RX Family

Example of Using the Pulse Period Measurement Function with MTU2/MTU3

Introduction

This application note describes the operation of the pulse period measurement function by using MTU2/MTU3.

RX66T Group MCUs are equipped with the Multi-Function Timer Pulse Unit 3 (MTU3d), which can be used with the input capture function to measure the pulse period that is input to the input capture input pins.

The descriptions in this application note target RX Family devices equipped with the MTU2 or MTU3. The operation has been confirmed with the RX66T Group. When using this application note with Renesas MCUs other than the RX66T Group, careful evaluation is recommended after making modifications to comply with the alternate MCU.

Target Devices

RX Family devices with the MTU2 or MTU3

Confirmed Devices

RX66T Group

The Multi-Function Timer Pulse Unit 3 is referred to as “MTU” throughout this document.

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1. Measuring a Pulse Period

The MTU's input capture function is used to calculate the period from the rising edge of an input pulse to the next rising edge.

The overflow interrupt processing in the MTUn.TCNT register (n = 0 to 4, 6, 7, 9) and MTU5.TCNTm register (m = U, V, W) counts the number of overflows. Then the input capture interrupt processing in MTUn (n = 0 to 6, 7, 9) calculates the pulse period based on the number of overflows and the input capture register value.

Pulse period calculation formula:

Resolution*1 x (number of overflows x 10000h + input capture register value)

Note: 1. MTU count clock cycle

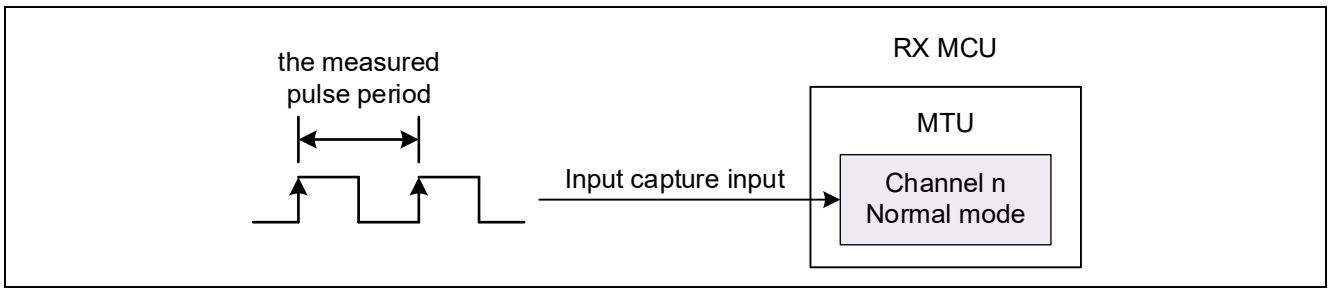

Figure 1.1 Measuring a Pulse Period

For details, refer to section 3.2, Operation of Pulse Period Measurement, in this application note.

2. Operation Confirmation Conditions

The operation of the sample code described in this application note has been confirmed under the conditions listed in the table below.

Table 2.1 Operation Confirmation Environments

Item	Description
MCU	R5F566TEADFP (included in Renesas Starter Kit for RX66T)
Operating frequency	Main clock: 8 MHz PLL: 160 MHz (main clock x 1/1 x 20) HOCO: Stopped LOCO: Stopped System clock (ICLK) 160 MHz (PLL x 1/1) Peripheral module clock A (PCLKA): 80 MHz (PLL x 1/2) Peripheral module clock B (PCLKB): 40 MHz (PLL x 1/4) Peripheral module clock C (PCLKC): 160 MHz (PLL x 1/1) Peripheral module clock D (PCLKD): 40 MHz (PLL x 1/4) FlashIF clock (FCLK): 40 MHz (PLL x 1/4)
Operating voltage	3.3 V
Integrated development environment	Renesas Electronics e² studio Version 2022-10
C compiler*1	Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family V3.04.00
	Compiler options The integrated development environment default settings are used.
RX Smart Configurator	V2.15.0
Board support package (r_bsp)	V7.20
Endian	Little endian
Operating mode	Single-chip mode
Processor mode	Supervisor mode
Sample code version	V1.00
Board	Renesas Starter Kit for RX66T (Product number: RTK50566T0CxxxxxBE)
Emulator	E2-Lite

Note: 1. Import the same version of the toolchain (C compiler) as specified in the original project. If the same toolchain is not located in the import destination, the toolchain cannot be selected, and an error will occur.
Check the toolchain selection status on the project settings screen.

Refer to FAQ 3000404 for setting methods.

FAQ 3000404: ‘Program “make” not found in PATH’ error when attempting to build an imported project (e² studio)

3. MTU Sample Codes

3.1 Common

3.1.1 Sample Code List

This application note provides the following sample codes created with the Smart Configurator.

Sample codes can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.

Table 3.1 MTU Sample Code List

Name	Description	Ref.
Operation of Pulse Period Measurement r01an6644_rx66t_mtu_pulse_period.zip	• Normal mode • Measuring a pulse period by using the input capture function	3.2

3.1.2 Folder Structure

The main folder structure of a sample code is as follows.

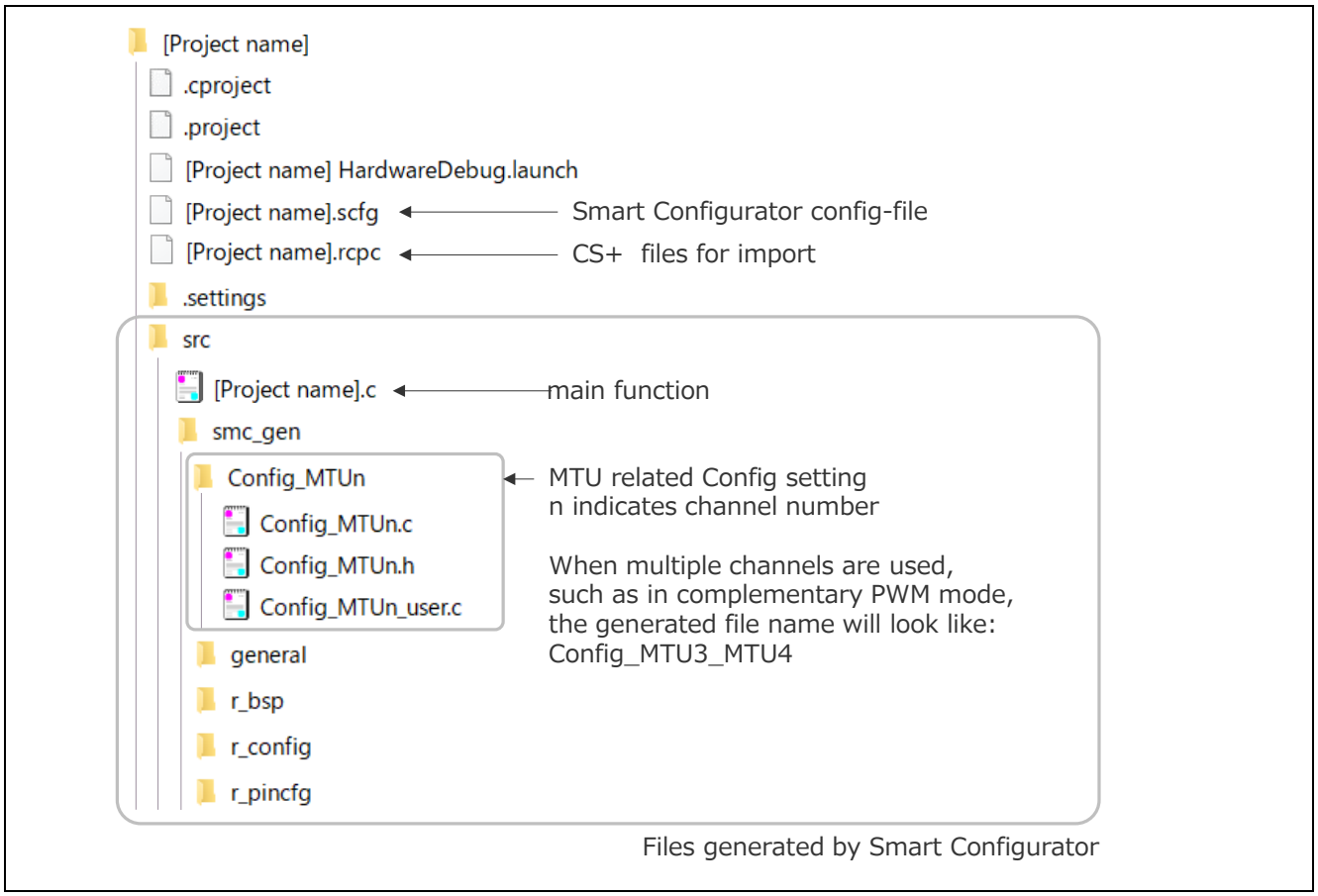

Figure 3.1 MTU Folder Structure

3.1.3 File Structure

The main file structure of a sample code is as follows.

