

RX Family

Open Source FAT File System M3S-TFAT-Tiny Module

Firmware Integration Technology

Introduction

This application note describes the RX Family Open Source FAT Filesystem M3S-TFAT-Tiny^(Note) which uses Firmware Integration Technology (FIT).

Note: TFAT is no relation to Microsoft Transaction-Safe FAT File System (TFAT).

In this document, the terms are used as follows.

- TFAT FIT:
RX Family Open Source FAT File System M3S-TFAT-Tiny Module FIT (R20AN0038)
- TFAT driver FIT:
RX Family M3S-TFAT-Tiny Memory Driver Interface Module FIT (R20AN0335)
- TFAT:
M3S-TFAT-Tiny or generic term for TFAT FIT and TFAT driver FIT

TFAT FIT is FAT File system software and includes FatFs which is open source.

The LFN (long file name) extension on the FAT filesystem was a patent of Microsoft Corporation. However, according to FatFs's application note, the related patents all have expired and using the LFN feature has got free for any projects.

Target Device

- RX Family

When using this application note with other Renesas MCUs, careful evaluation is recommended after making modifications to comply with the alternate MCU.

Target Compilers

- Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family
- GCC for Renesas RX
- IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX

For details of the confirmed operation contents of each compiler, refer to "7.1 Confirmed Operation Environment".

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1. Outline

TFAT FIT is FAT File system software that concerned about low-memory usage.

The TFAT FIT was made based on FatFs.

1.1 What is FatFs?

FatFs is the File system module for the small embedded system. FatFs is developed by ChaN Software. FatFs is provided as non-payment for embedded system. Please refer to the Website below for more details about ChaN Software and FatFs.

http://elm-chan.org/fsw/ff/00index_e.html

In addition, you can download documents related to FatFs (FatFs application note, configuration options, and APIs detail description etc.) from below URL. Please download the appropriate FatFs version that matches the “Base program” item of Table 1.1 Specification of TFAT FIT.

<http://elm-chan.org/fsw/ff/archives.html>

Or, they are included in this module downloaded from TFAT FIT's Web page.

<https://www.renesas.com/us/en/products/software-tools/software-os-middleware-driver/file-system/m3s-tfat-tiny-for-rx.html>

1.2 Specification of TFAT

1.2.1 Specification of TFAT

Following are the main specifications of the TFAT FIT.

Table 1.1 Specification of TFAT FIT

Category	Item	Specifications
Environment	Device	RX Family
	Compiler	CC-RX
		GCC
		IAR
	Memory storage	SD memory card (SD mode)
		SD memory card (SPI mode)
		USB memory
		eMMC
		Serial Flash memory
	Dependency on FIT	TFAT FIT Rev.4.14 - TFAT driver FIT Rev.2.61
File system	RTOS	None RTOS
		FreeRTOS ^(Note1)
		RI600V4 (RX Family uITRON) ^(Note1)
	Base program	Fatfs (R0.15)
	Number of drives	Max 10
	FAT sub type	FAT16
		FAT32
	Sector size	512 bytes
		1024 bytes ^(Note2)
		2048 bytes ^(Note2)
		4096 bytes ^(Note2)
	Filename type	8.3 format (8 lettered filename and 3 lettered extension)
		LFN (long file name, length is max 255 characters)
	File path type	Absolute path
	Format feature	Yes
	Multi partition feature	No

Note1: Only SD memory card (SD mode), SD memory card (SPI mode) and USB memory.

Note2: Only Serial Flash memory.

1.2.2 Structure of software stack

Following are structure of software stack related to the TFAT FIT.

TFAT FIT works with TFAT driver FIT, system timer module FIT and various device driver FITs.

TFAT is the main module of file system which includes open source FatFs. TFAT driver FIT has wrapper functions inside to switch file system I/O process for each memory storage. Users set the memory storage used in the TFAT driver FIT configuration settings and operate the file system via the TFAT FIT's API.

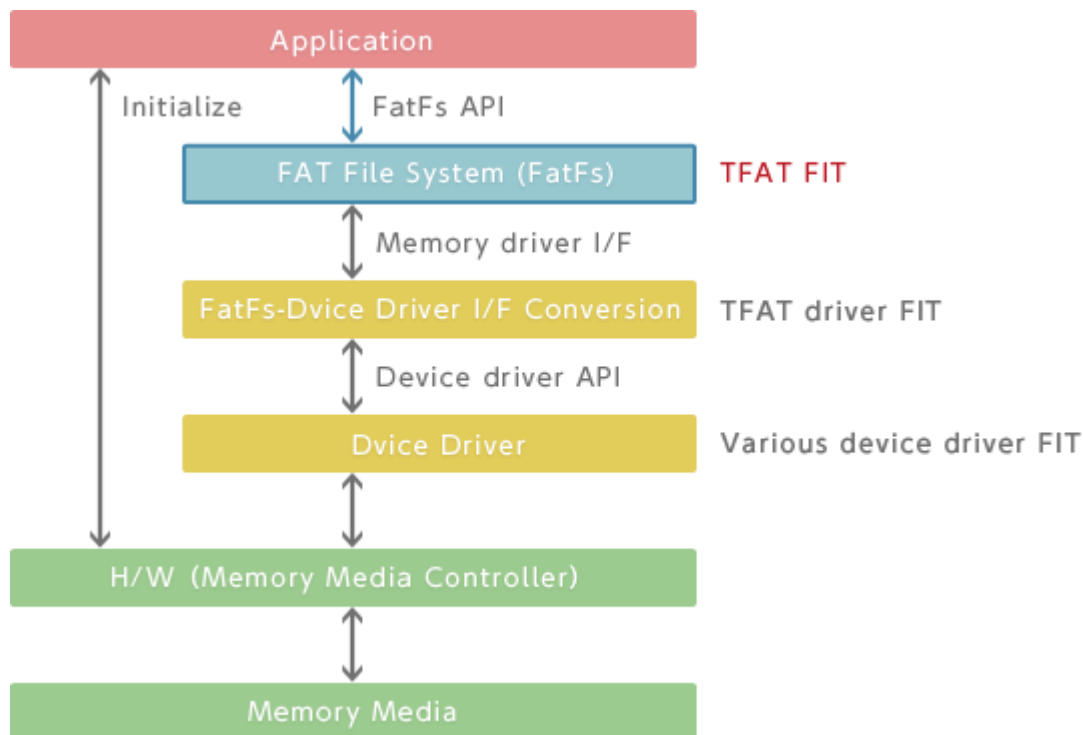


Figure 1.1 structure of software stack of the TFAT FIT

1.2.3 Configuration options of FatFs

FatFs has multiple configuration options (file name, etc.) defined in "ffconf.h". You can customize available APIs and function feature by changing these define value. You cannot set those options by using the Smart Configurator.

The following "Table 1.2 FatFs configuration options related to number to drives" ~ "Table 1.7 FatFs configuration options related to format feature" indicates confirmed operation of FatFs function feature by ours.

Please refer to 1.3 Overview of API function for available APIs by confirmed options.

(1) Number of drives

The number of drives must be 1 or more and 10 or less (FatFs specification), and the total number of drives for each storage medium defined by the TFAT driver FIT ^(Note 1) or less (TFAT specification).

Table 1.2 FatFs configuration options related to number to drives

Define name	Allowable value	Meaning of define value	Default Value
FF_VOLUMES	1 to 10	Number of drives (Note 1)	1

Note1: TFAT_USB_DRIVE_NUM + TFAT_SDMEM_DRIVE_NUM + TFAT_SPI_SDMEM_DRIVE_NUM + TFAT_USB_MINI_DRIVE_NUM + TFAT_MMC_DRIVE_NUM + TFAT_SERIAL_FLASH_DRIVE_NUM

(2) Filename type

There are 1 type of 8.3 format and 3 types of LFN (long file name), totaling 4 types. Enabling LFN will increase the module size depending on the code page selected. Refer to 1.1 What is FatFs? for detail.

