

## Renesas Synergy™ Platform

# NetX™, Netx Duo™ DHCP Server Module Guide

## Introduction

This module guide will enable you to effectively use a module in your own design. Upon completion of this guide you will be able to add this module to your own design, configure it correctly for the target application, and write code using the included application project code as a reference and efficient starting point. References to more detailed API descriptions and suggestions of other application projects that illustrate more advanced uses of the module are available in the Renesas Synergy™ Knowledge Base (as described in the Reference section at the end of this document) and will be valuable resources for creating more complex designs.

The Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) is designed to completely automate both DHCP Server allocation and dynamic IP address allocation by leasing an IP address to a client for a specified time.

In IPv6 networks, DHCP protocol serves no use because it is limited to IPv4. Therefore, DHCPv6 is the protocol to use for dynamic global IPv6 address assignment from a DHCPv6 Server. **This guide covers only the IPv4 version of DHCP, but applies to NetX™ and NetX™ Duo.** Any differences in use between NetX and NetX Duo will be clearly identified by user notes. To simplify wording in this document, NetX DHCPv4 will be used to stand for NetX and NetX Duo DHCP for IPv4.

An overview of the key elements related to the NetX DHCPv4 Server module implementation on the Renesas Synergy™ Platform are provided, with adding and configuring the NetX DHCPv4 Server module onto a Renesas Synergy™ Platform project as the primary focus. For other details on the operation of this module, see the *NetX™ Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) Server User Guide* for the Renesas Synergy Platform document. This user guide is included in the X-Ware™ and NetX™ Component Documents for Renesas Synergy™ zip file. The zip file is available as a download from the Synergy Software Package site ([www.renesas.com/synergy/ssp](http://www.renesas.com/synergy/ssp)) on the Renesas Synergy Gallery.

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### 1. NetX DHCP Server Module Features

The NetX DHCP is compliant with RFC2132, RFC2131, and related RFCs.

- Provides high-level APIs to:
  - Create and delete a DHCPv4 Server instance
  - Set network parameters for DHCPv4 Server messages to the client
  - Create a pool of assignable IP addresses
  - Start and stop the DHCP Server task thread

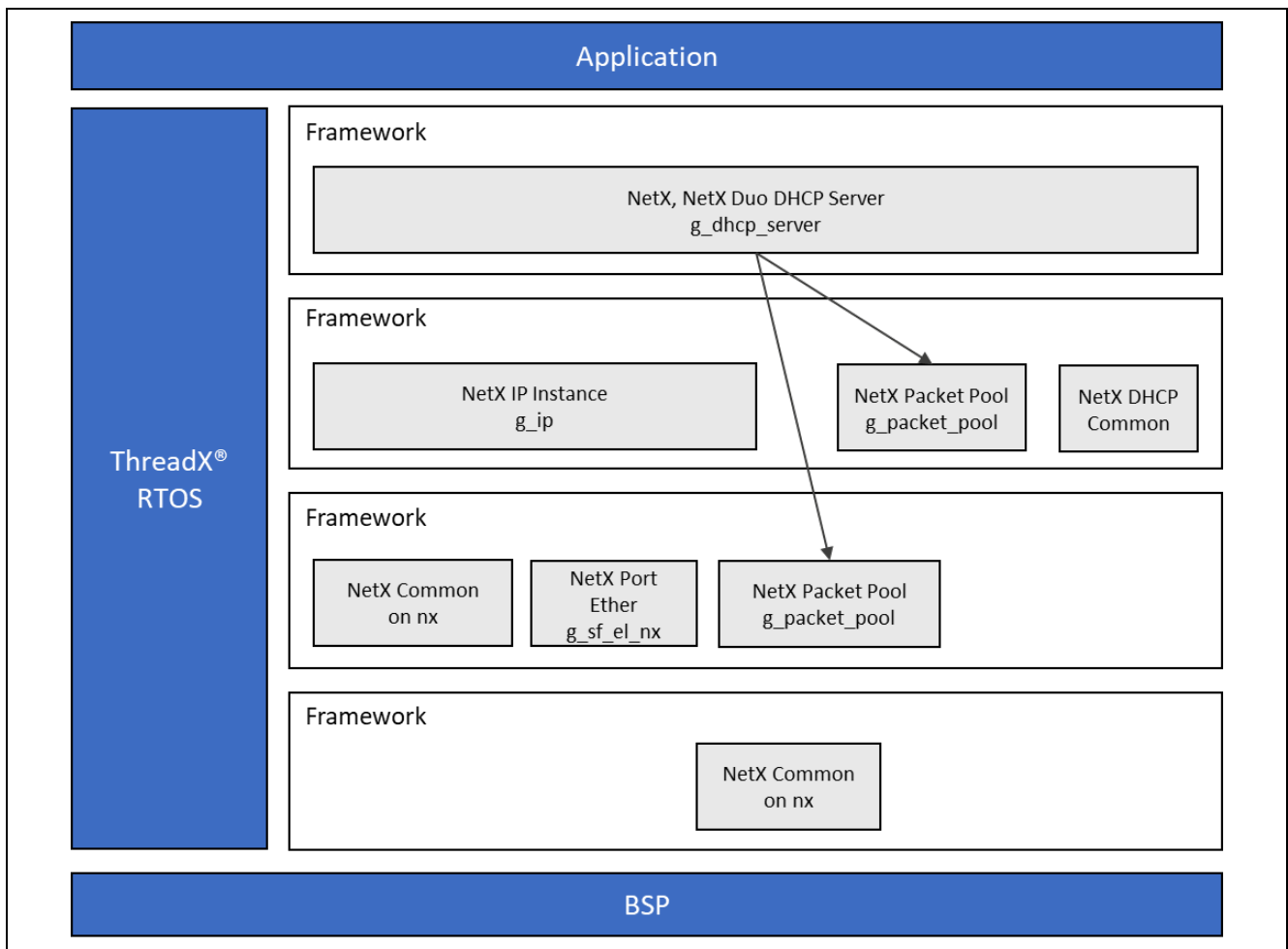


Figure 1. NetX DHCP Server Module Block Diagram

## 2. NetX DHCP Server Module APIs Overview

The NetX DHCPv4 Server defines APIs to create, delete, remove, start, and stop the server, as well as create the pool of assignable IP addresses and set up the network information for the client. A complete list of the available APIs, an example API call, and a short description of each API can be found in the following table. A table of status return values follows the API summary table.