Table 3.2 MTU File Structure

File Name	Description
[Project name].c	main Function This is the main function. The Smart Configurator generates an empty function. The necessary processing for each sample code is described here.
Config_MTUn.c*1	R_Config_MTUn_Create function This is the MTU's initialization function. The initialization function based on the settings in the Smart Configurator is generated by the Smart Configurator. The call for this function is generated by the Smart Configurator. This function is called in the R_SystemInit function executed before the main function.
	R_Config_MTUn_Start function This is the MTU's count start function. This function is generated by the Smart Configurator. In the sample codes, this function is called from the main function.
	R_Config_MTUn_Stop function This is the MTU's count stop function. This function is generated by the Smart Configurator. This function is not used in the sample codes.
Config_MTUn_user.c*1	r_Config_MTUn_Create_UserInit function This is the MTU's user initialization function. The Smart Configurator generates an empty function. The necessary processing for each sample code is described here. This is the last function to be called in the R_Config_MTUn_Create function generated by the Smart Configurator.
	r_Config_MTUn_[interrupt name]_interrupt function This is the interrupt handler function. The Smart Configurator generates an empty function. The necessary processing for each sample code is described here.
Config_MTUn.h*1	This is the header file that defines MTU related functions. This file is included in the r_smc_entry.h file generated by the Smart Configurator. To use MTU related functions, be sure to include the r_smc_entry.h file.

Note: 1. n indicates a channel number.

3.1.4 Adding Components

The sample code uses the Smart Configurator to add the MTU as described below.

Table 3.3 Adding Components

Item	Description
Component	Refer to the section for each sample code ((1) in the figure below).
Configuration name	Sample codes use the default setting name.
Operation	Refer to the section for each sample code ((2) in the figure below).
Resource	Refer to the section for each sample code ((3) in the figure below).

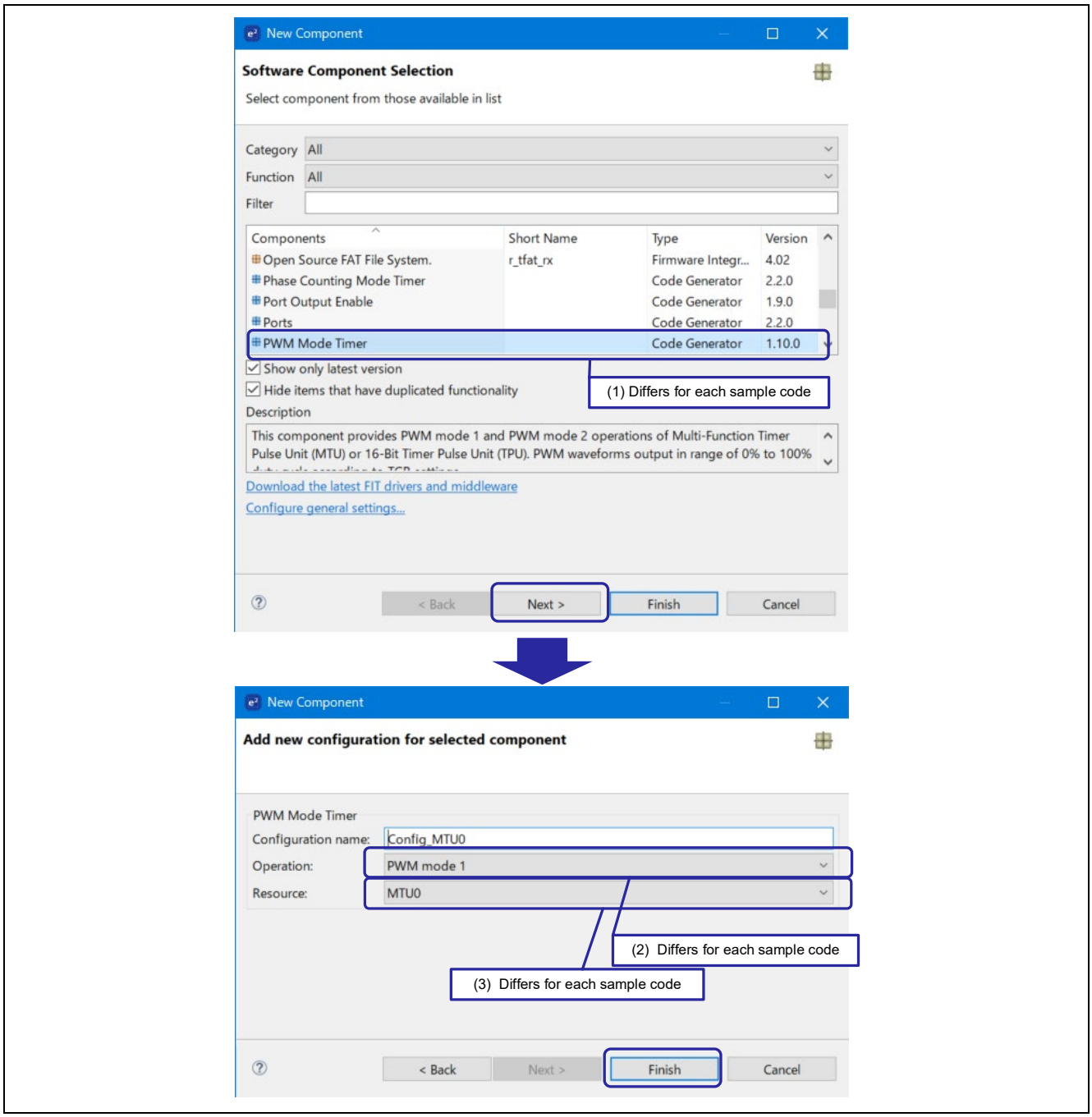

Figure 3.2 Adding Components

3.1.5 Pin Settings

Figure 3.3 shows an example of pin settings using the Smart Configurator.

Configure the pins after setting the MTU. For MTU settings, refer to “Smart Configurator Settings” for each sample code.

Pin settings are carried out in the R_Config_MTUn_Create function generated by the Smart Configurator.

