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Developing IoT Applications with Nordic nRF Modules

Day 1:

Install and Configure the nRF Connect SDK

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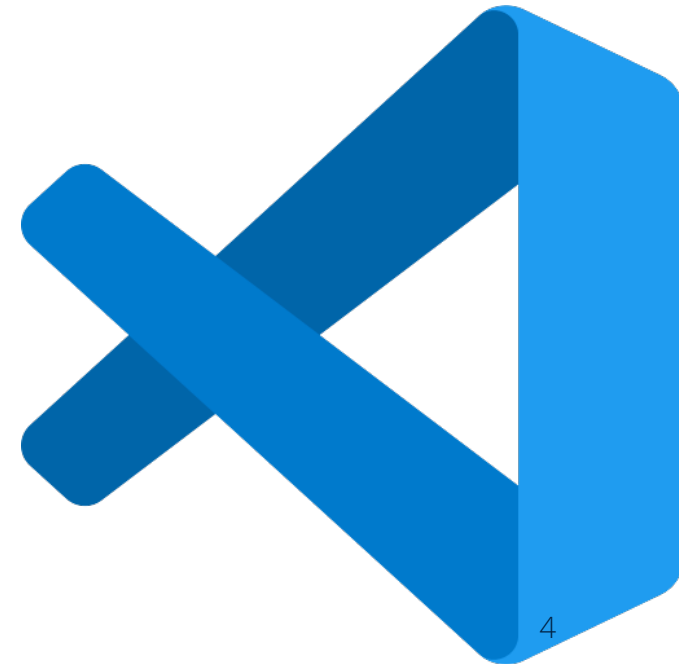
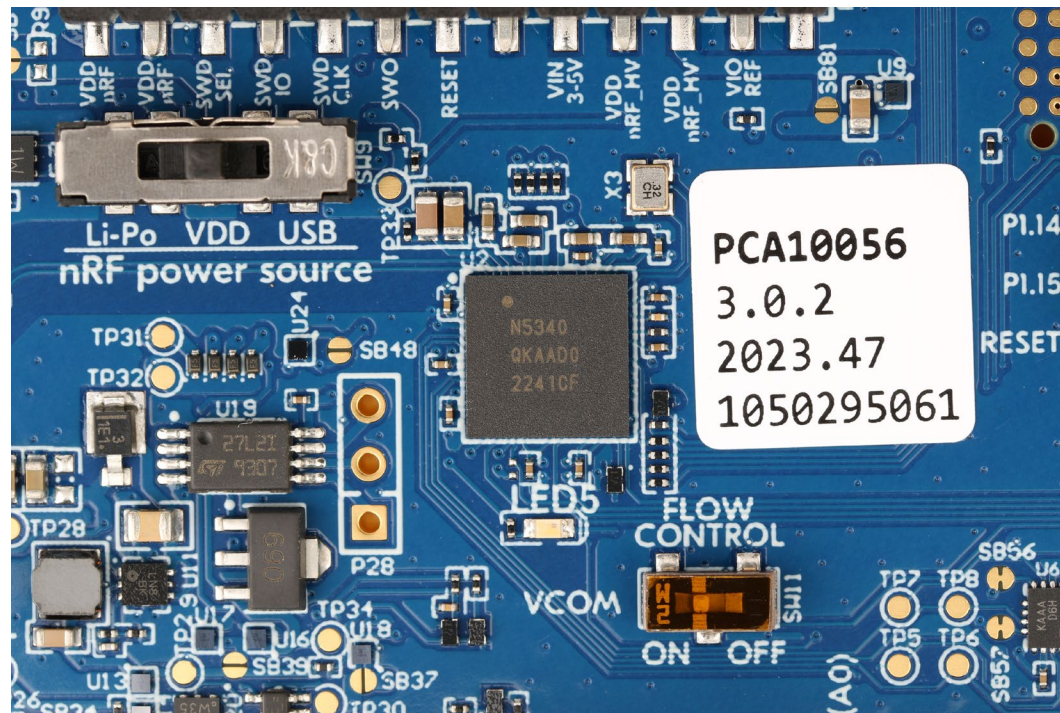


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AGENDA

- **Install the nRF Connect SDK**
- **Nordic nRF52840 DK Walk Around**
- **Build, Flash and Run *blinky***



nRF Command Line Tools

Choose platform and version

Choose your Desktop platform and select version (latest released version recommended)

Linux x86 64

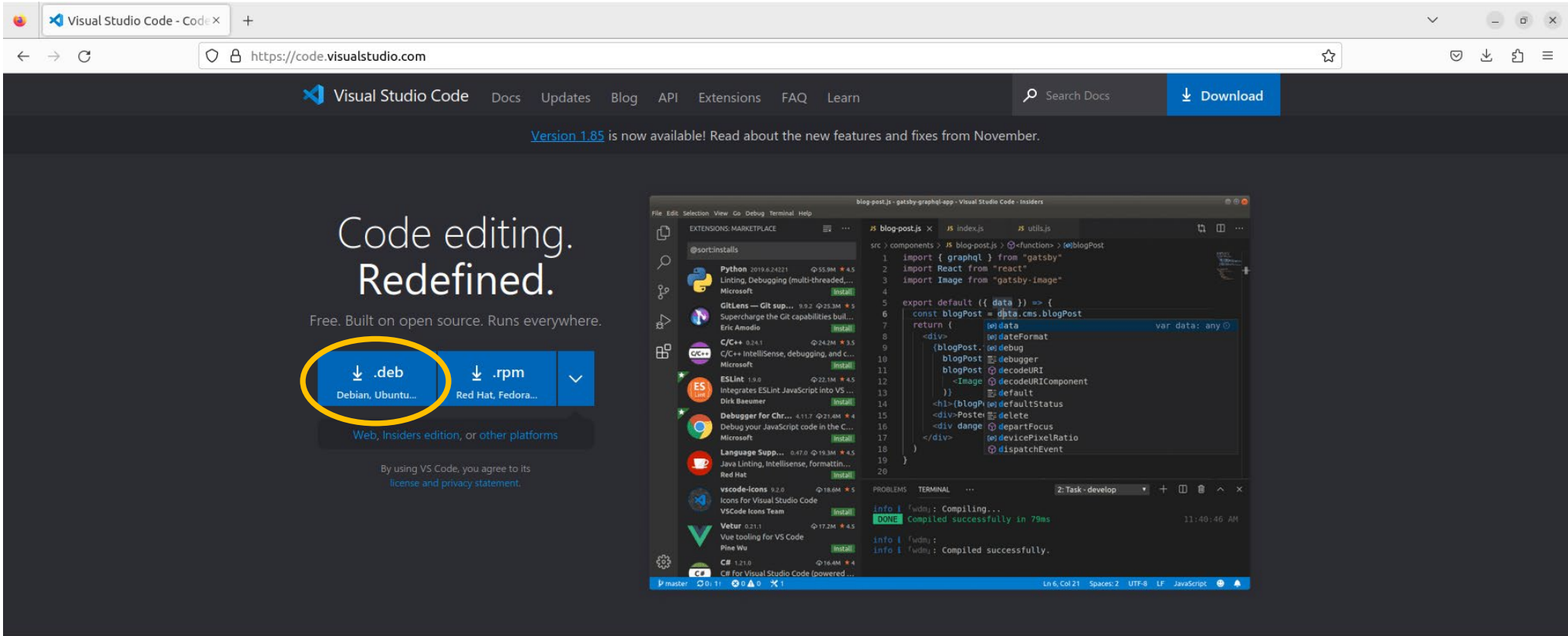


Selected version
10.24.0 Linux x86 64

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Visual Studio Code



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nRF Connect for Visual Studio Code Extension Pack

Visual Studio Code interface showing the Extensions Marketplace search results for 'nrf'. The search results list several extensions, with the 'nRF Connect for VS Code Extension Pack' highlighted by a red arrow (3). A yellow arrow (2) points to the search bar containing 'nrf'. A blue arrow (1) points to the Extensions icon in the sidebar.

