

RL78/G16

Realtime Clock 2

Introduction

This application note shows usage examples of the fixed-cycle interrupt function and the alarm interrupt function of the realtime clock 2 (RTC2).

The fixed-cycle interrupt function inverts the outputs of output ports and displays the clock time on the LCD. The alarm interrupt function generates an alarm interrupt five seconds after the set clock time.

Continuous RTC2 operation can be monitored with the clock time display on the LCD even during a reset period.

Target Device

RL78/G16

When applying the sample program covered in this application note to another microcomputer, modify the program according to the specifications for the target microcomputer and conduct an extensive evaluation of the modified program.

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1. Specifications

1.1 Overview of Specifications

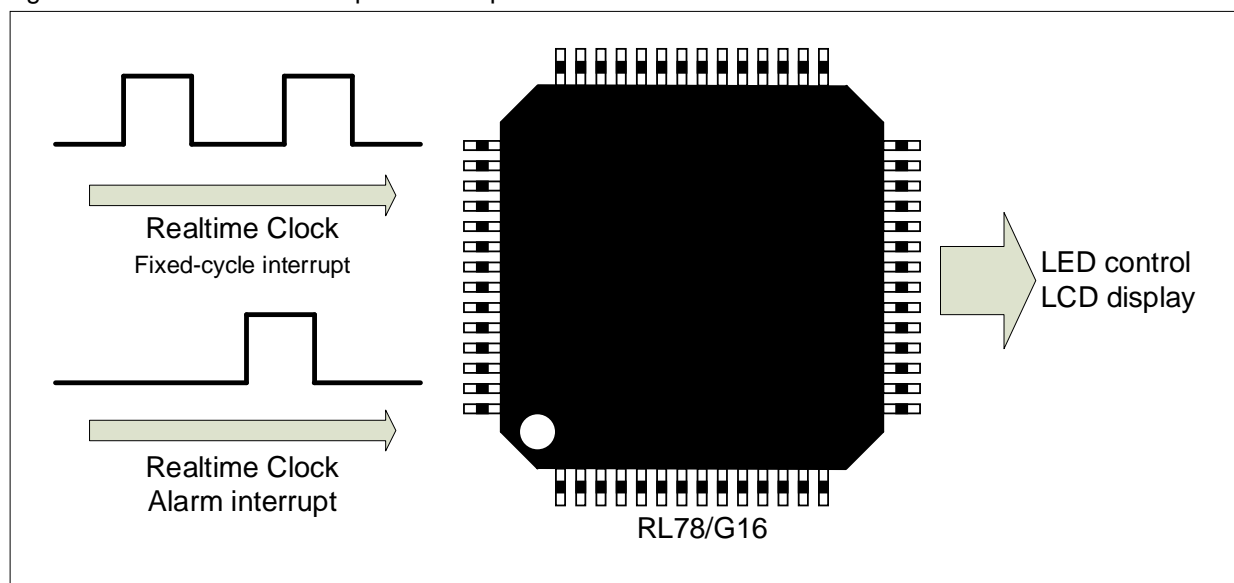
The fixed-cycle interrupt function inverts the outputs of output ports and displays the clock time on the LCD. The alarm interrupt function generates an alarm interrupt five seconds after the set clock time.

Table 1-1 lists peripheral functions to be used and Figure 1-1 shows an overview of sample code operation.

Table 1-1 Peripheral Function and Use

Peripheral Function	Use
Realtime clock 2	RTC2 interrupt (INTRTC2)
P12	Set to port output in the fixed-cycle interrupt processing (inverted output)
P15	Set to port output in the alarm interrupt processing (Initial value: high level output)
Serial Interface IICA0 P60/SCLA0, P61/SDAA0	I2C communication with the LCD module (LCM)
$\overline{\text{RESET}}$	External reset input
P121/XT1 P122/XT2	RTC2 operating clock

Figure 1-1 Overview of Sample Code Operation



1.2 Outline of operation

In this application note, the clock time of the RTC2 is set to “2023/1/1 (Fri) 15:59:55” and the alarm time is set to “16:00:00 every day”. Furthermore, the following interrupt processing is performed.

- P12 output inversion and clock time display on the LCD in the fixed-cycle interrupt processing
- Low-level output of P15 (LED ON) in the alarm interrupt processing

(1) Initialize the realtime clock 2 (RTC2)

- Select the subsystem clock 2 (f_{sub}) at the RTC2 operation clock.
- Present the time in 24-hour system.
- Disable the RTC21HZ pin output.
- Enable fixed-cycle interrupt and set their cycle time to 0.5 second.
- Enable alarm interrupt.
- Enable INTRTC interrupts.

(2) Initialize the I/O ports.

- Set P12 to the output port for the fixed-cycle interrupt processing. (Initial value: Low level, LED on)
- Set P15 to the output port for the alarm interrupt processing. (Initial value: high level, LED off)

(3) Initialize the serial interface IICA

- Use IICA0 (P60 set to SCLA0 and P61 set to SDAA0).
- Set the local address to 0x10.
- Set the standard mode as the operation mode.
- Set the transfer clock to 80000 bps.
- Enable INTIICA0 interrupt.

(4) Initialize the LCD module

- Set to 8 bits, bus mode, 2-line display, and font type 5x8 dots.
- Make settings to enable display indication, disable cursor display, and disable cursor blinking.
- Set the cursor shift direction to right.

(5) Control the LEDs and perform communication with the LCD module according to interrupts of the RTC2.

Note 1. Refer to the RL78/G16 User's Manual: Hardware for usage notes concerning this device.

Note 2. Make initial settings for the RTC2 only when an Internal reset by data retention power voltage. To enable this, some codes generated by the smart configurator are modified for source codes. Note that, if the smart configurator re-generates codes, this modification becomes invalid. The constants defined in `r_cg_userdefine.h` are used for the RTC2's clock time and the initial set value of alarm time.

2. Operation Confirmation Conditions

The operation of the sample code provided with this application note has been tested under the following conditions.

Table 2-1 Operation Confirmation Conditions

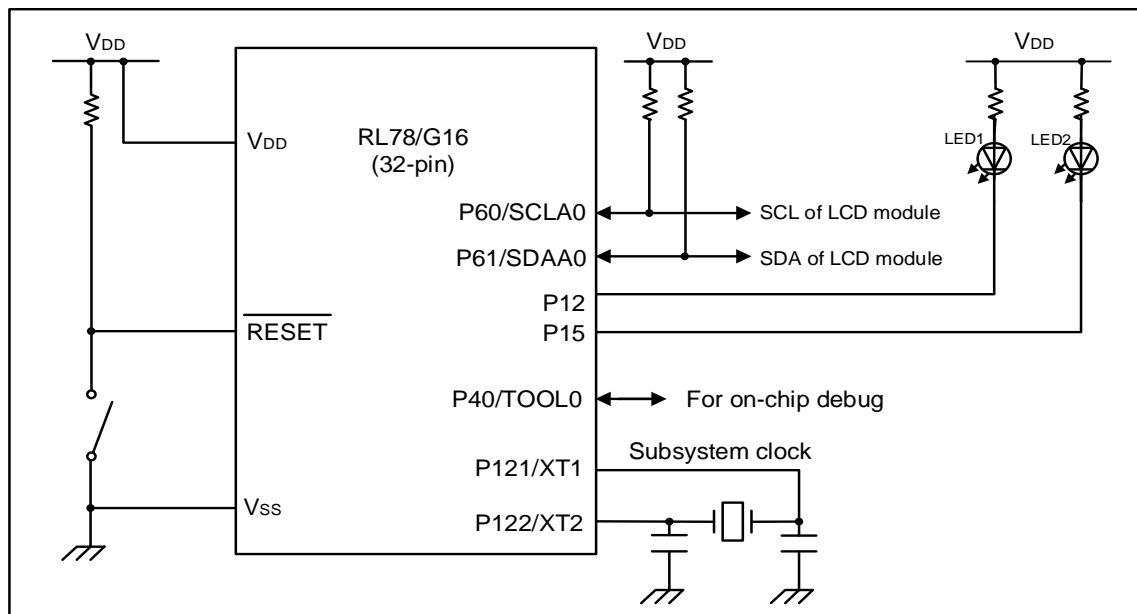
Item	Description
MCU used	RL78/G16 (R5F121BCAFP)
Board used	RL78/G16 Fast Prototyping Board (RTK5RLG160C00000BJ)
Operating frequency	High-speed on-chip oscillator clock (f_{IH}): 16 MHz
Operating voltage	5.0 V (can be operated at 2.4 V to 5.5 V) SPOR operations (VSPOR) At rising edge TYP. 2.57V (2.44 V to 2.68 V) At falling edge TYP. 2.52V (2.40 V to 2.62 V)
Integrated development environment (CS+)	CS+ for CC E8.10.00 from Renesas Electronics Corp.
C compiler (CS+)	CC-RL V1.12.01 from Renesas Electronics Corp.
Integrated development environment (e2studio)	e2studio V2023-10 (23.10.0) from Renesas Electronics Corp.
C compiler (e2studio)	CC-RL V1.12.01 from Renesas Electronics Corp.
Integrated development environment (IAR)	IAR Embedded Workbench for Renesas RL78 V5.10.1 from IAR Systems Corp.
C compiler (IAR)	IAR C/C++ Compiler for Renesas RL78 V5.10.1 from IAR Systems Corp.
Smart configurator (SC)	V1.8.0 from Renesas Electronics Corp.
Board support package (BSP)	V1.60 from Renesas Electronics Corp.
LCD module	ACM1602NI-FLW-FBW-M01

3. Hardware Descriptions

3.1 Example of Hardware Configuration

Figure 3-1 shows an example of the hardware configuration used in the application note.

Figure 3-1 Hardware Configuration



Note 1. This simplified circuit diagram was created to show an overview of connections only. When actually designing your circuit, make sure the design includes appropriate pin handling and meets electrical characteristic requirements (connect each input-only port to VDD or VSS through a resistor).

Note 2. VDD must not be lower than the reset release voltage (VSPOR) that is specified for the SPOR.

