ABSTRACT

The MSP430™ bootloader (BSL) allows a host MCU to communicate with embedded memory in the MSP430 microcontroller (MCU). The host can access the programmable memory (flash memory), the data memory (RAM), and in FRAM devices, the nonvolatile FRAM memory. The host MCU can access the memory of the target MSP430 MCU during the prototyping phase, final production, and in service (field software updates).

This application report uses the SimpleLink™ MSP432P401R, CC3220, and CC2640R2F devices as the hosts for the BSL communication with the target MSP430 devices. Both flash-based and FRAM-based MSP430 MCUs are used in this report to showcase the differences between their BSLs. Software examples are provided for each of the SimpleLink host MCUs. The software examples also make use of the SimpleLink Software Development Kit (SDK), making it easy to port the examples to other SimpleLink devices.

The source code and other files described in this application report can be downloaded from http://www.ti.com/lit/zip/slaa755. The example source code demonstrates how a SimpleLink MCU can access the memory of a target MSP430 MCU (flash or FRAM based) through the UART BSL.

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Introduction

The bootloader provides a method for the MSP430 MCUs to be programmed. In order for the MSP430 MCU to be programmed through BSL, commands must be sent using the UART protocol to the MSP430 MCU.

To invoke the bootloader, a BSL entry sequence must be applied to dedicated pins. After the BSL entry sequence is applied, UART commands can be sent to the target MSP430 MCU. The BSL UART commands are different depending on whether the MSP430 MCU is flash or FRAM based.

Software examples are provided for both flash- and FRAM-based MSP430 MCUs. These software examples use MSP432, CC3220 and CC2640 as the UART BSL host to the target MSP430 MCU. The UART BSL protocol in these examples is implemented on top of the SimpleLink SDK, which makes it extremely easy to port to other SimpleLink devices.

1.1 Supplementary Online Information

For more information and tools, visit Bootloader (BSL) for MSP low-power microcontrollers. This page contains links to additional BSL user's guides, source code, firmware images, and the BSL scripter with documentation and code examples.
Software Example

Example software is available for SimpleLink devices to act as the UART BSL host to target MSP430 MCUs.

The following LaunchPad development kits were used to develop the software examples:
- SimpleLink™ MSP432P401R LaunchPad™ Development Kit
- SimpleLink™ Wi-Fi® CC3220SF Wireless Microcontroller LaunchPad™ Development Kit
- SimpleLink™ Bluetooth® low energy CC2640R2F Wireless MCU LaunchPad™ Development Kit

2.1 Software Example File Descriptions


Table 1 describes the contents of the top-level folder.

