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STM32H7R-S Debug authentication

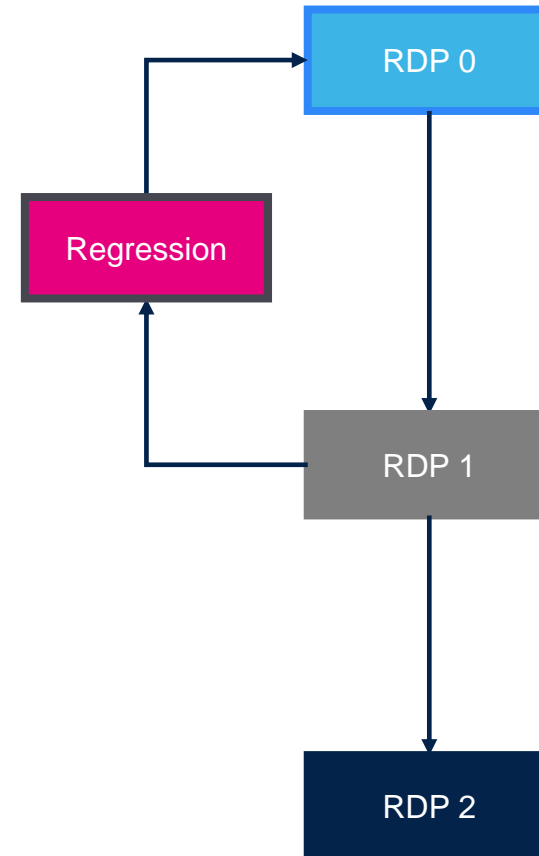


Introduction

- STM32H7R-S implements a new mechanism for the protection of the code stored in internal flash.
- Let's see the impact of this change

Reminder of RDP protection on legacy STM32

- RDP 0 : Open state dedicated to development
- RDP 1
 - Firmware in flash is protected from readout
 - Debugger can attach and read ram content
 - Possible regression to RDP0 with automatic flash erase
 - State mostly used because of this regression capability
- RDP2
 - No debugger access, no possible regression

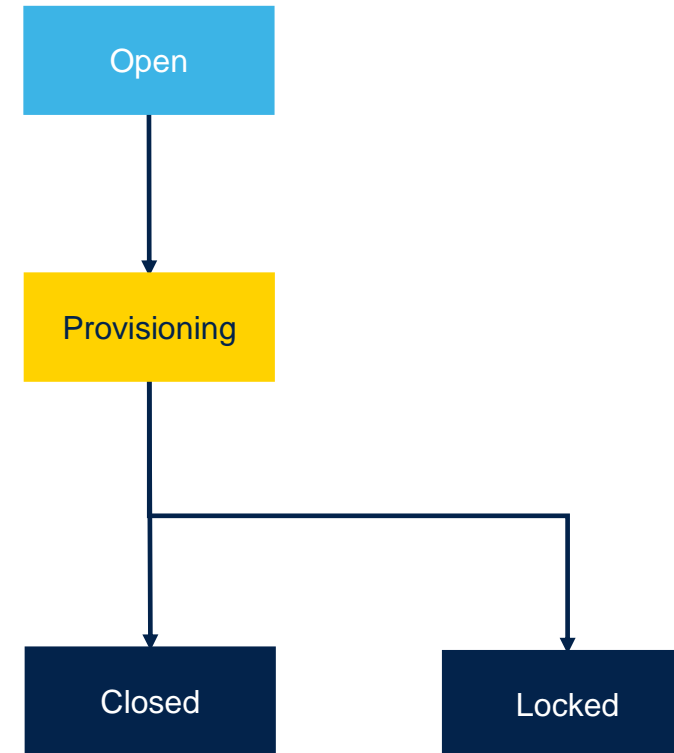


STM32H7R-S evolution

- RDP levels replaced by PRODUCT_STATE
 - Option byte in both cases
 - RDP values fixed for RDP 0 (0xAA) and RDP 2 (0xCC). All other values mean RDP 1
 - PRODUCT_STATE have fixed value for each state. No default
- Debug Authentication to control device regression and/or debugging link reopening
 - JTAG dedicated access point
 - ADAC protocol defined by ARM
 - 2 possible methods :
 - Password used for regression (not covered here)
 - Certificate used for regression and debugging capabilities

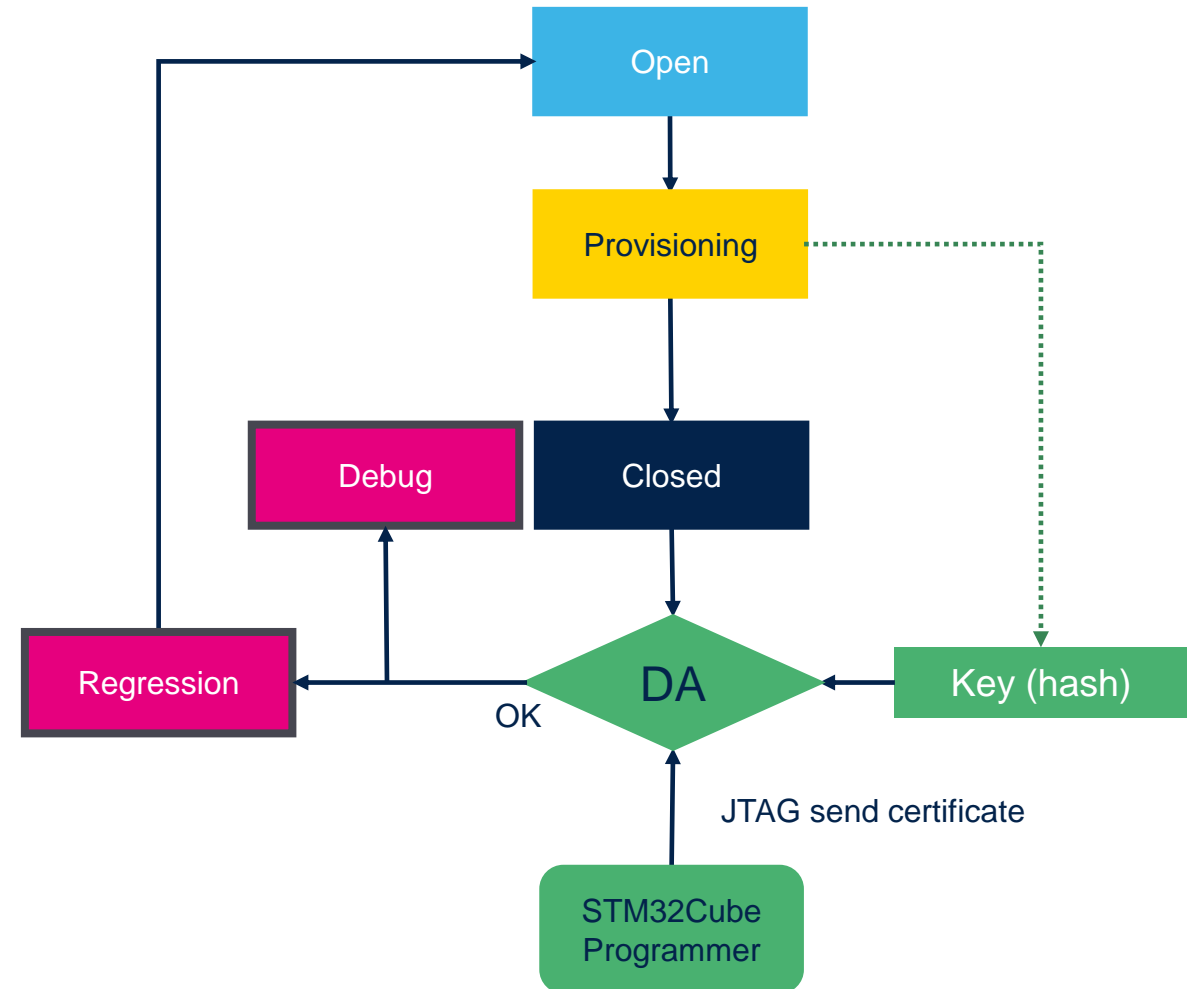
Product State

- Open state dedicated to development
- Provisioning allows transmitting specific file containing keys and data to be provisioned
- Closed and Locked are used in the field to protect device.
 - Closed state allows debug authentication
 - Locked state is definitive



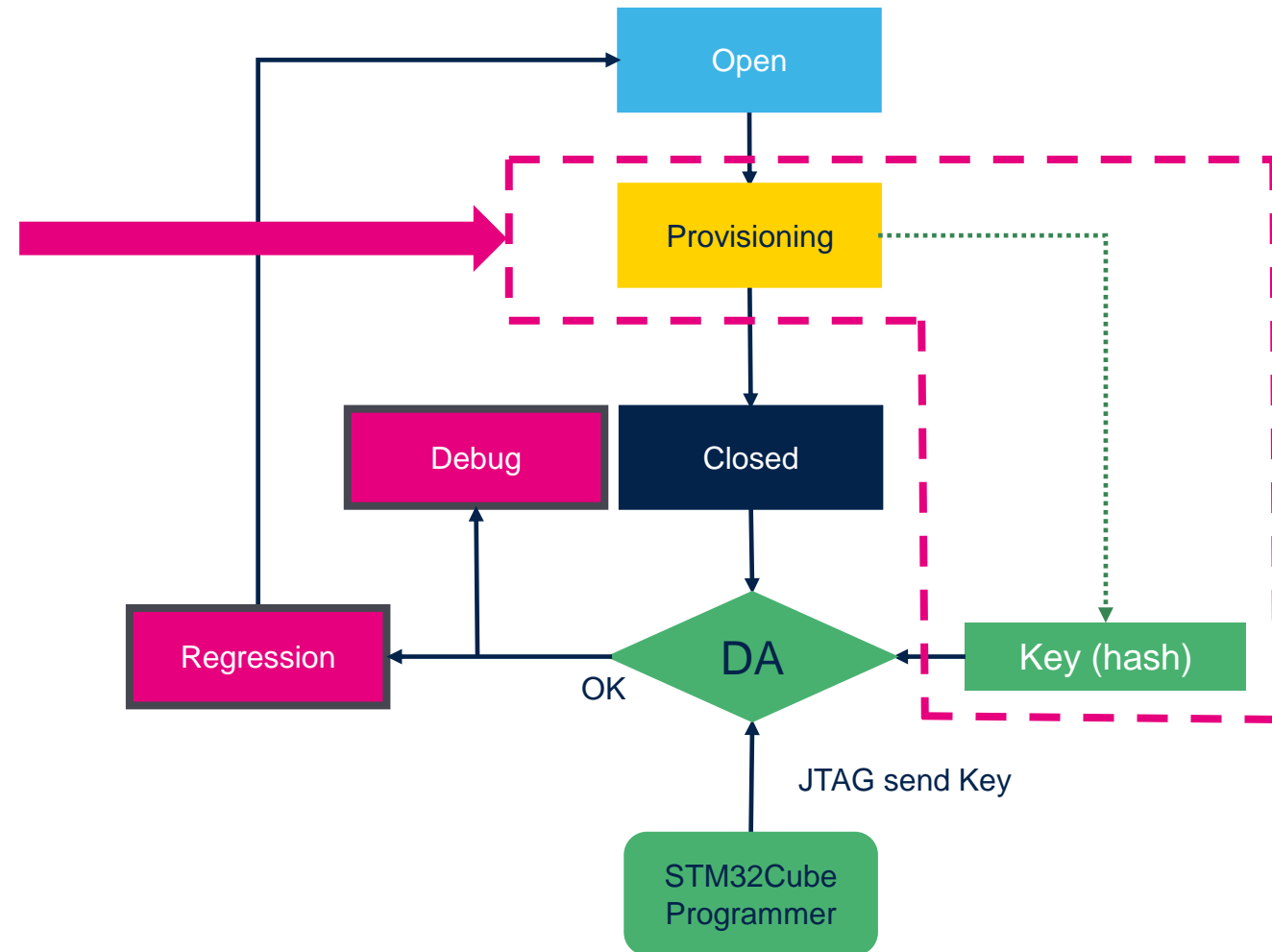
Debug Authentication

- Firmware can be flashed in open state
- Provisioning is used in production to transmit auth key to the secure storage
- Close device : no more debug access
- Field return : use certificate to open the device securely through JTAG/SWD interface using dedicated access point.



