

RZ/N2L Group

Example of separating loader program and application program projects

Introduction

This application note explains a sample program that loader program and application program projects are separated.

The major features of the sample program are listed below.

- The program supports two operating modes of device: xSPI0 boot mode (x1 boot serial flash) version and 16-bit bus boot mode (NOR flash) version.
- The sample program has two sample program, loader program and application program, and the projects are separated.
- The loader program is a program for copying the application program from external flash to internal RAM or external RAM. The application program is copied according to loader table information (source address, destination address, size) defined in the loader program.
- The application program is a sample program copied by the loader program. After executing the loader program, the application program runs, performs initial settings, accesses RAM, and blinks the LED.

Target Devices

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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 and testing of the modified program.

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1. Specifications

1.1 Operating Environment

The sample program covered in this application note is for the environment below.

Table 1.1 Operating Environment

Item	Description
Microcomputer	RZ/N2L Group (R9A07G084M04GBG)
Operating Frequency	CPU : 400MHz (Arm® Cortex®-R52)
Operating Voltage	3.3V / 1.8V / 1.1V
Integrated Development Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedded Workbench® for Arm Version 9.30.1 from IAR systems • e2studio 2022-07 (22.7.0) (R20220704-1123) from Renesas
Operating mode	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • xSPI0 boot mode (x1 serial flash) • 16-bit bus boot mode (NOR flash)
Board	Renesas Starter Kit+ for RZ/N2L
Flexible Software Package (FSP)	Version1.0.0

1.2 File Structure

The details of the file structure and contents of this package are show below.

```
RZN2L_loader_application
├──r01an6737jj0100-rzn2l.pdf
├──r01an6737ej0100-rzn2l.pdf
├──icarm: for EWARM
|   ├──16bitbusboot: sample program for 16-bit bus boot mode
|   |   └──Loader_application_projects
|   |       ├──application: project for application program
|   |       ├──loader: project for loader program
|   |       └──RZN2L_bsp_16bitbusboot_app_loader.eww: EWARM workspace
|   └──xspi0bootx1: sample program for xSPI0 boot mode
|       └──Loader_application_projects
|           ├──application: project for application program
|           ├──loader: project for loader program
|           └──RZN2L_bsp_xspi0bootx1_app_loader.eww: EWARM workspace
└──gcc : for e2 studio
    ├──16bitbusboot: sample program for 16-bit bus boot mode
    |   └──Loader_application_projects.zip
    |       ├──RZN2L_bsp_16bitbusboot_app: project for application program
    |       └──RZN2L_bsp_16bitbusboot_loader: project for loader program
    └──xspi0bootx1: sample program for xSPI0 boot mode
        └──Loader_application_projects.zip
            ├──RZN2L_bsp_xspi0bootx1_app: project for application program
            └──RZN2L_bsp_xspi0bootx1_loader: project for loader program
```

This sample program has loader program and application program in one sample program.

It is the sample program that boots after loader program and application program are written in the external flash memory (NOR flash / Serial flash) corresponding to each operating mode (16-bit bus boot / xSPI0 boot).

For the usage procedures of sample program in each development environments, see Appendix Supplementary Notes on Development Environments.

1.3 Switch and Jumper Settings

The switch and jumper settings required to run the sample program are shown below. For details on each setting, see the Renesas Starter Kit+ for RZ/N2L User's Manual.

Table 1.2 Switch settings

Project	SW4-1	SW4-2	SW4-3	SW4-4	SW4-7
16-bit bus boot mode	ON	OFF	ON	ON	OFF
xSPI0 boot mode	ON	ON	ON	ON	OFF

Table 1.3 Jumper settings

Project	CN8	CN17	CN24	CN25
16-bit bus boot mode	-	Short 1-2	Short 1-2	Short 1-2
xSPI0 boot mode	Short 2-3	-	Short 2-3	-

2. Hardware

2.1 Peripheral Functions

Table 2.1 lists the peripheral functions to be used and their applications.

Table 2.1 Peripheral functions and applications

Peripheral function	Application
Clock generation circuit (CGC)	Used as a CPU clock and each peripheral module clock
Interrupt controller (ICU)	Used for software interrupts (INTCPU0)
Bus state controller (BSC)	Used to attach NOR flash memory to CS0 space and SDRAM to CS3 space
Expanded serial peripheral interface (xSPI)	Used to attach Serial flash memory to external address space xSPI0
General purpose I/O ports	Used to control pins to light LEDs on and off

See the RZ/N2L Group User's Manual: Hardware for basic descriptions.

2.2 Pins

Table 2.2 lists pins to be used and their functions.

Table 2.2 Pins and Functions

Pin Name	Input/Output	Function
A1 to A25	Output	Address signal output to NOR flash memory and SDRAM
D0 to D15	Input/Output	Data signal input and output to NOR flash memory and SDRAM
CS0#	Output	Device selection signal output to NOR flash memory attached to CS0 space
CS3#	Output	Device selection signal output to SDRAM attached to CS3 space
RAS#	Output	RAS# control signal output to SDRAM
CAS#	Output	CAS# control signal output to SDRAM
RD#/WR#	Output	Read control signal or write control signal output to SDRAM
CKE	Output	Clock enabling control signal output to SDRAM
RD#	Output	Strobe signal output indicating reading
WE0#/DQMLL	Output	Write strobe signal output to D15 to D8
WE1#/DQMLU	Output	Write strobe signal output to D7 to D0
XSPI0_CKP	Output	Clock output
XSPI0_CS0	Output	Device selection signal output to QSPI flash memory attached to CS0 space
XSPI0_RESET0	Output	Master reset status output
XSPI0_IO0 ~ XSPI0_IO3	Input/Output	Data input / output
MD0	Input	Operating mode selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD0 = "L", MD1 = "L", MD2 = "L" (xSPI0 boot mode) • MD0 = "L", MD1 = "H", MD2 = "L" (16-bit bus boot mode)
MD1	Input	
MD2	Input	
P18_2	Output	Lighting LED0 on and off
P22_3	Output	Lighting LED1 on and off
P04_1	Output	Lighting LED2 on and off
P17_3	Output	Lighting LED3 on and off

Note: The mark "#" indicates negative logic (or active low).

3. Software

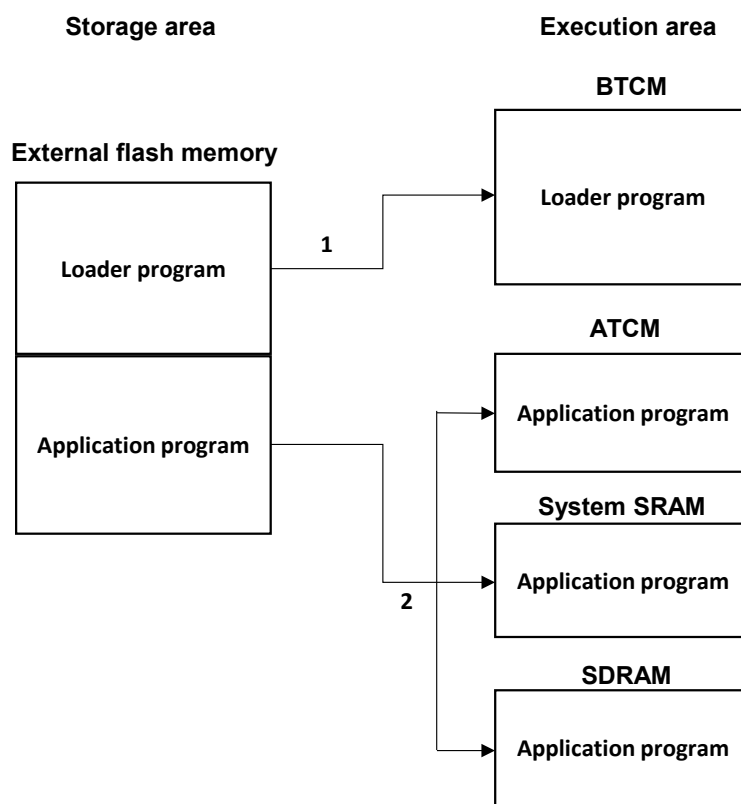
This section explains the case of EWARM (from IAR systems) unless otherwise stated.

In this document, the program included in the loader project is called loader program, and the program included in the application project is called application program. Loader program and application program each have startup processing section and main processing section.

3.1 Operation Overview

After the reset is cancelled, the loader program for each operating mode (16-bit bus boot/xSPI0 boot) stored on the external flash memory (NOR flash/Serial flash) is copied to the internal RAM (BTCM).

