# AN10835 LPC2000 secondary bootloader for code update using IAP Rev. 01 — 26 May 2009 Application in

**Application note** 

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Keywords	LPC2000, Secondary bootloader, IAP, Code update
Abstract	This application note describes the design and implementation of a secondary bootloader which can update the user application code in onchip flash via UART with 1K XMODEM protocol, SD/MMC with file system, EEPROM with I2C interface and CAN interface using IAP (In-Application Programming).



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#### 1. Introduction

In most LPC2000 devices, the primary bootloader is the firmware which resides in the Boot Block and is executed every time the part is powered on or reset. The secondary bootloader in this document refers to a user-defined application that provides the user with an option to update the code or execute the previously programmed code.

In Application Programming (IAP executes erase and write operations on the on-chip flash memory, as directed by the end-user application code.

Code update is a typical application of IAP. This document describes four secondary bootloaders using different interfaces (UART using the 1K XMODEM protocol, SD/MMC using a FAT file system, I2C interfaced to EEPROM and CAN).

# 2. LPC2000 flash programming

### 2.1 Sector description

The IAP commands operate on a sector-by-sector basis. This means that in order to make any modifications (even if it is just one byte) in a particular sector, the entire sector must be erased.

The user application and the secondary bootloader share the same on-chip flash space. This means that the user's application code should not be placed inside any of the sectors on which the bootloader resides. Therefore, the application should be erased and programmed in sectors – separate from the bootloader.

IAP, ISP, and RealMonitor routines are located in the primary bootloader (Boot block). The boot block is present at addresses 0x0007 E000 to 0x0007 FFFF (8 kB) in all devices. Depending on the device, not all of the flash is available to the user. This is the case if the part contains 512 kB of flash. Rather than having 512 kB available, the user will only have 504 kB available for the application. In devices that have less than 512 kB flash available, please refer to the respective user manuals.

<u>Fig 1</u> indicates the correspondence between sector numbers and memory addresses for LPC23xx devices containing 128, 256 and 512 kB of flash respectively. For other LPC2000 devices please refer to the user manual.

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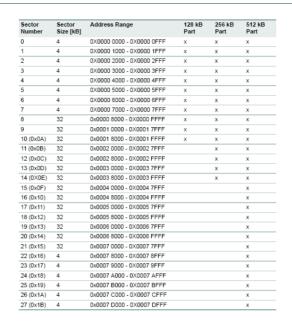


Fig 1. Sectors in LPC2300 devices

## 2.2 In Application Programming (IAP)

#### 2.2.1 IAP introduction

A boot code 8 kB in size is programmed into the on-chip flash after factory. The boot code controls initial operation after reset and also provides the means to accomplish programming of the flash memory. This could be initial programming of a blank device, erasure and re-programming of a previously programmed device, or programming of the Flash memory by the application program in a running system.

In Application Programming (IAP) executes erase and write operations on the on-chip flash memory, as directed by the end-user application code.

#### 2.2.2 IAP application

Using IAP, users can update the application code by various communication interfaces such as UART, USB or Ethernet. Flash sectors that aren't used for the secondary bootloader or the user application may be used as non-volatile data storage.

While the application is running, the user can update some portion of the code using IAP commands which we call "online code updates". It is not necessary to power off or even to remove the chip from the board to have it serviced by some commercial programming tools.

Having the device work as data storage, PCB costs and sizes can be reduced. Caution is however advised in handling data storage sectors. Since sectors functioning as data storage can be erased, no application code should be contained in these sectors.

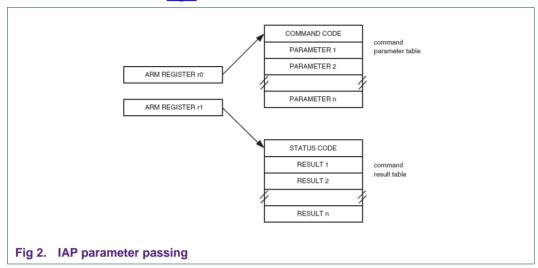
Frequent erasing and programming will reduce the flash's lifecycle. The LPC2000 provides a minimum of 10,000 write/erase cycles and 10 years of data retention.

