

## Renesas Synergy™ Platform

# Wi-Fi Framework on PE-HMI1

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### Introduction

This document enables you to effectively use the Wi-Fi Framework module in your own design. On completion of this guide, you will be able to add the Wi-Fi Framework module to your own design, configure it correctly for the target application, and write code using the included application example code as a reference and an efficient starting point. References to more detailed API descriptions and suggestions of other application projects that illustrate more advanced uses of the module are available in the Renesas Synergy™ Knowledge Base as described in the References section at the end of this document and are valuable resources for creating more complex designs.

The Wi-Fi Framework provides generic application interface for Wi-Fi modules with or without on-chip networking capability. Currently, only Qualcomm GT202 is supported. The Wi-Fi Framework communicates through SPI with the underlying GT202. This Application Note describes the features of this Application Project and the implementation details on the PE-HMI1 Kit, using the Synergy™ Software Package (SSP) and Synergy™ Wi-Fi Framework.

The Application Project included with this Application Note is the Synergy Thermostat Application, integrated with the on board GT-202 module, present on the PE-HMI1 to demonstrate it as the Wi-Fi based Thermostat Application.

### Required Resources

The application targets Renesas S7G2 Synergy MCU board. To build and run the application, you will need the following:

- Renesas Synergy™ starter kit PE-HMI1 v2.0 and later
- e<sup>2</sup> studio ISDE v7.3.0 or later
- Synergy Software Package (SSP) v1.6.0. or later
- IAR EW for Synergy v8.23.3 or later
- Synergy Standalone Configurator (SSC) v7.3.0 or later
- iOS or Android-based Smart Phone or Tablet (optional)
- Mini USB cable with J-Link® Lite
- A Wi-Fi router with 2.4 GHz bandwidth, with DHCP server capability to be used as an access point
- Download all the required Renesas Synergy Software from the Renesas Synergy Software website at [www.renesas.com/synergy](http://www.renesas.com/synergy).

### Prerequisites and Intended Audience

This application project assumes you have some experience with the Synergy e<sup>2</sup> studio ISDE and the Synergy Software Package (SSP). Before you perform the procedure in this application note, follow the procedure in the *SSP User's Manual* to build and run the Blinky project. Doing so enables you to become familiar with the e<sup>2</sup> studio and the SSP, and to ensure that the debug connection to your board functions properly. In addition, this Application Project assumes you have some knowledge on Wi-Fi and its communication protocols.

The intended audience are users who want to develop applications with Wi-Fi interface using the Synergy S3/S5/S7 MCU Series.

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## 1. Application Overview

This Application Project shows the Wi-Fi connectivity using the on board GT-202 module present on the PE-HMI1 Synergy MCU Kit. It demonstrates the Thermostat Application along with the NetX Webserver application running on PE-HMI1. The user interface for controlling the Thermostat is done using GUI with GLCD and a touch screen interface. The Webserver application can also be used to control and to get the status information of the kit. The status information can be viewed on a web browser of a PC or smart devices by connecting to the IP address of the board where the Webserver is running.

This application is developed by using the Synergy Wi-Fi Framework that provides you with easy provisioning, and configuration of the Wi-Fi Module. The framework is also integrated with the NetX Networking Stack (TCP/IP) using the NSAL layer.

## 2. An Application Using the Synergy Wi-Fi Framework

### 2.1 Features

This Wi-Fi application project consists of multiple SSP modules along with the Wi-Fi Framework used to demonstrate the Wi-Fi Connectivity features of the PE-HMI1 board.

The project currently provides the following:

- Supports client mode, connecting to an Access point/Router with user-configured credentials
- Supports NetX™ DHCP client to get IP address from the Server
- IP address leased from the DHCP server is displayed on the LCD screen
- Supports NetX™ HTTP server that runs on the PE-HMI1 board
- Allows you to set the LED and get the board status on the web page using the web interface

The application is fully integrated with Express Logic ThreadX® RTOS, NetX™, GUIX™, and SSP framework modules such as Wi-Fi Framework and Touch Framework.

### 2.2 Wi-Fi Framework Architecture Overview

The Wi-Fi implementation on Synergy is done with the framework module designed to provide a vendor-independent, uniform set of APIs to the users to address the common functions required to initialize, configure, provision, and integrate the protocol stack in the Wi-Fi applications. The framework provides the generic APIs to configure and control the Wi-Fi module. The networking stack is integrated with the NetX through the Network Stack Abstraction Layer (NSAL). At the driver level, it is interfaced to the Wi-Fi driver using a uniform Wi-Fi driver interface.

The following figure shows the layered architecture overview of the Synergy Wi-Fi Framework and how it fits with the SSP. More details of the Wi-Fi Framework can be found in section 4.1.29 of the *SSP User manual*.

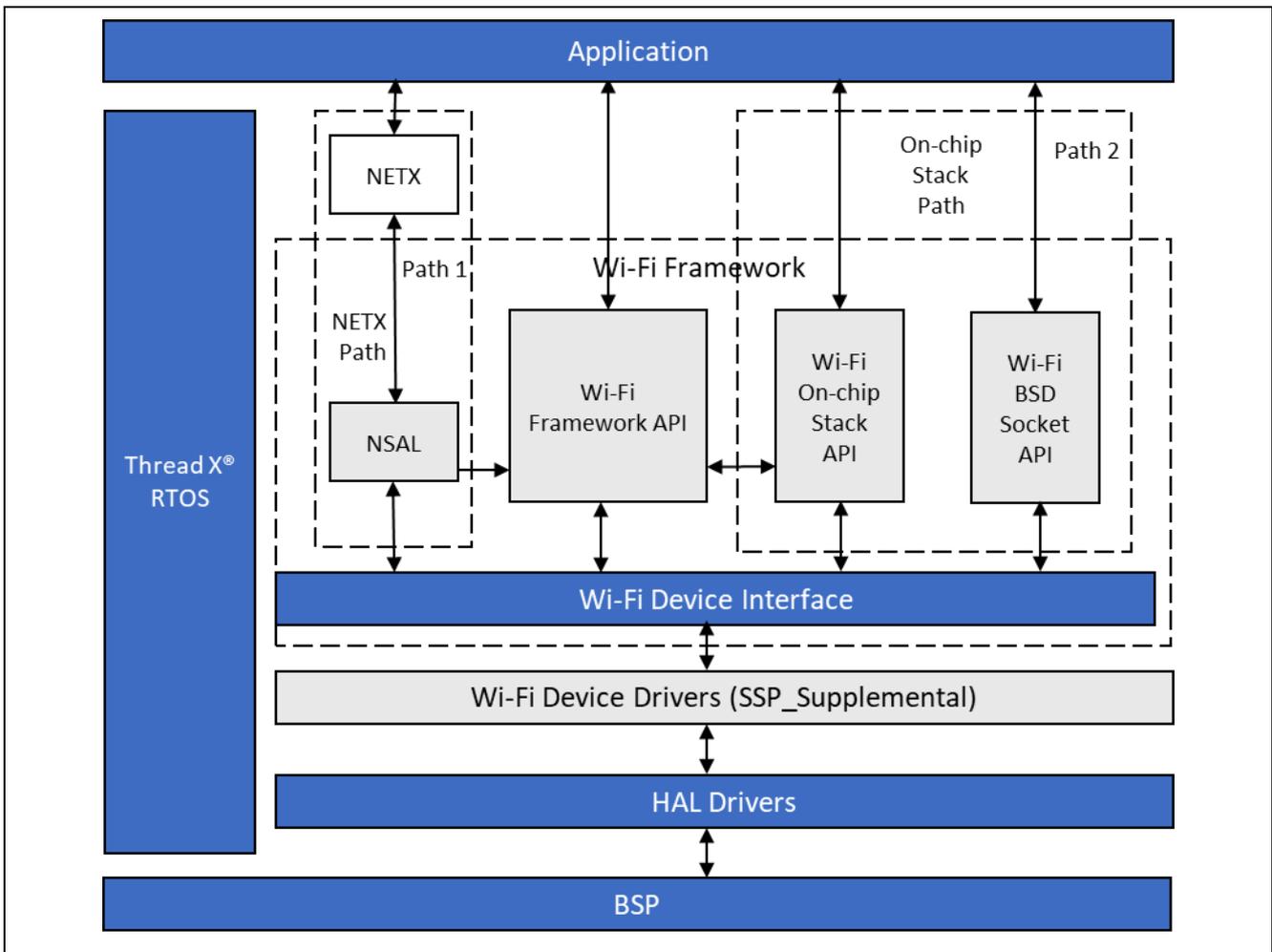


Figure 1. Synergy Wi-Fi Framework Architecture Overview

### 2.3 Application Architecture

A high-level architecture of the Wi-Fi application is shown in the following figure. The Wi-Fi application runs in client mode. In this case, it connects to the Access Point (AP) or Router, gets the leased IP address from the AP/Router and becomes available for any IP application that uses TCP or UDP.

