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• Reorient the receiving antenna.

• Increase the distance between the equipment and the receiver.

• Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that which the receiver is connected.

• Power down the equipment when not in use.

• Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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

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• The user is advised that mobile phones should not be used within 10 m of the product when in use.

• The user is advised to take ESD precautions when handling the equipment.

The Evaluation Kit does not represent an ideal reference design for an end product and does not fulfill the regulatory standards for an end product.

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1. Introduction

This Quick Start Guide (QSG) provides:

- An overview of the Quick Start example project that the EK-RA6M5 board comes pre-programmed with.
- Instructions for running the Quick Start example project.
- Instructions for importing, modifying, and building the Quick Start example project using Flexible Software Package (FSP) and e² studio Integrated Development Environment (IDE).

1.1 Assumptions and Advisory Notes

1. Tool experience: It is assumed that the user has prior experience working with IDEs such as e² studio and terminal emulation programs such as TeraTerm.
2. Subject knowledge: It is assumed that the user has basic knowledge about microcontrollers, embedded systems, and FSP to modify the example project described in this document.
3. Prior to running the Quick Start example project or programming the EK-RA6M5 board, default jumper settings must be used. Refer to the EK-RA6M5 user's manual for the default jumper settings.
4. The screen shots provided throughout this document are for reference. The actual screen content may differ depending on the version of software and development tools used.

2. Kit Contents

The following components are included in the kit:

1. EK-RA6M5 board
2. Micro USB device cable (type-A male to micro-B male)
3. Micro USB host cable (type-A female to micro-B male)
4. Ethernet patch cable

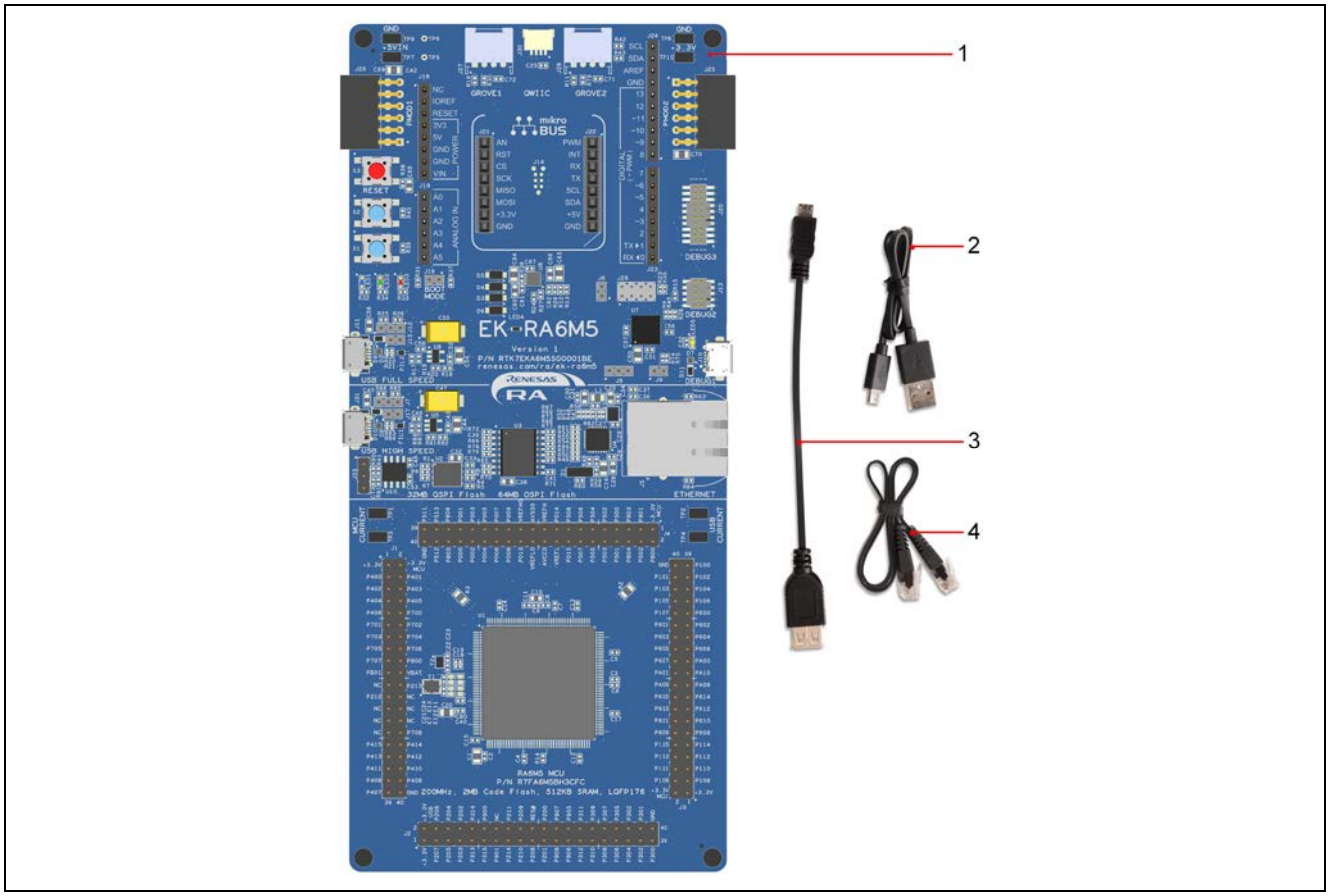

Figure 1. EK-RA6M5 Kit Contents

3. Overview of the Quick Start Example Project

The Quick Start example project allows the user to change the frequency and intensity of the on-board user LED1 (blue) using the user buttons (S1 and S2). The supported frequencies are 1 Hz, 5 Hz, and 10 Hz and the supported intensities are 10%, 50%, and 90%.

When the EK-RA6M5 board running the Quick Start example project is connected to a host PC via USB as a Full Speed CDC Device, the kit information, MCU die temperature, and user LED blinking frequency are displayed on a terminal console.

3.1 Quick Start Example Project Flow

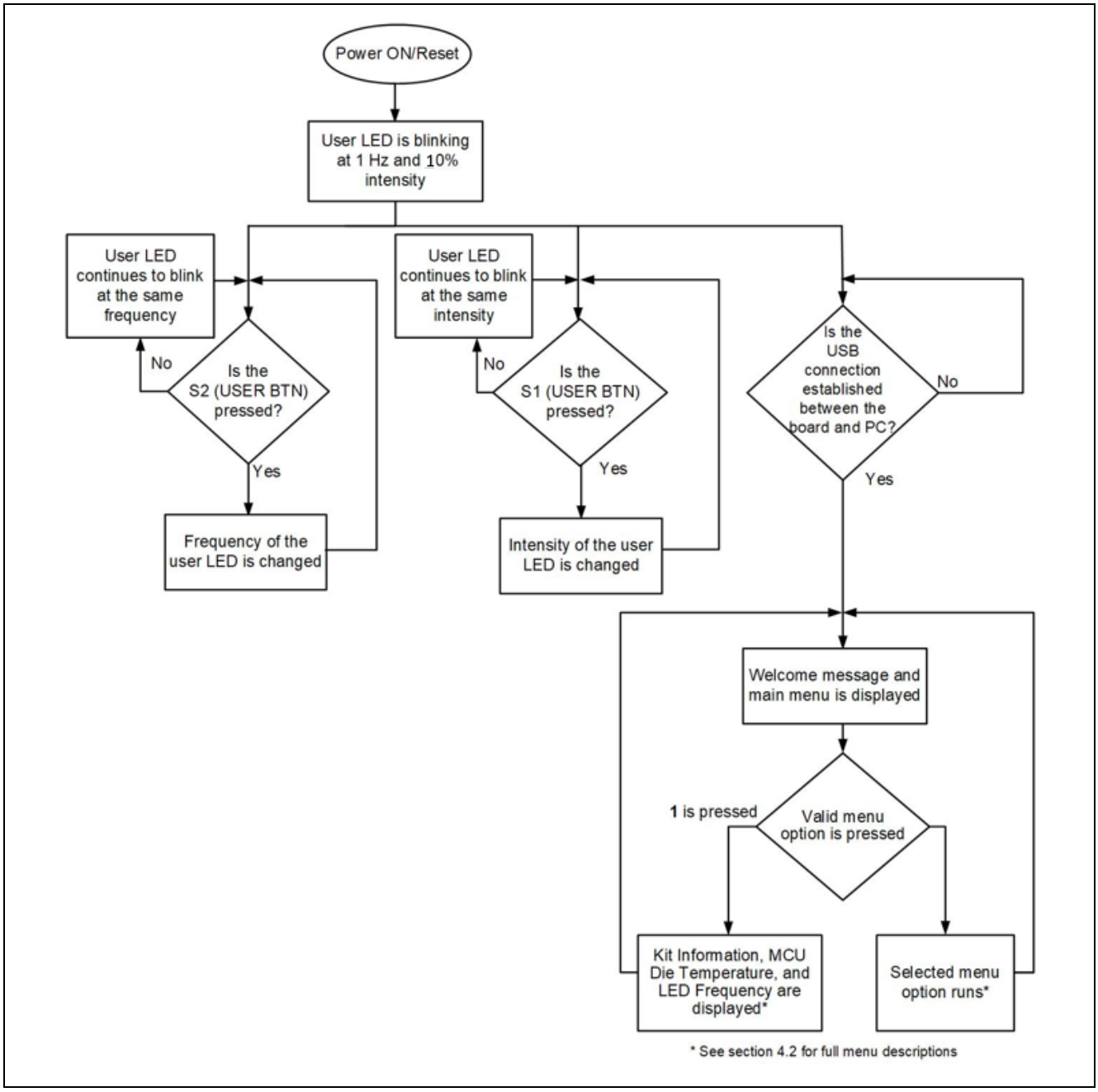

Figure 2. Quick Start Example Project Flow

4. Running the Quick Start Example Project

This section lists the requirements and instructions to power up the EK-RA6M5 board and run the Quick Start example project.

Hardware Requirements

- EK-RA6M5 board
- Micro USB device cable
- A PC with at least 1 USB port

Software Requirements

- Windows® 10 operating system
- USB Serial Drivers (included in Windows 10)
- TeraTerm (or similar) terminal console application

4.1 Connecting and Powering Up the EK-RA6M5 Board

1. Check that J12 is set to link pins 2-3. And that J15 link is closed.
2. Connect the micro USB end of the micro USB device cable to micro-AB USB Full Speed port (J11) of the EK-RA6M5 board.
3. Connect the other end of this cable to the USB port of the host PC. Power LED (LED4) on the EK-RA6M5 board lights up white, indicating that the EK-RA6M5 board is powered on.

Note: If the EK-RA6M5 board is not powered through micro-AB USB Full Speed port (J11) and the host PC, then USB CDC functionality of the Quick Start example project cannot be fully demonstrated because of the absence of a USB Full Speed Device connection with the host PC.

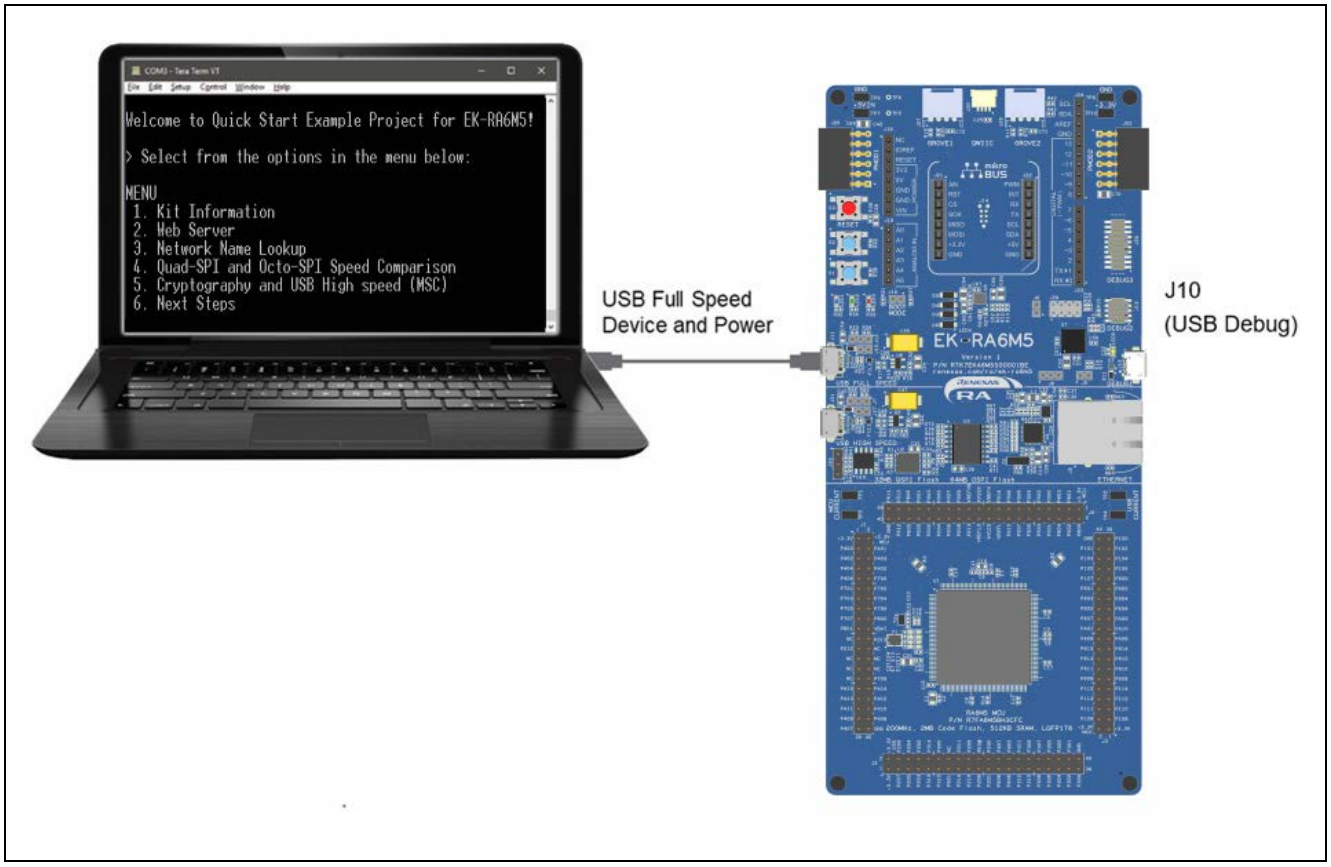

Figure 3. Connecting the EK-RA6M5 Board to the Host PC via USB Full Speed Port

4.2 Running the Quick Start Example Project

To run the Quick Start example project, use the following instructions:

1. On power up or RESET, the three user LEDs will take on the following states:
   - LED1 Blue - Blinking at 1 Hz frequency and at 10% intensity
   - LED2 Green – Steady, full intensity
   - LED3 Red – Off

   Note: The debug LED (LED5) will blink or light up orange; this can be ignored for now.

2. Press the user button (S1) on the EK-RA6M5 board to change the intensity of the user LED1. With every press of the user button (S1), the intensity will switch from 10% to 50% to 90% and cycle back.
3. Press the user button (S2) on the EK-RA6M5 board to change the blinking frequency of the user LED1 (blue). With every press of the first user button (S2), the frequency will switch from 1 Hz to 5 Hz to 10 Hz and cycle back.
4. On the host PC, open Windows Device Manager. Expand **Ports (COM & LPT)**, locate **USB Serial Device (COMxx)** and note down the COM port number for reference in the next step.