Impact on production process

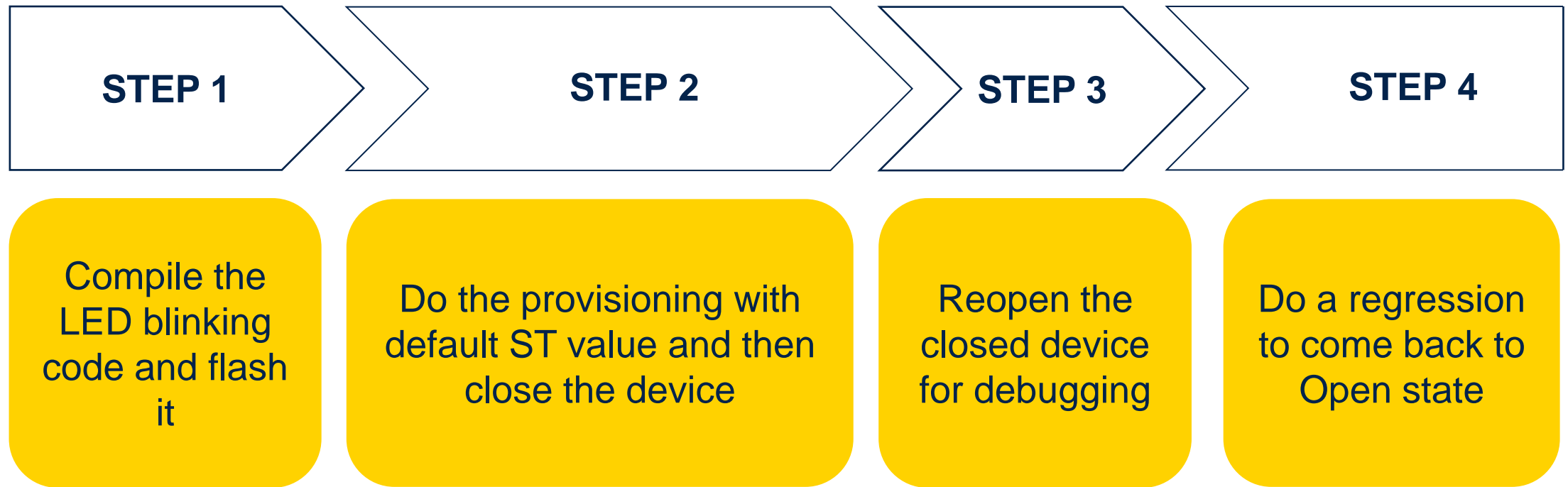
New step required to have the capability to perform regression or to reopen the debug



Demo Hands-on purpose

- Simple LED blink application
- This demo shows the steps to provision key in order to enable the debug reopening and regression capabilities.
- Material is available on GitHub
https://github.com/ST-TOMAS-Examples-Security/stm32h7rs_debug_authentication

Key Steps for the Hands-On Exercise



Key Steps for the Hands-On Exercise

STEP 1

Compile the
LED blinking
code and flash
it

- Open with CUBE IDE the project :
0-LED blinking project\Test_LED\project

material > Debug_authentication > 0 - LED blinking project > Test_LED

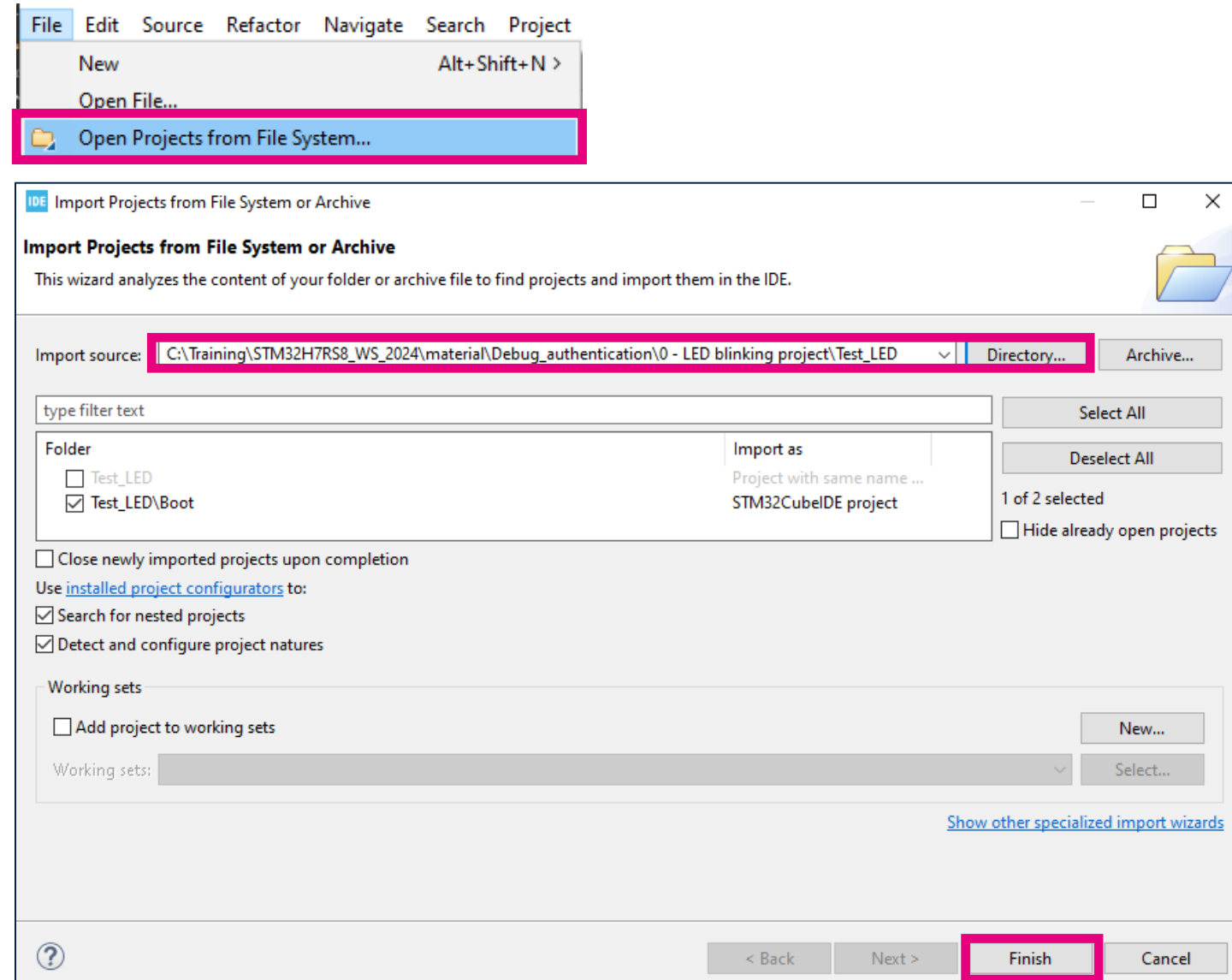
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.settings
Boot
Drivers
ExtMemLoader
.mxproject
IDE .project
MX Test_LED.ioc

