

RA2E1, RA2L1

LoRa[®]-based Wireless Software Package

Introduction

This software package includes the following sample software and tools to evaluate the LoRa and LoRaWAN-based wireless communication software for RA2 devices:

- **Radio Driver** supports LoRa/FSK modulation, packet Tx/Rx, CW, LBT and ARIB-STD-T108.
- **RadioEvalApp** is the evaluation tool for the radio functions. LPWA Studio is the GUI front end of **RadioEvalApp**.
- **Ping-pong** is a simple application based on the Radio Driver.
- **LPWA Power Estimator** is a simple power estimation tool.
- **LoRaWAN MAC** is a protocol stack compliant with the LoRaWAN Specification 1.0.2, 1.0.3 and 1.0.4.
- **LoRaSample** is a sample application based on the LoRaWAN MAC (Class A/B/C).
- **LoRaFuotaSample** is a sample LoRaWAN FUOTA (Firmware Update Over The Air) application.
- **LoRaSensorSample** is a sample LoRaWAN Sensor Node application (external application).
 Note: **LoRaSensorSample** is released as a separate **RA2E1,RA2L1 LoRaWAN Sensor Demo**.

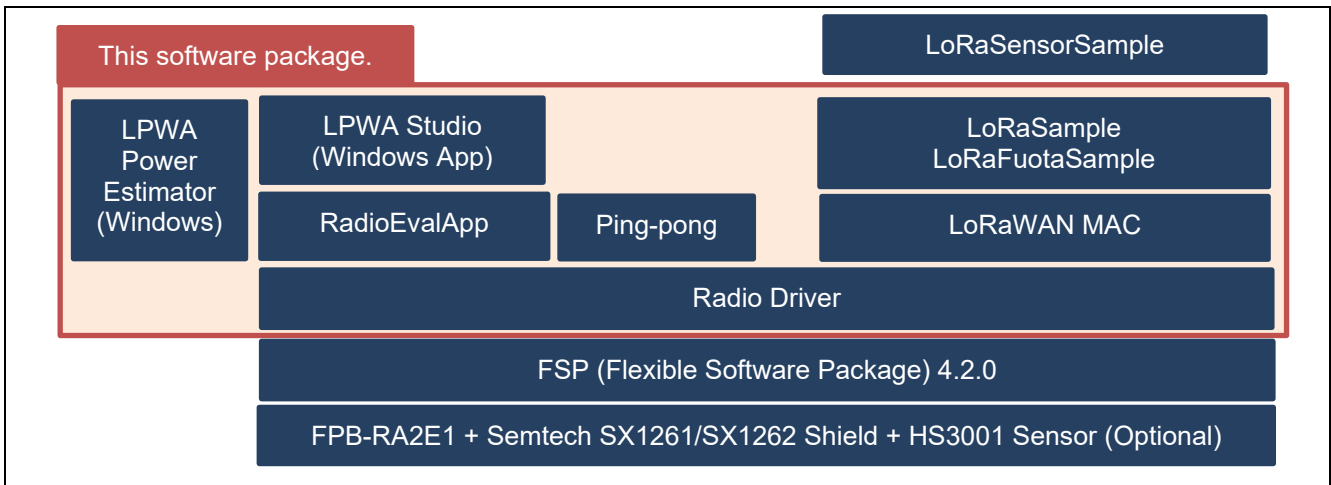


Figure 1. Sample Software and Tools in Current Software Package

Target Device

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1. Hardware Setup

This software package supports the following hardware configurations:

- FPB-RA2E1 + Semtech SX1261/SX1262 Shield + Pmod USBUART + Sensor (Optional).
- EK-RA2L1 + Semtech SX1261/SX1262 Shield + Pmod USBUART + Sensor (Optional).

This configuration is provided to simply run the pre-compiled sample applications for RA2E1 or RA2L1. For more detail, please refer to section 1.1, Hardware Setup for FPB-RA2E1 Fast Prototyping Board or section 1.2, Hardware Setup for EK-RA2L1 Evaluation Kit for RA2L1 MCU Group.

