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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the MiWi™ Demo Kit User's Guide. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- [Document Layout](#)
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DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This user's guide describes how to use the MiWi Demo Kit to evaluate and experiment the Microchip Wireless Solutions. This user's guide consists of the following chapters:

- **Chapter 1. “Overview”** This chapter describes the MiWi Demo Kit and how it works.
- **Chapter 2. “MiWi™ Demo Board”** This chapter details the hardware information of the MiWi Demo Board.
- **Chapter 3. “Getting Started”** This chapter describes what you need to know to start using the MiWi Demo Kit.
- **Appendix A. “MiWi™ Demo Board Schematics”** This appendix illustrates the PCB layout and BOM, and it also includes MiWi Demo Board schematics.

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CONVENTIONS USED IN THIS GUIDE

This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

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Description	Represents	Examples
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	Emphasized text	...is the <i>only</i> compiler...
Initial caps	A window	the Output window
	A dialog	the Settings dialog
	A menu selection	select Enable Programmer
Quotes	A field name in a window or dialog	"Save project before build"
Underlined, italic text with right angle bracket	A menu path	<u><i>File>Save</i></u>
Bold characters	A dialog button	Click OK
	A tab	Click the Power tab
Text in angle brackets < >	A key on the keyboard	Press <Enter>, <F1>
Courier New font:		
Plain Courier New	Sample source code	#define START
	Filenames	autoexec.bat
	File paths	C:\mcc18\h
	Keywords	_asm, _endasm, static
	Command-line options	-Opa+, -Opa-
	Bit values	0, 1
	Constants (in source code)	0xFF, 'A'
<i>Italic Courier New</i>	A variable argument	<i>file.o</i> , where file can be any valid filename
Square brackets []	Optional arguments	mcc18 [options] file [options]
Curly brackets and pipe character: { }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection	errorlevel {0 1}
Ellipses...	Replaces repeated text	var_name [, var_name...]
	Represents code supplied by user	void main (void) { ... }

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- *"MRF24J40MA 2.4 GHz IEEE Std. 802.15.4 RF Transceiver Module"* (DS70329)
- *"MRF89XAM8A Data Sheet 868 MHz Ultra-Low Power Sub-GHz Transceiver Module"* (DS70651)
- *"MRF89XAM9A Data Sheet 915 MHz Ultra-Low Power Sub-GHz Transceiver Module"* (DS75017)
- *"PIC18F46J50 USB Microcontroller Data Sheet"* (DS39931)
- *"2K SPI Bus Serial EEPROM with EUI-48TM Node Identity Data Sheet"* (DS22123)
- *"1 Mbit SPI Serial Flash SST25VF010A"* (S725081)
- *"MCP9700A/01A - Low Power Linear Active Thermistor ICs"* (DS21942)

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Revision A (September 2012)

This is the initial released version of the document.

Chapter 1. Overview

This chapter introduces the MiWi™ Demo Kit features and its requirements. The topic covered includes:

- [MiWi™ Demo Kit Contents](#)
- [MiWi™ Demo Kit](#)

1.1 MiWi™ DEMO KIT CONTENTS

Based on the frequency of operation selected, the MiWi Demo Kit contains any one of the following items:

- Two MiWi Demo Boards with PIC18F46J50 XLP Microcontroller with MRF24J40 MA Module
- Two MiWi Demo Boards with PIC18F46J50 XLP Microcontroller with MRF89XAM8A Module
- Two MiWi Demo Boards with PIC18F46J50 XLP Microcontroller with MRF89XAM9A Module

1.2 MiWi™ DEMO KIT

The MiWi Demo Kit enables developers to evaluate and experiment with 2.4 GHz, 868 MHz and 915 MHz RF solutions from Microchip. The MiWi Demo Kit contains two hardware nodes (MiWi Demo Boards) which can be used to create a simple two node MiWi wireless network. More hardware nodes to the same network can be added by purchasing additional MiWi Demo Kits or individual components.

The MiWi Demo Kit is preprogrammed with a wireless demo program that enables users to setup a MiWi network easily. For more information on running the preprogrammed demo program and extending the network refer to [Chapter 3. "Getting Started"](#). The Microchip wireless stacks and additional application demo source codes can be downloaded from the Microchip web site <http://www.microchip.com/wireless>.

