

RX Family

Firmware Update Module Using Firmware Integration Technology

Introduction

This application note describes the firmware update module using Firmware Integration Technology (FIT). The module is referred to below as the firmware update FIT module.

This application note is based on Renesas MCU Firmware Update Design Policy (R01AN5548). It is recommended that the reader read that document before consulting this application note.

By using the FIT module, users can easily incorporate firmware update functionality into their applications. This application note explains how to use the firmware update FIT module and how to incorporate its API functions into user applications.

Target Devices

RX130 Group

RX140 Group

RX230, RX231, RX23E-A, RX23W Group

RX65N, RX651 Group

RX66N Group

RX66T Group

RX671 Group

RX72M Group

RX72N Group

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

Related Application Notes

Application notes related to this application note are listed below. Refer to them in conjunction with this application note.

- Renesas MCU Firmware Update Design Policy (R01AN5548)
- RX Family How to implement FreeRTOS OTA by using Amazon Web Services on RX65N (R01AN5549)
- Firmware Integration Technology User's Manual (R01AN1833)
- RX Family Adding Firmware Integration Technology Modules to Projects (R01AN1723)
- RX Smart Configurator User's Guide: IAREW (R20AN0535)
- RX Family Board Support Package Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1685)
- RX Family Flash Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN2184)
- RX Family SCI Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1815)
- RX Family Ethernet Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN2009)
- RX Family CMT Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1856)
- RX Family BYTEQ Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1683)
- RX Family System Timer Module Firmware Integration Technology (R20AN0431)

Target Compilers

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

For compiler details related to the environment on which operation has been confirmed, refer to 5.1, Confirmed Operation Environment.

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1. Overview

1.1 About the Firmware Update Module

A firmware update is a process in which the firmware, the software that controls the device's hardware, is overwritten with a new version of the firmware. Firmware updates may be applied to fix bugs, add new functions, or improve performance.

On RX Family MCUs the firmware is written (programmed) to the on-chip flash memory. Therefore, in the case of the RX Family, the term firmware update refers to the operations and processing for overwriting the contents of the MCU's on-chip flash memory.

Generally, one of the following two methods is used to overwrite the contents of the MCU's on-chip flash memory.

- Off-board programming
A method in which the MCU is connected to an external flash programming device such as a PC running Flash Programmer and the flash memory is overwritten
- On-board programming (self-programming)
A method in which the MCU is made to overwrite its own on-chip flash memory

The latter self-programming function is used for firmware updates; the MCU programs its own on-chip flash memory.

To perform self-programming of the on-chip flash memory, it is necessary first to copy to the RAM the program that will program the flash memory and then to execute flash memory programming commands from the RAM. Since users need to obtain new firmware versions via a variety of interfaces, it used to be very difficult to build firmware update functionality into the customer's system.

However, using the firmware update FIT module makes it easy to integrate firmware update functionality into the customer's system.

The firmware update module can be incorporated into user projects as an API. For instructions on adding the module, refer to 2.10, Adding the FIT Module to Your Project.

1.2 Configuration of Firmware Update Module

The firmware update module is middleware for the purpose of updating the firmware of the MCU.

The firmware update module has functions for use on OS-less systems and functions for use on systems using FreeRTOS over-the-air (OTA) updates. For details of FreeRTOS over-the-air (OTA) updates, refer to the following webpage:

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/freertos/latest/userguide/freertos-ota-dev.html>

Figure 1.1 shows a system configuration incorporating the firmware update module on an OS-less system, and Figure 1.2 shows a system configuration incorporating the firmware update module on a system using FreeRTOS over-the-air (OTA) updates.

The bootloader module runs first after the system is reset and verifies that the user program (the program that runs after the bootloader) has not been tampered with.

The firmware update module is incorporated into the user program and performs the actual firmware update.

Table 1.1 lists the FIT modules used for firmware updates.

The firmware to be applied as an update is received via a communication interface and then programmed to the code flash memory of the target device via the firmware update module and flash FIT module.

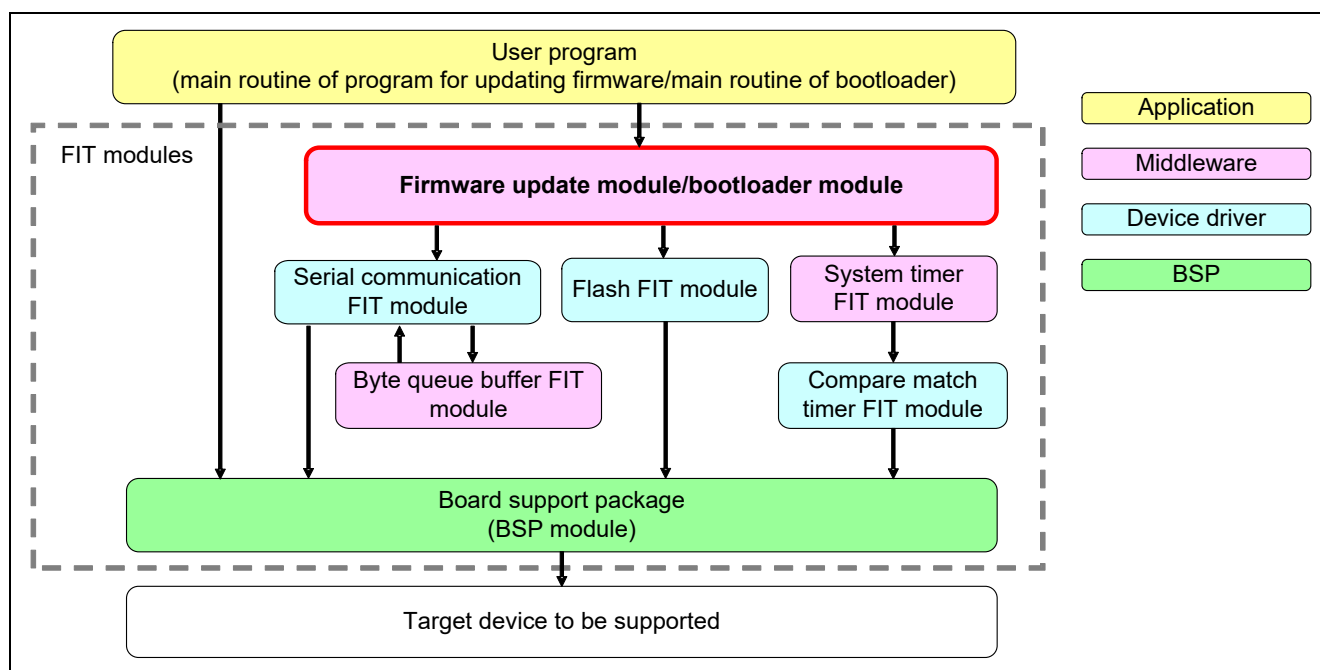


Figure 1.1 System Configuration of Firmware Update Module on OS-less System

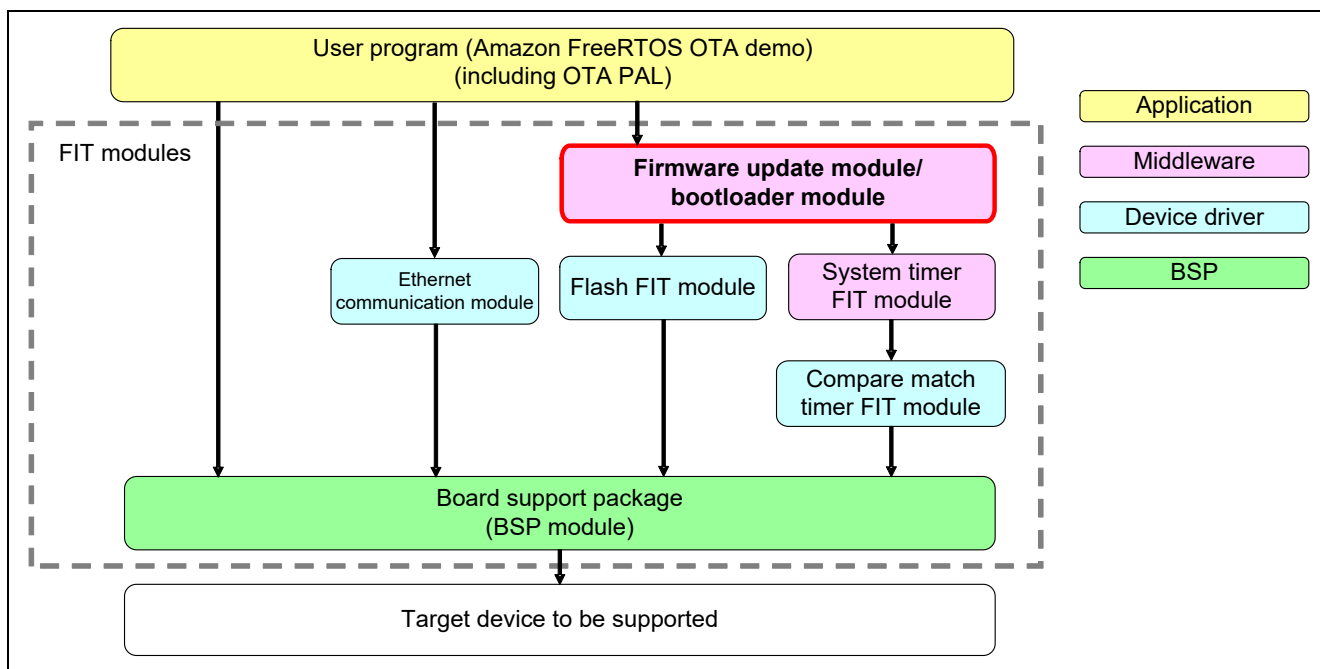


Figure 1.2 System Configuration of Firmware Update Module on System Using FreeRTOS Over-the-Air (OTA) Updates

Table 1.1 List of Modules

Type	Application Note (Document No.)	FIT Module
BSP	RX Family Board Support Package Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1685)	r_bsp
Device driver	RX Family Flash Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN2184)	r_flash_rx
	RX Family SCI Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1815)	r_sci_rx
	RX Family CMT Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1856)	r_cmt_rx
Middleware	RX Family BYTEQ Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1683)	r_byteq
	RX Family System Timer Module Firmware Integration Technology (R20AN0431)	r_sys_time_rx

1.3 Firmware Update Operation

On some products in the RX Family the MCU's on-chip flash memory supports dual-bank functionality.

To program the flash memory on a product without dual-bank functionality or when using a product with dual-bank functionality in linear mode, it is necessary first to copy to the RAM the program that will program the flash memory and then to execute flash memory programming commands from the RAM.

When using a product with dual-bank functionality in dual mode, so long as the area of flash memory to be programmed and the area from which the program performing the programming runs are different areas, it is not necessary to run the program from the RAM. This makes it a simple matter to maintain system operation while programming the flash memory.

The firmware update module is capable of applying firmware updates in both linear mode and dual mode.

Table 1.2 Linear Mode and Dual Mode Support on Specific Devices

Device	Linear Mode	Dual Mode
RX130 Group	○	—
RX140 Group	○	—
RX231 Group	○	—
RX65N Group	○	○
RX66T Group	○	—
RX671 Group	○	○
RX72N Group	○	○

1.3.1 Firmware Update Operation Using Dual Mode

Firmware update operation when using the flash memory in dual mode is described below.

Firmware update operation is divided into two parts: initial settings to the on-chip flash memory to prepare for the firmware update and applying the firmware update.

Figure 1.3 shows the initial settings for firmware update operation in dual mode.

A tool (Renesas Secure Flash Programmer) for creating the initial firmware to be written to the on-chip flash memory is provided together with the FIT module. This tool can be used to create initial firmware containing the user program only or to create initial firmware containing both the bootloader and the user program. By using Flash Programmer or the like to program initial firmware containing both the bootloader and the user program to the on-chip flash memory, the state shown in Figure 1.3 step [4] can be achieved. (Data is programmed to the bootloader (mirror) area in cases where the bootloader is run.)

Alternatively, the state shown in Figure 1.3 step [1] can be achieved by building the bootloader program and programming the resulting .mot file to the on-chip flash memory. If just the bootloader has been programmed to the on-chip flash memory, it is then possible to use the functions of the bootloader to program initial firmware containing only the user program to the on-chip flash memory.

You can start initial settings from step [1] or step [4], depending on the characteristics of the customer's system.

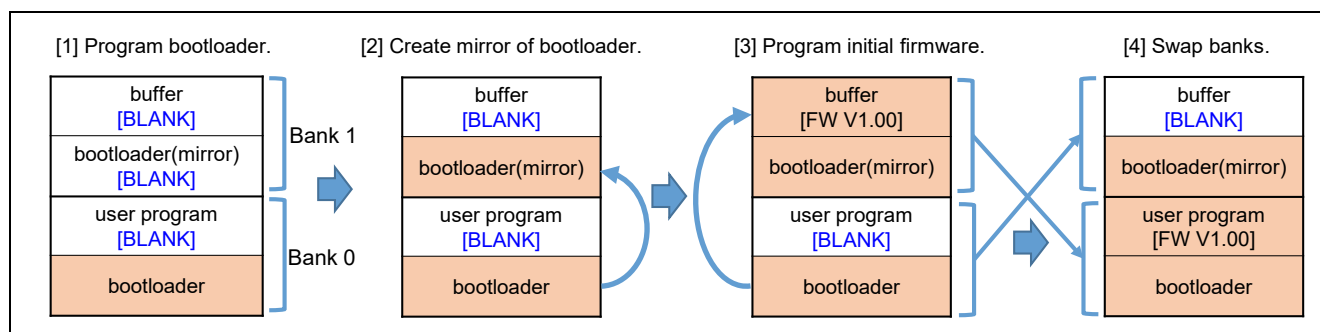


Figure 1.3 Dual Mode Firmware Update Initial Settings

Starting initial settings from step [1]

- [1] Use Flash Programmer or the like to program the bootloader to the on-chip flash memory.
- [2] Run the bootloader to create a mirror of the bootloader in bank 1.
- [3] Use the bootloader to program the initial firmware containing only the user program (must be input externally) and to verify the firmware.
- [4] If the verification completes successfully, swap the banks.

