

RL78 Family

Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 SC version (Data Flash)

Introduction

This document explains Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 for the RL78/F22 group and RL78/F25 group in the case of using Smart Configurator(SC). It is a process which builds into a user program the functions for “the data flash memory driver” included in RFD RL78 Type 03, and it is a method for programming data flash memory using the attached sample program.

In this document, “Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03” is described to be “RFD RL78 Type 03” or “RFD”.

This document includes the contents in comparison with conventional RFD RL78 Type 03 not using SC. This document distinguishes and expresses it.

Simple version : Conventional RFD RL78 Type 03 not using SC.

SC version : RFD RL78 Type 03 using “SC” currently explained by this document.

Target Device

The target device group by which the operation for RFD RL78 Type 03 was confirmed.

RL78/F22 group

RL78/F25 group

If this application note is applied to other microcomputers, it is necessary to modify in accordance with the specification of the microcomputer. And, be sure to evaluate enough.

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1. Specification

The sample program included in RFD RL78 Type 03 erases the block 0 (0x000F1000) of a data flash area, and programs 64 bytes of data from the top of the block 0.

1.1 Operating Environment

- C Compiler Packages

Table 1-1 The target C Compiler Packages

Compiler	IDE (Integrated Development Environment)	Manufacturer	Version
CC-RL	CS+ or e ² studio	Renesas Electronics	V1.13 or later
IAR	IAR Embedded Workbench [®] for Renesas RL78	IAR Systems [®]	V5.10.3 or later

Note. Integrated development environment and compiler must support the target device. IAR Systems, IAR Embedded Workbench, IAR, and the logotype of IAR Systems are trademarks or registered trademarks owned by IAR Systems AB.

- Emulator

Table 1-2 shows the emulator on which the operation of RFD Type 03 was confirmed.

Table 1-2 Emulator on which RFD RL78 Type 03 Operation was Confirmed

Emulator	Manufacturer
E2 emulator Lite	Renesas Electronics

- Target MCU

RL78/F22

RL78/F25

1.2 Structure of Sample Program Folders

Figure 1.1 shows the structure of sample program folders.

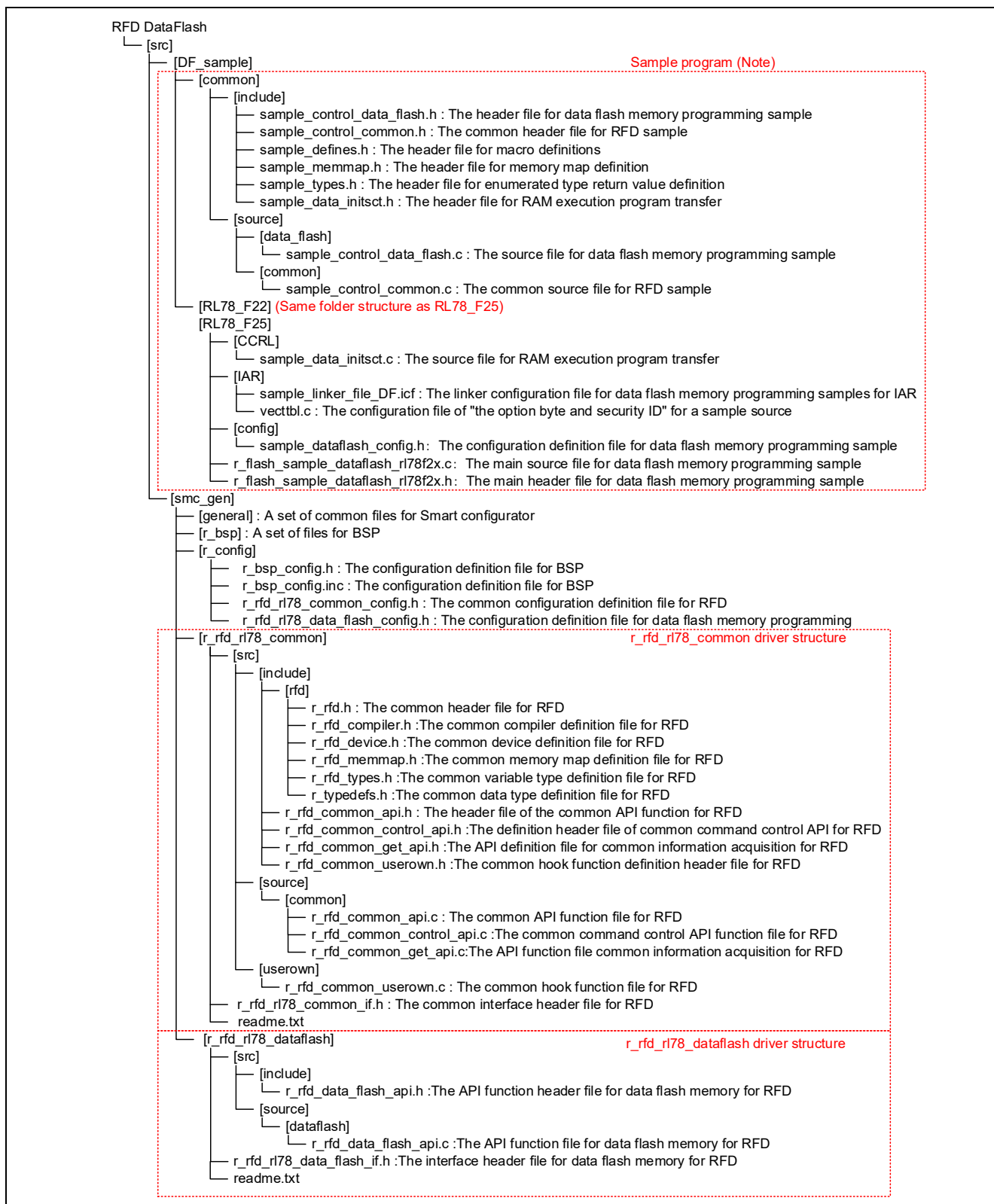


Figure 1.1 Structure of Sample Program Folders

Note: The sample program of a zip file format downloads by Smart configurator. Extract the compressed file (DF_sample.zip) outputted to the "demo" folder, and move the [DF_sample] folder under the [src] folder. Refer to "2.3 Project registration of sample program" for details of project registration.

1.3 File Structure of RFD Driver

1.3.1 File Structure of RFD Common Driver (r_rfd_rl78_common)

The difference of SC version RFD common driver and Simple version common driver is shown. Refer to the "RL78 Family Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 user's manual (R20UT5454)" for the detail specification for the RFD common driver.

**Table 1-3 Difference of the files of the SC version RFD and the simple version RFD
(Common API : r_rfd_rl78_common\src\source\common)**

File name	Simple version	SC version
r_rfd_common_api.c	No change	
r_rfd_common_control_api.c	No change	
r_rfd_common_get_api.c	No change	

**Table 1-4 Difference of the file of the SC version RFD and the simple version RFD
(Common API : r_rfd_rl78_common\src\userown)**

File name	Simple version	SC version
r_rfd_common_userown.c	No change	

**Table 1-5 Difference of the files of the SC version RFD and the simple version RFD
(Common header : r_rfd_rl78_common\src\include)**

File name	Simple version	SC version
r_rfd_common_api.h	No change	
r_rfd_common_control_api.h	No change	
r_rfd_common_get_api.h	No change	
r_rfd_common_userown.h	No change	

**Table 1-6 Difference of the files of the SC version RFD and the simple version RFD
(Common header : r_rfd_rl78_common\src\include\rfd)**

File name	Simple version	SC version
r_rfd.h	No change	
r_rfd_compiler.h	No change	
r_rfd_device.h	No change	
r_rfd_memmap.h	No change	
r_rfd_types.h	No change	
r_rfd_typedefs.h	No change	

**Table 1-7 Difference of the file of the SC version RFD and the simple version RFD
(Common interface header : r_rfd_rl78_common)**

File name	Simple version	SC version
r_rfd_rl78_common_if.h	-	Newly created. Include the header file for common API.

1.3.2 File Structure for RFD Data Flash Driver (r_rfd_rl78_dataflash)

The difference of SC version RFD data flash driver and Simple version data flash driver is shown. Refer to the "RL78 Family Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 user's manual (R20UT5454)" for the detail specification for the RFD data flash driver.

**Table 1-8 Difference of the file of the SC version RFD and the simple version RFD
(Data flash API : r_rfd_rl78_dataflash\src\source\dataflash)**

File name	Simple version	SC version
r_rfd_data_flash_api.c	No change	

**Table 1-9 Difference of the file of the SC version RFD and the simple version RFD
(Data flash API header : r_rfd_rl78_dataflash\src\include)**

File name	Simple version	SC version
r_rfd_data_flash_api.h	No change	

**Table 1-10 Difference of the file of the SC version RFD and the simple version RFD
(Data flash interface header : r_rfd_rl78_dataflash)**

File name	Simple version	SC version
r_rfd_rl78_data_flash_if.h	-	Newly created. Include the header file for data flash API.

1.4 Data Flash Programming Processing Using a Sample Program

Figure 1.2 shows the flow chart of the sample program. The sample_dataflash_main function executes processing which reprograms data flash.

Sample_DataFlashControl function processing does not have change from Simple version. Refer to the item of "Sample_DataFlashControl function" on Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 user's manual (R20UT5454).