   Note: USB Serial Device drivers are required to communicate between the EK-RA6M5 board and the terminal application on the host PC.

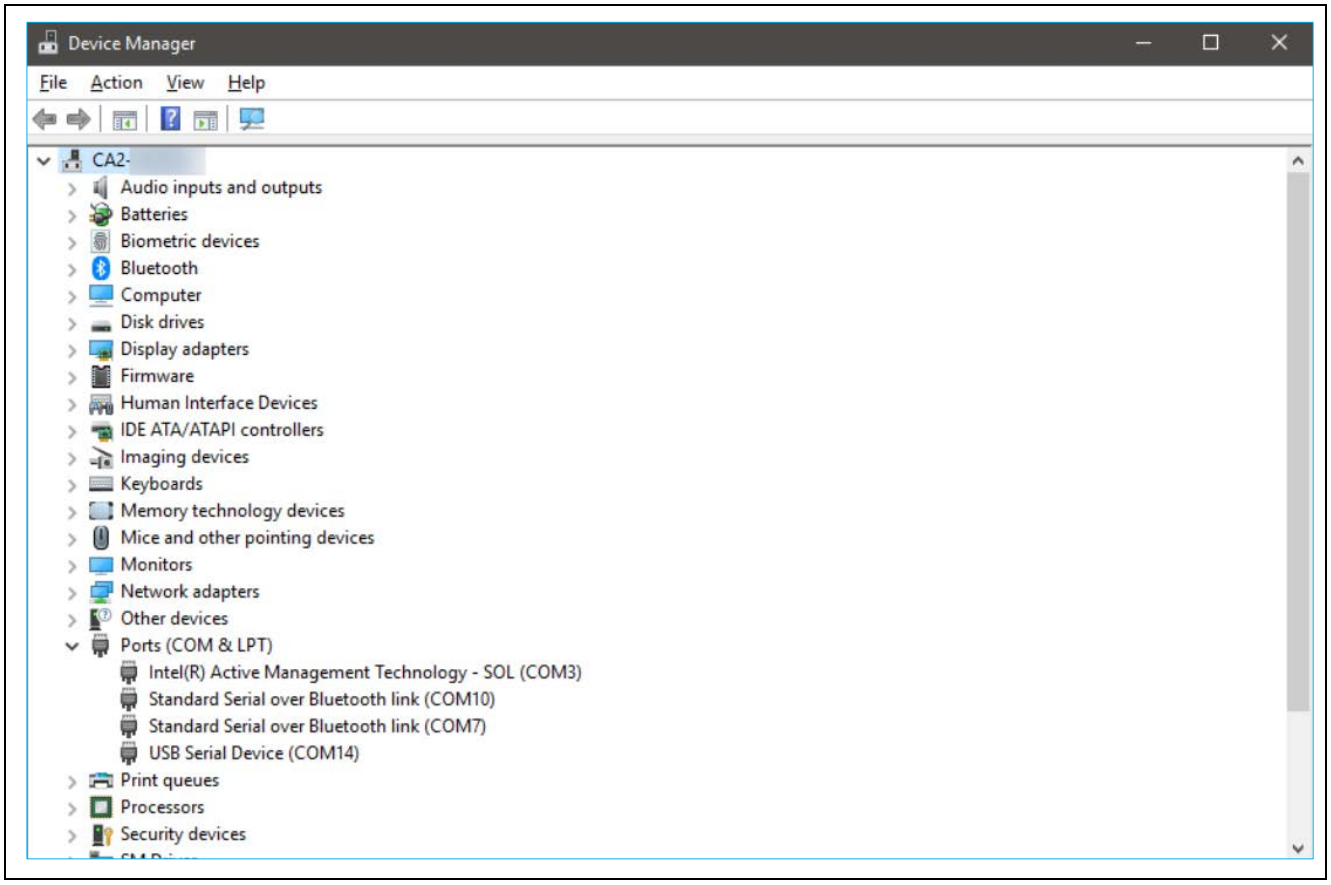

Figure 4. USB Serial Device in Windows Device Manager

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

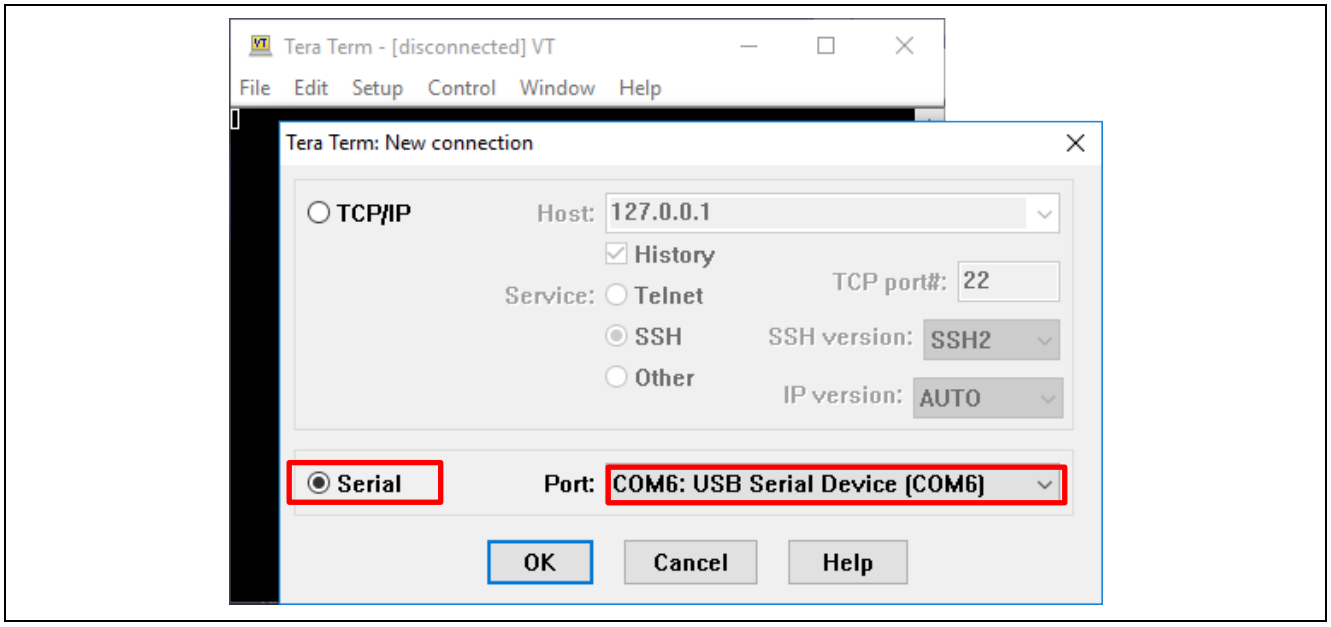

Figure 5. Selecting the Serial Port on Tera Term

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

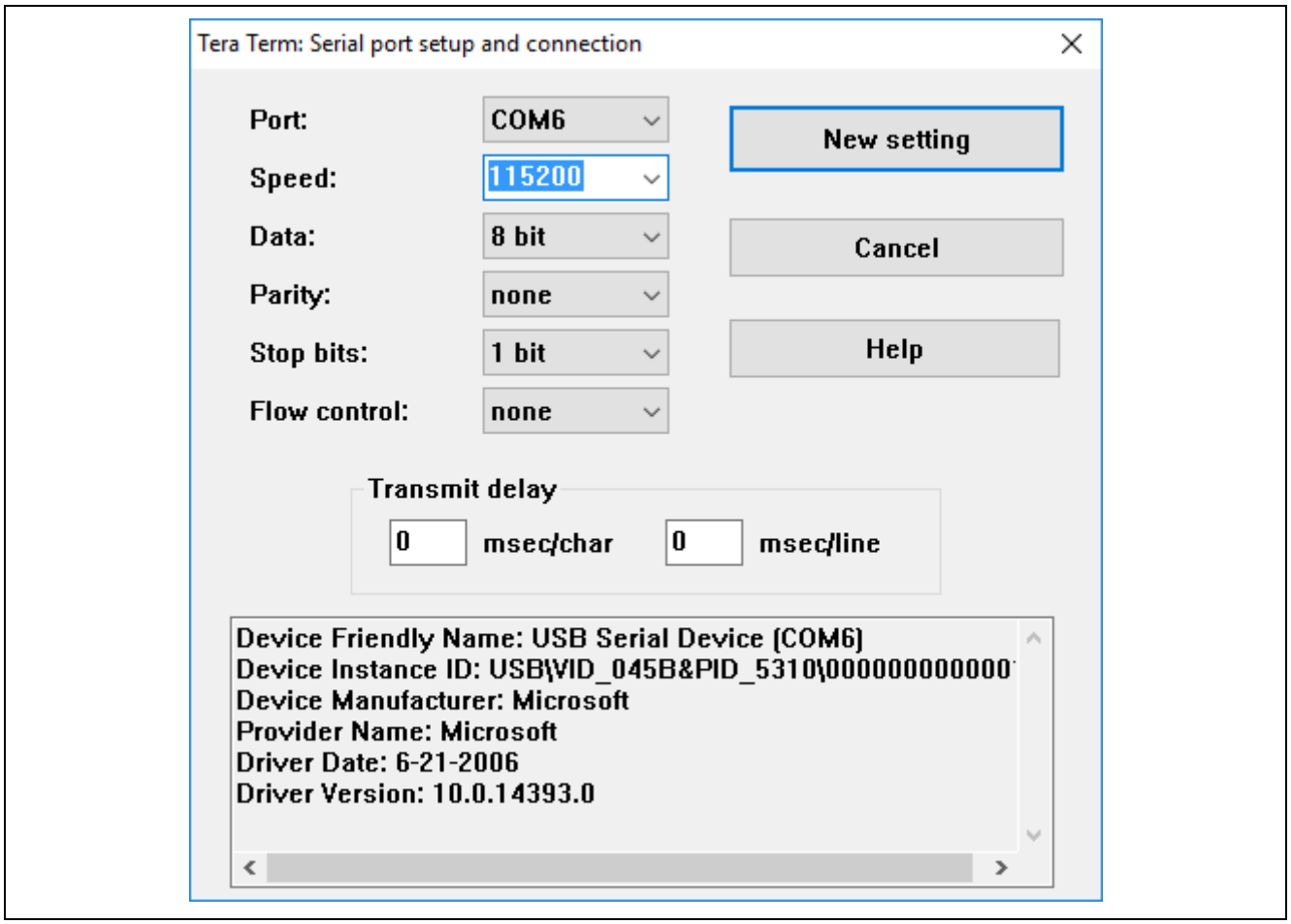

Figure 6. Select 115200 on the Speed Pulldown

7. Complete the connection. The ‘welcome and main menu’ screen will be displayed.

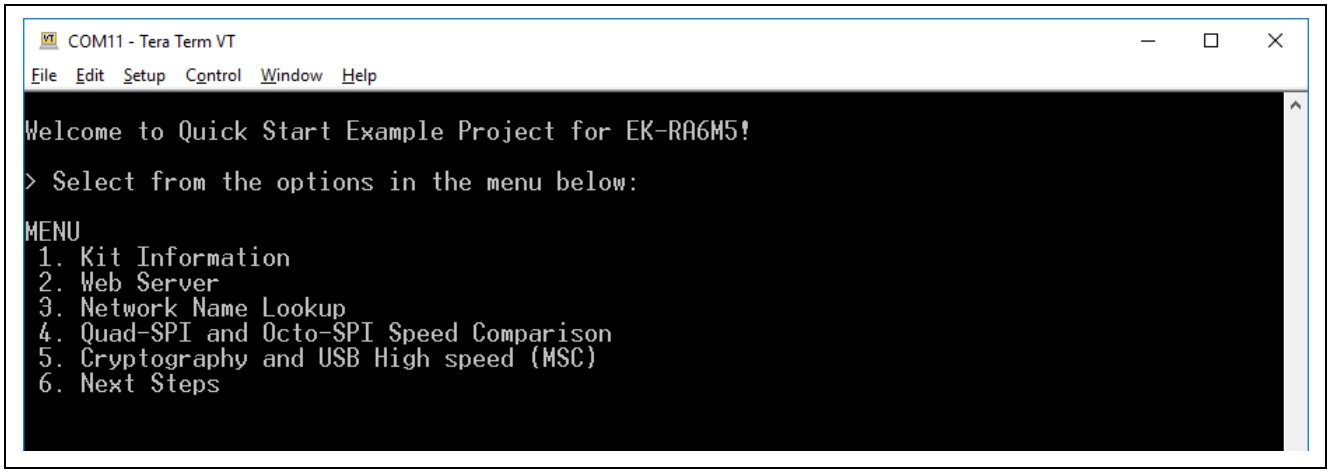

Figure 7. Welcome and Main Menu

8. Press **1** to display the **Kit Information** including the kit name, part number, MCU ID, MCU die temperature, and the user LED’s current blinking frequency.

Figure 8. Kit Information

9. Press **space** to return to the ‘welcome and main menu’ screen.
10. Press **2** to display the **Web Server**. This application hosts a web server on the EK-RA6M5 kit showing communication with the host PC as a remote client.

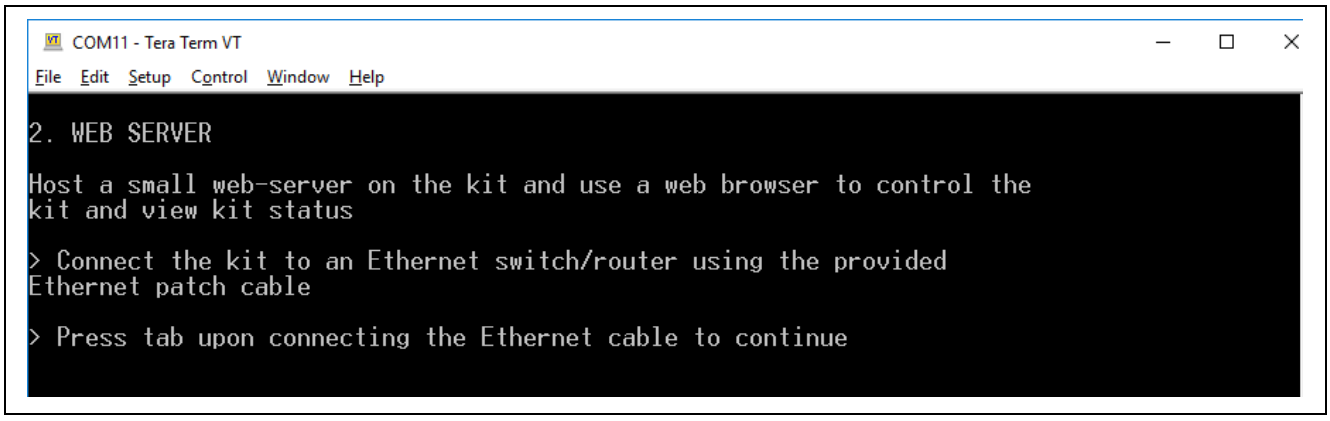

Figure 9. Web Server

11. Connect the Ethernet cable and press **tab**.
    The EK-RA6M5 as supplied, is configured to use DHCP for IP address resolution. Upon successful connection the following is displayed.

