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Quick Start Guide

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- Ensure attached cables do not lie across the equipment.
- 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.

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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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1. Introduction

This Quick Start Guide (QSG) provides:

- Instructions for running the “Voice Anti-Spoofing (VAS) for Voice User Interface Applications” application example.

1.1 Assumptions and Advisory Notes

1. Prior to running the Quick Start example project or programming the Voice Kit RA6E1 board, default jumper settings must be used. Refer to the Voice Kit RA6E1 user’s manual for the default jumper settings.
2. 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. Overview of the “Voice Anti-Spoofing (VAS) for Voice User Interface Applications” application example

The Renesas Reality AI Voice Anti-Spoofing application example is used as an extension of the VUI - Voice Command Recognition from Cyberon, to detect Human real voice vs Machine generated or recorded voice.

Hereby the key wake word “Hi-Renesas” is used and only if real human voice is identified by the Voice Anti-Spoofing feature, the Voice Command Recognition will accept next coming commands accordingly.

For demonstration purposes, limited amount of data and recording devices has been used to train the model on e2studio and Reality AI TOOLS®.

It is strongly recommended that the provided recordings will be used to examine recorded wake word detection.

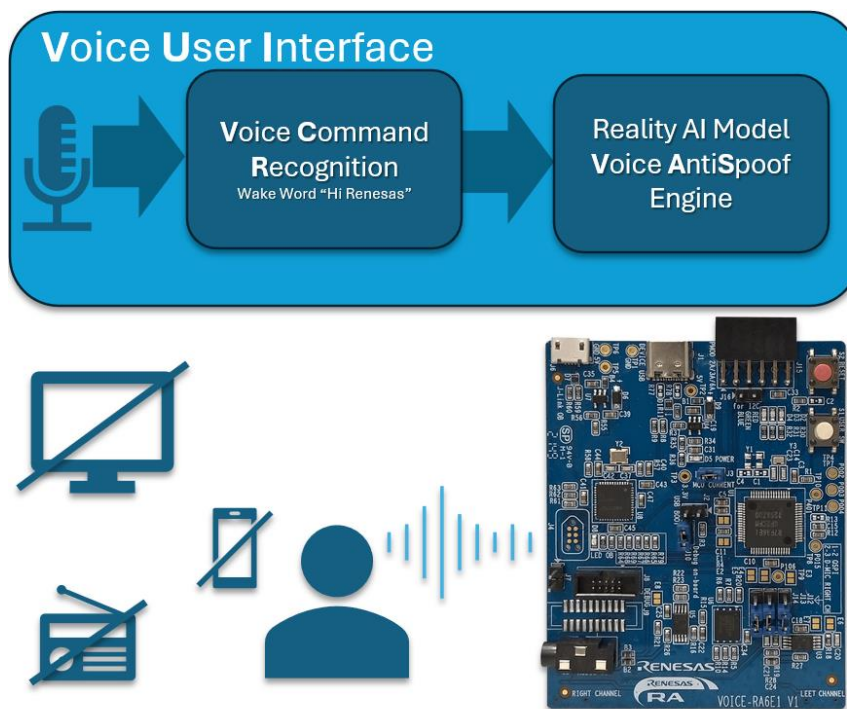


Figure 1. Overview of VAS

2.1 Quick Start Guide Project Flow

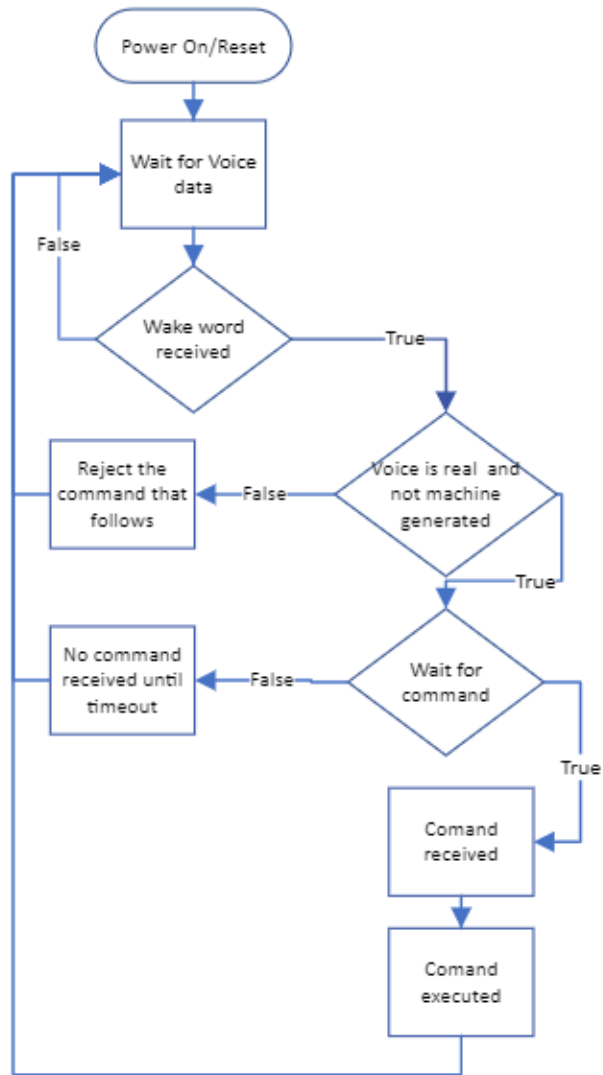


Figure 2. Quick Start Guide Project Flow