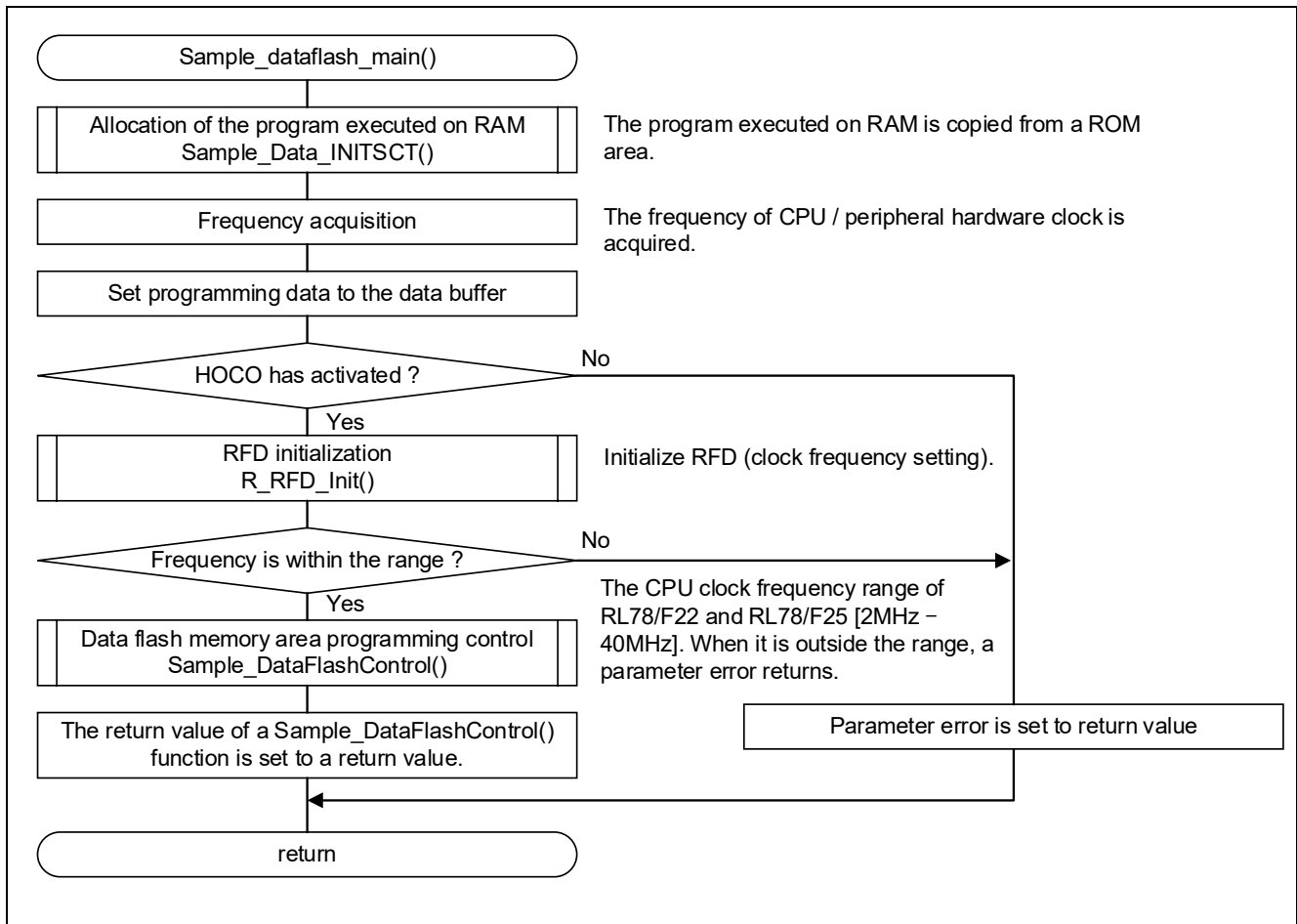


Figure 1.2 the flow chart of the sample program

Notes: 1. In the data flash memory programming mode, the CPU cannot read data from the data flash memory. The data to be read in the data flash memory programming mode should be copied from the data flash memory to RAM in advance and referenced in RAM.

Notes: 2. "Frequency acquisition" of CPU and peripheral hardware clock settings is using the function included in the "RL78 Family Board Support Package".

2. Creating a Sample Project for Data Flash Reprogramming

2.1 Example of Creating a Sample Project

2.1.1 In Case of CS+

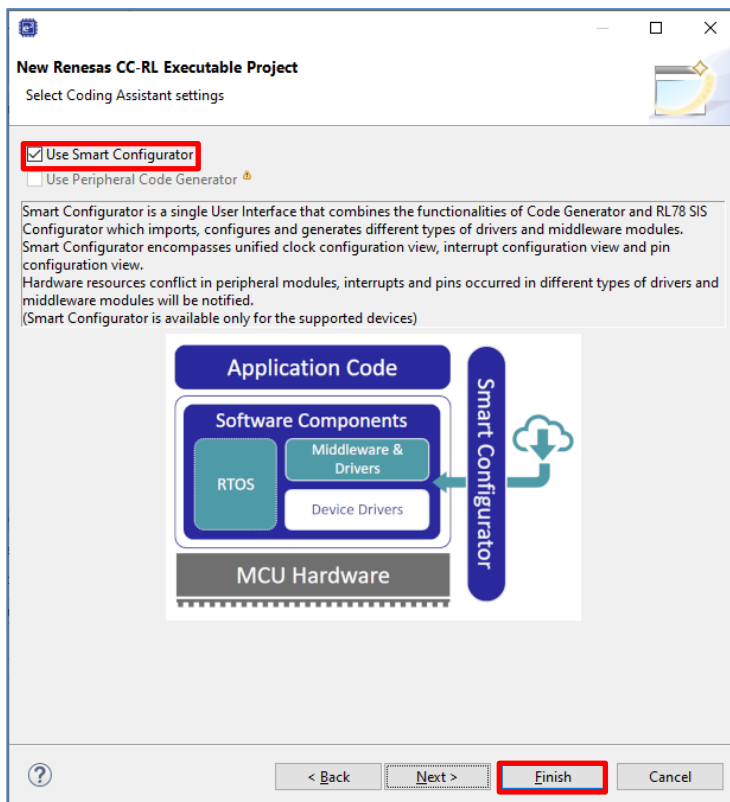
Refer to Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 user's manual (R20UT5454) "Example of Creating a Sample Project" to create a project.

2.1.2 In Case of e² studio

Refer to Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 user's manual (R20UT5454) "Example of Creating a Sample Project" to create a project.

In this application note, because smart Configurator is used, press a "Next" button after selecting a target device and a debugging tool. And perform the following processes.

Select "Use Smart Configurator" and press a "Finish" button.



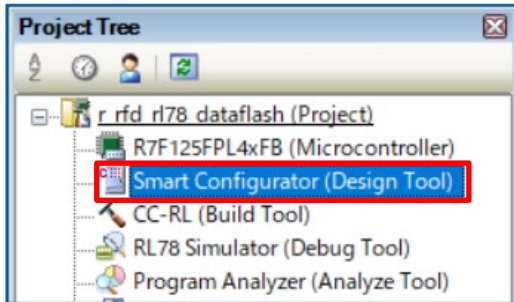
2.1.3 In Case of IAR EW for Renesas RL78

Refer to Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 user's manual (R20UT5454) "Example of Creating a Sample Project" to create a project.

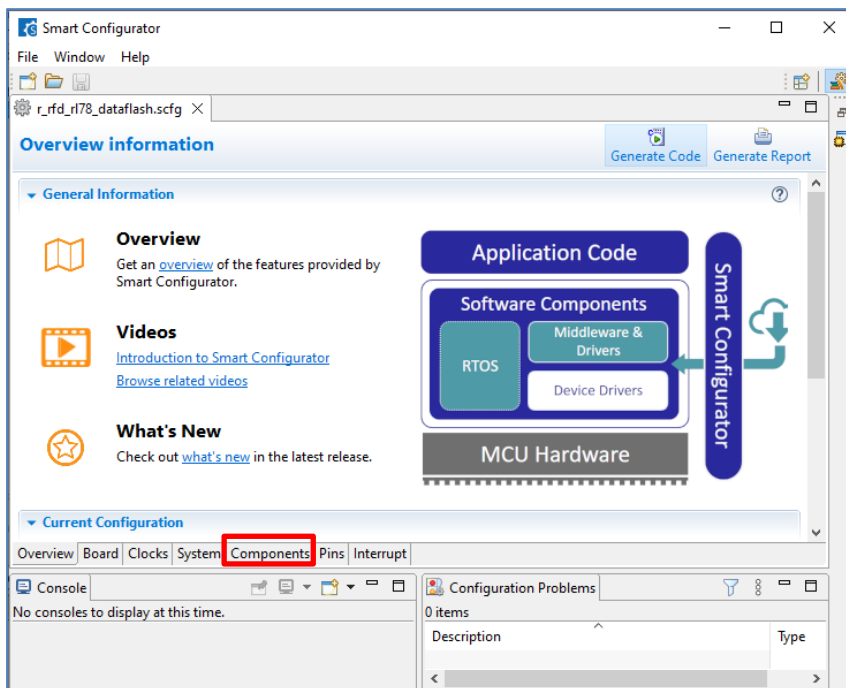
2.2 Example of Source Code Registration

2.2.1 In Case of CS+

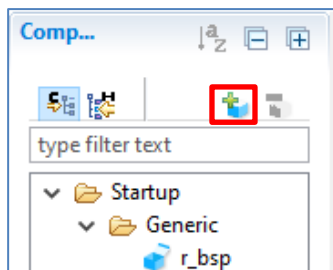
(1) Double-click “Smart Configurator” (design Tool) of “Project Tree”, and start Smart Configurator.



(2) Select a “Components” tab.

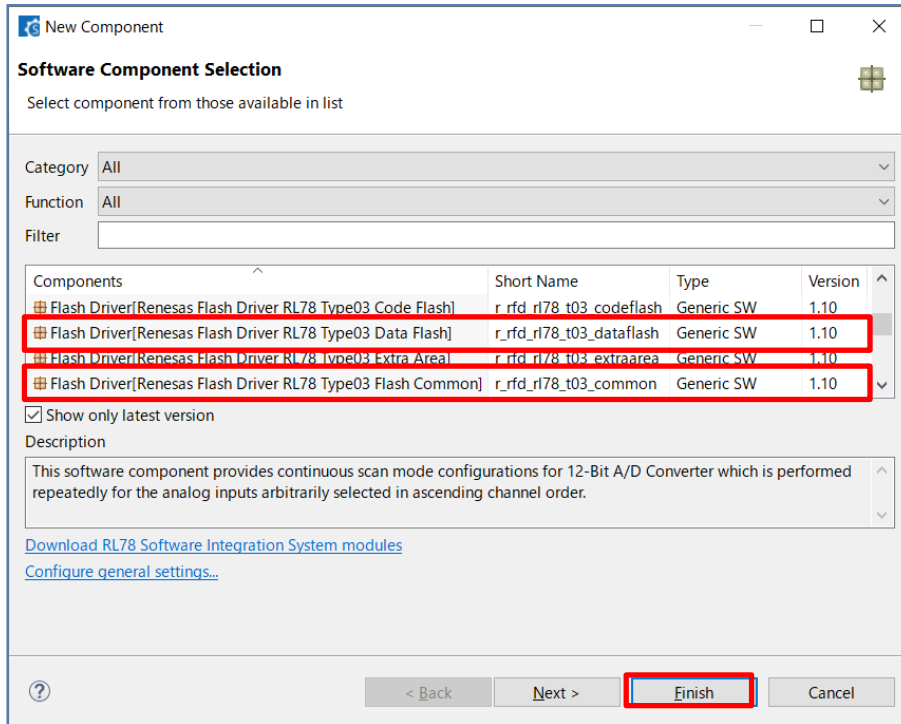


(3) Press the “Add component” button and open the “New Component” dialog.

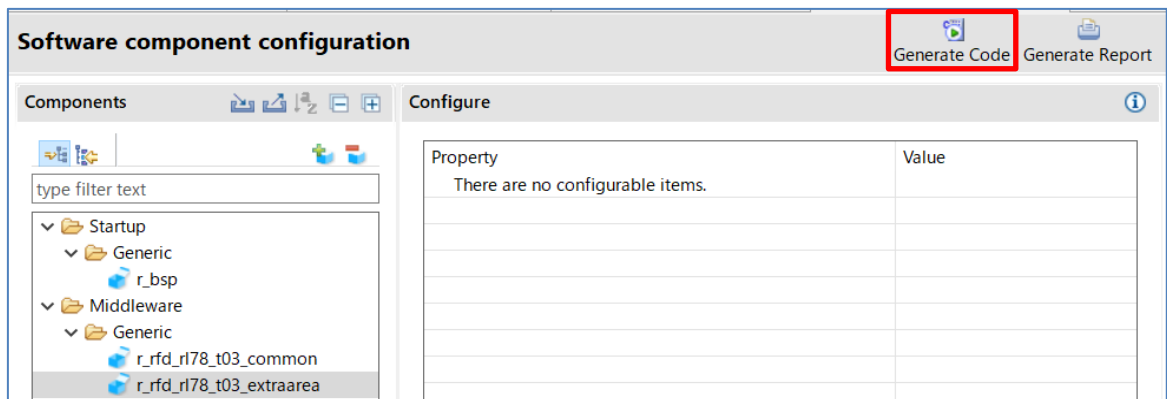


(4) Select the following components and press a “Finish” button.

