

MMWAVE MCUPLUS SDK Release Notes



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1. Introduction

The mmWave mcuplus SDK enables the development of millimeter wave (mmWave) radar applications using TI mmWave sensors (see [list of supported Platform/Devices](#)). The SDK provides foundational components which will facilitate end users to focus on their applications. In addition, it provides few demo applications which will serve as a guide for integrating the SDK into end-user mmWave application. See what SDK components are supported by each device in the [Device-Specific Support](#) section.

Key mmWave SDK features:

- Building blocks
 - Layered approach to programming analog front end
- Demonstrations and examples
 - FreeRTOS based
 - Out of box demo with easy configurability via TI cloud based GUI
 - Representation of "point cloud" and benchmarking data from demo via GUI
 - Profiles tuned to common end user scenarios such as Range, Range resolution, Velocity, Velocity resolution.
- Documentation

mmWave SDK works along with the following external tools:

- Host tools including Pin Mux, Flashing utilities
- Code Composer Studio™ IDE for RTOS development



NOTICE: This software product is used to configure TI's mmWave devices, including RF emissions parameters for such devices. Note that many countries or regions impose regulations governing RF emissions. Users are responsible for understanding local RF emission regulations and operating the product within those regulations.

2. Release overview

2.1. What is new

- Support for devices mentioned in the [Platform and Device Support](#) section
- See what SDK components are supported by each device in the [Device-Specific Support](#) section
- New features can be found in [New Features](#) section.
- Tools update

2.2. Platform and Device Support

The devices and platforms supported with this release include:

Supported Devices	Supported EVM
AM273X ES1.0	AM273X EVM
AWR2243 ES1.1	AWR2243BOOST
AWR294X ES2.0	AWR294X EVM



Silicon versions other than the ones in the table above are not supported.



This release of mmWave mcuplus SDK supports the foundation components for the devices mentioned in the table above. At system level, the mmWave SOC/EVM may interface with other TI ecosystem SOCs/Launchpads/EVMs and software for these other devices will not be a part of the mmWave mcuplus SDK foundation components.

2.3. Component versions

Components inside mmwave_mcuplus_sdk that have their own versions are shown below.

Component	Version	Type	Comment
mmwave sdk	4.4	Source and Binary	Overall package release version

2.4. Tools dependency

For building and using mmwave sdk the following tool versions are needed.

Tool	Version	Download link
CCS	12.2	download link (Contact TI Representative for latest version)
MCU PLUS SDK (AM273X)	08.05.00.24	Included in mmwave mcuplus sdk installer
MCU PLUS SDK (AWR294X)	08.06.00.28	Included in mmwave mcuplus sdk installer
SYSCONFIG	1.14.0	Included in mmwave mcuplus sdk installer
TI ARM CLANG	2.1.2.LTS	Installed with CCS12.2 installer
TI CGT compiler	8.3.12	Installed with CCS12.2 installer
XDC	3.62.01.16	Installed with CCS12.2 installer
C66x DSPLIB	3.4.0.0	Included in mmwave mcuplus sdk installer
C66x MATHLIB (little-endian, elf/coff format)	3.1.2.1	Included in mmwave mcuplus sdk installer
mmWave Device Firmware Package (DFP - AWR2243 ES1.1)	02.02.04.00	Included in mmwave mcuplus sdk installer (includes RSS firmware and mmwavelink library)
mmWave Device Firmware Package (DFP - AWR294X ES2.0)	02.04.08.01	Included in mmwave mcuplus sdk installer (includes RSS firmware and mmwavelink library)
OpenSSL (optional)	1.1.1 or above	Needed for signing secondary bootloader image, required only if you want to build the SBL dependency images from scratch
TI Emulators package	Latest	Upgrade to the latest using CCS update process (Contact TI Representative for latest version)
Pinmux tool (optional)	Latest	Contact TI Representative for latest tool
Doxygen (optional)	1.8.11	Only needed if regenerating doxygen docs
Graphviz (optional)	2.36.0 (20140111.2315)	Only needed if regenerating doxygen docs

The following tools are needed at runtime

Runtime tool	Version	Link
mmWave Demo Visualizer	Latest	TI Gallery APP for configuring mmWave sensors and visualizing the point cloud objects generated by the mmWave SDK demo https://dev.ti.com/gallery/view/mmwave/mmWave_Demo_Visualizer/

2.5. Licensing

Please refer to the [mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_software_manifest.html](#), which outlines the licensing status for mmwave_mcuplus_sdk package.