3.2 List of Pins to be Used

Table 3-1 lists the pins to be used and their functions.

Table 3-1 Pins to be Used and Their Functions

Pin name	I/O	Function
P12	Output	LED1 control
P15	Output	LED2 control
P60 / SCLA0, P61 / SDAA0	Input/ Output	I2C communication with LCD module
RESET	Input	External reset input
P121 / XT1, P122 / XT2	Input	RTC2 operating clock

Caution In this application note, only the used pins are processed. When actually designing your circuit, make sure the design includes sufficient pin processing and meets electrical characteristic requirements.

4. Software Explanation

4.1 Setting of Option Byte

Table 4-1 shows the option byte settings.

Table 4-1 Option Byte Settings

Address	Setting Value	Contents
000C0H	11101111B	Disables the watchdog timer. (Counting stopped after reset)
000C1H	11111011B	5.0 V (can be operated at 2.4 V to 5.5 V) SPOR operations (VSPOR) At rising edge TYP. 2.57V (2.44 V to 2.68 V) At falling edge TYP. 2.52V (2.40 V to 2.62 V)
000C2H	11111001B	High-speed on-chip oscillator clock (f_{IH}): 16 MHz
000C3H	10000101B	Enables on-chip debugging

4.2 List of Constants

Table 4-2 and Table 4-3 lists the constants that are used in the sample code.

Table 4-2 Constants (1/2)

Constant Name	Setting Value	Description
0xA0_LCM_SLAVE_ADDR	0xA0	Slave address for LCD module
0x00_LCM_SLAVE_ADDR_RW_LOW	0x00	Write flag for LCD module
0x80_LCM_CONTROL_BYTE_RS_HIGH	0x80	Data transfer flag for LCD module
0x00_LCM_CONTROL_BYTE_RS_LOW	0x00	Command transfer flag for LCD module
0x00_LCM_COMMAND_CLEAR_DISPLAY	0x01	Clear display flag
0x04_LCM_COMMAND_ENTRY_MODE_SET	0x04	Display position setting flag
0x02_LCM_COMMAND_ENTRY_MODE_SET_ID_HIGH	0x02	Shift the display position to the right (increment)
0x00_LCM_COMMAND_ENTRY_MODE_SET_S_LOW	0x00	Display shift off flag
0x08_LCM_COMMAND_DISPLAY_ONOFF	0x08	Display enable flag
0x04_LCM_COMMAND_DISPLAY_ONOFF_D_HIGH	0x04	Display on flag
0x00_LCM_COMMAND_DISPLAY_ONOFF_C_LOW	0x00	Cursor display disable flag
0x00_LCM_COMMAND_DISPLAY_ONOFF_B_LOW	0x00	Cursor blinking disable flag
0x20_LCM_COMMAND_FUNCTION_SET	0x20	Function enable flag
0x10_LCM_COMMAND_FUNCTION_SET_DL_HIGH	0x10	Transfer bit unit to LCD module: 8-bit
0x08_LCM_COMMAND_FUNCTION_SET_N_HIGH	0x08	Display Lines: 2 lines
0x00_LCM_COMMAND_FUNCTION_SET_F_LOW	0x00	Font display: 5x8 dots
0x80_LCM_COMMAND_SET_DDRAM_ADDRESS	0x80	Font display position setting

Table 4-3 Constants (2/2)

Constant Name	Setting Value	Description
LCM_COMMAND_EXEC_WAIT	26600	LCD module command execution wait time 10 ms (16 MHz operation)
LCM_CONFIG_FUNCTION_SET_PARAMS	0x18	Parameters for function set _0x10_LCM_COMMAND_FUNCTION_SET_DL_HIGH _0x08_LCM_COMMAND_FUNCTION_SET_N_HIGH _0x00_LCM_COMMAND_FUNCTION_SET_F_LOW
LCM_CONFIG_ENTRY_MODE_SET_PARAMS	0x20	Parameters for entry mode set _0x02_LCM_COMMAND_ENTRY_MODE_SET_ID_HIGH _0x00_LCM_COMMAND_ENTRY_MODE_SET_S_LOW
LCM_CONFIG_DISPLAY_ONOFF_PARAMS	0x40	Display ON/OFF control command parameters _0x04_LCM_COMMAND_DISPLAY_ONOFF_D_HIGH _0x00_LCM_COMMAND_DISPLAY_ONOFF_C_LOW _0x00_LCM_COMMAND_DISPLAY_ONOFF_B_LOW
LCM_CONFIG_MAX_CHAR_PER_LINE	16	Maximum number of characters per line
LCM_CONFIG_WAIT_COUNT	13	IIA0 wait count
LCM_POSITION_TOP	0x00	LCD module display line (top)
LCM_POSITION_BOTTOM	0x40	LCD module display line (bottom)
R_RTC_INIT_SEC	0x55	Initial value of the current clock time (second)
R_RTC_INIT_MIN	0x59	Initial value of the current clock time (minute)
R_RTC_INIT_HOUR	0x15	Initial value of the current clock time (hour)
R_RTC_INIT_WEEK	0x06	Initial value of the current clock time (day of the week)
R_RTC_INIT_DAY	0x01	Initial value of the current clock time (day)
R_RTC_INIT_MONTH	0x01	Initial value of the current clock time (month)
R_RTC_INIT_YEAR	0x23	Initial value of the current clock time (year)
R_RTC_ALARM_MIN	0x00	Set value of alarm occurrence time (minute)
R_RTC_ALARM_HOUR	0x16	Set value of alarm occurrence time (hour)
R_RTC_ALARM_WEEK	0xFF	Set value of alarm occurrence time (day of the week)
R_INTERRUPT_OFF	0	Interrupt flag cleared
R_INTERRUPT_ON	1	Interrupt flag ON

4.3 List of Variables

Table 4-4 lists global variables.

Table 4-4 Global Variables

Type	Variable Name	Description	Function Used
uint8_t	g_RTC_constperiod	Fixed-cycle interrupt flag	main, r_Config_RTC_Create_UserInit, r_Config_RTC_callback_constperiod, r_RTC_is_constperiod_flag_on, r_RTC_clear_constperiod_flag
uint8_t	g_LCM_is_sendend	I2C communication (with the LCD module) completion flag	r_LCM_init, r_LCM_turn_sendend_on, r_LCM_wait_sendend

4.4 List of Functions

Table 4-5 shows a list of functions.

Table 4-5 Functions

Function Name	Outline
R_Config_RTC_Create_UserInit()	User-specified RTC2 initialization processing
r_Config_RTC_callback_alarm()	Alarm interrupt processing.
r_Config_RTC_callback_constperiod()	Fixed-cycle interrupt processing.
r_RTC_init_current_time()	Initial setting for the current clock time
r_RTC_init_alarm_time()	Initial setting for alarm time
r_RTC_is_constperiod_flag_on()	Check the fixed-cycle interrupt flag.
r_RTC_clear_constperiod_flag()	Clear the fixed-cycle interrupt flag.
r_RTC_display_current_time()	Display the current clock time on the LCD.
convert_BCD_to_2chars()	Convert 2-digit BCD to two characters.
convert_week_to_3chars()	Convert day-of-the-week code to three characters.
r_Config_IICA0_callback_master_sendend()	IICA0 send end callback processing.
r_Config_IICA0_callback_master_error()	IICA0 error callback processing.
r_LCM_init()	LCD module initialization.
r_LCM_clear()	LCD module display clear processing
r_LCM_send_string()	LCD module character string transmission processing
r_LCM_send_command()	LCD module command transmission processing
r_LCM_send_data()	LCD module data transmission processing
r_LCM_turn_sendend_on()	LCD module communication end flag setting
r_LCM_wait_sendend()	LCD module communication end wait processing

4.5 Specification of Function

The function specifications of the sample code are shown below.

R_Config_RTC_Create_UserInit()	
Outline	User-specified RTC2 initialization processing
Header	r_cg_userdefine.h
Declaration	void R_Config_RTC_Create_UserInit(void);
Description	Perform user-specified processing among initialization required before starting the RTC2.
Argument	None
Return Value	None

r_Config_RTC_callback_alarm()	
Outline	Alarm interrupt processing.
Header	r_cg_macrodriver.h
Declaration	static void r_Config_RTC_callback_alarm(void);
Description	This callback function is called when an RTC2 alarm interrupt is generated.
Argument	None
Return Value	None

r_Config_RTC_callback_constperiod()	
Outline	Fixed-cycle interrupt processing.
Header	r_cg_macrodriver.h, r_cg_userdefine.h
Declaration	static void r_Config_RTC_callback_constperiod(void);
Description	This callback function is called when an RTC2 fixed-cycle interrupt is generated.
Argument	None
Return Value	None

r_RTC_init_current_time()	
Outline	Initial setting for the current clock time
Header	r_cg_macrodriver.h, r_cg_userdefine.h
Declaration	void r_RTC_init_current_time(void);
Description	Set the current clock time in the RTC2 register.
Argument	None
Return Value	None

r_RTC_init_alarm_time()	
Outline	Initial setting for the alarm clock time
Header	r_cg_macrodriver.h, r_cg_userdefine.h, Config_RTC2.h
Declaration	void r_RTC_init_alarm_time(void);
Description	Set the alarm time in the RTC2 register.
Argument	None
Return Value	None

r_RTC_is_constperiod_flag_on()

Outline	Check the fixed-cycle interrupt flag.
Header	r_cg_userdefine.h
Declaration	uint8_t r_RTC_is_constperiod_flag_on(void);
Description	Check g_RTC_constperiod and return the check result.
Argument	None
Return Value	1: g_RTC_constperiod is R_INTERRUPT_ON 0: g_RTC_constperiod is R_INTERRUPT_OFF

r_RTC_clear_constperiod_flag()

Outline	Clear the fixed-cycle interrupt flag.
Header	r_cg_userdefine.h
Declaration	void r_RTC_clear_constperiod_flag(void);
Description	Clear g_RTC_constperiod (set to R_INTERRUPT_OF).
Argument	None
Return Value	None

r_RTC_display_current_time()