After boot processing, the loader program is executed. The loader program copies the application program from external flash memory (NOR flash/Serial flash) to RAM (ATCM, System SRAM, SDRAM). After executing the loader program, the copied application program runs on each RAM.



1. After reset release, copy the loader program from external flash memory to BTCM in boot processing.
2. Copy the application program from external flash memory to RAM (ATCM, System SRAM, SDRAM) in loader program processing.

Figure 3.1 Operation overview

3.1.1 Loader Program

The loader program performs initial settings such as changing the exception level and setting the clock as startup processing. Then the main processing is executed. In the main processing, the application program stored in external flash (NOR flash/Serial flash) memory is copied to RAM (ATCM, System SRAM, SDRAM) according to parameters of loader tables. Loader table is a table that the loader program references when copying the application program. For details on the loader table, see 3.2 Loader Table. In addition, LED0 turns on to signal the start of copy processing, and LED3 turns on to signal the end of copy processing. After copy process is complete, the application program is executed.

Figure 3.2 shows operation overview of loader program.

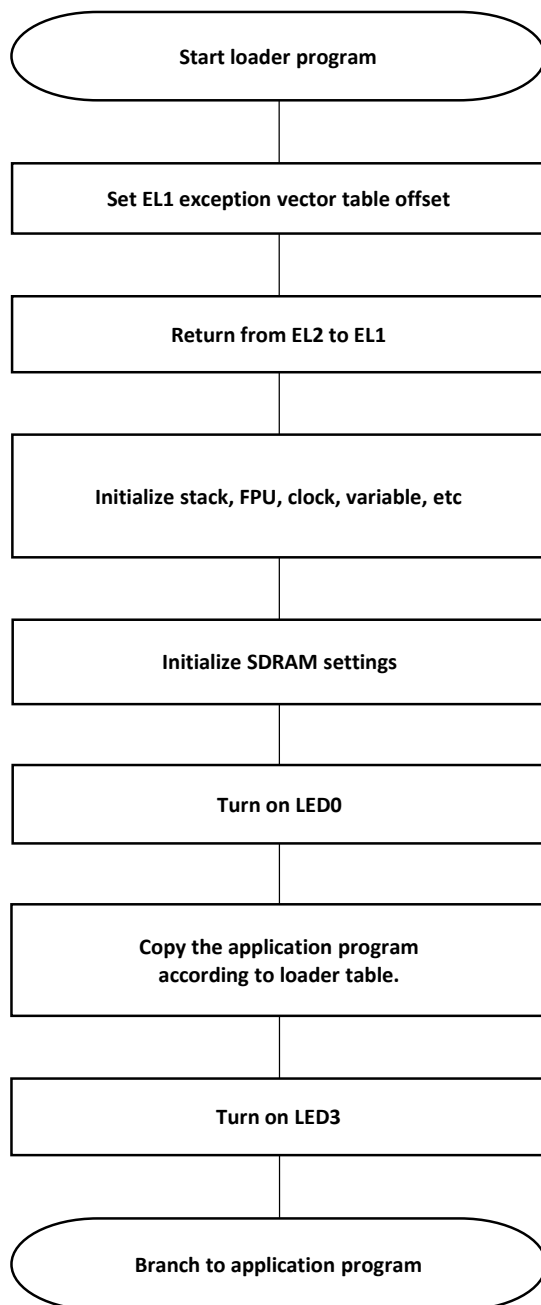


Figure 3.2 Operation overview of loader program

3.1.2 Application Program

The application program performs initial settings such as clock settings, port initialization, and interrupt settings as startup processing. LED0 and LED3, which turned on during loader program processing, turn off in port initialization. Then the main processing is executed.

The main processing includes functions executed on System SRAM, functions executed on SDRAM, and LED blinking processing, and each processing is executed in order.

The function executed on the System SRAM initializes the data with/without initial values placed in the System SRAM and copies the test data.

The function executed on SDRAM initializes the data with/without initial value placed in SDRAM and copies the test data.

The LED blinking process is executed by software interrupt (INTCPU0), and LED3 blink.

Figure 3.3 shows operation overview of application program.

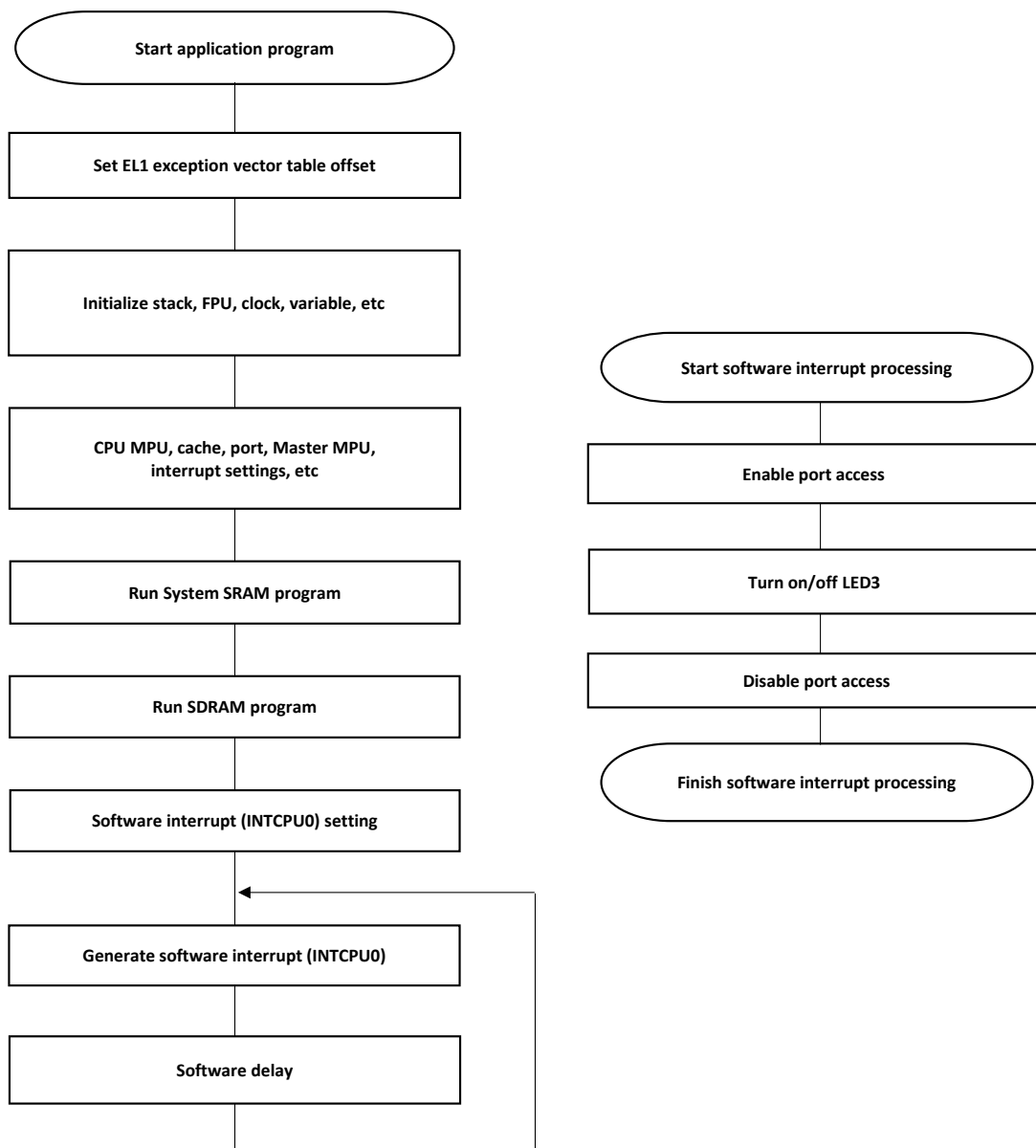


Figure 3.3 Operation overview of application program

3.2 Loader Table

Loader table is a table that the loader program references when copying the application program. The loader table defines the parameters required for program copy, and the loader program performs copy processing according to the table parameters. Multiple loader tables can be prepared as required, and parameters can be stored in each table.

The loader table has four parameters: copy source address, copy destination address, copy size, and table enable/disable flag. Table 3.1 shows the details of the loader table parameters.

In this sample program, four loader tables are prepared in loader_table.c of the loader program. The copy source address changes depending on the operating mode. Tables 3.2 and 3.3 show the loader table parameters in this sample program.

