RAK831+FT2232HL Quick Start Guide V1.2

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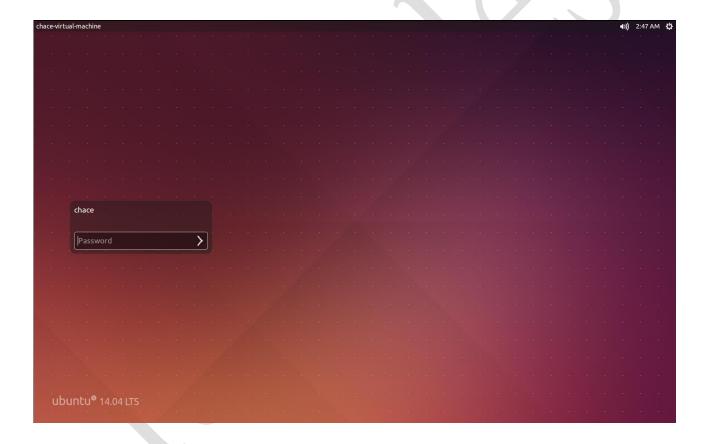
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1. Required materials (hardware, tools)

- RAK831 LoRa Gateway board x1
- FT2232HL Module x1
- Mini USB Data lines x1
- Ubuntu

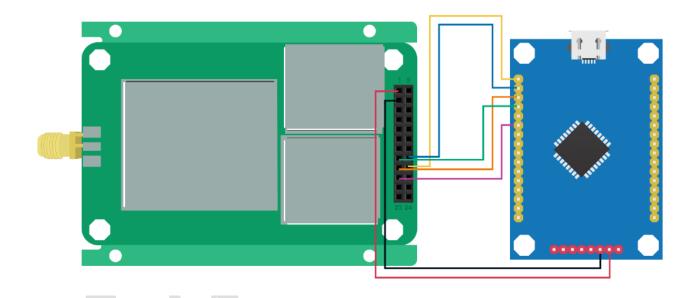
Note: The environment needs to use the entire Linux system to support, recommend the use of Ubuntu system, other Liunx system also can be achieved.



2. Hardware connection

As the RAK831 uses SPI interface communication, so the computer to communicate with it must use USB to SPI interface to achieve, so the use of FT2232HL module to achieve conversion, RAK831 and FT2232HL wiring as follows:

FT2232HL	RAK831	Pin meaning
VDD5V	Pin1	5V
GND	Pin3	GND
ADBUS0	Pin18	SCK
ADBUS1	Pin16	MOSI
ADBUS2	Pin17	MISO
ADBUS3	Pin15	CSN
ADBUS5	Pin19	RST







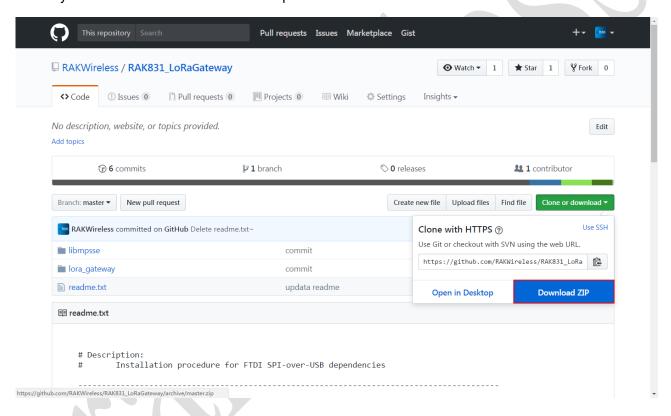
3. Install and compile

3.1 Download of the Open Source Driver

You can download the open source code on our official github:(This project only supports LoRaP2P, does not support LoRaWAN)

https://github.com/RAKWireless/RAK831 LoRaGateway

If you are using a Windows system, you can click here to download. And then extract, copy the file to your own virtual machine Liunx system. We do not recommend this method to obtain, you directly in the Liunx system environment will be more simple to obtain.