#### 2.2.3 IAP commands

For in application programming, the IAP routine should be called using a word sized pointer that has been loaded into register r0, which is pointing to memory (on-chip RAM)

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containing the command code and its parameters. Register r1 contains the results of the IAP command returned by a pointer (pointing to a table). The user can reuse the command table for the results by passing the same pointers into registers r0 and r1. Ensure that the results table is large enough to store all the results coming from the IAP command issued. Refer to Fig 2.



The IAP commands and codes are listed in Fig 3.

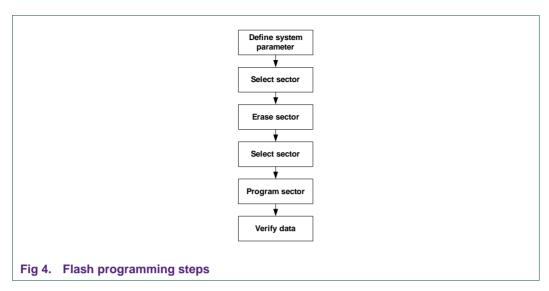
IAP Command	Command Code
Prepare sector(s) for write operation	50 <sub>10</sub>
Copy RAM to flash	51 <sub>10</sub>
Erase sector(s)	52 <sub>10</sub>
Blank check sector(s)	53 <sub>10</sub>
Read Part ID	54 <sub>10</sub>
Read Boot code version	55 <sub>10</sub>
Compare	56 <sub>10</sub>
Reinvoke ISP	57 <sub>10</sub>

For detailed information, please refer to the LPC2000 user manual.

#### 2.2.4 Using IAP

<u>Fig 4</u> shows the necessary steps to perform the flash programming using IAP.

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#### 2.2.4.1 Define system parameters

Some constants such as system clock, IAP entry point, input and output buffers should be defined before an IAP call.

#### 2.2.4.2 Select sector

The sectors have to be selected before any erase or programming operation. More than one sector can be selected.

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```
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        * Function Name: IAP PrepareSec
        * Parameters: unsigned long StartSecNum — Start Sector Number
                                       unsigned long EndSecNum — End Sector Number
        * Return: unsigned long -- Status Code
        * Description: This command must be executed before executing "Copy RAM to Flash" or
                                "Erase Sector(s)" command.
        unsigned long IAP PrepareSec (unsigned long StartSecNum, unsigned long EndSecNum)
               if (EndSecNum < StartSecNum)
                       return IAP_STA_INVALD PARAM:
               command[0] = IAP_CMD_PrepareSec;
               command[1] = StartSecNum;
command[2] = EndSecNum;
               iap entry (command, result);
               return result[0];
Fig 6. Select sector
```

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#### 2.2.4.3 Erase sector

Like other Flash implementations, the LPC2000 on-chip should be erased before programming. However, if the target sector is already erased, it is not necessary to erase the sector again. More than one sector can be erased at a time.

```
* Function Name: IAP EraseSec
           * Parameters: unsigned long StartSecNum — Start Sector Number
                                         unsigned long EndSecNum — End Sector Number
           * Return: unsigned long - Status Code
           * Description: This command is used to erase a sector or multiple sectors of on-chip Flash
                                  memory.
           unsigned long IAP_EraseSec (unsigned long StartSecNum, unsigned long EndSecNum)
                  if (EndSecNum < StartSecNum)
                          return IAP_STA_INVALD_PARAM;
                  command[0] = IAP_CMD_EraseSec;
                  command[1] = StartSecNum;
                  command[2] = EndSecNum:
                  command[3] = IAP CLK / 1000;
                  iap_entry(command, result);
                  return result[0];
Fig 7. Erase sector
```

#### 2.2.4.4 Program sector

During this stage, the data will be programmed from on-chip RAM to Flash.

#### Note:

- 1. Data can only be programmed from on-chip SRAM to on-chip Flash.
- 2. The address in on-chip Flash should be on a 256 byte boundary.

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- 3. On-chip RAM should be located on the local bus which means neither USB SRAM nor Ethernet SRAM can be used.
- 4. Number of programmed bytes each time should be 256, 512, 1024 or 4096.

