

Configuring C099-F9P boards for a moving base setup using on-board Wi-Fi, with ODIN-W2 Connectivity SW

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- This presentation gives instructions on how to set up C099-F9P Base and Rover in a static base and in a moving base setup, using Wi-Fi.
- The C099-F9P board features the u-blox ZED-F9P high-precision GNSS receiver and the u-blox ODIN-W2 Wi-Fi/Bluetooth module.
- The ODIN-W2 module can run either Connectivity SW or Mbed FW.
- These instructions are for ODIN-W2 with Connectivity SW.

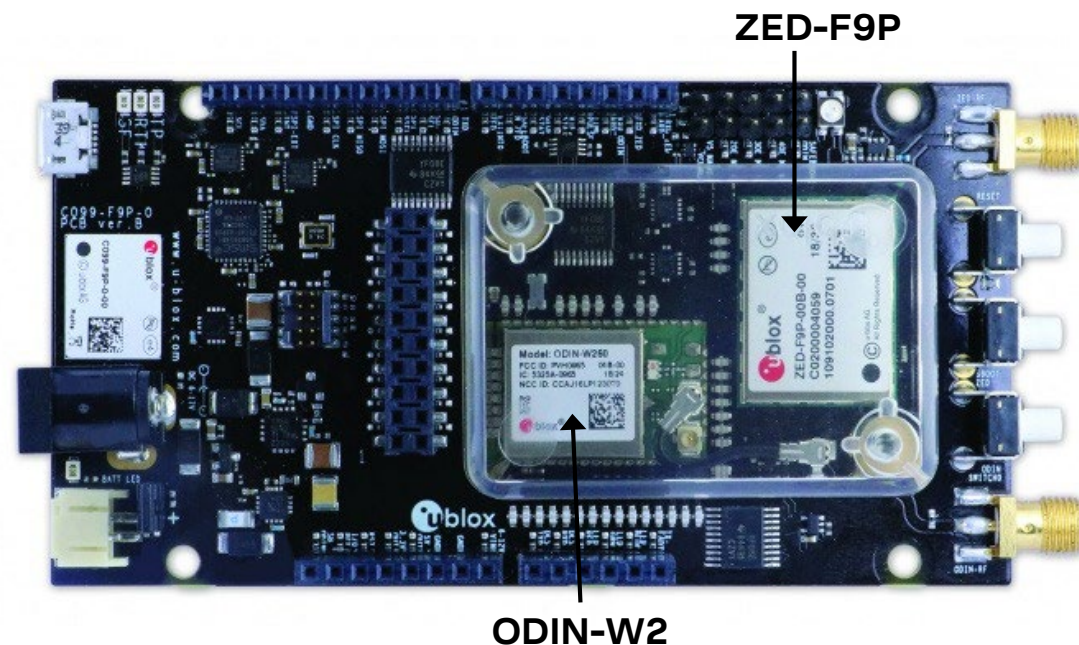
Note that the Connectivity SW name has changed to u-connectXpress.

ZED-F9P application board: C099-F9P

Designed for easy evaluation



- Includes u-blox ODIN-W2 module, with Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connectivity.
- Shipped with ANN-MB multi-band GNSS antenna.

