

# Tech Talks LIVE Schedule – Presentation will begin shortly



## Wireless Connectivity Tech Talks



Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Unboxing the BGM220 Explorer Kit

Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

**Uncover Sub-GHz and Proprietary Solution within Simplicity Studio v5**

Recording and slides will be posted to:  
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We will begin in **3:00**

# Speaker



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# WELCOME

Uncover Sub-GHz and Proprietary Solution  
within Simplicity Studio v5

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# Agenda

- High Level Overview
  - What is a Proprietary Wireless Application?
  - FLEX SDK: RAIL vs. Connect
- Silicon Labs Flex Gecko SoCs
- Proprietary Project in Simplicity Studio v5
- Demo: RAIL Application in Simplicity Studio v5

# High Level Overview of EFR32 Proprietary Wireless



# Typical Proprietary Wireless Solutions



- Smart Meters



- Home Automation and Security



- Garage Door Openers



- Public Infrastructure



- Agriculture



- Asset Tracking & ESL

# When is Proprietary Wireless Appropriate?

## When the application demands:

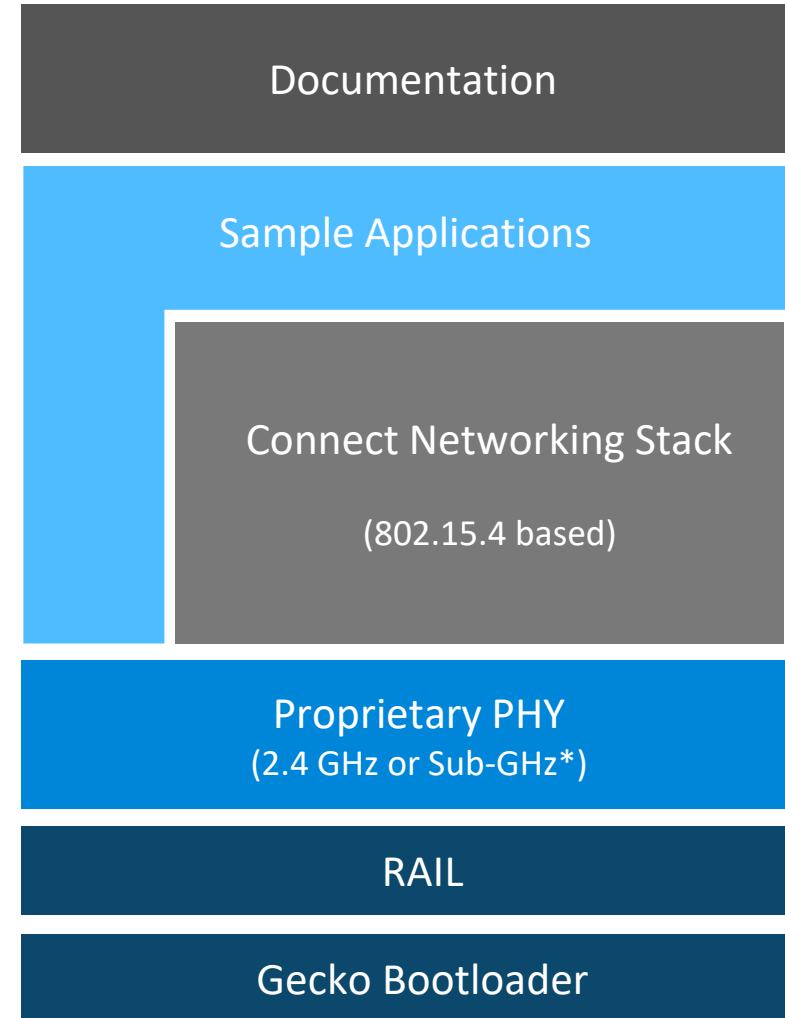
- + Backwards-compatibility with existing/legacy proprietary protocol(s)
- + High degree of protocol optimization
  - + For energy consumption
  - + For wireless range
  - + <https://www.silabs.com/support/training/long-range-connectivity-using-proprietary-rf-solution>
  - + <https://www.silabs.com/support/training/sub-ghz-proprietary-and-connect-software-stack>
- + Full control over the protocol

## ...at the expense of:

- More difficult development, longer “time to market”
- Incompatibility with existing/future non-proprietary infrastructures
- Security holes that can remain hidden for a long time due to the difficulty of the analysis
  - But once discovered, exploiting them is usually easy (high obfuscation, not necessarily high security)

# FLEX SDK

- Complete software development suite for proprietary wireless applications
- Common underlying software architecture with other wireless solutions
- Flexible, easy-to-use
  - Radio Abstraction Interface Layer (RAIL)
  - Connect Networking Stack
  - Sample applications
  - Extensive documentation
- Available through Simplicity Studio
  - Integrated with application builder, radio configurator, network analyzer and energy profiler

