

C027-U20/C20/G35

mbed enabled Internet of Things (IoT) starter kit

User Guide

Abstract

This user guide explains how to set up the C027 starter kit to begin developing Internet of Things applications for the u-blox LISA-U200, LISA-C200 or SARA-G350 cellular and MAX-7Q positioning modules.



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1 Starting up

The C027 is a complete starter kit that allows quick prototyping of a variety of applications for the Internet of Things. The application board has a MAX-7Q GNSS receiver and a LISA or SARA cellular module, enabling straightforward development of location-aware, global communicating applications. The application board provides access to Ethernet and CAN interfaces, and to a variety of HW interfaces (22 GPIOs with SPI, I²C, UART, I²S) through a standard-based header connector.

The board is powered by a Cortex-M3 microprocessor, which is fully supported by the mbed platform. The CPU has 512 kB flash, 64 kB RAM, and runs at 96 MHz. The board provides simple USB drag-n-drop programming and a CMSIS-DAP debug interface for the target microcontroller. The mbed platform provides free software libraries and online tools for professional rapid prototyping. The programming is done using a standard-based C/C++ SDK. The mbed compiler also supports full export to different tool chains, for projects that demand it as they go to production.

C027-U20/C20/G35 supports different cellular technologies via the u-blox nested design concept:

- GSM/GPRS: C027-G35 (SARA-G350 mounted)
- W-CDMA: C027-U20 (LISA-U200 mounted)
- CDMA 1xRTT: C027-C2 (LISA-C200 mounted)



This document identifies all the variants as C027.