Outline	Display the current clock time on the LCD.
Header	Config_RTC.h
Declaration	voud r_rtc_display_current_time(void);
Description	Display the current time on the LCD.
Argument	None
Return Value	None

convert_BCD_to_2chars()

Outline	Conversion of two-digit BCD value to two characters
Header	r_cg_macrodriver.h
Declaration	static void convert_BCD_to_2chars(uint8_t bcd, uint8_t * const str);
Description	Convert a two-digit BCD value to two characters.
Argument	uint8_t bcd: Two-digit BCD value to be converted (0x00 to 0x99) uint8_t *str: Area to store converted characters ('¥0' is not added to the end.)
Return Value	None

convert_week_to_3chars()

Outline	Conversion of day-of-the-week value to three characters							
Header	r_cg_macrodriver.h							
Declaration	static void convert_week_to_3chars(uint8_t week, uint8_t * const str);							
Description	Convert a day-of-the-week value to three characters. The conversion result is as follows:							
	Source value	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Conversion result	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Argument	uint8_t week: Day-of-the-week value to be converted (0 to 6) uint8_t *str: Area to store converted characters ('¥0' is not added to the end.)							
Return Value	None							

r_Config_IICA0_callback_master_sendend()

Outline	IICA0 send end callback processing.
Header	r_cg_macrodriver.h, Config_IICA0.h, LCM_driver.h
Declaration	static void r_Config_IICA0_callback_master_receiveend(void);
Description	Callback function called when an IICA0 transmission completion interrupt is generated Generate stop conditions, and then call the LCD module communication end flag setting function.
Argument	None
Return Value	None

r_Config_IICA0_callback_master_error()

Outline	IICA0 error callback processing.
Header	r_cg_macrodriver.h, Config_IICA0.h, LCM_driver.h
Declaration	static void r_Config_IICA0_callback_master_error(MD_STATUS flag);
Description	Callback function called when an IICA0 transmission error interrupt is generated Call the LCD module communication end flag setting function.
Argument	MD_STATUS flag : error type
Return Value	None

r_LCM_init()

Outline	LCD module Initialization
Header	LCM_driver.h, Config_IICA0.h
Declaration	void r_LCM_init(void);
Description	Initializes LCD module.
Argument	None
Return Value	None

r_LCM_clear()

Outline	LCD module display clear processing
Header	LCM_driver.h, Config_IICA0.h
Declaration	void r_LCM_clear(void);
Description	Transmit the display clear command to the LCD module.
Argument	None
Return Value	None

r_LCM_send_string()

Outline	LCD module character string transmission processing
Header	LCM_driver.h, Config_IICA0.h
Declaration	void r_LCM_send_string(uint8_t * const str, lcm_position_t pos);
Description	Display the character string transferred with str on the LCD module. The line to display the character string is specified by pos.
Argument	uint8_t * const str: Character string to be displayed lcm_position_t pos: LCM_POSITION_TOP: Displayed at the top LCM_POSITION_BOTTOM: Displayed at the bottom
Return Value	None

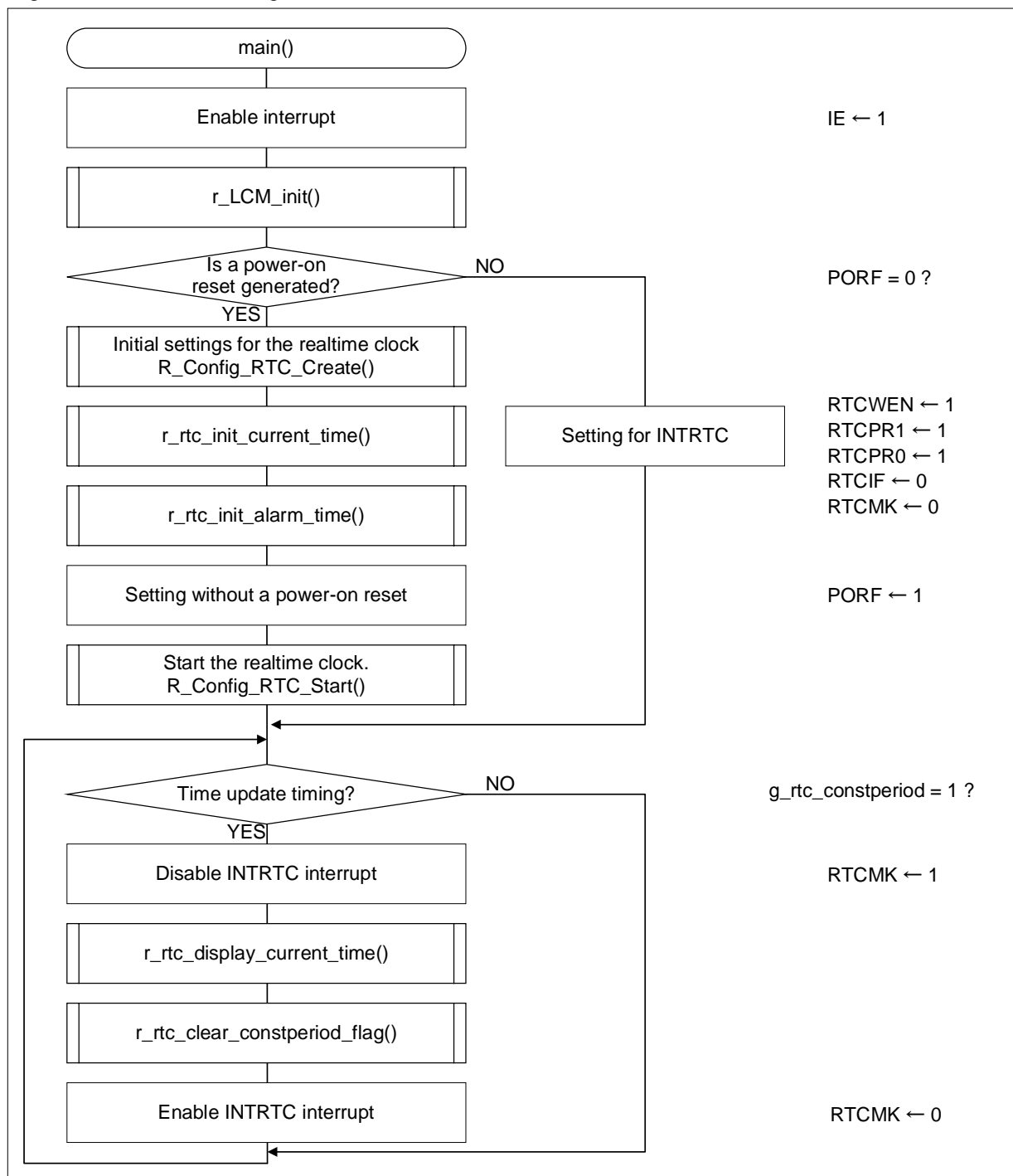
r_LCM_send_command()	
Outline	LCD module command transmission processing
Header	LCM_driver.h, Config_IICA0.h
Declaration	void r_LCM_send_command(uint8_t command);
Description	Send the command transferred with command to the LCD module.
Argument	uint8_t command: Command to be sent to the LCD module
Return Value	None
r_LCM_send_data()	
Outline	LCD module data transmission processing
Header	LCM_driver.h, Config_IICA0.h
Declaration	void r_LCM_send_data(uint8_t data);
Description	Send the data transferred with data to the LCD module.
Argument	uint8_t data: Data to be sent to the LCD module
Return Value	None
r_LCM_turn_sendend_on()	
Outline	LCD module communication end flag setting
Header	LCM_driver.h, Config_IICA0.h
Declaration	void r_LCM_turn_sendend_on(void);
Description	Set the I2C communication (with the LCD module) end flag for g_LCM_is_sendend.
Argument	None
Return Value	None
r_LCM_wait_sendend()	
Outline	LCD module communication end wait processing
Header	LCM_driver.h, Config_IICA0.h
Declaration	static void r_LCM_wait_sendend(void);
Description	Wait until the I2C communication (with the LCD module) ends, and then perform wait processing during the command execution wait time period (10 ms).
Argument	None
Return Value	None

4.6 Flowcharts

4.6.1 Main Processing

Figure 4-1 shows the flowchart of the main processing.

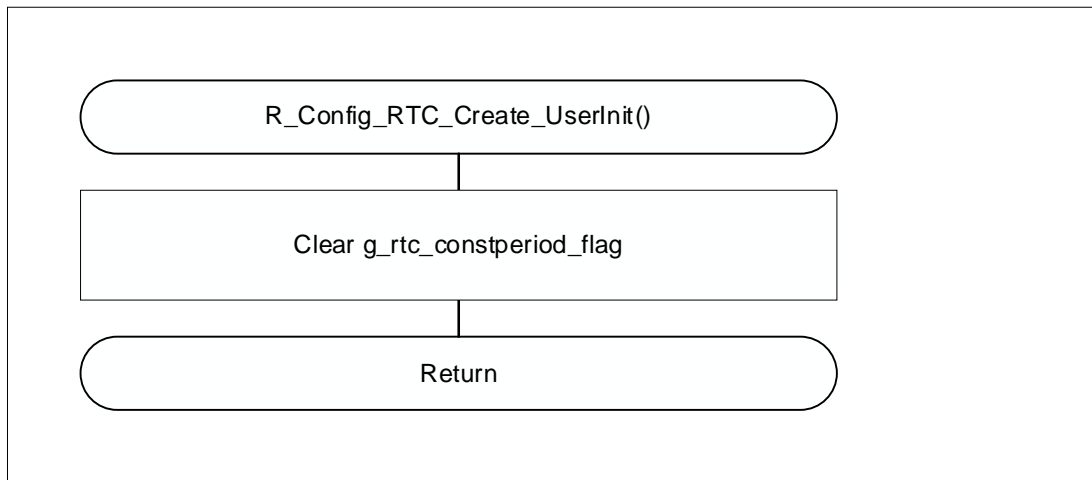
Figure 4-1 Main Processing



4.6.2 RTC2 Initialization Processing (User-Defined)

Figure 4-2 shows the flowchart of the user-defined RTC2 initialization processing.

