

# R8C/LA8A Group

## Renesas Starter Kit Tutorial Manual

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# How to Use This Manual

## 1. Purpose and Target Readers

This manual is designed to provide the user with an understanding of the RSK hardware functionality, and electrical characteristics. It is intended for users designing sample code on the RSK platform, using the many different incorporated peripheral devices.

The manual comprises of an overview of the capabilities of the RSK product, but does not intend to be a guide to embedded programming or hardware design. Further details regarding setting up the RSK and development environment can found in the tutorial manual.

Particular attention should be paid to the precautionary notes when using the manual. These notes occur within the body of the text, at the end of each section, and in the Usage Notes section.

The revision history summarizes the locations of revisions and additions. It does not list all revisions. Refer to the text of the manual for details.

The following documents apply to the R8C Group. Make sure to refer to the latest versions of these documents. The newest versions of the documents listed may be obtained from the Renesas Electronics Web site.

Document Type	Description	Document Title	Document No.
User's Manual	Describes the technical details of the RSK hardware.	RSK R8CLA8A User's Manual	R20UT0284EG0100
Tutorial	Provides a guide to setting up RSK environment, running sample code and debugging programs.	RSK R8CLA8A Tutorial Manual	R20UT0285EG0100
Quick Start Guide	Provides simple instructions to setup the RSK and run the first sample, on a single A4 sheet.	RSK R8CLA8A Quick Start Guide	R20UT0286EG0100
Schematics	Full detail circuit schematics of the RSK.	RSK R8CLA8A Schematics	R20UT0287EG0100
Hardware Manual	Provides technical details of the R8CLA8A microcontroller.	RSK R8CLA8A Hardware Manual	REJ09B0556

## 2. List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Full Form</b>
CD	Compact Disk
CPU	Central Processing Unit
E8a	E8a Emulator
HEW	High-performance Embedded Workshop
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
LED	Light Emitting Diode
RSK	Renesas Starter Kit
USB	Universal Serial Bus

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# 1. Overview

## 1.1 Purpose

This RSK is an evaluation tool for Renesas microcontrollers. This manual describes how to get the RSK tutorial started, and basic debugging operations.

## 1.2 Features

This RSK provides an evaluation of the following features:

- Renesas microcontroller programming
- User code debugging
- User circuitry such as switches, LEDs and a potentiometer
- Sample application
- Sample peripheral device initialisation code

The RSK board contains all the circuitry required for microcontroller operation.

## 2. Introduction

This manual is designed to answer, in tutorial form, the most common questions asked about using a Renesas Starter Kit (RSK). The tutorials help explain the following:

- How do I compile, link, download and run a simple program on the RSK?
- How do I build an embedded application?
- How do I use Renesas' tools?

The project generator will create a tutorial project with two selectable build configurations.

- 'Debug' is a project built with the debugger support included.
- 'Release' is a project with optimised compile options, producing code suitable for release in a product.

Files referred to in this manual are installed using the project generator as you work through the tutorials. The tutorial examples in this manual assume that installation procedures described in the RSK Quick Start Guide have been completed. Please refer to the quick start guide for details of preparing the configuration.

These tutorials are designed to show you how to use the RSK and are not intended as a comprehensive introduction to the High-performance Embedded Workshop (HEW) debugger, compiler toolchains or the E8a emulator. Please refer the relevant user manuals for more in-depth information.

### 3. Tutorial Project Workspace

The workspace includes all of the files for two build configurations, 'Build' and 'Release'. The tutorial code is common to both build configurations; and is designed to show how code can be written, debugged and then downloaded without the debug monitor in a 'Release' situation.

The build configuration menu in High-performance Embedded Workshop (HEW) allows the project to be configured such that certain files may be excluded from each of the build configurations. This allows the inclusion of the debug monitor within the Debug build, and its exclusion in the Release build. Contents of common C files are controlled with defines set up in the build configuration options and `#ifdef` statements within the source files. Maintaining only one set of project files means that projects are more controllable.