The application uses the NetX application protocols DHCP client and HTTP server that sit on top of the Wi-Fi Framework. The Wi-Fi Framework exposes the generic APIs to provision and connect to the GT202 Wi-Fi module. The Wi-Fi device driver communicates with the module using the SSP SPI drivers.

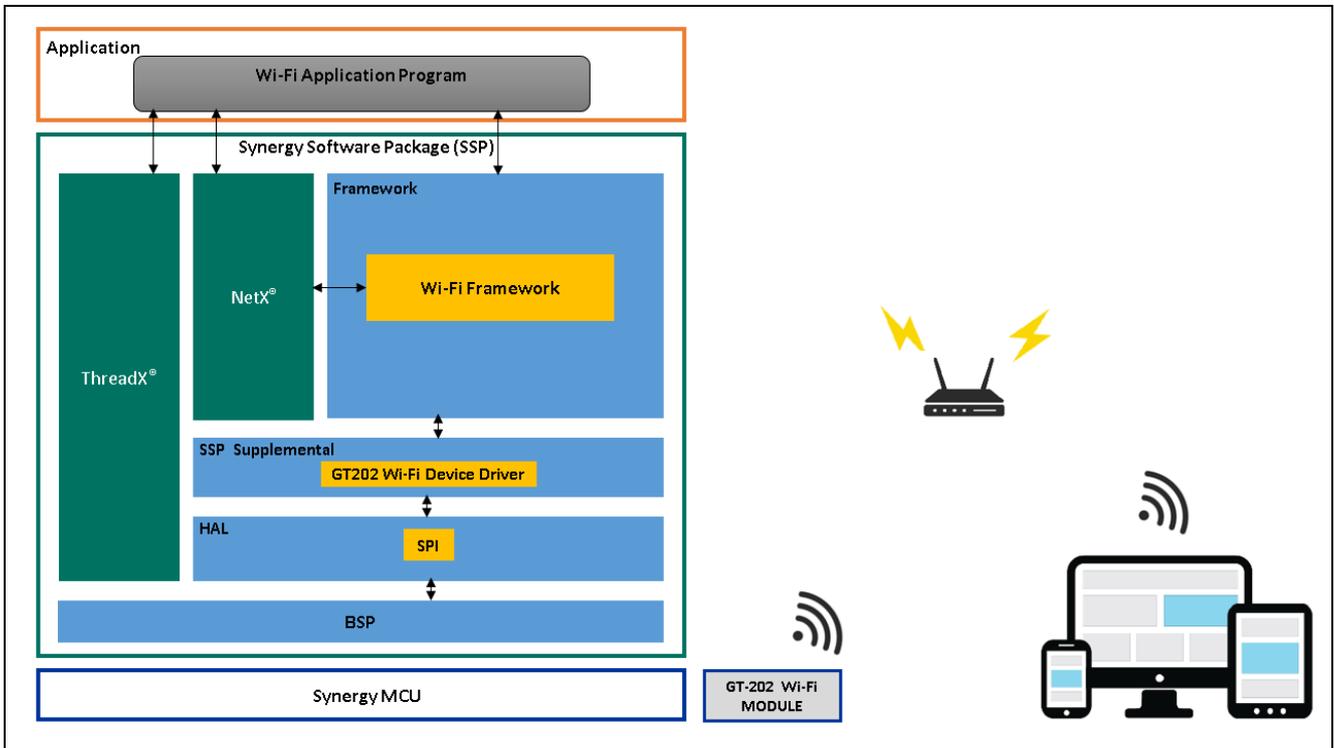


Figure 2. Synergy Wi-Fi Application Project Components

### 2.4 Hardware Requirements

This application requires PE-HMI board. The snapshot of the PE-HMI1 Synergy MCU board and the on-board Wi-Fi module marked are shown in the following figure. Along with the board, the Mini USB Cable, J-Link® Lite and the power supply that are part of the kit are required.

If you are new to the PE-HMI1 Synergy MCU Kit, refer to the *PE-HMI1 Quick Start Guide* and *PE-HMI1 User's Manual* listed in the References section of the document for more details.

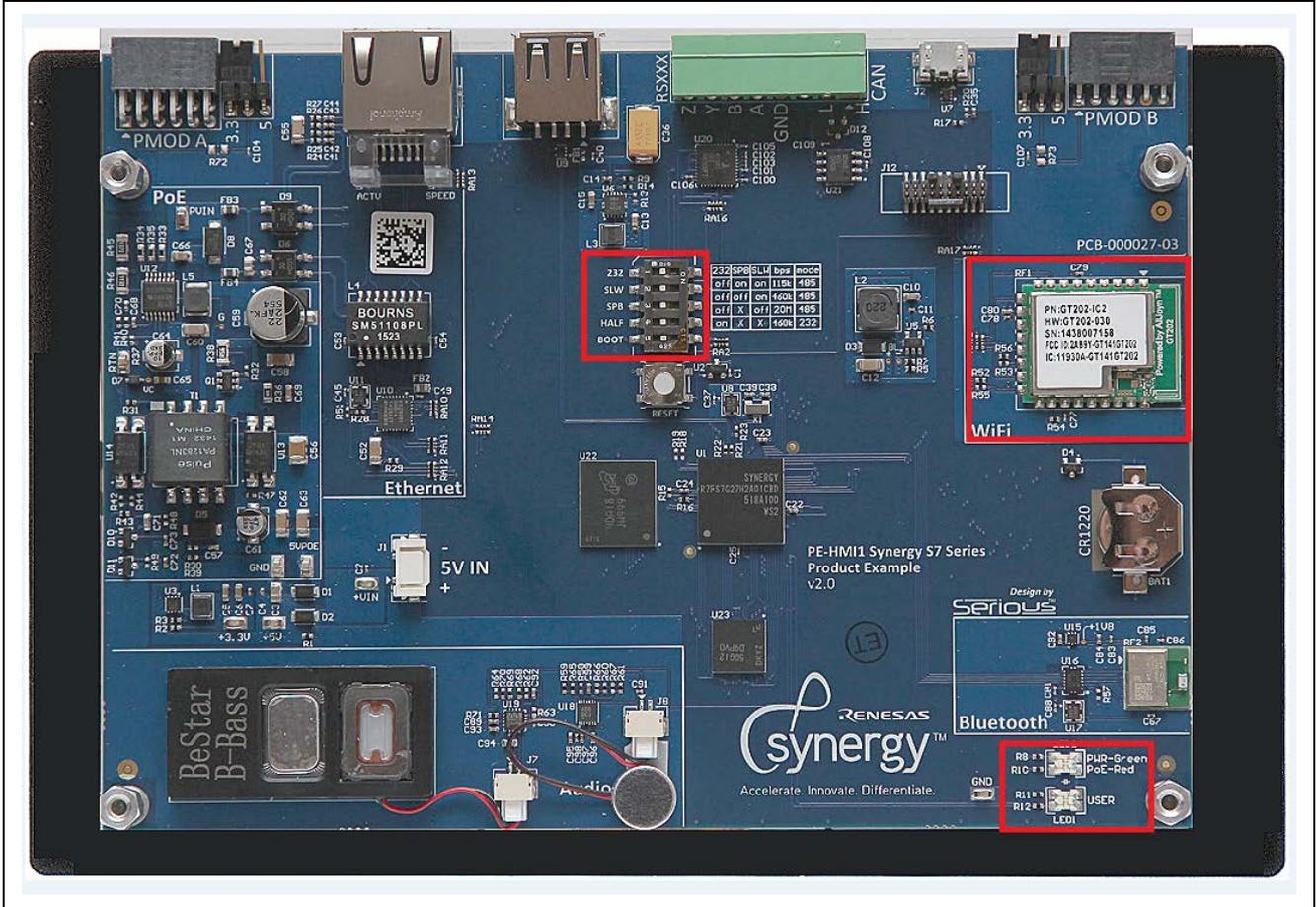


Figure 3. PE-HMI1 Synergy MCU

### 3. Creating Wi-Fi Application with Existing Thermostat Application Project

Existing Synergy Thermostat application is used as a base to create the Wi-Fi Application. Import the Synergy Thermostat Application for PE-HMI1 (see References section), make changes to thermostat.gxp file (Project\guix\_studio\GNU\) to add the Wi-Fi icon and IP address prompt using the GUIX™ Studio.

