

## MAX4146x Evaluation Kit

Evaluates: MAX41460/1/2/3/4

### General Description

The MAX4146x evaluation kit (EV kit) contains a single MAX4146x high output power VHF/UHF sub-GHz ISM/SRD transmitter, designed to transmit frequency-shift keying (FSK), Gaussian FSK (GFSK), or amplitude-shift keying (ASK) data in the 286MHz to 960MHz frequency range.

The MAX41460 and the MAX41461–MAX41464 EV kits operate in conjunction with an external microcontroller (MCU) and graphical user interface (GUI) software running on a computer. The MAX41460 uses a Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) for internal register configurations while the MAX41461–MAX41464 can use the preset modes or an I<sup>2</sup>C interface for register programming and control.

The MAX41461, MAX41462, MAX41463, and MAX41464 EV kits are also designed to operate with a simple, one-pin data interface, alleviating the need to program the part for nominal operation, or other high-level system (PC with GUI software) having to configure the transmitter for operation. These parts allow to preset the operating frequencies by part selection and pin configurations. On the EV kit, selecting the frequency of operation is as simple as setting two jumpers.

The EV kit includes Windows® 10-compatible software that provides a simple GUI for configuration of all the MAX4146x registers through the SPI or I<sup>2</sup>C ports. The GUI also controls the on-board PMIC and can act as a data generator when the MAX32630FTHR applications platform is used.

These EV kits are not FCC or ETSI certified, and are not intended for radiated testing.

### Features

- Evaluates the MAX4146x Family of Sub-1GHz ISM Transmitters
- Single Input Voltage Supply from 1.8V to 3.6V
- Direct Interface with a MAX32630FTHR Arm Microcontroller (MCU) Board
- Available Pmod™ Hardware Interface
- Windows 10-Compatible Software
- On-Board SPI Control for the MAX41460 and optional I<sup>2</sup>C Control for the MAX41461–MAX41464
- GUI Controls for the MAX32630FTHR Board PMIC Operation from 1.8V to 3.3V
- Proven 2-Layer PCB Design
- Fully Assembled and Tested

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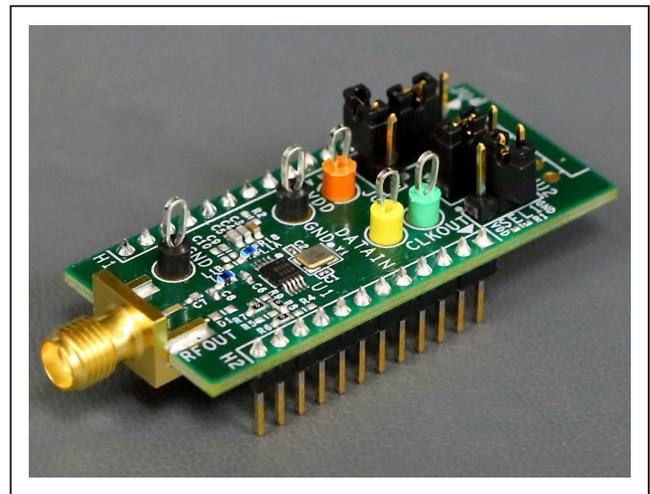


Figure 1. MAX4146x EV Kit Board

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**Quick Start**

**Required Equipment**

- **Included in the MAX4146x EV Kit**
  - MAX4146x EV kit board
  - MAX32630FTHR# kit
    - FTTHR board
    - DAPLINK board
    - 2x micro-B USB cables
  - MAX4146x EV kit pin diagram card
- Windows PC\* (Win-10), with one to two USB 2.0 ports
- Power supply† capable of 1.8V to 3.6V, 100mA
- Serial data source† and a simple means of connection (DATA test point and ground)
- Basic spectrum analyzer – Rohde and Schwarz ZVL3, Tektronix RSA306, or equivalent
- SubMiniature version A (SMA)/SMA cable as needed for connection to the spectrum analyzer

**Software and Drivers**

The MAX4146x EV kit can be used in conjunction with the Arm® Cortex®-M4F microcontroller MAX32630FTHR application platform or 'FTTHR' board to provide power and control the device through a software application or GUI. When connected to the FTTHR board, the MAX4146x EV kit uses the following drivers and software components. See [Appendix I](#) for additional information on this installation process.

- **MAX4146x Software Package/ISM Radios GUI**  
The software, firmware, and drivers are available from the [Maxim Integrated®](#) website. Log in to the MyMaxim account on the website, search for the MAX4146x part or EV kit, click the 'Design Tool and Model' under the 'Design & Development' tab, and click the appropriate software link.
- **mBed MAX32630FTHR and DAPLINK Interface System**  
The DAPLINK system is not required unless a firmware update to the FTTHR board is released. The FTTHR board included in the MAX4146x EV kit is preprogrammed for interfacing the GUI to the radio. The firmware programming process does not require additional software or drivers. It uses a simple USB drive, drag-and-drop file interface.

Connect the target PC to a local area network with access to the internet for automatic download and updates of some drivers.

**Install the MAX4146x EV Kit GUI Software**

See [Appendix I – Detailed Software, Firmware, and Driver Installation Procedures](#) for detailed information on this installation process.

- 1) Download the ISM Radios GUI Software.
- 2) Double-click the 'ISMRadiosGUISetup.msi' setup file and follow the Setup Wizard prompts.
  - a. Click <Next> in the ISM Radios GUI Setup Wizard.
  - b. Use the default Destination Folder; click <Next> to continue.
  - c. Install the software by clicking <Install>.
  - d. Click <Finish> when the ISM Radios GUI Setup Wizard installation process is complete.

**Table 1. ISM Radios GUI Installed Files**

FILE NAME	DESCRIPTION
ISMRadiosGUI.exe	Application GUI
MaximStyle.dll	Supporting DLL file for software operation
MAX4146X_Registers.xml**	Register definition file for MAX4146x
MAX4147X_Registers.xml**	Register definition file for MAX4147x
MAX1471_Registers.xml**	Register definition file for MAX1471
MAX7032_Registers.xml**	Register definition file for MAX7032
MAX4147X_QuickStart.xml**	Quick start configuration file for MAX4147x
MAX1471_QuickStart.xml	Quick start configuration file for MAX1471
MAX7032_RXQuickStart.xml	Quick start configuration file for MAX7032 receive
MAX7032_TXQuickStart.xml	Quick start configuration file for MAX7032 transmit
Firmware	Folder for current FW at time of GUI download

\*\* Not used in this evaluation, but provided with the common platform.

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\* Required for operation of the MAX4146x EV kit with the GUI software.

† Required when the FTTHR board is not connected to the MAX4146x EV kit.

### Update the MAX32630FTHR Board Driver on the Host PC

No changes are needed for the FTHR board when first receiving a MAX4146x EV kit — the FTHR board is preloaded with the required firmware. Updates to the driver on the host PC may be necessary depending on the operating system and if the PC has access to the internet when first connecting to the FTHR board. See [Appendix I](#) for detailed information on how to update the FTHR board firmware and the driver for the FTHR board/USB interface.

**Table 2. MAX4146x EV Kit Jumper Settings**

JUMPERS	POSITION	EV KIT FUNCTION	
JU1	1 to 2*	Power from L3OUT (FTHR board)	
	2 to 3	Power from Pmod interface (VDD, pin 6 of JU4)	
JU2	1 to 2	SEL1 to VDD	SEL1 – See <a href="#">Table 3a</a> for preset modes
	2 to 3†	SEL1 to GND	
	Not Installed‡	SEL1 open	
JU3	1 to 2	SEL0 to VDD	SEL0 – See <a href="#">Table 3a</a> for present modes
	2 to 3†	SEL0 to GND	
	Not Installed‡	SEL0 open	
JU5	1 to 2†	I <sup>2</sup> C pullup resistor R14 connected to VDD	
	3 to 4†	I <sup>2</sup> C pullup resistor R15 connected to VDD	
	Not Installed*	Pullup resistors disconnected	

\* Default position

† Setting for MAX41461–MAX41464 in I<sup>2</sup>C mode

‡ Default for MAX41460

Three operation options are supported with the EV Kit. They are:

- I. FTHR Board Operation for SPI and I<sup>2</sup>C Interface.
- II. FTHR Board Operation for Preset Interface
- III. Preset Interface – without FTHR Board

### FTHR Board operation — SPI and I<sup>2</sup>C Interface

Set up the MAX4146x EV kit and FTHR board hardware MCU/GUI operation.

1. **Verify all jumpers on the MAX4146x EV kit board are in the default position;** see [Table 2](#).
  - a. For the MAX41460 EV kit, JU2, JU3, and JU5 should not be installed.
  - b. For MAX41461–MAX41464 EV kits, install both JU2 and JU3 with jumpers from pins 2 to 3 (SEL0 and SEL1 connected to GND); JU5 must be installed with jumpers from pins 1 to 2 and 3 to 4.
2. **Connect the MAX4146x EV kit to the FTHR board;** be sure the USB connector is oriented on the opposite side of the SMA connector ([Figure 3](#)).

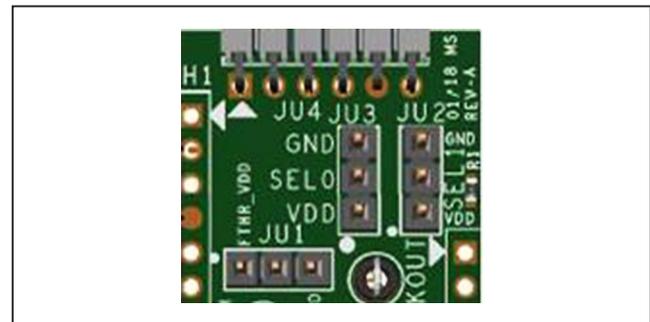


Figure 2. MAX4146x EV Kit Jumpers

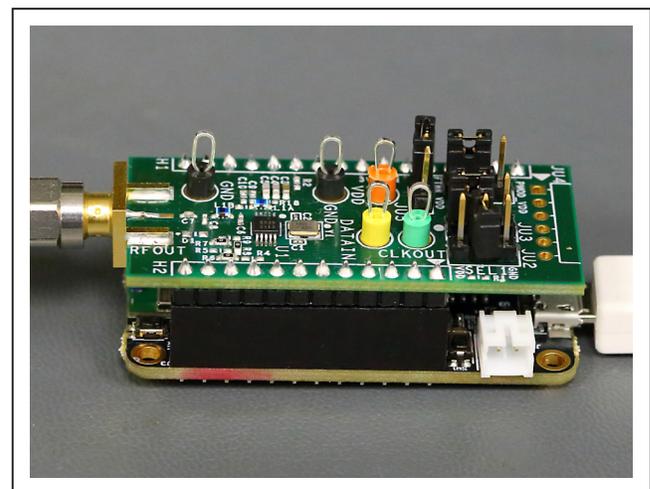


Figure 3. MAX4146x EV Kit Orientation to FTHR Board

3. **Connect the FTTH Board to the PC** using a micro-B USB cable and observe a 'heartbeat' on the FTTH board's red LED.
4. **Connect the RF\_OUT to a spectrum analyzer** using a low-loss SMA cable. These EV kits are not intended for radiated testing.
  - a. Set the 'Center Frequency' to the target frequency of interest.
  - b. Set the 'Span' to 1% of the 'Center Frequency' (FCC standard test setting), Resolution Bandwidth (RBW) to 1kHz, and Video Bandwidth (VBW) to 3kHz.
  - c. Set the trace to 'Max Hold'.
5. **Start the ISM Radios GUI.**
  - a. An ISM Radios GUI splash screen is displayed.
    - i. To disable future displays of the splash screen, click the Disable check box.
    - ii. To continue to the GUI software, click <OK>.
  - b. The pop-up window asks to select a device from the 'Device' menu to get started. Click <OK>. Under the Device menu option, select MAX4146x-Tx. The GUI tabs populate in the window ([Figure 4](#)).
  - c. The expected COM port is displayed if the EV kit is connected before starting the GUI. Select the appropriate COM port from the dropdown and click <Connect>. <Connect> changes to <Disconnect>.
  - d. Confirm the firmware status bar changes from 'ISM Radios x.x.x' to 'ISM Radios 6.0.0' or similar, the software LED is lit green, and port status is noted as 'Connected'.
    - e. Enter a supply level in the 'Voltage' text box and click <Set>; for example, enter '3.0' for a 3.0V supply and click <Set>.
    - f. Select the appropriate part in the 'Chip' dropdown and click <Set>.
    - g. Select the 'Crystal Frequency' (16.0MHz is default) and click <Set>.
    - h. Select a desired form of modulation in the Modulation dropdown and click <Set>.
    - i. Select a PA output power setting ('Power Level 1' is the lowest setting, 'Power Level 8' results in the highest output power) and click <Set>.
    - j. Enter the desired operating frequency.
      - i. Enter a value between 250MHz and 950MHz in the 'Frequency' text box; set the Frequency to match the EV kit tuning (as noted on the hardware).
      - ii. Click <Set>.
    - k. If running in FSK mode, select the 'FSKSHAPE' check box, set a 'Frequency Deviation' (in  $\pm$  kHz), and click <Set>.
    - l. For 4-wire SPI operation (using the MAX41460, this is needed to read back register values):
      - i. Click the '0A CFG6' register.
      - ii. Click the 'FOURWIRE1' 0-bit box.

