RX Family

Dual Mode Usage Guide

Introduction

This application note provides an overview of dual mode and describes the preparation, debugging method, and how to write a program by using Renesas Flash Programmer (RFP hereafter). The descriptions are mainly based on examples of 2-MB products of the RX671 Group.

For 2-MB products of the RX671 Group in the default shipment state, the address range for bank 0 is from FFF0 0000h to FFFF FFFFh, and for bank 1 is from FFE0 0000h to FFEF FFFFh. Interpret the addresses in this document according to your MCU.

Target Devices

RX26T Group

RX651 Group

RX65N Group

RX66N Group

RX671 Group

RX72M Group

RX72N Group

When applying this application note to another MCU, make modifications according to the specifications of that MCU, and then perform careful evaluation.

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1. Overview

1.1 Overview of Dual Mode

The bank mode switching function allows you to choose from two options: linear mode or dual mode. In dual mode, the user area in code flash memory is handled as two bank areas.

The startup bank selection function selects the bank area in which the program starts, thus providing a safe method of updating the program when a rewrite operation is suspended because of, for example, a reset. Figure 1.1 Example of Allocated Addresses When Switching the Startup Bank shows write addresses when the startup bank is switched in dual mode.

By resetting the MCU after setting the BANKSEL.BANKSWP[2:0] bits in the option-setting memory, the addresses are switched between bank 1 and bank 0, and then the program located at addresses FFF0 0000h to FFFF FFFFh is run. If the addresses are switched by selecting the startup bank, the addresses at which FACI commands can be issued are also replaced. For example, if the BANKSEL.BANKSWP[2:0] bits are set to 000b, the address range of the bank 0 area subject to processing by FACI commands is from FFE0 0000h to FFEF FFFFh. The startup bank selection function is disabled when linear mode is selected.
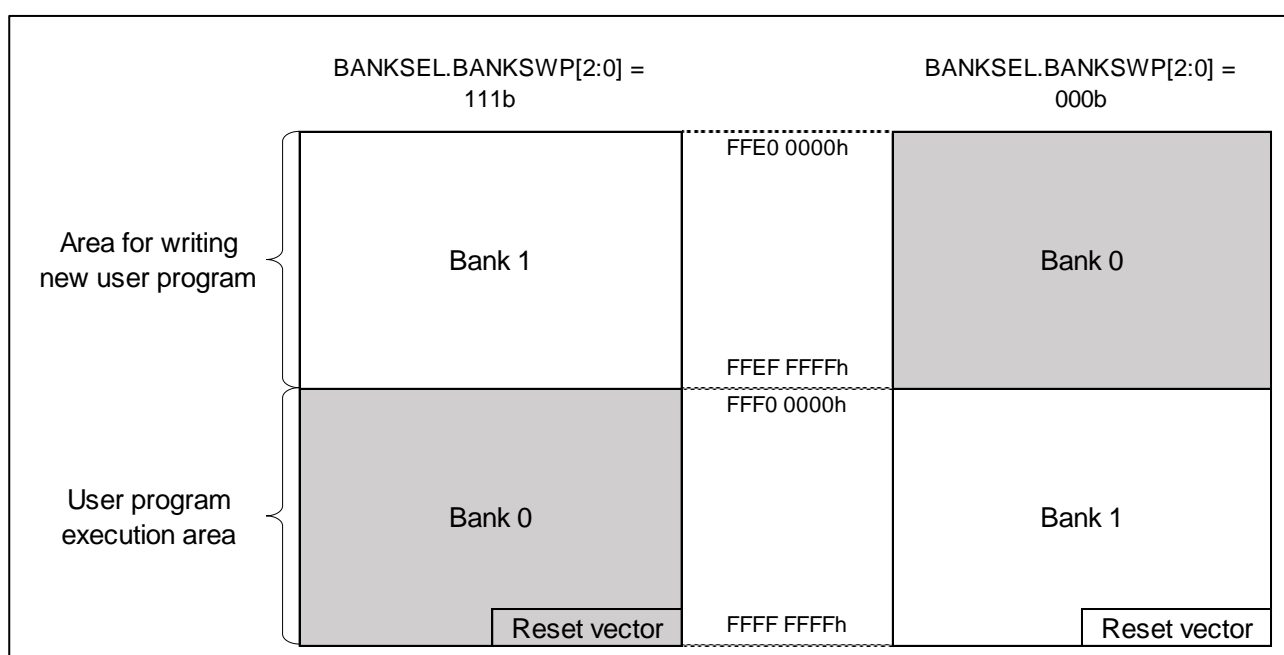

Figure 1.1 Example of Allocated Addresses When Switching the Startup Bank

1.2 Updating Firmware

This section describes the firmware update operation using the dual bank function.

The dual bank function ensures that firmware is updated safely when a rewrite operation is suspended because of, for example, a reset. Note, however, that the capacity of usable code flash memory is halved.

Figure 1.2 provides Overview of Firmware Update Operation.
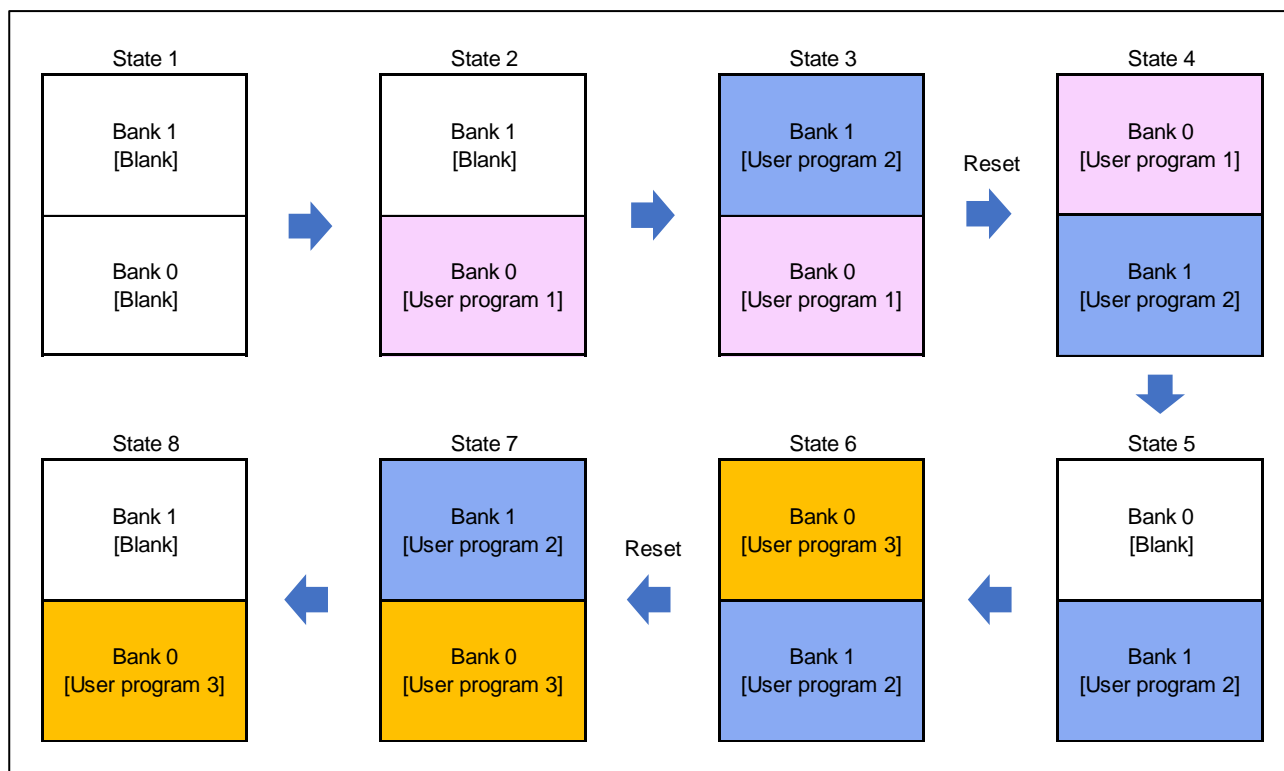
Figure 1.2   Overview of Firmware Update Operation

(1) State 1 is the state of the MCU at shipment. Writing user program 1 to bank 0 by using a flash writer or a similar tool causes a transition to state 2.

(2) After developing user program 2, writing user program 2 to bank 1 by using the flash rewrite program in bank 0 in state 2 causes a transition to state 3.[*1]

(3) Resetting the MCU after switching the BANKSWP[2:0] bits by using the flash rewrite program causes a transition to state 4. (Switching the BANKSWP[2:0] bits must be performed in the RAM.)

(4) In state 4, user program 2 in bank 1 is run. At this time, erasing user program 1 from bank 0 causes a transition to state 5.

(5) After developing a new user program, repeat the same steps. Interpret state 8 as state 2.

Note: 1. If rewrite fails because of an unexpected power outage or reset, BANKSWP[2:0] bits are not switched and user program 1 in bank 0 will operate after a reset. Erase the entire area of bank 1, and then perform step (2) again.

2. Preparation

2.1 If Bank Positions Are Unclear

If the address positions of banks 0 and 1 are not clear, you can identify the addresses by reading the values in the option-setting memory by using RFP. Another solution is to erase the option-setting memory and entire flash memory to return them to the shipment state. For details about how to read values in the option-setting memory, see section 2.1.1, Reading the Option-Setting Memory. For details about how to erase the option-setting memory and flash memory, see section 2.1.2, Returning the MCU to the Shipment State.

Note that RFP identifies an MCU differently according to whether the MCU is in dual mode or linear mode. Therefore, connecting a project whose bank mode differs from that of the MCU causes an error. When creating a new project, we recommend you add a string such as "_dual" or "_linear" to the project name according to the bank mode of the MCU to be connected. When connecting the project to the MCU for the first time, the bank mode information of the MCU is saved in the project.
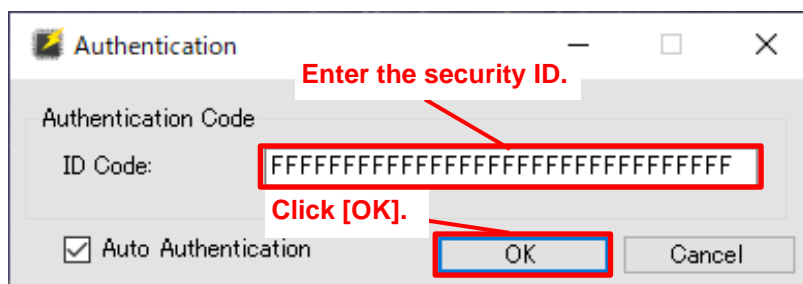
2.1.1 Reading the Option-Setting Memory

(1) Start RFP.

(2) Click the [File] tab.
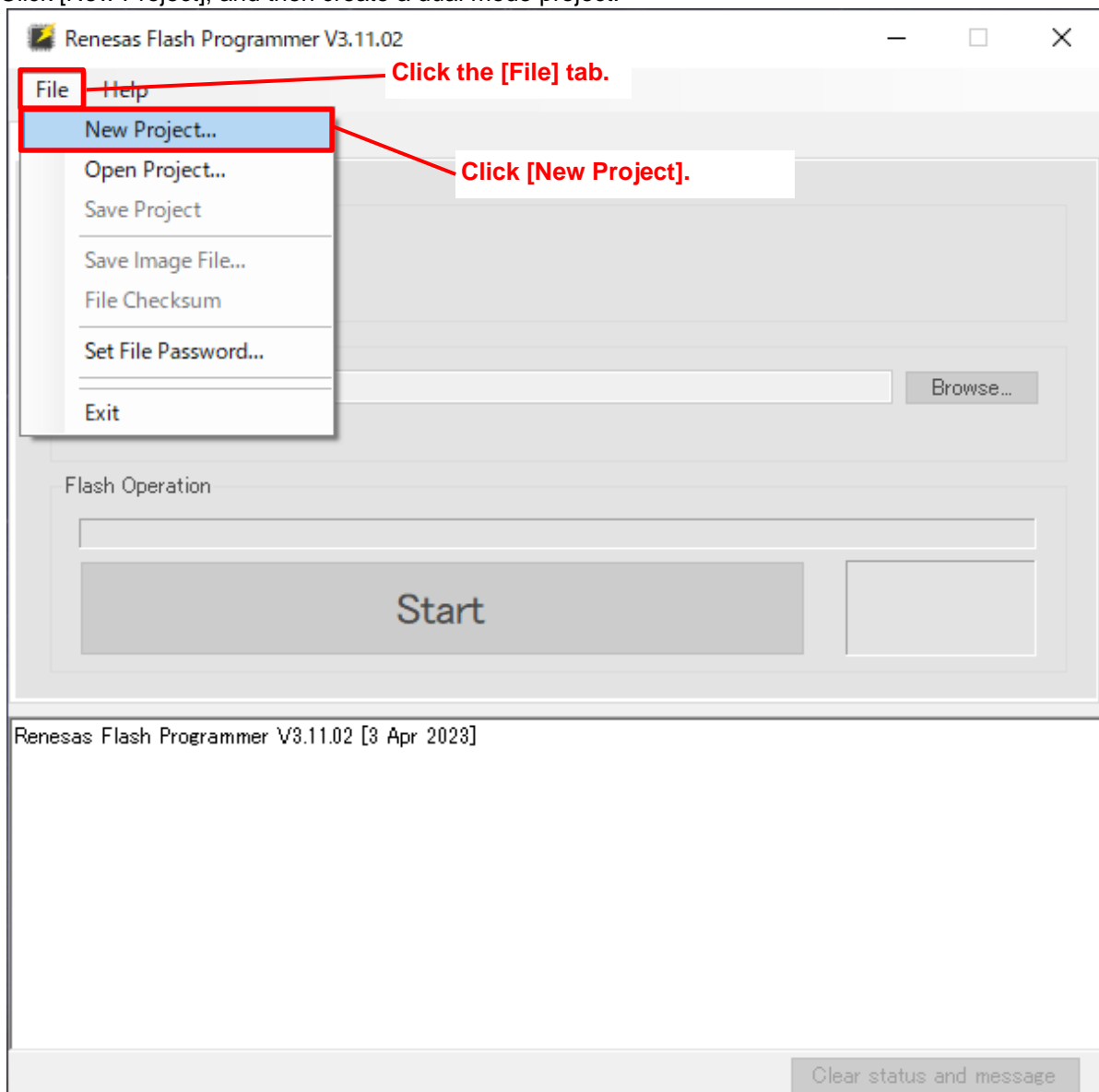
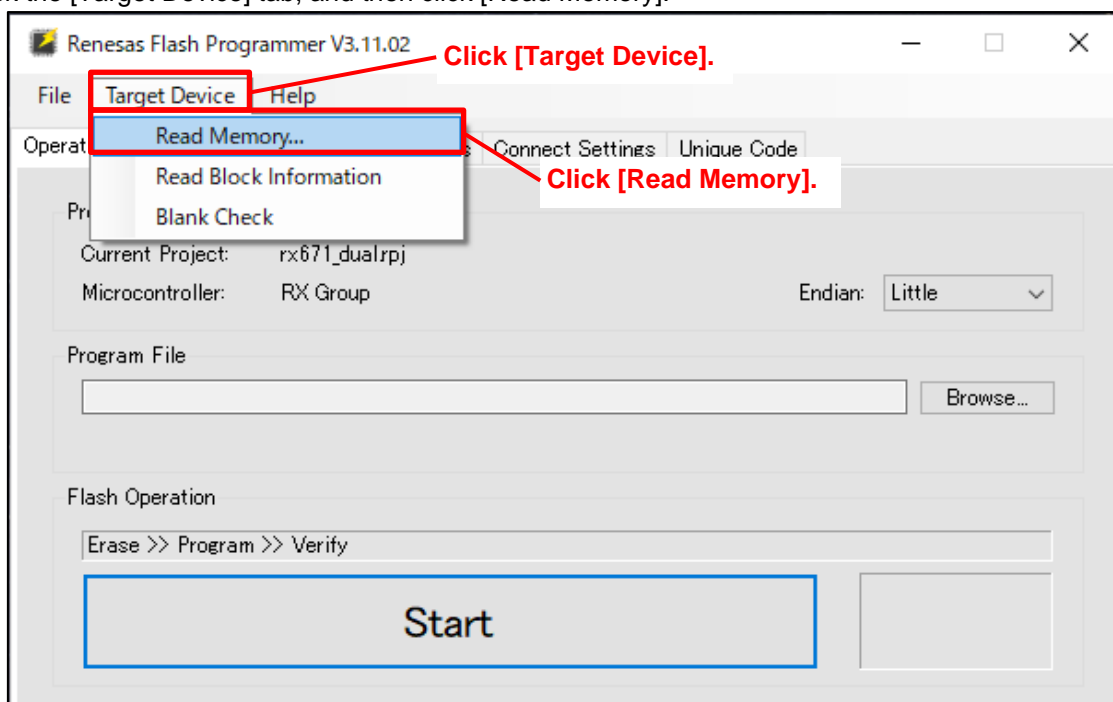(3) Click [New Project], and then create a dual mode project.

(4) Enter any project name in the [Project Name:] text box.
(5) Change other settings according to the system.
(6) Click [Connect].
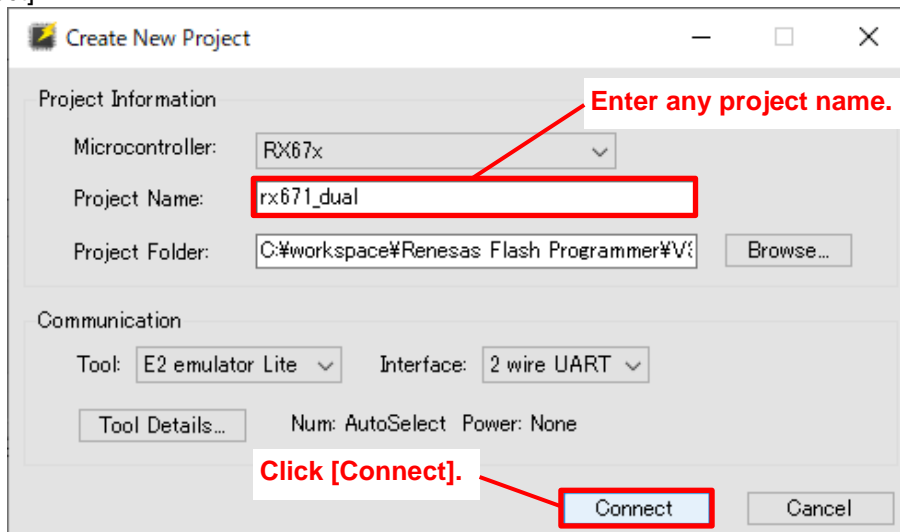
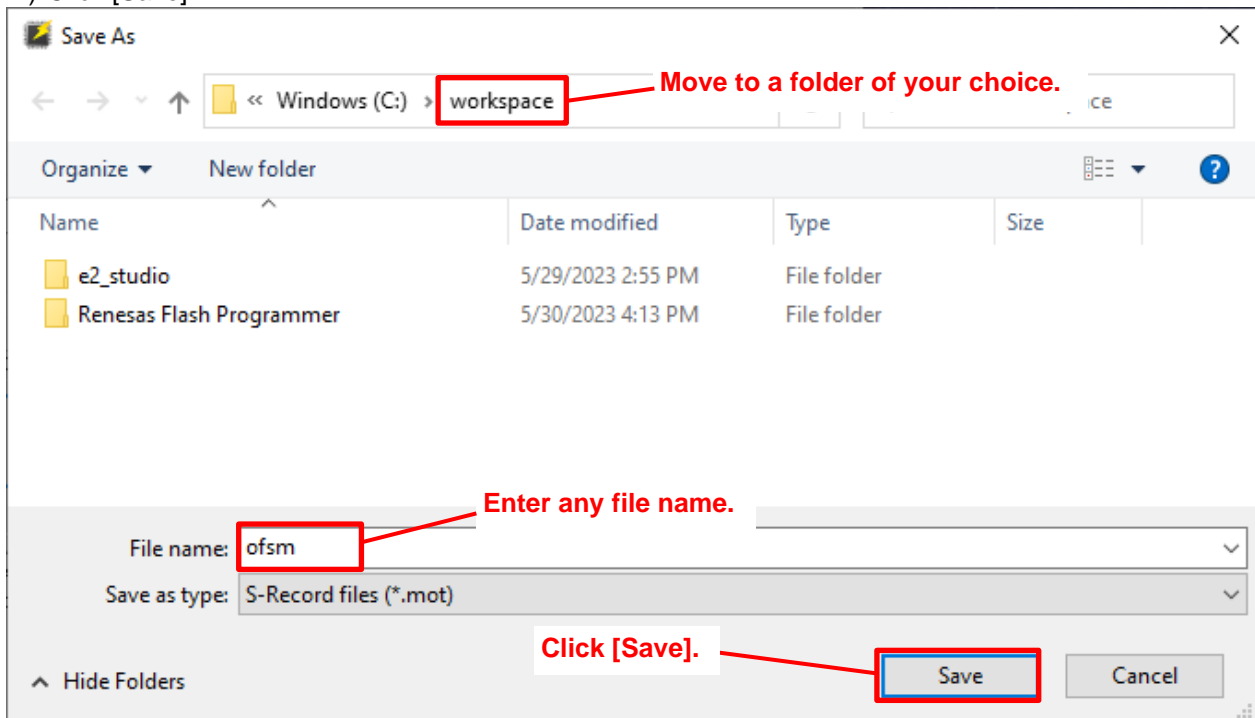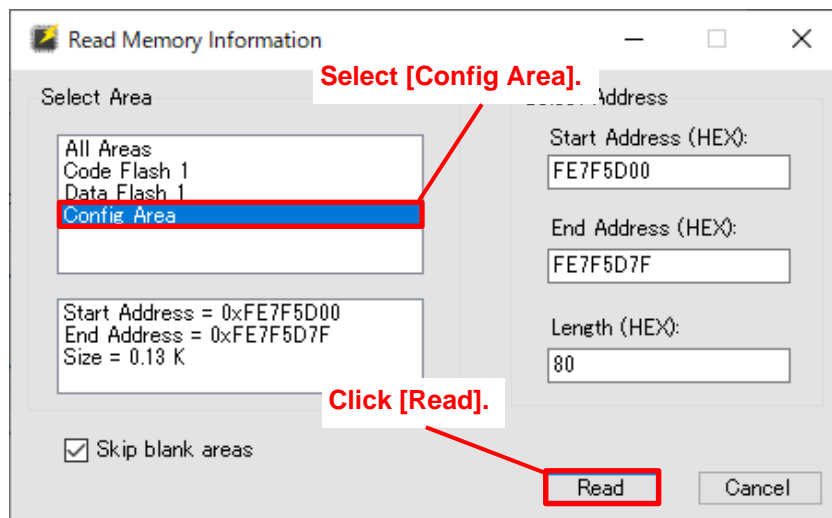(7) In the [ID Code:] text box, enter the set security ID.
(8) Click [OK].