Table 3.1 Loader table parameters

Argument	Parameter	Description
1	Src	Source address of the program to be copied.
2	Dst	Destination address of the program to be copied.
3	Size	Size of the program to be copied.
4	Enable flag	Flag that determines whether the table is enabled/disabled. If this flag is disabled, copy processing will not be performed even if other parameters are set. 0: Disable 1: Enable

Table 3.2 Loader table parameters in this sample program (xSPI0 boot mode)

Table	Src	Dst	Size	Enable flag
0	0x6010_0000	0x0000_0000	0x0000_2000	0x1
1	0x6011_0000	0x1001_0000	0x0000_1000	0x1
2*	0x6012_0000	0x7800_0000	0x0000_1000	0x0
3*	0xFFFF_FFFF	0xFFFF_FFFF	0xFFFF_FFFF	0x0

Note xSPI0 and external bus (SDRAM) cannot be used at the same time on Renesas Starter Kit+ for RZ/N2L. Therefore, Table 2 is invalid.

Table 3 is invalid in this sample program.

Table 3.3 Loader table parameters in this sample program (16-bit bus boot mode)

Table	Src	Dst	Size	Enable flag
0	0x7010_0000	0x0000_0000	0x0000_2000	0x1
1	0x7011_0000	0x1001_0000	0x0000_1000	0x1
2	0x7012_0000	0x7800_0000	0x0000_1000	0x1
3*	0xFFFF_FFFF	0xFFFF_FFFF	0xFFFF_FFFF	0x0

Note Table 3 is invalid in this sample program.

3.3 Memory Map

3.3.1 Program Placement in Flash Memory

Tables 3.4 and 3.5 show the program placed in the flash memory of this sample program. Flash memory address changes depending on the operating mode. At the start of debugging, the program is downloaded to flash memory. Each program is expanded to the load destination address by boot processing and loader program processing and executed on RAM.

Table 3.4 Program placement in flash memory and load destination address (xSPI0 boot mode)

Flash memory address	Contents	Load destination address
0x6000_0000	Parameters for the loader	-
0x6000_004C	Loader program	0x0010_2000 (BTCM)
0x6008_0000	Loader table	-
0x6010_0000	Application program	0x0000_0000 (ATCM)
0x6011_0000	System SRAM program	0x1001_0000 (System SRAM)

Table 3.5 Program placement in flash memory and load destination address (16-bit bus boot mode)

Flash memory address	Contents	Load destination address
0x7000_0000	Parameters for the loader	-
0x7000_004C	Loader program	0x0010_2000 (BTCM)
0x7008_0000	Loader table	-
0x7010_0000	Application program	0x0000_0000 (ATCM)
0x7011_0000	System SRAM program	0x1001_0000 (System SRAM)
0x7012_0000	SDRAM program	0x7800_0000 (SDRAM)

3.3.2 Section Assignment in Sample Program

Table 3.6 shows the sections used by the loader program, and Table 3.7 shows the sections used by the application program. These sections are defined in the linker script.

Table 3.6 Sections used by loader program

Area Name	Description	Storing/Execution Area*
LOADER_PARAM_BLOCK	Parameters for the loader	Flash
LDR_PRG_RBLOCK	Code area (for storing)	Flash
LDR_DATA_RBLOCK	Variable area (for storing)	Flash
LDR_PRG_WBLOCK	Code area (for execution)	BTCM
LDR_DATA_WBLOCK	Variable with initial value area (for execution)	BTCM
LDR_DATA_ZBLOCK	Variable without initial value area (for execution)	BTCM

Note In xSPI0 boot mode, serial flash memory is storing area. In 16-bit bus boot mode, NOR flash memory is storing area.

Table 3.7 Sections used by application program

Area name	Description	Storing/Execution Area*
LDR_PRG_RBLOCK	Code area (for storing)	Flash
LDR_DATA_RBLOCK	Variable area (for storing)	Flash
SYSTEM_RAM_PRG_RBLOCK	System SRAM code area (for storing)	Flash
SYSTEM_RAM_DATA_RBLOCK	System SRAM variable area (for storing)	Flash
SDRAM_PRG_RBLOCK	SDRAM code area (for storing)	Flash
SDRAM_DATA_RBLOCK	SDRAM variable area (for storing)	Flash
LDR_PRG_WBLOCK	Code area (for execution)	ATCM
LDR_DATA_WBLOCK	Variable with initial value area (for execution)	BTCM
LDR_DATA_ZBLOCK	Variable without initial value area (for execution)	BTCM
SYSTEM_RAM_PRG_WBLOCK	System SRAM code area (for execution)	System SRAM
SYSTEM_RAM_DATA_WBLOCK	System SRAM variable with initial value area (for execution)	System SRAM
SYSTEM_RAM_DATA_ZBLOCK	System SRAM variable with initial value area (for execution)	System SRAM
SDRAM_PRG_WBLOCK	SDRAM code area (for execution)	SDRAM
SDRAM_DATA_WBLOCK	SDRAM variable with initial value area (for execution)	SDRAM
SDRAM_DATA_ZBLOCK	SDRAM variable with initial value area (for execution)	SDRAM

Note In xSPI0 bus boot, serial flash memory is storing area. In 16-bit bus boot mode, NOR flash memory is storing area.
 External bus (SDRAM) and xSPI0 cannot be used at the same time on Renesas Starter Kit+ for RZ/N2L. Therefore, in xSPI0 boot mode, SDRAM area is not used.

3.3.3 CPU MPU Settings

Table 3.8 shows the CPU MPU settings for areas accessed by CPU in this sample program. These settings are applied during startup processing of the application program.

Table 3.8 CPU MPU Settings

Contents	Address	Memory type
System SRAM	0x1000_0000 to 0x1017_FFFF	Area 2 Normal, cache enabled, non-shared
System SRAM (mirror area)	0x3000_0000 to 0x3017_FFFF	Area 4 Normal, cache disabled, shared
Extended address space (mirror area) xSPI0, xSPI1 CS0, CS2, CS3, CS5	0x4000_0000 to 0x5FFF_FFFF	Area 5 Normal, cache disabled, shared
Extended address space xSPI0, xSPI1 CS0, CS2, CS3, CS5	0x6000_0000 to 0x7FFF_FFFF	Area 6 Normal, cache enabled, non-shared
Non-safety peripheral modules	0x8000_0000 to 0x80FF_FFFF	Area 7 Device (nGnRE) , instruction fetch disabled
Safety peripheral modules	0x8100_0000 to 0x81FF_FFFF	Area 8 Device (nGnRE) , instruction fetch disabled

3.3.4 Exception Processing Vector Table

Exception level 1 of RZ/N2L has 7 types of exception processing (reset, undefined instruction, SVC, prefetch abort, Data abort, IRQ and FIQ exceptions) that are allocated to the 32-byte area starting from specified offset address. Specify a branch instruction to each exception processing in the exception processing vector table.

Table 3.9 lists the contents of exceptional processing vector table for this sample program. Modify the setting to suit your need.

Table 3.9 Exception Processing Vector Table

Exception	Handler Address*1	Remark*2
RESET	Offset	Branches to startup program
Undefined instruction	Offset + 0x0000_0004	Branches Default_Handler
SVC	Offset + 0x0000_0008	Branches Default_Handler
Prefetch abort	Offset + 0x0000_000C	Branches Default_Handler
Data abort	Offset + 0x0000_0010	Branches Default_Handler
Reserved	Offset + 0x0000_0014	Branches Default_Handler
IRQ	Offset + 0x0000_0018	Branches IRQ_Handler (Used for interrupt)
FIQ	Offset + 0x0000_001C	Branches Default_Handler

Note 1. The offset is defined as following.

Loader program : 0x0010_2000

Application program : 0x0000_0000

2. Software break instruction is executed in Default_Handler.

3.4 Function Specifications

This section describes the function specifications.

3.4.1 system_init

system_init	
Overview	System initialization 1.
Declaration	void system_init (void)
Description	Executes system initialization such as setting the exception handling vector table offset and changing Exception Level to 1 from 2. After that, branches to stack_init.
Arguments	None
Return value	None
Remarks	After boot processing, this function runs as startup process.