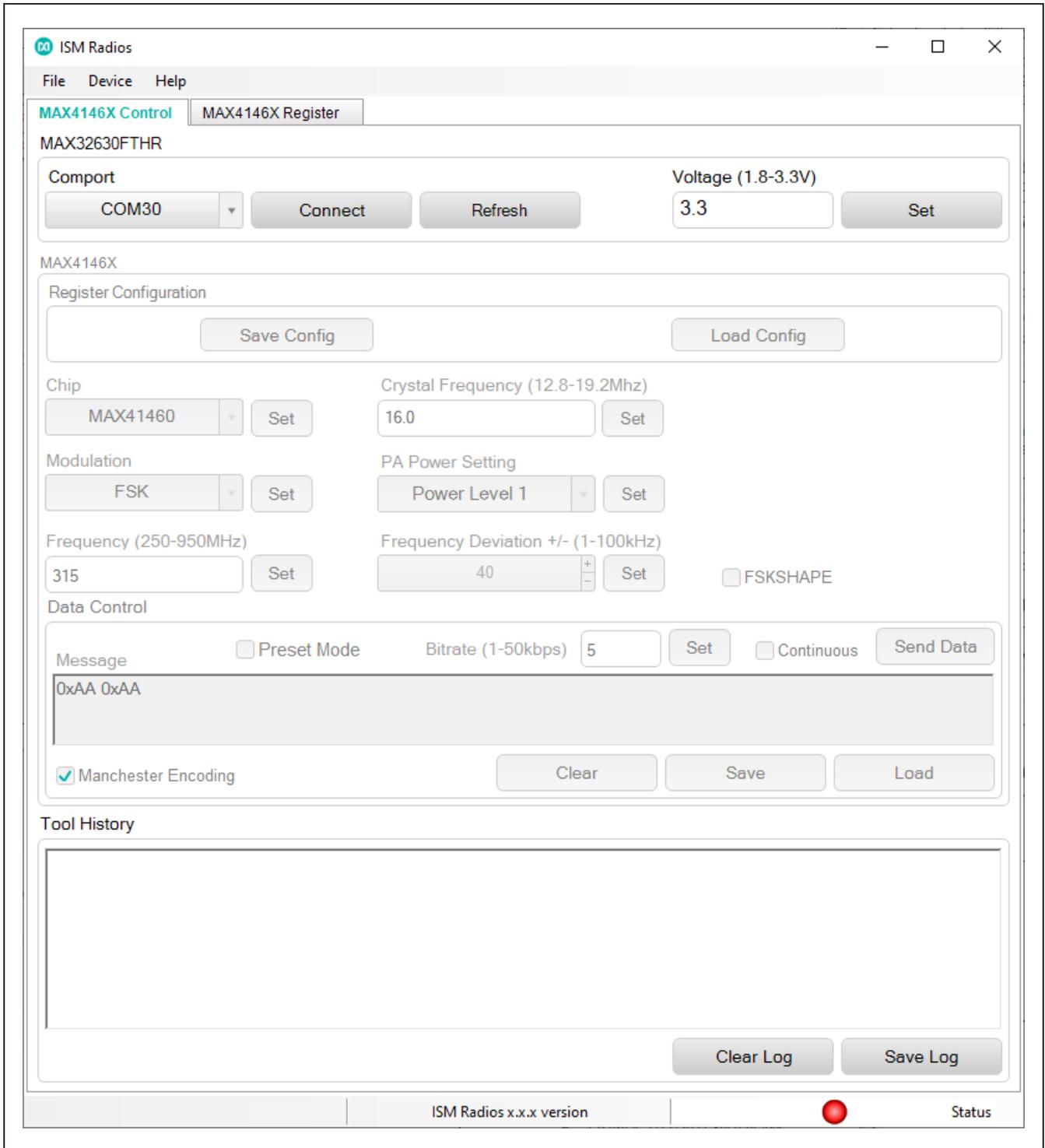


Figure 4. ISM Radios GUI Software

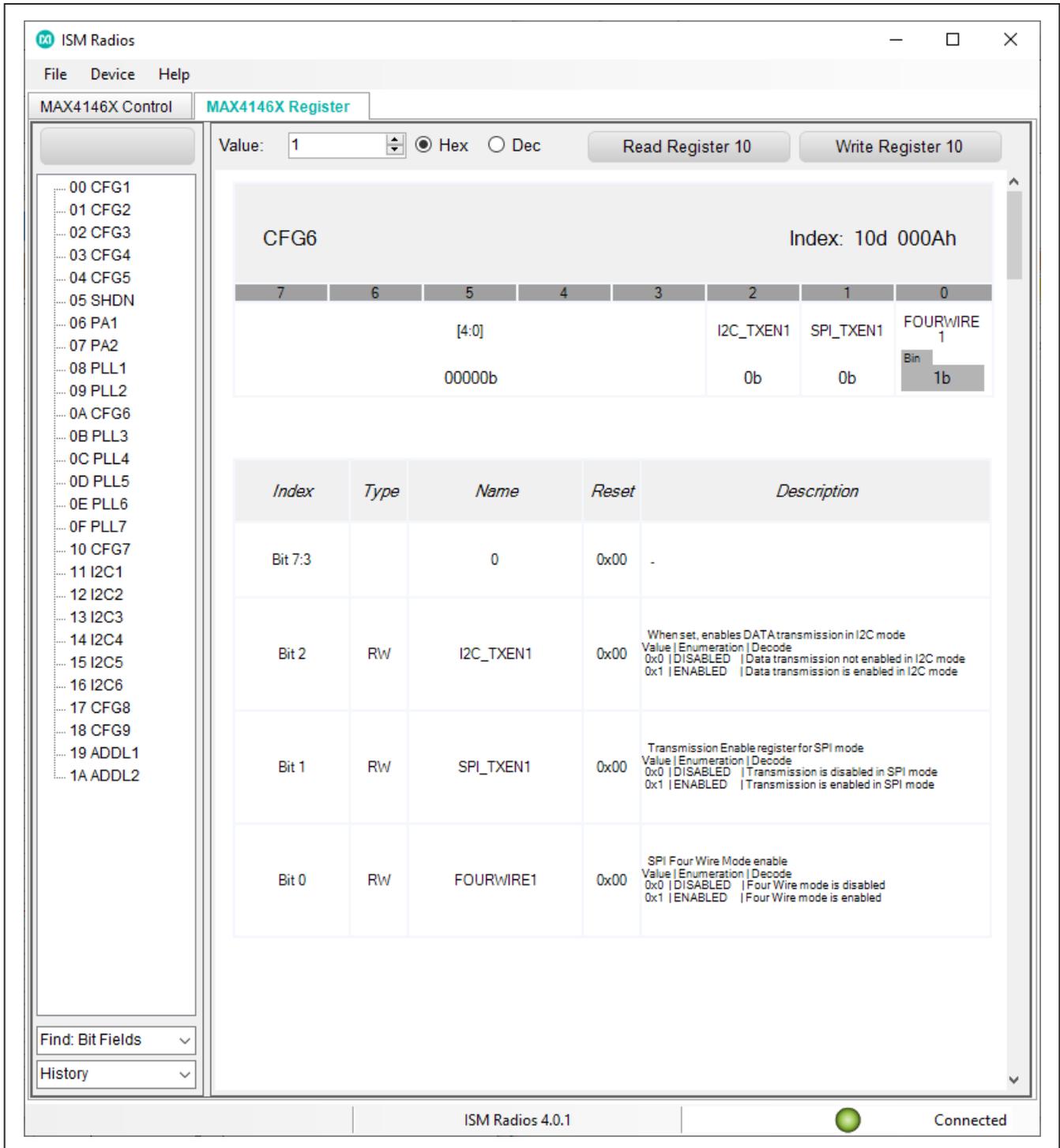


Figure 5. 4-Wire SPI Setting

6. **Generate a transmission.**
    - a. In the 'Data Control' block, enter a Manchester Bitrate of interest and click <Set>.
    - b. Enter 0xAA in the 'Messages' text box in the 'Data Control' block.
    - c. Check 'Continuous'.
    - d. Click <Send Data>. It changes to <Stop>.
  7. **Observe the output on the spectrum analyzer.**
5. **Run the ISM Radios GUI.**
    - a. Select the appropriate COM port and click <Connect>.
    - b. Confirm the firmware status bar changes from 'ISM Radios x.x.x' to 'ISM Radios 6.0.0' or similar, the software LED is lit green, and port status is noted as 'Connected'.
    - c. Enter a supply level in the 'Voltage' text box in units of V and click <Set>; for example, enter '3.0' for a 3.0V supply.
    - d. Select the appropriate part in the 'Chip' dropdown box and click <Set>.

## FTHR Board Operation — Preset Interface

Set up and connect the MAX41461–MAX41464 EV kit hardware to the FTHR board for a 'Data' signal source.

1. **Verify all jumpers on the MAX4146x EV kit board are in the default position;** see [Table 2](#). *Set the jumpers in [Table 3a](#) to the output frequency for which the EV kit is tuned (as noted on the hardware).*
  2. **Connect the MAX4146x EV kit to the FTHR board;** be sure the USB connector is oriented on the opposite side of the SMA connector ([Figure 3](#)).
  3. **Connect the FTHR Board to the PC** using a micro-B USB cable and observe a 'heartbeat' on the FTHR board's red LED.
  4. **Connect the RF\_OUT to a spectrum analyzer** using a low-loss SMA cable. These EV kits are not intended for radiated testing.
    - a. Set the 'Center Frequency' to the target frequency of interest.
6. **Generate a data stream.**
    - a. In the 'Data Control' block, check 'Preset Mode'.
    - b. Select the Manchester Bitrate of interest and click <Set>.
    - c. Enter 0xAA in the 'Messages' text box.
    - d. Check 'Continuous'.
    - e. Click <Send Data>. It changes to <Stop>.
  7. **Observe the output** on the spectrum analyzer.

**Preset Interface — Without FTTH Board**

**Set up and Connect the MAX4146x EV Kit Hardware for Standalone Operation**

1. **Verify all jumpers on the MAX4146x EV kit board are in the default position;** see [Table 3a](#). Set the jumpers from [Table 3a](#) to the output frequency for which the EV kit is tuned (as noted on the hardware).
2. **Connect a 3.0V/100mA supply** to the MAX4146x EV kit at the VDD (**Red**) and GND (**Black**) points.
  - a. The JU1 setting is not applicable (if the EV kit is still connected to the FTTH board, **JU1 must be 'not installed'**).
  - b. **Enable** the power supply's output.

3. **Connect the RF\_OUT to a spectrum analyzer** using a low-loss SMA cable and configure the equipment. This EV kit is not intended for radiated testing.
  - a. Set the 'Center Frequency' to the same value as with the jumpers in step 1.
  - b. Set the 'Span' to 1% of the 'Center Frequency', Resolution Bandwidth (RBW) to 1kHz, and Video Bandwidth (VBS) to 3kHz.
  - c. Set the trace to 'Max Hold'.
4. **Connect a digital data signal to the DATAIN Test Point (Yellow) and GND (Black).**
  - a. Be sure the data levels match the power supply level in step 2.
  - b. Begin streaming data.
5. **Observe the RF output** on the spectrum analyzer.

**Table 3a. MAX41461 EV Kit Preset States, ASK Modulation**

SEL1 (JU2)	SEL0 (JU3)	MODE/CENTER FREQUENCY (MHz)
GND	GND	I <sup>2</sup> C Interface
<b>GND</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>315.0*</b>
GND	VDD	318.0
Open	GND	319.51
Open	Open	345.0
Open	VDD	908.0
VDD	GND	915.0
VDD	Open	433.92
VDD	VDD	433.42

**Table 3c. MAX41463 EV Kit Preset States, FSK Modulation**

SEL1 (JU2)	SEL0 (JU3)	MODE/CENTER FREQUENCY (MHz)
GND	GND	I <sup>2</sup> C Interface
GND	Open	315.0
GND	VDD	916.0
Open	GND	908.42
Open	Open	908.8
Open	VDD	908.0
<b>VDD</b>	<b>GND</b>	<b>915.0*</b>
VDD	Open	433.92
VDD	VDD	433.42

**Table 3b. MAX41462 EV Kit Preset States, ASK Modulation**

SEL1 (JU2)	SEL0 (JU3)	MODE/CENTER FREQUENCY (MHz)
GND	GND	I <sup>2</sup> C Interface
GND	Open	315.0
<b>GND</b>	<b>VDD</b>	<b>433.92*</b>
Open	GND	433.0
Open	Open	434.0
Open	VDD	868.3
VDD	GND	868.0
VDD	Open	868.5
VDD	VDD	868.35

**Table 3d. MAX41464 EV Kit Preset States, FSK Modulation**

SEL1 (JU2)	SEL0 (JU3)	MODE/CENTER FREQUENCY (MHz)
GND	GND	I <sup>2</sup> C Interface
GND	Open	315.0
<b>GND</b>	<b>VDD</b>	<b>433.92*</b>
Open	GND	868.42
Open	Open	868.95
<b>Open</b>	<b>VDD</b>	<b>868.30*</b>
VDD	GND	869.85
VDD	Open	868.5
VDD	VDD	868.35

*\*Default position;*

**Table 4. MAX4146x EV Kit Test Points**

NAME	COLOR	EV KIT FUNCTION
VDD	Red	1.8V to 3.6V power supply pin
GND	Black	Ground
DATAIN/SDI	Yellow	Tx data or SDI (MAX41460 only) interface
CLKOUT/SDO	Green	Clock output or SDO (MAX41460 only) interface

## Detailed Description

### Detailed Description of Hardware

#### MAX4146x EV Kit Printed Circuit Board

The MAX4146x EV kit PCB is manufactured on a 2-layer, 1oz copper, FR4 dielectric stack-up PCB. The board is designed to accommodate all five versions of the ISM transmitter: MAX41460, MAX41461, MAX41462, MAX41463, and MAX41464. Layer 1 is primarily designed to keep the RF signals on one side of the board with short traces, small matching components, and low parasitics. Layer 2 is targeted to be a continuous ground plane, wherever possible.

#### Control Interface

There are three forms of interfacing to the MAX4146x device depending on the part installed: 3-wire or 4-wire SPI, 'preset' or pin-configured, and the special case of an I<sup>2</sup>C control interface. The MAX41460 device requires a 3-wire or 4-wire SPI connection, and the MAX4146x EV kit is designed to use the provided FTHR board interface

through the H1/H2 headers. Other MCU connections can be made through the JU4 Pmod header (see the [Pmod Header Interface](#) section).

#### Power

The MAX4146x EV kit board can be powered directly from the FTHR board PMIC through the H1 header, directly from the supply test points, or through the user-installed Pmod header. A single +1.8V to +3.6V, 100mA power supply can be connected to the board using the two wire loops (marked VDD and GND). Jumper JU1 selects the source of power when not using the direct connection test points: from the L3OUT of the FTHR board or PVIO of the Pmod connector.

#### Data Interface

The MAX4146x EV kit comes preconfigured to directly connect the FTHR board through the H1/H2 headers to the SPI and I<sup>2</sup>C interfaces. The GUI determines which bus is used to communicate to the device based on the 'Chip' selected in the software.

**Clock Output**

When sending data to a MAX41461–MAX41464 in preset mode, the CLKOUT pin drives an 800kHz clock signal. This clock output signal can be monitored with the **Green** CLKOUT test point. Note the output from the MAX41461–MAX41464 is not designed to drive a high capacitive load and may cause noticeable  $\pm 800\text{kHz}$  spurs in the spectrum when the CLKOUT test point is connected to a capacitive load of more than 10pF. A typical, low-end oscilloscope probe may be enough to cause these spurs.

**I<sup>2</sup>C Pullups**

Resistors R14 and R15 along with jumper JU5 are provided as on-board pullups required for proper I<sup>2</sup>C interfacing and termination. When using a MAX41461–MAX41464 device in preset mode, the DATAIN line should be held low at power-up for proper configuration. Therefore, the R16, 100k $\Omega$  is the default connection. When used in I<sup>2</sup>C mode, the DATAIN pin is used instead as the I<sup>2</sup>C, SDA line. Likewise, the CLKOUT pin is used as the I<sup>2</sup>C SCL input. These pins are open-collector (or open-drain) outputs from a the MCU and need to have pullup resistors to operate properly. Two 4.7k $\Omega$  resistors are prepopulated on the MAX4146x EV kit and can be connected to the positive supply by shorting the JU5 jumper 1 to 2 and 3 to 4. This should only be connected when the preset pins (SEL0 and SEL1) are both connected to ground, selecting the I<sup>2</sup>C interface mode of the MAX4146x. Note that the FTBR board also has footprints for I<sup>2</sup>C pullup resis-

tors at R6 and R11. Both sets of pullup resistors (on the FTBR board and MAX4146x EV kit) should not be populated simultaneously, otherwise incorrect I<sup>2</sup>C signal levels may result. See [Appendix II – Hardware Modifications](#) for detailed information on the EV kit hardware modifications.

**Data Indicator**

The EV kit layout has the ability to connect a surface-mount LED (D1, 0603) and resistor (R9, 0603, 470 $\Omega$  recommended) to provide visual feedback of the activity on the DATAIN line. Populating this LED and resistor causes additional power consumption and is not included by default in the EV kit assembly.

**Pmod Interface**

The MAX4146x EV kit provides a Pmod-compatible header footprint to interface with the transmitter. The JU4 connector can be populated with a 6-pin, 100mil, right-angle header allowing direct connections to the CSB, DATAIN, CLKOUT, SCLK/SDA, ground, and VDD lines, making it capable with either SPI or I<sup>2</sup>C Pmod interfacing. Populating this header allows control from the MAX32600MBED kit and the MAXREFDES72# Arduino Uno R3 to the Pmod shield adaptor. When using the Pmod interface to supply the MAX4146x EV kit with power, connect the JU1 jumper between pins 2 to 3. See [Appendix II – Hardware Modifications](#) for detailed information on the EV kit hardware modifications.

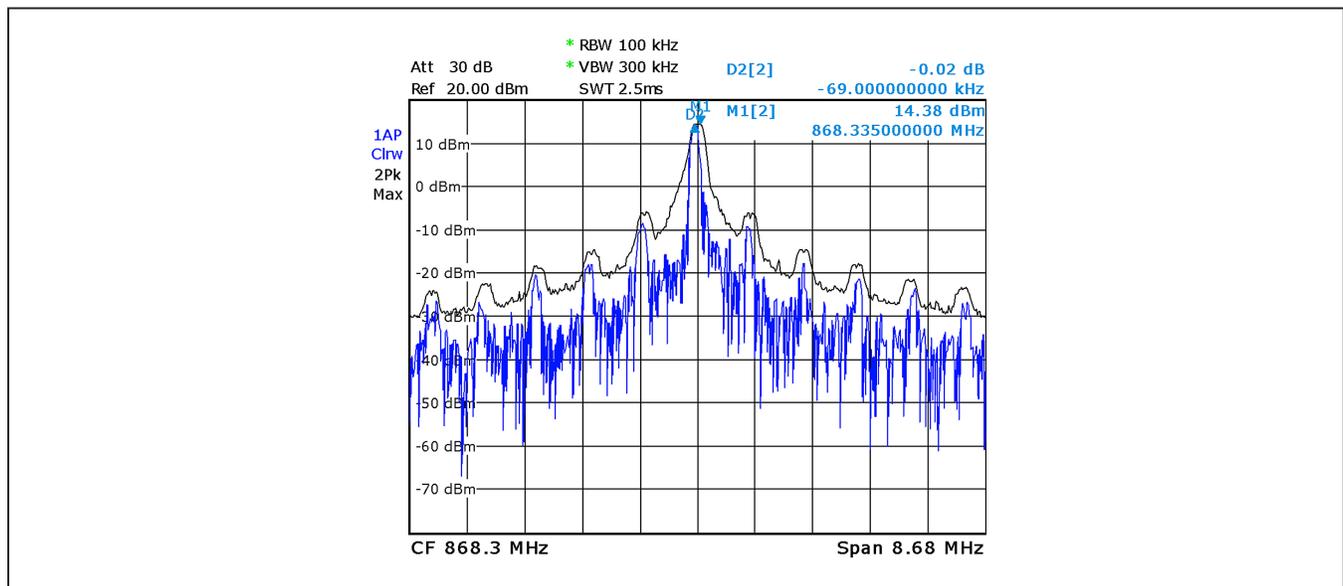


Figure 6. 800kHz Spurs from Excessive CLKOUT Loading

**Detailed Description of Software**

The ISM Radios GUI software is designed to control the MAX4146x EV kit board and MAX32630FTHR board. The software includes USB controls that provide SPI, I<sup>2</sup>C, or data-only communication to the MAX4146X through the FTHR board interface.

**Comport**

The COM Port section provides a dropdown selection of serial communication ports available for connection to a MAX4146x EV kit through a FTHR board. When the GUI is run after connecting the EV kit hardware, the dropdown should default to the proper COM Port. If the hardware is connected to the computer after the GUI is started, click <Refresh> to scan for compatible ports. Once the appropriate COM Port is selected in the dropdown, click <Connect>.

After properly connecting to the COM Port with the FTHR board, the GUI displays the revision of the FTHR board firmware detected, a Green 'LED', and 'Connected' in the status bar at the bottom of the GUI window.

**Voltage (1.8V to 3.3V)**

The 'Voltage' section provides a user-adjustable power supply from the FTHR board MAX14690N power management IC (PMIC) to the MAX4146x EV kit and can be used as the primary VDD supply. The PMIC, L3OUT can be set to voltages between 1.8V to 3.3V and it applies to the level of the logic interface lines as well as the device supply.

