Wi-Fi MQTT Client Simple Demo

Quick Start Guide of MQTT Client Simple Demo

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Introduction

This quick start guide describes the setup and use of MQTT client running on DA16200 Wi-Fi module. This guide mainly focuses on describing how to make Wi-Fi module as MQTT client by AT command for connecting MQTT broker, and how to publish a message to MQTT server. Meanwhile, a simplest button pressed operation will be recorded by MQTT server through publishing a message by MQTT client.

Through this guide and related demo, you can easily start your development on DA16200, a Wi-Fi module, using AT command and EK-RA6M4, an evaluation kit for RA6M4 MCU group.

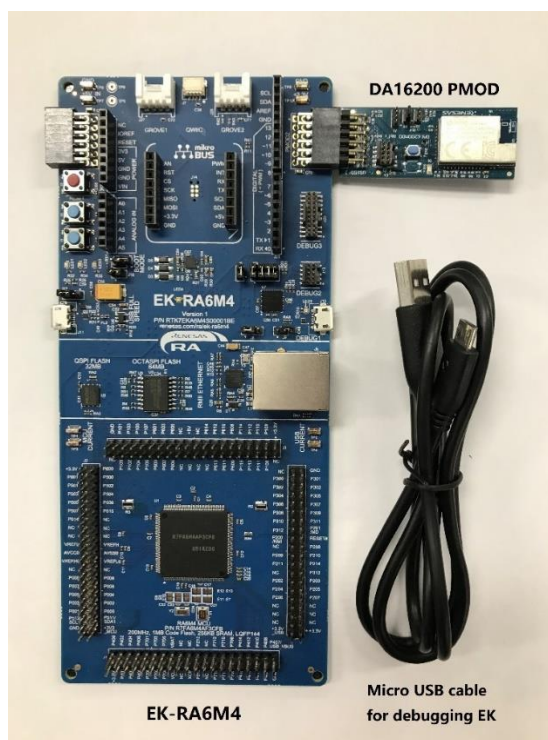## Target Device

EK-RA6M4 (R7FA6M4AF3CFB)

DA16200 PMOD

Contents

1.   Kit Contents

To set up this demo, the following components are needed.

1.1   Hardware components

- EK-RA6M4
- DA16200 PMOD (US159-DA16200MEVZ)
- Micro USB cable
- A UART-USB bridge cable (if possible and optional for AT command observation)

1.2   Software components

Below software components are needed:

| Category	Item	Remark
Firmware	RA6M4_DA16200_MQTT_CLIENT.zip	Compressed project file
	RA6M4_DA16200_MQTT_CLIENT.mot	Motorola S-record file for programming RA6M4 chip
Software	e2 studio 2021-10, SSP v3.5.0	A GUI and related software package for RA6M4 development
	SEGGER J-Link V7.52a	A flash programmer for downloading file to RA6M4, meanwhile a tool using J-Link RTT function to observe the state of the system.
	mosquitto-2.0.14-install-windows-x64.exe	An open source (EPL/EDL licensed) message broker that implements the MQTT protocol versions 5.0, 3.1.1 and 3.1.

2. Features

- Supply power to the kit by micro-USB cable
- Set the necessary modules of RA6M4 to establish connection between EK and DA16200 PMOD
- Use Mosquitto software, a message broker implementing the MQTT protocol on PC, to make a laptop a MQTT Server
- Initialize and control Wi-Fi module (DA16200) by AT command to act as a MQTT client
- The topic of button with message is published to MQTT Server when the button (S1) on EK board is pressed
- Make a smartphone a MQTT client subscribing button topic, getting the status of button from MQTT Server.

3. Set Up the Demo

3.1 Prerequisite

Step 1. Connect your PC (set as a MQTT Server later) to a Wi-Fi Router.