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<td>CC2640R2Host_UART_BSL_MSP430</td>
<td>Example SimpleLink SDK project for CC2640R2. CC2640R2 acts as a UART BSL host for MSP430 flash-based MCUs. This example must be used with the CC2640R2F wireless MCU LaunchPad development kit. Note: This is a Code Composer Studio IDE project and must be imported into the IDE. This project depends on <code>tirtos_builds_CC2640R2_LAUNCHXL_release_ccs</code>, which also must be imported to the IDE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC2640R2Host_UART_BSL_MSP430FR</td>
<td>Example SimpleLink SDK project for CC2640R2. CC2640R2 acts as a UART BSL host for MSP430 FRAM-based MCUs. This example must be used with the CC2640R2F wireless MCU LaunchPad development kit. Note: This is a Code Composer Studio IDE project and must be imported into the IDE. This project depends on <code>tirtos_builds_CC2640R2_LAUNCHXL_release_ccs</code>, which also must be imported to the IDE.</td>
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<tr>
<td>CC3220Host_UART_BSL_MSP430</td>
<td>Example SimpleLink SDK project for CC3220. CC3220 acts as a UART BSL host for MSP430 flash-based MCUs. This example must be used with the CC3220 wireless MCU LaunchPad development kit. Note: This is a Code Composer Studio IDE project and must be imported into the IDE. This project depends on <code>tirtos_builds_CC3220SF_LAUNCHXL_release_ccs</code>, which also must be imported to the IDE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC3220Host_UART_BSL_MSP430FR</td>
<td>Example SimpleLink SDK project for CC3220. CC3220 acts as a UART BSL host for MSP430 FRAM-based MCUs. This example must be used with the CC3220 wireless MCU LaunchPad development kit. Note: This is a Code Composer Studio IDE project and must be imported into the IDE. This project depends on <code>tirtos_builds_CC3220SF_LAUNCHXL_release_ccs</code>, which also must be imported to the IDE.</td>
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<td><strong>MSP432Host_UART_BSL_MSP430</strong></td>
<td>Example SimpleLink SDK project for MSP432P401R. MSP432P401R acts as a UART BSL host for MSP430 flash-based MCUs. This example must be used with the MSP432P401R LaunchPad development kit. Note: This is a Code Composer Studio IDE project and must be imported into the IDE. This project depends on tirtos_builds_MSP_EXP432P401R_release_ccs, which also must be imported to the IDE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>MSP432Host_UART_BSL_MSP430FR</strong></td>
<td>Example SimpleLink SDK project for MSP432P401R. MSP432P401R acts as a UART BSL host for MSP430 FRAM-based MCUs. This example must be used with the MSP432P401R LaunchPad development kit. Note: This is a Code Composer Studio IDE project and must be imported into the IDE. This project depends on tirtos_builds_MSP_EXP432P401R_release_ccs, which also must be imported to the IDE.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tirtos_builds_CC2640R2_LAUNCHXL_release_ccs</td>
<td>TI RTOS project to be used with CC2640R2 example projects. This project is referenced by all CC2640R2 projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tirtos_builds_CC3220SF_LAUNCHXL_release_ccs</td>
<td>TI RTOS project to be used with CC3220 example projects. This project is referenced by all CC3220 projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>tirtos_builds_MSP_EXP432P401R_release_ccs</td>
<td>TI RTOS project to be used with MSP432 example projects. This project is referenced by all MSP432 projects.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Python_Scripts/flash_TI_txt_hex_to_byte_image.py and Python_Scripts/FRAM_TI_txt_hex_to_byte_image.py</td>
<td>Converts TI HEX TXT file to the header file format used by the host. These files are python scripts and must be ran using python. Example: python flash_TI_txt_hex_to_byte_image.py</td>
</tr>
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The following tables describe the contents of each project.

#### Table 2. CC2640R2 Host Example Project Content

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<td>Contains the UART BSL implementation, example firmware image and peripheral drivers.</td>
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<td>Board.h</td>
<td>Contains board specific macros.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>main_tirtos.c</td>
<td>Entry point for TI RTOS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC2640R2_LAUNCHXL.h</td>
<td>CC2640R2_LAUNCHXL board specific APIs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC2640R2_LAUNCHXL.c</td>
<td>CC2640R2 specific for TI RTOS. Responsible for setting up the board specific items for the CC2640R2_LAUNCHXL board.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cc2640r2host_uart_bsl_msp430.c or cc2640r2host_uart_bsl_msp430fr.c</td>
<td>Driver Initialization. Starts the BSL programming with the example firmware image.</td>
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#### Table 3. CC3220 Host Example Project Content

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<td>CC3220SF_LAUNCHXL.h</td>
<td>CC3220SF_LAUNCHXL board specific APIs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CC3220SF_LAUNCHXL.c</td>
<td>CC3220 specific for TI RTOS. Responsible for setting up the board specific items for the CC3220SF_LAUNCHXL board.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cc3220host_uart_bsl_msp430.c or cc3220host_uart_bsl_msp430fr.c</td>
<td>Driver Initialization. Starts the BSL programming with the example firmware image.</td>
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<tr>
<td>MSP_EXP432P401R.h</td>
<td>MSP_EXP432P401R board specific APIs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSP_EXP432P401R.c</td>
<td>MSP432 specific for TI RTOS. Responsible for setting up the board specific items for the MSP_EXP432P401R board.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>msp432host_uart_bsl_msp430.c or msp432host_uart_bsl_msp430fr.c</td>
<td>Driver Initialization. Starts the BSL programming with the example firmware image.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The BSL folder in each project contains the drivers for the peripherals used by the SimpleLink host. This folder also contains the BSL UART commands and an example firmware image for the target MSP430 MCU.

Table 5 describes the contents of the BSL folder.