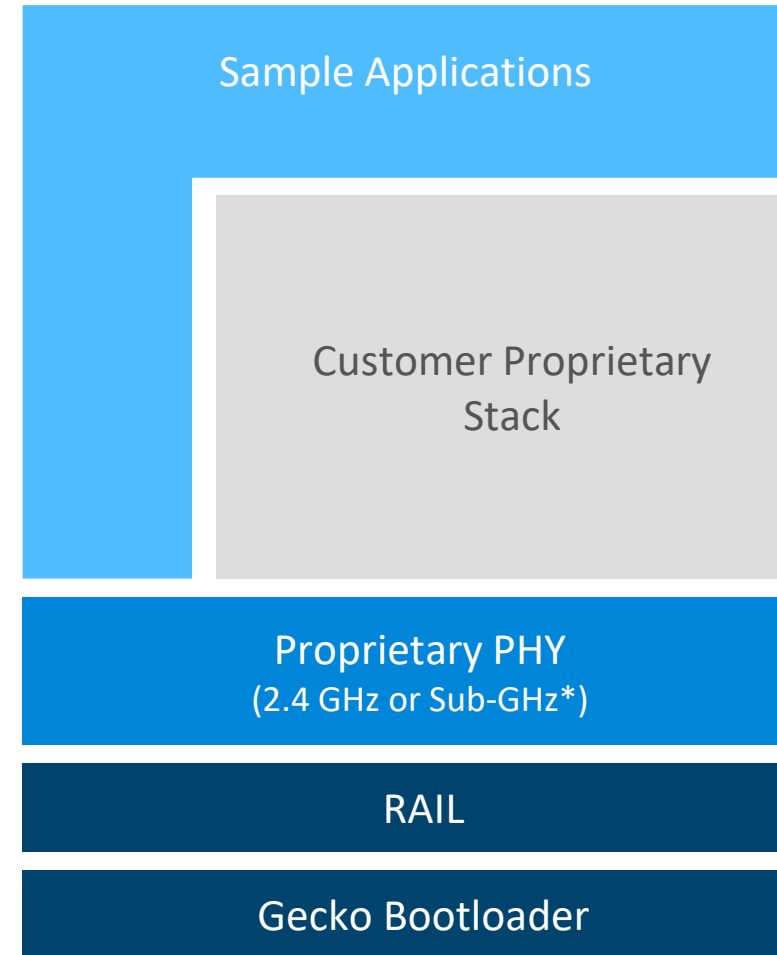


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# RAIL Software

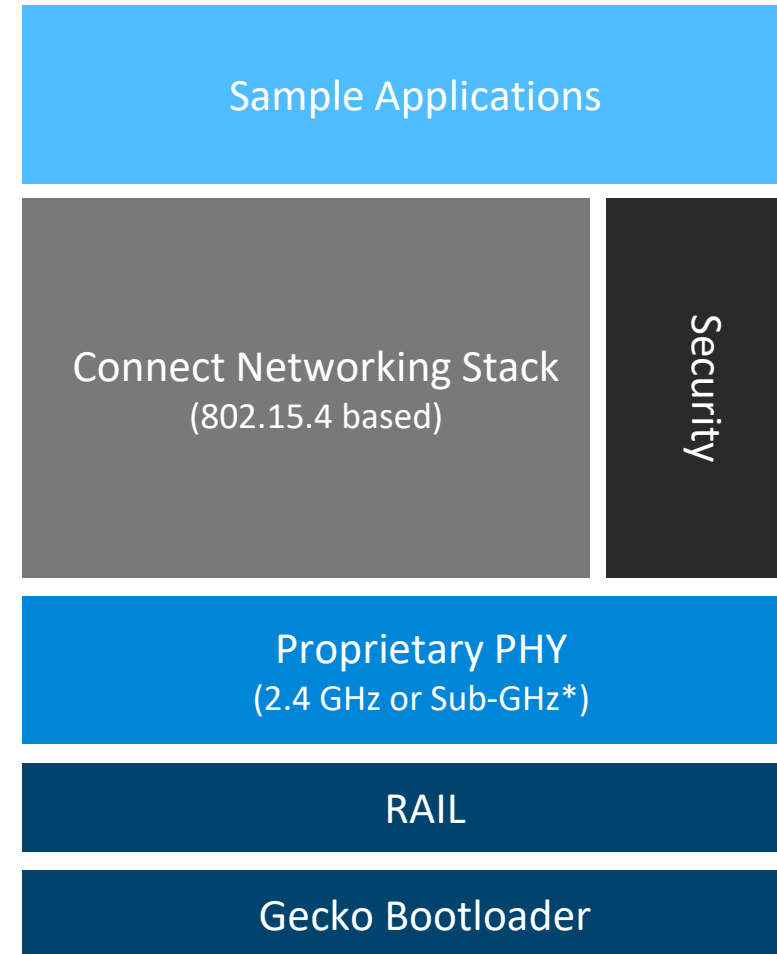
- Simplified Radio API
  - Common radio interface across SoCs
  - No need to learn complex low-level radio registers
- Lower development time
  - Easy migration of customer proprietary stack
  - Simplified radio testing
  - Quicker prototype boards bring up
- Complete software package
  - Integrated with Simplicity Studio via Flex SDK
  - Radio and RAIL test example applications
  - GCC and IAR toolchain support