The search results include:

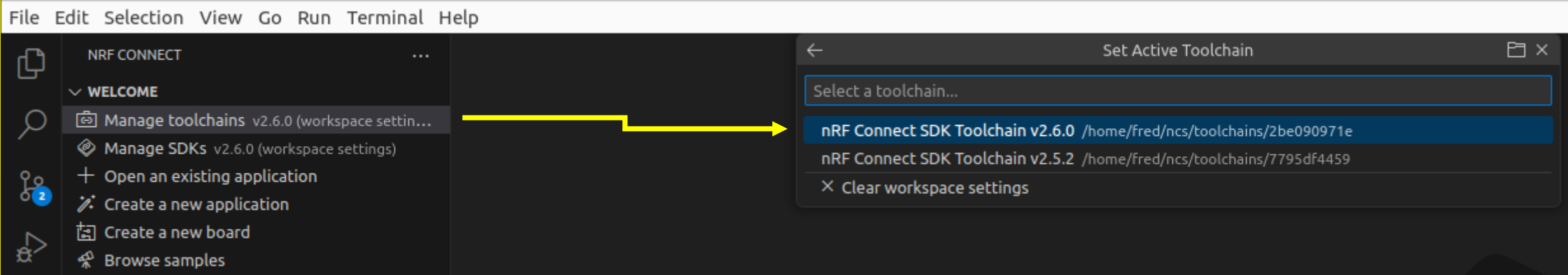
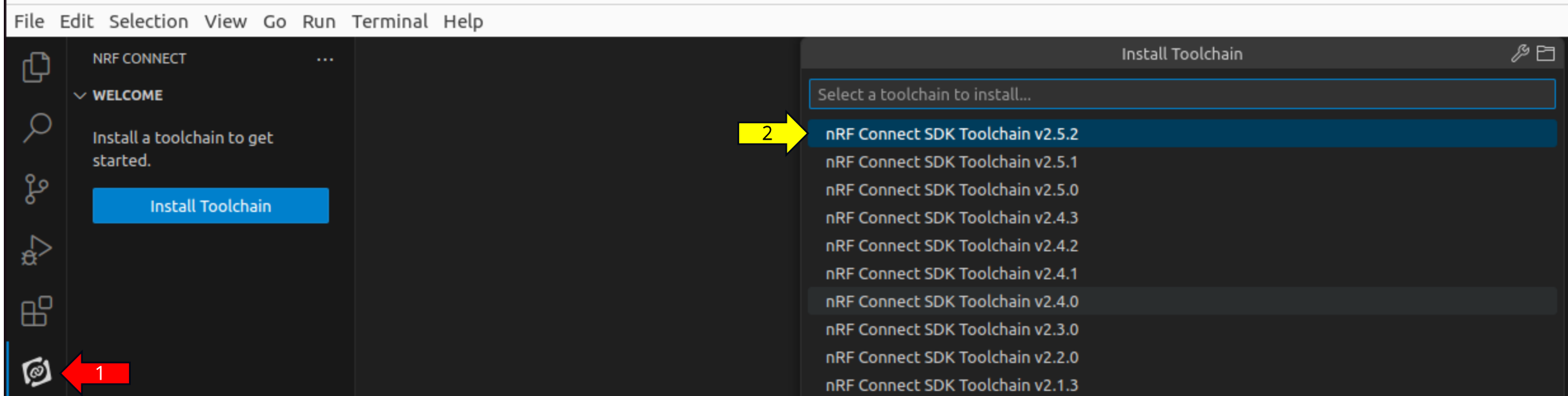
- nRF Kconfig (93K stars, 4 reviews)
- nRF DeviceTree (95K stars, 5 reviews)
- nRF Terminal (93K stars, 5 reviews)
- nRF Connect for VS Code (92K stars, 3.5 reviews)
- nRF Connect for VS Code Extension Pack (51K stars, 5 reviews)** - Recommended extensions for development with the nRF Connect SDK
- Kconfig for the Zephyr Project (13K stars, 5 reviews)
- PlatformIO IDE (4.1M stars, 5 reviews)
- One Dark Github (1K stars, 5 reviews)
- AIDE (1K reviews)
- AIDE1 (1K reviews)
- Super IDE (909 reviews)

The 'nRF Connect for VS Code Extension Pack' extension is highlighted with a red arrow (3). The search bar contains 'nrf' (indicated by a yellow arrow 2). The Extensions icon in the sidebar is circled in yellow and pointed to by a blue arrow (1).

The main editor area shows the 'Welcome - Visual Studio Code' page with the title 'Visual Studio Code Editing evolved'. It includes sections for 'Start' (New File..., Open File...), 'Walkthroughs' (Get Started with VS Code, Learn the Fundamentals), and 'Recent' (You have no recent folders, open a folder to start.).

The status bar at the bottom shows 'Show welcome page on startup' checked.

nRF Connect SDK Toolchain



Get the nRF Connect SDK Code

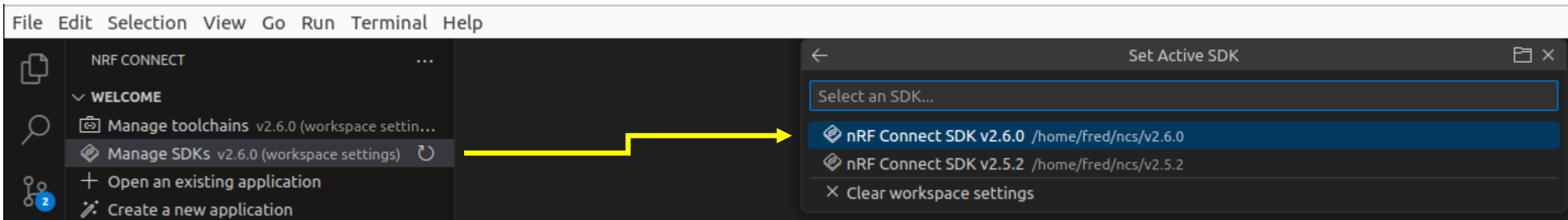
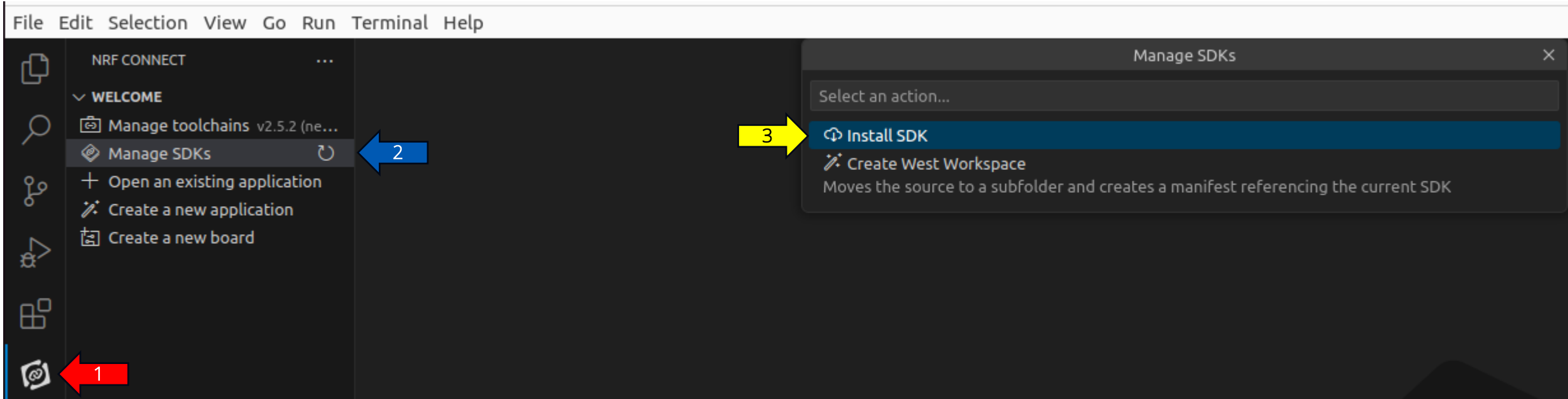
File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help