If you are on a Linux system, you can use the following two methods to get the open source code.

Method 1. If you have already installed the github environment on Linux system, then you can get it directly using the github cloning feature.

git clone https://github.com/RAKWireless/RAK831 LoRaGateway.git

```
chace@chace-virtual-machine:-$ git clone https://github.com/RAKWireless/RAK831_LoRaGateway.git
Cloning into 'RAK831_LoRaGateway'...
remote: Counting objects: 133, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (104/104), done.
remote: Total 133 (delta 22), reused 126 (delta 20), pack-reused 0
Receiving objects: 100% (133/133), 854.75 KiB | 147.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (22/22), done.
Checking connectivity... done.
chace@chace-virtual-machine:-$
```

Method 2. If you do not have the github environment installed, it does not matter. You can use the following command to get the open source code.

wget https://github.com/RAKWireless/RAK831_LoRaGateway/archive/master.zip

Unzip the downloaded file:

unzip master.zip

```
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~$ unzip master.zip
Archive: master.zip
bbc192dffcaaaa7577e43a2cf89304b88728d46b
    creating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/
   creating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/
inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/README.md
    creating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/docs/
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/docs/AN_135_MPSSE_Basics.pdf
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/docs/COPYING
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/docs/INSTALL
inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/docs/README
inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/docs/README.BITBANG
inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/docs/README.C
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/docs/README.GPIO
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/docs/README.I2C
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/docs/README.PYTHON
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/docs/README.SPI
  creating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/
inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/Makefile
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/Makefile.in
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/config.h
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/config.log
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/config.status
inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/configure
inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/configure.ac
    creating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/examples/
   inflating: RAK831 LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/examples/Makefile
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/examples/at93c46d.py
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/examples/bitbang.c inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/examples/bitbang.py inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/examples/ds1305.c inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/examples/ds1305.py
   inflating: RAK831_LoRaGateway-master/libmpsse/src/examples/gpio.c
```

3.2 Install libFTDI

Due to the need to use the FT2232HL module, it is necessary to install Liunx driver of FT2232HL module. The installation process is simple and can be done according to the following steps:

Step: install libftdi-dev

sudo apt-get install libftdi-dev

```
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~$ sudo apt-get install libftdi-dev
[sudo] password for chace:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
libftdi-dev is already the newest version.
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 452 not upgraded.
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~$
```

3.3 Install the libmpsse

Step 1 : Go to download the open source code under the ../libmpsse/src directory.Execute the following command.

sudo ./configure --disable-python

```
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/libmpsse/src$ sudo ./configure --disable-python
[sudo] password for chace:
configure: WARNING: unrecognized options: --disable-python
checking for gcc... gcc
checking whether the C compiler works... yes
checking for C compiler default output file name... a.out
checking for suffix of executables.
checking whether we are cross compiling... no
checking for suffix of object files... o
checking whether we are using the GNU C compiler... yes
checking whether gcc accepts -g... yes checking for gcc option to accept ISO C89... none needed
checking how to run the C preprocessor... gcc -E
checking for grep that handles long lines and -e... /bin/grep
checking for egrep... /bin/grep -E
checking for ANSI C header files... yes
checking for sys/types.h... yes
checking for sys/stat.h... yes
checking for stdlib.h... yes checking for string.h... yes
checking for memory.h... yes
checking for strings.h... yes
checking for inttypes.h... yes checking for stdint.h... yes
checking for unistd.h... yes
checking for size_t... yes
checking for stdlib.h... (cached) yes checking for GNU libc compatible malloc... yes checking libftdi1/ftdi.h usability... no
checking libftdi1/ftdi.h presence... no
checking fibilities, received the checking for libftdi1/ftdi.h... no checking ftdi.h usability... yes checking ftdi.h presence... yes
checking for ftdi.h... yes checking for ftdi_init in -lftdi... yes
configure: creating ./config.status
config.status: creating Makefile
configure: WARNING: unrecognized options: --disable-python
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/libmpsse/src$
```