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# Connect Networking Stack

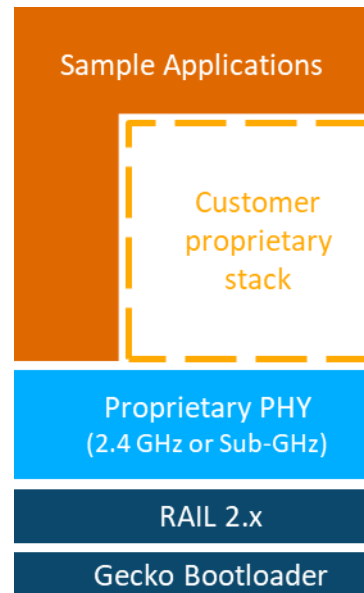
- Feature Rich Proprietary Wireless Networking Stack
  - Highly scalable
    - Up to 2K nodes in extended star mode
    - Up to 65K nodes in Direct Mode
  - Small stack footprint leaves room for application, OTA, etc.
  - Low power modes
  - Built-in security
- Faster Time To Market
  - Ready to use and customizable PHYs
  - Application Builder, Network Analyzer and Energy Profiler
  - GCC and IAR compiler support
  - Sample applications
- Field Upgradable via OTA
  - Over-the-air firmware updates (unicast & multicast)



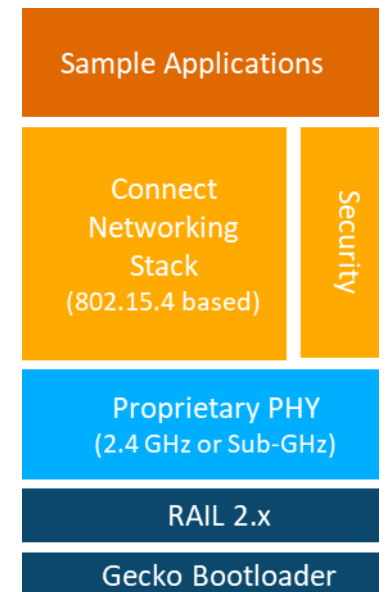
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# RAIL API vs Connect Stack?

- RAIL – What is it?
  - Radio API, examples, documentation and tools for PHY level access
- RAIL – When to use?
  - To develop low level PHY layer based applications
  - To port an existing wireless protocol to EFR32
  - To port your own networking stack to EFR32 on top of PHY layer
- RAIL – What does it require?
  - Medium to advanced PHY level wireless expertise



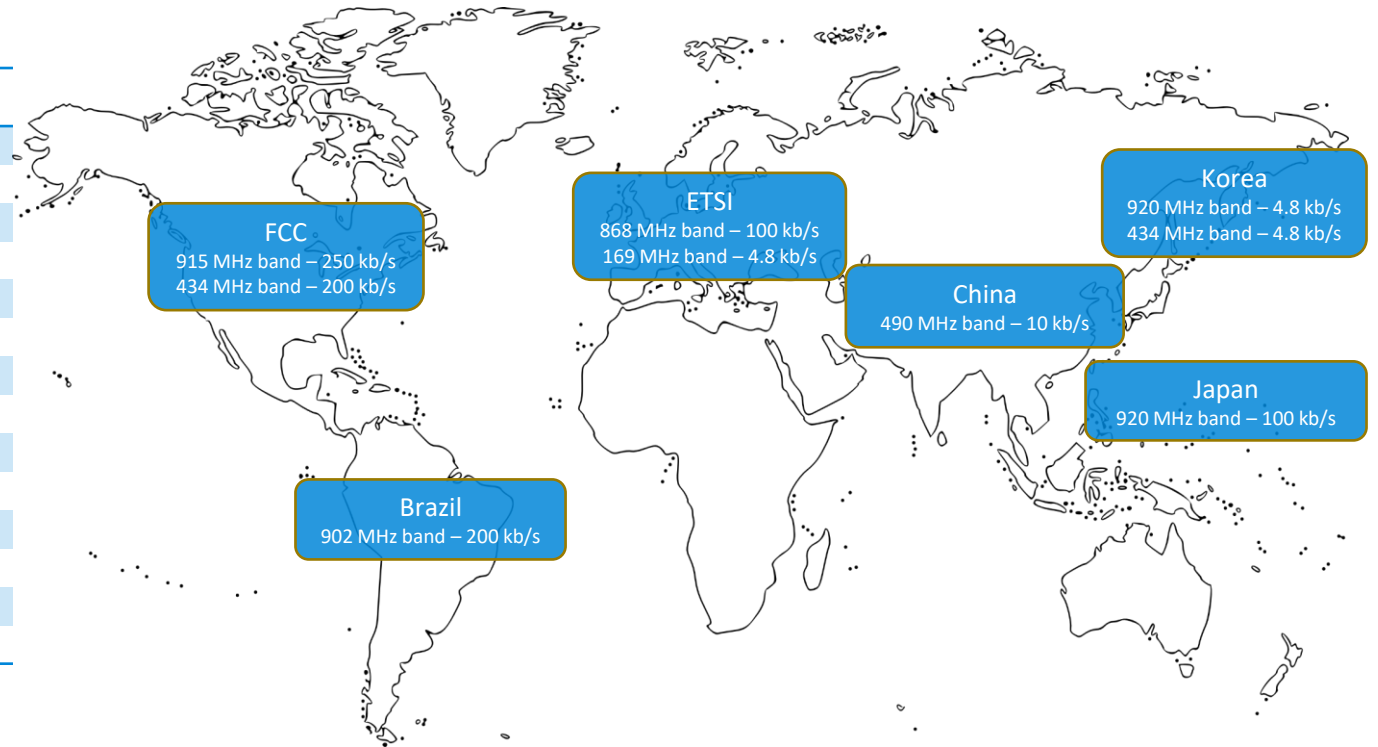
- Connect Stack– What is it?
  - Network layer library, examples, documentation and tools
- Connect – When to use?
  - You need star, extended star or direct mode network topology up to 2K devices
  - You need a network layer stack with low power support, security, FHSS and OTA
  - OR you want to implement your own network layer on top of a standard 802.15.4 MAC
- Connect – What does it require?
  - Basic to none wireless experience



