The FDC1004EVM evaluation kit is a plug and play system to test and evaluate the FDC1004, 4-Channel capacitive to digital converter. The EVM is a breakable PCB which consists of 3 sections. The first section is a USB to I2C converter based on MSP430F5528 micro-controller, the second section contains the FDC1004 and the third section is a touchless sensor (to demonstrate the sensitivity of the FDC1004). The third section can be removed and replace with customized sensors to evaluate the capabilities of the FDC1004 in various applications. The FDC1004EVM can be used with the Sensing Solutions EVM GUI. The software is able to configure the FDC1004’s registers, graph the measured values, and export the data in CSV format.

The EVM contains one FDC1004 (See Table 1).

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1 Setup

This section provides a general description about FDC1004EVM, its I/O connectors and how to properly setup the evaluation module.

1.1 FDC1004EVM

The FDC1004EVM is divided in three sections:

1. USB to I2C section: this has the purpose to interface the communication of FDC1004 to a USB port.
2. FDC1004 section: this section embeds FDC1004 capacitive to digital converter.
3. Sensor section: this section contains a capacitive sensor that can be used for both human proximity and simple gesture recognitions.

The EVM has precut lines on the borders of each section that allow for a flexible and specific system design. As an example of the flexibility of this design, the sensor can be replaced with a customer sensor, or the MCU section can be separated to allow for a remote placement of the FDC1004.

![Figure 1. FDC1004EVM : Sections](image-url)

1.2 Input/Output Connector Description

**J1, J2**: 4x1 Header: the I/O ports of sections between the USBtoI2C and the FDC1004 sections. This provides the I2C communication channel and the power connections between these two sections should the EVM be separated into sections. A simple 4 wire cable can be used to interface the sections.

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**J3**: USB interface to connect the EVM to a PC; it also provides power to the EVM.

**J4**: 10x1 Headers. This is not populated by default. It provides an easy method to change sensors or to remotely place the sensor away from the FDC1004. This connector with its counterpart, J5, allows the communication of the two modules through a 10-wire cable.

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**J5:** 10x1 Header, for the electrical connection between the FDC1004 and the sensor section.
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1.3 **HW Setup**

The power supply of FDC1004 is provided by the LDO (U4), which is sourced from the USB 5.0V. The I2C communication with FDC1004 is fully managed by the MSP430F5528IRGC microcontroller (U3). The FDC1004 has a fixed I2C address.

2 **Sensing Solutions EVM GUI**

The Sensing Solutions EVM GUI provides direct device register access, user-friendly configuration, and data streaming.

2.1 **System Requirements**

The host machine is required for device configuration and data streaming. The following steps are necessary to prepare the EVM for the GUI:

- The GUI and EVM driver must be installed on a host computer
- The EVM must be connected to a full speed USB port (USB 1.0 or above)

The Sensing Solutions EVM GUI supports the following operating systems (both 32-bit and 64-bit):

- Windows XP
- Windows 7
- Windows 8 and 8.1
- Windows 10

2.2 **Installation Instructions**

The Sensing Solutions GUI and EVM driver installer is packaged in a zip file. Follow these steps to install the software:

1. Download the software ZIP file from the EVM tool page
2. Extract the downloaded ZIP file
3. Run the included executable
4. If prompted by the User Account Control about making changes to the computer, click "Yes"
5. After the setup wizard starts, click "Next"

6. Read the license agreement, select "I accept the agreement", and click "Next"
7. Use the preselected installation directory and click "Next"
8. Start the installation by clicking “Next”

![Software Installer Ready](image)

**Figure 6. Software Installer Ready**

9. Wait for the installation to complete
10. When the “Device Driver Installation Wizard” appears, click "Next" to install the EVM driver
11. Wait for the driver installation to complete

![Device Driver Installation Wizard](image)

*Figure 9. Device Driver Installer In Progress*

12. After the driver installation is completed, click "Finish"
13. Click "Finish" to complete the installation
2.3 Starting the GUI