Step 2: And then compile

make

```
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/libmpsse/src$ make
gcc -Wall -fPIC -fno-strict-aliasing -g -02 -lftdi -DLIBFTDI1=0 -c fast.c
gcc -Wall -fPIC -fno-strict-aliasing -g -02 -shared -Wl,-soname,libmpsse.so *.o -o libmpsse.so -lftdi
ar rcs libmpsse.a *.o
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/libmpsse/src$
```

Step 3: # Static and dynamic libraries compiled code is put into /usr/local/lib

Header file is put into /usr/local/include

sudo make install

```
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/libmpsse/src$ sudo make install install install -D -m644 libmpsse.so //usr/local/lib/libmpsse.so install -D -m644 libmpsse.a //usr/local/lib/libmpsse.a install -D -m644 mpsse.h //usr/local/include/mpsse.h chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/libmpsse/src$
```

Step 4: On the Pcduino, you must regenerate the library cache (might some time).

sudo Idconfig

chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/libmpsse/src\$ sudo ldconfig chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/libmpsse/src\$

3.4 Build the library

Unpack the LoRa Gateway project and go to **lora_gateway** directory. then build the library and examples.

make all



4. LoRaP2P Test

After completing the above work, you can start the test. It is necessary to confirm whether the Liunx system recognizes the FT2232HL module and whether the wiring is connected. So first need SPI communication test.

4.1 SPI test

Go to the ../lora_gateway/libloragw directory. Execute the following command.

```
sudo ./test loragw reg
```

If the following information is returned. Indicates that SPI communication failed. Then you need to check whether the wiring is not connected, or FT2232 driver is not recognized.

```
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/lora_gateway/libloragw$ sudo ./test_loragw_reg
[sudo] password for chace:
Beginning of test for loragw_reg.c
ERROR: CONCENTRATOR UNCONNECTED
IMPLICIT_PAYLOAD_LENGHT = 0 (should be 197)
FRAME_SYNCH_PEAK2_POS = 0 (should be 11)
PREAMBLE_SYMB1_NB = 0 (should be 49253)
ADJUST_MODEM_START_OFFSET_SF12_RDX4 = 0 (should be 3173)
IF_FREQ_1 = 0 (should be -1947)
End of test for loragw_reg.c
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/lora_gateway/libloragw$
```

If this information is returned, it indicates that the SPI is on. At this point you can test the module other functions.

```
+++MATCH+++ reg number 318 read: 0 (0) default: 0 (0)
+++MATCH+++ reg number 319 read: 0 (0) default: 0 (0)
+++MATCH+++ reg number 320 read: 0 (0) default: 0 (0)
+++MATCH+++ reg number 321 read: 0 (0) default: 0 (0)
+++MATCH+++ reg number 322 read: 0 (0) default: 0 (0)
+++MATCH+++ reg number 323 read: 0 (0) default: 0 (0)
+++MATCH+++ reg number 324 read: 0 (0) default: 0 (0)
End of register verification
IMPLICIT_PAYLOAD_LENGHT = 197 (should be 197)
FRAME_SYNCH_PEAK2_POS = 11 (should be 11)
PREAMBLE_SYMB1_NB = 49253 (should be 49253)
ADJUST_MODEM_START_OFFSET_SF12_RDX4 = 3173 (should be 3173)
IF_FREQ_1 = -1947 (should be -1947)
End of test for loragw_reg.c
```





4.2 TX test

In the ../lora_gateway/libloragw directory, execute the following command to test the module send function.(If you attempt to reboot your device more than once, try separately to power the gateway device.)

sudo ./test loragw tx

Available options:

- -h print this help
- -f <float> target frequency in MHz
- -s <uint> Spreading Factor
- -b <uint> Modulation bandwidth in kHz
- -p <int> RF power (dBm)
- -r <uint> LoRa preamble length (symbols)
- -z <uint> payload size (bytes)
- -t <uint> pause between packets (ms)
- -x <int> numbers of times the sequence is repeated (-1 for continuous)
- -i send packet using inverted modulation polarity

