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1 Introduction

This document introduces the procedure to upgrade the firmware of the Quectel L89 R2.0, LC29H and LC79H GNSS modules.

Following the procedure illustrated in this document, you can upgrade and download the firmware to the target GNSS module via the UART interface. The baud rate for firmware upgrade is 115200 bps by default.

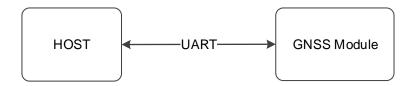


Figure 1: Firmware Upgrade Connection



2 Firmware Upgrade Process

This chapter describes all the necessary steps in the firmware upgrade process.

The following table defines all the constants used in this document.

Table 1: List of Constants

Constant Name	Constant Value	Steps
	0x1000	Figure 4: Disable Module WDT
BROM_ERROR		Figure 5: Send DA File to
		<u>Module</u>
		Figure 6: Jump to DA
Module WDT Register	0xA2080000	Figure 4: Disable Module
Address	5A 1200000	<u>WDT</u>
WDT Value	0x0010	Figure 4: Disable Module
- Value	5,0010	<u>WDT</u>
		Figure 5: Send DA File to
DA Run/Start Address	0x04204000	<u>Module</u>
		Figure 6: Jump to DA
	0x00006CF7 (DA file requiring 115200 bps	
DA Length	for transmission)	Figure 5: Send DA File to
27 (2011gu)	0x00006DCB (DA file requiring 921600 bps	<u>Module</u>
	for transmission)	
Flash Manufacturer ID	0x00EF	Figure 7: Sync with DA
		and Get DA Report
Flash Device ID1	0x0060	Figure 7: Sync with DA
		and Get DA Report
Flash Device ID2	0x0016	Figure 7: Sync with DA
1 10011 50 1100 152		and Get DA Report
Flash Mount Status	0x00000000	Figure 7: Sync with DA
- Idan Mount Otatus		and Get DA Report
Flash Base Address	0x08000000	Figure 7: Sync with DA
I Idolf Dase Addiess		and Get DA Report



Flash Size	0x00400000	Figure 7: Sync with DA and Get DA Report
Format Physical Address	0x08000000	Figure 8: Format Flash
Format Length 1)	0x00400000	Figure 8: Format Flash
FW Flash Address	0x08000000 (partition_table.bin) 0x08003000 (ag3335_bootloader.bin) 0x08013000 (gnss_demo.bin) 0x083FF000 (gnss_config.bin)	Figure 9: Send FW File to Module
FW Packet Length	0x00001000	Figure 9: Send FW File to Module

NOTE

- 1. The bytes to be sent are transmitted in the big-endian format.
- 2. ¹) When upgrading the firmware of LC29H (BA, CA), the Format Length must be set to 0x003EF000.



2.1. Communication Between Host and Module

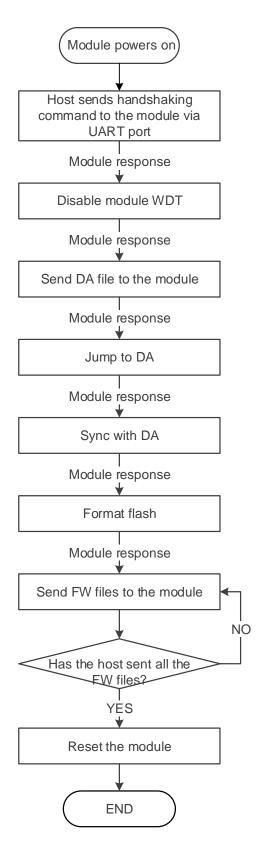


Figure 2: Communication Between Host and Module



The following sections illustrate how the host establishes communication with the module and sends commands and files to the module:

- Handshake with the module
- Disable module WDT (Watch Dog Timer)
- Send DA (Download Agent) file to the module
- Jump to DA
- Sync with DA
- Format flash
- Send FW (firmware) files to the module

2.1.1. Handshake with Module

This section describes the handshaking mechanism for the communication between the host and the module.

After the module is powered on, it waits for 150 milliseconds for **0xA0** sent by the host. If it fails to receive the **0xA0**, the handshake fails.

