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- Reorient the receiving antenna.
- Increase the distance between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that which the receiver is connected.
- Power down the equipment when not in use.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Note: It is recommended that wherever possible shielded interface cables are used.

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- The user is advised that mobile phones should not be used within 10 m of the product when in use.
- The user is advised to take ESD precautions when handling the equipment.

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1. Introduction

This Quick Start Guide (QSG) provides:

- An overview of the RYZ014A_PMOD example project for the RSK-RX671 board.
- Instructions for running the RYZ014A_PMOD example project on the RSK-RX671 board.
- Instructions for flashing the RYZ014A_PMOD example project code using Renesas Flash Programmer.

1.1 Assumptions and Advisory Notes

1. Tool experience: It is assumed that the user has prior experience working terminal emulation programs such as TeraTerm.
2. Subject knowledge: It is assumed that the user has basic knowledge about microcontrollers, embedded systems, LTE communication and AT commands.
3. The screen shots provided throughout this document are for reference. The actual screen content may differ depending on the version of software and development tools used.

2. Kit Contents

The following components are included in the kit:

1. RYZ014A PMOD module with antenna
2. RSK-RX671 board (Not part of the kit)
3. E2 Lite Debugger
4. Power supply
5. 2x USB device cable (type-A male to mini-B male)
6. MicroAI SIM card

3. RSK-RX671 Kit Setup

First, disconnect the USB power to the board. The RYZ014A_PMOD board should be connected to PMOD1 with the antenna attached (Figure 1). The included SIM card can be inserted in the card slot on the underside of the RYZ014A_PMOD board. You may now reconnect the USB power cable.

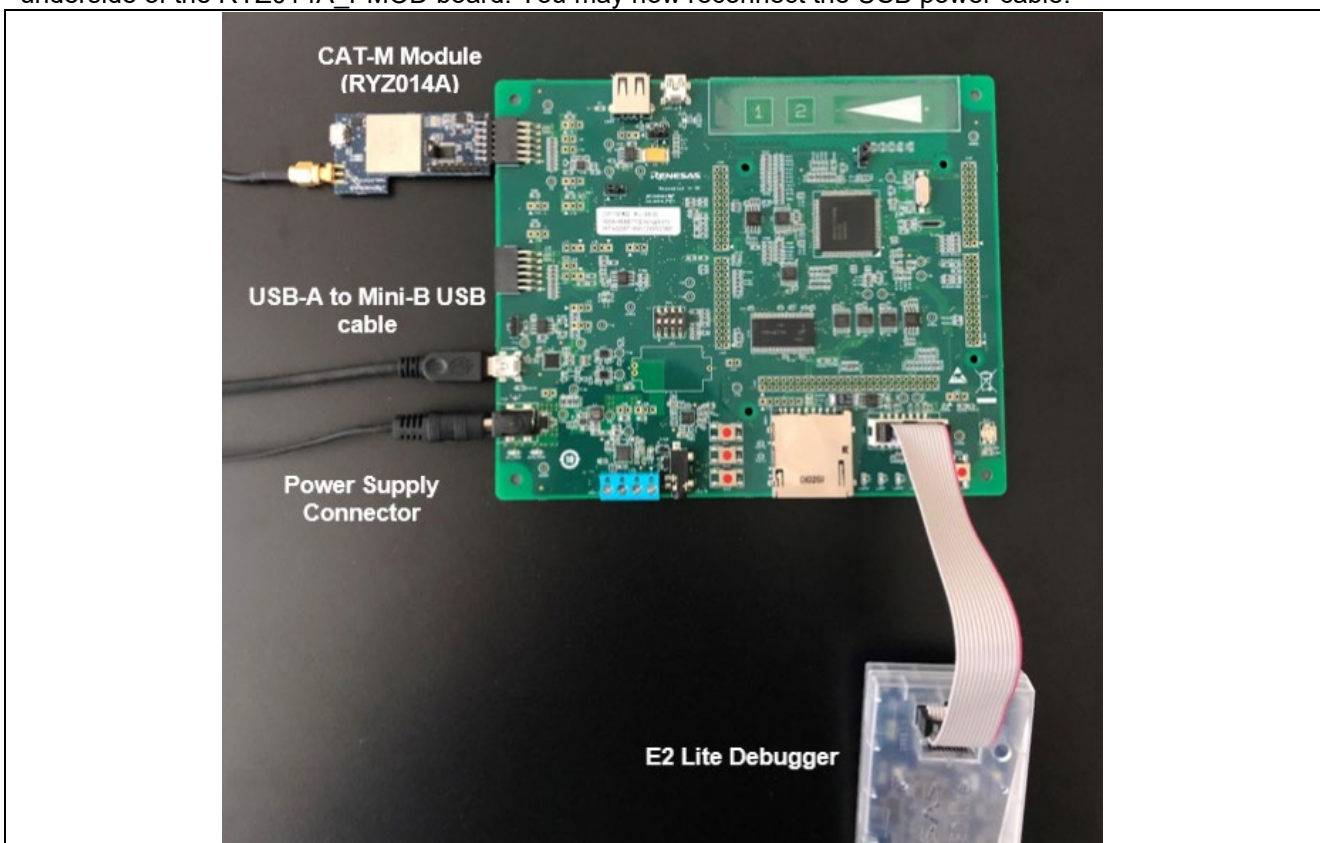


Figure 1. RSK-RX671 Setup with RYZ014A_PMOD Board Connected

4. Overview of the RYZ014A_PMOD Example Project

The RYZ014A_PMOD example project allows the user to activate, enable and test the RYZ014A_PMOD board and SIM card connectivity through a terminal menu.

When the RSK-RX671 board is running the RYZ014A_PMOD example project and is connected to a host PC via the serial port, the kit and RYZ014A_PMOD information can be viewed, and the included SIM card activation can be validated.

5. Running the RYZ014A_PMOD Example Project

This section lists the requirements and instructions to power up the RSK-RX671 board, flash the RSK-RX671 board and run the RYZ014A_PMOD example project.