If you choose the default parameters, then you need to set your receiving device to frq:868500000 Hz ,BW 125 kHz, SF 10, 16 bytes payload, 8 symbols preamble, PWR 14 dBm.

```
chace@ubuntu:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/lora_gateway/libloragw$ sudo ./test_loragw_tx
Sending -1 packets on 868500000 Hz (BW 125 kHz, SF 10, 16 bytes payload, 8 symbols preamble) at 14 dBm, with 1000 ms between each
Sending -1 packets on 868500000 Hz (BW 125 kHz, SF 10, 16 bytes payload, 8 symbols preamble) at 14 dBm, with 1000 ms between each
INFO: concentrator started, packet can be sent
Sending packet number 1 ...OK
OK
Sending packet number 2 ...OK
OK
Sending packet number 3 ...OK
OK
Sending packet number 4 ...OK
OK
Sending packet number 5 ...OK
OK
Sending packet number 5 ...OK
OK
Sending packet number 6 ...OK
OK
Sending packet number 7 ...OK
OK
Sending packet number 9 ...OK
OK
Sending packet number 9 ...OK
OK
Sending packet number 9 ...OK
OK
```

You can also set the parameters, the most common is the frequency parameters, you need to set according to the following format

```
sudo ./test_loragw_tx -f 868.1:868.3
```

```
chace@ubuntu:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/lora_gateway/libloragw$ sudo ./test_loragw_tx -f 868.1:868.3

Sending -1 packets on 868100000 Hz (BW 125 kHz, SF 10, 16 bytes payload, 8 symbols preamble) at 14 dBm, with 1000 ms between each Sending -1 packets on 868300000 Hz (BW 125 kHz, SF 10, 16 bytes payload, 8 symbols preamble) at 14 dBm, with 1000 ms between each INFO: concentrator started, packet can be sent Sending packet number 1 ...0K

OK

Sending packet number 2 ...0K

OK

Sending packet number 3 ...0K

OK

Sending packet number 4 ...0K

OK

Sending packet number 5 ...0K

OK

Sending packet number 6 ...0K

OK

Sending packet number 6 ...0K

OK

Sending packet number 7 ...0K
```

4.3 RX test

In the ../lora_gateway/libloragw directory, execute the following command to test the module receive function.(If the command is successfully executed, the RX indicator on the RAK 831 gateway will be on. If you attempt to reboot your device more than once, try separately to power the gateway device.)

sudo ./test loragw rx 868.1 868.9

Note: the 868.1 is test the reception of Radio A 868.9 is test the reception of Radio A

```
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/lora_gateway/libloragw$ sudo ./test_loragw_rx 868.1 868.9 Beginning of test for loragw_hal.c

*** Library version information ***

Version: 1.5.0; Options: ftdi sx1301 auto-check full ref_1301_433_v2 private;

F_RX0 = 868500000, F_RX1 = 869300000

8 freqeuncy channels are selected channel: 0, freq: 868100000 channel: 1, freq: 868300000 channel: 2, freq: 868500000 channel: 3, freq: 868500000 channel: 4, freq: 868700000 channel: 5, freq: 869900000 channel: 5, freq: 869100000 channel: 5, freq: 869100000 channel: 7, freq: 869300000 channel: 7, freq: 869500000
```

If the sending device sends data in the test band, the module will receive this information.

```
Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868300000
if_chain: 1 tstamp:0125939387 size: 3 LoRa SF7 CR1(4/5)
RSSI: -76.0 SNR: +7.5 (min: +7.2, max:+13.5) payload:
01 01 01 #
Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868300000
if_chain: 1 tstamp:0126973067 size: 3 LoRa SF7 CR1(4/5)
RSSI: -74.0 SNR: +7.5 (min: +8.8, max:+12.2) payload:
01 01 01 #
Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868300000
if_chain: 1 tstamp:0128006779 size: 3 LoRa SF7 CR1(4/5)
RSSI: -76.0 SNR: +8.5 (min: +9.0, max:+15.5) payload:
01 01 01 #
Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868300000
if_chain: 1 tstamp:0129040515 size: 3 LoRa SF7 CR1(4/5)
RSSI: -75.0 SNR: +7.8 (min: +7.5, max:+14.0) payload:
01 01 01 #
Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868300000
if_chain: 1 tstamp:0130074243 size: 3 LoRa SF7 CR1(4/5)
RSSI: -74.0 SNR: +6.2 (min: +7.0, max:+10.8) payload:
01 01 01 #
```