Follow these steps to start the GUI:
1. Select the Windows start menu
2. Select "All programs"
3. Select "Texas Instruments"
4. Select "Sensing Solutions EVM GUI"
5. Click "Sensing Solutions EVM GUI"
6. Splash screen will appear for at least two seconds

![Splash Screen Image]

Figure 12. Splash Screen

7. After the splash screen is displayed the main window will open
2.4  **Navigating the GUI**

To navigate to different pages of the GUI follow these steps:

1. Click “Menu” in the upper left corner
2. Select the desired page from the menu shown on the left

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**Figure 14. Mouse Hovered Over Menu Button**

**Figure 15. Menu Display After Clicking Button**
2.5 Connecting the EVM

Follow these steps to connect the EVM to the GUI:

1. Attach the EVM to the computer via USB
2. The GUI always shows the connection status on the bottom left corner of the GUI

![Figure 16. FDC1004 Connected to GUI](image)

2.6 Configuring the EVM Using the Register Page

The register page allows users to control the device directly with the register values. The user may also use this page to read the current register values on the device.

2.6.1 Automatically Update GUI Register Values Using Auto-Read

Autoread will periodically request the register values on the device. Click the dropdown box next to “Auto Read” to select the update interval.
2.6.2 Manually Update Device Register Values

There are two methods to change register values: update the entire register value or change a single bit within the register. The recommended update mode is always “Immediate” and not “Deferred”. To update register values, follow these steps.

1. Double-click the current value of the register that needs to be changed. The text will turn into an editable text box.
2. Type the new hexadecimal value into the box and click enter. The text box changes to normal text and the GUI will send a command to the EVM to update the device register.

To change individual bit values rather than entire register values, follow these steps:
1. Hover the mouse over the desired bit to change.
2. Double-click the bit to toggle its value and the register’s current value will update automatically.

2.6.3 **Reading Register Values without Auto-Read**

To read register values follow these steps.
1. Select the register to update by clicking any column of the register row in the table.
2. Click the “Read Register” button to update the selected register’s current value and bit values in the table.
2.6.4 Saving Device Configurations

To save the current register settings of the device follow these steps.

1. Click the button immediately right to the “Auto-Read” selection dropdown
Figure 22. Save Register Values to File on Register Page

2. Choose a name for the JSON file and the directory to save it within. Then click “Save”

2.6.5 Loading Previously Saved Configurations

To load previously saved register settings from a JSON file follow these steps.
1. Click the button furthest right from the “Auto-Read” selection dropdown
2. Select the JSON file with the desired settings and click “Open”

2.7 **Configuring the EVM Using the Configuration Page**

The Sensing Solutions GUI is capable of configuring the device more intuitively than the direct register values. The "Configuration" page provides an easy-to-use tool for updating the device configuration and provides additional information about how the device will perform.
The FDC1004 measures in a round robin mode and can make up to four measurements. If all four measurements are enabled and the sample rate is 400 samples per second new data for all four measurements would be available at a rate of 100 Hz. If a single measurement were enabled rather than all four, again with the sampling rate set to 400 samples per second, new data for the single measurement would be available at a rate of 400 Hz.

To make a single measurement only once, select the measurement channel and click "Take Measurement". This will disable the "Enable continuous multi-channel measurements" setting. Continuous measurements must be enabled for the data streaming function of the GUI and EVM.

Please reference the FDC1004 datasheet for more information regarding individual measurement settings.

2.8 Streaming Measurement Data

The Sensing Solutions GUI and EVM provide a tool to capture, display, and log measurement data. The section describes how to use the data measurement tools from the "Data Streaming" page accessible from the GUI menu.

2.8.1 Choosing the Graph and Visible Channels

Select the drop down menu on top of the y-axis to choose the graph to display.
Figure 25. Select the Data Graph on Data Streaming Page

To select which channel measurements are displayed in the graph, check or uncheck the available channels shown next to the graph units. Selecting or not selecting the channels only affects the graph and not the data logged to a file. If a channel is not enabled in the Configuration page it will not appear on the Data Streaming page.