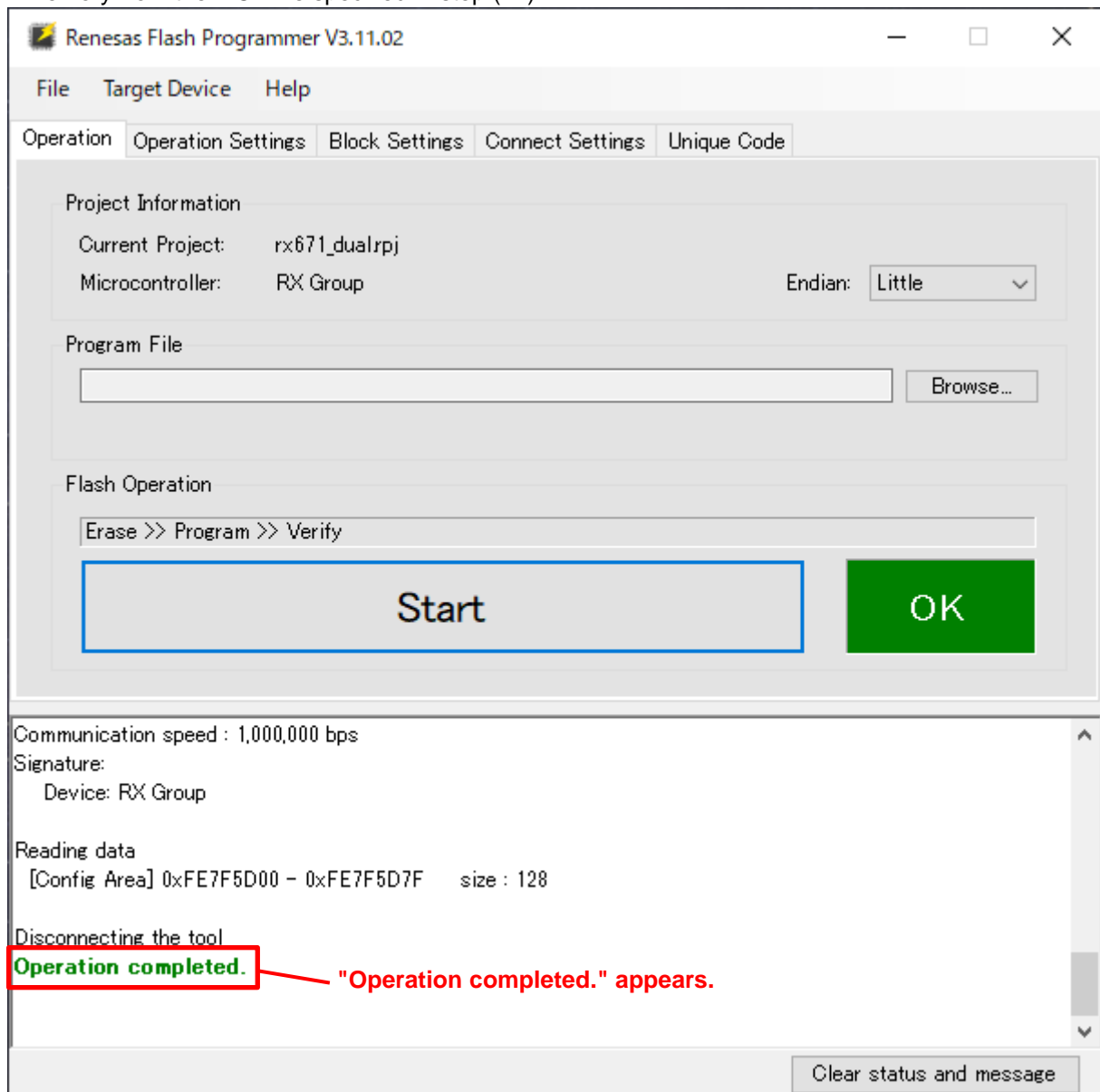(9) Click the [Target Device] tab, and then click [Read Memory].

(10) Move to a folder of your choice
(11) Enter any file name in the [File name] text box.
(12) Click [Save].

(13) In the [Select Area] field, select [Config Area].
(14) Click [Read].

(15) When "Operation completed." appears, processing is complete. You can read the option-setting memory from the MOT file specified in step (12).
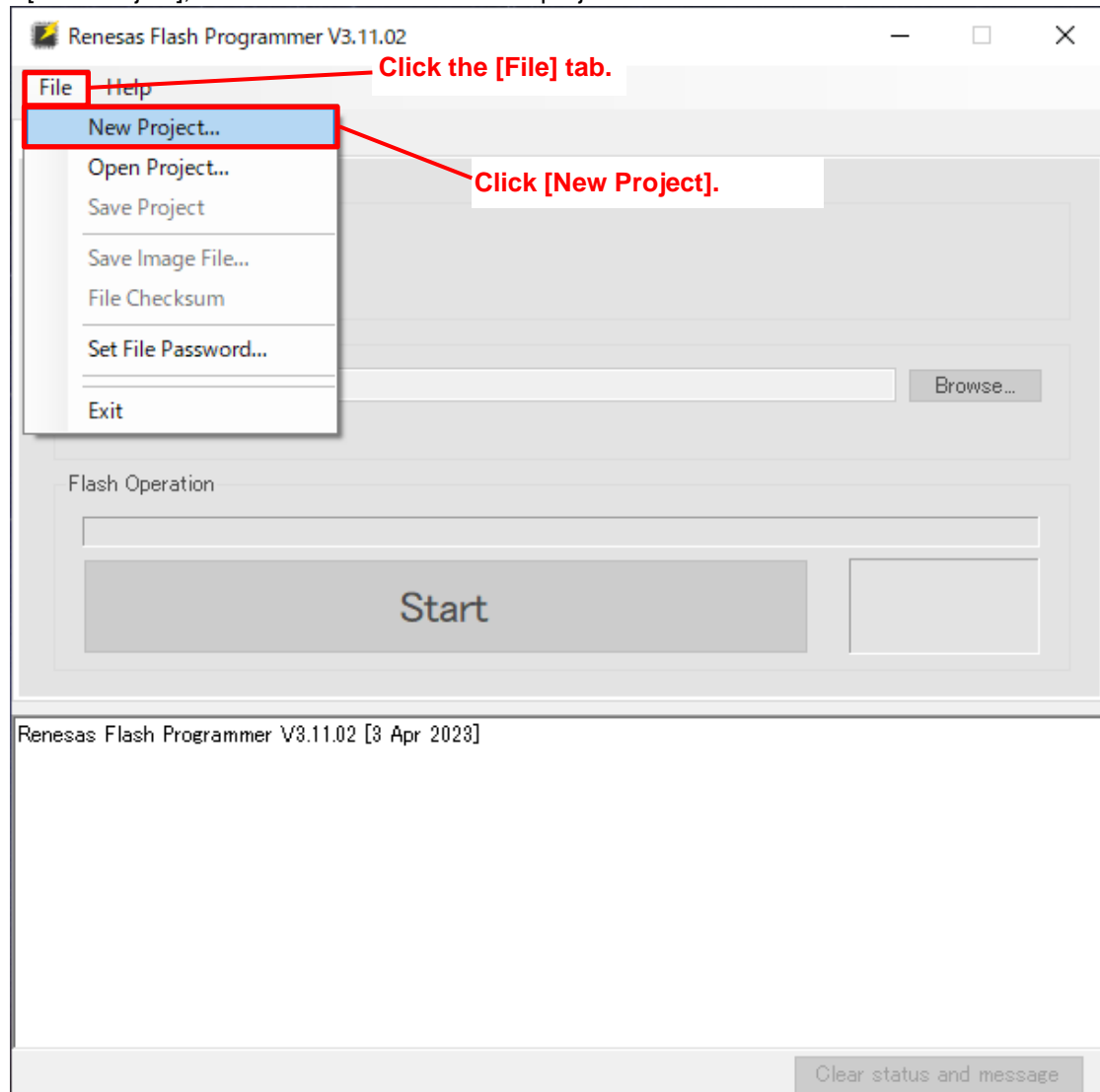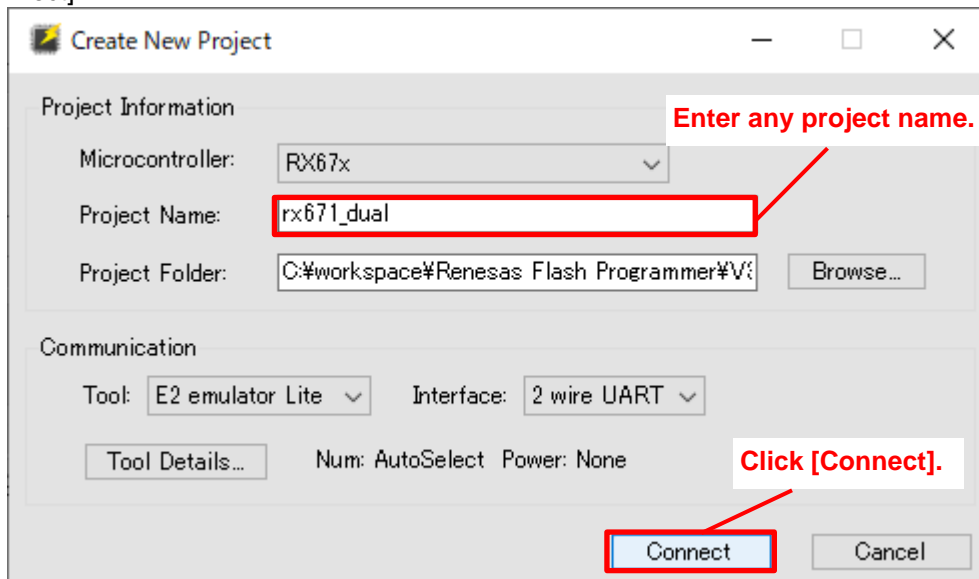
2.1.2 Returning the MCU to the Shipment State

If an access window has been set, you need to release the setting in advance. For details, refer to user's manual of your MCU.
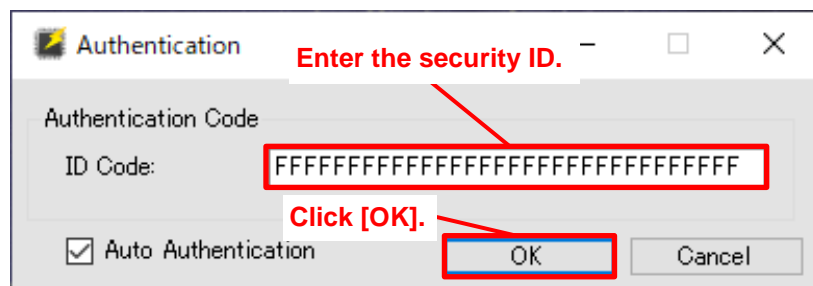
(1) Start RFP.
(2) Click the [File] tab.
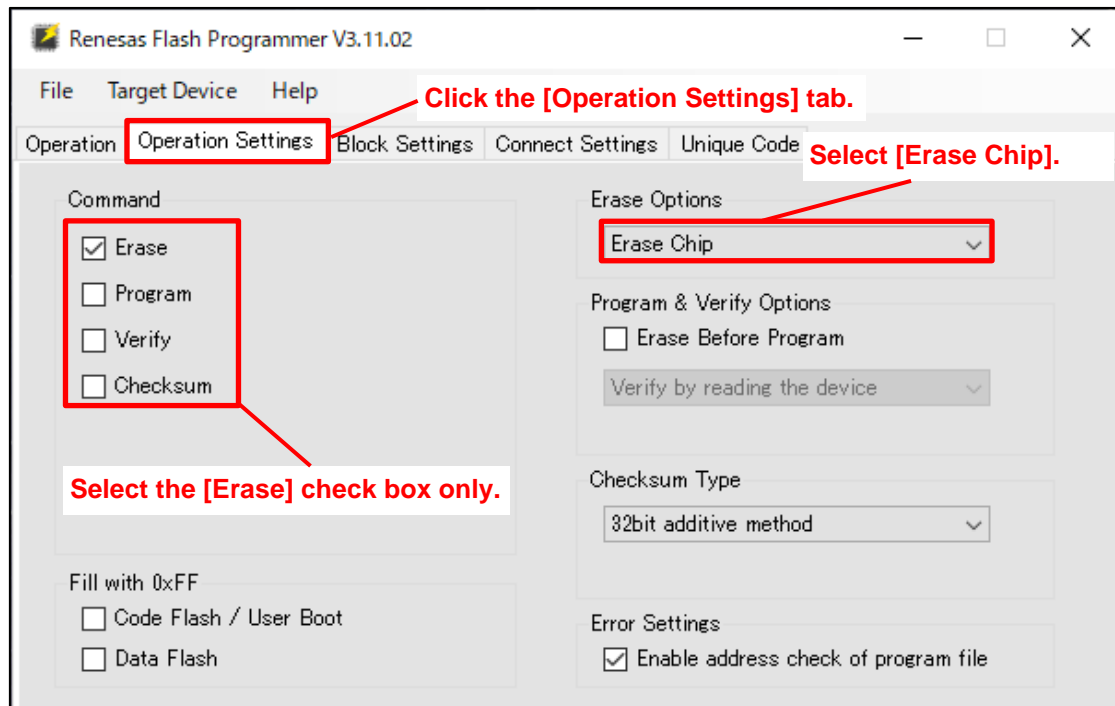(3) Click [New Project], and then create a dual mode project.

(4) Enter any project name in the [Project Name:] text box.
(5) Change other settings according to the system.
(6) Click [Connect].
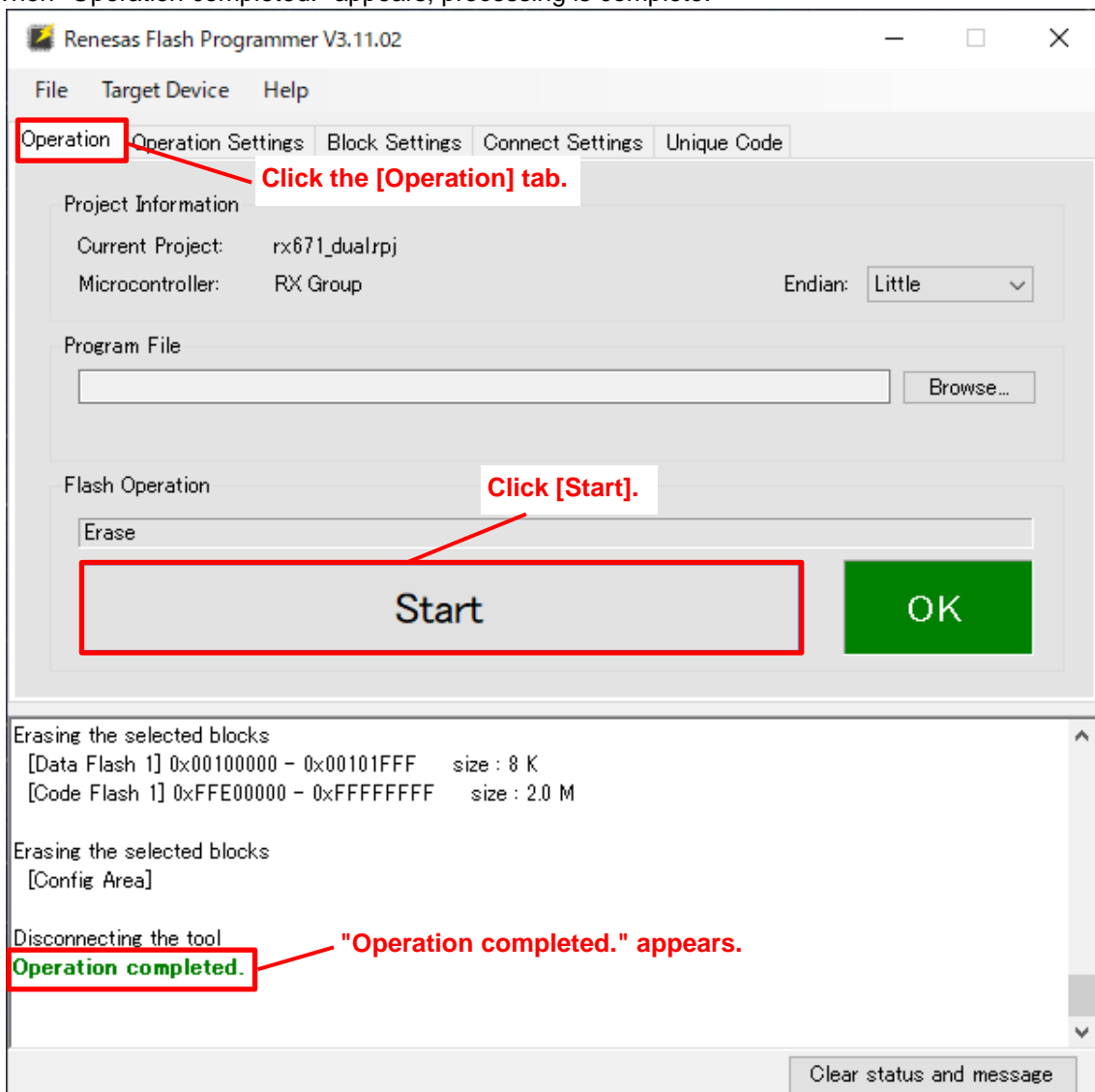

(7) In the [ID Code:] text box, enter the set security ID.
(8) Click [OK].

(9) Click the [Operation Settings] tab.
(10) For [Command], select the [Erase] check box only.
(11) For [Erase Options], select [Erase Chip].

(12) Open the [Operation] tab, and then click [Start].

(13) When "Operation completed." appears, processing is complete.

3. Debugging Method

This section describes how to perform debugging for dual mode by using e^2 studio.

To develop and debug a user program, place it in the execution area from FFF0 0000h to FFFF FFFFh irrespective of the addresses at which the user program is written.

To develop a new user program, see section 3.1, When Developing User Program Version 1.00. To update a user program, see section 3.2, When Developing User Program Version 1.01 or Later.

3.1 When Developing User Program Version 1.00

This section describes the procedures for creating a project of a user program, setting up Board Support Packages (BSP hereafter), and setting the debug configuration.

Section 3.1.1 describes Procedure for Creating a Project, section 3.1.2 describes Procedure for Setting Up BSP, and section 3.1.3 describes Procedure for Setting the Debug Configuration.

