

## HiLetgo ESP32-S3 N16R8

# HiLetgo ESP32-S3 N16R8 Development Board User Manual

Model: ESP32-S3 N16R8

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the HiLetgo ESP32-S3 N16R8 Development Board. It covers hardware overview, setup procedures, operational guidelines, technical specifications, and troubleshooting tips to assist users in developing Internet of Things (IoT) applications with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth 5.0 connectivity.

## 2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- Integrated ESP32-S3-WROOM-1-N16R8 module for stable performance.
- Dual USB-C ports for power and data communication.
- 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi connectivity.
- Bluetooth 5.0 (LE) for low-energy applications.
- Designed for Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT) applications.
- Powerful AI computing capabilities.
- Secure encryption mechanisms.
- 512 KB RAM and 8 MB flash memory.
- CPU Speed: 240 MHz.

## 3. HARDWARE OVERVIEW

The HiLetgo ESP32-S3 N16R8 board features a compact design with accessible pins and dual USB-C ports. Below is an image illustrating the board's layout.

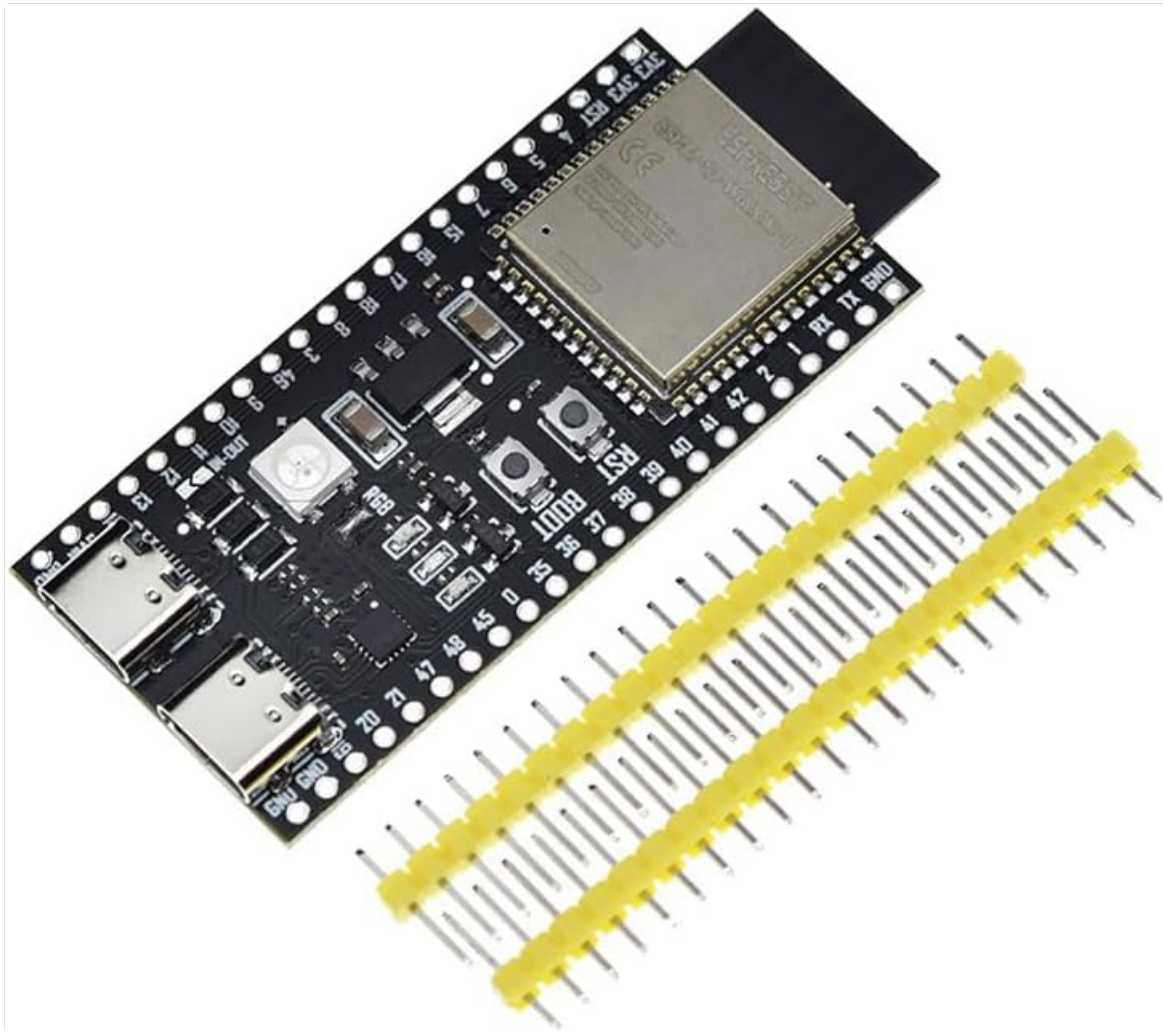


Figure 3.1: Top view of the HiLetgo ESP32-S3 N16R8 Development Board, showing the ESP32-S3 module, buttons, USB-C ports, and pin headers.

The board includes two buttons: a RST (Reset) button and a BOOT button. The dual USB-C ports allow for flexible power and data connections.



- USB-C to USB-A or USB-C to USB-C cable
- Computer with internet access
- Integrated Development Environment (IDE) such as Arduino IDE or ESP-IDF

## 4.2. Driver Installation

Most modern operating systems (Windows 10/11, macOS, Linux) include built-in drivers for the USB-to-Serial chip (typically CP210x or CH340) used on ESP32 boards. If the board is not recognized upon connection, you may need to manually install the appropriate driver. Refer to the chip manufacturer's website (e.g., Silicon Labs for CP210x, WCH for CH340) for the latest drivers.