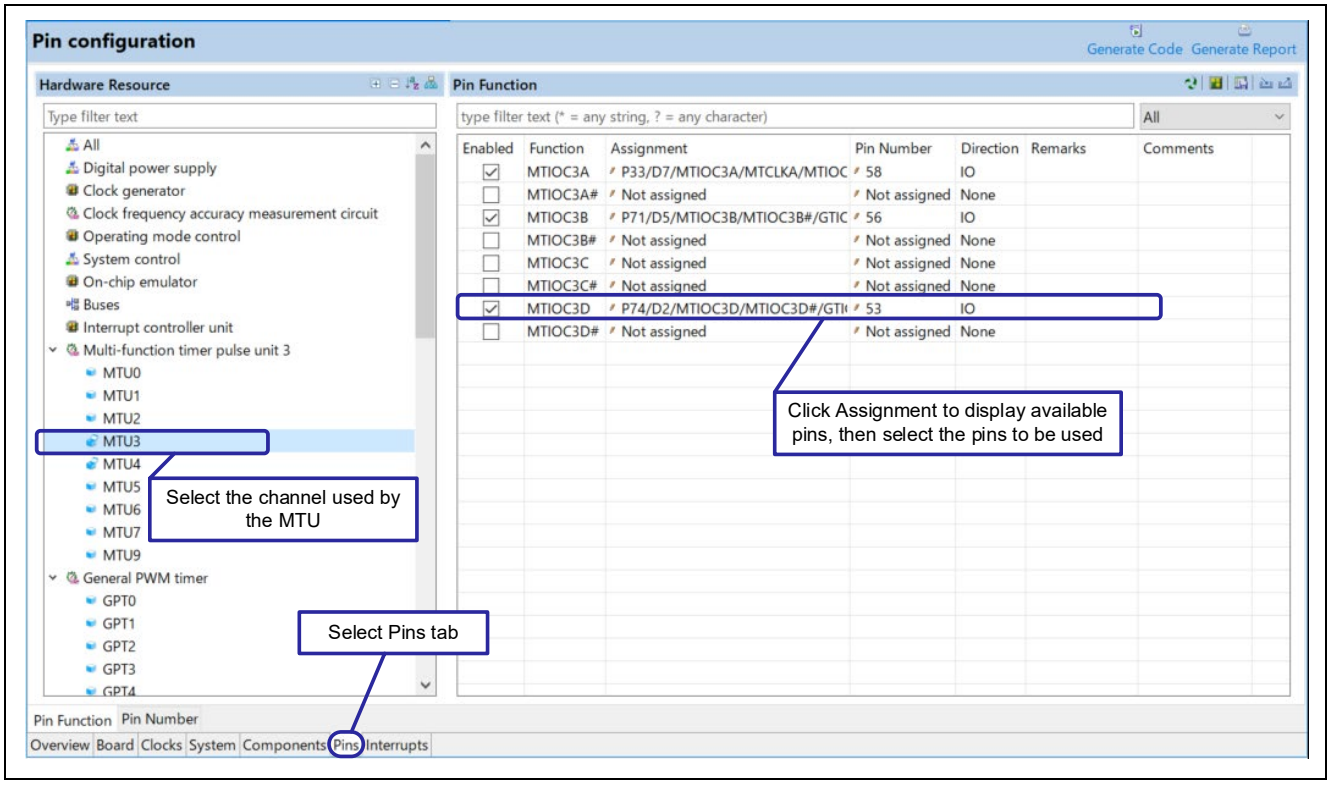

Figure 3.3 Pin Settings

3.1.6 Interrupt Settings

Figure 3.4 shows an example of interrupt settings using the Smart Configurator. For details on software configurable interrupt A, refer to section 14.4.5.1, Software Configurable Interrupt A, in the RX66T Group User's Manual: Hardware.

Configure interrupts after configuring the MTU settings. For MTU settings, refer to "Smart Configurator Settings" for each sample code.

Interrupt settings can be configured in the R_Config_MTUn_Create function, R_Config_MTUn_Start function, and R_Config_MTUn_Stop function, all of which are generated by the Smart Configurator.

The interrupt handler function is created with the name r_Config_MTUn_[interrupt name]_interrupt in the Config_MTUn_user.c file generated by the Smart Configurator.

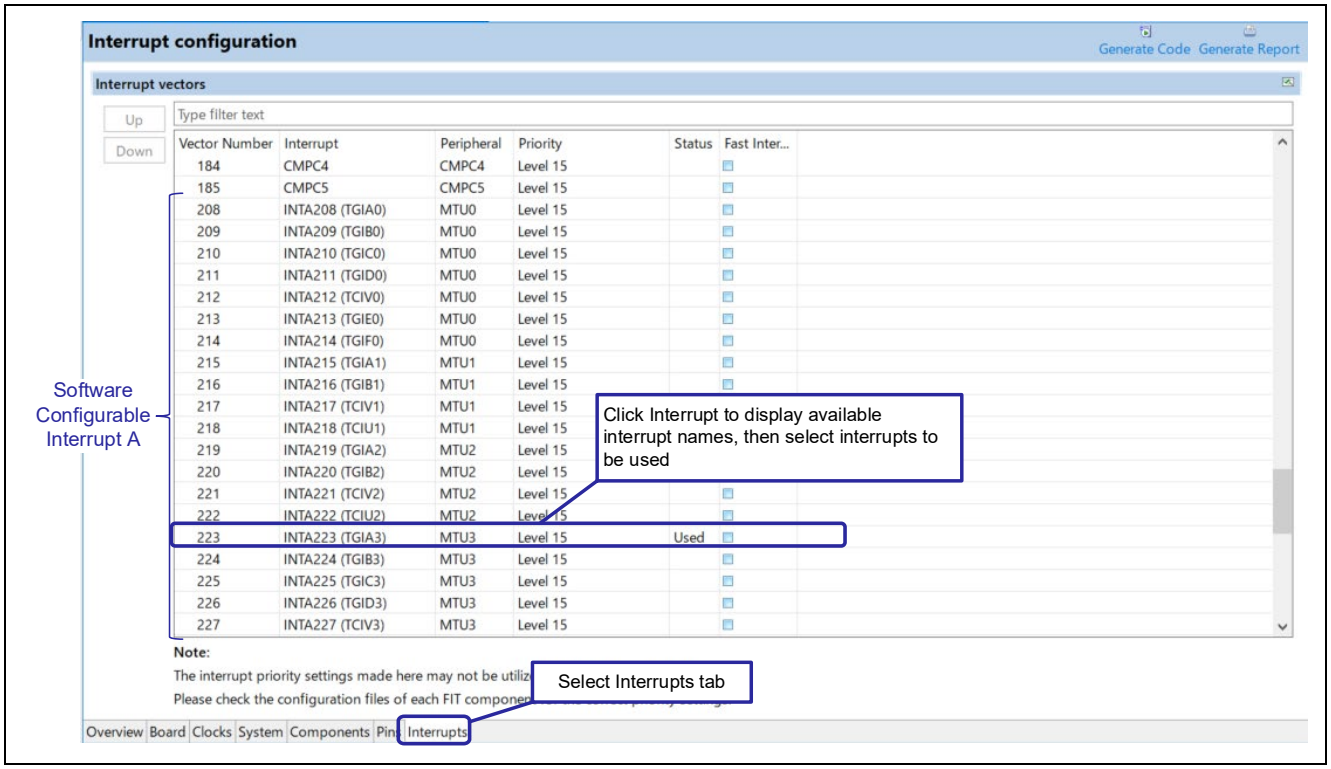

Figure 3.4 Interrupt Settings

3.2 Operation of Pulse Period Measurement

- Target sample code file name: r01an6644_rx66t_mtu_pulse_period.zip

3.2.1 Overview

The MTU's input capture function is used to calculate the period from the rising edge of a pulse which is input to the MTIOC0A pin to the next rising edge.

Overflow interrupts by the MTU0.TCNT register are used to count the number of overflows. If a pulse with an overflow count exceeding 65,535 is input, an error signal is output and the measurement is stopped.

The input capture A interrupt processing of MTU0 calculates the pulse period based on the number of overflows and the value of the MTU0.TGRA register.

- MTU0 details
  - Resolution: Approximately 100 ns
  - Maximum measurable period: Approximately 429 s
- Pulse period calculation formula: 100 ns x (number of overflows x 10000h + MTU0.TGRA)

The following list provides the MTU and port settings used in the sample code.

- MTU0 (channel 0)
  - Use normal mode timer
  - Use channel 0
  - Timer counter clock = 10 MHz (PCLKC/16)
  - Use TGRA as the input capture register
    - Timer counter clear source = TGRA input capture
  - Input capture at a rising edge of the MTIOC0A pin input
  - Enable the TGRA input capture interrupt
    - Priority: Level 3
  - Enable overflow interrupts
    - Priority: Level 4
- PORT
  - Use P95 as a general purpose I/O port

Set in Smart Configurator.

Refer to section 3.2.3 for details on the setting method.

The structure of this sample code is shown below.

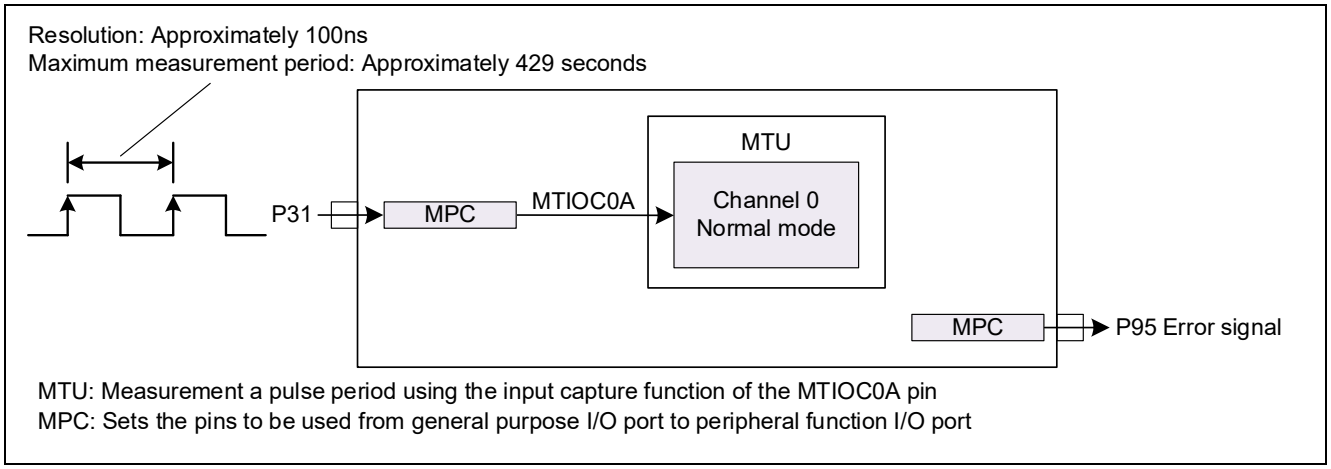

Figure 3.5 Sample Code Structure

3.2.2 Operation Details

This section describes the operation of this sample code.