# Connect Networking Stack : Worldwide PHYs

- Regional standards compliant

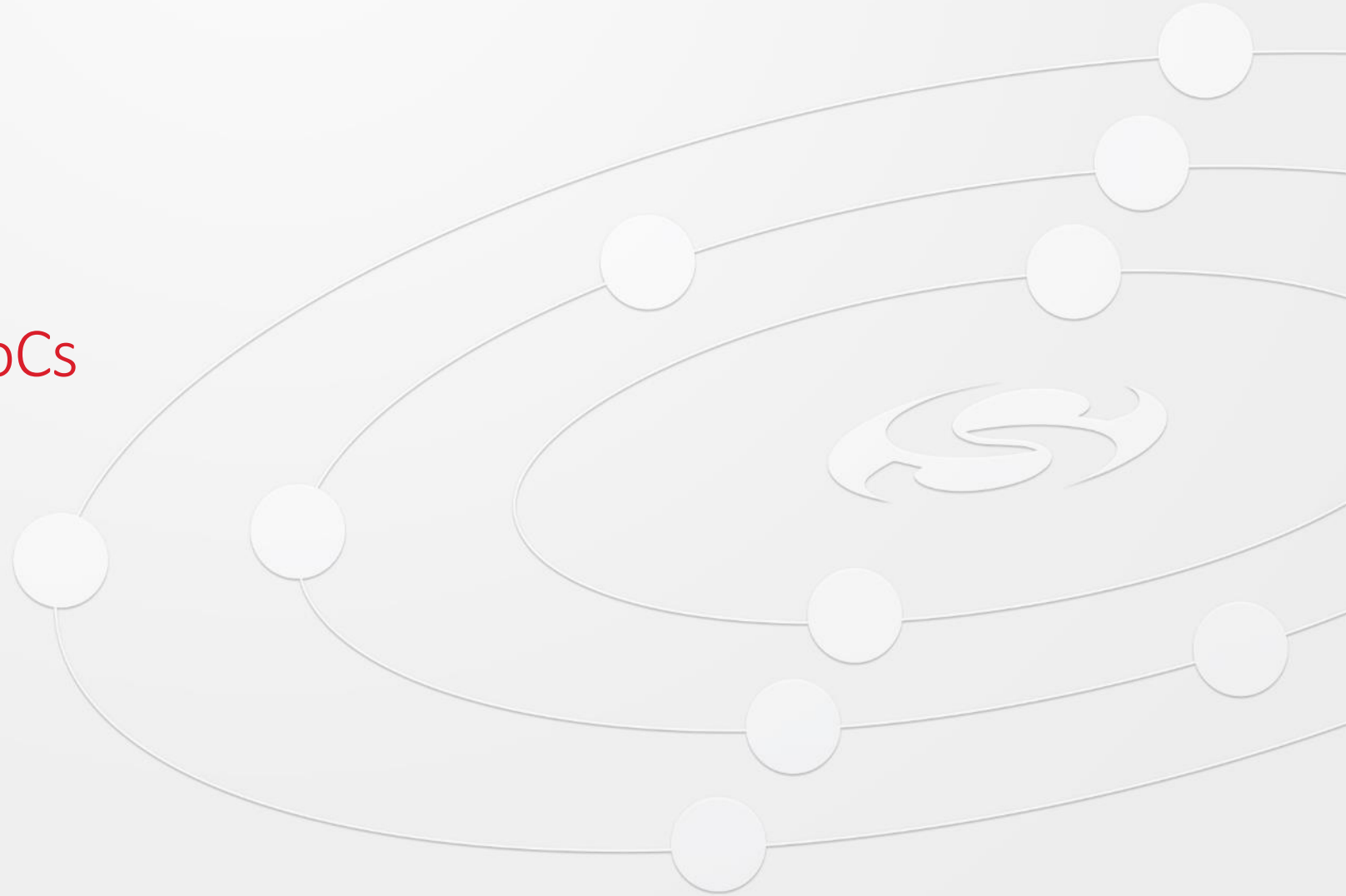
PHY profile	Frequency	Modulation	Bitrate
2.4GHz 802.15.4	2.4 GHz	OQPSK	250 kbps
DSSS 915-100	915 MHz	OQPSK	100 kbps (0.8Mcps)
DSSS 915-250	915 MHz	OQPSK	250 kbps (2Mcps)
915-500	915 MHz	2GFSK	500 kbps
DSSS 915-500	915 MHz	OQPSK	500 kbps
China 490	490 MHz	2GFSK	10 kbps
Europe 169	169 MHz	2GFSK	4.8 kbps
Europe 868	863 MHz	2GFSK	100 kbps
Japan 915	920 MHz	2GFSK	100 kbps
Korea 424	424 MHz	2GFSK	4.8 kbps
Korea 447	447 MHz	2GFSK	4.8 kbps
Korea 915	917 MHz	2GFSK	4.8 kbps
US FCC 434	434 MHz	2GFSK	200 kbps
US FCC 902, Brazil 902	902 MHz	2GFSK	200 kbps