The screenshot shows the nRF Connect IDE interface. The menu bar at the top includes File, Edit, Selection, View, Go, Run, Terminal, and Help. The left sidebar contains several icons, with a red arrow labeled '1' pointing to the bottom-most icon. The main area displays a list of options under the 'WELCOME' section: Manage toolchains v2.5.2 (ne...), Manage SDKs (highlighted with a blue arrow labeled '2'), Open an existing application, Create a new application, and Create a new board. A 'Manage SDKs' dialog box is open on the right, titled 'Manage SDKs'. It has a search bar 'Select an action...' and two options: 'Install SDK' (highlighted with a yellow arrow labeled '3') and 'Create West Workspace' (with a sub-description: 'Moves the source to a subfolder and creates a manifest referencing the current SDK').

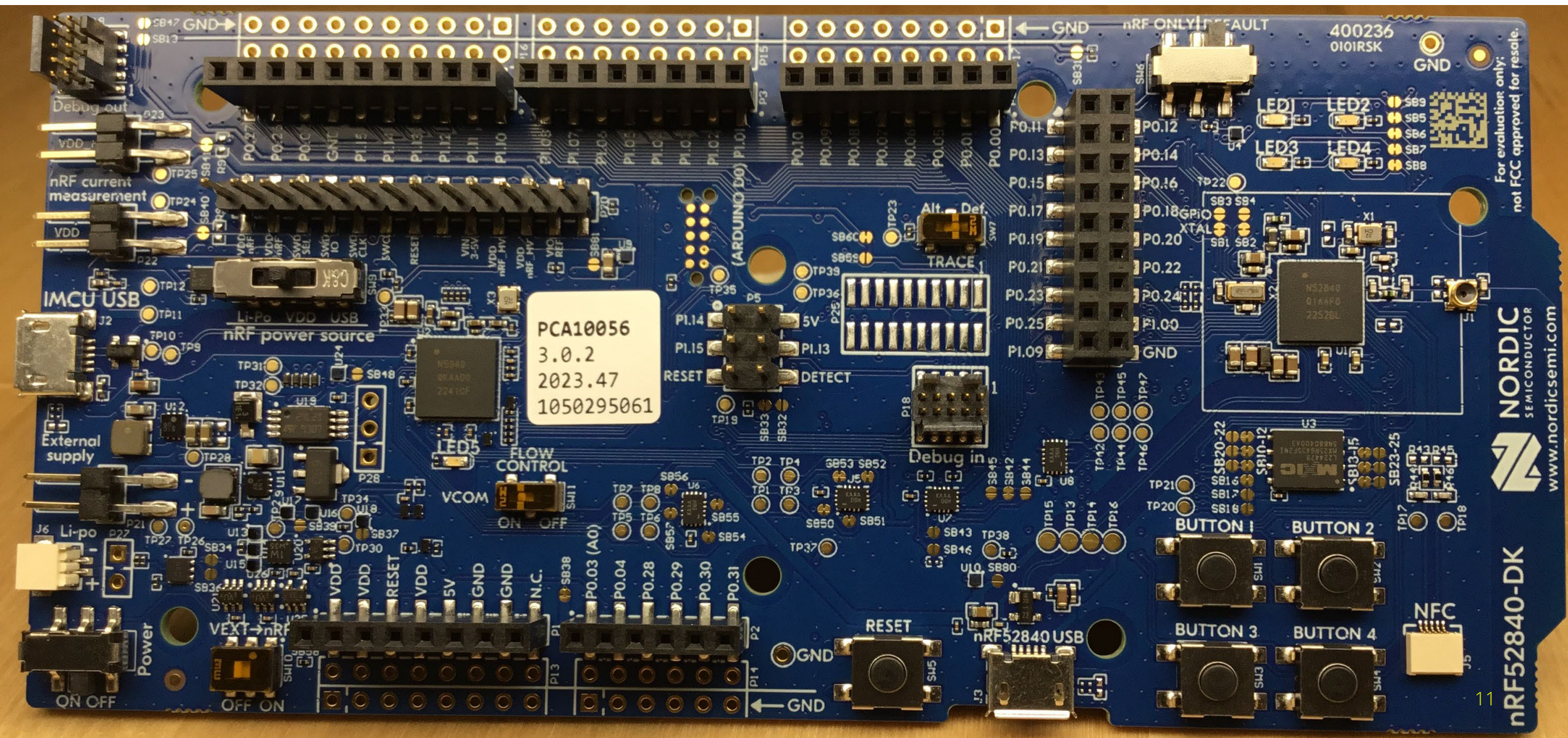
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The screenshot shows the nRF Connect IDE interface with the 'Install nRF Connect SDK (2/2)' dialog box open. The dialog box has a title bar with a back arrow, the text 'Install nRF Connect SDK (2/2)', and a close button. It contains a text input field with the path `/home/fred/ncs/v2.5.2` and a yellow arrow labeled '4' pointing to it. Below the input field, the text reads: 'Enter a location for the SDK (use the folder icon above to browse) The SDK installation will be located at /home/fred/ncs/v2.5.2 (Press 'Enter' to confirm or 'Escape' to cancel)'. The background shows the same IDE interface as the previous screenshot, with the 'Manage SDKs' option still highlighted.