According to FatFs application note, the LFN used to be patented by Microsoft, but now it is out of patent and can be used free of charge.

Table 1.3 FatFs configuration options related to filename type

Define name	Allowable value	Meaning of define value	Default Value
FF_USE_LFN	0	8.3 format (Note 2)	0
	1	LFN (static working buffer on the BSS) (Note 3)	
	2	LFN (dynamic working buffer on the STACK)	
	3	LFN (dynamic working buffer on the HEAP)	

Note 2: "FF_MAX_LFN" is also treated as invalid.

Note 3: Always not thread-safe. Never use with RTOS.

(3) RTOS

When using RTOS, "FF_FS_REENTRANT", "FF_FS_TIMEOUT", and "FF_SYNC_t" are automatically defined on the software. Users can change the value of "FF_FS_TIMEOUT" arbitrarily.

Table 1.4 FatFs configuration options related to RTOS

Define name	Allowable value	Meaning of define value	Default Value
FF_FS_REENTRANT	0	Disable reentrancy (Note 4)	When not using RTOS: 0
	1	Enable reentrancy	When using RTOS: 1
FF_FS_TIMEOUT	-1 or more (Note5)	Milliseconds until API function returns "FR_TIMEOUT" value (timeout)	1000 (Note5)
FF_SYNC_t	Type name	Type name of RTOS synchronization object (mutex)	When using FreeRTOS: SemaphoreHandle_t When using RI600V4: ID

Note 4: "FF_FS_TIMEOUT" and "FF_SYNC_t" are also treated as invalid.

Note 5: Users can change it to any value. When "0" is specified, it is waiting for polling.

Furthermore, if "-1" is specified when using the RI600V4, it will wait forever (FreeRTOS cannot use "-1").

(4) Sector size

In the FatFs specifications, "FF_MIN_SS" and "FF_MAX_SS" can be specified as "512", "1024", "2048", "4096".

In TFAT V.4.11, the values to be specified for "FF_MIN_SS" and "FF_MAX_SS" are determined by the combination of memory storage used by the user (Refer to Table 1.6 Combination of memory storage and define of sector size).

Table 1.5 FatFs configuration options related to sector size

Define name	Allowable value	Meaning of define value	Default Value
FF_MIN_SS	512	Minimum sector size 512 bytes (Note 6)	512
FF_MAX_SS	512	Maximum sector size 512 bytes (Note 6)	512
	4096	Maximum sector size 4096 bytes (Note6)	

Note 6: For the values to be specified for "FF_MIN_SS" and "FF_MAX_SS", specify "512" when using SD card, USB memory or eMMC, and "512" for FF_MIN_SS, "4096" for FF_MAX_SS when using Serial Flash memory.

Table 1.6 Combination of memory storage and define of sector size

Combination of Memory Storage	Define of sector size
Combination that does not include Serial Flash memory (Only SD memory card, USB memory, and eMMC)	FF_MIN_SS = 512 FF_MAX_SS = 512
Only Serial Flash memory	FF_MIN_SS = 512 FF_MAX_SS = 4096
SD memory card, USB memory, or eMMC + Serial Flash memory	FF_MIN_SS = 512 FF_MAX_SS = 4096

(5) Format feature

To choose whether to be available the format feature, define enable/disable of f_mkfs() API.

Table 1.7 FatFs configuration options related to format feature

Define name	Allowable value	Meaning of define value	Default Value
FF_USE_MKFS	0	Disable f_mkfs() API	0
	1	Enable f_mkfs() API	

1.2.4 Supported RTOS

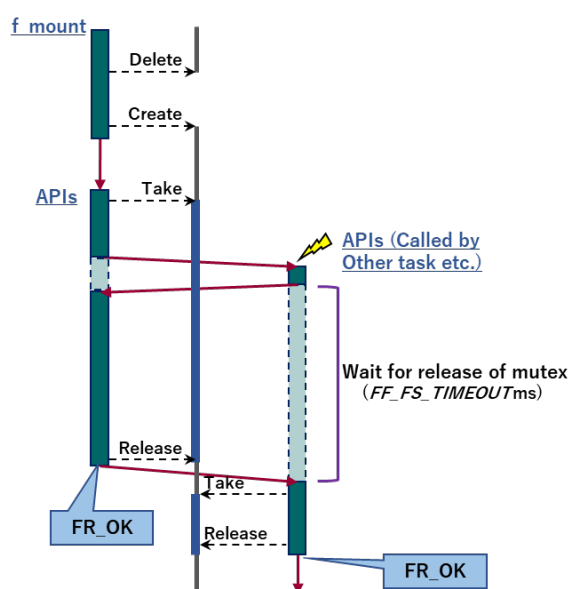
This module supported FreeRTOS and RI600V4.

(1) Outline of operation when using RTOS

Considering multi-task operation of RTOS, each API of FatFs has a mechanism to ensure reentrancy (exclusive control) for the volume, except for a part. Specifically, each API uses the mutex with timeout feature of RTOS. Mutexes are deleted / generated by the `f_mount` function. Then, mutexes are taken immediately after starting the execution of each API and released immediately before is completed.

While taking the mutex by an API, when an API is executed to same volume by another task etc., the API executed later is shifted to the state of waiting release for mutex and waits specified time which defined by the FatFs configuration option "`FF_FS_TIMEOUT`". Then, the return value of the API executed later returns "`FR_OK`" if the mutex is released within the specified time ("`FF_FS_TIMEOUT`") and returns "`FR_TIMEOUT`" if it is not released.

Case 1 : `FF_FS_TIMEOUT` > Exclusive control time



Case 2 : `FF_FS_TIMEOUT` < Exclusive control time

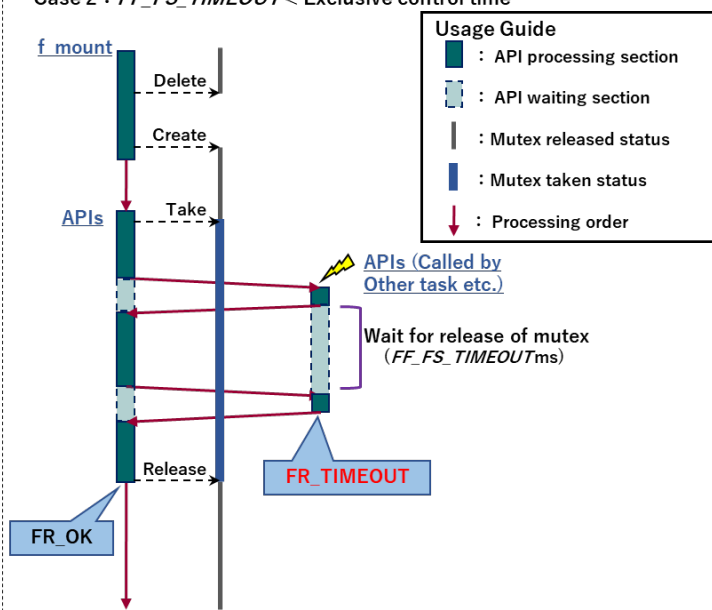


Figure 1.2 Exclusive control for a volume

(2) Condition of exclusive control

The condition which each API applies to exclusive control is different by FatFs configuration options and the accessed volume.