3.1.1 Procedure for Creating a Project

(1) Start e^2 studio.
(2) Click the [File] tab.
(3) Click [New], [Renesas C/C++ Project], and then [Renesas RX].
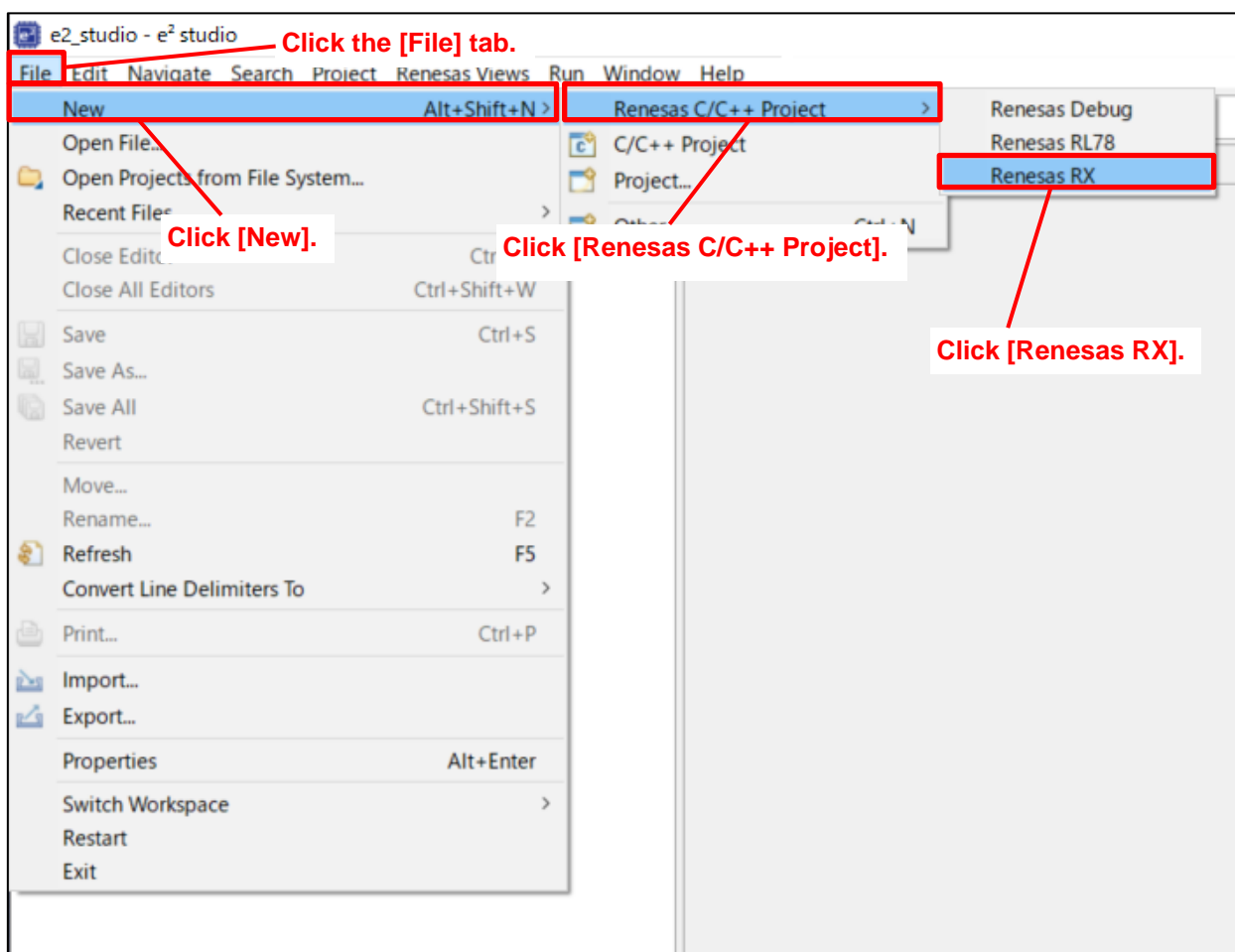
(4) Click [GCC for Renesas RX C/C++ Executable Project] or [Renesas CC-RX C/C++ Executable Project] according to the complier you are using (this example uses Renesas CC-RX).

(5) Click [Next].
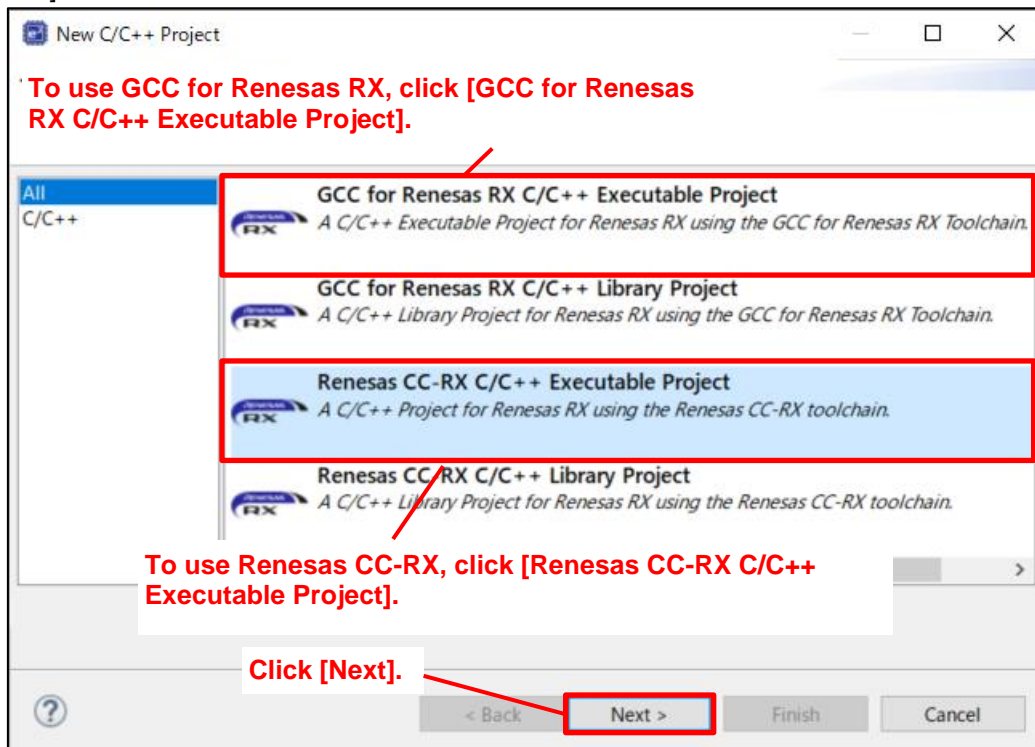
(6) Enter any project name in the [Project name:] text box.

(7) Change other settings according to the system.

(8) Click [Next].
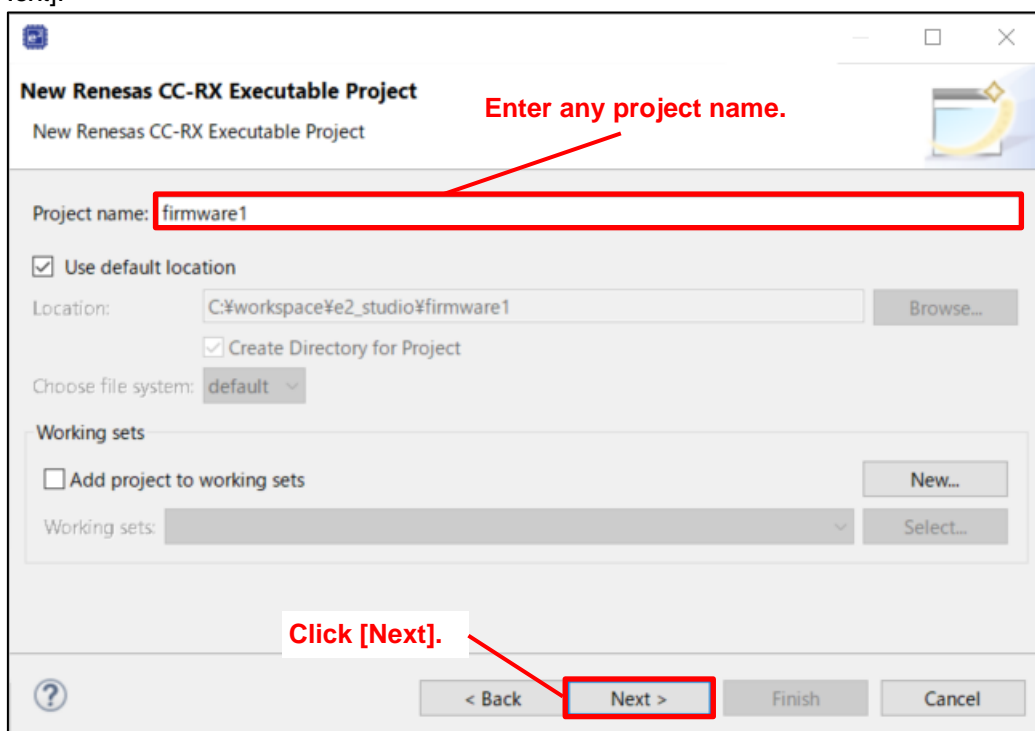
(9) Select the [Create Hardware Debug Configuration] check box.

(10) Change other settings according to the system.

(11) Click [Next].
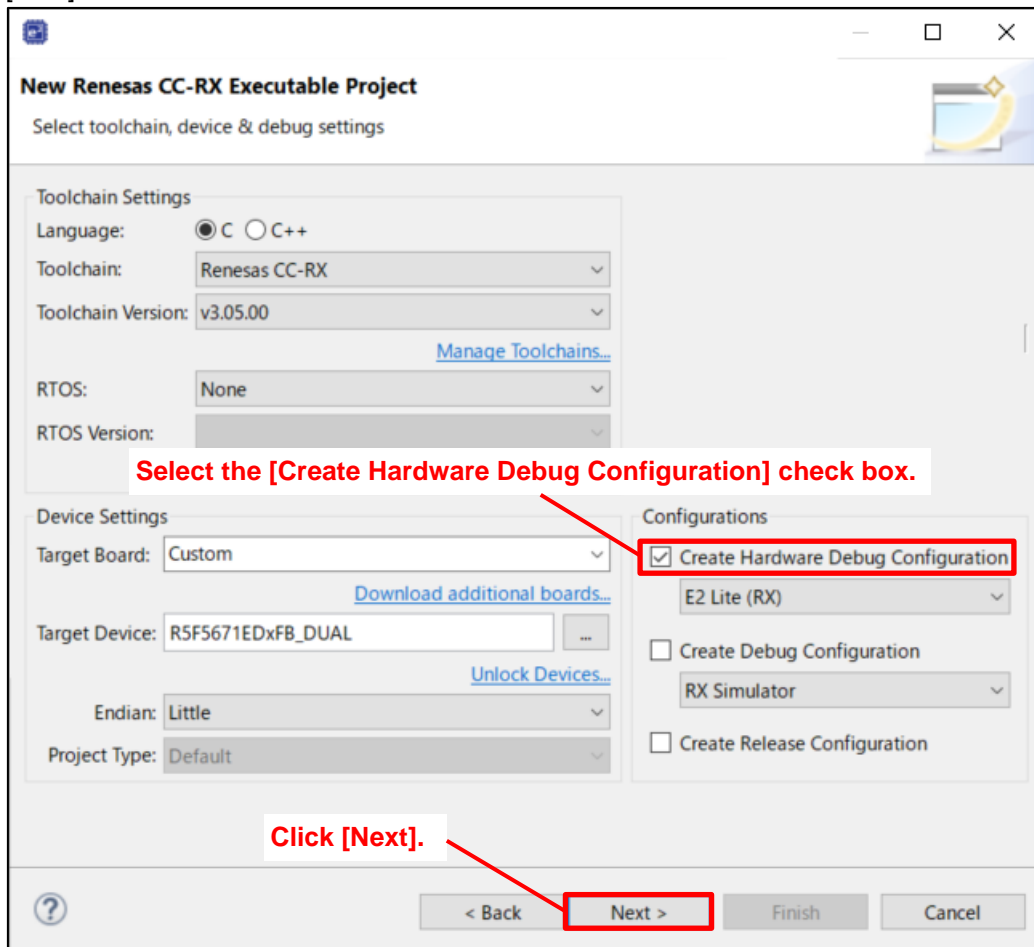
(12) Select the [Use Smart Configurator] check box.

(13) Click [Finish] to complete creation of the project.

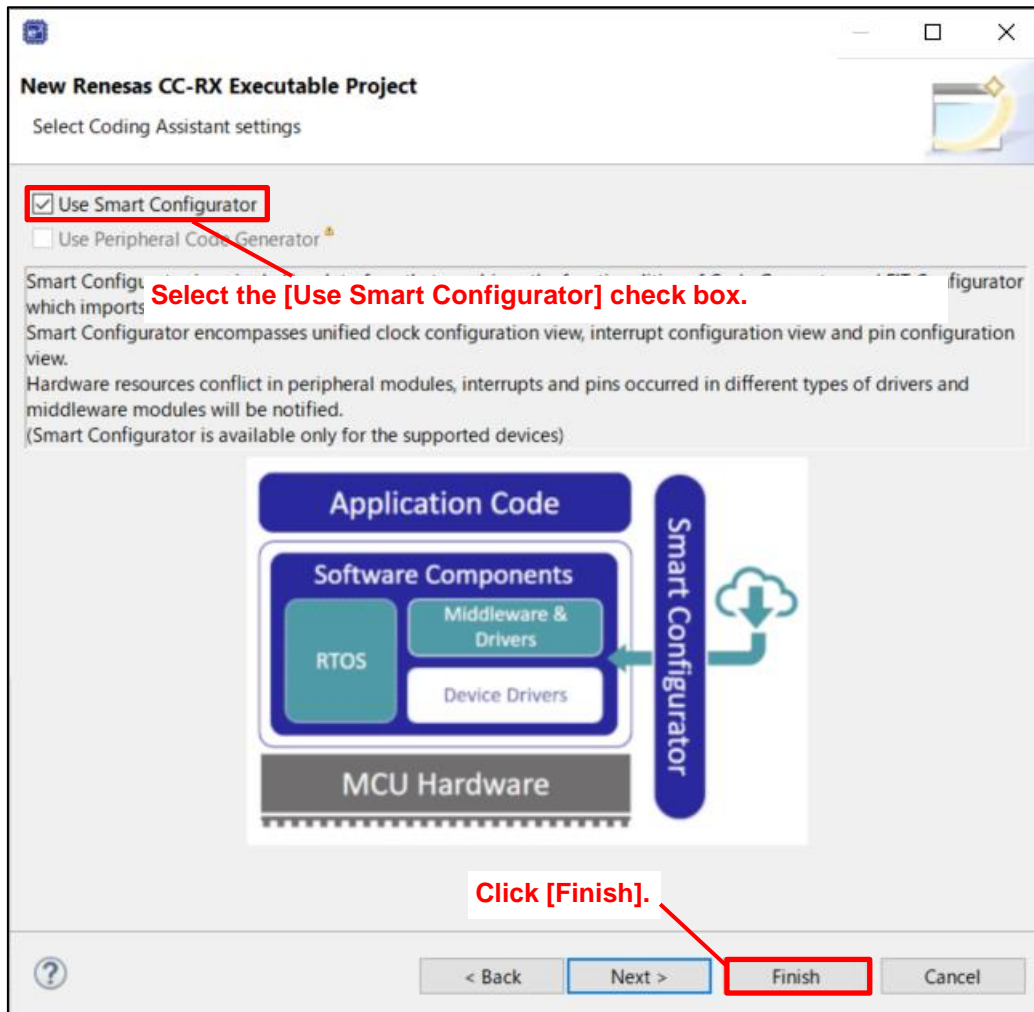### 3.1.2   Procedure for Setting Up BSP

(1) Open Smart Configurator.

(2) Click the [Components] tab.

(3) Click "r_bsp".

(4) For "Select the startup bank", select "Bank1:FFE00000h~FFEFFFFFh; Bank0: FFF00000h~FFFFFFFFh.".

(5) Change other settings according to the system.

(6) Click [Generate Code] to apply the BSP contents to the source code.

(7) Perform a build. Setting up BSP is now complete.
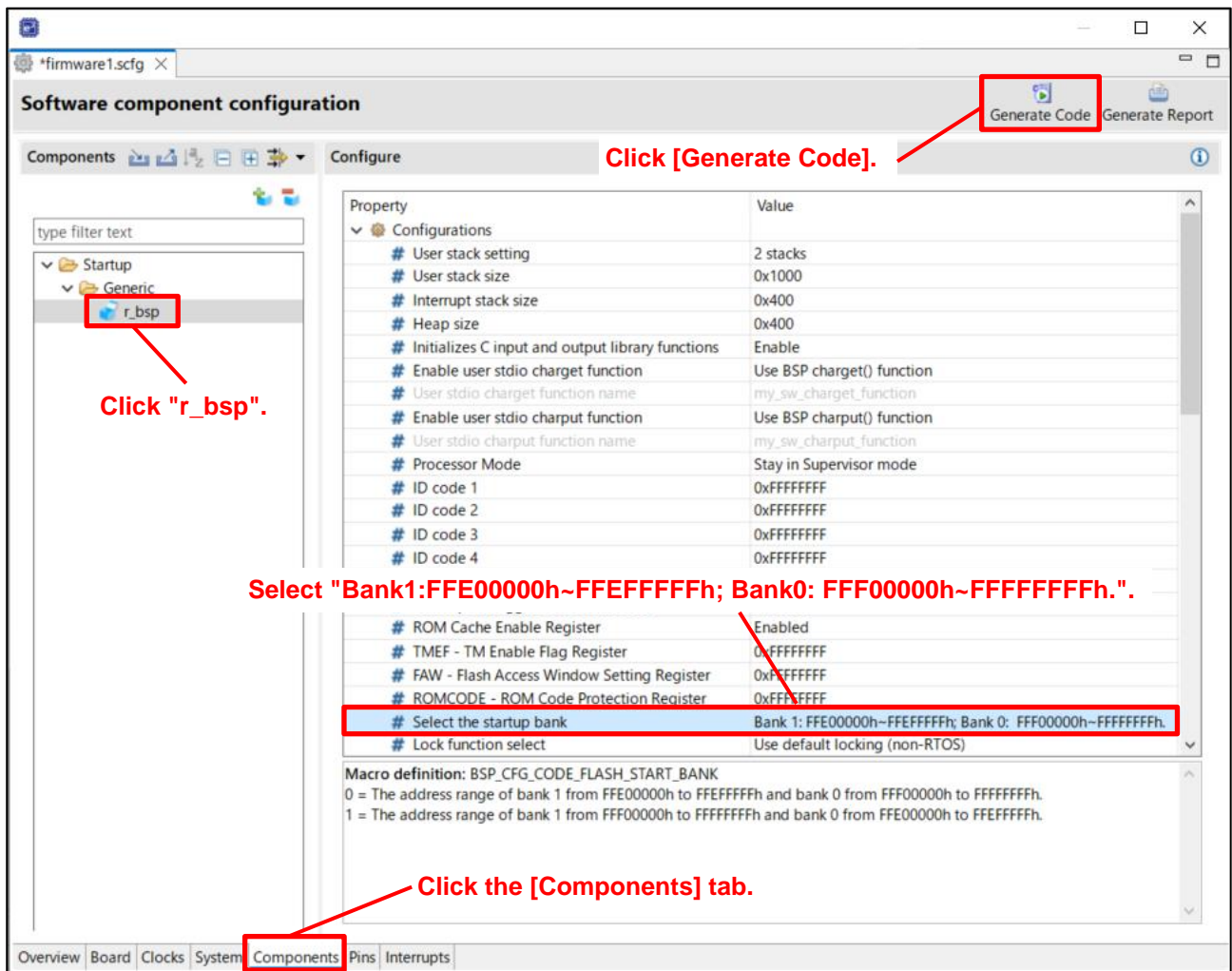
3.1.3   Procedure for Setting the Debug Configuration

(1) In Project Explorer, click the project you want to configure.

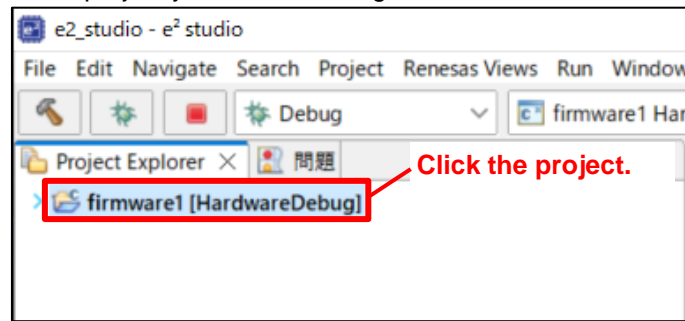(2) Click the [Run] tab, and then click [Debug Configurations].
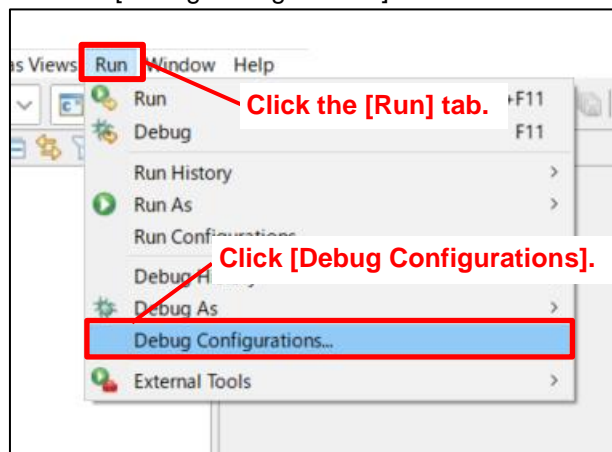
(3) In the [Debugger] tabbed page, click the [Connection Settings] tab.
(4) Change the setting of [Change startup bank] to [Yes].
(5) Change the setting of [Startup bank] to [Bank 0].
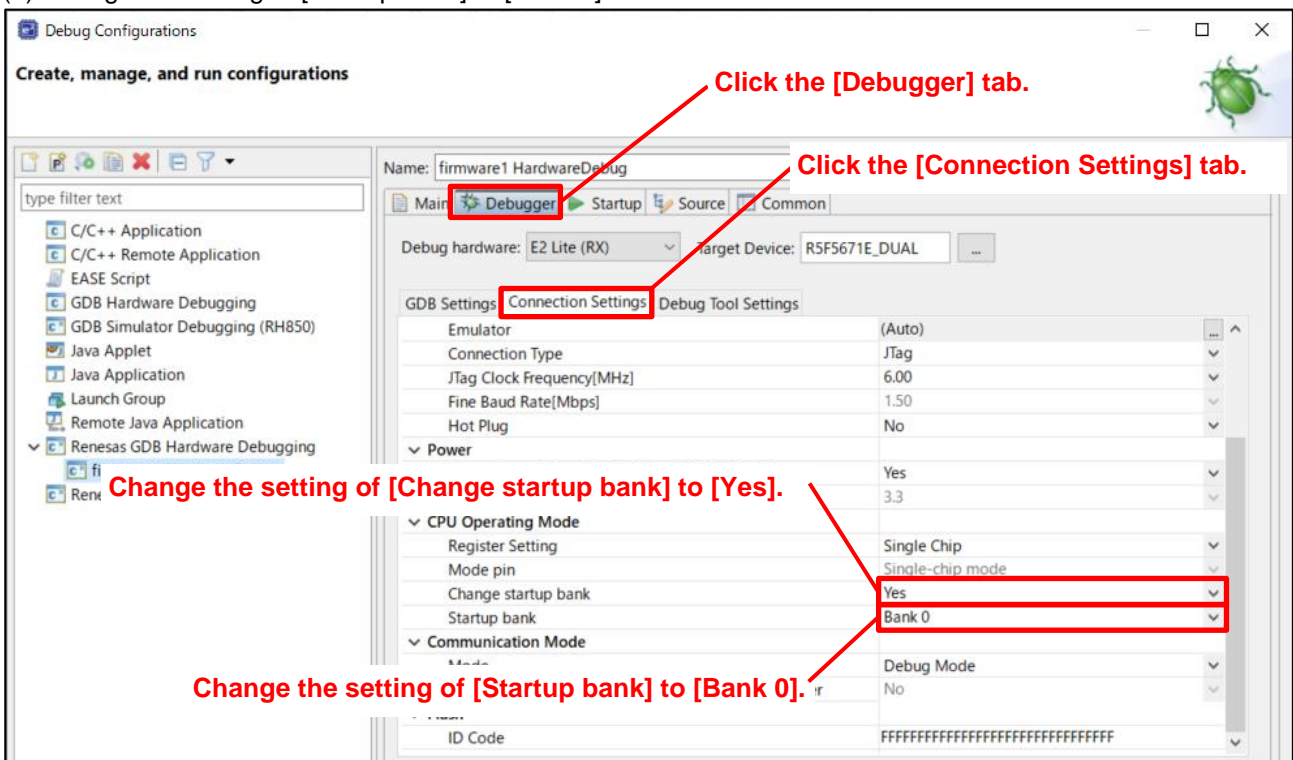
(6) Click the [Debug Tool Settings] tab.

