RL78/F23
Guide for Engineer

Introduction

We summarized and listed up various information and materials required at the time of product development by each development phase.

Also, you can select what you need for your application from our rich selection of application notes that describing how to use a peripheral function, example applications, how to create a program, and more.

Please use these information, materials and application notes as a guidebook when developing.

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1. Step1 MCU Selection

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1	Products & Solutions	RL78 Family Features	Web site
2		Video	Web site
3	Product longevity program (PLP)	Overview of product longevity program (PLP)	Web site
4		Product selection (product selector) Note: Refer to PLP column in the chart.	Web site
5	Product Specification Comparison	Introductory Guide to RL78 Microcontrollers	Web site
6		Porting Guide from RL78/F13, F14 to RL78/F23, F24 Products	Doc

2. Step2 Designing and evaluating

#	Item	Content	Link
Common			
1	Hardware	User's Manual: Hardware	Doc
2		Hardware manual guide (Electrical Characteristic edition)	Doc
3		Technical update (errata information)	Web site
4		Part number guide for RL78 family product (the meaning of character in part number)	Doc
5		Semiconductor reliability handbook	Doc
6		RoHS Product Options → Part Number →Package information → RoHS Info	Web site
7	Software information	RL78 Family User's Manual: Software	Doc
8	Partner information	Partner Solutions	Web site
Hardware design			
1	Design guide	Hardware design guide	Doc
2	Board simulates	ECAD model Note: ECAD can be found by clicking on the respective part number of the product options.	Web site
3	Other	Package information (package outline information, mount manual, etc.)	Web site
4	Development environment	E1/E20/E2 Emulator, E2 Emulator Lite Additional Document for User's Manual (Notes on Connection of RL78)	Doc

Software design			
1	Software information	Getting Started with the RL78 Family Development Environment	Web site
2		RL78 Family Development Environment — Development Tools	Web site
3		RL78 Family Development Environment — Software	Web site
4		RL78 Smart Configurator User's Guide: e² studio	Doc
5		RL78 Smart Configurator User's Guide: CS+	Doc
6		RL78 Smart Configurator User's Guide: IAR Embedded Workbench	Doc
7	Training information	RL78 Family Software & Tool Course (Video Collection)	Web site
8	System design	RL78 Low Power MCU	Doc
Support			
1	Support information	FAQ (frequently asked inquiries)	Web site
2		RL78 forum (community)	Web site
3		Ask to technical support Note: Please click login in the upper right corner	Web site

3. Step3 Mass production

#	Item		Content	Link
1	Writing a program	Programmer	PG-FP6	Web site
2		Writing tool	Renesas Flash Programmer (GUI tool for PC)	Web site

4. Application Note

Please refer to the application note list as necessary.

#	Main items	Overview
1	Basic	Hardware Design/Clock/Voltage/Memory
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RL78/F23 Application note [Basic]

#	Title	Summary	Sample code
1	RL78/F23, F24 Hardware Design Guide	This document is intended to provide the hardware specific information and recommendations on RL78/F23, F24 usage.	-
2	RL78 Family Board Support Package Module Using Software Integration System	The Renesas board support package SIS module (r_bsp) forms the foundation of any project that uses Software Integration System (SIS) modules.	Download
3	RL78/F23, F24 List of Special Function Registers	The purpose of this application note is to show all special function registers (SFRs) used for each model of the RL78/F23 and F24 microcontrollers.	-
4	RL78/F23, F24 Option Byte Setting	This application note describes the setting of option byte (user option byte (000C0H to 000C2H), on-chip debug option byte (000C3H), and security option byte (000C4H) and issues to be considered when setting them for the RL78/F23, F24 microcontrollers (MCUs).	-
5	RL78 Family RL78 Low Power MCU	The purpose of this application note is to show prospective users the advantages of the new Renesas RL78 low power 16bit MCU family over the major 8/16/32 bit low power MCU competitors, and how to utilize key RL78 low power features	-
6	Current Consumption Tuning Solution (E2 Emulator, e^2 studio)	This application note introduces the current consumption tuning solution using the E2 Emulator.	-
7	Current Consumption Tuning Solution (E2 Emulator, CS+)	This application note introduces the current consumption tuning solution using the E2 Emulator.	-
8	RL78/F23, F24 Standby Function	This application note describes the standby function (HALT mode, STOP mode and SNOOZE mode) of the RL78/F23 and the RL78/F24 microcontrollers by providing examples for setting each of the modes.	-
9	RL78 Minimizing Power Consumption when Sensing Switch Inputs	This document describes methods to minimize power dissipation when monitoring switch inputs.	-

