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RAK831 LoraWAN Starter Kit with Raspberry Pi, WisNode LoRa and accessories (GPS, LoRa Tracker etc)

# **RAK831 LoRA Gateway Starter Kit**

The RAK831 is used to achieve a large area of low-cost full coverage IoT integration. It has strong anti-interference, good concealment, and long communication distance

• Brand Name: RAK

Compatible Brand/Model: None

Model Number: RAK831

Type: Lora Gateway Concentrator Module Kit

• Dimension: 80mm\*50mm\*5mm

• Frequency Band: 433MHz/868MHz/915MHz

Radio Chipset: SX1301

#### What's included?

- RAK831
- Raspberry Pi 3 Model B
- WisNode LoRa
- 16GB TF Card
- Converter Board
- Raspberry Pi Casing
- LoRa Tracker
- 3 x Micro USB Cable
- GPS Antenna
- 10 x Jumping Cap
- 3 x LoRa Antenna
- 10 x Dupont Cables

### **LoRa Gateway Frequency Band**

• 433 Frequency Band: 433MHz - 435MHz

• 470 Frequency Band:

o RX: 470MHz - 490MHz

o TX: 490MHz - 510MHz

EU868 Frequency Band: 865MHz - 872MHz

AS923 Frequency Band: 923MHz - 925MHz

AU915 Frequency Band: 915MHz - 928MHz

US915 Frequency Band: 902MHz - 928MHz

### What is RAK831? (LoRa Gateway Module)

RAK831 is an RF front end of a LoRa gateway. It is able to receive on different frequency channels at the same time and is able to demonstrate the LoRa signal without knowledge of the used spreading factor of the sending node.

This kit contains everything you need in order to get started with your LoRa gateway

With the compact design, this is an ideal modular product that helps you realise the whole LoRa system development. With the USB-SPI converter module FT2232, you can quickly develop software on your computer. You can also integrate the concentrator module into your own production product to realise the LoRa gateway function. This is a very economical way to create a LoRa gateway for a huge variety of applications like Smart Grid, intelligent farming, and other IoT applications.

The RAK831 needs a host system like a Raspberry Pi or WisAP (openWRT based) or WisCam for proper operation. The host processor can be a PS or MCU that will be connected to RAK831 via USB or SPI.

# Fully assembled







## Why do we need LoRa gateways?

Public utilities (gas and other instruments, municipal pipelines, street lamps, landfills), large areas of livestock and agricultural irrigation, extensive layout and harsh weather, hydrology, mountain data collection, mines and remote outdoor operations; they suffer from...

- Insufficient signal coverage low strength and cannot guarantee data stability.
- Power consumption It is difficult to have a sustainable power supply in harsh environments.
- Low economic efficiency Low utilization rate, occupation of network resources, high cost.

#### **LPWAN Solution**

LPWAn is a very good solution to the above problems

Complex urban environments can transfer 3 km and open area transmissions can be up to 15 km, penetrating harsh environments to transmit signals.

Sleep/low power mode means power consumption is very low

Supports narrowband data transmission resulting in low cost of network communications.

## Supports 8 channels (LoRa Gateways create LPWAN IoT Network)

For example, 7 LoRa Gateway modules can cover the Lower Manhattan area

#### **Key Features**

- Based on Semtech SX1301
- Sensitivity down to -142.5 dBm
- Frequency bands 433MHz/868MHz/915MHz
- 433MHz with 2x SX1255 as Tx/Rx front ends/li>
- o 868/915MHz with 2x SX1257 as Tx/Rx front ends
- USB & SPI interface

- Output power level up to 23 dBm
- Range up to 15 km (Line of Sight)
- RF interface optimised to 50ohm allowing for simple system integration
- Supports 8 channels
- Temperature range from -40 to 85 degrees
- Compact size 80.0 x 50.0 x 5.0mm
- HAL is available form

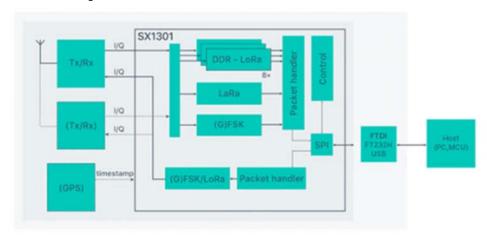
#### **LoRaWAN**

LoRaWAN communication protocol can handle node roaming, base station capacity management, node authentication and other cellular technology requirements, and because of its openness, a large number of R&D companies in the world continuously update and improve the LoRaWAN communication protocol.

Due to the high range a star topology can be used. Compared Star and Mesh topology, we can see the advantages of LoRaWAN on the wireless network.

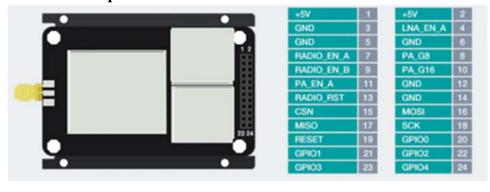
Project	Star	Mesh	Who wins	
			Start	Mesh
opology reasons	LoRa long distance Single-hop easy to achieve network range	GFSK short range Multi-hop increase network range	Θ	Θ
Hops	Single-hop Node only communicates with the gateway	Multi-hop Relay node needs to be forwarded	$\nabla$	$\otimes$
Delay	Small Real-time controllable	Large The final receiving time is not controllable	$\nabla$	$\otimes$
Energy saving	Good The node is dormant immediately after sending and receiving	Poor Relay node at any time to listen to forward	$\nabla$	$\otimes$
Extended	Easy Increase the gateway can be	Difficult Need to adjust the network structure	$\nabla$	$\otimes$
Reliability	High Timely detection of lost frames and retransmission	Low Any jump failed This information is inaccessible	$\nabla$	$\otimes$
Complexity	Simple No route forwarding	Complex Need to deal with routing forwarding	$\nabla$	$\otimes$
Capacity	Large Increase the gateway that is to increase the broadband	Medium The more nodes, the more bandwidth transmission	$\nabla$	8
Covering the blind spot	Increase the gateway The cost is higher	Increase the relay node The cost is low	$\otimes$	$\nabla$

# SX1301 Chip



- Up to -142.5 dBm sensitivity with SX1257 Tx/Rx front end
- 70 dB CW interferer rejection at 1 MHz offset
- Able to operate with negative SNR, CCR up to 9 dB
- Emulates 49x LORA demodulators and 1x (G)FSK demodulator
- Dual digital TX&RX radio front end interfaces
- 10 programmable parallel demodulation paths
- Dynamic data-rate (DDR) adaption
- True antenna diversity or simultaneous dual-band operation
- Any combination of spreading factor and intermediate frequency for up to 8 packets is possible

## **Pinout Description**



#### **Parameter**

Operating Voltage DC 5V

Operating Temperature -40 to 85

Radio Chipset SX1301

RF Output Power 23dbm

Input Signal Not more then -13dBm

GPS Receiver Optional

Receiver Sensitivity Up to -142.5dBm

(@293bps)

SNR Handling 9dB

Control Interface SPI

Dimension 80mm\*50mm\*5mm

Firmware Gateway HAL

Range up to 15KM

# **Potential applications**

- Wireless Star Networks
- Remote controls
- Smart metering
- Wireless Sensor
- Wireless alarm and security systems
- M2M
- IoT
- Home/Building/Industrial automation

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