Open the configuration.xml using the ISDE configurator and start adding the new threads and stacks.

Note: Adding the GUIX widgets to the project is not covered. You can refer the attached project and open the thermostat.gxp file using GUIX Studio to see the details.

Note: Adding the HTTP thread and HTTP server stack is not covered in detail. For more details you can look into properties of the Thread Stack for the HTTP Server, using the configurator for the attached project.

#### 3.1 Adding NetX DHCP Client to the Thread from the Configurator

Create a thread and name it **wifi\_app\_thread**. Once the Wi-Fi application thread has been created, add DHCP Client to the newly created thread using the **New Stack > X-Ware > NetX > NetX DHCP Client** as shown in the following figure.

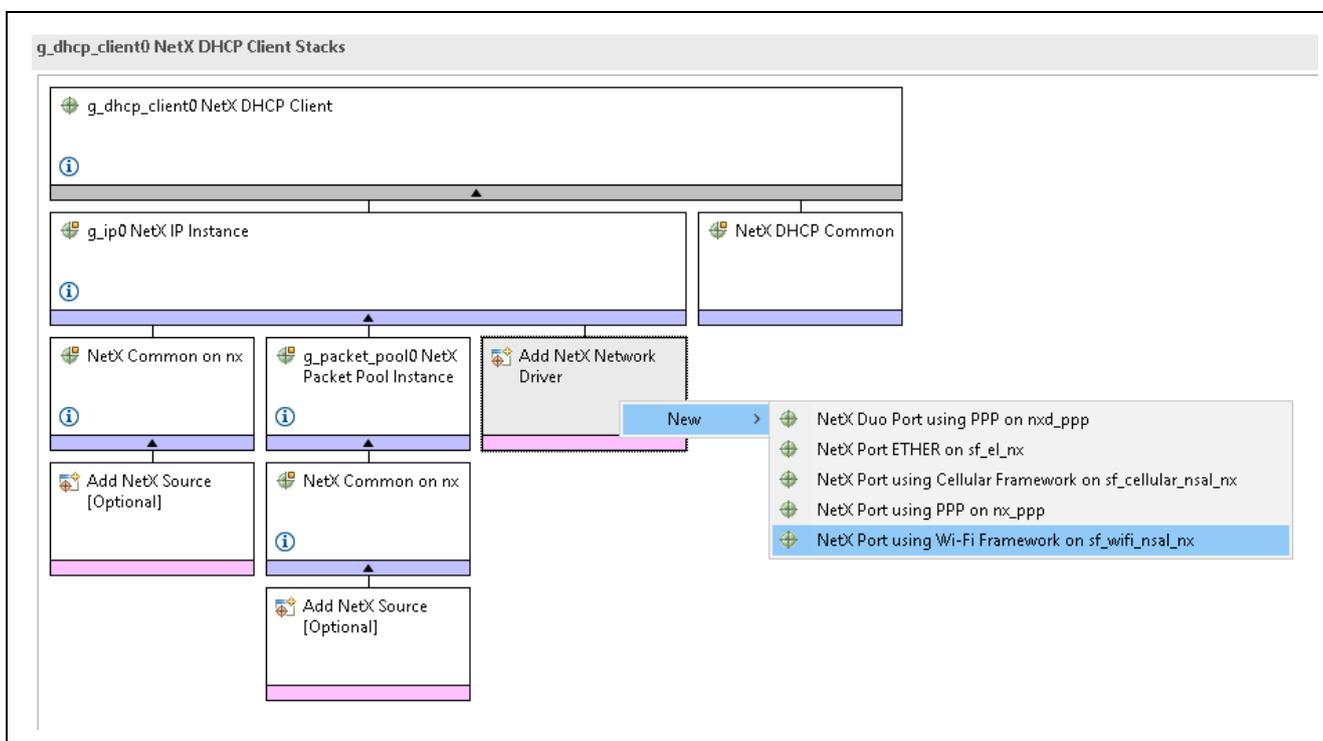


Figure 4. Adding Wi-Fi Framework with Application Protocols

Figure 4 shows an option to add the NetX network driver. Add **NetX Port using Wi-Fi Framework on sf\_wifi\_nsa\_nx**. This brings in the Wi-Fi Framework.

The snapshot of the Wi-Fi Framework and the selection to add the Wi-Fi driver for the modules are shown in the following figure.

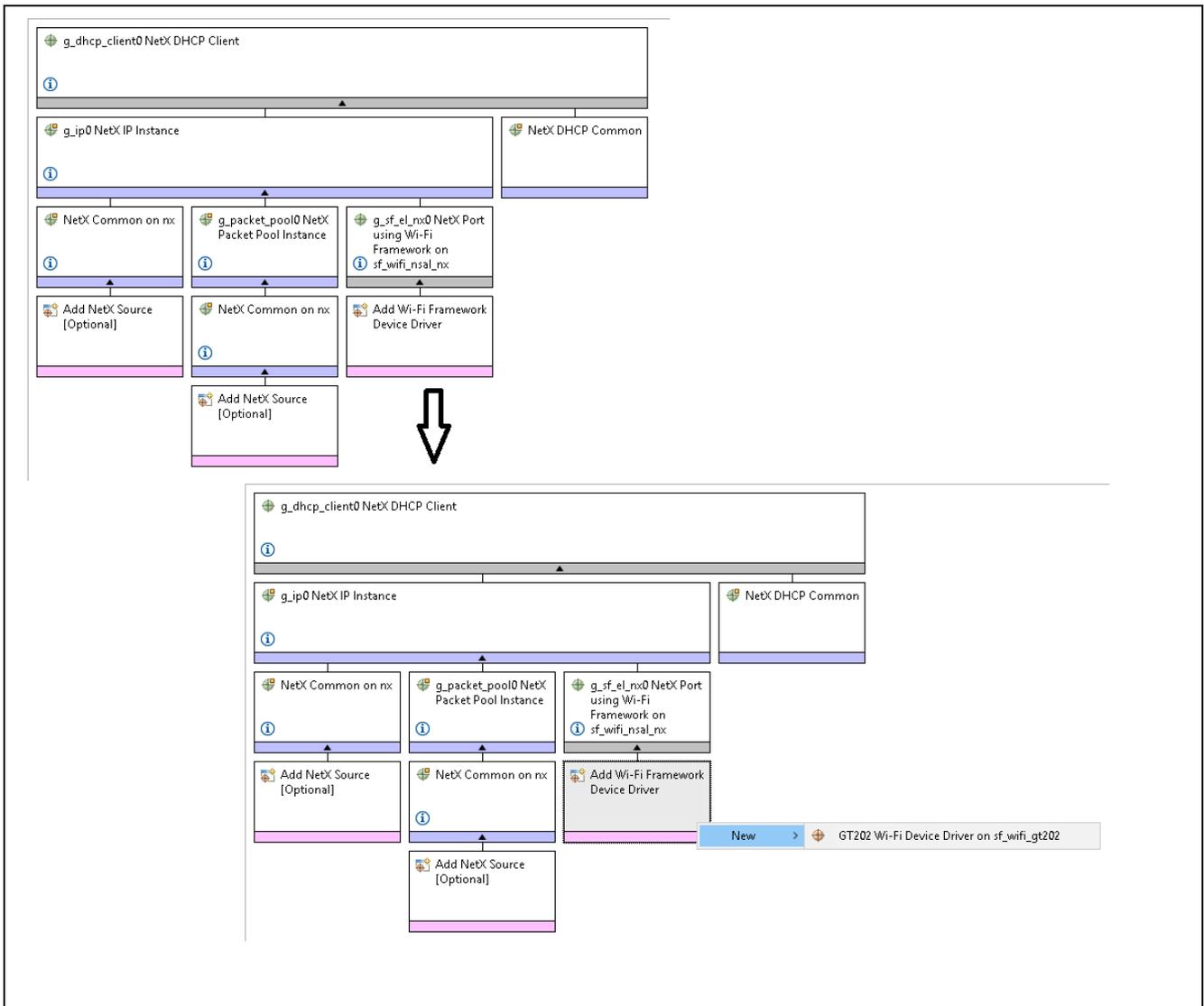


Figure 5. Synergy Wi-Fi Driver Module Add-on

You can select the driver for the intended Wi-Fi module. The following figure shows the added **GT202 Wi-Fi Device Driver**. Since the GT202 module uses the SPI interface, it gives the option to select the SPI driver available with the SSP. You need to select from one of two options for SPI, that is, SCI SPI or RSPI, depending on the SPI interface available on the kit.