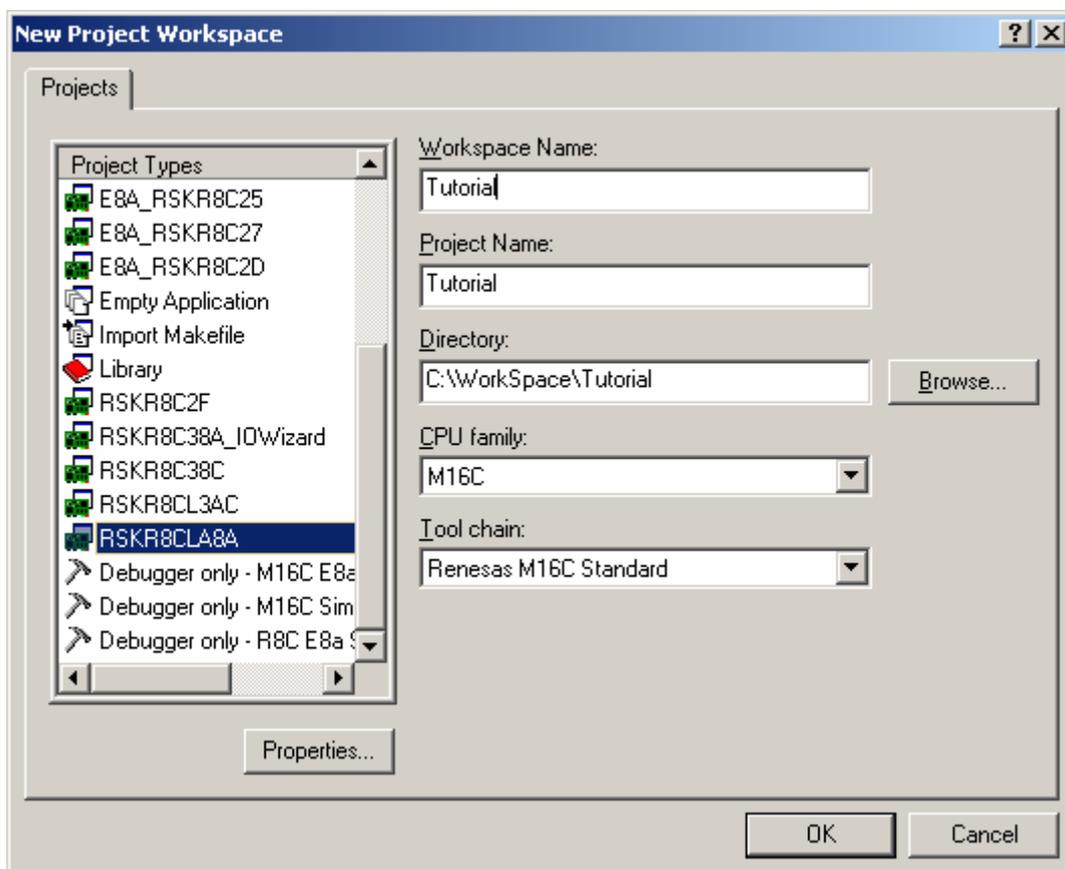
## 4. Project Workspace

### 4.1 Introduction

High-performance Embedded Workshop is an integrated development tool that allows the user to write, compile, program and debug a software project on any of the Renesas Microcontrollers. High-performance Embedded Workshop will have been installed during the installation of the software support for the Renesas Starter Kit product. This manual will describe the stages required to create and debug the supplied tutorial code.

### 4.2 Starting HEW and Connecting the E8a Debugger

To look at the program, start High-performance Embedded Workshop from the Windows Start Menu. Open a new tutorial workspace from the [File > New Workspace...] menu or select 'Create a new project workspace' when presented with the 'Welcome!' dialog.



The example above shows the New Project Workspace dialog with the R8C/LA8A selected.

- Select the M16C CPU family and 'Renesas M16C Standard' toolchain.
- Select the 'RSKR8CLA8A' project type from the left-hand projects list.
- Enter a name for the workspace – all your files will be stored under a directory with this name.
- The project name field will be pre-filled to match the workspace name above, but this name may be changed manually.
- Note: High-performance Embedded Workshop allows you to add multiple projects to a workspace. You may add the sample code projects later so you may wish to choose a suitable name for the tutorial project now.
- Click [OK] to start the Renesas Starter Kit Project Generator wizard.

The next dialog presents the three types of example project available:

- Tutorial: this is the one of interest at this time – the code is explained later in this manual.
- Sample Code: This provides examples for using various peripherals. If you select this and click <Next> it will open a new dialog, allowing the selection of many code examples for the peripheral modules of the device.
- Application: where the debugger is configured but there is no program code. This project is suitable for the user to add code without having to configure the debugger.