Table 1.8 Condition of exclusive control (✓ : Exclusive control, - : No exclusive control)

Configuration Option	Access to Same Volume	Access to Different Volume
FF_FS_REENTRANT = 0 && FF_USE_LFN != 1	-	✓
FF_FS_REENTRANT = 0 && FF_USE_LFN = 1	-	-
FF_FS_REENTRANT = 1 && FF_USE_LFN != 1	✓ (Note)	✓
FF_FS_REENTRANT = 1 && FF_USE_LFN = 1	-	-

Note: Excluding f_mount, f_disk, and f_mkfs function. These functions are always **not** reentrancy for access to same volume. Therefore, you must prevent another task etc. from accessing to the same volume by application programs.

In addition, FatFs does not take attention to the reentrancy of the memory driver interface function and its lower layer. Therefore, it is necessary to implement these low-level I/O functions separately to ensure reentrancy.

(3) FatFs configuration options when using RTOS

TFAT FIT automatically sets the following FatFs configuration options (in "ffconf.h") to ensure reentrancy when using RTOS. For detail, refer to 1.2.3 (3) RTOS.

1.2.5 Conditions of use

This module is based on open source FatFs. Therefore, you must comply with conditions of the FatFs license clauses.

<http://elm-chan.org/fsw/ff/doc/appnote.html#license>

Other conditions of use are governed by the end user license agreement of FIT.

<https://www.renesas.com/us/en/common/disclaimers/disclaimer002.html>

For questions related to FatFs contents, consider using the FatFs user forum.

<http://elm-chan.org/fsw/ff/bd/>

1.2.6 Version compatibility of TFAT FIT

TFAT FIT Rev.4.00 or later is not compatible with its previous TFAT FIT. This is because the specifications of FatFs API functions are different.

1.3 Overview of API function

The following API functions are used in TFAT FIT. “✓” indicates that API is available by default configuration options or is confirmed operation.

Table 1.9 API function

Name of API function	Description	Default	Confirmed Operation
File Access			
f_open()	Open/Create a file	✓	✓
f_close()	Close an open file	✓	✓
f_read()	Read data from the file	✓	✓
f_write()	Write data to the file	✓	✓
f_lseek()	Move read/write pointer, Expand size	✓	✓
f_truncate()	Truncate file size	✓	✓
f_sync()	Flush cached data	✓	✓
f_forward()	Forward data to the stream		
f_expand()	Allocate a contiguous block to the file		
f_gets()	Read a string		
f_putc()	Write a character		
f_puts()	Write a string		
f_printf()	Write a formatted string		
f_tell()	Get current read/write pointer	✓	✓
f_eof()	Test for end-of-file	✓	✓
f_size()	Get size	✓	✓
f_error()	Test for an error	✓	✓
Directory Access			
f_opendir()	Open a directory	✓	✓
f_closedir()	Close an open directory	✓	✓
f_readdir()	Read a directory item	✓	✓
f_findfirst()	Open a directory and read the first item matched		
f_findnext()	Read a next item matched		
File and Directory Management			
f_stat()	Check existence of a file or sub-directory	✓	✓
f_unlink()	Remove a file or sub-directory	✓	✓
f_rename()	Rename/Move a file or sub-directory	✓	✓
f_chmod()	Change attribute of a file or sub-directory		
f_utime()	Change timestamp of a file or sub-directory		
f_mkdir()	Create a sub-directory	✓	✓
f_chdir()	Change current directory		
f_chdrive()	Change current drive		
f_getcwd()	Retrieve the current directory and drive		

Volume Management and System Configuration			
f_mount()	Register/Unregister the work area of the volume	✓	✓
f_mkfs()	Create a FAT volume on the logical drive		✓
f_fdisk()	Create partitions on the physical drive		
f_getfree()	Get free space on the volume	✓	✓
f_getlabel()	Get volume label		
f_setlabel()	Set volume label		
f_setcp()	Set active code page		

1.4 Overview of Memory Driver Interface Function

API functions of TFAT FIT use the following low-level functions. But, **do not** call these functions from the application programs.

Table 1.10 Memory Driver Interface Function

Name of low-level function	Description
disk_initialize()	Initialize device
disk_status()	Get device status
disk_read()	Read data
disk_write()	Write data
disk_ioctl()	Control device dependent functions
get_fattime()	Get current time

1.5 Limitations

- (1) The target devices of TFAT are the devices supported by all FITs used by the user in the layer below TFAT of structure of software stack. Refer to the application note for each FIT's target device.
- (2) When using TFAT FIT in combination with RTOS, use the API in the same thread.
- (3) The f_mount, f_disk and f_mkfs functions are not reentrant for the same volume. When using it, the application must perform exclusive control.
- (4) The following standard functions are used inside TFAT.
 - memset, memcmp, memcpy
 - malloc ^(Note), free ^(Note)

Note: In case of FF_USE_LFN == 3

2. API Information

2.1 Hardware Requirements

None

2.2 Software Requirements

This driver is dependent on the following FIT module:

- Renesas Board Support Package (r_bsp) Rev.5.52 or later
- M3S-TFAT-Tiny Memory Driver Interface Firmware Integration Technology (r_tfati_driver) Rev.2.50 or later
- CMT Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (r_cmt) Rev.4.40 or later
- System Timer Module Firmware Integration Technology (r_sys_time) Rev.1.01 or later

2.3 Supported Toolchains

The TFAT FIT module has been confirmed with the toolchain listed in 7.1 Confirmed Operation Environment.

2.4 Interrupt Vector

The TFAT FIT uses no interrupt vector.

2.5 Header Files

All API and memory driver interface calls are accessed by including file "ff.h and diskio.h".

2.6 Configuration Overview

The configurable options of TFAT FIT that can be set at build time are located in the file "r_tfati_rx_config.h"
(Note).

FatFs Configuration options are located in "ffconf.h".

Note: There is no options on the TFAT FIT Rev.4.12.

2.7 Code Sizes

The sizes of ROM, RAM and maximum stack usage associated with this module are listed below. Information is listed for a single representative device of the RX100 Series, RX200 Series, and RX600 Series, respectively.

The ROM (code and constants) and RAM (global data) sizes are determined by the build-time configuration options described in 2.6, Configuration Overview.

The values in the table below are confirmed under the following conditions.

Module Revision: r_tfat_rx rev.4.13

Compiler Version: Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.06.00

(The option of “-lang = c99” is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment.)

GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.202405

(The option of “-std=gnu99” is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment.)

IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 5.10.1

(The default settings of the integrated development environment.)

Configuration Options: Default settings

ROM, RAM and Stack Code Sizes				
Device	Category	Memory Used		
		Renesas Compiler	GCC	IAR Compiler
RX113	ROM ^(Note)	6,516 bytes	7,688 bytes	8,657 bytes
	RAM ^(Note)	26 bytes	8 bytes	56 bytes
	STACK ^(Note)	192 bytes	-	348 bytes
RX231	ROM ^(Note)	6,517 bytes	7,688 bytes	8,659 bytes
	RAM ^(Note)	26 bytes	8 bytes	56 bytes
	STACK ^(Note)	192 bytes	-	348 bytes
RX65N	ROM ^(Note)	6,517 bytes	7,688 bytes	8,652 bytes
	RAM ^(Note)	26 bytes	8 bytes	58 bytes
	STACK ^(Note)	192 bytes	-	352 bytes

Note The sizes of ROM, RAM, and stack of TFAT driver FIT is included.

2.8 Type definition of TFAT FIT

The type definition used by TFAT is shown below (In case of C99. FIT uses C99.).