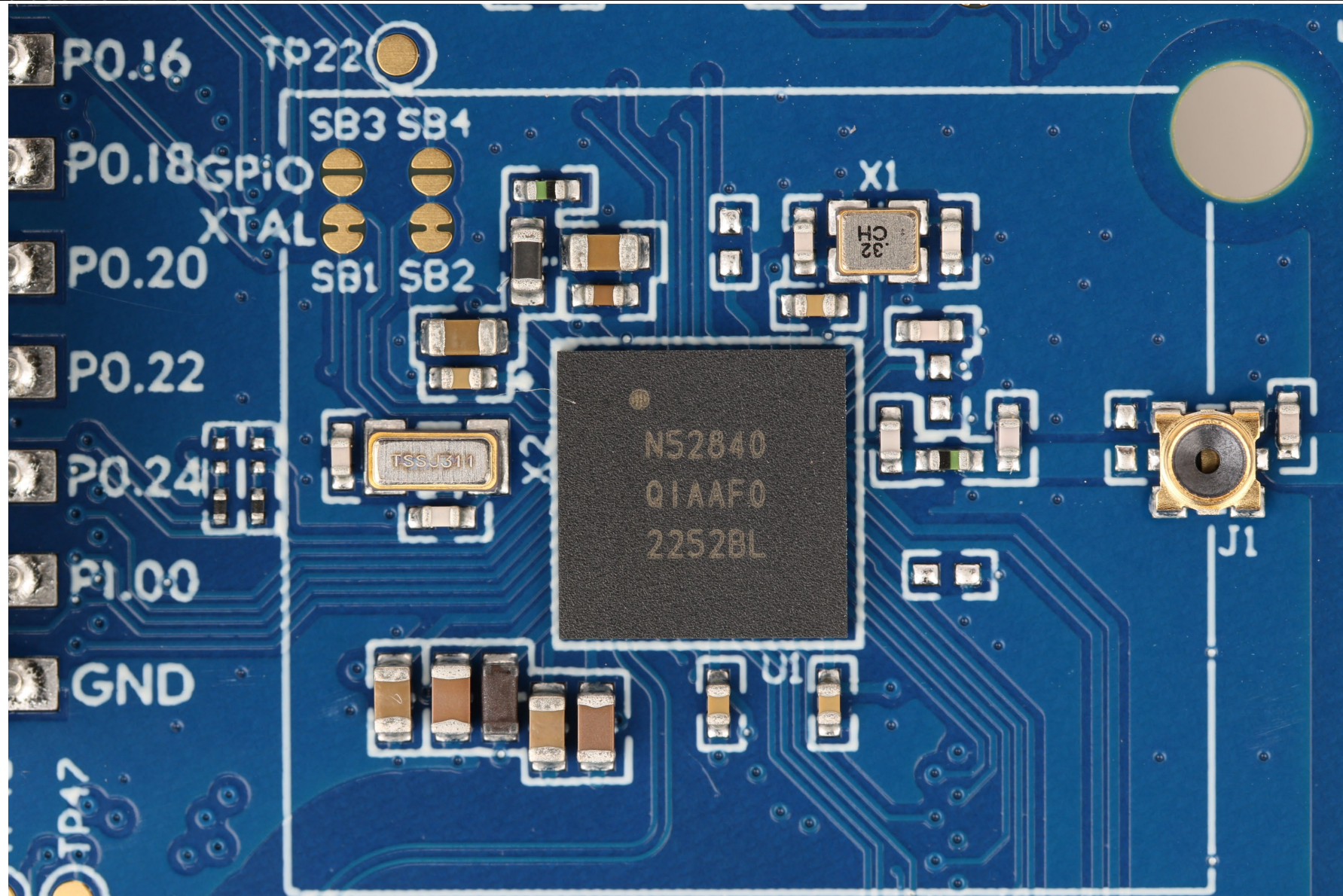
Select/Install the Desired nRF Connect SDK Code



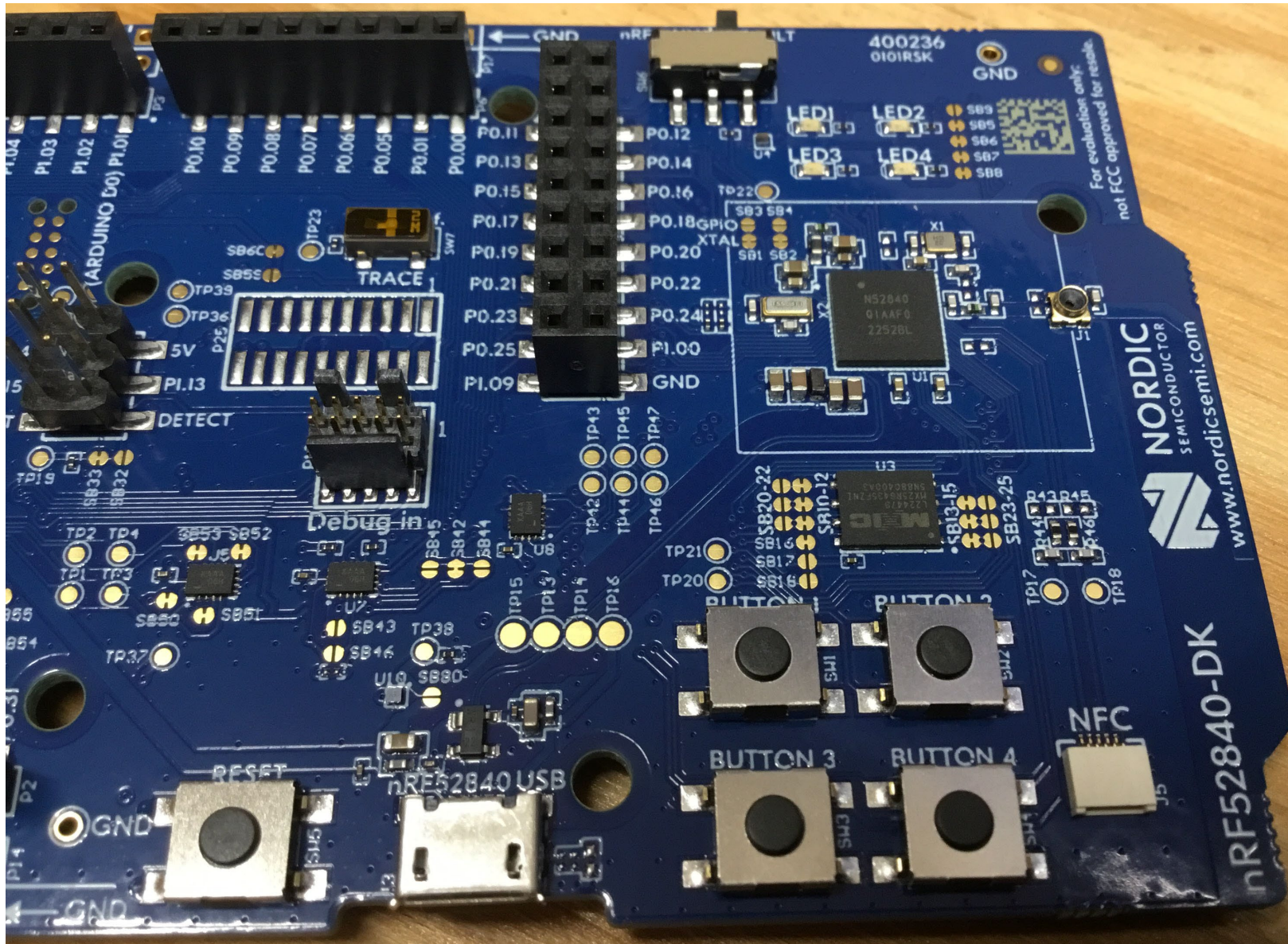
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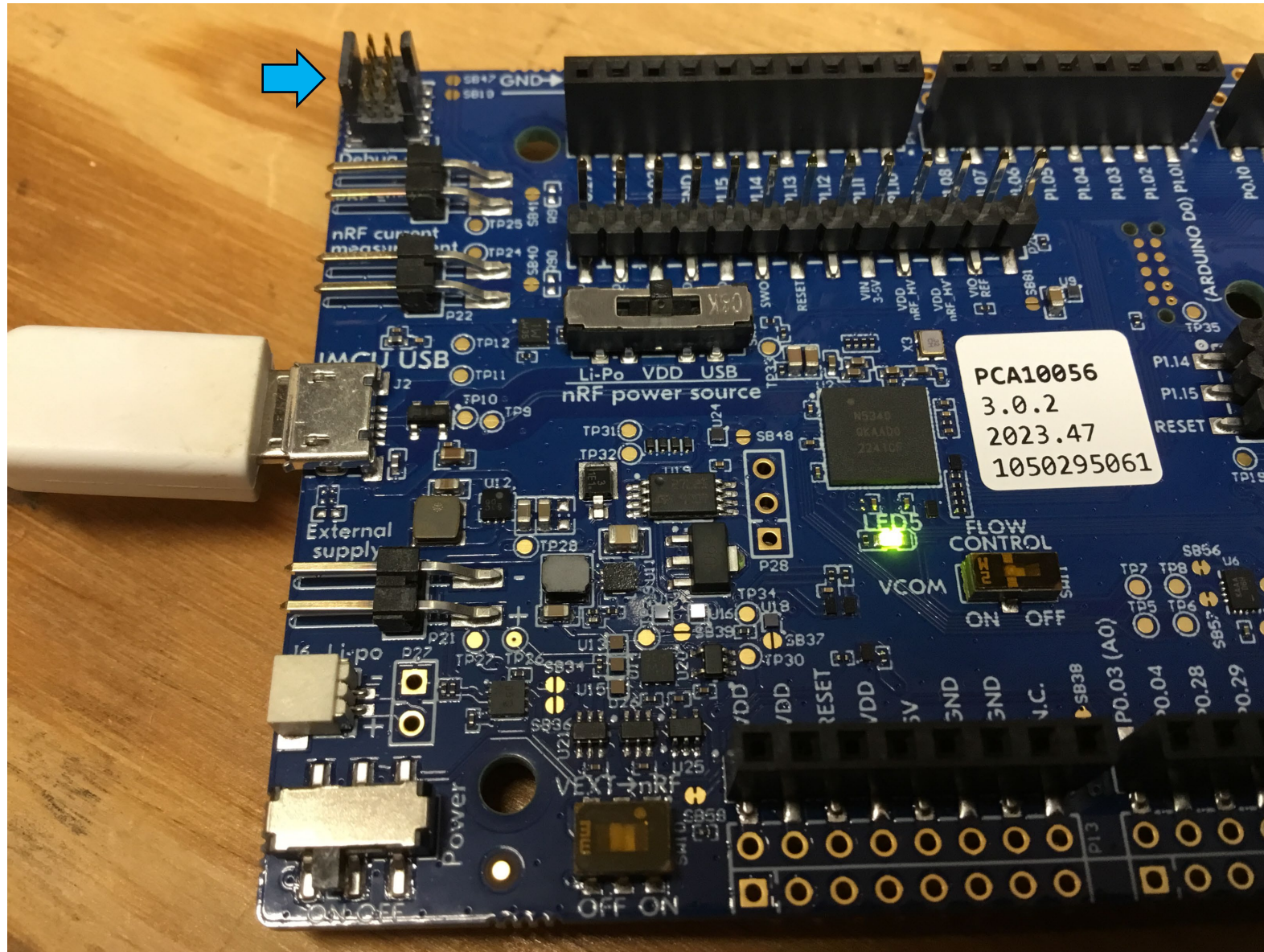
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blinky Example