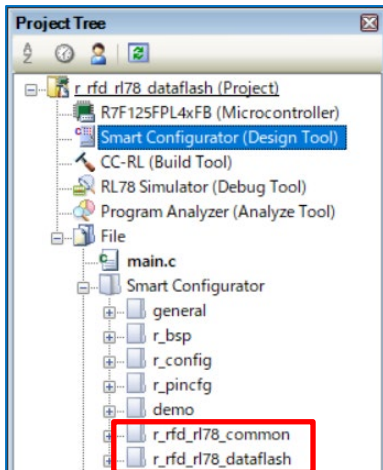
- Flash Driver[Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 Data Flash](r_rfd_rl78_t03_dataflash)
- Flash Driver[Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 Flash Common](r_rfd_rl78_t03_common)



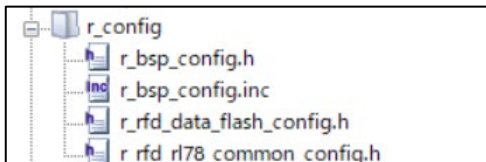
(5) Press a “Generate Code” button and close “Smart Configurator” after the completion of generation for the code.



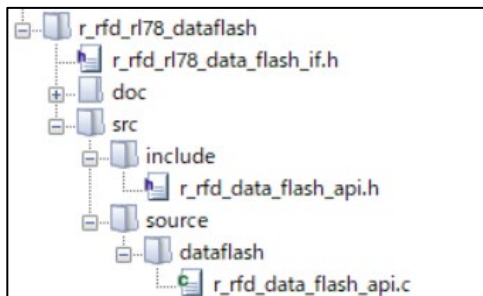
(6) The “r_rfd_rl78_common” folder and the “r_rfd_rl78_dataflash” folder are added to the project tree.



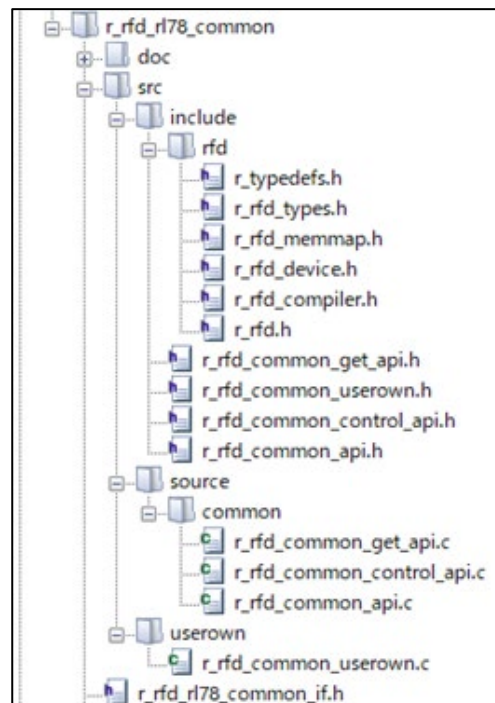
Each folder is developed as follows



The developed r_config folder



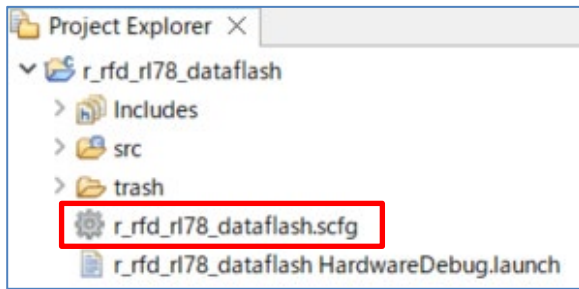
The developed r_rfd_rl78_dataflash folder



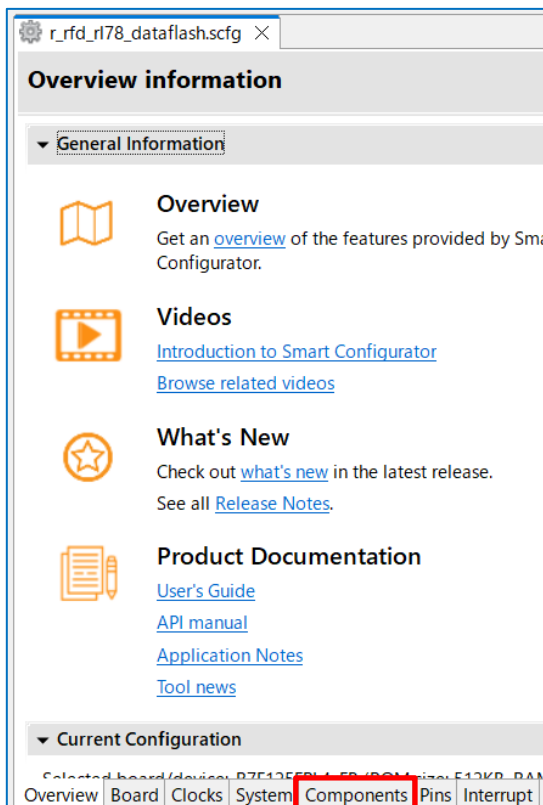
The developed r_rfd_rl78_common folder

2.2.2 In Case of e² studio

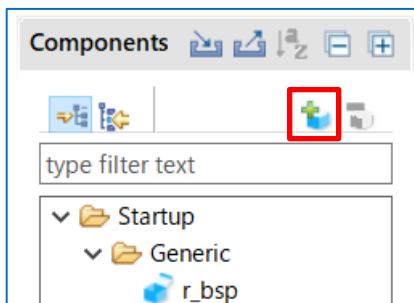
(1) Open the project file of “Smart Configurator” after starting e² studio.



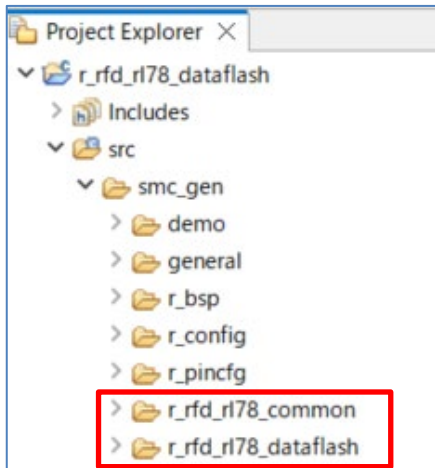
(2) Select a “Components” tab.



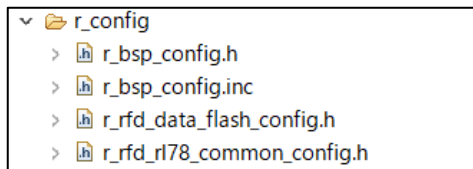
(3) Press the “Add component” button and open the “New Component” dialog.



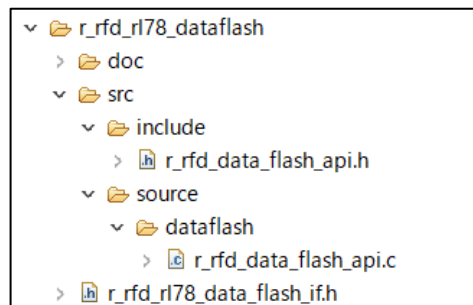
(6) The “r_rfd_rl78_common” folder and the “r_rfd_rl78_dataflash” folder are added to the project tree.



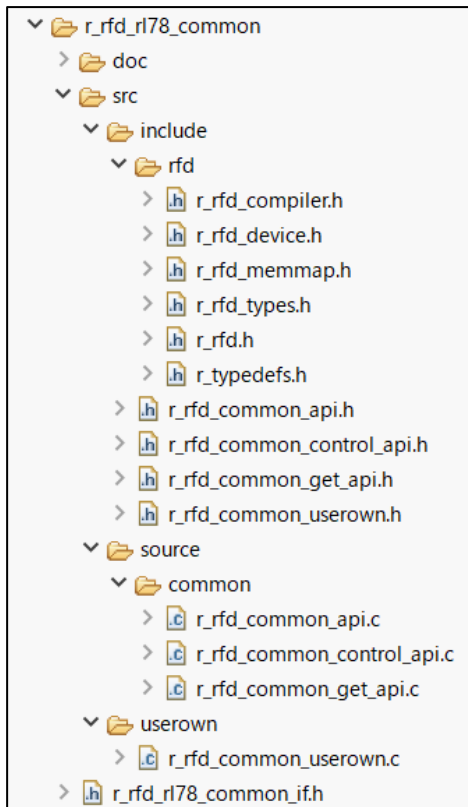
Each folder is developed as follows.



The developed r_config folder



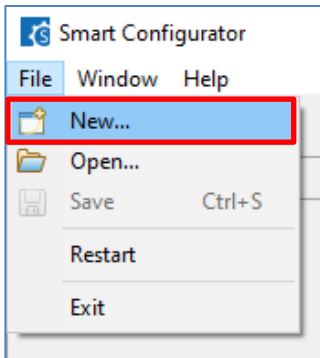
The developed r_rfd_rl78_dataflash folder



The developed r_rfd_rl78_common folder

2.2.3 In Case of IAR EW for Renesas RL78

- (1) Select “File” [New...] after starting Smart Configurator for RL78.



- (2) Select the item of “Platform” and “Toolchain”.

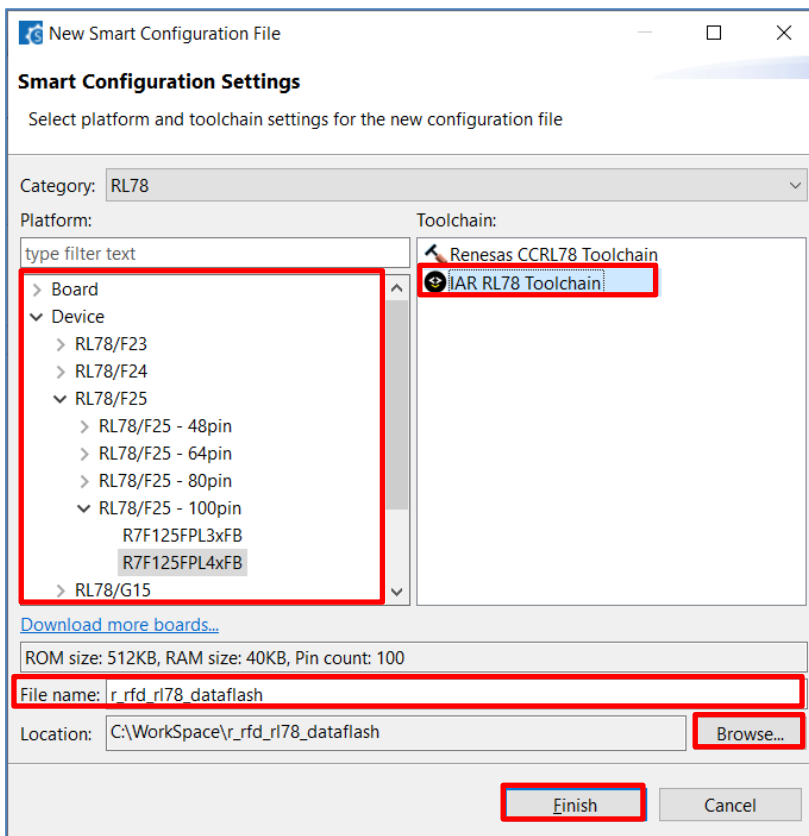
Select the same device as the device selected in “the project of IAR EW for Renesas RL78” by “Platform”.

Select “IAR RL78 Toolchain” as “Toolchain”.