RL78/F23 Application note [Peripheral]

#	Title	Summary	Sample code
1	RL78 Family Real-Time-Clock Watch Error Correction function	TheRL78 RTC Watch error correction function can be used to correct the RTC count value, so the resulting “Time-of-day” results will be more accurate over a long term period compared to when not using Watch error correction function.	Download
2	RL78/F23, F24 Interrupt Source Determination Procedure	This application note describes how to determine the interrupt source when using both interrupt sources simultaneously.	-
3	RL78/F23, F24 Setting of port related register when using alternate function	The purpose of this application note is to describe the port settings on using peripheral functions of RL78/F23 and F24.	-
4	RL78/F23, F24 DC/DC control using Timer RDe and AAU	This application note describes the example of DC/DC power control operation for the RL78/F23, F24 using Timer RDe, and AAU.	-
5	RL78/F2x RLIN3 Module Software Integration System	LIN 2.1 software driver realize LIN communication on many microcontrollers made by Renesas Electronics.	Download
6	RL78/F23, F24 Setup Procedure for LIN Communication in Slave Mode (Guidance)	This application note describes setup procedures for LIN communication, in which a device operates in slave mode of the UART/LIN module (hereinafter, RLIN3) in the RL78/F23, F24.	-
7	RL78/F23, F24 Setup Procedure for LIN Communication in Master Mode (Guidance)	This application note describes setup procedures for LIN communication, in which a device operates in master mode of the UART/LIN module (hereinafter, RLIN3) in the RL78/F23, F24.	-
8	RL78/F23, F24 SENT Communication using Timer Array Unit and DTC	This application note describes example implementations of Single Edge Nibble Transmission (SENT) Communication for the RL78/F23, F24 , using the DTC and PWM function. The explanations are for both SENT transmission and SENT reception.	-
9	RL78/F13, F14, F15, F23, F24 Setup Procedures for IICA Multi-Master Communication	This application note describes the setup procedures for transmission and reception in a multi-master environment employing the serial interface IICA (IICA) of the RL78/F13, F14, F15 and RL78/F23, F24 products.	-
10	RL78/F23, F24 Example of Using Application Accelerator Unit	The Application Accelerator Unit (AAU) of RL78/F23, F24 is the dedicated arithmetic assist hardware to reduce the software load for the algorithm processing on motor control and on DC/DC converter control.	-

RL78/F23 Application note [Safety]

#	Title	Summary	Sample code
1	RL78/F23, F24 Safety Function	This application note describes the safety functions implemented on the RL78/F23, F24 microcontrollers (MCUs).	-

RL78/F23 Application note [SELF Programming]

#	Title	Summary	Sample code
1	RL78 Family Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 02 SC version (Flash Common)	This document explains Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 02 for the RL78/F2x group in the case of using Smart Configurator (SC). It is an outline about positioning of the Common file for RFD RL78 Type 02.	Download
2	Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 02 User's Manual for RL78/F23 and RL78/F24	Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 02 (hereafter called RFD RL78 Type 02) is software for reprogramming the flash memory in the RL78/F23 and RL78/F24.	Download
3	RL78 Family Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 02 SC version (Code Flash)	This document explains Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 02 for the RL78/F2x group in the case of using Smart Configurator (SC).	Download
4	RL78 Family Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 02 SC version (Extra Area)	This document explains Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 02 for the RL78/F2x group in the case of using Smart Configurator (SC).	Download
5	RL78 Family Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 02 SC version (Data Flash)	This document explains Renesas Flash Driver RL78 Type 02 for the RL78/F2x group in the case of using Smart Configurator (SC).	Download
6	Data Flash Access Library Type T02 (Tiny), European Release	This User’s Manual describes the overall structure, functionality and software interfaces (API) of the Data Flash Library T02 (Tiny) accessing the physical Data Flash separated and independent from the Code Flash. This library supports dual operation mode where the content of the Data Flash is accessible (read, write, erase) during instruction code execution.	-
7	Data Flash Converter (Data Flash memory image generation)	The Data Flash Converter is a windows based tool that generates a Data Flash memory image from EEPROM emulation data and/or from a program code file that is mapped to the Data Flash area of a Renesas microcontroller.	-