**Table 1. NetX DHCP Server Module API Summary**

| Function Name   | Example API Call and Description  |
|---|---|
| <code>nx_dhcp_server_create</code>                    | <code>nx_dhcp_server_create(&amp;dhcp_server, &amp;server_ip, pointer, DEMO_SERVER_STACK_SIZE, SERVER_IP_ADDRESS_LIST, "DHCP server", &amp;server_pool);</code><br>Create a DHCP Server instance.   |
| <code>nx_dhcp_create_server_ip_address_list</code>    | <code>nx_dhcp_create_server_ip_list (&amp;dhcp_server, iface_index, START_IP_ADDRESS_LIST, END_IP_ADDRESS_LIST, &amp;addresses_added);</code><br>Create pool of available IP addresses to assign to DHCP Clients on the specified network index.                  |
| <code>nx_dhcp_clear_client_record</code>              | <code>nx_dhcp_clear_client_record (&amp;dhcp_server, &amp;dhcp_client_ptr);</code><br>Remove Client record in the Server database.  |
| <code>nx_dhcp_set_interface_network_parameters</code> | <code>nx_dhcp_set_interface_network_parameters(&amp;dhcp_server, iface_index, NX_DHCP_SUBNET_MASK, NX_DHCP_DEFAULT_GATEWAY, NX_DHCP_DNS_SERVER);</code><br>Set DHCP options for adding critical network parameters on specified interface in messages to Clients. |
| <code>nx_dhcp_server_delete</code>                    | <code>nx_dhcp_server_delete(&amp;dhcp_server);</code><br>Delete a DHCP Server instance.   |
| <code>nx_dhcp_server_start</code>                     | <code>nx_dhcp_server_start(&amp;dhcp_server);</code><br>Start or resume DHCP Server processing.   |
| <code>nx_dhcp_server_stop</code>                      | <code>nx_dhcp_server_stop(&amp;dhcp_server);</code><br>Stop DHCP server processing.   |

Note: For details on operation and definitions for the function data structures, typedefs, defines, API data, API structures and function variables, review the associated *Express Logic User's Manual* accessible as described in the Reference section later in this document.

**Table 2. Status Return Values**

| Name  | Description  |
|---|--|
| <code>NX_SUCCESS</code>                             | Successful DHCP call   |
| <code>NX_PTR_ERROR*</code>                          | Invalid pointer input  |
| <code>NX_DHCP_PARAMETER_ERROR</code>                | Invalid non-pointer input  |
| <code>NX_DHCP_INADEQUATE_PACKET_POOL_PAYLOAD</code> | Packet payload too small error   |
| <code>NX_DHCP_NO_SERVER_OPTION_LIST</code>          | Missing option list; cannot create Server                                |
| <code>NX_DHCP_SERVER_BAD_INTERFACE_INDEX</code>     | Index does not match addresses   |
| <code>NX_DHCP_INVALID_IP_ADDRESS</code>             | Invalid IP address or network interface for creating Server address list |
| <code>NX_DHCP_INVALID_IP_ADDRESS_LIST</code>        | Illogical start/end IP addresses for Server list                         |

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| NX_DHCP_INVALID_NETWORK_PARAMETERS | Invalid network parameters for DHCP messages to Client |
| NX_DHCP_SERVER_ALREADY_STARTED     | The DHCP instance has already been started             |
| NX_DHCP_SERVER_NOT_STARTED         | DHCP Server not started                                |
| NX_CALLER_ERROR*                   | Invalid caller of service                              |

Note: Lower-level drivers may return common error codes. Refer to the *SSP User's Manual API References* for the associated module for a definition of all relevant status return values.

\*-These error codes are returned only when error-checking is enabled. For other details on error-checking services, see *NetX™ User Guide* for the Renesas Synergy Platform.

### 3. NetX DHCP Server Module Operational Overview

The DHCPv4 server utilizes the UDP protocol to receive DHCP Client requests and transmit responses. It handles all the details in creating an IP instance, such as initializing the driver, creating the UDP socket, and binding to DHCP port 67 to receive client requests.

When an IP instance is created, the DHCPv4 Server is assigned a packet pool, it can share the packet pool used by the IP instance (the IP default packet pool), or the module can create a separate one for the server. The packet payload must be large enough to include DHCP data, IP and UDP headers, and the physical frame header. DHCP data size is set by the **Size of the BOOT Buffer (bytes)** property, which defaults to 548 bytes.

Before starting the DHCPv4 Server, the application must create a pool of assignable IP addresses; it does so by calling the `nx_dhcp_create_server_ip_address_list` service. This service takes as input a starting IP address and an ending IP address. The server verifies the addresses are local network addresses\*. It fills a table of IP addresses sequentially beginning with the starting IP address. The `addresses_added` pointer input returns the number of addresses added, which is equal to or less than the size of this table. The IP address table size is defined by the **Maximum size of an IP addresses list** property, which defaults to 20. There is one such table for each network interface on which the DHCP Server is receiving DHCP Client requests.

The DHCPv4 Server keeps a record of each client (or rather the client's DISCOVER request) in its client record table. The record lives for as long as the client keeps the assigned IP address. If the client fails to renew or fails to respond to the DHCP protocol before reaching the bound (IP address assigned) state, the record is deleted. One table holds all client records from all network interfaces on which the server receives DHCP requests. The size of the table is set by the **Size of client record table (units)** property, which defaults to 50.

Once the DHCPv4 Server is running and has created client records and assigned IP addresses, it periodically checks the time remaining on each of the client IP leases. The length of the IP lease is set in the **Client IP address lease time (seconds)** property. The default value of 0xFFFFFFFF is essentially a permanent lease. To assign leases of finite length, set the lease to a standard time. An example of a lease time might be 10 days (0x0d5930 or 874,800 seconds). The interval on which the DHCPv4 Server checks the time remaining on assigned IP leases is set to 1000 seconds. If a lease expires, the server simply removes the client record from the client record table, and returns that IP address back to the pool of assignable IP addresses. No message is sent to the client. The client should have initiated renew or rebind requests before its lease expired; or possibly when the client has left the network.