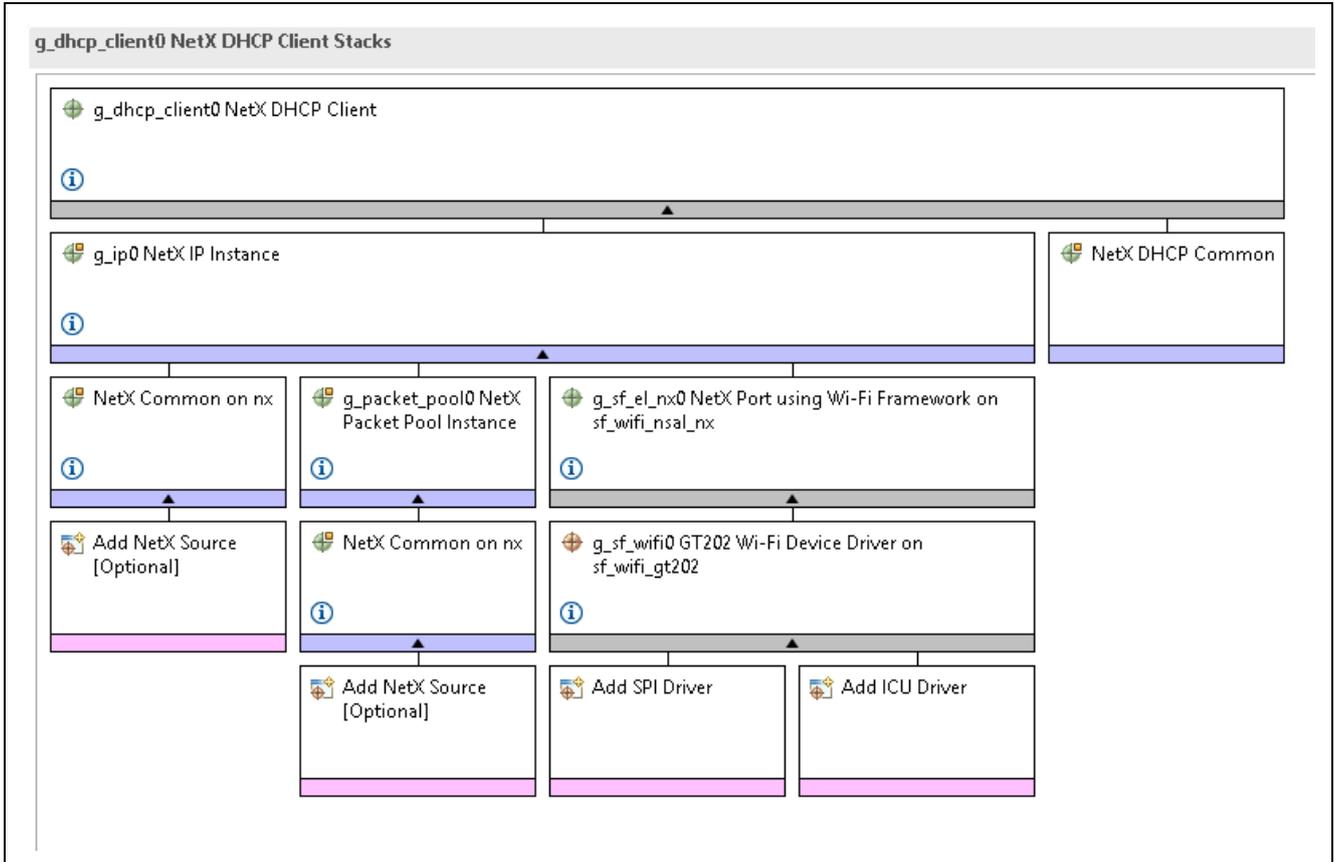
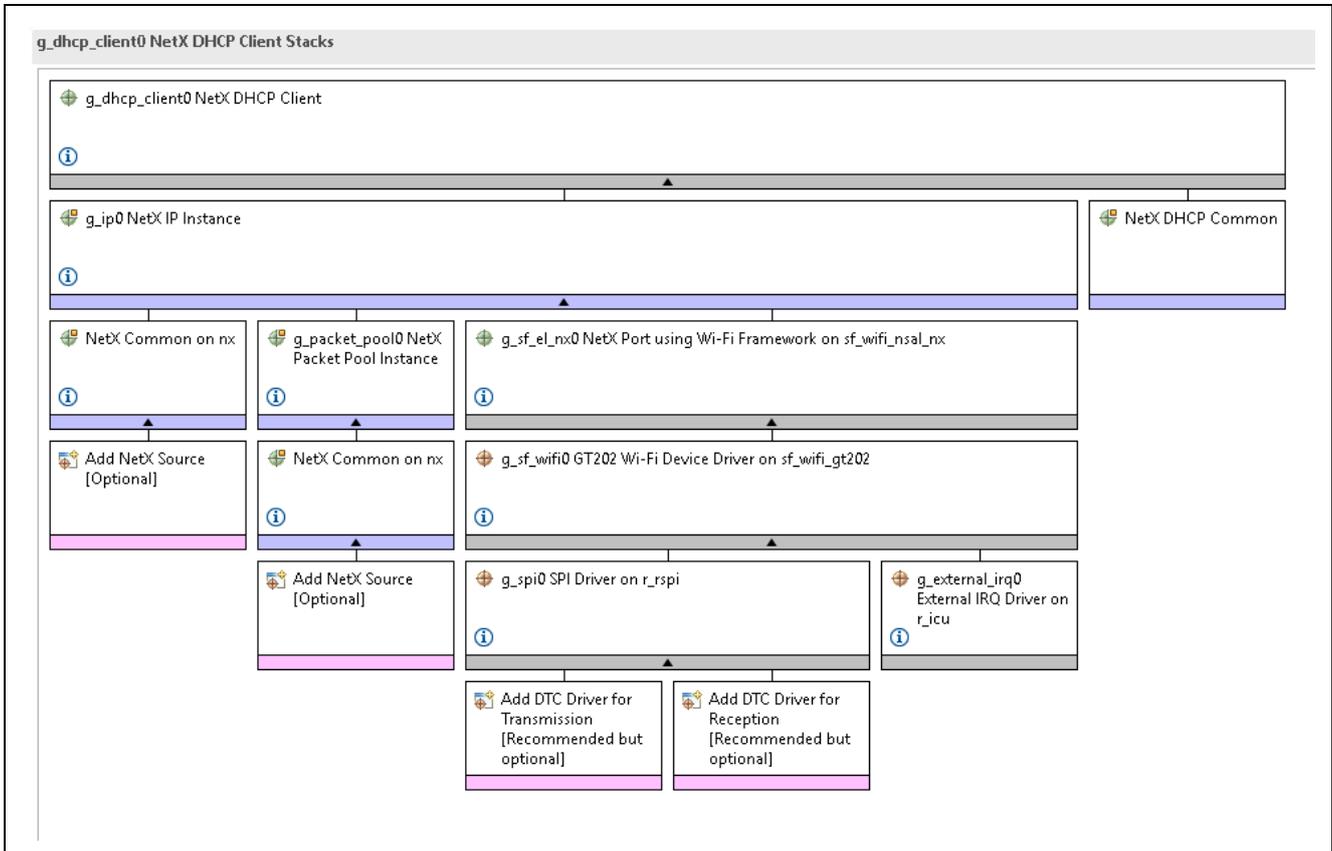


Figure 6. Adding SPI Driver and IRQ Driver

Once the RSPI is selected as the SPI interface for the GT202, the interrupt pin for the RSPI is configured, and the final snapshot is as shown the following figure.

**Important:** The DTC driver is not configured and the configuration is kept optional. The DTC driver is not configured because the DTC uses word 4-bit transfer and the Wi-Fi driver supports 8-bit transfer mode.



**Figure 7. Snapshot of Final DHCP Client Configuration along with Wi-Fi Framework**

Wi-Fi Framework and its associated components are added and configured with correct values. You can add the optional NetX source in case you want to debug the project with NetX.

NetX component comes as a library in the SSP, but when the NetX source is added to the project, it gives the option to fine-tune the NetX stack to your requirements.

In addition to the NetX configuration, packet pool configuration needs to be changed according to the project requirements. For this application, the packet pool size is selected as 4096 x 16 as shown in the following figure.

