Connector	Connects the system power supply pins and some reserved module pins via a 2.54 mm pitch connector.
LED	Supports configuring the RGB LED display to indicate status or behavior.
ESP-Prog Connector	Connects the Program interface of ESP-Prog for firmware download and debugging via a 1.27 mm pitch connector.
Power Switch	Power Toggle ON/OFF: Toggle ON to power on the board and OFF to power off the board.
USB-to-USB Port	Provides power to the entire system. It is recommended to use at least a 5V/2A power adapter to ensure a stable power supply. Used for USB communication between the PC side and the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module.
Screen Connector	Connects the 1.28" LCD subboard via a 2.54 mm pitch connector.
Rotary Encoder Switch	Features both a 360° rotary encoder and a key switch to enable control of the on-screen GUI.
Boot Button	Holding down the Boot key and momentarily pressing the Reset key initiates the firmware upload mode. Then you can upload firmware through the serial port or USB.

LCD Subboards The **ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board_DB** subboard supports a 1.28" LCD screen with SPI interface and 240x240 resolution. The driver chip used for this screen is GC9A01.

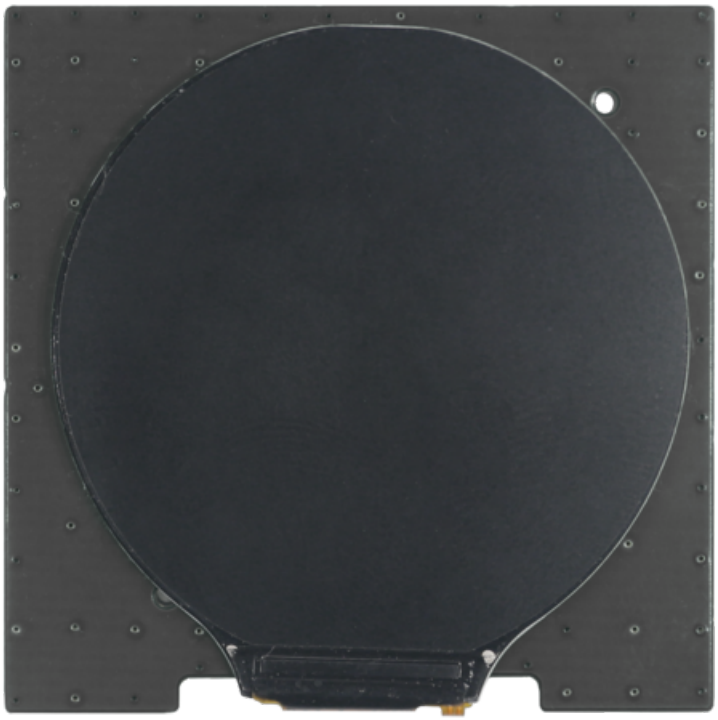


Fig. 14: ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board_DB - Front (Click to Enlarge)

Software Support The ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board development framework is ESP-IDF. ESP-IDF is a FreeRTOS-based SoC development framework with a bunch of components including LCD, ADC, RMT, and SPI.

Application Examples The following application examples are available for ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board:

- Knob Panel Example - Demonstrates a GUI demo for a knob panel with voice playback functionality, providing a reference for developing similar applications using the ESP32-C3-LCDkit.

For more examples and the latest updates, please refer to the examples folder.

To explore the application examples or to develop your own, please follow the steps outlined in the *Start Application Development* section.

Start Application Development This section provides instructions on how to do hardware and software setup and flash firmware onto the board to develop your own application.

Required Hardware

- 1 x ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board_MB
- 1 x LCD subboard
- 1 x USB 2.0 cable (standard Type-A to Type-C)
- 1 x PC (Windows, Linux, or macOS)

Note: Please make sure to use the appropriate USB cable. Some cables can only be used for charging, not for data transfer or program flashing.

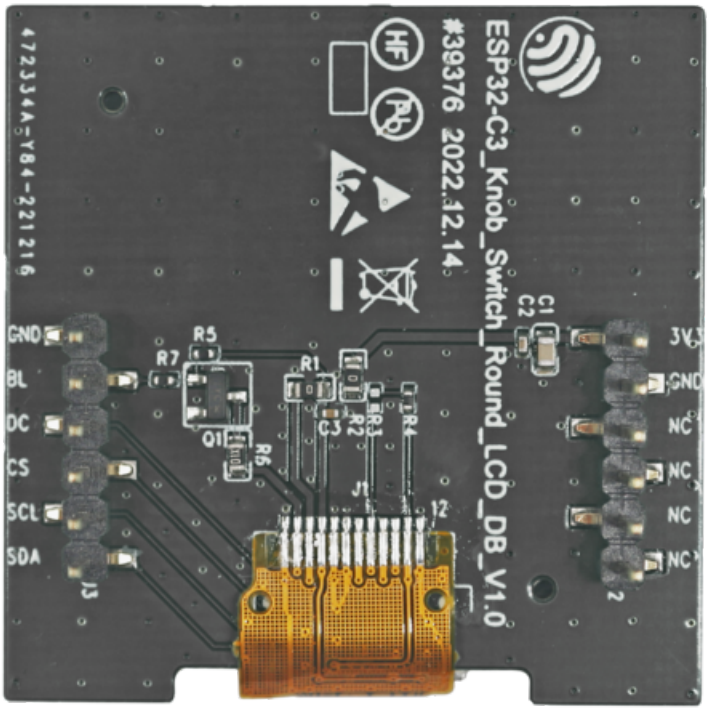


Fig. 15: ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board_DB - Back (Click to Enlarge)