Hardware Requirements

- RSK-RX671 board
- 1 Mini-B USB device cable
- A PC with at least one USB port
- RYZ014A_PMOD board

Software Requirements

- Windows® 10 operating system
- TeraTerm (or similar) terminal console application
- Renesas Flash Programmer V3.08.01 or later
- RYZ014A_PMOD example project .hex file

5.1 Flashing the Example Program on the RSK-RX671 Board

1. Connect the mini-B connector of the USB device cable to the USB mini-B port (**G1CUSB0**) of the RSK-RX671 board. Next, connect the USB-A end of the device cable to the host PC.
2. Connect the E2 Ribbon cable between the E2 Lite Debugger and the RX671 board. Connect the Mini-B end of the USB device cable to the E2 Lite Debugger and the Type-A end to the host PC.
3. Connect the power cable from the AC adapter to the power jack on the RSK-RX671 board (**PWR**).
4. Open Renesas Flash Programmer and create a new project by using the **File** menu and selecting **New Project**.
5. In the Create a New Project window, Select the **RX67x** from the Microcontroller drop-down. Next, enter a desired project name and select **E2 emulator Lite** for the communication tool. Click Connect.

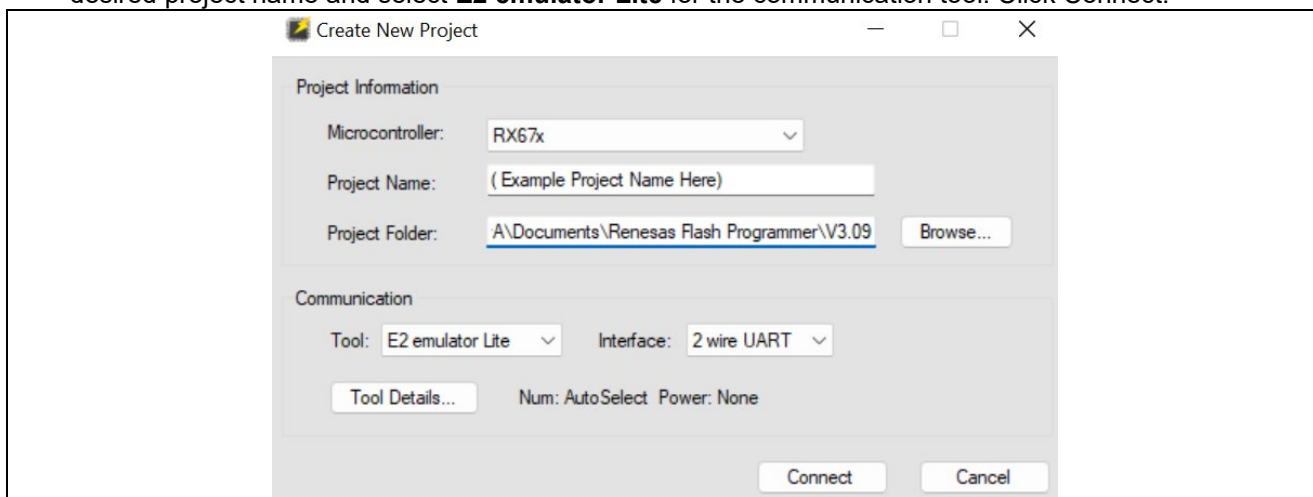


Figure 2. Creating a New Project on Renesas Flash Programmer

6. An authentication window should appear. Enable Auto Authentication and click OK.
7. Verify the message **Operation Complete** is printed in the main window. Under Program File, click Browse to choose to the program file that will be flashed onto the board (Figure 3). Using the file explorer window, navigate to the example project's **rx671_catm.hex** file and click Open.