(7) Change the setting of [Debug the program re-writing the on-chip PROGRAM ROM] to [Yes].

(8) Click [Apply], and then click [Close]. Setting the debug configuration is now complete.

3.2 When Developing User Program Version 1.01 or Later

This section describes the procedures for creating a project for updating the user program version 1.00, setting up BSP, and setting the debug configuration.

Section 3.2.1 describes Procedure for Creating a Project, section 3.2.2 describes Procedure for Setting Up BSP, and section 3.2.3 describes Procedure for Setting the Debug Configuration.
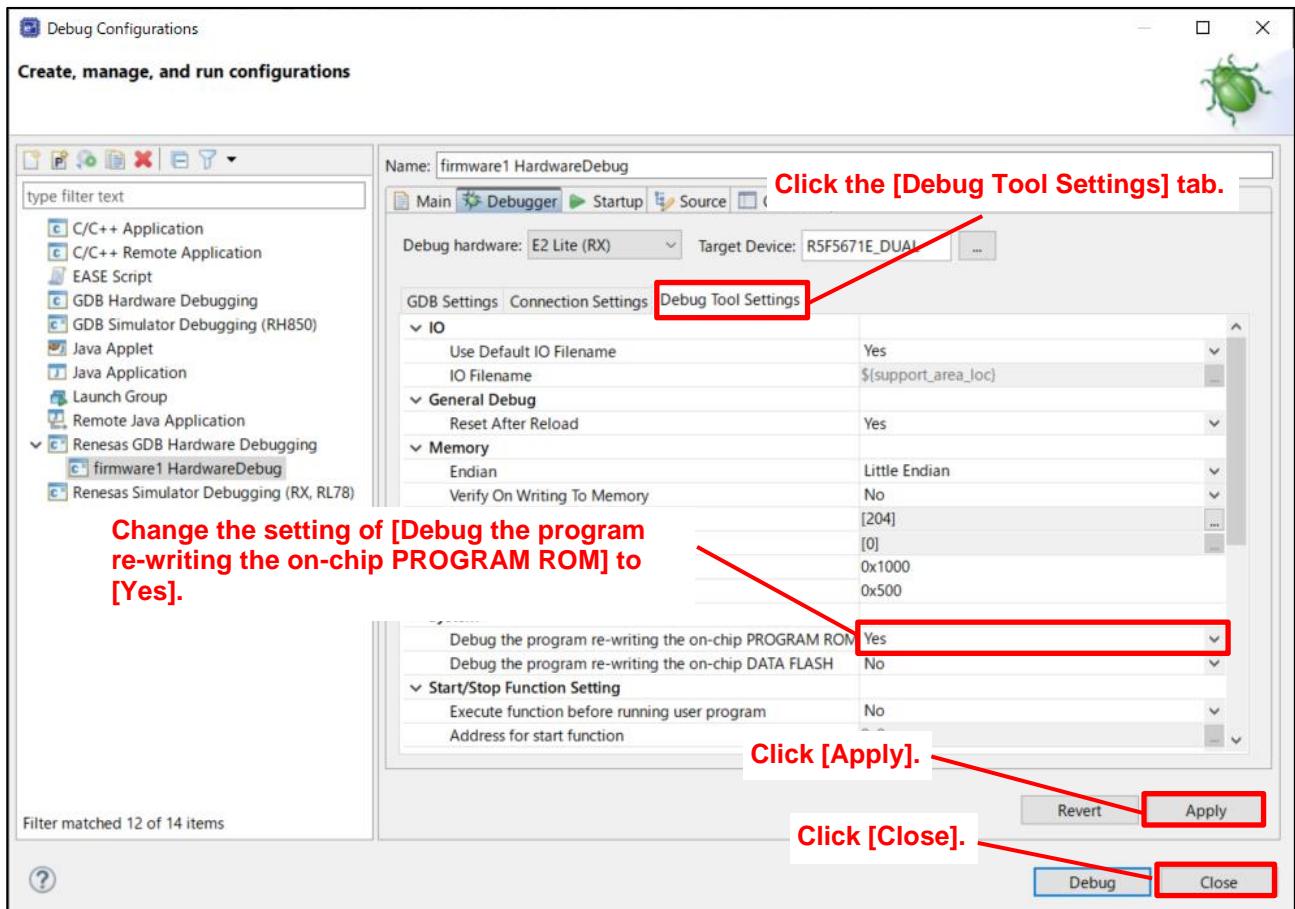
3.2.1 Procedure for Creating a Project

This section describes the procedure for creating a project based on the user program version 1.00.

(1) Start e² studio.
(2) Click the [File] tab, and then click [Import].
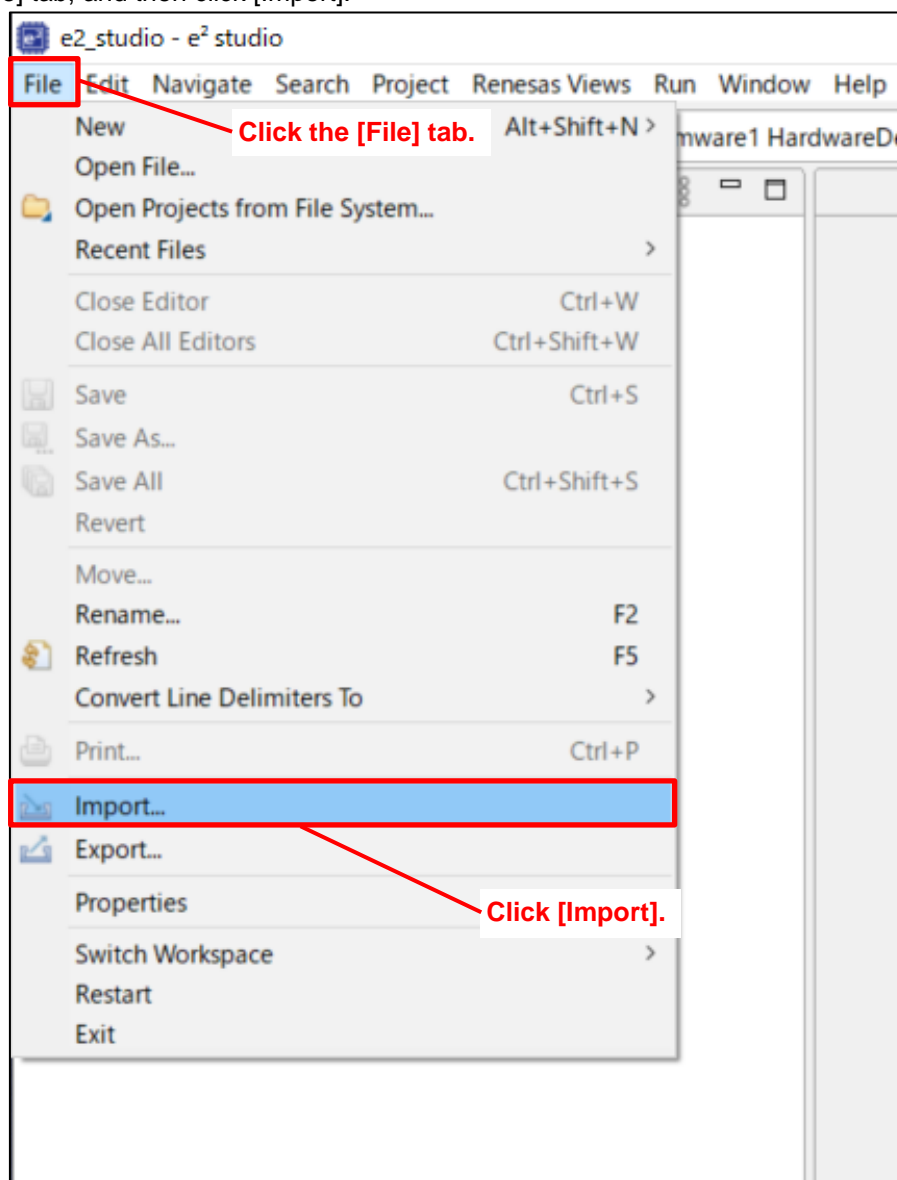
(3) In the [General] folder, click "Rename & Import Existing C/C++ Project into Workspace".
(4) Click [Next].
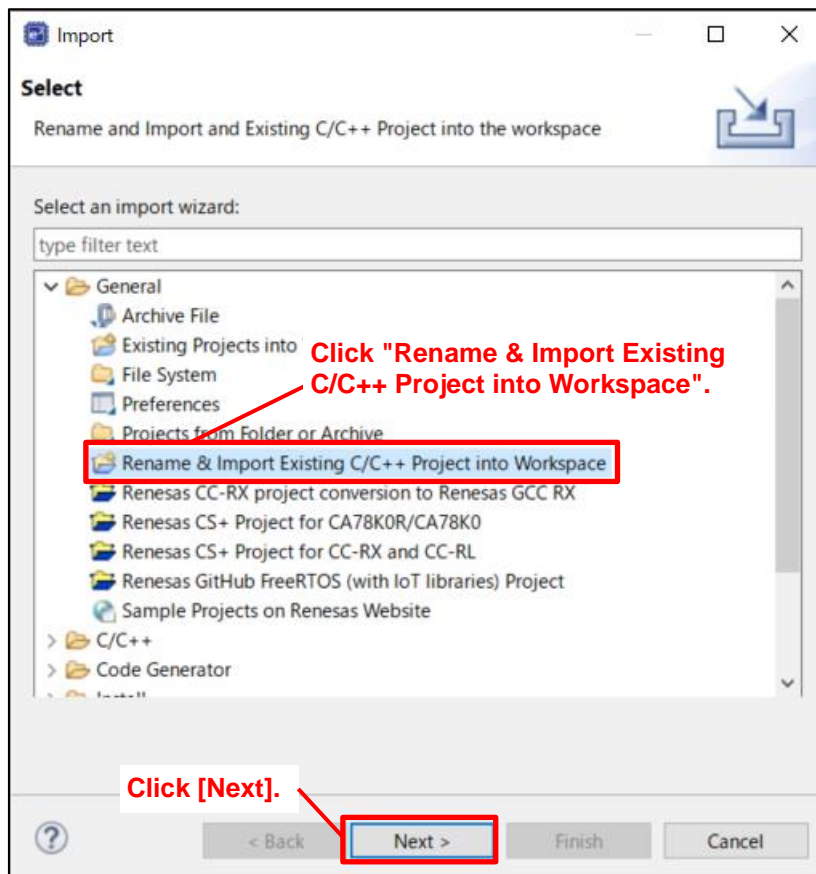
(5) Enter any project name in the [Project name:] text box.
(6) Select the [Select root directory:] radio button, and then click [Browse].
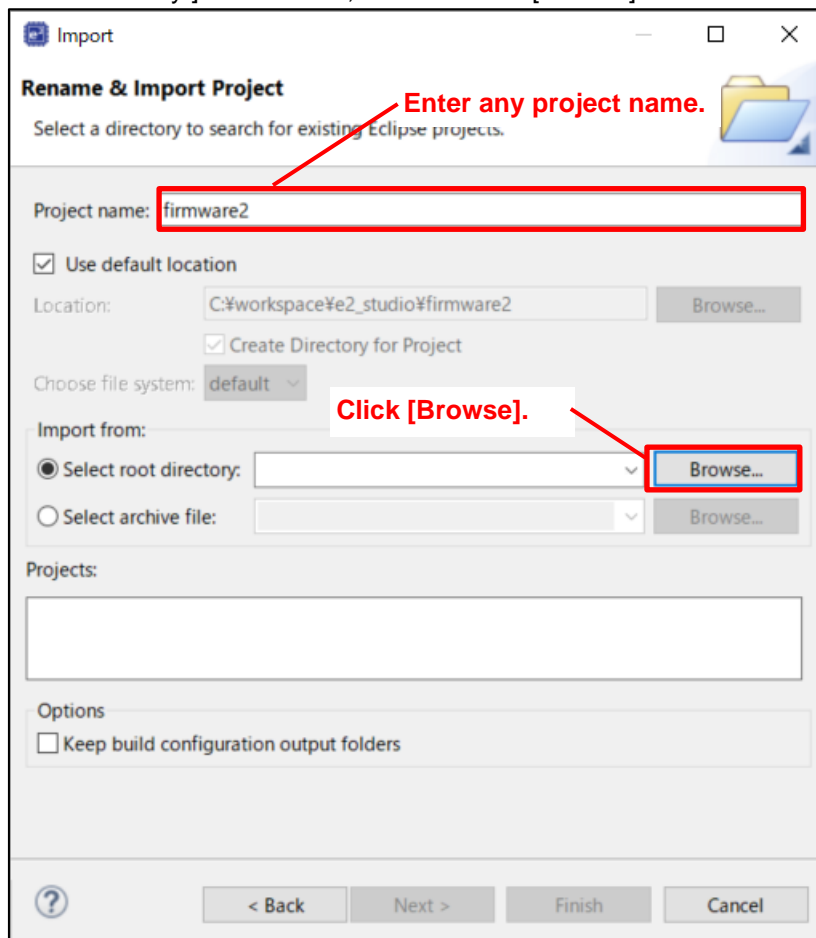
(7) Move to the e² studio work space folder.
(8) Click the project folder of the user program to be used as the base program.
(9) Click [Select Folder].
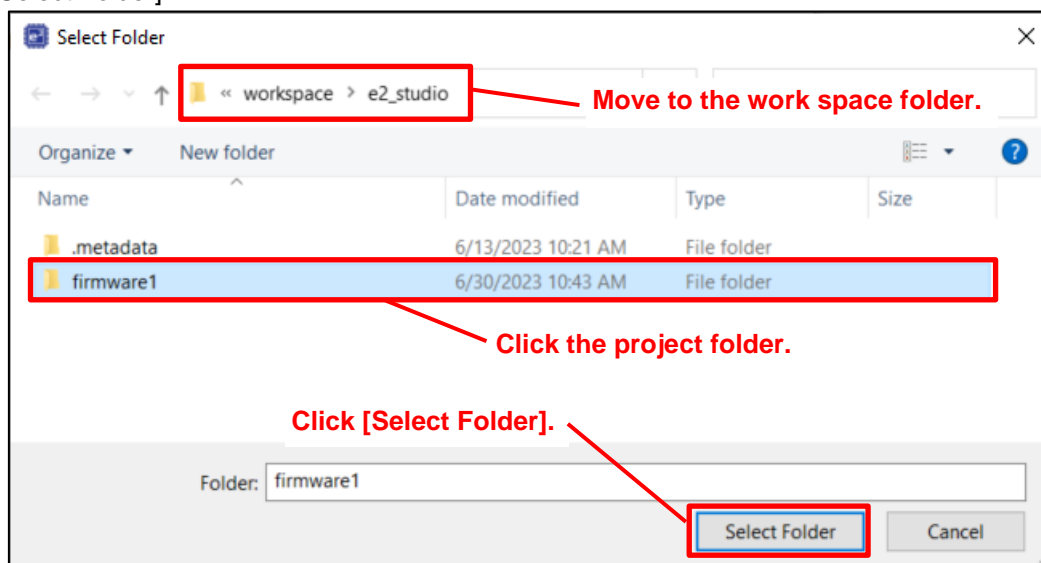
(10) In the [Projects:] field, click the project you selected in step (8).

(11) Click [Finish] to create the project.
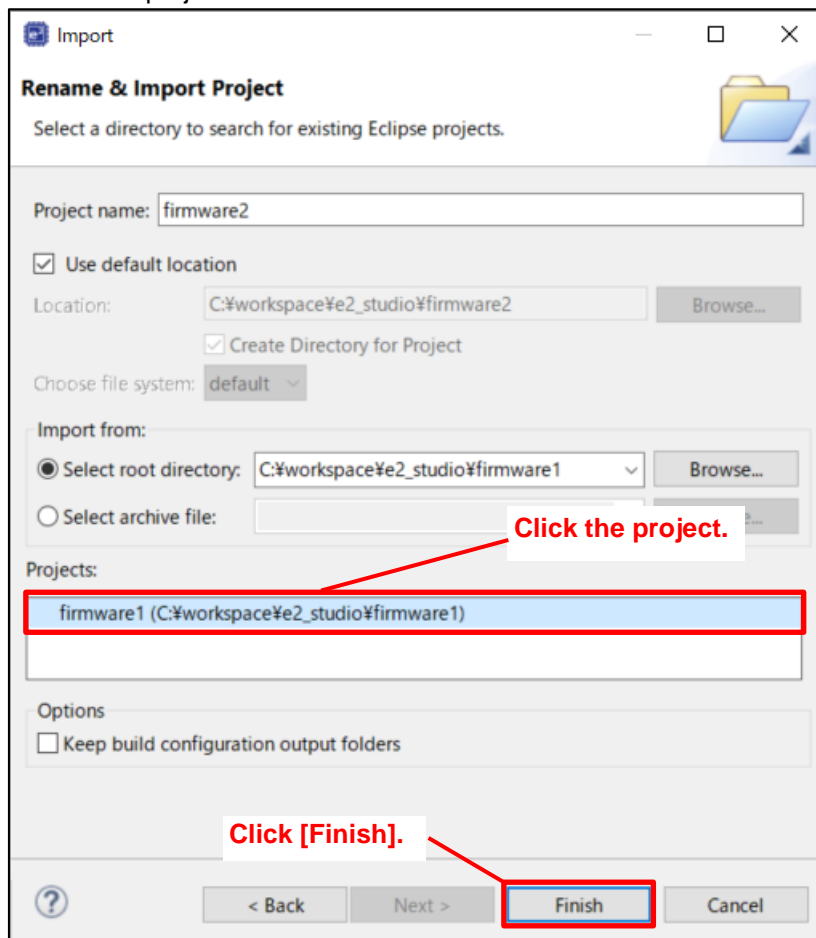
The Smart Configurator file name in the created project is not automatically changed, and the file name of the original project is retained. The following describes how to rename the file.

Note that using the file name of the original project does not affect operation. The following procedure is optional.