Starting initial settings from step [4]

- [4] Use Flash Programmer or the like to program the initial firmware containing the bootloader and the user program to the on-chip flash memory.

Figure 1.4 shows dual mode firmware update operation. (Note that “[1] Initial state” below refers to the state after the bootloader has run at initial startup and a mirror of the bootloader has been created in bank 1.)

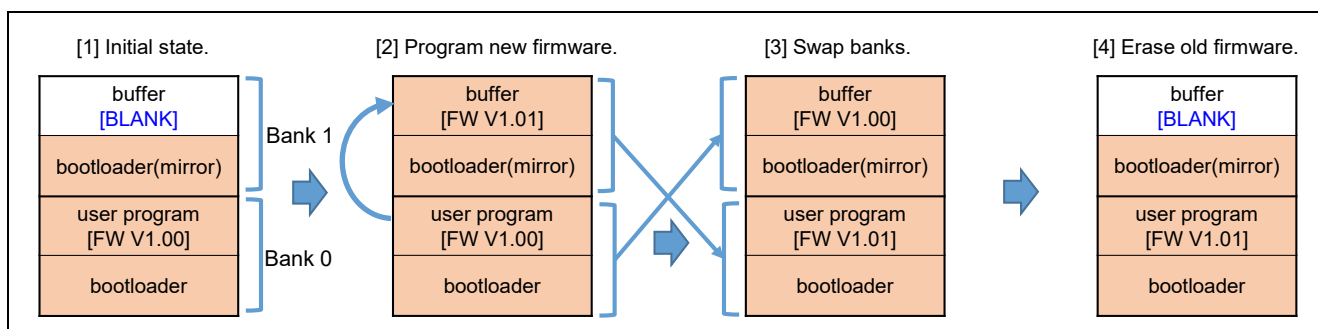


Figure 1.4 Dual Mode Firmware Update Operation

[1] Initial state.

[2] Use the firmware update module incorporated in the user program to program the new firmware version (must be input externally) and to verify the firmware after it has been programmed.

[3] If the verification completes successfully, swap the banks.

[4] Erase the old firmware from bank 1.

1.3.2 Firmware Update Operation Using Linear Mode

Firmware update operation when using the flash memory in linear mode is described below.

Figure 1.5 shows the initial settings for firmware update operation in linear mode.

A tool (Renesas Secure Flash Programmer.exe) for creating the initial firmware to be written to the on-chip flash memory is provided together with the FIT module. This tool can be used to create initial firmware containing the user program only or to create initial firmware containing both the bootloader and the user program. By using Flash Programmer or the like to program initial firmware containing both the bootloader and the user program to the on-chip flash memory, the state shown in Figure 1.5 step [2] can be achieved.

Alternatively, the state shown in Figure 1.5 step [1] can be achieved by building the bootloader program and programming the resulting .mot file to the on-chip flash memory. If just the bootloader has been programmed to the on-chip flash memory, it is then possible to use the functions of the bootloader to program initial firmware containing only the user program to the on-chip flash memory.

You can start initial settings from step [1] or step [2], depending on the characteristics of the customer's system.

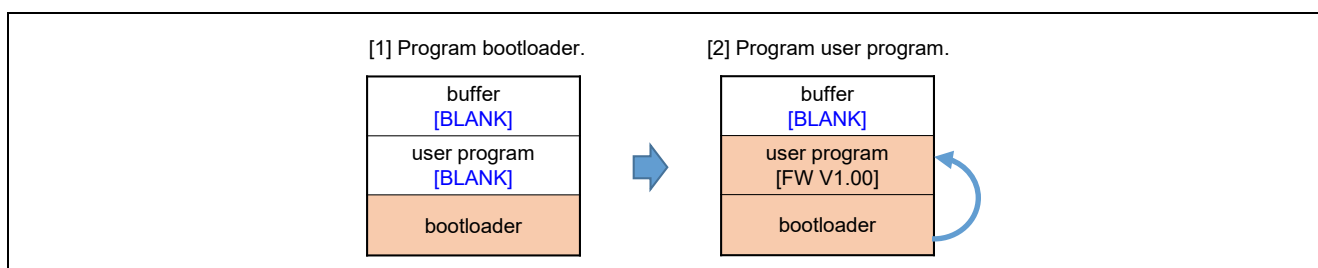


Figure 1.5 Linear Mode Firmware Update Initial Settings

Starting initial settings from step [1]

[1] Use Flash Programmer or the like to program the bootloader to the on-chip flash memory.

[2] Use the bootloader to program the initial firmware containing the user program only (must be input externally) and to verify the firmware after it has been programmed to the on-chip flash memory. If the verification completes successfully, the operation is complete.

Starting initial settings from step [2]

- [2] Use Flash Programmer or the like to program the initial firmware containing the bootloader and the user program to the on-chip flash memory.

Figure 1.6 shows firmware update operation in linear mode.

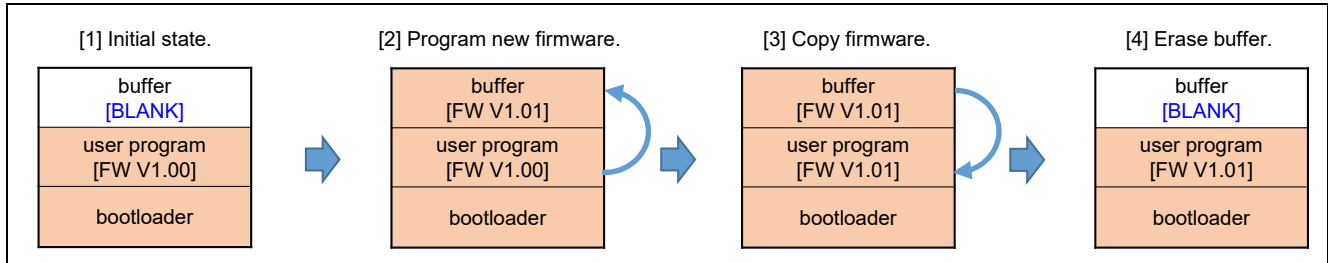


Figure 1.6 Linear Mode Firmware Update Operation

- [1] Initial state.
[2] Use the user program to program the new firmware version (must be input externally) to the buffer area and to verify the firmware after it has been programmed.
[3] If the verification completes successfully, copy the firmware from the buffer area to the user program area.
[4] Erase the buffer area.

1.4 API Overview

Table 1.3 lists the API functions included in the firmware update module.

Table 1.3 API Functions

Function	Function Description	FreeRTOS (OTA)	OS-less	Bootloader Module
		Firmware Update Module	Firmware Update Module	
R_FWUP_Open	Performs processing to open the module.	—	○	○
R_FWUP_Close	Performs processing to close the module.	—	○	○
R_FWUP_Operation	Performs firmware update processing from the user program.	—	○	—
R_FWUP_SoftwareReset	Applies a software reset.	—	○	—
R_FWUP_SetEndOfLife	Performs end of life processing for the user program.	○	○	—
R_FWUP_SecureBoot	Performs secure boot processing using the bootloader.	—	—	○
R_FWUP_ExecuteFirmware	Transfers processing to the installed or updated firmware.	—	—	○
R_FWUP_Abort	Stops OTA update processing.	○	—	—
R_FWUP_CreateFileForRx	Applies initial settings for OTA.	○	—	—
R_FWUP_CloseFile	Closes the specified file.	○	—	—
R_FWUP_WriteBlock	Writes a data block to the specified file at the specified offset.	○	—	—
R_FWUP_ActivateNewImage	Activates or launches the new firmware image.	○	—	—
R_FWUP_SetPlatformImageState	Sets the life cycle status to the status specified by an argument.	○	—	—
R_FWUP_GetPlatformImageState	Returns the current life cycle status.	○	—	—
R_FWUP_CheckFileSignature	Checks the signature of the specified file.	○	—	—
R_FWUP_ReadAndAssumeCertificate	Reads and returns the specified signer certificate from the file system.	○	—	—
R_FWUP_GetVersion	Returns the version number of the module.	○	○	○

2. API Information

The FIT module has been confirmed to operate under the following conditions.

2.1 Hardware Requirements

- Flash memory
- Serial communications interface: optional
- Ethernet: optional
- System timer module

2.2 Software Requirements

The driver is dependent upon the following FIT module:

- Board support package (r_bsp)
- Byte queue buffer module (r_byteq)
- Compare match timer (r_cmt_rx)
- Flash module (r_flash_rx)
- Serial communications interface (SCI: asynchronous/clock synchronous) (r_sci_rx): optional
- Ethernet module (r_ether_rx): optional
- System timer module (r_sys_time_rx)

2.3 Supported Toolchain

The driver has been confirmed to work with the toolchain listed in 5.1, Confirmed Operation Environment.

2.4 Header Files

All API calls and their supporting interface definitions are located in r_fwup_if.h.

2.5 Integer Types

The project uses ANSI C99. These types are defined in stdint.h.

2.6 Compile Settings

The configuration option settings of the FIT module are contained in `r_fwup_config.h`.

The names of the options and descriptions of their setting values are listed in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 Configuration Settings

Configuration options in <code>r_fwup_config.h</code>	
FWUP_CFG_IMPLEMENTATION_ENVIRONMENT Note: The default is 0.	Specifies the user program environment where the FIT module will be implemented. The API functions that can be used differ depending on the implementation target. Enter one of the following setting values. 0: Implement in bootloader program (default). 1: Implement in user program firmware update program (OS-less system). 2: Implement in FreeRTOS (OTA) program. 3: Implement in firmware update program using OS other than FreeRTOS. More setting values can be added for additional implementation environments.
FWUP_CFG_COMMUNICATION_FUNCTION Note: The default is 0.	This configuration setting specifies the communication channel used to obtain the new version of the firmware used by the user program for the firmware update. Enter one of the following setting values. 0: Connection via SCI communication (default) 1: Connection via Ethernet communication 2: Connection via USB* ¹ 3: Connection via SDHI* ¹ 4: Connection via QSPI* ¹ More setting values can be added for additional communication channels.
FWUP_CFG_BOOT_PROTECT_ENABLE Note: The default is 0.	Turns boot protection on or off. 0: Boot protection disabled (default). 1: Boot protection enabled.* ²
FWUP_CFG_OTA_DATA_STORAGE Note: The default is 0.	Specifies the storage destination for FreeRTOS (OTA) data. This setting is valid when OTA updating of FreeRTOS is performed. Also, ensure that the settings in the boot program and FreeRTOS (OTA) program match. 0: Data flash (default) 1: Code flash
FWUP_CFG_BOOTLOADER_LOG_DISABLE Note: The default is 0.	Suppresses display of character strings by sending printf statements to the terminal software in order to minimize ROM usage. 0: Display character strings in terminal software (default). 1: Do not display character strings in terminal software.
FWUP_CFG_LOG_LEVEL Note: The default is 3.	Specifies the log output level. This setting is valid when FWUP_CFG_IMPLEMENTATION_ENVIRONMENT is set to 1. 0: No log output 1: Output of error messages only 2: Output of warnings and error messages 3: Information, warnings, and error messages (default) 4: All log output
FWUP_CFG_SERIAL_TERM_SCI Note: The default is 8.	Specifies the SCI channel used to download the firmware.

Configuration options in r_fwup_config.h	
FWUP_CFG_SERIAL_TERM_SCI_BITRATE Note: The default is 115,200.	Specifies the UART baud rate setting used to download the firmware.
FWUP_CFG_SERIAL_TERM_SCI_INTERRUPT_PRIORITY Note: The default is 15.	Specifies the SCI interrupt priority level used when downloading the firmware.
FWUP_CFG_SCI_RECEIVE_WAIT Note: The default is 300.	Specifies the UART receive wait time after transmit ends (RTS set to HIGH). The setting unit is microseconds.
FWUP_CFG_PORT_SYMBOL Note: The default is PORTC on the RSK-RX231.	Specifies the port symbol of the I/O port used for RTS, the UART receive request pin.
FWUP_CFG_BIT_SYMBOL Note: The default is B4 on the RSK-RX231.	Specifies the bit symbol of the I/O port used for RTS, the UART receive request pin.

Notes: 1. This item is unsupported, so entering this setting value has no effect.

2. This function prevents the area where the bootloader is stored from being overwritten. Once boot protection is enabled it may not be possible to change the setting back to “boot protection disabled,” or to change the accessible area or startup area protection function settings, depending on the environment. Exercise due caution regarding the handling of the boot protection setting.

Some combinations of the configuration option settings FWUP_CFG_IMPLEMENTATION_ENVIRONMENT and FWUP_CFG_COMMUNICATION_FUNCTION are allowed and others are not. The allowed combinations are shown below.