- Each RF configuration is tuned and tested by Silicon Labs for maximal performance
- Custom PHYs can be configured via Radio Configurator in Simplicity Studio



## Silicon Labs Flex Gecko SoCs



# Flex Gecko SoC Portfolio

## Flex Gecko SoCs

- ARM® Cortex® -M4
- Multiband Proprietary (2.4 GHz, sub-GHz)
- Up to +20 dBm TX Power



**EFR32FG12** - 1 MB / 256 kB  
(QFN48, QFN68, BGA125)



**EFR32FG13** - 512 kB / 64 kB  
(QFN48, QFN32)

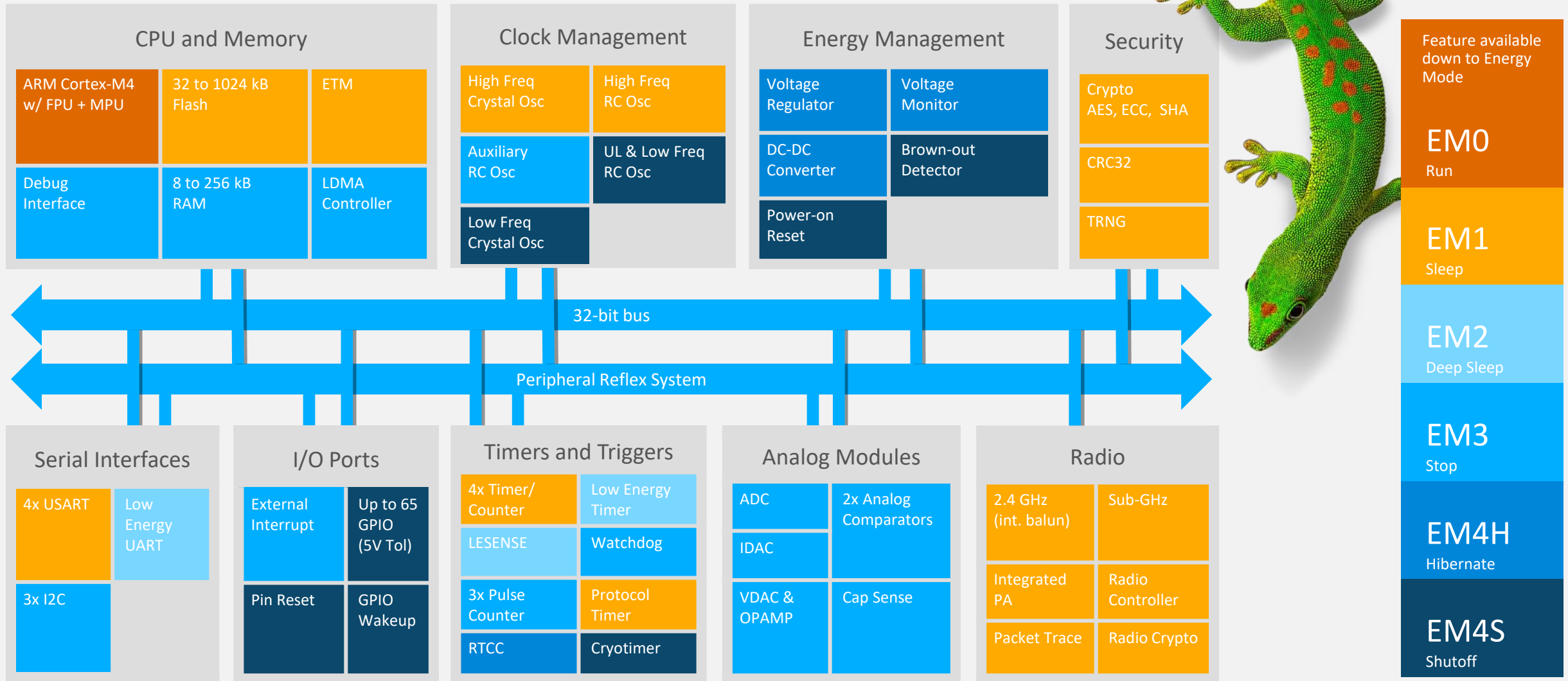


**EFR32FG1** - 256 kB / 32 kB  
(QFN48, QFN32)

**EFR32FG14** - 256 kB / 32 kB  
(QFN48, QFN32)

- *Blue Gecko variants available for multiprotocol Bluetooth + Proprietary (2.4 GHz / Sub-GHz) use cases*
- *Flex SDK for 2.4GHz and Sub-GHz Proprietary wireless is **NOT supported** on MGM and BGM modules*

# Flex Gecko Block Diagram (EFR32FG1x)



Note: this is a superset diagram for the FG1x platform and not all features are supported on every SoC variant. Consult product data sheet for a detailed list of supported features.