Hardware Setup Prepare the board for loading of the first sample application:

1. Connect the LCD subboard to the **LCD Board Connector**.
2. Plug in the USB cable to connect the PC with the board.
3. The LCD lights up and you can start to interact with it.

Now the board is ready for software setup.

Software Setup To learn how to quickly set up your development environment, please go to Get Started > Installation.

For more software information on developing applications, please go to *Software Support*.

Hardware Reference This section provides more detailed information about the board' s hardware.

GPIO Allocation The table below provides the allocation of GPIOs exposed on terminals of ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module to control specific components or functions of the board.

Table 2: ESP32-C3-MINI-1 GPIO Allocation

Pin	Pin Name	Function
1	GND	Ground
2	GND	Ground
3	3V3	Power supply
4	NC	No connection
5	IO2	Reserved
6	IO3	Reserved
7	NC	No connection
8	EN	Reset
9	NC	No connection
10	NC	No connection
11	GND	Ground
12	IO0	LCD_SDA
13	IO1	LCD_SCL
14	GND	Ground
15	NC	No connection
16	IO10	LCD_CS
17	NC	No connection
18	IO4	LCD_D/C
19	IO5	LCD_BL_CTRL
20	IO6	ENCODER_B
21	IO7	ENCODER_A
22	IO8	LED
23	IO9	BOOT, ENCODER_SW
24	NC	No connection
25	NC	No connection
26	IO18	Reserved
27	IO19	Reserved
28	NC	No connection
29	NC	No connection
30	RXD0	RXD0
31	TXD0	TXD0
32-35	NC	No connection
36-53	GND	Ground

Power Distribution The development board is powered via the `USB-to-USB` port:

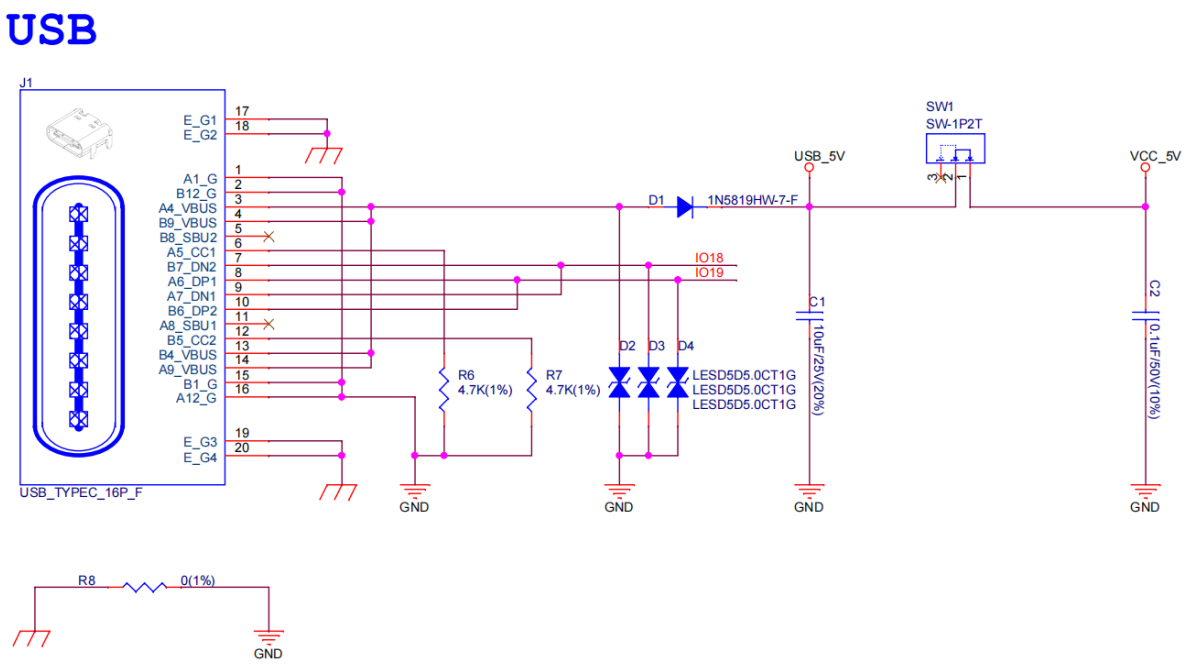


Fig. 16: ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board - USB-to-USB Power Supply

Output system power supply:

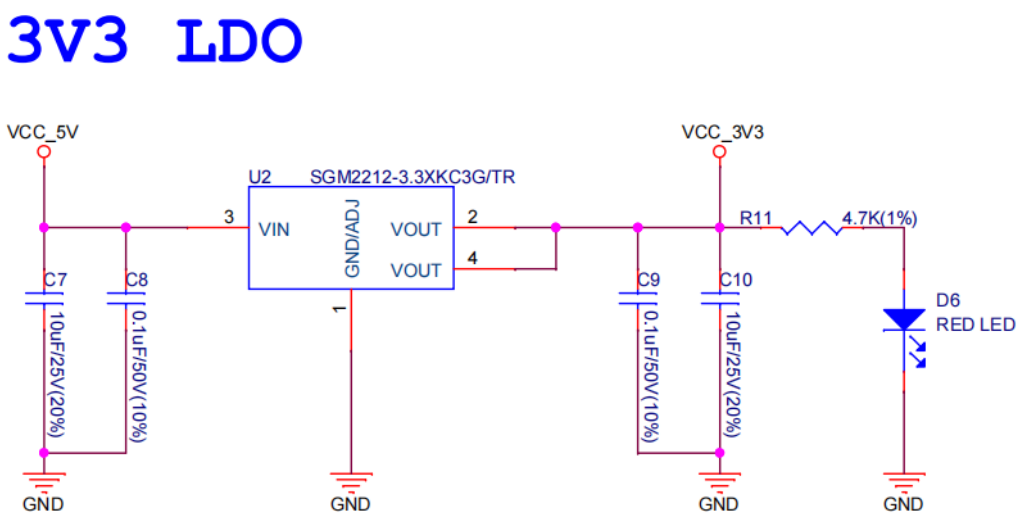


Fig. 17: ESP32-C3-LCD-Ev-Board - System Power Supply

Hardware Setup Options

Automatic Download There are two ways to put the development board into download mode.

- Press the Boot and Reset buttons. Release the Reset button first and then the Boot button.
- Controls the status of the EN and IO9 pins of the ESP development board by ESP-Prog.

Hardware Revision Details No previous revisions.

Sample Request Not available.

Related Documents Please download the following documents from the HTML version of esp-dev-kits Documentation.

- ESP32-C3 Datasheet
- ESP32-C3-MINI-1 Datasheet
- ESP Product Selector
- ESP32-C3-LCD_EV_Board-MB Schematics
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Chapter 4

ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2

ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 is a development board based on ESP32-C3-MINI-1, a general-purpose module with 4 MB SPI flash. This board integrates complete Wi-Fi and Bluetooth® Low Energy functions.

4.1 ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2

This user guide is intended to help you get started with the ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 and to provide more detailed technical information for development and integration. The ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 is a development board based on the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module, a general-purpose module featuring 4 MB of SPI flash. The board integrates full Wi-Fi and Bluetooth® Low Energy (BLE) connectivity, making it suitable for a wide range of IoT and embedded applications.

In addition to the ESP32-C3, the board integrates onboard sensors and a Li-Ion battery charging circuit, enabling portable and sensor-based applications without requiring external components.

Most I/O pins are routed to pin headers on both sides of the board, allowing easy access to the ESP32-C3 peripherals. Developers can connect external components using jumper wires or mount the ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 directly on a breadboard for rapid prototyping.



Fig. 1: ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2

The document consists of the following major sections:

- *Getting Started*: Overview of ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 and hardware/software setup instructions to get started.
- *Hardware Reference*: More detailed information about the ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 ' s hardware.
- *Hardware Revision Details*: Revision history, known issues, and links to user guides for previous versions (if any) of ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2.
- *Related Documents*: Links to related documentation.

4.1.1 Getting Started

This section provides a brief introduction of ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2, instructions on how to do the initial hardware setup and how to flash firmware onto it.

Description of Components

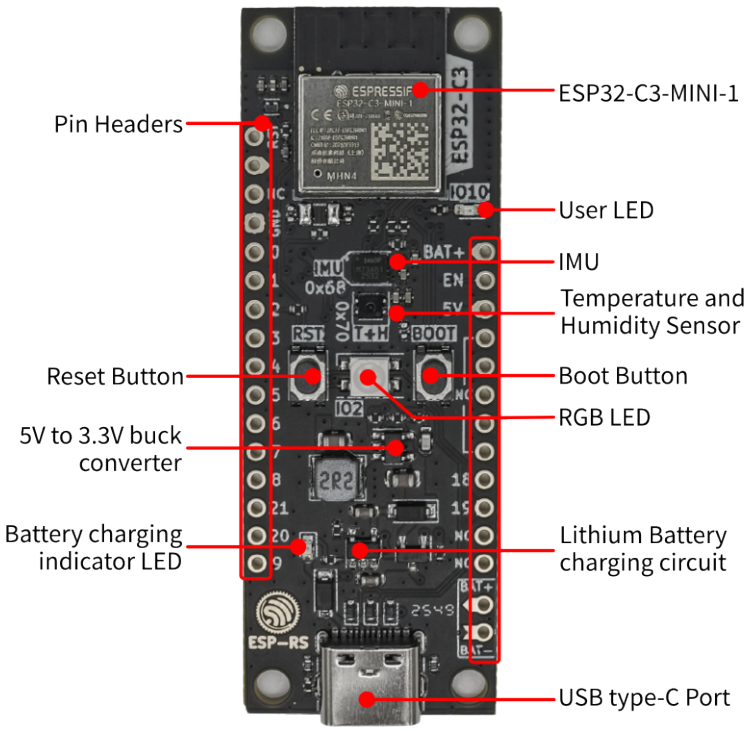


Fig. 2: ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 (with the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module) - front

The key components of the board are described starting from the module and continue in the clockwise direction.