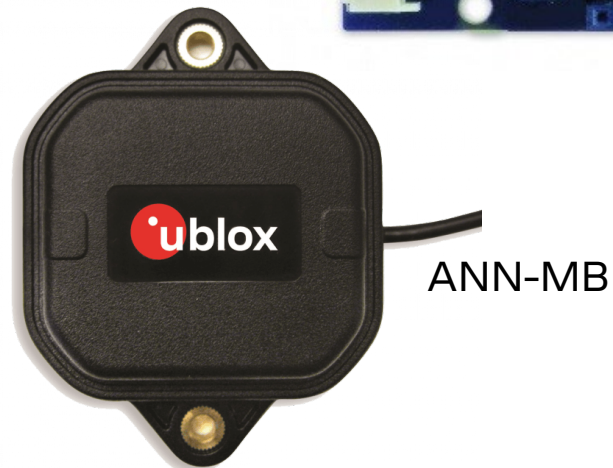
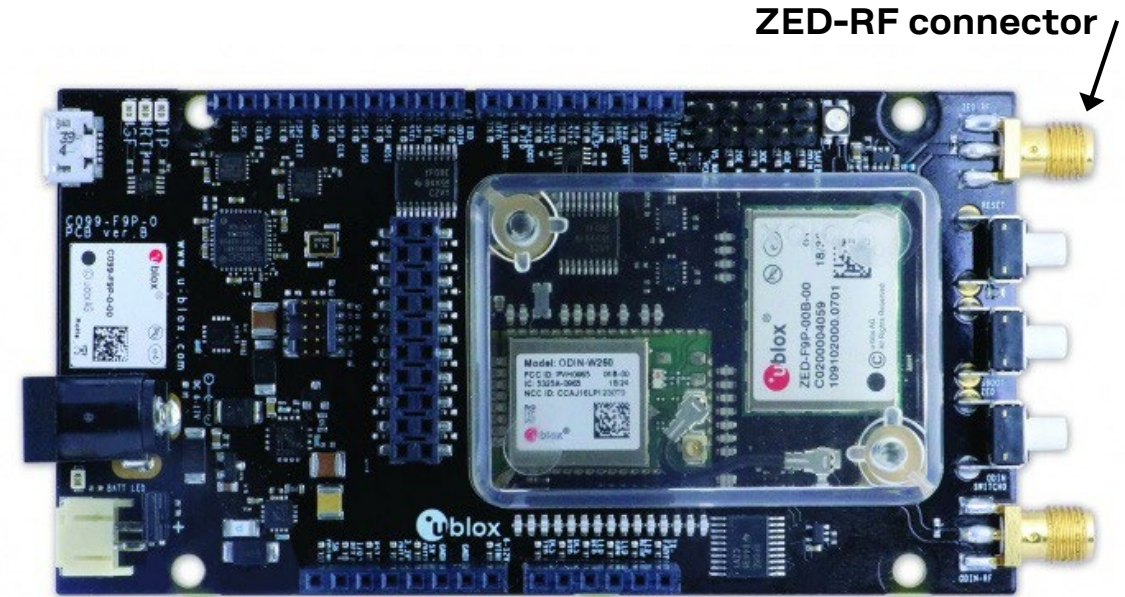


Note: There is one board per kit.

For a Rover + Base setup, please order two kits.

Connecting antenna

- Connect the supplied multi-band GNSS antenna to the ZED-RF SMA connector.
- Ensure good signal reception. Take special care of the Base station antenna placement.
- Use ground plane with ANN-MB.