1.1 C027-U20/C20/G35 pin definition

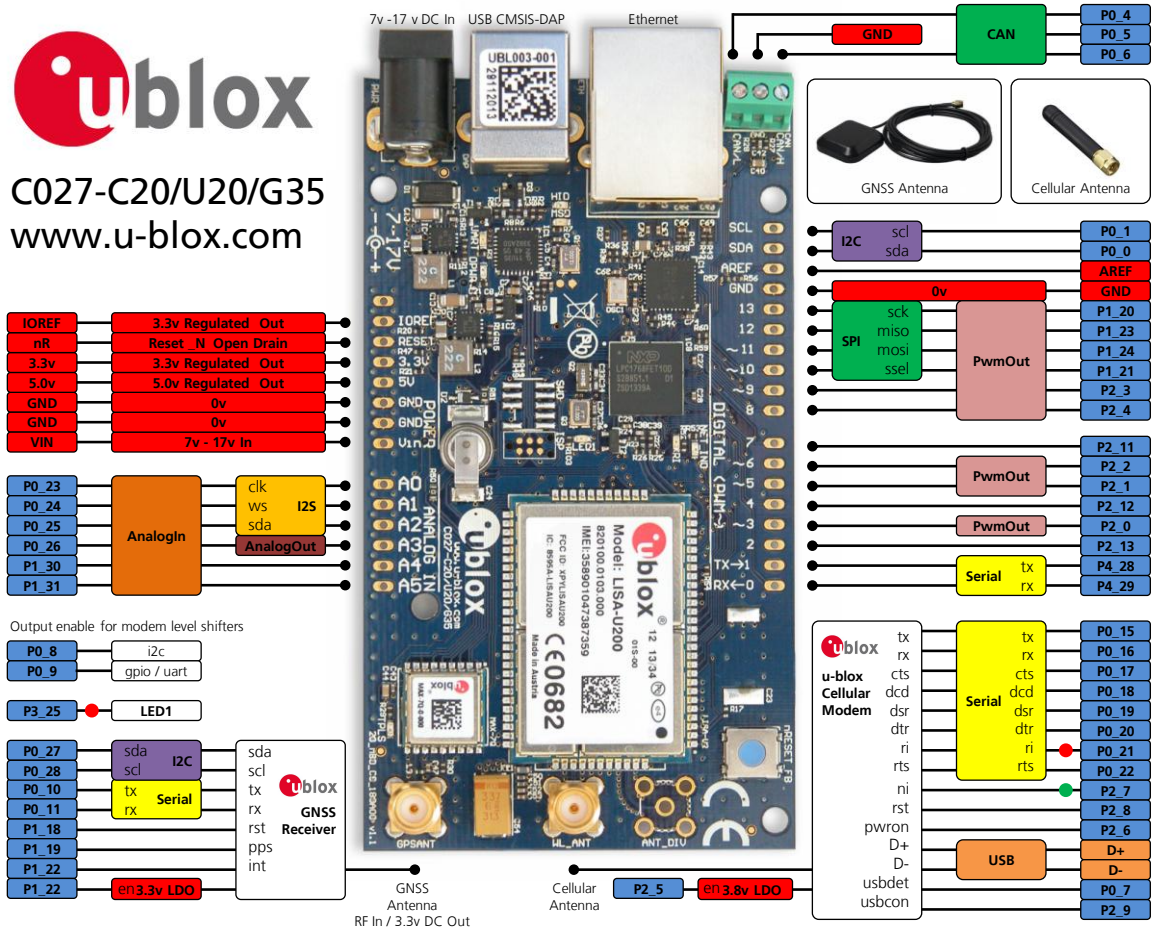


Figure 1: C027-U20/C20/G35 pin definition

1.2 C027-U20/C20/G35 block diagram

Figure 2 shows the main interfaces and internal connections of the C027:

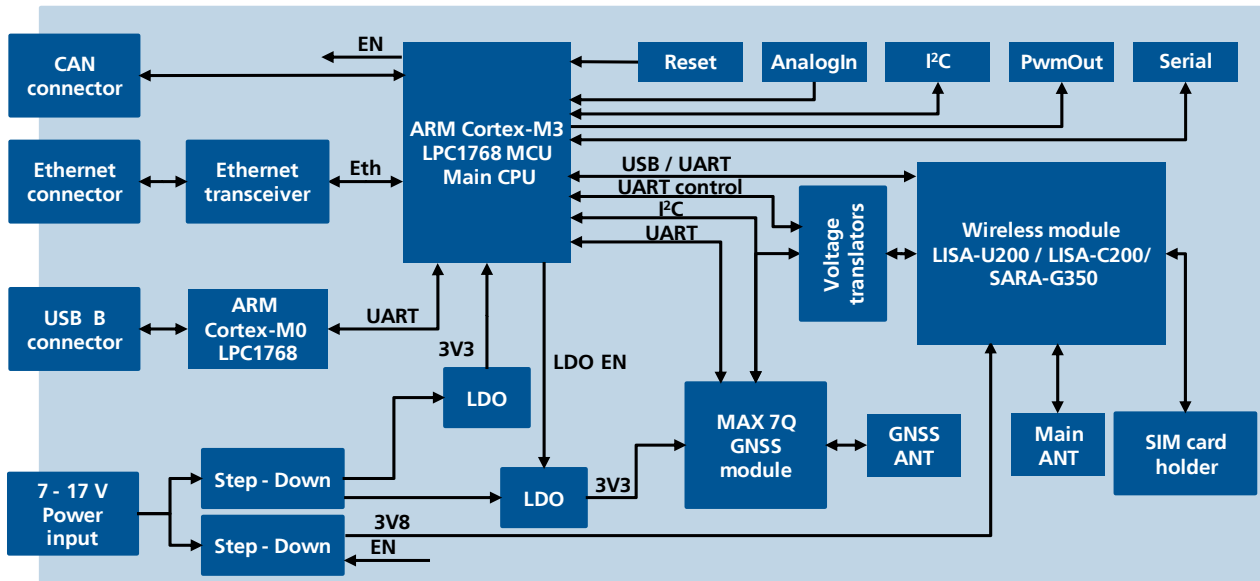


Figure 2: C027 block diagram

1.3 C027 starter kit BoM

The C027 IoT starter kit contains the following items:

- C027 PCB with cellular module, GNSS module, ARM CPU and all interfaces
- GNSS antenna (Taoglas AA.161 or AA.162)
- Penta-band cellular antenna (Taoglas TG.22.0111)
- Quick start instruction card