Key Component	Description
ESP32-C3-MINI-1	ESP32-C3-MINI-1 is a powerful general-purpose Espressif module that offers Wi-Fi and Bluetooth Low Energy coexistence. It integrates a 4 MB SPI flash.
User LED	User GPIO LED, connected to **GPIO10**.
IMU	Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) ICM-42670-P, connected via I2C interface
Temperature and Humidity Sensor	SHTC3, connected via I2C interface
Boot Button	Download button. Holding down **Boot** and then pressing **Reset** initiates Firmware Download mode for downloading firmware through the serial port.
RGB LED	Addressable RGB LED, driven by **GPIO2**.
Lithium Battery charging circuit	Built-in charging circuit for single-cell lithium batteries
USB type-C Port	USB-CDC port. Power supply for the board as well as the communication interface between a computer and the ESP32-C3 chip (flashing and debug).
Battery charging indicator LED	The red LED indicates that the battery is being charged.
5V to 3.3V buck converter	Power regulator that converts a 5 V supply into a 3.3 V output.
Reset Button	Press this button to restart the system.
Pin Headers	Most of the available GPIO pins are broken out to the pin headers for external access. For details, please see *Header Block*.

Application Examples

The following application examples are available for ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2:

- ESP-IDF Basic Workshop
- ESP-IDF Advanced Workshop

To explore the application examples or to develop your own, please follow the steps outlined in the *Start Application Development* section.

Start Application Development

Before powering up your ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2, please make sure that it is in good condition with no obvious signs of damage.

Required Hardware

- ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2
- USB 2.0 cable (USB Type-C)
- Computer running Windows, Linux, or macOS

Note: Be sure to use an appropriate USB cable. Some cables are for charging only and do not provide the needed data lines nor work for programming the boards.

Hardware Setup Connect the board with the computer using the **USB type-C Port**.

Software Setup Please proceed to ESP-IDF Get Started, which will quickly help you set up the development environment then flash an application example onto your board.

Contents and Packaging

Retail Orders If you order a few samples, each ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 comes in an individual package in either antistatic bag or any packaging depending on your retailer.

For retail orders, please go to https://www.espressif.com/en/contact-us/get-samples.

4.1.2 Hardware Reference

Block Diagram

The block diagram below shows the components of ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 and their interconnections.