Table 2.1 Type of TFAT FIT

Datatype	Typedef
unsigned char	BYTE
unsigned char	DSTATUS
uint16_t	WORD
uint16_t	WCHAR
unsigned int	UINT
uint32_t	DWORD
uint64_t	QWORD

Also, TCHAR changes depending on the setting, and is defined as follows.

- WCHAR if FF_USE_LFN && FF_LFN_UNICODE = 1
- Char when FF_USE_LFN && FF_LFN_UNICODE = 2
- DWORD when FF_USE_LFN && FF_LFN_UNICODE = 3
- Char other than the above

2.9 TFAT FIT structure

This section describes in detail the structures used by TFAT FIT.

2.9.1 FATFS - File system object structure

FATFS structure has a work area for logical drive. It is allocated by the application program and registered/unregistered with f_mount function.

Application program must not modify any member in this structure.

The details of the members of FATFS structure are shown below.

```
typedef struct {
    BYTE    fs_type;          /* Filesystem type (0:not mounted) */
    BYTE    pdrv;            /* Volume hosting physical drive */
    BYTE    ldrv;            /* Logical drive number (used only when
FF_FS_REENTRANT) */
    BYTE    n_fats;          /* Number of FATs (1 or 2) */
    BYTE    wflag;           /* win[] status (b0:dirty) */
    BYTE    fsi_flag;        /* FSINFO status (b7:disabled, b0:dirty) */
    WORD    id;              /* Volume mount ID */
    WORD    n_rootdir;       /* Number of root directory entries (FAT12/16) */
    WORD    csize;           /* Cluster size [sectors] */
    #if FF_MAX_SS != FF_MIN_SS
        WORD    ssize;      /* Sector size (512, 1024, 2048 or 4096) */
    #endif
    #if FF_USE_LFN
        WCHAR*    lfnbuf;    /* LFN working buffer */
    #endif
    #if FF_FS_EXFAT
        BYTE*    dirbuf;     /* Directory entry block scratchpad buffer
for exFAT */
    #endif
    #if !FF_FS_READONLY
```

```

        DWORD last_clst;          /* Last allocated cluster */
        DWORD free_clst;          /* Number of free clusters */
#endif
#if FF_FS_RPATH
        DWORD cdir;               /* Current directory start cluster (0:root) */
#endif
#if FF_FS_EXFAT
        DWORD cdc_scl;            /* Containing directory start cluster (invalid
                                when cdir is 0) */
        DWORD cdc_size;           /* b31-b8:Size of containing directory, b7-b0:
                                Chain status */
        DWORD cdc_ofs;            /* Offset in the containing directory (invalid
                                when cdir is 0) */
#endif
#endif
        DWORD n_fatent;           /* Number of FAT entries (number of clusters + 2)
*/
        DWORD fsize;              /* Number of sectors per FAT */
        LBA_t volbase;             /* Volume base sector */
        LBA_t fatbase;            /* FAT base sector */
        LBA_t dirbase;            /* Root directory base sector (FAT12/16) or
                                cluster (FAT32/exFAT) */
        LBA_t database;           /* Data base sector */
#if FF_FS_EXFAT
        LBA_t bitbase;            /* Allocation bitmap base sector */
#endif
        LBA_t winsect;            /* Current sector appearing in the win[] */
        BYTE win[FF_MAX_SS];      /* Disk access window for Directory, FAT (and file
                                data at tiny cfg) */
} FATFS;

```

2.9.2 DIR - Directory object structure

DIR structure (Directory Object) has related data from directory info.

The related data from directory info is stored to DIR structure used `f_opendir()` or `f_readdir()` functions.

Application program must not modify any member in this structure.

The details of the members of FATFS structure are shown below.

```

typedef struct {
        FFOBJID      obj;         /* Object identifier */
        DWORD         dptr;        /* Current read/write offset */
        DWORD         clust;       /* Current cluster */
        LBA_t         sect;        /* Current sector (0:Read operation has
                                terminated) */
        BYTE*         dir;         /* Pointer to the directory item in the
                                win[] */
        BYTE          fn[12];      /* SFN (in/out) {body[8],ext[3],status[1]} */
#if FF_USE_LFN
        DWORD         blk_ofs;     /* Offset of current entry block being
                                processed (0xFFFFFFFF:Invalid) */
#endif
#if FF_USE_FIND
        const TCHAR* pat;         /* Pointer to the name matching pattern */
#endif
} DIR;

```

2.9.3 FIL - File object structure

The FIL structure (file object) holds state of a file. It is created by `f_open` function and discarded by `f_close` function. Application program must not modify any member in this structure except for "cltbl".


```

typedef struct {
    FFOBJID    obj;           /* Object identifier (must be the 1st member
                               to detect invalid object pointer) */
    BYTE       flag;          /* File status flags */
    BYTE       err;           /* Abort flag (error code) */
    FSIZE_t    fptr;          /* File read/write pointer (Zeroed on file
                               open) */
    DWORD      clust;         /* Current cluster of fptr (invalid when
                               fptr is 0) */
    LBA_t       sect;         /* Sector number appearing in buf[]
                               (0:invalid) */
#ifdef !FF_FS_READONLY
    LBA_t       dir_sect;     /* Sector number containing the directory
                               entry (not used at exFAT) */
    BYTE*       dir_ptr;      /* Pointer to the directory entry in the
                               win[] (not used at exFAT) */
#endif
#ifdef FF_USE_FASTSEEK
    DWORD*      cltbl;        /* Pointer to the cluster link map table
                               (nulled on open, set by application) */
#endif
#ifdef !FF_FS_TINY
    BYTE        buf[FF_MAX_SS]; /* File private data read/write window */
#endif
} FIL;

```

2.9.4 FILINFO - File status structure

The FILINFO structure holds the file information returned by `f_stat()` and `f_readdir()` functions.

```

typedef struct {
    FSIZE_t    fsize;         /* File size */
    WORD        fdate;        /* Modified date */
    WORD        ftime;        /* Modified time */
    BYTE        fattrib;       /* File attribute */
#ifdef FF_USE_LFN
    TCHAR       altname[FF_SFN_BUF + 1]; /* Alternative file name */
    TCHAR       fname[FF_LFN_BUF + 1];  /* Primary file name */
#else
    TCHAR       fname[12 + 1]; /* File name */
#endif
} FILINFO;

```

2.9.5 FFOBJID - Object ID and assignment information structure

The FFOBJID structure holds the object ID and assignment information.

```

typedef struct {
    FATFS*      fs;           /* Pointer to the hosting volume of this object */
    WORD        id;           /* Hosting volume's mount ID */
    BYTE        attr;         /* Object attribute */
    BYTE        stat;         /* Object chain status (b1-0: =0:not contiguous,
                               =2:contiguous, =3:fragmented in this session,
                               b2:sub-directory stretched) */
    DWORD       sclust;       /* Object data start cluster (0:no cluster or root
                               directory) */
    FSIZE_t     objsize;      /* Object size (valid when sclust != 0) */
#ifdef FF_FS_EXFAT
    DWORD       n_cont;       /* Size of first fragment - 1 (valid when stat ==
                               3) */
    DWORD       n_frag;       /* Size of last fragment needs to be written to
                               the next session */
#endif
} FFOBJID;

```

```

        DWORD        c_scl;        FAT (valid when not zero) */
                                   /* Containing directory start cluster (valid when
                                   sclust != 0) */
        DWORD        c_size;       /* b31-b8:Size of containing directory, b7-b0:
                                   Chain status (valid when c_scl != 0) */
        DWORD        c_ofs;       /* Offset in the containing directory (valid when
                                   file object and sclust != 0) */
#endif
#if FF_FS_LOCK
    UINT            lockid;        /* File lock ID origin from 1 (index of file
                                   semaphore table Files[]) */
#endif
} FFOBJID;

```

2.10 TFAT FIT constant

This section describes in detail the constants used. The following constants are defined in ff.h.