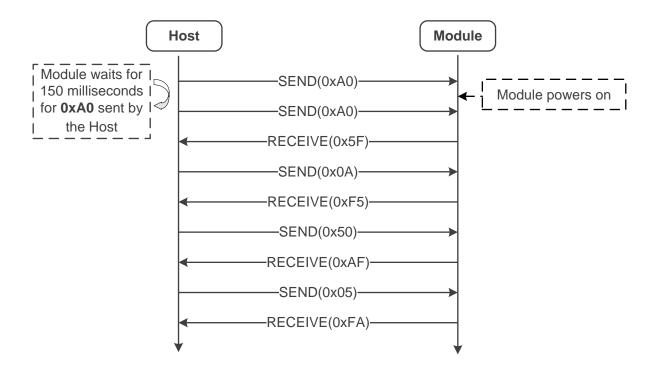


Figure 3: Handshake

NOTE

The host sends **0xA0** repeatedly until it receives **0x5F** from the module, and then sends **0x0A**.



2.1.2. Disable Module WDT

The following diagram illustrates how to disable module WDT to avoid module reboot.

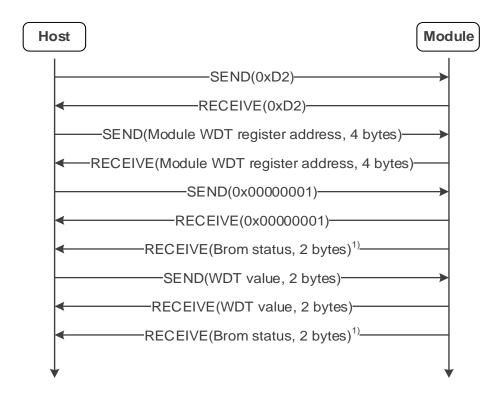


Figure 4: Disable Module WDT

NOTE

1) means Brom status must not be BROM_ERROR.



2.1.3. Send DA File to Module

The following diagram illustrates how to send a DA file to the module. You can use either of the two DA files provided: one requires the baud rate of 921600 bps for transmission, and the other requires the baud rate of 115200 bps.

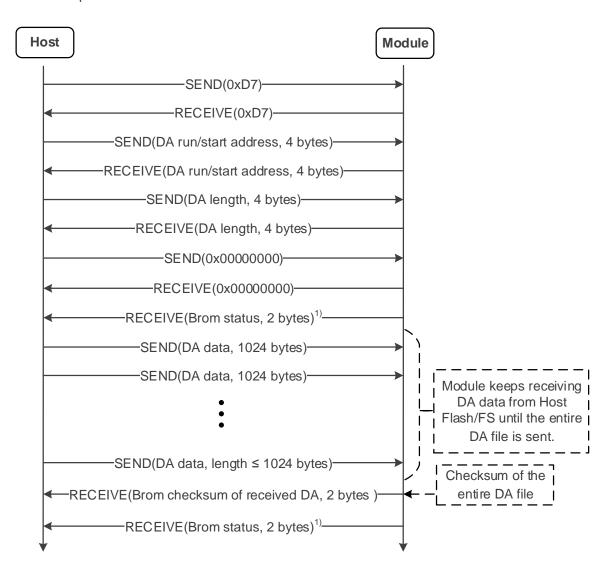


Figure 5: Send DA File to Module

NOTE

1) means Brom status must not be BROM_ERROR.

Checksum Code of DA File

```
uint16_t DA_compute_checksum (uint8_t *buf, uint32_t buf_len)
{
```



```
uint16_t checksum = 0;
if (buf == NULL || buf_len == 0) {
    return 0;
}
int i = 0;
for (i = 0; i < buf_len / 2; i++) {
    checksum ^= *(uint16_t *) (buf + i * 2);
}
if ((buf_len % 2) == 1) {
    checksum ^= buf[i * 2];
}
return checksum;
}
uint16_t local_check_sum ^= DA_compute_checksum(data_buf, len);</pre>
```

2.1.4. **Jump to DA**

The following diagram illustrates how to inject the DA and how to execute it.

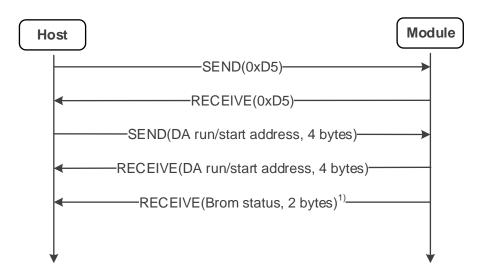


Figure 6: Jump to DA

NOTE

1) means Brom status must not be BROM_ERROR.