The DHCPv4 Server also keeps an inactivity timeout on each client session. When a client sends a packet, the inactivity timeout for that client is reset. The interval on which the DHCPv4 Server checks the time remaining is the **Fast-periodic timer interval to check valid sessions (ticks)**, which defaults to 10 ticks. This session timeout is this interval value multiplied by the ratio of ticks per second to produce a session timeout of 10 seconds. If a client record session time out expires, that client's IP address is returned to the pool of assignable IP addresses and the client record is cleared. No message is sent to the client.

\* The DHCPv4 Server services are interface-specific, including creating the IP address list and setting network parameters. The assumed network interface the DHCPv4 Server is running on is the primary interface (index is zero).

### 3.1 NetX DHCP Server Module Operational Notes and Limitations

#### 3.1.1 NetX DHCP Server Module Operational Notes

The DHCPv4 Server defines in the **Server option list** property options to the client for critical network parameters. Its default value is set to **1 3 6**, the option codes for the Subnet Mask, Router/Gateway address and DNS Server IP address, respectively. The **Server option list size** property defines the number of options to set, which defaults to **3**.

DHCP Type (Option 53) and DHCP Server Identifier (Option 54) are the DHCP parameters the server must supply to the DHCP Client.

#### 3.1.2 NetX DHCP Server Module Limitations

- The choice of options the DHCPv4 Server provides are limited to some or all the following:
  - Subnet Mask (Option 1)
  - Router/Gateway address (Option 3)
  - DNS Server IP address (Option 6).

Therefore, setting the **Server option list size** to greater than three has no effect. Setting the list of options to an option other than 1, 3, or 6 has no effect.

- The NetX DHCPv4 Server does not verify that its assignable IP addresses are not in use elsewhere in the network. It is expected that the client will check the uniqueness of the IP address assigned.
- The NetX DHCPv4 Server does not support the `FORCE RENEW` message.
- The **Relay agent** field of the DHCP header is left null because the NetX DHCPv4 Server does not support out-of-network DHCP requests.
- The DHCP Server does not correctly update the time remaining on the assigned IP it leased. The slow periodic timer interval is set to 1000 ticks. Internally, this value is converted to seconds, so the actual interval on which the server checks the IP lease timeout is about  $1000 * 100$ , assuming there are 100 ticks per second on the NetX device. If the client lease time is left at the default value of `0xFFFFFFFF`, it's a permanent lease until the client decides to release it and it should not be affected by this bug.

For any additional operational limitations for this module, see the latest *SSP Release Notes*.

## 4. Including the NetX DHCP Server Module in an Application

This section describes how to include the NetX DHCPv4 Server module in an application using the SSP configurator.

**Note:** It's assumed you are familiar with creating a project, adding threads, adding a stack to a thread, and configuring a block within the stack. If you are unfamiliar with any of these items, refer to the first few chapters of the *SSP User's Manual* to learn how to manage each of these important steps in creating SSP-based applications.

To add the NetX DHCP Server module to an application, simply add it to a thread using the stacks selection sequence given in the following table. (The default name for the NetX DHCP Server module is `g_dhcp_server0`. This name can be changed in the associated **Properties** window.)

**Table 3. NetX DHCP Server Module Selection Sequence**

| Resource                              | ISDE Tab | Stacks Selection Sequence   |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---|
| g_dhcp_server0 NetX DHCPv4 Server     | Threads  | New Stack> X-Ware> NetX> Protocols> NetX DHCP Server              |
| g_dhcp_server0 NetX Duo DHCPv4 Server | Threads  | New Stack> X-Ware> NetX Duo> Protocols> NetX Duo DHCP IPv4 Server |

When the NetX DHCPv4 Server is added to the thread stack, as shown in the following figure, the configurator automatically adds any needed lower-level modules. Any modules that need additional configuration information are box text highlighted in **Red**. Modules with a **Gray** band are individual modules that stand alone. Modules with a **Blue** band are shared or common. They need only be added once and can be used by multiple stacks. Modules with a **Pink** band can require the selection of lower-level modules; these are either optional or recommended. (This is indicated in the block with the inclusion of this text.) If adding lower-level modules is required, the module description has **Add** in the text. Clicking on any Pink banded modules brings up the **New** icon and displays possible choices.

The DHCPv4 Server has its own packet pool, `g_packet_pool1`; it can alternatively share the packet pool (`g_packet_pool0`) used by the IP instance.