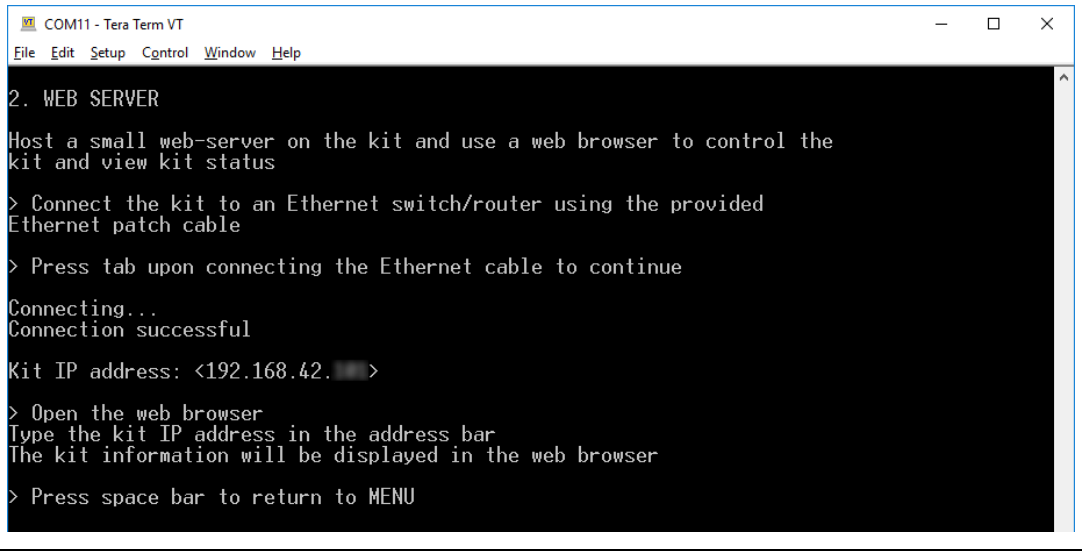

Figure 10. Using DHCP

If the DHCP fails to resolve a route or the DHCP server has been disabled, the application uses the static IP defined in the project. The following should be displayed.

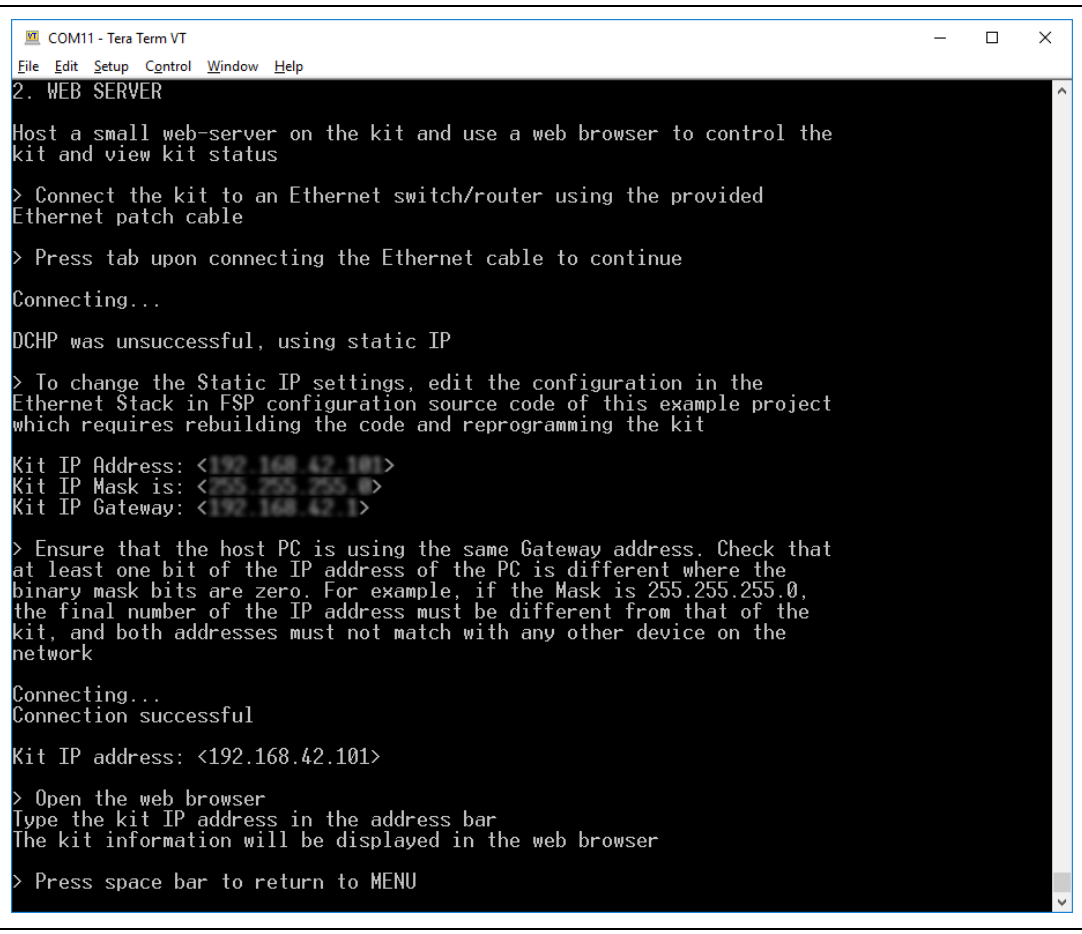

Figure 11. Using Static IP

Note: If desired, the user may configure DHCP/static IP and MAC address using the project configuration (see section 5.4). Save the configuration and re-build, download the project to see the effects of the changes.

12. Once a successful network connection is established, open the web browser on the host PC. Type the IP address of the EK-RA6M5 kit as shown in the Tera Term window in the address bar of the web browser. The following should be displayed in the web browser.

Figure 12. Browser View

13. In Tera Term, press **space** to return to the 'welcome and main menu' screen.
14. Press **3** to display the **Network Name Lookup**. This application performs a DNS look up of renesas.com and pings it.

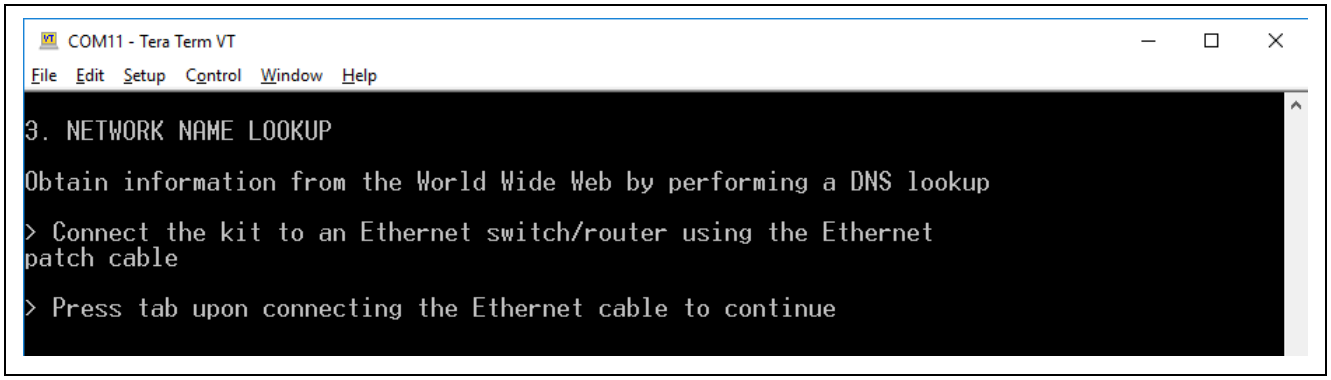

Figure 13. Network Name Lookup

15. Connect the Ethernet cable (if not already connected) and press **tab**.
16. By default, the application is configured to use a DHCP server. Upon successful connection, the following is displayed.

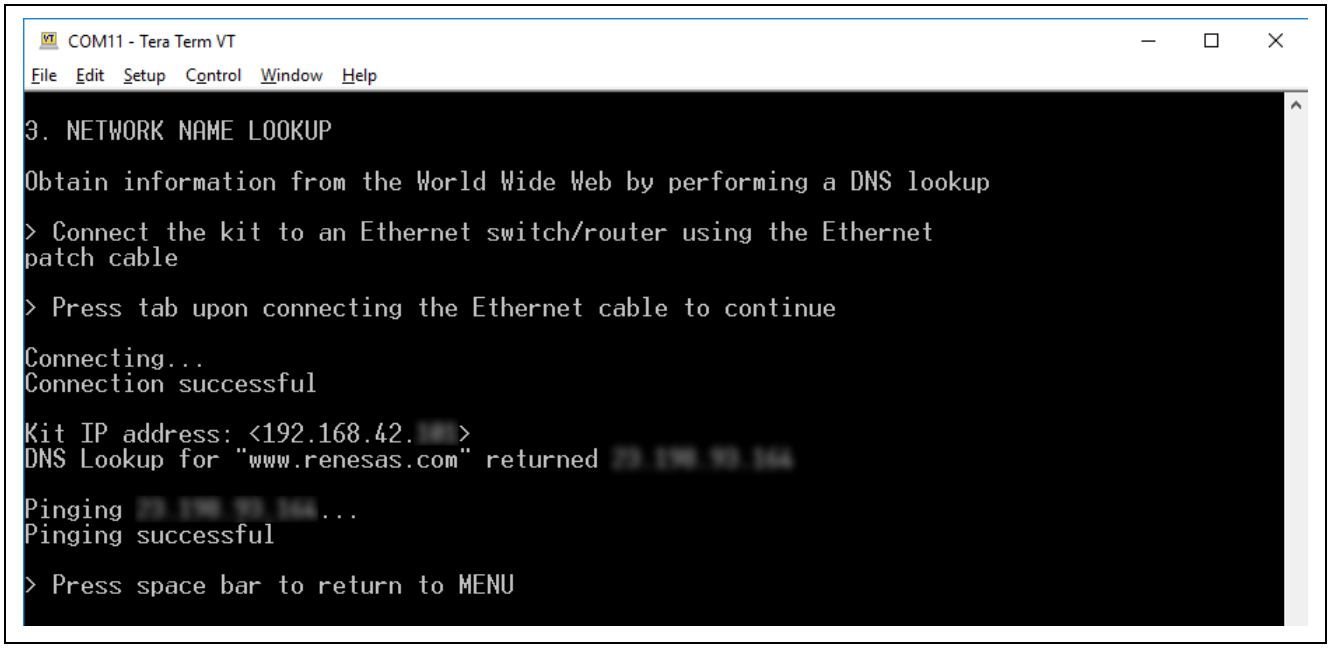

Figure 14. Using DHCP

If the DHCP fails to resolve a route or the DHCP server has been disabled, the application uses the static IP defined in the project. The following should be displayed.

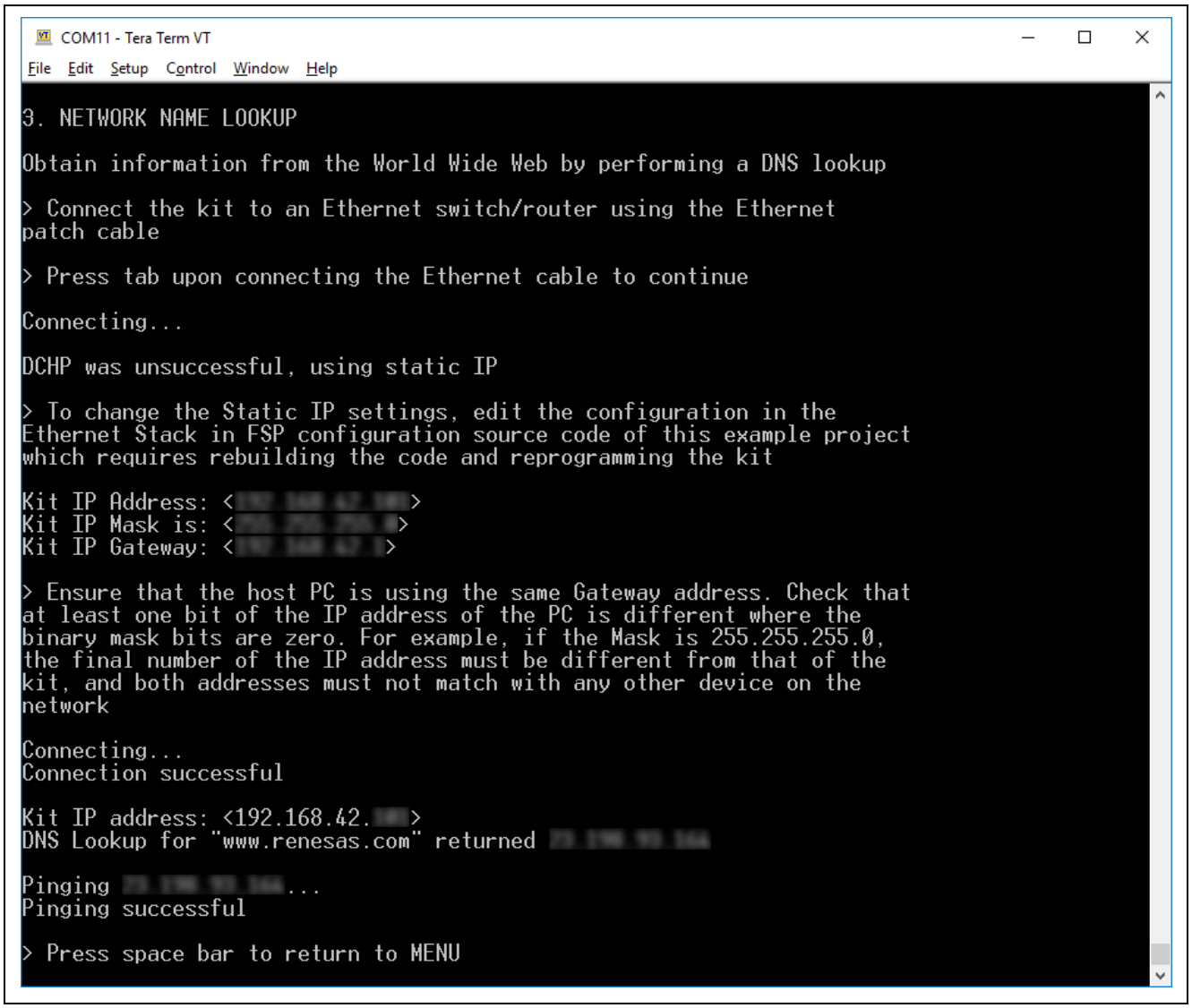

Figure 15. Using Static IP

Note: If desired, the user may configure DHCP/static IP and MAC address using the project configuration (see section 5.4). Save the configuration and re-build, download the project to see the effects of the changes.

17. Press **space** to return to the 'welcome and main menu' screen.
18. Press **4** to display **Octo-SPI and Quad-SPI Speed Comparison.** This application demonstrates the read and write performance between the external Octo-SPI and Quad-SPI flash memories.