(1) When the TSTRA.CST0 bit is set to 1b, MTU0 starts counting.
(2) When the level of the MTIOC0A pin changes from low to high, the value of the MTU0.TCNT register is transferred to the MTU0.TGRA register and the counter is cleared.
At the same time, an MTU0 input capture A interrupt request is generated.
(3) Input capture A interrupt processing sets the measurement start flag to 1 (measurement in progress). It also clears the number of overflows.
(4) When the level of the MTIOC0A pin changes from low to high, the same operation as (2) is performed.
(5) The input capture A interrupt processing calculates the pulse period (pulse period 1 in Figure 3.6) based on the number of overflows in the MTU0.TCNT register (0 in (5) in Figure 3.6) and the value in the MTU0.TGRA register ((B) in Figure 3.6).
It also clears the number of overflows.
(6) When the MTU0.TCNT register overflows, an overflow interrupt request is generated.
(7) The overflow interrupt processing counts the number of overflows.
(8) When the level of the MTIOC0A pin changes from low to high, the same operation as (2) is performed.
(9) The input capture A interrupt processing calculates the pulse period (pulse period 2 in Figure 3.6) based on the number of overflows in the MTU0.TCNT register (1 in (9) in Figure 3.6) and the value in the MTU0.TGRA register ((C) in Figure 3.6).
It also clears the number of overflows.

Each pulse period of this sample code is calculated at the resolution of approx. 100 ns. To change the timer count clock of MTU0, change the following settings in Config_MTU0_user.c to the resolution value corresponding to the count clock.

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#define RESOLUTION_VALUE              (100) /* Count clock cycle (ns) */
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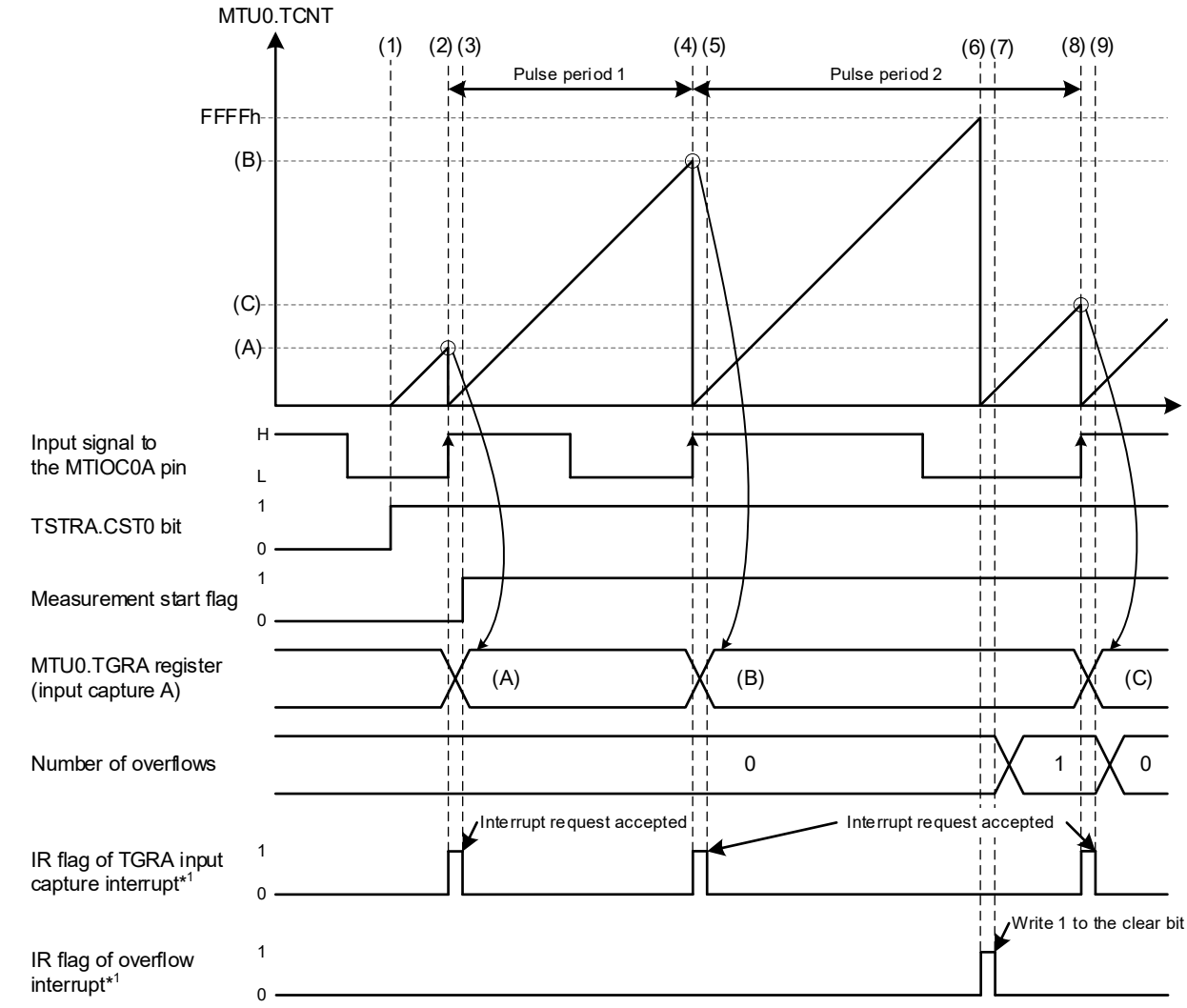


Note: 1. Allocated to software configurable interrupt A

Figure 3.6 Sample Code Operations

3.2.3 Smart Configurator Settings

The sample code uses the Smart Configurator to add the MTU as described below. For details on how to add components, refer to section 3.1.4, Adding Components.

Table 3.4 Adding Components (MTU)

Item	Description
Component	Normal mode timer
Configuration name	Config_MTU0
Input capture/output compare pins	2 pins
Resource	MTU0

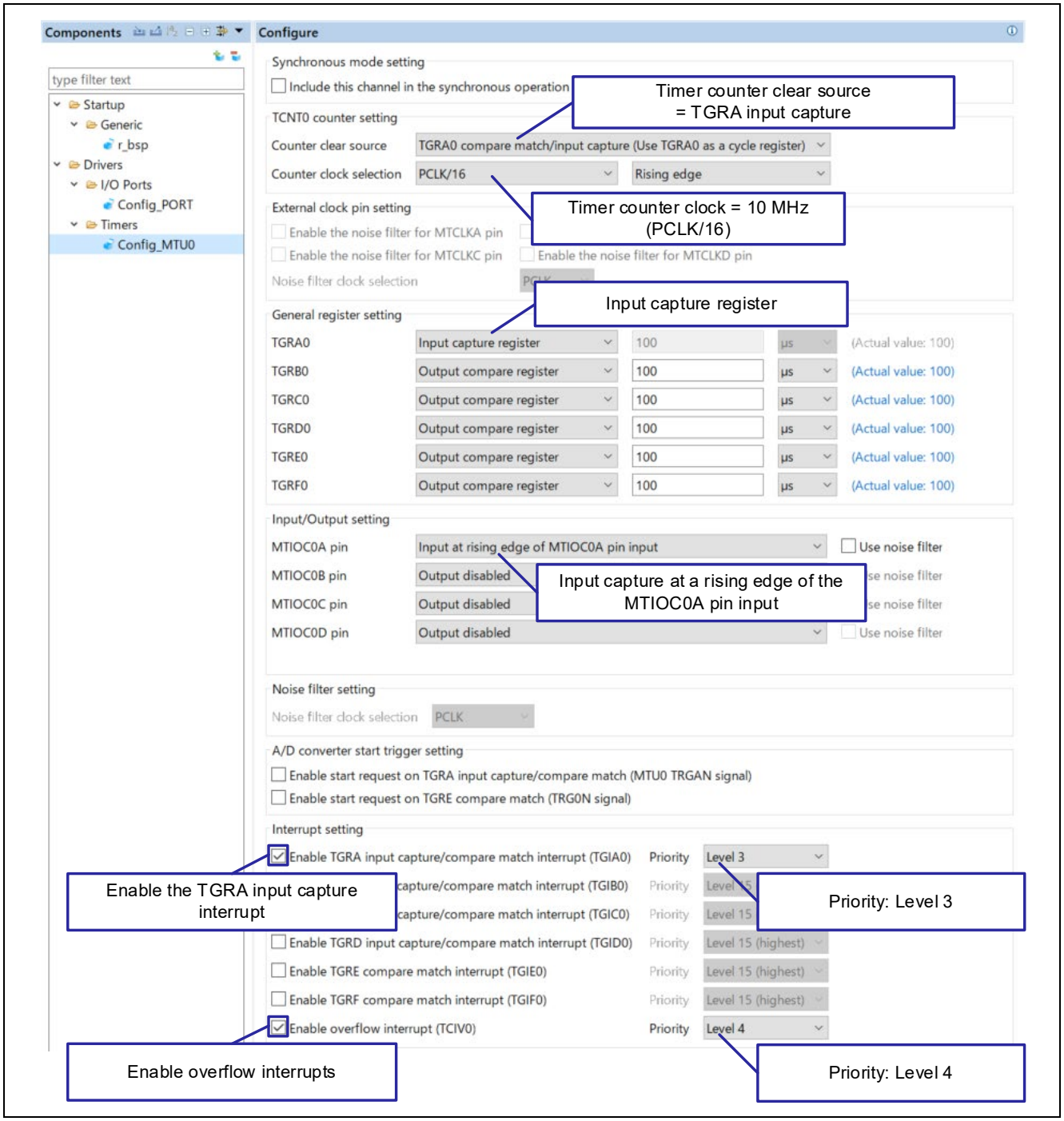


Figure 3.7 MTU0 Settings

To use P95 as a general purpose I/O port, add PORT as follows.