Configuration overview

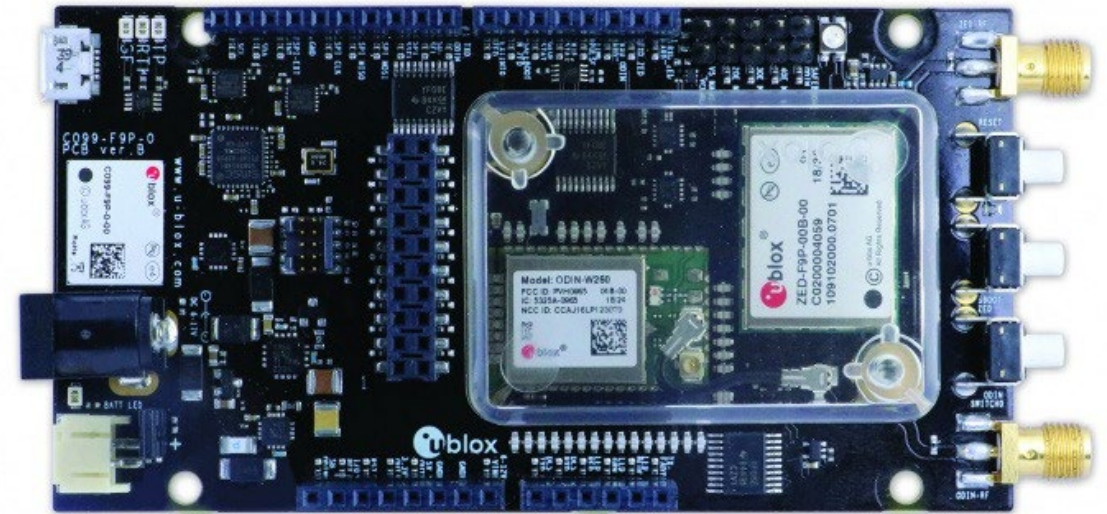


Base / Rover setup with two boards connected using Wi-Fi

- To make the setup easy, configuration files are available in the u-blox GitHub repository: https://github.com/u-blox/ublox-C099_F9P-uCS.
- For the Base, the configuration file ensures that ZED-F9P UART1 have all input protocols disabled. It also ensures that only RTCM messages are output on UART1, and all other protocols are disabled. There are two Base station configuration files available:
 - Static Base station: “*ZED-F9P Base config C099.txt*”
 - Moving Base station: “*ZED-F9P Base moving base config C099.txt*”
- The “*ZED-F9P Rover config C099.txt*” file holds the Rover configuration and ensures the right port configurations are used.

Powering up the board

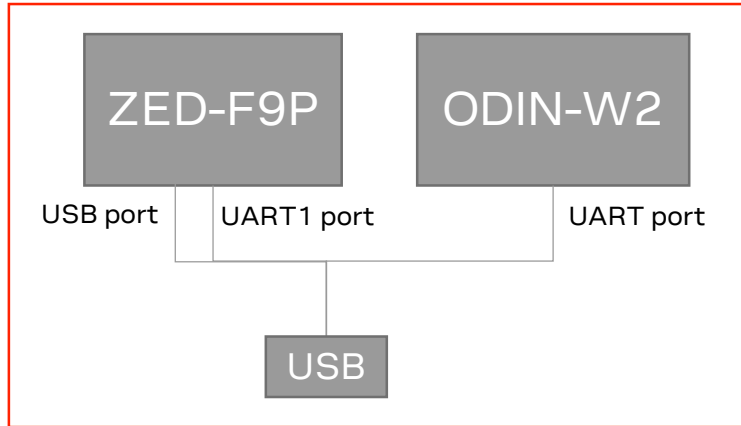
- Connect the USB to a Windows PC; this will power the board.
- The FTDI and USB drivers will be installed automatically.



A single USB connector for connection to ZED-F9P UART1, ODIN UART and ZED-F9P USB

Communication ports on C099-F9P

Overview



Windows Device Manager view

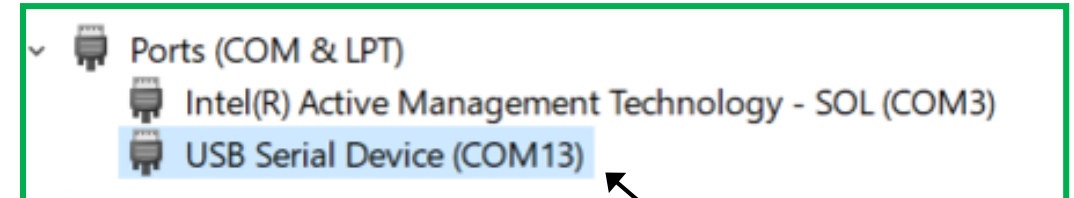
These connect to ZED-F9P UART1 and ODIN-W2 UART.

A single USB connector connects to ZED-F9P USB and UART1, and ODIN UART. The figure depicts the situation without jumper (3OE).

- A Virtual COM Port (VCP) will be created for the ZED-F9P USB port.
- For Windows 10 it will be shown as “USB Serial Device (COMx)”.
- For Windows 7 64-bit it will be shown as “u-blox GNSS Receiver (COMx)”.



Windows 7 64-bit ZED-F9P USB port



Windows 10 ZED-F9P USB port

We will connect to the ZED-F9P USB port to upload Base and Rover configuration files. The USB port can also be used to monitor and log e.g. UBX messages. The UART ports will be used for Wi-Fi communication Base/Rover.

Base configuration

Six steps for a static Base station



STEP 1: Connect base ZED-F9P USB port to u-center.

STEP 2: Open u-center, select View > Generation 9 Configuration View > Advanced Configuration.