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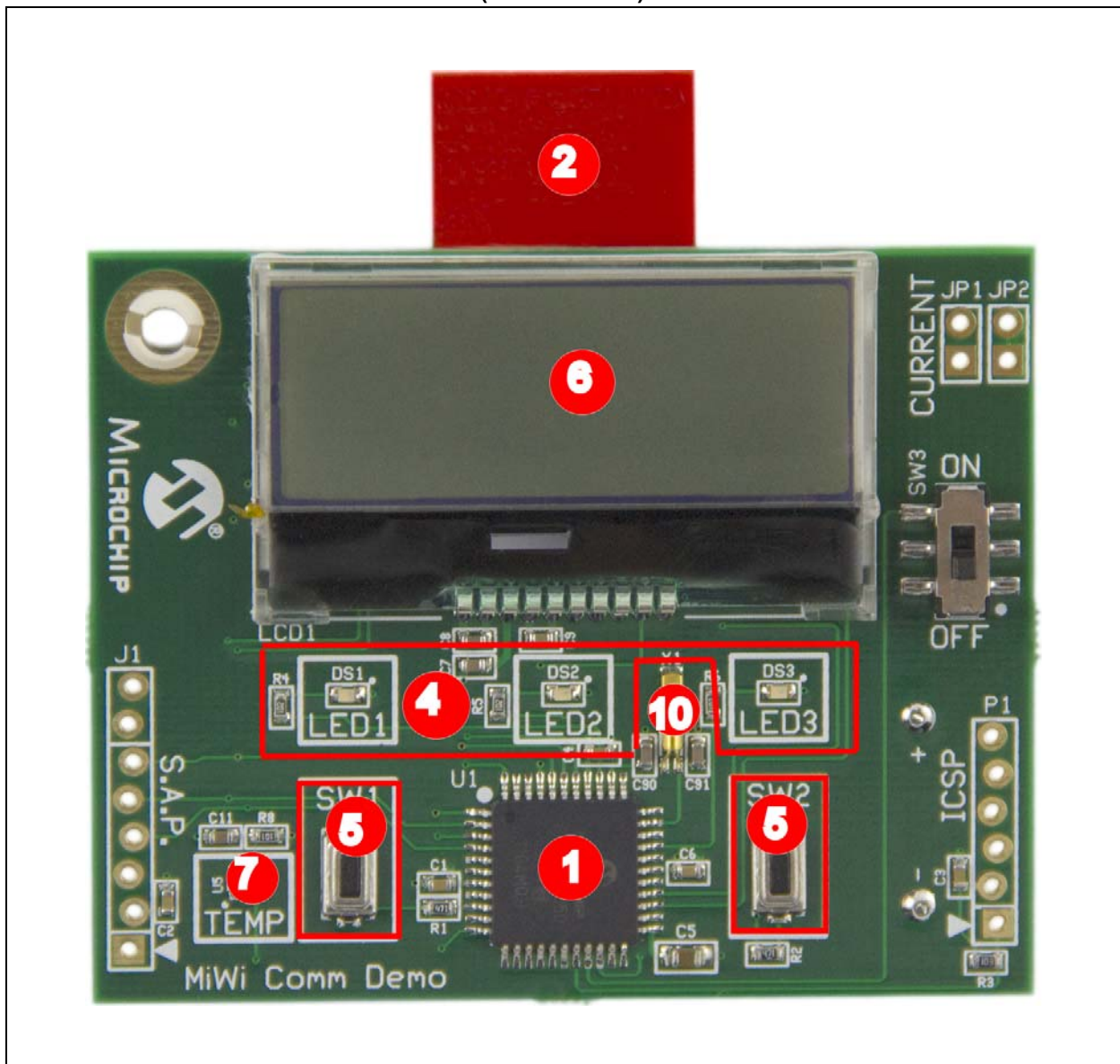
Chapter 2. MiWi™ Demo Board

This chapter describes the MiWi Demo Board hardware and the topic covers [MiWi™ Board Layout and Features](#).