Table 2.2 Allowable Compile Setting Combinations

		FWUP_CFG_COMMUNICATION_FUNCTION				
		0: SCI	1: Ethernet	2: USB	3: SDHI	4: QSPI
FWUP_CFG_IMPLEMENTATION_ENVIRONMENT	0: Bootloader program	0	—	—	—	—
	1: User program firmware update program (OS-less system)	1	—	2	—	3
	2: FreeRTOS (OTA) program	4	5	6	7	—
	3: Firmware update program using OS other than FreeRTOS.	8	—	9	10	11

Note: In the table above, a numeral represents the setting value of FWUP_ENV_COMMUNICATION_FUNCTION, and a dash (—) represents an invalid combination of settings.

Not supported except 0, 1, and 5.

The conditions constituting a valid combination of the implementation environment setting and communication channel setting are retained as macros in r_fwup_private.h.

Table 2.3 Valid Combination Macro Values

Macro	Value	Description
FWUP_COMM_SCI_BOOTLOADER	0	Connect a PC (COM port) to the SCI, and perform bootloader processing.
FWUP_COMM_SCI_PRIMITIVE	1	Connect a PC (COM port) to the SCI, and obtain the new version of the firmware via terminal software.
FWUP_COMM_USB_PRIMITIVE	2	Connect a PC (COM port) to the USB, and obtain the new version of the firmware via terminal software.
FWUP_COMM_QSPI_PRIMITIVE	3	Connect an external storage device (an SD card) to the QSPI, and obtain the new version of the firmware.
FWUP_COMM_SCI_AFRTOS	4	Connect a wireless module (SX-ULPGN, BG96, etc.) to the SCI, and obtain the new version of the firmware using FreeRTOS over-the-air (OTA) updates.
FWUP_COMM_ETHER_AFRTOS	5	Connect via Ethernet, and obtain the new version of the firmware using FreeRTOS over-the-air (OTA) updates.
FWUP_COMM_USB_AFRTOS	6	Connect an LTE modem to the USB, and obtain the new version of the firmware using FreeRTOS over-the-air (OTA) updates.
FWUP_COMM_SDHI_AFRTOS	7	Connect a wireless module (Type 1DX, etc.) to the SDHI, and obtain the new version of the firmware using FreeRTOS over-the-air (OTA) updates.
FWUP_COMM_SCI_FS	8	Connect an external storage device (an SD card) to the SCI, and obtain the new version of the firmware using the file system.
FWUP_COMM_USB_FS	9	Connect an external storage device (a USB flash drive) to the USB, and obtain the new version of the firmware using the file system.
FWUP_COMM_SDHI_FS	10	Connect an external storage device (an SD card) to the SDHI, and obtain the new version of the firmware using the file system.
FWUP_COMM_QSPI_FS	11	Connect an external storage device (serial flash memory) to the QSPI, and obtain the new version of the firmware using the file system.
<p>When additional combinations of the implementation environment setting and communication channel setting are added, additional macro settings can be added.</p> <p>ex.)</p> <pre> #define FWUP_COMM_SCI_BOOTLOADER 0 // Used for Bootloader with SCI connection from COM port. #define FWUP_COMM_SCI_PRIMITIVE 1 // SCI connection from COM port using primitive R/W. #define FWUP_COMM_USB_PRIMITIVE 2 // USB connection from COM port using primitive R/W. #define FWUP_COMM_QSP_PRIMITIVE 3 // Connect external storage (SD card) to QSPI using primitive R/W. #define FWUP_COMM_SCI_AFRTOS 4 // Connect wireless module to SCI with Amazon FreeRTOS. #define FWUP_COMM_ETHER_AFRTOS 5 // Connect Eathernet with Amazon FreeRTOS. #define FWUP_COMM_USB_AFRTOS 6 // Connect LTE modem to USB with Amazon FreeRTOS. #define FWUP_COMM_SDHI_AFRTOS 7 // Connect wireless module to SDHI with Amazon FreeRTOS. #define FWUP_COMM_SCI_FS 8 // External storage (SD card + file system) connected to SCI. #define FWUP_COMM_USB_FS 9 // External storage (USB flash drive + file system) connected to USB. #define FWUP_COMM_SDHI_FS 10 // External storage (SD card + file system) connected to SDHI. #define FWUP_COMM_QSPI_FS 11 // External storage (Serial flash + file system) connected to QSPI. </pre>		

2.6.1 Note on Compiling for RX130 and RX140 Environment

To use the FIT module on the RSK RX130 or RX140, change the setting of the board support package (BSP) configuration option for the user stack size (BSP_CFG_USTACK_BYTES) from the default value to 0x1000 (4 KB).

2.7 Code Size

The code sizes associated with the FIT module are listed in the table below.

One representative device is listed for each flash type.*¹

Table 2.4 Code Sizes

ROM, RAM, and Stack Code Sizes					
Device	Category	Memory Used			Remarks
		C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family	GCC for Renesas RX	IAR CC++ Compiler for RX	
RX65N (flash type 4)	ROM	3,294 bytes	6,889 bytes	3,107 bytes	boot_loader project
		3,983 bytes	4,329 bytes	3,720 bytes	fwup_main project
		3,050 bytes	4,329 bytes	1,757 bytes	eol_main project
		5,079 bytes	4,595 bytes	—	aws_demos project
	RAM	36,968 bytes	36,957 bytes	36,946 bytes	boot_loader project
		3,217 bytes	3,213 bytes	3,202 bytes	fwup_main project
		2,193 bytes	3,213 bytes	2,178 bytes	eol_main project
		1,252 bytes	1,248 bytes	—	aws_demos project
	Max. stack size used	1,168 bytes	872 bytes	876 bytes	boot_loader project
		2,192 bytes	2,512 bytes	2,156 bytes	fwup_main project
		800 bytes	2,512 bytes	776 bytes	eol_main project
		1,772 bytes	1,712 bytes	—	aws_demos project
RX231 (flash type 1)	ROM	3,665 bytes	7,251 bytes	3,340 bytes	boot_loader project
		3,949 bytes	4,137 bytes	3,616 bytes	fwup_main project
		2,961 bytes	4,137 bytes	1,687 bytes	eol_main project
	RAM	2,961 bytes	6,237 bytes	6,226 bytes	boot_loader project
		3,217 bytes	3,213 bytes	3,202 bytes	fwup_main project
		2,193 bytes	3,213 bytes	2,178 bytes	eol_main project
	Max. stack size used	1,384 bytes	892 bytes	836 bytes	boot_loader project
		2,172 bytes	2,496 bytes	2,136 bytes	fwup_main project
		772 bytes	2,496 bytes	768 bytes	eol_main project
RX66T (flash type 3)	ROM	3,726 bytes	7,268 bytes	3,349 bytes	boot_loader project
		3,944 bytes	4,134 bytes	3,614 bytes	fwup_main project
		2,792 bytes	4,134 bytes	1,686 bytes	eol_main project
	RAM	36,969 bytes	36,957 bytes	36,946 bytes	boot_loader project
		3,217 bytes	3,213 bytes	3,202 bytes	fwup_main project
		2,189 bytes	3,213 bytes	2,178 bytes	eol_main project
	Max. stack size used	1,404 bytes	892 bytes	836 bytes	boot_loader project
		2,168 bytes	2,496 bytes	2,136 bytes	fwup_main project
		736 bytes	2,496 bytes	768 bytes	eol_main project

Note: Refer to the application note RX Family Flash Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN2184) for a detailed description of flash types.

[Conditions]

C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family

- Optimization level: Level 2
- Link module optimization: Checked
- Optimization method: Code size optimization
- Remove unreferenced variables/functions: Unchecked
- FWUP_CFG_LOG_LEVEL(Config): 1

GCC for Renesas RX

- Optimization level: Optimize size (-Os)
- Debug level: None
- Link options: -Wl,--no-gc-sections
- FWUP_CFG_LOG_LEVEL(Config): 1

IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX

- Optimization level: High (Size)
- FWUP_CFG_LOG_LEVEL(Config): 1

Reference: ROM and RAM usage of bootloader

The ROM and RAM usage of the bootloader project on various products is listed below for reference.

Table 2.5 ROM and RAM Usage of Bootloader

ROM and RAM Usage of Bootloader				
Device	Category	Memory Used		
		C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family	GCC for Renesas RX	IAR C/C++ Compiler
RX130	ROM	32,310 bytes	29,540 bytes	25,314 bytes
	RAM	11,273 bytes	10,972 bytes	14,470 bytes
RX140	ROM	25,101 bytes	47,340 bytes	21,322 bytes
	RAM	10,572 bytes	14,204 bytes	17,899 bytes
RX231	ROM	31,664 bytes	28,384 bytes	24,767 bytes
	RAM	12,358 bytes	12,076 bytes	15,529 bytes
RX671	ROM	32,934 bytes	33,084 bytes	30,448 bytes
	RAM	41,271 bytes	41,044 bytes	45,724 bytes
RX65N	ROM	33,806 bytes	32,157 bytes	29,744 bytes
	RAM	41,079 bytes	40,836 bytes	45,708 bytes
RX66T	ROM	33,009 bytes	30,476 bytes	28,087 bytes
	RAM	43,524 bytes	43,220 bytes	47,463 bytes
RX72N	ROM	35,138 bytes	33,337 bytes	30,716 bytes
	RAM	41,195 bytes	41,144 bytes	45,828 bytes

[Conditions]

C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family

- Optimization level: Level 2
- Link module optimization: Checked
- Optimization method: Code size optimization
- Remove unreferenced variables/functions: Unchecked
- I/O function: Basic version
- FWUP_CFG_LOG_LEVEL(Config): 1

GCC for Renesas RX

- Optimization level: Optimize size (-Os)
- Debug level: None
- Link options: -Wl,--no-gc-sections
- FWUP_CFG_LOG_LEVEL(Config): 1

IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX

- Optimization level: High (Size)
- FWUP_CFG_LOG_LEVEL(Config): 1

2.8 Arguments

Regarding structures used as API function arguments, the file context settings for the Amazon FreeRTOS (OTA) 202002.00 environment are used for other environments as well.

The reused structure is shown below.

Note: Settings that apply to Amazon FreeRTOS when using over-the-air (OTA) updates may change due to version upgrades or the like. You will therefore need to check for any setting changes when applying version upgrades.

Location of declaration in FreeRTOS environment using over-the-air (OTA) updates:

aws_demos¥libraries¥ota_for_aws¥source¥include¥ota_private.h

Table 2.6 OTA File Context

```
typedef struct
{
    uint16_t size; /*!< @brief Size, in bytes, of the signature. */
    uint8_t data[ kOTA_MaxSignatureSize ]; /*!< @brief The binary signature data. */
} Sig256_t;

typedef struct OtaFileContext
{
    uint8_t * pFilePath; /*!< @brief Update file pathname. */
    uint16_t filePathMaxSize; /*!< @brief Maximum size of the update file path */
    #if defined( WIN32 ) || defined( __linux__ )
        FILE * pFile; /*!< @brief File type is stdio FILE structure after file is open for
write. */
    #else
        uint8_t * pFile; /*!< @brief File type is RAM/Flash image pointer after file is open
for write. */
    #endif
    uint32_t fileSize; /*!< @brief The size of the file in bytes. */
    uint32_t blocksRemaining; /*!< @brief How many blocks remain to be received (a code
optimization). */
    uint32_t fileAttributes; /*!< @brief Flags specific to the file being received (e.g. secure,
bundle, archive). */
    uint32_t serverFileID; /*!< @brief The file is referenced by this numeric ID in the OTA
job. */
    uint8_t * pJobName; /*!< @brief The job name associated with this file from the job
service. */
    uint16_t jobNameMaxSize; /*!< @brief Maximum size of the job name. */
    uint8_t * pStreamName; /*!< @brief The stream associated with this file from the OTA
service. */
    uint16_t streamNameMaxSize; /*!< @brief Maximum size of the stream name. */
    uint8_t * pRxBlockBitmap; /*!< @brief Bitmap of blocks received (for deduplicating and
missing block request). */
    uint16_t blockBitmapMaxSize; /*!< @brief Maximum size of the block bitmap. */
    uint8_t * pCertFilepath; /*!< @brief Pathname of the certificate file used to validate the
receive file. */
    uint16_t certFilePathMaxSize; /*!< @brief Maximum certificate path size. */
    uint8_t * pUpdateUrlPath; /*!< @brief Url for the file. */
    uint16_t updateUrlMaxSize; /*!< @brief Maximum size of the url. */
    uint8_t * pAuthScheme; /*!< @brief Authorization scheme. */
    uint16_t authSchemeMaxSize; /*!< @brief Maximum size of the auth scheme. */
    uint32_t updaterVersion; /*!< @brief Used by OTA self-test detection, the version of
Firmware that did the update. */
    bool isInSelfTest; /*!< @brief True if the job is in self test mode. */
    uint8_t * pProtocols; /*!< @brief Authorization scheme. */
}
```

```

uint16_t protocolMaxSize;    /*!< @brief Maximum size of the supported protocols string. */
uint8_t * pDecodeMem;       /*!< @brief Decode memory. */
uint32_t decodeMemMaxSize;  /*!< @brief Maximum size of the decode memory. */
uint32_t fileType;          /*!< @brief The file type id set when creating the OTA job. */
Sig256_t * pSignature;      /*!< @brief Pointer to the file's signature structure. */
} OtaFileContext_t;

```

2.9 Return Values

This section describes return values of API functions. This enumeration is located in `r_fwup_if.h` as are the prototype declarations of API functions.