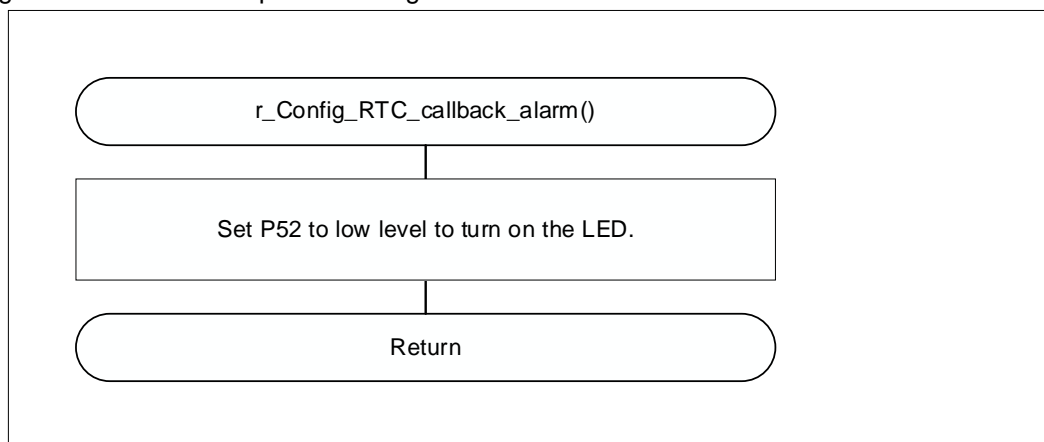
Figure 4-2 RTC2 Initialization Processing (User-Defined)



4.6.3 Alarm Interrupt Processing

Figure 4-3 shows the flowchart of the alarm interrupt processing.

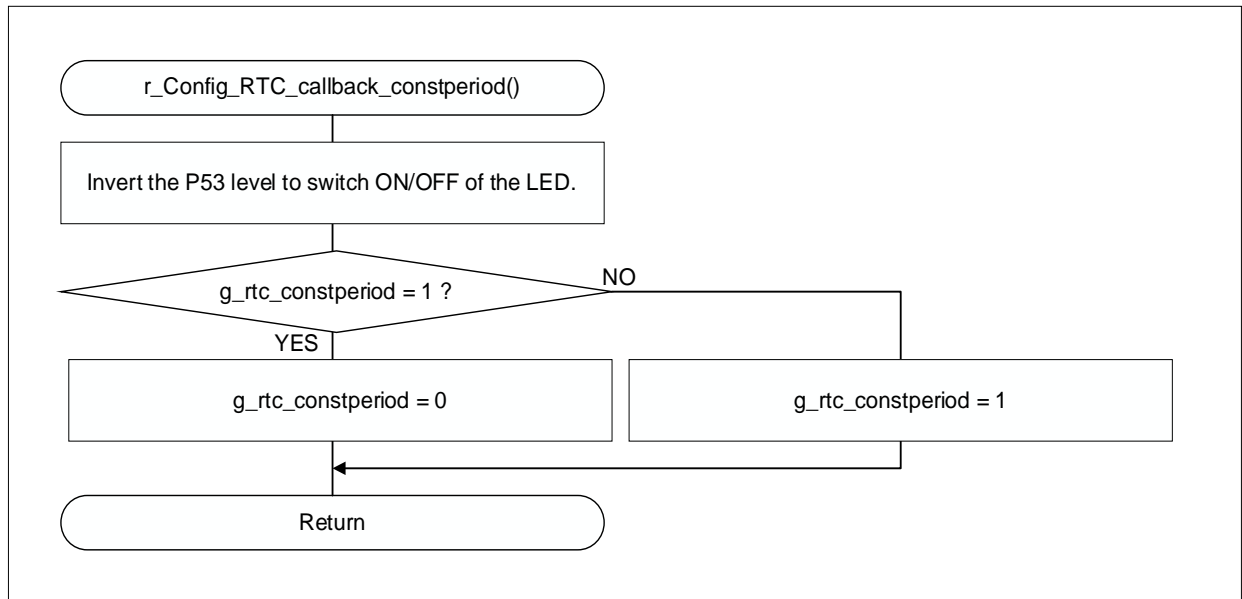
Figure 4-3 Alarm Interrupt Processing



4.6.4 Fixed-cycle Interrupt Processing

Figure 4-4 shows the flowchart of the fixed-cycle interrupt processing.

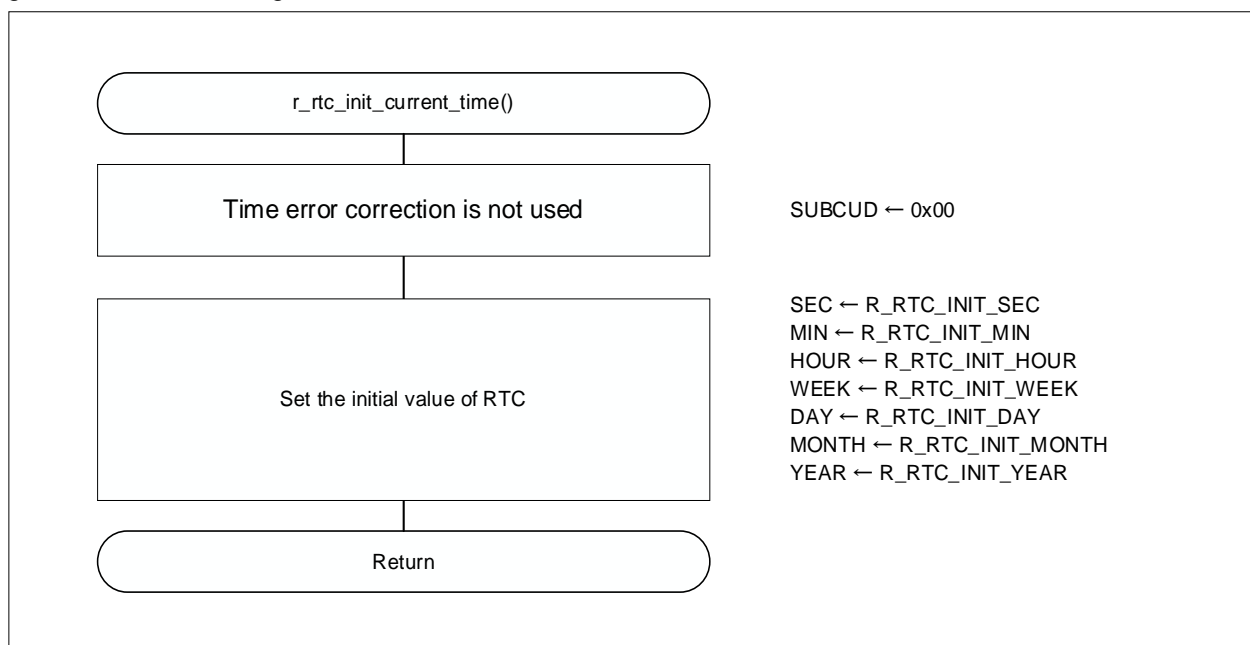
Figure 4-4 Fixed-cycle Interrupt Processing



4.6.5 Initial Settings for the Current Clock Time

Figure 4-5 shows the flowchart of the initial settings for the current clock time.

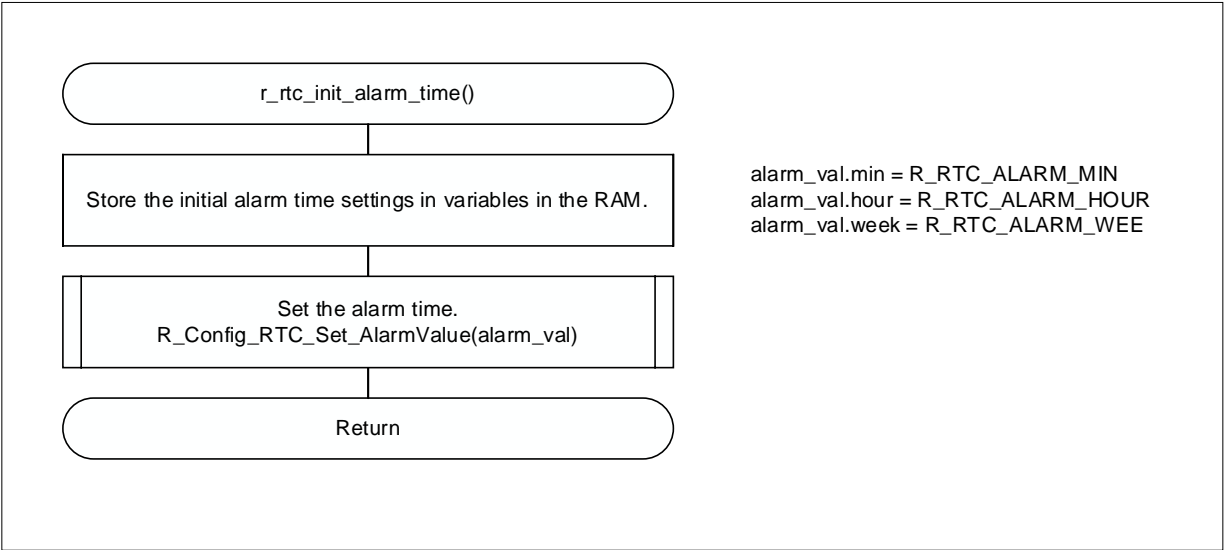
Figure 4-5 Initial Settings for the Current Clock Time



4.6.6 Initial Settings for Alarm Time

Figure 4-6 shows the flowchart of the initial settings for alarm time.