2.1 MiWi™ BOARD LAYOUT AND FEATURES

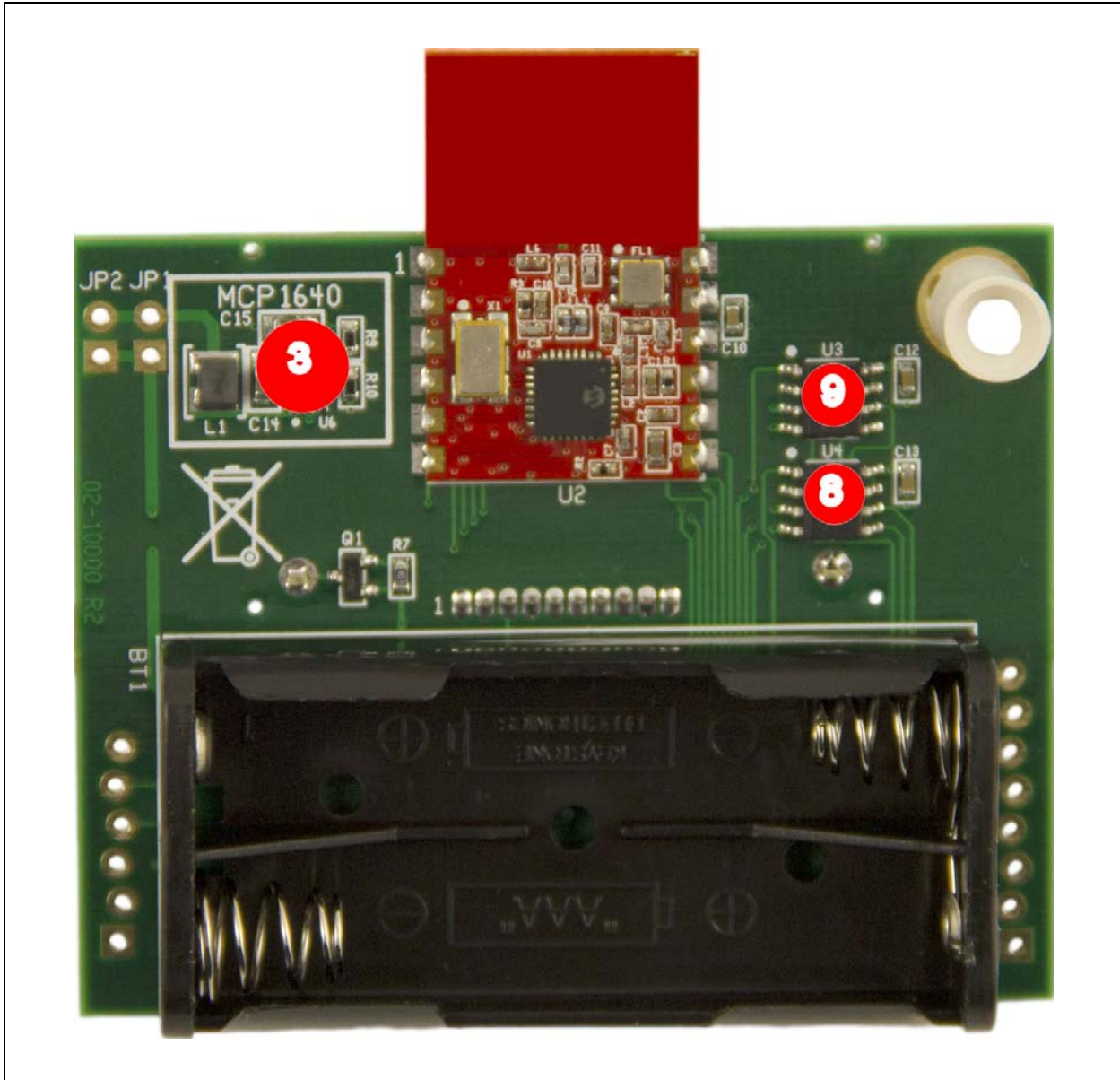
This section describes the MiWi Demo Board hardware, which also features key components shown in [Figure 2-1](#) and [Figure 2-2](#).

FIGURE 2-1: MiWi™ DEMO BOARD (FRONT VIEW)



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FIGURE 2-2: MiWi™ DEMO BOARD (REAR VIEW)



This MiWi Demo board includes these key features, as indicated in the [Figure 2-1](#) and [Figure 2-2](#).

1. PIC18F46J50 8-bit XLP microcontroller
2. MRF24J40MA RF Transceiver Module or MRF89XAM8A RF Transceiver Module or MRF89XAM9A RF Transceiver Module
3. +3.3V Boost Regulator (MCP1640)
4. Three status indicator LEDs (Red, Yellow and Green)
5. Two push-button switches (SW1 and SW2) for user input
6. 2 X 16 LCD Character Display
7. MCP9700 Temperature Sensor
8. 2K SPI EEPROM with a unique MAC Address
9. 1 Mbit SPI Serial Flash
10. 32 KHz Crystal for Sleep Mode

Some of main blocks defined on the board are explained in detail below:

2.1.1 PIC18F46J50 Microcontroller

PIC18F46J50 microcontroller is an 8-bit XLP 44-pin microcontroller with 64K program memory.

2.1.2 RF Transceiver Module

MiWi Demo board supports MRF24J40MA, MRF89XAM8A, MRF89XAM9A RF transceiver modules. It has dedicated SPI Interface and interrupt lines between the microcontroller and the RF transceiver module.

2.1.3 Status Indicator LEDs

To indicate the status the MiWi Demo board has three LEDs: LED1(green), LED2 (yellow), and LED3 (red).