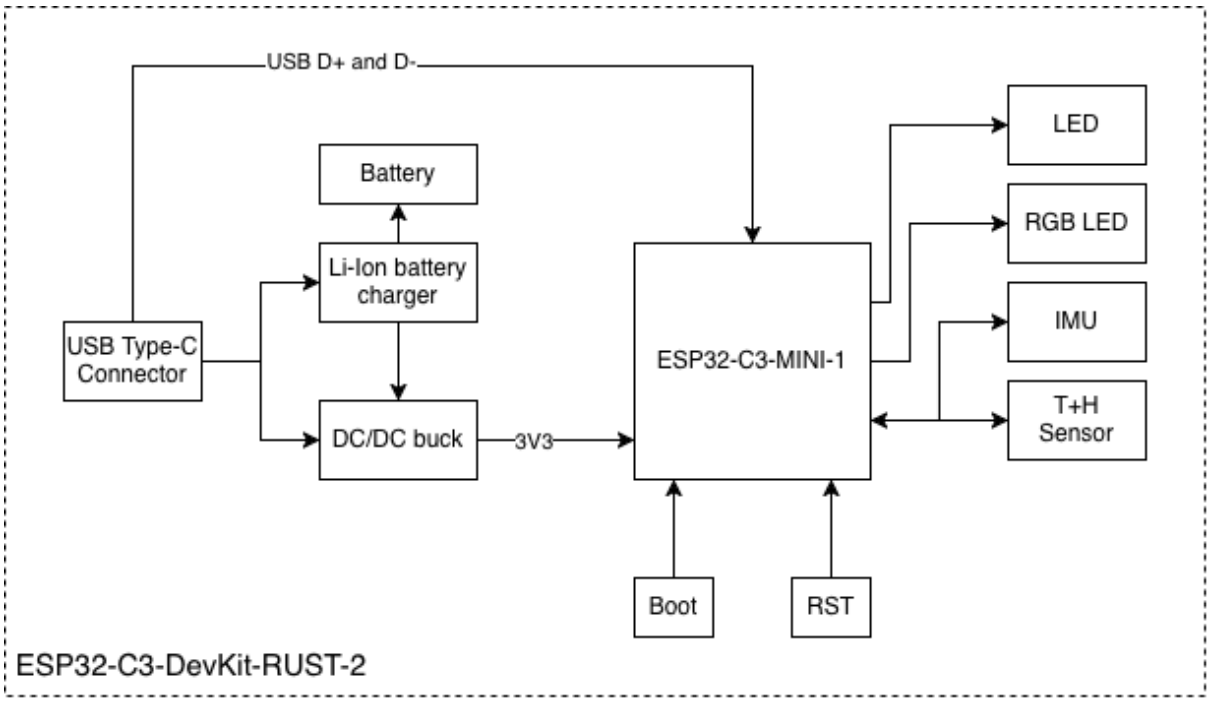


Fig. 3: ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 (click to enlarge)

Power Supply Options There are three mutually exclusive ways to provide power to the board:

- USB type-C port, default power supply
- 5V and GND pin headers
- BAT and GND pin headers (for single-cell lithium battery)

It is recommended to use the first option: USB type-C port.

Note: The board operates at a 5 V power supply and requires a minimum current of 0.5 A. If your application demands a current exceeding 0.5 A, consider connecting the board via a powered USB hub to ensure stable operation.

Header Block

The two tables below provide the **Name** and **Function** of the pin headers on both sides of the board (left and right). The pin header names are shown in *ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 (with the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module) - front*. The numbering is the same as in the ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 Schematic (PDF).

Left Header

No.	Name	Type[Page 39, 1]	Function
1	RST	I	EN / CHIP_PU
2	3V3	P	3.3 V power supply
3	N/C		Not connected
4	GND	G	Ground
5	IO0	I/O/T	GPIO0, ADC1_CH0
6	IO1	I/O/T	GPIO1, ADC1_CH1
7	IO2	I/O/T	GPIO2[2], ADC1_CH2
8	IO3	I/O/T	GPIO3, ADC1_CH3
9	IO4	I/O/T	GPIO4, ADC2_CH0
10	IO5	I/O/T	GPIO5, ADC2_CH1
11	IO6	I/O/T	GPIO6, MTCK
12	IO7	I/O/T	GPIO7, MTDO, LED
13	IO8	I/O/T	GPIO8[2], LOG
14	RX	I/O/T	GPIO21, U0RXD
15	TX	I/O/T	GPIO20, U0TXD
16	IO9	I/O/T	GPIO9[2], BOOT

Right Header

No.	Name	Type[1]	Function
1	BAT+	P	Battery supply
2	EN	I	Enable
3	5V	P	USB VBUS
4	N/C		Not connected
5	N/C		Not connected
6	N/C		Not connected
7	N/C		Not connected
8	N/C		Not connected
9	IO18	I/O/T	GPIO18, USB_D-
10	IO19	I/O/T	GPIO19, USB_D+
11	N/C		Not connected
12	N/C		Not connected

I2C Peripherals

Peripheral	Part number	Address
IMU	ICM-42670-P	0x68
Temperature and Humidity	SHTC3	0x70

Sensors

I2C Signal Mapping

Signal	GPIO
SDA	GPIO10
SCL	GPIO8

[1] P: Power supply; I: Input; O: Output; T: High impedance.

[2] GPIO2, GPIO8, and GPIO9 are strapping pins of the ESP32-C3 chip. These pins are used to control several chip functions depending on binary voltage values applied to the pins during chip power-up or system reset. For description and application of the strapping pins, please refer to Section Boot Configurations in ESP32-C3 Datasheet.