To program the supply voltage, enter a valid level in the 'Voltage' text box and click <Set>. The default value of the L3OUT voltage is 3.3V.

When using the FTHR board interface to supply the MAX4146x EV kit with power, connect the JU1 jumper between pins 1 to 2.

**Chip**

Set the 'Chip' section to properly select which type of MAX4146x EV kit is attached to the FTHR board. This selection configures the GUI software to interface through the SPI pins (when MAX41460 is selected), through the I<sup>2</sup>C pins, or provide a simple data stream to the device (when MAX41461, MAX41462, MAX41463, or MAX41464 are selected).

To select the part, chose the appropriate part in the 'Chip' dropdown and click <Set>.

**Crystal Frequency (12.8MHz to 19.2MHz)**

The 'Crystal Frequency' section indicates the frequency of the crystal installed on the MAX4146x EV kit (f<sub>X</sub>TAL). All EV kits come prepopulated with a 16.000MHz crystal and the default setting in the GUI is assumed to be 16.0MHz. This value can be adjusted between 12.8MHz and 19.2MHz, and is used when programming frequency-based registers dependent on the f<sub>X</sub>TAL value.

To configure the reference oscillator, enter a valid frequency (in MHz) in the 'Crystal Frequency' text box and click <Set>.

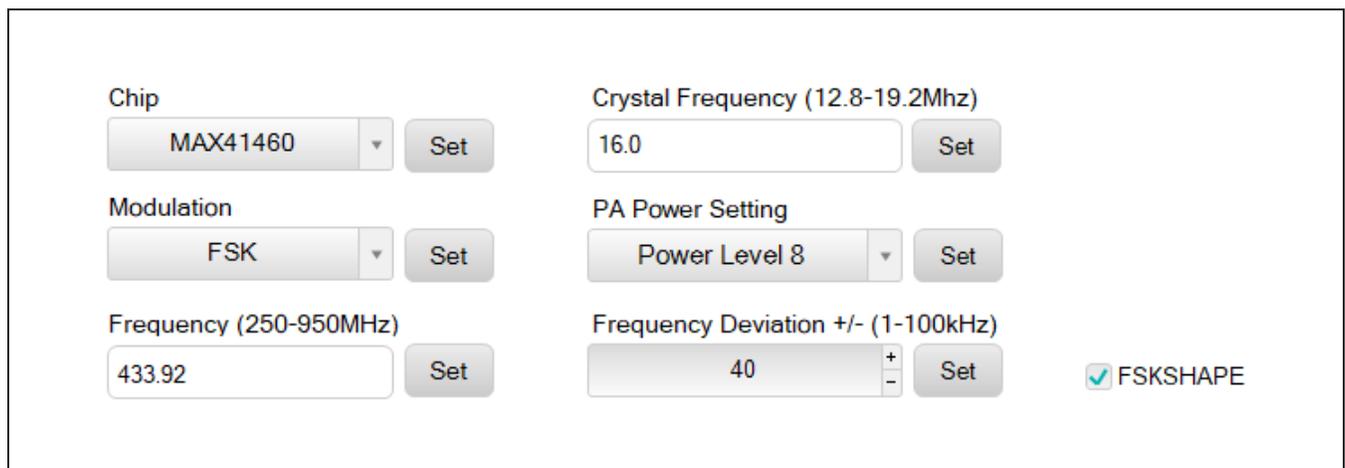


Figure 7. ISM Radios GUI Configuration

### Modulation

The Modulation section quickly sets the form of modulation for the MAX4146x device. When a MAX41461 or MAX41462 device is selected, only ASK modulation is available in the dropdown. Similarly, when MAX41463 and MAX41464 are selected, only FSK is available in the dropdown. This section directly programs the MODMODE bit [0] in the CFG1 register (0x00).

To select the modulation, choose ASK or FSK in the 'Modulation' dropdown and click <Set>.

### PA Power Setting

The 'PA Power Setting' section quickly sets the power level of the PA. This section directly programs the PAPWR bits [2:0] in the PA1 register (0x06). The maximum output power is obtained by selecting 'Power Level 8' or 111b in the register. The default minimum output power for the MAX4146x when interfacing through I<sup>2</sup>C and SPI is 'Power Level 1' or 000b in the register. Each bit can adjust the PA output by approximately 2.5dB.

To select the output power level, choose the appropriate 'Power Level' in the 'PA Power Setting' dropdown and click <Set>.

The power level can also be set manually through the [Direct Register Access Section](#) section by clicking the 06 PA1 (0x06) register, clicking the PAPWR[2:0] field, and typing in a binary value between 000b and 111b.

### Frequency

The 'Frequency' section sets the carrier or 'center' frequency of the MAX4146x ( $f_C$  or  $f_{LO}$ ). The value entered in this section is used to calculate the 3-word fractional-N value programmed into the PLL3 (0x0B), PLL4 (0x0C), and PLL5 (0x0D) registers. The GUI calculates the values for the PLL registers using the 'Crystal Frequency' and following formula:

#### Equation 1:

$$\text{FREQ [23 : 0]} = \text{Round} \left( \frac{65536 \times f_C}{f_{\text{XTAL}}} \right)$$

To program the carrier, enter a valid frequency (in MHz) in the 'Frequency' text box and click <Set>.

### Frequency Deviation

The 'Frequency Deviation' section sets the FSK deviation values ( $\Delta f$ ) and Gaussian shaping bit. The value entered in this section is used to calculate the 7-bit content for the PLL6 (0x0E) register. This calculation also uses the value entered for the [Crystal Frequency \(12.8MHz to 19.2MHz\)](#) section. The formula for setting the register value is:

#### Equation 2:

$$\text{DELTA AF [6 : 0]} = \text{Floor} \left( \Delta f \times \frac{8192}{f_{\text{XTAL}}} \right)$$

To program the  $\Delta f$ , enter a valid frequency (in kHz) in the 'Frequency Deviation' text box and click <Set>.

The GUI software adjusts the carrier frequency based on  $\frac{1}{2}$  of this  $\Delta f$  value to maintain the center of the FSK signal. This places  $f_{\text{SPACE}}$  at  $f_C - \Delta f/2$  and  $f_{\text{MARK}}$  at  $f_C + \Delta f/2$ . If the center frequency is adjusted and programmed after setting the 'Frequency Deviation', then  $f_{\text{SPACE}} = f_C$  and  $f_{\text{MARK}} = f_C + \Delta f$ . To reset the center of the FSK signal to  $f_C$ , click 'Frequency Deviation' <Set> again.

### Data Control Section

This portion of the GUI software provides a flexible tool to generate data for the SPI, I<sup>2</sup>C, or preset parts, all from a single interface.

### Preset Mode

When using a MAX41461–MAX41464 EV kit in preset mode, the GUI can provide simple Manchester-encoded data directly to the DATAIN pin of a connected device. Select the <Preset Mode> check box to generate this data without any other interfacing. All the following settings are then used to format a data stream to send directly to the DATAIN pin on the attached MAX4146x EV kit.

**Bitrate**

This is the data rate in kbps for Manchester-encoded data, given the default Manchester Encoding selection. If desired, this box can be unchecked for an NRZ data stream. Enter a value in the text box and click <Set> to configure the 'Data Control'.

When communicating with a MAX41461–MAX41464 in I<sup>2</sup>C mode, this bitrate value is used to program the Baud Clock values BCLK\_POSTDIV[2:0] in the CFG2 (0x01) register and BCLK\_REDIV[7:0] in the CFG3 (0x02) register. According to the formula:

**Equation 3:**

$$\text{BAUDRATE} = \frac{f_{\text{CLK}}}{(1 + \text{BCLK\_PREDIV}) \times 2^{(1 + \text{BCLK\_POSTDIV})}}$$

**Equation 4:**

Where:  $f_{\text{CLK}} = \frac{f_{\text{XTAL}}}{\text{XODIV Ratio}}$   
 with default settings of:  $f_{\text{CLK}} = \frac{16\text{MHz}}{5} = 3.2\text{MHz}$ ,

BCLKPOSTDIV = 1 to 5, and BCLKPREDIV = 3 to 255

Using the following equation and the default crystal frequency, the BCLK\_PREDIV can be calculated from the target baud rate using ranges set by BCLK\_POSTDIV:

**Equation 5:**

$$\text{BCLK\_PREDIV} = \frac{3.2\text{MHz}}{\text{BAUDRATE} \times 2^{(1 + \text{BCLK\_POSTDIV})}} - 1$$

**Equation 5a:**

$$\text{BCLK\_PREDIV} = \frac{800\text{kHz}}{\text{BAUDRATE}} - 1,$$

when BCLK\_POSTDIV = 1

**Equation 5b:**

$$\text{BCLK\_PREDIV} = \frac{400\text{kHz}}{\text{BAUDRATE}} - 1,$$

when BCLK\_POSTDIV = 2  
etc...

When using devices in I<sup>2</sup>C mode, this baud rate must not exceed the rate at which data is being written to the Tx Data FIFO. Otherwise, the buffer is emptied (underflow) with the first packet transfer and the MAX41461–MAX41464 exits the transmission mode. Generally, that baud rate is 8/9 of the SCL rate, which for the FTNR board interface  $f_{\text{SCL}} = 400\text{kHz}$ . Therefore, the maximum baud rate of 200kbaud is obtainable using the EV kit setup in I<sup>2</sup>C mode.

**Continuous Transmission**

Selecting this check box configures the 'Data Control' interface so the message or data sequence repeats until the transmission is interrupted. For example: when a '0x00' Manchester-encoded message is sent with <Continuous> unchecked, the sequence of 1010101010101010 bits is transmitted a single time. When the <Continuous> is checked, the <Send Data> process continuously sends a repeating sequence of 10101010101010101010101010101010... bits, emulating a square-wave data pattern.

**Messages Text Block and Message File**

The 'Messages' text block contains a hexadecimal-encoded data string to be transmitted with the FTNR board over the data interface. This message is formatted differently depending on the 'Chip' selected and mode of operation. For example, when in preset mode, the data is streamed directly to the DATAIN pin of the MAX4146x EV kit. When in I<sup>2</sup>C mode, the message is packetized and formatted across the I<sup>2</sup>C registers for transmission at the baud rate set with the 'Manchester Bitrate' control noted previously. Finally, when used with a

**Table 5. Baud Rate Programming**

BCLK_POSTDIV	MIN BAUD (BCLK_PREDIV = 255)	MAX BAUD (BCLK_PREDIV = 3)	BCLK_PREDIV RESOLUTION
1	3125Hz	200kHz	~12Hz to 40kHz
2	1562.5Hz	100kHz	~6Hz to 20kHz
3	~781.3Hz	50kHz	~3Hz to 10kHz
4	~390.6Hz	25kHz	~1.5Hz to 5kHz
5	~195.3Hz	12.5kHz	~0.8Hz to 2.5kHz

MAX41460 SPI device, the CSB and DATA pins are used to transmit the message at the bitrate noted previously.

Tools are provided to quickly load complex test packets generated outside of the GUI. The <Clear>, <Save>, and <Load> buttons help control the contents of the 'Messages' text block.

By clicking <Clear>, any contents in the 'Messages' text block are deleted.

Clicking <Save> stores the contents of the 'Messages' block to a file. A 'Save As' explorer window opens with a prompt to save a .txt file.

Clicking the <Load> button pops up an 'Open' window and prompts for a .txt file to load in the 'Messages' text block.

### Register Configuration

When the device is configured as needed, click <Save Config> to save the current MAX4146x register values to a file for use later. This opens a 'Save As' explorer window with a prompt to save an .xml file.

To load a previously saved configuration, click <Load Config> and point to the chosen configuration in the explorer window.

### Tool History Section

This portion of the GUI contains a 'Log File' text block, which is used to record activity within the GUI.

#### Log File

For every <Set>, connection effort, or register programming action, the GUI activity is logged in this text block. Add notes and make edits to the content of the 'Log File' text block.

Clicking <Clear Log> deletes the contents in the text block.

Clicking <Save Log> opens a 'Save As' explorer window with a prompt to save a .txt file.

### Direct Register Access Section

The GUI software allows direct access to all the available registers when interfacing with both the MAX41460 SPI-

based device or the MAX41461–MAX41464 devices in I<sup>2</sup>C mode.

### Register List

On the left-hand side of the 'Register Interface' section is a list of the device's internal registers. Each register address/name (e.g., '00 CFG1') acts as an active control and by clicking on an individual register, the contents are presented in the [Register Value](#) section.

### Register Value

The right-hand side of the 'Register Interface' section displays the content of the selected device register. At the top of the block, a header displays the name of the selected register (e.g., 'CFG1'), the 'Index' or address of the register in both decimal ('0d') and hexadecimal ('0000h') form.

The body of this section shows a table with the names of the individual bits for the selected 8b register along with the current value programmed into each bit or bit group.

The remaining portion of the body shows a table with the bit indexes, type of register (write/read), name of the bit or bit group, Reset value, and a description of the bit or bit group.

### Read and Write Registers

Most registers in the MAX4146x are both readable and writable. The read-only registers are I2C4 (0x14), I2C5 (0x15), I2C6 (0x16), ID1 (0x1B), ID2 (0x1C), and STATUS (0x1D). Writing values to a register can be accomplished by selecting the register of interest, typing a Hex or Dec value in the 'Value' text box, and clicking <Write Register X> (where X is the decimal address of the register). Reading the register content is similar: select the register of interest and click <Read Register X>.

### Register Bit Field

Individual bits or bit groups can be programmed without having to enter the full value of the register. To program a bit or group of bits, first select the register of interest (PA1, 0x06 for example), next select the bit or bit group to be changed (PAPWR[2:0] as an example), enter the binary code for the new value (111b), and hit <Enter> - the new value is automatically reflected in the 'Value' text box and is written to the device.

### Miscellaneous Software Information

The tool bar at the top of the GUI software provides a couple of options.

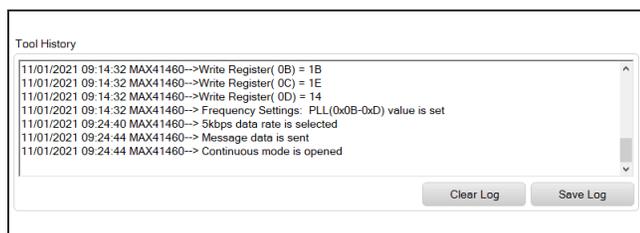


Figure 8. Tool History.

### File and Help Menu

Selecting File > Exit from the toolbar closes the GUI program. This has the same effect as clicking <X> in the upper-right corner of the GUI software.

Selecting Help > About from the toolbar displays the splash screen. This window shows the name of the software, the revision number, a copyright notice, a link to the Maxim Integrated® website, a link to the support website, and a check box to enable or disable the splash screen during startup. Click <OK> to close the 'About' window.

### .xml File

The register descriptions for the ISM Radios GUI are available in an .xml file, which is stored with the executable in the application directory. The default file loaded when the GUI is initialized is RegisterSet8.XML. This file can be edited as needed to adjust the names of fields, provide simple indicators to the GUI user, or allow flexible updates to the GUI interface in the future.

**Table 6. VCO Divider Settings**

VCO	LO MODE SETTING	FREQUENCY RANGE (MHz)	LODIV[1:0] SETTING
Ring Oscillator*	0b	286 to 960	00b
LC VCO	1b	286 to 320	11b
LC VCO	1b	425 to 480	10b
LC VCO	1b	860 to 960	01b

\*Default

### Ordering Information

PART	TYPE
MAX41460EVKIT#	SPI Interface at 434MHz
MAX41460EVKIT-915	SPI Interface at 915MHz
MAX41461EVKIT-315	Preset/I <sup>2</sup> C Interface at 315MHz
MAX41462EVKIT-434	Preset/I <sup>2</sup> C Interface at 434MHz
MAX41463EVKIT-915	Preset/I <sup>2</sup> C Interface at 915MHz
MAX41464EVKIT-868	Preset/I <sup>2</sup> C
MAX41464EVKIT#	Preset/I <sup>2</sup> C at 434MHz

#Denotes a RoHS-compliant device that may include lead(Pb) that is exempt under the RoHS requirements.