Table 2.7 API Return Value Settings

```

typedef enum e_fwup_err
{
    FWUP_SUCCESS = 0,           // Normally terminated.
    FWUP_FAIL,                 // Illegal terminated.
    FWUP_IN_PROGRESS,          // Firmware update is in progress.
    FWUP_END_OF_LIFE,           // End Of Life process finished.
    FWUP_ERR_ALREADY_OPEN,      // Firmware Update module is in use by another process.
    FWUP_ERR_NOT_OPEN,          // R_FWUP_Open function is not executed yet.
    FWUP_ERR_IMAGE_STATE,       // Platform image status not suitable for firmware update.
    FWUP_ERR_LESS_MEMORY,       // Out of memory.
    FWUP_ERR_FLASH,             // Detect error of r_flash module.
    FWUP_ERR_COMM,              // Detect error of communication module.
    FWUP_ERR_STATE_MONITORING,  // Detect error of state monitoring module.
} fwup_err_t;

```

2.10 Adding the FIT Module to Your Project

The module must be added to each project in which it is used. Renesas recommends the method using the Smart Configurator described in (1) below. However, the Smart Configurator only supports some RX devices. Please use the methods of (2) 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 FIT Configurator in e² studio
By using the FIT Configurator in e² studio, the FIT module is automatically added to your project. Refer to “RX Family Adding Firmware Integration Technology Modules to Projects (R01AN1723)” for details.
- (3) Adding the FIT module to your project using the FIT Configurator in the IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX environment
If you want to add a FIT module in the IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX environment, use the RX Smart Configurator to add the FIT module to your project. Refer to “RX Smart Configurator User’s Guide: IAREW (R20AN0535)” for details.

2.11 Note on Status Transition Monitoring Using System Timer

The module uses the system timer to perform status transition monitoring, and the specification stipulates that an error end occurs when more than the specified duration elapses without a status transition. The default value is one minute. Take appropriate measures to ensure that the status does not remain fixed for longer than the specified duration.

3. API Functions

3.1 R_FWUP_Open Function

Table 3.1 R_FWUP_Open Function Specifications

Format	fwup_err_t R_FWUP_Open (void)
Description	Performs processing to open the firmware update module and bootloader module. Performs processing to open the resources used by the firmware update module and bootloader module, makes OS initial settings (when using an OS), and initializes variables.
Parameters	None
Return Values	FWUP_SUCCESS : Normal end
	FWUP_ERR_ALREADY_OPEN : Already open
	FWUP_ERR_LESS_MEMORY : Insufficient memory
	FWUP_ERR_IMAGE_STATE : Updating not possible in current flash status
	FWUP_ERR_FLASH : Flash module error
	FWUP_ERR_COMM : Communication module error
	FWUP_ERR_STATE_MONITORING : Status transition monitoring module error
Special Notes	—

3.2 R_FWUP_Close Function

Table 3.2 R_FWUP_Close Function Specifications

Format	fwup_err_t R_FWUP_Close (void)
Description	Performs processing to close the firmware update module and bootloader module. Performs processing to close the resources used by the firmware update module and bootloader module, and makes OS end settings (when using an OS).
Parameters	None
Return Values	FWUP_SUCCESS : Normal end
	FWUP_ERR_NOT_OPEN : Not open
Special Notes	—

3.3 R_FWUP_Operation Function

Table 3.3 R_FWUP_Operation Function Specifications

Format	fwup_err_t R_FWUP_Operation (void)
Description	<p>Performs firmware update processing from the user program. Obtains the firmware data to be applied as an update from the communication channel specified in the configuration settings, programs the flash memory, and performs signature verification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the status of the flash memory to be updated is other than VALID or INITIAL_FIRM_INSTALLING, the firmware cannot be updated, so a value of FWUP_ERR_IMAGE_STATE is returned. • If the return value is FWUP_IN_PROGRESS, a firmware update is currently in progress, so call this function again later. • If the return value is FWUP_SUCCESS, the firmware update is complete. Call the R_FWUP_SoftwareReset function. Processing transitions to the new firmware after a software reset is applied. • If the return value is FWUP_FAIL, the firmware update failed. Cancel the error and call this function again.
Parameters	None
Return Values	FWUP_SUCCESS : Firmware update normal end
	FWUP_FAIL : Firmware update error occurred
	FWUP_IN_PROGRESS : Firmware update in progress
	FWUP_ERR_NOT_OPEN : Not open
	FWUP_ERR_IMAGE_STATE : Updating not possible in current flash status
	FWUP_ERR_FLASH : Flash module error
Special Notes	FWUP_ERR_STATE_MONITORING : Firmware update status has not changed for more than specified duration
	—

3.4 R_FWUP_SoftwareReset Function

Table 3.4 R_FWUP_SoftwareReset Function Specifications

Format	void R_FWUP_SoftwareReset (void)
Description	Applies a software reset.
Parameters	None
Return Values	None
Special Notes	—

3.5 R_FWUP_SetEndOfLife Function

Table 3.5 R_FWUP_SetEndOfLife Function Specifications

Format	fwup_err_t R_FWUP_SetEndOfLife (void)
Description	<p>Performs end of life processing for the user program.</p> <p>[Note]</p> <p>When the status is normal end (FWUP_SUCCESS) after this function is called, end of life (EOL) processing is not yet complete.</p> <p>To finish end of life (EOL) processing after this function runs, it is necessary to call the R_FWUP_SoftwareReset function to apply a software reset (software reset with bank swap in dual bank mode), and to execute the remaining end of life processing using the bootloader.</p>
Parameters	None
Return Values	FWUP_SUCCESS : Normal end
	FWUP_ERR_NOT_OPEN : Not open
	FWUP_ERR_FLASH : Flash module error
Special Notes	—

3.6 R_FWUP_SecureBoot Function

Table 3.6 R_FWUP_SecureBoot Function Specifications

Format	int32_t R_FWUP_SecureBoot (void)
Description	<p>Performs secure boot processing using the bootloader.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs signature verification to check for tampering before allowing the newly installed firmware to run. • If no firmware is installed, the function obtains the firmware data to be applied as an update from the communication channel specified in the configuration settings, programs the flash memory, and performs signature verification. • If the firmware to be applied as an update is specified by the user program, it is substituted as the startup firmware. • If end of life (EOL) processing is specified by the user program, this function erases the firmware. • If the return value is FWUP_IN_PROGRESS, a secure boot is currently in progress, so call this function again later. • If the return value is FWUP_SUCCESS, the secure boot is complete. Call the R_FWUP_ExecuteFirmware function to transition processing to the newly installed or updated firmware. • If the return value is "FWUP_END_OF_LIFE", the processing at the end of life (EOL) of the user program is complete. • If the return value is FWUP_FAIL, the secure boot failed. If necessary, cancel the error and call this function again.
Parameters	None
Return Values	FWUP_SUCCESS : Secure boot normal end
	FWUP_FAIL : Secure boot error occurred
	FWUP_IN_PROGRESS : Secure boot in progress
	FWUP_END_OF_LIFE : END OF LIFE(EOL) processing completed
	FWUP_ERR_ALREADY_OPEN : Already open
	FWUP_ERR_STATE_MONITORING : Firmware update status has not changed for more than specified duration
Special Notes	—

3.7 R_FWUP_ExecuteFirmware Function

Table 3.7 R_FWUP_ExecuteFirmware Function Specifications

Format	void R_FWUP_ExecuteFirmware (void)
Description	Transfers processing to the installed or updated firmware. [Note] The start address of the firmware to which processing is transferred may differ depending on the MCU family or series. It may be necessary to implement processing to obtain the firmware start address to match the implementation environment. [Example: RX65N] Transfer processing to the address set in macro USER_RESET_VECTOR_ADDRESS.
Parameters	None
Return Values	None
Special Notes	—

3.8 R_FWUP_Abort Function

Table 3.8 R_FWUP_Abort Function Specifications

Format	OtaPalStatus_t R_FWUP_Abort (OTA_FileContext_t * const C)
Description	Stops OTA update processing.
Parameters	* C : File context
Return Values	OtaPalSuccess : Normal end OtaPalFileClose : File context close error
Special Notes	—

3.9 R_FWUP_CreateFileForRx Function

Table 3.9 R_FWUP_CreateFileForRx Function Specifications

Format	OtaPalStatus_t R_FWUP_CreateFileForRx (OTA_FileContext_t * const C)
Description	Applies initial settings for OTA. Creates a file to store the received data.
Parameters	* C : File context
Return Values	OtaPalSuccess : Normal end OtaPalRxFileCreateFailed : File creation error
Special Notes	—

3.10 R_FWUP_CloseFile Function

Table 3.10 R_FWUP_CloseFile Function Specifications

Format	OtaPalStatus_t R_FWUP_CloseFile (OTA_FileContext_t * const C)
Description	Closes the specified file. Performs signature verification on the firmware image downloaded to a buffer area in a temporary area. Writes header information for the buffer area in the temporary area.
Parameters	* C : File context
Return Values	OtaPalSuccess : Normal end
	OtaPalFileClose : File close error
	OtaPalSignatureCheckFailed : Signature verification error
Special Notes	—

3.11 R_FWUP_WriteBlock Function

Table 3.11 R_FWUP_WriteBlock Function Specifications

Format	int16_t R_FWUP_WriteBlock (OTA_FileContext_t * const C, uint32_t ulOffset, uint8_t * const pacData, uint32_t ulBlockSize)
Description	Writes a data block to the specified file at the specified offset. When the operation is successful, returns the number of bytes written.
Parameters	* C : File context
	ulOffset : Code flash write destination offset
	* pacData : Write data
	ulBlockSize : Write data size
Return Values	R_OTA_ERR_QUEUE_SEND_FAIL (-2) : Error writing to code flash
	Other than above: : Number of bytes written to code flash
Special Notes	—

3.12 R_FWUP_ActivateNewImage Function

Table 3.12 R_FWUP_ActivateNewImage Function Specifications

Format	OtaPalStatus_t R_FWUP_ActivateNewImage (void)
Description	Activates or launches the new firmware image. Calls the R_FWUP_ResetDevice() function to apply a software reset.
Parameters	None
Return Values	OtaPalSuccess : Normal end
Special Notes	—

3.13 R_FWUP_ResetDevice Function

Table 3.13 R_FWUP_ResetDevice Function Specifications

Format	OtaPalStatus_t R_FWUP_ResetDevice (void)
Description	Calling this function generates a software reset, after which the new firmware is launched through processing by the bootloader.
Parameters	None
Return Values	OtaPalSuccess : Normal end
Special Notes	Close all open peripheral circuits before calling this function.

3.14 R_FWUP_SetPlatformImageState Function

Table 3.14 R_FWUP_SetPlatformImageState Function Specifications

Format	OtaPalStatus_t R_FWUP_SetPlatformImageState (OTA_ImageState_t eState)
Description	Sets the life cycle status to the status specified by a parameter. When updating to the new firmware finishes, the function erases the buffer area in the temporary area.
Parameters	eState : Specified status
Return Values	OtaPalSuccess : Normal end
	OtaPalCommitFailed : Commit error
	OtaPalBadImageState : The state of the specified OTA image is out of range
Special Notes	—

3.15 R_FWUP_GetPlatformImageState Function

Table 3.15 R_FWUP_GetPlatformImageState Function Specifications

Format	OtaPalImageState_t R_FWUP_GetPlatformImageState (void)
Description	Returns the current life cycle status.
Parameters	None
Return Values	OtaPalImageStatePendingCommit : Waiting for update
	OtaPalImageStateValid : Valid
	OtaPalImageStateInvalid : Invalid
Special Notes	—

3.16 R_FWUP_CheckFileSignature Function

Table 3.16 R_FWUP_CheckFileSignature Function Specifications

Format	OtaPalStatus_t R_FWUP_CheckFileSignature (OTA_FileContext_t * const C)
Description	Checks the signature of the specified file.
Parameters	* C : File context
Return Values	OtaPalSuccess : Normal end
	OtaPalSignatureCheckFailed : Signature verification error
	OtaPalBadSignerCert : The signer certificate was unreadable or was zero in length
Special Notes	—

3.17 R_FWUP_ReadAndAssumeCertificate Function

Table 3.17 R_FWUP_ReadAndAssumeCertificate Function Specifications

Format	uint8_t * R_FWUP_ReadAndAssumeCertificate (const uint8_t * const pucCertName uint32_t * const ulSignerCertSize)
Description	Reads and returns the specified signer certificate from the file system.
Parameters	* pucCertName : Certificate file name
	* ulSignerCertSize : Certificate size
Return Values	Pointer to certificate data
Special Notes	—

3.18 R_FWUP_GetVersion Function

Table 3.18 R_FWUP_GetVersion Function Specifications

Format	uint32_t R_FWUP_GetVersion (void)
Description	Returns the version number of the FIT module.
Parameters	None
Return Values	Version number
Special Notes	—

4. Demo Project

The demo project includes a main() function that utilizes the FIT module and its dependent modules. The FIT module includes the following demo project.

4.1 Firmware Update Using Serial Communications Interface (SCI) of RX65N

The firmware update demo utilizes the serial communications interface (SCI) of the RX65N, which is mounted on the RSK RX65N starter kit board. Communication with the terminal software takes place via SCI channels configured as a UART.

The firmware update demo uses serial port SCI6, which interfaces with the PMOD1. The PMOD1 connector is connected to a serial converter board.

A PC running terminal software is required for data input and output.