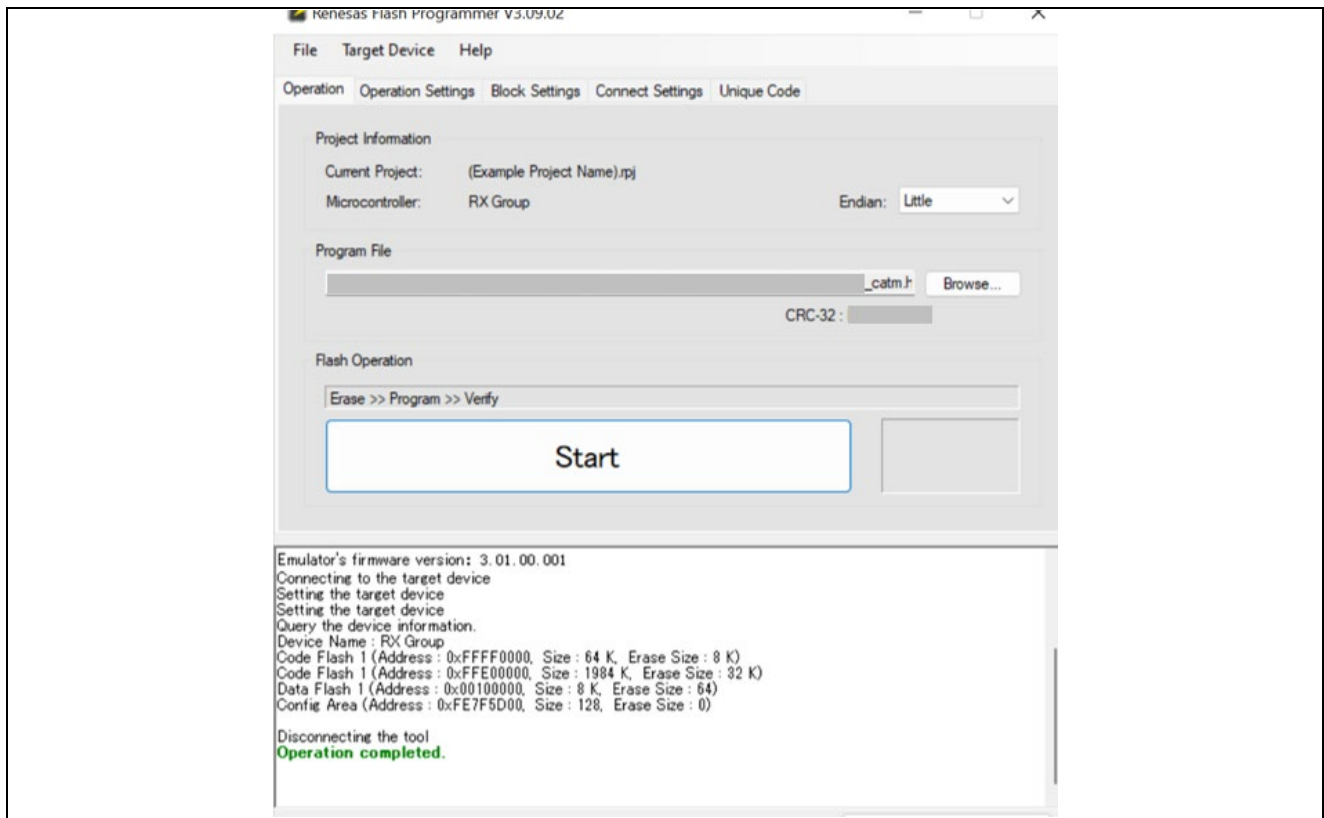


Figure 3. The Main Window of Renesas Flash Programmer After Creating a New Project

8. Click **Start** to begin flashing the example project code onto the board. Once completed, the message **Operation Complete** should be printed and the status **OK** should be displayed next to the start button.
9. Disconnect the power cable from the RSK-RX671 board.
10. Disconnect the E2 Emulator Lite ribbon cable from the E2Lite port of the RSK-RX671 board.

5.2 Connecting and Powering Up the RX671 Board

1. Connect the RYZ014A_PMOD to PMOD1 connector labeled on the board.
2. Connect the Mini-B connector end of the USB device cable to the USB Mini-B port (**G1CUSB0**) of the RSK-RX671 board.
3. Connect the other end of this cable to the USB port of the host PC.
4. Connect the power cable to the RSK-RX671 power jack (**PWR**). 5V_PWR and 3V3_PWR LEDs should be turned on.



Figure 4. Connections for the RX671 Board After Flashing

5.3 Running the RX671 Example Project

To run the RYZ014A_PMOD example project, use the following instructions:

1. On the host PC, open Windows Device Manager. Expand **Ports (COM & LPT)**, locate **USB Serial Device (COMxx)** and note down the COM port number for reference in the next step.