The screenshot displays a file manager interface with two windows. The top window shows the directory structure for the 'blinky' example:

Name	Size	Modified
src	1 item	Thu
CMakeLists.txt	188 bytes	Thu
prj.conf	14 bytes	Thu
README.rst	2.5 kB	Thu
sample.yaml	247 bytes	Thu

The bottom window shows the contents of the 'src' directory:

Name
main.c

Load the *blinky* Example

blinky - Visual Studio Code

File Edit Selection View Go Run Terminal Help

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface for the NRF CONNECT extension. In the left sidebar, the 'Create a new application' option is highlighted with a yellow arrow labeled '1'. The 'Create New Application (1/2)' dialog box is open, showing a list of options. The 'Create a blank application' option is highlighted with a blue background and a red arrow labeled '2'. The dialog box also includes the following options:

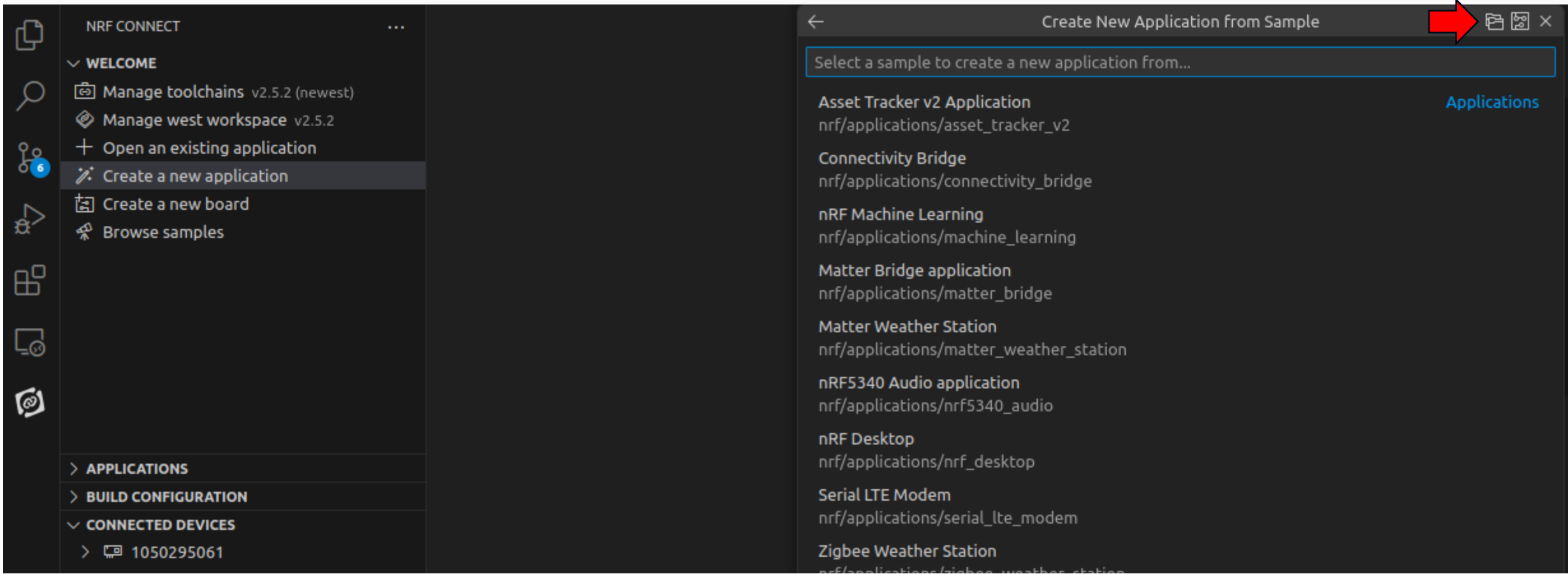
- Copy a sample: Kickstart your application with some sample code
- Browse application index: Pick a template application made by Nordic Semiconductor or the community

At the bottom right of the dialog box, there are keyboard shortcuts for 'Show All Commands' (Ctrl + Shift + P), 'Go to File' (Ctrl + P), and 'Find in Files' (Ctrl + Shift + F).

Load the *blinky* Example

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The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the 'Create New Application from Sample' dialog open. The left sidebar shows the 'NRF CONNECT' workspace with the 'Create a new application' option selected. The dialog lists various application samples, and a red arrow points to the 'Applications' column header.