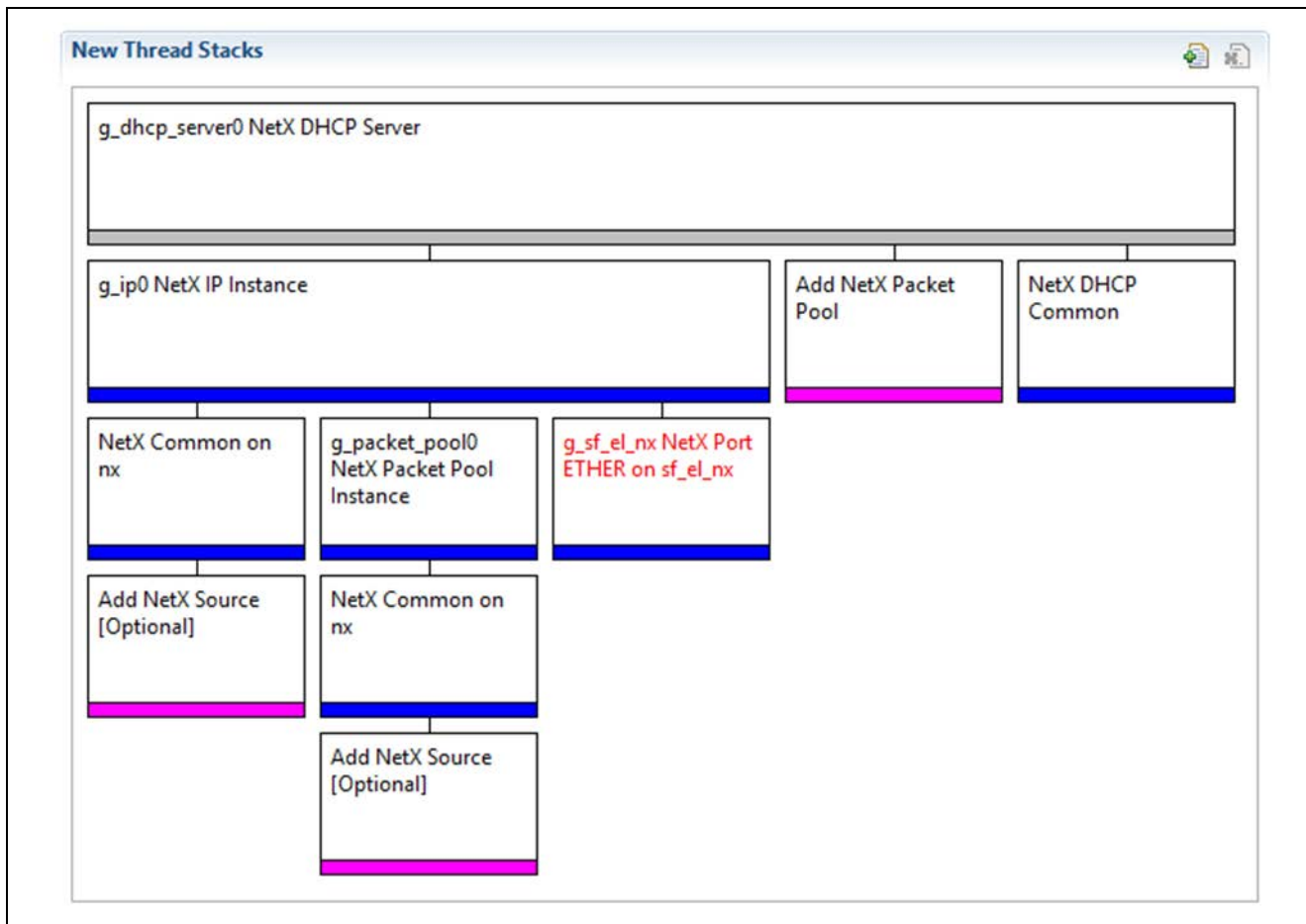


Figure 2. NetX DHCP Server Module Stack

### 5. Configuring the NetX DHCP Server Module

The NetX DHCP Server module must be configured by the user for the desired operation. The SSP configuration window automatically identifies (by highlighting the block in **red**) any required configuration selections, such as interrupts or operating modes, necessary for lower-level modules to enable successful operation. Only properties that can be changed without causing conflicts are available for modification. Other properties are **locked** with a lock icon in the **Properties** window in the ISDE and unavailable for change. This approach simplifies the configuration process and makes it much less error-prone than previous manual approaches to configuration. The available configuration settings and defaults for user-accessible properties are given in the properties tab within the SSP configurator and are shown in the following tables for easy reference.

One of the properties most often identified as requiring a change is the interrupt priority, and this configuration setting is available within the **Properties** window of the associated module. Simply select the indicated module and then view it in the **Properties** window. Interrupt settings are often toward the bottom of the properties list, so scroll down until they become available. Note that the interrupt priorities listed in the **Properties** window in the ISDE indicate the validity of the setting based on the targeted MCU (CM4 or

CM0+). This level of detail is not included in the following configuration properties tables, but is easily visible within the ISDE when configuring interrupt-priority levels.

Note: You may want to open your ISDE, create the module, and explore the property settings in parallel while looking over the following configuration table values. This helps to orient you and can be a useful hands-on approach to learning the ins and outs of developing with SSP.

**Table 4. Configuration Settings for the NetX DHCPv4 Server Module**

| Parameter  | Value          | Description  |
|--|----------------|--|
| Internal thread priority                                       | 1              | Internal thread priority selection   |
| Packet allocate timeout (seconds)                              | 2              | Packet allocate timeout selection  |
| Server IPv4 address (use commas for separation)                | 192,168,0,1    | Server IPv4 address selection  |
| Subnet Mask for clients (use commas for separation)            | 255,255,255,0  | Subnet Mask for clients' selection   |
| Maximum client identifier length (bytes)                       | 8              | Maximum client identifier length selection. Note: This is no longer in use (deprecated). |
| Fast periodic timer interval to check valid sessions (ticks)   | 10             | Fast periodic timer interval to check valid sessions selection                           |
| Next Client message wait (ticks)                               | 10             | Next Client message wait selection   |
| Client IP address lease time (seconds)                         | 0xFFFFFFFF     | Client IP address lease time selection   |
| Size of array for holding available IP addresses               | 50             | Size of array for holding available IP address selection                                 |
| Size of the array containing current requested options (units) | 12             | Size of the array containing current requested options selection                         |
| Server option list (optional - use space for separation)       | 1 3 6          | Module server option list (optional - use space for separation)                          |
| Server option list size (optional)                             | 3              | Server option list size selection  |
| Server option list (required - use space for separation)       | 53 54          | Server option list selection   |
| Size of the current client hostname buffer (byte)              | 30             | Size of the current client hostname buffer selection                                     |
| Maximum size of an IP addresses list (units)                   | 20             | Maximum size of an IP addresses list (unit selection)                                    |
| Size of the client record table (units)                        | 50             | Size of the client record table selection  |
| Size of the BOOT buffer (bytes)                                | 548            | Size of the BOOT buffer selection  |
| Size of the DHCP header (bytes)                                | 236            | Size of the DHCP header selection  |
| Name   | g_dhcp_server0 | Module name  |
| Internal thread stack size (bytes)                             | 4096           | Internal thread stack size selection   |

Note: The example settings and defaults are for a project using the Synergy S7G2 MCU Group. Other MCUs may have different default values and available configuration settings.

In some cases, settings other than the defaults for lower-level modules can be desirable. For example, it might be useful to select different ethernet interface pins and resets. The configurable properties for the lower-level stack modules are given in the following sections for completeness and as a reference.

Note: Most of the property settings for lower-level modules are intuitive and usually can be determined by inspection of the associated properties window from the SSP configurator.