3. Release content

3.1. New Features

- Advance chirp configurations for both TDM and DDM processing chains
- BFP compression support in DDM processing chain
- Power optimization example to show power reduction techniques such as HWA clock gate/ power gate, DSP under clock/ power gate, unused peripherals clock gate, BSS dynamic clocking during idle time
- Secondary bootloader support over Ethernet interface on AWR294X
- Range CFAR DPU unit test example
- SNR calculation support in DDM OOB demo
- Check FFT Clip status per frame in DDM OOB demo
- Configure DATA UART port baudrate to 3125000bps
- Python scripts to parse UART data recorded from demo visualizer
- Spread Spectrum Configuration in OOB
- HWA Driver Example for asymmetric BFP compression
- Time sync example using CPTS
- Below captured bug fixes:
 - MMWSDK-2733: Boot issue in mmWaveTDM demo with am273x SBL
 - MMWSDK-2699: Immediate data export acknowledgement to reduce frame time
 - MMWSDK-2693: Advance Frame Config issue with non-zero chirp start index



- o MMWSDK-2694: Enable the Cache for L3RAM from DSS Core
- o MMWSDK-2787: Missing info to erase the flash in user guide
- o MMWSDK-2664: Support of multiple flash part within same flash library
- o MMWSDK-2731: Add trigger type in HWA_setSoftwareTrigger API in HWA driver
- o MMWSDK-2728: Include CFAR_DET_THR static register in HWA driver
- o MMWSDK-2627: Update memory footprint in Gtrack documentation
- o MMWSDK-2805: remove 'rIDeviceSetHSIClk' API call for AWR294X
- o MMWSDK-2707: Fix LVDS clock source in 2-chip cascade application
- o MMWSDK-2725: Fix SafeRTOS hook implementation
- o MMWSDK-2474: Update the doppler resolution formula for DDM in demo visualizer

3.2. Migration notes from Previous SDK versions

This section describes the changes that are relevant for users migrating to the mmWave mcuplus SDK 4.4.x release from previous release.

Summary	Component (s)	Sub-component (s)	Affects SoC	Behavior of impact
Configure DATA UART port baudrate to 3125000 bps.	Demo	UART	AM273x & AWR294X	
Input swTriggerType as second argument to HWA driver API: HWA_setSoftwareTrigger().	Driver	HWA	AWR294X	SDK 4.3: HWA_setSoftwareTrigger (hwaHandle) SDK 4.4: HWA_setSoftwareTrigger (hwaHandle, HWA_TRIG_MODE_SOFTWARE)
DDM processing chain supports BFP compression. Refer Section 3.6 of mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_user_guide for details of CLI command (compressionCfg).	Datapath/ mmWave Demo	DPU	AM273x & AWR294X	
dfeDataOutputMode CLI command also supports '4' and '5' mode for advance chirp with legacy frame and advance chirp with advance frame respectively.	mmWave Demo	Front-end	AM273x & AWR294X	
guiMonitor CLI command argument <detected objects> supports '1' for DDM demo to enable export of point cloud alongwith point cloud sideinfo.	mmWave Demo	CLI	AM273x & AWR294X	
advChirpCfg and LUTDataCfg CLI commands are added to configure the advance chirp parameters.	mmWave Demo	CLI	AM273x & AWR294X	
spreadSpectrumConfig CLI is added to configure the Spread Spectrum Clock.	mmWave Demo	CLI	AWR294X	
power measurement CLI commands are added to configure the power optimization example. Details of the exact CLI commands can be found in Section 5.4 of mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_user_guide.	Power Measurement Demo	CLI	AWR294X	
Clock configuration change in SBL as per the design specification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1Gbps ethernet config support is removed. • BSS dynamic clock switching support. • BSS boot mode change. Please refer Section 3.8 of mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_user_guide for more details.	SBL		AWR294X	

3.3. Known Issues

3.3.1. mmWave Suite/Demos Known Issues

The following issues are known at the time of this release.