## MAX4146x EV Kit Component List

PART	QTY	DESCRIPTION
C1, C2	2	5pF $\pm$ 0.25pF Capacitor (01005) muRata GRM0225C1H5R0CA03
C3	1	0.47 $\mu$ F $\pm$ 10% Capacitor (0603) muRata GRM188R71C474K
C4	1	0.01 $\mu$ F $\pm$ 5% Capacitor (0603) muRata GRM1885C1H103JA01
C5	1	220pF $\pm$ 5% Capacitor (0603) muRata GRM1885C1H221JA01
C6	1	*
C7	1	100pF $\pm$ 5% Capacitor (0402) muRata GRM1555C1H101JA01
C8	1	*
C9, C10	1	DNP
CLKOUT	1	Test Point Keystone 5126
D1	1	DNP
DATAIN	1	Test Point Keystone 5014
GND, GND1	2	Test Point Keystone 5011
H1	1	Connector Male Through Hole Sullins PRPC016SFAN-RC
H2	1	Connector Male Through Hole Sullins PRPC012SFAN-RC
JU1-JU3, JU5	3	Connectors Male Through Hole Sullins PEC03SAAN / PEC02SAAN

PART	QTY	DESCRIPTION
JU4	1	DNP
L1A	1	*
L1B	1	DNP
L2	1	*
R1-R5	5	DNP (MAX41464)
R6-R8	3	0 $\Omega$ $\pm$ 0% Resistor (0603) Vishay Dale CRCW06030000Z0
R9-R13, R17-R18	7	DNP
R14, R15	2	4.7k $\Omega$ $\pm$ 5% Resistor (0603) Panasonic ERJ-3GEYJ472V
R16	1	100k $\Omega$ $\pm$ 1% Resistor (0603) Panasonic ERJ-3EKF1003
RFOUT	1	SMA Connector Johnson Components 142-0701-851
SU1-SU3, SU5	4	Test Point Jumpers Sullins STC02SYAN
U1	1	MAX41464GUB+ TSSOP10
VDD	1	Test Point Keystone 5013
Y1	1	16 MHz Crystal Epson TSX-3225 16.0000MF18X-AC0

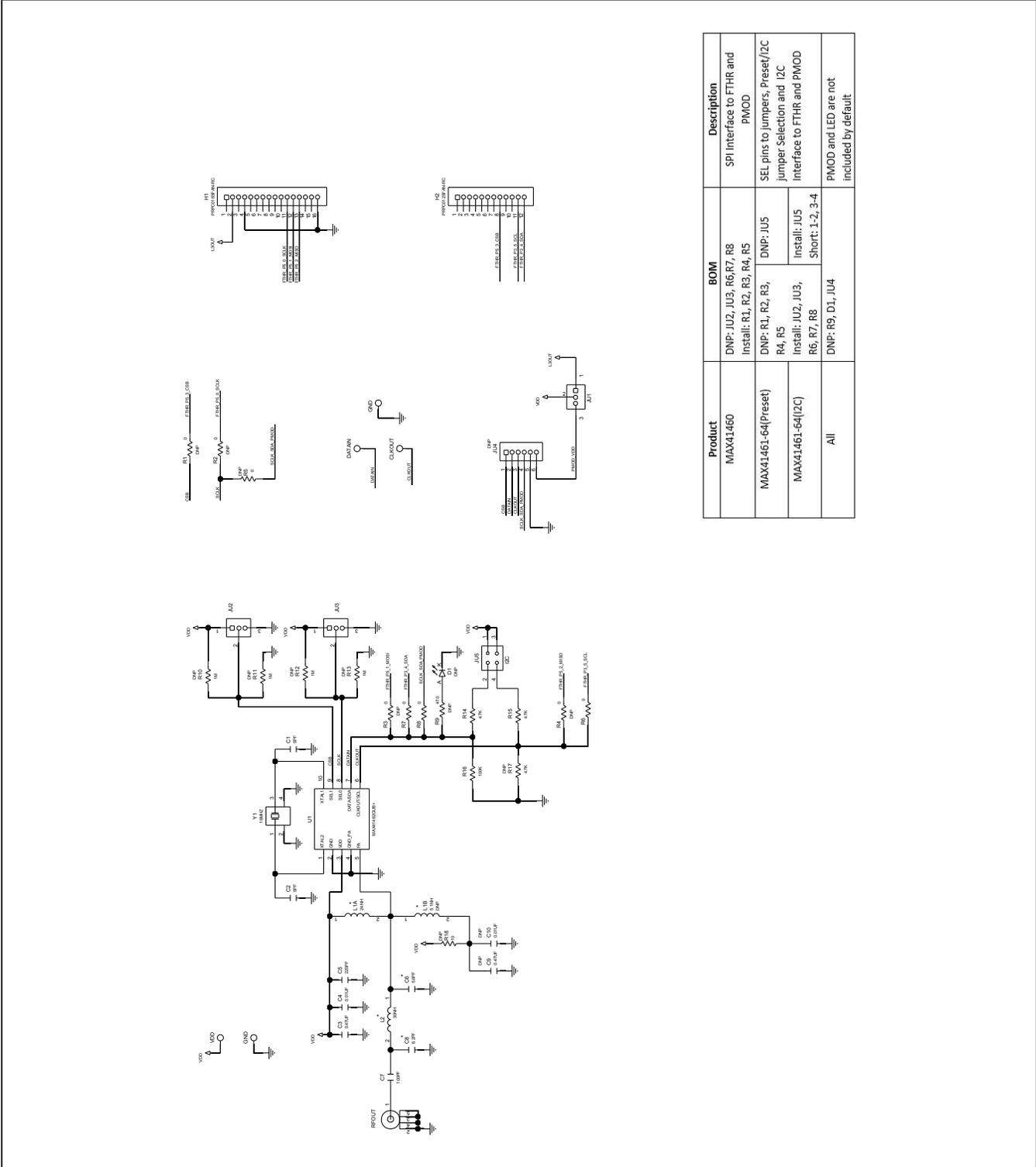
\*See [Table A2-1](#).

## Component Suppliers

SUPPLIER	WEBSITE
Epson America	www5.epsondevice.com
Johnson Components/Cinch	belfuse.com/cinch
Keystone	www.keyelco.com
Murata Electronics North America, Inc.	www.murata.com
Panasonic	
Sullins	www.sullinscorp.com
Vishay Dale	www.vishay.com

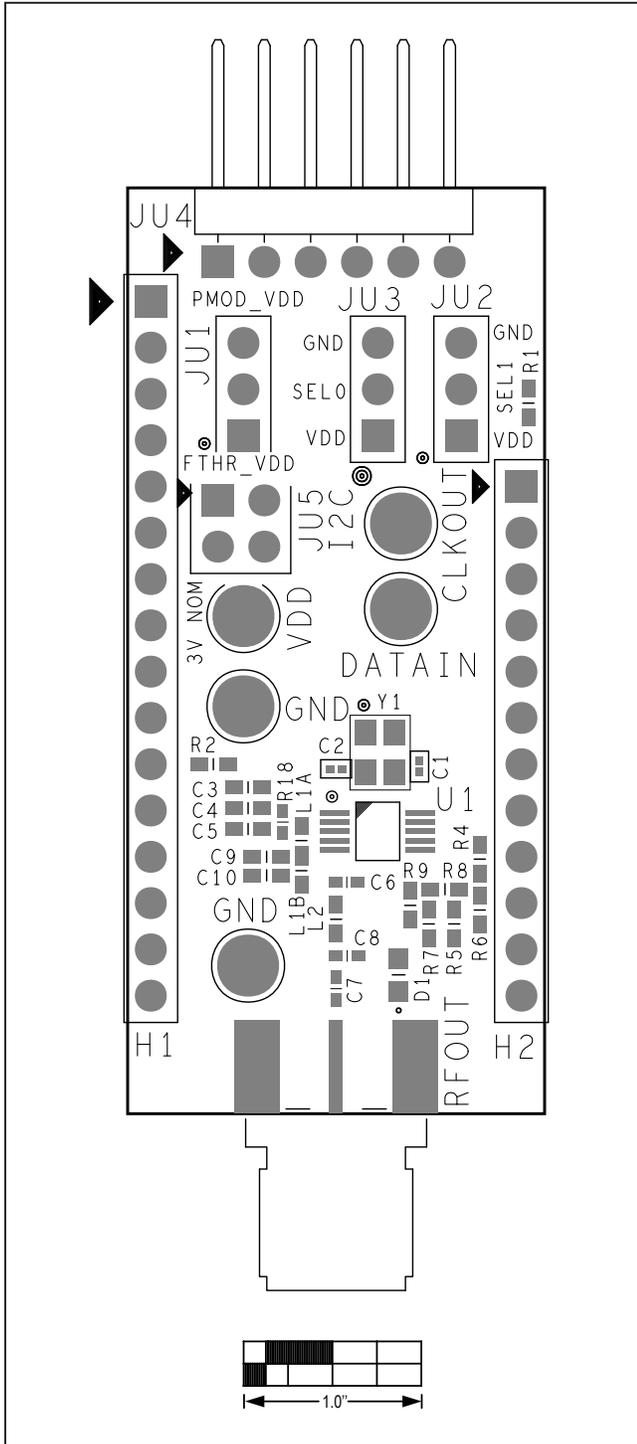
**Note:** Indicate using the MAX4146x when contacting these component suppliers.

## MAX4146x EV Kit Schematic

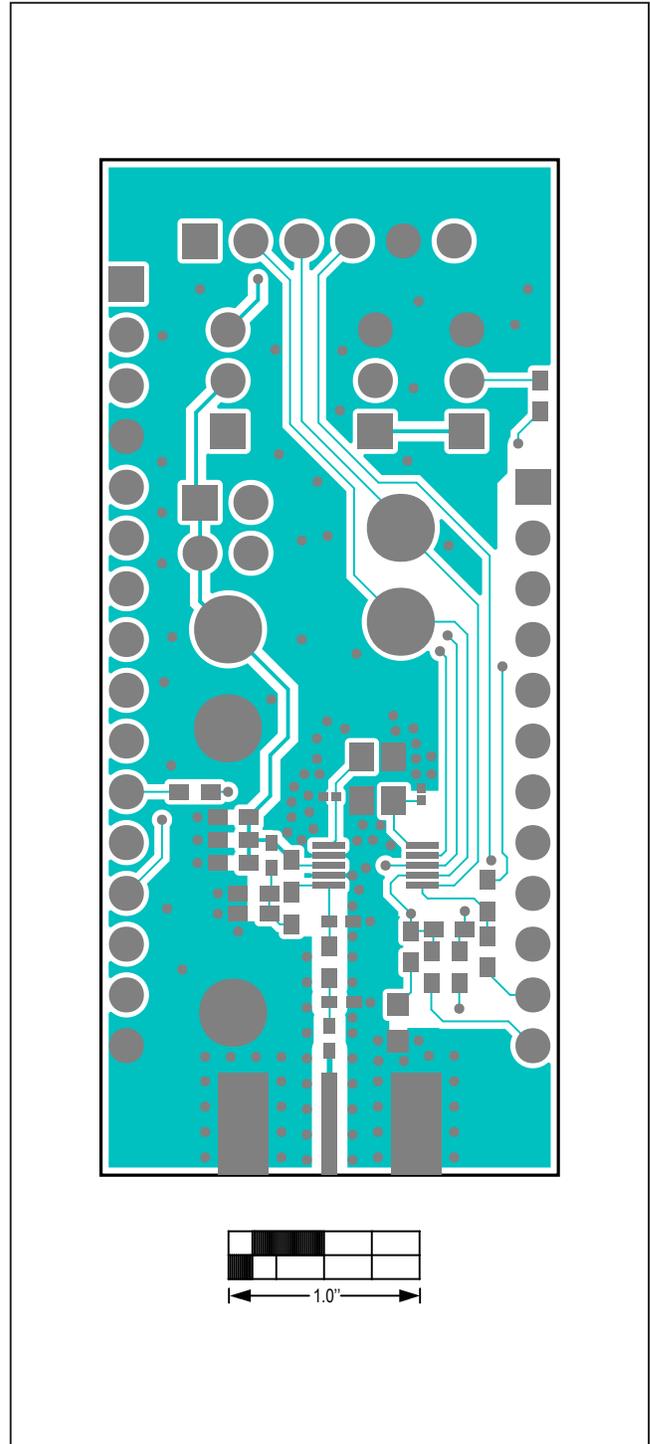


Product	BOM	Description
MAX41460	DNP: JU2, JU3, R6, R7, R8 Install: R1, R2, R3, R4, R5	SPI Interface to FTHR and PMOD
MAX41461-64 (Preset)	DNP: R1, R2, R3, R4, R5 Install: JU2, JU3, R6, R7, R8	SEL pins to Jumpers, Preset/2C Jumper Selection and 2C Interface to FTHR and PMOD
MAX41461-64 (2C)	DNP: R9, D1, JU4	PMOD and LED are not included by default
All		

MAX4146x EV Kit PCB Layout Diagrams

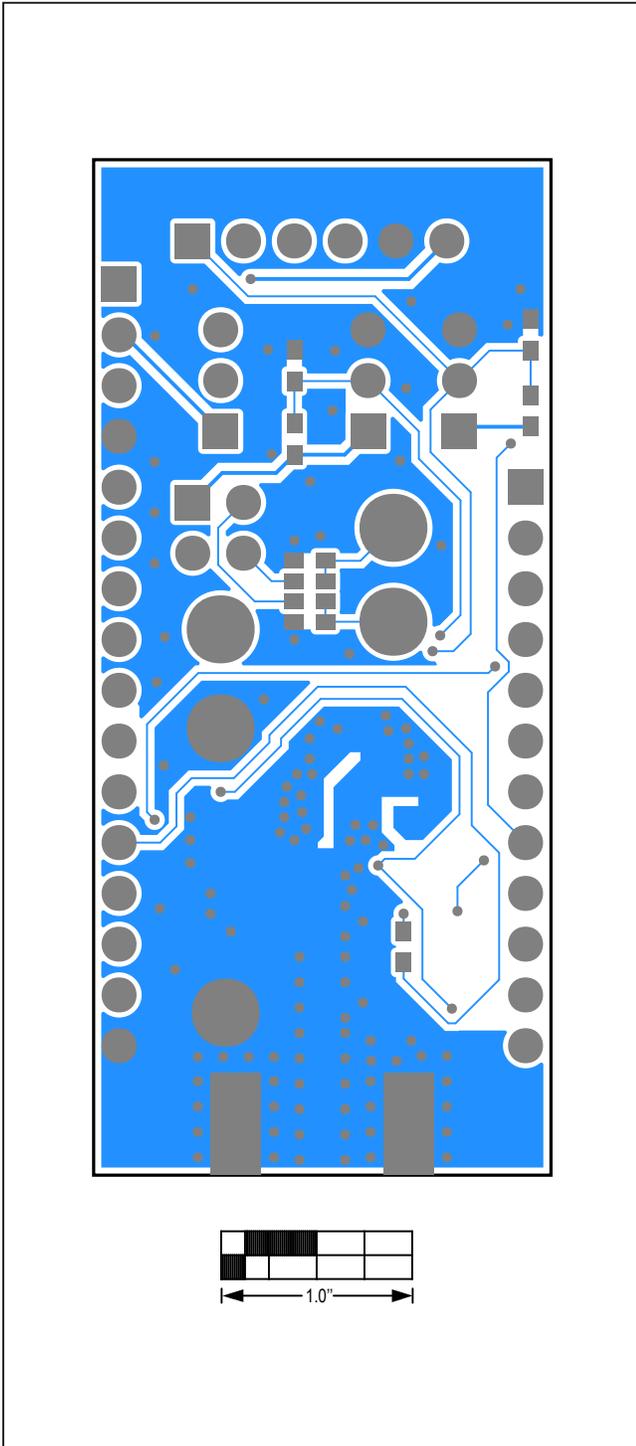


MAX4146x EV Kit Component Placement Guide—Top Silkscreen

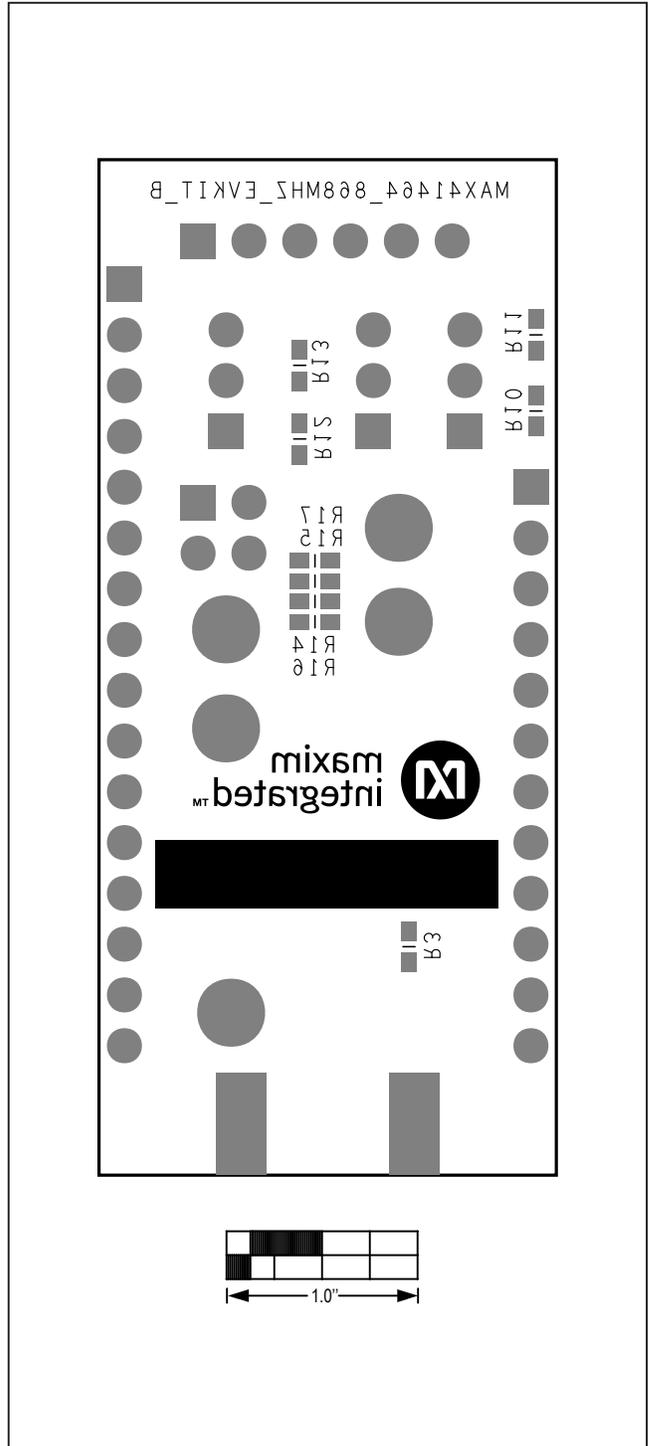


MAX4146x EV Kit PCB Layout—Top Layer

MAX4146x EV Kit PCB Layout Diagrams (continued)