3.4.2 stack_init

stack_init	
Overview	System initialization 2.
Declaration	void stack_init (void)
Description	Executes system initialization such as initializing the stacks, FPU, clock, variables for startup process. After that, branches to mpu_cache_init.
Arguments	None
Return value	None
Remarks	None

3.4.3 mpu_cache_init

mpu_cache_init	
Overview	System initialization 3.
Declaration	void mpu_cache_init (void)
Description	Executes system initialization such as initializing CPU MPU, cache, and ports. After that, branches to the main process.
Arguments	None
Return value	None
Remarks	None

3.4.4 hal_entry

hal_entry	
Overview	Main process.
Declaration	void hal_entry (void)
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loader program: Copies the application program to internal RAM. Turns on LED0 before copy processing and turns on LED1 after copy processing is complete. Application program: Calls System SRAM program and SDRAM program. Then Blinks LED2 and LED3 with software interrupt (INTCPU0).
Arguments	None
Return value	None
Remarks	None

3.4.5 bsp_sdram_init

bsp_sdram_init	
Overview	SDRAM initialization
Declaration	void bsp_sdram_init (void)
Description	Initializes registers related to SDRAM.
Arguments	None
Return value	None
Remarks	None

3.4.6 bsp_copy_4byte

bsp_copy_4byte	
Overview	Copy function.
Declaration	void bsp_copy_4byte (uint32_t *src, uint32_t *dst, uint32_t bytesize)
Description	Copies data in 4-byte units for the size specified by the argument.
Arguments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uint32_t *src: Copy source address. • uint32_t *dst: Copy destination address. • uint32_t bytesize: Copy data size.
Return value	None
Remarks	None

3.4.7 func_sram

func_sram	
Overview	Program placed in System SRAM
Declaration	void func_sram (void)
Description	Initialize variables with initial value and clear variables without initial value placed in System SRAM.
Arguments	None
Return value	None
Remarks	None

3.4.8 func_sdram

func_sdram	
Overview	Program placed in SDRAM
Declaration	void func_sdram (void)
Description	Initialize variables with initial value and clear variables without initial value placed in SDRAM.
Arguments	None
Return value	None
Remarks	None

3.5 Flowchart

3.5.1 Loader Program

3.5.1.1 system_init

Figure 3.4 shows flowchart of system_init in the loader program.

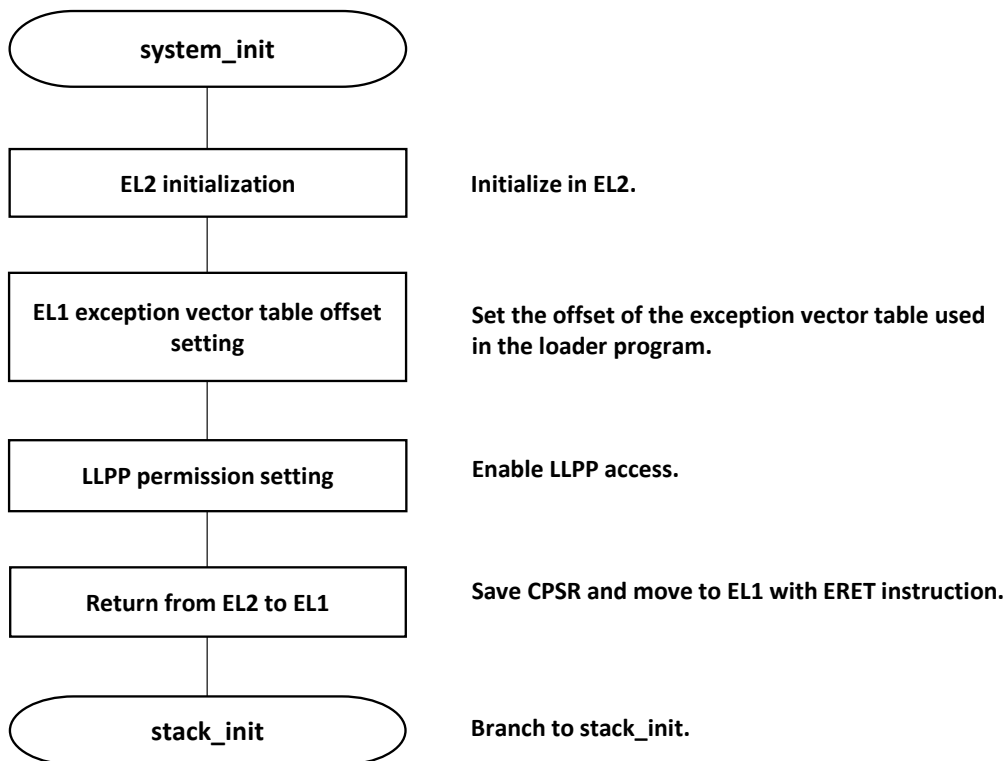


Figure 3.4 system_init processing (loader program)

3.5.1.2 stack_init

Figure 3.5 shows flowchart of stack_init in the loader program.

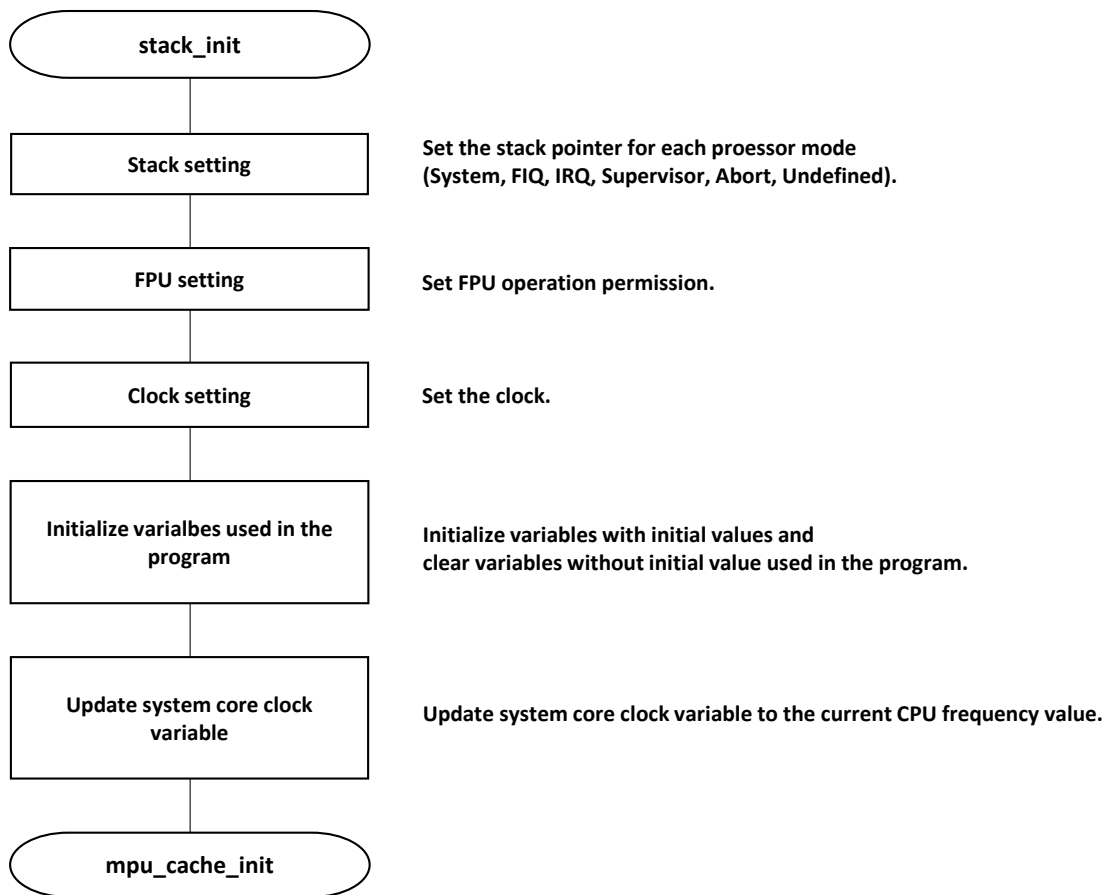


Figure 3.5 stack_init processing (loader program)

3.5.1.3 mpu_cache_init

Figure 3.6 shows flowchart of mpu_cache_init in the loader program.