Open Windows Settings, click Network & Internet, go to WLAN. Set it to ON, click "show available networks" and select "Renesas Test Router" as an example. Here a password of "12345678" is assigned to this router.
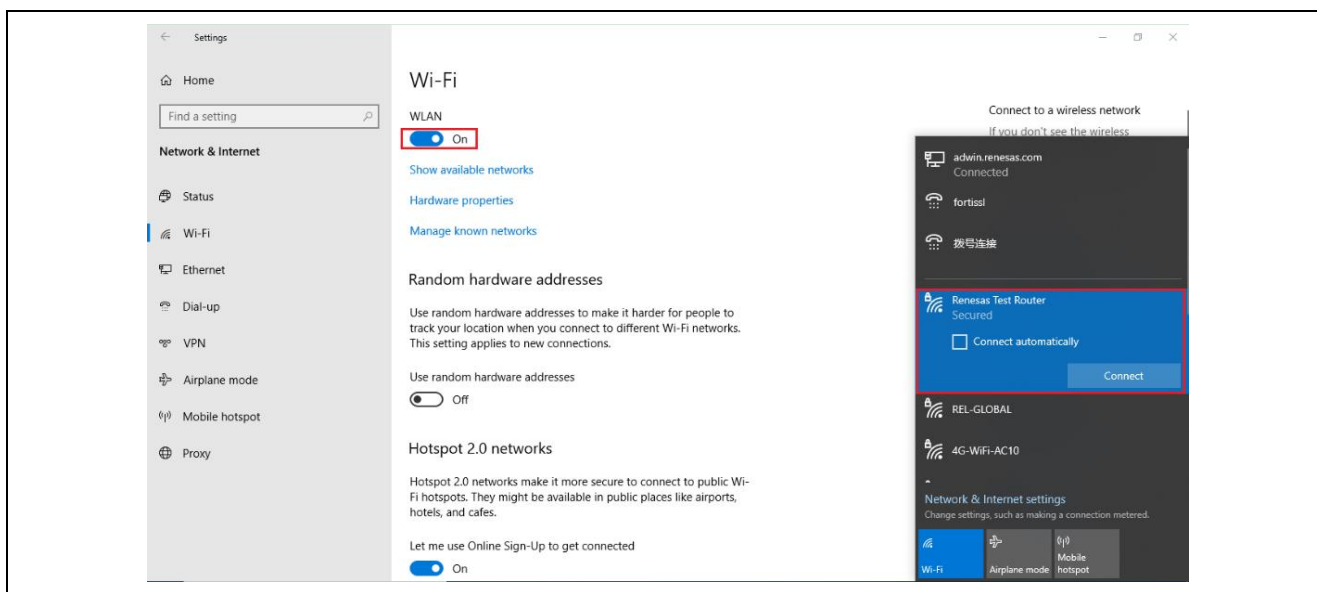
Step 2. Confirm the IP address of PC which is distributed by Wi-Fi Router.
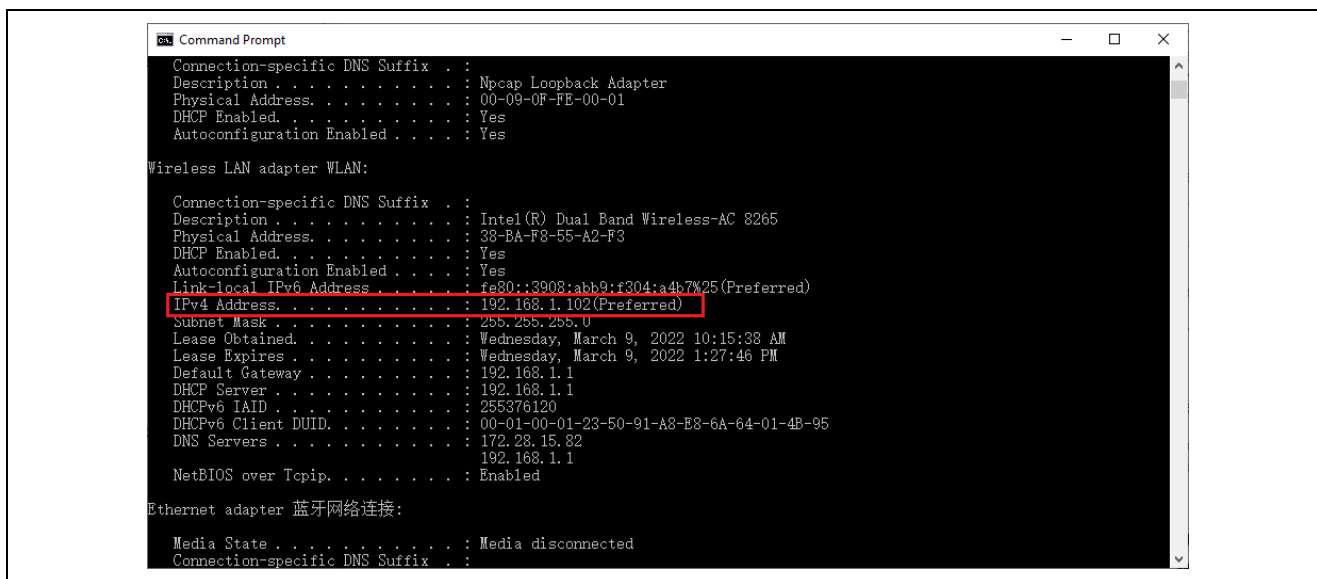
Step 3. Setup a MQTT Server on PC.

Download Eclipse Mosquitto software that can run on your PC system and install it.The URL of Mosquitto downloading is show below.
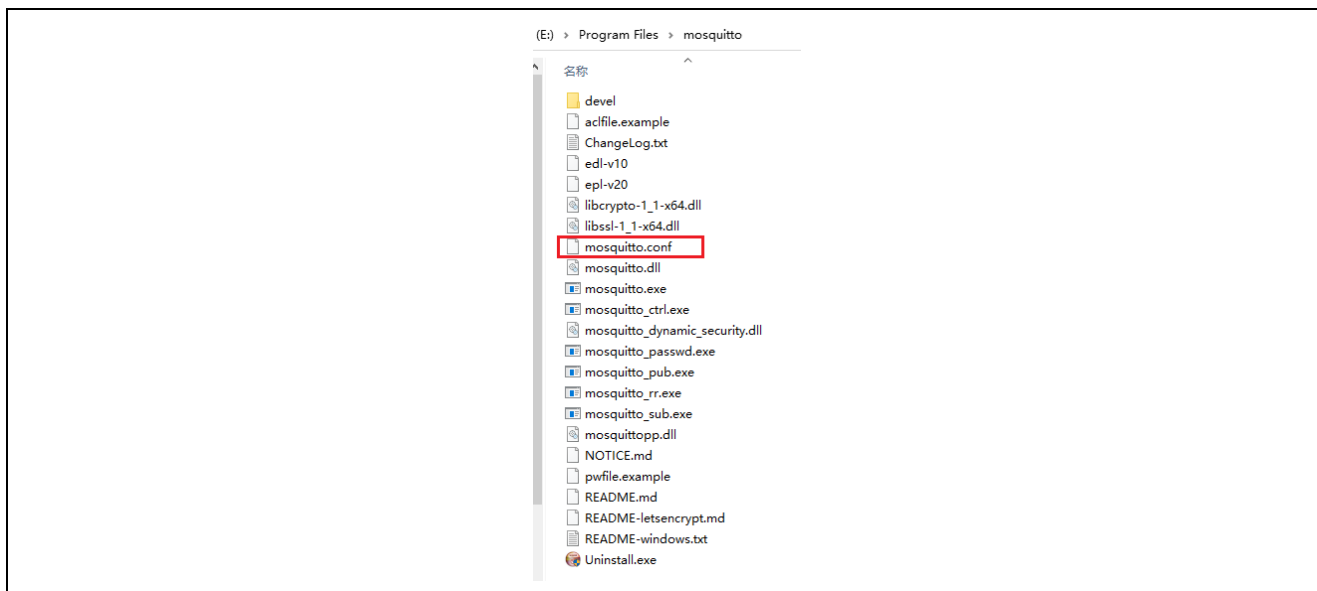https://mosquitto.org/download/

Here use Mosquitto installed on windows 64-bit system as an example. mosquitto-2.0.14-install-windows-x64.exe

Then modify some information in the configuration file.

Find out file of mosquitto.conf and open it.