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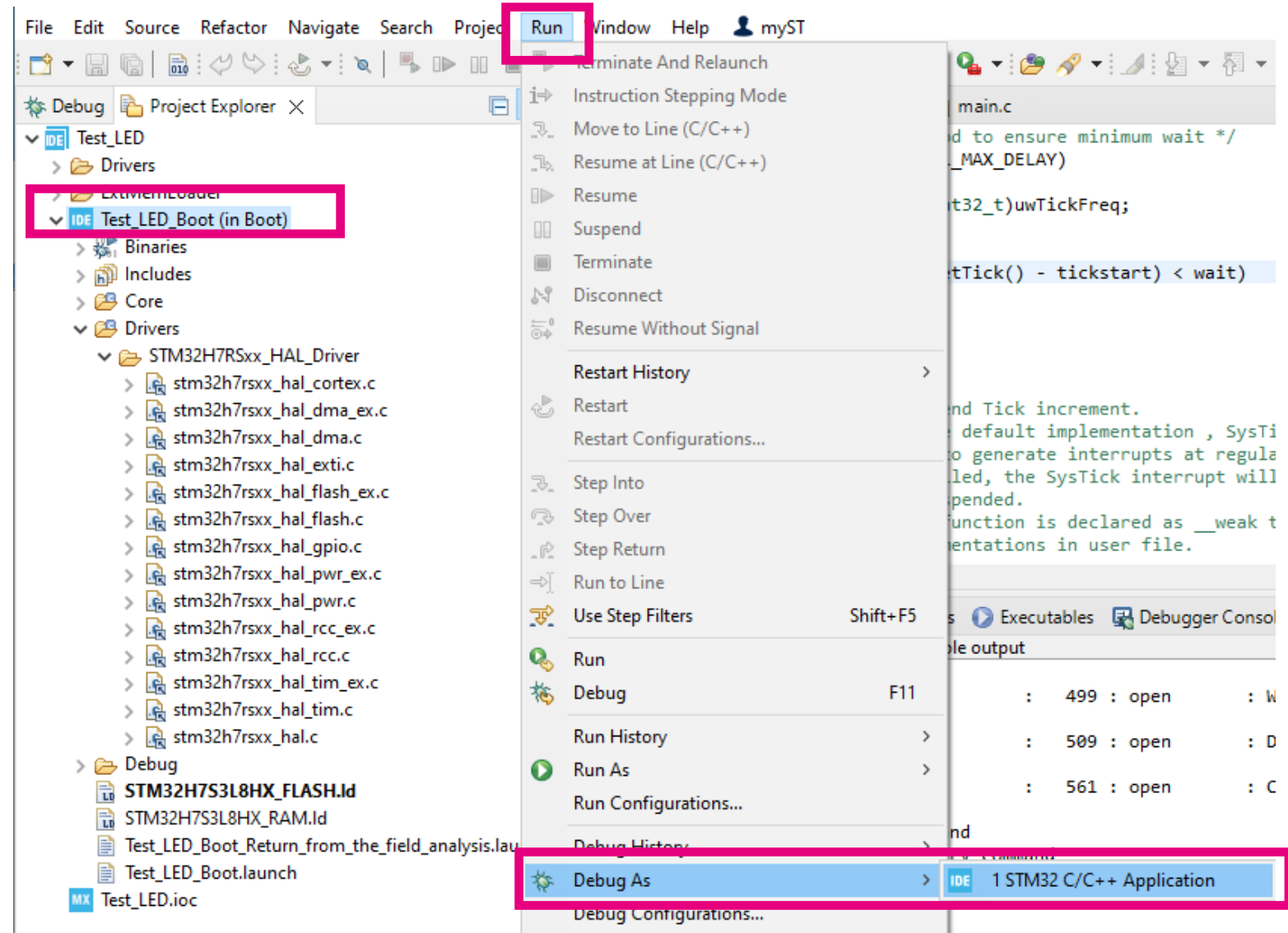
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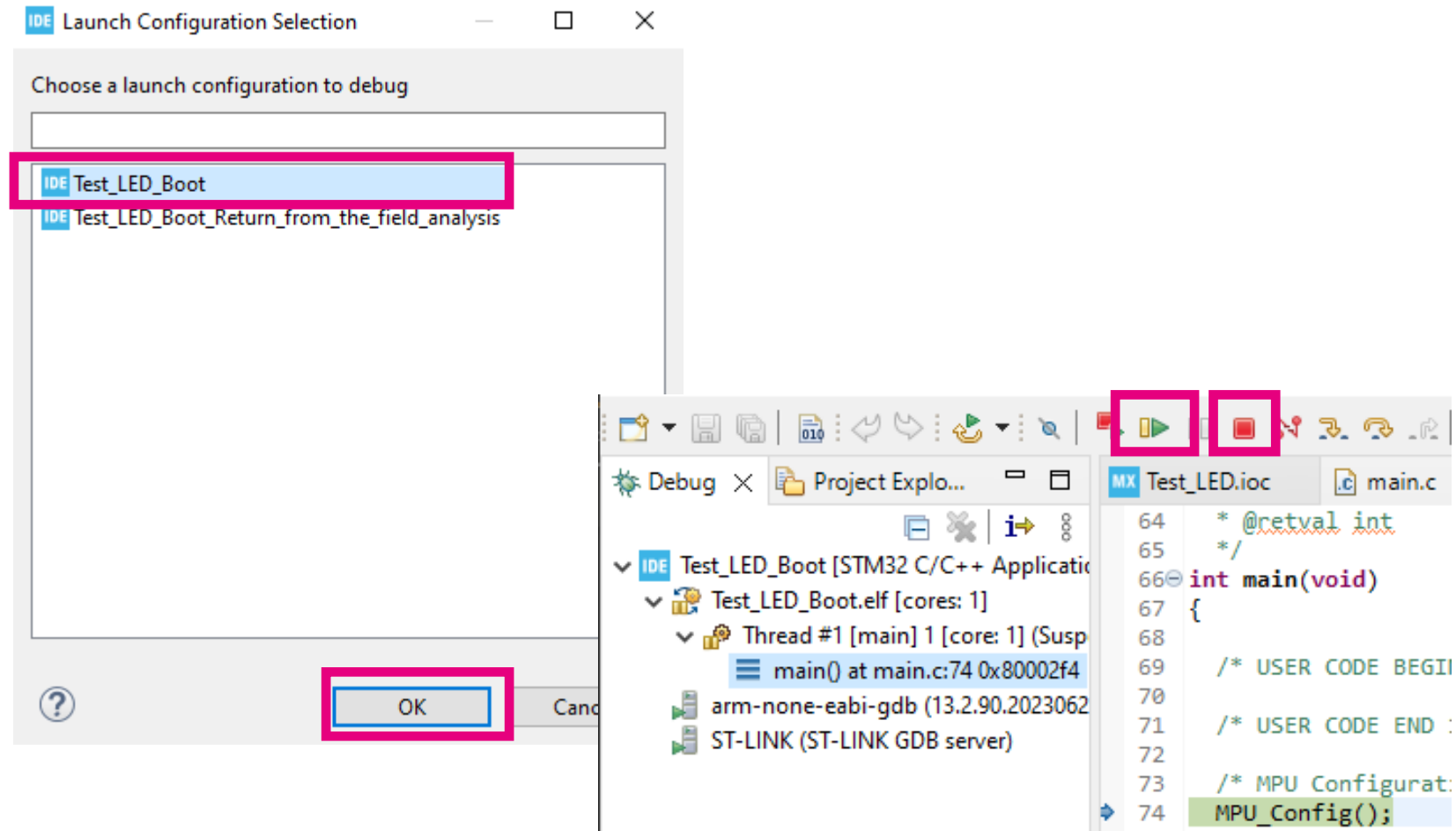
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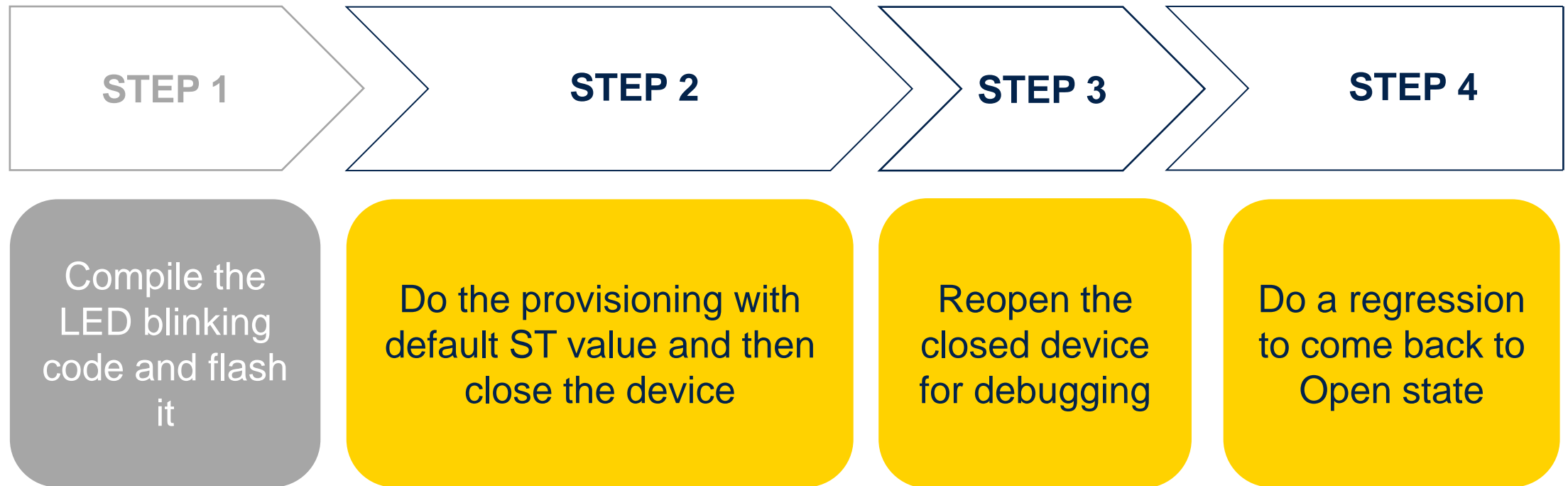
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STEP 2.1

Do the provisioning with
default ST value



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STEP 2.1

Do the provisioning with
default ST value

The screenshot shows the 'Option bytes' configuration window. On the left is a sidebar with icons for OB, CPU, SWV, and REG. The main area is titled 'Option bytes' and contains a table with columns 'Name', 'Value', and 'Description'. The 'PRODUCT_STATE' row is selected, and its 'Value' dropdown is open, showing options 39, 17, 72, and 5C. The 'Description' column for 'PRODUCT_STATE' lists 'Virtual Product State', '39 : Open', '17 : Provisioning', and '72 : Closed'. At the bottom, an information icon is followed by the text 'Some of the option bytes might be hidden or clipped, Use the mouse wheel or the touch', and an 'Apply' button is highlighted with a red box.

Name	Value	Description
PRODUCT_STATE	39	Virtual Product State 39 : Open 17 : Provisioning 72 : Closed
▶ FLASH ROT program		
▶ OTP write protection		
▶ Write Protection		
▶ Flash HDP bank		
▶ BOR Level		
▶ User Configuration1		
▶ ITCM RAM Protection		

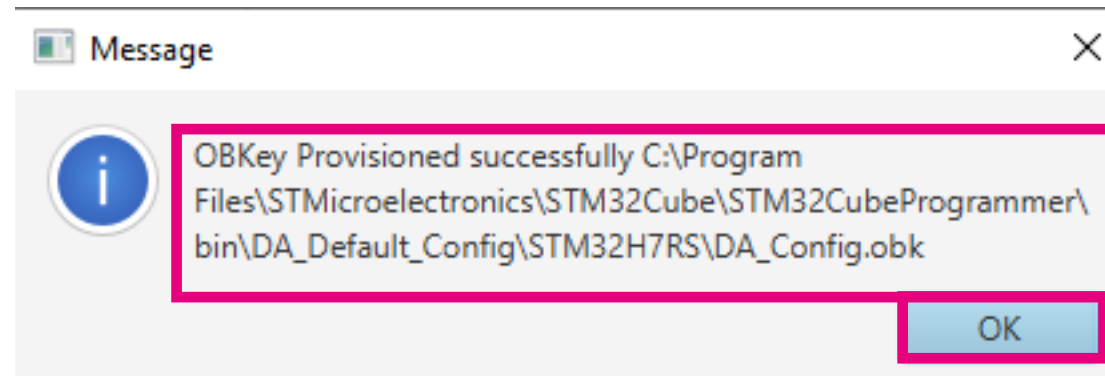
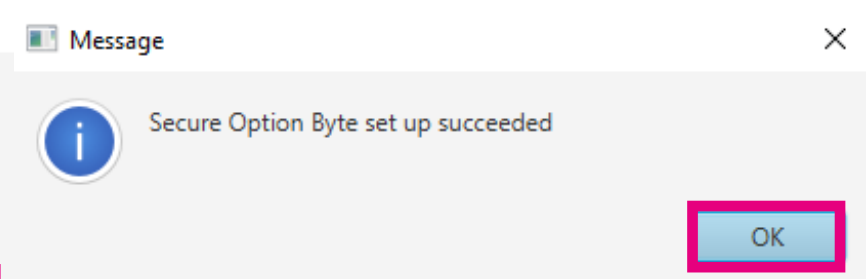
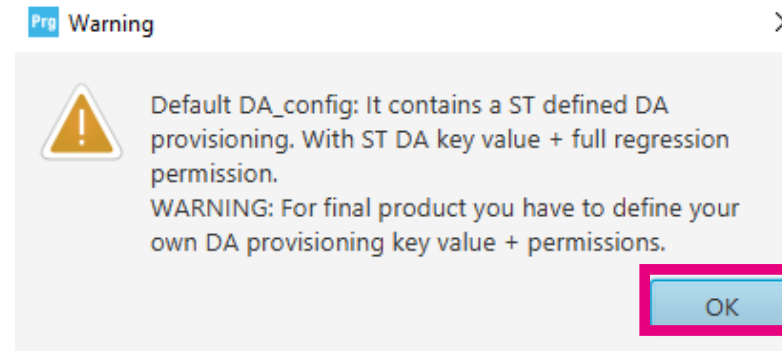
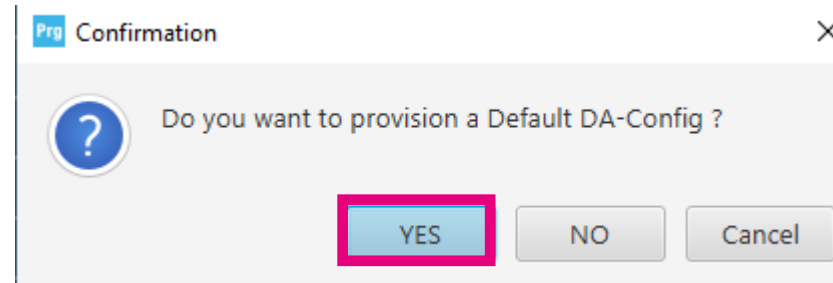
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Apply Read