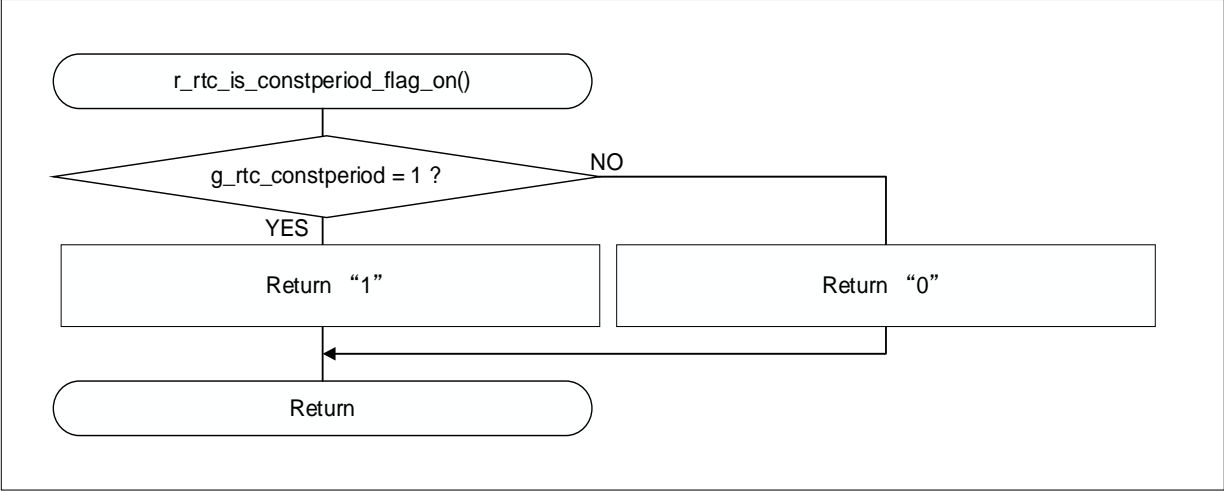
Figure 4-6 Initial Settings for Alarm Time



4.6.7 Check the Fixed-Cycle Interrupt Flag

Figure 4-7 shows the flowchart of the check the fixed-cycle interrupt flag.

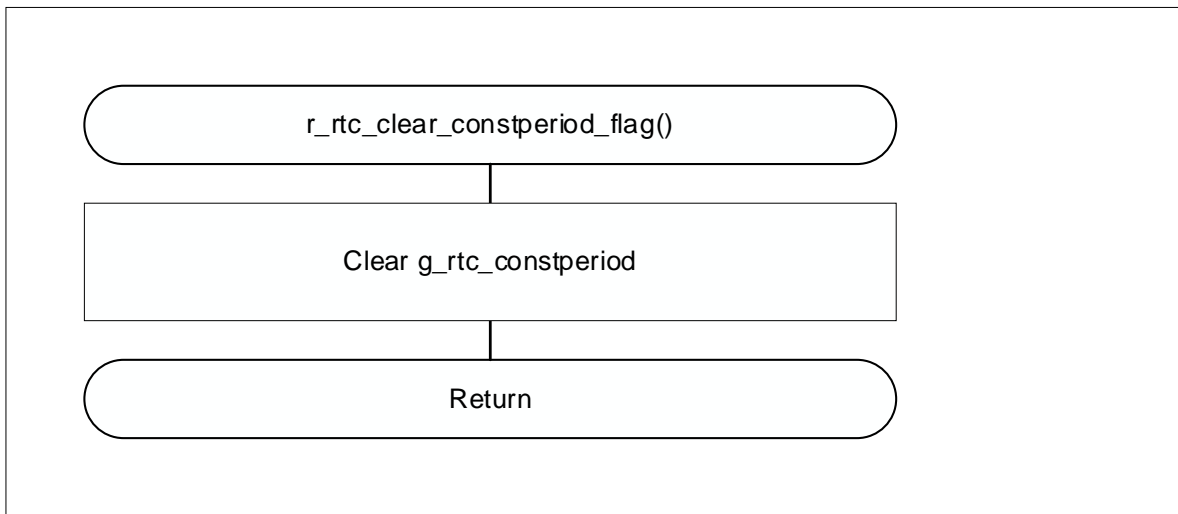
Figure 4-7 Check the Fixed-Cycle Interrupt Flag



4.6.8 Clear the Fixed-Cycle Interrupt Flag

Figure 4-8 shows the flowchart of the clear the fixed-cycle interrupt flag.

Figure 4-8 Clear the Fixed-Cycle Interrupt Flag



4.6.9 Current Clock Time Display Processing

Figure 4-9 and Figure 4-10 show the flowcharts of the current clock time display processing.

Figure 4-9 Current Clock Time Display Processing (1/2)

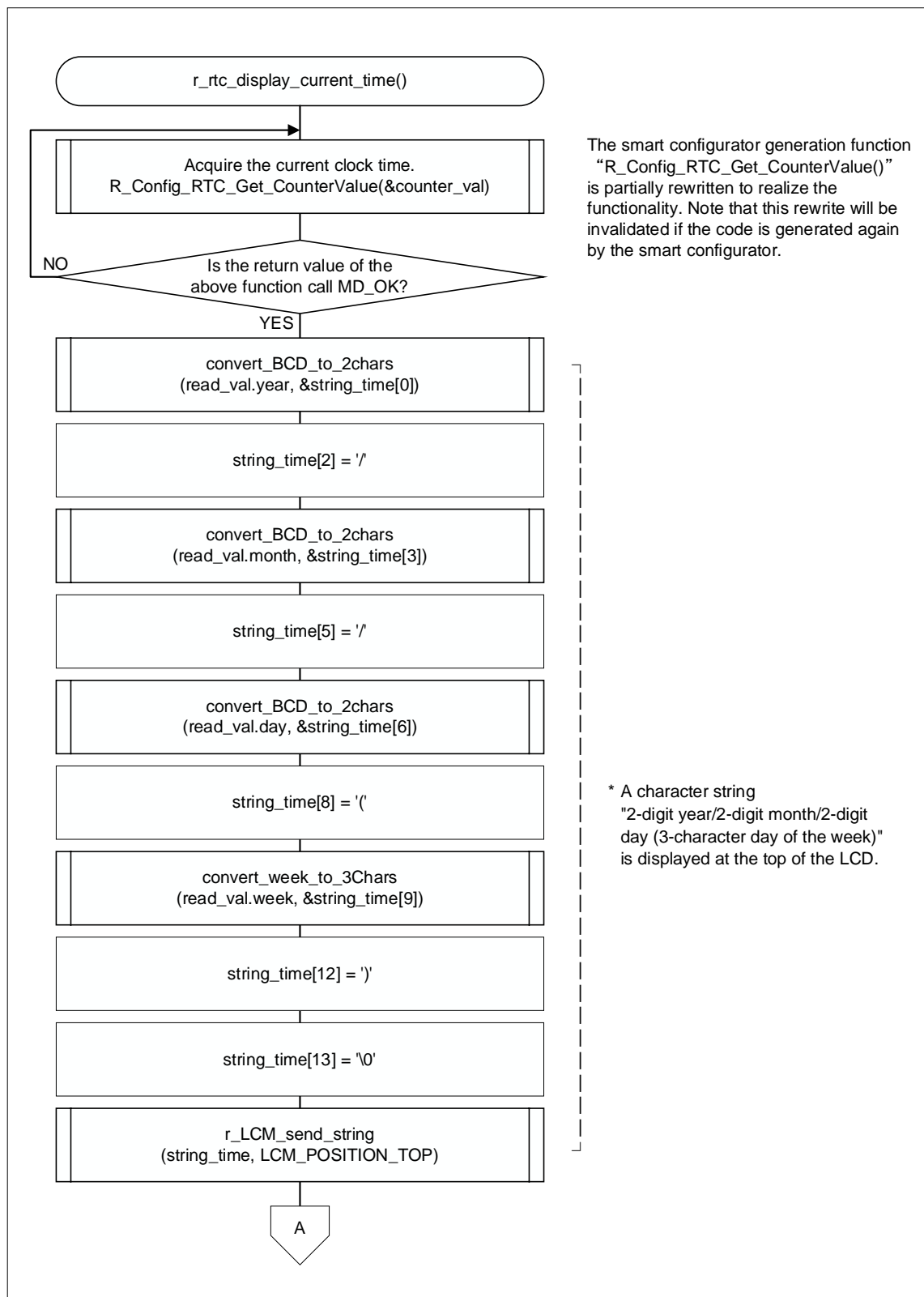
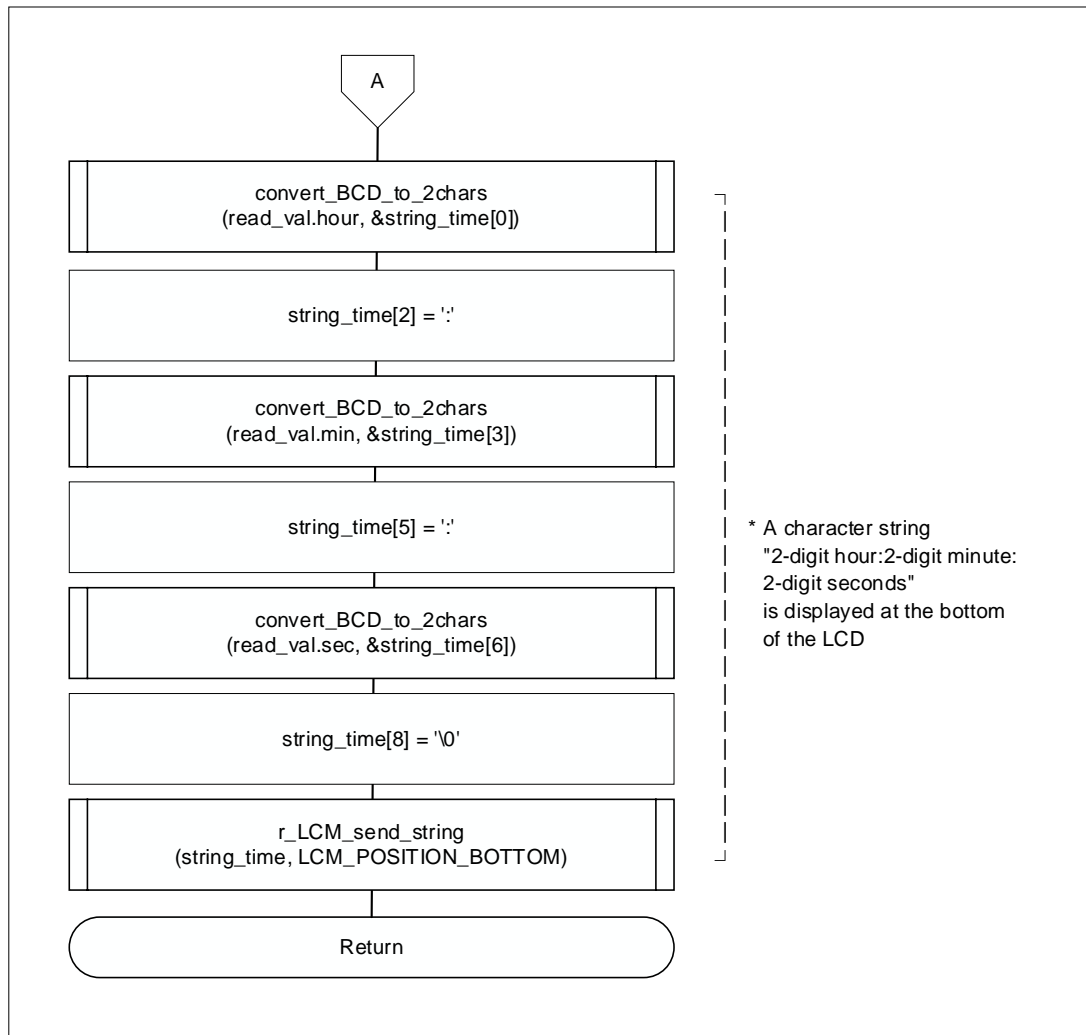