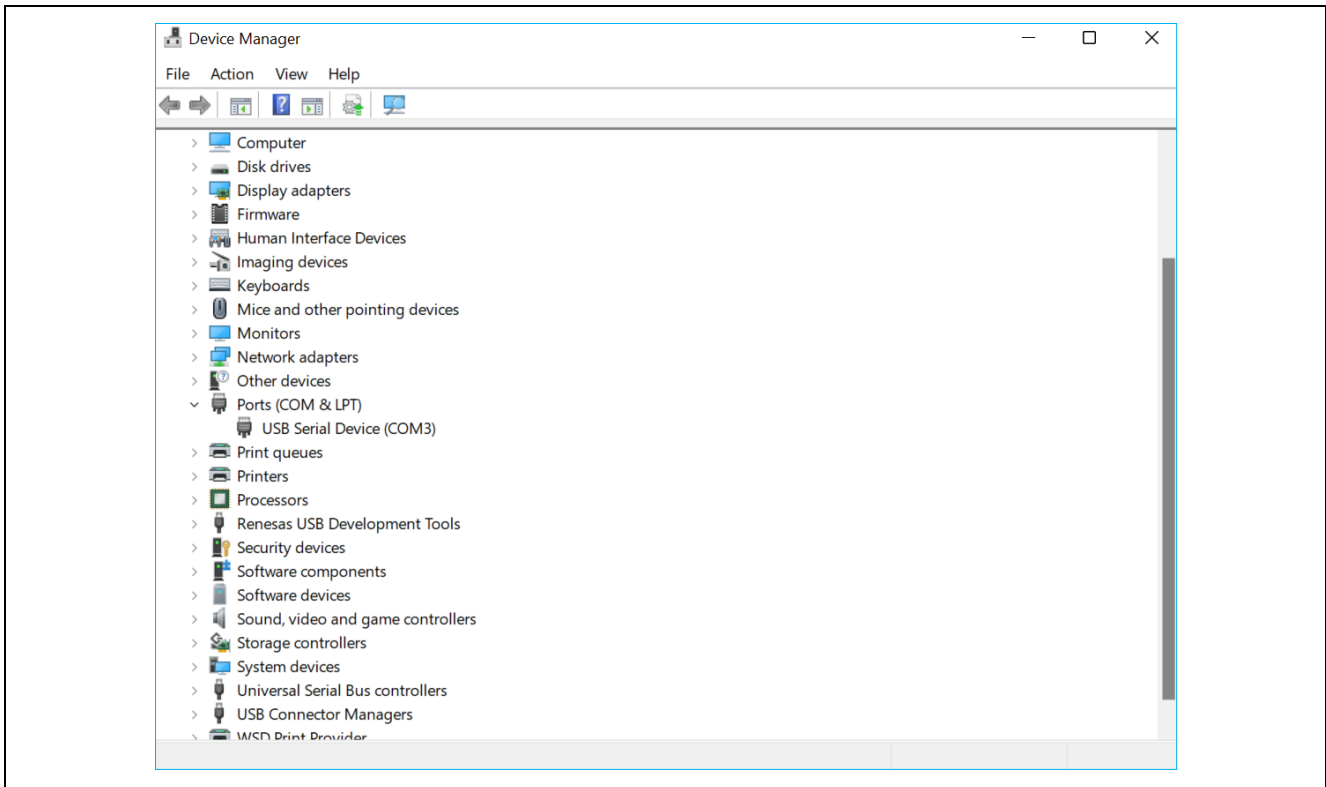


Figure 5. USB Serial Device in Windows Device Manager

2. Open Tera Term, select **Serial** and **COMxx: USB Serial Device (COMxx)** and click **OK**.

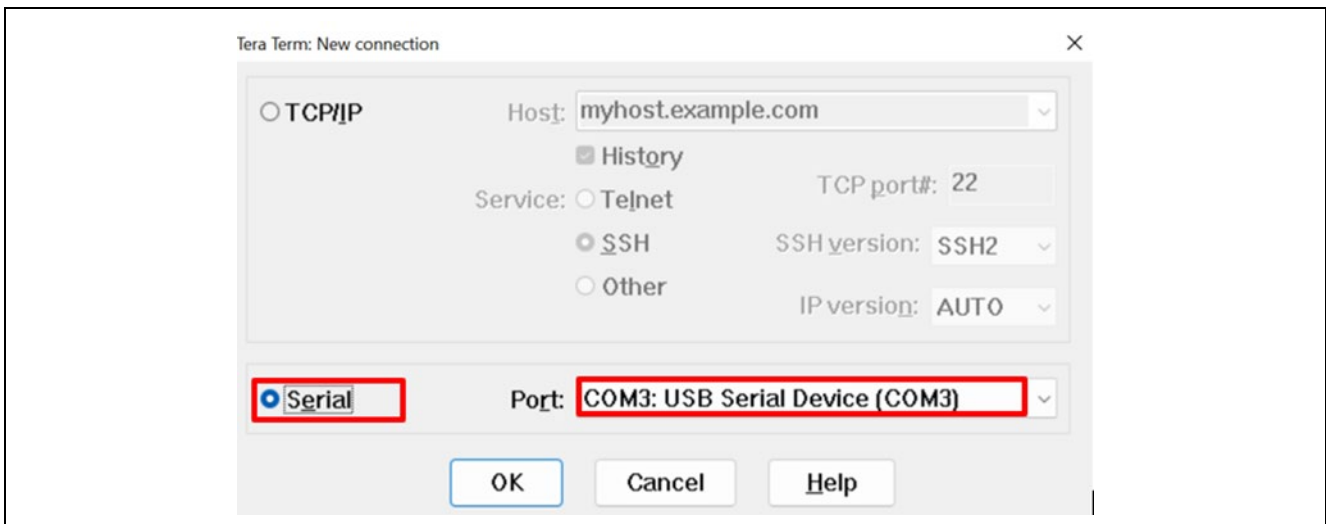


Figure 6. Selecting the Serial Port on Tera Term

- Using the **Setup** menu pull-down, select **Serial port...** and ensure that the speed is set to 115200, as shown below.

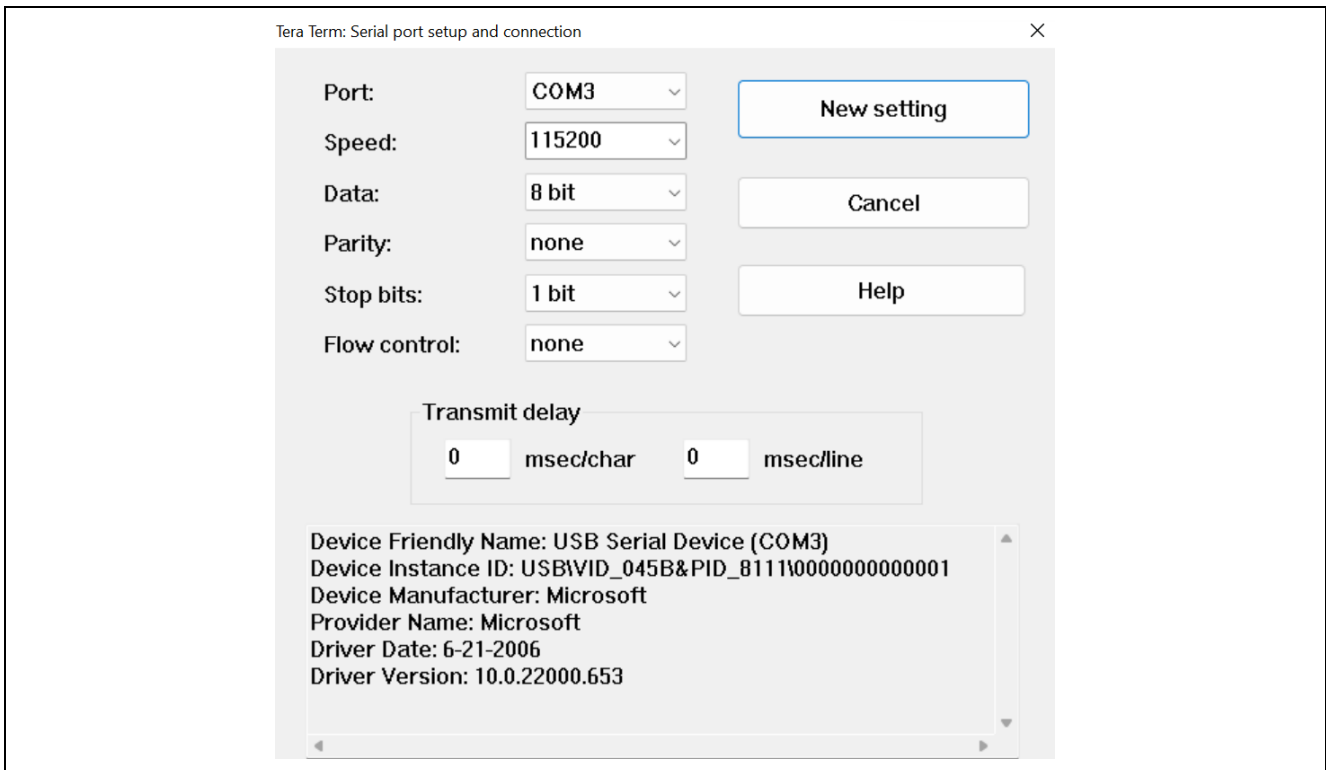


Figure 7. Selecting 115200 on the Speed Pulldown

- Complete the connection. The 'welcome and main menu' screen will be displayed.