Search "# listener port-number [ip address/host name/unix socket path]", add line of "listener 1883" below it, signifying that the listening port number is 1883.
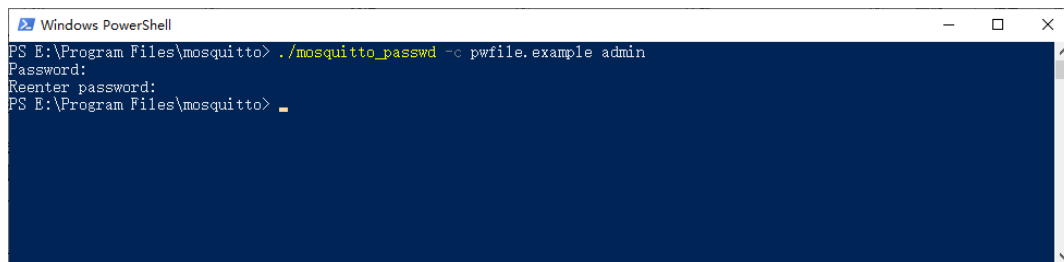
Search "# allow_anonymous false", delete "#" to not allow anonymous logins.

Search "# password_file", change it to "password_file pwfile.example", setting the file location which involving account name and log in password.

Then set users name and password. In the installation path, right click mouse when holding down "Shift", select "Open PowerShell window here" from the pop-up menu.
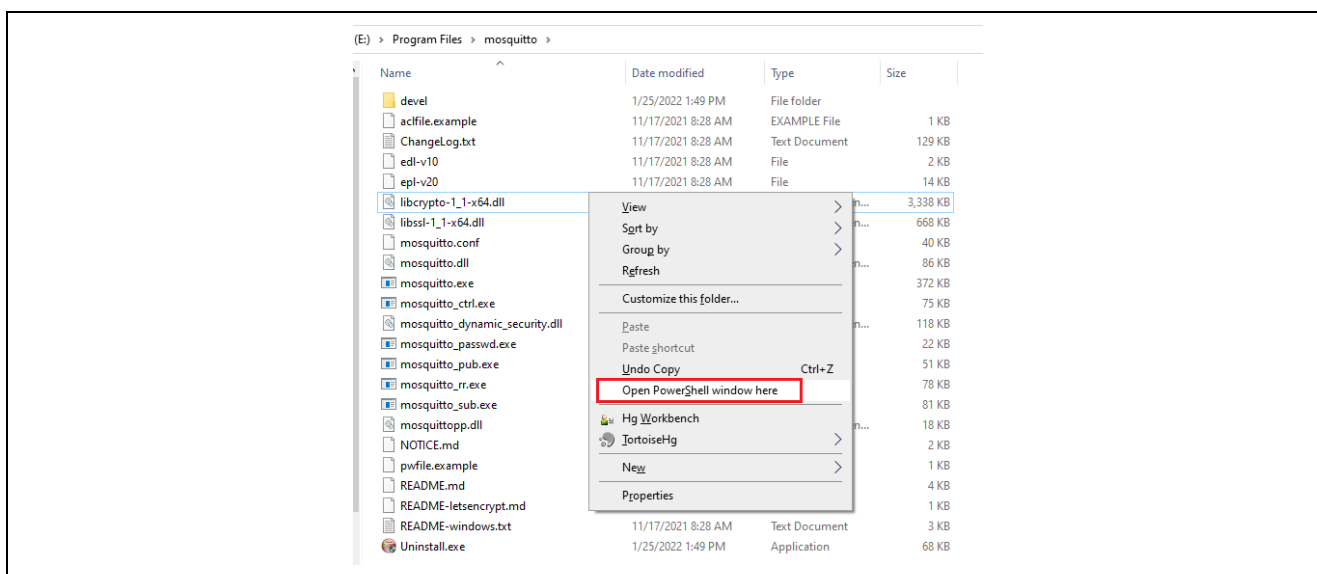
Input "./mosquitto_passwd -c pwfile.example admin". This command is to add an account named admin. Input password twice to confirm this setting, then the count is created successfully. Here use "Renesas" as the password.
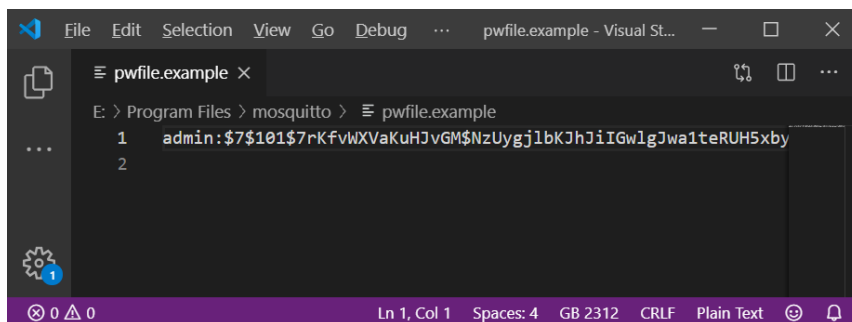
File of "pwfile.example" can be opened for confirming this setting. Close this PowerShell window means the setting has been finished.

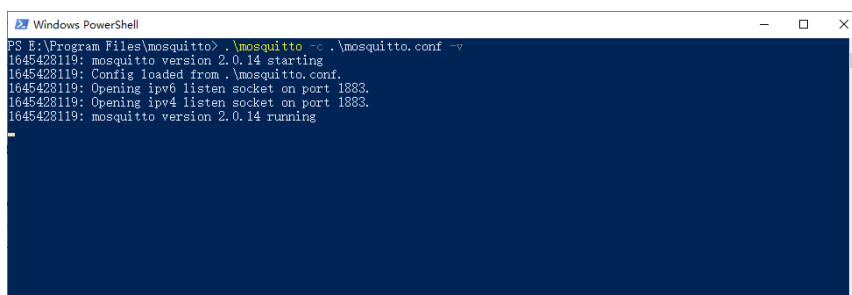Reopen a PowerShell window following the previous step, input command ".\mosquitto -c .\mosquitto.conf -v" to run this tool using mosquitto.conf as a configuration file, while enabling detailed log mode.


At this point, the MQTT broker (MQTT server) setup on PC is running.

Note: The MQTT message send by client cannot be displayed on the MQTT Server entirely, so a smartphone is necessary to subscribe this message for monitoring the entire information.

Step 4. Download MQTTool from App Store, which is a MQTT client software on Iphone, or something like this from Google Shop. Here use MQTTool running on Iphone as an example.
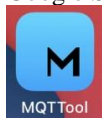
Firstly, open "settings" in Iphone, select "WLAN" and choose the name of AP which is projected a Wi-Fi signal by Wi-Fi Router. After connecting successfully, the bridge between PC and the smartphone is established.