Issue Type	Key	Summary	Comments
Bug	MMWSDK-2473	Static clutter removal command in the GUI Visualizer does not work as expected	
Bug	MMWSDK-2475	minmaxFlag in aoaproc test case is not enabled for AWR294X	The same functionality has been tested in the objectdetection test case
Bug	MMWSDK-2560	sensorStart does not work immediately after issuing sensorStop	Workaround: The profile can be loaded again from the "Load Config from PC and Send" button of the visualizer without having to restart the demo.



	IPC communication between the MCAL CDD IPC (R5F) and MCU+SDK IPC (DSP) does not work due to the differences IPC messaging.	PDK uses mailbox driver which is compatible with MCAL CDD IPC. As part of the migration to MCU Plus SDK mailbox driver is merged to IPC driver which is not compatible with MCAL CDD IPC driver.
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3.3.2. Limitations

3.3.2.1. mmWave Suite/Demos Limitations

Some of these limitations are captured in the "known issues" list shown in previous section.

1	Ethernet Streaming for DDM demo is not available.
2	CQ Data streaming for AWR294x is not tested as the OOB doesn't support continuous mode.
3	In DDM Chain, point cloud data of only limited number of objects can be exported due to UART baudrate constraints. To transmit data of more objects, decrease the fps.

4. Test reports

Results of the unit tests can be found in the mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<ver>/ti/docs/testlogs folder.

5. Installation instructions

mmwave_mcuplus_sdk installer is available as a Windows Installer and a Linux installer.

- **mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version>-Windows-x86-Install.exe: Windows installer verified on Windows 10 machines**
- **mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version>-Linux-x86-Install.bin: Linux installer verified on Ubuntu 18.04 64 bit machines.**

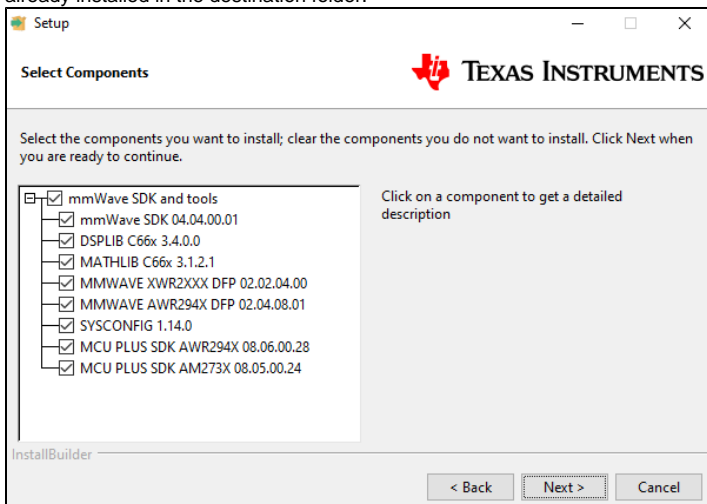
5.1. Installation in GUI mode

Depending on your development environment run the appropriate installer

- In Windows environment, double clicking the Windows installer from Windows explorer should start the installation process
- If in Linux environment,
 - On 64-bit machines: Since mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version>-Linux-x86-Install.bin is a 32-bit executable, install modules that allows Linux 32bit binaries to execute: "sudo dpkg --add-architecture i386"
 - Enable execute permission for the Linux installer by running "chmod +x mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version>-Linux-x86-Install.bin" command
 - Run the installer using "./mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version>-Linux-x86-Install.bin" command
 - On 64-bit machines if the GUI does not show up you may need to install additional packages: "sudo apt-get install libc6:i386 libgtk2.0-0:i386 libxst6:i386"

Installation steps:

- Setup
- Choose Destination Location: Select the folder to install (default is c:\ti\mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version> on windows and ~/ti/mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version> on linux). **The installation folder selected should not have spaces in its full path.**
- Select Components: The installer includes all the tools needed for building the mmWave mcuplus SDK. You should see a screen like below (except that each component will also have version information appended). The only reason to deselect a tool is if the exact tool version is already installed in the destination folder.