References:

For more details on the board, please refer to the following websites:

- FPB-RA2E1 Fast Prototyping Board (RTK7FPA2E1S00001BE) (<https://www.renesas.com/ra/fpb-ra2e1>)
- EK-RA2L1 Evaluation Kit for RA2L1 (RTK7EKA2L1S00001BE) (<https://www.renesas.com/ra/ek-ra2l1>)
- Semtech SX1261 Shield (<https://www.semtech.com/products/wireless-rf/lora-transceivers/sx1261>)
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- Digilent Pmod USBUART (<https://reference.digilentinc.com/reference/pmod/pmodusbuart/start>)
- Renesas HS3001 Humidity and Temperature Sensor Pmod Module (US082-HS3001EVZ)
<https://www.renesas.com/us/en/products/sensor-products/humidity-sensors/us082-hs3001evz-relative-humidity-sensor-pmod-board-renesas-quick-connect-iot>

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1.1 Hardware Setup for FPB-RA2E1 Fast Prototyping Board

This configuration is provided to simply run the pre-compiled sample applications for FPB-RA2E1.

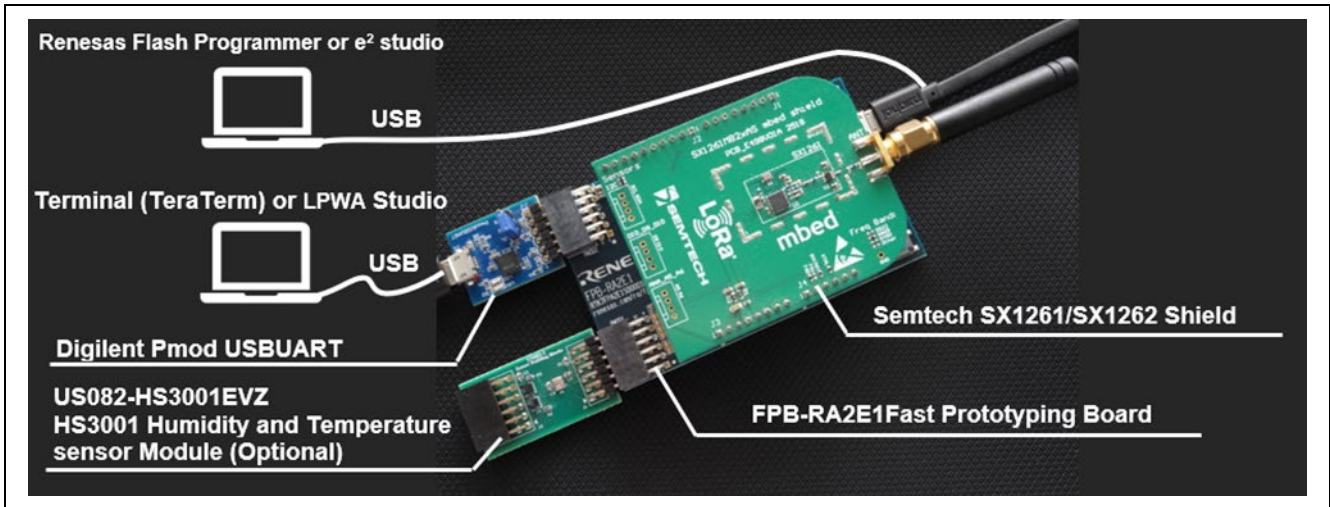


Figure 2. FPB-RA2E1 Hardware Setup Example

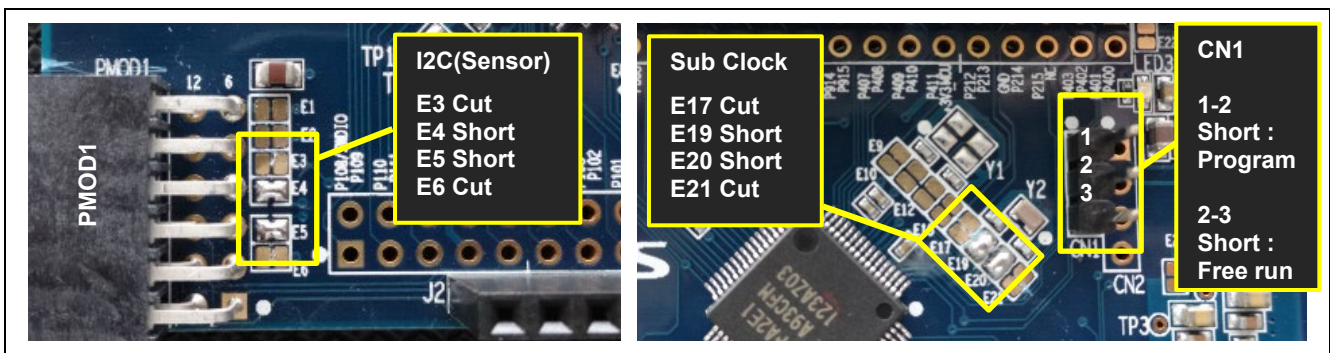
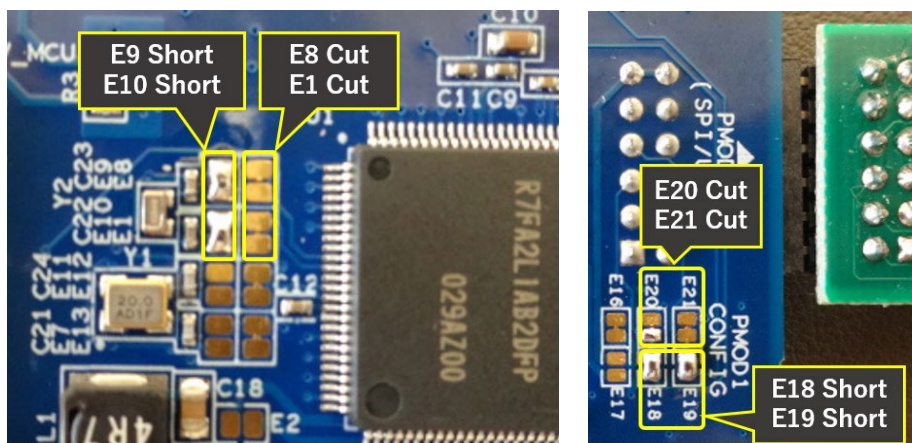
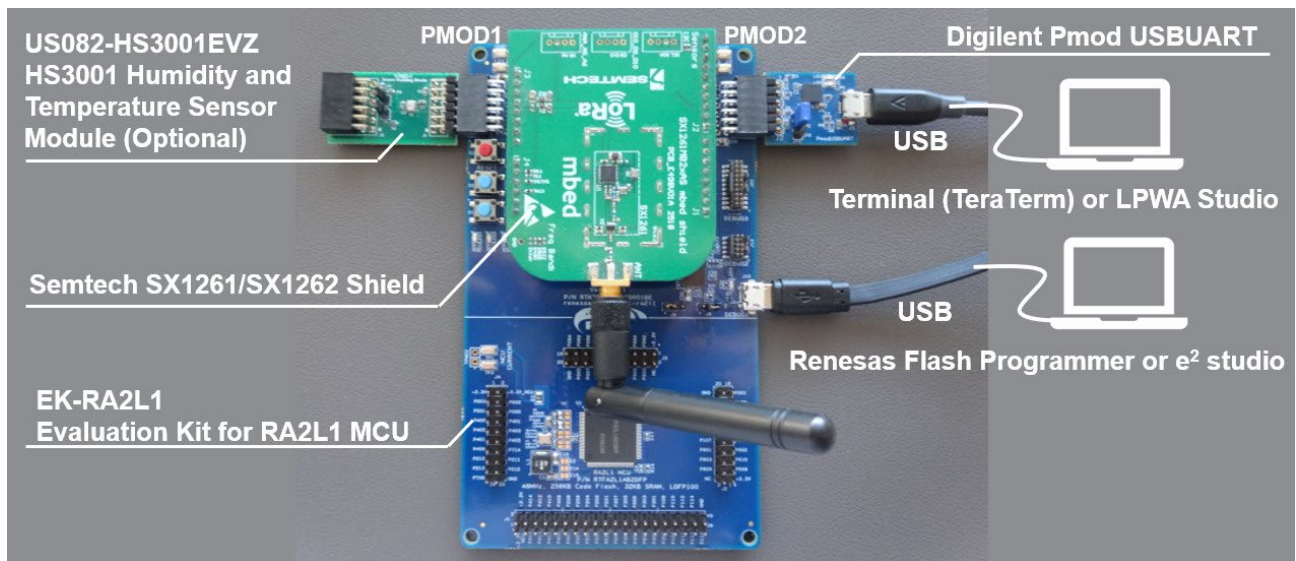