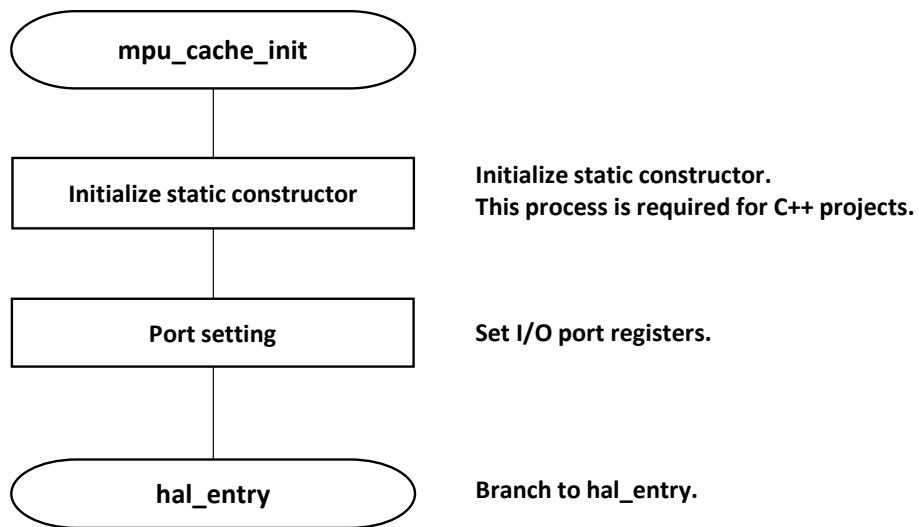
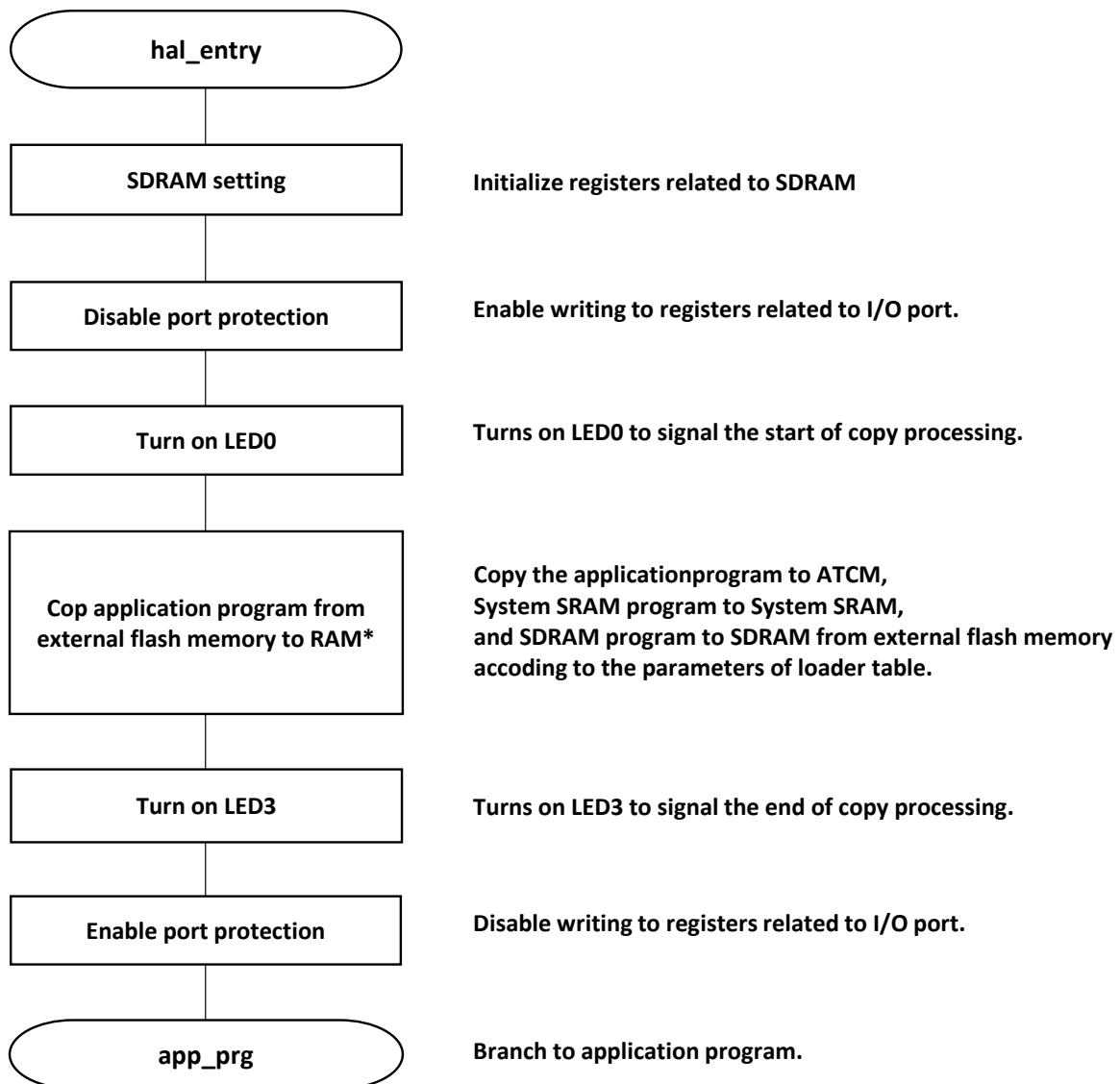


Figure 3.6 mpu_cache_init processing (loader Program)

3.5.1.4 hal_entry

Figure 3.7 shows flowchart of hal_entry in the loader program.



Note In xSPI0 boot mode, copying from external flash memory to SDRAM is not performed.

Figure 3.7 hal_entry processing (loader program)

3.5.2 Application Program

3.5.2.1 system_init

Figure 3.8 shows flowchart of system_init in the application program.

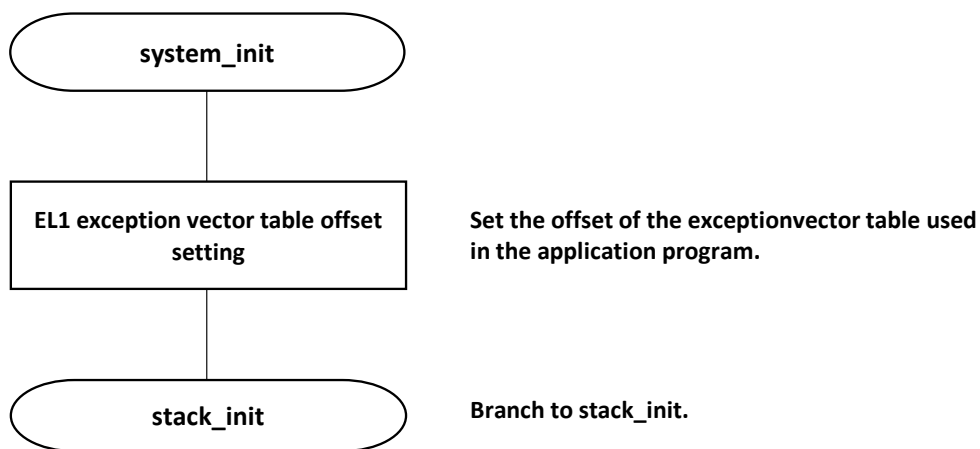


Figure 3.8 system_init processing (application program)

3.5.2.2 stack_init

Figure 3.9 shows flowchart of stack_init in the application program.