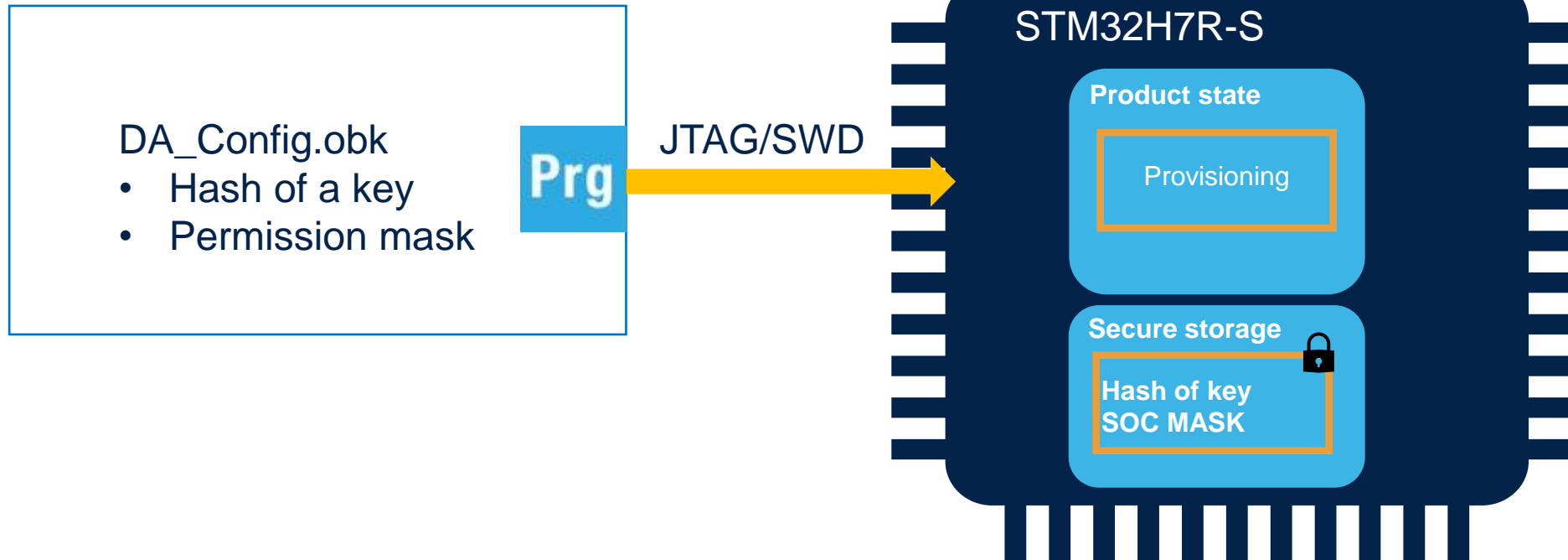
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STEP 2.1

Do the provisioning with default ST value and then close the device



STM32H7RS Security Debug Authentication Provisioning



How to generate a Debug Authentication obk file ?

Input : an ecc key



STM32 Trusted Package Creator

STM32 Trusted Package Creator

File Edit Options Info Documents

OBkey Image Gen License Gen Debug Auth SFI SFlx HSM SFI Option Bytes

Debug Authentication - OBkey Generation Debug Authentication - Certificate Generation

Debug Authentication (DA) STM32H7RS DA with CERTIFICATE

Debug Authentication root key

Open ecdsa-p256 Regenerate

Description	Permissions Mask															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
AP - M7 [0]	Regression				Reserved				Reserved				Debug Opening			
	Reserved	Full	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

STM32H7RS - Debug Authentication Configuration

Information

OBkey Destination	0x00510008
Encryption Option	Enable
OBkey Size	--
Header Size	--
MCU	STM32H7RS

Output File STMMicroelectronics/Documents/outputFile.obk Select Path

Tool Description:

The purpose of this tool is to generate provisioning data also called obk files.
The file can be generated only when selecting both, an MCU and a Debug Authentication Type.
The .OBK files used by the STM32CubeProgrammer to program the OBkey content.

Generate OBkey

An ECC Key to generate the hash of its public key.

The private key will be needed to reopen the device

How to generate a Debug Authentication obk file ?



STM32 Trusted Package Creator

Input : the soc mask

STM32 Trusted Package Creator

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Permission

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	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
AP - M7 [7]	Forced download	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Generate OBkey

SOC MASK
Maximum action via debugging link when device will be Closed

Regression capability

Debug capability

Force to activate bootloader capability



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STEP 2.2

Close the device

The screenshot shows the 'Option bytes' configuration interface. The 'Product State' dropdown menu is open, displaying the following options:

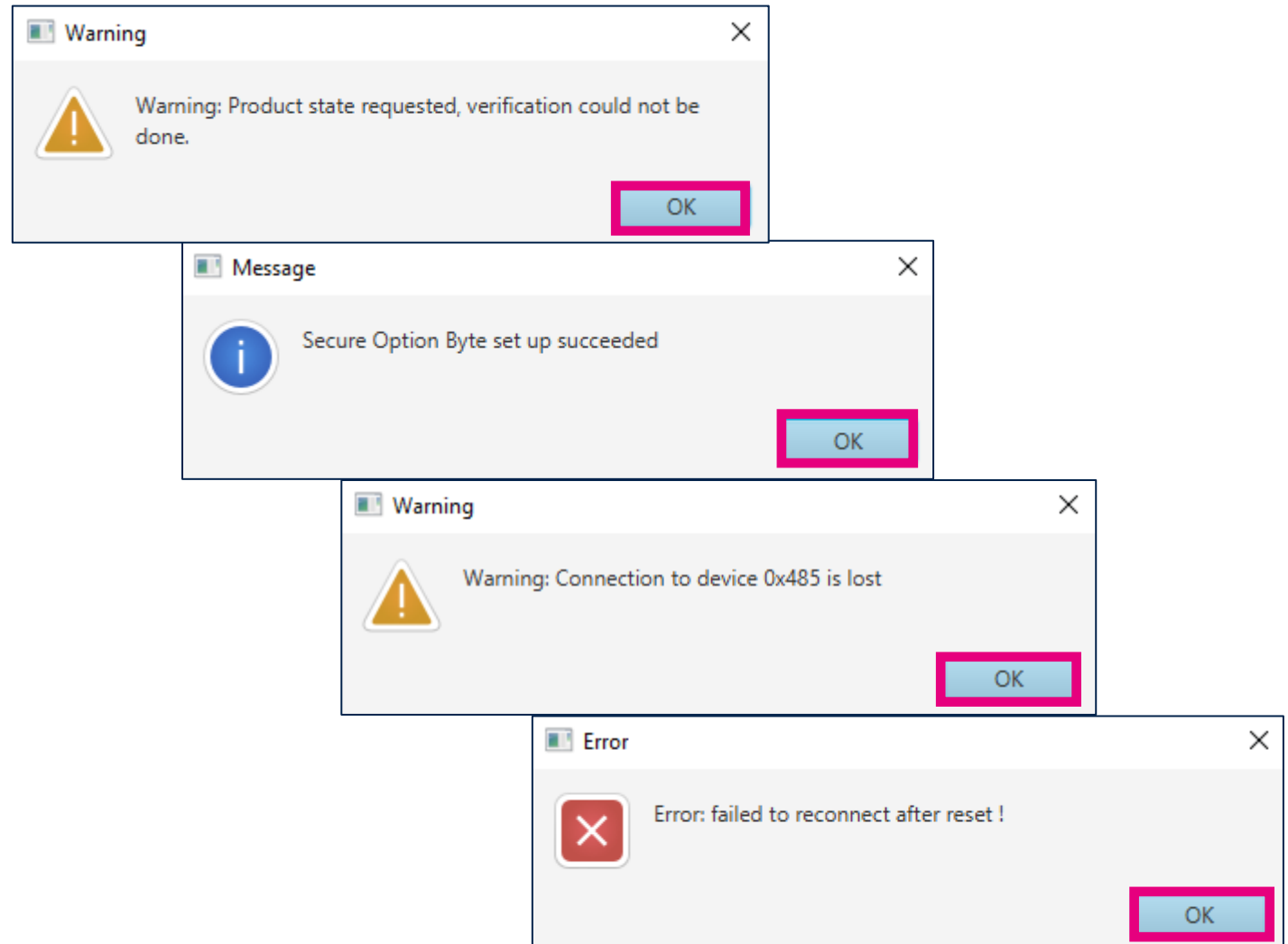
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PRODUCT_STATE	17	Virtual Product State
	39	39 : Open
	17	17 : Provisioning
	72	72 : Closed
	5C	

The 'Apply' button is highlighted in pink. A message at the bottom states: 'Some of the option bytes might be hidden or clipped, Use the mouse wheel or the touch'.