3. Running the “Voice Anti-Spoofing (VAS) for Voice User Interface Applications” application example

This section lists the requirements and instructions to power up the Voice Kit RA6E1 board and run application example.

Hardware Requirements

- Voice Kit RA6E1 board
- Micro USB device cable
- A PC with at least 1 USB port

Software Requirements

- Windows® 10 operating system
- Serial terminal (ex. Tera Term, Putty)
- J-Link tools

3.1 Connecting and Powering Up the Voice Kit RA6E1 Board

1. Connect the micro-USB end of the micro-USB device cable to micro-AB USB port (J6) of the Voice Kit RA6E1 board.
2. Connect the other end of this cable to the USB port of the host PC. Power LED (LED5) on the Voice Kit RA6E1 board lights up blue, indicating that the board is powered on.



USB micro-B cable (included with the kit)

Figure 3. Voice Kit RA6E1 Board & USB Debug cable

3.2 Programming the application example

Flash the device with the binary that has been provided with this document.

In the folder Flasher you will find the following files:

- Flash Device.bat
- Flash Device.jlink
- JLink.exe
- JLink_x64.dll

- vk_ra6e1_vas_vcr_22_3_2024.srec

Verify that the Voice Kit RA6E1 board is connected to the PC and run the Flash Device.bat file, the project will be automatically downloaded to the DUT.

3.3 UART Terminal Output

If the user connects the DUT and the PC then UART output can be enabled.

For that the user needs to setup the serial terminal as follows:

- Speed / Baud Rate 460800
- Data 8 bit
- Parity none
- Stop bits 1 bit
- Flow Control none

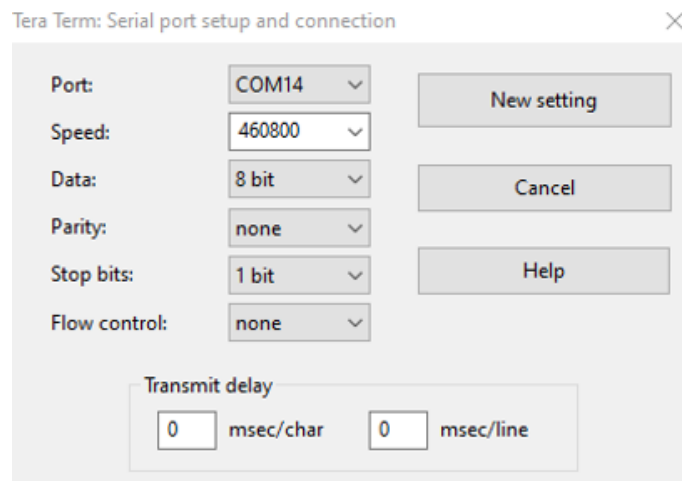


Figure 4. Serial Port Setup

3.4 Guidelines for Demo Operation

The ML model must reliably distinguish between real and spoof in the following context:

- User either says or plays back a recording of the English phrase “Hi Renesas”.