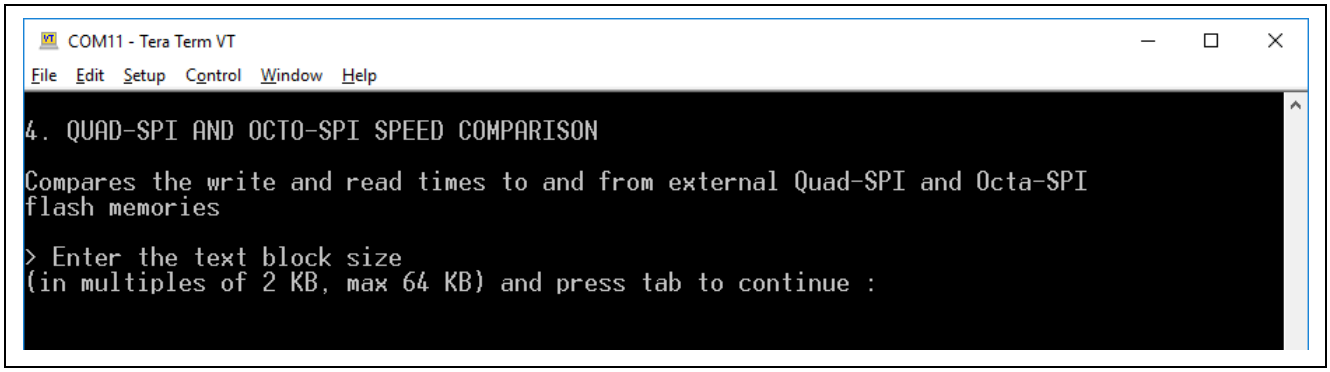

Figure 16. External Memory Read Write

19. Enter the block size in the range of 2 KB to 64 KB and press **tab.**

    Note: If invalid input characters (i.e. keys other than 0 to 9, **tab**, and **space**) or out of range values are entered, the error messages will appear. Renter the correct inputs and press tab. Pressing **space** will bring the 'welcome and main menu' screen. **Return** is an invalid character.

20. Once the block size is specified the performance test is executed and the following is displayed.

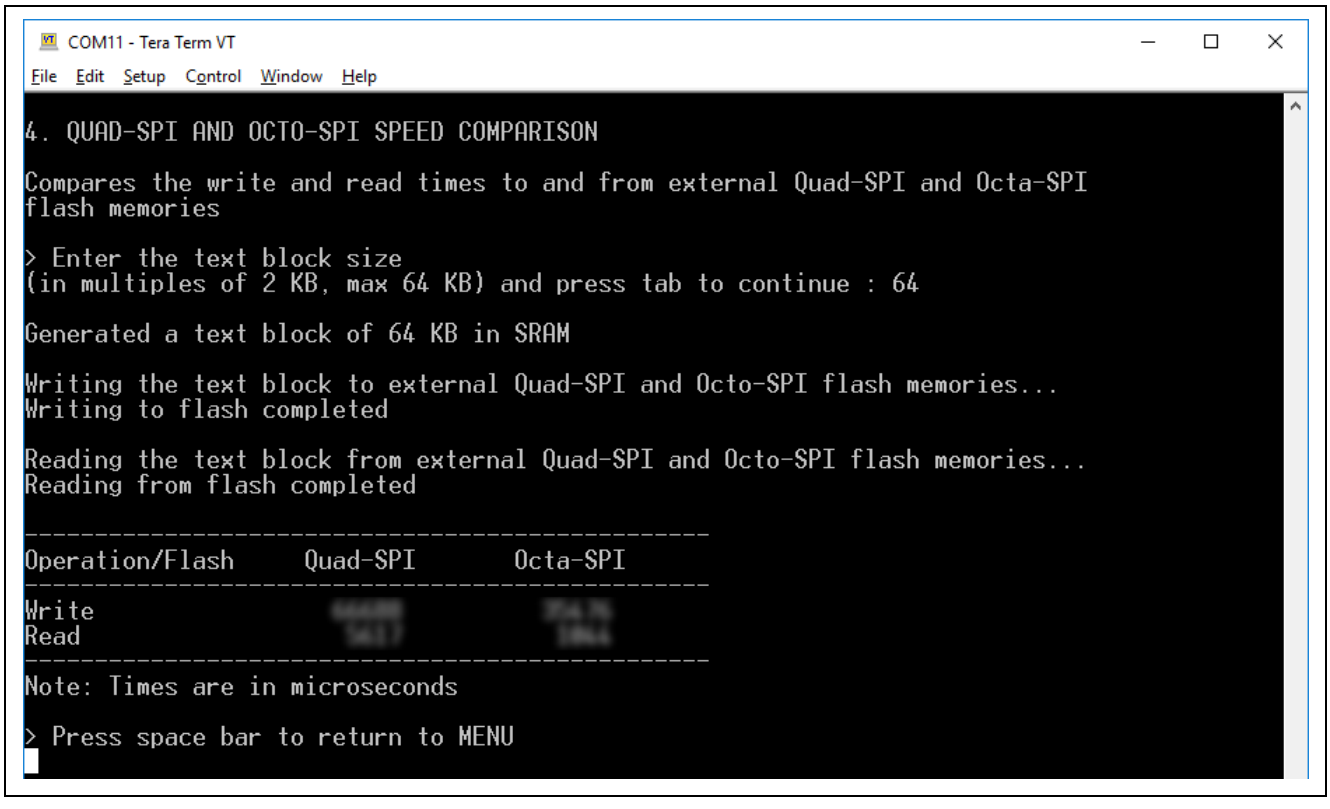

Figure 17. Performance Data

21. Press **space** to return to the 'welcome and main menu' screen.

22. Press **5** to display **Cryptography using USB High speed FAT32**.

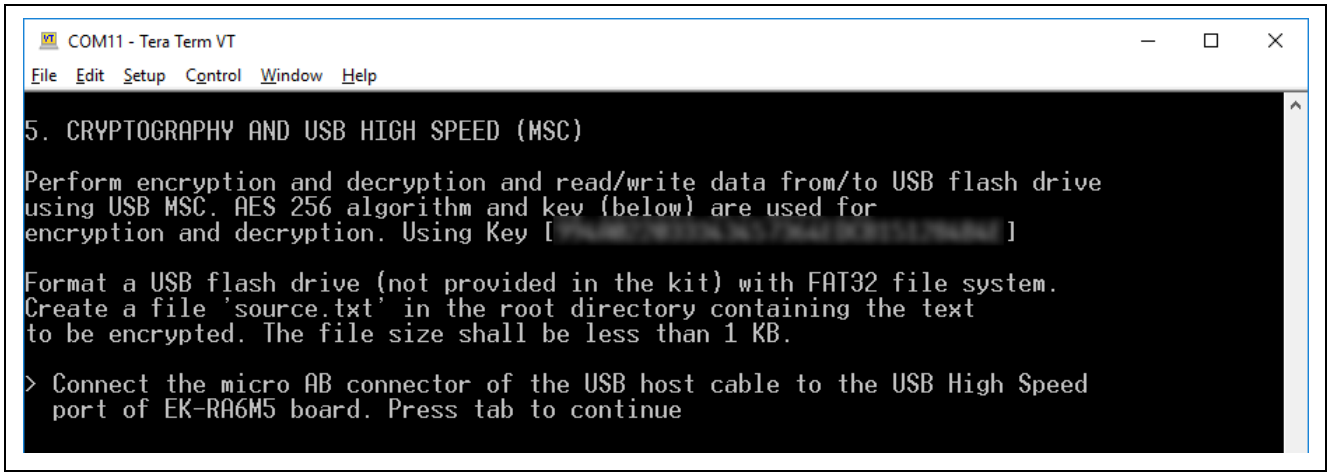

Figure 18. Cryptography using USB High speed FAT32

23. Optional press **space** to abort the demonstration. NOTE you cannot abort once tab has been pressed.

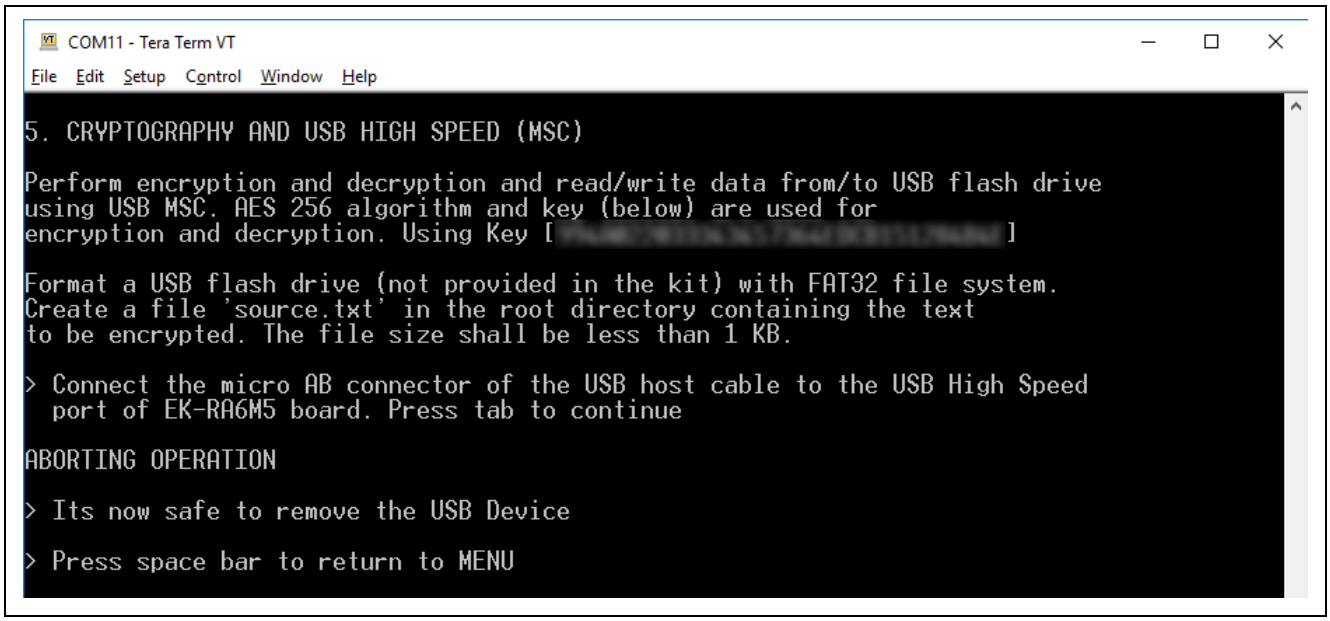

Figure 19. Abort Cryptography

24. Optional connect a FAT32 formatted USB Memory stick and press **tab** key to start.
    USB Memory stick must contain a text file under 1KB in size called “source.txt”.
    File must be at least 1 byte to encrypt.

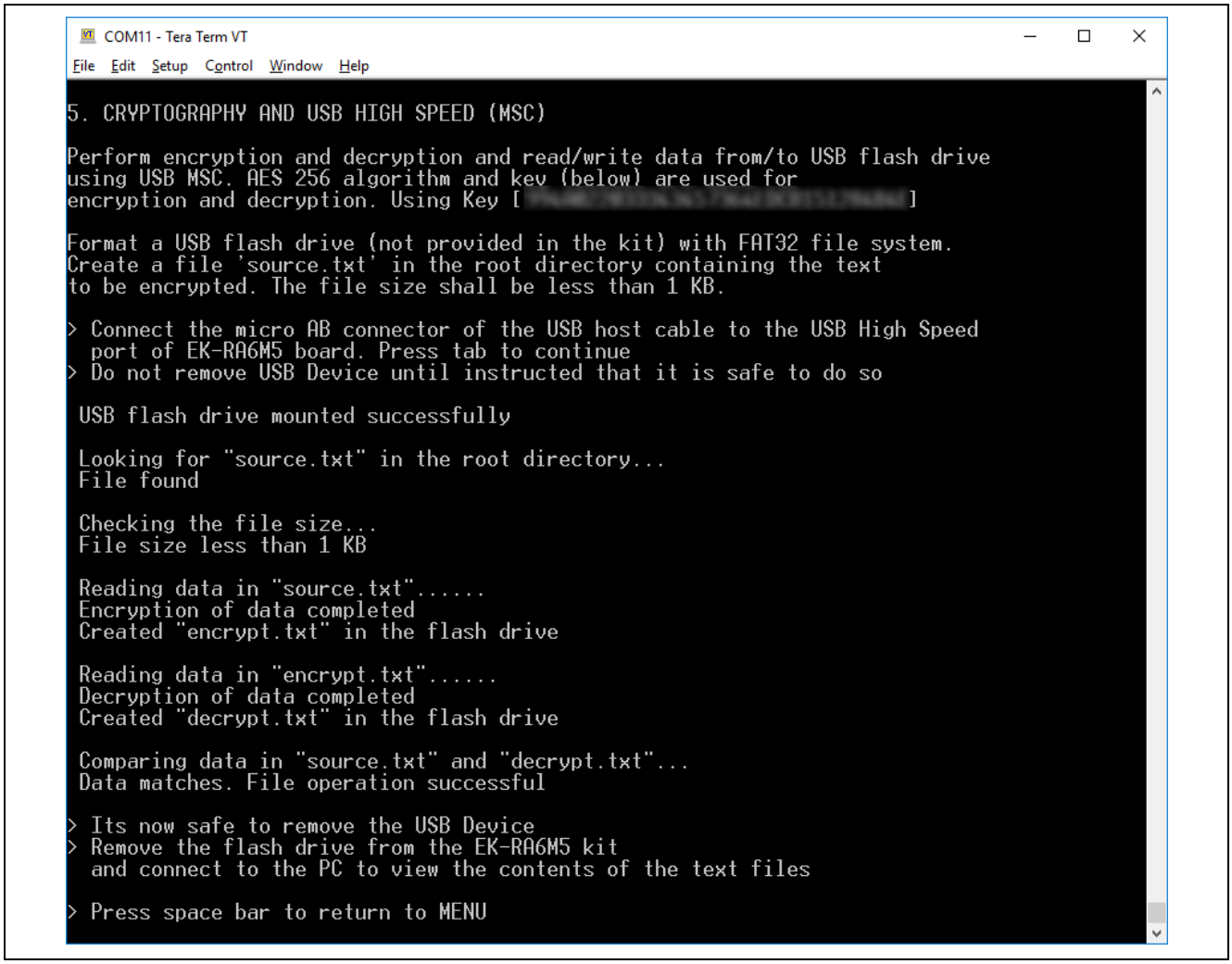

Figure 20. Cryptography Successful

25. Once you have been told it is safe to do so, remove the USB Memory stick and compare the new file “decrypt.txt” against the original file “source.txt” and they will match.
26. An additional file “encrypt.txt” shows the encrypted data.
27. Press **space** to return to the ‘welcome and main menu’ screen.
28. Press **6** to display **Next Steps**.

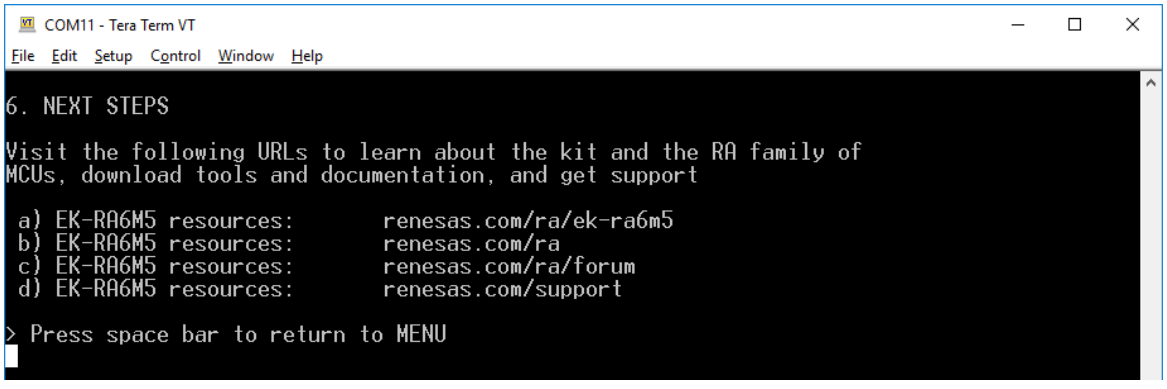

Figure 21. Next Steps

29. Press **space** to return to the ‘welcome and main menu’ screen.

5. Customizing the Quick Start Example Project

This section lists the requirements and instructions for customizing the Quick Start example project.