2.1.4 Push Buttons

MiWi Demo board contains two push buttons SW1 and SW2. These push buttons are assigned to the individual interrupt lines of the microcontroller. The user software must enable Port B pull-ups of the microcontroller before evaluating the push button state.

[Example 2-1](#) provides a possible solution to evaluate the state of SW1 push button.

EXAMPLE 2-1: CODE EXAMPLE FOR EVALUATING THE STATE OF SW1

```
// Initialize RB1 - SW1
TRISBbits.TRISB2 = 1; // RB1 is an input
ANCON1 = ANCON1 | 0x04; // RB1 is a digital pin
/*
User Code
*/
//Evaluating RB1
INTCON2bits.RBPU = 0; // Enable PORT B pull-ups for switches
If (PORTBbits.RB1 = 0 ) // RB1 pushed
{
/*
RB1/SW1 push button code
*/
}
INTCON2bits.RBPU = 1; //PORTB pull-ups disabled
```

2.1.5 LCD Character Display

The LCD supports power saving modes. The LCD has a backlight display which can be turned on or off based on the power consumption and it supports 32 characters in two lines (16 characters in each line). It uses shared SPI interface (with SPI EEPROM and SPI Serial Flash) to communicate with the microcontroller.

2.1.6 Temperature Sensor

The temperature sensor (MCP9700A) is a low-power Linear Active Thermistor IC. To minimize power consumption, the sensor is powered from a port pin. After powering up, the sensor output can be measured after a minute. The internal AD converter of the microcontroller can be used to measure the temperature value.

2.1.7 EEPROM with MAC Address

The Serial EEPROM is a low-power, Microchip 25LC256 256K SPI Bus Serial EEPROM, it uses shared SPI interface with SPI Serial Flash and LCD.

2.1.8 SPI Serial Flash

MiWi Demo board features a 1Mb SPI Serial Flash for storing and retrieving network or any application specific information. The SPI Serial Flash and Serial EEPROM share the SPI bus and each has its own active low-chip select.

2.1.9 Power Supply

The MiWi Demo board uses two AAA batteries for power supply. Current consumption for the entire board can also be measured at JP1 and JP2 without disturbing it.

2.1.10 +3.3V Boost Regulator

The MCP1640 is a compact, high efficiency boost regulator. It ensures that the voltage requirements for the RF transceivers are met throughout the lifetime of the battery.

Chapter 3. Getting Started

This chapter is a self paced tutorial to use the MiWi™ Demo Board. It explains in detail how to run the preprogrammed demo. The source code for the demo is available along with the MiWi stack (latest version of Microchip Applications library is available at <http://www.microchip.com/MAL>). After unzipping the latest version of MiWi stack, the default location for MiWi Demo Kit Out of Box Demo is "C:\Microchip Solutions\MiWi DE Demo\MiWi Demo Kit\".

For more information about MiWi stack, refer to [http:// www.microchip.com/MiWi](http://www.microchip.com/MiWi).

Topics covered include:

- [Hardware Requirements](#)
- [Demo Setup](#)
- [Preprogrammed Tutorial Operation](#)

3.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

The following hardware is required to run the preprogrammed demo application:

- Two MiWi Demo Boards
- Four AAA batteries for powering up the boards

3.2 DEMO SETUP

The MiWi Demo Board comes with a preprogrammed Demo Board. Follow these steps to set up the demo:

1. Plug in two AAA batteries on each MiWi Demo Board.
2. To power up the board, move SW3 switch from "OFF" position to the "ON" position. On powering, a splash screen will be displayed on the LCD screen.

3.3 PREPROGRAMMED TUTORIAL OPERATION

1. On powering the boards, the following splash screen message will be displayed on the LCD screen for 2 seconds.

"Microchip
MiWi Demo Board"

2. The display changes to channel selection screen. Choose the channel to setup the network.

"SW1: <Sel Ch: 26>
SW2: Chnge Chnl"

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Press SW1 push button to select channel 26 as the operating channel or press SW2 push button to choose a different channel. For MRF24J40 Channel 11 through channel 26 are available. Using the push buttons on the board, the user can choose operating channel from channel 11 through channel 26. For MRF89XA channel 0 through channel 31 are available.

Note: Ensure that you select same operating channel on both the MiWi Demo Boards to enable connection with each other.

3. The LCD screen displays network setup options:

“SW1: Create Ntwk

SW2: Join Ntwk”

4. Press SW1 push button on one of the boards to create a MiWi network (PAN Coordinator) with a random PANID. After the network is created, the board will notify the user that the network is created successfully, and then display the node information such as PAN ID, Channel and Address until a node joins.