Table 4.1 Device Configuration

No.	Device	Description
1	Development PC	The PC used for development.
2	Evaluation board (Renesas Starter Kit for RX65N)	—
3	Host PC (running terminal software such as TeraTerm)	PC running serial communication software that supports XMODEM/SUM transfer protocol (The development PC may also be used for this purpose.)
4	USB serial converter board	Converts the serial I/O signals of the Renesas Starter Kit for RX65N to and from USB serial format and connects to the host PC via a USB cable.
5	USB cable	Implements a USB connection between the USB serial converter board and the host PC.

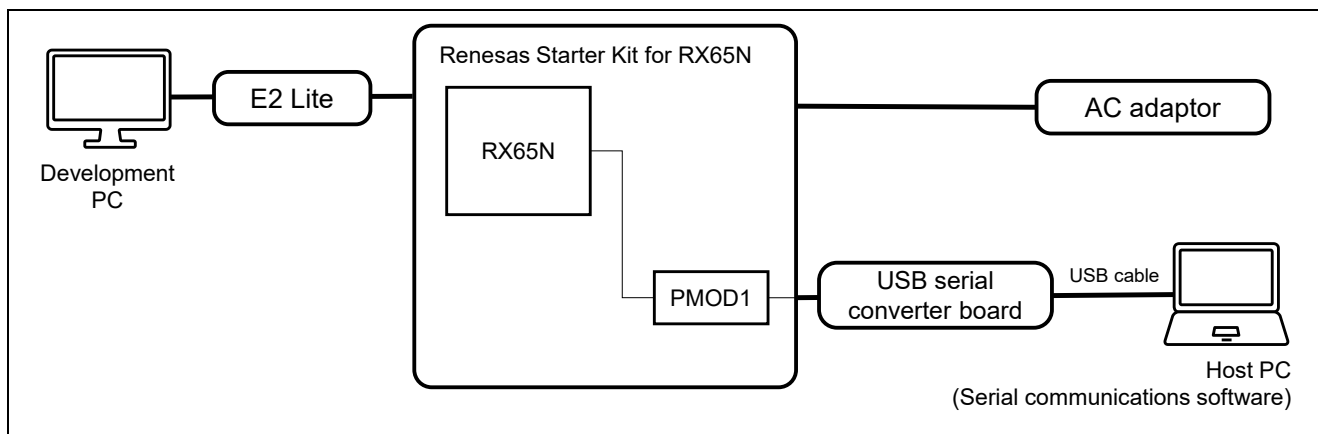


Figure 4.1 RSK RX65N Device Connection Diagram

Table 4.2 Communication Specifications

Item	Description
Communication system	Asynchronous communication
Bit rate	115,200 bps
Data length	8 bits
Parity	None
Stop bit	1 bit
Flow control	None

4.1.1 Generating the Firmware Update

1. To ensure the integrity of the firmware to be applied as an update, the firmware update is digitally signed (ECDSA + SHA256) and the signature is used to verify its integrity. To perform verification, the following code must be added to the fwup_main_RX65N sample application.

- Tinycrypt library
- Base64 decode function
- Key file used for digital signature

The procedure for adding these items is as follows.

- (1) Adding the Tinycrypt library

After obtaining the files from <https://github.com/renesas/amazon-freertos/tree/master/libraries/3rdparty/tinycrypt>, add the **lib** folder to the **src/src/tinycrypt/lib** folder of the **fwup_main_RX65N** project.

- (2) Adding the Base64 decode function

After obtaining the files from https://github.com/renesas/amazon-freertos/tree/master/projects/renesas/rx65n-rsk/e2studio/boot_loader/src/src, add **base64_decode.c** and **base64_decode.h** to the **src/src** folder of the **fwup_main_RX65N** project.

- (3) Adding the key file

After obtaining the files from https://github.com/renesas/amazon-freertos/tree/master/projects/renesas/rx65n-rsk/e2studio/boot_loader/src/, add the **key** folder to the **src/key** folder of the **fwup_main_RX65N** project. After adding the folder, enter the public key information for signature verification in **code_signer_public_key.h**.

Refer to the following link for instructions on adding the information.

<https://github.com/renesas/amazon-freertos/wiki/OTAの活用#手順まとめ>

4. Create the keys to be used for firmware verification in OpenSSL.
5. To enable firmware verification using ECDSA + SHA256, import the public key for signature verification (secp256r1.publickey) by the bootloader.

2. Build the **fwup_main_RX65N** sample application and convert the resulting .mot file into an .RSU file. This is the “initial firmware.”

The procedure for converting the .mot file into an .RSU file is as follows.

Download Renesas Secure Flash Programmer.exe from

[Release mot file converter tool · renesas/mot-file-converter · GitHub](#) and then run it. (You will also need the other files archived along with it, so download them too.)

- Select the [Initial Firm] tab and set the parameters as shown in the screenshot below.
- Set the path of secp256r1.private key in **Private Key Path** of **Settings**.
- Set Bank0 User Program (Binary Format) to **Select Output format** in **Settings**.
- For **File Path** under **Bank 0 User Program**, specify the path of the .mot file created as described above.
- Click the [Generate] button to generate an .RSU file, and store it in the **init_firmware** folder.

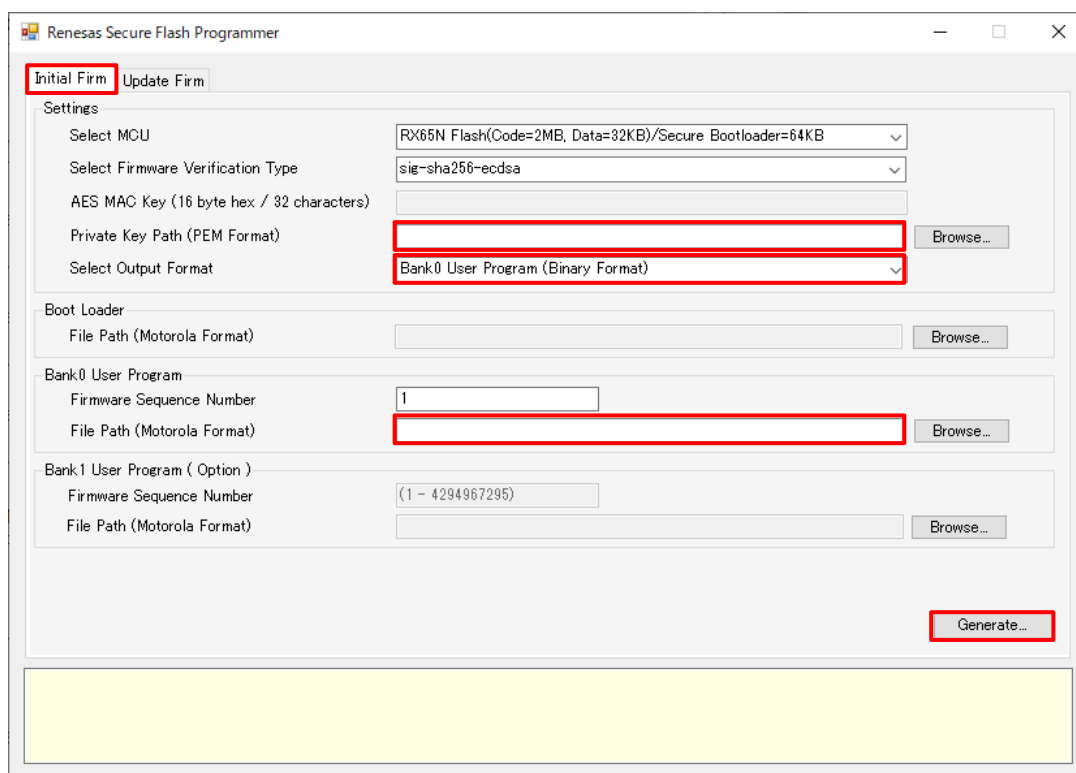


Figure 4.2 Renesas Secure Flash Programmer Initial Firm Tab

3. Open **src/main.c** and remove the slashes from the left of the commented-out lines to make them valid.

Lines 84 to 88 in main.c

```
// printf("[FWUP_main DEMO] Firmware update demonstration completed.\r\n");  
// while(1)  
// {  
//     /* infinity loop */  
// }
```

Build the project once again, and convert the resulting .mot file into an .RSU file. This is the “next firmware.”

The procedure for converting the .mot file into an .RSU file is as follows.

- Select the [Update Firm] tab and set the parameters as shown in the screenshot below.
- Set the path of secp256r1.private key in **Private Key Path** of **Settings**.
- For **File Path** under **Bank 0 User Program**, specify the path of the .mot file created as described above.
- Click the [Generate] button to generate an .RSU file, and store it in the **update_firmware** folder.

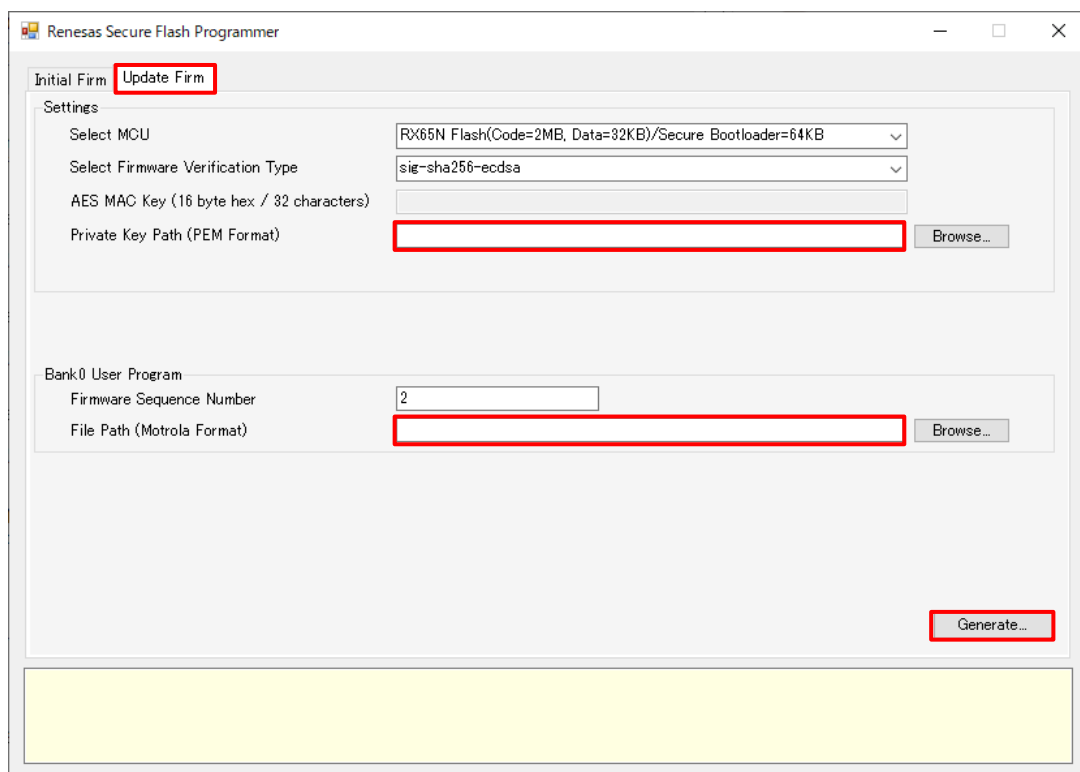


Figure 4.3 Renesas Secure Flash Programmer Update Firm Tab

4.1.2 Updating the Firmware

1. Connect the PC USB port, USB serial converter board, and PMOD1 on the RSK board as shown in Figure 4.1, RSK RX65N Device Connection Diagram.
2. Launch the terminal software on the PC. Then select the serial COM port assigned to the USB serial converter board.
3. Enter serial communication settings in the terminal software to match the settings of the sample application: 115,200 bps, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit, no flow control.
4. Build the bootloader program, download it to the RSK board, and use the debugger to run the application.
5. When you run the software, the following message is output.

```
send "userprog.rsu" via UART.
```

Select the “send file” function in the terminal software, and send the previously created “initial firmware” .RSU file. (Make sure to select the binary transfer option.) The following messages are output while the .RSU file data is being received and written to the code flash.

```
installing firmware...0%(1/960KB).
installing firmware...0%(2/960KB).
installing firmware...0%(3/960KB).
installing firmware...0%(4/960KB).
```

6. When installation and signature verification finish, the application for applying the firmware update is launched, and a message prompting you to input the firmware application is output.

```
jump to user program
[INFO] Receive file created.
-----
FIRMWARE UPDATE demo version 0.1.1
FWUP FIT module version 1.04
-----
The firmware update will start.
```

Select the “send file” function in the terminal software, and send the previously created “next firmware” .RSU file. (Make sure to select the binary transfer option.) The following messages are output while the .RSU file data is being received and written to the code flash.

```
[INFO] Flash Write: Address = 0xFFE00000, length = 1024byte ... OK
[INFO] Flash Write: Address = 0xFFE00400, length = 1024byte ... OK
[INFO] Flash Write: Address = 0xFFE00800, length = 1024byte ... OK
[INFO] Flash Write: Address = 0xFFE00C00, length = 1024byte ... OK
```

7. When installation and signature verification of the firmware application finish, execution jumps to the firmware application following a bank swap and other processing.

```
jump to user program
[INFO] Receive file created.
```

8. The firmware application outputs the following message indicating that the demo has completed successfully.

```
[FWUP_main DEMO] Firmware update demonstration completed.
```

4.1.3 Generating EOL Firmware

1. Build the **eol_main_RX65N** sample application and convert the resulting .mot file into an .RSU file. This is the “eol firmware.”

