

EFcom/GPRS Shield

1. General description



GPRS Shield - EFCom is an ultra compact and reliable wireless module. This GPRS Shield is compatible with all boards which have the same form factor (and pinout) as a standard Arduino Board.

EFCom is base on SIM900 4 Frequency GPRS module. It is configured and controlled via its UART using simple AT commands. Just plug this shield on the Arduino/ Freaduino board, you could easy to use AT command control EFCom. You can use the 2 jumper block to connect the SIM900 URAT post to any pins within D0-D3(for Hardware/Software serial port). There is a switch on board , you can use it to select the connection of the UART port or Debug port , even be set on on Arduino, but by the switch and jumper block, the SIM900 can be connect to PC via FT233RL.

2. Features

- Quad-Band 850/ 900/ 1800/ 1900 MHz
- Fully compatible with Arduino / Freaduino and Mega.
- Free serial port connecting, you can select Hardware Serial



- port(D0/D1) control or Software Serial port(D2/D3) control it.
- SIM900 all pins breakout. Not just the UART port and debug port are layout, but also all pins on SIM900 are connected to the 2.54 standard pitch.
- Super capacitor for the power of RTC
- Two ways to power on and reset the EFCom. It can be controlled by the button on the board and can be controlled by the Arduino digital pins.
- GPRS multi-slot class 10/8
- GPRS mobile station class B
- Compliant to GSM phase 2/2+
 - Class 4 (2 W @850/ 900 MHz)
 - Class 1 (1 W @ 1800/1900MHz)
- Control via AT commands (GSM 07.07 ,07.05 and EFCOM enhanced AT Commands)
- Low power consumption: 1.5mA(sleep mode)
- Dimension:68.33x53.09mm(Same dimension of Arduino main board)

3. Applications

- Smart home.
- Robotic control
- GSM Communications

4. Electronic characteristics

PARAMETER	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
Power supply voltage	6	-	12	V
Power supply current	1.5	100	2000	mA
HIGH level input voltage	3	3.3	3.6	V
LOW level input voltage	-0.3	0	0.5	V



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5. Pining information



Figure 1 Top Map

TYPE	SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION		
	D0	Selectable communication pin, it can be selected as RX or TX		
	D1	Selectable communication pin, it can be set as RX or TX		
D2 D3		Selectable communication pin, it can be selected as RX or TX		
		Selectable communication pin, it can be selected as RX or TX		
	D4	Connect to SIM900 UART Bus RI		
	D5	Soft controlled Reset SIM900		
	D6	Soft controlled Power on/off SIM900		
Arduino Pin	D7	-		
	D8	_		
	D9	Connect to 5110LCD Clock		
	D10	Connect to 5110LCD Data		
	D11	Connect to 5110LCD Data or Command selection		
	D12	Connect to 5110LCD Reset		
	D13	Connect to 5110LCD SCE		
	A0	_		
	A1	_		
	A2	_		



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	A3	_	
	A4	_	
A5		AD_KEY Signal	
	3V3	5110LCD Power Supply	
	GND	5110LCD Power Ground	
	SCE	5110LCD Chip enable (Active Low)	
5110LCD	RTS	5110LCD Reset (Active Low)	
	D/C	Data or Command selection(Low-Write Command, High Write data)	
	DIN	5110LCD Serial data input	
	SCK	5110LCD Colock input	
	LED	5110LCD Back Light (3.3V)	
	GND	Power Ground	
	RX	SIM900 Serial Port Receive	
	ΤХ	SIM900 Serial Port Transmit	
SIM900_UART	RTS	SIM900 Request To Send	
	CTS	SIM900 Clear To Send	
	DCD	SIM900 Data Carrier Detect	
	RI	Ring Indicator	
	DTR	SIM900 Data Terminal Ready	
	PWM1	SIM900 PWM output	
	PWM2	SIM900 PWM output	
SIM_IIC	SDL	SIM900 IIC Bus Data	
	SCL	SIM900 IIC Bus Clock	
	GND	Power Ground	
DEBUG	PWR	Power Supply	
		SIM900 Debug Port Recevie. For debugging and uploading	
	RX	firmware	
		SIM900 Debug Port Transmit. For debugging and uploading	
	ТХ	firmware	
	ADC	Analog signal input	
Analog signal	L-L	Line-in input Left Channel	
	L-R	Line-in input Right Channel	
	SPN	Differential audio output	
	SPP	Differential audio output	
	MCN	Differential audio input	
	MCP	Differential audio input	
	GND	Power Ground	



	GND	Power Ground	
	VBAT	Power Supply	
	GP1	GPIO1	
	GP2	GPIO2	
	GP3	GPIO3	
SIM900_GPIO	GP4	GPIO4	
	GP5	GPIO5	
	GP6	GPIO6	
	GP7	GPIO7	
	GP8	GPIO8	
	GP9	GPIO9	
	GP10	GPIO10	
	GP11	GPIO11	
	GP12	GPIO12	
	SIG	External AD Keypad signal input	
AD_KEY	VCC	Power supply for AD Keypad	
	GND	Power Ground	
COM_JMP	D0	Can be set as TX(Short to S_RX) or RX(Short to S_TX)	
	D1	Can be set as TX(Short to S_RX) or RX(Short to S_TX)	
	D2	Can be set as TX(Short to S_RX) or RX(Short to S_TX)	
	D3	Can be set as TX(Short to S_RX) or RX(Short to S_TX)	

Table 1 Pinning information

6. <u>Hardware configuration</u>

Uart jumper setting

You can use the jumper to connect the TXD and RXD pins on SIM900 to any pins of Arduino D0-D3.



Figure 2 Uart Jumper setting



When using the jupmer connection as Figure 3, the SIM900 connect to the ATMega328 chip on board(Arduino Pin D0 RX is and D1 is TX).



Figure 3 Uart Jumper setting

When using the jupmer connection as Figure 4, the SIM900 connected with the FT232RL chip, so you can use the serial software on PC to control or configure the SIM900 module.



Figure 4 Uart Jumper setting

We suggest using the jumper connection as Figure 5. In this connection, you can use software-serial library to control the SIM900 and use Arduino native serial port(D0,D1) to communicate with PC. It is a good way to show debug information on PC serial port terminal.



Figure 5 Uart Jumper setting

Indicator LED and Butons description

BUTTONS	DESCRIPTION	
RST	Reset Arduino	
S_PWR	Power on/off SIM900 (It also can be controlled by D5)	
S_RST	Reset SIM900 (It also can be controlled by D6)	

Table 2 Butons function description



LED	STATUS	DESCRIPTION
	ON	Power on the EFcom
PWR	OFF	Power off the EFcom
	ON	Power on the SIM900
STA	OFF	Power Off the SIM900
	OFF	SIM900 is not running
	64ms ON/800ms OFF	SIM900 not register the Network
	64ms ON/3000ms OFF	SIM900 registered to the network
NET	64ms ON/300ms OFF	GPRS communication is established

Table 3 Butons function description

7. Dimension outline



Figure 6 Dimension

8. <u>Revision history</u>

REVISION	DESCRIPTION	RELEASE DATE
V1.0	Initial version	5/7/2013

9. Contact information

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