Sample Name	Path	Category
Asset Tracker v2 Application	nrf/applications/asset_tracker_v2	Applications
Connectivity Bridge	nrf/applications/connectivity_bridge	
nRF Machine Learning	nrf/applications/machine_learning	
Matter Bridge application	nrf/applications/matter_bridge	
Matter Weather Station	nrf/applications/matter_weather_station	
nRF5340 Audio application	nrf/applications/nrf5340_audio	
nRF Desktop	nrf/applications/nrf_desktop	
Serial LTE Modem	nrf/applications/serial_lte_modem	
Zigbee Weather Station	nrf/applications/zigbee_weather_station	

Load the *blinky* Example

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The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface. On the left is the Explorer sidebar with the 'NRF CONNECT' folder expanded. Under the 'WELCOME' section, the 'Create a new application' option is selected. A red arrow points from this option to a dialog box titled 'Create New Application from Sample: Filter By Module'. The dialog has a search bar containing 'Select modules to filter by...' and a '1 Selected' indicator. Below the search bar is a list of modules with checkboxes:

- hal_nordic
- mcuboot
- memfault-firmware-sdk
- nrf
- zephyr
- zscilib

At the bottom right of the dialog, there are three keyboard shortcuts: 'Show All Commands' (Ctrl + Shift + P), 'Go to File' (Ctrl + P), and 'Find in Files' (Ctrl + Shift + F).

Load the *blinky* Example

blinky - Visual Studio Code

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The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the 'Create New Application from Sample' dialog open. The dialog lists several sample applications, and the 'Blinky Sample' is highlighted with a red arrow. The left sidebar shows the 'NRF CONNECT' workspace with the 'Create a new application' option selected.

Left Sidebar (NRF CONNECT):

- WELCOME
 - Manage toolchains v2.5.2 (newest)
 - Manage west workspace v2.5.2
 - Open an existing application
 - Create a new application**
 - Create a new board
 - Browse samples
- APPLICATIONS
- BUILD CONFIGURATION
- CONNECTED DEVICES
 - 1050295061

Right Panel (Create New Application from Sample):

Select a sample to create a new application from...

- code relocation nocopy Zephyr
zephyr/samples/application_development/code_relocation_nocopy
- External Library
zephyr/samples/application_development/external_lib
- with mcuboot
zephyr/samples/application_development/sysbuild/with_mcuboot
- MPU Test
zephyr/samples/arch/mpu/mpu_test
- SMP Pi
zephyr/samples/arch/smp/pi
- SMP Pktqueue
zephyr/samples/arch/smp/pktqueue
- Blinky Sample**
zephyr/samples/basic/blinky
- Blink LED (PWM based)
zephyr/samples/basic/blinky_pwm
- Button Sample
zephyr/samples/basic/button

Load the *blinky* Example

blinky - Visual Studio Code

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The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with the 'Create New Application From Sample (2/2)' dialog box open. The path `/home/fred/ncs/v2.5.2/zephyr/samples/basic/blinky_1` is entered in the text field. Below the dialog box, a confirmation message 'Created the new application.' is displayed with four buttons: 'Add to Workspace', 'Open in New Window', 'Cancel', and 'Open'. A red arrow points to the 'Open' button.

Press ENTER

Load the *blinky* Example

The screenshot shows the 'Add Build Configuration' dialog in Visual Studio Code. The dialog is titled 'Add Build Configuration (blinky_1) - blinky_1 - Visual Studio Code'. It has a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'Selection', 'View', 'Go', 'Run', 'Terminal', and 'Help'. The left sidebar shows the 'NRF CONNECT' extension with options like 'Manage toolchains', 'Manage workspace', 'Open an existing application', 'Create a new application', 'Create a new board', and 'Browse samples'. Below that, the 'APPLICATIONS' section shows 'blinky_1' with an 'Add build configuration' button. The 'BUILD CONFIGURATION' section shows a message: 'The application doesn't have any build configurations. Add a build configuration to configure language support.' and a blue 'Add Build Configuration' button. The 'CONNECTED DEVICES' section shows a device '1050295061'. The main area of the dialog is titled 'Add Build Configuration' and contains the following fields and options: 'Board' (dropdown menu with 'nrf52840dk_nrf52840' selected, highlighted by a red arrow with the number '2'), 'Revision' (input field), 'Configuration' (dropdown menu with 'Use build system default' selected), 'Kconfig Fragments' (button 'Add fragment'), 'Devicetree overlays' (button 'Add overlay'), 'Snippets' (button 'Add snippet'), 'Extra CMake arguments' (button 'Add argument'), 'Build directory name' (input field with 'build'), 'Optimization level' (dropdown menu with 'Use project default'), 'Build after generating configuration' (checked checkbox), and 'Use sysbuild' (unchecked checkbox). At the bottom right, there is a blue 'Build Configuration' button highlighted by a yellow arrow with the number '3'. A yellow arrow with the number '1' points to the 'Add Build Configuration' button in the left sidebar.