STM32H7RS Security Debug Authentication Provisioning

STEP 2.2

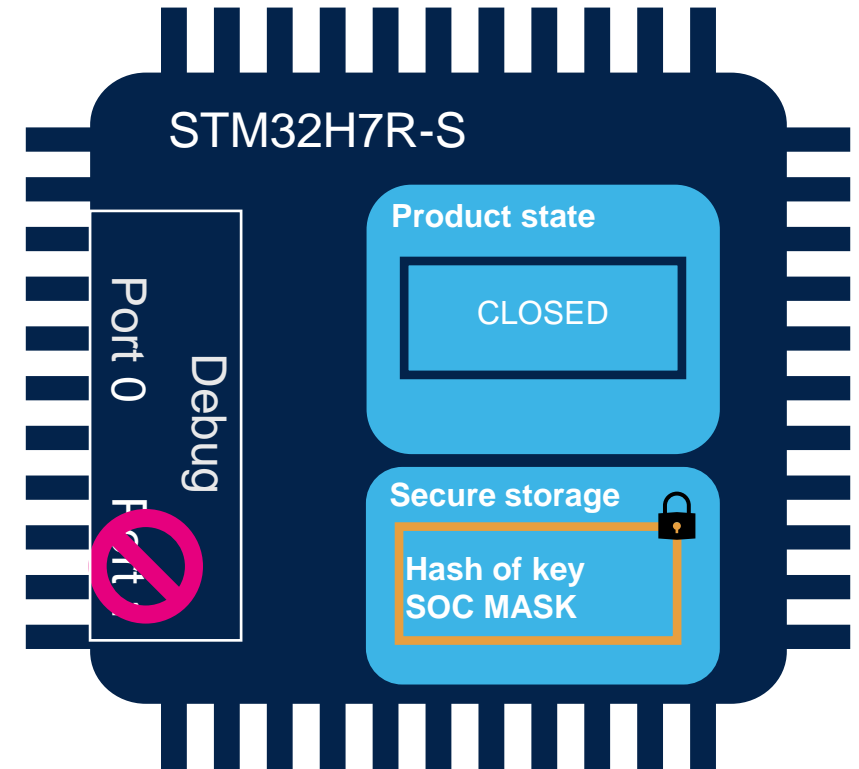
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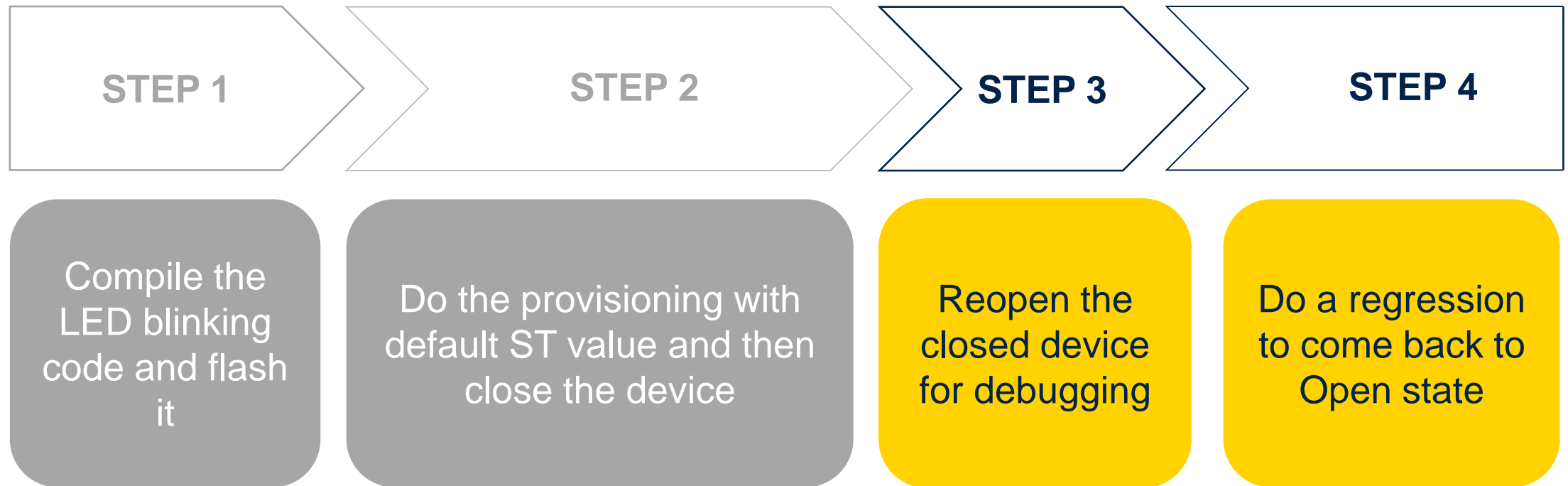
STM32HRS Security Debug Authentication Process

STEP 2.2

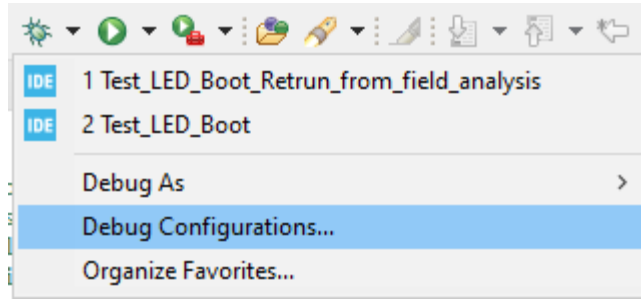
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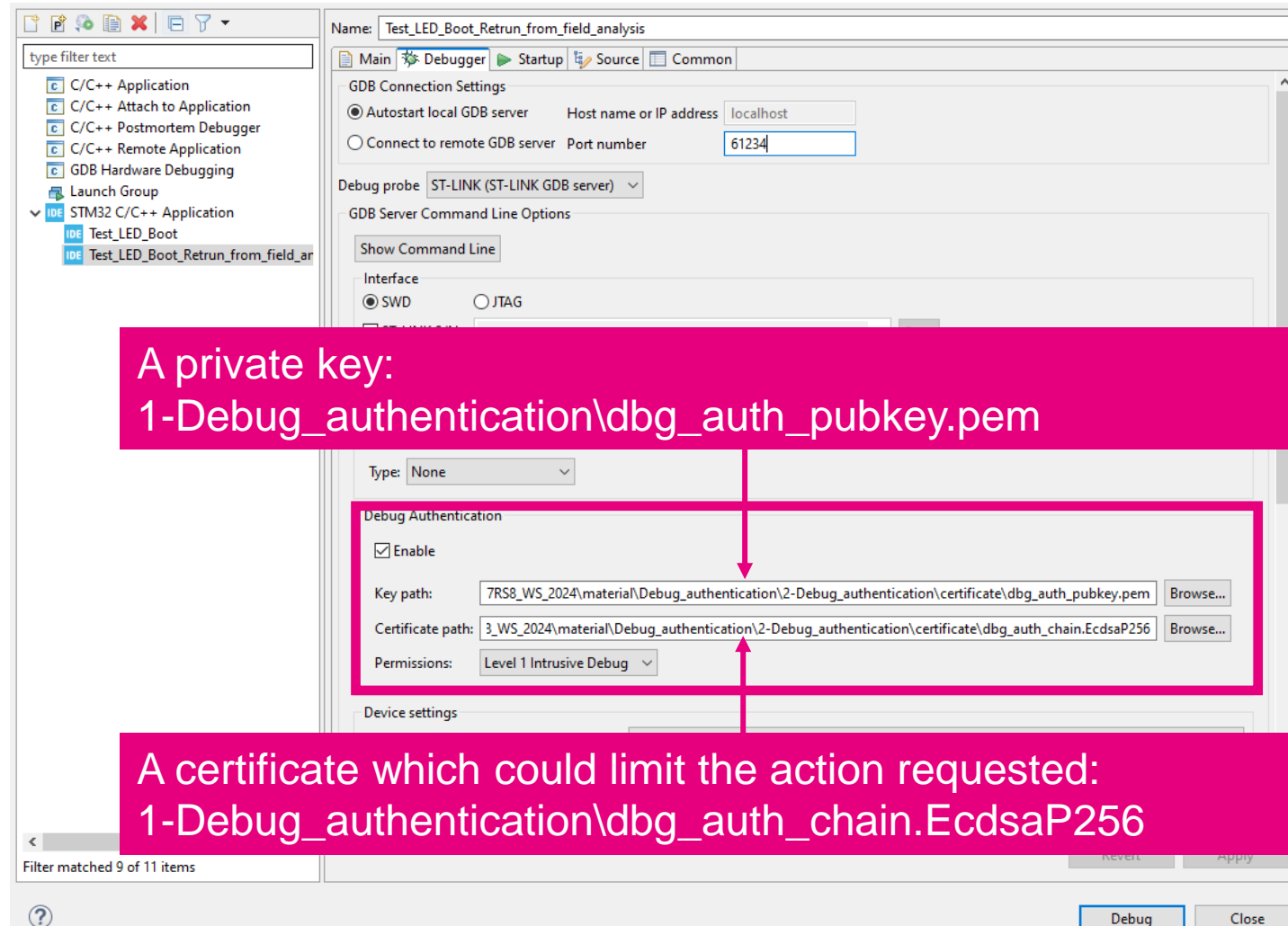


STM32H7RS Security Debug Authentication reopening



STEP 3

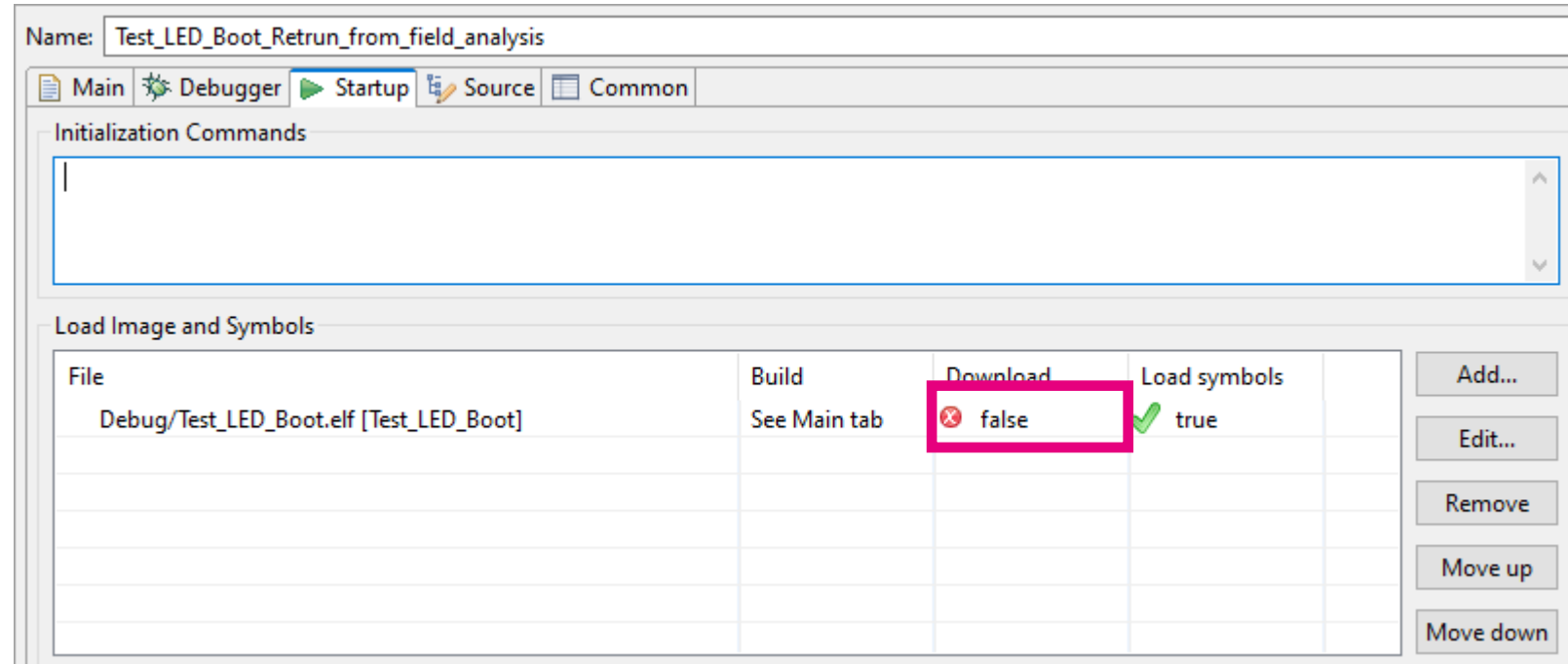
Reopen the
closed device
for debugging



STM32H7RS Security Debug Authentication Provisioning

STEP 3

Reopen the
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STM32H7RS Security Debug Authentication reopening

STEP 3

Reopen the
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The screenshot shows the STM32CubeIDE interface. The 'Run' menu is open, and the 'Debug As' option is highlighted. The 'Test_LED_Boot (in Boot)' project is selected in the Project Explorer. The 'Run' button is also highlighted in the top toolbar.