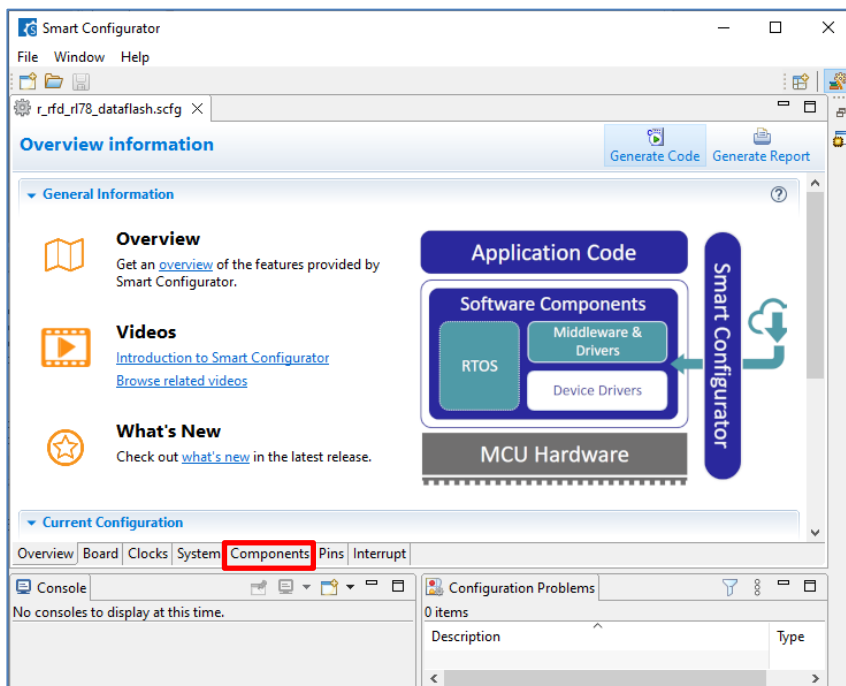
Input arbitrary names into “File name”.

Press the “Browse...” button and set the location of the project folder for IAR EW for Renesas RL78. And press a “Finish” button.

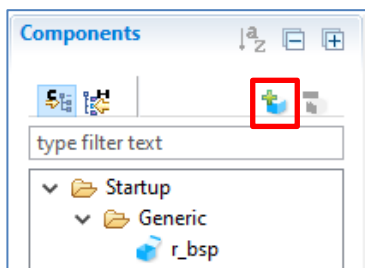
The “.setting” folder and the “<file name>.scfg” file are created to the set location.



(3) Select a “Components” tab.

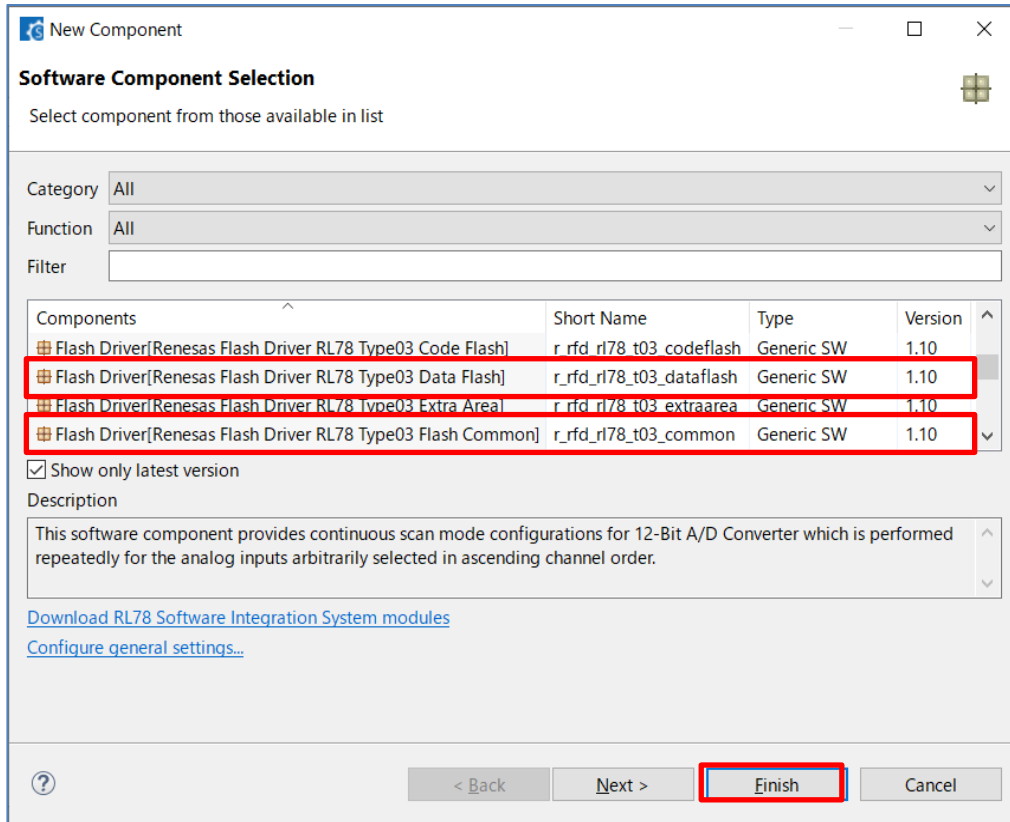


(4) Press the “Add component” button and open the “New Component” dialog.

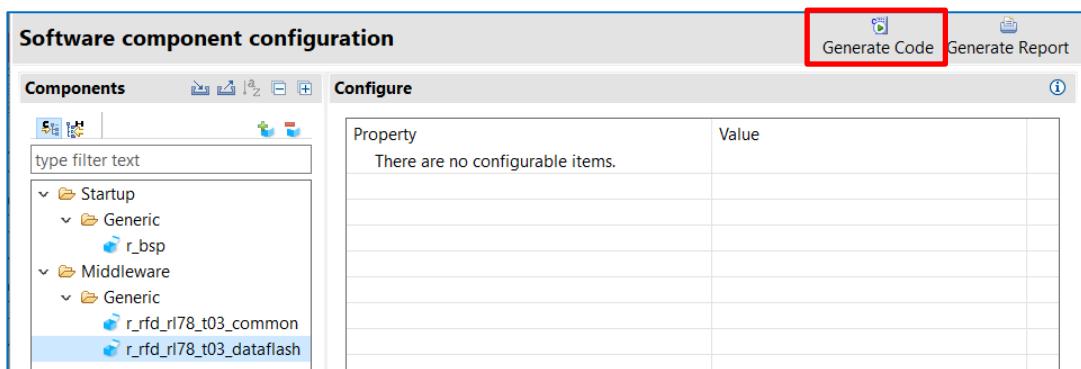


(5) Select the following components and press a “Finish” button.

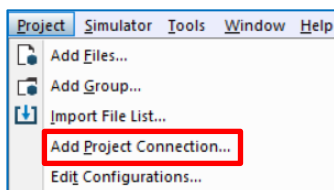
- Flash Driver[Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 Data Flash](r_rfd_rl78_t03_dataflash)
- Flash Driver[Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 Flash Common](r_rfd_rl78_t03_common)



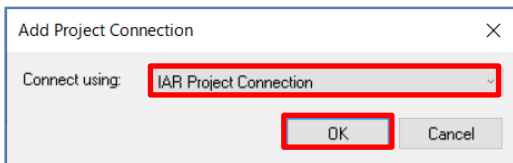
(6) Press a “Generate Code” button and close “Smart Configurator” after the completion of generation for the code.



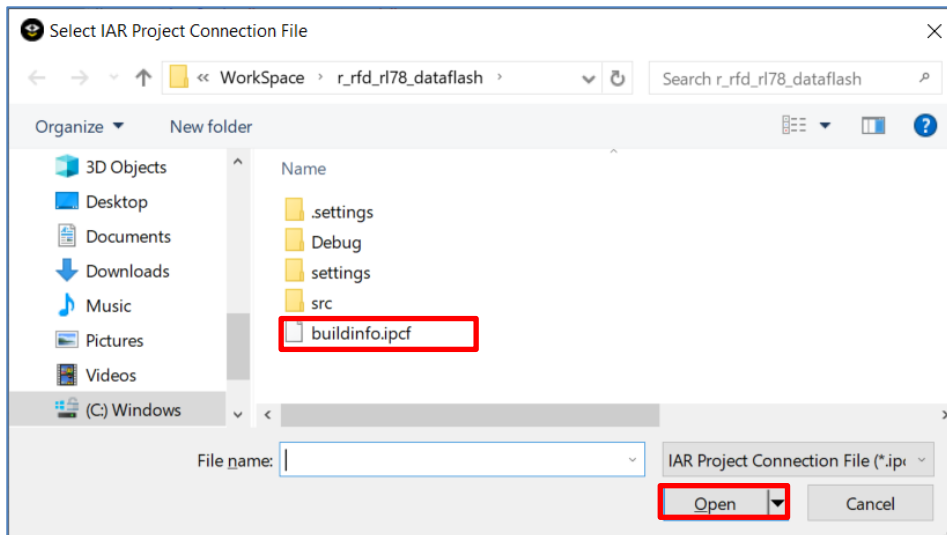
(7) Start IAR EW for Renesas RL78. And select “Project” menu [Add Project Connection], and open the “Add Project Connection” dialog.



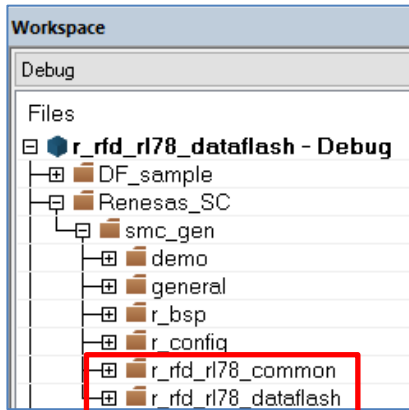
(8) Select "IAR Project Connection", and press an "OK" button.



(9) Select the ipcf file created by Smart Configurator and press an "Open" button.



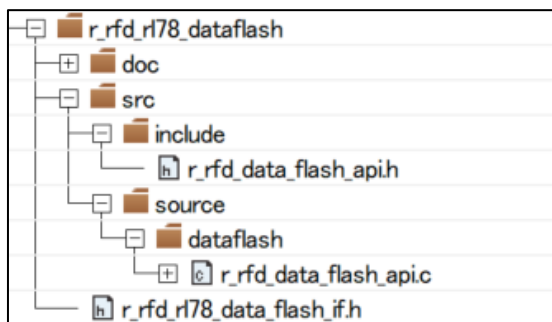
(10) "r_rfd_rl78_common" and "r_rfd_rl78_dataflash" are added to Workspace.



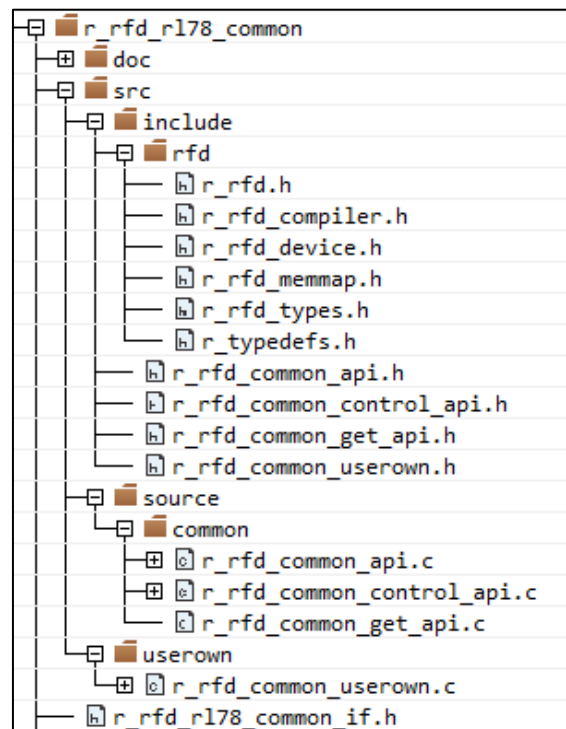
Each folder is developed as follows.