Refer to 4.1.1 above for instructions on converting to .RSU file format.

4.1.4 Firmware EOL

1. Connect the PC USB port, USB serial converter board, and PMOD1 on the RSK board as shown in Figure 4.1, RSK RX65N Device Connection Diagram.
2. Launch the terminal emulation program (terminal software) on the PC. Then select the serial COM port assigned to the USB serial converter board.
3. Enter serial communication settings in the terminal software to match the settings of the sample application: 115,200 bps, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit, no flow control.
4. Build the bootloader program, download it to the RSK board, and use the debugger to run the application.
5. When you run the software, the following message is output.

```
send "userprog.rsu" via UART.
```

Select the “send file” function in the terminal software, and send the previously created “eol firmware” .RSU file. (Make sure to select the binary transfer option.) The following messages are output while the .RSU file data is being received and written to the code flash.

```
installing firmware...0%(1/960KB).
installing firmware...0%(2/960KB).
installing firmware...0%(3/960KB).
installing firmware...0%(4/960KB).
```

6. When installation and signature verification finish, the end of life (EOL) application is launched.

```
[INFO] -----
[INFO] End Of Life (EOL) process of user program
[INFO] -----
[INFO] erase install area (code flash):OK
[INFO] update bank1 LIFECYCLE_STATE to [LIFECYCLE_STATE_EOL]
[EOL_main] EOL process completely. Bank swap and software reset.
[INFO] Changing the Startup Bank
[INFO] Resetting the device.
[INFO] Swap bank...
```

7. When the end of life (EOL) application finishes, processing returns to the bootloader, and EOL processing is executed within the bootloader.

```
-----
RX65N secure boot program
-----
Checking flash ROM status.
bank 0 status = 0xe0 [LIFECYCLE_STATE_EOL]
bank 1 status = 0xf8 [LIFECYCLE_STATE_VALID]
```

8. When the following message is output, EOL processing has completed successfully.

```
End Of Life process finished.
```

5. Appendices

5.1 Confirmed Operation Environment

This section describes confirmed operation environment for the FIT module.

Table 5.1 Confirmed Operation Environment (CC-RX)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e ² studio 2022 01
C compiler	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler for RX Family V3.04.00 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -lang = c99
Endian order	Little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.1.04
Board used	Renesas Starter Kit for RX130-512KB (product No.: RTK5051308SxxxxxBE) Renesas Starter Kit for RX140-256KB (product No.: RTK551406BxxxxxBJ) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX231 (product No.: R0K505231SxxxBE) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX65N (product No.: RTK50565N2SxxxxxBE) Renesas Starter Kit for RX66T (product No.: RTK50566T0S00000BE) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX671 (product No.: RTK55671EHS10000BE) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX72N (product No.: RTK5572NNxxxxxxxBE)
USB serial converter board	Pmod USBUART (Digilent, Inc.) https://reference.digilentinc.com/reference/pmod/pmodusbuart/start

Table 5.2 Confirmed Operation Environment (GCC)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e ² studio 2022 01
C compiler	(For RX65N FreeRTOS OTA) GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.202102 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99 (Other than RX65N FreeRTOS OTA) GCC for Renesas RX 8.3.0.202004 Compiler option: The following option is added to the default settings of the integrated development environment. -std=gnu99
Endian order	Little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.1.04
Board used	Renesas Starter Kit for RX130-512KB (product No.: RTK5051308SxxxxxBE) Renesas Starter Kit for RX140-256KB (product No.: RTK551406BxxxxxBJ) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX231 (product No.: R0K505231SxxxBE) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX65N (product No.: RTK50565N2SxxxxxBE) Renesas Starter Kit for RX66T (product No.: RTK50566T0S00000BE) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX671 (product No.: RTK55671EHS10000BE) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX72N (product No.: RTK5572NNxxxxxxxBE)
USB serial converter board	Pmod USBUART (Digilent, Inc.) https://reference.digilentinc.com/reference/pmod/pmodusbuart/start

Table 5.3 Confirmed Operation Environment (IAR)

Item	Contents
Integrated development environment	IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX 4.20.3
C compiler	IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX 4.20.3 Compile options: Default settings for the integrated development environment
Smart configurator	RX Smart configurator V2.12.0
Endian order	Little endian
Revision of the module	Rev.1.04
Board used	Renesas Starter Kit for RX130-512KB (product No.: RTK5051308SxxxxxBE) Renesas Starter Kit for RX140-256KB (product No.: RTK551406BxxxxxBJ) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX231 (product No.: R0K505231SxxxBE) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX65N (product No.: RTK50565N2SxxxxxBE) Renesas Starter Kit for RX66T (product No.: RTK50566T0S00000BE) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX671 (product No.: RTK55671EHS10000BE) Renesas Starter Kit+ for RX72N (product No.: RTK5572NNxxxxxxxBE)
USB serial converter board	Pmod USBUART (Digilent, Inc.) https://reference.digilentinc.com/reference/pmod/pmodusbuart/start

The versions of the FIT modules used by the demo project to confirm firmware update operation are listed below.

(1) Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family

Table 5.4 FIT Module Versions (CC-RX)

Device	Project	r_bsp	r_byteq	r_flash _rx	r_fwup	r_sys _time_rx	r_sci_rx	r_cmt _rx
RX130	boot_loader fwup_main eol_main	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX140	boot_loader fwup_main eol_main	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.20	5.00
RX231	boot_loader fwup_main eol_main	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX65N	boot_loader fwup_main eol_main	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
	aws_demos	5.52	1.80	4.50	1.04	1.01	3.50	4.31
RX66T	boot_loader fwup_main eol_main	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX671	boot_loader fwup_main eol_main	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX72N	boot_loader fwup_main eol_main	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00

(2) GCC for Renesas RX

Table 5.5 FIT Module Versions (GCC)

Device	Project	r_bsp	r_byteq	r_flash_rx	r_fwup	r_sys_time_rx	r_sci_rx	r_cmt_rx
RX130	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX140	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.20	5.00
RX231	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX65N	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
	aws_demos	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX66T	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX671	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX72N	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00

(3) IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX

Table 5.6 FIT Module Versions (IAR)

Device	Project	r_bsp	r_byteq	r_flash_rx	r_fwup	r_sys_time_rx	r_sci_rx	r_cmt_rx
RX130	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX140	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.20	5.00
RX231	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX65N	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX66T	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX671	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00
RX72N	boot_loader_gcc fwup_main_gcc eol_main_gcc	7.00	2.00	4.81	1.04	1.01	4.10	5.00

5.2 Compiler-Dependent Settings

This module supports multiple compilers. To use this module, different settings are required for each compiler as shown below.

5.2.1 Using Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family

This section describes how to use Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family as the compiler. The process of setting up the linker sections must be performed in e² studio.

5.2.1.1 Compiler Options

Add the following option to the default settings of the integrated development environment.

-lang = c99

5.2.1.2 Changing Address Assignments in Flash Memory

The linker section settings need to be changed in order to assign the bootloader and user program to execution areas in the flash memory.

1. In the **Project Explorer** view, click the project to be debugged.
2. Select **File** → **Properties** to open the **Properties** window.
3. In the **Properties** window, select **C/C++ Build** → **Settings**.
4. Select the **Tool Settings** tab, select **Linker** → **Action**, and click the [...] button to open the **Section Viewer** window.

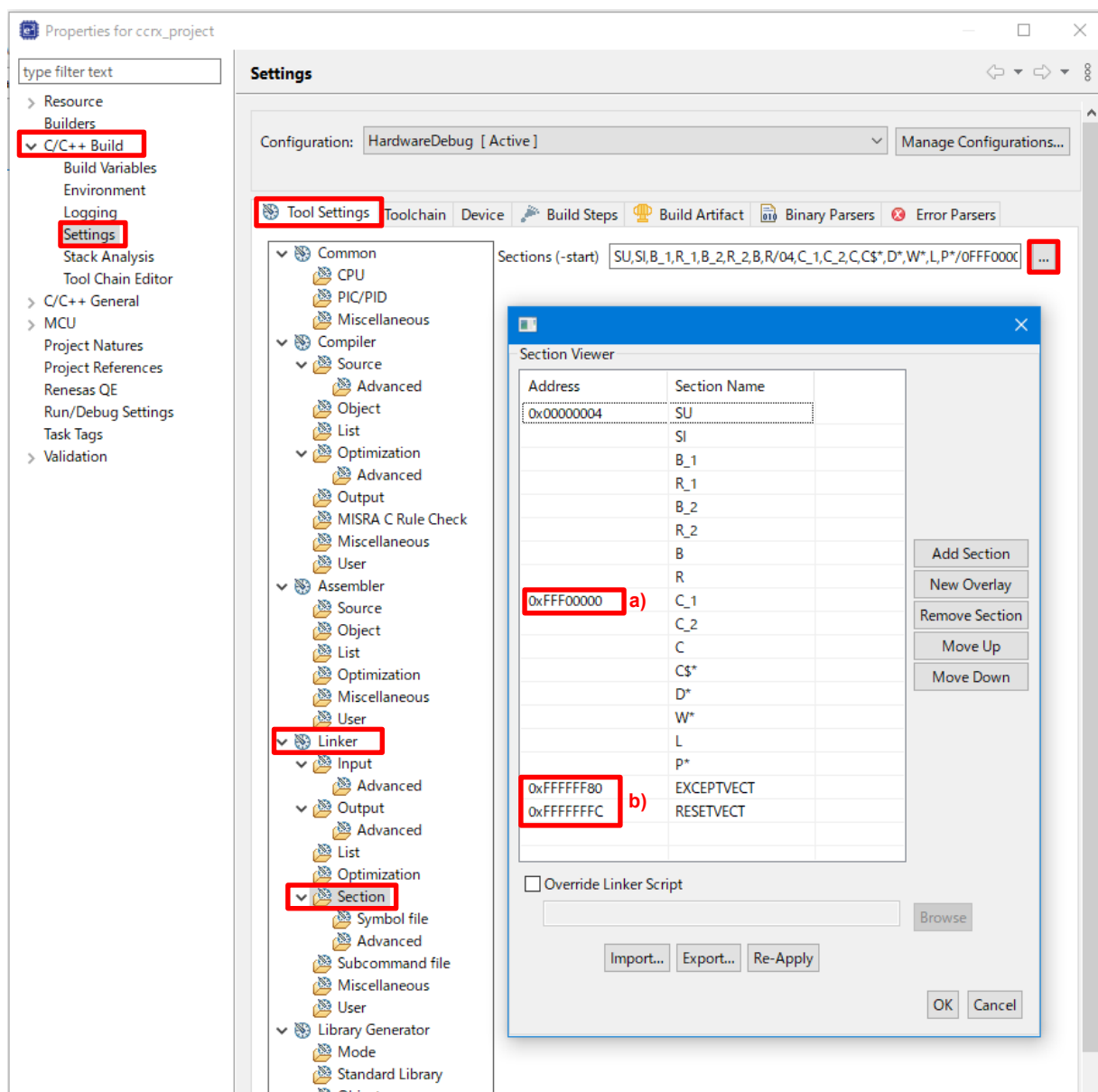


Figure 5.1 Section Settings in Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family

5. Change the values of a) and b) in the **Section Viewer** window to match your environment.
 Example: The settings are as follows when using the RX65N in dual mode and the bootloader size is 64 KB.

Code	Description	Bootloader Settings	User Program Settings
a)	Start address in flash memory	0xFFFF0000	0xFFF00300
b)	Exception vector and reset vector addresses	0xFFFFF80 0xFFFFF8FC	0xFFFEFF80 0xFFFEFF8C

5.2.1.3 Settings for Programming Flash Memory

Settings must be configured in order to write the user program and boot program to flash memory. Refer to the following application note for details of the settings.

Section 5.3.1, Using Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family, in RX Family Flash Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN2184).

5.2.2 Using GCC for Renesas RX

This section describes how to use GCC for Renesas RX as the compiler. For the linker settings it is necessary to edit the linker settings file generated by e² studio.

5.2.2.1 Compiler Options

1. Compiler options: Add the following option to the default settings of the integrated development environment.
 -std=gnu99
2. Link options: When using the **Optimize size (-Os)** option, add the following options to the default settings of the integrated development environment.
 -Wl,--no-gc-sections
 This is a workaround to prevent the linker from mistakenly discarding interrupt handlers declared in FIT peripheral modules.
3. Compiler options: When debugging the bootloader, add the following option to the default settings of the integrated development environment.
 Optimization level: Optimize for debug (-Og)

5.2.2.2 Changing Address Assignments in Flash Memory

The linker settings need to be changed in order to assign the bootloader and user program to execution areas in the on-chip flash memory.

1. In the Project Explorer view, right-click the linker settings file (linker_script.ld) and select **Open**.
2. In the **linker_script.ld** window, click the **linker_script.ld** tab.