STEP 3: Return receiver to defaults by selecting this icon in the Action toolbar:



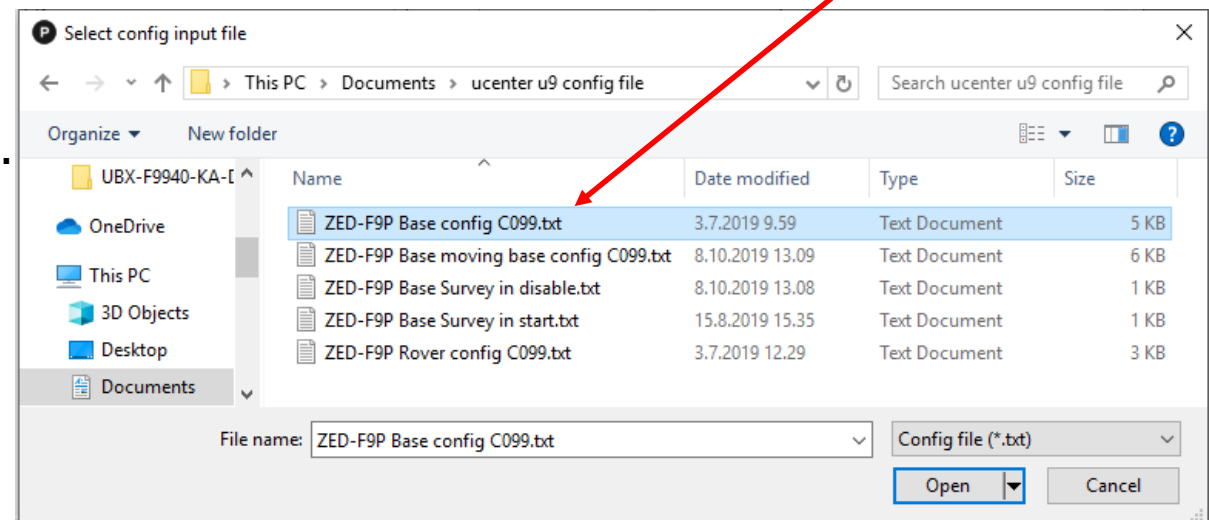
STEP 4: Select Load and ensure you select the “ZED-F9P Base config C099.txt” file.

STEP 5: Send and verify configuration.

STEP 6: Configure Base station coordinates or perform a Survey-in.

Select “ZED-F9P Base config” file.

For each step, more detailed description is given later in this presentation.



Moving base configuration

Five steps for a moving Base station



STEP 1: Connect base ZED-F9P USB port to u-center.

STEP 2: Open u-center, select View > Generation 9 Configuration View > Advanced Configuration.

STEP 3: Return receiver to defaults by selecting this icon in the Action toolbar:

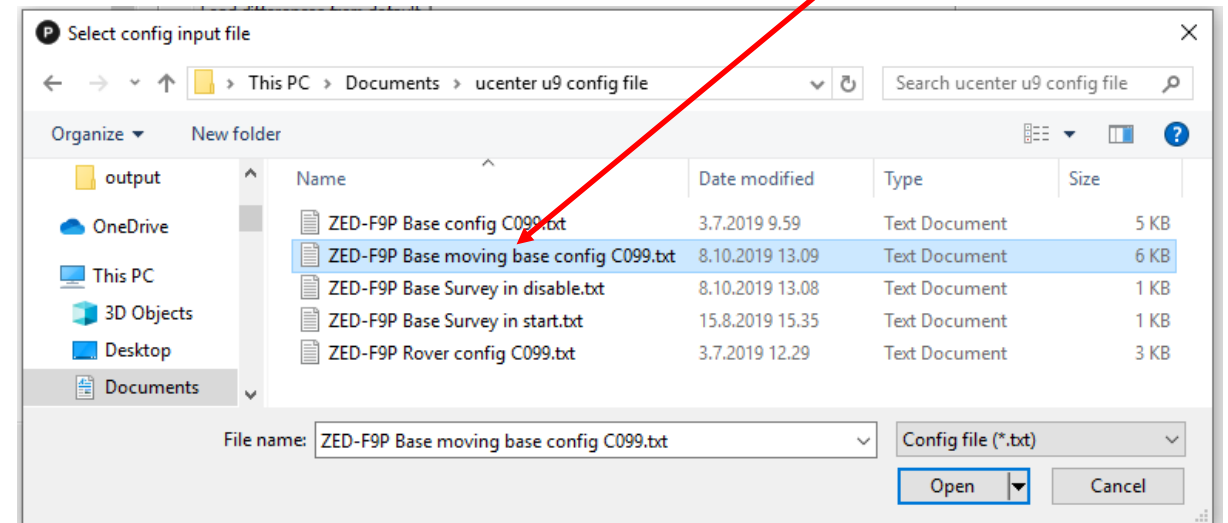


STEP 4: Select Load and ensure you select the “ZED-F9P Base moving base config C099.txt” file.

STEP 5: Send and verify configuration.

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Select “ZED-F9P Base moving base config” file.



Rover configuration

Five steps for a Rover configuration



STEP 1: Connect base ZED-F9P USB port to u-center.

STEP 2: Open u-center, select View > Generation 9 Configuration View > Advanced Configuration.

STEP 3: Return receiver to defaults by selecting this icon in the Action toolbar:

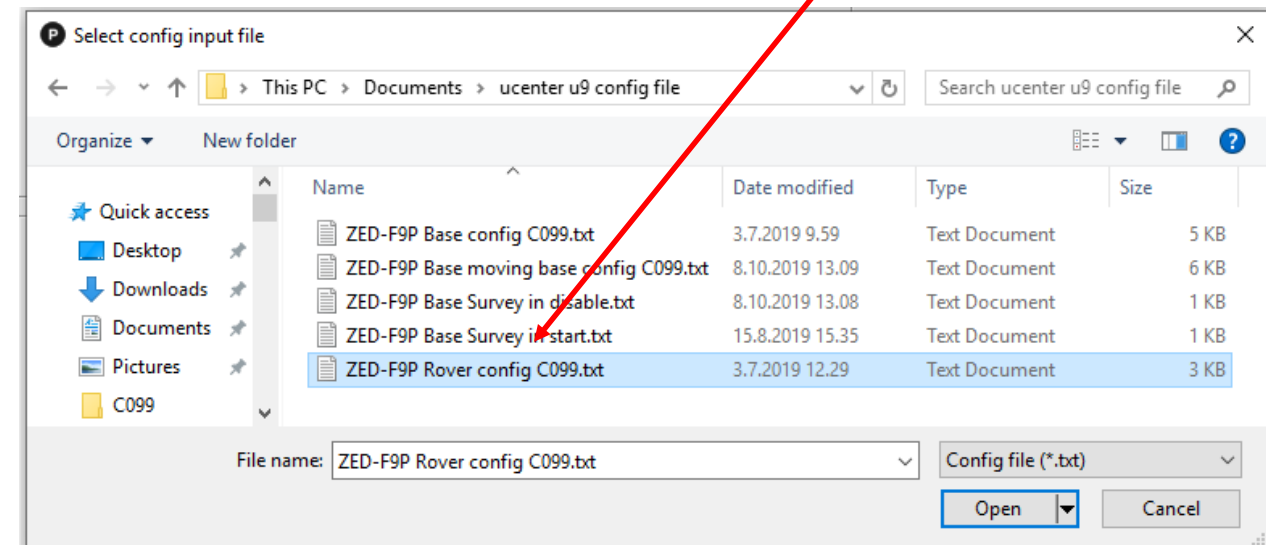


STEP 4: Select Load and ensure you select the “ZED-F9P Rover config C099.txt” file.

STEP 5: Send and verify configuration.

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Select “ZED-F9P Rover config” file.