“PANID: 1234 Ch: 26

Address: 0000”

5. Press SW2 push button on the second board to join a MiWi network. The board performs a scan of nearby networks and allows the user to choose the network to join to.

“SW1: < PANID:1234>

SW2: Additional”

6. Press SW1 push button on the second board after choosing the network (PANID) to connect.

Note: If more than one node from the same network (PANID) has responded with a beacon, the user can select the node to join by using the network short address information printed on the LCD. Use SW1 and SW2 to choose the node to establish connection with in a network similar to PANID.

7. After the second board is joined the network, the user has the option to run any one of the these demo applications: Range Demo, Temp Demo, Node Info. The LCD screen displays this message.

“SW1: Range Demo

SW2: Other Apps”

The current Out of Box demo for MiWi Demo Kit supports all the three Range Demo, Temp Demo and Node Info applications.

- a) Range Demo is used to demonstrate the range of Microchip's MRF24J40MA and MRF89XA transceiver. It performs a range test by transmitting a packet to the remote node and displaying the Received Signal Strength Indication (RSSI) value on the LCD Display. The display will show this RSSI value after each packet is received and will notify the user the strength of the signal such as, high, medium, low, or out of range.
- b) The Temp Demo uses on-board Microchip's MCP9700A temperature sensor (Low-Power Linear Active Thermistor IC). This demo measures the temperature and displays its local temperature information in C (Celsius) and F (Fahrenheit) on the display and broadcast its reading to other nodes listening. If other nodes are connected it will then cycle through each remote node's reading.

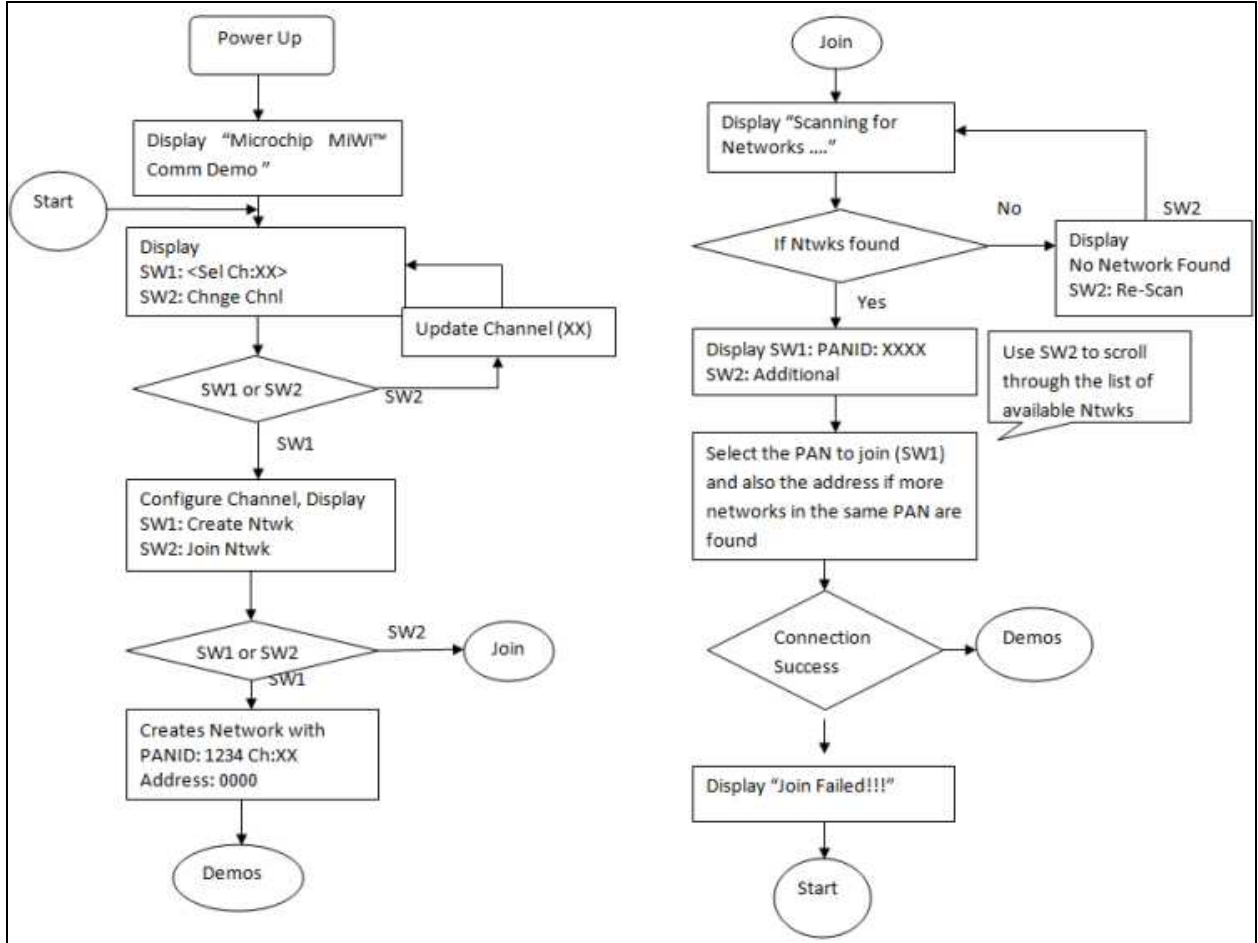
- c) In the node Info, the node's PANID and Address information will be displayed on the LCD screen.