Table 3.5 Adding Components (PORT)

Item	Description
Component	Port
Configuration name	Config_PORT
Resource	PORT

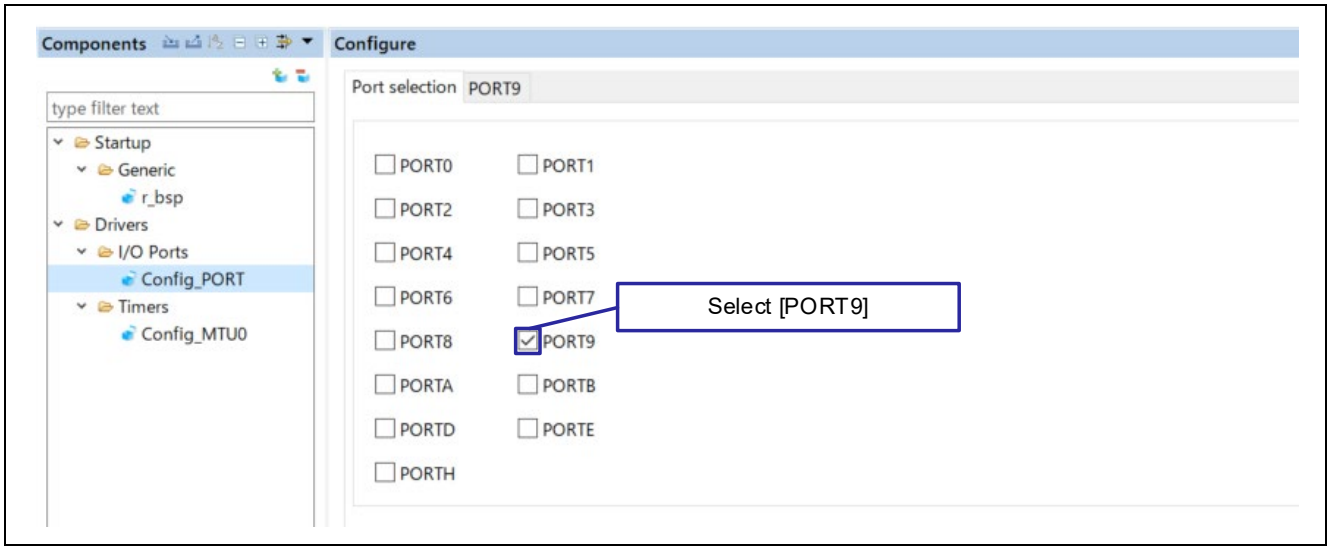


Figure 3.8 P95 Settings (1/2)

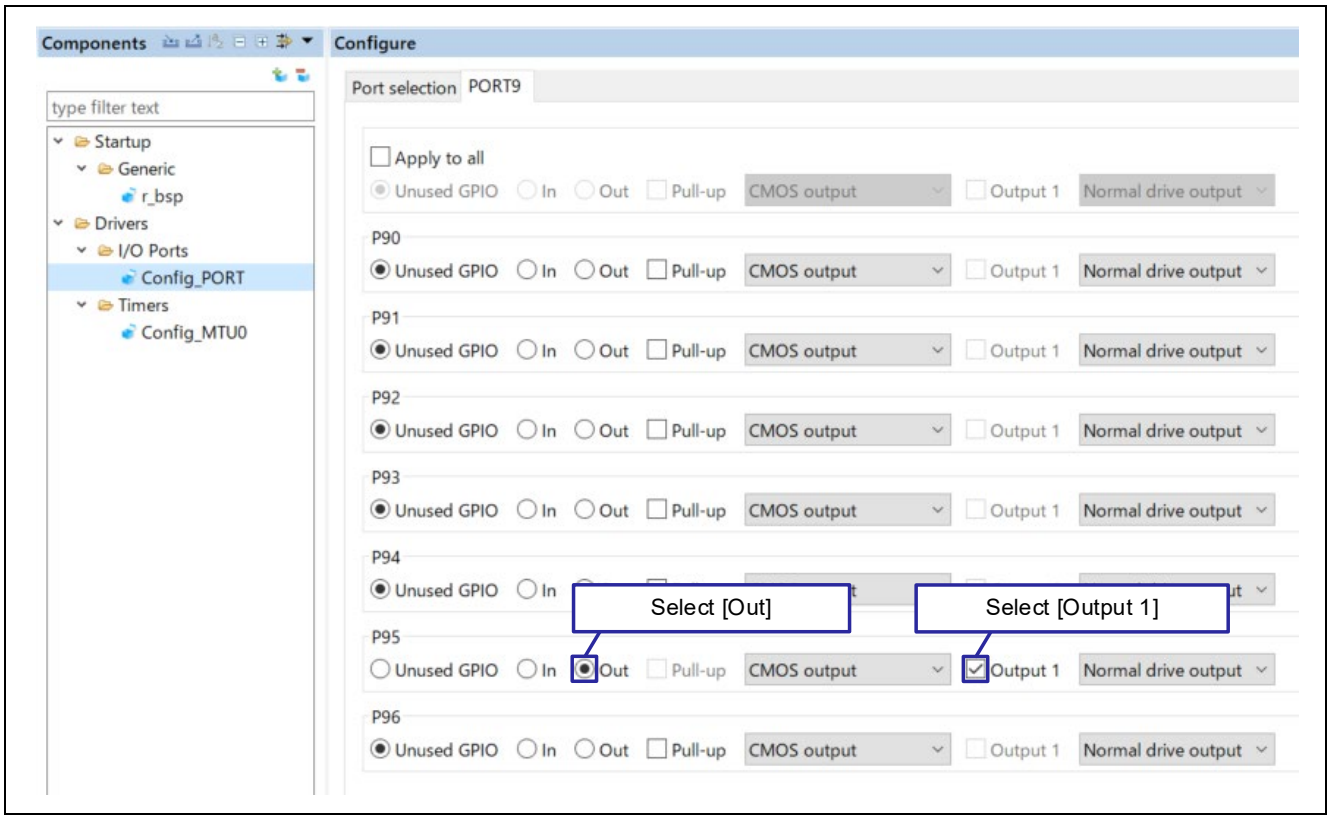


Figure 3.9 P95 Settings (2/2)

3.2.4 Flowcharts

The following flowchart shows the main function processing added after code generation by the Smart Configurator.

Counting starts in the main function.

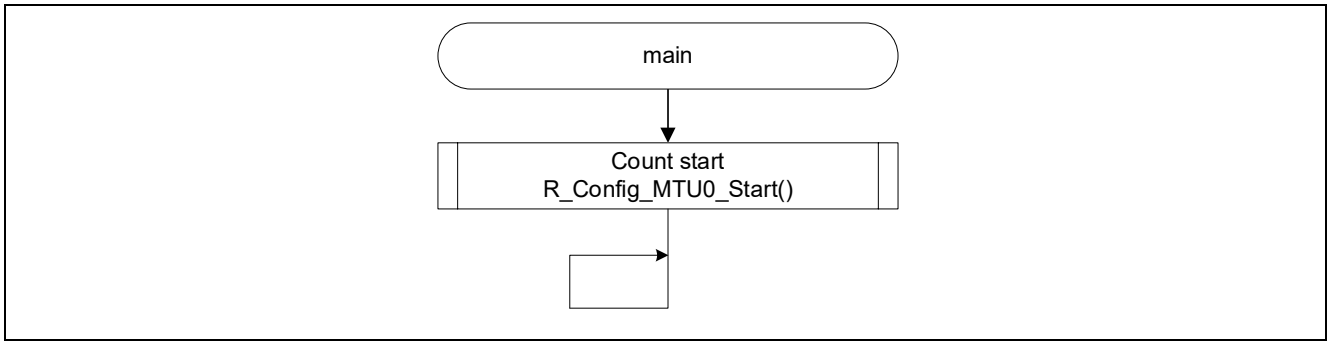


Figure 3.10 main Function

The user initialization function R_Config_MTU0_Create_UserInit, which is executed before the main function, initializes variables. This function is called in the R_Config_MTU0_Create function.