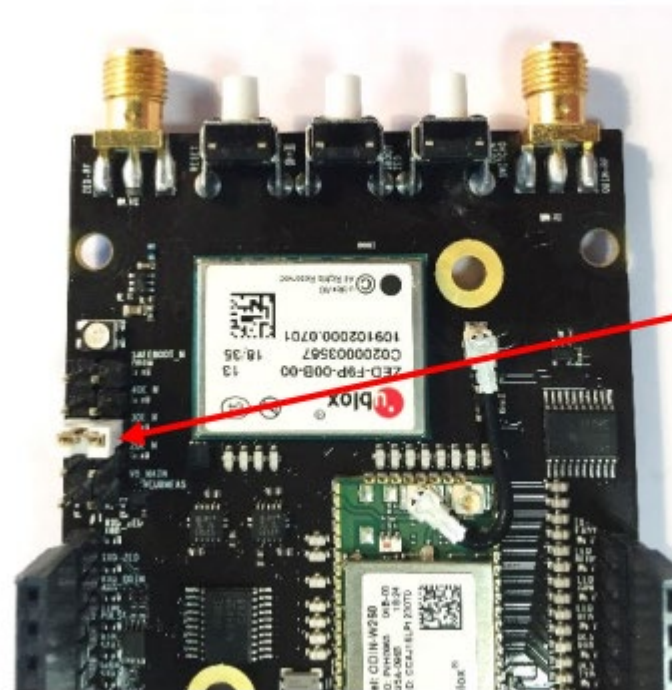


Enabling the Wi-Fi connection

ODIN-W2 Connectivity SW



- To enable the Base/Rover Wi-Fi communication with the Connectivity SW, place a jumper at position 'OE3' to connect ODIN-W2 and ZED-F9P UART1.



Jumper position "OE3"

- Use the ZED-F9P USB port to monitor and log e.g. UBX messages.
- To monitor the Rover status in the base station, refer to user guide.

- Configuration files and this presentation are shared on GitHub:

https://github.com/u-blox/ublox-C099_F9P-uCS

- User guide and more documentation is available on the product web page:

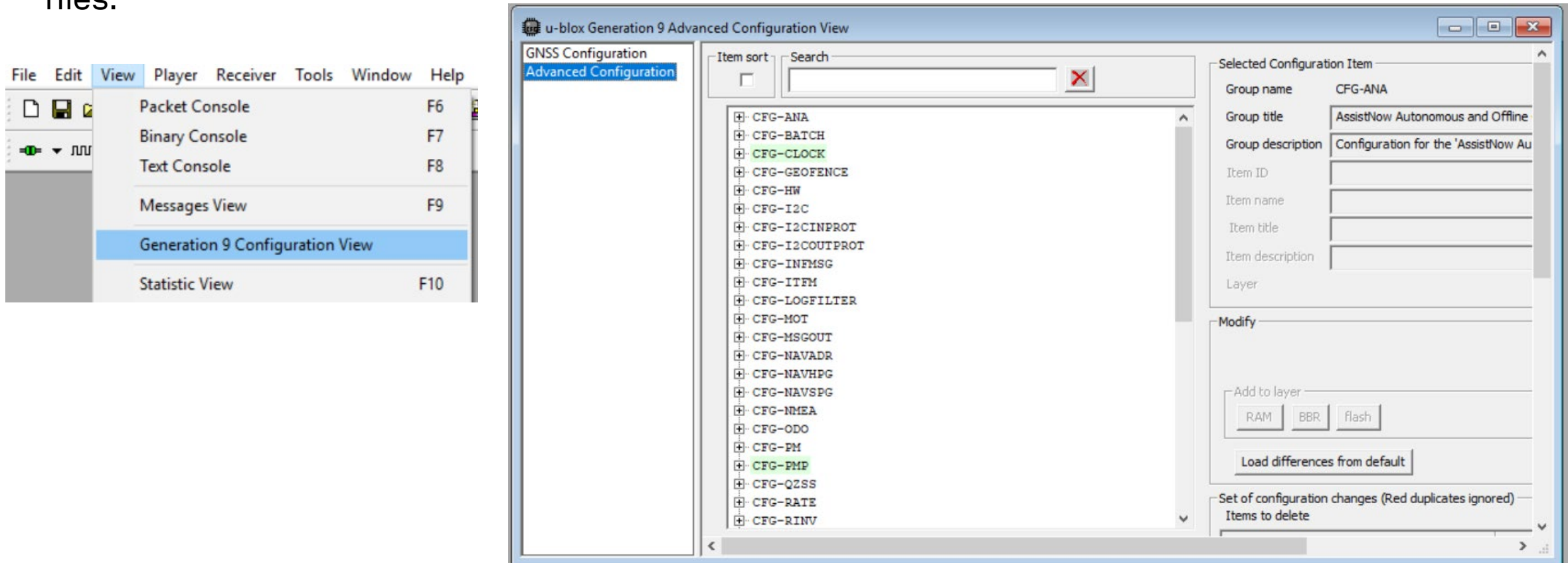
[C099-F9P User Guide \(with ODIN-W2 Connectivity SW\)](#)