Then open MQTTool, input IP address of MQTT Server (Host) and select Port number 1883, define a Client Id, input Username and Password to log in MQTT Server. The username and password for logging in MQTT Server has been set by step3 through mosquitto.conf file. Click "Connect" to realize connection with MQTT Server.
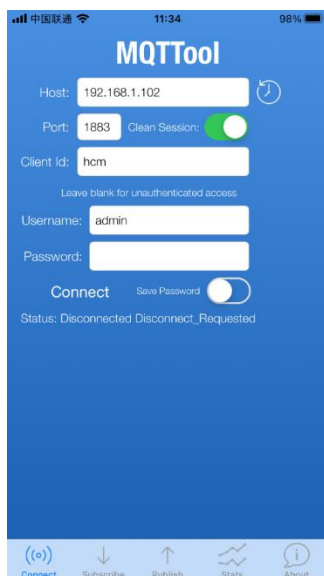
After click "Connect" button, Mosquitto receives connecting command and displays that a new connection from smartphone has been established.

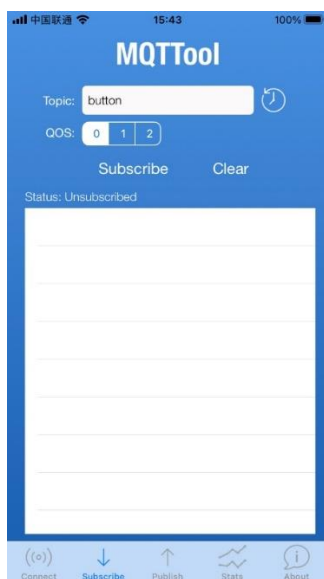Click "Subscribe" tab, input "button" in topic blank, which is designed by sample code, click "subscribe" to subscribe to message based on this topic. All message based on this topic sent by MQTT server will be received by MQTTool.

3.2   Connect the solution kit

Power off the solution kit, insert DA16200 PMOD board into J25 (PMOD2 on EK), establishing the whole system just as the picture at chapter 1.1.

3.3   Debug and download code to EK-RA6M4

The EK-RA6M4 features a SEGGER J-Link On-Board debugger, using Renesas S124 Debug MCU and SEGGER J-Link® firmware to provide the on-board debug functionality, so all the customer needs for debugging is a Micro USB cable.

Step 1. Insert Micro USB cable into Debug USB Micro-B connector (J10), establishing a debug channel.
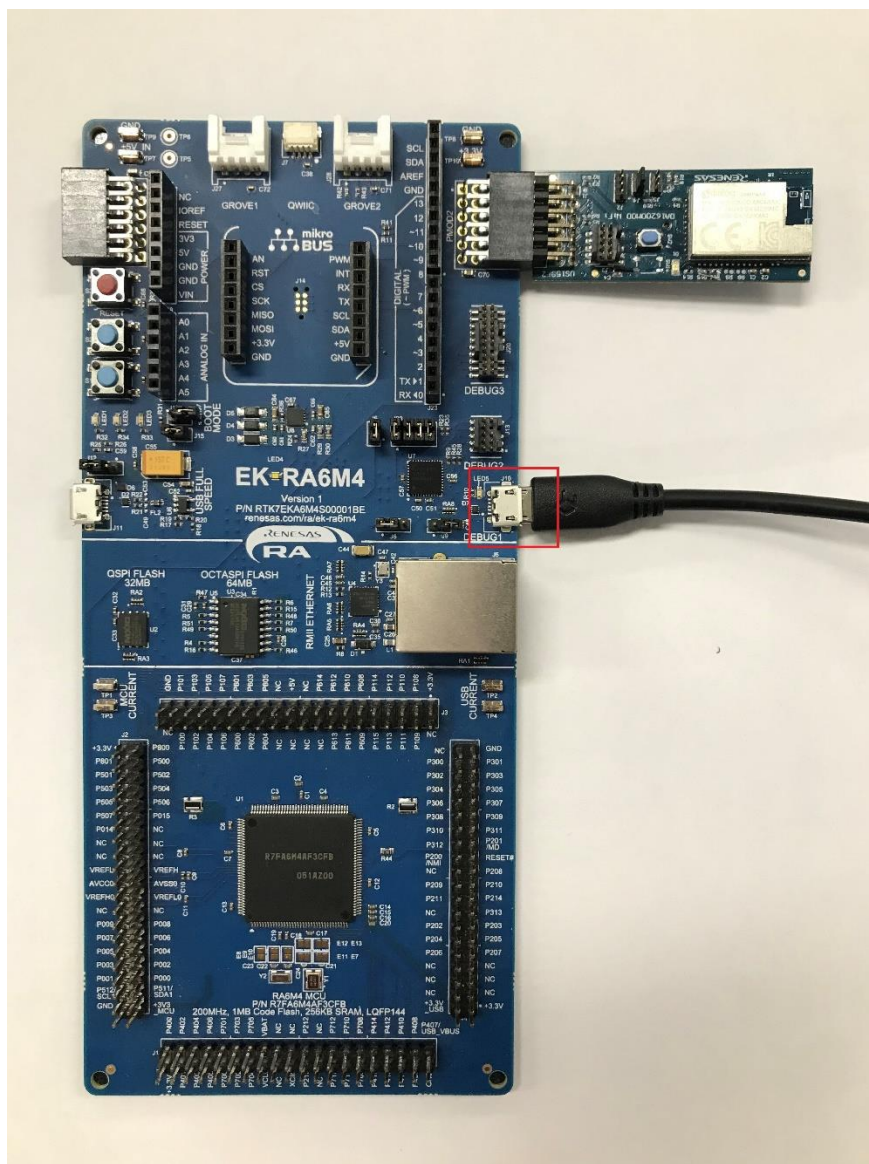
Step 2. Modify the project according to the actual internet environment.

