

This document will provide detailed instructions on how to capture data over LVDS using mmWave SDK (v3.4) and DCA1000EVM.

Radar in use : AWR1642 - ES 2.0 (SN: 5637200025)

Know that LVDS streaming functionality over CLI is only provided by the following radars:

- **xWR16xx**
- **xWR18xx**
- **xWR68xx**

1. Positioning switches SW1 and SW2 on DCA1000EVM

a. SW1

SW1.1	12bit_OFF
SW1.2	14bit_OFF
SW1.3	16bit_ON

b. SW2

SW2.1	LVDS_CAPTURE	(0)
SW2.2	ETH_STREAM	(1)
SW2.3	AR1642_MODE	(1)
SW2.4	RAW_MODE	(0)
SW2.5	SW_CONFIG	(1)

2. Flashing radar using UniFlash:

- Use jumpers to short SOP0 and SOP2 pins. This SOP mode is only used when flashing firmware to the device with UniFlash.
- Power cycle the radar by holding SW2 for 1 second.
- Allow UniFlash to automatically detect the device. Ensure that the detected device is correct, and the icon is red. (The black icon is for chip only flashing)
- Select the correct COM Port (User/UART) under the “Settings & Utilities” Tab.
- On the “Program” Tab, for **Meta Image 1**, choose “Browse” to locate the demo binary. This binary will be located in the SDK installation path. For example:
C:\ti\mmwave_sdk_03_04_00_03\packages\ti\demo\xwr16xx\mmw\xwr16xx_mmw_demo.bin
- Press the “Load Image” button. Once process is complete, remove ONLY the SOP2 jumper (leave SOP0 shorted)

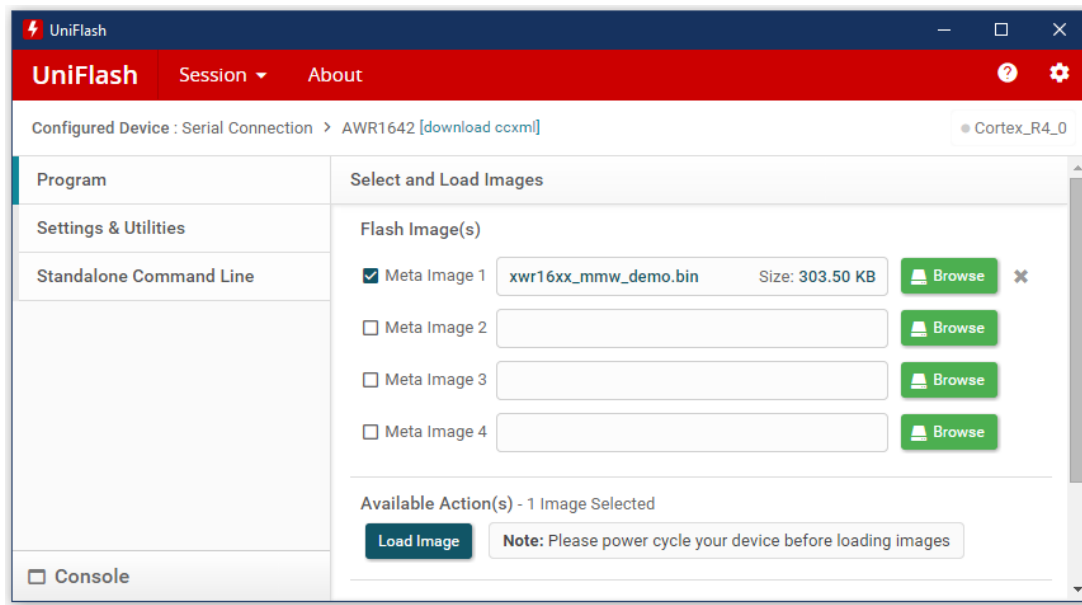


Figure 1 – UniFlash

3. Next, run the TI mmWave Demo Visualizer [available online](#) to confirm operation of radar. Once radar is confirmed working, select desired “scene selection” parameters and download the configuration file by pressing “**Save Config to PC**”. I suggest renaming the configuration file to something distinct such as “awr1642_profile.cfg”.
4. Modify the **lvdsStreamCfg** command in the “awr1642_profile.cfg” file according to settings shown in the [Figure 2 - lvdsStreamCfg Table](#) below. If **lvdsStreamCfg** requires modifying other commands, do so using the correct SDK user guide. (Ex: See how enabling “CP_ADC_CQ data” requires modifying command “analogMonitor”)

Modify the **chirpThreshold** in **adcBufCfg** to **1**. Otherwise, an exception will occur on line 1814 of [mss_main.c](#) stating that the number of chirps is not as expected. Ex: Change **adcbufCfg -1 0 1 1 0** to **adcbufCfg -1 0 1 1 1**