2.8.2 Logging Data to a File

Follow these steps to log measurement data to a file.
1. Click the button in the upper right under next to "Click to Select Log File"
Figure 26. Select Log File Button on Data Streaming Page

2. Select a file name and directory to save the data to and then click the “Save” button.
3. Whenever data streaming is running the data for all channels will be logged to this file. The selected file is shown next to the button.
2.8.3 Starting and Stopping Data Streaming

To start data streaming click the “Start” button.
Figure 28. Start Button on Data Streaming Page

To stop data streaming click the “Stop” button.
2.8.4 Data Statistics

Click the “Show Statistics” button to view the measurement statistics.
Figure 30. Show Statistics Button on Data Streaming Page

Click the “Hide Statistics” button to hide the measurement statistics.
2.8.5 Configuring the Graph

To configure the graph, click the "Show Graph Configuration" button.
Figure 32. Show Graph Configuration Button on Data Streaming Page
The configuration window displays the actual frame rate of the graph, the rate at which data is added to the graph, the vertical scaling, and the sample buffer size. The display rate is the rate at which the graph updates on the computer display and is not configurable. It is automatically optimized by the GUI.

The "New Data Sample Rate" allows the user to choose when new data is added to the graph. Selecting "EVM Output Rate" will display data on the graph as fast as is available from the EVM. This should not be confused with the actual sampling rate of the device on the EVM which could be different. The "Add sample to graph every ... ms" will add a new sample to the graph at the specified rate.

The "Vertical Scaling" allows the user to either manually set the minimum and maximum values of the y-axis on the graph or use auto-scaling. The "Autoscale & Lock" button scales the graph based on the data of the current display and then locks those vertical scaling settings.

The "Sample Counts" allows the user to specify the number of samples displayed on the graph and the total number of samples stored in the buffer. Please note the buffer size does not affect data logging to a file.

To hide the configuration window, click the "Hide Graph Configuration" button.
2.8.6 Navigating the Data Streaming Buffer

The Sensing Solutions EVM GUI stores a buffer of data samples and then displays a subset of those samples. The data buffer can be navigated using the horizontal slider below the graph. To show more samples on the graph, click either the slider on the left or right side of the green bar and drag it closer or further from the other slider. The number of samples displayed is shown between the left and right sliders in the green bar.
Figure 35. Changing Number of Samples Displayed in Data Graph

By clicking on the green bar and dragging the mouse left or right, previous samples in the buffer can be displayed.
2.9 Updating the EVM Firmware

To upload new firmware to the EVM, navigate to the “Firmware” page from the GUI menu and follow these steps. The images below show uploading the FDC2214 EVM firmware, but the steps are identical for any LDC, FDC, or HDC EVM when using their respective firmware files.

1. Click the button to select a TI-TXT firmware file

Figure 36. Displaying Previous Data Samples on the Data Streaming Page
Figure 37. Select TI-TXT File Button on Firmware Upload Page

2. Select the firmware file and click “Open”
3. Click the “Upload Firmware” button
4. Wait for the firmware to upload. Do NOT disconnect the EVM from the PC at this time! Also note that the GUI will disconnect from the EVM. The upload process should not take more than one minute. If the upload fails or lasts longer than one minute, unplug the EVM and restart the GUI.

Figure 39. Upload Firmware Button on Firmware Upload Page

Figure 40. Firmware Upload in Progress
3  **Board Layout**

**Figure 42** and **Figure 43** show the board layout of the FDC1004EVM. Sensor layout has been designed to demonstrate the possible trade-off between sensor sensitivity and protection from interferences. SHLD1 surrounds "LEFT" sensor and it has a bigger area than SHLD2 that surrounds "RIGHT" sensor. As a consequence, the "LEFT" sensor is better shielded from interferences but at the cost of lower sensitivity.
Figure 44. FDC1004EVM Schematic
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