```
* Function Name: IAP_CopyRAMToFlash
        * Parameters: unsigned long dst — Destination Flash address, should be a 256 byte boundary.
                                              unsigned long src -- Source RAM address, should be a word boundary
                                              unsigned long number — 256 | 512 | 1024 | 4096
        * Return: unsigned long — Status Code
        * Description: This command is used to program the flash memory.
       unsigned long IAP_CopyRAMToFlash (unsigned long dst, unsigned long src,
                 unsigned long number)
                 command[0] = IAP_CMD_CopyRAMToFlash;
                 command[1] = dst:
                 command[2] = src;
                 command[3] = number:
                 command[4] = IAP_CLK / 1000; // Fcclk in KHz
                 iap entry (command, result);
                 return result[0];
Fig 8. Program sector
```

#### 2.2.4.5 Verify data

With this function, user does not have to write their own code to compare the data in RAM and Flash.

Note: Source address, destination address and number of bytes should be a word boundary or a multiple of 4.

```
* Function Name: IAP Compare
            * Parameters: unsigned long dst — Destination Flash address
                                                unsigned long src — Source RAM address
                                                unsigned long number — Should be in mutilple of 4
            * Return: unsigned long — Status Code
            * Description: This command is used to compary the memory contents at two locations.
            * NOTE: Compary result may not be correct when source or destination address contains
                              any of the first 64 bytes starting from address zero. First 64 bytes can be re-mapped
                              to RAM.
            unsigned long IAP_Compare (unsigned long dst, unsigned long src,
                     unsigned long number, unsigned long *offset)
                    command[0] = IAP_CMD_Compare;
                     command[1] = dst;
                    command[2] = src;
command[3] = number;
                     iap_entry(command, result);
                    if (result[0] = IAP_STA_COMPARE_ERROR)
                              *offset = result[1];
                    return result[0];
Fig 9. Verify data
```

#### 2.2.4.6 Interrupts during IAP

The on-chip flash memory is not accessible during erase/write operations. When the user application code starts executing, the interrupt vectors from the user flash area are active.

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The user should either disable interrupts, or ensure that the user's interrupt vectors reside and are active in RAM, before making a flash erase/write IAP call. The IAP code does not use or disable interrupts.

```
swi(0x00) void SwiHandle1(int Handle);
#define IRQDisable() SwiHandle1(0)
#define IRQEnable() SwiHandle1(1)
* prepare and erase the sectors with index from "start" to "end"
* if successful, return TRUE, elsewise FALSE
BYTE IAP_PrepareErase_Sector(DWORD start, DWORD end)
           DWORD IAP_status;
          BYTE result = FALSE;
           IRQDisable();
           IAP_status = IAP_PrepareSec(start, end);
if (IAP_status = IAP_STA_CMD_SUCCESS)
                     IAP status = IAP EraseSec(start, end);
                      if (IAP_status = IAP_STA CMD SUCCESS)
                                result = TRUE;
           IRQEnable():
           return result;
```

Fig 10. Interrupt handle during IAP

#### 2.2.4.7 RAM used by IAP command handler

Flash programming commands use the top 32 bytes of on-chip RAM. The maximum stack usage in the user allocated stack space is 128 bytes (for LPC2300) and grows downwards.

#### 2.2.4.8 Running the user application

After loading the application, the user can execute the application by modifying the PC register by pointing it to the starting address of the application code.