2.10.1 FRESULT - API function return value

The return value of API function is defined as enum type.

```

typedef enum
{
    FR_OK = 0,                /* (0) Succeeded */
    FR_DISK_ERR,             /* (1) A hard error occurred in the low
                             level disk I/O layer */
    FR_INT_ERR,              /* (2) Assertion failed */
    FR_NOT_READY,            /* (3) The physical drive cannot work */
    FR_NO_FILE,              /* (4) Could not find the file */
    FR_NO_PATH,              /* (5) Could not find the path */
    FR_INVALID_NAME,         /* (6) The path name format is invalid */
    FR_DENIED,               /* (7) Access denied due to prohibited
                             access or directory full */
    FR_EXIST,                /* (8) Access denied due to prohibited
                             access */
    FR_INVALID_OBJECT,       /* (9) The file/directory object is
                             invalid */
    FR_WRITE_PROTECTED,      /* (10) The physical drive is write
                             protected */
    FR_INVALID_DRIVE,        /* (11) The logical drive number is
                             invalid */
    FR_NOT_ENABLED,          /* (12) The volume has no work area */
    FR_NO_FILESYSTEM,        /* (13) There is no valid FAT volume */
    FR_MKFS_ABORTED,         /* (14) The f_mkfs() aborted due to any
                             problem */
    FR_TIMEOUT,              /* (15) Could not get a grant to access
                             the volume within defined period */
    FR_LOCKED,               /* (16) The operation is rejected according
                             to the file sharing policy */
    FR_NOT_ENOUGH_CORE,      /* (17) LFN working buffer could not be
                             allocated */
    FR_TOO_MANY_OPEN_FILES,  /* (18) Number of open files > FF_FS_LOCK */
    FR_INVALID_PARAMETER     /* (19) Given parameter is invalid */
} FRESULT;

```

2.10.2 File attribute information

These macros are values to be set the "fattrib" member of FILINFO structure. The following list shows the contents of each bit.

Table 2.2 Attribute information macros

Name	Value	Explanation
AM_RDO	0x01	When this flag is set the applicable file(or directory) is read only.
AM_HID	0x02	When this flag is set the applicable file(or directory) is hidden.
AM_SYS	0x04	When this flag is set the applicable file(or directory) is system file.
AM_DIR	0x10	When this flag is set the applicable file is directory.
AM_ARC	0x20	When this flag is set the applicable file(or directory) is Archive.

2.10.3 Macros for Disk Status

These macros show status of disk to set in DSTATUS type. User sets applicable macro by Memory driver interface function and passes a result to the TFAT FIT.

Table 2.3 Macros for Disk Status

Name	Value	Explanation
STA_NOINIT	0x01	This flag indicates that the disk drive has not been initialized. This flag is set on: system reset, disk removal and failure of disk_initialize function, and cleared on: success of disk_initialize function.
STA_NODISK	0x02	If this flag is set, it indicates that there is no media in the drive. This flag is cleared when media is present in the drive.
STA_PROTECT	0x04	This flag is used to indicate that the media is write protected. This is always cleared on the drive that does not support write protect notch. This flag is not valid when STA_NODISK is set.

2.10.4 Return value of memory driver interface function

This enum is used to indicate the result of the disk operations performed by the driver functions.

Table 2.4 DRESULT Value

Name	Value	Explanation
RES_OK	0	Function execution is successful.
RES_ERROR	1	Error occurred during function execution.
RES_WRPRT	2	Disk is write protected.
RES_NOTRDY	3	Disk drive is not initialized.
RES_PARERR	4	Invalid argument passed to the function.

2.10.5 Format Options

The following macros show the contents of the format options. It is used as the second argument of f_mkfs function. In addition, the actual formatted FAT type is affected on cluster size (the third argument of f_mkfs).

For details, refer to f_mkfs.

Table 2.5 File attribute information macro

Name	Value
FM_FAT	0x01
FM_FAT32	0x02
FM_EXFAT	0x04
FM_ANY	0x07
FM_SFD	0x08

2.11 Adding the FIT Module to Your Project

This module must be added to each project in which it is used. Renesas recommends the method using the Smart Configurator described in (1) or (2) or (4) below. However, the Smart Configurator only supports some RX devices. Please use the methods of (3) for RX devices that are not supported by the Smart Configurator.

- (1) Adding the FIT module to your project using the Smart Configurator in e² studio
By using the Smart Configurator in e² studio, the FIT module is automatically added to your project. Refer to “RX Smart Configurator User’s Guide: e² studio (R20AN0451)” for details.
- (2) Adding the FIT module to your project using the Smart Configurator in CS+
By using the Smart Configurator Standalone version in CS+, the FIT module is automatically added to your project. Refer to “RX Smart Configurator User’s Guide: CS+ (R20AN0470)” for details.
- (3) Adding the FIT module to your project in CS+
In CS+, please manually add the FIT module to your project. Refer to “RX Family Adding Firmware Integration Technology Modules to CS+ Projects (R01AN1826)” for details.
- (4) Adding the FIT module to your project using the Smart Configurator in IAREW
By using the Smart Configurator Standalone version, the FIT module is automatically added to your project. Refer to “RX Smart Configurator User’s Guide: IAREW (R20AN0535)” for details.

2.12 “for”, “while” and “do while” statements

In this module, “for”, “while” and “do while” statements (loop processing) are used in processing to wait for register to be reflected and so on. For these loop processing, comments with “WAIT_LOOP” as a keyword are described. Therefore, if user incorporates fail-safe processing into loop processing, user can search the corresponding processing with “WAIT_LOOP”.

The following shows example of description.

```
while statement example :
/* WAIT LOOP */
while(0 == SYSTEM.OSCOVFSR.BIT.PLOVF)
{
    /* The delay period needed is to make sure that the PLL has stabilized. */
}

for statement example :
/* Initialize reference counters to 0. */
/* WAIT LOOP */
for (i = 0; i < BSP_REG_PROTECT_TOTAL_ITEMS; i++)
{
    g_protect_counters[i] = 0;
}

do while statement example :
/* Reset completion waiting */
do
{
    reg = phy_read(ether_channel, PHY_REG_CONTROL);
    count++;
} while ((reg & PHY_CONTROL_RESET) && (count < ETHER_CFG_PHY_DELAY_RESET)); /* WAIT_LOOP */
```

3. API functions

This document does not describe details of APIs.

Please refer to FatFs documents indicated 1.1 What is FatFs?.

4. Memory driver interface function

Memory driver interface functions are prototyped in “diskio.h” or “ff.h”. The actual function entity exists in “r_tfat_drv_if.c” in TFAT driver FIT.

For details on these functions, refer to the application note (r20an0335xxxxxx) of TFAT driver FIT.

5. Pin Settings

The TFAT FIT has no pin settings.

6. Sample program

6.1 Outline

The sample program is e² studio project that works at the board (hereafter referred to as "CPU board") shown in 7.1 Confirmed Operation Environment. The sample program prepares for two kinds of following projects

- Sample program using the SD mode SD memory card driver
- Sample program using the USB driver

In addition, above sample programs combine with RTOS (FreeRTOS and RI600V4).