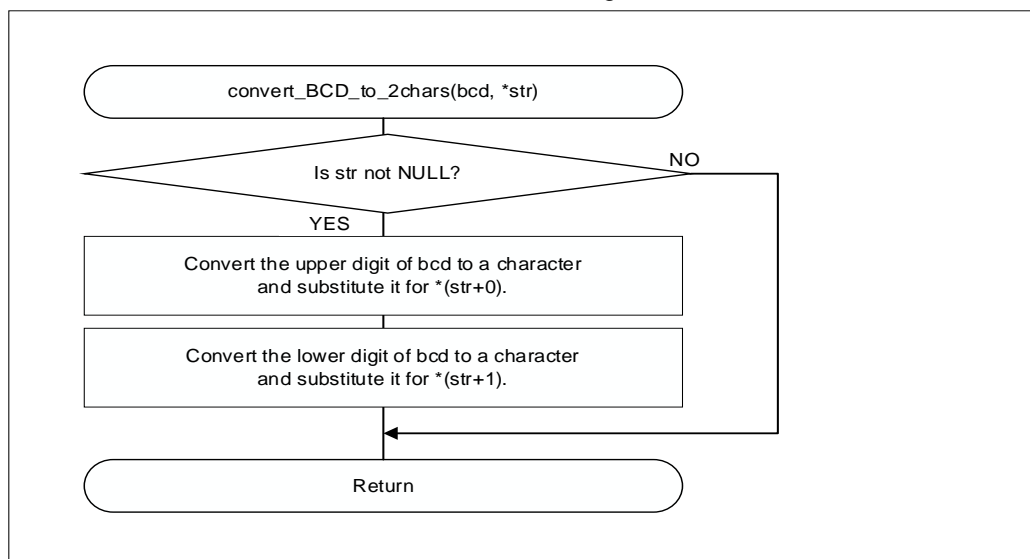
Figure 4-10 Current Clock Time Display Processing (2/2)



4.6.10 BCD-to-Character Conversion Processing

Figure 4-11 shows the flowchart of the processing for conversion from BCD to character.

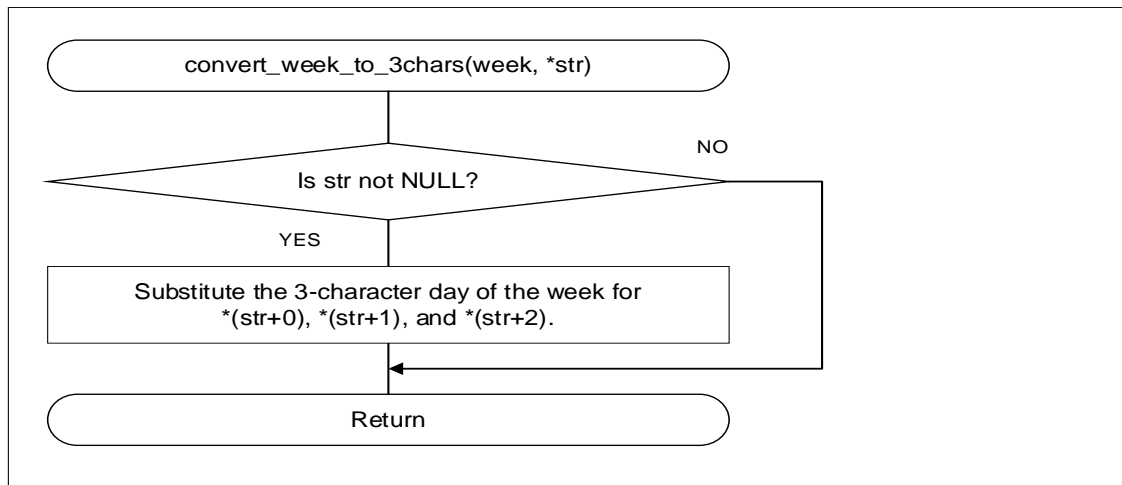
Figure 4-11 BCD-to-Character Conversion Processing



4.6.11 Day of the Week-to-Character Conversion Processing

Figure 4-12 shows the flowchart of the processing for conversion from day of the week to character.

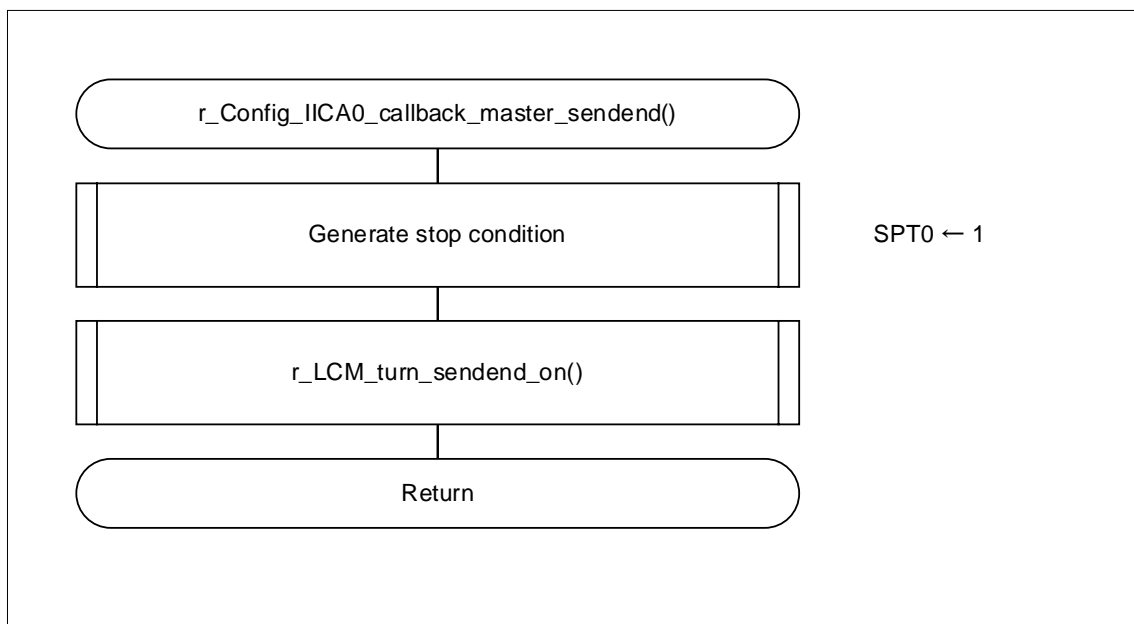
Figure 4-12 Day of the Week-to-Character Conversion Processing



4.6.12 IICA0 Send End Callback Processing

Figure 4-13 shows the flowchart of the IICA0 send end callback processing.

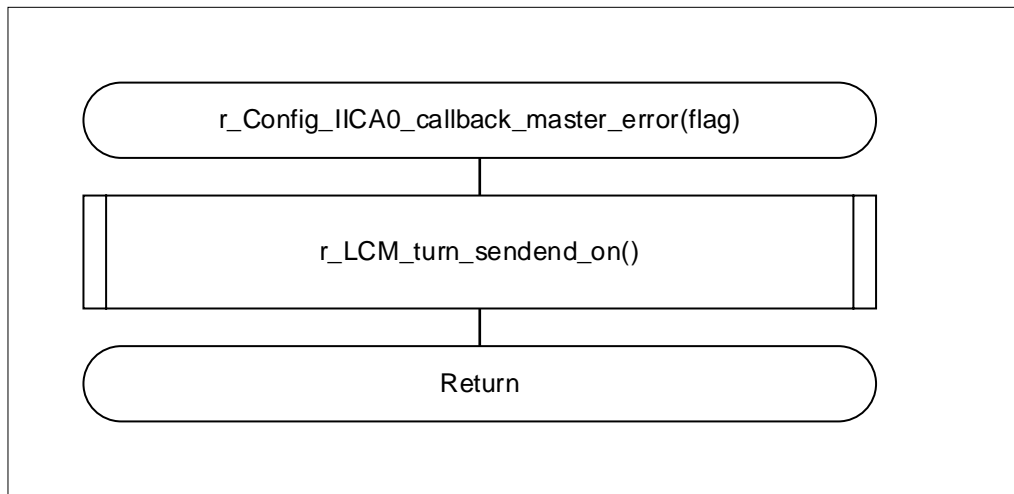
Figure 4-13 IICA0 Send End Callback Processing



4.6.13 IICA0 Error Callback Processing

Figure 4-14 shows the flowchart of the IICA0 error callback processing.