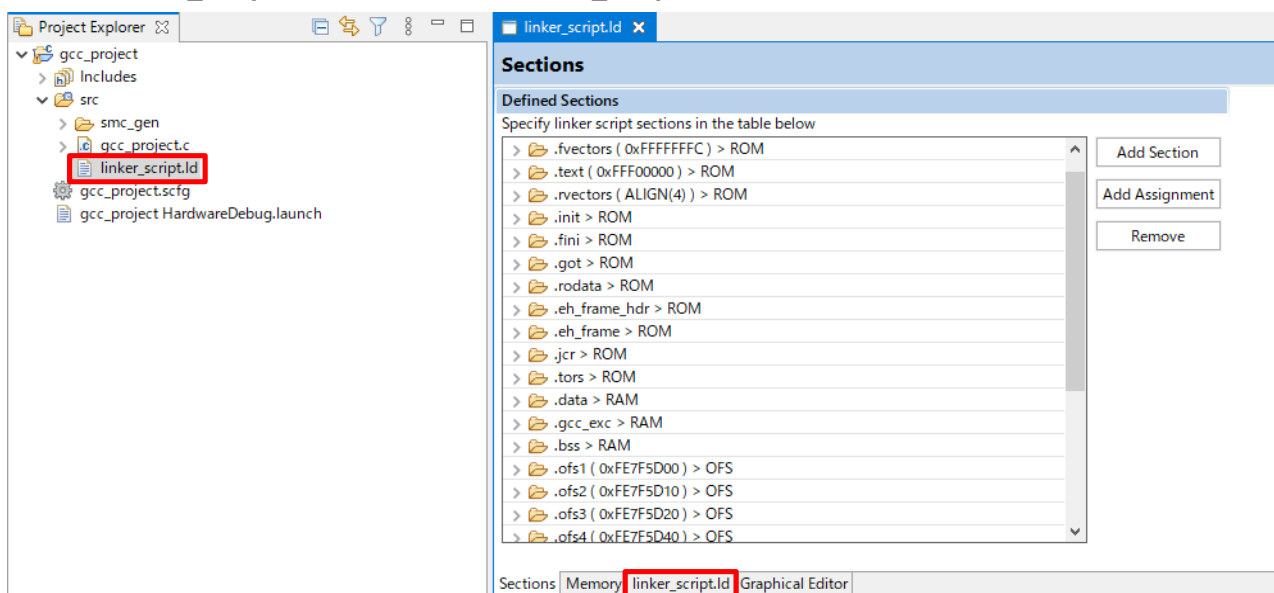


Figure 5.2 Section Settings in GCC for Renesas RX (1/2)

3. Change the values of a) to d) below to match your environment.

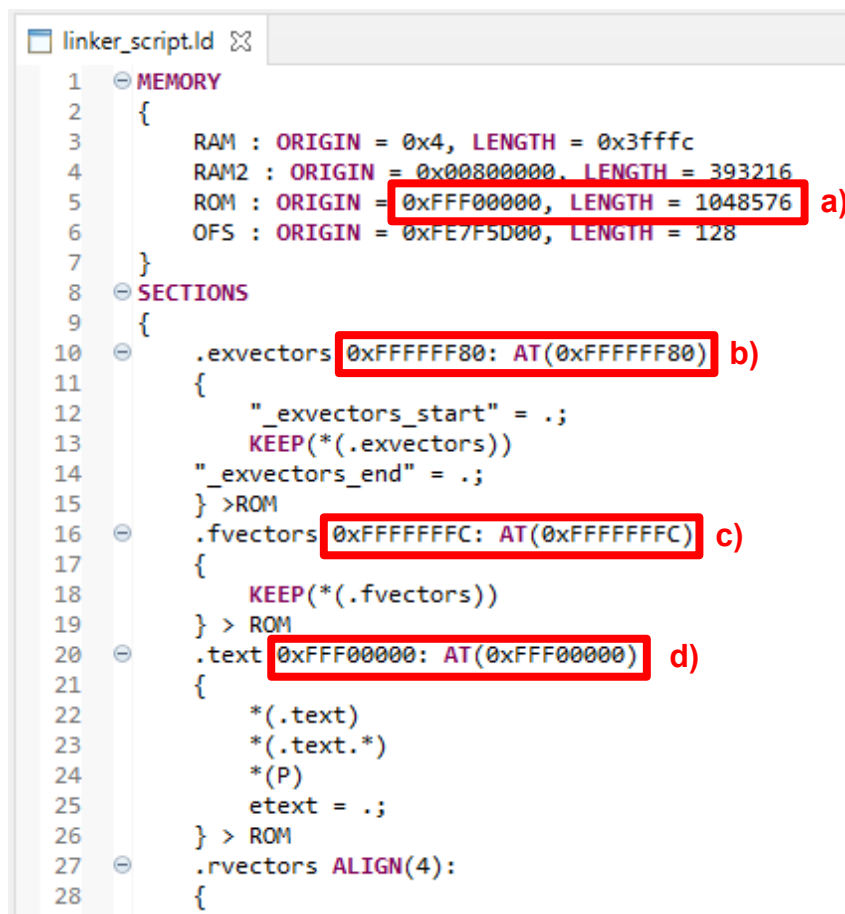


Figure 5.3 Section Settings in GCC for Renesas RX (2/2)

Example: The settings are as follows when using the RX65N in dual mode and the bootloader size is 64 KB.

Code	Description	Bootloader Settings	User Program Settings
a)	Code flash start address and code flash size	ORIGIN = 0xFFFF0000 LENGTH = 65536	ORIGIN = 0xFFF00300 LENGTH = 982272
b)	Exception vector address	0xFFFFF80	0xFFFEFF80
c)	Reset vector address	0xFFFFF8FC	0xFFFEFFFC
d)	Code flash start address = same address as a)	0xFFFF0000	0xFFF00300

5.2.2.3 Settings for Programming Flash Memory

Settings must be configured in order to write the user program and boot program to flash memory. Refer to the following application note for details of the settings.

Section 5.3.2, Using GCC for Renesas RX, in RX Family Flash Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN2184).

5.2.2.4 Warning Message During Build

When building the FIT module, a warning message may appear indicating that the stack area used by the function exceeds the byte size specified by the `-Wstack-usage` option ("warning: stack usage is XXX bytes [-Wstack-usage=]"). (The default is 100 bytes.) If there is a problem, make appropriate changes to the build option settings.

5.2.3 Using IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX

This section describes how to use IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX as the compiler.

5.2.3.1 Compiler Options

In the project option settings of IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX, set the output converter → output settings to output Motorola S-records.

Change the extension of the output file from the default “*.srec” to “*.mot”.

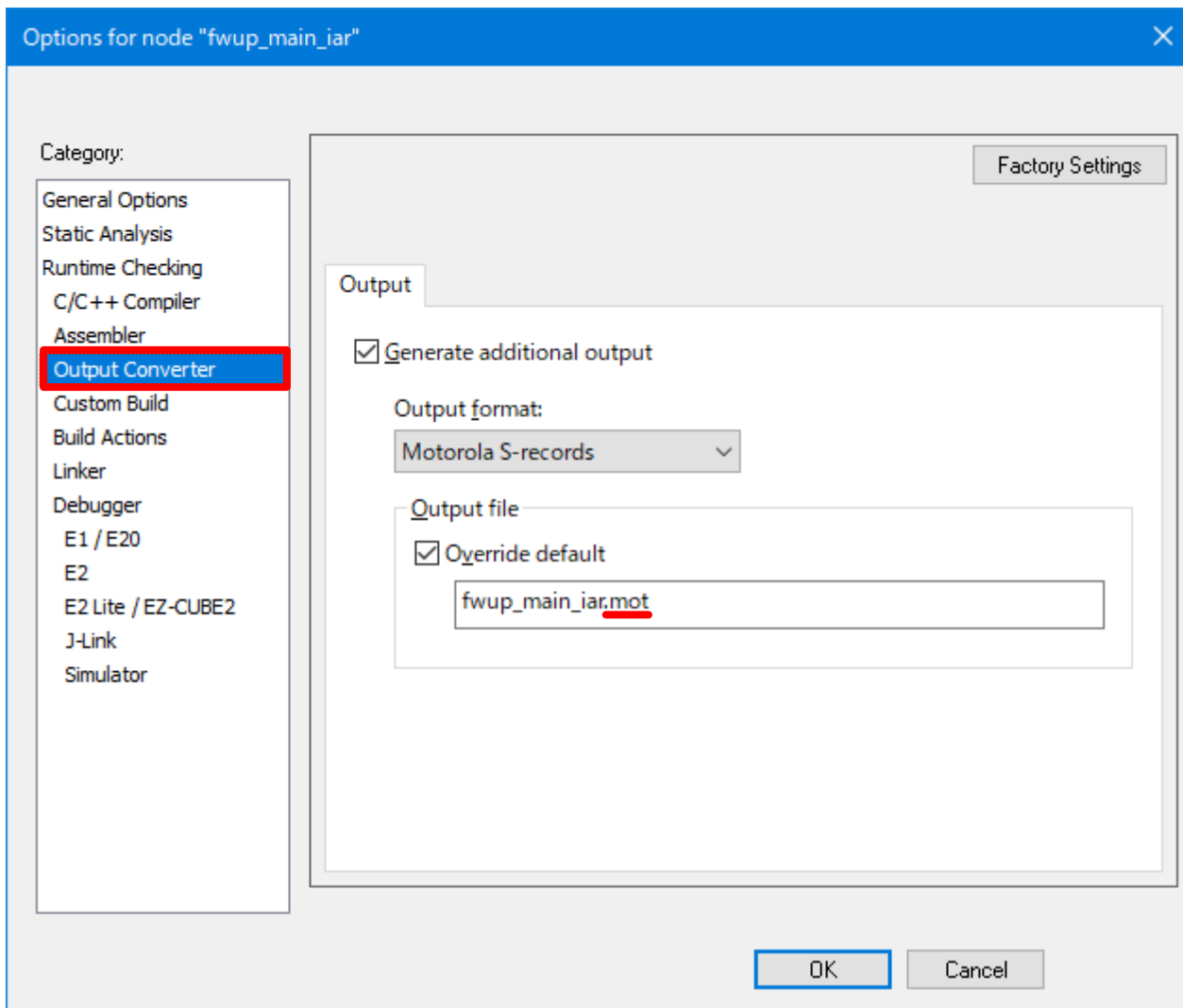


Figure 5.4 Changing the Extension of the Output File

5.2.3.2 Settings for Programming Flash Memory

Settings must be configured in order to write the user program and boot program to flash memory. Refer to the following application note for details of the settings.

Section 5.3.3, Using IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RX, in RX Family Flash Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN2184).

5.2.3.3 Changing Address Assignments in Flash Memory

The linker settings need to be changed in order to assign the bootloader and user program to execution areas in the on-chip flash memory.

1. Open the linker configuration file (*.icf) in an editor.
2. Change the following addresses (a) to (c) according to the user's environment.
(Example: RX65N boot loader linker configuration file).

```
define region RAM_region1 = mem:[from 0x00000004 to 0x0003FFFF];␣
define region RAM_region2 = mem:[from 0x00800000 to 0x0085FFFF];␣
␣
define region RAM_region16 = mem:[from 0x00000004 to 0x00007FFF];␣
define region RAM_region24 = RAM_region1 | RAM_region2;␣
define region RAM_region32 = RAM_region1 | RAM_region2;␣
␣
define region STANDBY_RAM = mem:[from 0x000A4000 to 0x000A5FFF];␣
␣
define region ROM_region16 = mem:[from 0xFFFF0000 to 0xFFFFFFFF];␣
define region ROM_region24 = mem:[from 0xFFFF0000 to 0xFFFFFFFF];␣ a)
define region ROM_region32 = mem:[from 0xFFFF0000 to 0xFFFFFFFF];␣
␣
define region DATA_FLASH = mem:[from 0x00100000 to 0x00107FFF];␣

␣
place at address mem:0xFE7F5D00 { ro section .option_mem };␣
place at address mem:0xFFFFFFFF b) { ro section .resetvect };␣
place at address mem:0xFFFFF80 c) { ro section .exceptvect };␣
```

The settings are as follows when using the RX65N in dual mode and the bootloader size is 64 KB.

Code	Description	Bootloader Settings	User Program Settings
a)	Code flash start address and code flash size	from 0xFFFF0000 to 0xFFFFFFFF	from 0xFFF00300 to 0xFFFEFFFF
b)	Reset vector address	0xFFFFF80	0xFFFEFF80
c)	Exception vector address	0xFFFFF80	0xFFFEFF80

5.3 Storage Destination for FreeRTOS Data (RX65N-2MB Only)

You can use a configuration option to select between the code flash and data flash as the storage destination for PKCS11 data (code signing certificate, etc.) used for OTA updating of FreeRTOS. This selection applies to RX65N-2MB products only.

5.3.1 Storage Destination Selection

The following configuration option is used to select the storage destination for PKCS11 data.

Note that this setting is valid when OTA updating of FreeRTOS is performed. Also, ensure that the settings in the boot program and FreeRTOS (OTA) program match.

FWUP_CFG_OTA_DATA_STORAGE

0: Data flash (default)

1: Code flash

The storage area in the data flash is 0x00100000 to 0x00107FFF (32 KB).

The storage area in the code flash is 0xFFE00000 to 0xFFE07FFF (32 KB).

5.3.2 Section Settings

When placing the PKCS11 data in the code flash, configure the section settings of the FreeRTOS (OTA) program as shown in the figure below.