Import project into e2 studio, open project->src->da16200_AT.c, find the array variables associated with the internet environment, such as the current country, ssid and password of Wi-Fi Router, IP address of MQTT Broker and ssid and password for logging in.
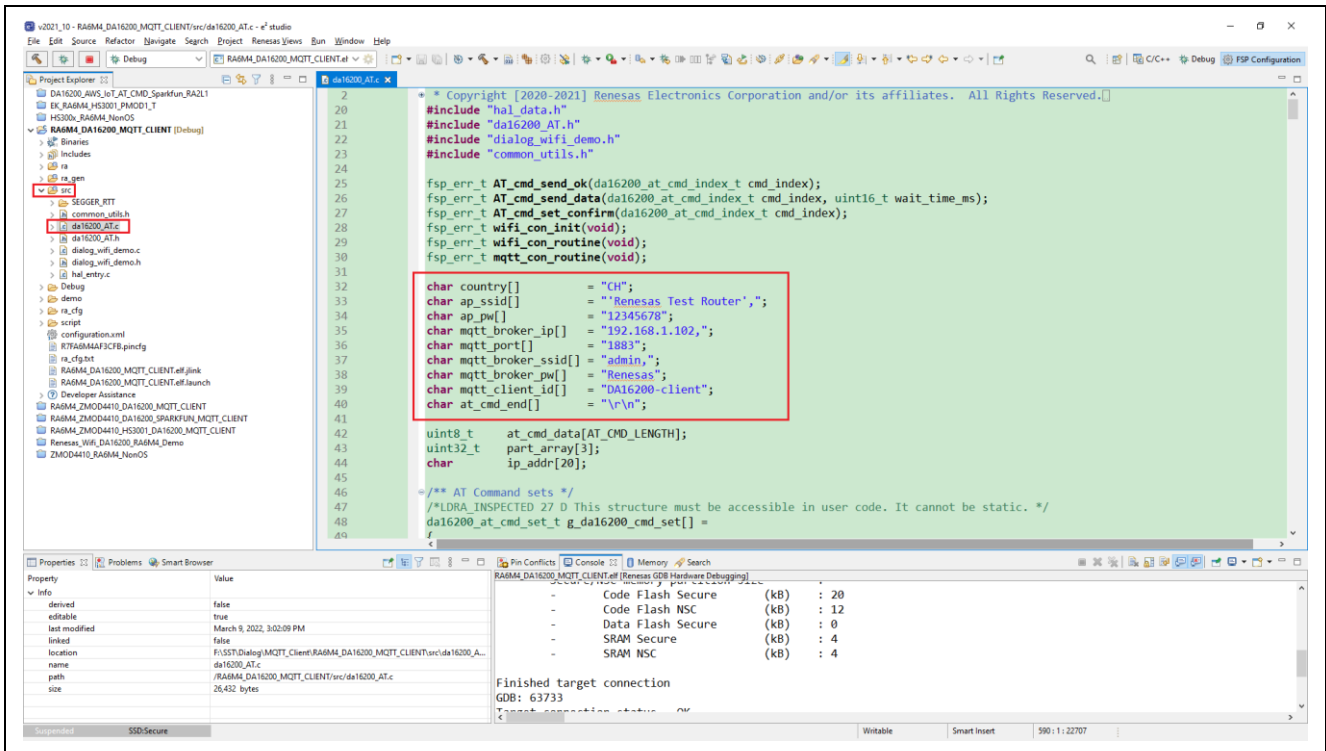
Compile the project to get the object file which can be downloaded to the chip. Then use debug function to test the sample code.
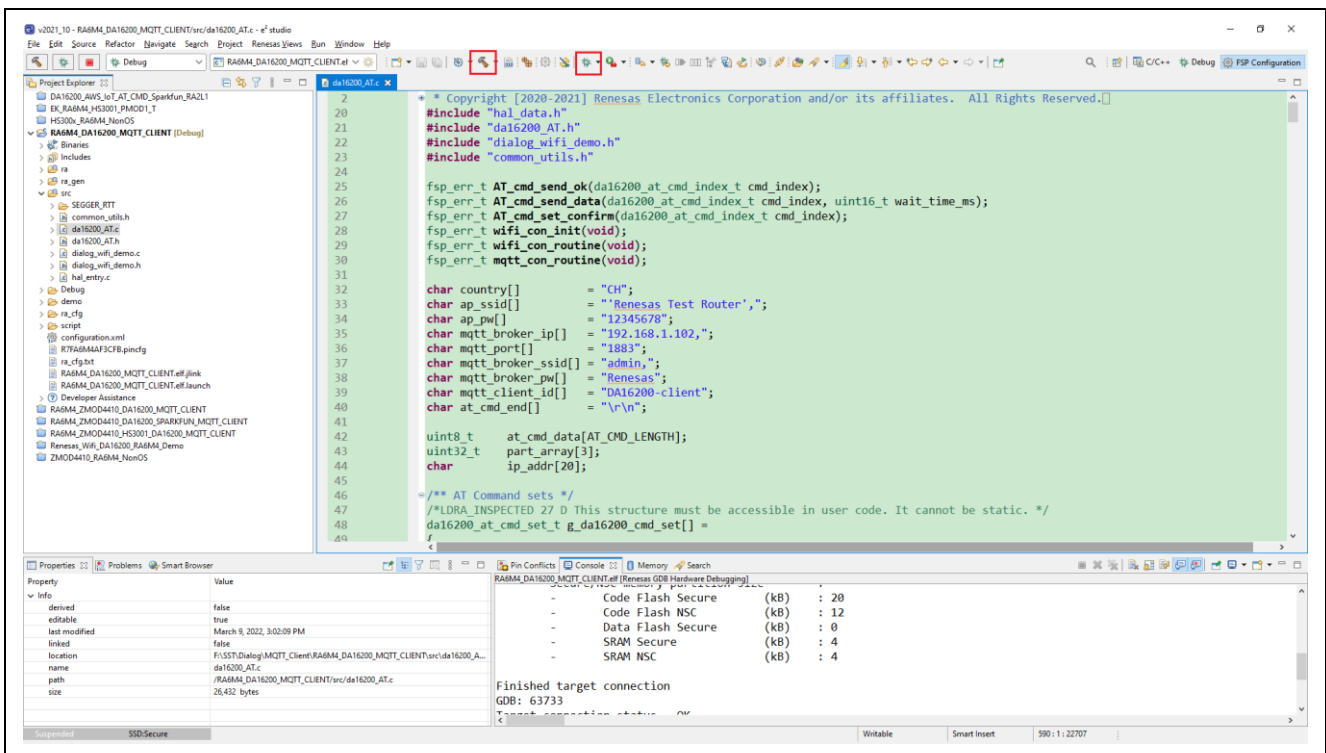
Note: about how to use e2studio and import the project, you can refer to "5. Customizing the Quick Start Example Project" chapter of EK-RA6M4 Quick Start Guide.