File Edit Source Refactor Navigate Search Project **Run** Window Help myST

Debug Project Explorer

Test_LED

- Drivers
- ExtremalLoader
- IDE Test_LED_Boot (in Boot)**
- Binaries
- Includes
- Core
- Drivers
 - STM32H7RSxx_HAL_Driver
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_cortex.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_dma_ex.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_dma.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_exti.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_flash_ex.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_flash.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_gpio.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_pwr_ex.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_pwr.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_rcc_ex.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_rcc.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_tim_ex.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal_tim.c
 - stm32h7rsxx_hal.c
- Debug
 - STM32H7S3L8HX_FLASH.Id
 - STM32H7S3L8HX_RAM.Id
 - Test_LED_Boot_Return_from_the_field_analysis.la
 - Test_LED_Boot.launch
 - Test_LED.ioc

Restart History

- Restart
- Restart Configurations...

Step Into

Step Over

Step Return

Run to Line

Use Step Filters Shift+F5

Run

Debug F11

Run History

Run As

Run Configurations...

Debug History

Debug As

Debug Configurations...

main.c

```
id to ensure minimum wait */
_MAX_DELAY)

t32_t)uwTickFreq;

tTick() - tickstart) < wait)

and Tick increment.
default implementation , SysTi
to generate interrupts at regula
led, the SysTick interrupt will
pend.
function is declared as __weak t
entations in user file.
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Executables Debugger Console

ole output

:	499	: open	: W
:	509	: open	: D
:	561	: open	: C

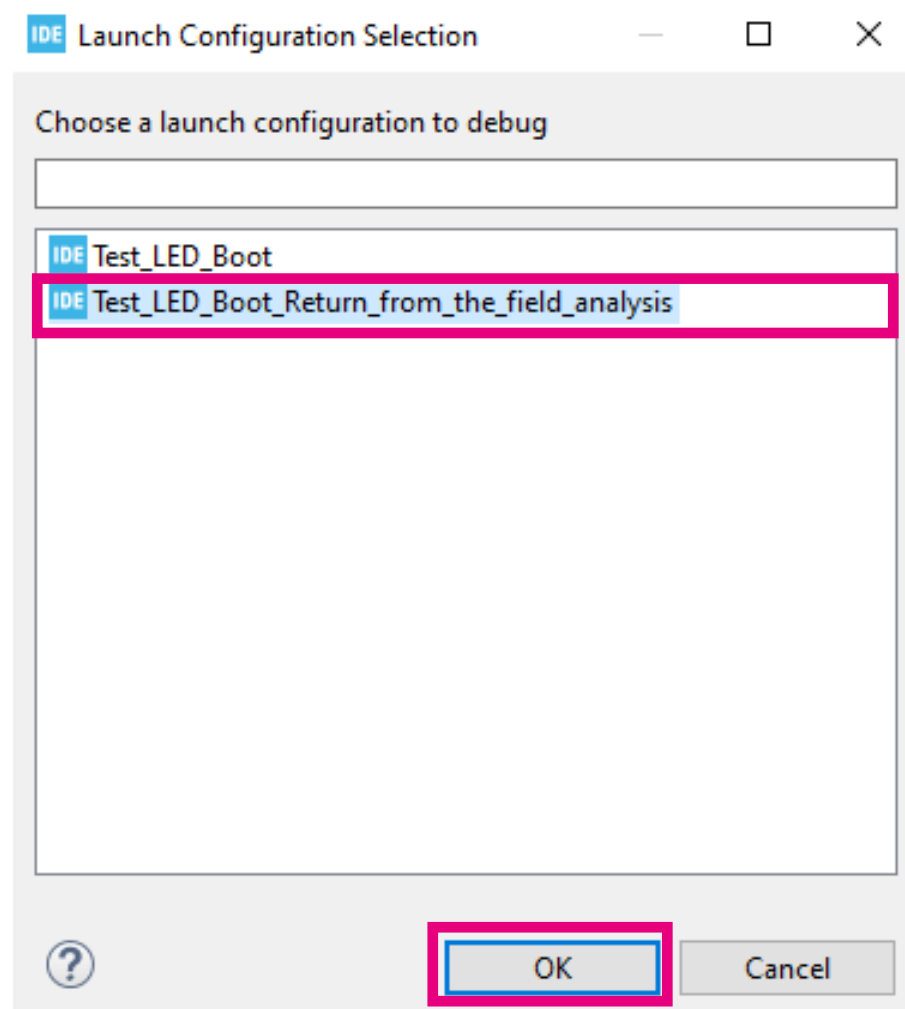
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IDE 1 STM32 C/C++ Application

STM32H7RS Security Debug Authentication reopening

STEP 3

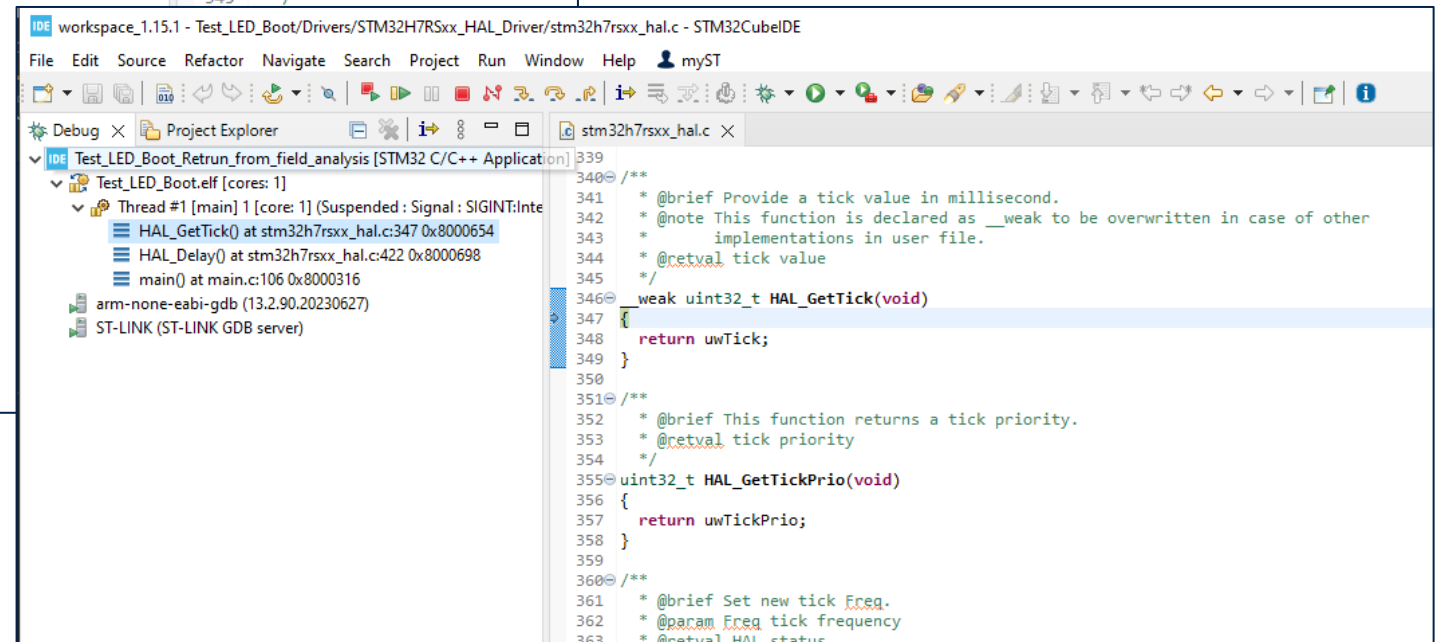
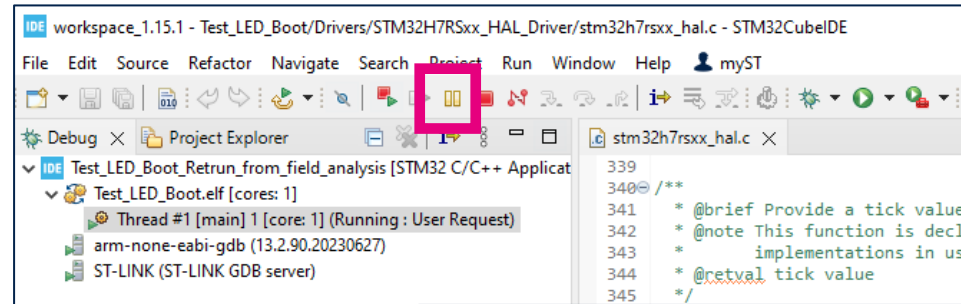
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STM32H7RS Security Debug Authentication reopening

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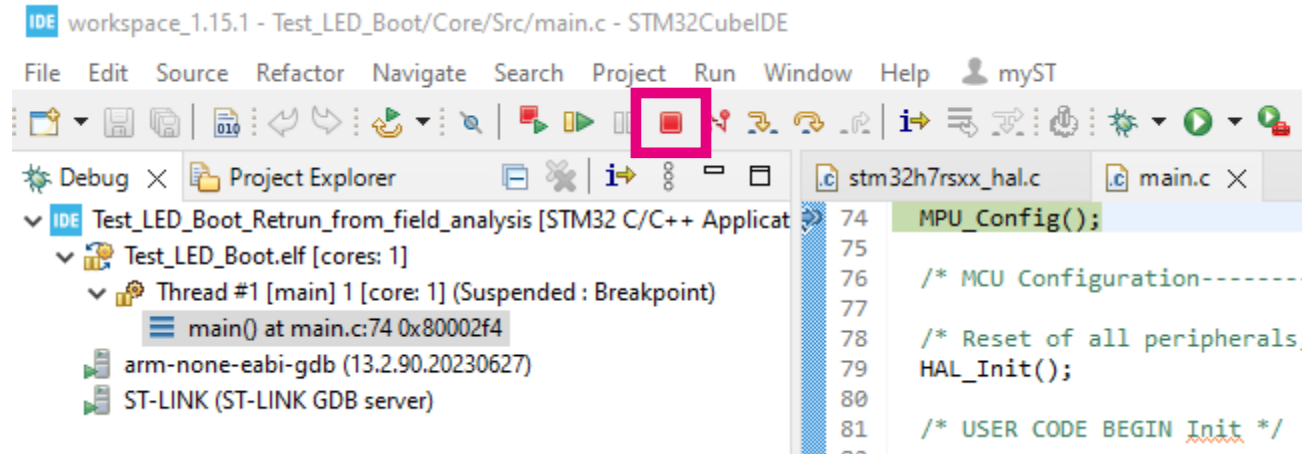


STM32H7RS Security

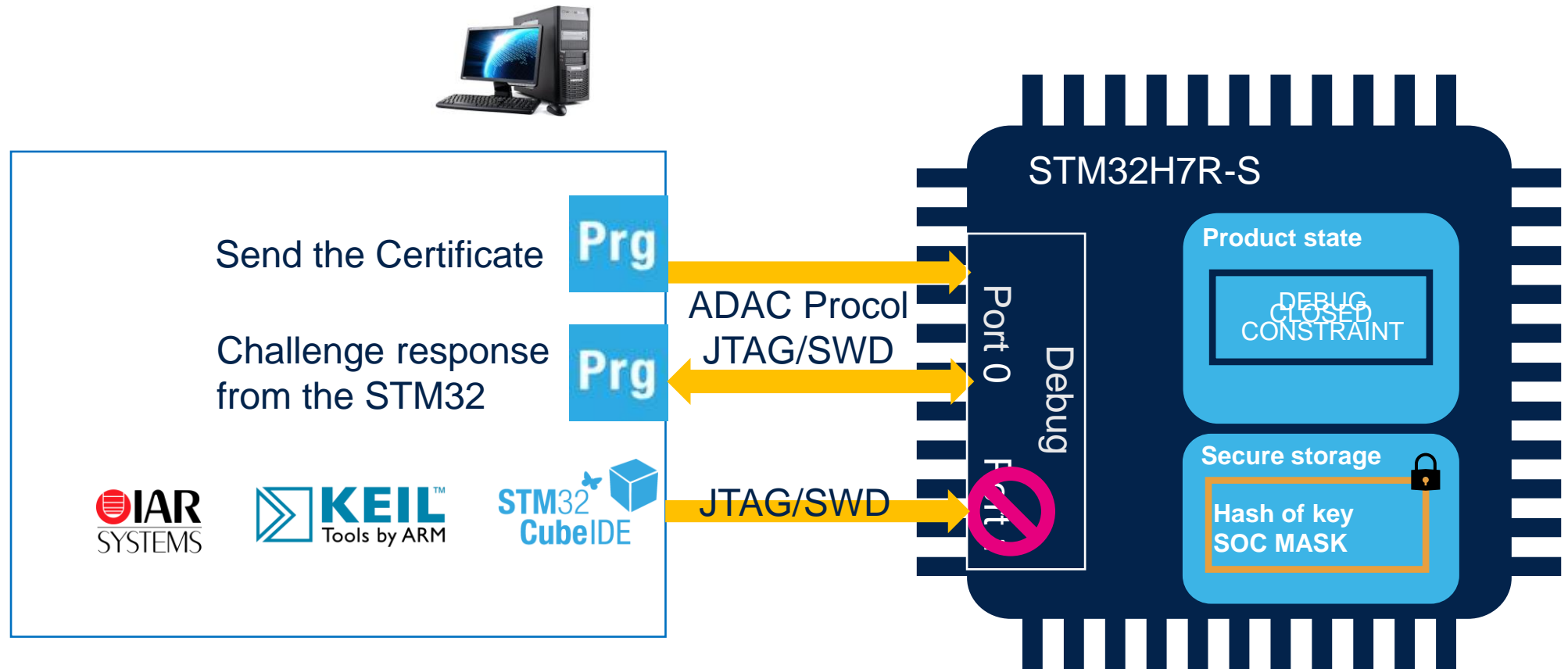
Debug Authentication reopening

STEP 3

Reopen the
closed device
for debugging



STM32H7RS Security Debug Authentication Process



FYI : Debug port1 is open until the next power cycle
but can also be closed thanks a command

How was generate the certificate ?

STM32 Trusted Package Creator

File Edit Options Info Documents

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OBkey Image Gen License Gen Debug Auth SFI SFlx HSM SFI Option Bytes

Debug Authentication - OBkey Generation Debug Authentication - Certificate Generation

Microcontroller STM32H7RS Refresh

Certificate Role ROOT

Root Private Key Open

Root Public Key Open

Settings

Description	Permissions Mask															
	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