Table 5. BSL Folder Content

<table>
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<tr>
<td>image/msp430_image.h or image/msp430fr_image.h</td>
<td>Contains the example firmware image for flash or FRAM target MSP430. The msp430_image.h contains the blinky example for MSP430G2553 device, while the msp430fr_image.h contains the blinky example for MSP430FR2311 device.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bsl.c</td>
<td>Implementation of the UART BSL commands. This file contains the commands used to program an MSP430 MCU through UART BSL. This file generates the BSL Command packages to send. It also receives and unpacks the BSL Responses from the target.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bsl.h</td>
<td>Contains the function declarations for the BSL commands.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bsl_main.c</td>
<td>Initializes the hosts peripherals and programs the target device with the specified example firmware image.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bsl_main.h</td>
<td>Contains the function declarations for the bsl_main.c</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>config.h</td>
<td>Contains configurable options such as UART read time-out and whether or not to output software progress to the serial terminal.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>debug.c</td>
<td>Initializes the backchannel UART for communication with PC (Serial terminal programs such as Putty)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>debug.h</td>
<td>Contains the function declarations for the debug.c</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gpio_if.c</td>
<td>Device-specific interface file to access the GPIOs. The GPIOs are used to control the dedicated BSL entry sequence pins.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>gpio_if.h</td>
<td>Contains the function declarations for the gpio_if.c</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>uart_if.c</td>
<td>Interfaces with the UART module on the device to send and receive BSL commands.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>uart_if.h</td>
<td>Contains the function declarations for the uart_if.c</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>utils.c</td>
<td>Interfaces with the timer modules on the device to generate specified delays. Also contain other utilities for debugging.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>utils.h</td>
<td>Contains the function declarations for the utils.c</td>
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3 Bootloader (BSL) Connections

The host SimpleLink MCU and target MSP430 MCU must be connected to through the BSL pins and share the GND signal. The BSL pins include the dedicated BSL entry pins and the UART BSL pins.

3.1 Bootloader Connections for the Target MSP430 MCU

To access the MSP430 memory through the BSL, an entry sequence must be applied to the dedicated pins. In this document, the MSP430G2553 and MSP430FR2311 are used as the target for BSL communication.

To invoke the bootloader, the BSL entry sequence must be applied to the TST and RST pins on the target MSP430 MCU. For more information on the BSL entry sequence, see the MSP430™ Flash Device Bootloader (BSL) User’s Guide.

Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the dedicated pins for BSL entry sequence for the MSP430G2553 and the MSP430FR2311, respectively.

![MSP430G2553 BSL Entry Sequence Pins](image)

Figure 1. MSP430G2553 BSL Entry Sequence Pins
Figure 2. MSP430FR2311 BSL Entry Sequence Pins

These pins are connected to the GPIO of the SimpleLink host MCU. After the BSL entry sequence is completed, the host can use the dedicated UART BSL pins to send and receive BSL commands.

The pins for BSL entry sequence are Reset and Test pins. Some LaunchPad development kits specify these two pins as SBWTDIO and SBWTCK.

- SBWTDIO: Spy-By-Wire Data Input/Output (RESET pin)
- SBWTCK: Spy-By-Wire Clock (TEST pin)

Figure 3 and Figure 4 show the dedicated UART pins for the MSP430G2553 and MSP430FR2311, respectively. To find the UART BSL pins for any MSP430 MCU, see the device-specific data sheet. The UART BSL pins are specific to each device and package. For example, the UART BSL pins for the MSP430G2553 are P1.1 and P1.5, while the UART BSL pins for the MSP430FR2311 are P1.6 and P1.7.
The final connections needed on the target MSP430 MCU is the power connections. All power pins must be connected to the required voltages. In this case, both MSP430FR2311 and MSP430G2553 are connected to a 3.3-V supply through VCC and GND pins.

3.2 **Bootloader Connections for the Host SimpleLink Device**

The host device uses two GPIO pins to execute the BSL entry sequence. The host also uses two UART modules. The first UART module communicates the status of code execution to the PC through the backchannel serial port. The second UART module communicates to the BSL target to transmit commands and receive the responses. These pins are defined in the board-specific file for each project (MSP_EXP432P401R.c, CC3220SF_LAUNCHXL.c and CC2640R2_LAUNCHXL.c).