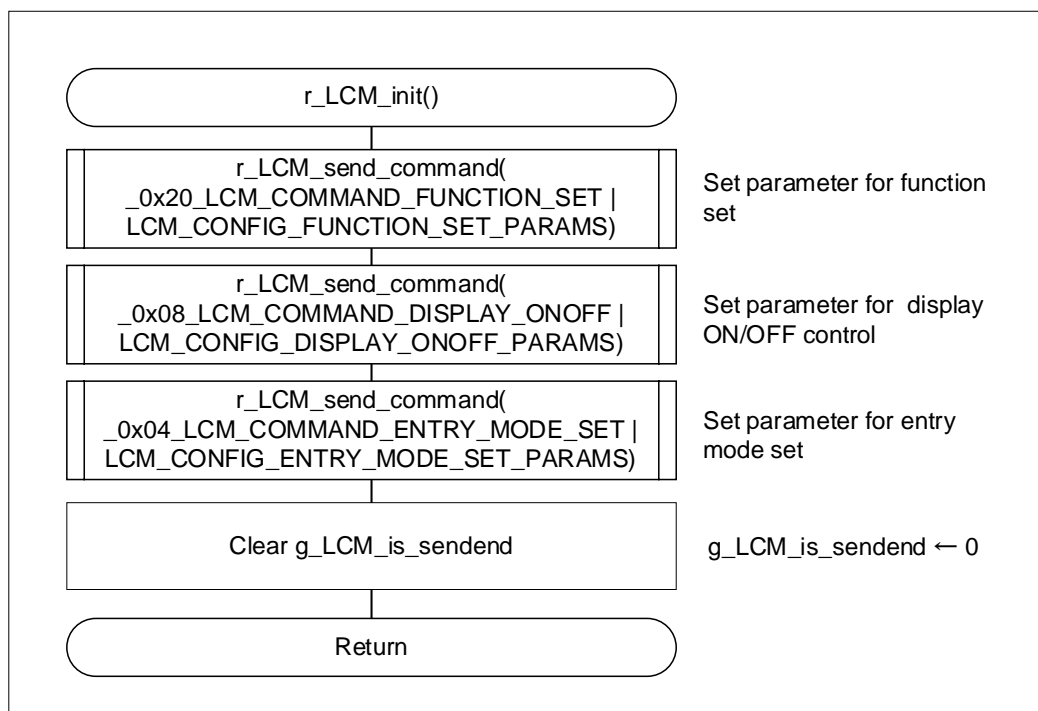
Figure 4-14 IICA0 Error Callback Processing



4.6.14 LCD Module Initialization

Figure 4-15 shows the flowchart of the LCD module initialization.

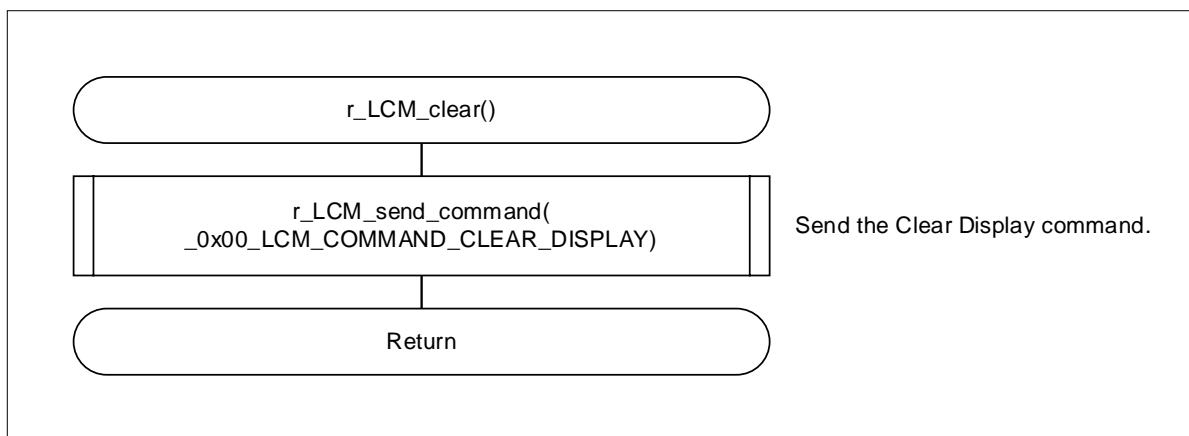
Figure 4-15 LCD Module Initialization



4.6.15 LCD Module Display Clear Processing

Figure 4-16 shows the flowchart of the display clear processing for the LCD module.

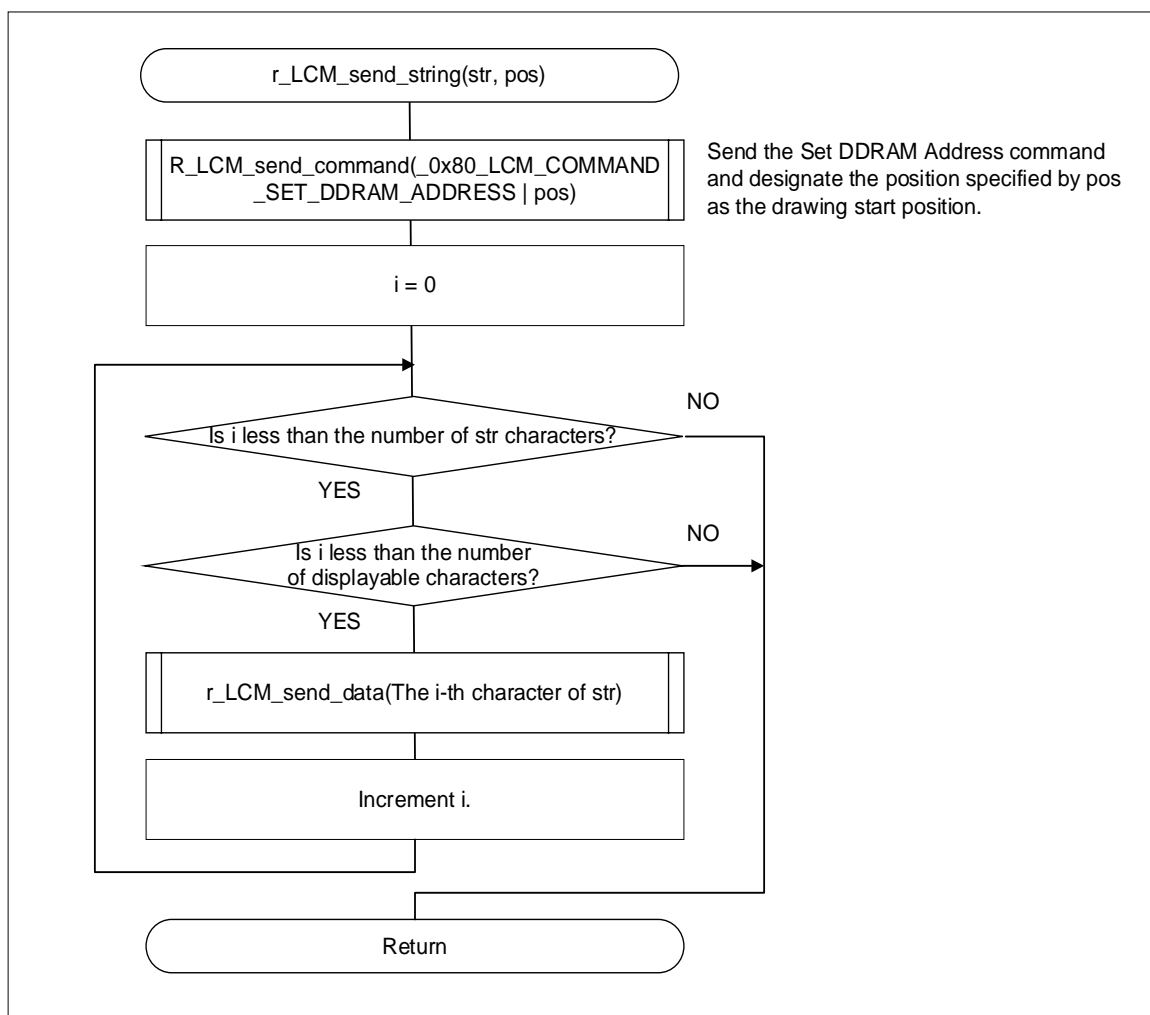
Figure 4-16 LCD Module Display Clear Processing



4.6.16 LCD Module Character String Transmission Processing

Figure 4-17 shows the flowchart of the character string transmission processing for the LCD module.

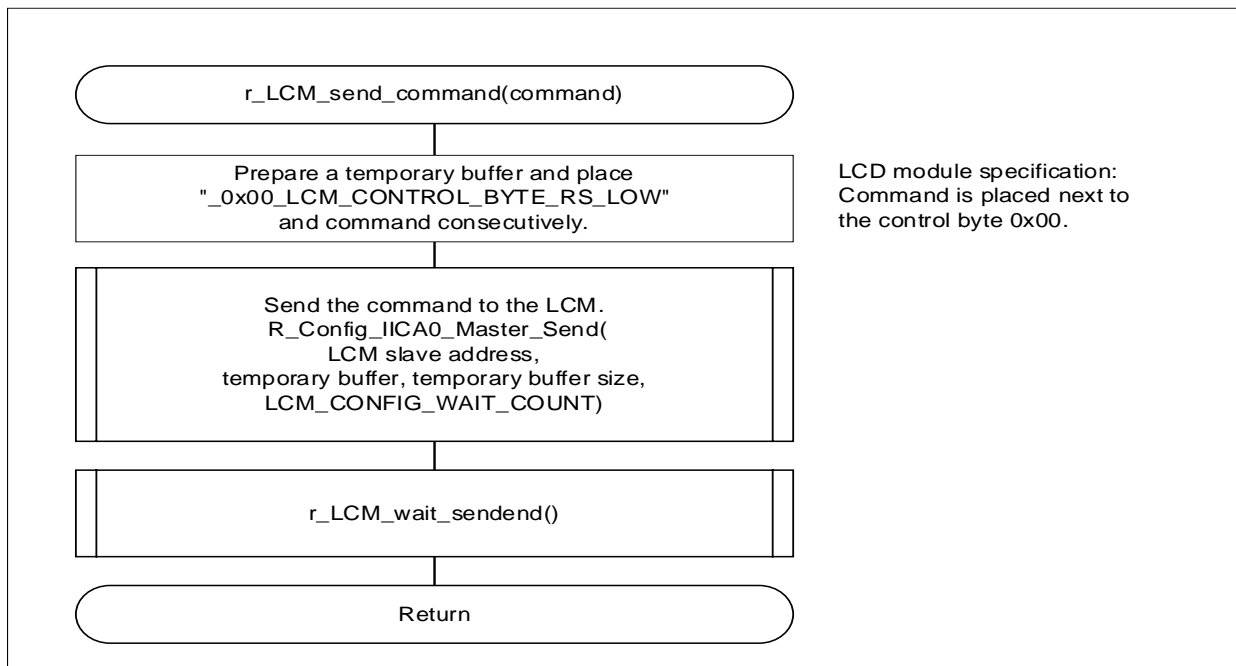
Figure 4-17 LCD Module Character String Transmission Processing



4.6.17 LCD Module Command Transmission Processing

Figure 4-18 shows the flowchart of the command transmission processing for the LCD module.