```
#define AP_ADDR 0x8000
                                                              // where the user app located
                typedef void (*FP)(void);
                * run the user application from pre-specified address
                void Run_Application()
                  FP fp;
                  fp = (FP)AP\_ADDR;
                  (*fp)();
Fig 11. run the user application
```

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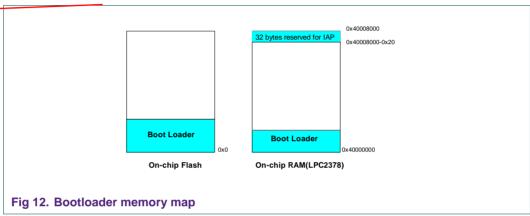
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# 3. Secondary bootloader and user application

#### 3.1 Secondary bootloader

After power on or reset, the secondary bootloader will always run and display a menu on a PC terminal window (e.g., Teraterm). With this menu, the user can erase or program the internal flash. Depending on the bootloader selected the application code can be programmed using one of the four different interfaces (UART, SD Card, I<sup>2</sup>C, or CAN).

The secondary bootloader resides in sectors starting at 0 and must not overlap the user application code.



#### 3.1.1 Bootloader Features and Constraints

The UART, SD/MMC, I<sup>2</sup>C, and CAN bootloaders function as a reference to allow the user to customize it to their particular needs. The bootloaders at their current state have the following design constraints and features:

- The bootloader's default user application code starting address is 0x10000.
- The bootloader will always wait for user input before continuing on into the application code.
- The bootloader has no knowledge whether user code is present or where it is located at in flash.
- The SD/MMC bootloader requires a SD Card to be inserted for proper operation.
- The SD/MMC bootloader allows the user to select which binary file should be flashed onto the microcontroller.
- If the application code utilizes interrupts, it needs to maintain its own interrupt vector table in SRAM, see section 3.2.2.
- The user application's starting address can be changed at compile time; however, it
  must match the address at which the code is to be programmed using the bootloader.

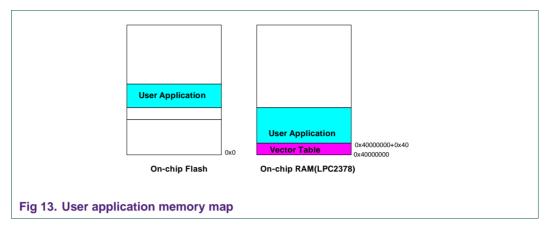
#### 3.2 User application

#### 3.2.1 Memory map

The user application is located in different sectors along with the secondary bootloader and consumes the on-chip RAM starting from 0x40000000.

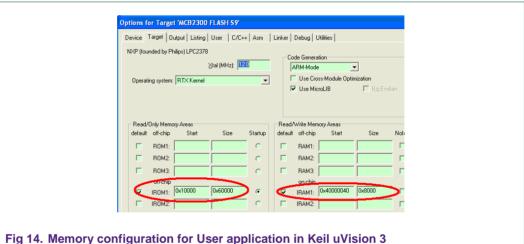
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If the user application utilizes interrupts, the first 64 bytes (0x40) at the bottom of the onchip RAM should be used as the interrupt vector table. Refer to section 3.2.2.

<u>Fig 14</u> shows the memory configuration for the user application in Keil's uVision 3 IDE. The on-chip RAM is from 0x40000040 instead of 0x40000000.



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By changing the "IROM1 Start address" in uVision, the user can change the starting location at which the application will be stored. Note that it is important not to use a starting address that is located in a sector that contains the secondary bootloader.

#### 3.2.2 Interrupt vector table re-mapping

Because of the location of the interrupt vectors on the ARM7 processor (at addresses 0x0000 0000 through 0x0000 001C, as shown in <u>Fig 15</u> below), a small portion of the Boot ROM and SRAM spaces need to be re-mapped in order to allow alternative uses of interrupts in the different operating modes described in <u>Fig 16</u> below.

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Address	Exception
0x0000 0000	Reset
0x0000 0004	Undefined Instruction
0x0000 0008	Software Interrupt
0x0000 000C	Prefetch Abort (instruction fetch memory fault)