MAX4146x EV Kit PCB Layout—Bottom Layer



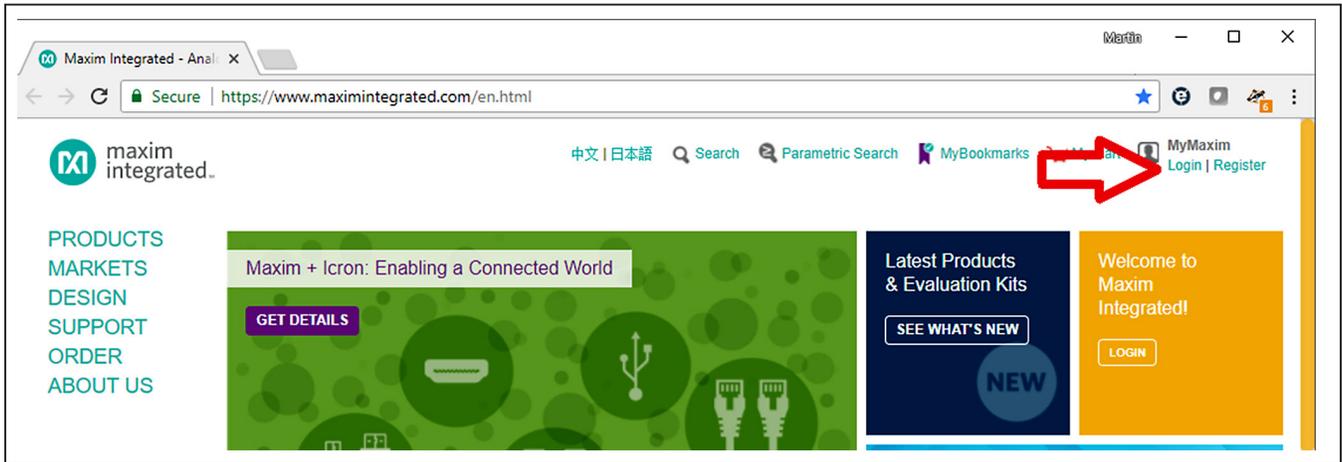
MAX4146x EV Kit PCB Layout—Bottom Silk Layer

## Appendix I – Detailed Software, Firmware, and Driver Installation Procedures

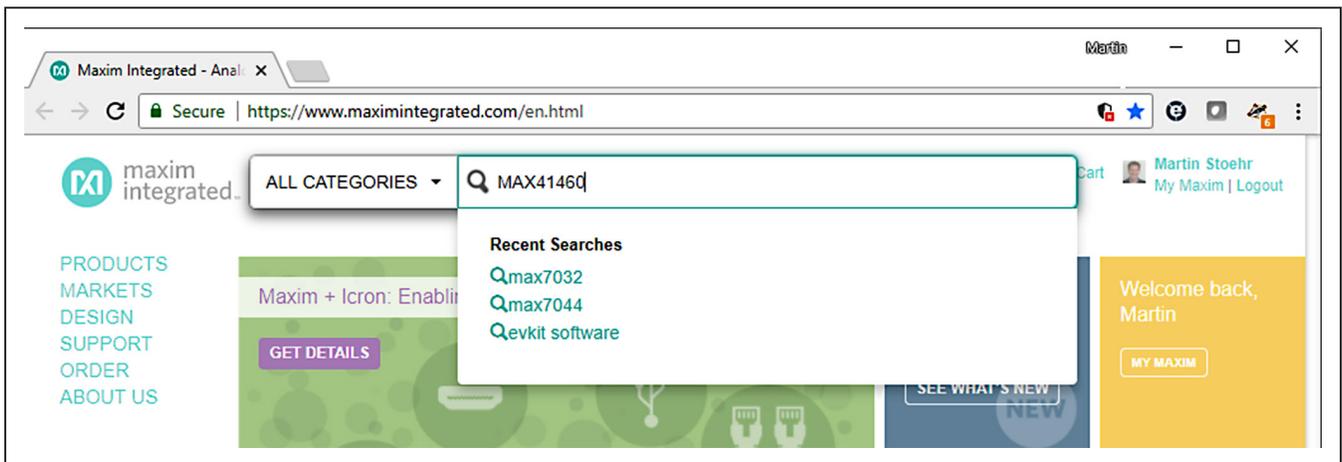
### Download the ISM Radios GUI Software Package

This software and firmware are available from the [Maxim Integrated®](https://www.maximintegrated.com) website.

- 1) Log in to the MyMaxim account on the website.



- 2) Click the magnifying glass and search for the **MAX41460** or similar part.



3) Click the main page for the device or EV kit.

The screenshot displays a search interface for the MAX41460. On the left, there are filter categories: TYPE (Products (12), Technical Documents (3), Videos (3), Knowledge Base/FAQs (1), Tools (1)), PRODUCT LINE/CATEGORY (Communications (15), Power (2), Analog (1)), MARKETS/APPLICATION (Communications (3), Automotive (1), Essential Analog (1)), and FILE TYPE (PDF (1)). The search results show 'Results 1-10 of 25 for MAX41460 in 0.36 seconds'. The results are sorted by RELEVANCE and DATE. The first result is 'MAX41460 300MHz-960MHz ASK and (G)FSK Transmitter with SPI Interface' dated 5/2019. The second result is 'MAX41460EVKIT Evaluation Kit for the MAX41460, MAX41461, MAX41462, MAX41463, MAX41464' dated 3/2019. Red arrows point to the product names in the first two results.

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Products (12)	<b>Products</b>		
Technical Documents (3)	<a href="#">MAX41460 300MHz-960MHz ASK and (G)FSK Transmitter with SPI Interface</a>		5/2019
Videos (3)	<a href="#">Data Sheet</a>   <a href="#">Parametric Specs</a>   <a href="#">Related Packaging</a>   <a href="#">Order</a>		
Knowledge Base/FAQs (1)	<a href="#">MAX41460EVKIT Evaluation Kit for the MAX41460, MAX41461, MAX41462, MAX41463, MAX41464</a>		3/2019
Tools (1)	<a href="#">Data Sheet</a>   <a href="#">Parametric Specs</a>   <a href="#">Related Packaging</a>   <a href="#">Order</a>		
PRODUCT LINE/CATEGORY	<a href="#">MAX41462EVKIT-434 Evaluation Kit for the MAX41460, MAX41461, MAX41462, MAX41463, MAX41464</a>		3/2019
Communications (15)	<a href="#">Data Sheet</a>   <a href="#">Parametric Specs</a>   <a href="#">Related Packaging</a>   <a href="#">Order</a>		
Power (2)	<a href="#">MAX41461EVKIT-315 Evaluation Kit for the MAX41460, MAX41461, MAX41462, MAX41463, MAX41464</a>		3/2019
Analog (1)	<a href="#">Data Sheet</a>   <a href="#">Parametric Specs</a>   <a href="#">Related Packaging</a>   <a href="#">Order</a>		
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Communications (3)			
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- 4) Click the 'Design & Development' link. Under the 'Design & Development' section, click the 'Design Tool & Simulation' page. Click the <Download> button to select the appropriate software link.

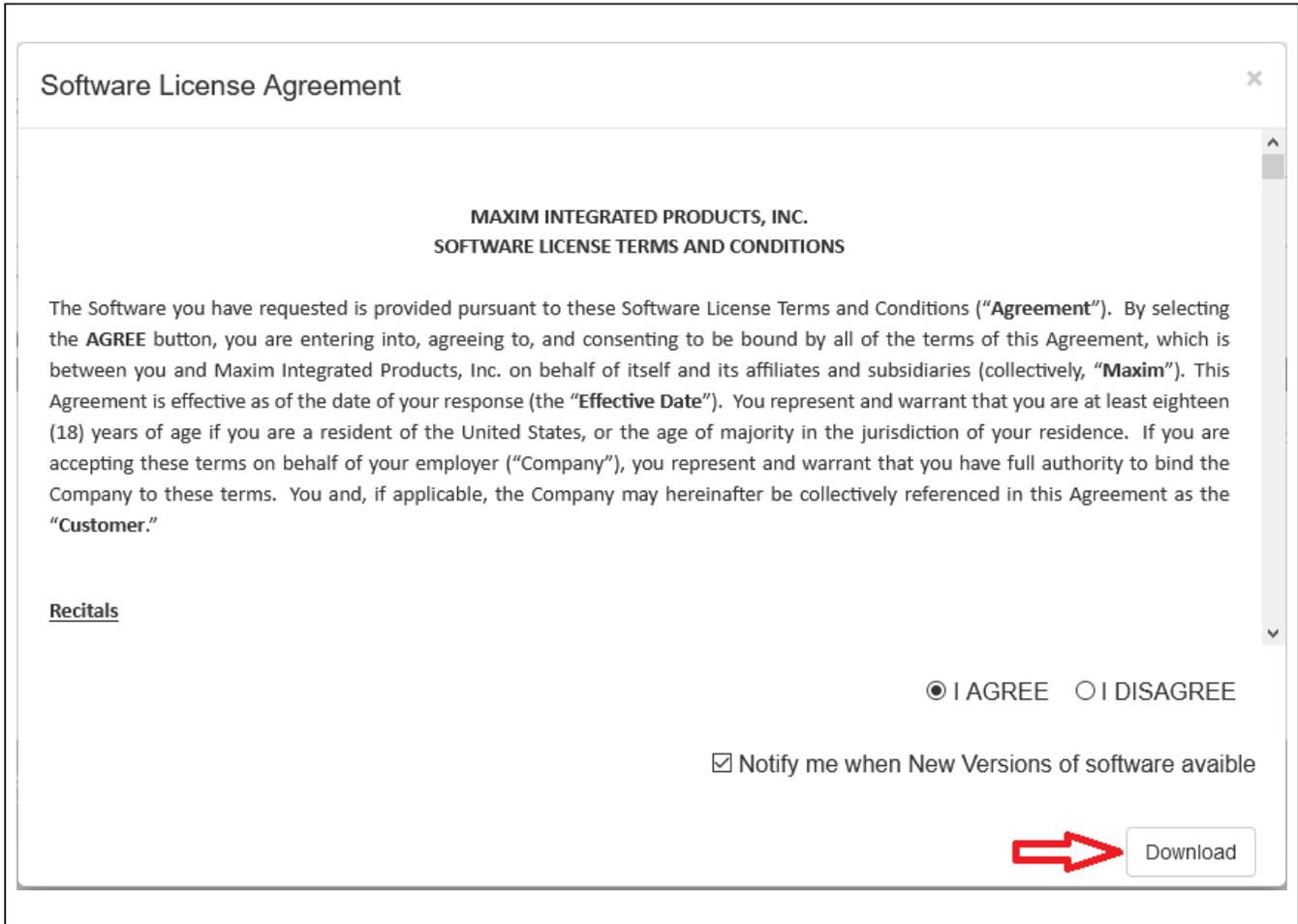
The screenshot shows the product page for MAX41460. At the top, there are buttons for 'Online Data Sheet', 'Download Data Sheet', and 'Buy Now'. Below these are navigation tabs: 'Product Details', 'Technical Documentation', 'Design & Development', 'Order & Quality', and 'Support & Training'. A red arrow points to the 'Design & Development' tab. Under this tab, there are links for 'Data Sheet', 'App Note', and 'Design & Development'. A red arrow points to the 'Design & Development' link. Below this, there are sub-tabs: 'All', 'Hardware Development', 'Additional Resources', 'Design Tool & Simulation', and 'CAD/CAE Symbols'. A red arrow points to the 'Design Tool & Simulation' sub-tab. Under this sub-tab, there is a section for 'SUPPORT SOFTWARE' with a link for 'MAX41460-64 evaluation software SFW0005460A' and a 'Download' button. A red arrow points to the 'Download' button.

- 5) Click the file link on the software landing page to download the ISM Radios GUI package.

The screenshot shows the 'EV KIT SOFTWARE' page for 'ISM Radios GUI'. It lists the following information:

- Software Version: 3.7.2
- File Name: ISMRadiosGUISetup\_v3.7.2\_2020\_June\_29\_withUpdatedFW.msi
- Description: GUI supporting the ISM products
- Operating Systems Supported: Windows 10
- Required Hardware:
- Related Product Folder(s): [MAX41470](#), [MAX1471](#), [MAX41470EVKIT](#)
- Notes:

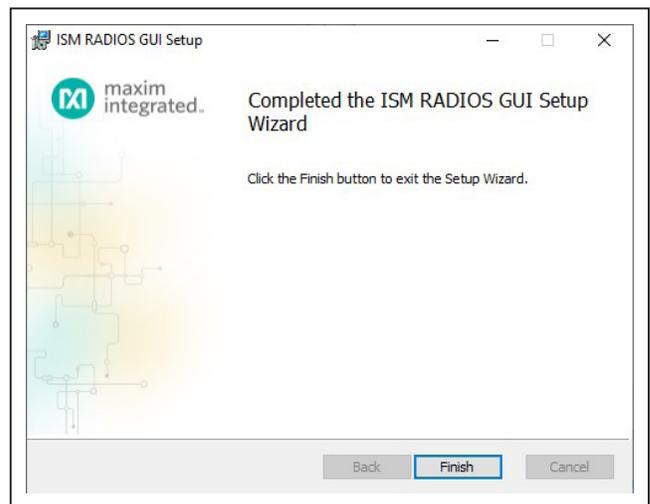
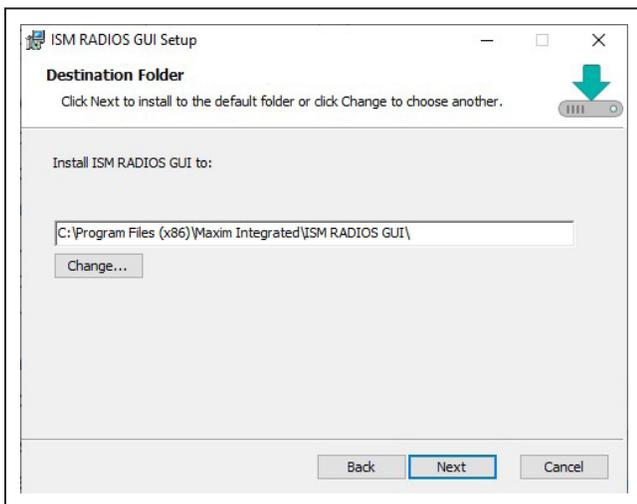
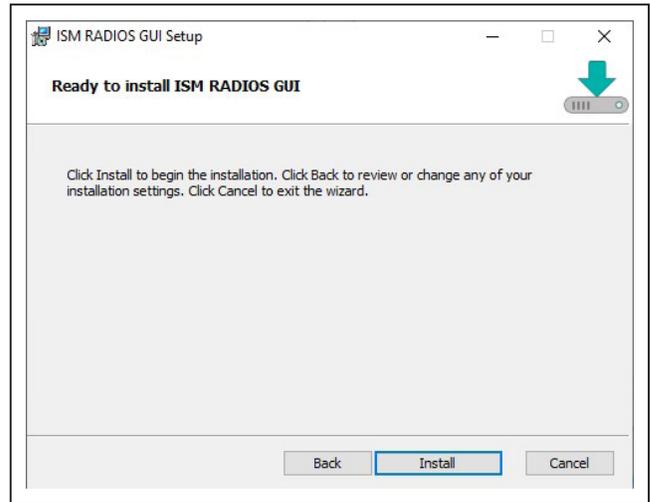
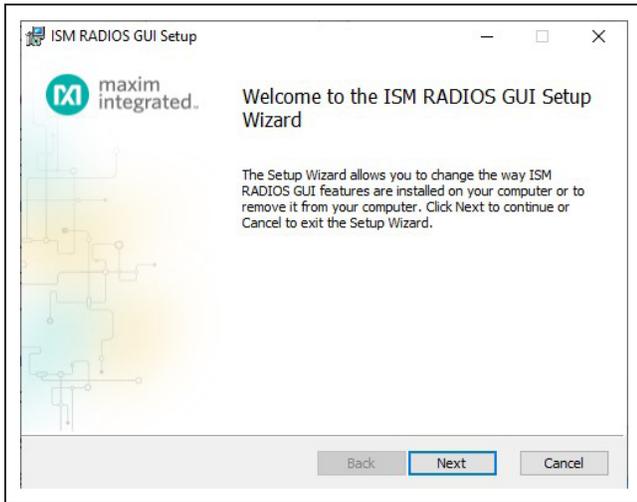
- 6) If not already logged in, log in to the MyMaxim account. Review the Maxim Software License Agreement (SLA) and accept the terms by clicking the <Download> button.



- 7) Save the EV kit distribution package to the desktop or other accessible location for later install.

