

Realtek Over-The-Air Programing

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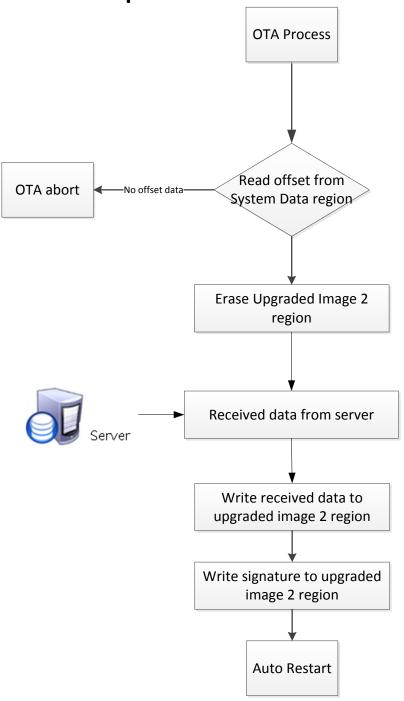
1 Introduction

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2 OTA overview

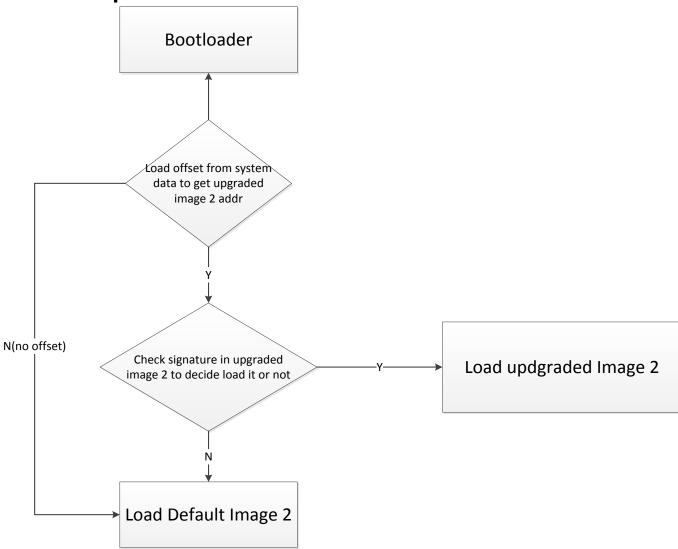
2.1 OTA operation flow





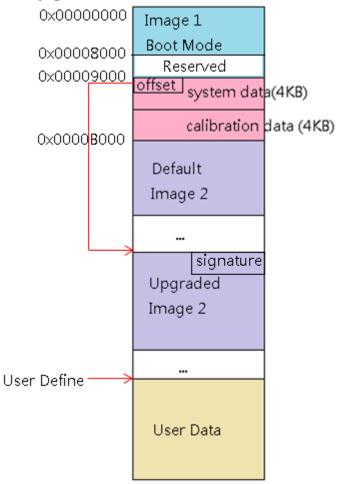
Note: During the step of "Erase Upgraded Image2 region", the signature is set to 0xffffffff, which is invalid signature.

2.2 Boot process flow





2.3 Upgraded Partition



According to the figure above, only Upgraded Image 2 is updated. The offset of Upgraded Image 2 is get from the system data area locates in the flash section 0x00009000.

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3 Implement OTA over Wi-Fi

3.1 OTA using local download server

The example shows how device updates image from a local download server. The local download server send image to device based on network socket.

Make sure both device and PC are connecting to the same local network.

3.1.1 **Build OTA Application image**

Turn on OTA command

The flag defined in \component\common\api\at_cmd\atcmd_wifi.c

//Config in atcmd_wifi.c		
#define CONFIG_OTA_UPDATE	1	

Define server type = SERVER_LOCAL in update.c file (path: tools\DownloadServer\).

//Config in update.c		
#define SERVER_LOCAL	1	
#define SERVER_CLOUD	2	
#define SERVER_TYPE	SERVER_LOCAL	



Write the address of the upgraded image 2 to system data.

Use the following sample code to write the upgraded image 2 address to system data flash section.

Read upgraded image 2 address from system data and verify this address

```
//Config in update.c
static void update_ota_local_task(void *param)
{
    ...
    //Get upgraded image 2 addr from offset
    flash_read_word(&flash, OFFSET_DATA, &NewImg2Addr);
    flash_read_word(&flash, IMAGE_2, &Img2Len);
    if((NewImg2Addr > IMAGE_3) && ((NewImg2Addr < (IMAGE_3+Img3Len))) ||
        (NewImg2Addr < IMAGE_3) ||
        ((NewImg2Addr & 0xfff) != 0)||
        (NewImg2Addr == ~0x0))
        goto update ota exit;
```





The address of OFFSET_DATA is 0x9000, and the address of upgraded image 2 is the first 4 byte from this address. If the address was not qualified, then the ota process will be stopped.

Define custom signature

```
//Config in update.c
1. turn on the marco as follows:
#define CONFIG CUSTOM SIGNATURE 1
2. Define your own signature.
#if CONFIG CUSTOM SIGNATURE
/* -----
 * Customized Signature
 * -----*/
// This signature can be used to verify the correctness of the image
// It will be located in fixed location in application image
#pragma location=".custom.validate.rodata"
const unsigned char cus_sig[32] = "Customer Signature-modelxxx";
#endif
3. compare it while complete flashing.
static void update_ota_local_task(void *param)
{
#if CONFIG CUSTOM SIGNATURE
      && !strcmp(read_custom_sig,custom_sig)
#endif
```



3.1.2 Local download server

Build new image New Project.bin in DownloadServer folder (path: tools\DownloadServer\).

DownloadServer.exe	2014/6/13	85 KB
New_Project.bin	2014/8/13	330 KB
start.bat	2014/8/13	1 KB

Edit start.bat file. Port = 8082, file = New_Project.bin

```
1 @echo off
2 DownloadServer 8082 New_Project.bin
3 set /p DUMMY=Press Enter to Continue ...
```

Execute start.bat

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

Listening on port (8082) to send New_Project.bin (337772 bytes)

Waiting for client ...
```

Reboot device and connect to AP.

Enter command: ATWO=IP[PORT].

```
# ATWO=192.168.1.100[1111]
[ATWO]. _AT_WLAN_OTA_UPDATE_

[MEM] After do cmd, available heap 25152

#
[update_ota_local_task] Update task start
[update_ota_local_task] Update OTA success!
[update_ota_local_task] Update task exit
```

Local download server success message:



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```
Listening on port (8082) to send New_Project.bin (337772 bytes)

Waiting for client ...
Accept client connection from 192.168.1.101
Sending ...

Total send 337772 bytes

Waiting for client ...
```

After finishing downloading image, device will be auto-rebooted, and the bootloader will load new image 2 if it exist.