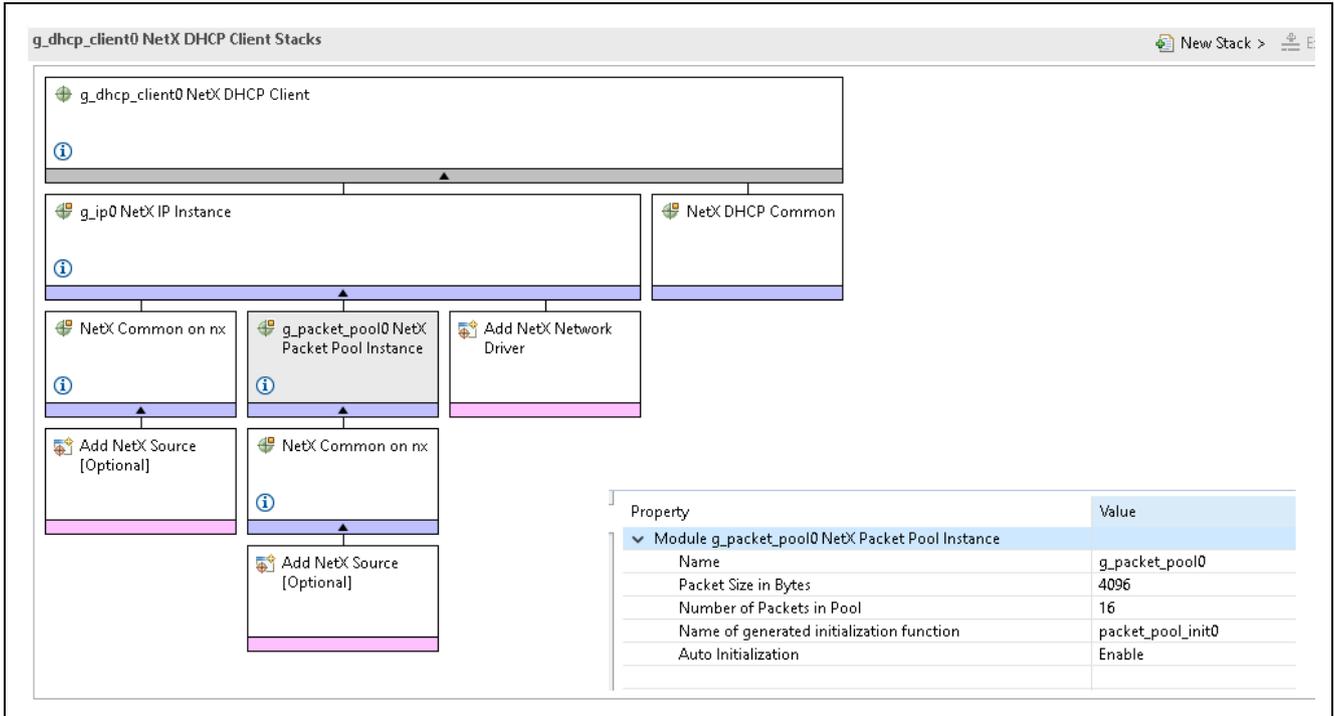


Figure 8. Changing the NetX Properties and Packet Pool Configuration

The actual configuration of the applications can also be viewed in the attached project using the ISDE configurator. Bringing in the NetX and ThreadX source to the project gives options for you to debug the code with NetX and ThreadX code.

### 3.2 NetX HTTP Server

The application needs the HTTP server. Create a new thread and name it **HTTP server thread**. Add the HTTP server to the thread using the **New Stack > X-Ware > NetX > Protocols > NetX HTTP Server**. The snapshot of the HTTP server added using the configurator is shown in the following figure.

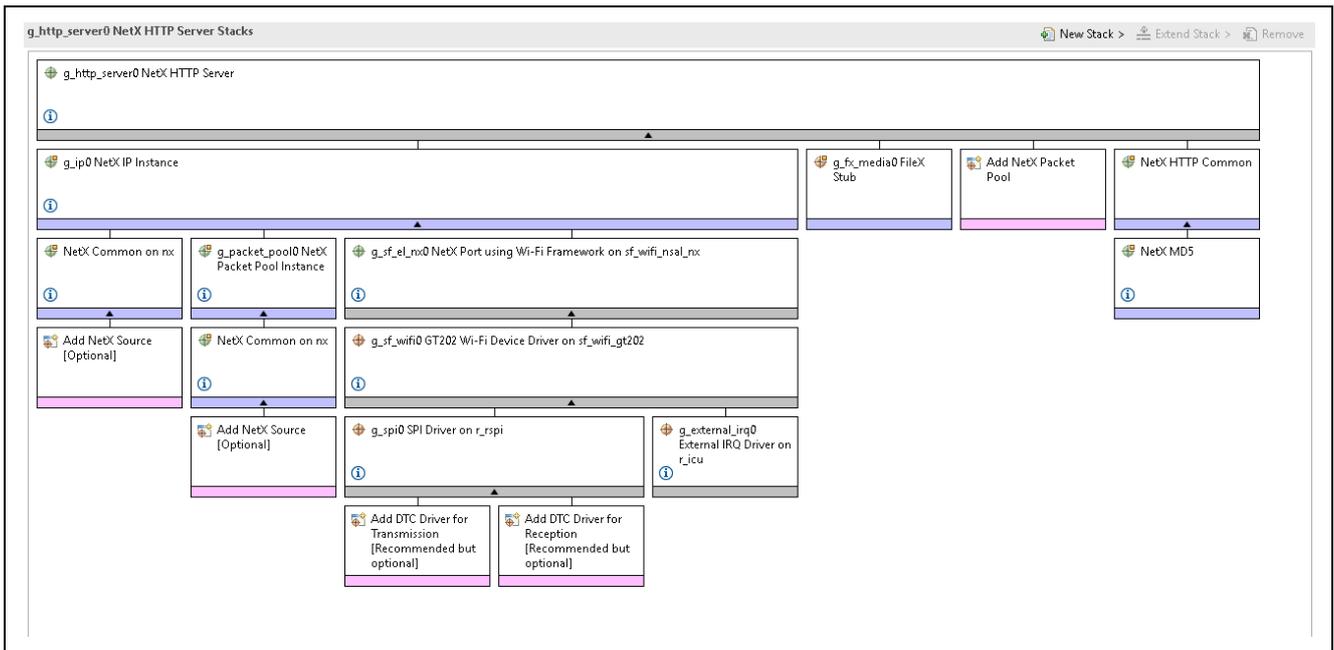


Figure 9. HTTP Server Added to HTTP Server Thread

### 3.3 LED Control

The application needs LED Blink Control. Create a new thread and name it **blink\_thread**. Add event flag **blink\_flag** to the thread. This thread is to control the LED based on your input from the Web page. The associated code can be found in `blink_thread_entry.c`.

### 4. Wi-Fi Application Implementation Details

The Wi-Fi application is created on top of the Thermostat application (available for PE-HMI1 Synergy MCU Kit). This section covers the Wi-Fi implementation details. Details of the Thermostat application are covered in a limited manner, as required for the application. For more details on the Thermostat application, refer to the *Thermostat Application Note* and the related project in the References section of this Application Note.

One of the reasons for choosing the Thermostat application is to showcase the modular approach to adding a new application on top of the existing application. SSP framework gives the modular and uniform interface to add or remove the Wi-Fi module without changing the application. In addition, the application framework provides an approach to add/delete components/drivers based on the hardware modules. The current Wi-Fi application created for GT202 module can be changed for other Wi-Fi modules by changing the add-on module in the configurator. This gives flexibility to change the Wi-Fi module for the customer during the evaluation or pre-production stages.

In the following figure, the dotted line shows the Thermostat application and Wi-Fi application block. On the right side, the Wi-Fi application block is seen, which consists of the Wi-Fi application thread, HTTP server thread, and LED control thread. These three threads and their thread objects/stacks form the Wi-Fi application. Few modifications are done on the GUIX side (Wi-Fi Icon and IP Address Prompt) to add the Wi-Fi-specific additions to the GUIX.