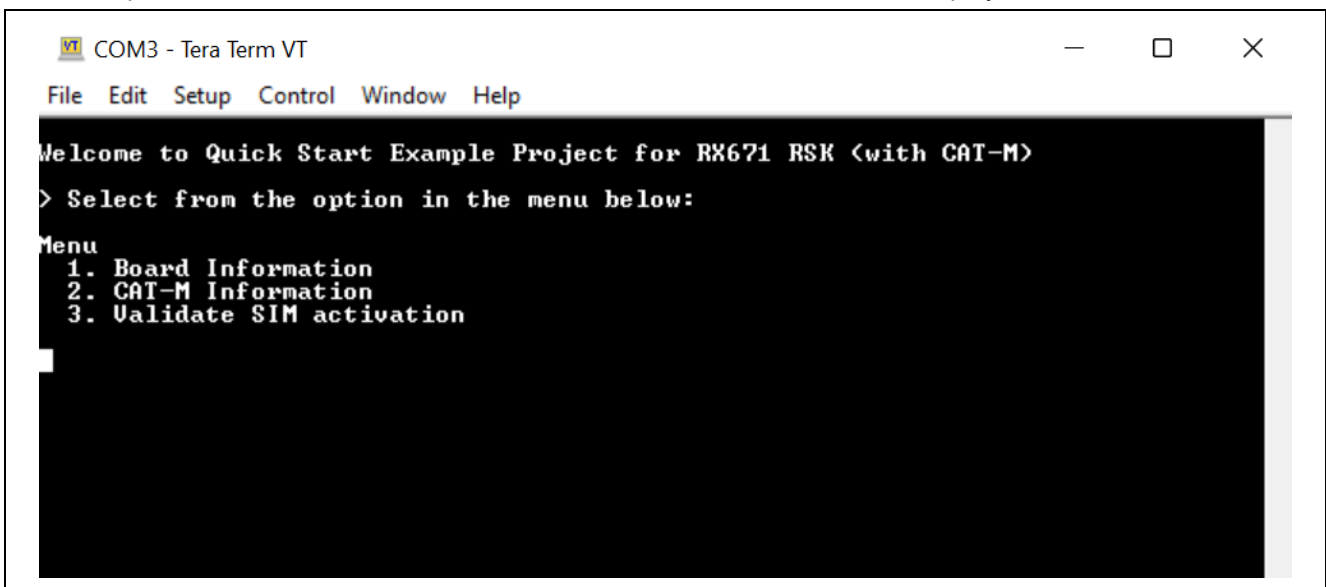
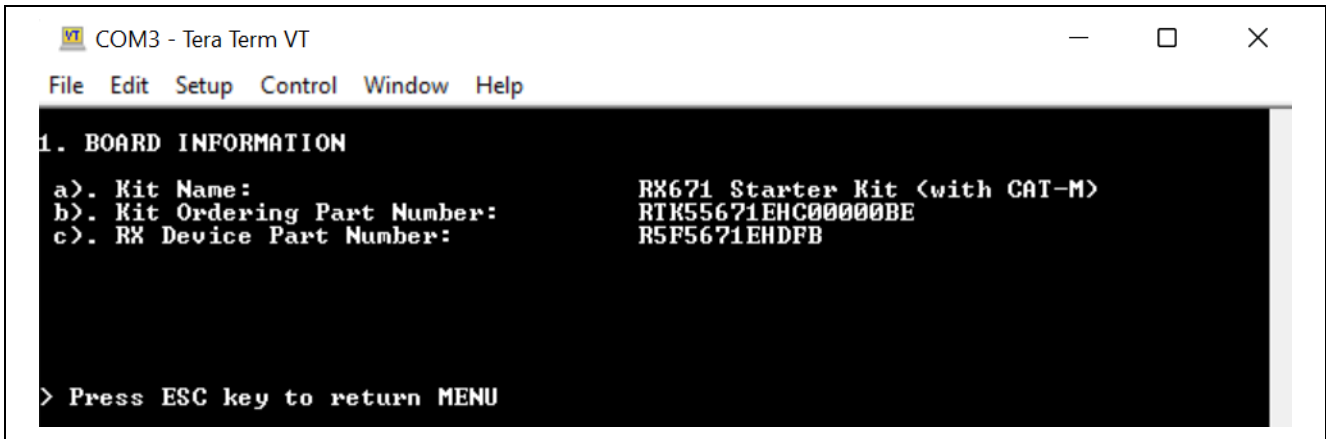


Figure 8. Welcome and Main Menu

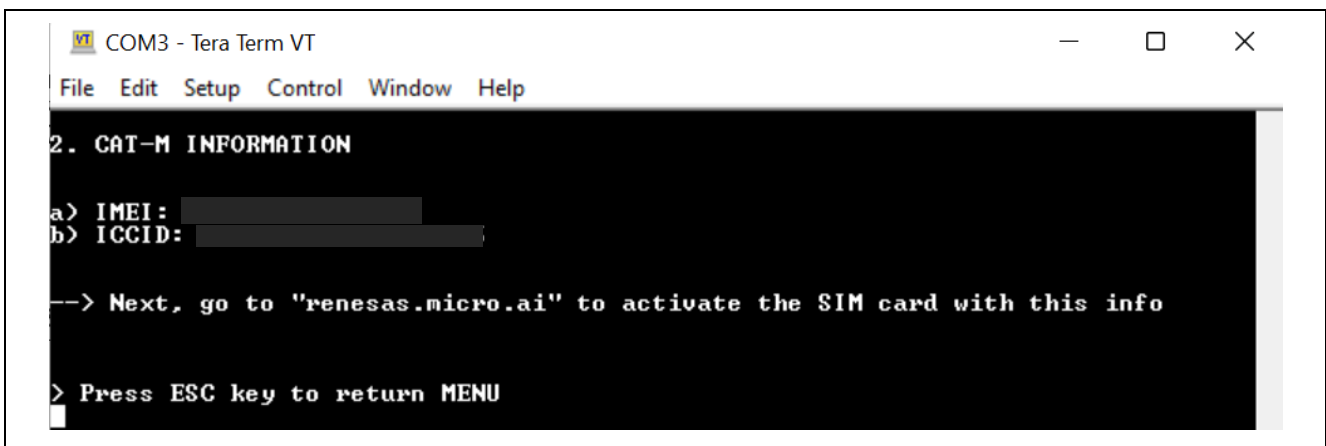
- Press **1** to display the **Kit Information** including the kit name, part number.



```
COM3 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
1. BOARD INFORMATION
a). Kit Name:                RX671 Starter Kit (with CAT-M)
b). Kit Ordering Part Number: RTK55671EHC00000BE
c). RX Device Part Number:   R5P5671EHDFB
> Press ESC key to return MENU
```