Hardware Requirements

- EK-RA6M5 board
- Micro USB device cable
- A PC with at least 1 USB port

Software Requirements

- Windows® 10 operating system
- e² studio IDE
- SEGGER J-Link® USB drivers
- FSP
- Quick Start example project

5.1 Downloading and Installing Software and Development Tools

Before the Quick Start example project can be modified, it is necessary to download and install software and development tools on the host PC.

The FSP, J-Link USB drivers, and e² studio are bundled in a downloadable platform installer available on the FSP webpage at renesas.com/ra/fsp. New users are recommended to use the **Quick Install** option provided in the installation wizard, to minimize the amount of manual configuration needed.

There is no need to download and install software, development tools, and drivers separately.

5.2 Downloading and Importing the Quick Start Example Project

1. Download and extract the Quick Start example project to a local directory on the host PC.
   - The Quick Start example project (source code and project files) is available in the EK-RA6M5 Example Projects Bundle that is available in the Downloads tab of EK-RA6M5 webpage at renesas.com/ra/ek-ra6m5
   - Download and extract the example projects bundle (`xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx-ek-ra6m5-exampleprojects.zip`) to a local directory on the host PC.
   - Browse to the Quick Start example project at `xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx-ek-ra6m5-exampleprojects\ek_ra6m5\_quickstart\quickstart_ek_ra6m5_ep`
2. Launch e² studio.
3. Browse to the Workspace where the project file is to be imported. Enter the name in the Workspace dialog box to create a new workspace.