The project generator wizard will display a confirmation dialog. Press [OK] to create the project and insert the necessary files. A tree showing all the files in this project will appear in High-performance Embedded Workshop.

To view the file 'main.c', double click on the file in the Workspace window. A new window will open showing the code.

### 4.3 Build Configurations and Debug Sessions

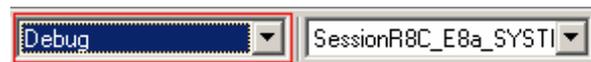
The workspace that has been created contains two build configurations and two debug sessions. The Build Configuration allows the same project to be built but with different compiler options. The options available to the user are described fully in the High-performance Embedded Workshop Manual.

#### 4.3.1 Build Configuration

The build configurations are selected from the left hand drop down list on the tool bar. The options available are Debug and Release. The debug build is configured for use with the debugger. The Release build is configured for final ROM-programmable code.

A common difference between the two builds may be the optimisation settings. With optimisation turned on, the Debugger may seem to execute code in an unexpected order. To assist in debugging it is often helpful to turn optimisation off on the code being debugged.

- Select the 'Debug' build configuration



#### 4.3.2 Debug Session

The debug sessions are selected from the right hand drop down list on the tool bar. The options vary between Renesas Starter Kit types however one will always start Debug and include the type of debug interface. The alternate selection will be 'SessionR8C\_E8a\_SYSTEM'. The purpose of the debug sessions is to allow the use of different debugger tools or different debugger settings on the same project.

- Select the session:  
"SessionR8C\_E8a\_SYSTEM"

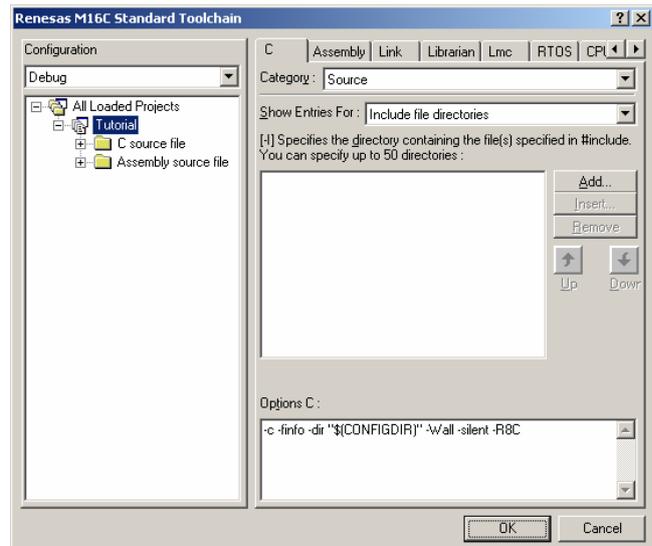


## 5. Building the Tutorial Program

The tutorial project build settings have been pre-configured in the toolchain options. To view the toolchain options select the 'Build' menu item and the relevant toolchain. This should be the first option on the drop down menu. The dialog that is displayed will be specific to the toolchain selected.

The Configuration pane on the left hand side will exist on all the toolchain options. It is important when changing any setting to be aware of the current configuration that is being modified. If you wish to modify multiple or all build configurations this is possible by selecting 'All' or 'Multiple' from the 'Configuration' drop down list.

- Review the options on each of the tabs and 'Category' drop-down lists to be aware of the options available. For the purposes of the tutorial, leave all options at default.
- When complete close the dialog box by clicking [OK]



### 5.1 Building Code

There is a choice of three shortcuts available for building the project.

- Selecting the 'Build All' tool bar button. This will build everything in the project that has not been excluded from the build. This includes the standard library. 
- Selecting the 'Build' tool bar button. This will build all files that have changed since the last build. The standard library will not be built unless an option has been changed. 
- Pressing [F7]. This is equivalent to pressing the 'Build' button described above. 

Build the project now by pressing [F7] or pressing one of the build icons as shown above. During the build each stage will be reported in the Output Window. The build will complete with an indication of any errors and warnings encountered during the build.

## 5.2 Connecting the Debugger

For this tutorial it is not necessary to provide an external power supply to the board. The power will be obtained from the USB port. Please be aware that if you have too many devices connected to your USB port it may be shut down by Windows. If this happens remove some devices and try again. Alternatively provide an external power source taking care to ensure the correct polarity and voltage.