"PANID: 1234 Ch: 26

Address: 0000"

Figure 3-1 illustrates the preprogrammed tutorial operation.

FIGURE 3-1: PREPROGRAMMED TUTORIAL OPERATION



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Appendix A. MiWi™ Demo Board Schematics

A.1 INTRODUCTION

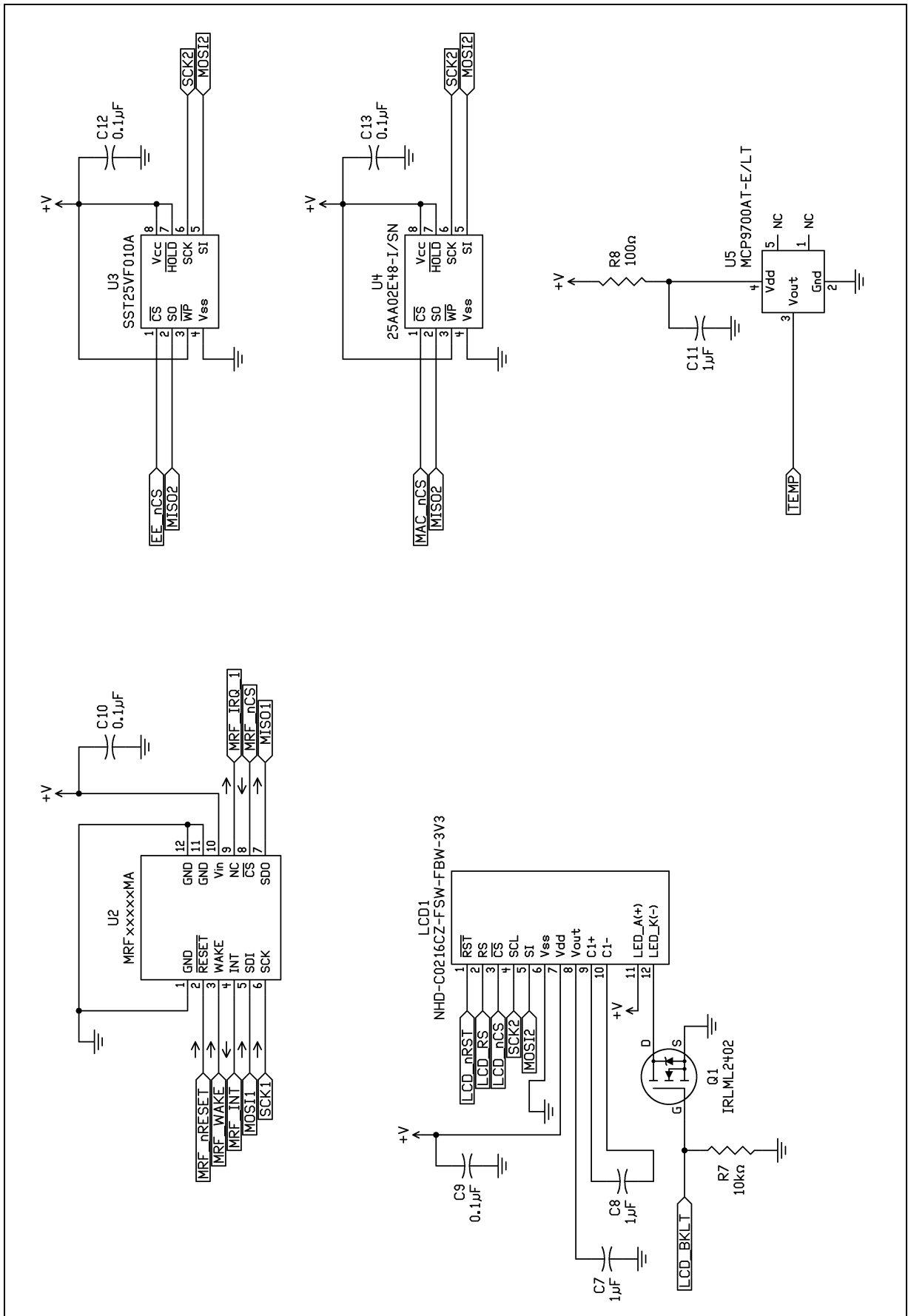
This appendix includes:

- [MiWi™ Demo Board Schematics](#)
- [MiWi™ Demo Board PCB Layout](#)
- [MiWi™ Demo Board Bill of Materials \(BOM\)](#)

A.2 MiWi™ DEMO BOARD SCHEMATICS

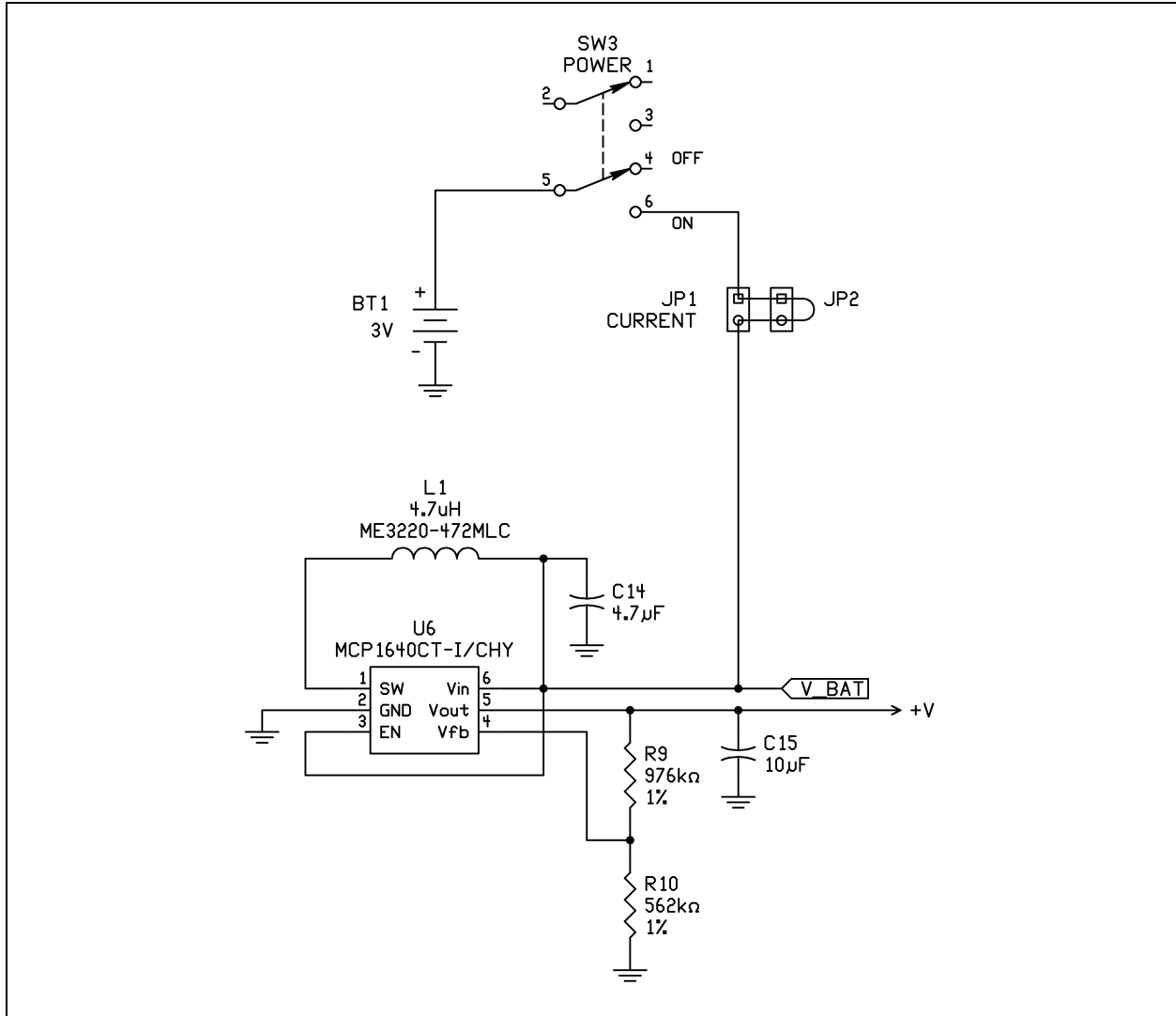
[Figure A-1](#), [Figure A-2](#) and [Figure A-3](#) illustrate the MiWi Demo Board schematics.