Figure 3. FPB-RA2E1 Configuration Pins

- Note 1: When CN1 pin1-2 is shorted with jumper plug, you can download the sample software with flash programmer. When CN1 pin2-3 is shorted, application will free-run after reset.
- Note 2: When RA2E1 MCU is in Software Standby mode, all sample software uses the Sub Clock (XT1,2) to reduce power consumption. To enable Sub Clock, some modifications (E17 Cut, E19 Short, E20 Short, E21 Cut) are required.
- Note 3: All sample software uses PMOD2 as UART to communicate with the Terminal (for example, TeraTerm) or LPWA Studio. USB-UART Serial conversion module (for example, Digilent Pmod USBUART) is required on PMOD2.
- Note 4: Optional HS3001 Sensor Module should be connected to the PMOD1, and additional modifications (E3 Cut, E4 Short, E5 Short, E6 Cut) are required to enable I2C interface on the PMOD1.

1.2 Hardware Setup for EK-RA2L1 Evaluation Kit for RA2L1 MCU Group

This configuration is provided to simply run the pre-compiled sample applications for EK-RA2L1.



- Note 1: You can download the sample application software with Renesas Flash Programmer or e² studio. The sample application software will run after reset.
- Note 2: When RA2L1 MCU is in Software Standby mode, all sample software uses the Sub Clock (XT1,2) to reduce power consumption. To enable Sub Clock, some modifications (E9 Short, E10 Short, E8 Cut, E1 Cut) are required.
- Note 3: All sample software uses PMOD2 as UART to communicate with the Terminal (for example, TeraTerm) or LPWA Studio. USB-UART Serial conversion module (for example, Digilent Pmod USBUART) is required on PMOD2.
- Note 4: Optional HS3001 Sensor Module should be connected to the PMOD1, and additional modifications (E20 Cut, E21 Cut, E18 Short, E19 Short) are required to enable I2C interface on the PMOD1.

2. Sample Application Software Setup

This software package includes the following sample applications.

- **RadioEvalApp** (Radio Evaluation Program with AT-command)
- **ping-pong** (simple application using radio driver)
- **LoRaSample** (LoRaWAN sample application with AT-command)
- **LoRaFuotaSample** (Firmware Update over LoRaWAN sample application with AT-command)

Note1: Pre-compiled sample application for the ping-pong is not provided.

Note2: **LoRaSensorSample** is released as a separate **RA2E1, RA2L1 LoRaWAN Sensor Demo**.

2.1 Set up Virtual COM Port Driver

1. Visit <https://ftdichip.com/drivers/vcp-drivers/>. Download `setup_executable` for Windows.
2. Unzip `CDMxxxx_Setup.zip` and run installer.