<https://www.u-blox.com/en/product/c099-f9p-application-board>

STEP 2: u-center Configuration View

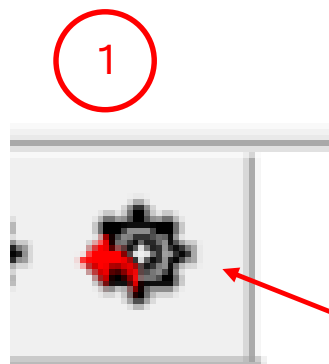


- Use the u-center View -> Generation 9 Configuration View -> Advanced Configuration to configure and upload the configuration files.



STEP 3: Return receiver to defaults

- Return receiver to defaults by clicking the icon shown with number 1 below. The icon is available in the Action toolbar.



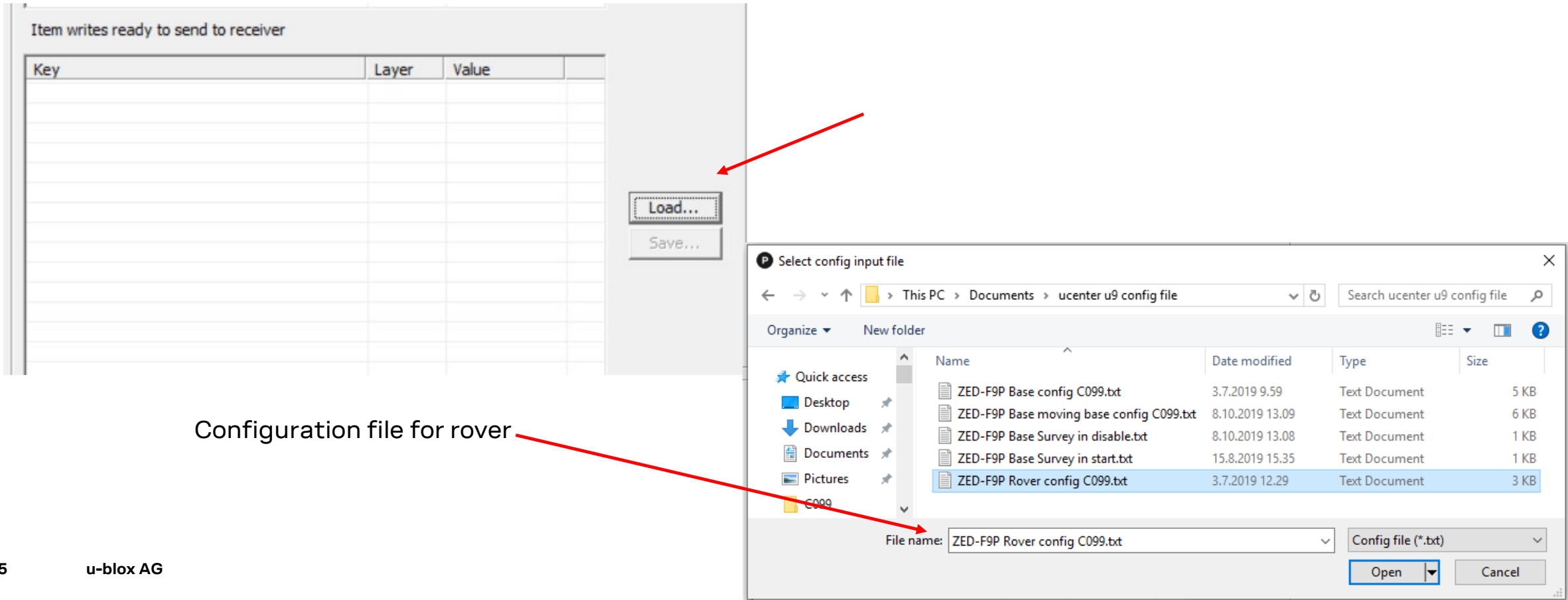
Return receiver to defaults by clicking this icon in the Action toolbar.