https://www.renesas.com/jp/zh/document/qsg/ek-ra6m4-quick-start-guide?language=en

If the project doesn't need to be modified, or it has been updated and only needs to be downloaded to the target MCU, please find the "*.srec" file in the debug folder under the project and modify the suffix to "mot" to get the type of file that can be downloaded to target MCU by SEGGER J-Link.
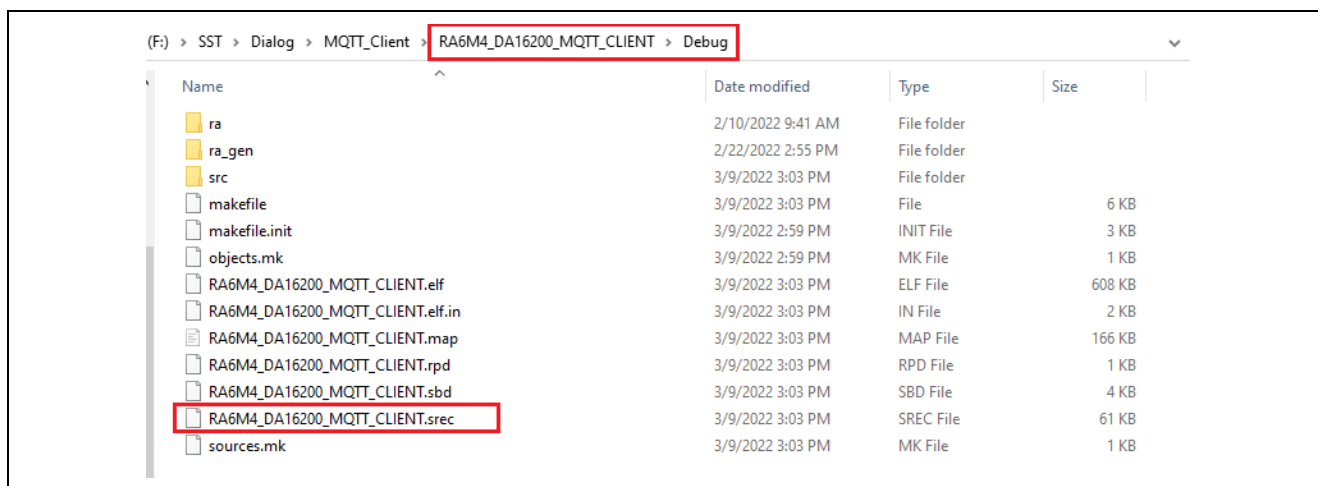
Unzip "Download_Tool.zip" file, replace the file of the same name under JLink folder with this file. Back to Download_Tool folder and click "bmp.bat" file to program MCU. This folder combines the version of J-Link v7.52a in JLink folder, involving all files at software installation and realizing all J-Link operations.
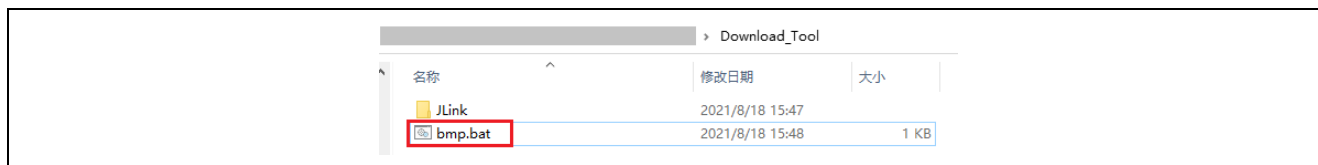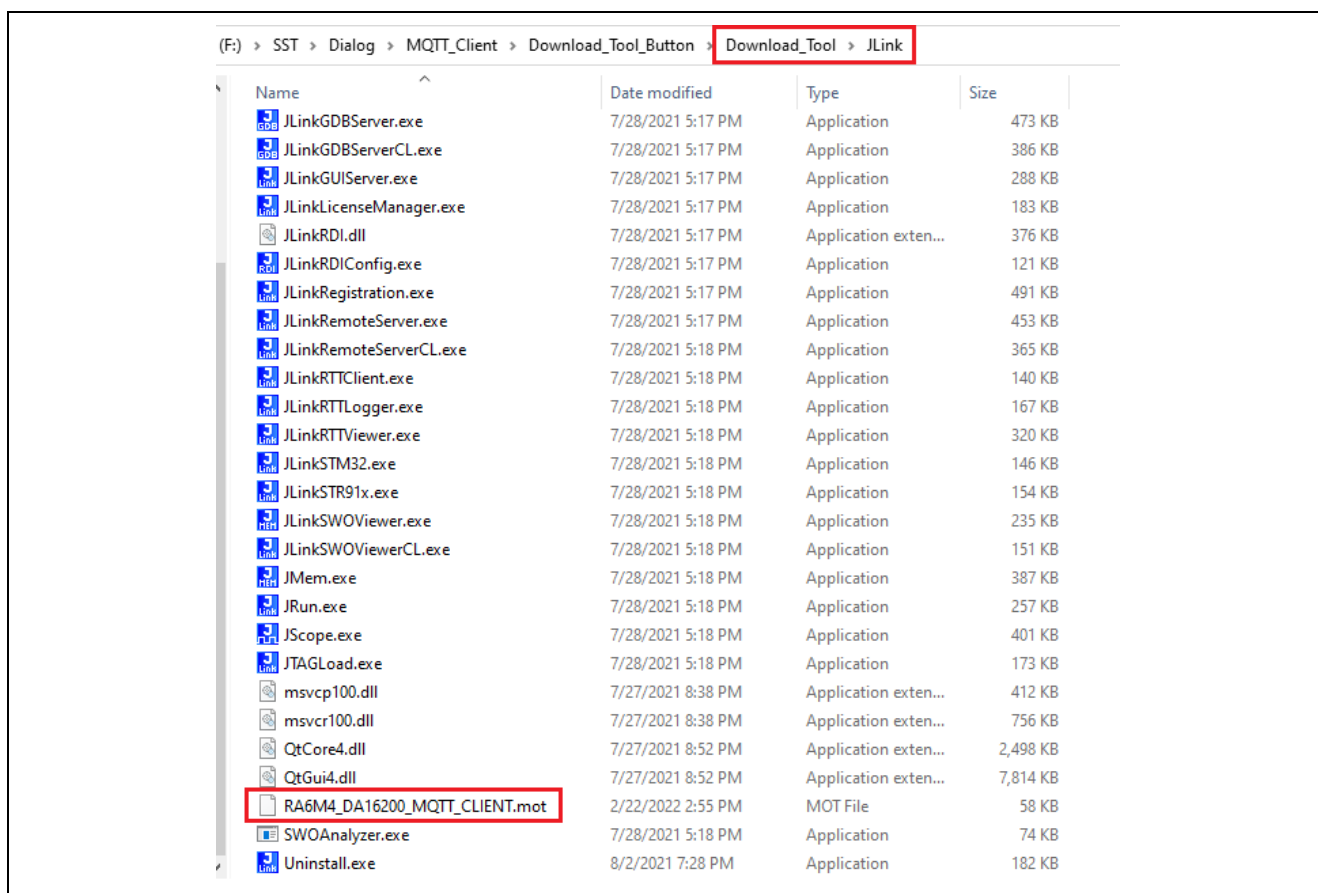
Once programming begins, "Flash download" interface appears, like the picture below.
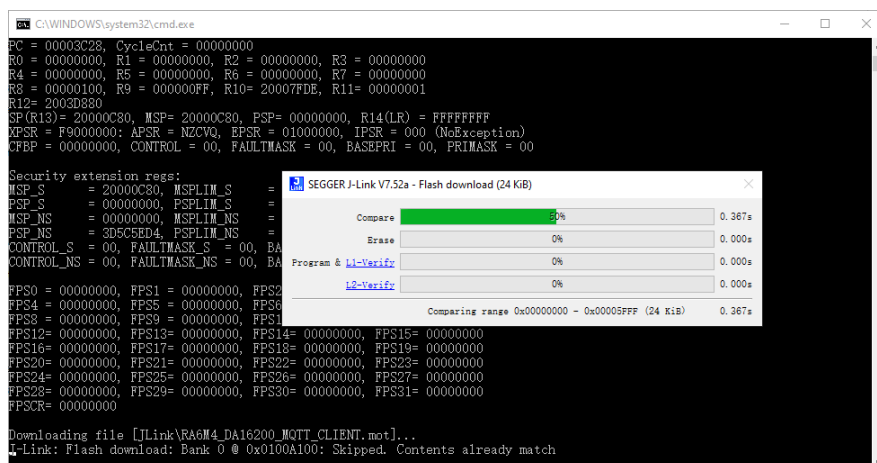
After programming, J-Link operation interface will exit automatically.