The developed r_config folder



The developed r_rfd_rl78_dataflash folder



The developed r_rfd_rl78_common folder

2.3 Project registration of sample program

(1) Extract “DF_sample.zip”

The folder of the device name generated after extracting leaves only the folder of a target device. The folders of other device names delete. For example, when using the RL78/F25, leave only the “RL78_F25” folder, and delete the untargeted “RL78_F22” and other folders together.

The common file duplicates in the case which uses it at the same time with the sample program of a code flash or an extra area. Extract to overwrite both as the same folder name.

(2) Register the folder of the sample program into the project of CS+, e² studio, or IAR.

* Files included in the folder other than the compiler package used, do not need to be registered.

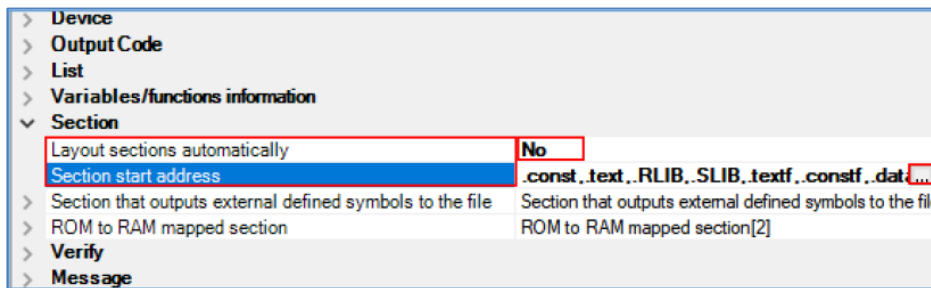
(3)Setting the section items

(3-1) Setting of the section items on CS+

Setting of the section Items on CS+ inputs in the “Link Options” tab. (Common in each area)

- Setting the [Section] items

Set “No” to [Layout sections automatically]. And sections come to be displayed on [Section start address]. Press the “...” button of the right-hand side which sections are displaying, and a “Section Settings” screen is displayed.

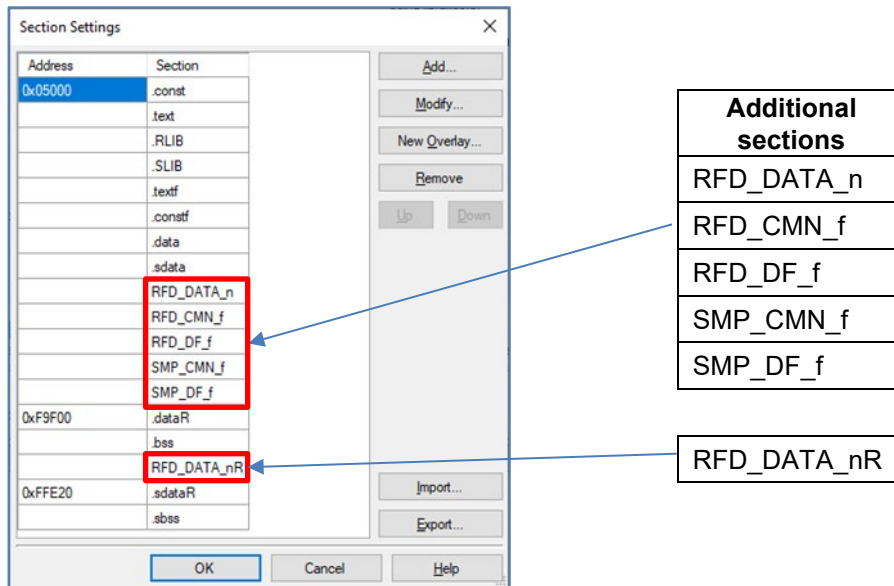


Note: Replace the folder name for the RL78/F25 sample (“RL78_F25”) with the folder name for the target product. Replace the folder name in the case of using RL78/F22 to “RL78_F22”

Add sections necessary for data flash memory reprogramming on a “Section Settings” screen.

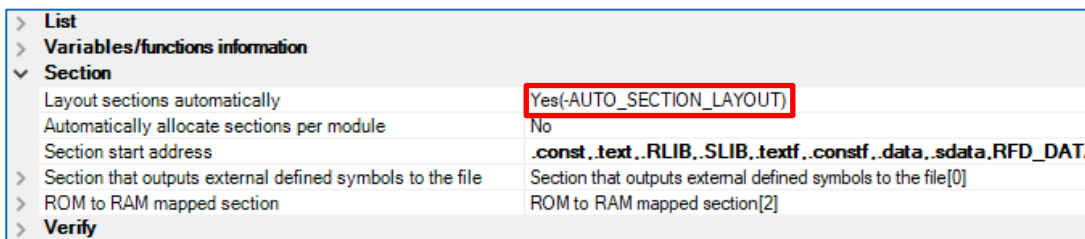
Add to the program area : RFD_DATA_n, RFD_CMN_f, RFD_DF_f, SMP_CMN_f, SMP_DF_f

Add to the RAM area : RFD_DATA_nR

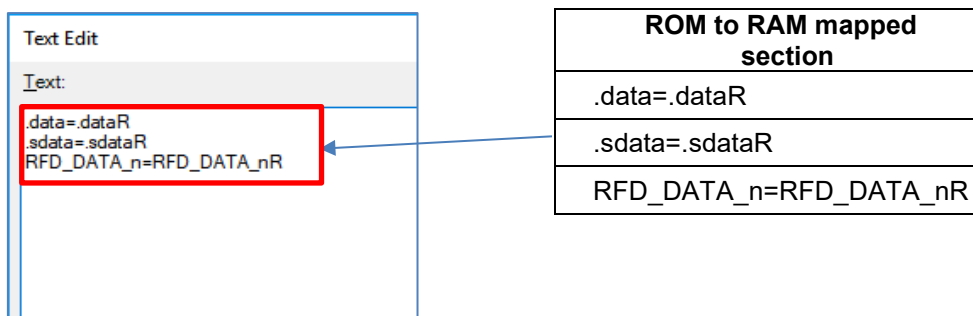


Note: About setting of the sample project in the case of using each device, refer to the “Setting related to changing devices” section of the “Creating a Sample Project for RFD RL78 Type 03” chapter after “RL78 Family Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 User’s Manual(R20UT5454)” Rev.1.01 or later.

Be sure to return [Layout sections automatically] to “Yes”, after pressing the “OK” button.



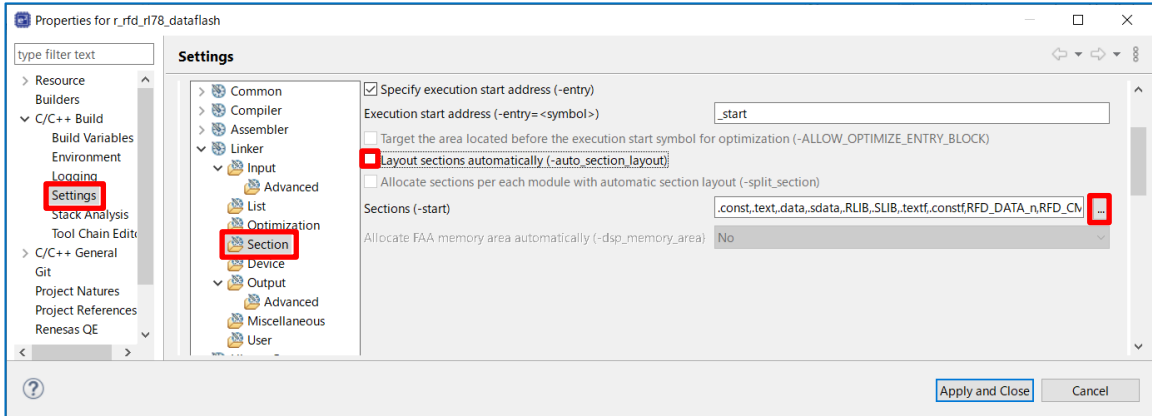
Press the right-hand side “...” button by [ROM to RAM mapped section], display the “Text Edit” screen, and add the section for copying to RAM from ROM.



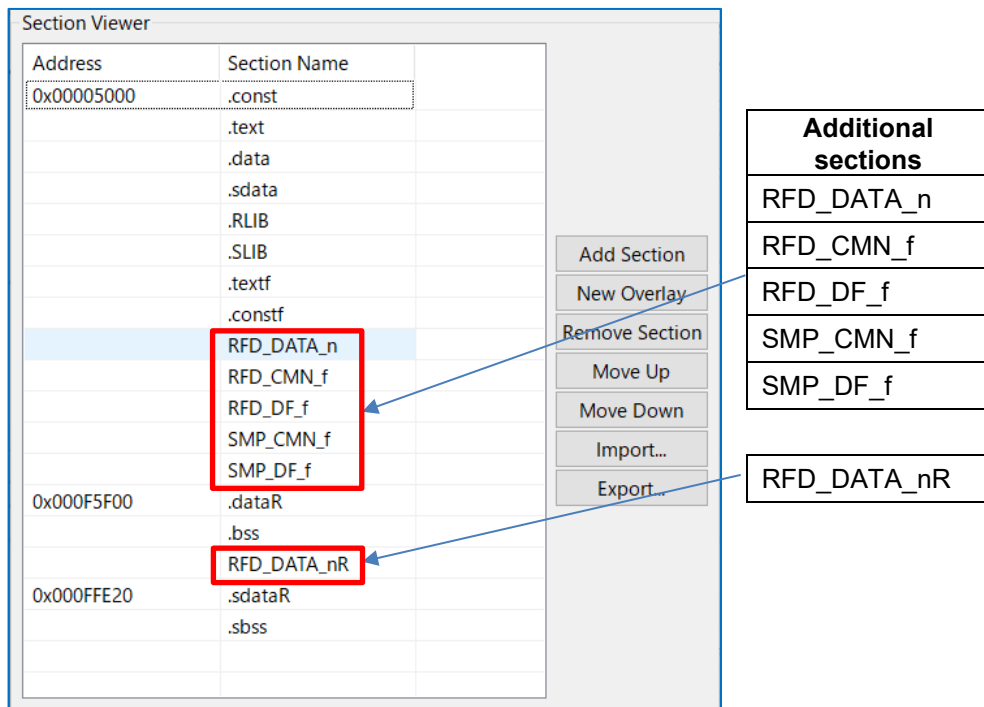
(3-2) Setting of the section items on e² studio

On e² studio, sections are set on a “Section Viewer” screen.

The process which displays a “Section Viewer” screen is shown. Select the [Properties] from the [Project] menu and open the window of the properties for a target project. And select “Linker” [Section] from [Settings] of “C/C++ Build”. Remove a check mark from [Layout sections automatically] (-auto_section_layout), and press the “...” button positioned in the rightmost of [Sections (-start)], and display Section Viewer.



Add to the program area : RFD_DATA_n, RFD_CMN_f, RFD_DF_f, SMP_CMN_f, SMP_DF_f
 Add to the RAM area : RFD_DATA_nR



Note: About setting of the sample project in the case of using each device, refer to the “Setting related to changing devices” section of the “Creating a Sample Project for RFD RL78 Type 03” chapter after “RL78 Family Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 User’s Manual(R20UT5454)” Rev.1.01 or later.