# FG22: Energy Efficient Proprietary Wireless

# Optimized



## Secure SoCs for Proprietary Wireless Applications

### Radio

+6 dBm TX  
2.4 GHz: GFSK, GMSK, OQPSK, DSSS  
-101.2 dBm RX (2GFSK, 500 kbps)  
-102.3 dBm RX (O-QPSK DSSS)

### Ultra-Low Power

3.4 mA TX (radio)  
2.5 mA RX (radio)  
1.2  $\mu$ A EM2 with 8 kB RAM  
0.5  $\mu$ A w/ RTC in EM4

### World Class Software

Flex SDK  
RAIL  
Radio Configurator  
Connect (802.15.4 based)

### Compact Size

5x5 QFN40 (26 GPIO)  
4x4 QFN32 (18 GPIO)

### ARM Cortex-M33 with TrustZone

38.4 MHz  
FPU and DSP  
512 kB of flash  
32kB RAM

### Peripherals Fit for Purpose

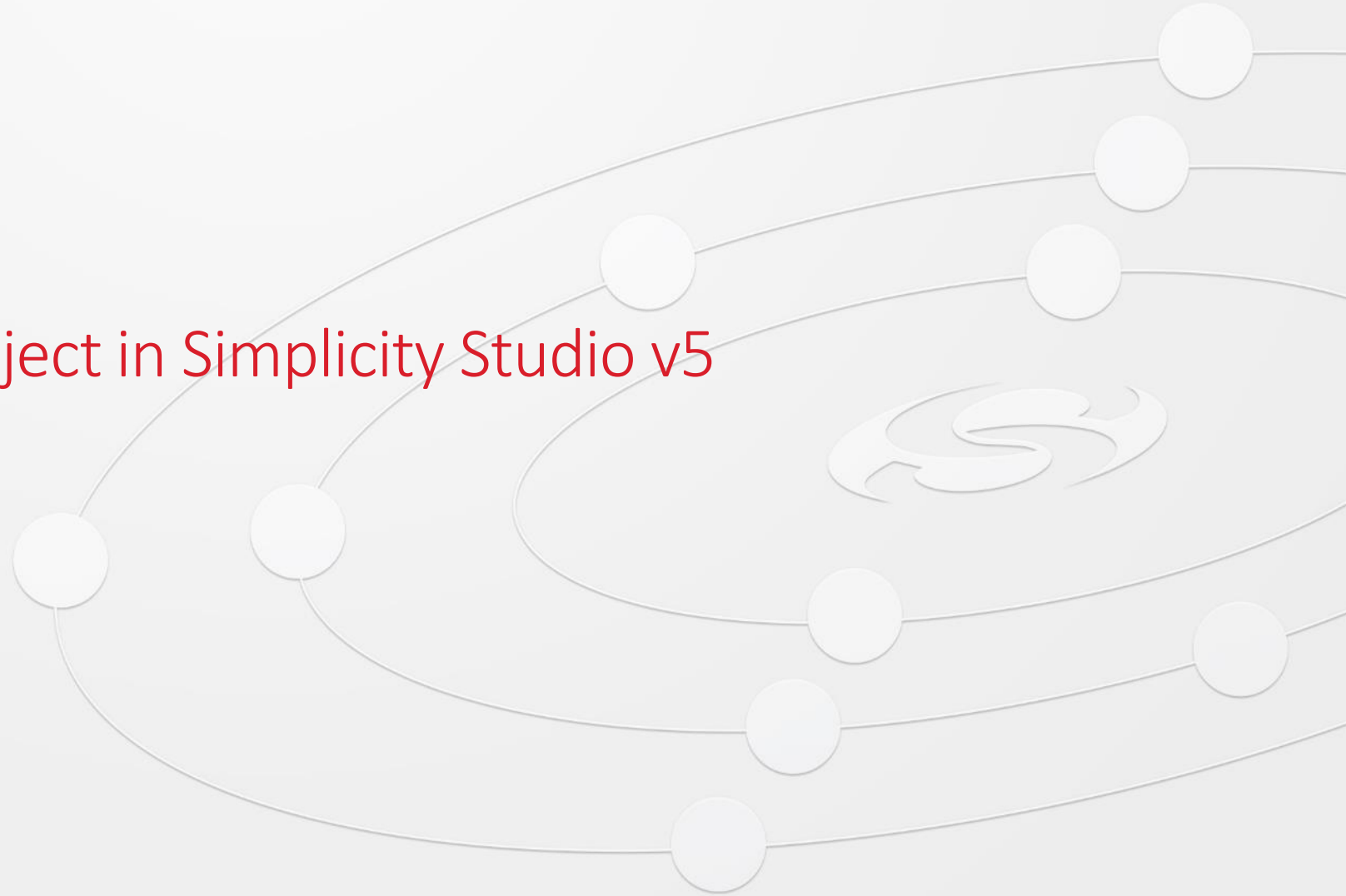
2x USART, 1x UART 2x I2C, PDM and GPIO  
12-bit SAR ADC (1 Msps)  
Built-in temperature sensor +/- 1.5  $^{\circ}$ C  
RFSENSE with selective OOK mode