0x0000 0010	Data Abort (data access memory fault)
0x0000 0014	Reserved
0x0000 0018	IRQ
0x0000 001C	FIQ

Fig 15. ARM exception vector locations

Mode	Activation	Usage
Boot Loader mode	Hardware activation by any Reset	The Boot Loader <b>always</b> executes after any reset. The Boot ROM interrupt vectors are mapped to the bottom of memory to allow handling exceptions and using interrupts during the Boot Loading process. A sector of the Flash memory (the Boot Flash) is available to hold part of the Boot Code.
User Flash mode	Software activation by boot code	Activated by the Boot Loader when a valid User Program Signature is recognized in memory and Boot Loader operation is not forced. Interrupt vectors are not re-mapped and are found in the bottom of the Flash memory.
User RAM mode	Software activation by user program	Activated by a User Program as desired. Interrupt vectors are re-mapped to the bottom of the Static RAM.
User External Memory mode	Software activation by user code	Activated by a User Program as desired. Interrupt vectors are re-mapped to external memory bank 0 <sup>[1]</sup> .

Fig 16. LPC2300 Memory mapping modes

The portion of memory that is re-mapped allows for interrupt processing in different modes and includes the interrupt vector area (32 bytes) as well as an additional 32 bytes (a total of 64 bytes) to facilitate branching to interrupt handlers at distant physical addresses. The remapped code locations overlay addresses 0x0000 0000 through 0x0000 003F.

The interrupt vectors of the secondary bootloader occupies the physical address from 0x0000 0000 through 0x0000 003F in on-chip flash, thus the interrupt vectors for the user application has to be re-mapped to the bottom of the on-chip SRAM using "User RAM Mode".

Before entering the main application, the user should copy the 64 bytes (32 bytes interrupt vector and 32 bytes additional bytes) into the bottom of the on-chip RAM and set the mapping mode to "User RAM Mode".

Fig 17 shows how to copy the 64 bytes of interrupt vectors from on-chip flash to the bottom of on-chip RAM.

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```
; Area Definition and Entry Point
; Startup Code must be linked first at Address at which it expects to run.
                          AREA RESET, CODE, READONLY
Vectors
                                      PC, Reset Addr
                                      PC, Undef_Addr
PC, SWI_Addr
PC, PAbt_Addr
PC, DAbt_Addr
                          NOP
                                      PC, IRQ_Addr
PC, [PC, #-0x0120]
PC, FIQ_Addr
                                                                            ; Vector from VicVectAddr
Reset_Addr
Undef_Addr
SWI_Addr
PAbt_Addr
                                      Reset_Handler
Undef_Handler
SWI_Handler
                          DCD
                          DCD
DCD
DCD
DCD
DAbt Addr
                                      DAbt Handler
                          DCD
                                                                            : Reserved Address
; Copy Exception Vectors to Internal RAM -----
                                       :DEF:RAM_INTVEC
                                      R8, Vectors
R9, =RAM_BASE
R8!, (RO-R7)
R9!, (RO-R7)
R8!, (RO-R7)
                                                                        ; Source
                          LDR
                                                                       ; Destination
                                                                      ; Load Vectors
; Store Vectors
; Load Handler Addresses
; Store Handler Addresses
                          LDMTA
                                      R9!, (RO-R7)
                          STMIA
```