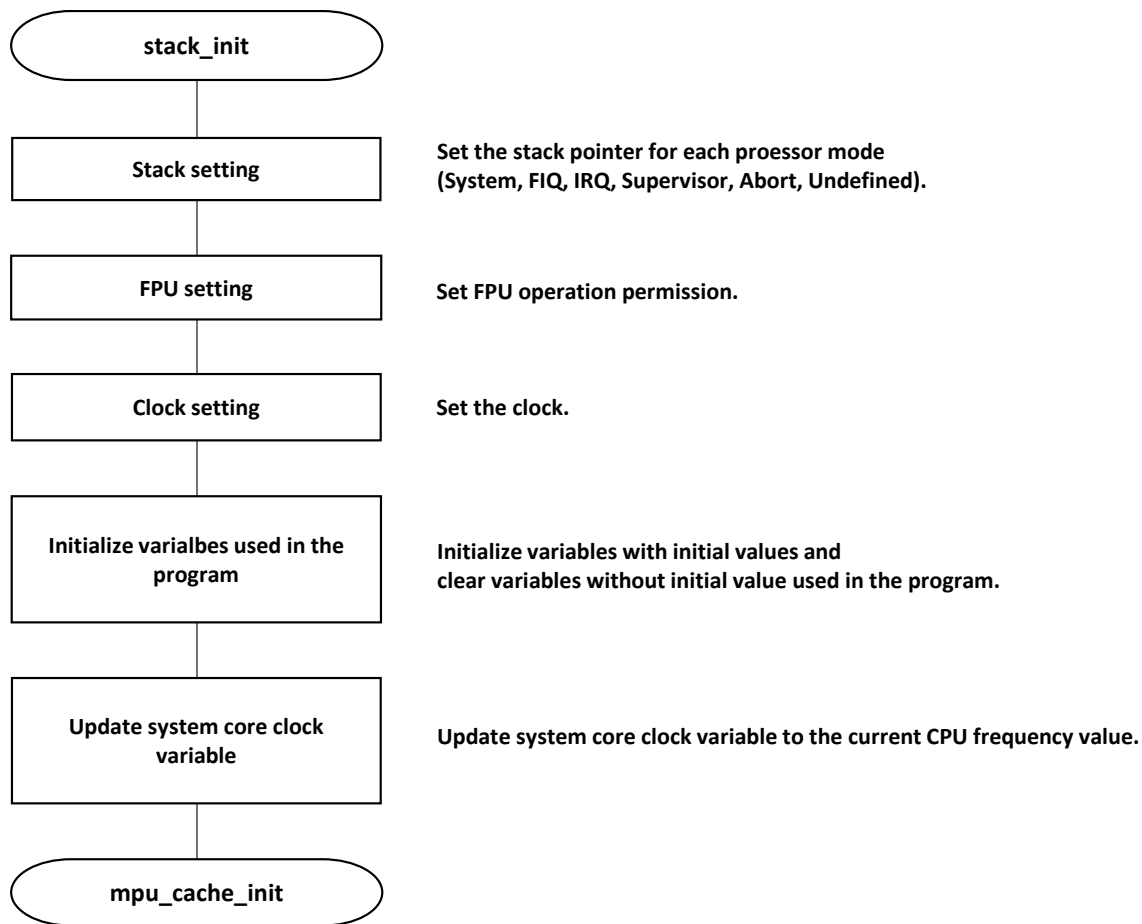


Figure 3.9 stack_init processing (application program)

3.5.2.3 mpu_cache_init

Figure 3.10 shows flowchart of mpu_cachce_init in the application program.

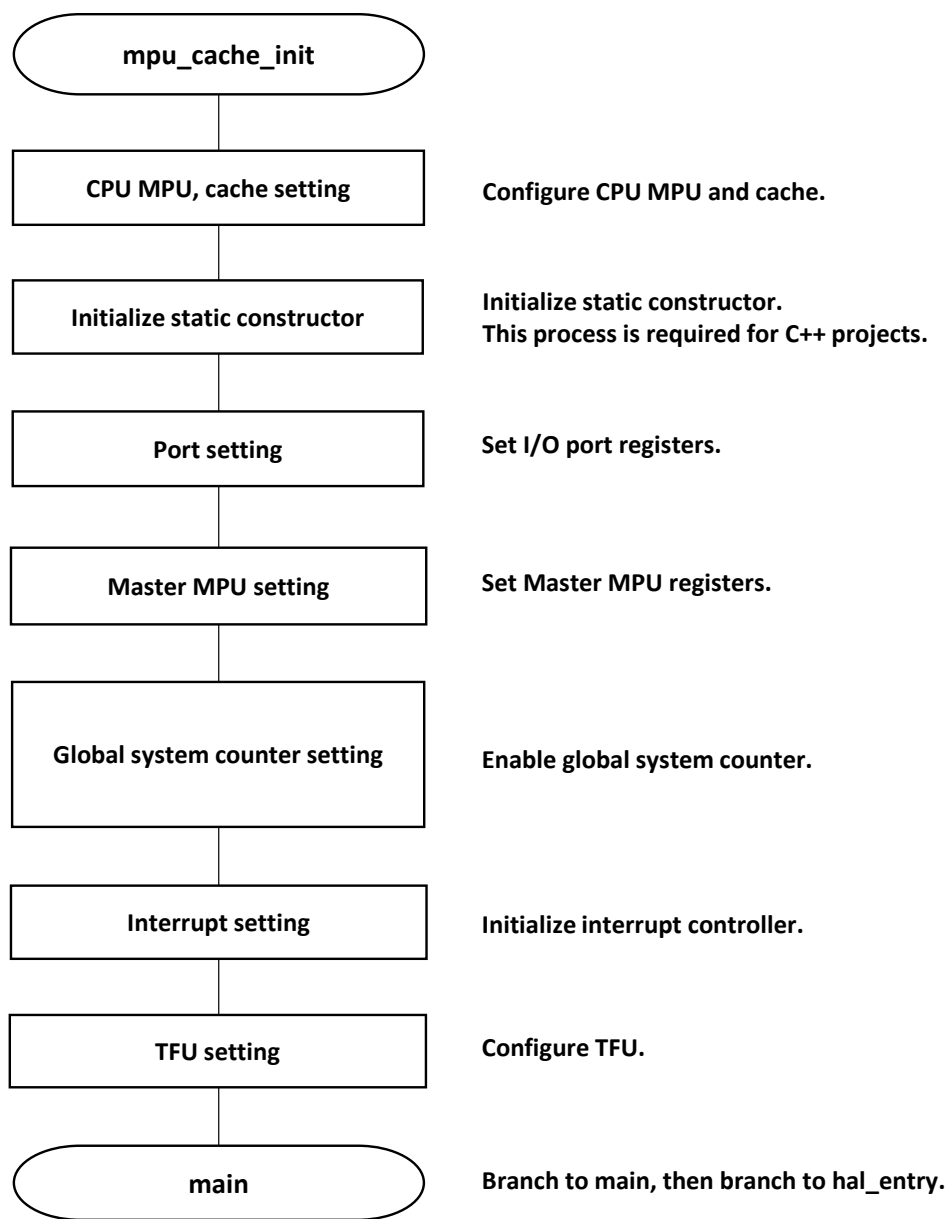
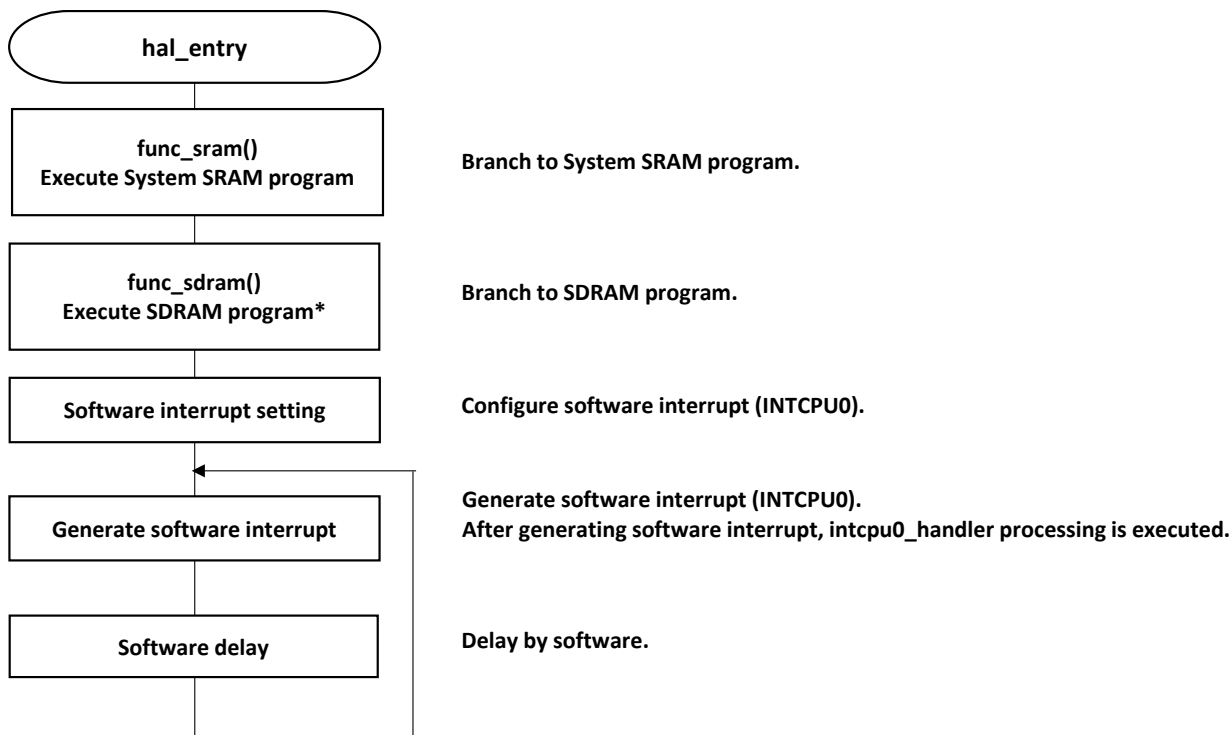


Figure 3.10 mpu_cache_init processing (application program)

3.5.2.4 hal_entry

Figure 3.11 shows flowchart of hal_entry in the application program.