### Install the ISM Radios GUI Software

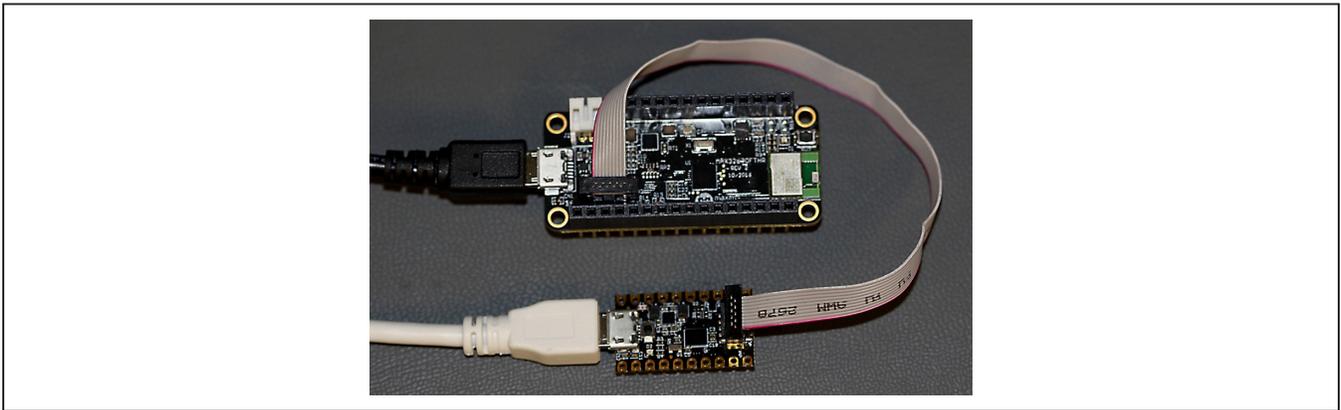
- 1) Double-click the ISMRadiosGUISetup.msi setup file and follow the Setup Wizard prompts:
  - a. Click <Next>.
  - b. Use the default Destination folder and click <Next>.
  - c. Install the software by clicking <Install>.
  - d. Click <Finish> when the setup process is complete.



### Program the MAX32630FTHR Board with the MAX4146x Firmware

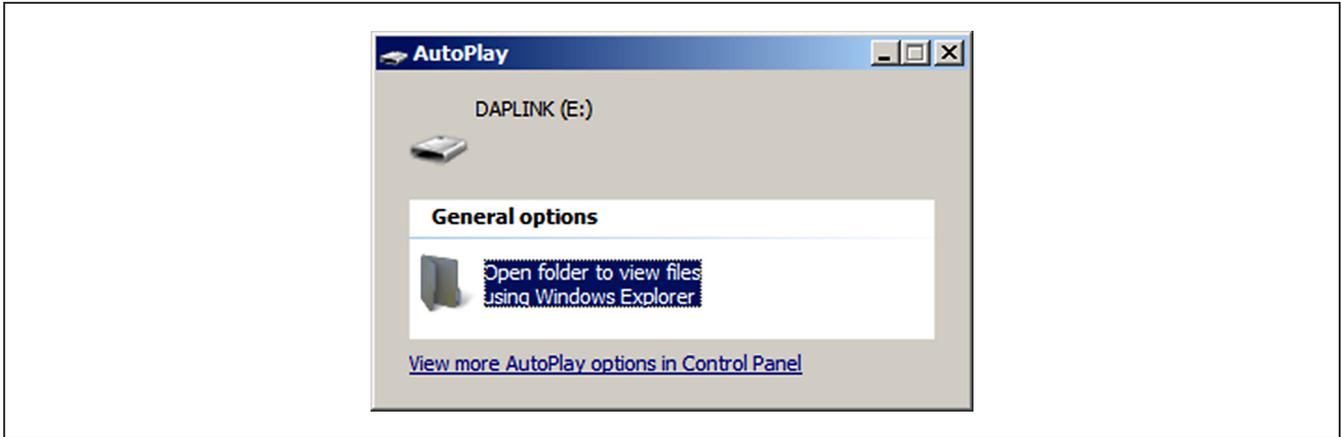
The FTHR board firmware comes preinstalled with every MAX4146x EV kit. This section describes how to install that firmware for development or update purposes.

- 1) Connect the MAX32630FTHR to the MAX32625PICO.
  - a. Use the fine-pitch, 10-pin ribbon cable to connect the boards from the SWD (J3) header on the PICO to J4 on the MAX32630FTHR.



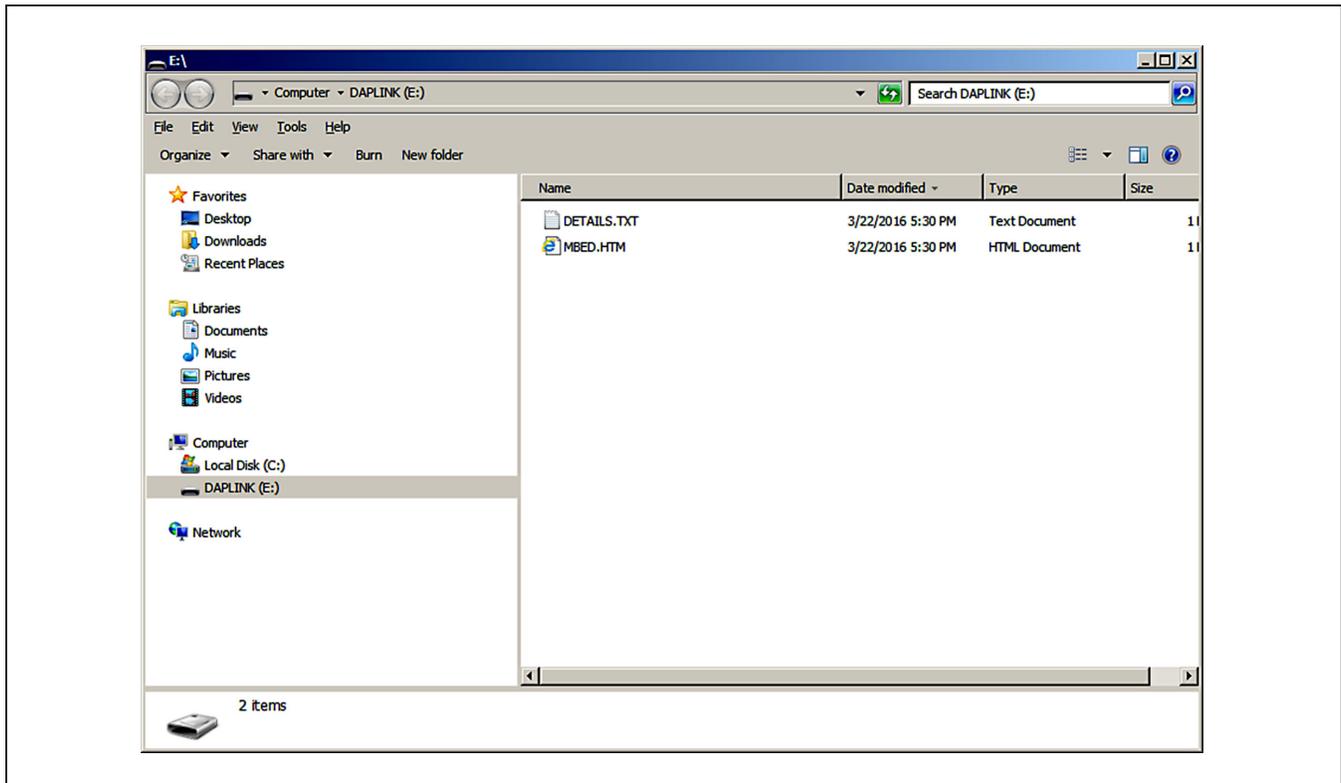
MAX32625PICO DAPLINK

- 2) Connect the MAX32630FTHR to a power source.
  - a. Use a micro-B USB cable to connect the MAX32630FTHR board to a suitable power source (no USB connectivity is required).
  - b. The status LED on the FTHR board should be lit a steady red.
- 3) Connect the MAX32625PICO to a PC.
  - a. Use a micro-B USB cable to connect the PICO board. [The white USB cable in the photos.]
  - b. The status LED on the DAPLINK board blinks red when connecting.
  - c. After a few seconds of activity, the PC recognizes the DAPLINK as a standard USB drive.



Windows 10 Example

- 4) Drag-and-drop or save the ism\_radios\_fw.bin program binary to the Mbed or DAPLINK USB drive.
  - a. The FTTH board LED shuts off and the LED on the MAX32625PICO slowly flashes red as the FTTH board is being programmed.
  - b. Once the programming is complete, the DAPLINK USB drive disconnects from the PC and reconnects as a USB drive again.
  - c. If the programming is successful, the contents of the DAPLINK USB drive should include a DETAILS.TXT file. If an ERROR.TXT file exists on the drive, check the FTTH board has power during the programming process and repeat steps 3 and 4.



- 5) To ready the FTTH board for use, disconnect the DAPLINK board (ribbon cable) and press <Reset> on the FTTH board or disconnect the FTTH board from the USB power supply.
  - a. When <Reset> is pressed, the microcontroller restarts and the newly programmed application begins to run, or disconnect and reconnect the USB cable if using a PC for power.

The latest information and these firmware update instructions can be found on the MAX32630FTTH board Mbed website: <https://os.mbed.com/platforms/MAX32630FTTH/> or by visiting the Mbed home page (<https://www.mbed.com/>) and searching for 'MAX32630FTTH'.

If there is no Mbed account, choose 'Signup', and create an Mbed account. Otherwise, log in with the normal username and password for access to the website, tools, libraries, and documentation.

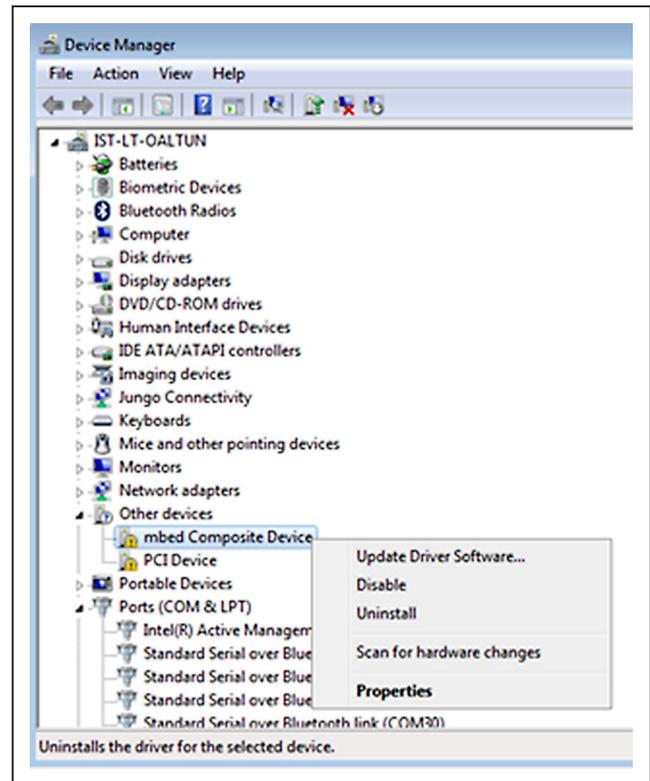
Load the matching image (**MAX32630FTTH DAPLINK image**) for the platform being programmed for the drag-and-drop programming to work.

**Please Note:** *The board can be sensitive to excess loading on the crystal, which could prevent it from entering maintenance mode. Hold the board by the edges when entering maintenance mode. It may be easier to hold the button while inserting the USB cable at the computer end, rather than trying to insert the cable into the micro USB connector.*

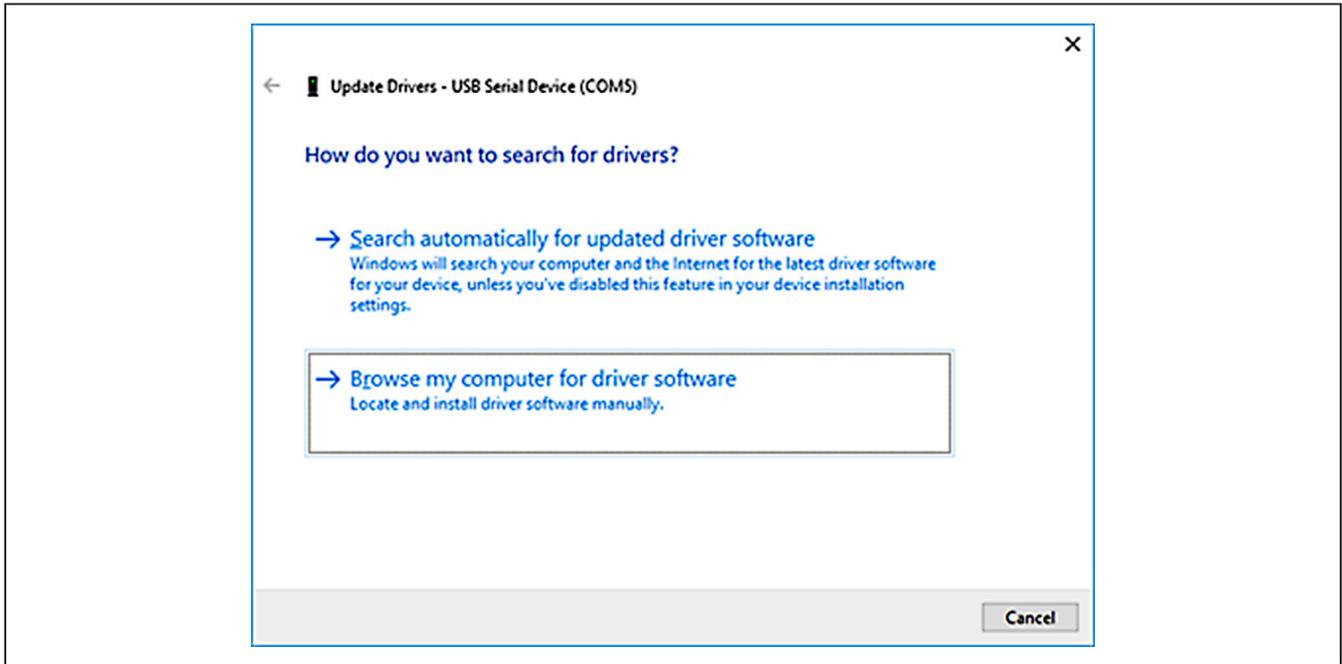
### Update the MAX32630FTTH Board Driver

The required driver is available from the [Maxim Integrated®](#) website. See the [Download the ISM Radios GUI Software Package](#) section for information on obtaining the latest driver from Maxim Integrated®.

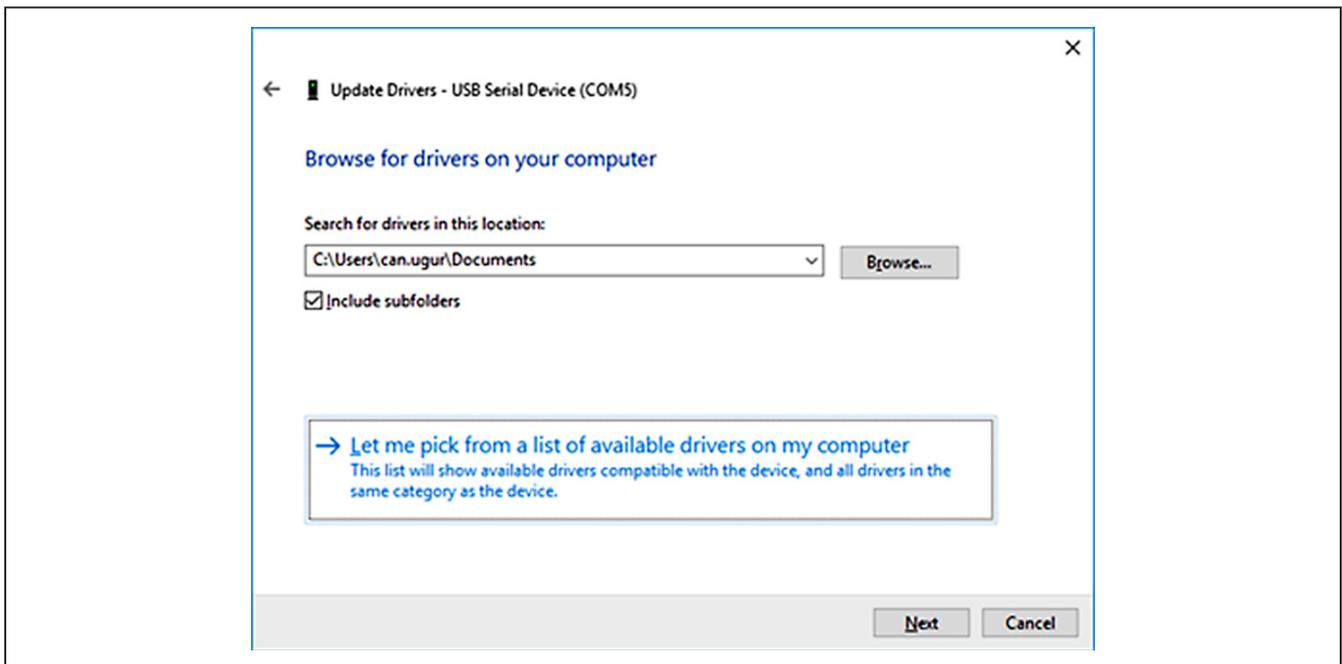
- 1) Connect the MAX32630FTTH to the PC's USB port.
- 2) In Device Manager, right-click Other devices => 'CDC Device' or 'mbed Composite Device'.