Note: if you found you gateway never get any packets, place check you sending device's sync word. The sync word should be 12.

4.4 Test with RAK811

This method can tests the distance of RAK831 gateway in LoRaP2P mode, The coordinating node module is RAK811. If you want to know more about RAK811, please download all the information here: http://www.rakwireless.com/en/download/RAK811%20LoRa%20Module/Firmware%20upgrade

How to upgrade RAK811 Firmware see:

http://docs.rakwireless.com/en/WisNode%20LoRa/Software%20Development/WisNode-LoRa%C2%A0EVB%C2%A0Quick%C2%A0Start%C2%A0Guide%C2%A0V1.2.pdf

First, set the RAK831 gateway to LoRaP2P receive mode according to RX test.

```
chace@chace-virtual-machine:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/lora_gateway/libloragw$ sudo ./test_loragw_rx 868.1 868.9 Beginning of test for loragw_hal.c
*** Library version information ***
Version: 1.5.0; Options: ftdi sx1301 auto-check full ref_1301_433_v2 private;

F_RX0 = 868500000, F_RX1 = 869300000
8 freqeuncy channels are selected channel: 0, freq: 868100000
channel: 1, freq: 868300000
channel: 2, freq: 868500000
channel: 3, freq: 868500000
channel: 3, freq: 868700000
channel: 5, freq: 869900000
channel: 6, freq: 869300000
channel: 7, freq: 869300000
channel: 7, freq: 869500000
*** Concentrator started ***
```

Then, set the RAK811 module to send data for LoRaP2P mode.

Send command:

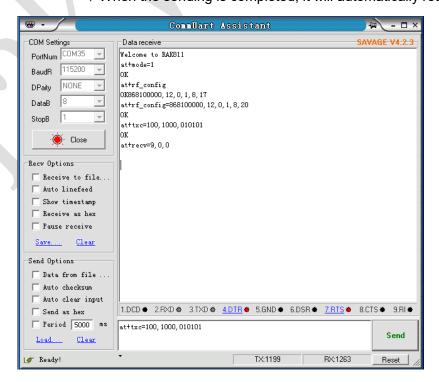
at+mode=1 // set the module to LoRaP2P mode.

at+rf_config=868100000,12,0,1,8,20 /* SET LoraP2P Frequency:868.1MHz, SF12,Bandwith 125KHz, coding Rate:4/5, Preamlen:8, tx power:20dbm */

at+txc=100,1000,010101 /* SET LoraP2P Tx continue ,100 packets, 1S interval, hex data */