The R_Config_MTU0_Create_UserInit function initializes the following variables that are used by this sample code.

- s_mtu0_ovf_cnt : Overflow counter of the MTU0.TCNT register
- s_pulse_cnt : Pulse period measurement counter
- s_pulse_period*1 : Calculated pulse period value
- s_start_flag : Measurement start flag (0: before measurement, 1: measurement in progress)
- s_error_flag*1 : Measurement error flag (0: Normal, 1: Error)

Note: 1. In this sample code, not used after being set, so a build warning is generated.

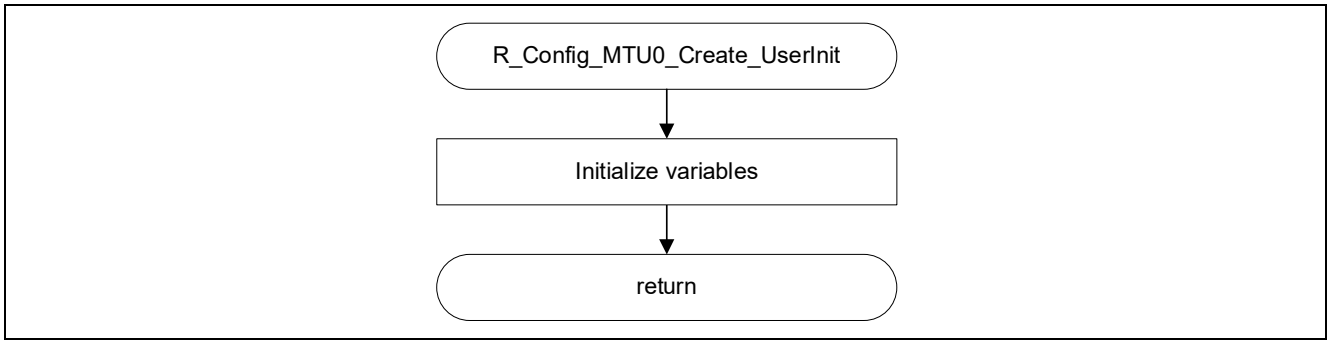
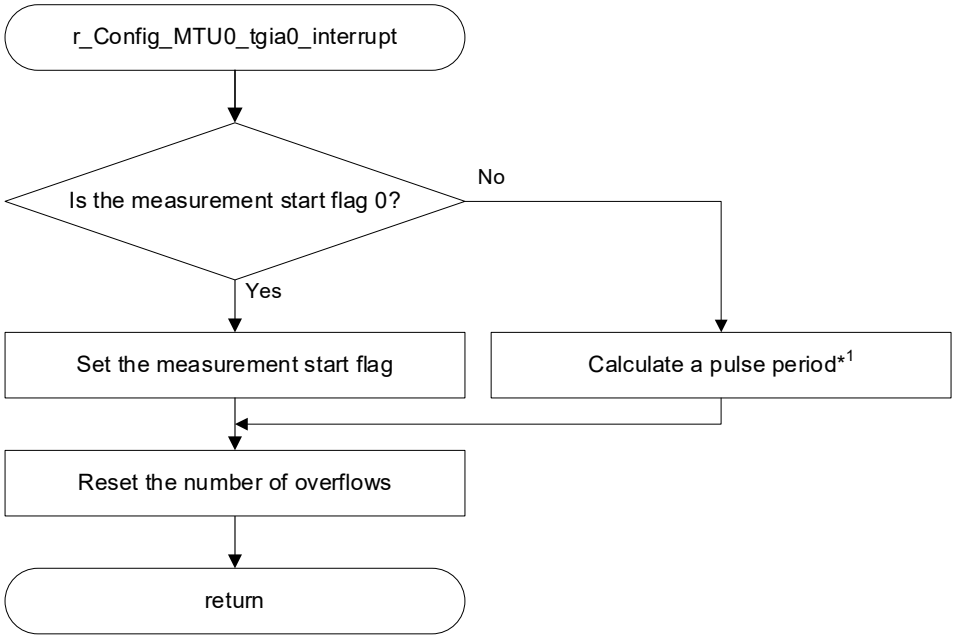


Figure 3.11 User Initialization Function

The TGIA0 interrupt handler function calculates the pulse period when the measurement start flag is 1 (measurement in progress). It also clears the overflow counter.



Note: 1. Pulse period measurement counter ← Number of overflows<<16 + MTU0.TGRA register value
Calculated pulse period value (ms) ← Resolution * pulse period measurement counter

Figure 3.12 TGIA0 Interrupt Handler Function

The TCIV0 interrupt handler function counts the number of overflows when the measurement start flag is 1 (measurement in progress). If the number of overflows exceeds 65,535, a transition is made to error processing.

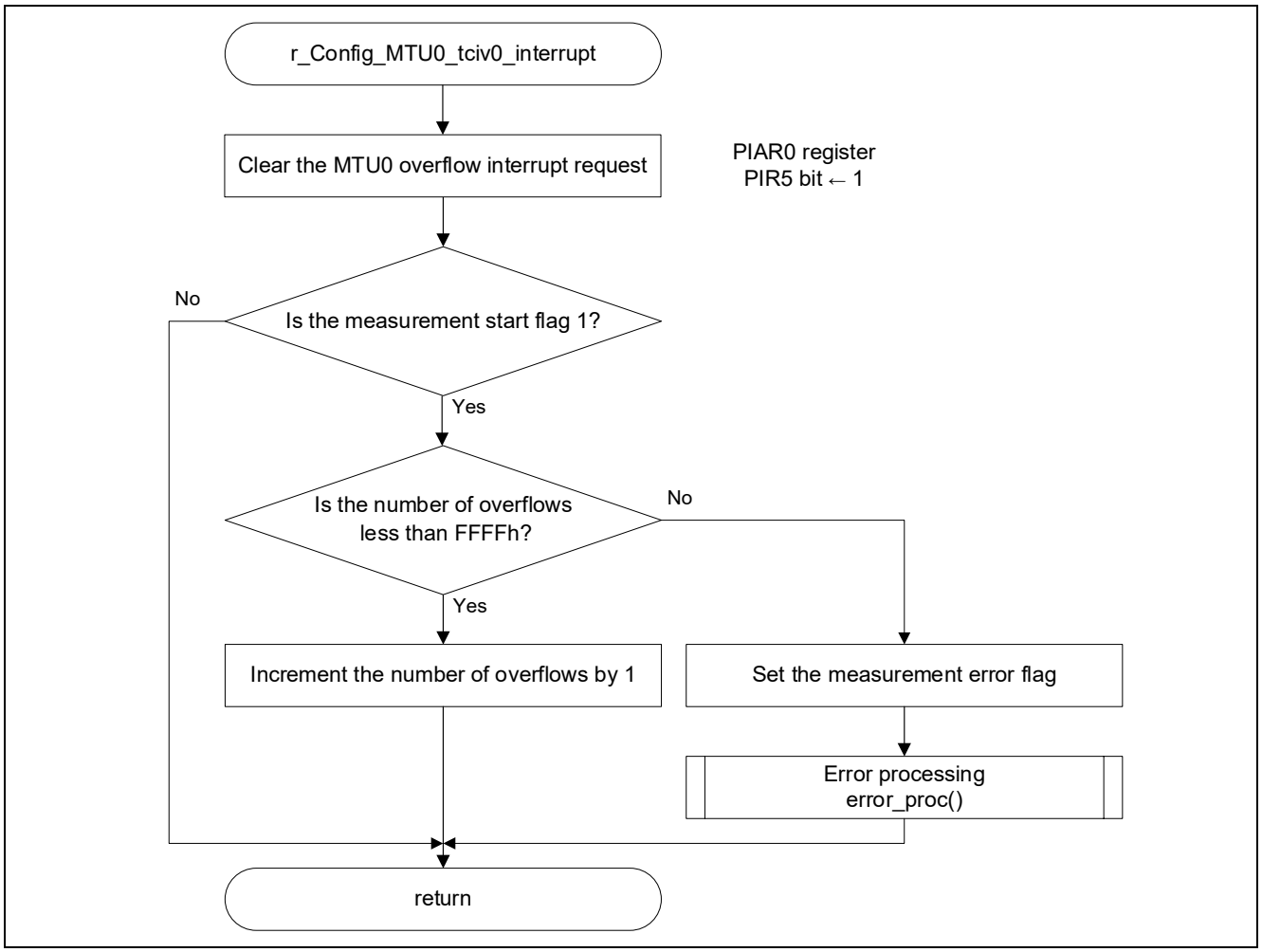


Figure 3.13 TCIV0 Interrupt Handler Function

The error processing function outputs an error signal (lights LED0) and transitions to an infinite loop.