(12) Click the file you want to rename.
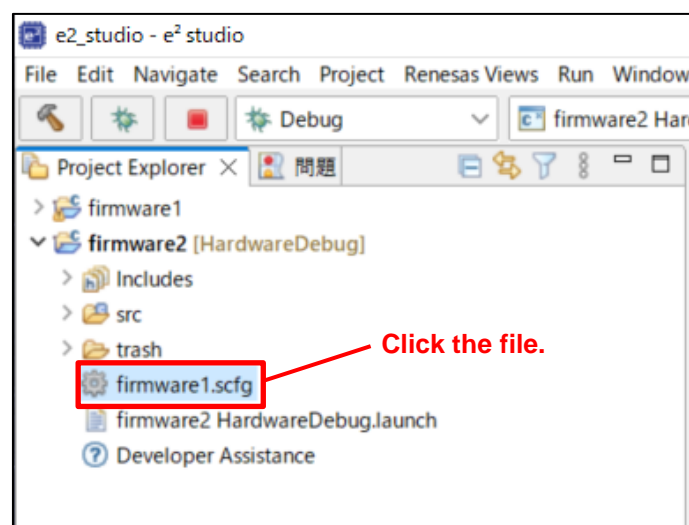
(13) Click the [File] tab, and then click [Rename].
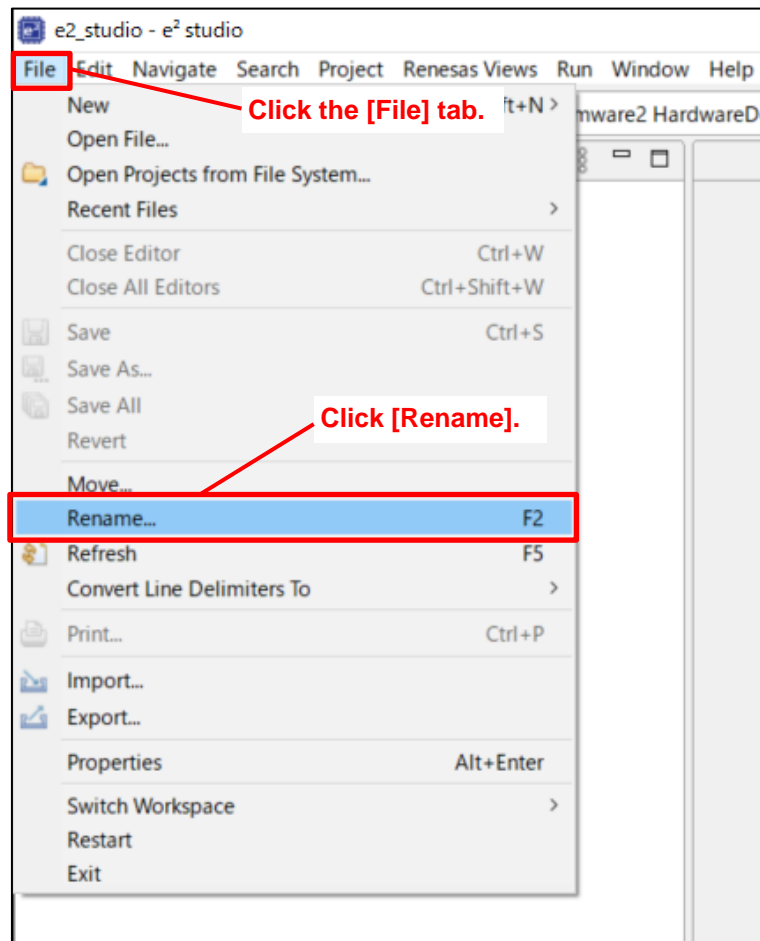
(14) Enter any file name in the [New name:] text box.
(15) Click [OK]. Renaming the file is now complete.
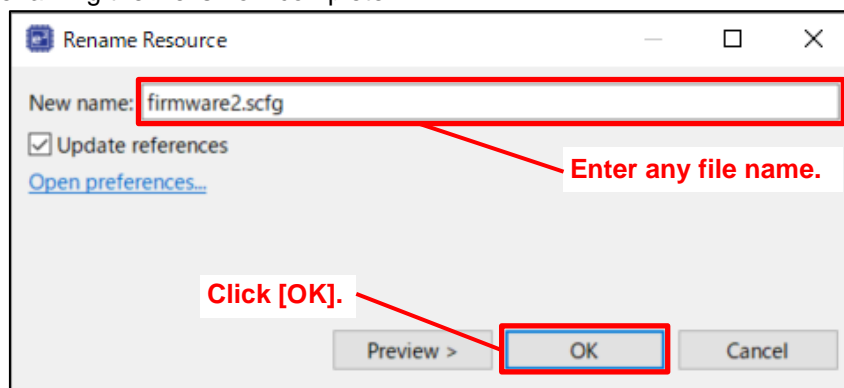
3.2.2 Procedure for Setting Up BSP

You need to disable the code of the option-setting memory in vecttbl.c to prevent the setting of the BANKSEL.BANKSWP[2:0] bits from being output to MOT files.

(1) In Project Explorer, in the path "firmware2/src/smc_gen/r_bsp/mcu/rx671", double-click "vecttbl.c". (In the pathname, "firmware2" indicates the project name and "rx671" indicates the MCU being used.)
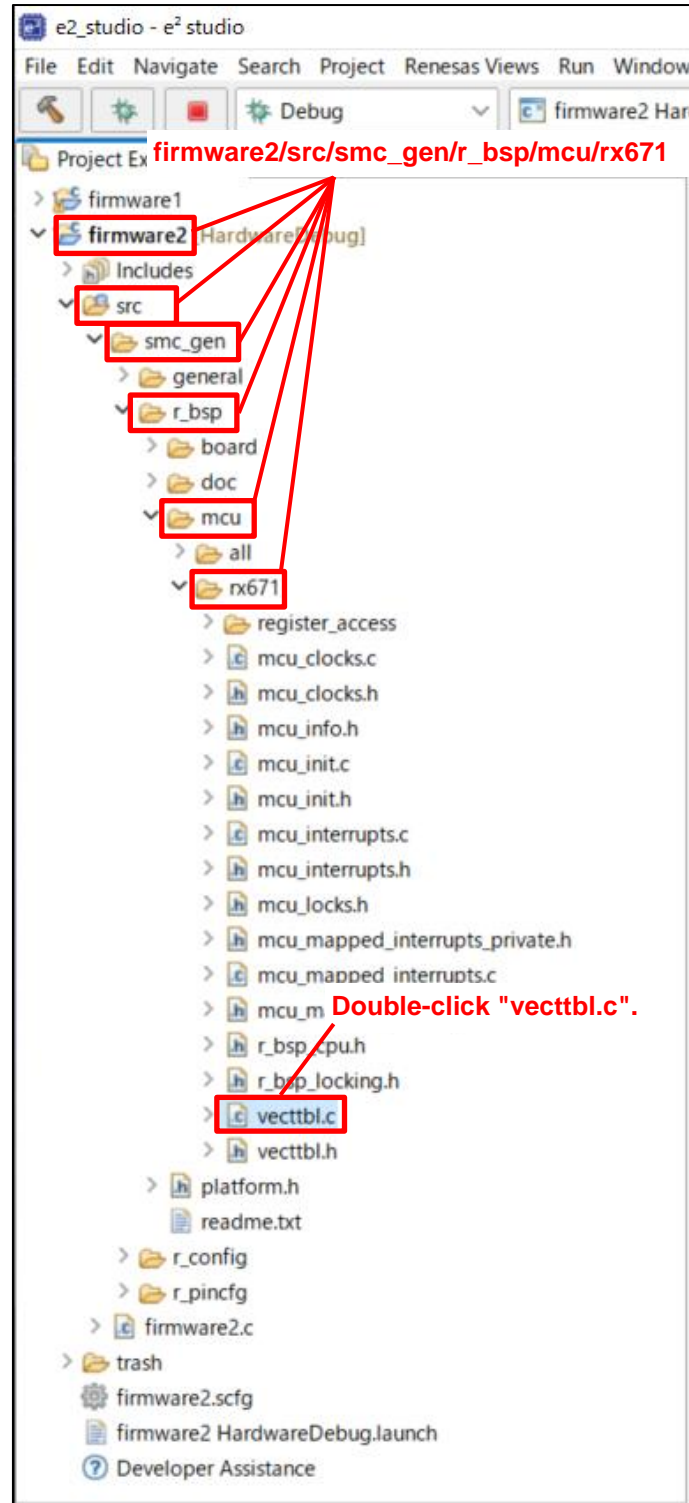
(2) Change the code in vecttbl.c. The position to be changed in the code varies depending on the compiler being used.

• For Renesas CC-RX

Comment out "const uint32_t __BANKSELreg = BSP_PRV_START_BANK_VALUE;" on line 109.

• For GCC for Renesas RX

Comment out "const uint32_t __BANKSELreg __attribute__ ((section(".ofs3"))) = BSP_PRV_START_BANK_VALUE;" on line 127.

(3) Perform a build. Setting up BSP is now complete.

3.2.3   Procedure for Setting the Debug Configuration

The procedure is the same as section 3.1.3, Procedure for Setting the Debug Configuration.

3.3 Debugging the Startup Bank Switching Function

The following describes an example of the procedure for downloading user program 1 to bank 0 and user program 2 to bank 1, and then debugging the program when switching from bank 0 to bank 1.

(1) In Project Explorer, click the project of user program 1 to be downloaded to bank 0.
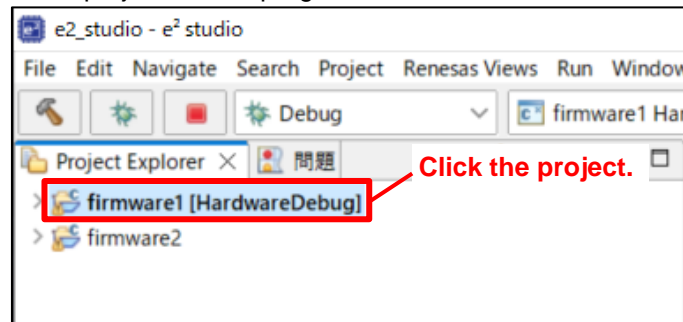
(2) Click the [Run] tab, and then click [Debug Configurations].
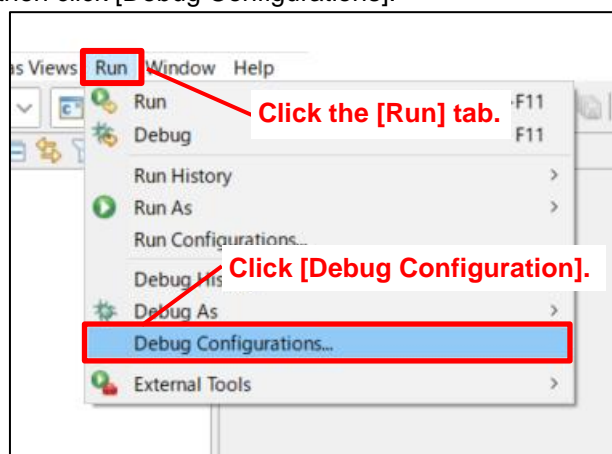
(3) Open the [Startup] tab, and then click [Add].
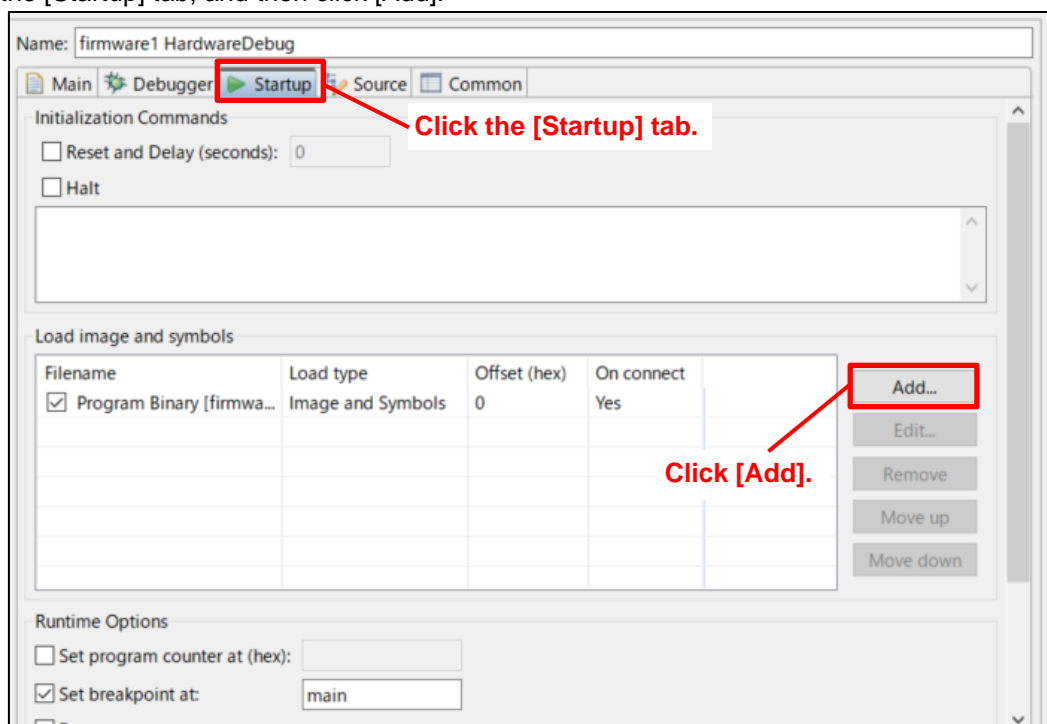
(4) In the [Specify download module name:] field, select user program 2 to be downloaded to bank 1, and then click [OK].
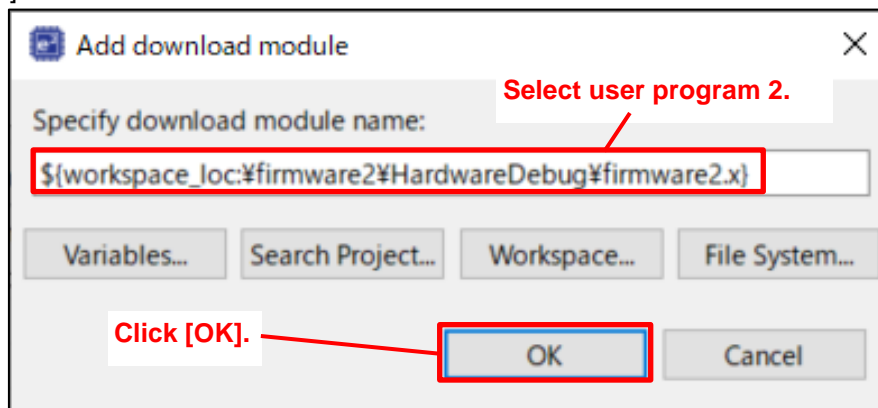
(5) Added user program 2 is developed in bank 0 (FFF0 0000h to FFFF FFFFh) and downloading it to bank 1 (FFE0 0000h to FFEF FFFFh) requires the [Offset (hex)] value to be changed. The value specified here is the offset value, not the address value. For 2-MB products of the RX671 Group, specify -100000H as the offset from the address. Because negative values cannot be entered, enter FFF00000H, which is two's complement.

(6) Connect the MCU, and then click [Debug].

(7) After writing is complete, click the [Resume] button.