Figure 9. Kit Information

- Press **ESC** to return to the 'welcome and main menu' screen.
- Press **2** to display **CAT-M Information**. This menu will initialize and begin communication with the CAT-M module to obtain the IMEI and ICCID values needed for activating the SIM card. Upon success, the IMEI and ICCID values will be displayed on the terminal screen. The program will continue to attempt to communicate with the RYZ014A_PMOD board until it has successfully connected or timed out. After obtaining the IMEI and ICCID values, go to MicroAI Launchpad to activate the SIM card (see section **Activating the SIM Card on Launchpad**)



```
COM3 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
2. CAT-M INFORMATION
a) IMEI: ██████████
b) ICCID: ██████████
--> Next, go to "renesas.micro.ai" to activate the SIM card with this info
> Press ESC key to return MENU
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Figure 10. RYZ014A_PMOD Information

- Press **ESC** to return to the 'welcome and main menu' screen.
- Press **3** to enter the **Validate SIM Activation** screen. The program will attempt to ping the Quad9 server for a response to determine whether the SIM card has been activated. Upon success, the text "*** SIM card active! ***" will be displayed on the terminal screen.



Figure 11. Validating SIM Activation

10. Press **ESC** to return to the 'welcome and main menu' screen.

6. Activating the SIM Card on Launchpad

To register the RSK-RX671 kit and activate the included SIM card, please visit the MicroAI Launchpad platform at <https://launchpad.micro.ai/auth/login> and use the following steps:

1. Create a Launchpad account by registering on the sign-up page and verifying the account through the verification email sent after registration.
2. Login to the new Launchpad account and click on the **Create Device Profile** tile. Make sure **Renesas RSK-RX671** is selected for the Device Type and **CAT-M (RYZ014A-PMOD)** for the Connectivity Type. Fill other fields as desired then click Next.

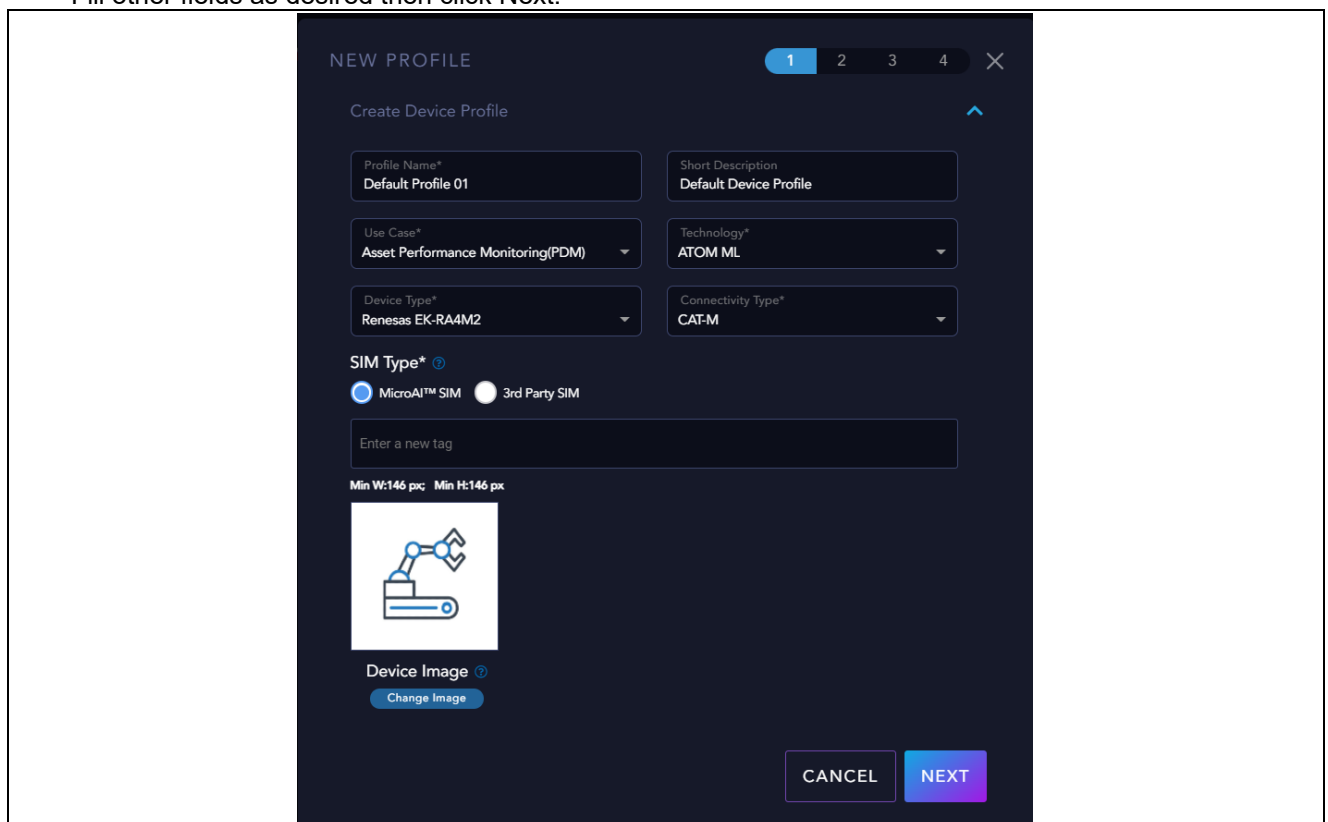
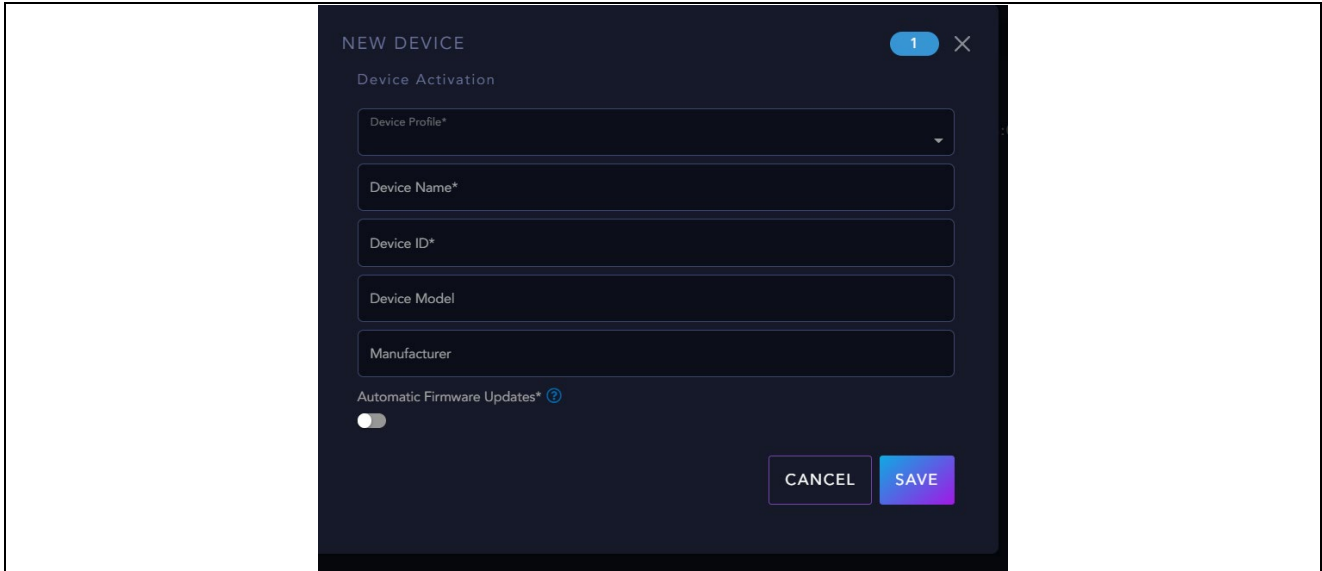


Figure 12. Creating a Device Profile on Launchpad

3. On Data Schema, click Next.
4. On Select a Plan, apply any valid promo codes if applicable and click Next.
 - a. The RYZ014A_PMOD kit comes with a prepaid SIM Card which is free to user for 30 days from activation and 50MB of data.

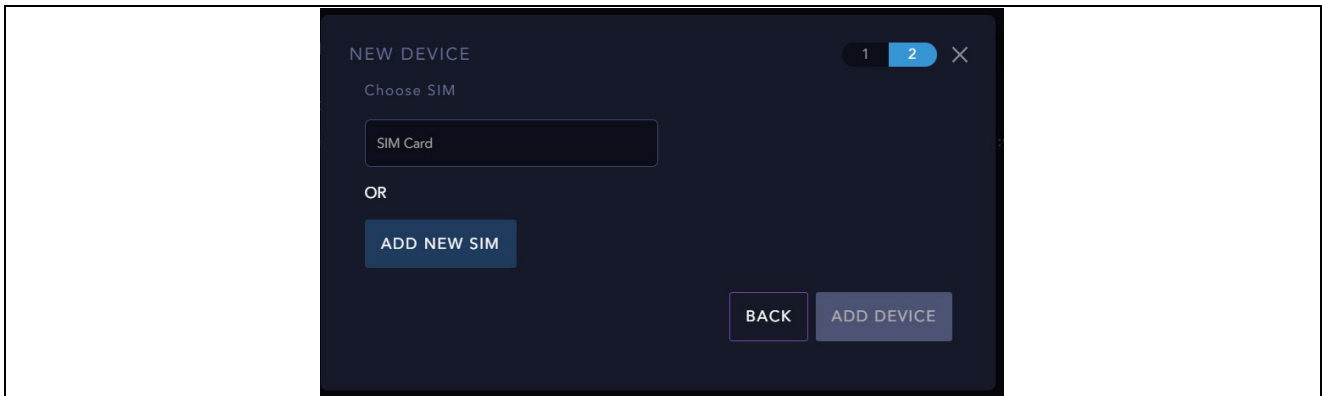
5. Provide a Payment Method and accept the terms and conditions. Click Finish.
6. Next, a link is provided to download the latest firmware.