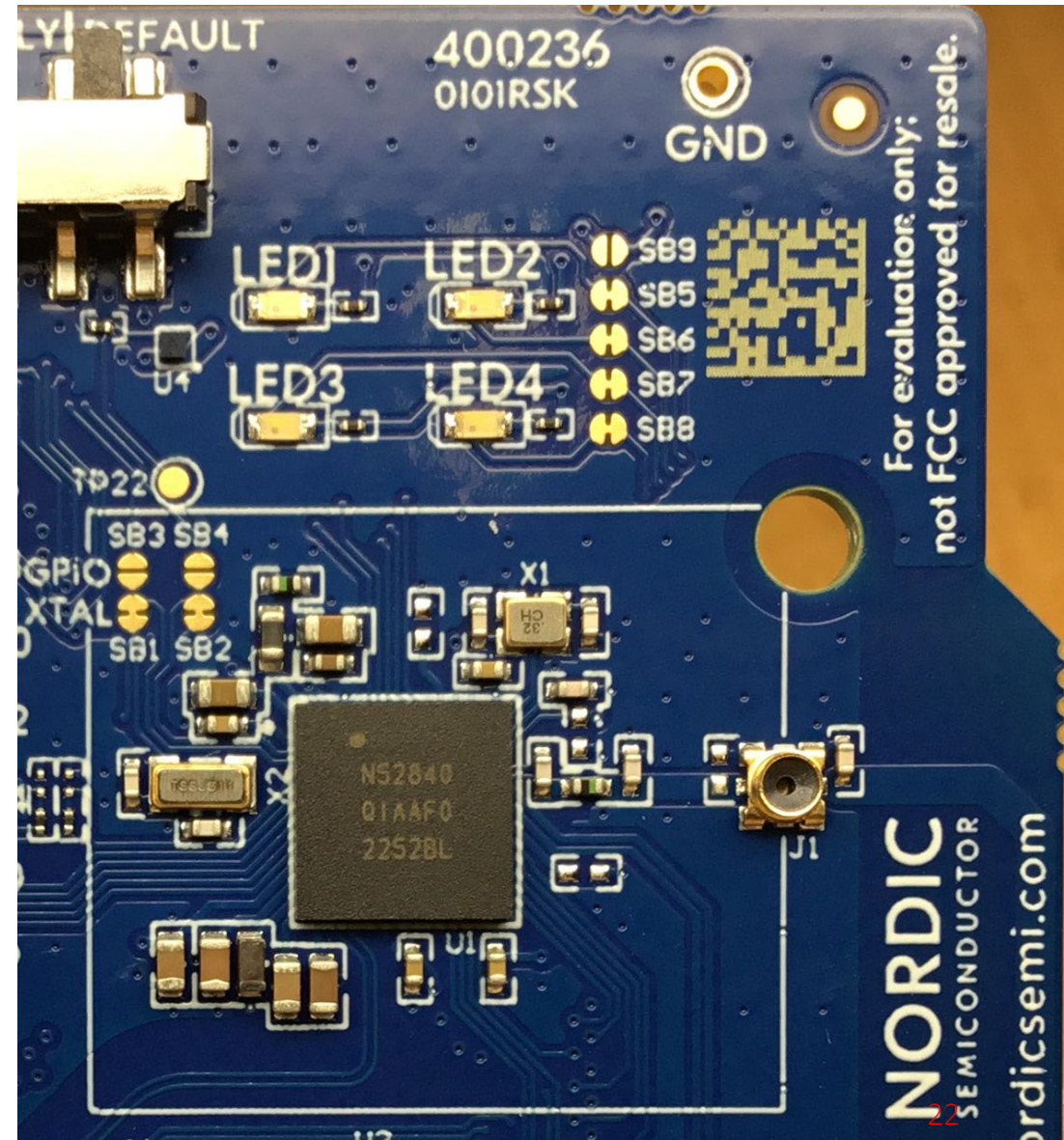
Edit *blinky*

main.c - blinky_1 - Visual Studio Code

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NRF CONNECT
WELCOME
  Manage toolchains v2.5.2 (from build)
  Manage west workspace v2.5.2
  Open an existing application
  Create a new application
  Create a new board
  Browse samples
APPLICATIONS
  blinky_1 (1)
    build nRF52840 DK NRF52840
    Add build configuration
BLINKY_1 build
  Source files
  Application
  src
    C main.c
  nRF Connect SDK
  Generated
  Config files
  Output files
ACTIONS
  Build
  Debug
  Flash
  Devicetree Board File
  nRF Kconfig GUI
CONNECTED DEVICES
  1050295061

C main.c u x
src > C main.c > ...
1  /*
2  * Copyright (c) 2016 Intel Corporation
3  *
4  * SPDX-License-Identifier: Apache-2.0
5  */
6
7  #include <zephyr/kernel.h>
8  #include <zephyr/drivers/gpio.h>
9
10 /* 1000 msec = 1 sec */
11 #define SLEEP_TIME_MS 1000
12
13 /* The devicetree node identifier for the "led0" alias. */
14 #define LED0_NODE_DT_ALIAS(led0)
15
16 /*
17 * A build error on this line means your board is unsupported.
18 * See the sample documentation for information on how to fix this.
19 */
20 static const struct gpio_dt_spec led = GPIO_DT_SPEC_GET(LED0_NODE, gpios);
21
22 int main(void)
23 {
24     int ret;
25
26     if (!gpio_is_ready_dt(&led)) {
27         return 0;
28     }
29
30     ret = gpio_pin_configure_dt(&led, GPIO_OUTPUT_ACTIVE);
31     if (ret < 0) {
32         return 0;
33     }
34
35     while (1) {
36         ret = gpio_pin_toggle_dt(&led);
37         if (ret < 0) {
38             return 0;
39         }
40         k_msleep(SLEEP_TIME_MS);
41     }
42     return 0;
43 }
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Build *blinky*

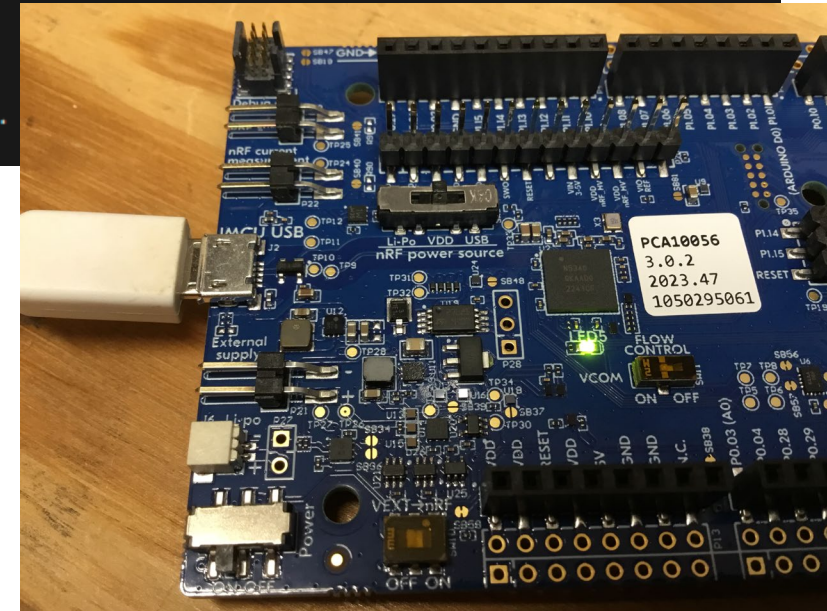
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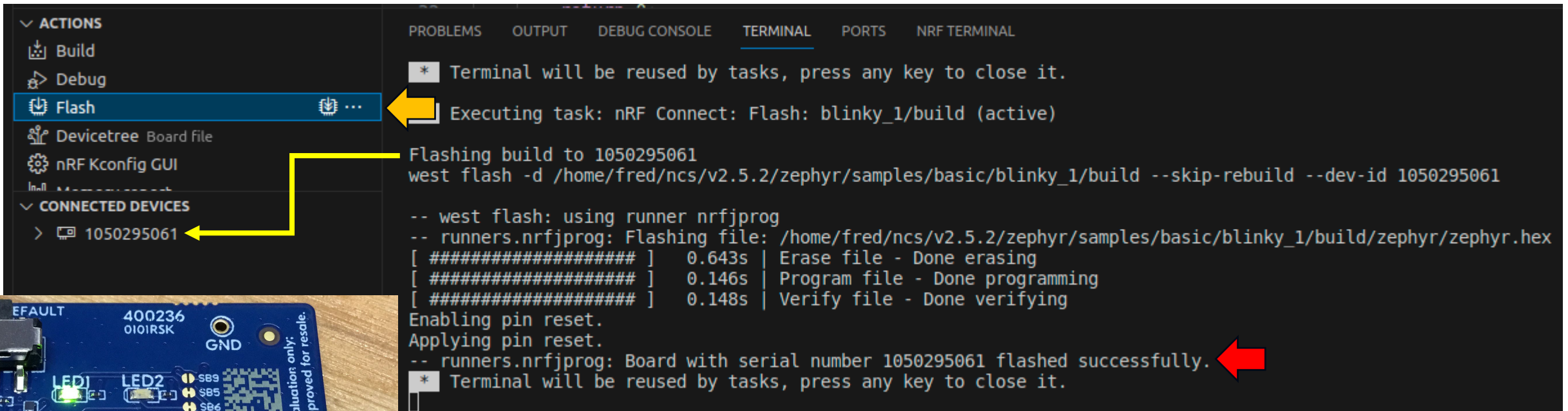
  ▾ ACTIONS
  ▸ Build ←
  ▸ Debug
  ▸ Flash
  ▸ Devicetree Board file
  ▸ nRF Kconfig GUI
  ▾ CONNECTED DEVICES
  > 1050295061 ←
      nRF52840 DK