Click autobaud or select 38400 baud.

STEP 4: Load configuration

- Click the Load button in the Advanced Configuration dialog and select the right configuration file.



STEP 5: Send and verify configuration

Configuration (for rover in this example) loaded and ready to send.

Click Send button.

Load differences from default

Set of configuration changes (Red duplicates ignored)

Items to delete

Key	Layer
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Remove
Remove All
Send

Item writes ready to send to receiver

Key	Layer	Value
CFG-UART1INPROT-UBX (10730001)	0 RAM	1
CFG-UART1INPROT-UBX (10730001)	2 Flash	1
CFG-UART1INPROT-NMEA (10730002)	0 RAM	0
CFG-UART1INPROT-NMEA (10730002)	2 Flash	0
CFG-UART1INPROT-RTCM3X (10730004)	0 RAM	1
CFG-UART1INPROT-RTCM3X (10730004)	2 Flash	1
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-UBX (10740001)	0 RAM	1
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-UBX (10740001)	2 Flash	1
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-NMEA (10740002)	0 RAM	1
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-NMEA (10740002)	2 Flash	1
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-RTCM3X (10740004)	0 RAM	0
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-RTCM3X (10740004)	2 Flash	0
CFG-USBINPROT-UBX (10770001)	0 RAM	1
CFG-USBINPROT-UBX (10770001)	2 Flash	1
CFG-USBINPROT-NMEA (10770002)	0 RAM	1
CFG-USBINPROT-NMEA (10770002)	2 Flash	1
CFG-USBINPROT-RTCM3X (10770004)	0 RAM	1
CFG-USBINPROT-RTCM3X (10770004)	2 Flash	1
CFG-USBOUPROT-UBX (10780001)	0 RAM	1
CFG-USBOUPROT-UBX (10780001)	2 Flash	1
CFG-USBOUPROT-NMEA (10780002)	2 Flash	1

Load...
Save...

Tick marks indicate that configurations are successfully sent.

Key		Layer	Value
CFG-UART1INPROT-UBX (10730001)	✓	0 RAM	1
CFG-UART1INPROT-UBX (10730001)	✓	2 Flash	1
CFG-UART1INPROT-NMEA (10730002)	✓	0 RAM	0
CFG-UART1INPROT-NMEA (10730002)	✓	2 Flash	0
CFG-UART1INPROT-RTCM3X (10730004)	✓	0 RAM	1
CFG-UART1INPROT-RTCM3X (10730004)	✓	2 Flash	1
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-UBX (10740001)	✓	0 RAM	1
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-UBX (10740001)	✓	2 Flash	1
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-NMEA (10740002)	✓	0 RAM	1
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-NMEA (10740002)	✓	2 Flash	1
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-RTCM3X (10740004)	✓	0 RAM	0
CFG-UART1OUTPROT-RTCM3X (10740004)	✓	2 Flash	0
CFG-USBINPROT-UBX (10770001)	✓	0 RAM	1
CFG-USBINPROT-UBX (10770001)	✓	2 Flash	1
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CFG-USBINPROT-NMEA (10770002)	✓	2 Flash	1
CFG-USBINPROT-RTCM3X (10770004)	✓	0 RAM	1
CFG-USBINPROT-RTCM3X (10770004)	✓	2 Flash	1
CFG-USBOUPROT-UBX (10780001)	✓	0 RAM	1
CFG-USBOUPROT-UBX (10780001)	✓	2 Flash	1
CFG-USBOUPROT-NMEA (10780002)	✓	2 Flash	1

Load...
Save...

STEP 6: Static base station configuration



- A static base station needs fixed coordinates to be entered or needs Survey-in process to be run before it can act as a Base station.
- The configuration file “*F9P Base Survey in start.txt*” can be used to execute the commands needed for a Survey-in.

Thank you for your attention