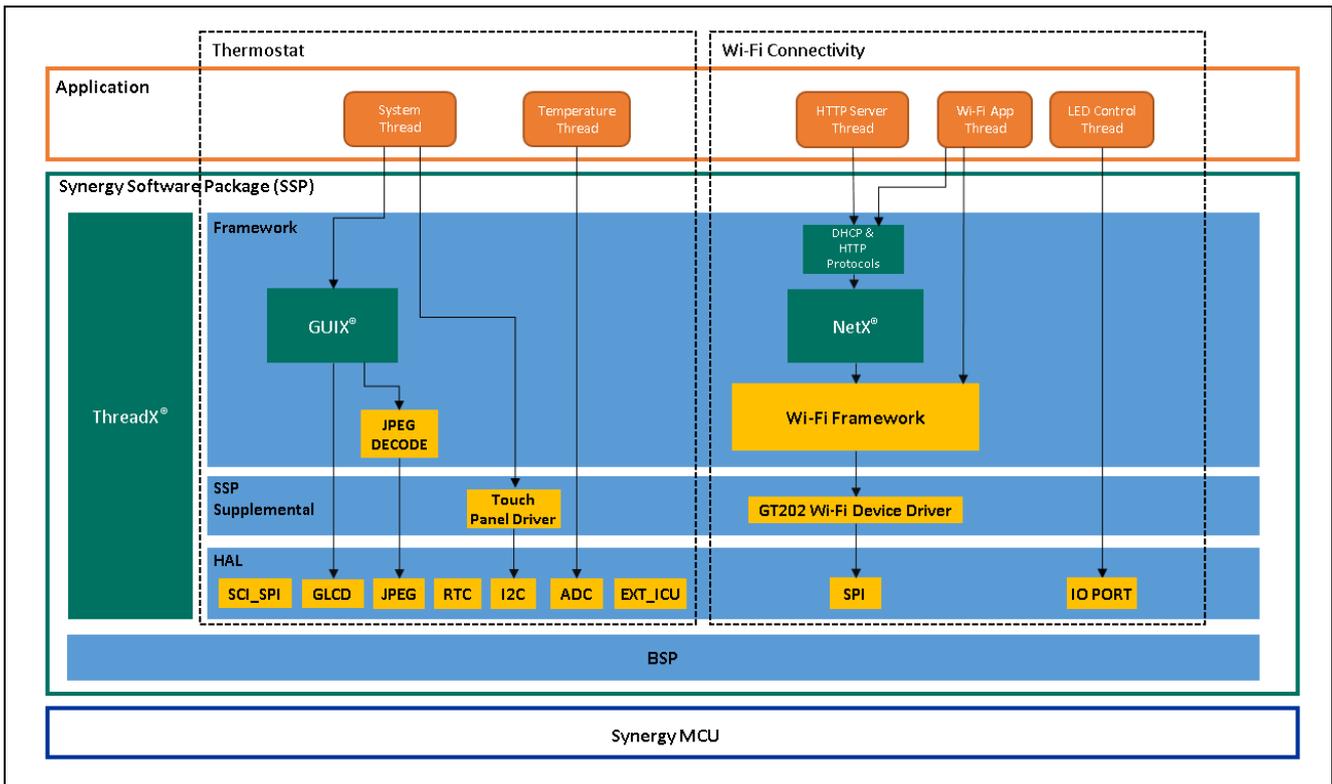


Figure 10. Synergy Wi-Fi Framework Application Architecture

The details of the Wi-Fi application and its thread are given in the following sections.

## 4.1 Wi-Fi Application Thread

This thread module along with configurator created code, brings in the DHCP client application, with the TCP/IP core stack. In addition, it also brings the Wi-Fi Framework, NSAL, and Wi-Fi driver add-on. This thread is responsible for the DHCP client, Wi-Fi provisioning and connectivity.

The configurator generated code is part of the `common_data.c/h` and `wifi_app_thread.c/h` under `src/synergy_gen` folder. The code under these files are common code, specific to the thread's module stack components. In this case, the common code for NetX is available under `g_common_init()` function. Common code has the NetX driver entry function and the packet pool creation.

In your application code (`src/wifi_app_thread_entry.c`), checking the status of the IP link creation, provisioning the Wi-Fi with your credentials, starting the DHCP client, acquiring the IP address from the DHCP server are added.

Before we provision the Wi-Fi, make sure that the IP link is enabled. The API to check the interface status is as follows:

```
(nx_ip_interface_status_check (&g_ip0, 0, NX_IP_LINK_ENABLED, &ip_status,
NX_WAIT_FOREVER)).
```

Once the IP link is enabled, the application can start provisioning the Wi-Fi using the Framework APIs with the credentials required by the Wi-Fi network you are intending to connect to. The API to provision the Wi-Fi with your credentials is as follows. The parameter details can be found in the User's Manual or in the sample application code.

```
g_sf_wifi0.p_api->provisioningSet (g_sf_wifi0.p_ctrl, &g_provision_info);
```

After the successful provisioning of the Wi-Fi module, the board is ready to communicate to the DHCP server using the DHCP client. Now, your code needs to start the DHCP client (the DHCP client is created as part of the configurator generated code). The API for starting the DHCP client is part of your written code and its API is shown below:

```
nx_dhcp_start (&g_dhcp_client0);
```

After the DHCP client has started, it communicates with the DHCP server to get the IP address for the board. The following API and code is used to check if the IP address is resolved:

```
while (status != NX_IP_ADDRESS_RESOLVED)
{
    nx_ip_status_check(&g_ip0, NX_IP_ADDRESS_RESOLVED, (ULONG *) &status,
10);
}
```

Once the IP address is resolved, the DHCP client receives the IP address from the DHCP server, and you can get the leased IP address using the API:

```
nx_ip_interface_address_get (&g_ip0, 0, &ip0_ip_address, &ip0_mask);
```

The application is ready for TCP/IP communication with other clients on the Wi-Fi networks using the IP address.

## 4.2 HTTP Server Thread

This thread module, along with the configurator created code, part of the `common_data.c/h` and `http_server_thread.c/h` under `src/synergy_gen` folder brings in the HTTP server application.

The `authentication_check` and `get_notify` parameters are functions where your page creation and handling of the page specific Get/Set are handled. These are available in `src/http_server.c`.

To start the HTTP server, you can call the API `status = nx_http_server_start (&g_http_server0);`

This thread essentially creates the HTTP server, and starts the server where the page you created will be hosted from the board. In addition to the page hosting, it gives the option to Get/Set your data from/on to the page. Additionally, the thread sets the event flag to indicate the LED control thread with your desired operation (ON/OFF/BLINK) for the LEDs on the board.

### 4.3 LED Control Thread

The thread mainly controls the LEDs based on the event received from you through the HTTP server page.

### 4.4 Code Organization

The sample directory structure of the Wi-Fi application code, the Wi-Fi Framework, its related driver, and code are as shown in the following figure. Wi-Fi Framework is an add-on and is listed under `ssp_supplemental` folder.

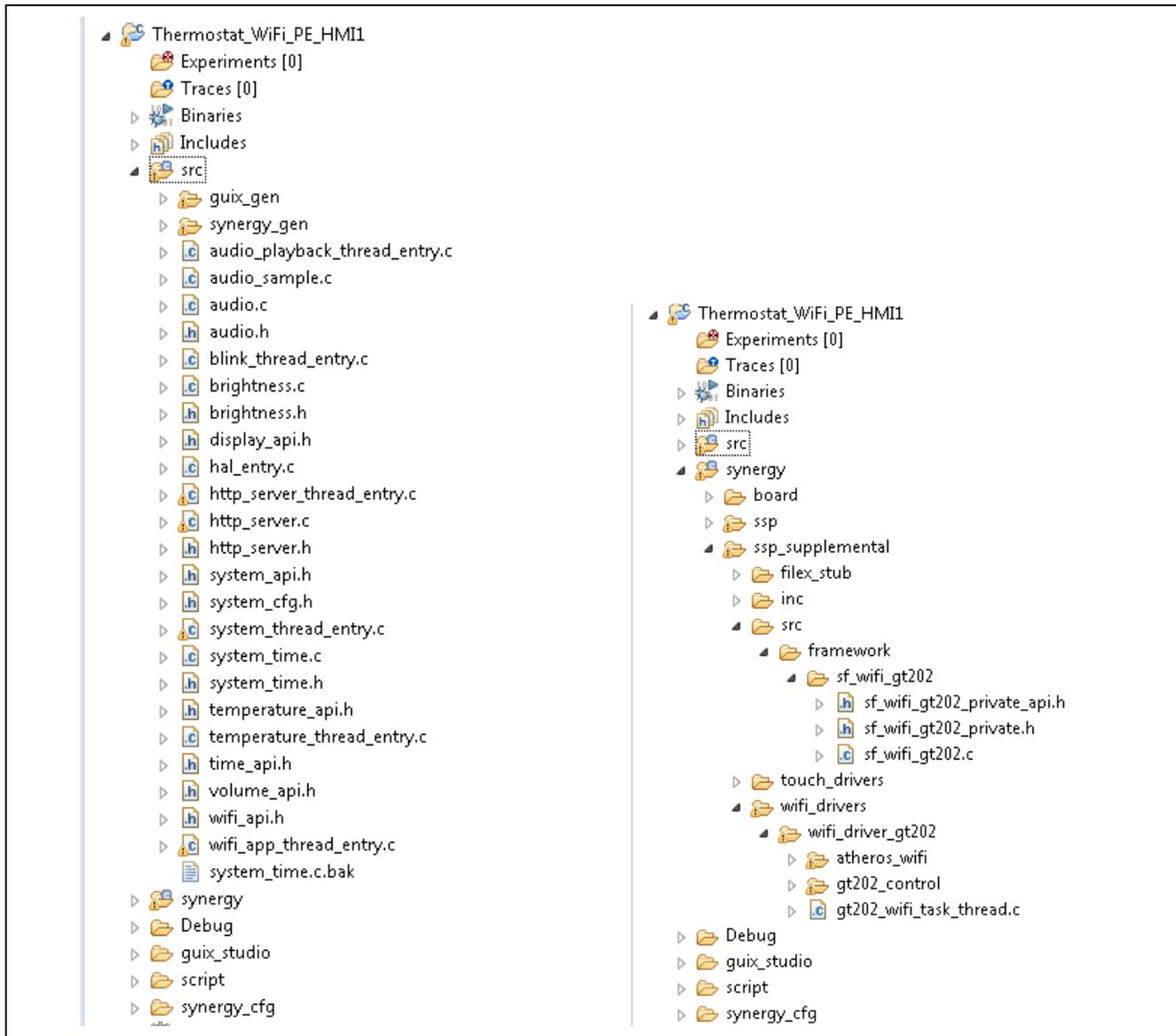


Figure 11. Wi-Fi Framework Application, Framework Add-on Code and its Driver Directory Structure