1.4 Features

1.4.1 Cellular and GNSS modules

- LISA-C200 (C027-C20), LISA-U200 (C027-U20) or SARA-G350 (C027-G35) cellular module (assembly option)
- MAX-7Q GNSS receiver

1.4.2 Main CPU

- High-performance ARM(R) Cortex(TM)-M3 NXP LPC1768 MCU running at 96 MHz
- 512 kByte on-chip flash
- 64 kByte on-chip SRAM

1.4.3 Interfaces and electrical data

- A standard-based header connector with
 - 6 analog inputs
 - 9 PWM capable outputs
 - 22 GPIOs

- 1 x SPI
- 1 x I²C
- 1 x UART
- 1 x I²S
- GNSS antenna SMA connector for external GNSS antenna
- Cellular antenna SMA connector for external cellular antenna
- Ethernet RJ45 connector
- CAN screw terminal connector
- SIM mini SIM card holder
- USB mini USB with mbed Interface
- CMSIS-DAP
- Drag and drop programming
- Serial port
- Power supply 7-17 V @ 900 mA (power jack or header connector pins)
- IO voltage 3.3 V output, 5 V compatible input

1.5 C027-U20/C20/G35 connectors

Function	Description
7 - 17 V Power Input	+12 V / 2.5 A AC/DC power adapter input for the whole board supply
CAN connector	Controller Area Network controlled by Cortex-M3 processor
USB B connector	Functions: disk drive for drag and drop programming, CDC Serial Port, CMSIS-DAP debug interface
Ethernet connector	Ethernet connector for Cortex-M3 processor
Cellular main antenna	SMA connector for the cellular module main antenna
SIM card holder	SIM card holder
GNSS antenna	SMA connector for the GNSS antenna

Table 1: C027-U20/C20/G35 Connectors description

1.6 LEDs

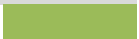







Function	Description	Color
DPWR	USB cable plugged in USB B connector	
UART	CDC serial port activity	
MSD	Drag and drop programming activity	
HID	CMSIS-DAP debug interface activity	
NET_IND	Modem network indicator	
RI	Modem ring indicator	
TPLS	Indicates GNSS is synchronized with GPS or UTC time grid	
LED1	User / Error LED	

Table 2: C027-U20/C20/G35 LEDs description

2 Getting started with mbed

2.1 Board setup and settings

- Insert the SIM card into the SIM connector (SIM card holder, not required for CDMA variants).
- Connect the cellular antenna with SMA connector to the cellular main antenna SMA female connector.
- Connect the GNSS antenna with SMA connector to GNSS antenna SMA female connector.

2.2 Board power supply

- Connect a power supply to the “7 – 17 V Power Input” connector (power supply is not included in the kit).
- Provide power supply between 7 and 17 V to “VIN” pin of the row connector.



The 2 ways to supply the board are mutually exclusive.

2.3 Windows serial configuration

The mbed serial port works by default on Mac and Linux, but Windows needs a driver. The driver is available in: <https://mbed.org/handbook/Windows-serial-configuration>.

2.4 Board interface settings

- Connect a USB cable to the “USB B” connector. Status light DPWR (green LED) will come on.
- Connect the other interfaces (CAN, Ethernet) as needed.
- The board is ready.

2.5 Getting started with mbed

- Up-to-date information on how to operate the C027 starter kit within the mbed development environment is available in: www.mbed.org/users/ublox/notebook/u-blox-C027-Getting-Started.
- u-blox C027 downloading instructions: <https://mbed.org/users/ublox/notebook/u-blox-C027-Downloading/>
- Creating a program: <https://mbed.org/handbook/Creating-a-program>
- How to check your firmware version: <https://mbed.org/users/ublox/notebook/ublox-C027-Update-CMSIS-DAP-Interface-Firmware/>

Related documents

All LISA-U, LISA-C and SARA-G technical documents are available on our homepage (<http://www.u-blox.com>).



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