### Security

AES128/256,SHA-1, SHA-2 (256-bit)  
ECC (up to 256-bit), ECDSA and ECDH  
True Random Number Generator (TRNG)  
Secure boot with RTSL  
Secure debug with lock/unlock



# Starting a Proprietary Project in Simplicity Studio v5



# Simplicity Studio v5



Dev Guides, Tutorials



API RMs



Ref Manuals,  
Datasheets, Errata



Stacks, Gecko Platform,  
Examples, Demos,  
metadata



Board ID



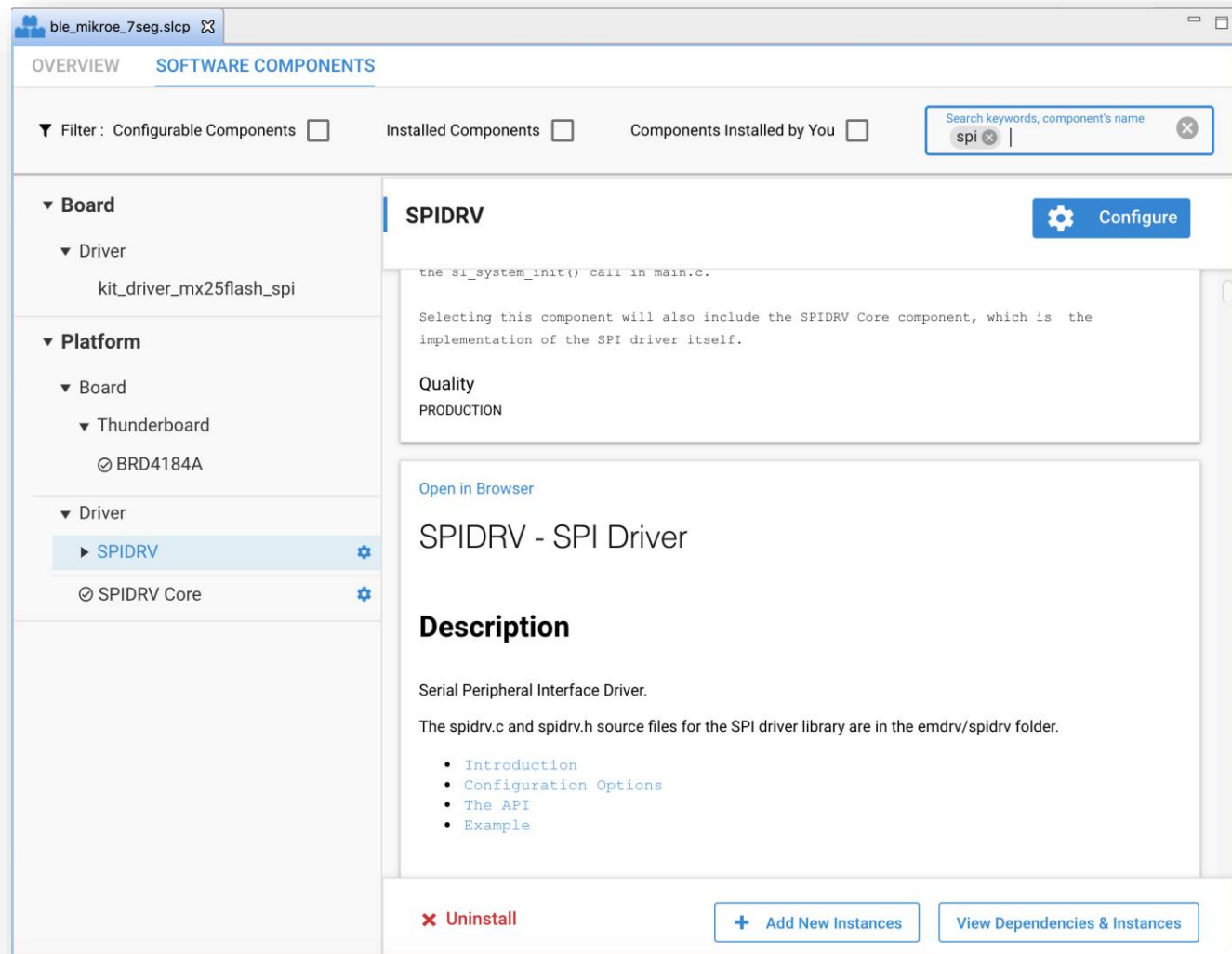
Gecko SDK



Hardware Kit

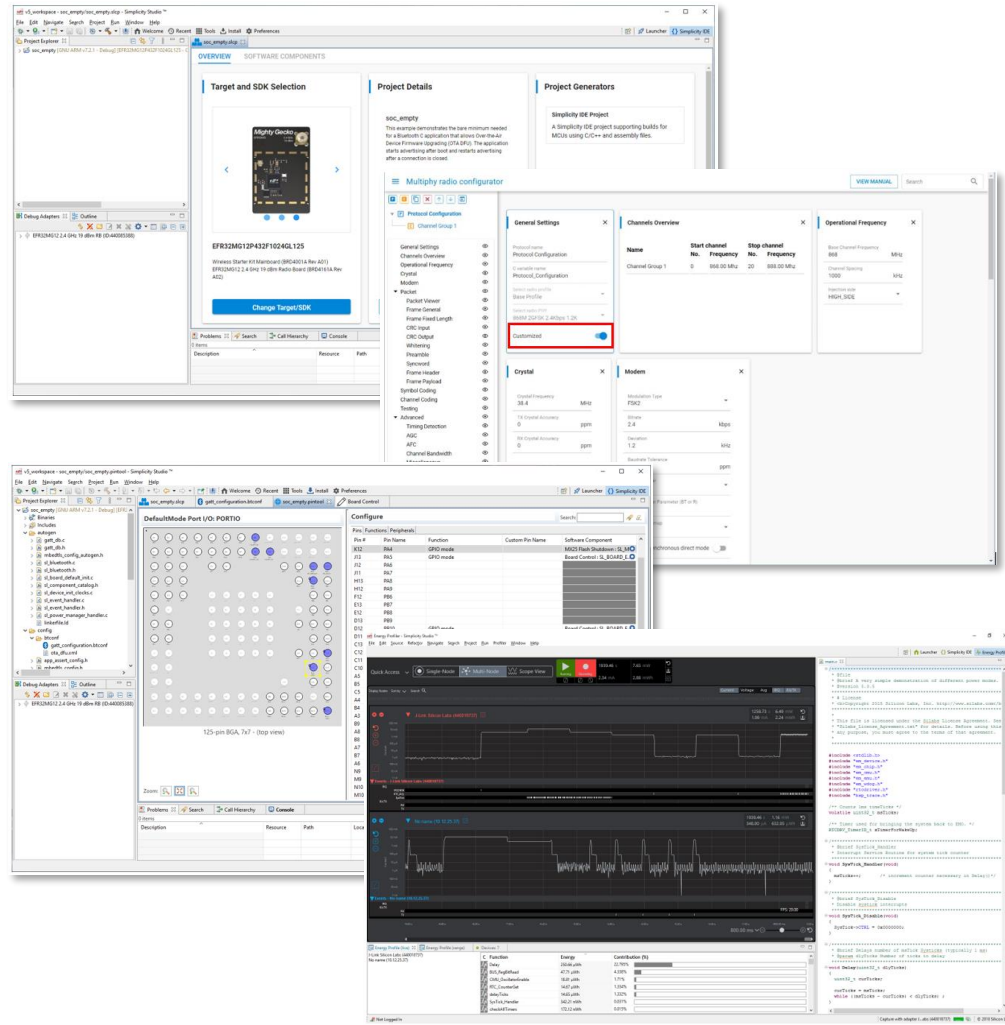


# Simplicity Studio 5 – New Project Configuration Tools



- Software component-based project configuration
  - Search and filter to discover and find software components
  - Automatically pull in dependencies and initialization code
  - All settings saved in source code (C header files)
  - Error checking and alerts
  - Easily manage all project source via git or other SCM tools
  - Managed migrations to future component and SDK versions
  - Simplified transition from Silicon Labs dev kits to custom HW
- Graphical pin configuration
- Redesigned Bluetooth Configurator
- Redesigned Radio Configurator
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party IDEs with support for iterative development
  - IAR Embedded Workbench
  - GNU makefiles as a build option

## Tools



## RAIL API

- Transmit/Receive
- Automatic State Transitions