Note In xSPI0 boot mode, SDRAM program is not executed.

Figure 3.11 hal_entry processing (application program)

Figure 3.12 shows flowchart of interrupt processing in the application program.

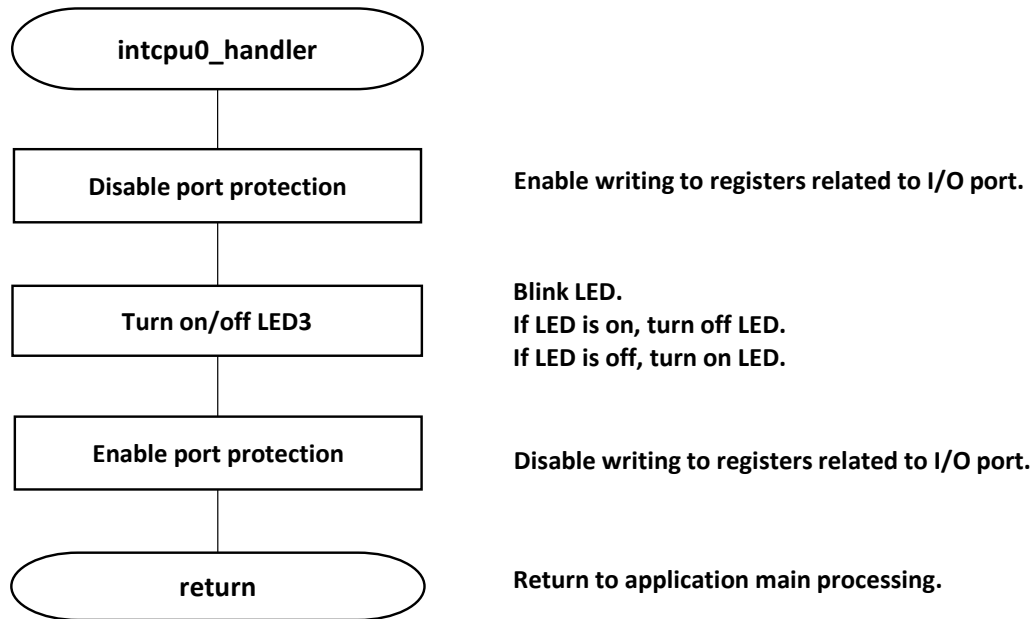


Figure 3.12 interrupt processing (application program)

Figure 3.13 shows flowchart of `func_sram` in the application program.

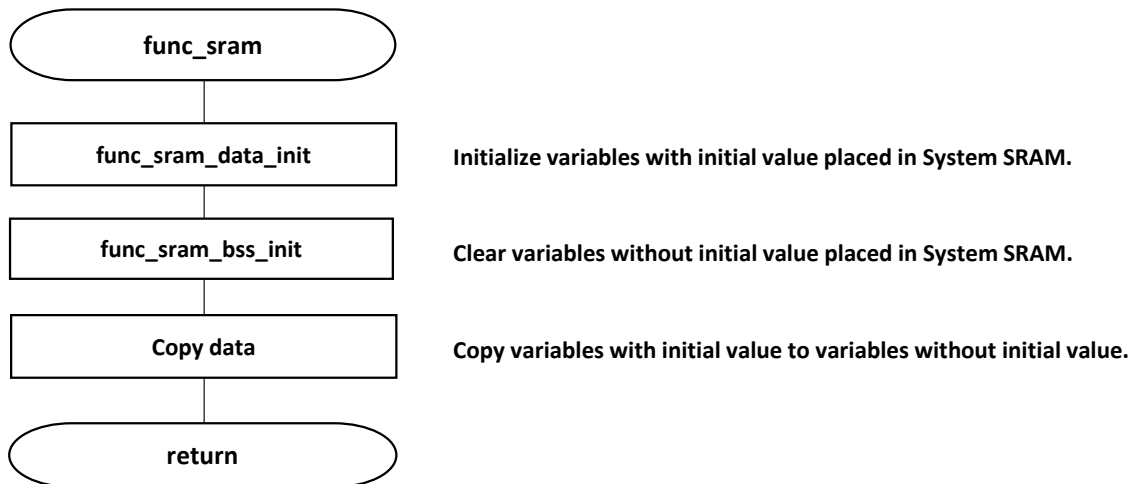


Figure 3.13 `func_sram` processing

Figure 3.14 shows flowchart of func_sdram in the application program.

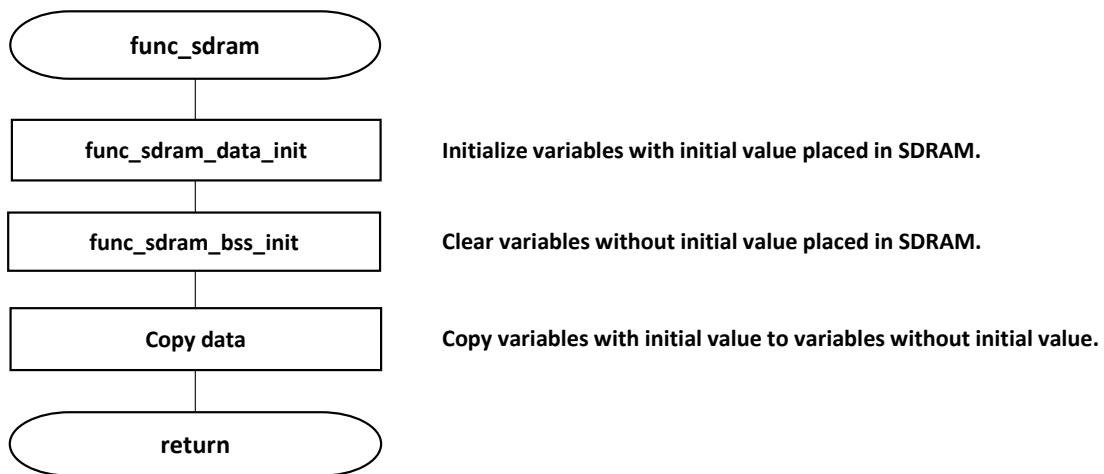


Figure 3.14 func_sdram processing

4. Sample Program

Download the sample program from the Renesas Electronics website.

5. Related Documents

- User's Manual: Hardware
RZ/N2L Group User's Manual: Hardware
Download the latest version from the Renesas Electronics website.

Renesas Starter Kit+ for RZ/N2L
Download the latest version from the Renesas Electronics website.
- Technical Update/Technical News
Download the latest version from the Renesas Electronics website.
- User's Manual: Development Environment
The latest version for the IAR integrated development environment (IAR Embedded Workbench® for Arm) is available from the IAR Systems website.
The latest version for the Renesas Electronics integrated development environment (e2studio) is available from the Renesas Electronics website.

6. Appendix Supplementary Notes on Development Environments

This section shows the steps up to the start of debugging of the sample program in each of the available development environments.

6.1 Debug procedure for this sample program.

6.1.1 EWARM from IAR systems

1. Launch EWARM and open "RZN2L_bsp_xspi0bootx1_app_loader.eww" with following procedure.
"[File] -> [Open Workspace] -> select Loader_application_projects\RZN2L_bsp_xspi0bootx1_app_loader.eww"
2. Select "RZ/N2L_bsp_xspi0boot1_app" project in Workspace box as Figure 6.1.
And run build with "[Project] -> [Rebuild All]"
3. Then, select "RZ/N2L_bsp_xspi0boot1_loader" project in Workspace box.
And run build with "[Project] -> [Rebuild All]"
4. Make sure that your PC and RZ/N2L evaluation board are connected with I-jet.
Then, start debugging with "[Project] -> [Download and debug]"
5. After emulator connecting, both loader program and application program are downloaded to external serial flash memory by Flash Downloader. After downloading is complete, the debugging is started (Program starts running).