## 5. Application Setup

The following figure shows the overview of the application and its test setup. The application is setup in client mode, connecting to the Access Point or Router. Clients such as PC/Smartphone can also be connected to the Access Point/Router. Once they all become part of the Wi-Fi LAN, they can communicate to the board and vice versa. This can be verified by pinging to the board's IP address from the PC. In this example, the web server running on the PE-HMI1 Synergy MCU board can be accessed using a web browser with the IP address displayed on the LCD Screen.

**Important:** In this example application project, the GT202 module mounted on the PE-HMI1 only supports 2.4 GHz bandwidth. So, the Access Point/Router should also be of the same bandwidth.

To run the application, pick the project **Synergy\_WiFi\_Framework\_App\_PE\_HMI1\_GT202.zip** to import from the included application bundle.

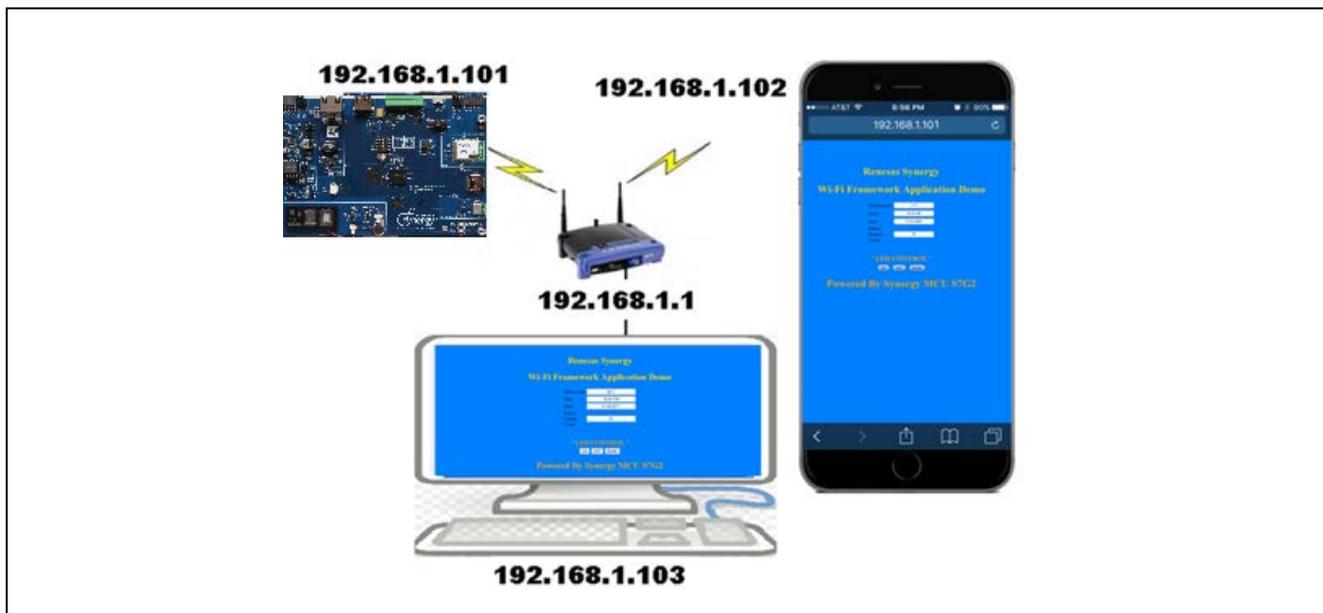


Figure 12. Wi-Fi Application Setup

### 5.1 Importing the Existing Project

Import the attached project **Synergy\_WiFi\_Framework\_App\_PE\_HMI1\_GT202.zip** for quick testing and demonstration. The procedure in the *Synergy Project Import Guide*, available as part of this application bundle (r11an0023eu0121\_synergy\_ssp.pdf) should be followed to import the project into the Synergy e<sup>2</sup> studio ISDE and build and debug the project.

### 5.2 Modifying the User Credentials in the Existing Project

Your credentials (login details) required for the Wi-Fi network need to be hardcoded in the imported project to run the application on your Wi-Fi network.

Once the project is imported, make changes to **MY\_SSID\_FOR\_AP** and **MY\_PASSWORD\_FOR\_AP** in the **wifi\_app\_thread\_entry.c**. Remove the default SSID and passcode and hardcode it to the correct SSID and password required by the AP/Router. The macro for the hardcoded SSID and Password are shown below:

```
#define MY_SSID_FOR_AP "Cisco36183" //Change this to your Wi-Fi AP/Router's SSID

#define MY_PASSWORD_FOR_AP "12345678" //Change this to your Wi-Fi AP/Router's Password
```

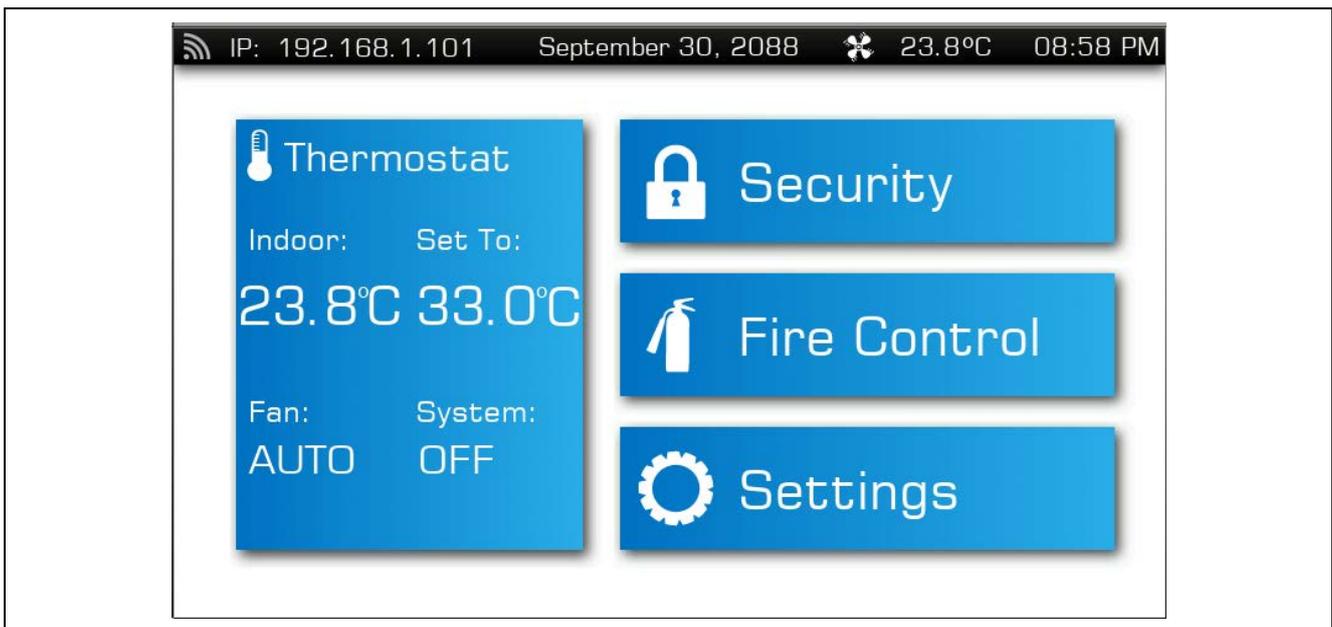
**Note:** The security type for the application is selected as WPA2. If you are running different security settings, then the changes need to be done in the code. The reference in the code can be found in the **wifi\_app\_thread\_entry.c** `"g_provision_info.security = SF_WIFI_SECURITY_TYPE_WPA2;"`.