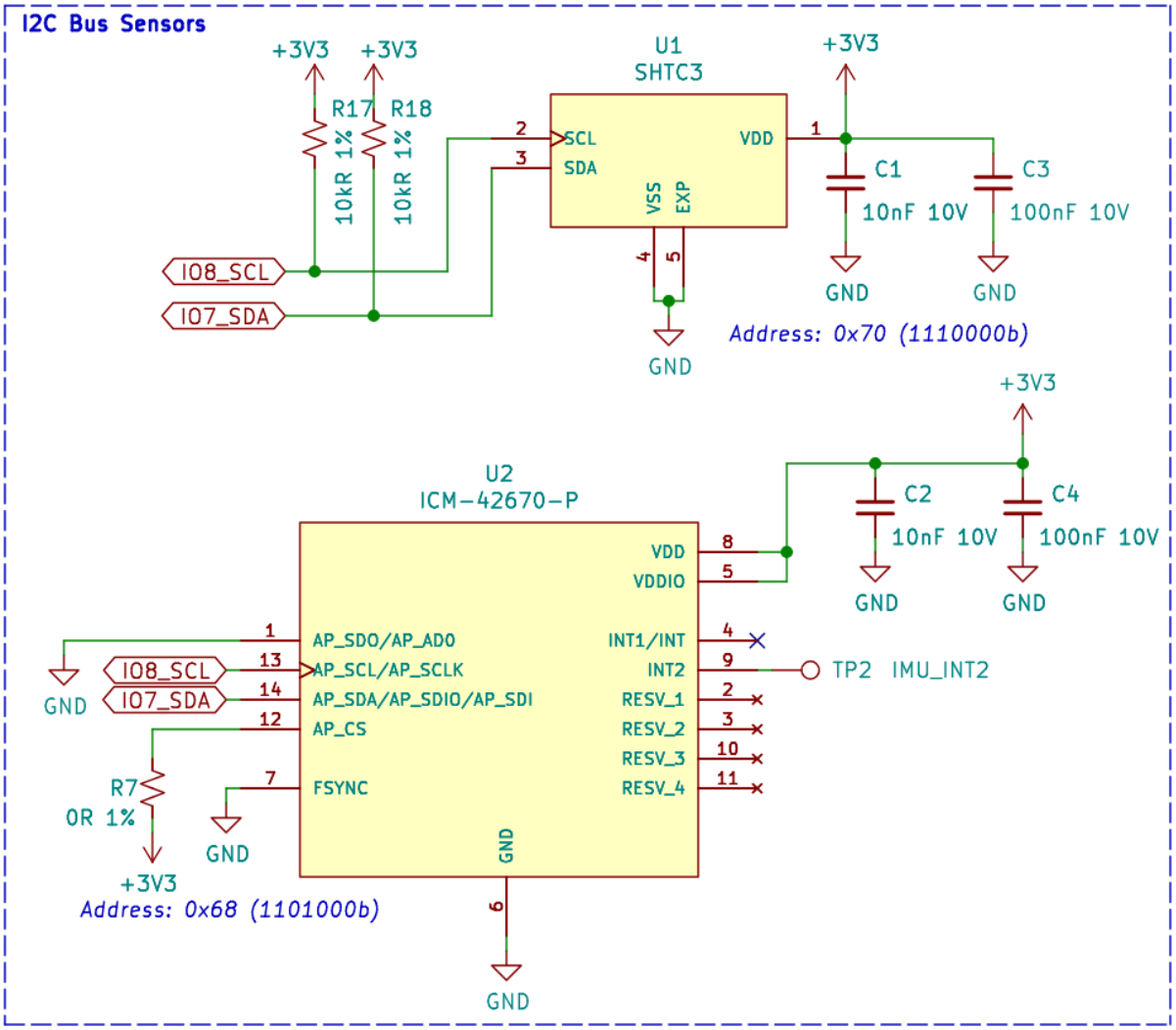


Fig. 4: Sensors on I2C bus (click to enlarge)

Peripherals Connected to GPIOs

I/O Device	GPIO
WS2812 LED	GPIO2
LED	GPIO7
Button/Boot	GPIO9

Buttons

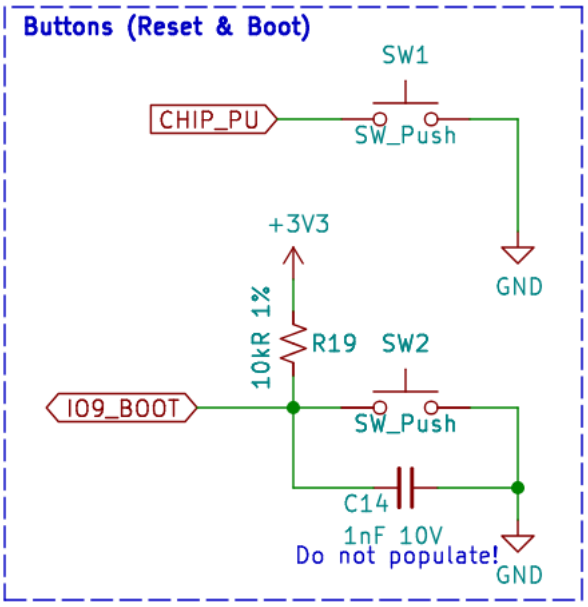


Fig. 5: Buttons Circuit (click to enlarge)

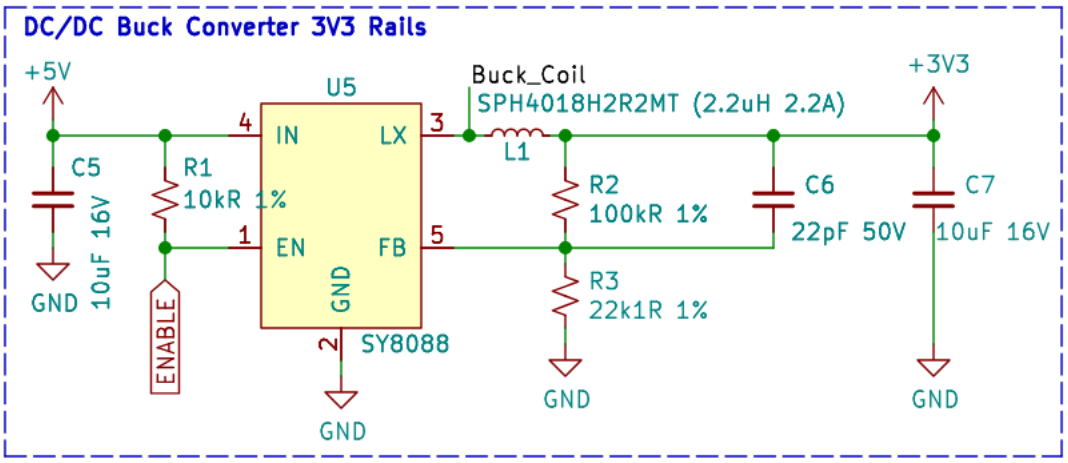


Fig. 6: Power Supply Circuit (click to enlarge)