(Note: If you want the latest SEGGER J-Link version, please download from link below: https://www.segger.com/downloads/jlink)

3.4 Run the solution

Step 1. Restart the system by pressing RESET button (S3) on EK-RA6M4 or powering off and on the system, causing the program to run again. While under debugging, restart the program is necessary.

Step 2. Open "JLinkRTTViewer.exe" in JLink folder, which is unzipped at chapter 3.3 step 2, specify target device as R7FA6M4AF, change RTT Control Block from "Auto Detection" to "Search Range" and input "0x20000604 0x1000" to the blank block shown below.
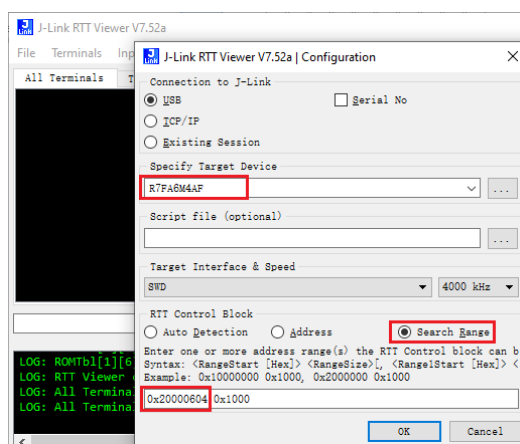
The first address of "Search Range" can be found in "*.map" file after the demo code is built. Please open "*.map" file and search "_SEGGER_RTT", then copy the address assigned by compiler to this place.
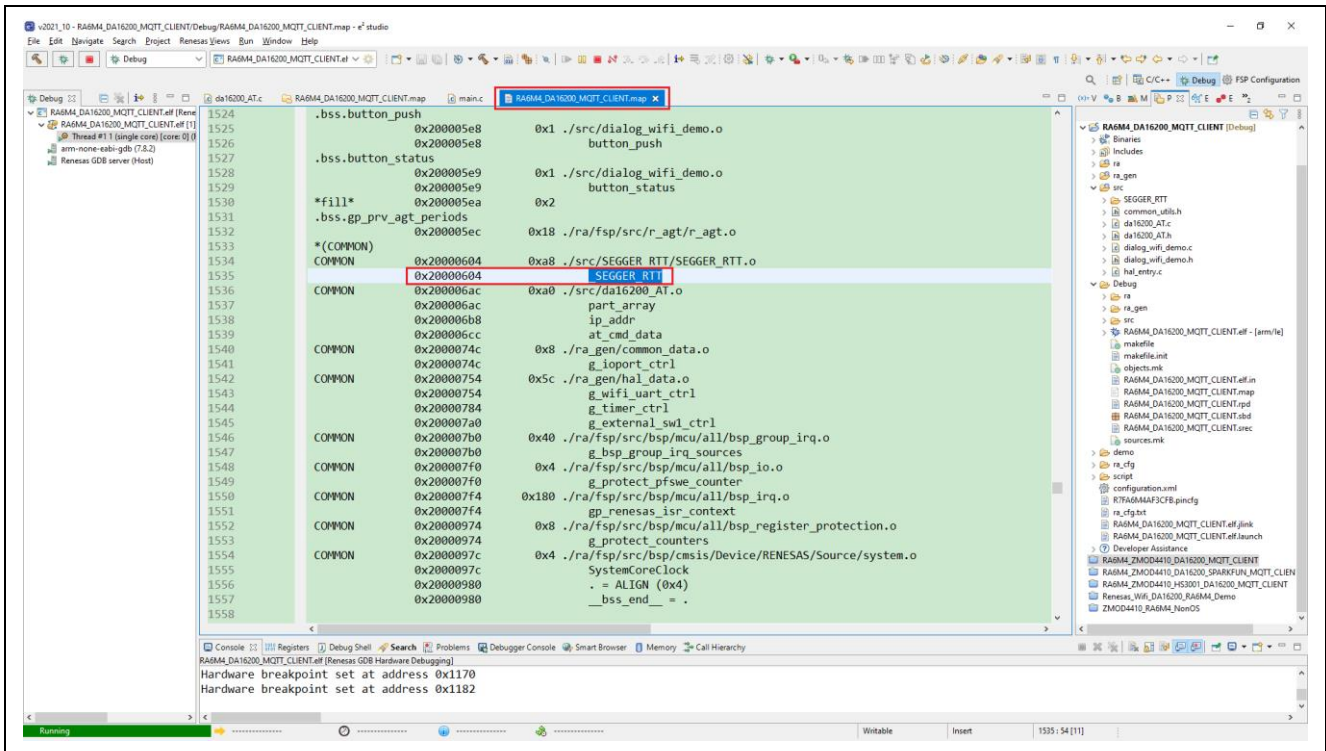
J-Link RTT Viewer serves as a tool to monitor the state of the system, especially the current stage of Wi-Fi and MQTT operation.
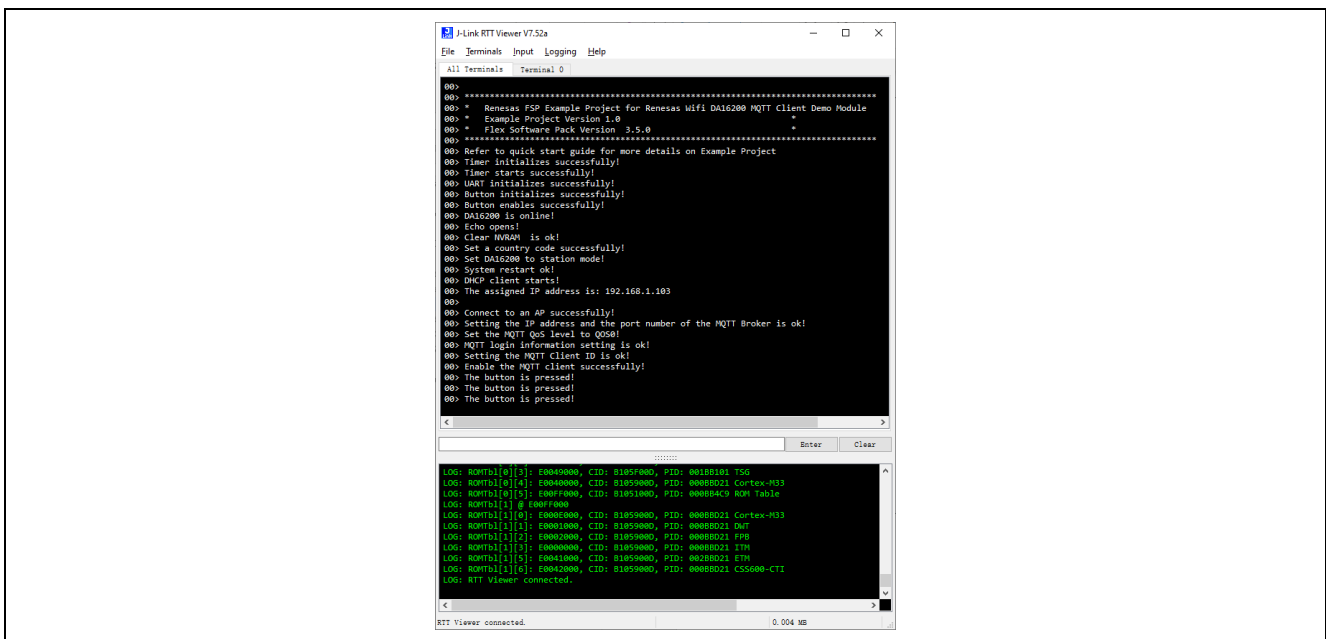
After MQTT connection finished, Green Led on EK-RA6M4 lights.