2.1.5. Sync with DA

The following diagram illustrates how to sync with DA and get the DA report in detail.



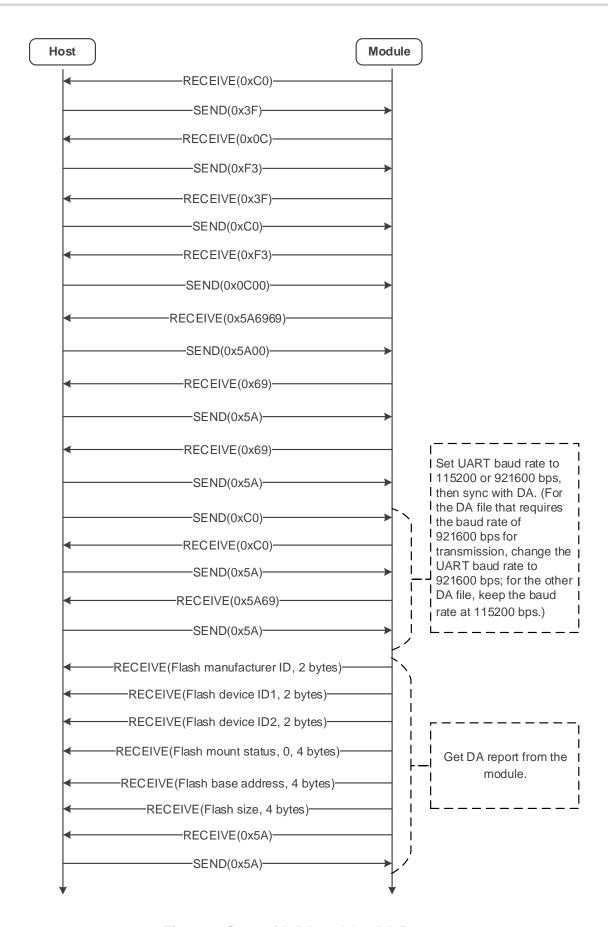


Figure 7: Sync with DA and Get DA Report



2.1.6. Format Flash

The following diagram illustrates how to format the module's flash.

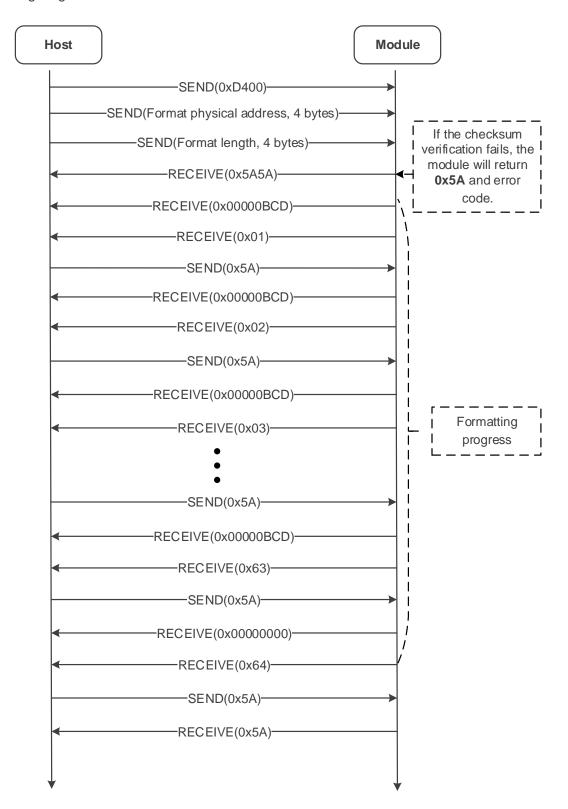


Figure 8: Format Flash



2.1.7. Send FW File to Module

The following diagram illustrates how to send FW files to the module.