Fig 17. Vector table re-mapping in user application (file lpc2300.s)

#### 3.2.3 User application size

One key parameter needed to update the user application is the size of the application itself. When loading the user application from the SD/MMC or UART interface, the end and the size of the binary file can be easily determined.

CAN and I<sup>2</sup>C only handles the physical data transfers from the interface onto on-chip memory. Without an additional protocol, loading the application via CAN or I<sup>2</sup>C requires prior knowledge of the application size before it can be programmed into flash. The following figures show how to record the image size.

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```
AREA
                              RESET, CODE, READONLY
                    ARM
                     IF
                               :DEF:SIZE INT INFO
                    IMPORT ||Image$$ER_IROM1$$RO$$Length||
IMPORT ||Image$$RW_IRAM1$$RW$$Length||
                               :DEF:SIZE_EXT_INFO
                    IMPORT ||Image$$ER_ROM1$$RO$$Length||
IMPORT ||Image$$RW_RAM1$$RW$$Length||
                    EMDIE
; Exception Vectors
   Mapped to Address O.
    Absolute addressing mode must be used.
   Dummy Handlers are implemented as infinite loops which can be modified.
                    EXPORT Vectors
                              PC, Reset_Addr
PC, Undef_Addr
Vectors
                    L.DR
                              PC, SWI_Addr
PC, PAbt Addr
                    LDR
                    LDR
                    LDR
                              PC, DAbt_Addr
                                                used for image size information
                    IF
                              :DEF:SIZE_INT_INFO
                            ||Image$$ER_IROM1$$RO$$Length||+\
||Image$$RW_IRAM1$$RW$$Length||
                      DCD
                    ELIF
                              :DEF:SIZE_EXT_INFO
||Image$$ER_ROM1$$RO$$Length||+\
                      DCD
                              ||Image$$RW_RAM1$$RW$$Length||
                    ELSE
                      NOP
                    ENDIF
                              PC, IRQ_Addr
PC, [PC, #-0x0120]
                    LDR
                    LDR
                                                           ; Vector from VicVectAddr
                    LDR
                              PC, FIQ Addr
```

Fig 18. Record user application image size in lpc2300.s



Fig 19. Control symbols definition for lpc2300.s in user application

Fig 20. Retrieve user application size in secondary bootloader

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# 4. Demo description

#### 4.1 Demo setup

#### 4.1.1 Hardware setup

This demo is tested on the KEIL MCB2300 evaluation board (version 4.7). For more information about MCB2300, please refer to: http://www.nxp.com/redirect/keil.com/mcb2300/.

No other special hardware is needed except a RS-232 cable, Standard USB (A-B) cable (for power), and an EEPROM with I<sup>2</sup>C interface (if using the I<sup>2</sup>C bootloader). The RS-232 cable is for the connection between the PC and MCB2300 on COM1. The ULINK-ME JTAG module can be used to program the bootloader onto the board. Optionally, the FlashMagic tool can be used to program the bootloader using the RS-232 cable connected onto UART0 (COM0).

#### UART1 (COM1) Setting: 115200 baud, 8N1

The FlashMagic tool is available for free at: <a href="http://www.nxp.com/redirect/flashmagictool.com/">http://www.nxp.com/redirect/flashmagictool.com/</a>

#### 4.1.2 Software setup

Keil uVision3 and Flashmagic are used to edit, compile, link, debug and download the code. Tera term (or other tools) is used for serial communication between PC terminal and MCB2300 and configured at 115200 baud, 8-bits, no parity, 1 stop bit, XON/XOFF.

Because the IAP routines are run in thumb code, the bootloaders need to have ARM/Thumb interworking enabled. Fig 21 shows the configuration in Keil uVision3 IDE.

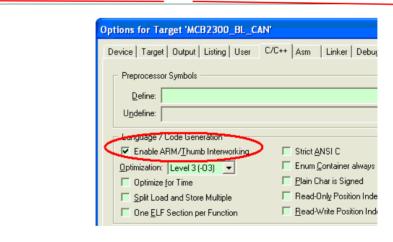


Fig 21. Enable ARM/Thumb interworking in KEIL uVsion3 IDE

#### 4.2 Start the demo

The reason for having four different bootloaders instead of just one bootloader is to minimize the size of the secondary bootloader itself. The smaller the bootloader, the more flash is available for the user application.

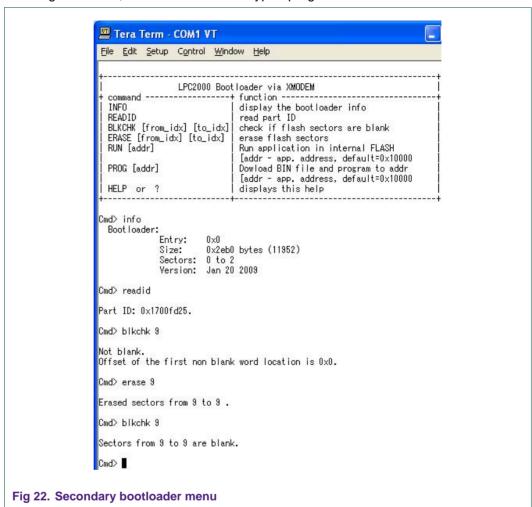
At power on or reset, a menu will be displayed in the Tera Term if properly configured. Most of the functions listed in menu are same. With these functions, the user can erase or program the flash with the application code using a specific interface.

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Throughout this section "<starting address>" refers to the actual address which should be entered into the serial terminal.

For example, if you want to use address 0x10000 and the command is shown as "prog <starting address>", then the user should type: "prog 0x10000".



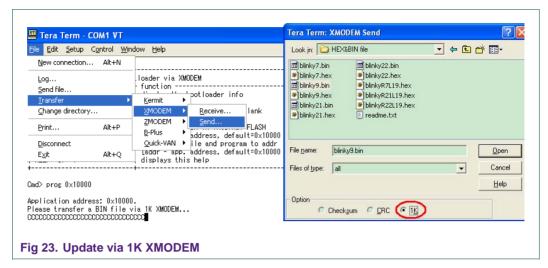
#### 4.2.1 Code update via UART

Type command "prog <starting address>" and then send a binary file using 1K XMODEM protocol. See Fig 23.

Then input "run <starting address>", which should jump to the application.

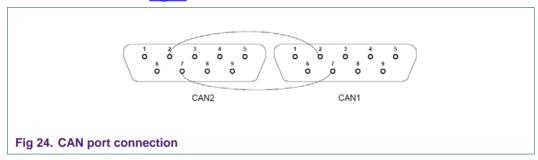
Note: The "address" should be the same with the entry point of the binary file.

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#### 4.2.2 Code update via CAN

To simplify the test of the CAN interface and protocol, CAN1 will act as transmitter and CAN2 as receiver on the MCB2300 board. Since CAN transceivers are already integrated in MCB2300, the user only needs to connect pins 2 and 7 directly together to both CANs as shown in Fig 24.



The user application is linked at address of 0x70000 but is programmed at address 0x60000. Afterwards, type "prog 0x60000 0x70000". This causes the user application code to be copied from address 0x60000 onto address 0x70000 via the CAN interface.

