

# GPS3 click<sup>™</sup>

## 1. Introduction



GPS3 click<sup>™</sup> carries **Quectel's L80**, a high-sensitivity ultra slim **GPS module** with a patch antenna. With it, you can add GPS functionality to your design without the need for an external antenna (although the click<sup>™</sup> board has a connector for one should you require it). An onboard red LED will blink to indicate successful satellite acquisition. GPS3 click<sup>™</sup> communicates with the target board through **mikroBUS<sup>™</sup>** UART (RX, TX) and RST lines. The board is designed to use a 3.3V power supply.

# 2. Soldering the headers

Before using your click<sup>™</sup> board, make sure to solder 1x8 male headers to both left and right side of the board. Two 1x8 male headers are included with the board in the package.

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Turn the board upside down so that the bottom side is facing you upwards. Place shorter pins of the header into the appropriate soldering pads.





#### 4. Essential features

The L80 module aboard GPS3 click<sup>™</sup> incorporates several technologies that enhance the GPS performance. **EASY<sup>™</sup>** Technology ensures that L80 can calculate and predict orbits automatically using data stored in its internal flash memory. **AlwaysLocate<sup>™</sup>** technology adaptively adjusts the on/off time to balance between positioning accuracy and power consumption. The **Automatic antenna switching** function enables switching between the internal patch antenna and the external active antenna, keeping positioning during the switching process.



# 3. Plugging the board in

Once you have soldered the headers your board is ready to be placed into the desired mikroBUS<sup>™</sup> socket. Make sure to align the cut in the lower-right part of the board with the markings on the silkscreen at the mikroBUS<sup>™</sup> socket. If all the pins are aligned correctly, push the board all the way into the socket.



#### 5. GPS3 click<sup>m</sup> board schematic



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# 6. External antenna connector

GPS3 click<sup>™</sup> has a connector for an external active antenna that could be used alongside, or instead of the patch antenna that's



already on the module. To get one, search for "GPS antenna" at **www.mikroe.com/store** 

## 7. Code examples

Once you have done all the necessary preparations, it's time to get your click<sup>™</sup> board up and running. We have provided examples for mikroC<sup>™</sup>, mikroBasic<sup>™</sup> and mikroPascal<sup>™</sup> compilers on our **Libstock** website. Just download them and you are ready to start.



# 8. Support

MikroElektronika offers **free tech support** (www.mikroe.com/support) until the end of the product's lifetime, so if something goes wrong, we're ready and willing to help!