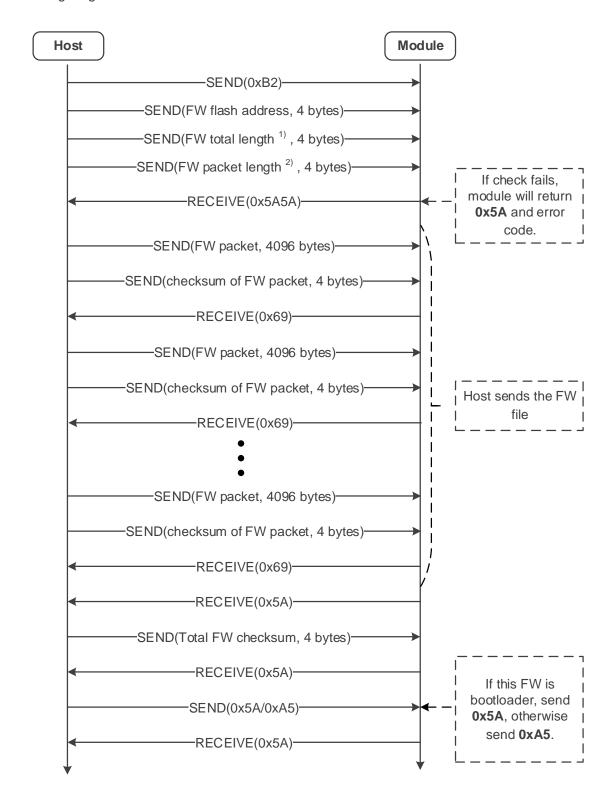


Figure 9: Send FW File to Module



NOTE

- 1. 1) The FW total length must be an integer multiple of 4K.
- 2. 2) Size of each packet is 4096 bytes.

Checksum Code of the FW Packet

```
uint32_t CRC_compute_simple_checksum (uint8_t *buf, uint32_t buf_len) {
    uint32_t checksum = 0;
    if (buf == NULL || buf_len == 0) {
        return 0;
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < buf_len; i++) {
        checksum += *(buf + i);
    }
    return checksum;
}

uint32_t packet_checksum = CRC_compute_simple_checksum (buf, buf_len);
//Total Checksum Code of the FW file:
uint32_t Total_FW_checksum += packet_checksum;</pre>
```

NOTE

If the last FW packet is less than 4096 bytes, add "0xFF" at the end of the last FW packet.



3 Upgrade Implementation Example

Below is an example of the L89 R2.0 firmware upgrade.

```
//Figure 3: Handshake
//Host keeps sending 0xA0, and the module is powered on.
A0
A0
A0
A0
A0
A0
A0
//Module responds with 0x5F.
//Host sends 0x0A.
0A
//Module responds with 0xF5.
//Host sends 0x50.
//Module responds with 0xAF.
AF
//Host sends 0x05.
05
//Module responds with 0xFA.
//Figure 4: Disable Module WDT
//Host sends 0xD2.
D2
//Module responds with 0xD2.
D2
//Host sends 0xA2080000.
A2 08 00 00
//Module responds with 0xA2080000.
A2 08 00 00
//Host sends 0x0000001.
```



```
00 00 00 01
//Module responds with 0x0000001.
00 00 00 01
//Module responds with Brom status.
00 01
//Host sends 0x0010.
00 10
//Module responds with 0x0010.
00 10
//Module responds with Brom status.
00 01
//Figure 5: Send DA File to Module
//Host sends 0xD7.
D7
//Module responds with 0xD7.
D7
//Host sends DA run/start address.
04 20 40 00
//Module responds with DA run/start address.
04 20 40 00
//Host sends DA length. (For DA file requiring the baud rate of 115200 bps for transmission, the DA length
is "00 00 6C F7"; for DA file requiring the baud rate of 921600 bps for transmission, the DA length is
"00 00 6D CB".)
00 00 6C F7
//Module responds with DA length.
00 00 6C F7
//Host sends 0x00000000.
00 00 00 00
//Module responds with 0x0000000.
00 00 00 00
//Module responds with Brom status.
00 00
//Host sends DA data, in a chunk of 1 KB.
27 B6 11 49 11 4A 4F F0 00 00 91 42 00 F0 05 80 41 F8 04 0B 91 42 7F F6 .....
//Host sends DA data, in a chunk of 1 KB.
23 48 08 3E 1F 46 89 46 92 46 FF F7 95 FF 10 23 33 60 34 68 1F 4D E3 06 ......
//Host sends the last chunk of DA data. (length ≤ 1 KB)
65 73 73 28 30 78 25 78 29 20 74 6F 20 62 6C 6F 63 6B 20 69 6E 64 65 78 .....
//Module responds with Brom checksum of the received DA (2 bytes).
46 1D (Checksum Code of DA File)
//Module responds with Brom status.
00 00
//Figure 6: Jump to DA
```