AP - M7 [0]	Regression				Reserved				Reserved				Debug Opening			
	Reserved	Full	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP - M7 [7]	Download				Reserved				Reserved				Reserved			
	Forced download	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Information

Microcontroller	STM32H7RS
Role	ROOT
SOC class	0
Permission Mask	0x00000000_00000000_00000000_00005000
ROOT	

Certificate file

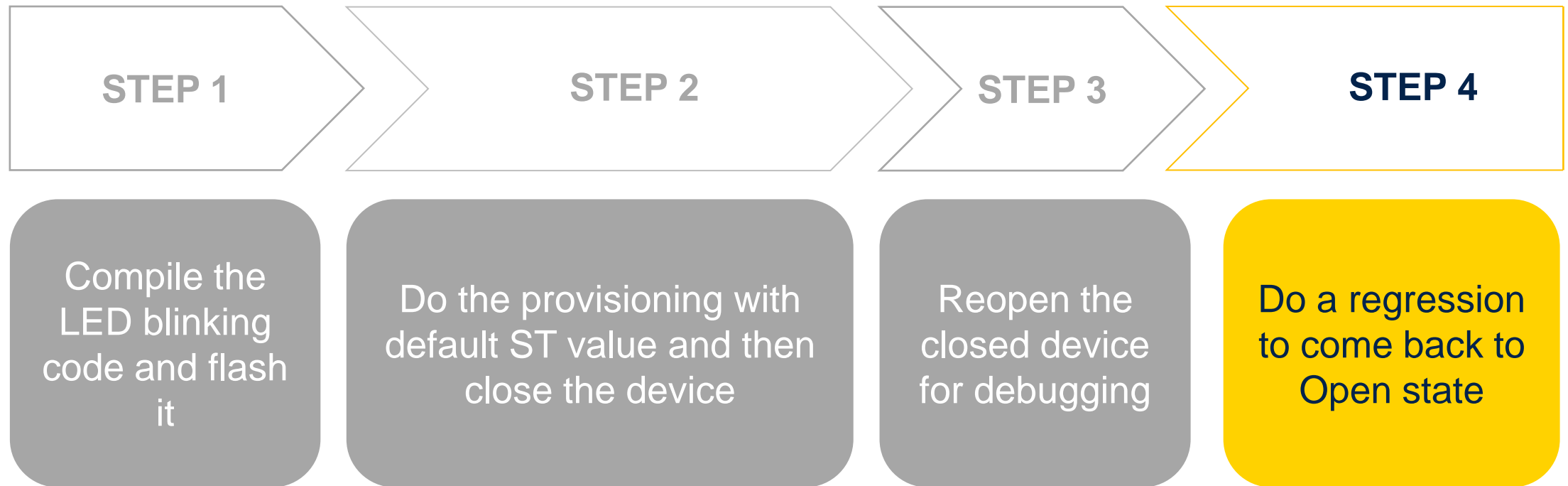
Browse

Tool Description:

The purpose of this tool is to generate a signed certificate using the Arm tool (PSA ADAC). The signed certificate is to be used later to perform a debug authentication. When setting a certificate role at INTERMEDIATE or LEAF, the user must provide a certificate for chaining. The tool generates a certificate as a result of chaining of two certificates.

Generate Certificate

Key Steps for the Hands-On Exercise



Let's do a regression

STEP 4

Do a regression
to come back to
Open state

STM32CubeProgrammer

STM32CubeProgrammer

Data Information Notice

Secure programming

RDP REG SFI/SFIx PROV **DA** SSP

Debug Authentication

Discover

name	value
Locking Mechanism	--
Soc ID	--
Life Cycle	--
Device ID	--

Close Debug

Used to lock device once the debug has been opened through Debug Authentication process. Applicable only when the feature is available.

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STM32CubeProgrammer

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RDP REG SFI/SFIx PROV DA SSP

Discover

name	value
Locking Mechanism	Certificate
Soc ID	0x00000000 0x38323634 0x303335105 0x00560035
Life Cycle	PSA_LIFECYCLE_UNKNOWN
Device ID	0x485

Close Debug

Used to lock device once the debug has been opened through Debug Authentication process. Applicable only when the feature is available.

Message

Target successfully locked.

OK

Let's do a regression

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Discover

name	value
Locking Mechanism	Certificate
Soc ID	0x00000000 0x38323634 0x303335105 0x00560035
Life Cycle	ST_LIFECYCLE_CLOSED
Device ID	0x485

Close Debug

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Step 1: Path selection.

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Step 2: Permission selection

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Step 3: Execution.

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Secure programming

Debug

Key File Path

Select File Browse

Certificate File Path

Select File Browse Continue

Permissions

1-Debug_authentication\dbg_auth_pubkey.pem	
1-Debug_authentication\dbg_auth_chain.EcdsaP256	
Full Regression	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Level 3 Intrusive Debug	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level 2 Intrusive Debug	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level 1 Intrusive Debug	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forced download	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Secure programming

RDP REG SFI/SFlx PROV DA SSP

Debug Authentication

Key File Path

Select File C:\Training\STM32H7RS8_WS_2024\material\Debug_authentication\2-Debug_authentication\d Browse