The software example provided for the supported LaunchPad development kits, utilizes the following pins on each board:

**MSP432P401R LaunchPad development kit:**
- Target Reset Pin: P6.0
- Target Test Pin: P6.1
- Backchannel UART to PC:
  - TX: P1.3
  - RX: P1.2
- BSL Communication UART:
  - TX: P3.3
  - RX: P3.2

**CC3220SF Wireless Microcontroller LaunchPad development kit:**
- Target Reset Pin: PIN 03 (GPIO 12)
- Target Test Pin: PIN 04 (GPIO 13)
- Backchannel UART to PC:
  - TX: PIN 57
  - RX: PIN 55
• BSL Communication UART:
  – TX: PIN 07
  – RX: PIN 08

CC2640R2 Wireless Microcontroller LaunchPad development kit:
• Target Reset Pin: DIO23
• Target Test Pin: DIO25
• Backchannel UART to PC:
  – TX: DIO26 (Because CC2640R2 does not have two UART modules, software UART is used to communicate to the PC.)
  – RX: Unused
• BSL Communication UART:
  – TX: DIO03
  – RX: DIO02

Figure 5, Figure 6, and Figure 7 show each LaunchPad development kit and the pins used for the software example.

Figure 5. MSP432P401R LaunchPad Development Kit UART BSL Host Pins
Figure 6. CC3220SF LaunchPad Development Kit UART BSL Host Pins

Figure 7. CC2640R2 LaunchPad Development Kit UART BSL Host Pins
The SimpleLink Host connects to the MSP430 MCU through the Reset (BSL entry), Test (BSL entry), BSL UART TX, and BSL UART RX pins. The SimpleLink host and MSP430 MCU must share the ground signal. Also, the MSP430 MCU must be powered up. Finally, through the backchannel UART, a PC can be used to view the status of the firmware update on the MSP430 MCU.

4 How to Use the Software Examples

The software examples in this application report use the following SimpleLink SDKs:

- SimpleLink CC32xx SDK v:1.40.00.03
- SimpleLink MSP432 SDK v:1.40.01.00
- SimpleLink CC2640R2 SDK v:1.35.00.33

Code Composer Studio IDE (CCS) version 7.1.0.00016 was used to compile and debug the projects.

Download and extract the zip file containing the software examples.

4.1 Import the Projects to CCS

To import the projects:

1. Click Project > Import CCS Projects.
2. Select Browse and navigate to the extracted file from the software example zip file.

![Figure 8. Import Software Example Projects to CCS]

3. CCS automatically finds all of the projects inside the folder. Select all projects including the TI RTOS build projects and import them to your workspace.
4. After importing, the projects must be built.

Select all of the imported projects, except for the TI RTOS build projects. Right click and select Rebuild Project.
Figure 10. Building Software Example Projects

titos_builds_CC2640R2_LAUNCHXL_release_ccs, titos_builds_CC3220SF_LAUNCHXL_release_ccs, and titos_builds_MSP_EXP432P401R_release_ccs are rebuilt automatically. These projects are referenced by the other projects with the same platform.
4.2 **Run the Software Examples**

Connect the SimpleLink host to the target MSP430 MCU. For the first part of this demo, the MSP432P401R LaunchPad development kit and MSP430G2553 are used. For the second part of the demo, MSP430FR2311 is used as the target.

4.2.1 **MSP430G2553 UART BSL Target Example**

1. Connect the two devices.

   The pin to pin connections are available in the README file.

   Figure 12, Figure 13, and Figure 14 show the connections for the MSP432P401R and MSP430G2553 LaunchPad development kits.
Figure 12. MSP432P401R LaunchPad Development Kit Connected to MSP430G2553

Figure 13. MSP432P401R LaunchPad Development Kit UART BSL Host Connections
In this setup, the MSP430G2553 is powered from the MSP432P401R LaunchPad development kit. The MSP432P401R LaunchPad development kit is powered through the USB connection to PC.

2. After connecting the MSP432 LaunchPad development kit to the PC, the COM port number for serial communication to the board can be found in Windows Device Manager.

![Figure 14. MSP430G2553 LaunchPad Development Kit UART BSL Connections](image)

![Figure 15. Application UART COM Port Number in Windows Device Manager](image)
A serial communication terminal program such as PuTTY can be used to view the execution of the example software.