7. Navigate back to the home screen (click on “Launchpad” at the top of the left panel) and click the **Add Device** button on the right to begin registering the **RSK-RX671** kit and SIM card.
8. Select the device profile created from the **Device Profile** drop-down. Enter a **Device Name**. For the **Device ID**, enter the **IMEI** value obtained as seen in Figure 10. RYZ014A_PMOD Information. Fill other fields as needed.



The screenshot shows a dark-themed mobile application interface titled "NEW DEVICE" with a close button (X) and a step indicator "1". Below the title is the section "Device Activation". It contains several input fields: "Device Profile*" (a dropdown menu), "Device Name*" (a text field), "Device ID*" (a text field), "Device Model" (a text field), and "Manufacturer" (a text field). At the bottom of this section is a toggle switch for "Automatic Firmware Updates*" which is currently turned off. At the very bottom of the screen are two buttons: "CANCEL" and "SAVE".

Figure 13. Adding a new device on MicroAI Launchpad

9. Click Next and click **Add New SIM**.



The screenshot shows the same "NEW DEVICE" screen, but now at step "2" of the process. The title is "NEW DEVICE" and the step indicator is "2". Below the title is the section "Choose SIM". It contains a "SIM Card" input field. Below this is the text "OR" and a blue button labeled "ADD NEW SIM". At the bottom of the screen are two buttons: "BACK" and "ADD DEVICE".

Figure 14. Activating the SIM card on Launchpad

10. Enter the **ICCID (or EID)** value for the **SIM EID** field, select the **Region/Country** and click Save SIM. Note: the **ICCID** value is found in Figure 10. RYZ014A_PMOD Information. Alternately, the EID is supplied with the SIM card documentation.

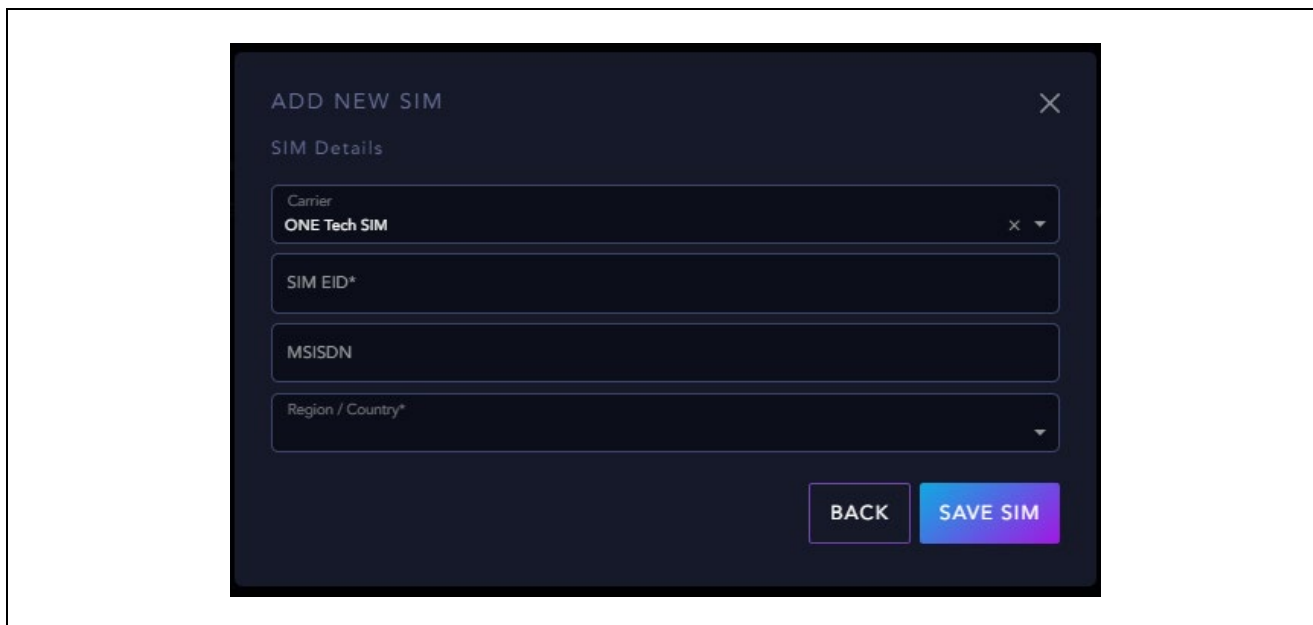


Figure 15. Adding a new SIM card on MicroAI Launchpad

11. Finish the device registration. The **RSK-RX671** board and SIM card should be activated on the Launchpad platform and can be validated on the Tera Term terminal as shown in Figure 11.

7. Troubleshooting

This section includes a common set of issues and how to resolve them.

7.1 Hardware Setup

A first step for any general issue is always to verify the proper connections are made. Refer to [Figure 1](#).

- Power cable is plugged into the power jack of the RX671 board.
- CAT-M antenna cable plugged into PMOD CAT-M module.
- CAT-M module connected to PMOD1 port of the RX671 board.
- Mini-B USB device cable is connected to the serial port (**G1CUSB0**) of the RX671 board. The Type-A end of the device cable is connected to the host PC.
- E2 Lite Debugger is disconnected when trying to run the code. Refer to **Figure 4**.