## 4.3. IDE Setup (Arduino IDE Example)

1. **Install Arduino IDE:** Download and install the latest version of the Arduino IDE from the official [Arduino website](#).
2. **Add ESP32 Board Manager URL:**
  - Go to *File > Preferences* (Windows/Linux) or *Arduino > Preferences* (macOS).
  - In the "Additional Boards Manager URLs" field, add:  
`https://raw.githubusercontent.com/espressif/arduino-esp32/gh-pages/package_esp32_index.json`
  - Click "OK".
3. **Install ESP32 Boards:**
  - Go to *Tools > Board > Boards Manager...*
  - Search for "ESP32" and install the "esp32 by Espressif Systems" package.
4. **Select Board:**
  - Go to *Tools > Board > ESP32 Arduino* and select "ESP32S3 Dev Module".
5. **Select Port:**
  - Connect the ESP32-S3 board to your computer using a USB-C cable.
  - Go to *Tools > Port* and select the serial port corresponding to your ESP32-S3 board (e.g., COMx on Windows, /dev/cu.usbserial-xxxx on macOS, /dev/ttyUSBx on Linux).

# 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## 5.1. Uploading Your First Program (Blink Example)

1. Open the Arduino IDE.
2. Go to *File > Examples > 01.Basics > Blink*
3. The Blink sketch will open in a new window. This program makes an LED connected to a specific pin blink. The ESP32-S3 N16R8 board has an onboard RGB LED, which can be controlled. You might need to adjust the LED pin number in the sketch if the default is not for the onboard LED (often GPIO48 for the RGB LED on ESP32-S3 DevKits).
4. Click the "Upload" button (right arrow icon) in the Arduino IDE.
5. If the upload fails, press and hold the **BOOT** button on the ESP32-S3 board, then press the **RST** button, release **RST**, and then release **BOOT**. Try uploading again.
6. Upon successful upload, the onboard LED should begin blinking.