//Host sends 0xD5. **D5** //Module responds with **0xD5**. //Host sends DA run/start address. 04 20 40 00 //Module responds with DA run/start address. 04 20 40 00 //Module responds with Brom status. 00 00 //Figure 7: Sync with DA //Module responds with **0xC0**. C₀ //Host sends 0x3F. 3F //Module responds with **0x0C**. 0C //Host sends 0xF3. F3 //Module responds with 0x3F. //Host sends 0xC0. C₀ //Module responds with **0xF3**. F3 //Host sends 0x0C00. OC 00 //Module responds with 0x5A6969. 5A 69 69 //Host sends 0x5A00. 5A 00 //Module responds with **0x69**. 69 //Host sends 0x5A. 5A //Module responds with **0x69**. 69 //Host sends 0x5A. //Host sends 0xC0. (For the DA file that requires the baud rate of 921600 bps for transmission, change the UART baud rate to 921600 bps; for the other DA file, keep the baud rate at 115200 bps.) C₀ //Module responds with **0xC0**. C₀



//Host sends 0x5A.

5A

//Module responds with 0x5A69.

5A 69

//Host sends 0x5A.

5A

//Module responds with flash manufacturer ID.

00 EF

//Module responds with flash device ID1.

00 60

//Module responds with flash device ID2.

00 16

//Module responds with flash mount status.

00 00 00 00

//Module responds with flash base address.

08 00 00 00

//Module responds with flash size.

00 40 00 00

//Module responds with **0x5A**.

5A

//Host sends 0x5A.

5A

//Figure 8: Format Flash

//Host sends 0xD400.

D4 00

//Host sends format physical address.

08 00 00 00

//Host sends format length. (When upgrading the firmware of LC29H (BA, CA), the format length must be set to "00 3E F0 00".)

00 40 00 00

//Module responds with **0x5A5A**.

5A 5A

//Module responds with **0x00000BCD** and formatting progress.

00 00 0B CD 01

//Host sends **0x5A** and waits for the module to respond with **0x00000BCD** and formatting progress.

5A 00 00 0B CD 02

//Host sends **0x5A** and waits for the module to respond with **0x00000BCD** and formatting progress.

5A 00 00 0B CD 03

//Host sends **0x5A** and waits for the module to respond with **0x00000BCD** and formatting progress.

5A 00 00 0B CD 04

.

//Host sends **0x5A** and waits for the module to respond with **0x00000BCD** and formatting progress.

5A 00 00 0B CD 63

//Host sends **0x5A** and waits for the module to respond with **0x00000000** and formatting progress.



5A 00 00 00 00 64 //Host sends 0x5A. //Module responds with 0x5A. 5A // Figure 9: Send FW File to Module //Host sends 0xB2. **B2** //Host sends FW flash address (partition table.bin). 08 00 00 00 //Host sends FW total length (partition_table.bin). 00 00 10 00 //Host sends FW packet length (4 bytes). 00 00 10 00 //Module responds with 0x5A5A. 5A 5A //Host sends FW packet (4096 bytes). //Host sends checksum of FW packet (4 bytes). 00 0E 7B 22 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet) //Module responds with 0x695A. 69 5A //Host sends the total FW checksum (4 bytes). 00 0E 7B 22 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet) //Module responds with 0x5A. 5A //Host sends 0x5A/0xA5. (If this FW is ag3335_bootloader.bin, send 0x5A, otherwise send 0xA5.) **A5** //Module responds with **0x5A**. 5A //Host sends 0xB2. //Host sends FW flash address (ag3335_bootloader.bin). 08 00 30 00 //Host sends FW total length (ag3335_bootloader.bin). (4K alignment: the FW total length must be an integer multiple of 4K.) 00 00 50 00 //Host sends FW packet length (4 bytes). 00 00 10 00 //Module responds with 0x5A5A. 5A 5A //Host sends FW packet (4096 bytes).

//Host sends checksum of FW packet (4 bytes).