Using PuTTY, open a serial communication with the following specification to the COM port found in the Windows Device Manager.
- Baud-rate: 9600
- Data bits: 8
- Stop bits: 1
- Parity: None

3. Debug the project MSP432Host_UART_BSL_MSP430 by Run > Debug.
4. After the binary firmware image is uploaded to MSP432P401R, run the example by clicking the green play button.
5. View the serial output on PuTTY (see Figure 18).
The MSP430G2533 device ID is 0x2553. All MSP430s have a unique device ID. For example, the Device ID for MSP430FR2311 is 0xFF80, which is shown in the next section.

6. The MSP430 MCU is programmed and the message, "MSP430 Programmed Successfully" is shown on the serial terminal.

The example program getting downloaded to the target MSP430 MCU, toggles P1.0, which can be seen by the toggling of the LED on the MSP430G2553 LaunchPad development kit.
7. Follow the same steps to program any flash-based MSP430 MCU using CC2640R2 and CC3220 device.

### 4.2.2 MSP430FR2311 UART BSL Target Example

To program an MSP430FR2311 using the MSP432P401R through UART BSL, follow the steps in Section 4.2.1.

Figure 20 shows the connections between the MSP430FR2311 and the MSP432P401R.
Figure 20. MSP432P401R LaunchPad Development Kit Connected to MSP430FR2311

The MSP432P401R connections are the same as Figure 13. Figure 21 shows the MSP430FR2311 connections.

Figure 21. MSP430FR2311 LaunchPad Development Kit UART BSL Connections
After the connections are made, the example project MSP432Host_UART_BSL_MSP430FR can be debugged and the result can be viewed using PuTTY (see Figure 22).

Figure 22. MSP432Host_UART_BSL_MSP430FR Project Debug Mode

After running the example, the result in Figure 23 is seen in the serial terminal.
The same steps must be followed to program any FRAM-based MSP430 MCU using CC2640R2 and CC3220 device.

The default firmware image in all examples for flash-based MSP430 MCUs is the MSP430G2553 blinky firmware image. This program toggles P1.0 on and off.

The default firmware image in all examples for FRAM-based MSP430 MCUs is the MSP430FR2311 blinky firmware image. This program toggles P1.0 on and off.

To create a new firmware image for any MSP430 MCU from an existing Code Composer Studio IDE project, see Section 5.
5 Create Custom MSP430 Firmware Image

The software example provides a default example firmware image which is inside the msp430_image.h or msp430fr_image.h header file (based on whether the target MSP430 MCU is flash or FRAM-based).

The following sections describe the format of the firmware image header file.

5.1 MSP430 Flash Firmware Image

The default example firmware image for the flash-based MSP430 MCUs is the blinky example for MSP430G2553.

```c
/*
 * This file was automatically generated.
 * The memory sections should be quickly double checked.
 * Some sections such ad Start, Finish, Termination and Length must be
 * modified based on device datasheet. (These values aren't used by the
 * default program.
 * Created by: Nima Eskandari
 */

uint8_t flash[] =
{
//0xc000
0x21, 0x83, 0xB2, 0x40, 0x80, 0x5A, 0x20, 0x01,
0xD2, 0xD3, 0x22, 0x00, 0xD2, 0xE3, 0x21, 0x00,
0xB1, 0x40, 0x50, 0xC3, 0x00, 0x00, 0x91, 0x83,
0x00, 0x00, 0x81, 0x93, 0x00, 0x00, 0xF6, 0x27,
0xFA, 0x3F, 0x31, 0x40, 0x00, 0x04, 0xB0, 0x12,
0x42, 0xC0, 0x0C, 0x43, 0xB0, 0x12, 0x00, 0xC0,
0xB0, 0x12, 0x3C, 0xC0, 0x32, 0xB0, 0x10, 0x00,
0xFD, 0x3F, 0x03, 0x43, 0x03, 0x43, 0xFF, 0x3F,
0x03, 0x43, 0x1C, 0x43, 0x30, 0x41,
//0xffde
0xFF, 0xFF, 0x34, 0xC0,
//0xffe4
0x34, 0xC0, 0x34, 0xC0,
//0xffea
0x34, 0xC0, 0x34, 0xC0, 0x34, 0xC0, 0x34, 0xC0,
0x34, 0xC0, 0x34, 0xC0, 0x34, 0xC0, 0x34, 0xC0,
0x34, 0xC0, 0x34, 0xC0, 0x22, 0xC0,
};

const uint32_t flash_address[] =
{
0xc000, 0xffde, 0xffe4, 0xffea,
};

const uint32_t flash_length_of_sections[] =
{
70, 4, 4, 22,
};
```
const uint32_t flash_sections = 4;
const uint32_t flash_termination = 0x00000000; /*Check device data sheet*/
const uint32_t flash_start = 0x00000000; /*Check device data sheet*/
const uint32_t flash_finish = 0x00000000; /*Check device data sheet*/
const uint32_t flash_length = 0x00000000; /*Check device data sheet*/

