

CURRENT 6 CLICK

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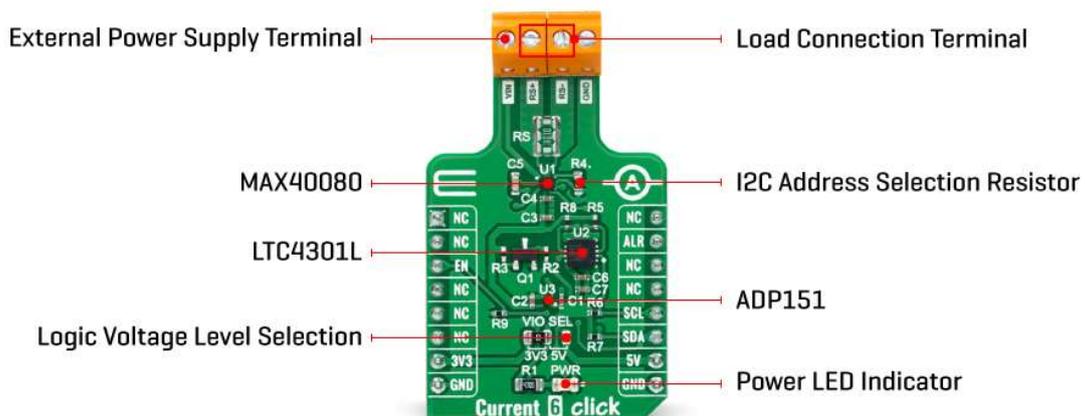
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Current 6 Click is a compact add-on board providing a precise and accurate current sensing solution. This board features the MAX40080, a fast-response bi-directional current-sense amplifier from Analog Devices. The device features ultra-low 5uV input offset voltage, very-low 0.2% gain error, and includes an analog-to-digital converter with programmable sample rate and 12-bit resolution featuring I2C compatible interface. It also features a wake-up current-threshold and auto-shutdown mode when the I2C is inactive, both designed to minimize power consumption. The current-shunt monitor can measure voltage signals on common-mode voltages ranging from -0.1V (ground sensing) to 36V, independent of the supply voltage. This Click board™ delivers higher performance to industrial control and automation applications, load and power supplies monitoring, telecom equipment, and many more.

Current 6 Click is supported by a mikroSDK compliant library, which includes functions that simplify software development. This Click board™ comes as a fully tested product, ready to be used on a system equipped with the mikroBUS™ socket.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Current 6 Click as its foundation uses the MAX40080, a high-precision, fast sample-rate digital current-sense amplifier from Analog Devices. The MAX40080 measures current and common-mode voltage ranging from -0.1V to 36V and converts the data into digital form through an I2C-compatible two-wire serial interface allowing access to conversion results. Also, setting the input voltage sense using the I2C register, $\pm 50\text{mV}$ or $\pm 10\text{mV}$, will allow one to select two measuring ranges from 0A to 1A or from 0A to 5A.



This Click board™ communicates with MCU using the standard I2C 2-Wire interface for configuring and checking the device's status. Standard I2C commands allow reading the data and configuring other operating characteristics. While reading the current/voltage registers, any measured current and voltage changes are ignored until the read is completed. The current/voltage register is updated for the new measurement upon completion of the read operation.

The MAX40080 has a unique I2C slave address selection method based on a single R4 resistor. By selecting the resistors of precisely defined resistances from Table 1, it is possible to choose 32 different slave addresses corresponding to 32 different resistor values in the attached datasheet. The default value of the R4 resistor is 100k Ω which corresponds to slave address of 0x01. In addition, it also features a wake-up current-threshold and auto-shutdown mode when the I2C interface is inactive, both designed to minimize power consumption.

Since the sensor for operation requires a 1.8V logic voltage level to work correctly, a small regulating LDO is used, the ADP151 from Analog Devices, providing a 1.8V out of mikroBUS™ rails. This LDO uses the Enable pin labeled as EN and routed to the CS pin of the mikroBUS™ socket to optimize power consumption, used for its power ON/OFF purposes. That's why the LTC4301L voltage-level translator is also featured. The I2C interface bus lines are routed to the voltage-level translator, allowing this Click board™ to work with both 3.3V and 5V MCUs properly. It also possesses an additional interrupt signal, routed on the INT pin of the mikroBUS™ socket labeled as INT, indicating when a specific interrupt event occurs such as overcurrent/voltage, under voltage, FIFO full/overflow, wake-up current threshold reached, and more.

This Click board™ can operate with both 3.3V and 5V logic voltage levels selected via the VIO SEL jumper. This way, it is allowed for both 3.3V and 5V capable MCUs to use the communication lines properly. However, the Click board™ comes equipped with a library containing easy-to-use functions and an example code that can be used, as a reference, for further development.

SPECIFICATIONS

Type	Measurements
Applications	Can be used for industrial control and automation applications, load and power supplies monitoring, telecom equipment, and many more
On-board modules	MAX40080 - high-precision, fast sample-rate digital current-sense amplifier from Analog Devices
Key Features	Wide input common-mode range up to 36V, I2C interface with smart modes, low power consumption, bi-directional current sensing, alert interrupt, and more
Interface	I2C
Compatibility	mikroBUS
Click board size	M (42.9 x 25.4 mm)
Input Voltage	3.3V or 5V, External

PINOUT DIAGRAM

This table shows how the pinout on Current 6 Click corresponds to the pinout on the mikroBUS™ socket (the latter shown in the two middle columns).

Notes	Pin					Pin	Notes
	NC	1	AN	PWM	16	NC	
	NC	2	RST	INT	15	ALR	Interrupt
Enable	EN	3	CS	RX	14	NC	
	NC	4	SCK	TX	13	NC	
	NC	5	MISO	SCL	12	SCL	I2C Clock
	NC	6	MOSI	SDA	11	SDA	I2C Data
Power Supply	3.3V	7	3.3V	5V	10	5V	Power Supply
Ground	GND	8	GND	GND	9	GND	Ground

ONBOARD SETTINGS AND INDICATORS

Label	Name	Default	Description
LD1	PWR	-	Power LED Indicator
JP1	VIO SEL	Left	Logic Level Voltage Selection 3V3/5V: Left position 3V3, Right position 5V
R4	R4	Populated	I2C Address Selection Resistor

CURRENT 6 CLICK ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Description	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
Supply Voltage (VIO)	3.3	-	5	V
Common-Mode Input Voltage (VIN)	0	-	36	V
Current Sense Range	0	-	5	A

Resolution	-	12	-	bits
Operating Temperature Range	-40	+25	+120	°C

SOFTWARE SUPPORT

We provide a library for the Current 6 Click as well as a demo application (example), developed using MikroElektronika compilers. The demo can run on all the main MikroElektronika development boards.

Package can be downloaded/installed directly from NECTO Studio Package Manager (recommended way), downloaded from our LibStock™ or found on Mikroe github account.

Library Description

This library contains API for Current 6 Click driver.

Key functions

- `current6_get_alert_pin` This function returns the alert pin logic state.
- `current6_read_data` This function reads the input voltage and current measurement values.
- `current6_get_status` This function reads and clears the status register.