Power Supply

Power Supply from USB

Lithium Battery Charging

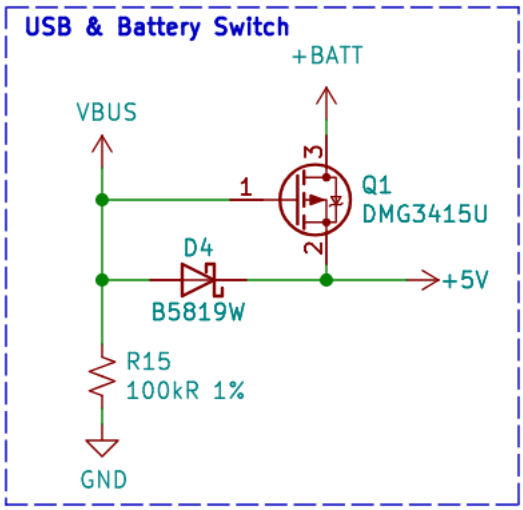


Fig. 7: Power Switch Circuit (click to enlarge)

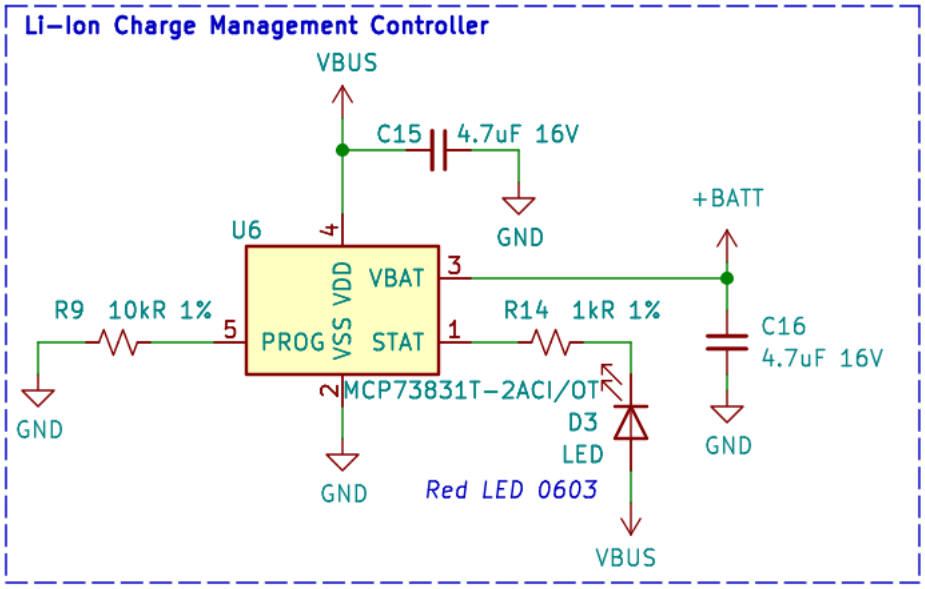


Fig. 8: Lithium Battery charging circuit (click to enlarge)