  - E.g. automatically go to rx after tx
- Frame Buffering
  - Maintains buffer for both tx and rx
- Timekeeping, Timestamping and Timers
- Scheduled Transmit
- Scheduled Receive
- CCA with Retransmission
  - Supports CSMA/CA and LBT, but doesn't support CCA without retransmission
- Address Filtering
  - With two fixed offset, max 4B address or 802.15.4 addressing
- Auto ACK
  - Preconfigured ACK packet automatically transmitted on every packet that passed all filtering or 802.15.4 ACK

# Demo: RAIL Application in Simplicity Studio v5





# Support Documentation

- Proprietary Flex SDK v3.x Quick Start Guide -- QSG168
- RAIL Fundamentals -- UG103.13
- Connect Fundamentals -- UG103.12
- Multiprotocol Fundamentals -- UG103.16
- Dynamic Multiprotocol User's Guide -- UG305
- [Simplicity Studio® 5 User's Guide](#)
- EFR32 Migration Guide for Proprietary Applications -- AN1244
- About the Connect v3.x User's Guide -- UG435.01
- Building Low Power Networks with the Silicon Labs Connect Stack v3.x -- AN1252
- [Silicon Labs Connect API Reference Guide](#)
- EFR32 Radio Configurator Guide for Simplicity Studio 5 -- AN1253
- RAILtest User's Guide -- UG409
- EFR32 RF Evaluation Guide -- AN972
- [Silicon Labs RAIL API Reference Guide](#)
- <https://www.silabs.com/support/training/rail>
- [RAIL Tutorials](#)



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