- Review installation decisions
- Ready to install

- Once installation starts all the selected components will be installed (if a component with the same version exists in the destination folder it will be overwritten)
- Installation complete









5.2. Installation in unattended command line mode

The installers can be run in command line mode without user intervention

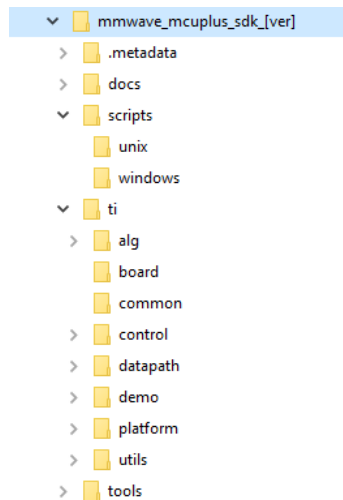
- In Windows environment
 - Run the installer using "`mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version>-Windows-x86-Install.exe --prefix <installation folder> --mode unattended`" command. This will install all the components in the installer.
 - Please note that even though the command may finish immediately it takes sometime for all the folders to show up in the destination folder (double check if you have the folder structure in "Post Installation" section before proceeding)
 - For command line help including information about selective installation of components run the following command "`mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version>-Windows-x86-Install.exe --help`"
- In Linux environment:
 - On 64-bit machines: Since `mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version>-Linux-x86-Install.bin` is a 32-bit executable, install modules that allows Linux 32bit binaries to execute: "`sudo dpkg --add-architecture i386`"
 - Enable execute permission for the Linux installer by running "`chmod +x mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version>-Linux-x86-Install.bin`" command
 - Run the installer using "`./mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version>-Linux-x86-Install.bin --prefix <installation folder> --mode unattended`" command. This will install all the components in the installer.
 - For command line help including information about selective installation of components run the following command "`./mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<version>-Linux-x86-Install.bin --help`"

5.3. Post Installation

After the installation is complete the following folder structure is expected in the installation folder (except that each component will have appropriate version number in place of the VERSION placeholder shown below)

 dsplib_c66x_[ver]	11/4/2022 3:17 PM	File folder
 mathlib_c66x_[ver]	11/4/2022 3:17 PM	File folder
 mcu_plus_sdk_am273x_[ver]	11/4/2022 3:17 PM	File folder
 mcu_plus_sdk_awr294x_[ver]	11/4/2022 3:17 PM	File folder
 mmwave_dfp_02_02_[awr2243_ver]	11/4/2022 3:17 PM	File folder
 mmwave_dfp_02_04_[awr294x_ver]	11/4/2022 3:17 PM	File folder
 mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_[ver]	11/4/2022 3:17 PM	File folder
 sysconfig_[ver]	11/4/2022 3:17 PM	File folder

Under the `mmwave_mcuplus_sdk <ver>` folder you should have the following directory structure.



```
mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_[ver]
├── .metadata
├── docs
├── scripts
│   ├── unix
│   └── windows
├── ti
│   ├── alg
│   ├── board
│   ├── common
│   ├── control
│   ├── datapath
│   ├── demo
│   ├── platform
│   ├── utils
│   └── tools
```

6. Device-Specific Support

The current release of mmwave SDK contains support for the following components

Component		AM273X EVM + AWR2243BOOST	AWR294X EVM
Control	Datapath Manager (dpm)	X	X
	mmwave High Level API (mmwave)	X	X
Datapath	RangeProc DPU	X	X
	RangeProc DDMA DPU	X (C66 Only)	X (C66 Only)
	Doppler DPU	X	X
	Doppler DDMA DPU	X (C66 Only)	X (C66 Only)
	CFAR DPU	X	X
	RangeCFARProc DDMA DPU	X (C66 Only)	X (C66 Only)
	AoA DPU	X	X
	Datapath EDMA	X	X
	Object Detection DPC	X	X
	Object Detection DDMA DPC	X (C66 Only)	X (C66 Only)
Alg	mmwavelib	X	X
	Group Tracking (gtrack)	X	X
Utilities	Command Line Interface (CLI)	X	X
	CBUFF Streaming + HSI header		X
	Mailbox driver test		X
	MSS VMON self-test		X
	Math Utilities (mathutils)	X	X
	Test Logger (testlogger)	X	X
	CCS Debug Utility (ccsdebug)	X	X
Tools	Binaries for appimage flashing	X	X
Demo	OOB Demo TDM	X	X
	OOB Demo DDM	X	X
	Ethernet-based streaming DDM		
	Ethernet-based streaming TDM	X	X
	LVDS streaming	X	X

7. Package Contents

The mmwave mcuplus sdk release package contains the following major components/folders.