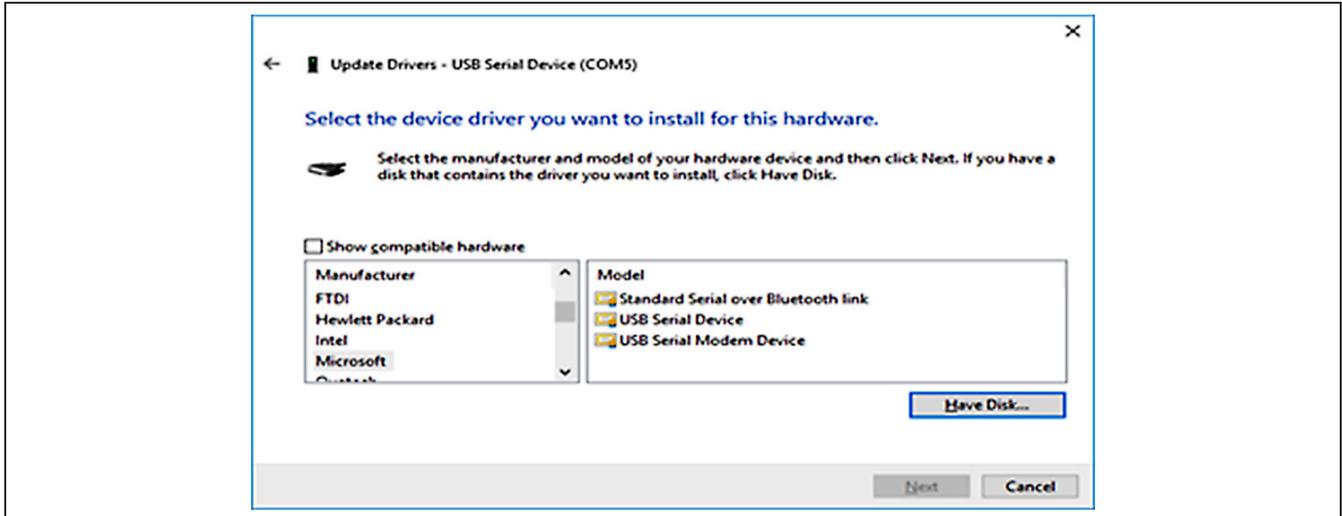
3) Click 'Update Driver Software', then select 'Browse my computer for driver software'.



4) Select 'Let me pick from a list of available drivers on my computer'.

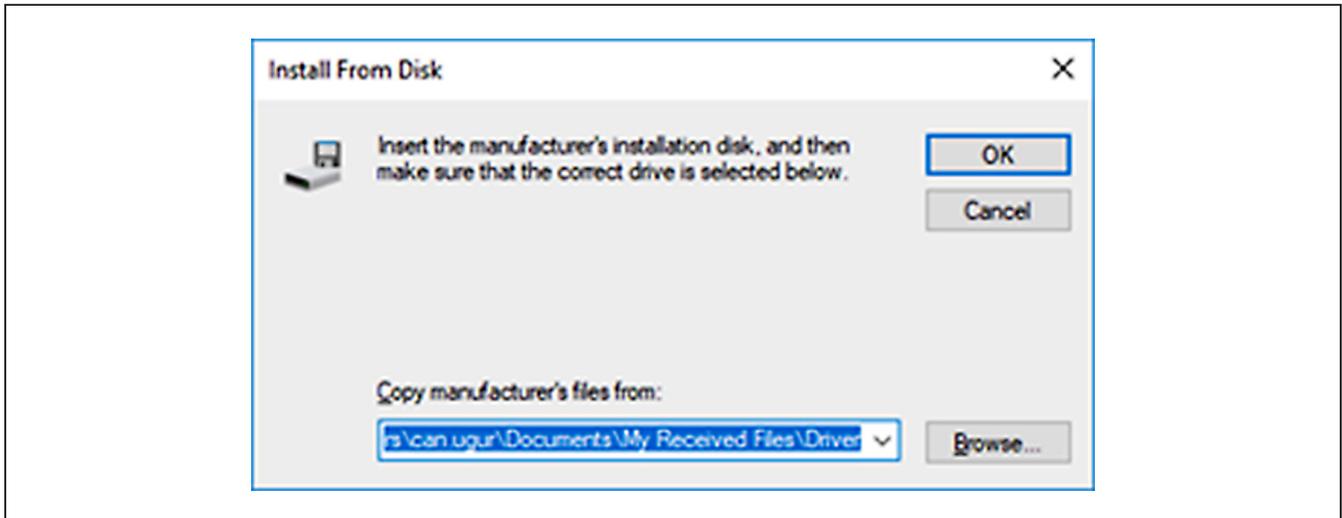


5) Click <Have Disk...>.



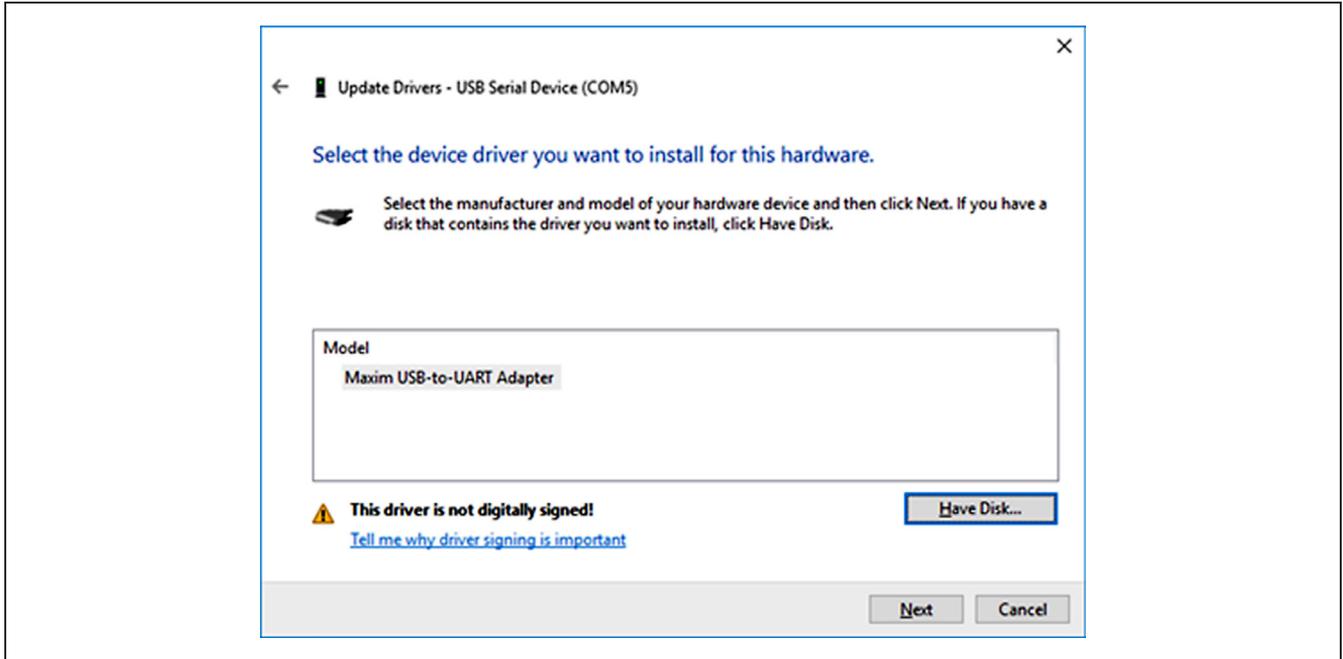
<Have Disk...> Button

6) Browse the path of driver folder and click <OK>.

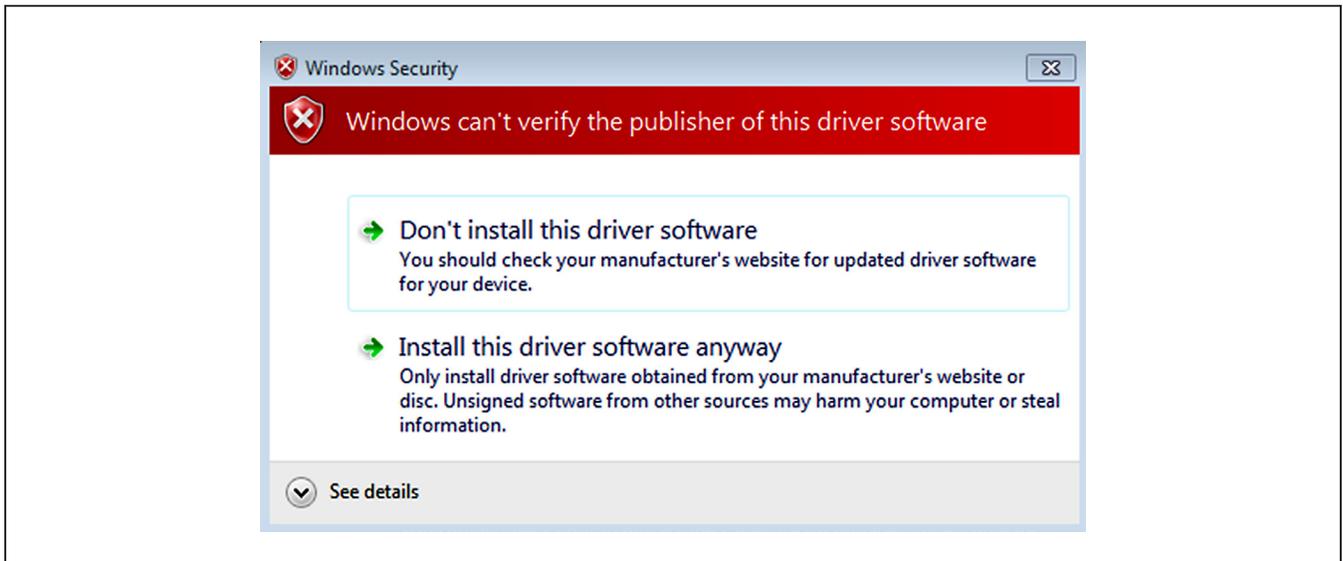


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## Appendix II – Hardware Modifications

### I<sup>2</sup>C Pullup Resistors

To accommodate the various operating modes of the MAX4146x products on one board, the shared digital pins have many interface modes over which they operate. The DATAIN net is the most dynamic of these interfaces, serving three functions:

- 1) DATA input for transmission in preset mode for the MAX41461–MAX41464 parts.
- 2) SDA when MAX41461–MAX41464 parts are configured for I<sup>2</sup>C mode.
- 3) SDI or MOSI for SPI control of the MAX41460 and as DATA input when transmitting.

With preset parts (MAX41461–MAX41464) used in preset mode, the DATA pin must be held low during power-up of the device. A light pulldown resistor: R16, 100kΩ to ground satisfies this requirement.

To properly establish the open-drain topology of the two-pin serial interface, the SDA and SCL lines must be pulled-up to the supply voltage. The resistor footprints: R14 and R15 are provided on the MAX4146x EV kit for this purpose. By connecting JU5 (1 to 2 and 3 to 4), both lines are pulled-up to the VDD supply.

Connect these pullups only when the preset pins (SEL0 and SEL1) are both connected to ground, thus selecting the I<sup>2</sup>C interface mode of the MAX4146x.

Note that the FTHR board also has footprints for I<sup>2</sup>C pullup resistors at R6 and R11. Both sets of

pullup resistors (on the FTHR board and MAX4146x EV kit) should not be populated simultaneously, otherwise incorrect I<sup>2</sup>C signal levels may result. Likewise, if other I<sup>2</sup>C slaves are added to the bus, use only one set of pul-  
lup resistors.

### Matching Network

For optimal performance of the transmitter PA, the antenna-matching network should be tuned to the operating frequency of the radio.

To change the tuning of the matching network, two inductors (L1 and L2) and two capacitors (C6 and C7) should be adjusted according to [Table A2-1](#).

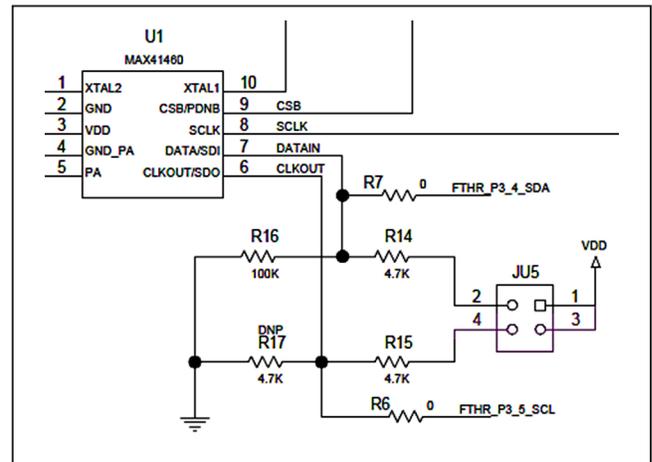


Figure A2-1. I<sup>2</sup>C Pullup Resistors

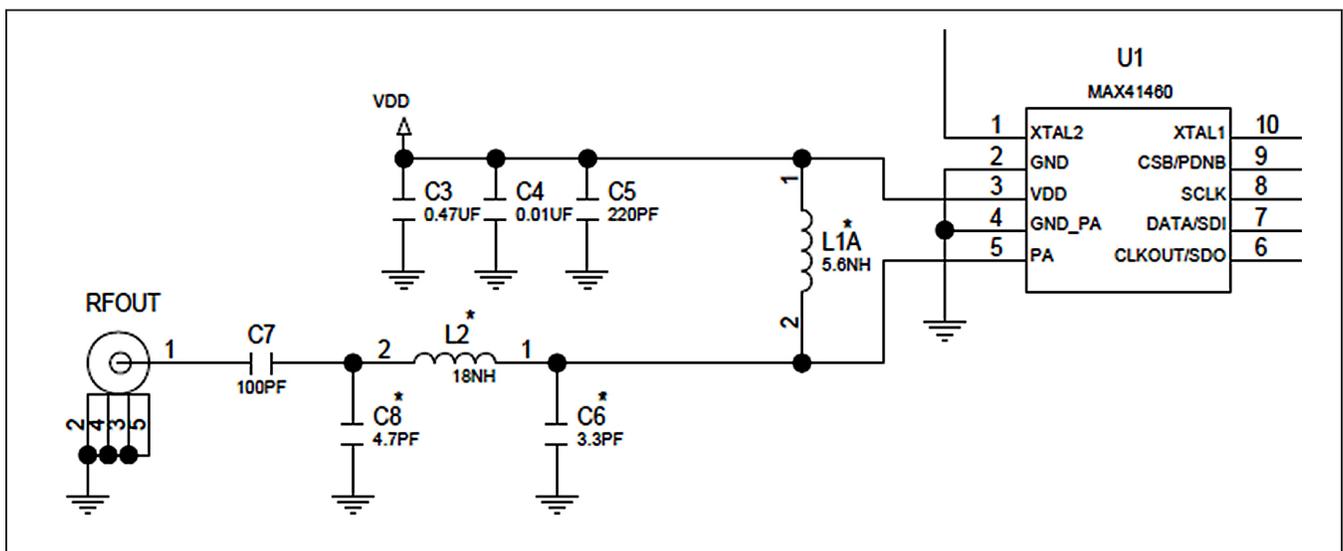


Figure A2-2. Matching Network

**Table A2-1. MAX4146x EV Kit Matching Network Component Values**

KIT	f <sub>c</sub>	POUT	BOOST*	LOAD IMPEDANCE	C7	C8	L2	C6	L1A
MAX41461EVKIT-315	315MHz	+13dBm	—	165Ω	100pF	8.2pF	51nH	4.7pF	47nH
	315MHz High-Power	+16dBm	0	68Ω	100pF	8.0pF	27nH	8.0pF	30nH
	345MHz	+13dBm	—	170Ω	100pF	8.2pF	43nH	5.0pF	39nH
MAX41462EVKIT-434 MAX41460EVKIT# MAX41464EVKIT#	434MHz	+13dBm	—	180Ω	100pF	8.2pF	30nH	5.6pF	24nH
	434MHz High-Power	+16dBm	0	57Ω	100pF	8.0pF	19nH	7.0pF	24nH
MAX41464EVKIT-868	868MHz	+11dBm	—	190Ω	100pF	4.7pF	11nH	3.3pF	5.6nH
	868MHz High-Power	+16dBm	1	33Ω	100pF	3.0pF	9.1nH	3.3pF	3.0nH
MAX41463EVKIT-915	915MHz	+11dBm	—	190Ω	100pF	3.9pF	12nH	open	5.1nH
MAX41460EVKIT-915	863MHz–928MHz High-Power*	+16dBm	1	34Ω	100pF	3.0pF	9.1nH	3.3pF	3.0nH

\*PA boost mode enabled through the SHDN register (0x05), PA\_BOOST bit [0]

**Additional Harmonic Filtering**

Operating the MAX4146x in a high-power mode may impact ESTI compliance and is particularly noticeable when using a device in the 434MHz band. The second harmonic of 434MHz (868MHz) falls within the strict out-of-band (OOB) power limit of -36dBm. In this case, an additional low-pass filter (LPF) may be beneficial to the radio designer. In combination with the high-power match at 434MHz noted above, the following LPF has shown compliant operational results.