Certificate File Path

Select File C:\Training\STM32H7RS8_WS_2024\material\Debug_authentication\2-Debug_authentication\d Browse Continue

Permissions

Permission	Select
Full Regression	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Level 3 Intrusive Debug	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level 2 Intrusive Debug	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Forced download	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Permissions

Permission	Select
Full Regression	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Level 3 Intrusive Debug	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Level 1 Intrusive Debug	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forced download	<input type="checkbox"/>

Execute

Message

Debug Authentication Success

OK

Product State

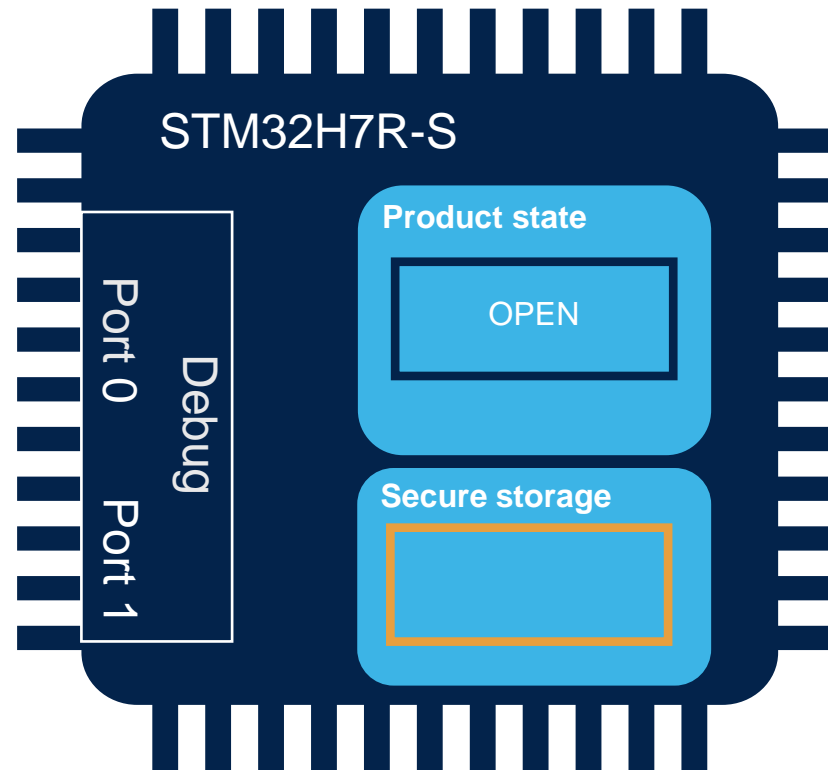
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PRODUCT_STATE	39

Virtual Product State
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STM32H7RS Security Debug Authentication Process

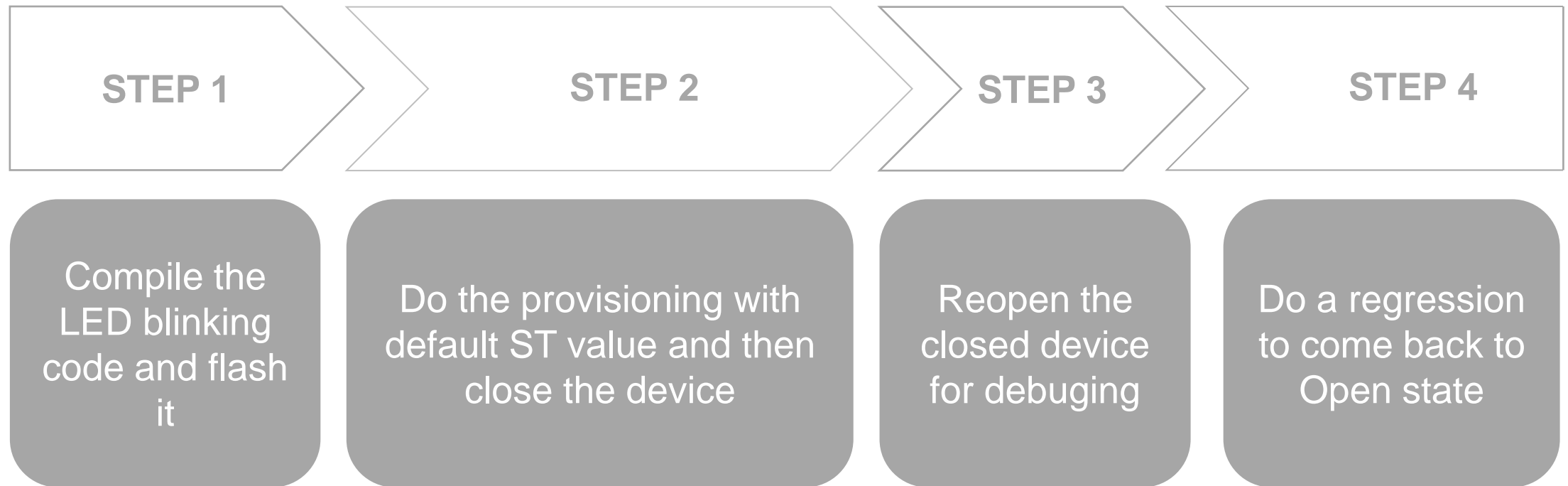
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User flash has been erased
Secure storage has been
erased

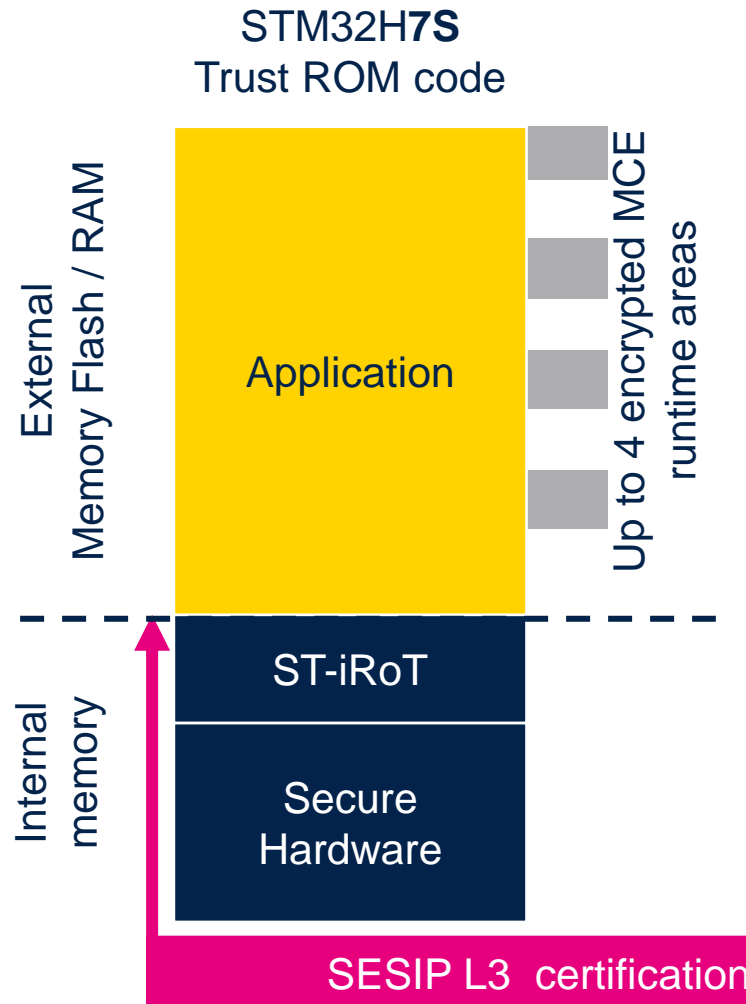
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Take away

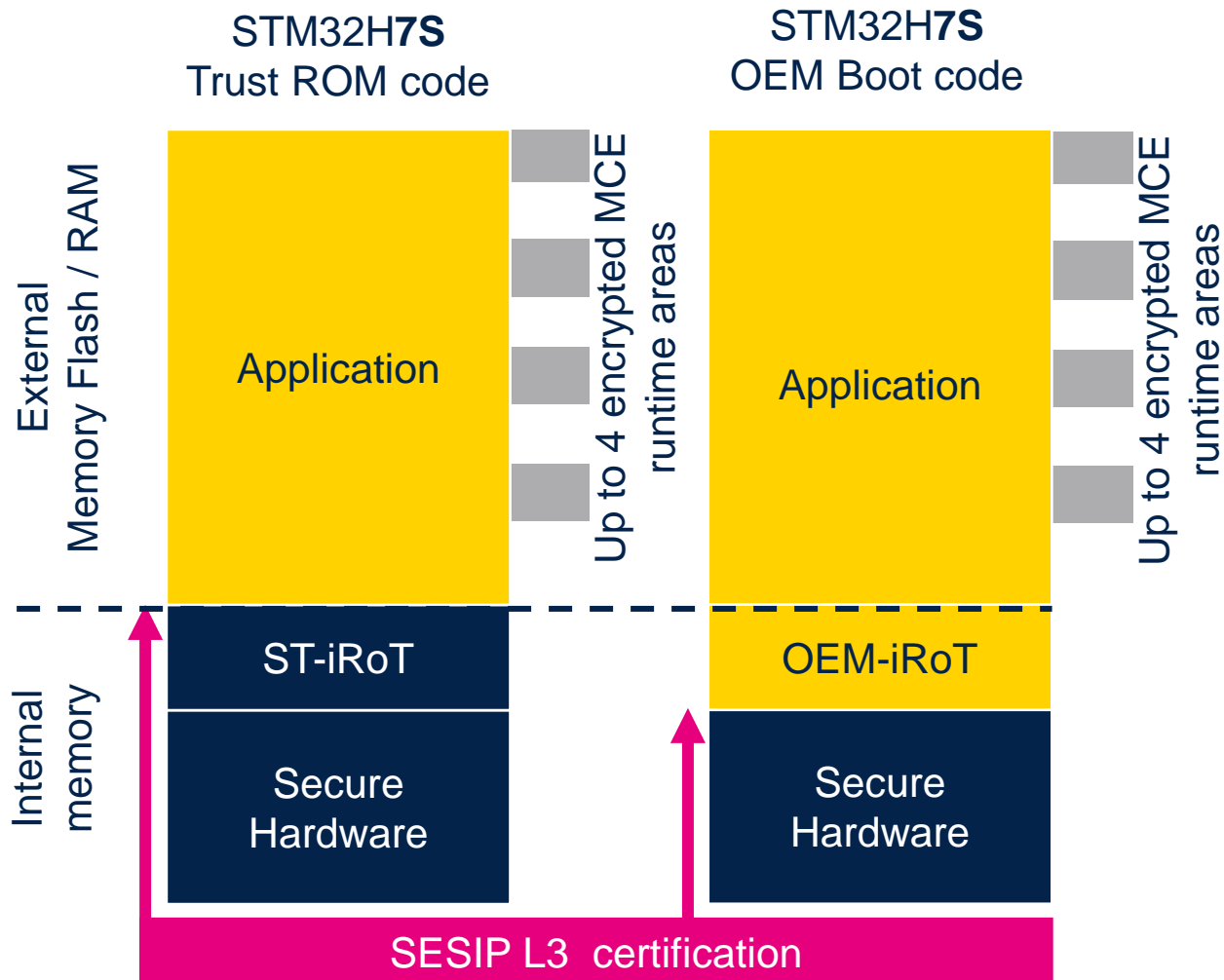
- STM32H7R-S implement Debug Authentication feature to control regression and debug reopening with certificate
- The provisioning adds a step in production
- This new mechanism increases the robustness of the flash protection but allows a reopening of the device and in a secure way.
- STM32H7RS introduced many other security features in STM32H7 family like...

Secure boot with secure firmware update capabilities !



STiROT
A ROMed secure boot with
secure update capability

Secure boot with secure firmware update capabilities !



OEMiRoT
Open source code example of
secure boot with secure update
capabilities

STM32H7RS scalable security !

<https://wiki.st.com/stm32mcu/wiki/Category:STM32H7RS>

The screenshot shows the STM32 MCU Wiki page for the category STM32H7RS. The page has a dark blue header with the STM logo and a search bar. The main content area is divided into sections: 'Security with STM32H7RS' and 'Getting started with STM32H7RS security'. The sidebar on the left contains a list of links for various security features and getting started guides. The subcategories section lists two subcategories: 'Security with STM32H7RS' (6 P) and 'Getting started with STM32H7RS security' (4 C, 1 P).

Security features embedded on:	STM32H7R	STM32H7S
Secure Boot and Firmware Update		
Boot sequence with OEMiRoT	NO	YES
Boot sequence with STiRoT	NO	YES
Isolation		
Temporal isolation	YES	YES
Cryptography		
ST crypto lib	YES	YES
Silicon device life cycle		
Product State	YES	YES
Debug authentication	YES	YES
Secure manufacturing		
SFI	YES	YES
SFlx	NO	NO
Provisioning	YES	YES
Secure storage		
OBKeys	YES	YES
Using SAES for secure storage	NO	YES

STM32H7S targeting SESIP/PSA L3 !

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