User may speak with any common spoken English accent and any natural vocal tonal quality (male or female).

- The playback device is a phone speaker (iPhone or Android) *
- Environmental noise is within such a range that the Cyberon voice stack can recognize the wake-word.
- Both real and spoofed utterances are identifiable at a variety of loudness levels.

The following items are explicitly out-of-scope and non-deliverable:

- Specific information about the methodology used to collect data or train the model. That is, a single model is provided as-is, and there is no expectation that the model can be replicated by the end-user.
- Model generalizability to situations other than those described above. Model is not expected to generalize to arbitrary playback devices*, arbitrary utterances, or other languages.

It is strongly recommended that the provided recordings will be used to examine Machine generated or recorded voice detection.

3.5 Running the Quick Start Guide Project

To run application example, use the following instructions:

1. On power up or RESET.

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

2. Give the wake-word “Hi Renesas”.
3. If the detected voice is real the UART in terminal will print “Detected Class: Accepted.”
4. If the VAS detects recorded voice, the result is Dropped, and User can NOT continue to command. The UART in terminal will print “Detected Class: Dropped, as depicted in figure 5 below.
5. If the result is Accepted, then User can continue to command the Terminal will show “Command group active.
6. Give the Command Light On or Light Off or Sequence.
7. Command recognition indicators:
 1. Light On the 3 user LED will flash
 2. Light Off the LEDs will stop flashing
 3. Sequence the 3 LED will blink in sequence

```
Get command<0> : Hi Renesas, Score=58, SG_Diff=97, Energy=718, MapID=0
Detected Class: Dropped
Command group not active.
Light On, Map ID = 1
Light Off, Map ID = 2
Sequence, Map ID = 3
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Figure 5. Command group not active as detection dropped

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COM15 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
Successfully initialize DC/DS
Little Endian
MCU board: VOICE-RA6E1
RSP version: 5.1
Dspotter version: DspotterSDK v2.2.12.3 (compiled at Nov 1 2021)
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Sample code build: 210312
Unique ID: 0x4106801a-35373536-63614453-4E4B2A98
This Dspotter model declares memory buffer size = 50000
The Dspotter model, group 0 needs working memory size = 40488
Command list for group index 0:
Hi Renesas, Map ID = 0

The Dspotter model, group 1 needs working memory size = 40744
Command list for group index 1:
Light On, Map ID = 1
Light Off, Map ID = 2
Sequence, Map ID = 3

Wake-up group active.
Hi Renesas, Map ID = 0
```

Figure 6. Initial information on the model and commands

If the “Hi Renesas” wake word is accepted as “real” the UART terminal will print the “Detected Class: Accepted” message, as seen bellow, or “Detected Class: Dropped” if the result is recognized as recorded. Then if the result of the Wake word is Accepted the user can continue and give the command.

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Command list for group index 1:
  Light On, Map ID = 1
  Light Off, Map ID = 2
  Sequence, Map ID = 3

Wake-up group active.
  Hi Renesas, Map ID = 0
Get command(0) : Hi Renesas, Score=1, SG_Diff=55, Energy=5217, MapID=0
Detected Class: Accepted
Command group active.
  Light On, Map ID = 1
  Light Off, Map ID = 2
  Sequence, Map ID = 3
Get command(1) : Light On, Score=39, SG_Diff=86, Energy=4722, MapID=1
wake-up group active.
  Hi Renesas, Map ID = 0
    
```

Figure 7. Detected Class: Accepted

The command will be executed only if the Detected Class of the wake word is Accepted.

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Successfully initialize DC/DS
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Command list for group index 1:
  Light On, Map ID = 1
  Light Off, Map ID = 2
  Sequence, Map ID = 3

Wake-up group active.
  Hi Renesas, Map ID = 0
Get command(0) : Hi Renesas, Score=60, SG_Diff=110, Energy=658, MapID=0
Detected Class: Dropped
Command group not active.
  Light On, Map ID = 1
  Light Off, Map ID = 2
  Sequence, Map ID = 3
    
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Figure 8. Detected Class: Dropped

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1.00	Mar.26.24	—	Initial release

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