## 5.1 Configuration Settings for the NetX DHCP Client Lower-Level Modules

Only a small number of settings must be modified from the default for lower-level modules, as indicated via the red text in the thread stack block. Notice that some of the configuration properties must be set to a certain value for proper framework operation and are locked to prevent user modification. The following table identifies all the settings within the **Properties** section for the module.

**Table 5. Configuration Settings for the NetX IP Instance**

| ISDE Property  | Value                                     | Description                                   |
|--|---|---|
| Name   | g_ip0                                     | Module name                                   |
| IPv4 Address (use commas for separation)   | 192,168,0,2                               | IPv4 Address selection                        |
| Subnet Mask (use commas for separation)  | 255,255,255,0                             | Subnet Mask selection                         |
| **IPv6 Global Address (use commas for separation)  | 0x2001, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x1 | IPv6 global address selection                 |
| **IPv6 Link Local Address (use commas for separation; All zeros means use the MAC address) | 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0    | IPv6 link local address selection             |
| IP Helper Thread Stack Size (bytes)  | 2048                                      | IP Helper Thread Stack Size (bytes) selection |
| IP Helper Thread Priority  | 3   | IP Helper Thread Priority selection           |
| ARP  | Enable                                    | ARP selection                                 |
| ARP Cache Size in Bytes  | 520                                       | ARP Cache Size in Bytes selection             |
| Reverse ARP  | Disable                                   | Reverse ARP selection                         |
| TCP  | Enable, Disable<br>Default: Enable        | TCP selection                                 |
| UDP  | Enable                                    | UDP selection                                 |
| ICMP   | Enable, Disable<br>Default: Enable        | ICMP selection                                |
| IGMP   | Enable, Disable<br>Default: Enable        | IGMP selection                                |
| IP fragmentation   | Enable, Disable<br>Default: Disable       | IP fragmentation selection                    |

Note: The example settings and defaults are for a project using the Synergy S7G2 MCU Group. Other MCUs may have different default values and available configuration settings.

**Table 6. Configuration Settings for the NetX Duo DHCP Common Instance**

| ISDE Property                    | Value   | Description                            |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Type of Service for UDP requests | Normal, Minimum delay, Maximum data, Maximum reliability, Minimum cost<br>Default: Normal | Type of service UDP requests selection |
| Fragmentation option             | Don't fragment, Fragment okay<br>Default: Don't fragment                                  | Fragment option selection              |
| Time to live                     | 128   | Time to live selection                 |
| Packet Queue depth               | 5   | Packet queue depth selection           |

Note: The example settings and defaults are for a project using the Synergy S7G2 MCU Group. Other MCUs may have different default values and available configuration settings.



**Table 7. Configuration Settings for the NetX Packet Pool Instance**

| ISDE Property             | Value          | Description                         |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name                      | g_packet_pool0 | Module name                         |
| Packet Size in Bytes      | 640            | Packet size selection               |
| Number of Packets in Pool | 16             | Number of packets in pool selection |

Note: The example settings and defaults are for a project using the Synergy S7G2 MCU Group. Other MCUs may have different default values and available configuration settings.

**Table 8. Configuration Settings for the NetX Port ETHER**

| ISDE Property                         | Value  | Description                                     |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Parameter Checking                    | BSP, Enabled, Disabled<br>Default: BSP   | Enable or disable the parameter checking        |
| Channel 0 Phy Reset Pin               | IOPORT_PORT_09_PIN_03  | Channel 0 Phy reset pin selection               |
| Channel 0 MAC Address High Bits       | 0x00002E09   | Channel 0 MAC address high bits selection       |
| Channel 0 MAC Address Low Bits        | 0x0A0076C7   | Channel 0 MAC address low bits selection        |
| Channel 1 Phy Reset Pin               | IOPORT_PORT_07_PIN_06  | Channel 1 Phy reset pin selection               |
| Channel 1 MAC Address High Bits       | 0x00002E09   | Channel 1 MAC address high bits selection       |
| Channel 1 MAC Address Low Bits        | 0x0A0076C8   | Channel 1 MAC address low bits selection        |
| Number of Receive Buffer Descriptors  | 8  | Number of receive buffer descriptors selection  |
| Number of Transmit Buffer Descriptors | 32   | Number of transmit buffer descriptors selection |
| Ethernet Interrupt Priority           | Priority 0 (highest), Priority 1:2, Priority 3 (CM4: valid, CM0+: lowest- not valid if using ThreadX®), Priority 4:14 (CM4: valid, CM0+: invalid), Priority 15 (CM4 lowest - not valid if using ThreadX, CM0+: invalid)<br><br>Default: Disabled | Ethernet interrupt priority selection           |
| Name                                  | g_sf_el_nx   | Module name                                     |
| Channel                               | 0  | Channel selection                               |
| Callback                              | NULL   | Callback selection                              |

Note: The example settings and defaults are for a project using the Synergy S7G2 MCU Group. Other MCUs may have different default values and available configuration settings.

**Table 9. Configuration Settings for the NetX Packet Pool Instance (when added as new)**

| ISDE Property             | Value          | Description                         |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name                      | g_packet_pool1 | Module name                         |
| Packet Size in Bytes      | 640            | Packet size selection               |
| Number of Packets in Pool | 16             | Number of packets in pool selection |

Note: The example settings and defaults are for a project using the Synergy S7G2 MCU Group. Other MCUs may have different default values and available configuration settings.

**Table 10. Configuration Settings for the NetX Common Instance**

| ISDE Property            | Value | Description |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------|
| No configurable settings |       |             |

Note: The example settings and defaults are for a project using the Synergy S7G2 MCU Group. Other MCUs may have different default values and available configuration settings.

## 5.2 NetX DHCP Server Module Clock Configuration

The ETHERC peripheral module uses PCLKA as its clock source. The PCLKA frequency is set by using the SSP configurator clock tab prior to a build, or by using the CGC Interface at run-time.

## 5.3 NetX DHCP Server Module Pin Configuration

The ETHERC peripheral module uses pins on the MCU to communicate to external devices. I/O pins must be selected and configured as required by the external device. The following table indicates the method to select pins within the SSP configuration window. The subsequent table has an example selection for I<sup>2</sup>C pins.