at+recv=9,0,0

/*When the sending is completed, it will automatically return */



Finally, you can see the data sent by the node on your gateway, and you can test the distance between the node modules and the gateway device.

```
hace@chace-virtual-machine: ~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/lora_gateway/libloragw
              RSSI:-115.0 SNR: +4.5 (min: +6.5, max:+11.8) payload: 01 01 01 #
              Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868100000
if_chain: 0 tstamp:1123860372 size: 3 LoRa SF12 CR1(4/5)
RSSI:-118.0 SNR: +4.0 (min: +5.5, max:+11.0) payload:
01 01 01 #
            Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868100000
if_chain: 0 tstamp:1125693324 size: 3 LoRa SF12 CR1(4/5)
RSSI:-118.0 SNR: +5.2 (min: +9.2, max:+12.0) payload:
01 01 01 #
              Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868100000
if_chain: 0 tstamp:1127526292 size: 3 LoRa SF12 CR1(4/5)
RSSI:-118.0 SNR: +5.8 (min:+11.0, max:+13.2) payload:
01 01 01 #
             ---
Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868100000
if_chain: 0 tstamp:1129359260 size: 3 LoRa SF12 CR1(4/5)
RSSI:-119.0 SNR: +4.2 (min: +6.0, max:+11.8) payload:
01 01 01 #
             Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868100000
if_chain: 0 tstamp:1131192228 size: 3 LoRa SF12 CR1(4/5)
RSSI:-112.0 SNR: +5.0 (min: +9.0, max:+11.5) payload:
01 01 01 #
             Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868100000
if_chain: 0 tstamp:1133025196 size: 3 LoRa SF12 CR1(4/5)
RSSI:-112.0 SNR: +4.8 (min: +8.0, max:+11.2) payload:
01 01 01 #
              Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868100000
if_chain: 0 tstamp:1134858148 size: 3 LoRa SF12 CR1(4/5)
RSSI:-111.0 SNR: +4.5 (min: +5.2, max:+12.0) payload:
01 01 01 #
              Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868100000
if_chain: 0 tstamp:1136691116 size: 3 LoRa SF12 CR1(4/5)
RSSI:-112.0 SNR: +4.8 (min: +8.0, max:+11.0) payload:
01 01 01 #
              Rcv pkt #1 >>freq:868100000
if_chain: 0 tstamp:1138524084 size: 3 LoRa SF12 CR1(4/5)
RSSI:-113.0 SNR: +5.0 (min: +9.2, max:+11.0) payload:
01 01 01 #
```

Above is the gateway as a receiver, the node device as a sending, you can also receive as a node device, the gateway as sent, as follows:

```
chace@ubuntu:~/RAK831_LoRaGateway/lora_gateway/libloragw$ sudo ./test_loragw_tx
Sending -1 packets on 868500000 Hz (BW 125 kHz, SF 10, 16 bytes payload, 8 symbols preamble) at 14 dBm, with 1000 ms between each
Sending -1 packets on 868500000 Hz (BW 125 kHz, SF 10, 16 bytes payload, 8 symbols preamble) at 14 dBm, with 1000 ms between each
INFO: concentrator started, packet can be sent
Sending packet number 1 ...0K
 Sending packet number 2 ...OK
Sending packet number 3 ...OK
 Sending packet number 4 ...OK
Sending packet number 5 ...OK
 Sending packet number 6 ...OK
Sending packet number 7 ...OK
 Sending packet number 8 ...OK
Sending packet number 9 ...OK
 Sending packet number 10 ...OK
```

Then, set the RAK811 module to receive data for LoRaP2P mode.

Send command:

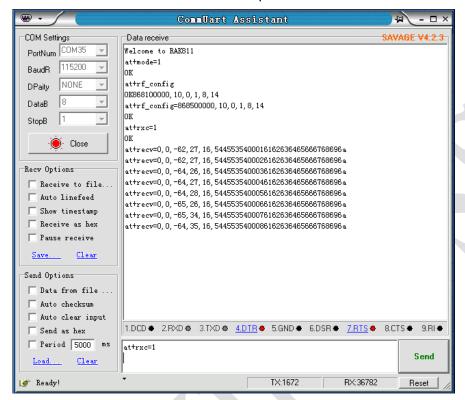
at+mode=1 // set the module to LoRaP2P mode.

at+rf config=868500000,10,0,1,8,14 /* SET LoraP2P Frequency:868.5MHz, SF10,Bandwith 125KHz, coding Rate:4/5, Preamlen:8, tx power:14dbm */

at+rxc=1

/* SET LoraP2P Rx continue enable report rx data */

Finally, you can see the received data on the serial port of the node.



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6. Change Note

Version	Date	Change	
V1.0	2017-07-17	Draft	
V1.1	2017-11-01	Add the sync word should be 12	
V1.2	2017-11-08	Add the TX test and Test with RAK811	