The first variable is flash. The flash_sections variable, hold the number of start addresses that is required to be programmed. In this case the flash_sections variable is set to 4. This is consistent with the size of flash_address array. The flash_address holds 4 addresses. These addresses are 0xC000, 0xFFDE, 0xFFE4, and 0xFFEA. The flash_length_of_sections array, specifies the number of bytes in the flash variable for each of the addresses specified in flash_address array.

The example default image is interpreted as:

• For address 0xC000
  The first 70 bytes of data in flash must be written to the MSP430 MCU, starting at address 0xC000.

• For address 0xFFDE
  Starting from the 71st element in the flash variable, 4 bytes must be written to the MSP430 MCU, starting at address 0xFFDE.

• For address 0xFFE4
  Starting at the 75th element in the flash variable, 4 bytes must be written to the MSP430 MCU, starting at address 0xFFE4.

• For address 0xFFEA
  Starting at the 79th element in the flash variable, 22 bytes must be written to the MSP430 MCU, starting at address 0xFFEA.

5.2 MSP430 FRAM Firmware Image

The default example firmware image for the FRAM-based MSP430 MCUs is the blinky example for MSP430FR2311. The firmware image file is formatted the same as the flash-based MSP430 MCUs. The only difference is that variables are all renamed from flash to fram.
To generate a custom firmware image header file, follow the instructions in Section 5.3.
5.3 Generating Custom Firmware Image Header Files

To generate firmware image header files, the firmware must be compiled and the output must be in TI-TXT hex format.

Figure 24, Figure 25, and Figure 26 show how to generate a TI-TXT hex file in CCS.

1. Right click on the project and click on the properties option.
2. Check the Enable MSP430 Hex Utility checkbox.
3. In Output Format Options, select TI-TXT hex format.
4. After the project is built, the .txt containing the full firmware image is created. Figure 26 shows this file.

![Figure 26. MSP430FR2311 TI-TXT Hex Format Firmware Image](image)

The generated TI-TXT file can be converted to a firmware image header file.

Python scripts are provided to convert the TI-TXT file to a firmware image header file (see Figure 27). The scripts are placed in the Python_Scripts folder of the example software zip file.

There are two Python scripts. The only difference between the two scripts is whether the created header file is for an FRAM-based device or a flash-based device.
The variable `sourcePath` must be modified to point to the TI-TXT hex file to convert to the firmware image header file. The `imagePath` variable defines the location for the output firmware image header file. Use Python 3 to execute the script and generate the firmware image header file (see Figure 28).

![Figure 28. Firmware Image Python Script Console Output](image-url)
6 Error Messages

After the conversion is completed, the firmware image header file is generated and can be used as a replacement for the default firmware image of the software example.

If there are any errors in the setup or if the UART BSL state machine is out of sync with the host, error messages can be seen in the serial terminal (see Figure 29).

![Figure 29. UART BSL Error](image)

To debug this issue further, change the DEBUG macro in config.h to 1. More information is printed to the serial terminal.

The issue in is usually caused by the UART BSL state machine getting out of sync with the host. This is suggested by the fact that the 0x80 byte is received as the second byte in the packet.

If reviewing the error messages does not give any hints as to what the source of the failure is, try to debug and single step through the ProgramMSP430() in bsl_main.c. Also double check the connections between the host and the target. Finally, cycle power to the target MSP430 MCU and run the host again.
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