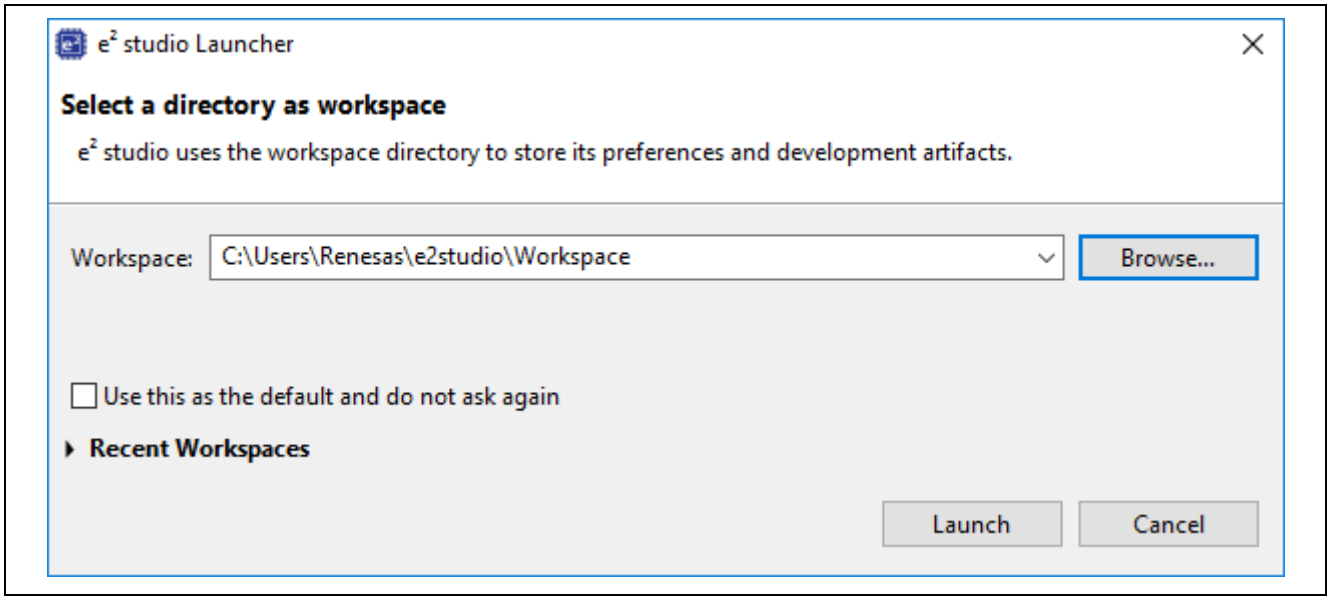

Figure 22. Creating a New Workspace

4. Click **Launch.**

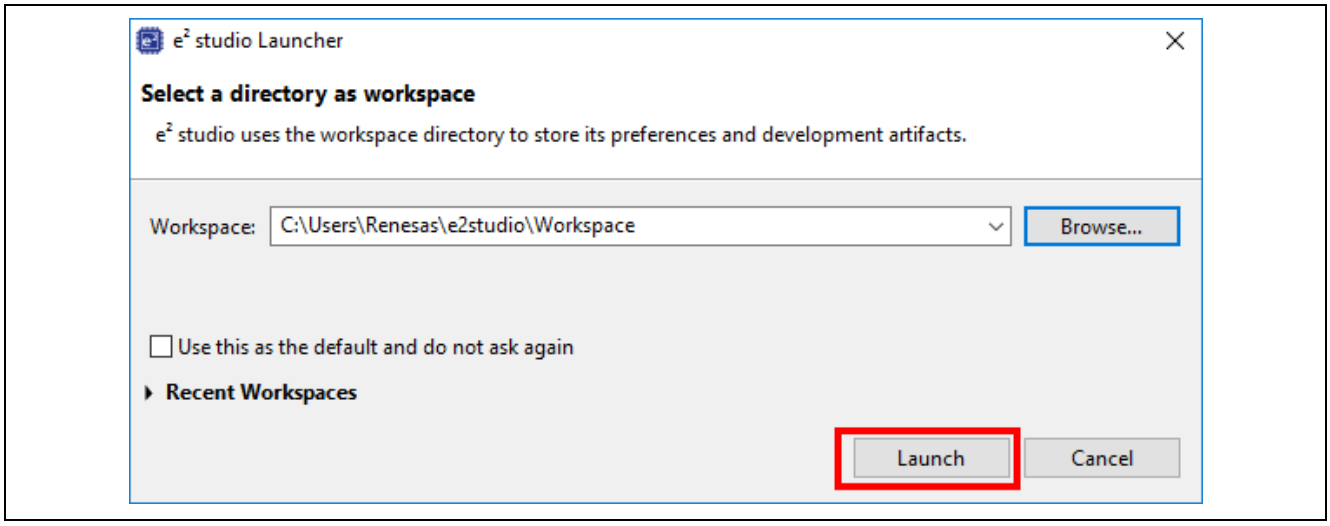

Figure 23. Launching the Workspace

5. Click **Import** from the **File** drop-down menu.

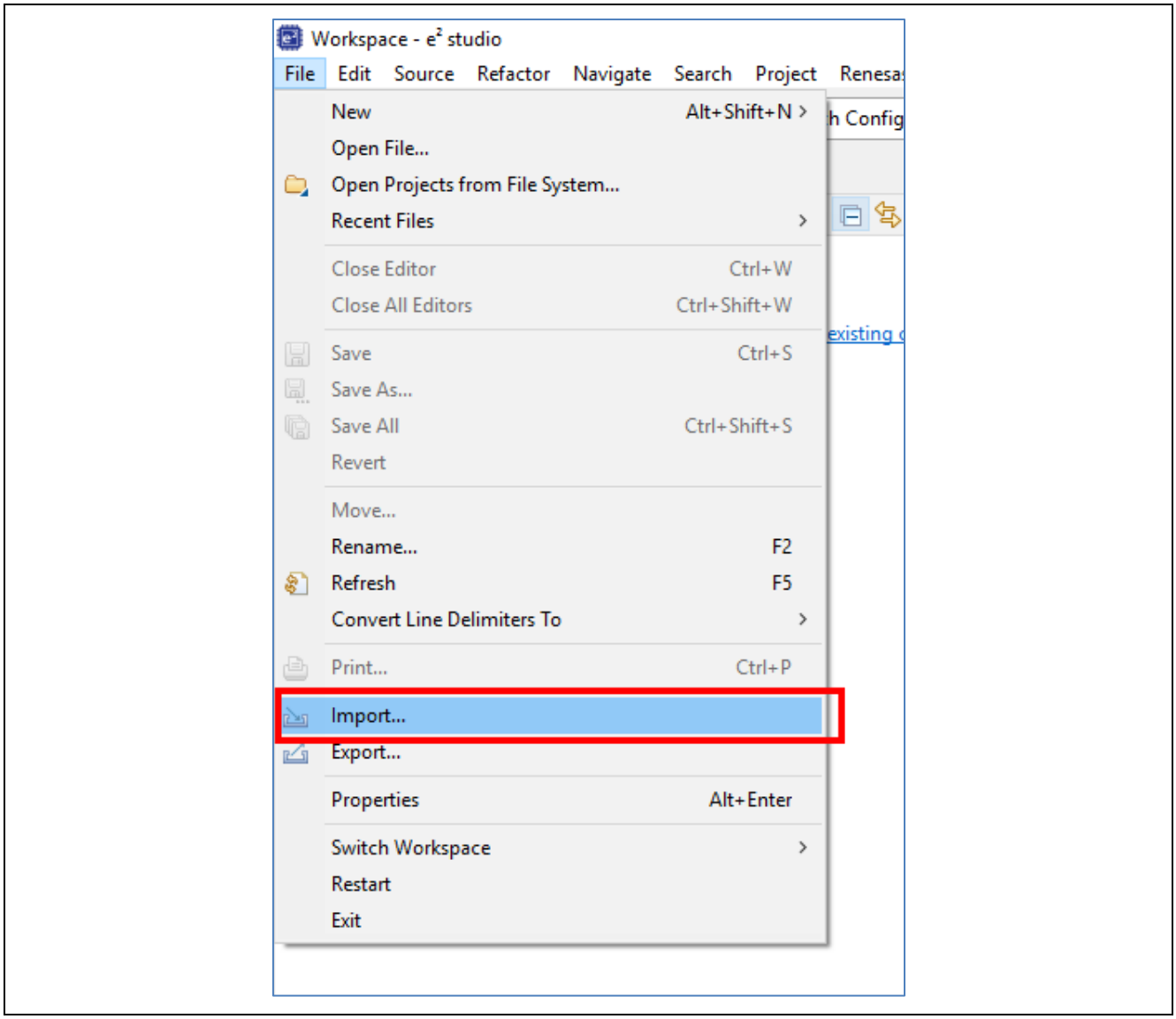

Figure 24. Importing the Project

6. In the **Import** dialog box, select **General**, and then select **Existing Projects into Workspace.**

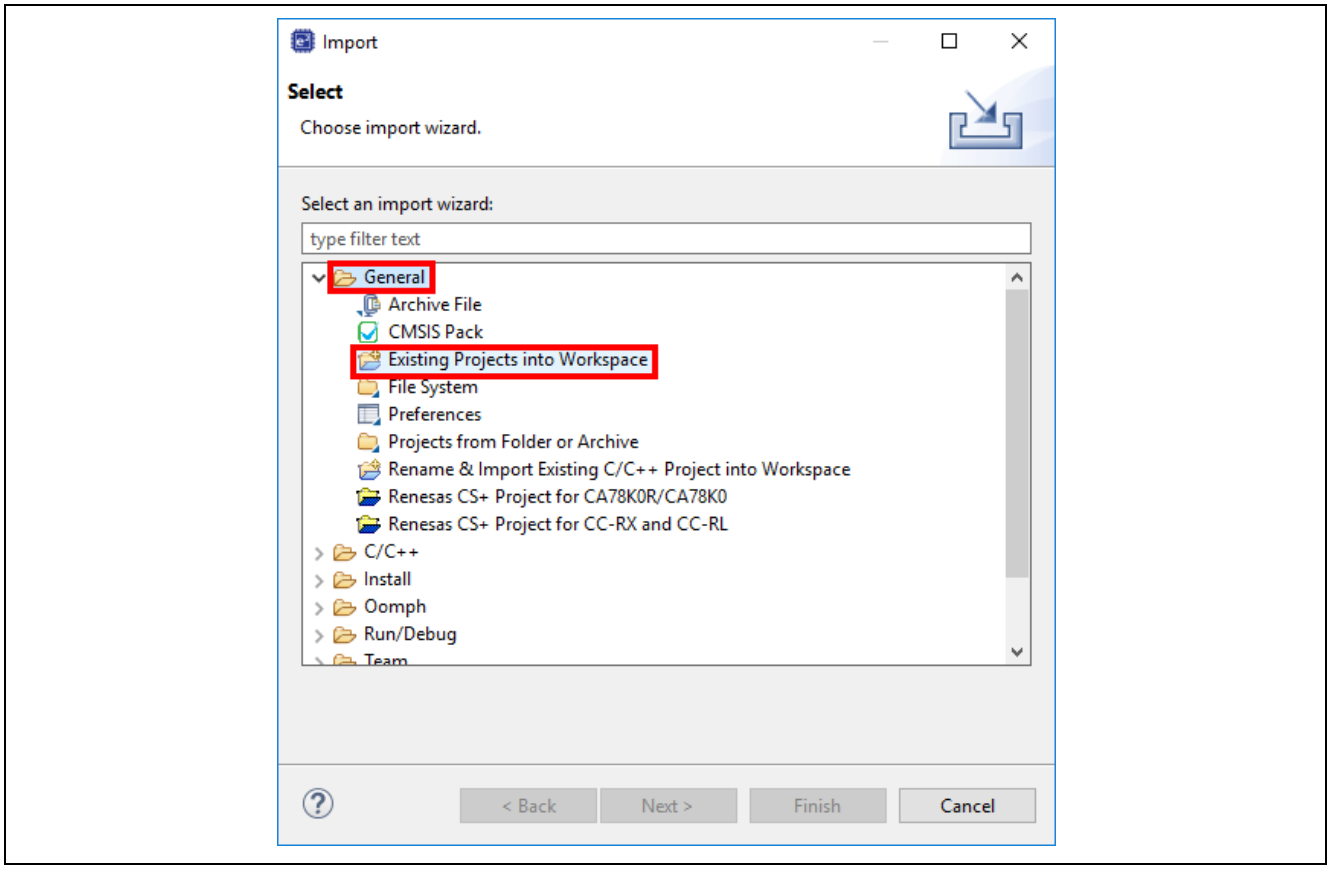

Figure 25. Importing Existing Projects into the Workspace

7. Click **Next**.

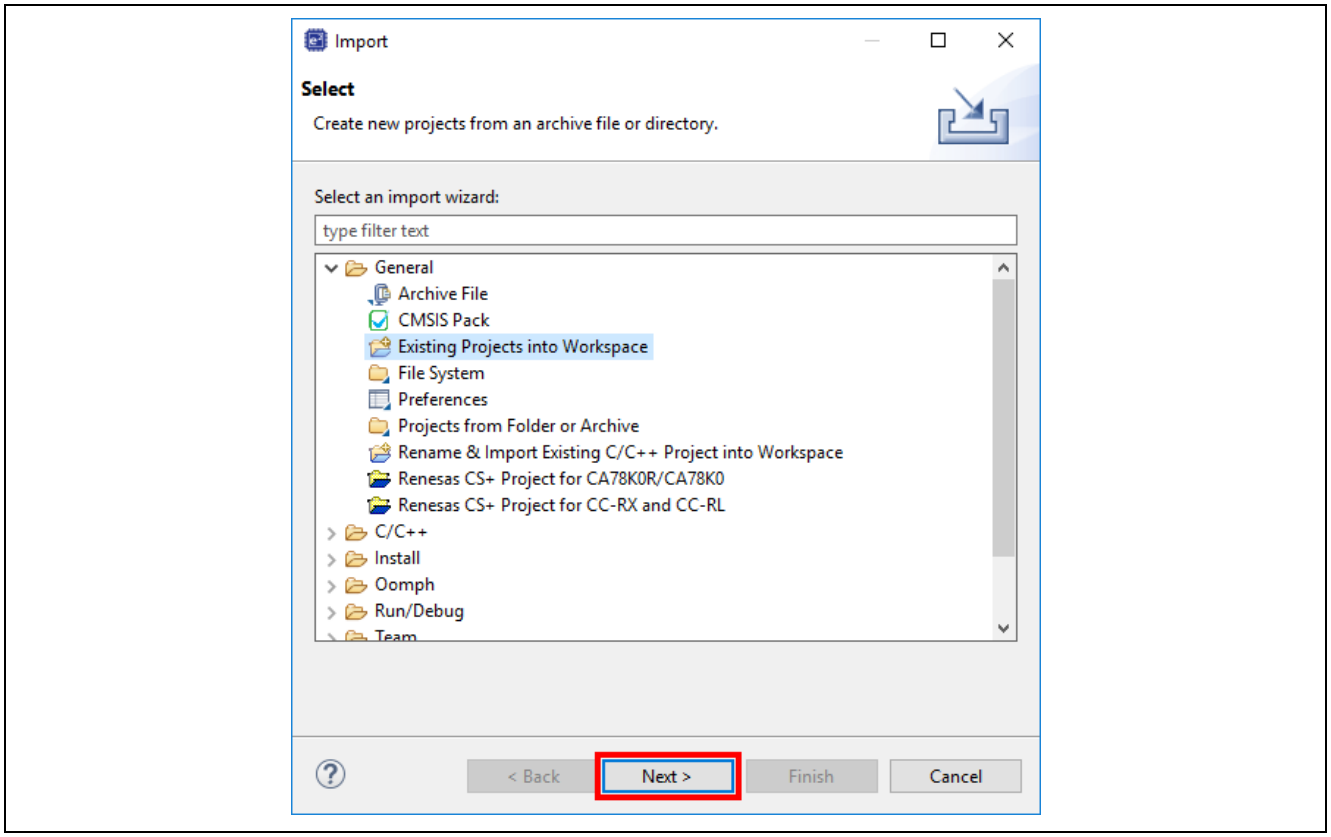

Figure 26. Clicking Next to Import Existing Projects into the Workspace

8. Click **Select root directory** and click **Browse** to go to the location of the Quick Start example project folder.

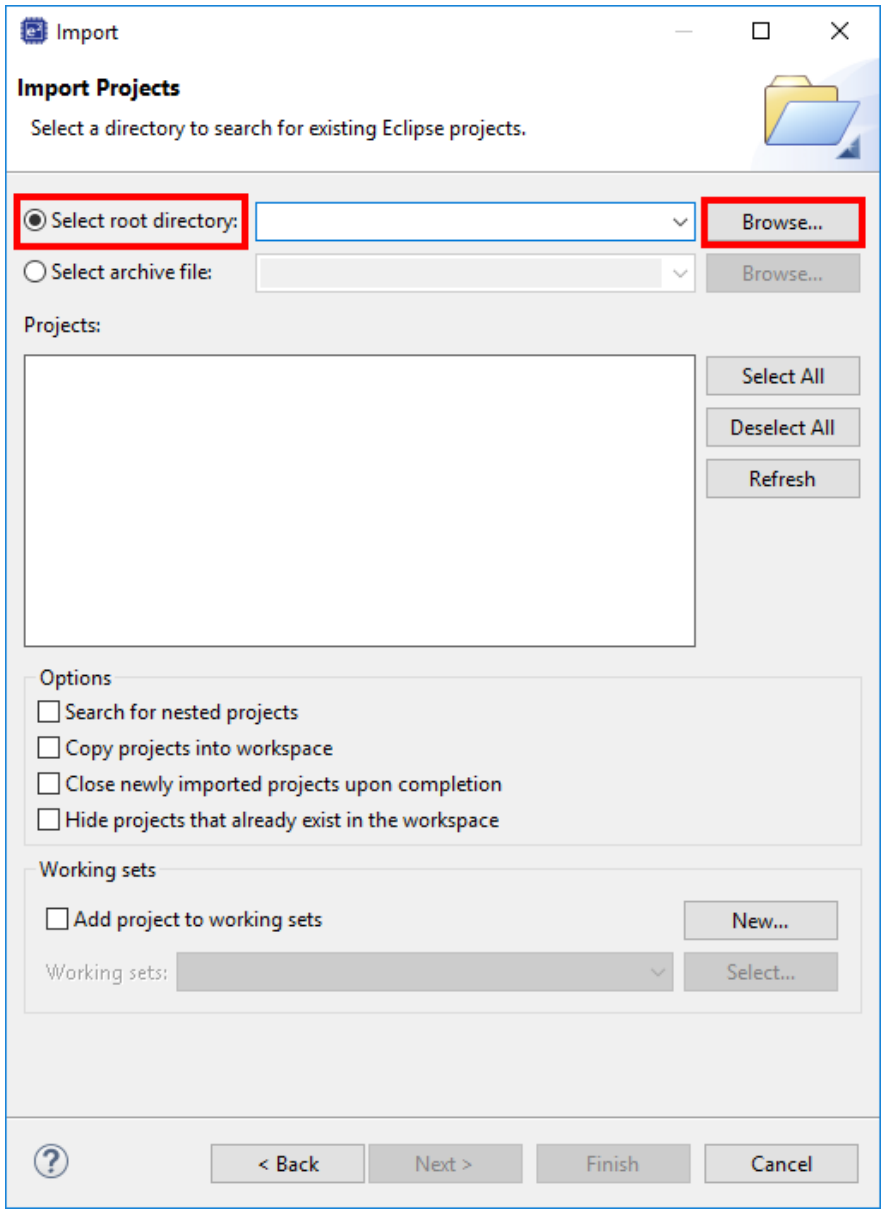

Figure 27. Selecting the Root Directory

9. Select the Quick Start example project and click **Finish.**

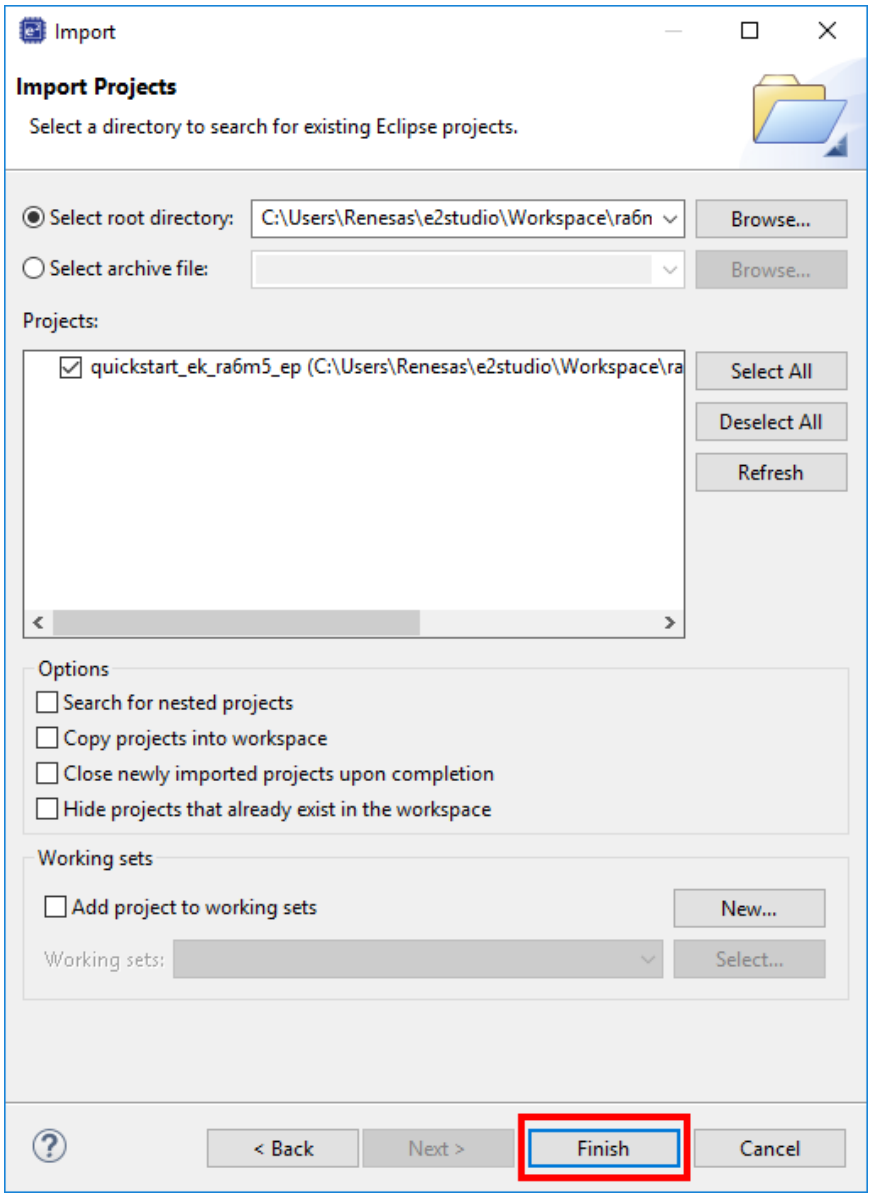

Figure 28. Finishing Importing the Quick Start Example Project

5.3 Modifying, Generating, and Building the Quick Start Example Project

This section provides instructions to modify the Quick Start example project. The Quick Start example project can be modified by editing the source code and reconfiguring the properties of the MCU peripherals, pins, clocks, interrupts, and so forth.

Note: The specific modifications that can be performed to the Quick Start example project are not prescribed in this QSG. User discretion is advised while modifying the Quick Start example project.

1. Once the Quick Start example project is imported, click the **configuration.xml** file to open the configurator. The configurator provides an easy to use interface to configure the properties of the MCU peripherals.

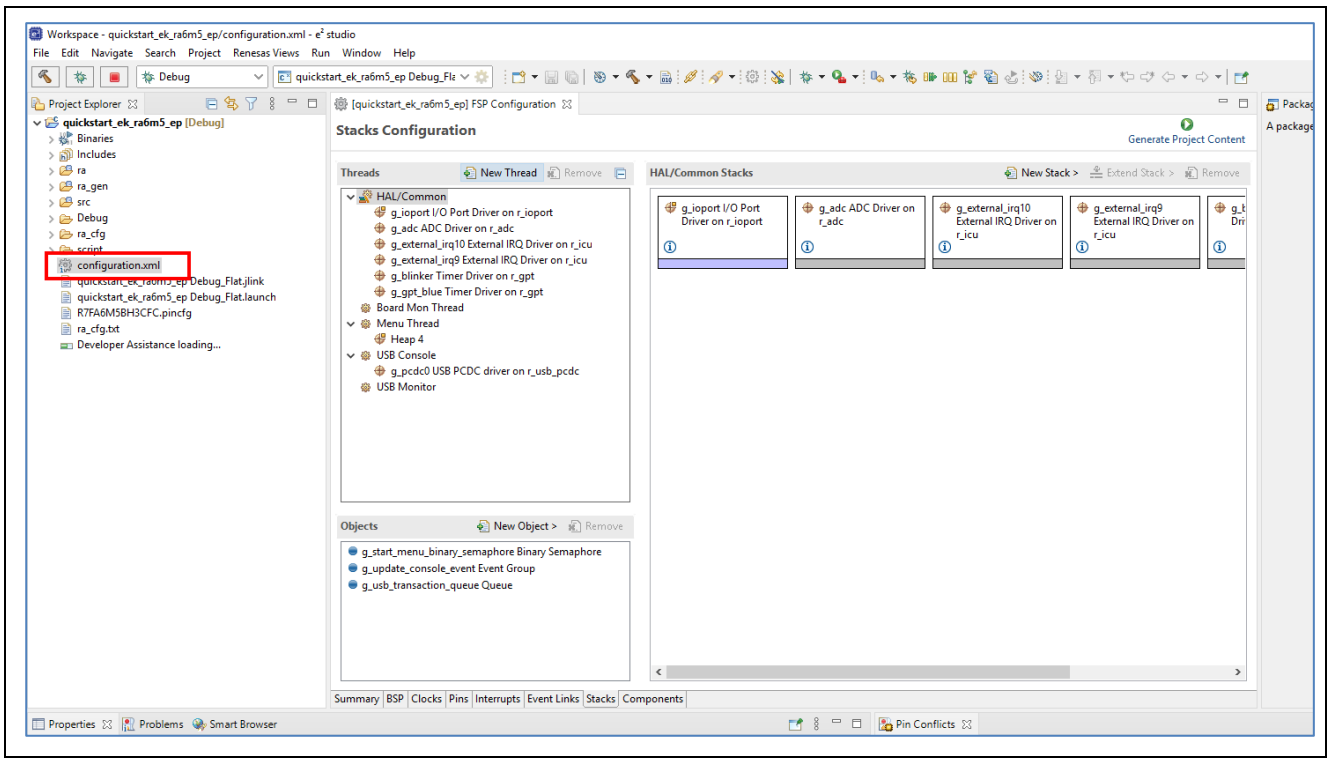

Figure 29. Opening the Configurator

2. For example, in the **Stacks** tab of the configurator, the user can click to select modules to modify the configuration settings, as required, in the **Properties** tab. The following screen shot illustrates modifying the **ADC** driver configuration.

   Note: To access the stack component properties, the view must be set to **FSP Configuration**. Using the Open Perspective button, if necessary.