Be sure to put a check mark to [Layout sections automatically (-auto_section_layout)], after pressing the “OK” button.

Specify execution start address (-entry)
 Execution start address (-entry= <symbol>)

Target the area located before the execution start symbol for optimization (-ALLOW_OPTIMIZE_ENTRY_BLOCK)

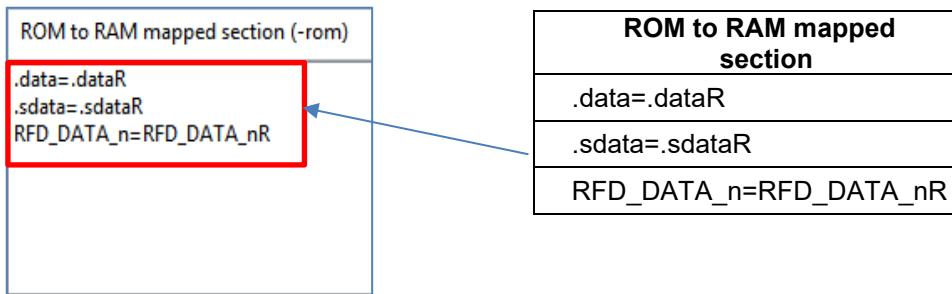
Layout sections automatically (-auto_section_layout)

Allocate sections per each module with automatic section layout (-split_section)

Sections (-start)

Allocate FAA memory area automatically (-dsp_memory_area)

Select “C/C++ Build” [Setting] - “Linker” [Section], display the “ROM to RAM mapped section (-rom)” screen, and add the section for copying to RAM from ROM.

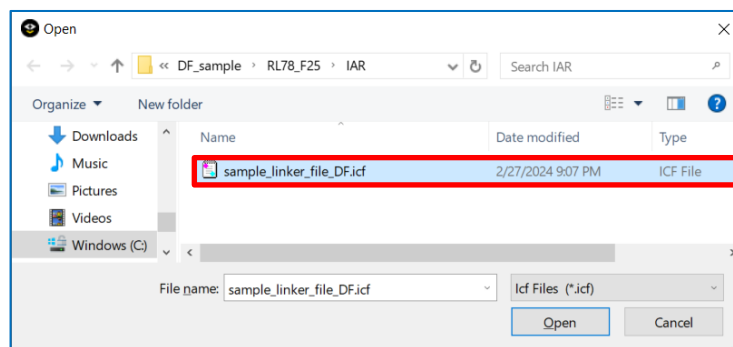
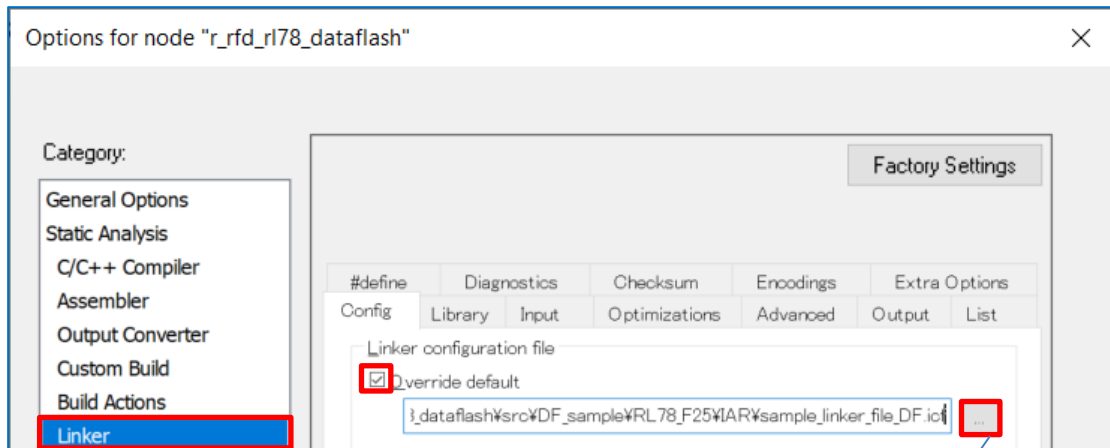


(3-3) Setting of the section items on IAR EW for Renesas RL78

On IAR Embedded Workbench, Linker configuration file (*.icf) describes link setting executed by building. Select "Options" by the click right mouse button of project with tree. Select [Linker] by "Category" in the displayed window, And put a check mark to "Override default" of the [Config] tab. Select Linker configuration file (*.icf) in the "Open" window of "..." button. Select the "sample_linker_file_(area name).icf" file prepared for RFD RL78 Type 03. Linker configuration file (*.icf) for every reprogramming area is as follows.

- For data flash memory reprogramming : sample_linker_file_DF.icf

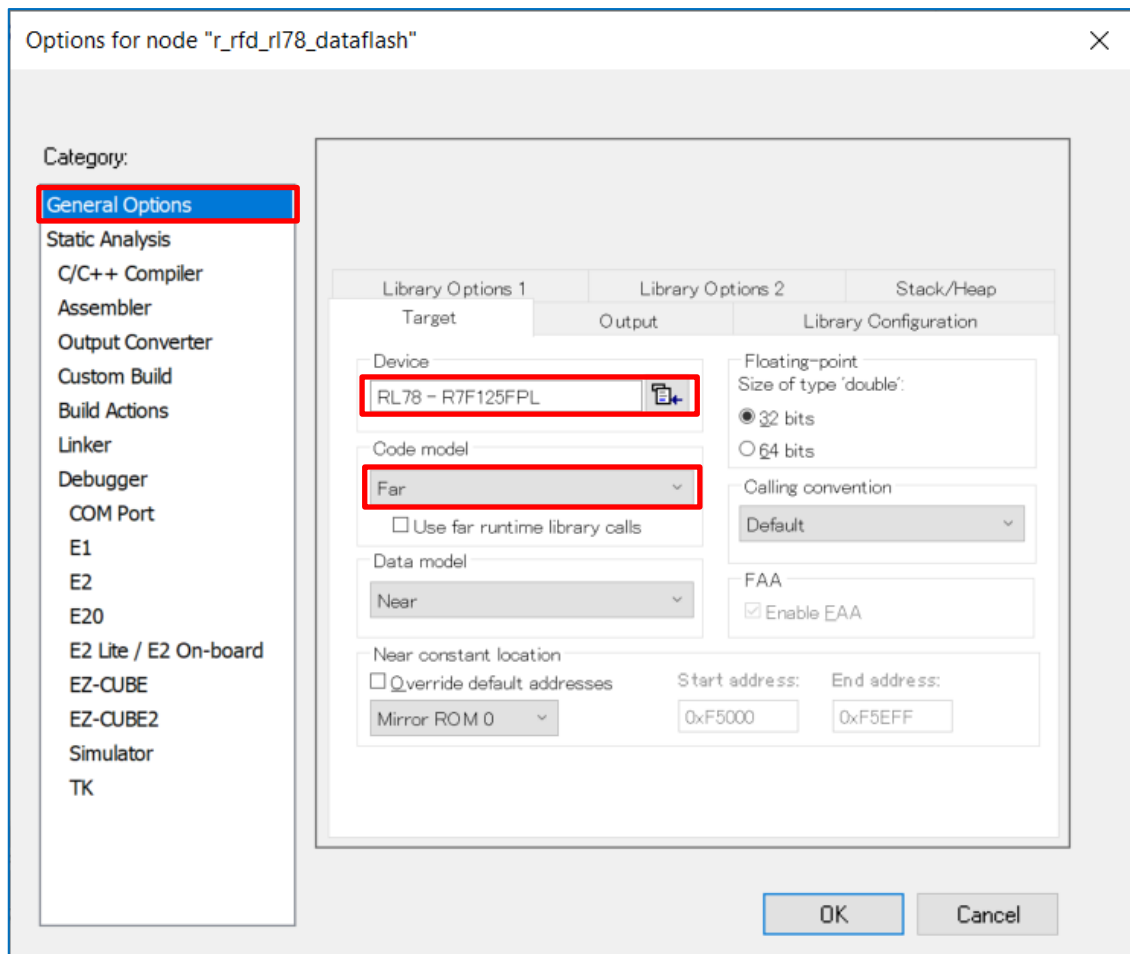
RL78/F25 : (\DF_sample\RL78F25\IAR\)



* On the case used at the same time with code flash area or extra area, it is necessary to modify the icf file suitable for the sample program for the area used.

Note: About setting of the sample project in the case of using each device, refer to the "Setting related to changing devices" section of the "Creating a Sample Project for RFD RL78 Type 03" chapter after "RL78 Family Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 User's Manual(R20UT5454)" Rev.1.01 or later.

Set the items of [General Options] - [Target] tab in the “Options” screen. Select the target device for [Device] and “Far” for [Code model].

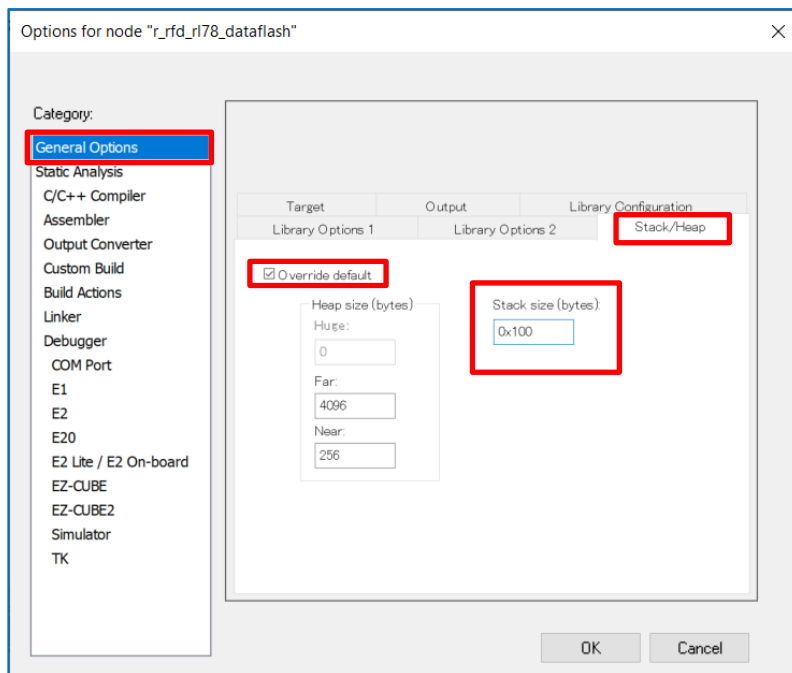
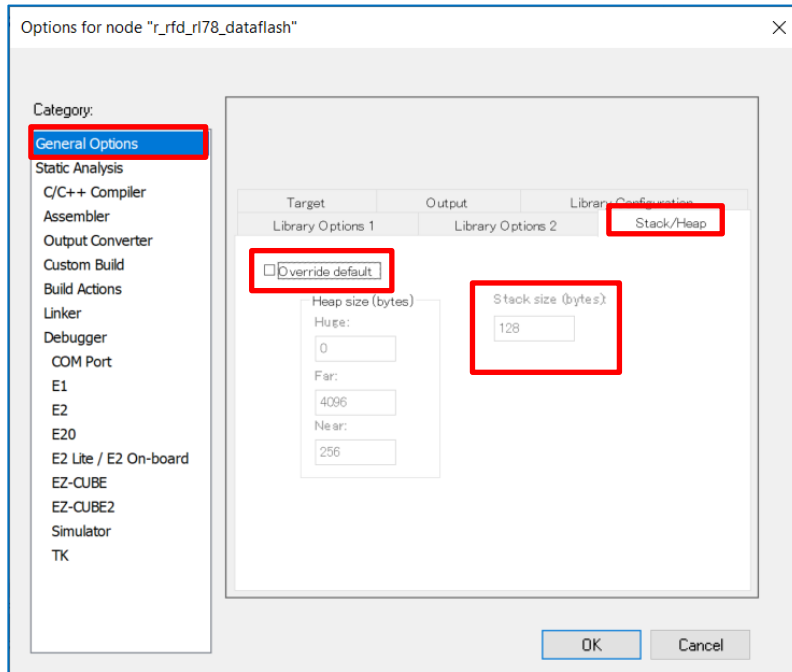


(3-3-1) Stack setting

The initial value of the stack size of IAR Embedded Workbench for RL78 is 128 bytes. When the stack used by a user program and RFD RL78 Type 03 exceeds this size, it is necessary to modify use stack size.