Note: The operation mode selected determines the peripheral signals available and which MCU pins are required.

**Table 11. Pin Selection for the ETHERC Module**

| Resource | ISDE Tab | Pin selection Sequence                                  |
|----------|----------|---|
| ETHERC   | Pins     | Select Peripherals > Connectivity:ETHERC > ETHERC1.RMII |

Note: The selection sequence assumes ETHERC1 is the desired hardware target for the driver.

**Table 12. Pin Configuration Settings for the ETHERC1**

| Property            | Value   | Description                                   |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Operation Mode      | Disabled, Custom, RMII<br>(Default: Disabled) | Select RMII as the Operation Mode for ETHERC1 |
| Pin Group Selection | Mixed, _A only<br>(Default: _A only)          | Pin group selection                           |
| REF50CK             | P701  | REF50CK Pin                                   |
| TXD0                | P700  | TXD0 Pin                                      |
| TXD1                | P406  | TXD1 Pin                                      |
| TXD_EN              | P405  | TXD_EN Pin                                    |
| RXD0                | P702  | RXD0 Pin                                      |
| RXD1                | P703  | RXD1 Pin                                      |
| RX_ER               | P704  | RX_ER Pin                                     |
| CRS_DV              | P705  | CRS_DV Pin                                    |
| MDC                 | P403  | MDC Pin                                       |
| MDIO                | P404  | MDIO Pin                                      |

Note: The example settings are for a project using the Synergy S7G2 MCU Group and the SK-S7G2 Kit. Other Synergy MCUs and Synergy Kits may have different available pin configuration settings.

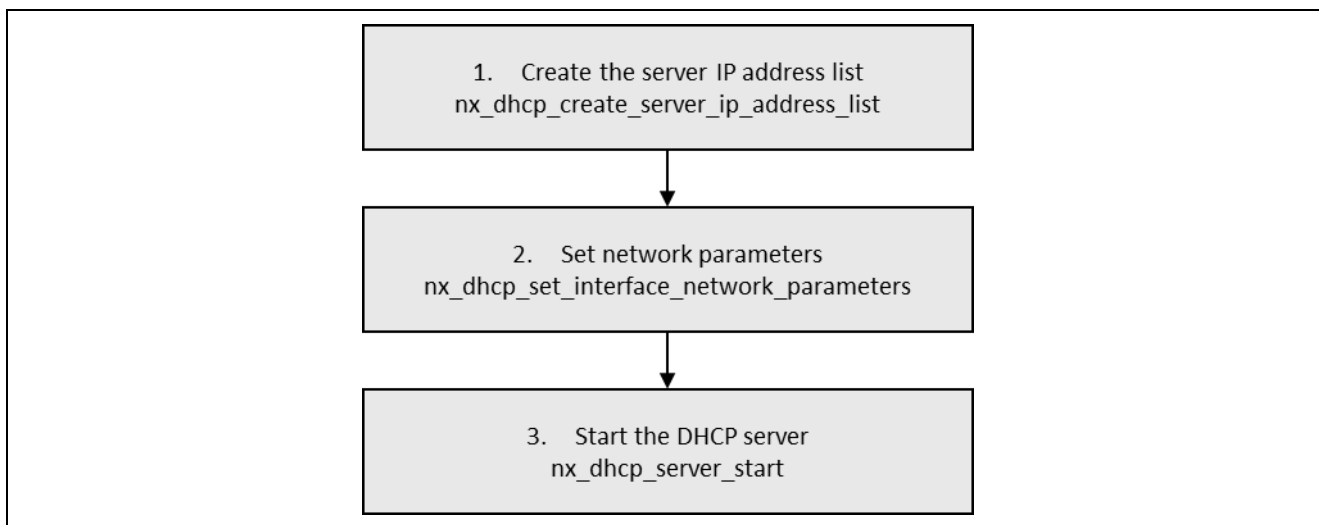
## 6. Using the NetX DHCP Server Module in an Application

The following example assumes the NetX system is already initialized. The typical steps to using the NetX DHCPv4 server in an application are:

1. Create a pool of assignable IP addresses using the `nx_dhcp_create_server_ip_address_list` API.
2. Set network parameters that will be returned by the server using the `nx_dhcp_set_interface_network_parameters` API.
3. Start the DHCPv4 server with the `nx_dhcp_server_start` API.

The server is now running.

The following diagram shows common steps in a typical operational flow:



**Figure 3. Flow Diagram of a Typical NetX DHCP Server Module Application**

### 7. The NetX DHCP Server Module Application Project

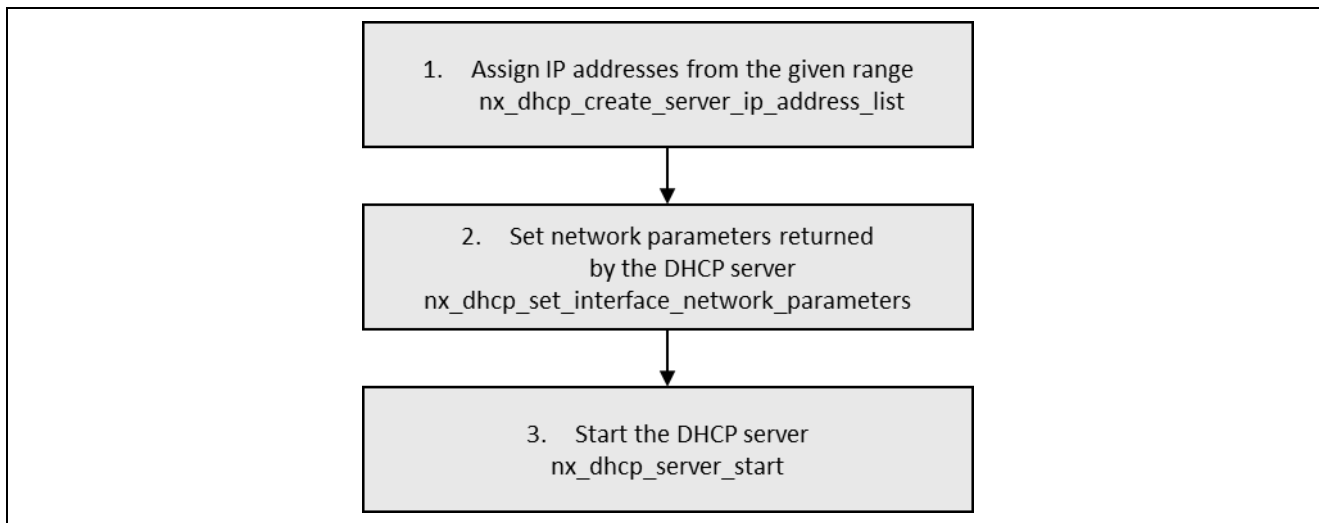
The application project associated with this module guide demonstrates the steps in a full design. The project can be found using the link provided in the References section at the end of this document. You may want to import and open the application project within the ISDE and view the configuration settings for the NetX DHCPv4 Server module. You can also read over the code (in `dhcp_thread_entry.c`) that depicts the NetX DHCPv4 Server module APIs in a complete design.