Click the [Resume] button.

```
R_BSP_POR_FUNCTION(R_BSP_STARTUP_FUNCTION)
{
    /* Stack pointers are setup prior to calling this

    /* You can use auto variables in this function bu
     * will be unavailable after you change the stack
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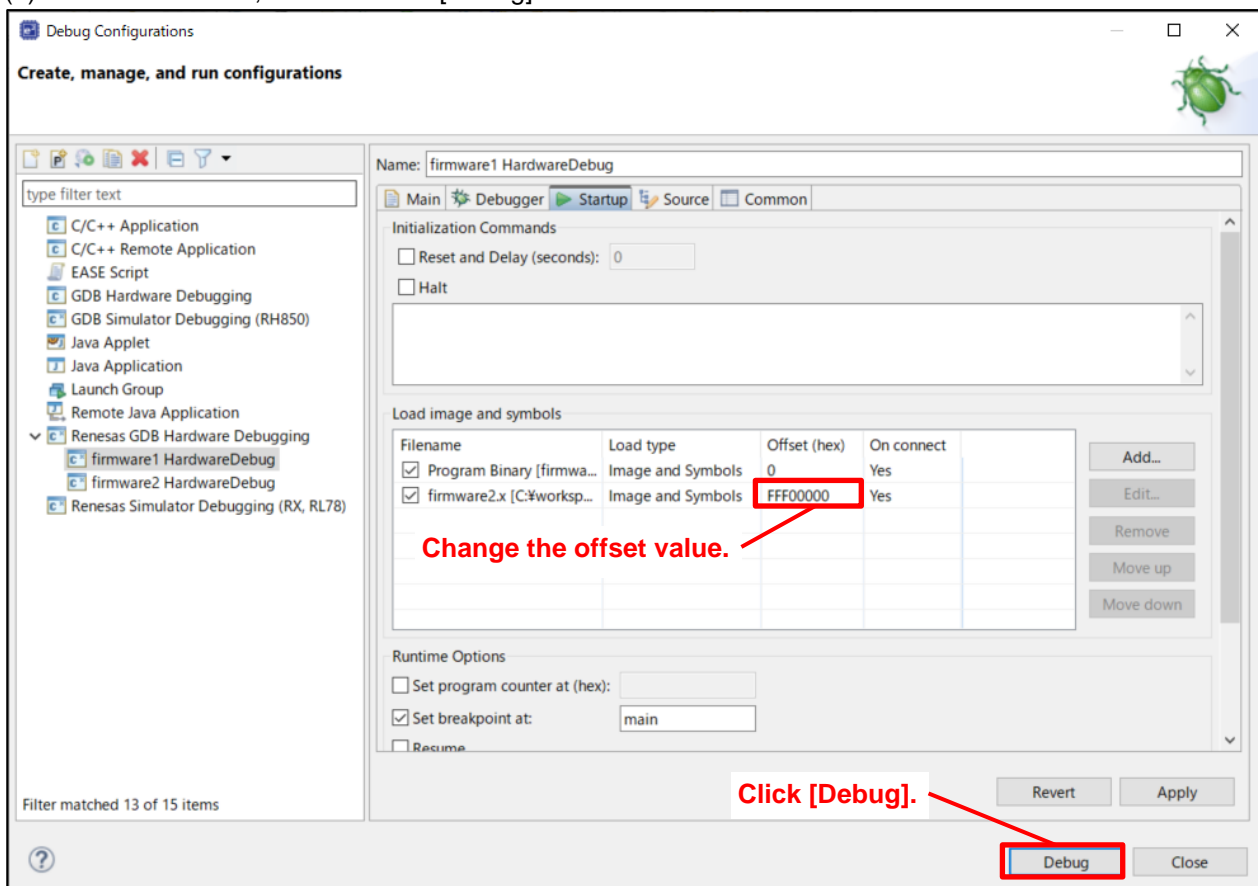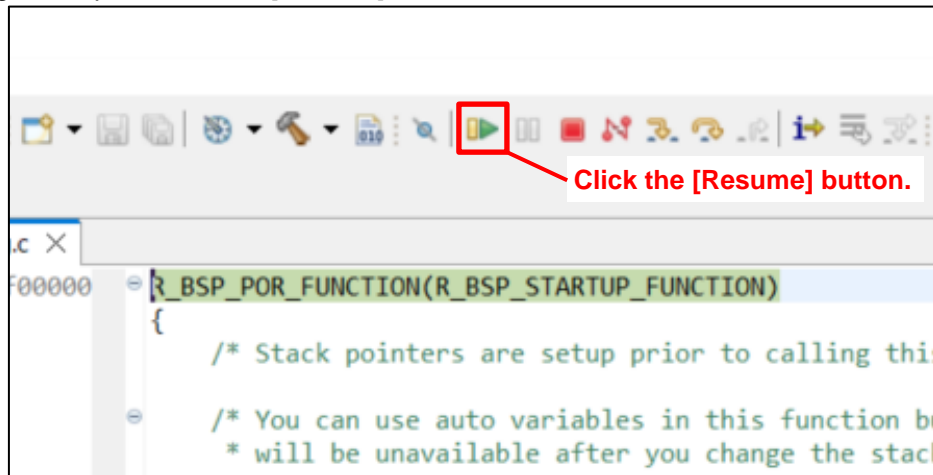
(8) After operation confirmation of user program 1 in bank 0 completes, click the [Suspend] button.

Click the [Suspend] button.

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R_BSP_POR_FUNCTION(R_BSP_STARTUP_FUNCTION)
{
    /* Stack pointers are setup prior to calling thi

    /* You can use auto variables in this function b
     * will be unavailable after you change the stacl
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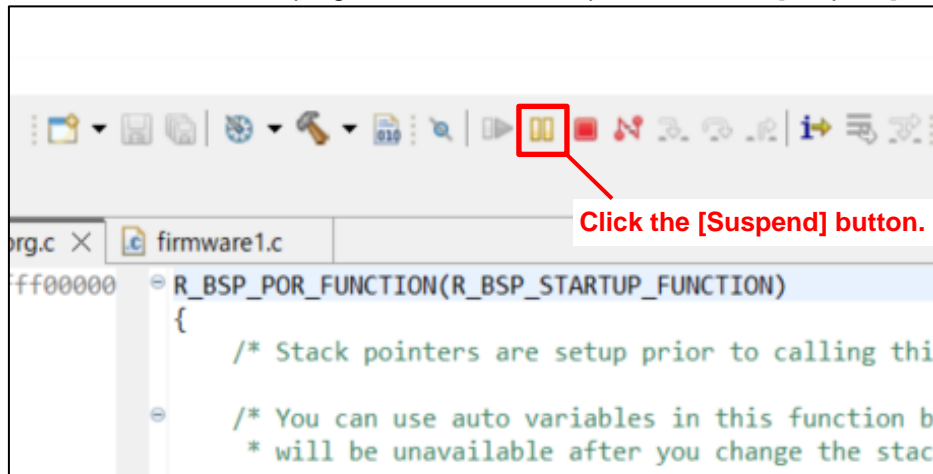
The following describes the procedure for switching the startup bank to bank 1 to confirm the operation of user program 2.

(9) Again, click the [Run] tab, and then click [Debug Configurations].

Click the [Run] tab.

Click [Debug Configurations].
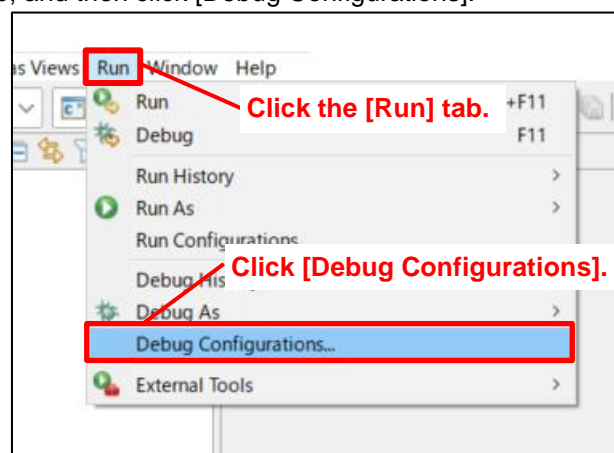
(10) In the [Debugger] tabbed page, click the [Connection Settings] tab.

(11) Change the setting of [Startup bank] to [Bank 1].

(12) Click [Debug].
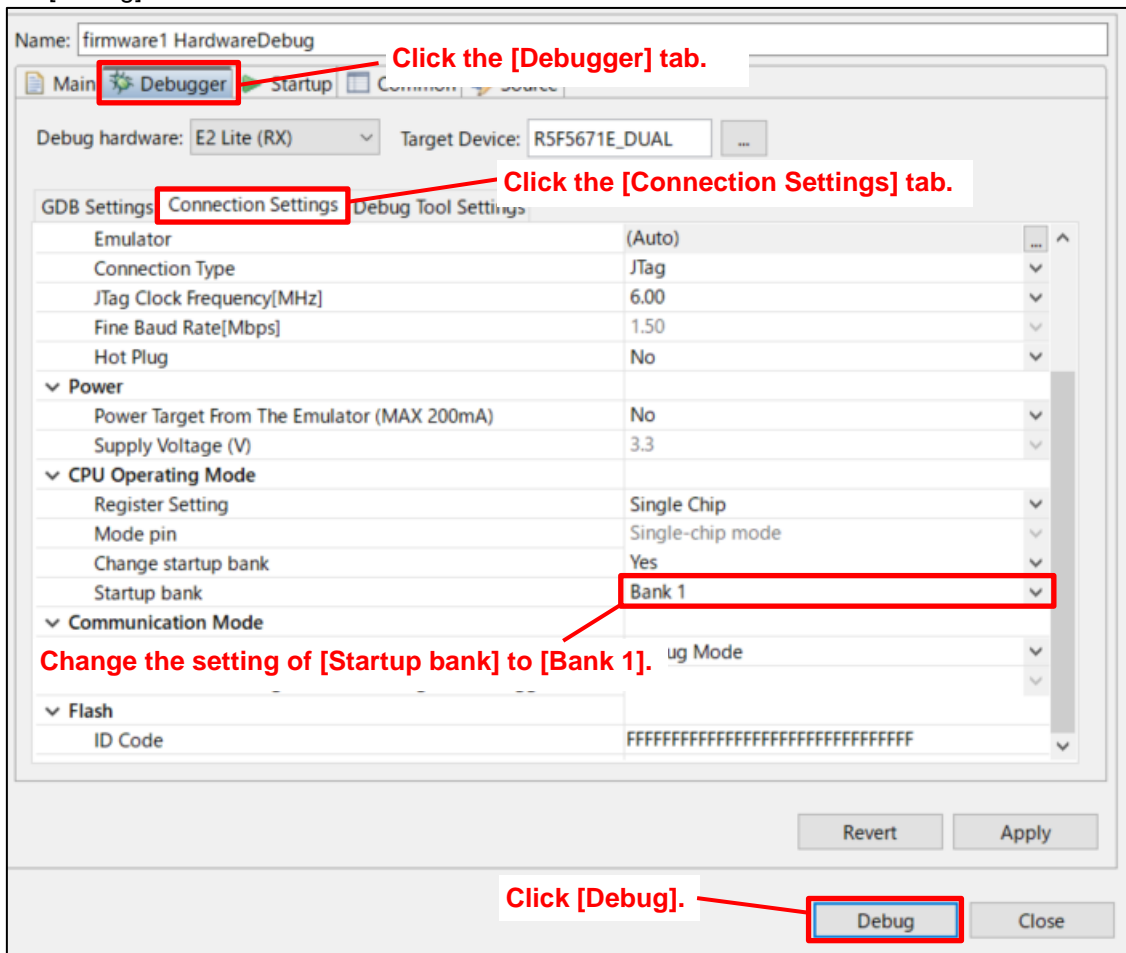
(13) After writing is complete, click the [Resume] button.
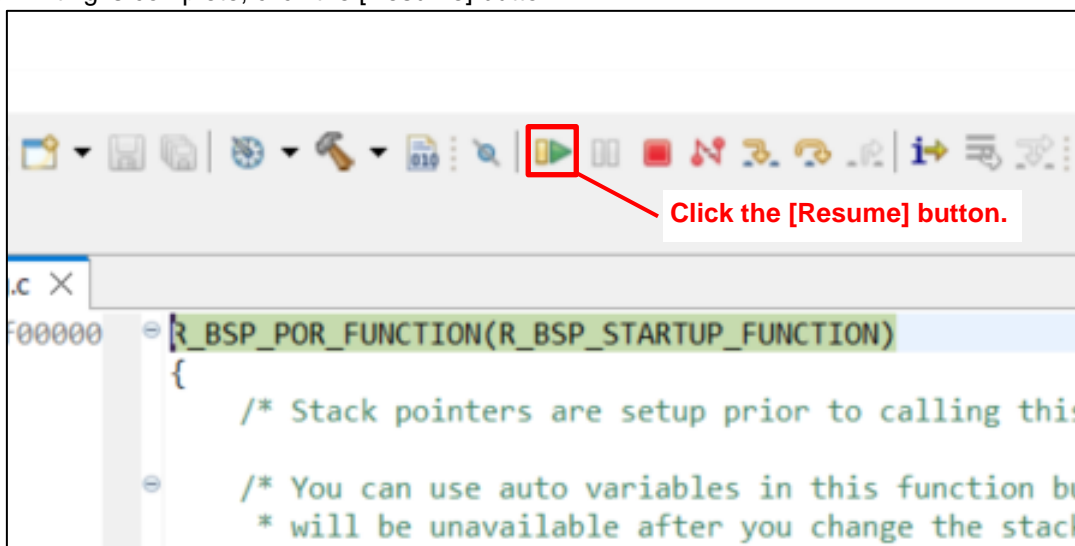
(14) Confirm that user program 2 is operating in bank 1.

(15) Click the [End] button to complete debugging.
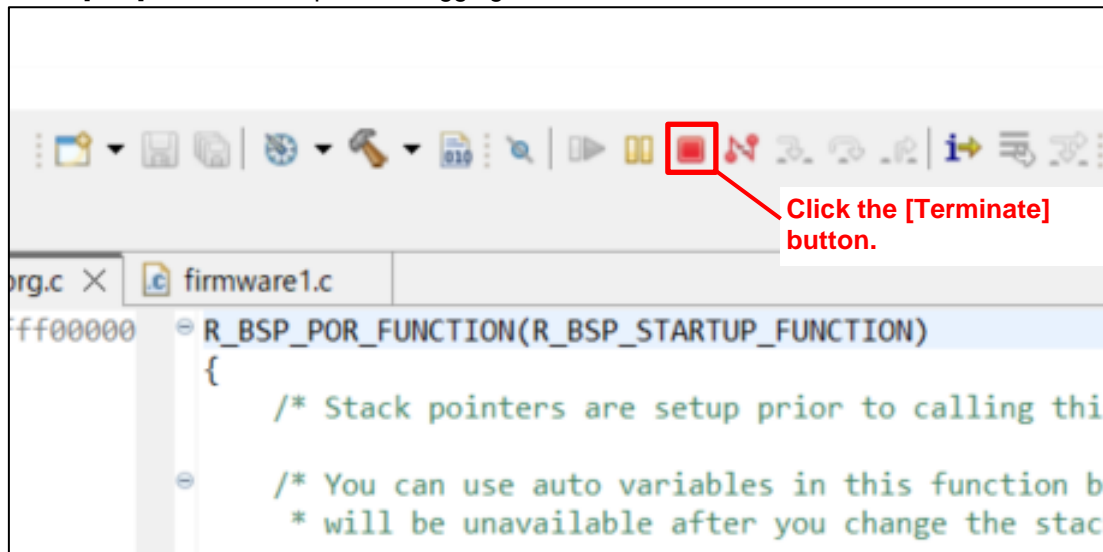
3.4 Outputting User Program MOT Files

This section describes how to output MOT files in e² studio.

The method varies depending on whether an offset exists. To output normal MOT files, see section 3.4.1, Procedures for Outputting MOT Files. To output offset MOT files, see section 3.4.2, Procedures for Outputting Offset MOT Files.

3.4.1 Procedures for Outputting MOT Files

The following describes how to output a normal MOT file.

The method varies depending on the compiler being used. If you are using Renesas CC-RX, see section 3.4.1.1, When Using Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family. If you are using GCC for Renesas RX, see section 3.4.1.2, When Using GCC for Renesas RX.

3.4.1.1 When Using Renesas Electronics C/C++ Compiler Package for RX Family

(1) Start e² studio.
(2) In Project Explorer, click the project for which you want to output the file.
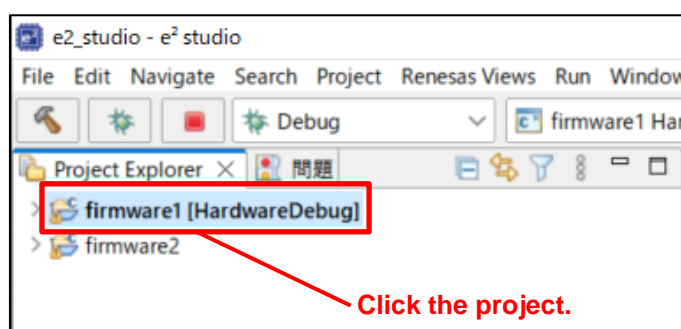
(3) Click [Project], and then click [Properties].
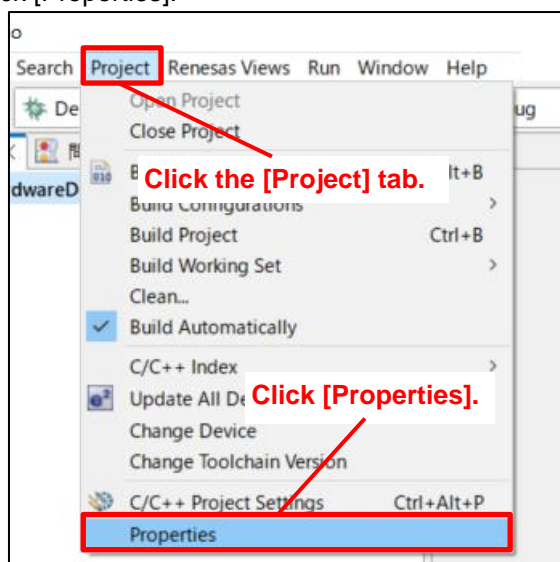
(4) Click [>] for [C/C++ Build].
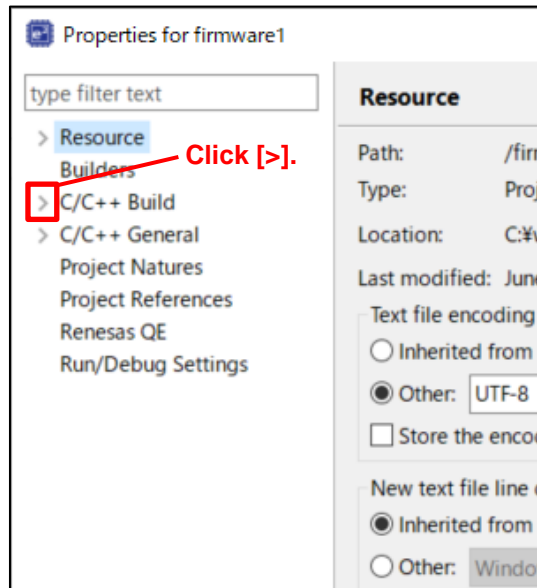
(5) Click [Settings].
(6) Click the [Tool Settings] tab.
(7) Click [Converter], and then click [Output].