When reprogramming a data flash, in consideration of adding user processing, obtaining the stack size about 0x100(256)bytes is recommended.

<<The example of a stack setting>>



(4) Include Path Settings

The figure shows the case of RL78/F25. Replace the folder name for the RL78/F25 sample (“RL78_F25”) with the folder name for the target product also on here. Replace the folder name in the case of using RL78/F22 to “RL78_F22”

(4-1) Setting of the include path on CS+

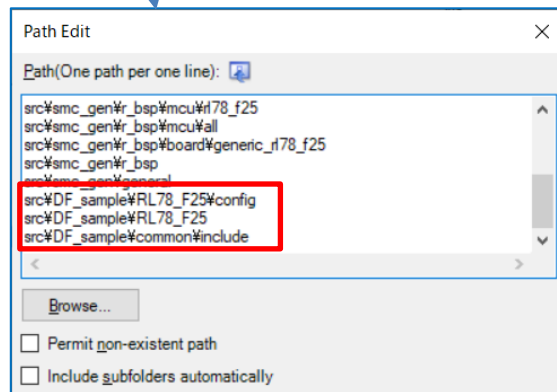
Setting of the include path on CS+ inputs path in “Common Options” tab.

- Add the Include directory path in the “Path Edit” window displayed by selection of [Frequently Used Options(for Compile)] - [Additional include paths].

In the phase where code generation was performed by (5) of “2.2.1 In Case of CS+”, the include path of files other than the sample program is registered. For a reason, it needs to register the include path of the sample program.

Those include path to add is shown below.

```
src\DF_sample\RL78_F25\config  
src\DF_sample\RL78_F25  
src\DF_sample\common\include
```



* It is an example of the include path in the case which extracted DF_sample.zip directly under the src folder.

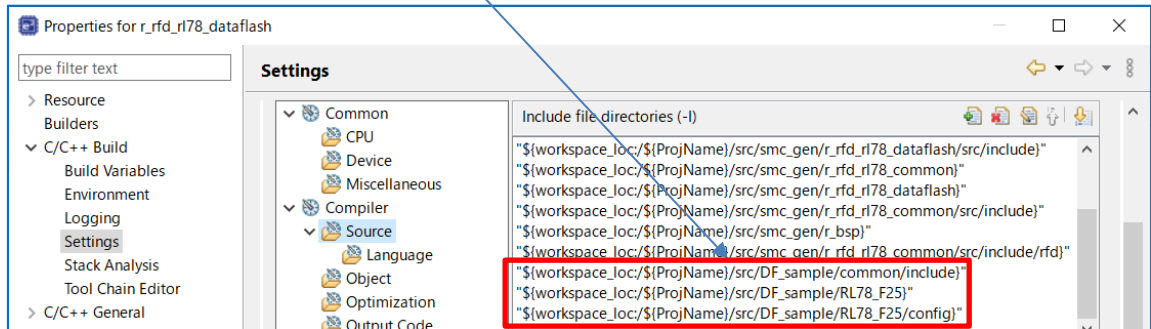
(4-2) Setting of the include path on e² studio

Setting of the include path on e² studio inputs path in “Properties” window.

- Input the Include directory path in the window displayed by selection of “C/C++” build [Setting] - “Compiler” [Source].

Those include path to add is shown below.

```
$(workspace_loc:${ProjName}/src/DF_sample/common/include)
$(workspace_loc:${ProjName}/src/DF_sample/RL78_F25)
$(workspace_loc:${ProjName}/src/DF_sample/RL78_F25/config)
```



* It is an example of the include path in the case which extracted DF_sample.zip directly under the src folder.

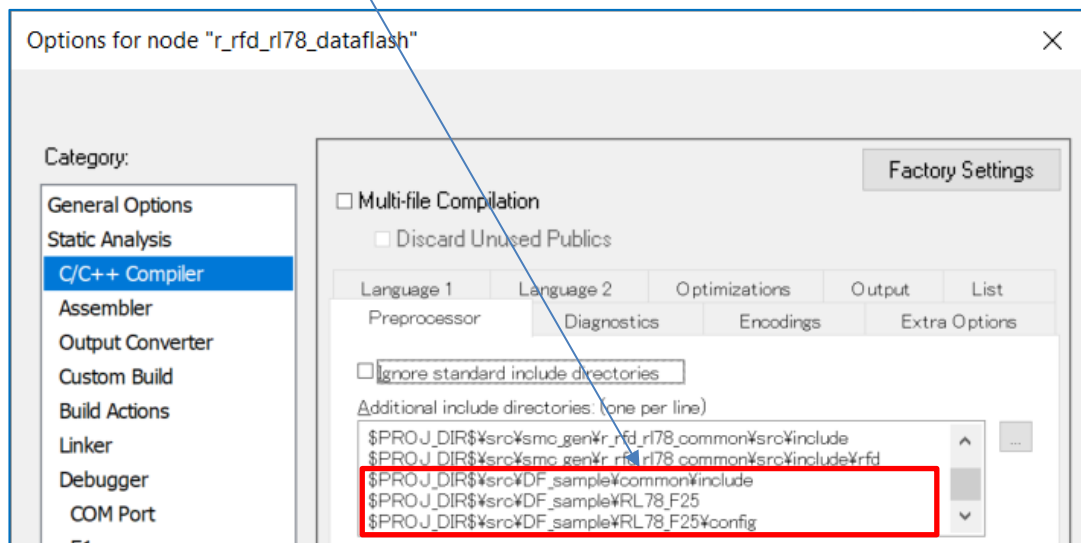
(4-3) Setting of the include path on IAR EW for Renesas RL78

Setting of the include path on IAR Embedded Workbench selects “C/C++ Compiler” of “Category”, and inputs path in “Preprocessor” tab.

- Input the Include directory path in the “Edit include Directories” window displayed by selection of [Additional include directories: (one per line)].

Those include path to add is shown below.

```
$PROJ_DIR$\src\DF_sample\common\include
$PROJ_DIR$\src\DF_sample\RL78_F25
$PROJ_DIR$\src\DF_sample\RL78_F25\config
```



* It is an example of the include path in the case which extracted DF_sample.zip directly under the src folder.

(5) Device Item Settings

(5-1) Setting of the device Items on CS+

Refer to the chapter of “Device Item Settings” of Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 user's manual (R20UT5454).

(5-2) Setting of the device Items on e² studio

Refer to the chapter of “Device Item Settings” of Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 user's manual (R20UT5454).

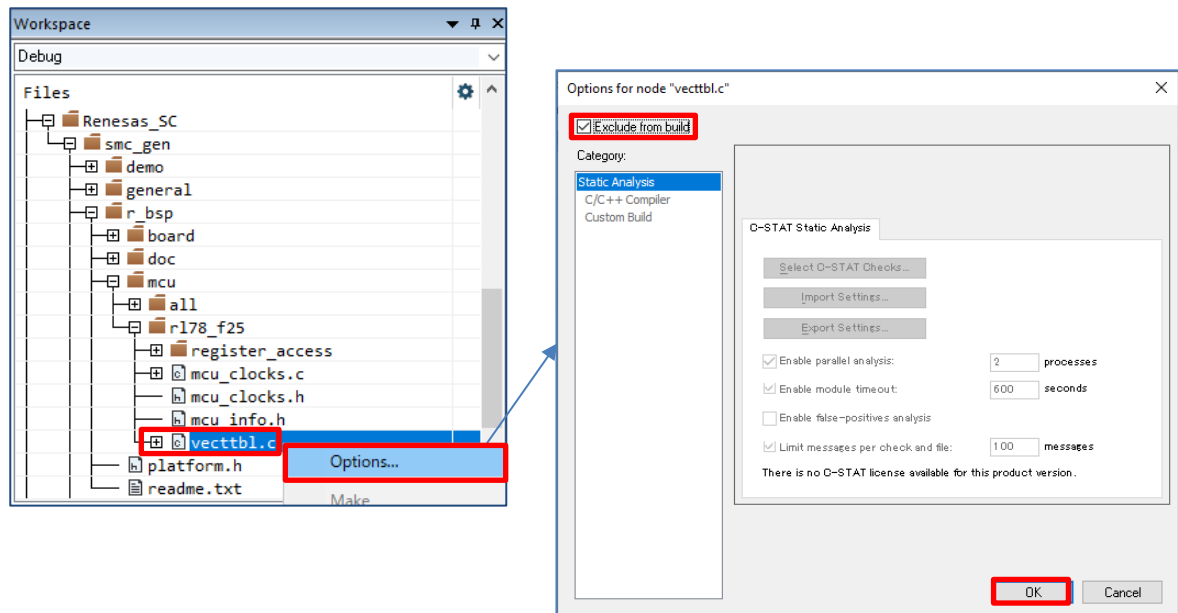
(5-3) Setting of the device Items on IAR EW for Renesas RL78

Option bytes will be set to the following values if it builds including vecttbl.c prepared as a sample program.

- User option byte: 0x6E6BE8
- On-chip debug option byte: 0xA5
- Security option byte: 0xFE

When the code is generated by Smart Configurator, vecttbl.c is generated to a “smc_gen\r_bsp\mcu\r178_f25\” folder. And because vecttbl.c duplicates, it is necessary to repeal this file.

Right-click a mouse by “Renesas_SC\smc_gen\r_bsp\mcu\r178_f25\ vecttbl.c” in the [project] on a tree. And select an “option” and set a “check” to [Exclude from build] in the displayed screen.



(6) Execute the sample program from a main function.

Describe the sample_dataflash_main function included in r_flash_sample_dataflash_rl78f2x.c like the “main function” for the project. And build, download and execute it.

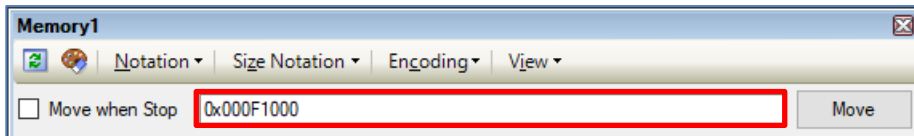
- * The header file which described the prototype declaration for sample_dataflash_main function. Include prepared “r_flash_sample_dataflash_rl78f2x.h”.