2.2 Software Setup to run Pre-compiled Sample Applications

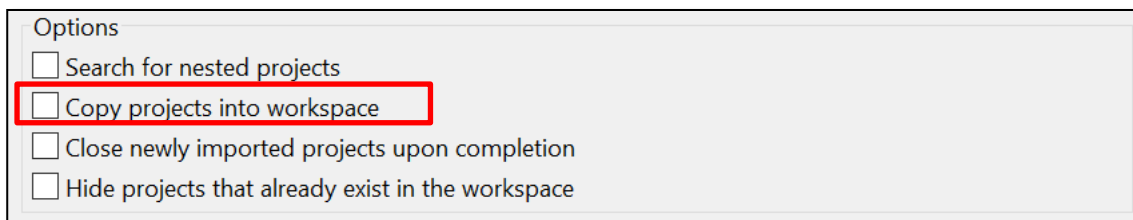
1. Install the **Renesas Flash Programmer V3.11.01** or later.
2. (FPB-RA2E1 ONLY) Short CN1 pin1-2 with jumper plug.
3. Download the sample application (.hex file) to the MCU with Renesas Flash Programmer.
 - A. Click **File** > Click **New Project ..**
 - Microcontroller: Choose **RA**
 - Project Name: any (for example, **sample1**)
 - Project Folder: any (for example, **C:\Temp\rfp**)
 - Communication: Choose **E2 emulator Lite (for FPB-RA2E1)** or **J-LINK (for EK-RA2L1)** as Tool
 - B. Choose pre-compiled sample application file (for example, `RadioEvalApp.hex`).
 Pre-compiled sample application files are located in (package install top folder)\`samples\project\e2studio\{BOARD}\{APPS}\{APPS}.hex`
`{BOARD}` : `ra2elfpb_sx126x` or `ra2l1lek_sx126x`
`{APPS}` : `RadioEvalApp`, `LoRaSample`, `LoRaFuotaSample`, (`LoRaSensorSample`).
 - C. Click **Start**. If OK is shown, click **File** > **Exit**.
4. (FPB-RA2E1 ONLY) Short CN1 pin2-3 with jumper plug and push reset button.
5. Connect to the sample application with TeraTerm or Renesas LPWA Studio.
 Serial settings: 115200 pbs, 8-bit, no parity, 1 stop bit, no flow control, CR+LF, local echo ON




2.3 Software Setup for Developing Software Based on the Sample Applications

1. Download and install the following Package from <https://github.com/renesas/fsp/releases>
 Flexible Software Package (FSP) for Renesas RA MCU Family, version 4.3.0.
2. Import project file with e² studio.
 Click **File** on Menu > select **Import**.
 Click **General** > Select **Existing Projects into workspace** > Click **Next**.
 Click **Browse** > Choose following project folder as **root directory** > click **Finish**
 (package install top folder)\`samples\project\e2studio\{BOARD}\{APPS}\`
`{BOARD}` : `ra2elfpb_sx126x` or `ra2l1lek_sx126x`
`{APPS}` : `RadioEvalApp`, `ping-pong`, `LoRaSample`, `LoRaFuotaSample`,
 (`LoRaSensorSample`).

Note1: `LoRaFuotaSample` does not support FPB-RA2E1 Fast Prototyping Board.

Note2: "Copy projects into workspace" option should NOT be selected.



3. Generate the source code regarding the FSP drivers and stacks. Double click **configuration.xml** on the **Project Explorer** window. Click **Generate Project Content** on the **FSP Configuration** window.
4. Click Build Icon  > click Debug Icon  > click  button twice.

3. Utility Tools Setup for Windows® 10

- **Renesas LPWA Studio (Windows GUI frontend for RadioEvalApp)**

Double-click the following windows installer:

(package install top folder)\samples\tools\RLPWASudio\setup.exe

Note: If you use this tool with Wireshark, additional setup is required.

For more detail, please refer to the following User's Manual:

Renesas LPWA Studio User's Manual (R30UZ0095)

- **Renesas LPWA Power Estimator (Windows Excel application program)**

Open the following spreadsheet:

(package install top folder)\samples\tools\RLPWAPowerEstimator\RLPWAPowerEstimator.xlsx

4. Resources Usage

4.1 Memory Resource Usage

Application	FPB-RA2E1				EK-RA2L1			
	Optimization: -O2		Optimization: -Os		Optimization: -O2		Optimization: -Os	
	ROM (KiB)	RAM (KiB)	ROM (KiB)	RAM (KiB)	ROM (KiB)	RAM (KiB)	ROM (KiB)	RAM (KiB)
Radio Driver Only *1	25.9	7.6	21.7	7.6	26.1	7.6	21.9	7.6
Ping-pong	27.7	7.7	23.4	7.7	28.0	7.7	23.6	7.7
RadioEvalApp	62.1	11.0	51.9	11.0	61.4	11.0	51.5	11.0
LoRaWAN MAC only *2	39.1	4.1	32.1	4.1	39.1	4.1	32.1	4.1
LoRaSample *3	98.7	11.6	81.0	11.6	99.0	11.6	81.2	11.6
LoRaFuotaSample*3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	130.9	19.6	109.4	19.6
LoRaSensorSample*3	104.1	11.8	85.2	11.8	103.4	11.8	85.0	11.8