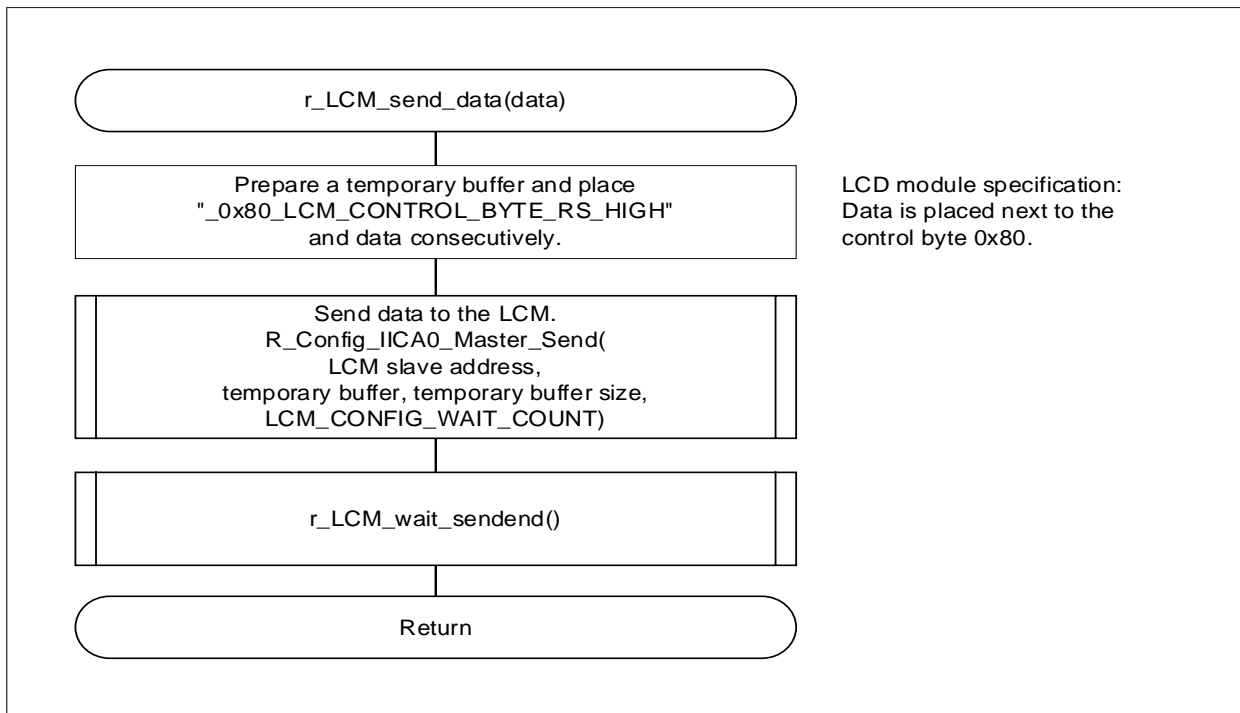
Figure 4-18 LCD Module Command Transmission Processing



4.6.18 LCD Module Data Transmission Processing

Figure 4-19 shows the flowchart of the data transmission processing for the LCD module.

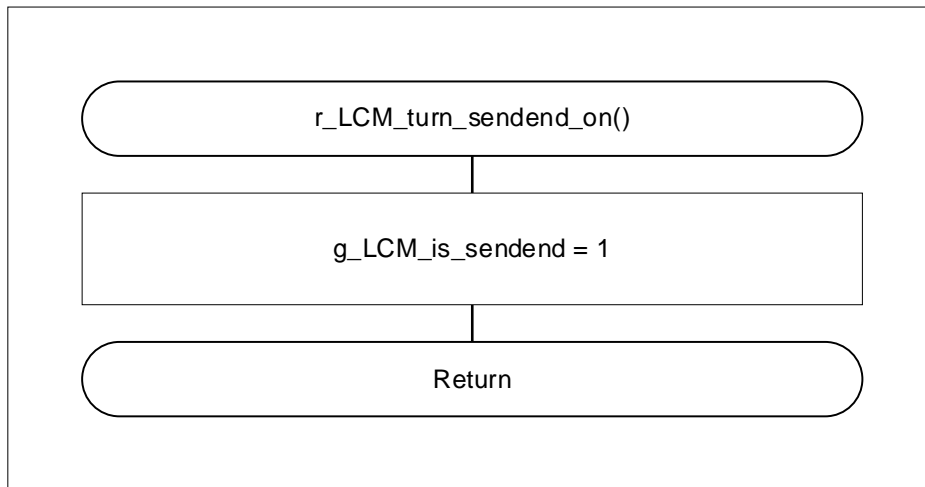
Figure 4-19 LCD Module Data Transmission Processing



4.6.19 LCD Module Communication End Flag Setting

Figure 4-20 shows the flowchart for setting the communication end flag for the LCD module.

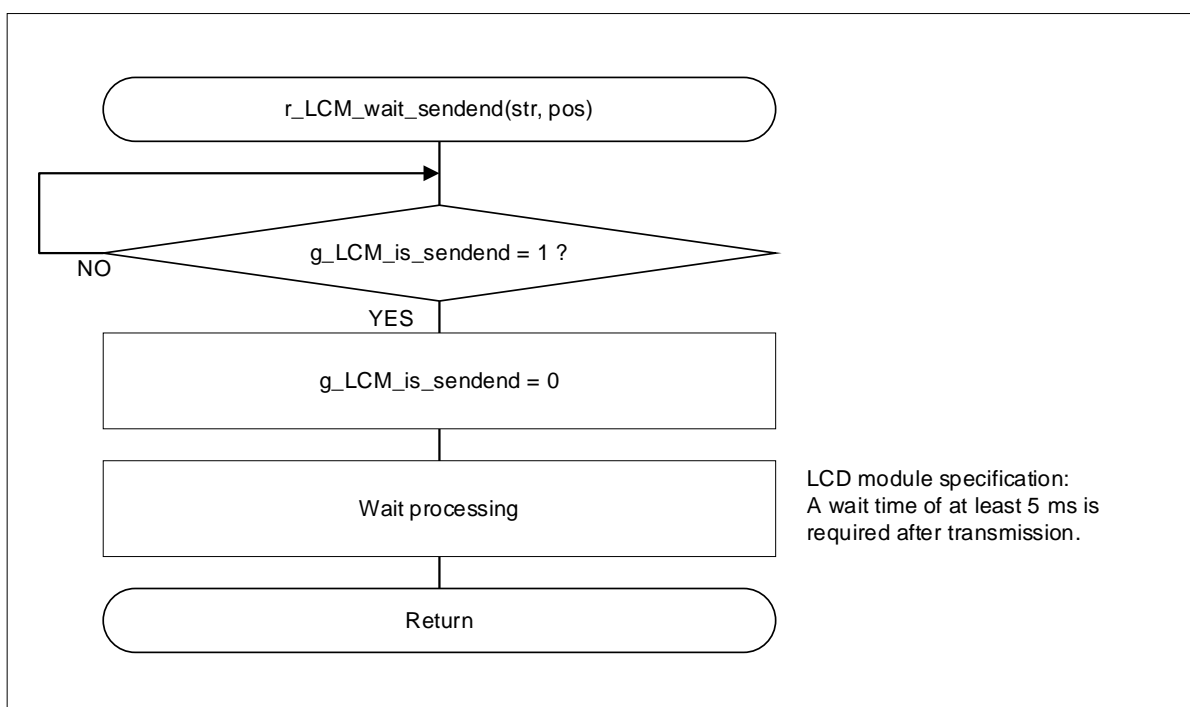
Figure 4-20 LCD Module Communication End Flag Setting



4.6.20 LCD Module Communication End Wait Processing

Figure 4-21 shows the flowchart of the communication end flag processing for the LCD module.

Figure 4-21 LCD Module Communication End Wait Processing



5. Sample Code

Sample code can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.

Note. Modifying a portion of the source code generated by the Smart Configurator (SC).

When regenerating code in SC, please be aware that any modifications made to the following source files will be invalidated.

- Config_RTC.c
- Config_RTC_user.c
- r_cg_systeminit.c

6. Reference Documents

RL78/G16 User's Manual: Hardware (R01UH0980J)

RL78 family user's manual software (R01US0015)

The latest versions can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.

Technical update

The latest versions can be downloaded from the Renesas Electronics website.

LCD module datasheet

(ACM1602NI-FLW-FBW-M01 (ZETTLER DISPLAYS) CHARACTER MODULE VER1.4)

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Revision History

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		Page	Summary
1.00	2023.10.11	-	First Edition
1.01	2023.11.20	p4	Partially updated tool version
		P26	Added note on code generation in SC

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