2.4 The Check of Operation for Sample Program

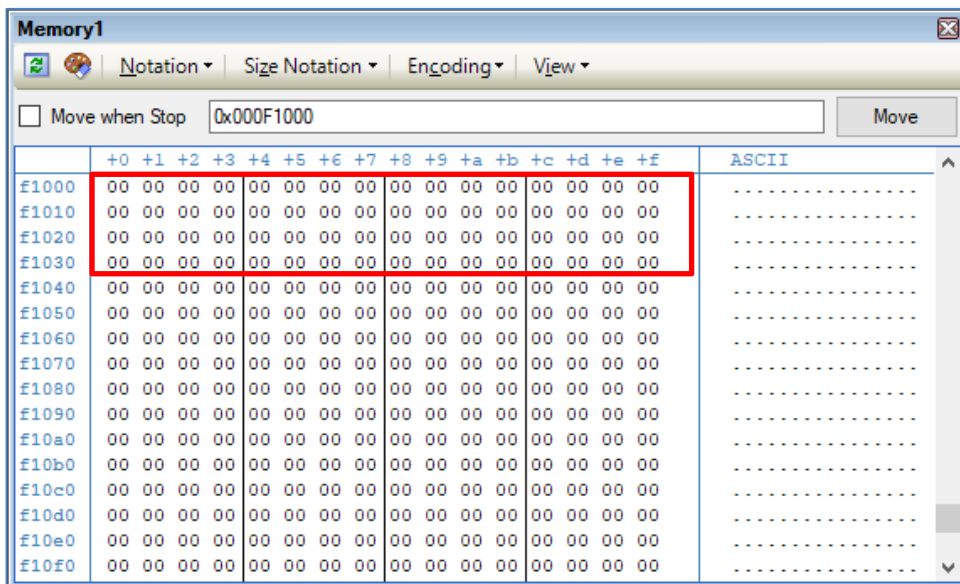
The block 0(0x000F1000) of a data flash area is erased. And 64 bytes of data is programmed from the top of the block 0. Confirm this operation by the following methods.

2.4.1 In Case of CS+

- (1) Select [Debug]menu - [Download] and start debugging.
- (2) After selecting [View]menu - [Memory], select “Memory1”, “Memory2”, “Memory3”, or “Memory4”, and display a memory window.
- (3) Set “0x000F1000” to the address of a memory window, and display the block 0 of a data flash area.

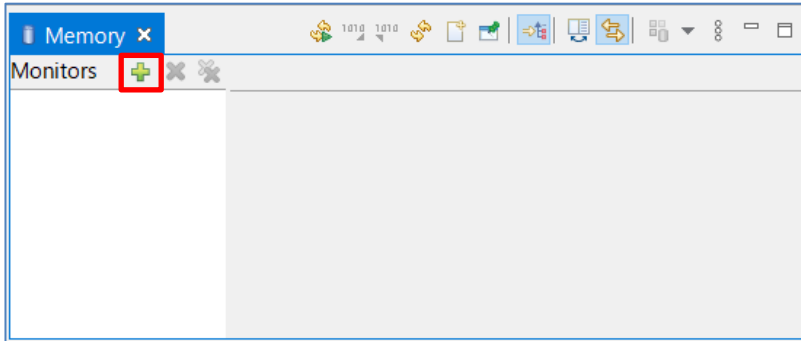


- (4) Select [Debug]menu - [Go] and the program is executed. Check that the value of “0x000F1000-0x000F103F” displayed on the memory window has changed after stopping the program.

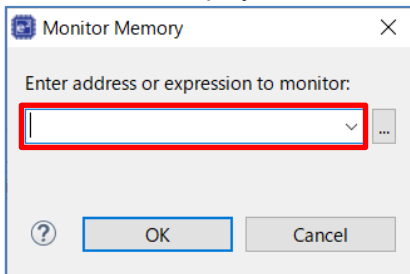


2.4.2 In Case of e² studio

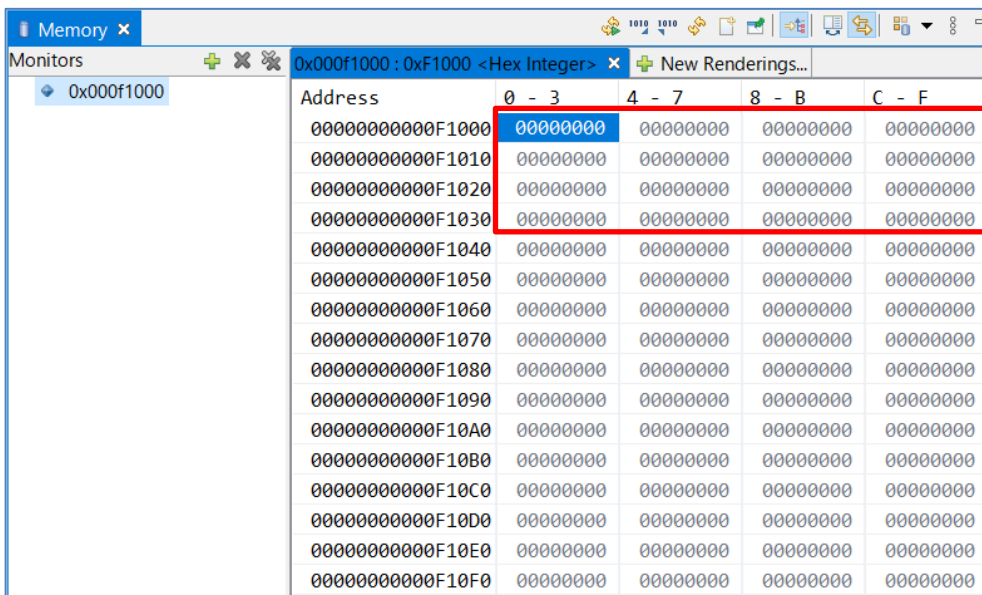
- (1) Select [Run]menu - [Debug] and start debugging.
- (2) Select [Window]menu - [Show View] - [Memory] and display Memory view.
- (3) Press “ + ” button and display the Monitor Memory window.



- (4) Input “0x000F1000” into the address to monitor, and press the OK button. The block 0 of a data flash area is displayed on the memory view.



- (5) After the program is executed, check that the value of “0x000F1000-0x000F103F” displayed on the memory window is changing.

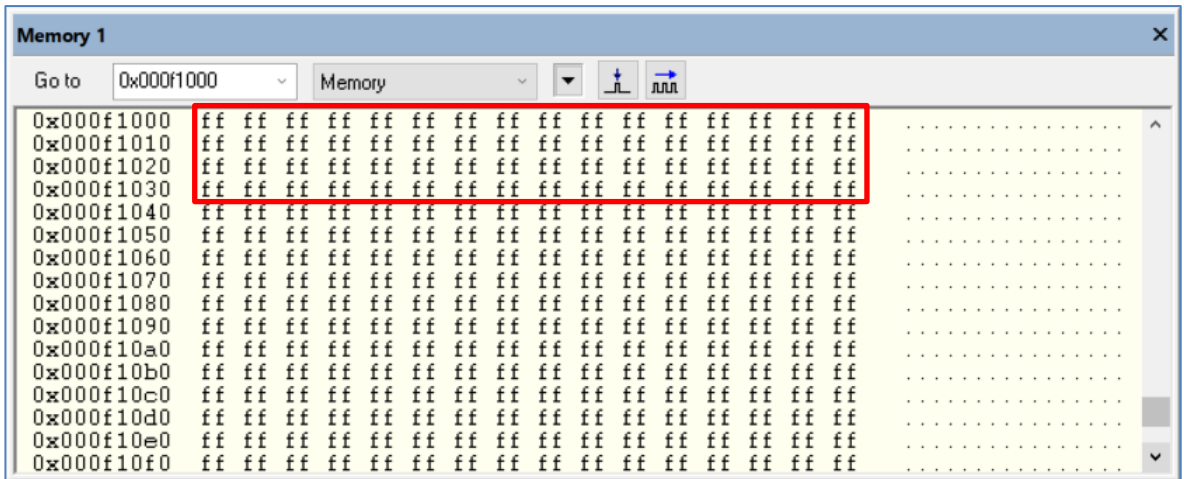


2.4.3 In Case of IAR EW for Renesas RL78

- (1) Select [Project] menu - [Download and Debug] and start debugging.
- (2) After select [View] menu - [Memory], select either from “Memory 1” to “Memory 4”, and the memory window is displayed.
- (3) Set “0x000F1000” to the address of the memory window. And the block 0 of data flash area is displayed.



- (4) After the program is executed, check that the value of “0x000F1000-0x000F103F” displayed on the memory window is changing.



3. Precautions

- (1) Reprogramming of the code flash memory or extra area
Place the reprogramming code in RAM when reprogramming the code flash memory or extra area.
- (2) Precondition for control of the data flash area
Be sure to set the DFLEN bit (bit 0) of the data flash control register (DFLCTL) to 1 (enable access to the data flash area) before controlling the data flash area.
- (3) Program execution during reprogramming of the flash memory
Self-programming in the RL78/F22, F25 uses the flash memory sequencer to control the reprogramming of the flash memory. In the following flash memory control modes in which the flash memory can be reprogrammed, the CPU cannot read data from the target flash memory.
 - In the code flash memory programming mode, the CPU cannot read data from the code flash memory. The API functions of RFD RL78 Type 03 and the user program to be executed in the code flash memory programming mode should be copied from ROM to RAM in advance and executed and referenced in RAM.
 - In the data flash memory programming mode, the CPU cannot read data from the data flash memory. The data to be read in the data flash memory programming mode should be copied from the data flash memory to RAM in advance and referenced in RAM.
- (4) The precautions in the case of debugging self-programming with an on-chip debugger
In the case which debugs self-programming with an on-chip debugger, because 128 bytes of area is used from the top address of RAM when a debugger is executed, it is necessary to vacate this area. Additionally, in case CS+ or e² studio is used as the development environment, the debugger settings need to be configured to use flash self-programming
 - Example settings for CS+:
On the project, select “Connect Settings” tab from “RL78 E2 [Lite] (Debug Tool)”, and set “Yes” to “Flash” - “Using the flash self programming”.
 - Example settings for e² studio:
On the project, select “Property” - “Run/Debug Settings”, and edit the target “HardwareDebug” setting. On the displayed screen, select “Debugger” tab - “Connection Settings” tab, and set “Yes” to “Flash” - “Program uses flash self programming”.
- (5) The precautions in the case of executing the data copy from ROM to RAM, when using CC-RL compiler.
When using CC-RL compiler, the Sample_Data_INITSCT function is called from the main function of main.c file. This function copies the data and the program for RFD RL78 Type 03 to RAM from ROM. However, the following setting will be necessary if this processing is executed by the start-up routine in the cstart.asm file which is a CC-RL compiler function.
(CC-RL compiler function : “Initialization of RAM area sections by using an initialization table [V1.12 or later]”)
 - Set “-ram_init_table_section” by linker.
 - Set “__USE_RAM_INIT_TABLE” to the column which defines the macro of assemble options.* For details, please refer to the user's manual of CC-RL compiler
Because “copy processing from ROM to RAM” of a Sample_Data_INITSCT function duplicates in this case, it is necessary to set same [Macro definition] as “Compiler Option”, and to cancel processing of a Sample_Data_INITSCT function.
 - Set “__USE_RAM_INIT_TABLE” to the column which defines the macro of compiler options.

4. Reference document

Please get the latest version of each document from the Renesas Electronics Corp. website (<https://www.renesas.com>).

No	Document Title	Document Number
1	RL78/F22,F25 User's Manual Hardware	R01UH1061
2	RL78 Family Board Support Package Module	R01AN5522
3	RL78 Family Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 03 User's Manual	R20UT5454
4	E1/E20/E2 Emulator, E2 Emulator Lite Additional Document for User's Manual (Notes on Connection of RL78)	R20UT1994

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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.

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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.

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