The application project demonstrates the typical use of the NetX DHCPv4 Server module APIs. The application project main thread entry configures the list of IP addresses and network parameters for the NetX DHCPv4 Server module. After configuration, the DHCP Server is started and ready to handle requests. The following table identifies the target versions for the associated software and hardware used by the application project:

**Table 13. Software and Hardware Resources Used by the Application Project**

| Resource              | Revision              | Description                                  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| e <sup>2</sup> studio | 7.5.1 or later        | Integrated Solution Development Environment  |
| SSP                   | 1.7.0 or later        | Synergy Software Platform                    |
| IAR EW for Synergy    | 8.23.3 or later       | IAR Embedded Workbench® for Renesas Synergy™ |
| SSC                   | 7.5.1 or later        | Synergy Standalone Configurator              |
| SK-S7G2               | v3.0 to v3.1 or later | Starter Kit                                  |

The following diagram shows a simple flow of the application project.



**Figure 4. NetX DHCP Server Module Application Project Flow Diagram**

The `dhcp_thread_entry.c` file is located in the project once it has been imported into the ISDE. You can open this file within the ISDE and follow along with the description provided to help identify key uses of APIs.

The first section of `dhcp_thread_entry.c` has the header files that reference the NetX DHCPv4 Server instance; the first and the last IP address that can be assigned by the DHCP Server, and the NetX APIs. The next section is an interface index definition as a macro constant. The last section is the entry function for the main program-control section. The NetX DHCPv4 Server is configured using the `nx_dhcp_create_server_ip_address_list` API and the `nx_dhcp_set_interface_network_parameters` API. The first one creates an IP address list using the first and the last IP address, the second sets network parameters like the subnet mask, gateway IP address, and DNS IP address. These parameters get sent by the server in response to client requests. Inside the infinite while loop a thread sleep function pauses execution for 10 ThreadX-timer ticks. Upon the successful start of the DHCP server, the onboard LED1 glows. Upon lease out of the new IP, or at renewal after power up, the onboard LED2 glows.

A few key properties are configured in this application project to support the required operations and the physical properties of the target board and MCU. The properties with the values set for this specific project are listed in the following tables. You can also open the application project and view these settings in the **Properties** window as a hands-on exercise.

**Table 14. NetX DHCPv4 Server Module Configuration Settings for the Application Project**

| ISDE Property  | Value Set  |
|--|--|
| Internal thread priority                                     | 1  |
| Packet allocate timeout (seconds)                            | 2  |
| Server IPv4 address (use commas for separation)              | 192,168,0,1                                      |
| Subnet Mask for clients (use commas for separation)          | 255,255,255,0                                    |
| Subnet router IPv4 address (use for commas separation)       | 192,168,0,1                                      |
| Subnet DNS IPv4 address (use commas for separation)          | 192,168,0,1                                      |
| Maximum client identifier length (bytes)                     | 8 (Note: This is no longer in use (deprecated).) |
| Fast periodic timer interval to check valid sessions (ticks) | 10   |
| Next Client message wait (ticks)                             | 10   |
| Client IP address lease time (seconds)                       | 0xFFFFFFFF                                       |

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Size of array for holding available IP addresses               | 50  |
| Size of client record table                                    | This is incorrect for SSP 1.2.0; it is the size of client records table (e.g., stores IP addresses assigned to clients and client data). In SSP 1.3.0 and later, it is correctly defined as size of client record table (default still 50). |
| <b>ISDE Property</b>   | <b>Value Set</b>  |
| Size of the array containing current requested options (units) | 12  |
| Server option list (optional - use space for separation)       | 1 3 6   |
| Server option list size (optional)                             | 3   |
| Server option list (required - use space for separation)       | 53 54   |
| Size of the current client hostname buffer (byte)              | 30  |
| Maximum size of an IP addresses list (units)                   | 20  |
| Size of the client record table (units)                        | 50  |
| Size of the BOOT buffer (bytes)                                | 548   |
| Size of the DHCP header (bytes)                                | 236   |
| Name   | g_dhcp_server0  |
| Internal thread stack size (bytes)                             | 2048  |

Note: Entries in blue are no longer available after SSP 1.2.0.  
 Entries in gray are not defined incorrectly in SSP 1.2.0

**Table 15. NetX IP Instance Configuration Settings for the Application Project**

| ISDE Property                            | Value Set     |
|--|---------------|
| Name                                     | g_ip0         |
| IPv4 Address (use commas for separation) | 192,168,0,1   |
| Subnet Mask (use commas for separation)  | 255,255,255,0 |
| IP Helper Thread Stack Size (bytes)      | 2048          |
| IP Helper Thread Priority                | 3             |
| ARP                                      | Enable        |
| ARP Cache Size in Bytes                  | 520           |
| Reverse ARP                              | Disable       |
| TCP                                      | Enable        |
| UDP                                      | Enable        |
| ICMP                                     | Enable        |
| IGMP                                     | Enable        |
| IP fragmentation                         | Disable       |

Note: Entries in yellow need to be adjusted to the developer's local network.