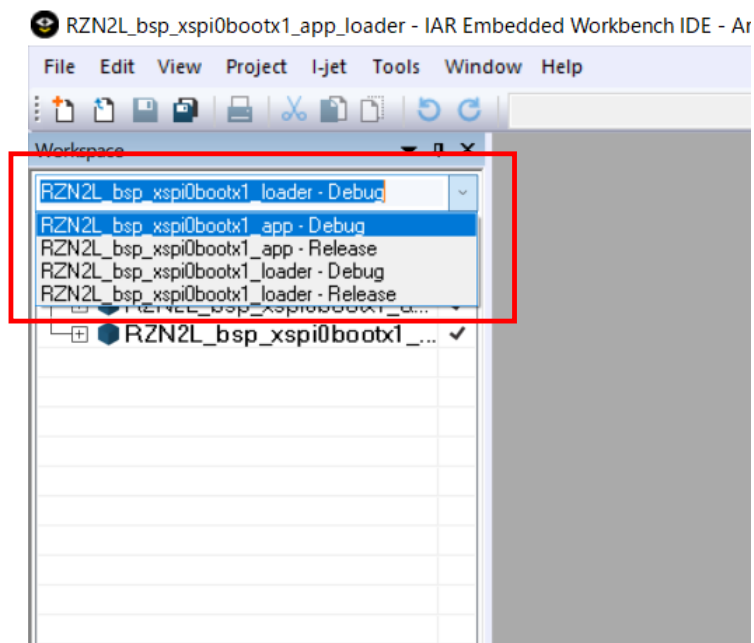


Figure 6.1 Project selection

NOTE: Select loader project when you start debugging as Figure 6.2.

Application program is already specified as extra image in loader project option.

"Right click loader project -> [Options...] -> [Debugger] -> [Images] -> [Download extra image]"

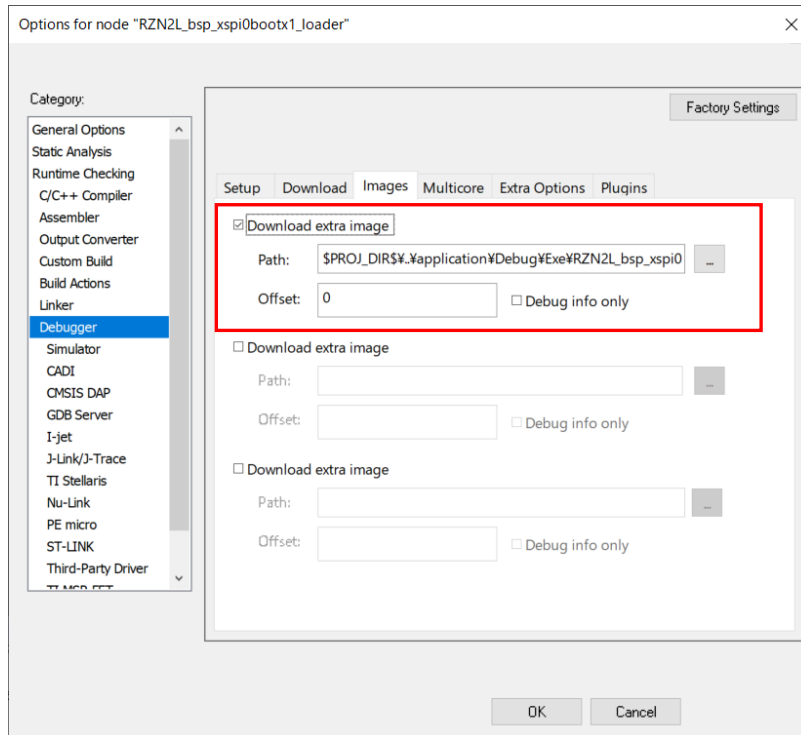


Figure 6.2 EWARM option setting.

6.1.2 e2studio from Renesas

1. Launch e2studio with your workspace. Then, click as following.
"[File] -> [Import...] -> [General] -> [Existing Projects into Workspace] -> [Next >]"
2. Select "[Select archive file]" and Browse "gcc\xspi0bootx1\Loader_application_projects.zip".
Then, click "[Finish]"
3. Run build with "[Project] -> [Build All]"
4. Make sure that your PC and RZ/N2L evaluation board are connected with J-link. Then, select "RZ/N2L_bsp_xspi0bootx1_loader" in connection setting and start debugging with "[Debug]"
5. After emulator connecting, both loader program and application program are downloaded to external serial flash memory by Flash Downloader. After downloading is complete, the debugging is started (Program starts running).

NOTE: Select loader project when you start debugging. With the following debug configuration, the loader program and application program are written to the external serial flash memory at the same time when the loader project is connected for debug.

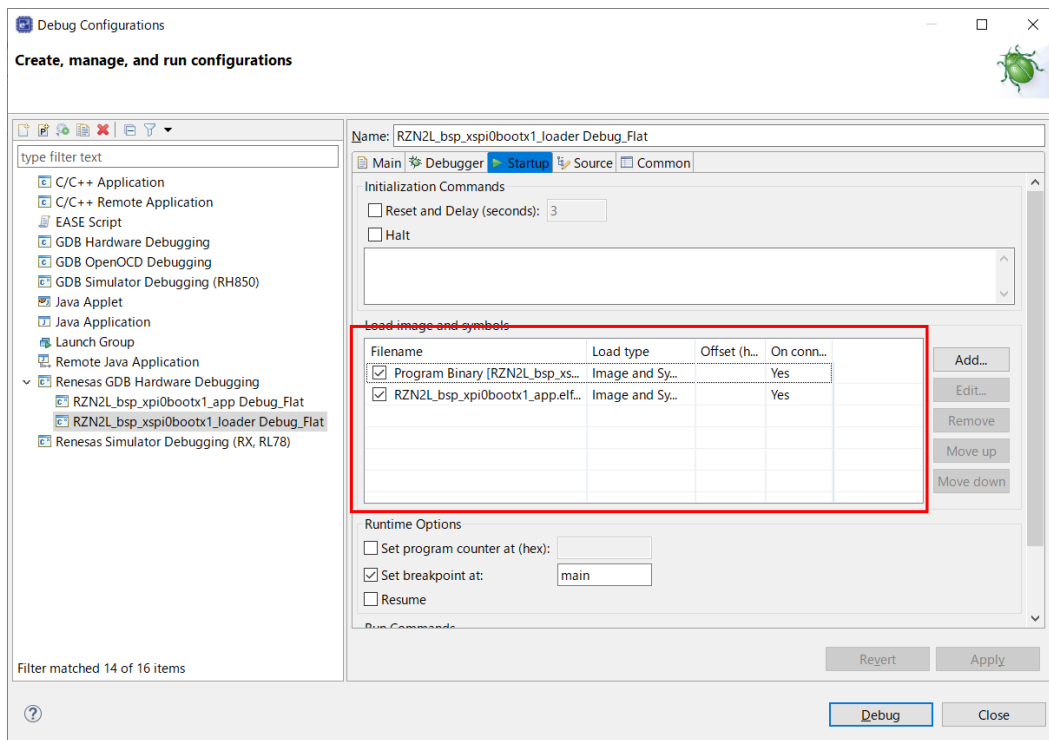


Figure 6.3 Debug configurations in e2 studio

Revision History

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General Precautions in the Handling of Microprocessing Unit and Microcontroller Unit Products

The following usage notes are applicable to all Microprocessing unit and Microcontroller unit products from Renesas. For detailed usage notes on the products covered by this document, refer to the relevant sections of the document as well as any technical updates that have been issued for the products.

1. Precaution against Electrostatic Discharge (ESD)

A strong electrical field, when exposed to a CMOS device, can cause destruction of the gate oxide and ultimately degrade the device operation. Steps must be taken to stop the generation of static electricity as much as possible, and quickly dissipate it when it occurs. Environmental control must be adequate. When it is dry, a humidifier should be used. This is recommended to avoid using insulators that can easily build up static electricity. 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.

4. Handling of unused pins

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.

5. Clock signals

After applying a reset, only release the reset line after the operating clock signal becomes stable. When switching the clock signal during program execution, wait until the target clock signal is stabilized. When the clock signal is generated with an external resonator or from an external oscillator during a reset, ensure that the reset line is only released after full stabilization of the clock signal. Additionally, when switching to a clock signal produced with an external resonator or by an external oscillator while program execution is in progress, wait until the target clock signal is stable.

6. Voltage application waveform at input pin

Waveform distortion due to input noise or a reflected wave may cause malfunction. If the input of the CMOS device stays in the area between V_{IL} (Max.) and V_{IH} (Min.) due to noise, for example, the device may malfunction. Take care to prevent chattering noise from entering the device when the input level is fixed, and also in the transition period when the input level passes through the area between V_{IL} (Max.) and V_{IH} (Min.).

7. Prohibition of access to reserved addresses

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8. Differences between products

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