7.1. Control

Control modules can be found under mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<ver>/ti/control folder. Content of each of the control module is shown below



Component	Source & Prebuilt Library	API Document (doxygen)	Unittest (source & prebuilt binary)
datapath manager (dpm)	X	X	X
mmwave high level api	X	X	X

7.2. Datapath

Datapath modules can be found under mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<ver>/ti/datapath folder. Content of each of the control module is shown below

Component	Source & Prebuilt Library	API Document (doxygen)	Unittest (source & prebuilt binary)
RangeProc DPU	X	X	X
RangeProc DDMA DPU	X (C66 Only)	X	X (C66 Only)
Doppler DPU	X	X	X
Doppler DDMA DPU	X (C66 Only)	X	X (C66 Only)
CFAR DPU	X	X	X
RangeFarProc DDMA DPU	X (C66 Only)	X	X
AoA DPU	X	X	X
Datapath EDMA	X	X	
Object Detection DPC ¹	X	X	X
Object Detection DDMA DPC ¹	X (C66 Only)	X	X (C66 Only)

¹ No pre-built library for Object Detection DPC

7.3. Demos

Demos can be found under mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<ver>/ti/demo/<platform>. The following demos are included in the mmwave sdk package. Details on running demos can be found in the mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_user_guide.

Component	Source & Prebuilt Binary	Demo document (doxygen)	Demo GUI
mmw	X	X	X
power optimization ²	X	X	X

²power optimization demo is only for AWR294X platform.

Misc folders

Following folders are also part of mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<ver>/ti folder.

- common: Common header files needed across all components.
- platform: platform specific files.
- utility: Contains
 - cli which is the cli helper utility used by the demos.
 - mathutils is used to perform some common operations such as log2, rounding, saturation based on the core they need to run on (R5F, C66x)
 - testlogger which is the helper utility for driver unit tests



- ccsdebug which is a utility that can be flashed on QSPI, and will loop forever. Meanwhile, CCS can be attached and developers can download the application which needs to be debugged
- test contains below utilities :
 - cbuf_stream application streams raw ADC data over LVDS interface (applicable for only AWR294X SOC)
 - mailbox driver test application issues version command to BSS (applicable for only AWR294X SOC)
 - MSS VMON self-test application preforms voltage monitor self-tests and verifies the ESM interrupt
 - Cascade application communicates with two AWR2243 front ends (Application for only AM273x SOC and should only be tested on 2-chip Cascade EVM)

7.4. Scripts

Build scripts can be found in `mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<ver>/scripts` folder. Build instructions can be found in `mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_user_guide`.

7.5. Tools

Dependencies needed for a successful flashing of binary images are located in `mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<ver>/tools`. The User Guide details the steps for flashing the metaimages.

7.6. Docs

`mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<ver>/docs` folder contains important documents related to the release such as

- `mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_software_manifest.html`: Software Manifest
- `mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_release_notes.pdf`: Release Notes (this document)
- `mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_user_guide.pdf`: User guide
- `mmwave_sdk_module_documentation.html`: Links to individual module's documentation
- `testlogs`: Unit test logs for mmWave SDK unit tests

`mmwave_mcuplus_sdk_<ver>/docs/testlogs` folder contains test results for each components in the package.

8. Related documentation/links

Other than the documents included in the `mmwave_mcuplus_sdk` package the following documents/links are important references.

- SoC links:
 - [Automotive mmWave Sensors](#)
 - [Industrial mmWave Sensors](#)
- Evaluation Modules (EVM) links:
 - [Automotive Evaluation modules](#) (Booster Pack, DEVPACK)
 - [Industrial Evaluation modules](#) (Booster Pack, ISK)