```
Cmd> prog 0x60000 0x70000

Start to update app. at 0x70000 (copyied from 0x60000)via CAN...

App size: 5652 bytes, iap progrom number: 6 (1024 bytes once).
    prepare and erase sector 21.
    program at addr 0x70000.
    program at addr 0x70400.
    program at addr 0x70800.
    program at addr 0x70800.
    program at addr 0x71000.
    program at addr 0x71000.
    program at addr 0x71400.

6144 bytes programmed.

Cmd> run 0x70000

Bun application at 0x70000...

Fig 25. Code update via CAN
```

#### 4.2.3 Code update via I2C

An additional EEPROM (24LC64) can be used on the MCB2300 board to test the I2C interface and protocol.

As shown in Fig 26, the 24LC64 works as an I2C slave with address of 0XA0.

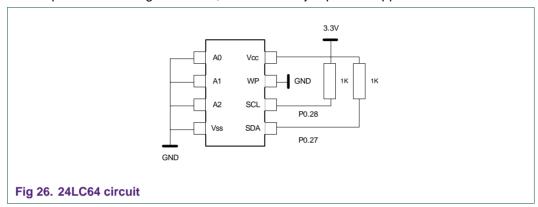
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Note: The SDA and SCL bus requires a pull-up resistor to  $V_{cc}$  (typical 10 k $\Omega$  for 100 kHz, 2 k $\Omega$  for 400 kHz).

The application code needs to be already programmed into EEPROM.

By typing command "prog <starting address>", the user application code will be copied from EEPROM via I2C interface onto internal flash at the address specified in the "prog" command.

Then input "run <starting address>", which should jump to the application.

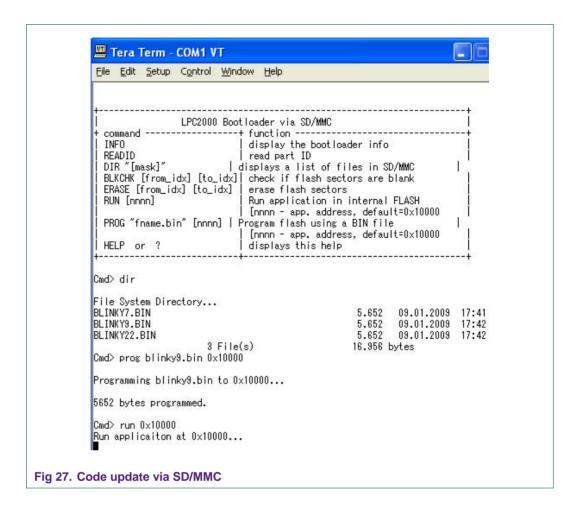


#### 4.2.4 Code update via SD/MMC

The SD/MMC bootloader utilizes a FAT file system so that the user can just copy the binary application code onto a SD Card from a workstation and then flash the application from the SD/MMC interface.

Using this bootloader, the user can list separate files located on the SD card and flash the microcontroller with the name specified. See Fig 27.

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