— Document No.: R01AN3852

— Document Title: RX Family SDHI Module Using Firmware Integration Technology: Application note

— Document No.: R01AN4233

— Document Title: RX Family SD mode SD memory Card Firmware Integration Technology: Application note

— Document No.: R01AN6908

— Document Title: RX Family SPI Mode SD Memory Card Driver Firmware Integration Technology: Application note

— Document No.: R01AN2025

— Document Title: USB Basic Host and Peripheral Driver Firmware Integration Technology: Application note

— Document No.: R01AN2026

— Document Title: USB Host Mass Storage Class Driver (HMSC) Firmware Integration Technology: Application note

— Document No.: R01AN2166

— Document Title: USB Basic Mini Host and Peripheral Driver (USB Mini Firmware) Using Firmware Integration Technology: Application note

— Document No.: R01AN2169

— Document Title: USB Host Mass Storage Class Driver (HMSC) for USB Mini Firmware Integration Technology: Application note

6.2 Sample software execution

6.2.1 The sample program with the SD mode SD memory card driver

When the program is run, a FAT filesystem work area is registered. A directory and a file are created on the memory media and text data of 2 KB is written to the file. The file is then closed. For confirmation of the data that is written, the file is opened again in the read mode. The entire contents of the file are read, and they are compared with the write buffer data in the program. Whether the contents of the data are matching or not is indicated on Debug Console (Renesas Virtual Debug Console) on e2studio.

Table 6.1 Explanation of Debug Console display

Characters	Explanation
Detected attached SD card.	Insertion of the SD card was detected.
Detected detached SD card.	The SD card removal was detected.
!!! Attach SD card. !!!!	Insert the SD card.
!!! Detach SD card. !!!!	Remove the SD card.
Start TFAT sample	Started sample program.
Finished TFAT sample	Finished sample program.
!!!! TFAT error !!!!!	An error occurred.

The sample data for file read / write is stored in the "r_data_file.c". The data is stored in an array of 2048 elements giving a total size of 2 KB (2048 Bytes). The data array consists of the text string "Renesas\n" written repeatedly. If required, the user can modify this array and the corresponding macro `FILESIZE`.

The primary functions used in sample program is the following. Regardless of using RTOS, the processing of sample is same. However, FreeRTOS and RI600V4 perform them as tasks.

Table 6.2 Primary functions of sample program

Processing	Function Name with None RTOS	Function Name with FreeRTOS	Function Name with RI600V4
Initialization	main()	main_task()	main_task()
Idle for device detection	idle_sdc_detection()	idle_detection_task()	idle_detection_task()
TFAT FIT API execution	tfat_sample()	tfat_sample_task() ^(Note)	tfat_sample_task() ^(Note)

Note: Exclusive control should be performed when this function is executed, but it is omitted for simplicity of sample program.

6.2.2 Flow (SD card driver)

Flow of a sample program with the SD card driver is shown below.

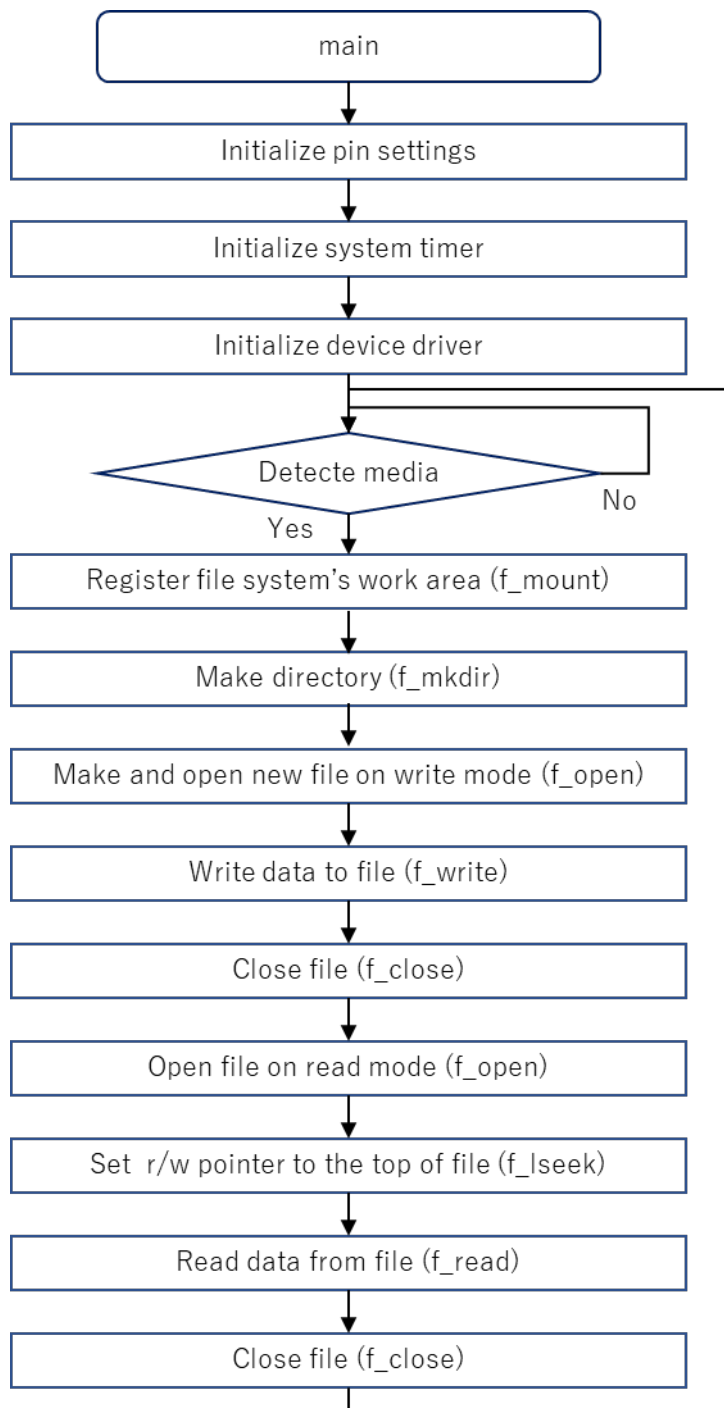


Figure 6.1 Flow of sample program with the SD card driver

6.2.3 The sample program with the USB driver

When the program is run, a FAT filesystem work area is registered. A directory and a file are created on the memory media and text data of 2 KB is written to the file. The file is then closed. For confirmation of the data that is written, the file is opened again in the read mode. The entire contents of the file are read, and they are compared with the write buffer data in the program. Whether the contents of the data are matching or not is indicated on Debug Console (Renesas Virtual Debug Console) on e2studio.

Table 6.3 Explanation of Debug Console display

Characters	Explanation
Detected attached USB memory.	Insertion of the USB memory was detected.
Detected detached USB memory.	The USB memory removal was detected.
!!! Attach USB memory. !!!!	Insert the USB memory.
!!! Detach USB memory. !!!!	Remove the USB memory.
Start TFAT sample	Started sample program.
Finished TFAT sample	Finished sample program.
!!!! TFAT error !!!!!	An error occurred.

The sample data for file read / write is stored in the "r_data_file.c". The data is stored in an array of 2048 elements giving a total size of 2 KB (2048 Bytes). The data array consists of the text string "Renesas," written repeatedly. If required, the user can modify this array and the corresponding macro `FILESIZE`.

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Note: Exclusive control should be performed when this function is executed, but it is omitted for simplicity of sample program.

6.2.4 Flow (USB driver)

Flow of a sample program with the USB driver is shown below.