8	EEPROM Emulation Library Type T02 (Tiny), European Release	This User's Manual describes the internal structure, the functionality and the application programming interface (API) of the Renesas RL78 EEPROM Emulation Library (EEL) Type 02, designed for RL78 flash devices with Data Flash based on the MF3 flash technology.	-

RL78/F23 Application note [Security / Crypto]

#	Title	Summary	Sample code
1	RL78/Fx Series SHA Hash Function Library Installation Guide	This document explains SHA Library for the RL78/Fx Series	Download
2	RL78/Fx Series RSA Library Installation Guide	This document explains RSA Library (RSASSA-PKCS1-V1_5) for the RL78/Fx Series	Download
3	RL78/F Series RSASSA-PSS Library Installation Guide	This document explains RSASSA-PASS Library for the RL78/F2x Series	Download
4	RL78/F2x Series ECDSA Library: Installation Guide	This document explains ECDSA Library for the RL78/F2x Series	Download

RL78/F23 Application note [Flash program]

#	Title	Summary	Sample code
1	RL78 Family RL78 Microcontroller (RL78 Protocol D) Serial programming Guide	This application note describes the specifications of the boot firmware in RL78 microcontrollers. If the firmware is used in a way that does not conform with the descriptions in this document, correct operation is not guaranteed.	-

RL78/F23 Application note [Software relation]

#	Title	Summary	Sample code
1	RL78/F23, F24 Porting Guide from RL78/F13, F14 to RL78/F23, F24 Products	This application note provides comparisons between RL78/F13, F14 products and RL78/F23, F24 products, and can be used as a general guide during the migration from RL78/F13, F14 products to RL78/F23, F24 products.	-
2	RL78 Debugging Functions Using the Serial Port	This application note describes how to use the RL78 debugging functions using the serial port.	-
3	RL78 Family C compiler CC-RL Programming Techniques	This application note describes how to reduce the code size, increase the execution speed, and programming techniques to avoid bugs when using the C compiler CC-RL.	-
4	RL78 Family C Compiler Package (CC-RL) Application Guide: Programming Techniques	This application note describes methods of programming for efficiency in terms of code size, speed of execution, and ROM size.	-
5	IAR Embedded Workbench for RL78 Programming Techniques	This application note describes how to reduce the code size, increase the execution speed, and programming techniques to avoid bugs when using IAR Embedded Workbench for RL78.	-
6	RL78 Family CS+ Debugging Using Hot Plug-in Function	This document describes the procedures of debugging using the hot plug-in function provided in some RL78 Family microcontrollers such as RL78/Fxx (RL78/F12 MCU does not support hot plug-in function.)	-
7	Integrated Development Environment e² studio How to use IAR Systems compiler in e² studio	This document describes the procedure for using the IAR Systems compiler on the e^2 studio.	-
8	e² studio Creating and executing build CMake project	This document explains processes how to create CMake project in e^2 studio and execute Build.	-
9	Integrated Development Environment e² studio: How to use EGit in e² studio	This application note guides user to use EGit in Renesas e^2 studio environment.	-

RL78/F23 Application note [OTHERS]

#	Title	Summary	Sample code
1	RL78 Family Notes and Countermeasures Against Noise	This document describes notes and countermeasures against noise for the RL78 Family.	-
2	RL78 Family FFT Library: Deployment Guide	This document provides information for deploying FFT Library. Fast Fourier transform (FFT) is an algorithm that executes the discrete Fourier transform at high speed.	Download
3	RL78 Family RL78 Digital Signal Controller Library - Filter	This document presents the specifications for a Digital Signal Controller (DSC) Library function library for the Renesas RL78 which includes generic specifications, detailed specifications for filter algorithm kernels and guidelines for the DSC Library API.	Download

5. Revision History

Revision	Date	Description
2.00	Oct 1, 2026	First version in this format