FIGURE A-2: MIWI™ DEMO BOARD SCHEMATICS 2 OF 3



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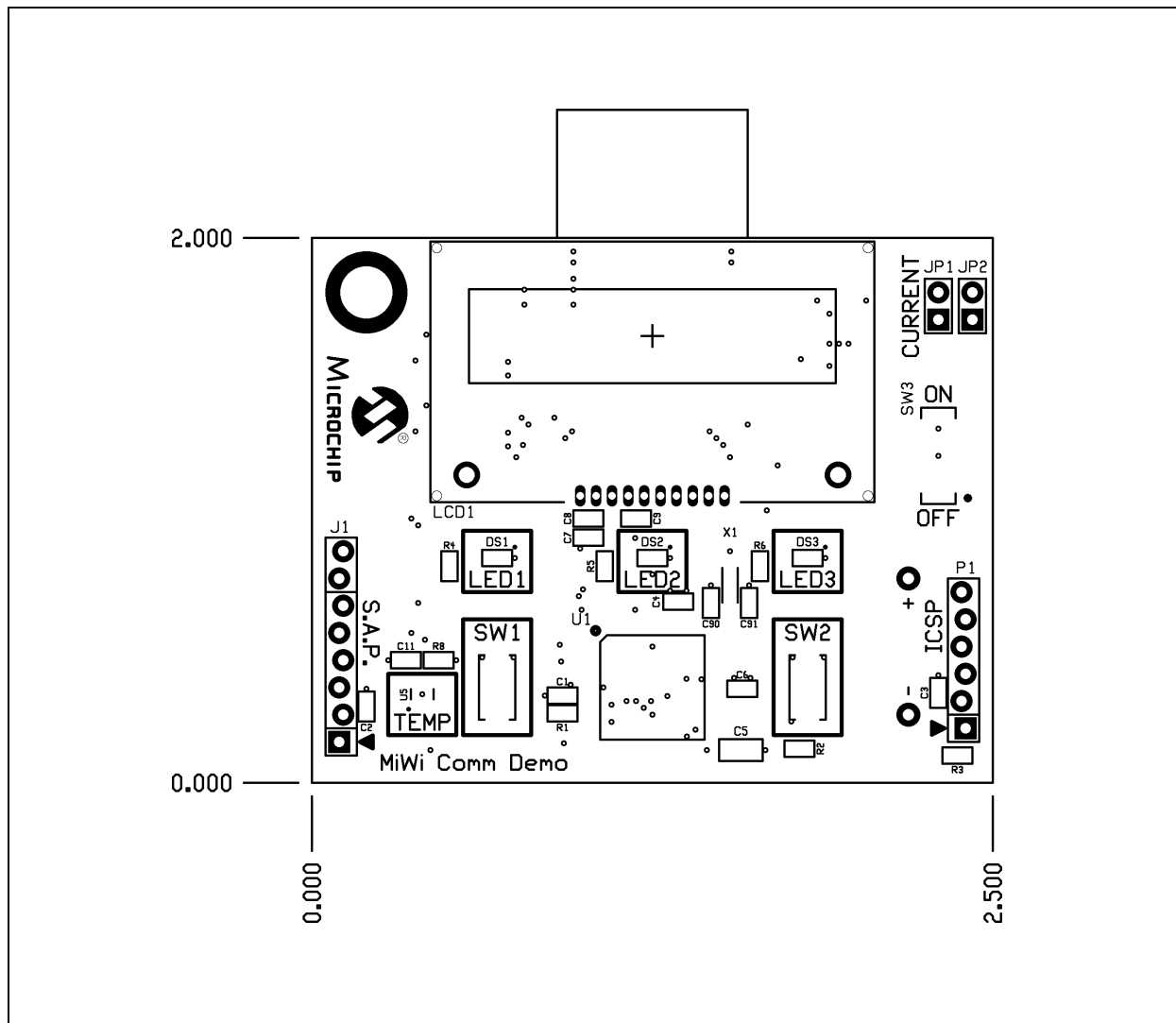
FIGURE A-3: MiWi™ DEMO BOARD SCHEMATICS 3 OF 3



A.3 MiWi™ DEMO BOARD PCB LAYOUT

The MiWi Demo PCB is a 4-layer, high temperature FR4, 0.062 inch, plated through hole construction. [Figure A-4](#) through [Figure A-9](#) illustrate the PCB layers.

FIGURE A-4: PCB TOP SILKSCREEN



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FIGURE A-5: PCB TOP COPPER