(8) Select the [Motorola S format file (-form=stype)] check box.
(9) Click [Apply and Close].
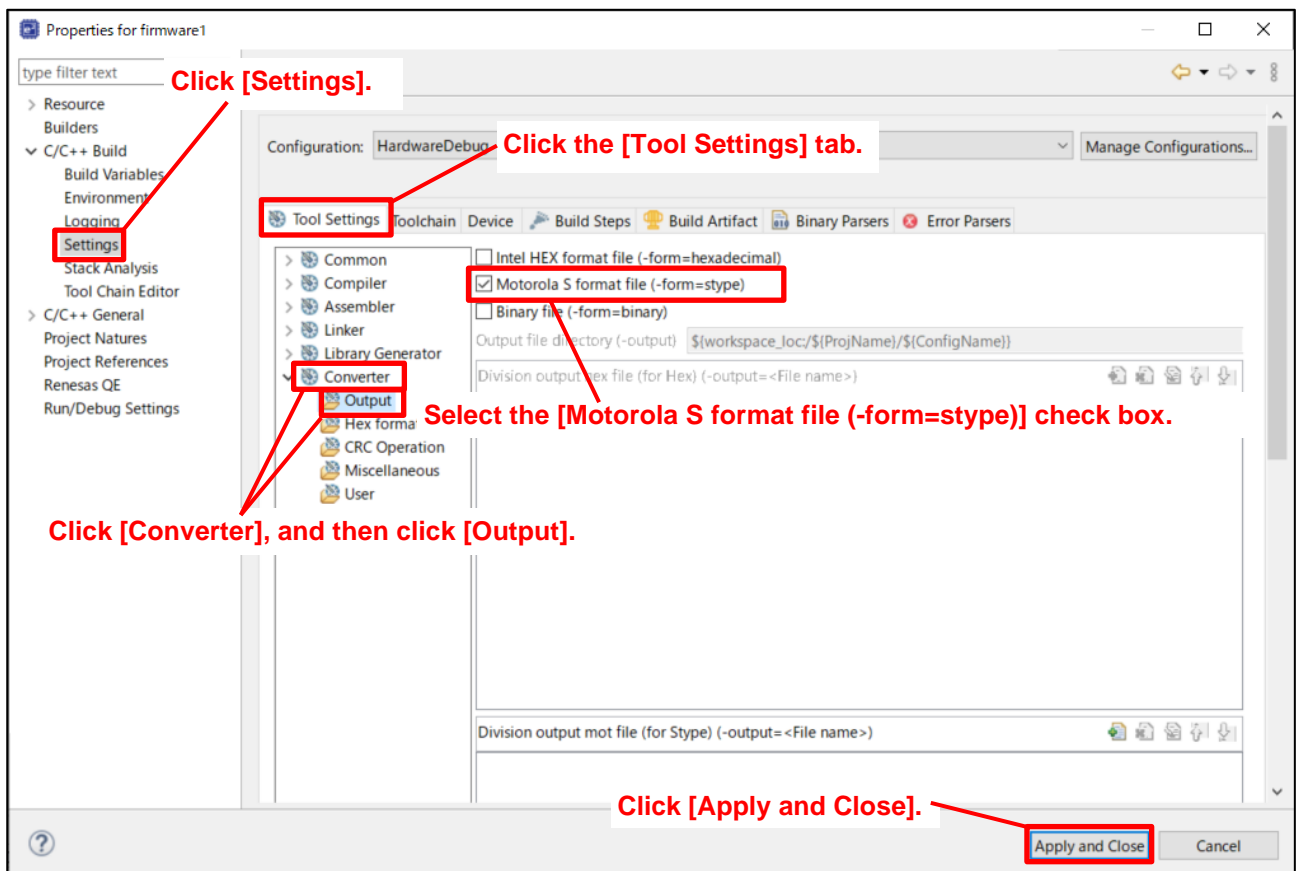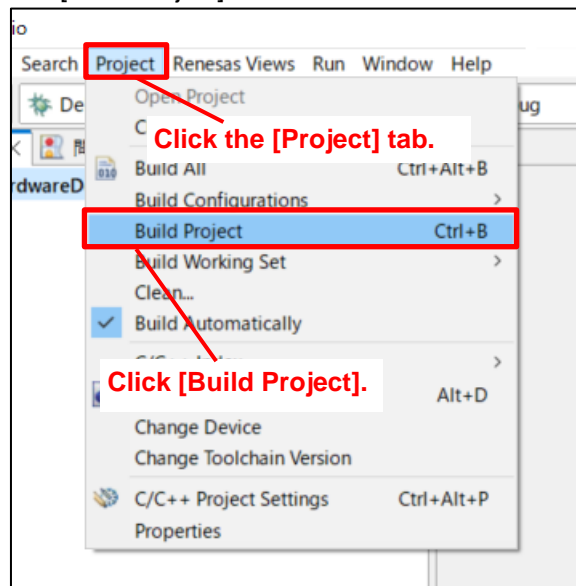
(10) Click [Project], and then click [Build Project].

(11) After the build is complete, the MOT file is output to the HardwareDebug folder in the project.
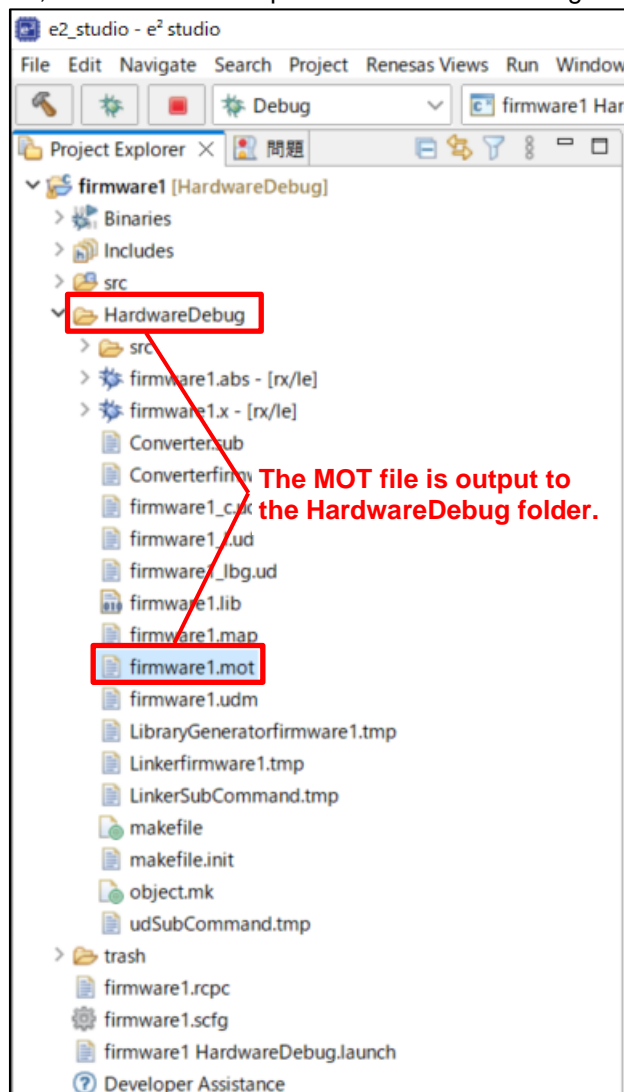
3.4.1.2 When Using GCC for Renesas RX

(1) Start e² studio.

(2) In Project Explorer, click the project of which you want to change the setting.
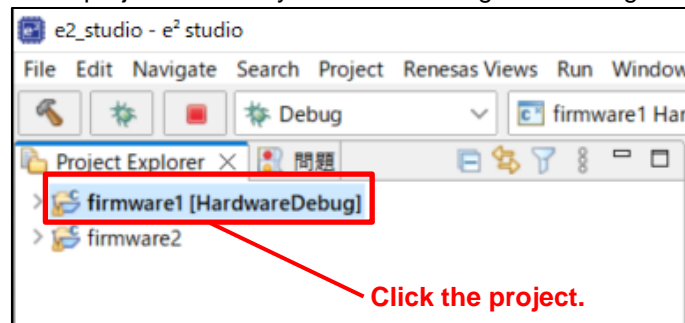
(3) Click [Project], and then click [Properties].
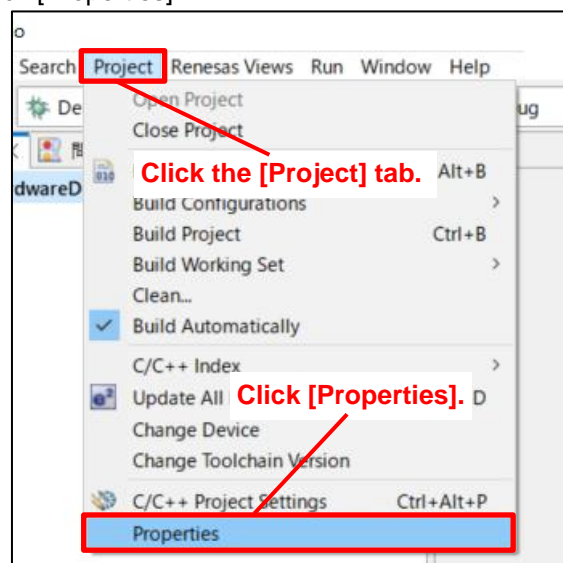
(4) Click [>] for [C/C++ Build] to expand the pull-down menu.
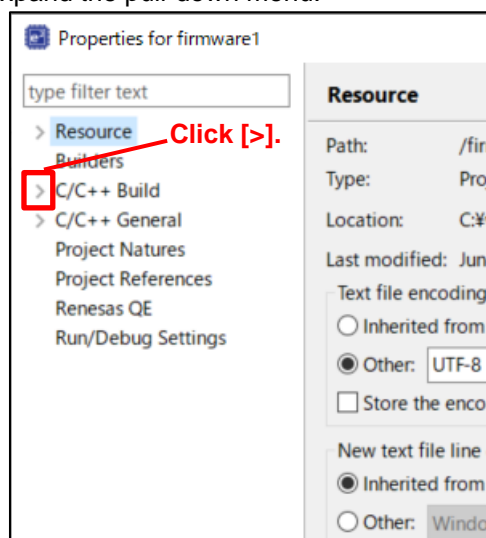
(5) Click [Settings].

(6) Click the [Tool Settings] tab.

(7) From [Objcopy], click [General].

(8) Change the setting of [OutFormat] to [Motorola S-record (srec)].

(9) Click [Apply and Close].
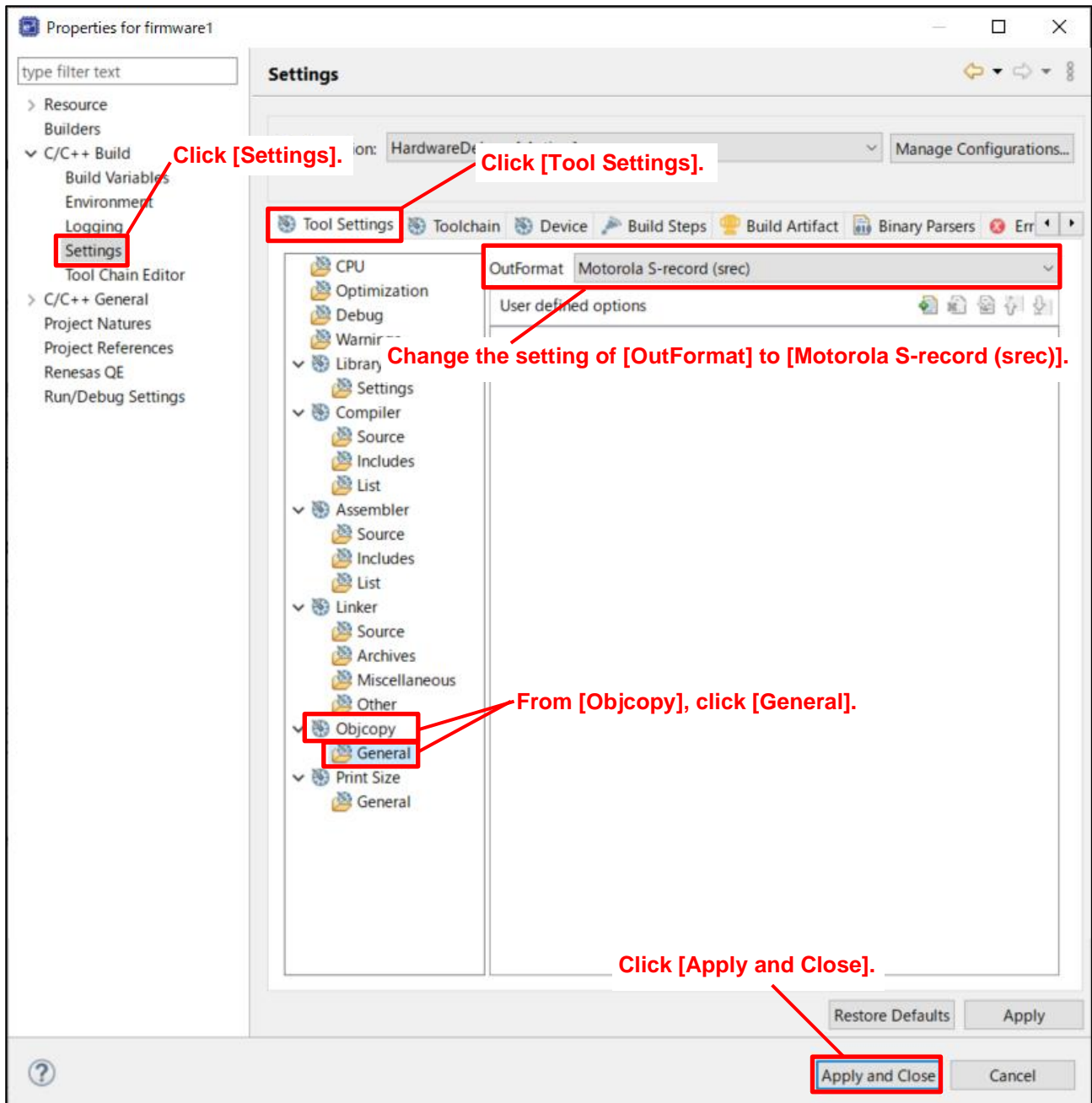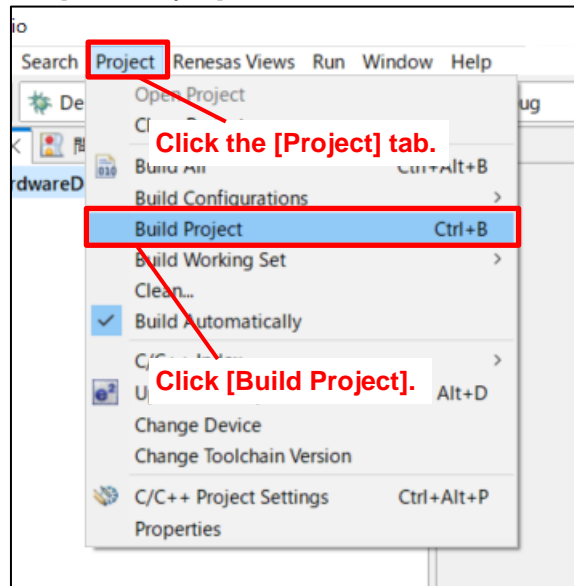
(10) Click [Project], and then click [Build Project].

(11) After the build is complete, the MOT file is output to the HardwareDebug folder in the project.
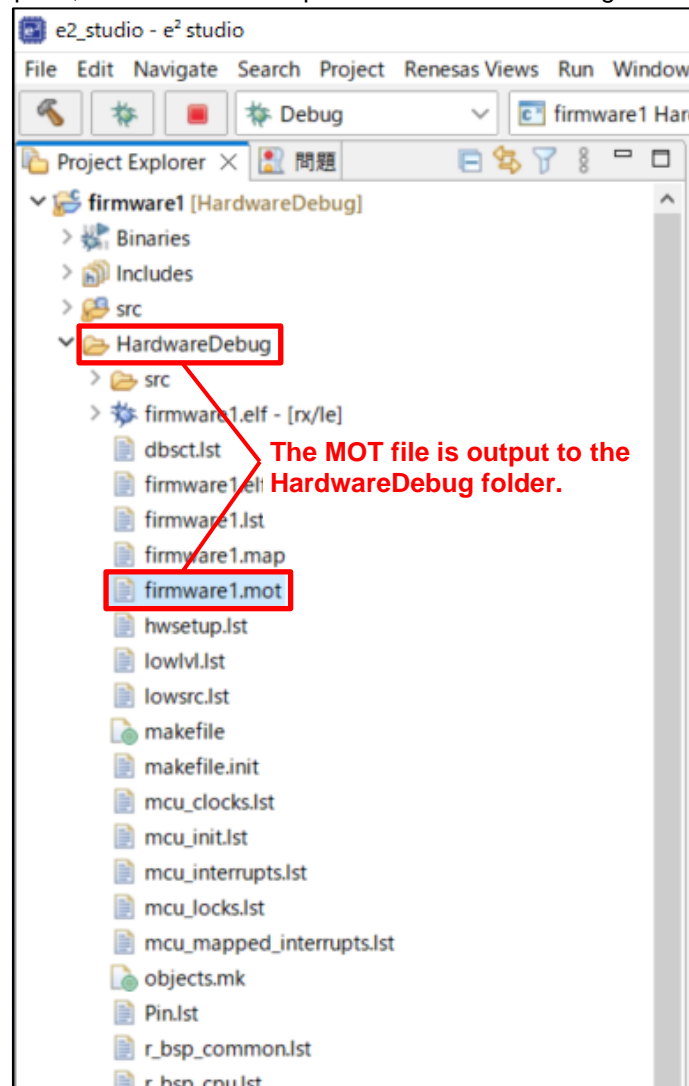
3.4.2   Procedures for Outputting Offset MOT Files

(1) Start e^2 studio.

(2) Click the [Run] tab, and then click [Debug Configurations].
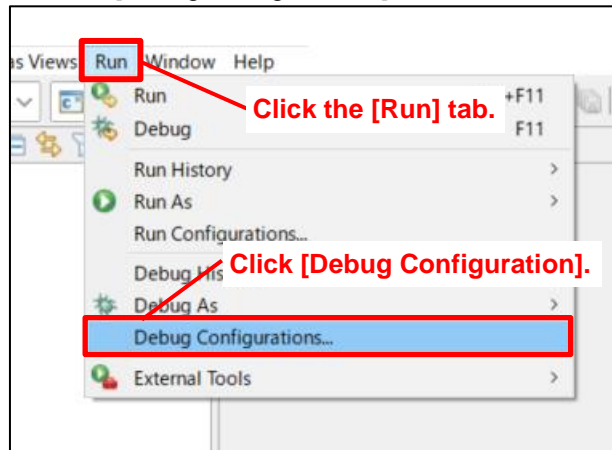

(3) In the [Debugger] tabbed page, click the [Connection Settings] tab.

(4) Change the setting of [Startup bank] to [Bank 0].
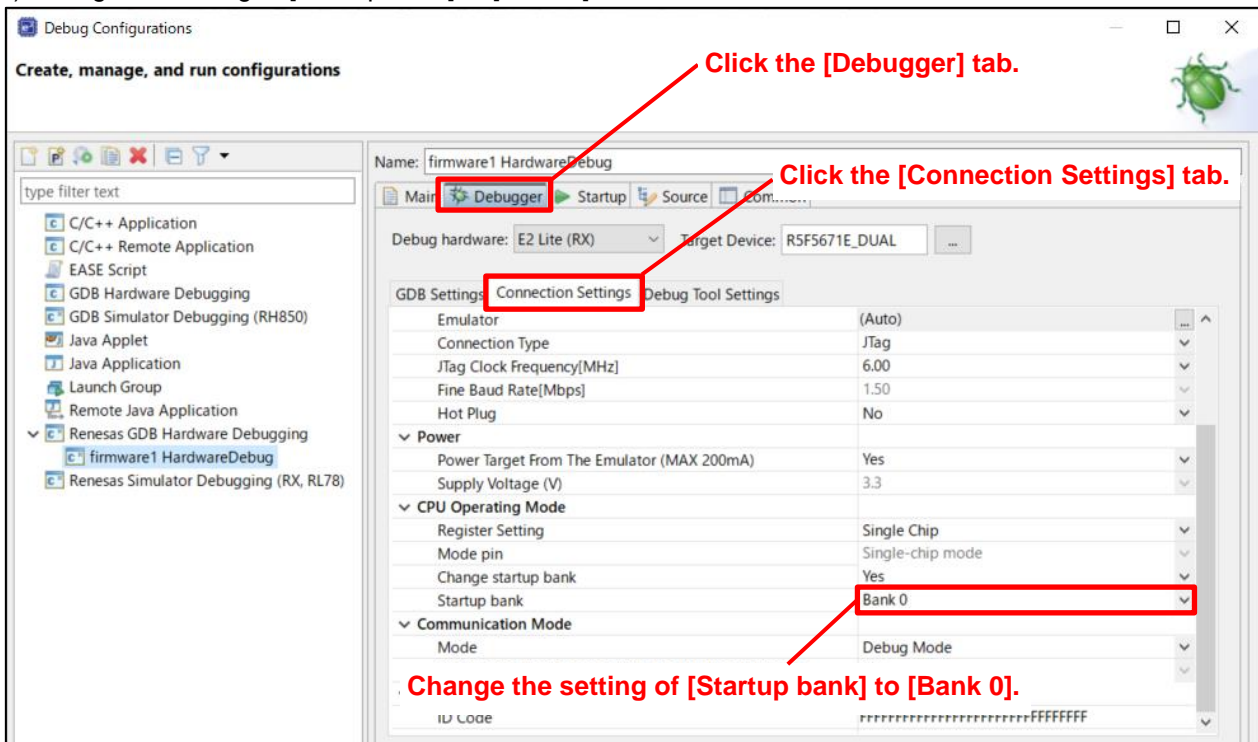
(5) Add an offset to the program located at addresses FFF0 0000h to FFFF FFFFh, and then download the program to addresses FFE0 0000h to FFEF FFFFh. For details, see section 3.3, Debugging the Startup Bank Switching Function, steps (3) to (6).
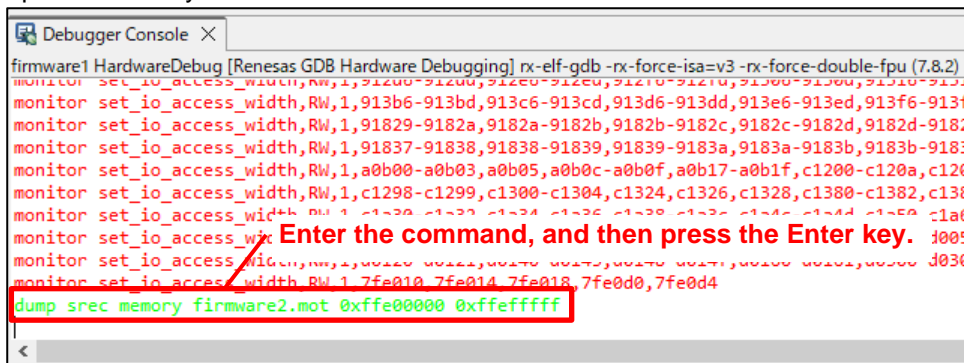
(6) Click [Window], [Show View], and then [Other].
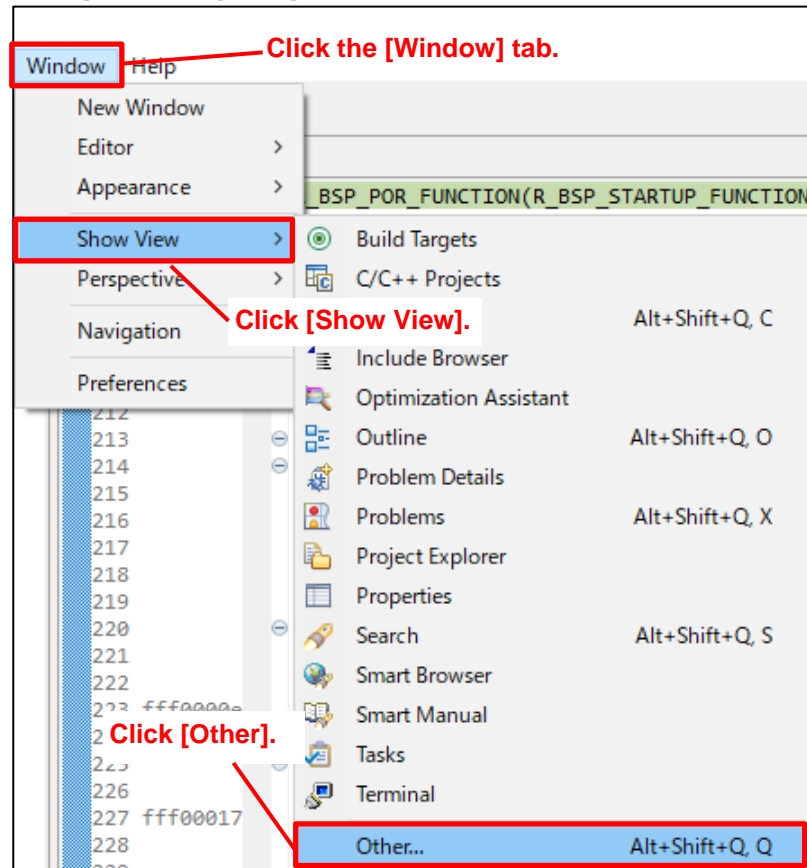
(7) In the [Show View] dialog box, enter "Debugger Console", and then click [Open].
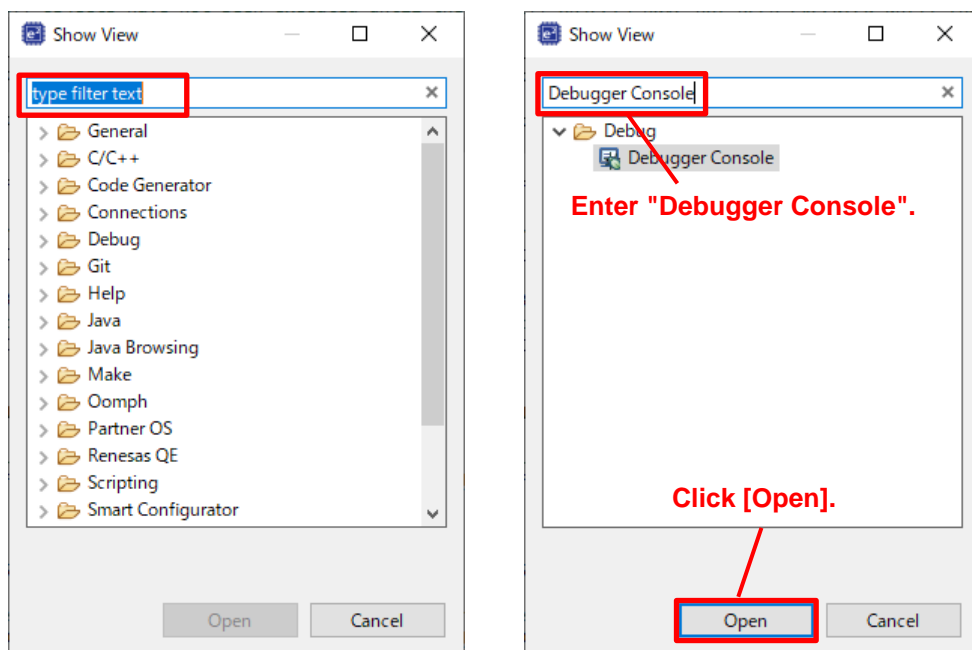
(8) Run the following GDB command to output the MOT file of the program that was downloaded to addresses FFE0 0000h to FFEF FFFFh with offset added. Enter any file name for the MOT file.

Command: dump srec memory firmware2.mot 0xffe00000 0xffefffff

(9) The MOT file is output to the project folder.
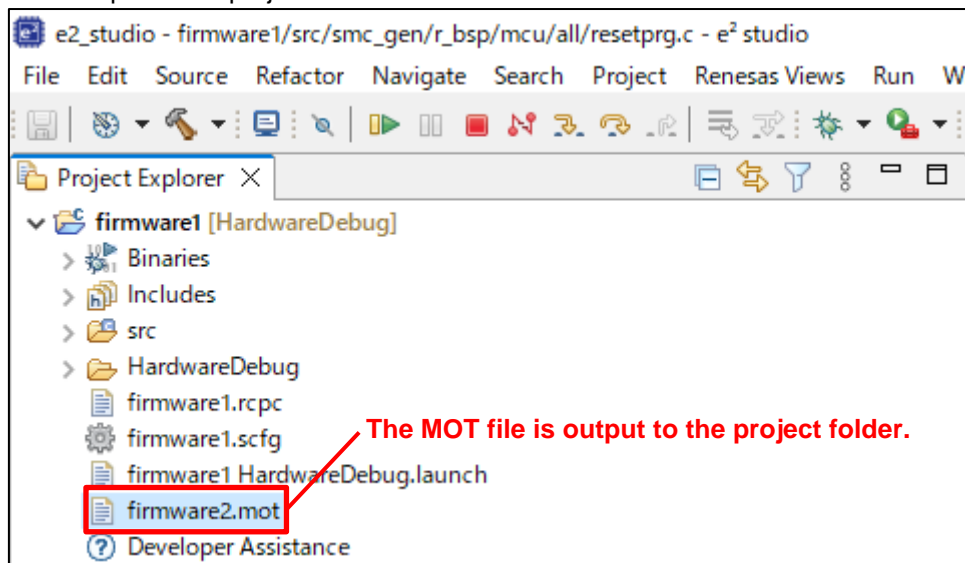
4. Writing a Dual-Mode Program by Using RFP

4.1 Writing a Program in Bank 0 of the MCU in Shipment State

Prepare a MOT file (created in section 3.1, When Developing User Program Version 1.00) that contains a program to be written to bank 0 and the option-setting memory settings. When the program is written by using the following procedure with RFP, dual mode is set after a reset, and then the program written in bank 0 operates.