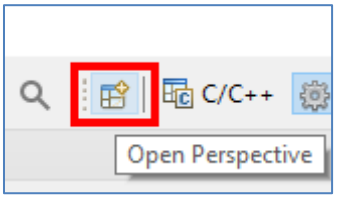

Figure 30. Opening the Configurator

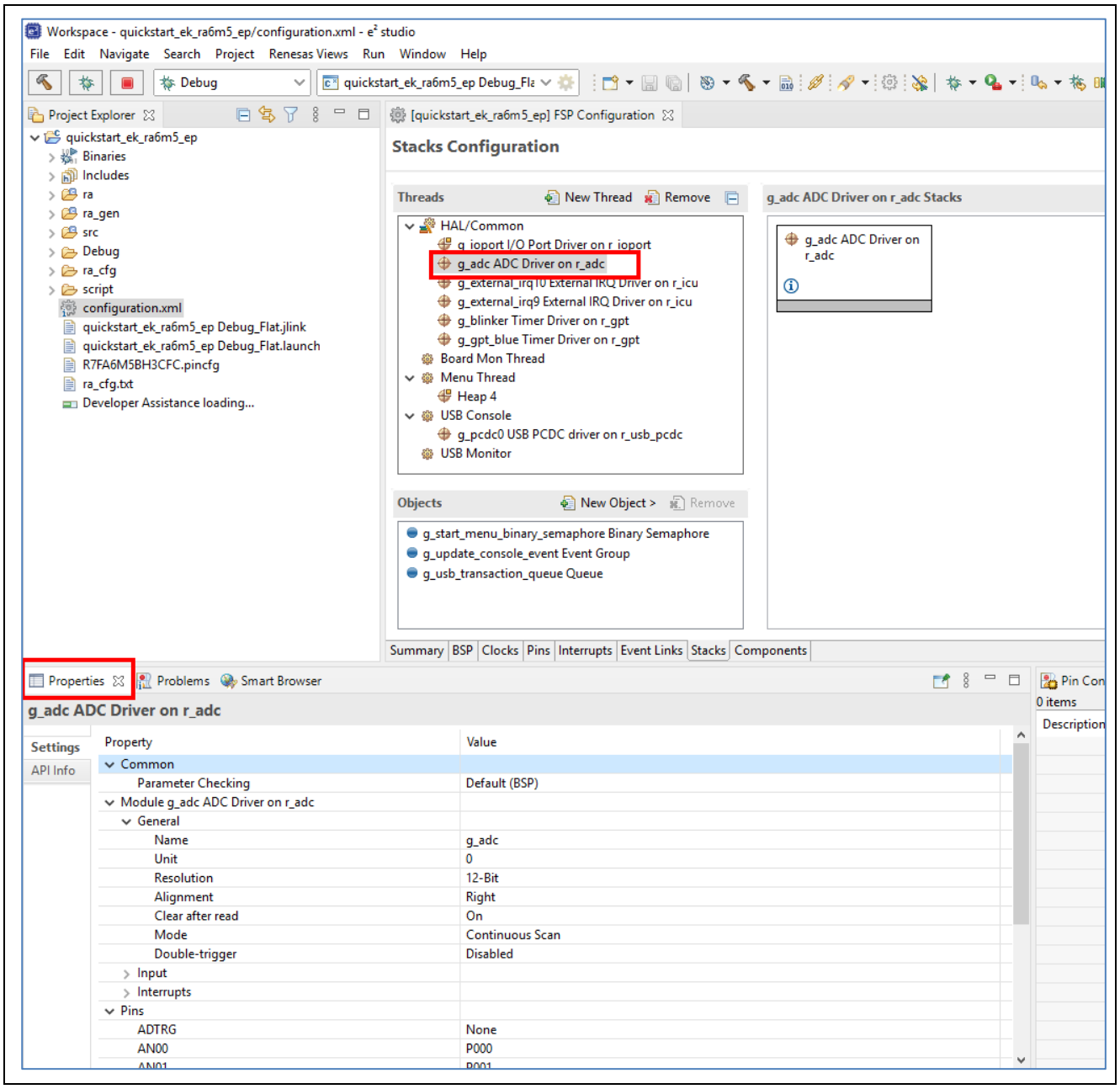

Figure 31. Modifying the Configuration Settings

3. After the desired modifications are made, click **Generate Project**. A dialog box may appear with an option of saving the configuration changes. Click **Proceed**.

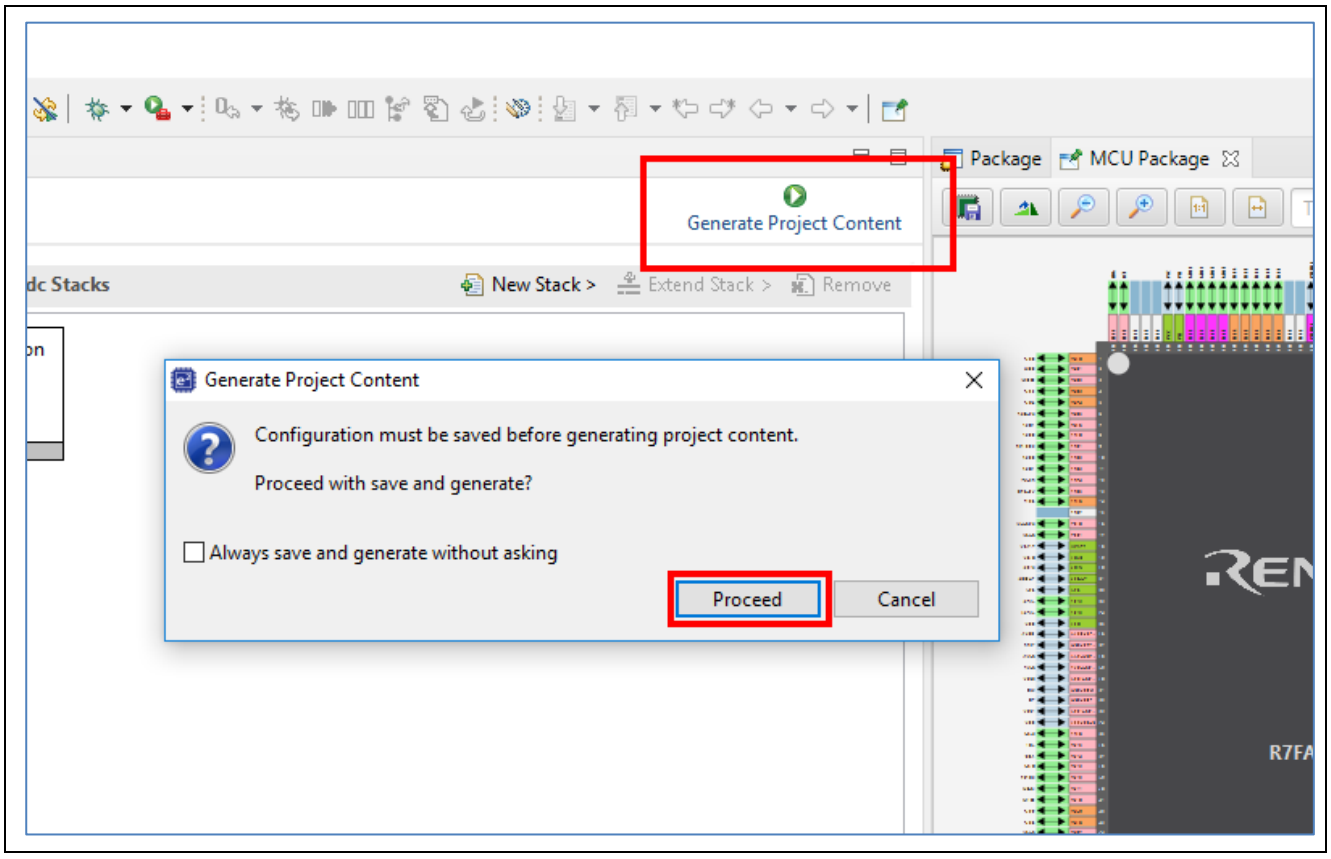

Figure 32. Saving the Configuration Changes

4. Modify the source files in the ***/src*** folder as needed and save the changes.
5. Build the project by clicking the build icon.

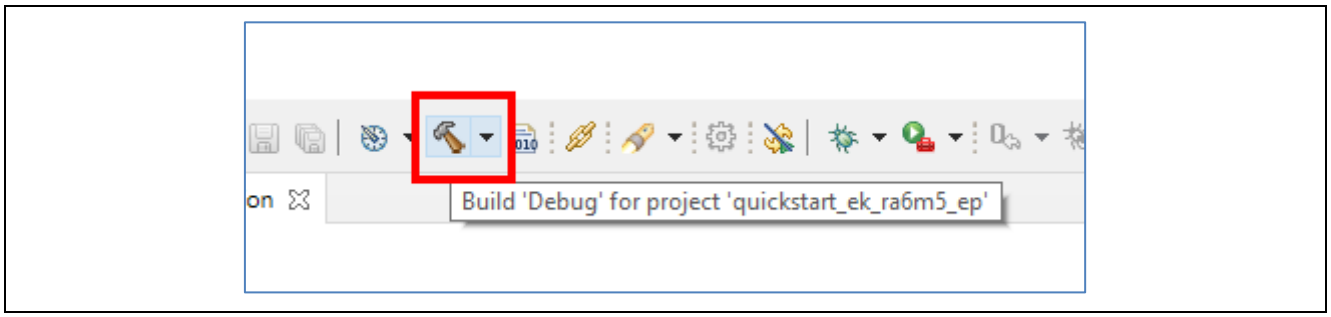

Figure 33. Building the Project

6. A successful build produces an output as follows.

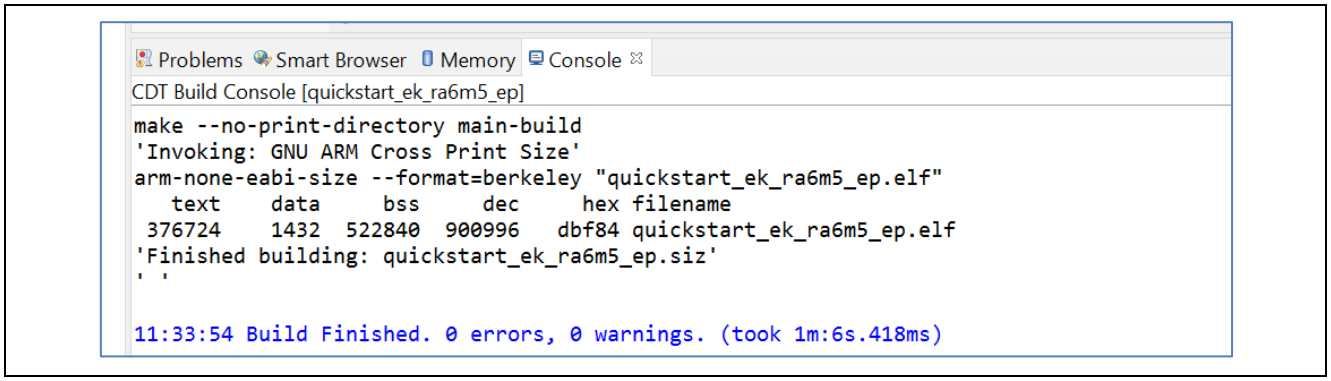

Figure 34. Successful Build Output

5.4 DHCP and Static IP settings

To modify the Ethernet based sample to enable/disable DHCP use the **FreeRTOS+TCP** setting in the stack. The **FSP Configuration** view must be active to access the stack items properties.

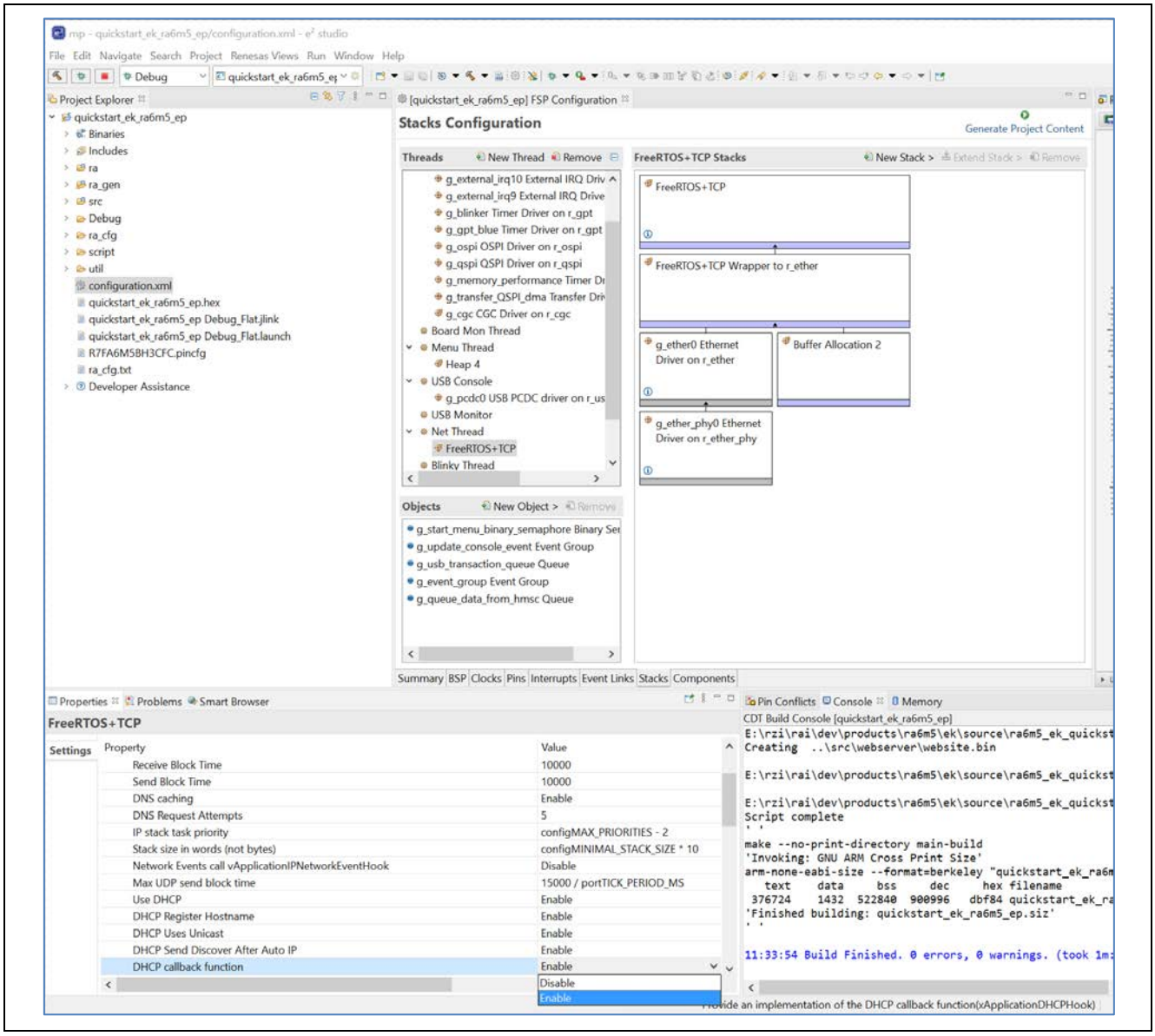

Figure 35. DHCP Setting in FreeRTOS + TCP Stack

If DHCP is disabled, set the static IP address, net-mask and gateway address, to suit your local network.

In File: `src\net_thread_entry.c`

```
/* Static IP configuration, when DHCP mode is not used for the Example Project.
 * Must be populated by the user according to the Network Settings of your LAN.
 * “HOST-PC” and TARGET must be in the same “SUBNET” to access the web browser.
 * This sample address taken from the LAN where it is tested.
 */
#define STATIC_IP_MAC_ADDRESS        {0x00, 0x11, 0x22, 0x33, 0x44, 0x55}
#define STATIC_IP_ADDRESS            {192, 168,   0,  10}
#define STATIC_IP_NET_MASK           {255, 255, 255,   0}
#define STATIC_IP_GATEWAY_ADDRESS    {192, 168,   0,   1}
#define STATIC_IP_DNS_SERVER_ADDRESS {194, 168,   0,   1}
```

5.5 Setting Up Debug Connection between the EK-RA6M5 board and Host PC

To program the modified Quick Start example project on to the EK-RA6M5 board, a debug connection is necessary between the EK-RA6M5 board and host PC.