**Table A2-2. External LPF Component Values**

EXTERNAL PART	QTY	DESCRIPTION
C1-C2	2	7.5pF ± 0.25pF Capacitor (0402) muRata GRM1555C1H7R5FZ01
L1, L3	2	19nH ± 5% Inductor (0402) Coilcraft 0402CS-19NXJB
L2	1	36nH ± 5% Inductor (0402) Coilcraft 0402CS-19NXJB

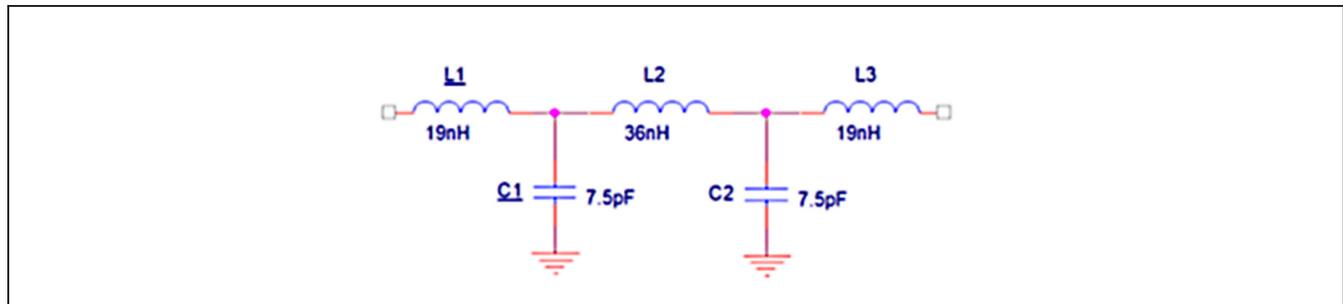


Figure A2-3. External Filter

### PA Boost Mode Network Design

The switch-mode PA architecture inherently deals with voltage levels higher than the VDD supply. When operating the PA in boost mode, even higher voltages can be presented to the PA node. To experiment with additional boost capabilities, the MAX4146x EV kit has a separate output network that allows to limit the PA voltage swing.

The optional R18/L1B network can be used to reduce the voltage swing at the PA node by inserting a resistor in series with the PA bias inductor. Populate C9 and C10 as shown. This helps 'fix' the sub-VDD supply below the supply voltage.

For additional information on switch-mode PAs similar to the one used in this transmitter, refer to [Application Note 3589—Power Amplifier Theory for High-Efficiency Low-Cost ISM-Band Transmitters](#).

### Pmod Header Interface

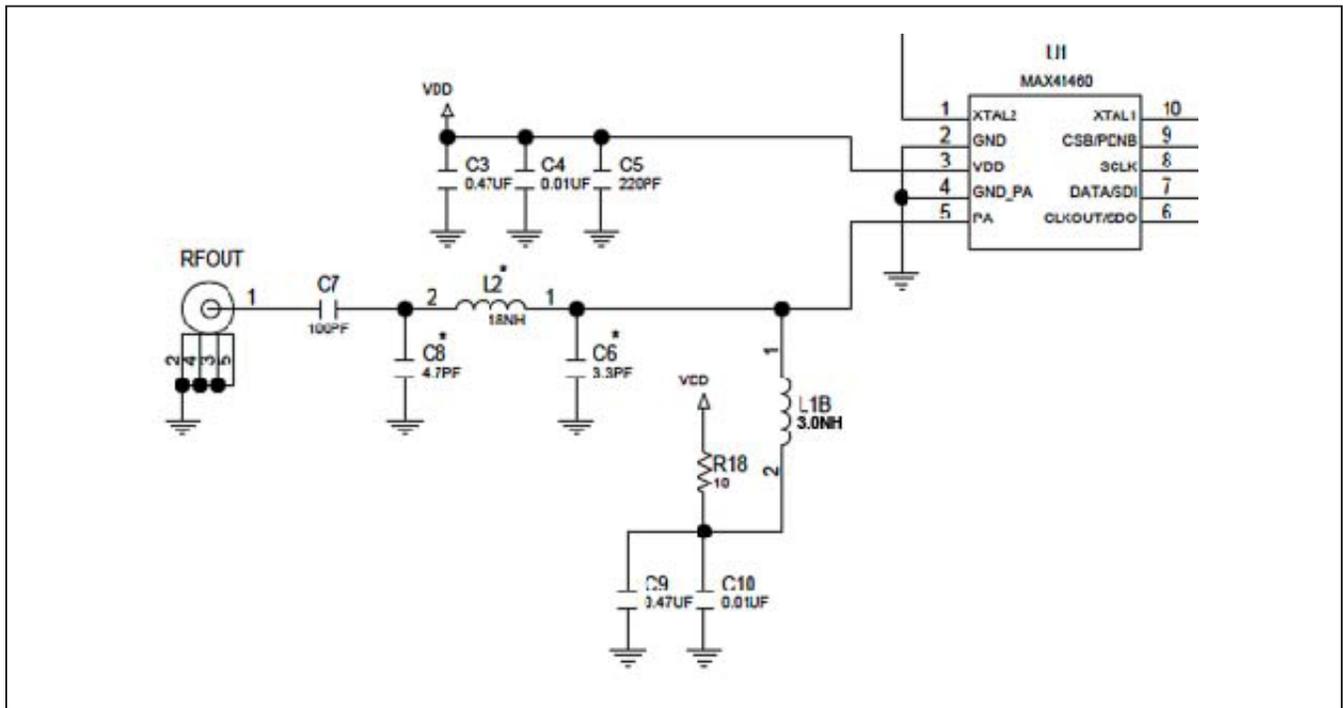


Figure A2-4. Matching Network

The MAX4146x EV kit has a Pmod-compatible header footprint, providing yet another built-in interface to the transmitter. The JU4 connector can be populated with a 6-pin, 100mil, right-angle header such as a SAMTEC TSW-106-25-T-S-RA, allowing direct connections to the CSB, DATAIN, CLKOUT, SCLK/SDA, ground, and VDD lines.

The Pmod interface can be used in combination with the Maxim MAX32600MBED kit and MAXREFDES72# Arduino Uno® R3-to-Pmod shield adaptor. When using the Pmod interface to supply the MAX4146x EV kit with power, connect the JU1 jumper between pins 2 to 3.

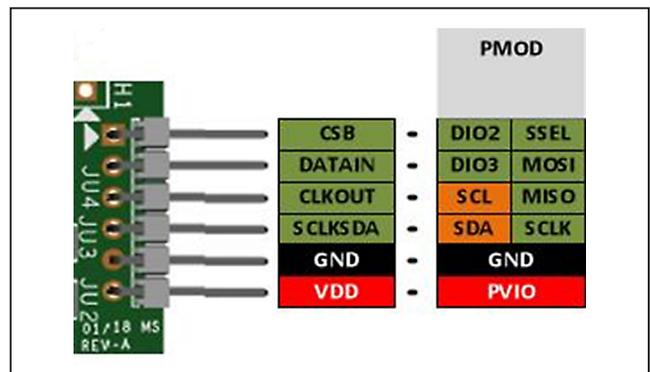


Figure A2-5. MAX4146x EV Kit Pmod Interface

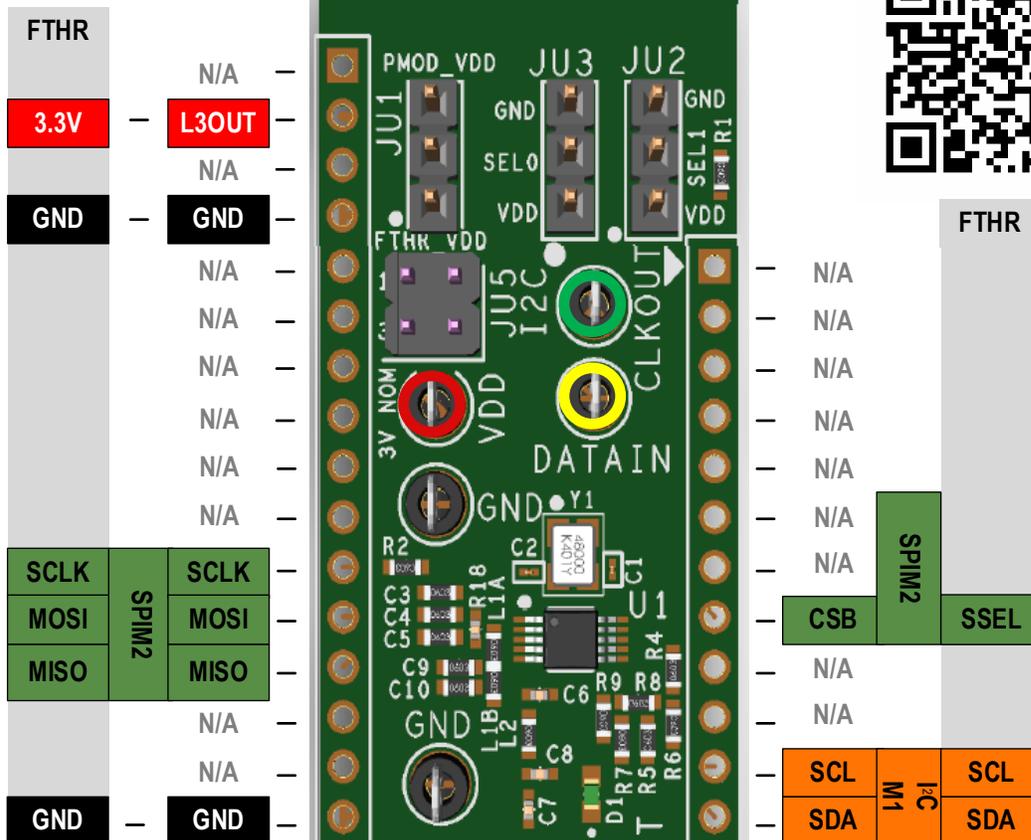
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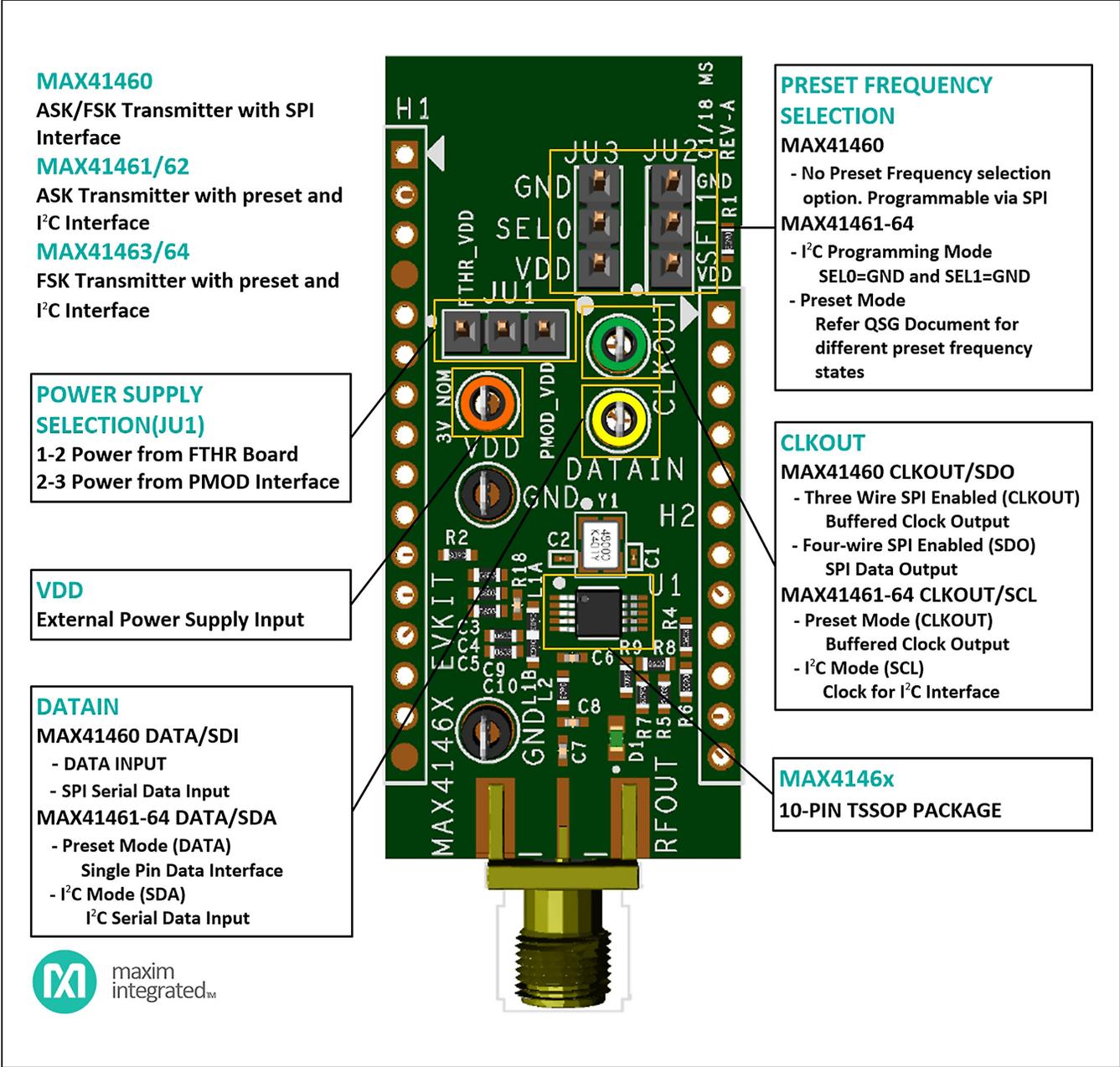
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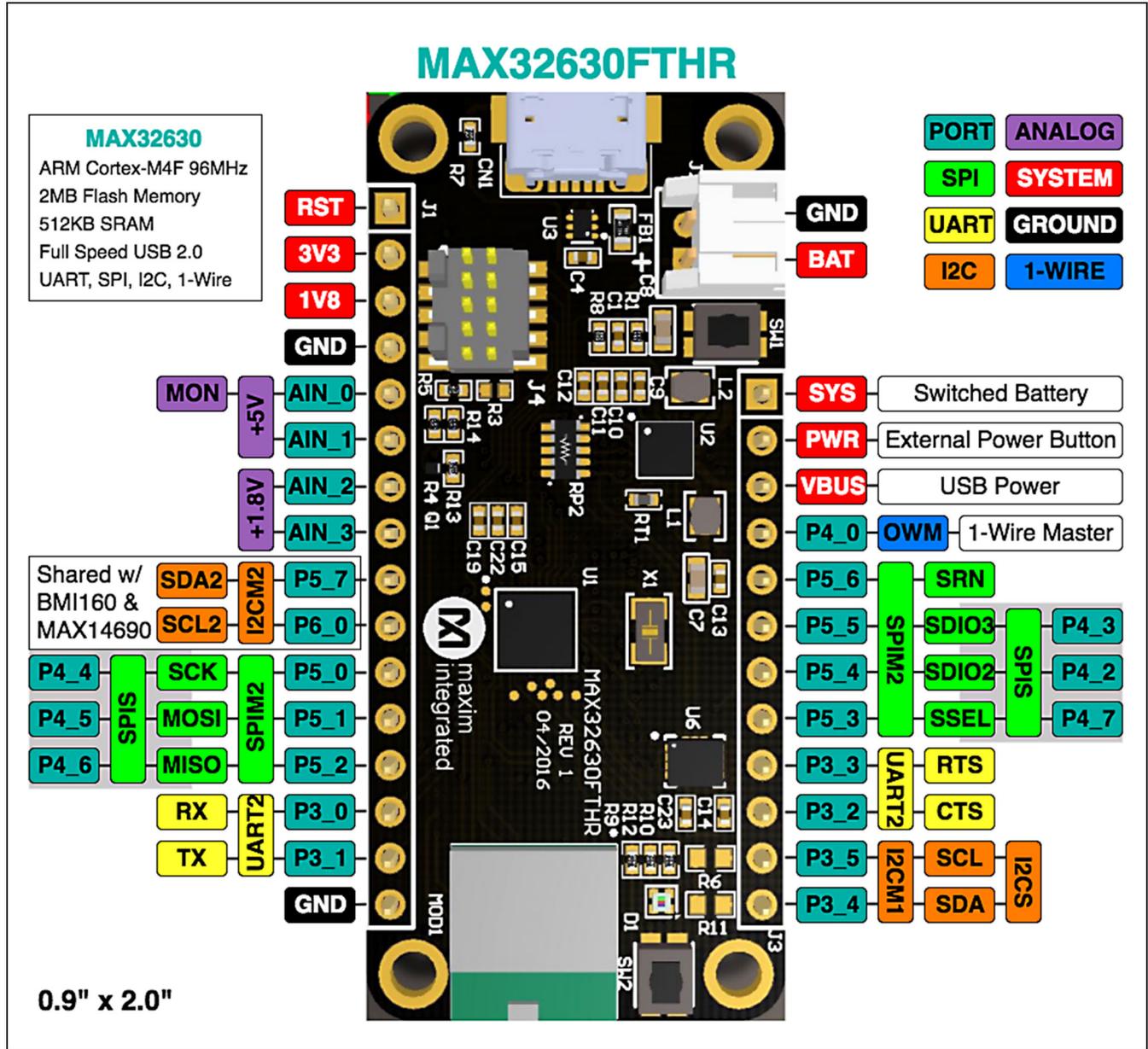


0.9" x 2.0" – PCB  
 0.9" x 2.375" – PCB + Connector



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6	3/21	Updated typos throughout; updated <i>Component List</i> , <i>Schematic</i> , <i>Appendix I</i> , <i>Appendix II</i>	1–6, 8–10, 12–21, 24–37
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