This function is a newly created function after code generation by the Smart Configurator.

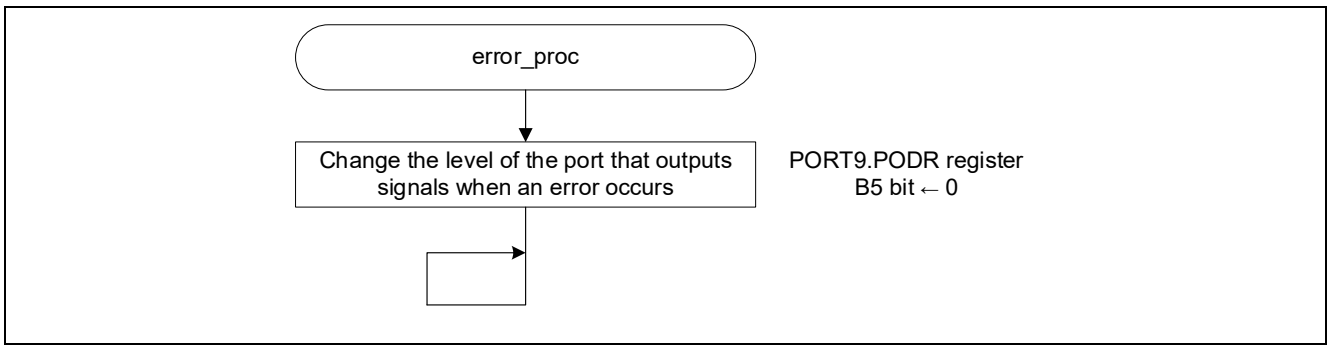


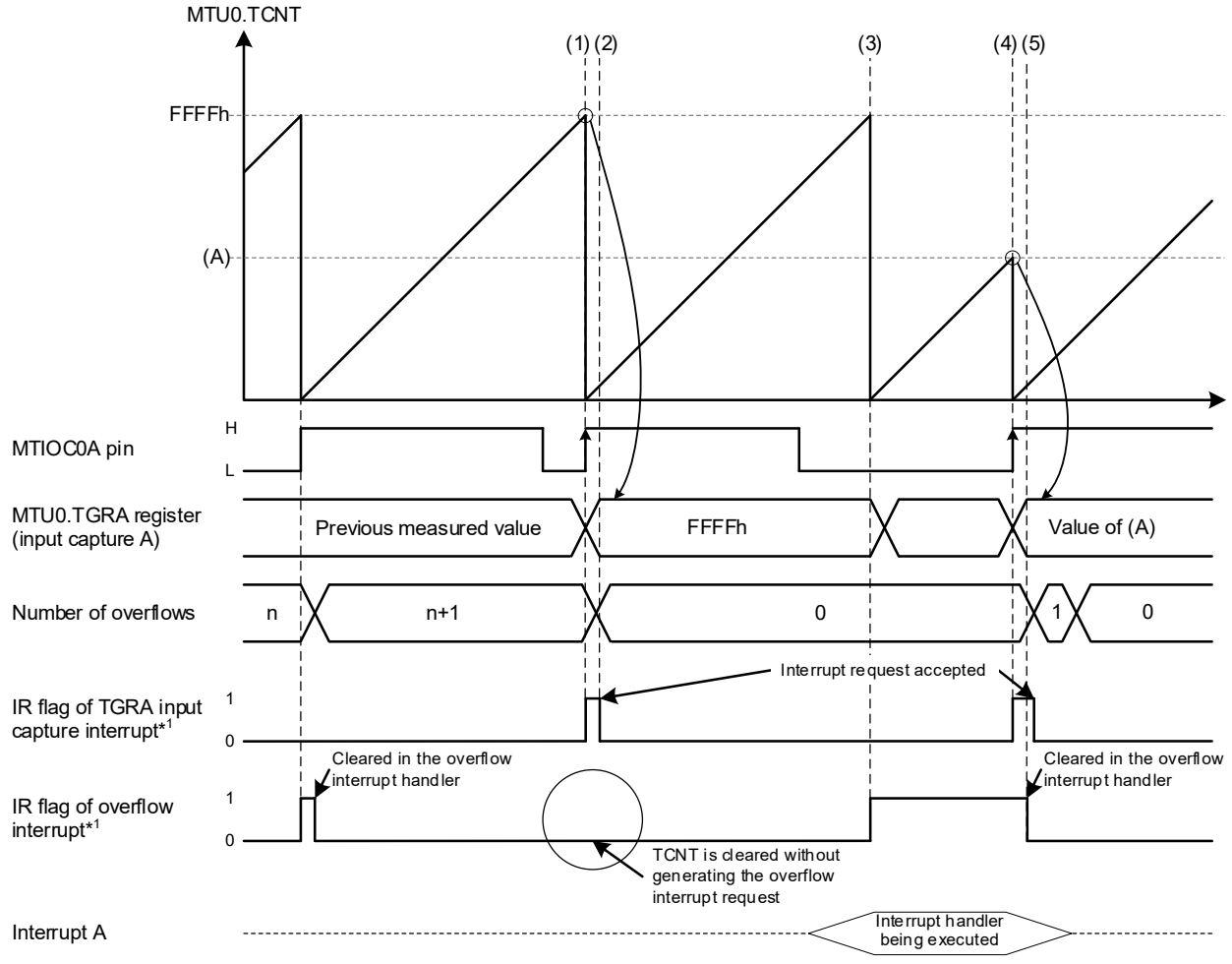
Figure 3.14 Error Processing Function

3.2.5 Related Operation

3.2.5.1 Operation When Input Capture and Overflow Occur Simultaneously

This section describes the operation when an input capture and an overflow occur simultaneously.

(1) If a rising edge is input to the MTIOC0A pin while the value of the MTU0.TCNT register is FFFFh, the value FFFFh of the MTU0.TCNT register is transferred to the MTU0.TGRA register, and then the MTU0.TCNT register is cleared and an input capture A interrupt request is generated.
(2) Input capture A interrupt processing clears the number of overflows.
(3) When the value of the MTU0.TCNT register overflows while executing interrupt processing (hereafter referred to as interrupt process A) other than an overflow interrupt or input capture A interrupt, the overflow interrupt processing is kept waiting.
(4) When a rising edge is input to the MTIOC0A pin during execution of interrupt processing A, the value of the MTU0.TCNT register is transferred to the MTU0.TGRA register and an input capture A interrupt request is generated.
(Input capture A interrupt processing is kept waiting.)
(5) When interrupt process A completes, an overflow interrupt with a higher interrupt priority level is executed first. The overflow interrupt processing increments the number of overflows by one. The pulse period is calculated with the input capture A interrupt which is accepted next. It also clears the number of overflows.



Note: 1. Allocated to software configurable interrupt A

Figure 3.15 Operation When Input Capture and Overflow Occur Simultaneously

3.2.6 Usage Notes

3.2.6.1 Notes When Incorporating into a System

When using the sample code in this application note in an actual system, the following phenomena might occur.

- If the interrupt used in this application note is kept waiting for a long time because of the processing of other interrupts, etc., it may not operate properly.
- If the measurement pulse period does not meet the minimum value of input capture pulse input width specified in the electrical characteristics of the RX66T, it cannot be measured correctly.
  For details, refer to section 45.4.6.3, MTU, in the RX66T Group User's Manual: Hardware.
- Even when the input capture pulse input width specified in the electrical characteristics is met, if the measurement pulse period is short, the software may not process the measurement correctly in time.
- Noise at the input capture pin may affect the measurement and make it impossible to measure correctly. Consider using a noise filter function.
  For details, refer to section 22.3.14, Noise Filter Function, in the RX66T Group User's Manual: Hardware.

4. How to Import the Project

The sample code is provided in the format of an e² studio project. This chapter describes how to import a project into e² studio and CS+. After the import is complete, confirm the build and debugger settings.

Also visit the following Renesas Electronics website:

https://www.renesas.com/software-tool/migration-e2studio-to-csplus

4.1 Importing with e² studio

When using the sample code in e² studio, import it into e² studio using the following steps.

(The actual screen may vary according to the version of e² studio you are using.)