**Table 16. NetX Packet Pool Instance Configuration Settings for the Application Project**

| ISDE Property             | Value Set            |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Name                      | g_packet_pool1       |
| Packet Size in Bytes      | 640 (recommend 1568) |
| Number of Packets in Pool | 16                   |

Note: Entries in green have a recommended value different than the default value.

**Table 17. NetX Packet Pool Instance Configuration Settings for the Application Project**

| ISDE Property             | Value Set      |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Name                      | g_packet_pool0 |
| Packet Size in Bytes      | 640            |
| Number of Packets in Pool | 16             |

**Table 18. NetX DHCP Common Configuration Settings for the Application Project**

| ISDE Property                    | Value Set      |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Type of Service for UDP requests | Normal         |
| Fragmentation option             | Don't fragment |
| Time to live                     | 128            |
| Packet Queue depth               | 5              |

**Table 19. NetX Port ETHER Configuration Settings for the Application Project**

| ISDE Property                         | Value Set                             |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Parameter Checking                    | BSP, Enabled, Disabled (Default: BSP) |
| Channel 0 Phy Reset Pin               | IOPORT_PORT_09_PIN_03                 |
| Channel 0 MAC Address High Bits       | 0x00002E09                            |
| Channel 0 MAC Address Low Bits        | 0x0A0076C7                            |
| Channel 1 Phy Reset Pin               | IOPORT_PORT_08_PIN_06                 |
| Channel 1 MAC Address High Bits       | 0x00002E09                            |
| Channel 1 MAC Address Low Bits        | 0x0A0076AB                            |
| Number of Receive Buffer Descriptors  | 8                                     |
| Number of Transmit Buffer Descriptors | 32                                    |
| Ethernet Interrupt Priority           | Priority 2                            |
| Name                                  | g_sf_el_nx                            |
| Channel                               | 1                                     |
| Callback                              | NULL                                  |

Note: Entries in **green** have a recommended value different than the default value.

## 8. Customizing the NetX DHCP Server Module for a Target Application

Some configuration settings are normally changed by the developer from those shown in the application project. For example, the user can easily change the IP address of the DHCP Server. The IP address should be set using the **Threads** tab and the **Properties** editor of the NetX DHCPv4 Server and NetX IP Instance modules. The user can also change the range of the IP addresses assigned by the server. The macro constant definitions for the start and the end IP addresses are defined in the `dhcp_ip_range.h` file.

## 9. Running the NetX DHCP Server Module Application Project

To run the NetX DHCPv4 Server Module application project and to see it executed on a target kit, you can simply import it into your ISDE, compile, and run debug.

Note: The following steps are in sufficient detail for someone experienced with the basic flow through the Synergy development process. If these steps are unfamiliar, refer to the first few chapters of the *SSP User's Manual* to learn how to accomplish these steps.

1. Refer to the *Renesas Synergy™ Project Import Guide* (r11an0023eu0121-synergy-ssp-import-guide.pdf, included in this package) for instructions on importing the project into e<sup>2</sup> studio ISDE or IAR Embedded Workbench® for Renesas Synergy™ and building/running the application.
2. Connect to the host PC via a micro USB cable to J19 on SK-S7G2 Synergy MCU.
3. Start to debug the application.
4. Connect a DHCP client via Ethernet cable to J11.
5. The application's status can be viewed on the Renesas Debug Virtual Console (image on the right).  
A user can cross check the settings received from the DHCP server by verifying the network parameters of the connected DHCP client (**ipconfig/all** command for a windows PC gives the network details (left side of image)).

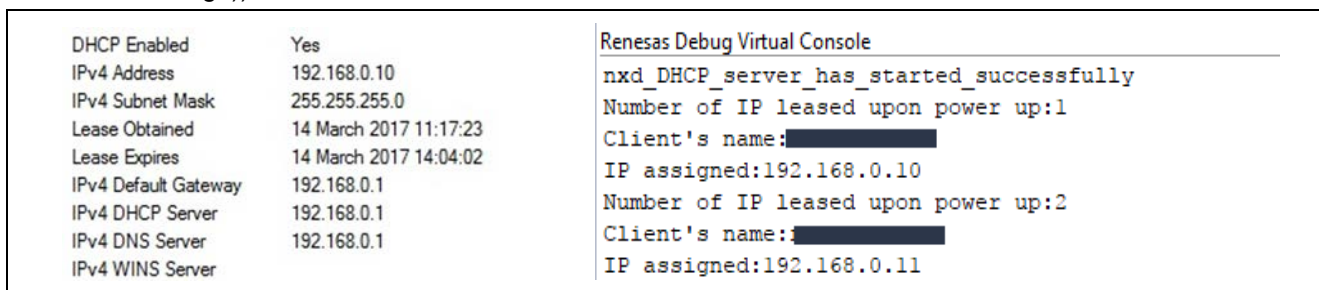


Figure 5. Example Output from NetX DHCP Server Module Application Project

## 10. NetX DHCP Server Module Conclusion

This module guide has provided all the background information needed to select, add, configure, and use the module in an example project. Many of these steps were time consuming and error-prone activities in previous generations of embedded systems. The Renesas Synergy Platform makes these steps a lot less time consuming and removes the common errors, like conflicting configuration settings or incorrect selection of lower-level drivers. The use of high-level APIs (as demonstrated in the application project) illustrate additional development time savings by allowing work to begin at a high level and avoiding the time required in older development environments to use or, in some cases, create, lower-level drivers.

## 11. NetX DHCP Server Module Next Steps

After you have mastered a simple NetX DHCPv4 Server project, you may want to review a more complex example. You may find that a different protocol should be handled in your application. NetX and NetX Duo for the Synergy Platform provides many modules, including DHCP, DNS, HTTP, and more. Module guides for these applications can be found using instructions in the References section at the end of this document.

## 12. Reference Information

The *SSP User Manual* is available in HTML in the SSP distribution package, and at the Synergy Gallery ([www.renesas.com/synergy/software](http://www.renesas.com/synergy/software)) as a pdf.

Links to all the most up-to-date NetX DHCP Server module reference materials and resources are available on the Synergy Knowledge Base: [www.renesas.com/synergy/knowledgeBase/16977455](http://www.renesas.com/synergy/knowledgeBase/16977455).

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