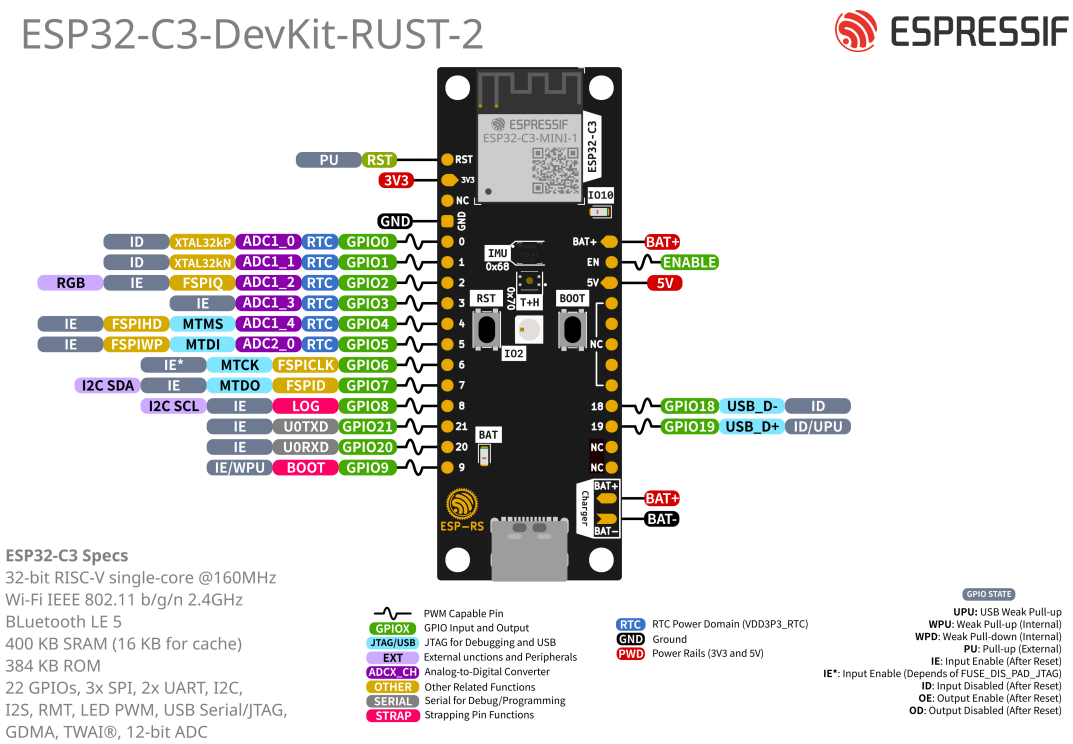


Fig. 9: ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 Pin Layout (with the ESP32-C3-MINI-1 module, click to enlarge)

Pin Layout

4.1.3 Hardware Revision Details

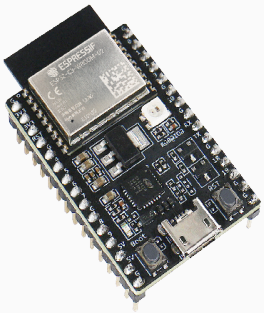
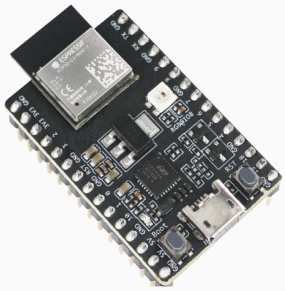
This is a new version with minor changes from the previous ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-1 board. The list of changes are as follows:

- Changed the GPIO for the user LED from GPIO7 to GPIO10.
- Changed the pin header hole diameter from 0.8 mm to 1.0 mm.
- Fixed issues on the silkscreen layer.
- Changes on the traces on the I2C bus for better signal integrity.

4.1.4 Related Documents

- ESP32-C3 Datasheet (PDF)
- ESP32-C3-MINI-1 & ESP32-C3-MINI-1U Datasheet (PDF)
- ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 Schematic (PDF)
- ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 PCB Layout (PDF)
- ESP-IDF Programming Guide
- ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2 training

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ESP32-C3-DevKitC-02	ESP32-C3-DevKitM-1
	
ESP32-C3-LCDkit	ESP32-C3-DevKit-RUST-2

Chapter 5

Related Documentation and Resources

5.1 Related Documentation

- ESP32-C3 Datasheet –Specifications of the ESP32-C3 hardware.
- ESP32-C3 Technical Reference Manual –Detailed information on how to use the ESP32-C3 memory and peripherals.
- ESP32-C3 Hardware Design Guidelines –Guidelines on how to integrate the ESP32-C3 into your hardware product.
- ESP32-C3 Product/Process Change Notifications (PCN)
  https://espressif.com/en/support/documents/pcns?keys=ESP32-C3
- ESP32-C3 Advisories –Information on security, bugs, compatibility, component reliability.
  https://espressif.com/en/support/documents/advisories?keys=ESP32-C3
- Certificates
  https://espressif.com/en/support/documents/certificates
- Documentation Updates and Update Notification Subscription
  https://espressif.com/en/support/download/documents

5.2 Developer Zone

- ESP-IDF Programming Guide for ESP32-C3 –Extensive documentation for the ESP-IDF development framework.
- ESP-IoT-Solution Programming Guide - Extensive documentation for the ESP-IoT-Solution development framework.
- ESP-FAQ - A summary document of frequently asked questions released by Espressif.
- ESP-IDF and other development frameworks on GitHub.
  https://github.com/espressif
- ESP32 BBS Forum –Engineer-to-Engineer (E2E) Community for Espressif products where you can post questions, share knowledge, explore ideas, and help solve problems with fellow engineers.
  https://esp32.com/
- The ESP Journal –Best Practices, Articles, and Notes from Espressif folks.
  https://blog.espressif.com/
- See the tabs SDKs and Demos, Apps, Tools, AT Firmware.
  https://espressif.com/en/support/download/sdks-demos

5.3 Products

- ESP32-C3 Series SoCs –Browse through all ESP32-C3 SoCs.
  https://espressif.com/en/products/socs?id=ESP32-C3
- ESP32-C3 Series Modules –Browse through all ESP32-C3-based modules.
  https://espressif.com/en/products/modules?id=ESP32-C3
- ESP32-C3 Series DevKits –Browse through all ESP32-C3-based devkits.
  https://espressif.com/en/products/devkits?id=ESP32-C3
- ESP Product Selector –Find an Espressif hardware product suitable for your needs by comparing or applying filters.
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