Once the changes are made to the project, build and download the image on to the board through the J-Link debugger. After the board is reset, the LCD display comes up with a splash screen. After a few seconds, you will see the main Thermostat screen as shown in the following figure.



**Figure 13. LCD Screenshots of the Wi-Fi Thermostat Application**

The notification bar on top left corner of the screen displays the Wi-Fi logo to indicate that the Wi-Fi is provisioned successfully; it also indicates the IP address of the board. Initially the IP address of the board will be 0.0.0.0, and later it gets updated with the IP address leased from the DHCP server. The snapshot of the screen with the updated IP address is shown in the following figure.



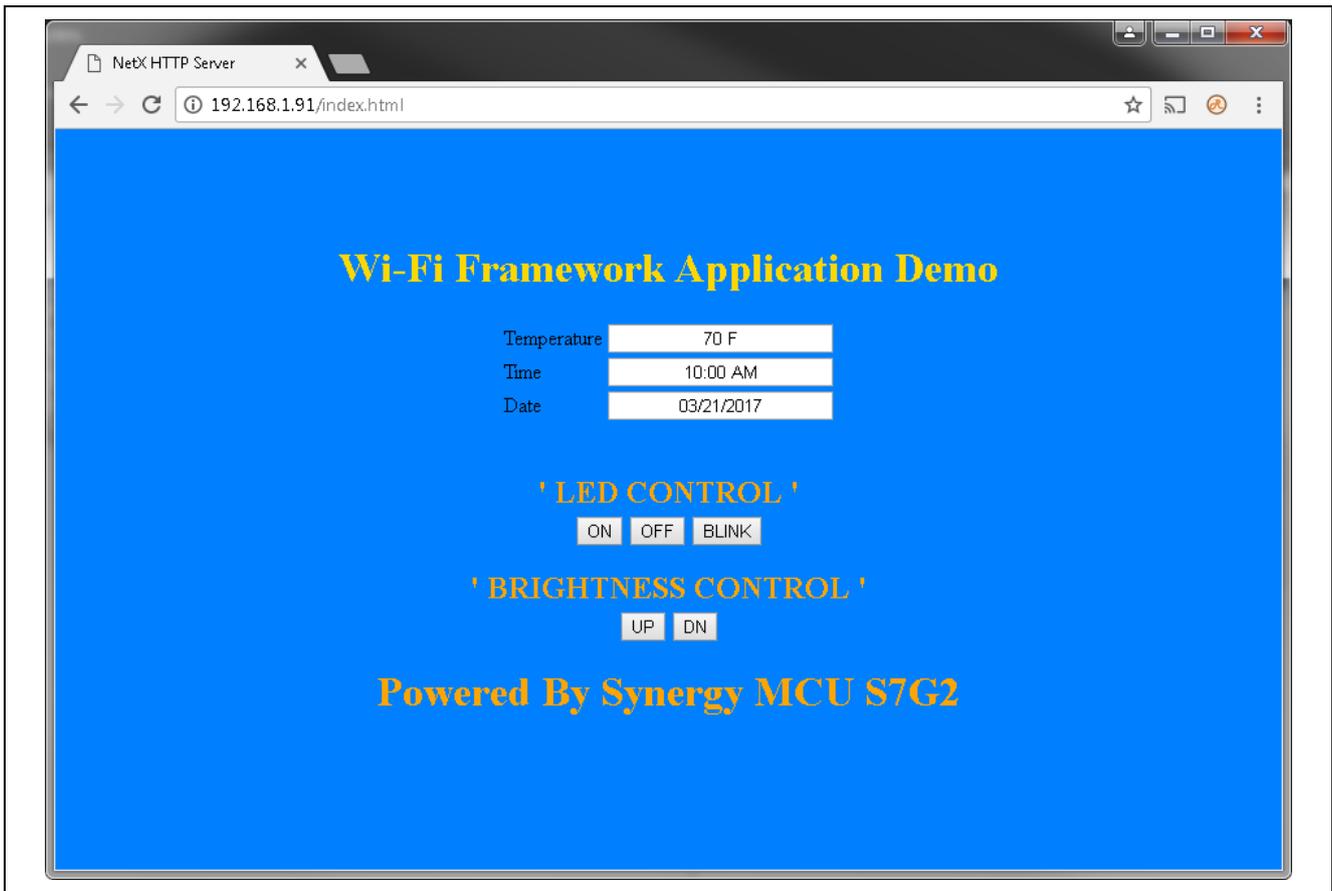
**Figure 14. Notification Bar with IP Address**

You can configure the time and date, using the settings icon on the thermostat screen.

You can verify the following items:

- Connectivity by pinging the board through a PC connected to the same Wi-Fi LAN (AP/Router Network).
- The webserver application by typing the board's IP address on the browser of their PC/Phone/Tab connected to same Wi-Fi LAN (AP/Router).

The browser snapshot of the Wi-Fi application running on the PE-HMI1 board is as shown in the following figure.



**Figure 15. Web Page for PE-HMI1 Wi-Fi Framework Application**

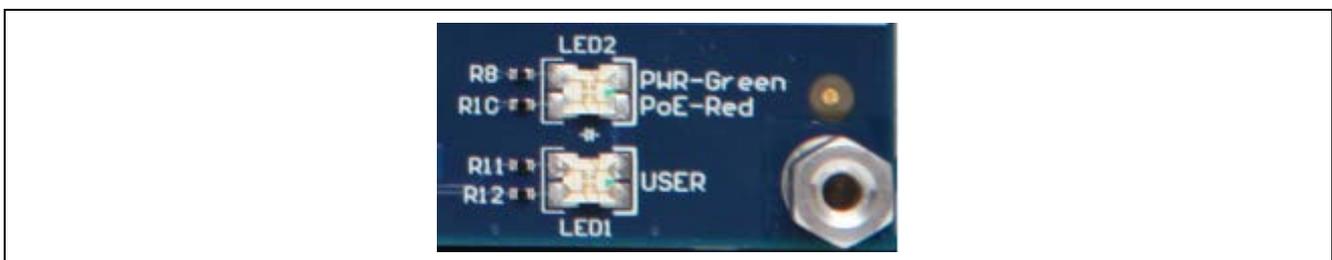
From the webpage, you can set:

- Brightness of the LCD Screen using the brightness control UP/DOWN.
- LED to BLINK, OFF, ON. The user LED is located on the back side of the PE-HMI1 board.

From the webpage, you can get:

- Temperature of the CPU.
- Time and Date information from the RTC running on the board.

The LED is located on the back side of the board. LED1 is as shown in the highlighted area of the PE-HMI1 board in the Figure 3. A more close-up image of the LED is shown in the following figure.



**Figure 16 PE-HMI1 User LED1**

## 6. Next Steps

Visit [Renesas.com](https://www.renesas.com) to learn more about Development Tools and Utilities for Synergy.

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Renesas Synergy Module Guides collateral link: <https://www.renesas.com/en-us/products/synergy/tools-kits.html#sampleCodes>.

## 7. References

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2. PE-HMI1 Product Example: <https://www.renesas.com/en-us/products/synergy/hardware/kits/pe-hmi1.html>
3. PE-HMI1 User's Manual: [https://www.renesas.com/en-us/doc/products/renesas-synergy/doc/r12um0005eu0100\\_synergy\\_pe\\_hmi1.pdf](https://www.renesas.com/en-us/doc/products/renesas-synergy/doc/r12um0005eu0100_synergy_pe_hmi1.pdf)
4. PE-HMI1 Quick Start Guide: <https://www.renesas.com/en-us/doc/products/renesas-synergy/doc/r12qs0002eu0101-synergy-pe-hmi1.pdf>
5. Getting Started with Thermostat Application for S7G2 and S5D9: <https://www.renesas.com/us/en/software/D6003611.html>
6. Renesas Synergy Knowledge Base: [https://en-us.knowledgebase.renesas.com/English\\_Content/Renesas\\_Synergy%E2%84%A2\\_Platform/Renesas\\_Synergy\\_Knowledge\\_Base](https://en-us.knowledgebase.renesas.com/English_Content/Renesas_Synergy%E2%84%A2_Platform/Renesas_Synergy_Knowledge_Base)
7. Synergy Project Import Guide attached as part of the Application and this Application Note Bundle, named r11an0023eu0121-synergy-ssp-import-guide.pdf.

## Website and Support

Visit the following vanity URLs to learn about key elements of the Synergy Platform, download components and related documentation, and get support.

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