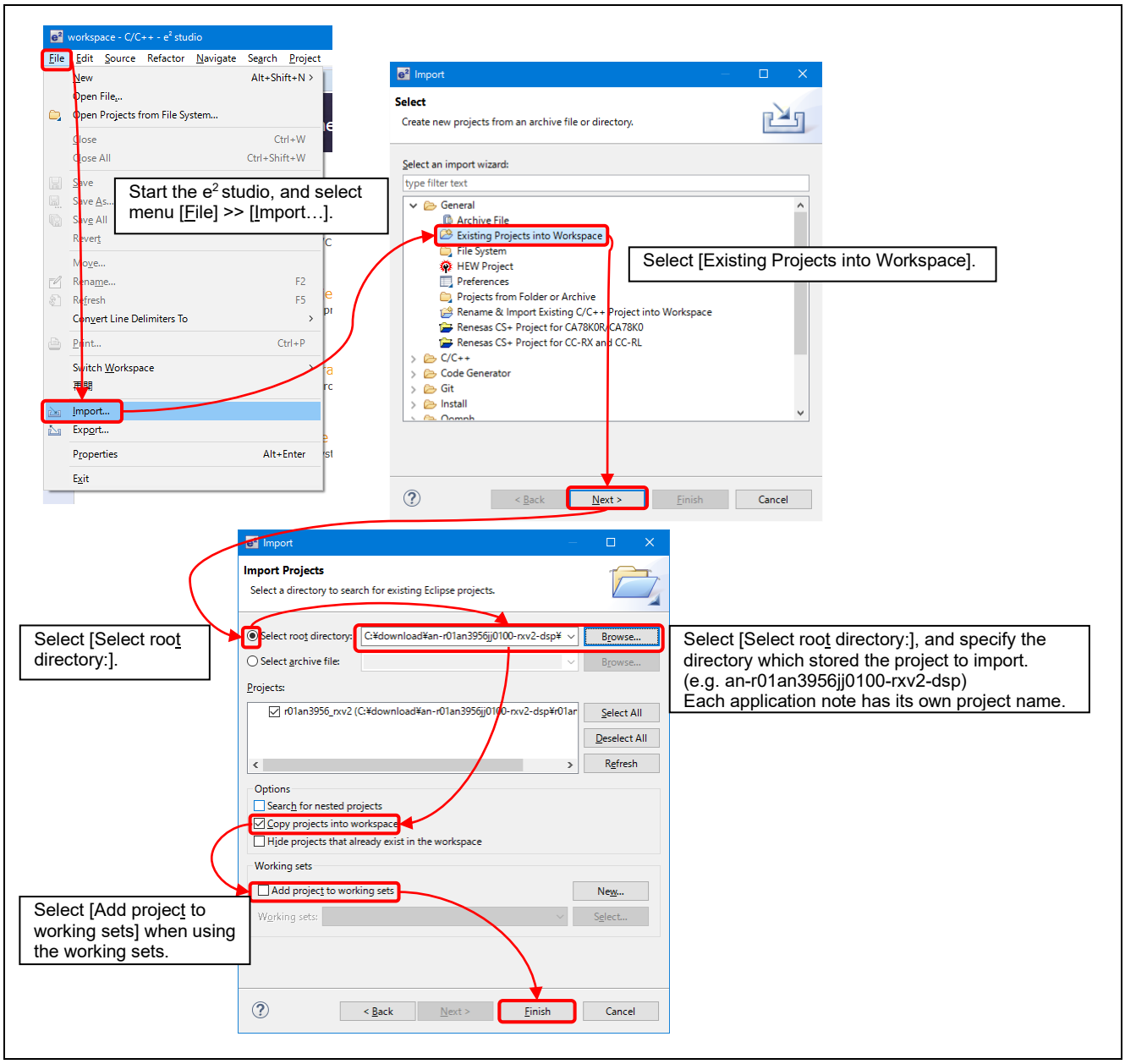


Figure 4.1 How to Import a Project into e² studio

4.2 Importing with CS+

When using the sample code with CS+, import the code to CS+ using the following steps.

(The actual screen may vary according to the version of CS+ you are using.)

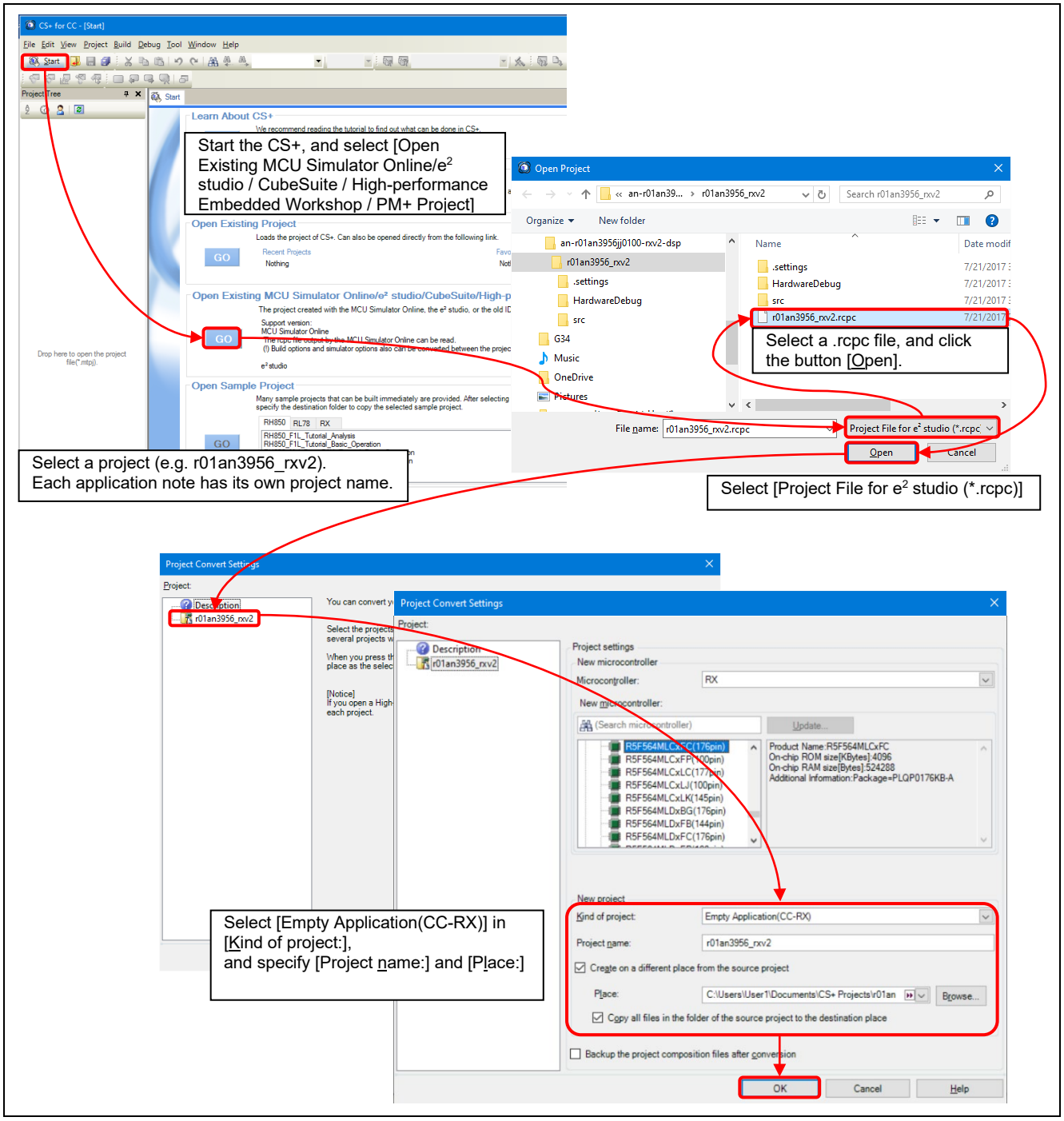


Figure 4.2 How to Import a Project into CS+

5. Reference Documents

- User's Manual: Hardware
  RX66T Group User's Manual: Hardware (R01UH0749)
  (Please obtain the latest version from the Renesas Electronics Corp. website.)
- Technical Updates/Technical News
  (Please obtain the latest version from the Renesas Electronics Corp. website.)
- User's Manual: Development Environment
  RX Family CC-RX Compiler User's Manual (R20UT3248)
  (Please obtain the latest version from the Renesas Electronics Corp. website.)
- User's Manual: Development Environment
  RX66T Group Renesas Starter Kit User's Manual (R20UT4150)
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General Precautions in the Handling of Microprocessing Unit and Microcontroller Unit Products

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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.).
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   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.
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