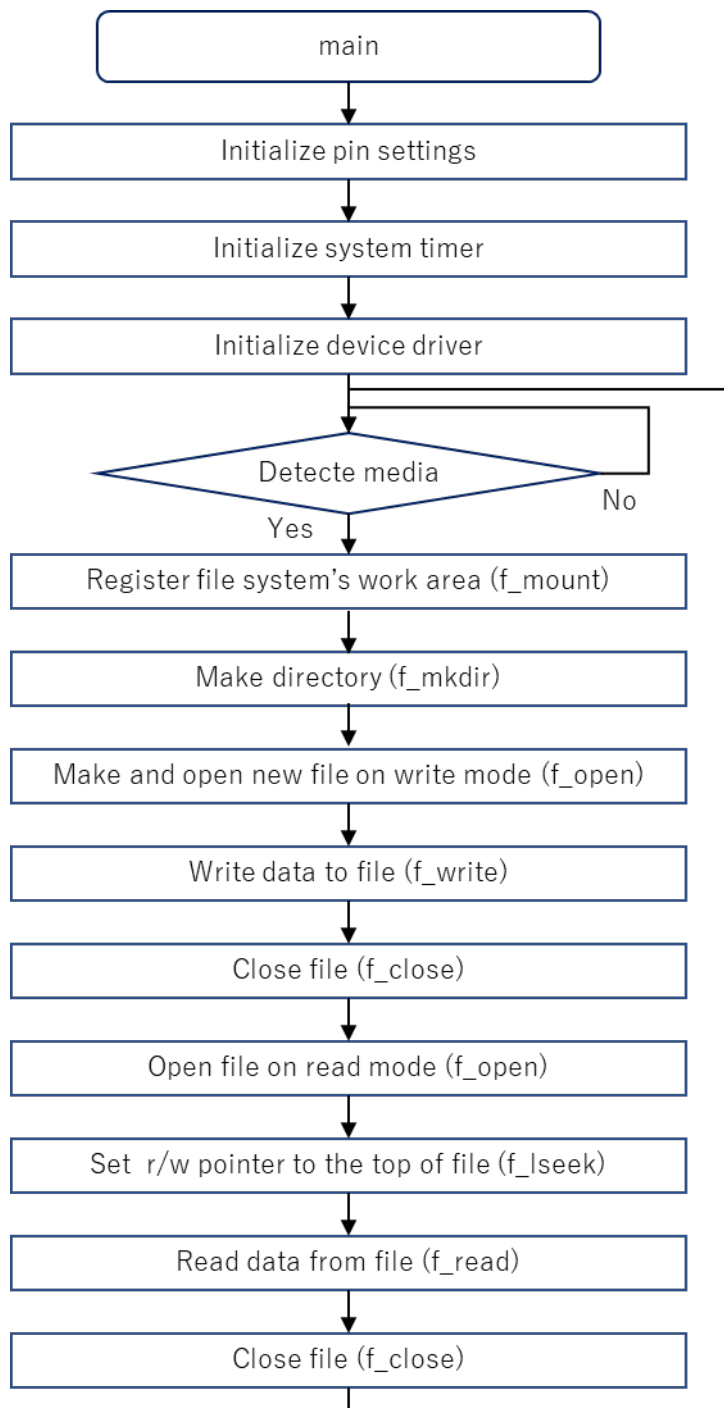


Figure 6.2 Flow of sample program with the USB driver

7. Appendices

7.1 Confirmed Operation Environment

This section describes the operation confirmation environment for TFAT FIT.

Table 7.1 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev.3.04)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e ² studio V7.1.0
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.00.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99
Endian	Little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.3.04
Board used	Renesas Starter Kit for RX231 (product No.:R0K505231Sxxxxx) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX65N-1MB (product No.:RTK500565NSxxxxxxx)
RTOS	None

Table 7.2 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev.4.00)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e ² studio Version 7.7.0 IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 4.13.1
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.02.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99 GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.201904 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99 IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 4.13.1 Compiler option: The default settings of the integrated development environment.
Endian	Big endian/little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.4.00
Board used	Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX72M (product No.:RTK5572Mxxxxxxxxxx)
RTOS	FreeRTOS V10.0.00 RI600V4 V1.06.00

Table 7.3 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev.4.01)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e ² studio Version 7.8.0 IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 4.14.1
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.02.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99 GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.201904 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99 IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 4.14.1 Compiler option: The default settings of the integrated development environment.
Endian	Big endian/little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.4.01
Board used	Renesas Starter Kit for RX231 (product No.:RTK55231xxxxxxxxxx) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX64M (product No.:RTK5564Mxxxxxxxxxx)
RTOS	FreeRTOS V10.0.00 RI600V4 V1.06.00

Table 7.4 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev.4.02)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e2 studio Version 2020-07 IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 4.14.1
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.02.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99 GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.202002 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99 IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 4.14.1 Compiler option: The default settings of the integrated development environment.
Endian	Big endian/little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.4.02
Board used	Renesas Starter Kit for RX231 (product No.:RTK55231xxxxxxxxxx) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX72N (product No.:RTK5572Nxxxxxxxxxx) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX72M (product No.:RTK5572Mxxxxxxxxxx)
RTOS	FreeRTOS V10.0.03 RI600V4 V1.06.00

Table 7.5 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev.4.10)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e2 studio Version 2023-07 IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 4.20.3
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.05.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99 GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.202305 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99 IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 4.20.3 Compiler option: The default settings of the integrated development environment.
Endian	Big endian/little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.4.10
Board used	Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX65N-2MB (product No.: RTK50565Nxxxxxxxxxx) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX72N (product No.: RTK5572Nxxxxxxxxxx) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX72M (product No.:RTK5572Mxxxxxxxxxx)
RTOS	FreeRTOS V10.4.3 RI600V4 V1.06.01

Table 7.6 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev.4.11)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e2 studio Version 2023-10 IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 4.20.3
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.05.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99 GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.202305 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99 IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 4.20.3 Compiler option: The default settings of the integrated development environment.
Endian	Big endian/little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.4.11
Board used	Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX72M (product No.:RTK5572Mxxxxxxxxxx)
RTOS	None

Table 7.7 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev.4.12)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e2 studio Version 2024-07 IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 5.10.1
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.06.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99 GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.202405 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99 IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 5.10.1 Compiler option: The default settings of the integrated development environment.
Endian	Big endian/little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.4.12
Board used	Renesas Target Board for RX140 (product No.: RTK5RX1400xxxxxxx) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX140 (product No.: RTK551406Bxxxxxxx) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX64M (product No.: R0K50564Mxxxxxx) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX65N-2MB (product No.: RTK50565Nxxxxxxxxxx) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX72M (product No.: RTK5572Mxxxxxxxxxx)
RTOS	FreeRTOS V10.4.3

Table 7.8 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev.4.13)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e2 studio Version 2024-07 IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 5.10.1
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.06.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99 GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.202405 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99 IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 5.10.1 Compiler option: The default settings of the integrated development environment.
Endian	Big endian/little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.4.13
Board used	None
RTOS	None

Table 7.9 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev.4.14)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e2 studio Version 2025-01 IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 5.10.1
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.07.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99
	GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.202411 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99
	IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX version 5.10.1 Compiler option: The default settings of the integrated development environment.
Endian	Big endian/little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.4.14
Board used	None
RTOS	None

7.2 Troubleshooting

(1) Q: I have added the FIT module to the project and built it. Then I got the error: Could not open source file "platform.h".

A: The FIT module may not be added to the project properly. Check if the method for adding FIT modules is correct with the following documents:

- Using CS+:

Application note "Adding Firmware Integration Technology Modules to CS+ Projects (R01AN1826)"

- Using e² studio:

Application note "Adding Firmware Integration Technology Modules to Projects (R01AN1723)"

When using this FIT module, the board support package FIT module (BSP module) must also be added to the project. Refer to the application note "Board Support Package Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1685)".