5. Create a copy of the DCA1000EVM’s configuration file for a CLI unique version. This file is located on your mmWaveStudio installation path and by default has name **cf.json**

`C:\ti\mmwave_studio_02_01_01_00\mmWaveStudio\PostProc\cf.json`

Name the copy something distinct such as **awr1642_cf.json**

6. Modify **awr1642_cf.json**:
 - a. Modify **dataLoggingMode**:
 - i. If <enableHeader> is disabled (0) in **lvdsStreamCfg**, change “dataLoggingMode” to “**raw**”
 - ii. If <enableHeader is enabled (1) in **lvdsStreamCfg**, change “dataLoggingMode” to “**multi**”

<enableHeader> is the 2nd digit of **lvdsStreamCfg** (be sure to include the quotations)

- b. Change **lvdsMode** to **2** (all supported devices only have 2 LVDS lanes)
- c. Change **dataFormatMode** to **3** (all supported devices only allow 16-bit capture)
- d. All ethernet settings should remain the same to allow for easy switching of the DCA1000EVM between radars using CLI and mmWaveStudio.
- e. Modify **captureConfig**:
 - i. **fileBasePath** changes where the saved data file is stored.
 - ii. **filePrefix** changes the name of the saved data file.
 - iii. **captureStopMode** changes the duration of the measurement. **"infinite"** will measure until there is no data present on the LVDS lanes or until the radar is told to stop. **"bytes"**, **"frames"**, and **"duration"** are used in combination with the next 3 lines (in the .json file) to tell the DCA1000EVM when to stop measuring data.
- f. Modify **dataFormatConfig**:
 - i. **MSBToggle** should be set to **0**.
 - ii. **reorderEnable** should be set to **1**.
 - iii. **dataPortConfig** should have all dataTypes set to **"complex"**. This is due to mmWave demo binary using all CBUFF/LVDS sessions as complex.

7. Running command to capture data with DCA1000EVM's CLI utility:

- a. Change directory to the modified (awr_1642.json) file. If in the same directory as the original cf.json file, the command to change directory will look like this:

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cd "C:\ti\mmwave_studio_02_01_01_00\mmWaveStudio\PostProc\"
```

- b. Now use the 'DCA1000EVM_CLI_Control.exe' utility to start the capture by running the 'fpga', 'record', and 'record_start' commands, in this respective order. Doing so will look like the following command lines:

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.\DCA1000EVM_CLI_Control.exe fpga AWR1642_cf.json  
.\DCA1000EVM_CLI_Control.exe record AWR1642_cf.json  
.\DCA1000EVM_CLI_Control.exe start_record AWR1642_cf.json
```

- c. To see a list of all the available commands in the DCA1000 CLI Utility, use the **-h** command:

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.\DCA1000EVM_CLI_Control.exe fpga AWR1642_cf.json
```

- d. Once the start_record command is sent, the radar must begin data transmission within 30 seconds, otherwise the DCA1000EVM will run the stop_record command. Any data sent by the radar after the stop_record command will not be captured until the start_record command is run again.
- e. To properly end data capture, TI states that it is better to run the stop_record command before issuing the sensorStop command to the radar. I have found that if there is around 3 seconds of no incoming LVDS data during a capture, the DCA1000EVM will automatically issue the stop_record command. This means that anytime you issue sensorStop to the radar, then you are guaranteed that within 3 seconds the data capture will automatically end on the DCA1000EVM as well.

Figure 2 - *IvdsStreamCfg* Table

IvdsStreamCfg	<p>Enables the streaming of various data streams over LVDS lanes. When this feature is enabled, make sure chirpThreshold in adcbufCfg is set to 1.</p> <p>The values in this command can be changed between sensorStop and sensorStart.</p> <p>This is a mandatory command.</p>	<p><subFrameIdx></p> <p>subframe Index</p>	<p>For legacy mode, this field should be set to -1</p> <p>For advanced frame mode, it should be set to either the intended subframe number or -1 to apply same config to all subframes.</p>
		<p><enableHeader></p> <p>Enable/disable HSI header for all active data streams</p>	<p>0 - Disable 1 - Enable</p>
		<p><dataFmt></p> <p>Controls HW streaming. Specifies the HW streaming data format.</p>	<p>0-HW STREAMING DISABLED 1-ADC 4-CP_ADC_CQ</p> <p>When choosing CP_ADC_CQ, please ensure that CQRxSatMonitor and CQSigImgMonitor commands are provided with appropriate values and these monitors are enabled using analogMonitor command.</p>
		<p><enableSW></p> <p>Enable/disable user data (SW session)</p>	<p>0 - Disable 1 - Enable</p> <p><enableHeader> should be set to 1 when this field is enabled.</p>

Example: Change **IvdsStreamCfg -1 0 0 0** to **IvdsStreamCfg -1 0 1 0**