1. Disconnect the USB cable from micro-AB USB Full Speed port (J11) and connect it to micro-B USB debug port (J10) of the EK-RA6M5 board.

Note: The EK-RA6M5 board supports 3 debugging modes. In this section and the following sections, default debugging mode, Debug On-Board, is used. More information on debugging modes is available in EK-RA6M5 user's manual.

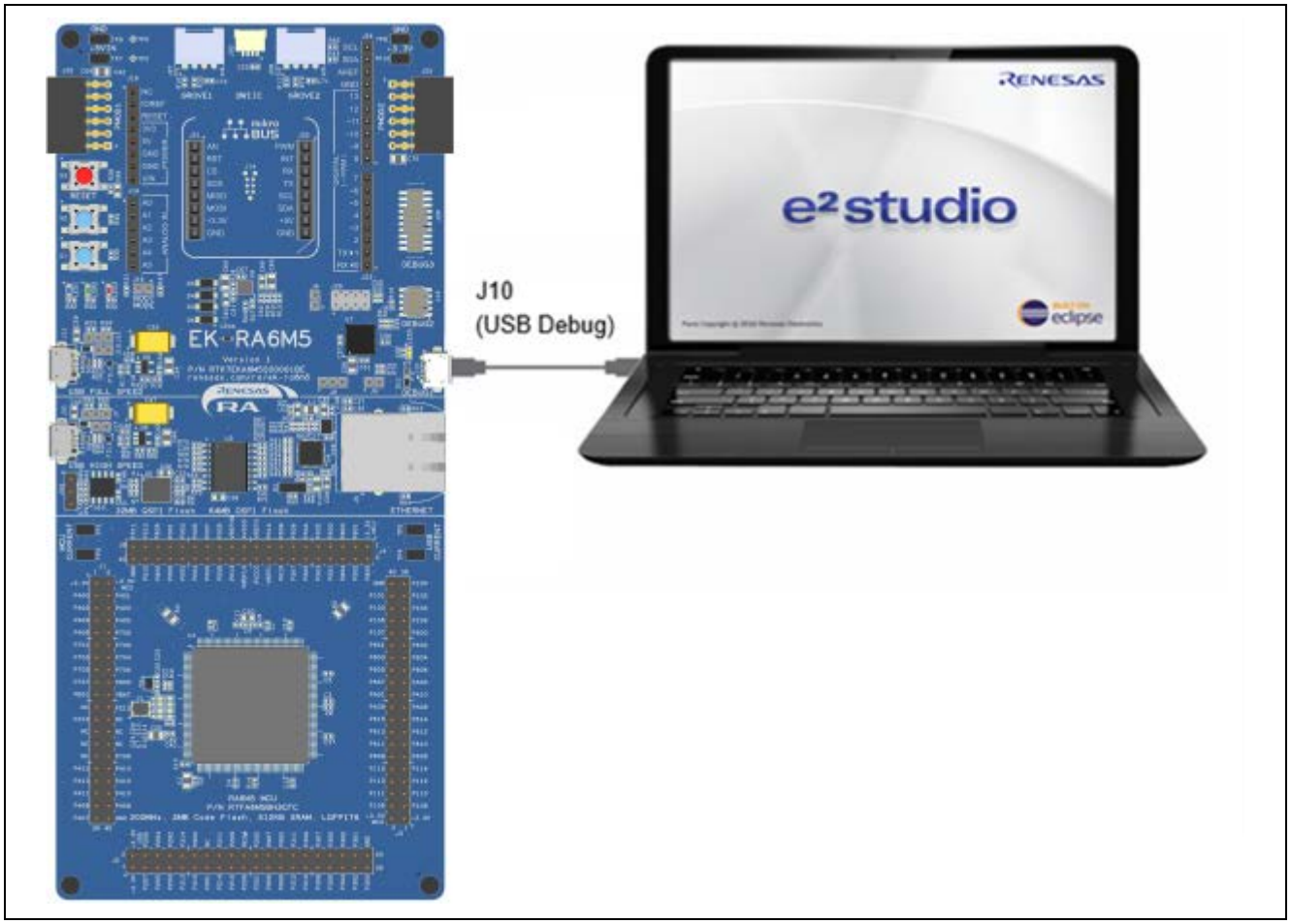

Figure 36. Connecting the EK-RA6M5 Board to the Host PC via USB Debug Port

2. Verify that the debug LED (LED5) stops blinking and lights up orange indicating that the J-Link drivers are detected by the EK-RA6M5 board.

Note: The debug LED (LED5) continues to blink when J-Link drivers are not detected by the EK-RA6M5 board. In that case, make sure that the EK-RA6M5 board is connected to the host PC through the micro-B USB debug port (J10) and that J-Link drivers are installed on the host PC by checking in the Windows Device Manager (expand **Universal Serial Bus controller**, and locate **J-Link driver**).

5.6 Downloading and Running the Modified Quick Start Example Project

1. In e² studio, click the drop-down menu for the debug icon, select **Debug Configurations** option.

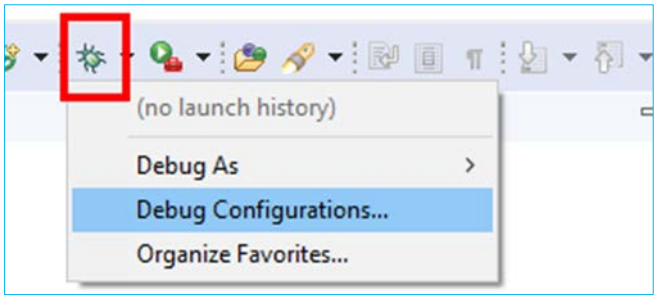

Figure 37. Selecting the Debug Option

2. In the dialogue, on the left-hand pane, expand the **Renesas GDB Hardware Debugger** and select the built image to debug. In this case, the **quickstart_ek_ra6m5_ep Debug_Flat**.

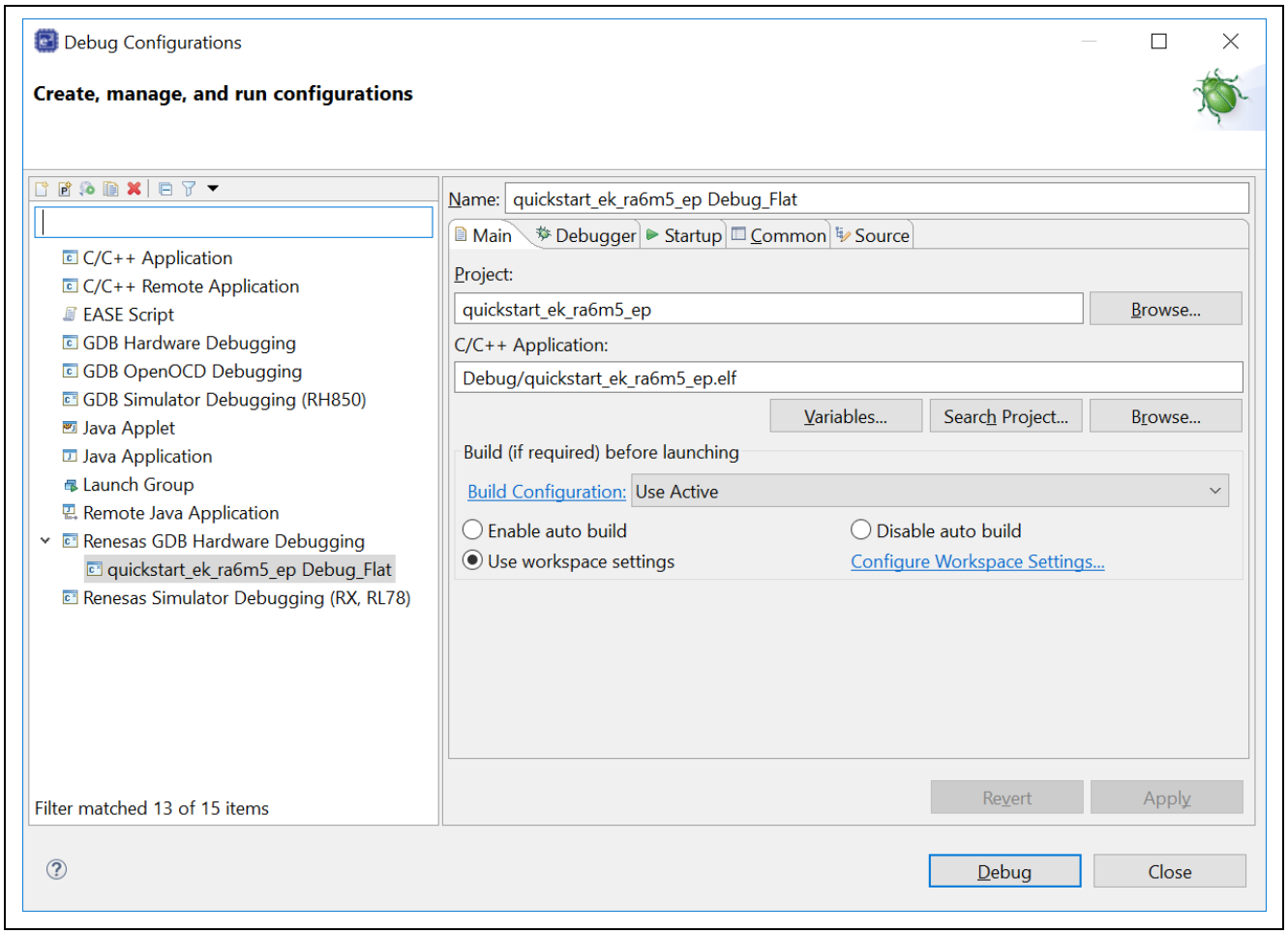

Figure 38. Selecting the Debug Image

5.7 Firewall Dialogue

1. A firewall warning may be displayed for **'e2- server-gdb.exe**'. Check the '**Private networks, such as my home or work network**' box and click '**Allow access**'.
2. A user account control dialog may be displayed. Enter the administrator password and click **Yes**.
3. A dialog box may appear. Click **Yes**.

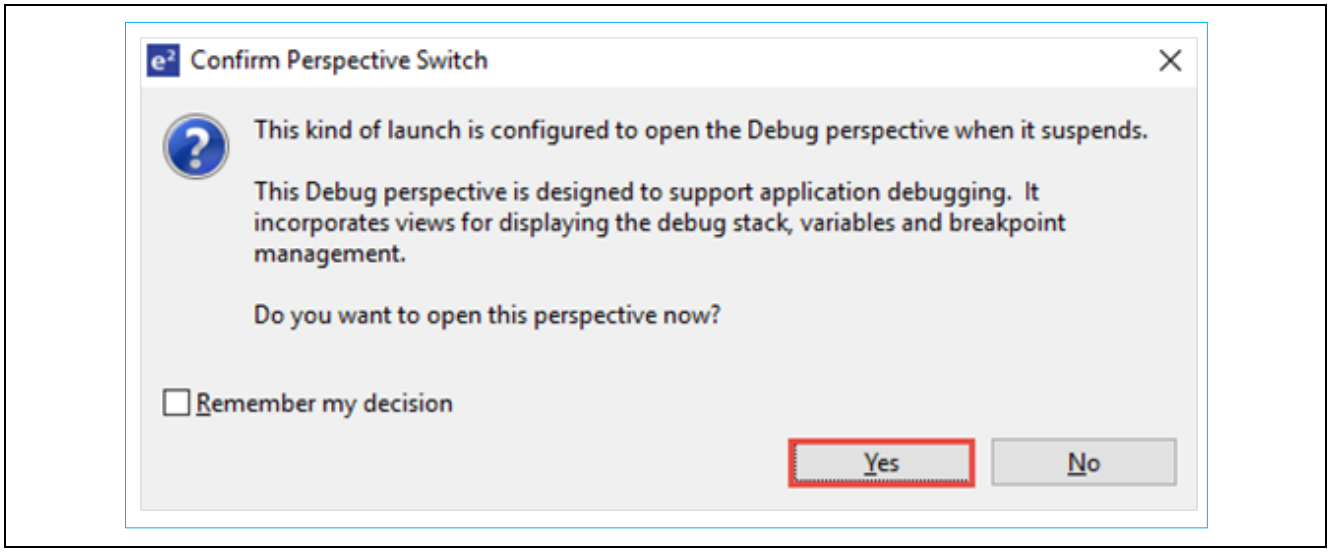

Figure 39. Opening the Debug Perspective

4. Press **F8** or click **Resume** icon to begin executing the project.

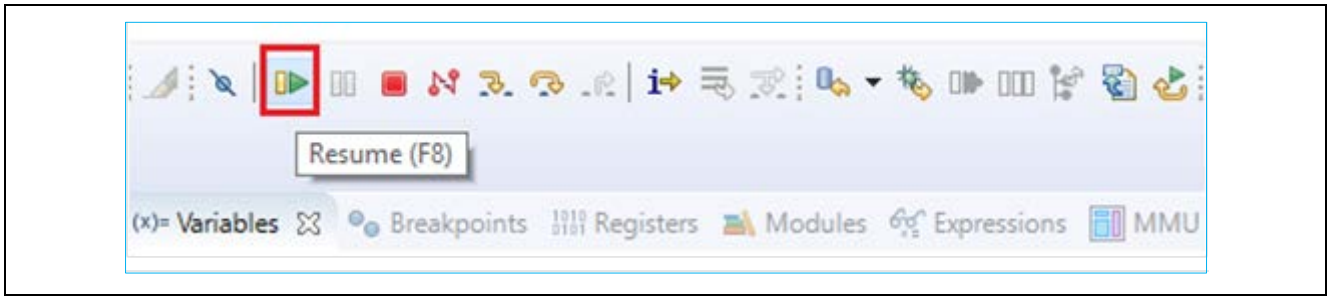

Figure 40. Executing the Project

5. The modified Quick Start example project is programmed into the EK-RA6M5 board and is running. The project can be paused, stopped, or resumed using the debug controls.

6. Next Steps

1. To learn more about the EK-RA6M5 kit, refer to the EK-RA6M5 user's manual and design package available in the Documents and Download tabs respectively of the EK-RA6M5 webpage at renesas.com/ra/ek-ra6m5
2. Renesas provides several example projects that demonstrate different capabilities of the RA MCUs. These example projects can serve as a good starting point for users to develop custom applications. Example projects (source code and project files) for EK-RA6M5 kit are available in the EK-RA6M5 Example Projects Bundle. The example projects bundle is available in the Downloads tab of EK-RA6M5 webpage.
   - Download and extract the example projects bundle (`xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx-ek-ra6m5-exampleprojects.zip`) to a local directory on the host PC.
   - Refer to the list of all example projects (`xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx-ek-ra6m5-exampleprojects.pdf`) available inside the example projects bundle.
   - Browse to the desired example project (for example: adc_ek_ra6m5_ep) in the example projects bundle (`xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx-ek-ra6m5-exampleprojects\ek_ra6m5\adc\adc_ek_ra6m5_ep`)
   - For help on using example projects, refer to `Example Project Usage Guide.pdf` in the RA Example Repository on GitHub at : github.com/renesas/ra-fsp-examples/tree/master/example_projects
   - The archived versions of the source code of the example projects are available the example project repository.

7. Website and Support

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

EK-RA6M5 Resources	renesas.com/ra/ek-ra6m5
RA Product Information	renesas.com/ra
RA Product Support Forum	renesas.com/ra/forum
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