- Check to see that the SIM card is fully inserted in SIM slot (on the underside of PMOD RYZ014A_PMOD module)

7.2 Illegible/No Terminal Output (Tera Term)

This could be caused by the setup of the terminal connection and/or having the E2 Lite Debugger connected after flashing the example code. To fix this, use the following instructions:

- Open TeraTerm and on the file menu, go to **Setup > Serial port...** Please make sure the following settings in the setup of the serial connection are set up as such:
 - Speed: 115200
 - Data: 8 bit
 - Parity: None
 - Stop bits: 1 bit

- Flow Control: None
- Make sure the E2 Lite Debugger ribbon cable is disconnected from the board if the hex file has been flashed onto the board already. Otherwise, follow the same steps in section [Flashing the Example Program on the RSK-RX671 Board](#).

7.3 SIM Card Activation problem

- If the SIM activation fails, verify that the IMEI and ICCID numbers are correctly entered when registering the device on Launchpad
- SIM cards cannot be activated more than once. If a SIM card has been activated, the SIM card activation will fail when trying to add a new SIM (see Figure 14). To verify whether the SIM card has already been activated, please contact MicroAI support through <https://renesas.micro.ai> by logging into your account and clicking on Contact Support in the dropdown menu or at the bottom of the home page.

7.4 Unable to Read RYZ014A Board Information

If there is a failure to read the RYZ014A_PMOD board/SIM information (IMEI and ICCID), check to confirm the included SIM card is fully inserted in the SIM card slot on the underside of the RYZ014A_PMOD board.

8. Next Steps

1. RYZ014A PMOD Module landing page
<https://www.renesas.com/us/en/products/interface-connectivity/wireless-communications/cellular-iot-modules/rkyz014a0b00000be-pmod-expansion-board-ryz014a#document>
2. RYZ014A Module Landing Page
<https://www.renesas.com/us/en/products/interface-connectivity/wireless-communications/cellular-iot-modules/ryz014a-lte-cat-m1-cellular-iot-module>
3. RSK-RX671 landing page
<https://www.renesas.com/us/en/products/microcontrollers-microprocessors/rx-32-bit-performance-efficiency-mcus/rx671-32-bit-microcontrollers-fast-real-time-control-and-contactless-hmi>

9. Website and Support

Visit the following URLs to learn about the kit and the RX family of microcontrollers, download tools and documentation, and get support.

RSK-RX671 Resources	renesas.com/rx/rsk-rx671
RX Product Information	renesas.com/rx
RX Product Support Forum	renesasrulz.com/mcu-mpu/rx
Renesas Support	renesas.com/support

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