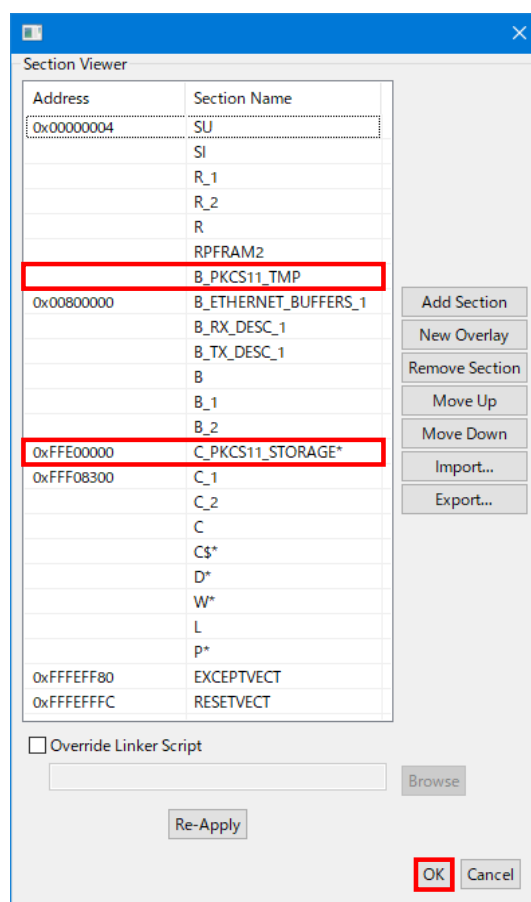


Figure 5.5 Section Settings when Code Flash Selected

When placing the PKCS11 data in the data flash, refer to the section settings in the sample program.

5.3.3 Conversion to .RSU File when Code Flash Selected

The method of converting to an .RSU file when the code flash is selected is described below.

Build the FreeRTOS (OTA) program, then use Renesas Secure Flash Programmer to convert the resulting .mot file into an .RSU file.

In Renesas Secure Flash Programmer, select the [Initial Firm] tab and set **Select MCU** to **RX65N(Flash(Code=2MB, Data=0KB), Secure Bootloader=64KB)**, then convert the file.

Refer to 4.1.1, Generating the Firmware Update, for the file conversion procedure.

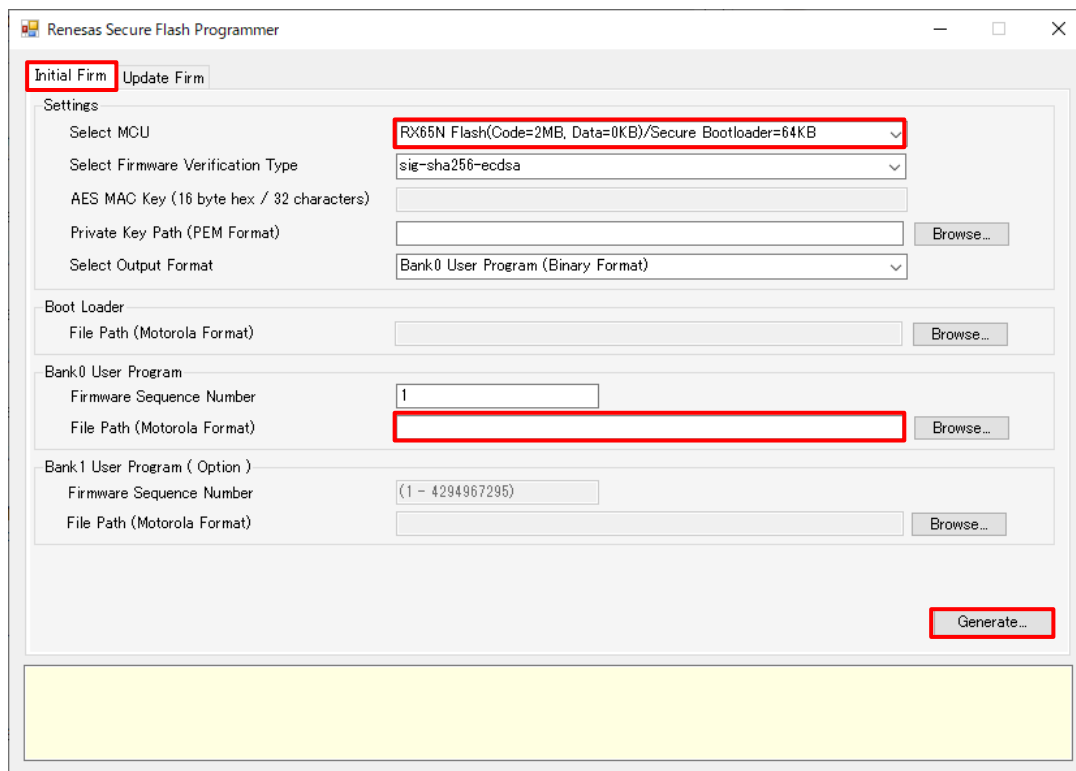


Figure 5.6 Conversion to .RSU File when Code Flash Selected (Initial Firm Tab)

In Renesas Secure Flash Programmer, select the [Update Firm] tab and set **Select MCU** to **RX65N(Flash(Code=2MB, Data=0KB))**, then convert the file.

Refer to 4.1.1, Generating the Firmware Update, for the file conversion procedure.

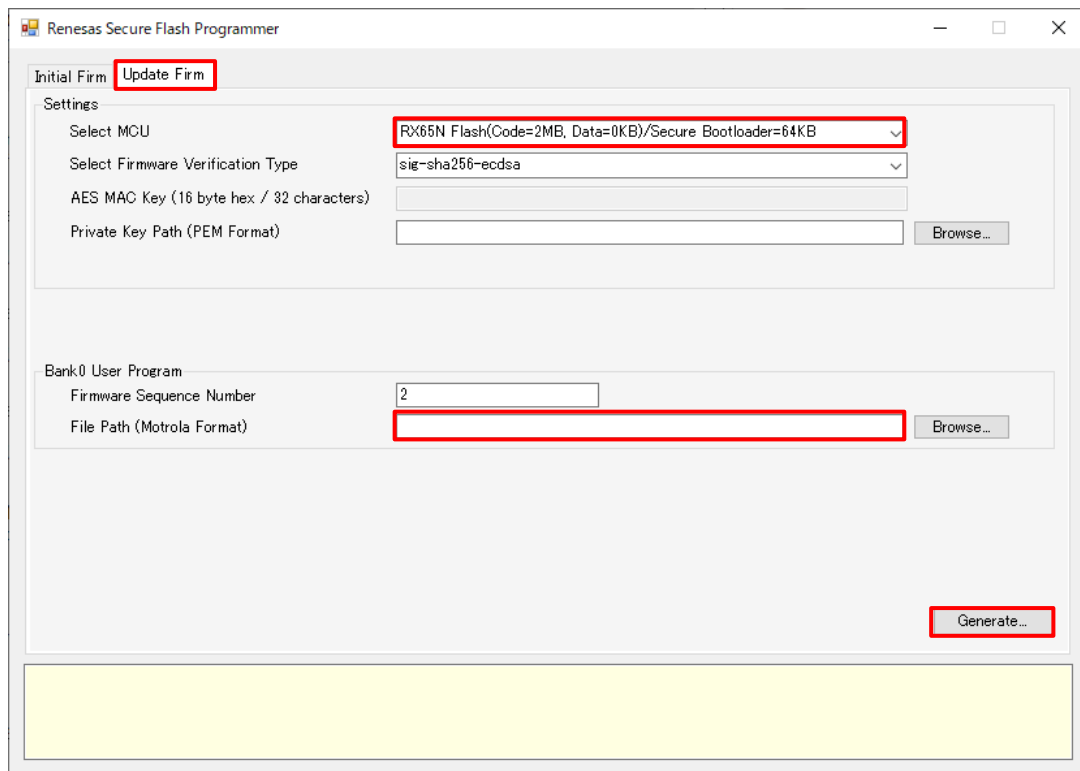


Figure 5.7 Conversion to .RSU File when Code Flash Selected (Update Firm Tab)

Revision History

Rev.	Date	Description	
		Page	Summary
1.00	Apr. 16, 2021	—	First edition issued
1.01	May 11, 2021	Cover	RX72N Group, RX66T Group, and RX130 Group added to Target Devices
		4	Content of 1. Overview revised
		12	Setting options added to 2.6 Compile Settings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FWUP_CFG_SERIAL_TERM_SCI FWUP_CFG_SERIAL_TERM_SCI_BITRATE FWUP_CFG_SERIAL_TERM_SCI_INTERRUPT_PRIORITY Descriptions revised
		15	2.6.1 Note on Compiling for RX130 Environment added
		17	Description of OTA file context added to 2.8 Arguments
			2.12 “for”, “while” and “do while” Statements deleted as it no longer applies
		24	Special Notes added to 3.13 R_FWUP_ResetDevice Function
		32	Additions made to Table 5.1 Confirmed Operation Environment (Rev. 1.01)
1.02	Oct. 29, 2021	Cover	RX671 Group added to Target Devices
		6	Description of bootloader module and firmware update module on OS-less system and system using FreeRTOS over-the-air (OTA) updates deleted from 1.2 Configuration of Firmware Update Module
			Connections between serial communication FIT module and byte queue buffer FIT module revised in Figure 1.1
		7	Bootloader module added to Figure 1.2
		8	RX671 Group added to Table 1.2
		9	Explanation added to Figure 1.4
		11	Information in Table 1.3 changed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on bootloader module changed Changed to indicate use of R_FWUP_Open and R_FWUP_Close by bootloader module
		17	Code sizes for other than RX65N “boot_loader project” and “aws_demos project” added to GCC for Renesas RX column in 2.7 Code Size
			Code sizes for GCC for Renesas RX added to 2.7 Code Size
		18	Indications of bootloader ROM and RAM usage added
		21	Bootloader module added to description in Table 3.1
			Bootloader module added to description in Table 3.2
		34	Table 5.1 Confirmed Operation Environment revised to Rev. 1.02 in 5.1 Confirmed Operation Environment
		35	Table 5.2 and Table 5.3 listing versions of FIT modules used by the demo project added
			Added versions of FIT modules used by the demo project under GCC on other than the RX65N to Table 5.3
		36	5.2 Compiler-Dependent Settings added
		38	Added optimization level setting when debugging the bootloader to 5.2.2.1 Compiler Options

Rev.	Date	Description	
		Page	Summary
1.03	Dec. 28, 2021	Cover	Added RX Smart Configurator User's Guide: IAREW to related Application Notes
			Added IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX to target compiler
		11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modify R_FWUP_SoftwareReset in Table 1.3 Corrected an error in the function name in Table 1.3 Fixed from R_FWUP_ActiveNewImage to R_FWUP_ActivateNewImage
		13	Added FWUP_CFG_IMPLEMENTATION_ENVIRONMENT setting values in Table 2.1
		14	Added a note about unsupported combinations that do not work even if set in Table 2.2
		17	Added code size in IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX environment to Table 2.4
		18	Added the conditions of IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX when measuring the size in Table 2.4.
		19	Added the ROM and RAM sizes used by the boot loader in the IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX environment and the conditions for the IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX when measuring the size in Table 2.5.
		21	Added how to add FIT module in IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RX environment to "2.10 Adding the FIT Module to Your Project"
		22	Fixed the return value of the R_FWUP_Close function
		23	Fixed the return value of the R_FWUP_Operation function
		24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added description of R_FWUP_SetEndOfLife function Fixed the return value of the R_FWUP_SetEndOfLife function
		25	Added description of R_FWUP_SecureBoot function and return value
		27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed the return value of the R_FWUP_CloseFile function Corrected an error in the function name Fixed from R_FWUP_ActiveNewImage to R_FWUP_ActivateNewImage
		28	Fixed the return value of the R_FWUP_SetPlatformImageState function
		29	Fixed the return value of the R_FWUP_CheckFileSignature function
		33	Change source image in src / main.c
		36	Added IAR operation check environment to Table 5.2
		38	Added a list of FIT module versions to Table 5.5 when checking the operation in the IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX environment
		43	Added chapter "5.2.3 IAR C/C++ Compiler for RX"
1.04	May 24, 2022	Cover	Added RX140 Group to Target Devices
		8	Added RX140 Group to Table 1.2
		9	Amended description in 1.3.1 Firmware Update Operation Using Dual Mode
		14, 15	Amended Table 2.1. Deleted FWUP_CFG_USE_SERIAL_FLASH_FOR_BUFFER and FWUP_CFG_SIGNATURE_VERIFICATION. Renamed FWUP_CFG_PRINTF_DISABLE to FWUP_CFG_BOOTLOADER_LOG_DISABLE. Added FWUP_CFG_OTA_DATA_STORAGE and FWUP_CFG_LOG_LEVEL.

Rev.	Date	Description	
		Page	Summary
1.04	May 24, 2022	17	Added information on RX140 to description in section 2.6.1
		20	Added RX140 ROM and RAM sizes to Table 2.5
		21	Modified Table 2.6 OTA File Context
		27	Changed return values of R_FWUP_Abort
			Changed return values of R_FWUP_CreateFileForRx
		28	Changed return values of R_FWUP_CloseFile
			Changed return values of R_FWUP_ActivateNewImage
		29	Changed return values of R_FWUP_ResetDevice
			Changed return values of R_FWUP_SetPlatformImageState
		30	Changed return values of R_FWUP_CheckFileSignature
		33	Modified Figure 4.2
		34	Modified Figure 4.3
		35, 36	Changed log output
		37, 38	Changed Table 5.1, Table 5.2 and Table 5.3 Confirmed Operation Environment
		39 to 41	Changed Table 5.4, Table 5.5, and Table 5.6 FIT Module Versions
		49	Added 5.3 Storage Destination for FreeRTOS Data (RX65N-2MB Only)

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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