DF F8 3C D0 72 B6 00 20 03 21 0E 4A 42 F8 04 0B 11 60 0D 4A 0D 4B 00 F0



```
00 05 AD 0C (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)
//Module responds with 0x69.
69
//Host sends FW packet (4096 bytes).
D4 30 00 20 10 BD 00 BF C7 28 00 04 4F F4 40 73 A1 F8 BC 30 4F F4 80 73 .....
//Host sends checksum of FW packet (4 bytes).
00 05 67 E0 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)
//Module responds with 0x69.
69
//Host sends FW packet (4096 bytes).
65 6C 20 70 61 73 73 21 0D 0A 00 72 69 73 69 6E 67 20 66 72 65 71 20 74 .....
//Host sends checksum of FW packet (4 bytes).
00 05 D5 53 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)
// Module responds with 0x69.
69
//Host sends FW packet (4096 bytes).
70 B5 D0 F8 C8 30 DA 06 04 46 0D 46 01 D4 FF F7 54 FF D4 F8 C8 30 DB 06 ......
//Host sends checksum of FW packet (4 bytes).
00 06 D9 83 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)
//Module responds with 0x69.
69
//Host sends FW packet (4096 bytes).
06 48 04 E0 06 48 02 E0 06 48 00 E0 06 48 00 EB 81 00 FF F7 B3 BF 6F F0 ......
//Host sends checksum of FW packet (4 bytes).
00 0D 0D 06 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)
//Module responds with 0x695A.
69 5A
//Host sends the total FW checksum (4 bytes).
00 24 D0 C8 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)
//Module responds with 0x5A.
5A
//Host sends 0x5A/0xA5. (If this FW is ag3335_bootloader.bin, send 0x5A, otherwise send 0xA5.)
5A
//Module responds with 0x5A.
5A
//Host sends 0xB2.
B2
//Host sends FW flash address (gnss_demo.bin).
08 01 30 00
//Host sends FW total length (gnss_demo.bin). (4K alignment: the FW total length must be an integer
multiple of 4K.)
00 11 50 00
//Host sends FW packet length (4 bytes).
00 00 10 00
```



```
//Module responds with 0x5A5A.
5A 5A
//Host sends FW packet (4096 bytes).
DF F8 A0 D0 72 B6 28 48 80 47 28 48 28 49 01 60 28 48 29 49 01 60 29 48 .....
//Host sends checksum of FW packet (4 bytes).
00 06 A7 58 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)
//Module responds with 0x69.
69
//Host sends FW packet (4096 bytes).
C3 80 60 46 89 1A B1 FB F6 F2 AD B2 06 FB 12 11 45 EA 01 45 07 FB 02 F7 .....
//Host sends checksum of FW packet (4 bytes).
00 06 26 F9 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)
//Module responds with 0x69.
69
//Host sends FW packet (4096 bytes).
20 46 0A 46 0B 46 00 F0 EF F9 3D E0 01 21 20 46 00 F0 C2 FA 24 49 2A 46 .....
//Host sends checksum of FW packet (4 bytes).
00 06 25 D6 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)
//Module responds with 0x69.
69
//Host sends FW packet (4096 bytes).
//Host sends checksum of FW packet (4 bytes).
00 0F F0 00 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)
//Module responds with 0x695A.
69 5A
//Host sends the total FW checksum (4 bytes).
07 B8 3C 46 (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)
//Module responds with 0x5A.
5A
//Host sends 0x5A/0xA5. (If this FW is ag3335_bootloader.bin, send 0x5A, otherwise send 0xA5.)
A5
//Module responds with 0x5A.
5A
//Host sends 0xB2.
B2
//Host sends FW flash address (gnss_config.bin).
08 3F F0 00
//Host sends FW total length (gnss_config.bin). (4K alignment: the FW total length must be an integer
multiple of 4K.)
00 00 10 00
//Host sends FW packet length (4 bytes).
00 00 10 00
```



//Module responds with 0x5A5A.

5A 5A

//Host sends FW packet (4096 bytes).

01 01 01 FF 01 64 00 00 00 FF FF FF

//Host sends checksum of FW packet (4 bytes).

00 0E 46 9E (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)

//Module responds with 0x695A.

69 5A

//Host sends the total FW checksum (4 bytes).

00 0E 46 9E (Checksum Code of the FW Packet)

//Module responds with **0x5A**.

5A

//Host sends **0x5A/0xA5**. (If this FW is ag3335_bootloader.bin, send **0x5A**, otherwise send **0xA5**.)

A5

//Module responds with **0x5A**.

5A



4 Appendix Reference

Table 2: Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
DA	Download Agent
FS	File System
FW	Firmware
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter
WDT	Watchdog Timer