Note 1: ROM/RAM sizes include the FSP and the lower layer's code required by Radio driver. An additional ROM(-O2: 3.3 KiB, -Os: 2.8 KiB) / RAM(-O2: 0.1 KiB, -Os: 0.1 KiB) are required when ARIB-STD-T108 compliant function is enabled by RP_USE_RADIO_CFG_CHECK macro.

Note 2: In case LoRaWAN V1.0.4, Class A/B/C and region EU868 are enabled.

Note 3: ROM/RAM sizes include LoRaWAN MAC, Radio Driver, FSP and the lower layer's code required by application.

4.2 Peripheral Resource Usage

Resources	Function	FPB-RA2E1	EK-RA2L1
Timer	Interval timer Capture&Comp	AGT0 AGT1	AGT0 AGT1
SX126x	CLK MISO MOSI ANTSW NSS DIO1 BUSY XTAL_SEL DEVICE_SEL FREQ_SEL NRESET	SCK0 (P102) MISO0 (P100) MOSI0 (P101) OUT (P403) OUT (P113) IRQ5 (P302) IN (P104) IN (P003) IN (P002) IN (P001) OUT (P000)	SCK0 (P102) MISO0 (P100) MOSI0 (P101) OUT (P109) OUT (P113) IRQ4 (P111) IN (P400) IN (P003) IN (P002) IN (P001) OUT (P000)
UART	Tx Rx	TxD9 (P109) PMOD2 RxD9 (P110) PMOD2	TxD9 (P203) PMOD2 RxD9 (P202) PMOD2
I ² C (optional) for sensor	SCL SDA	SCL0 (P400) PMOD1 SDA0 (P401) PMOD1	SCL2 (P301) PMOD1 SDA2 (P302) PMOD1

Note 1: Interrupt level: UART(0) > SPI(1) > SX126x(2), Timer(2) > I2C(3), FLASH(3).

Note 2: AES engine of RA2E1 and RA2L1 is used for LoRaWAN MAC.

Revision History

Rev.	Date	Description	
		Page	Summary
4.00	Aug.29.22	—	First version
4.10	Nov.29.22	4	Added detailed build instructions.
		4	Update Memory Resource Usage
4.20	Mar.31.23	All	Supports EK-RA2L1

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Semiconductor devices must be stored and transported in an anti-static container, static shielding bag or conductive material. All test and measurement tools including work benches and floors must be grounded. The operator must also be grounded using a wrist strap. Semiconductor devices must not be touched with bare hands. Similar precautions must be taken for printed circuit boards with mounted semiconductor devices.

2. Processing at power-on

The state of the product is undefined at the time when power is supplied. The states of internal circuits in the LSI are indeterminate and the states of register settings and pins are undefined at the time when power is supplied. In a finished product where the reset signal is applied to the external reset pin, the states of pins are not guaranteed from the time when power is supplied until the reset process is completed. In a similar way, the states of pins in a product that is reset by an on-chip power-on reset function are not guaranteed from the time when power is supplied until the power reaches the level at which resetting is specified.

3. Input of signal during power-off state

Do not input signals or an I/O pull-up power supply while the device is powered off. The current injection that results from input of such a signal or I/O pull-up power supply may cause malfunction and the abnormal current that passes in the device at this time may cause degradation of internal elements. Follow the guideline for input signal during power-off state as described in your product documentation.

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Handle unused pins in accordance with the directions given under handling of unused pins in the manual. The input pins of CMOS products are generally in the high-impedance state. In operation with an unused pin in the open-circuit state, extra electromagnetic noise is induced in the vicinity of the LSI, an associated shoot-through current flows internally, and malfunctions occur due to the false recognition of the pin state as an input signal become possible.

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