(1) Start RFP.
(2) Click the [File] tab.
(3) Click [New Project], and then create a linear mode project.
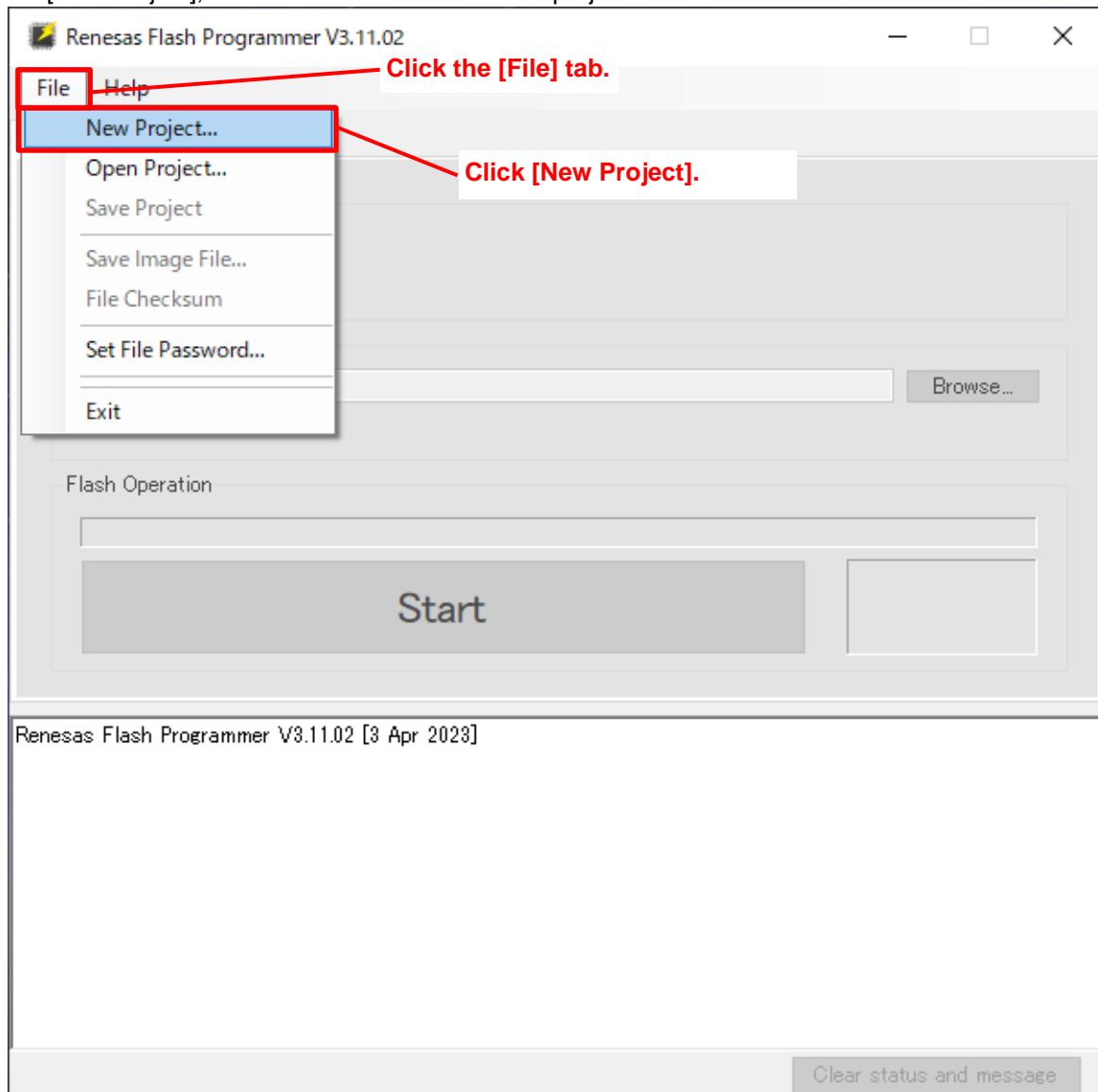
(4) Enter any project name in the [Project Name:] text box.
(5) Change other settings according to the system.
(6) Click [Connect].

(7) In the [ID Code:] text box, enter the set security ID.
(8) Click [OK].

(9) Click the [Operation Settings] tab.

(10) For [Command], select the [Program] and [Verify] check boxes.

(11) Click the [Operation] tab.

(12) For [Endian:], select the endian appropriate for the user program.

(13) For [Program File], select the user program to be written.

(14) Click [Start].
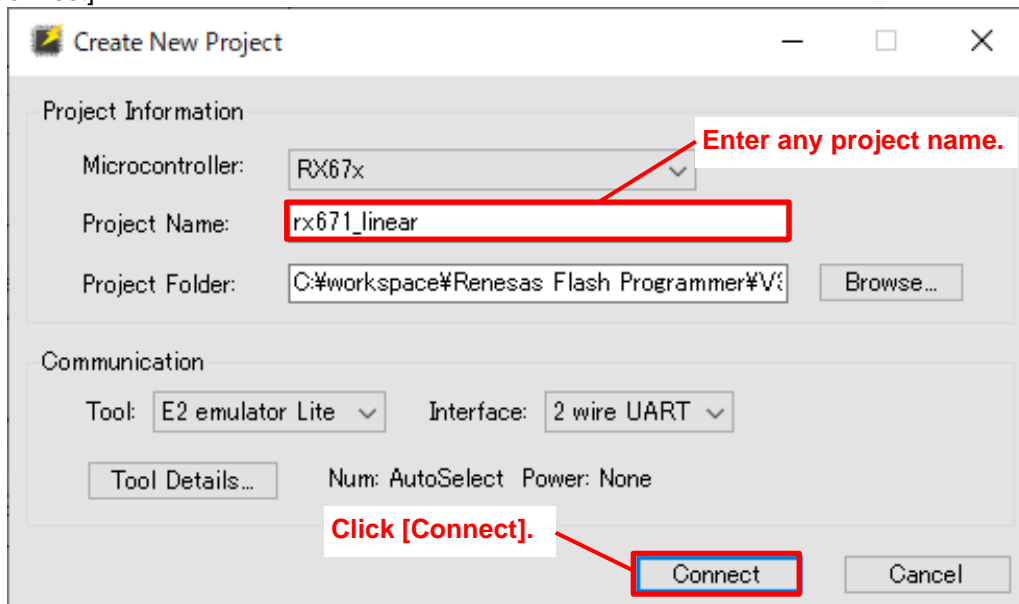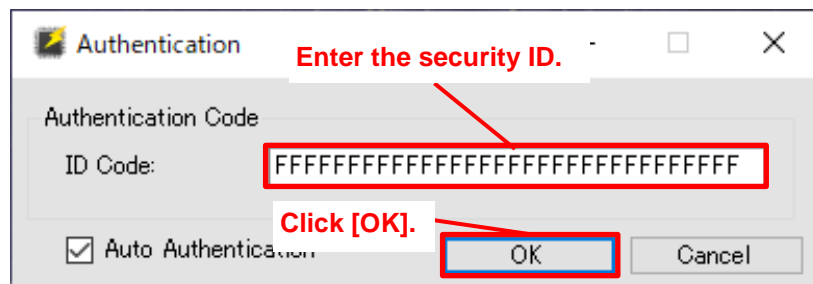
(15) When "Operation completed." appears, writing is complete.
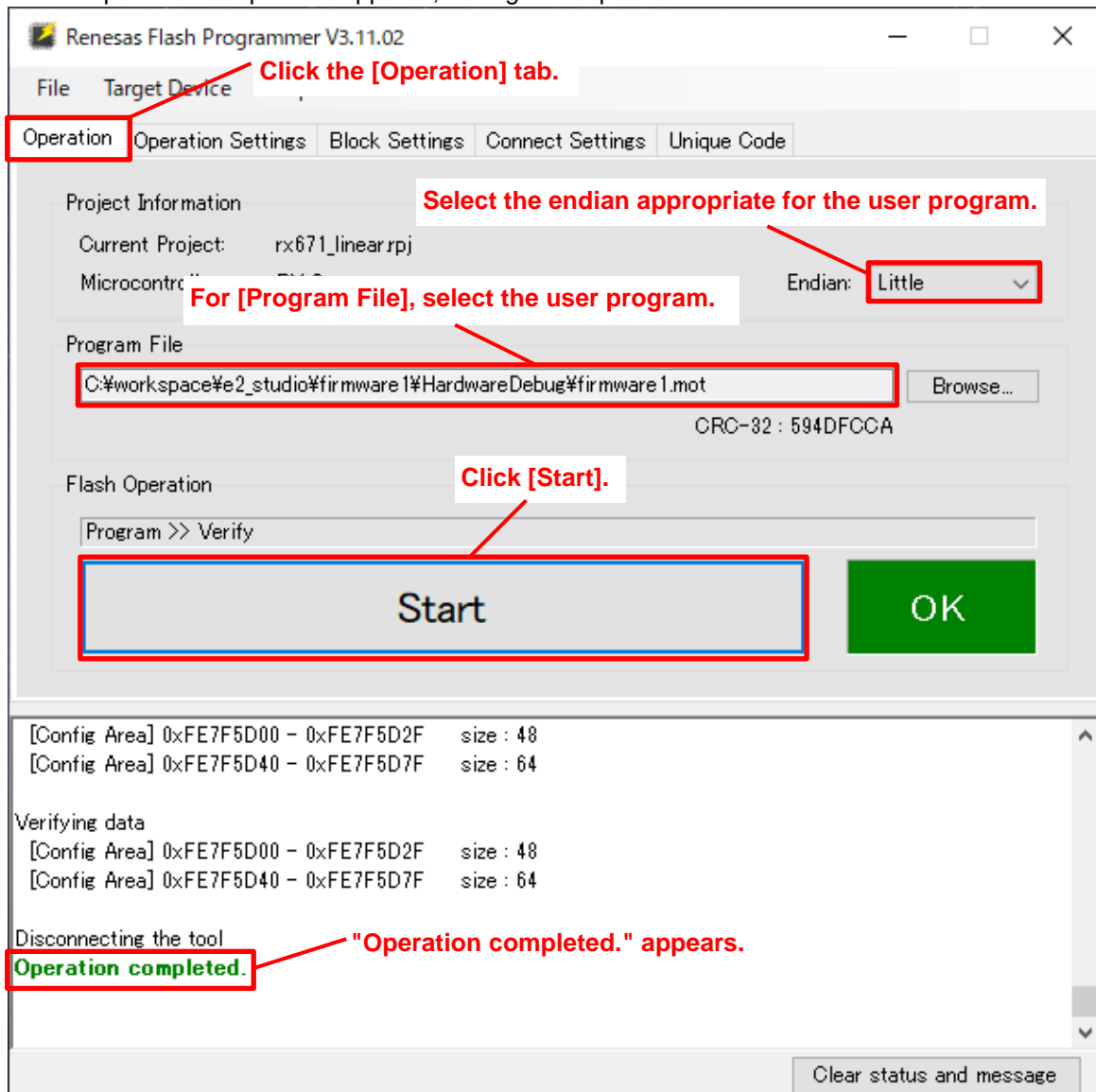
4.2 Writing in Bank 1

This section describes how to write a user program in bank 1 after writing the user program in bank 0 in section 4.1, Writing a Program in Bank 0 of the MCU in Shipment State.

Prepare the MOD file (created in section 3.4.2, Procedures for Outputting Offset MOT Files without option-setting memory settings) to be written to bank 1.

(1) Start RFP.
(2) Click the [File] tab.
(3) Click [New Project], and then create a dual mode project.
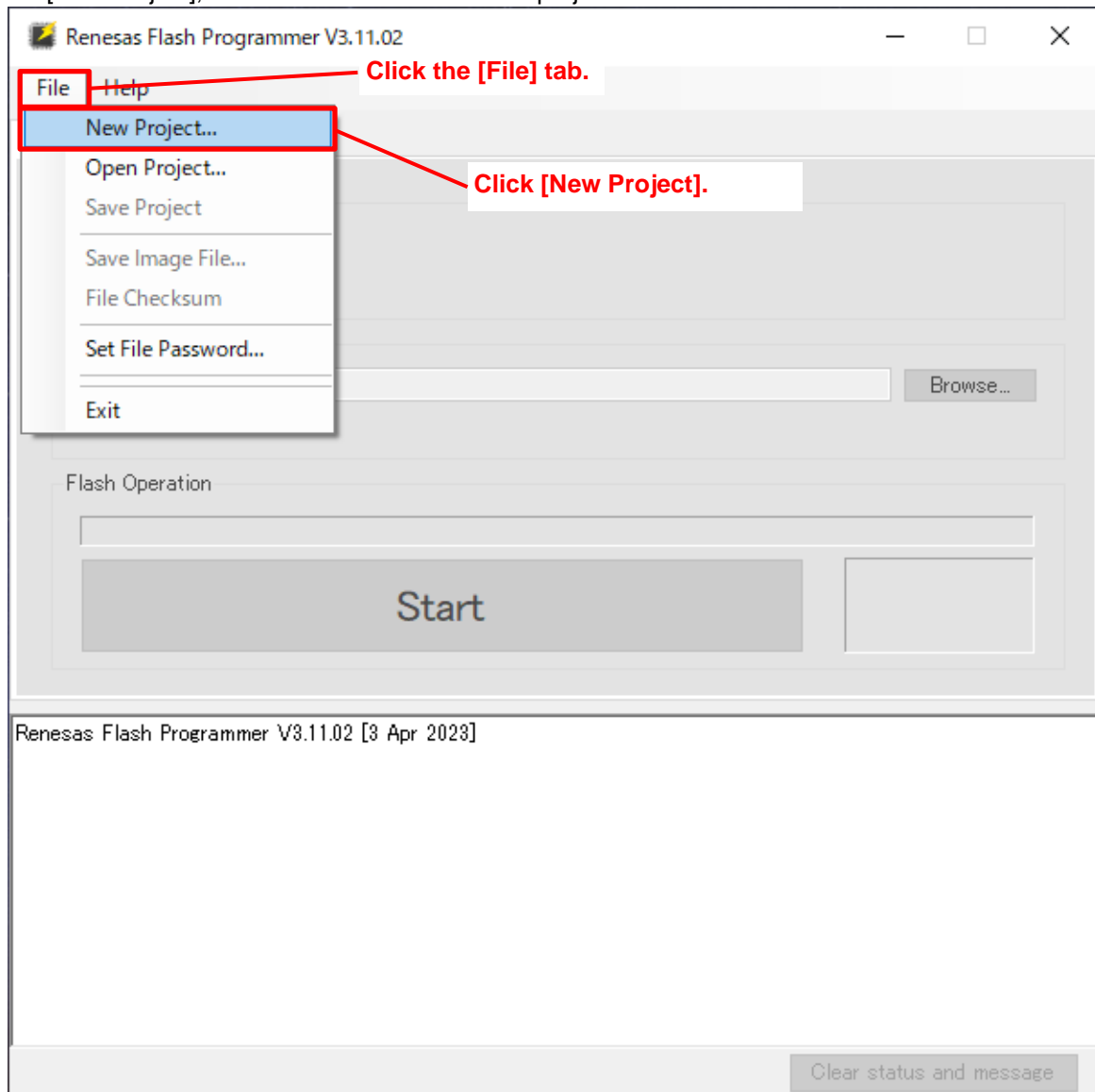
(4) Enter any project name in the [Project Name:] text box.
(5) Change other settings according to the system.
(6) Click [Connect].
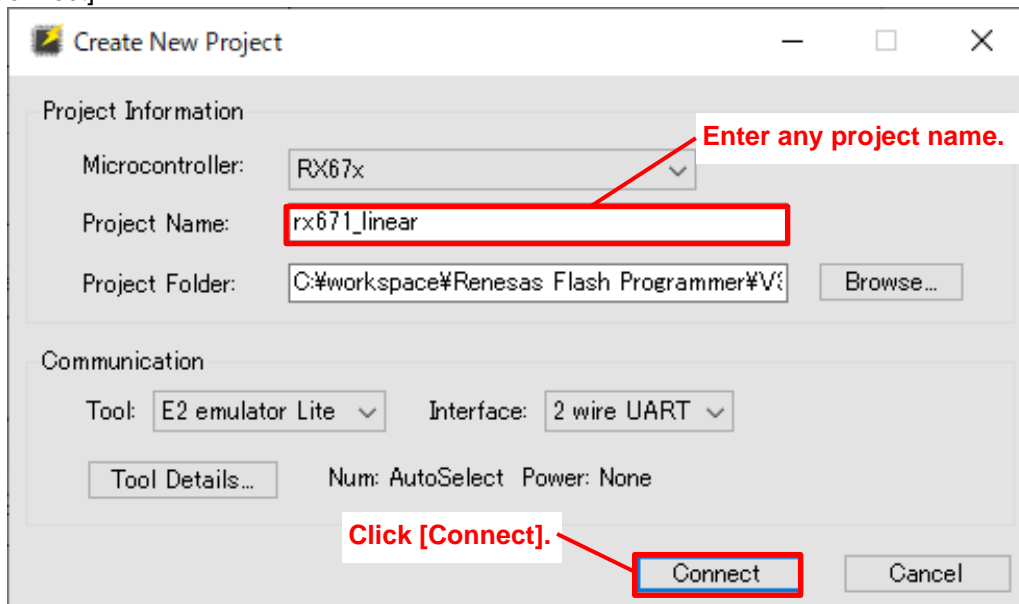
(7) In the [ID Code:] text box, enter the set security ID.
(8) Click [OK].
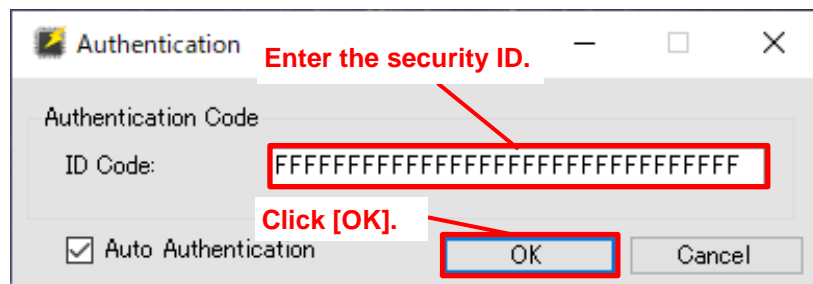
(9) Click the [Operation Settings] tab.

(10) For [Command], select the [Program] and [Verify] check boxes.
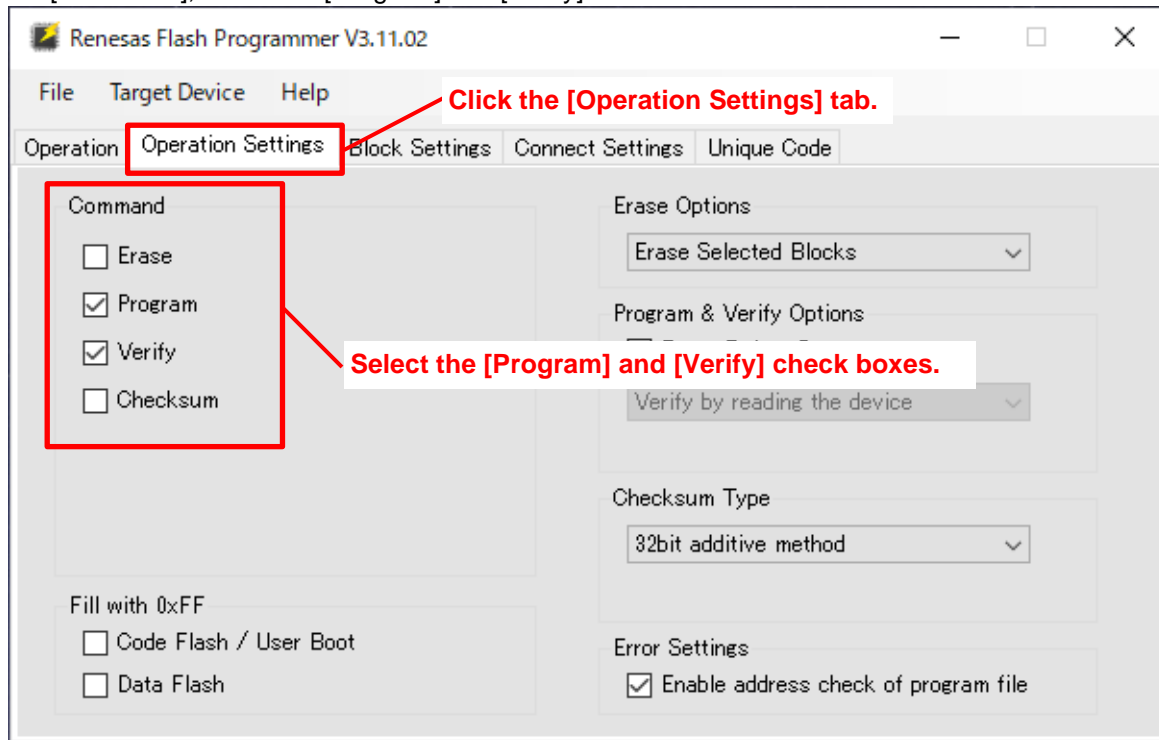
(11) Click the [Operation] tab.
(12) For [Endian:], select the endian appropriate for the user program.
(13) For [Program File], select the user program to be written.
(14) Click [Start].
(15) When "Operation completed." appears, writing is complete.

5. Notes

5.1 Option-Setting Memory Settings

The option-setting memory settings can be specified in the source code. However, do not set the BANKSEL.BANKSWP[2:0] bits for user programs of version 1.01 or later. Switching is allowed for self-programming only.

6. Reference Documents

User's Manual: Hardware
   RX671 Group User's Manual: Hardware (R01UH0899EJ)
   (The latest version can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.)

Application Note
   RX Family Board Support Package Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN1685EJ)
   (The latest information can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.)

   RX Family Flash Module Using Firmware Integration Technology (R01AN2184EJ)
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