## 5.2. Wi-Fi and Bluetooth Connectivity

The ESP32-S3 N16R8 supports 2.4 GHz Wi-Fi and Bluetooth 5.0 (LE). You can use the respective libraries in Arduino IDE (e.g., WiFi.h, BluetoothSerial.h, BLE.h) or ESP-IDF to develop applications that utilize these features. Refer to Espressif's official documentation and examples for detailed programming guides.

### 5.3. Pinout Reference

The board exposes numerous GPIO pins for connecting external sensors, actuators, and other peripherals. Consult the official ESP32-S3 datasheet and pinout diagrams for specific pin functions (ADC, DAC, I2C, SPI, UART, PWM, etc.).

## 6. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

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- **Handling:** Handle the board by its edges to avoid touching components, especially the ESP32-S3 module, which can be sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD).
- **Power Supply:** Always use a stable 5V power supply via the USB-C port. Avoid over-voltage or reverse polarity connections.
- **Environment:** Store and operate the board in a dry, non-condensing environment. Protect it from dust, moisture, and extreme temperatures.
- **Cleaning:** If necessary, gently clean the board with a soft, dry brush or compressed air. Avoid using liquids.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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- **Board Not Detected by Computer:**
  - Ensure the USB-C cable is functional and properly connected.
  - Check if the necessary USB-to-Serial drivers are installed (see Section 4.2).
  - Try a different USB port on your computer.
- **Upload Fails:**
  - Verify that the correct board (ESP32S3 Dev Module) and serial port are selected in the IDE.
  - Ensure no other application is using the serial port.
  - Try the BOOT button sequence: Hold BOOT, press RST, release RST, release BOOT, then attempt upload.
  - Check for syntax errors in your code.
- **Wi-Fi/Bluetooth Connection Issues:**
  - Double-check SSID and password for Wi-Fi.
  - Ensure the device you are trying to connect to is within range and discoverable.
  - Verify that your code correctly initializes and uses the Wi-Fi/Bluetooth modules.
- **Board Not Powering On:**
  - Confirm the USB-C cable is connected to a powered USB port or a 5V power adapter.
  - Inspect the board for any visible damage.

## 8. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Specification
Brand	HiLetgo
Module	ESP32-S3-WROOM-1-N16R8
Connectivity	2.4 GHz Wi-Fi, Bluetooth 5.0 (LE)
RAM Memory Installed Size	512 KB
Memory Storage Capacity	8 MB Flash
CPU Speed	240 MHz
USB Interface	Dual Type-C

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

HiLetgo products are designed for reliability and performance. For technical support, warranty information, or any product-related inquiries, please visit the official HiLetgo website or contact their customer service. You can also refer to the [HiLetgo Store on Amazon](#) for additional resources.



Figure 9.1: Example of HiLetgo product packaging, which typically includes contact information for support.

### Related Documents - ESP32-S3 N16R8



## ESP32-S3-LCD-EV-Board

ESP32

This user guide will help you get started with ESP32-S3-LCD-EV-Board and will also provide some useful information.

The document consists of the following sections:

- Board Overview: Overview of the board's hardware features.
- Board Specifications: Detailed information about the board's hardware specifications.
- Board Features: Detailed information about the board's features.
- Board Pin List: Detailed information about the board's pins.
- Board Dimensions: Detailed information about the board's dimensions.

### Board Overview

ESP32-S3-LCD-EV-Board is an ESP32-S3-based development board with a built-in LCD display. It features a high-performance ESP32-S3 microcontroller, a 2.8-inch TFT LCD display, and various other components. The board is designed for easy development and testing of ESP32-S3-based applications. It is compatible with the Arduino IDE and the Espressif System. The board is also compatible with the ESP32-S3-LCD-EV-Board. The board is available in two versions: the ESP32-S3-LCD-EV-Board and the ESP32-S3-LCD-EV-Board.



## [ESP32-S3-LCD-EV-Board: Development Board User Guide](#)

Comprehensive user guide for the Espressif ESP32-S3-LCD-EV-Board, detailing its features, hardware components, LCD subboards, software support, and development setup.