(2) Q: I have added the FIT module to the project and built it. Then I got the error: This MCU is not supported by the current r_sdc_sd_rx module.

A: The FIT module you added may not support the target device chosen in your project. Check the supported devices of added FIT modules.

(3) Q: I have added the FIT module to the project and built it. Then I got an error for when the configuration setting is wrong.

A: The setting in the file "r_tfat_rx_config.h" may be wrong. Check the file "r_tfat_rx_config.h". If there is a wrong setting, set the correct value for that. Refer to 2.6 Configuration Overview for details.

(4) Q: The pin setting is supposed to be done, but this does not look like it.

A: The pin setting may not be performed correctly. When using this FIT module, the pin setting must be performed. Refer to 5 Pin Settings for details.

8. Reference Documents

The latest versions can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.

Technical Update/Technical News

The latest information can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.

User's Manual: Development Tools

RX Family C/C++ Compiler CC-RX User's Manual (R20UT3248)

The latest version can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.

Related Technical Updates

This module reflects no technical updates.

Revision History

Rev.	Date	Description	
		Page	Summary
1.00	Oct 08, 2010	-	First edition issued
1.01	Sep 01, 2012	-	RX210 correspondence
1.02	Nov 08, 2013	-	Changed document title Changed the structure of sections Added Fatfs copyright to library source
1.03	Nov 30, 2013	-	Changed the base version of the open source into V0.09b from V0.06.
3.00	Apr 01, 2014	-	FIT Module correspondence
3.01	Dec.28.2014	-	Corresponded to RX71M/RX113. Updated the xml file for FIT.
3.02	May.01.2015	-	Corresponded to RX231. Updated the xml file for FIT.
3.03	Oct.01.2016	-	Corresponded to RX family. Updated the xml file for FIT.
3.04	Nov.30.2018	-	Chapter 2.4, added limitation when using Real Time OS. Chapter 4 and 6 was added Updated the xml file for FIT.
4.00	Feb.25.2020	-	Updated the open source base version from V0.09b to V0.13c. Supported the following compilers. - GCC for Renesas RX - IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX Supported the following RTOS. - FreeRTOS - RI600V4 Removed "R_TFAT_" from the function names. Added Fatfs copyright notice to source.
4.01	Jul.27, 2020	-	Supported the following storage devices. - eMMC - Serial Flash memory Supported the format function for following storage devices. - eMMC - Serial Flash memory Supported sector size 4096 bytes. Supported the following RTOS with using USB mini FIT. - FreeRTOS - RI600V4
4.02	Sep.10, 2020	-	Supported the format function for following storage devices. - SD - USB
4.10	Aug.31, 2023	25	Deleted the description of FIT configurator from "2.11 Adding the FIT Module to Your Project" Updated the open source base version from V0.13c to V0.15. Updated the xml file for FIT. Added new demo projects.
4.11	Dec.15, 2023	5, 8 5 14 21	Added support Serial Flash FAT sector size selectable. Updated FIT module version for Table 1.1 Updated the section of 2.7 Code Size. Added 2.12 "for", "while" and "do while" statements.

Rev.	Date	Description	
		Page	Summary
4.11	Dec.15, 2023	32 Program	7.1 Confirmed Operation Environment: Added Table for Rev.4.11. Added WAIT_LOOP comments. Updated the xml file for FIT.
4.12	Sep.16, 2024	5 7 14 33 Program	Updated to support SPI mode SD card module for Table 1.1 Added configuration option when using TFAT and SPI mode SD card memory Updated the section of 2.7 Code Size. 7.1 Confirmed Operation Environment: Added Table for Rev.4.12 Updated the xml file for FIT.
4.13	Nov.01, 2024	5 14 33 Program	Updated FIT module version. Updated the section of 2.7 Code Size. 7.1 Confirmed Operation Environment: Added Table for Rev.4.13. Updated the xml file for FIT.
4.14	Mar.15, 2025	5 34 Program	Updated FIT module version. 7.1 Confirmed Operation Environment: Added Table for Rev.4.14. Updated FIT Disclaimer and Copyright.

General Precautions in the Handling of Microprocessing Unit and Microcontroller Unit Products

The following usage notes are applicable to all Microprocessing unit and Microcontroller unit products from Renesas. For detailed usage notes on the products covered by this document, refer to the relevant sections of the document as well as any technical updates that have been issued for the products.

1. Precaution against Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

A strong electrical field, when exposed to a CMOS device, can cause destruction of the gate oxide and ultimately degrade the device operation. Steps must be taken to stop the generation of static electricity as much as possible, and quickly dissipate it when it occurs. Environmental control must be adequate. When it is dry, a humidifier should be used. This is recommended to avoid using insulators that can easily build up static electricity.

Semiconductor devices must be stored and transported in an anti-static container, static shielding bag or conductive material. All test and measurement tools including work benches and floors must be grounded. The operator must also be grounded using a wrist strap. Semiconductor devices must not be touched with bare hands. Similar precautions must be taken for printed circuit boards with mounted semiconductor devices.

2. Processing at power-on

The state of the product is undefined at the time when power is supplied. The states of internal circuits in the LSI are indeterminate and the states of register settings and pins are undefined at the time when power is supplied. In a finished product where the reset signal is applied to the external reset pin, the states of pins are not guaranteed from the time when power is supplied until the reset process is completed. In a similar way, the states of pins in a product that is reset by an on-chip power-on reset function are not guaranteed from the time when power is supplied until the power reaches the level at which resetting is specified.

3. Input of signal during power-off state

Do not input signals or an I/O pull-up power supply while the device is powered off. The current injection that results from input of such a signal or I/O pull-up power supply may cause malfunction and the abnormal current that passes in the device at this time may cause degradation of internal elements. Follow the guideline for input signal during power-off state as described in your product documentation.

4. Handling of unused pins

Handle unused pins in accordance with the directions given under handling of unused pins in the manual. The input pins of CMOS products are generally in the high-impedance state. In operation with an unused pin in the open-circuit state, extra electromagnetic noise is induced in the vicinity of the LSI, an associated shoot-through current flows internally, and malfunctions occur due to the false recognition of the pin state as an input signal become possible.

5. Clock signals

After applying a reset, only release the reset line after the operating clock signal becomes stable. When switching the clock signal during program execution, wait until the target clock signal is stabilized. When the clock signal is generated with an external resonator or from an external oscillator during a reset, ensure that the reset line is only released after full stabilization of the clock signal. Additionally, when switching to a clock signal produced with an external resonator or by an external oscillator while program execution is in progress, wait until the target clock signal is stable.

6. Voltage application waveform at input pin

Waveform distortion due to input noise or a reflected wave may cause malfunction. If the input of the CMOS device stays in the area between V_{IL} (Max.) and V_{IH} (Min.) due to noise, for example, the device may malfunction. Take care to prevent chattering noise from entering the device when the input level is fixed, and also in the transition period when the input level passes through the area between V_{IL} (Max.) and V_{IH} (Min.).

7. Prohibition of access to reserved addresses

Access to reserved addresses is prohibited. The reserved addresses are provided for possible future expansion of functions. Do not access these addresses as the correct operation of the LSI is not guaranteed.

8. Differences between products

Before changing from one product to another, for example to a product with a different part number, confirm that the change will not lead to problems. The characteristics of a microprocessing unit or microcontroller unit products in the same group but having a different part number might differ in terms of internal memory capacity, layout pattern, and other factors, which can affect the ranges of electrical characteristics, such as characteristic values, operating margins, immunity to noise, and amount of radiated noise. When changing to a product with a different part number, implement a system-evaluation test for the given product.

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