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS NRF TERMINAL

-- The ASM compiler identification is GNU
-- Found assembler: /home/fred/ncs/toolchains/7795df4459/opt/zephyr-sdk/arm-zephyr-eabi/bin/arm-zephyr-eabi-gcc
-- Configuring done
-- Generating done
-- Build files have been written to: /home/fred/ncs/v2.5.2/zephyr/samples/basic/blinky_1/build
-- west build: building application
[1/142] Preparing syscall dependency handling

[10/142] Generating include/generated/version.h
-- Zephyr version: 3.4.99 (/home/fred/ncs/v2.5.2/zephyr), build: 4b5ef270413a
[142/142] Linking C executable zephyr/zephyr.elf
Memory region      Used Size  Region Size  %age Used
      FLASH:      22096 B      1 MB      2.11%
      RAM:         7564 B      256 KB      2.89%
      IDT LIST:      0 GB      2 KB      0.00%
* Terminal will be reused by tasks, press any key to close it.
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Flash and Run *blinky*

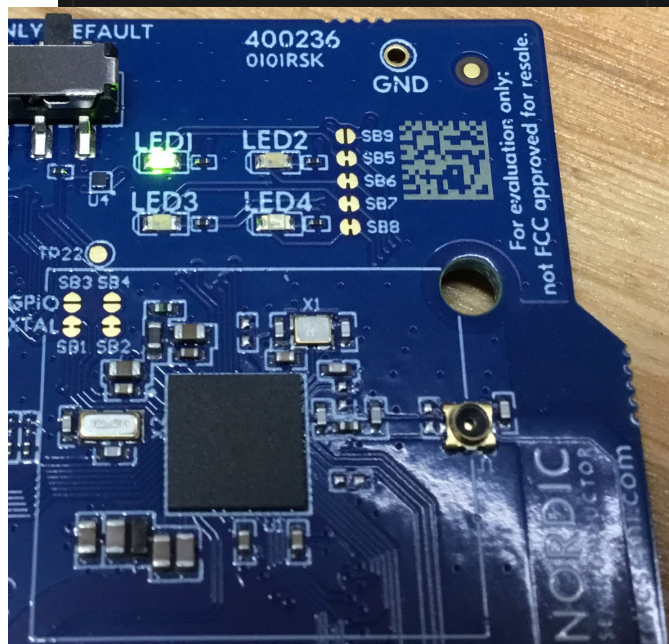
The screenshot displays the nRF Connect IDE interface. On the left, the 'ACTIONS' panel shows the 'Flash' button selected, with a yellow arrow pointing to it. Below it, the 'CONNECTED DEVICES' section shows a device with serial number '1050295061' selected, also indicated by a yellow arrow. The main terminal window shows the following output:

```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS NRF TERMINAL

* Terminal will be reused by tasks, press any key to close it.
Executing task: nRF Connect: Flash: blinky_1/build (active)
Flashing build to 1050295061
west flash -d /home/fred/ncs/v2.5.2/zephyr/samples/basic/blinky_1/build --skip-rebuild --dev-id 1050295061

-- west flash: using runner nrfjprog
-- runners.nrfjprog: Flashing file: /home/fred/ncs/v2.5.2/zephyr/samples/basic/blinky_1/build/zephyr/zephyr.hex
[ ##### ] 0.643s | Erase file - Done erasing
[ ##### ] 0.146s | Program file - Done programming
[ ##### ] 0.148s | Verify file - Done verifying
Enabling pin reset.
Applying pin reset.
-- runners.nrfjprog: Board with serial number 1050295061 flashed successfully.
* Terminal will be reused by tasks, press any key to close it.
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A red arrow points to the final success message in the terminal output.



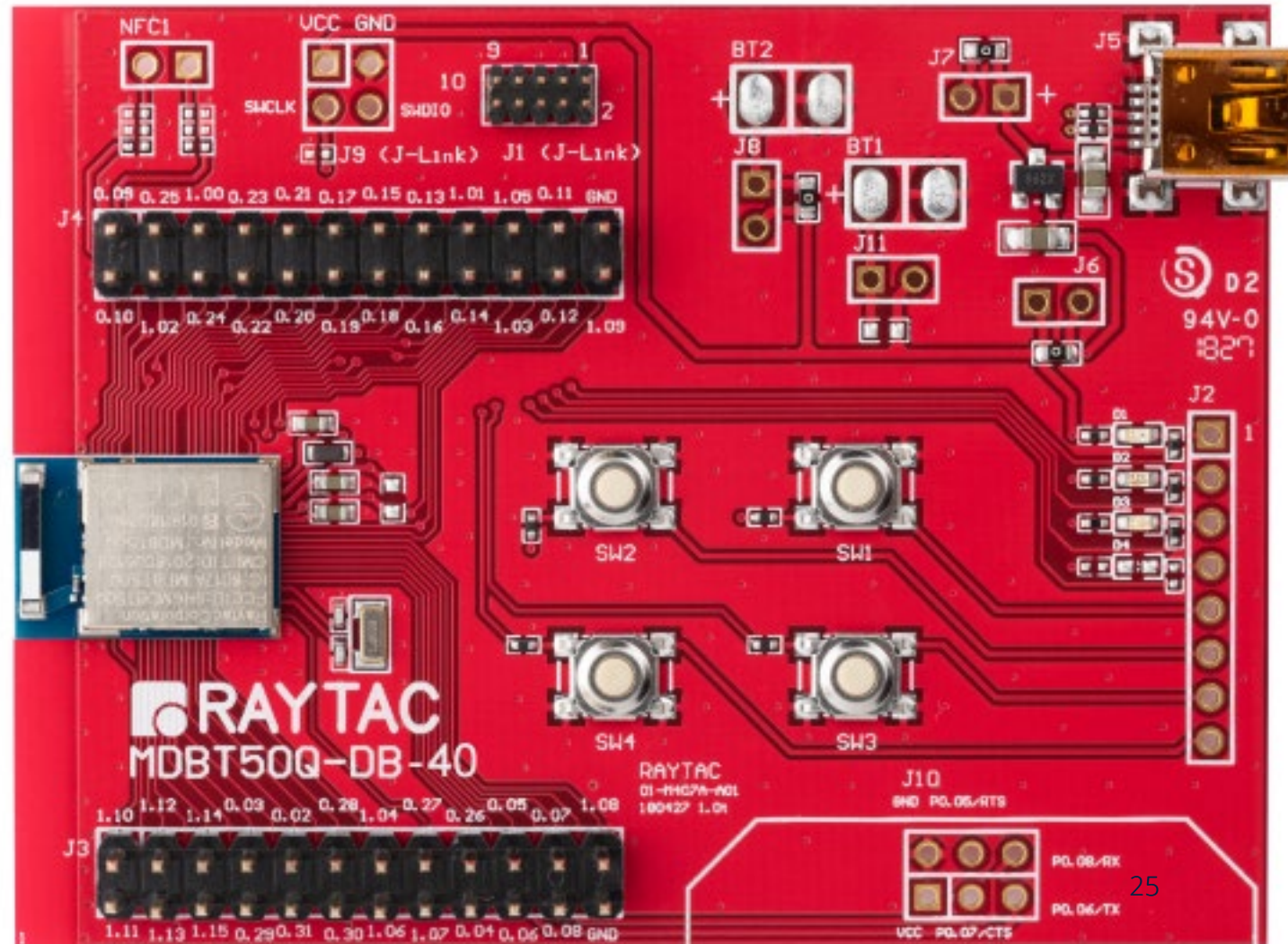
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