Press S1 on EK-RA6M4 publishes a message of "button is pressed" with topic of button to MQTT Server, any subscribers subscribing this topic will receive this information, smartphones are no exception.

Mosquitto software updates the current Wi-Fi and MQTT connection state and message received from MQTT client.

The subscribed message from MQTT Server displays on MQTTool on smartphone.
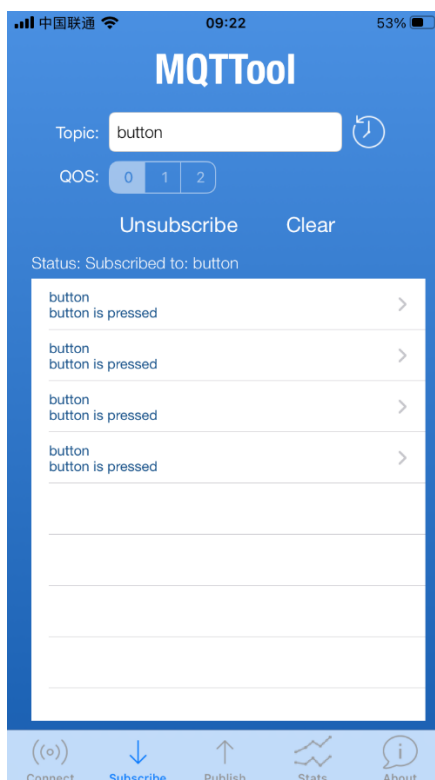
Meanwhile, the Blue Led on EK-RA6M4 turns on and off by turns when button is pressed.

If you want to observe AT Command, use a UART to USB bridge and connect RXD of UART part to P410 pin on EK-RA6M4 board, open serial tool such as Tera Term, and set the baud rate to 115200. Then AT command will pop up. It's an auxiliary way to debug the program and of course as an option.

Summarize: All described above is a simplest demo for a beginner. If you want a more complex example, please refer to other samples.

4.   Reference Documents

Renesas RA6M4 MCU

[RA6M4 - 200MHz Arm® Cortex®-M33 TrustZone®, High Integration with Ethernet and OctaSPI | Renesas](RA6M4)

EK-RA6M4

[EK-RA6M4 - Evaluation Kit for RA6M4 MCU Group | Renesas](EK-RA6M4)

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