Other sample code supplied with this RSK will require more power than the E8a debugger is capable of supplying; in which case the external 5V power supply supplied should be used. Refer to the RSKR8CLA8A User Manual for further details.

The Quick Start Guide provided with the Renesas Starter Kit board gives detailed instructions on how to connect the E8a to the host computer. The following assumes that the steps in the Quick Start Guide have been followed and the E8a drivers have been installed.

- Fit the Renesas LCD Panel to the connector marked 'JA4' on the RSK. Ensure all the pins of the connector are correctly inserted in the socket (See LCDAPPV2 Quick Start Guide for more information).
- Connect the E8a Debugger to a free USB port on your computer.
- Connect the E8a Debugger to the target hardware ensuring that it is plugged into the connector marked 'E8a'.
- If supplying external power to the board, it can be turned on now.

## 5.3 Connecting to the Target with the E8a Debugger

This section will take you through the process of connecting to the device, programming the Flash and executing the code.

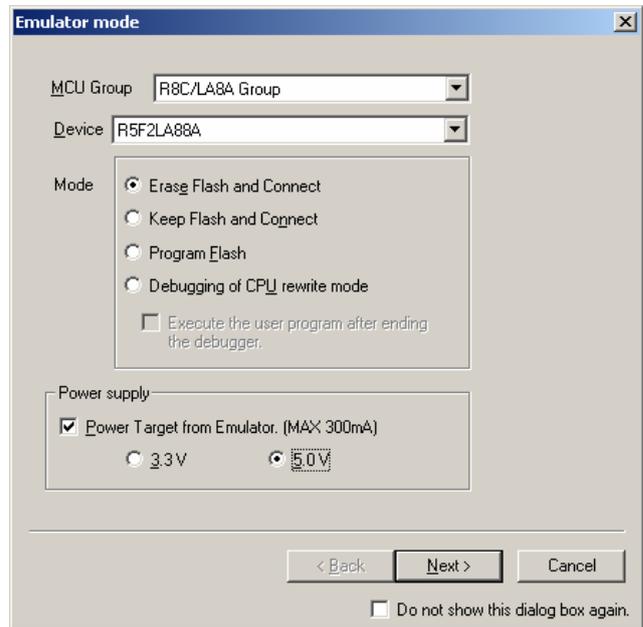
Please note that the "Emulator Mode" wizard shown here will only appear the FIRST time you connect to the target within a project. On subsequent connections the "Emulator Setting" dialog will appear please choose the same options to connect.

- Select the ‘SessionR8C\_E8a\_SYSTEM debug’ session.
- Click the [Connect] button on the debug toolbar.

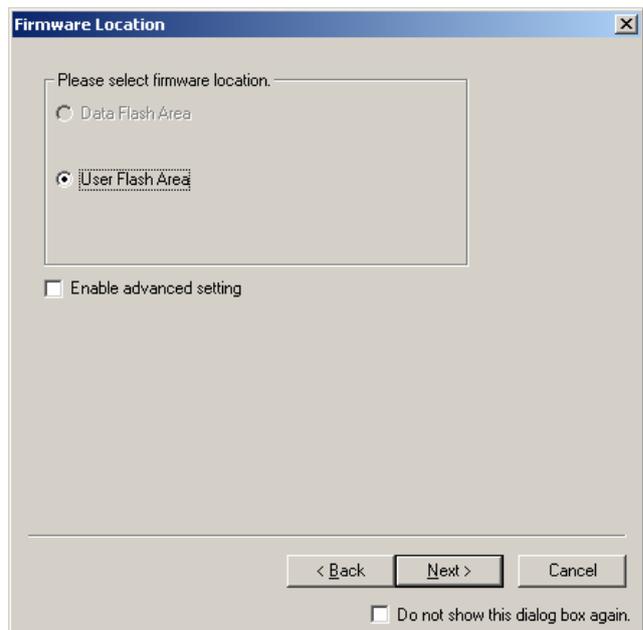


- The ‘Emulator Mode’ configuration dialog will appear. Ensure the following configurations are set:
  - MCU group: R8C/LA8A Group
  - Device: R5F2LA88A
  - Mode: Erase Flash and Connect
- If the E8a is to provide power to the CPU board, select ‘Power Target from Emulator’ and choose the “5.0V” option. Otherwise connect a suitable power supply (refer to the RSKR8CLA8A User Manual for details).

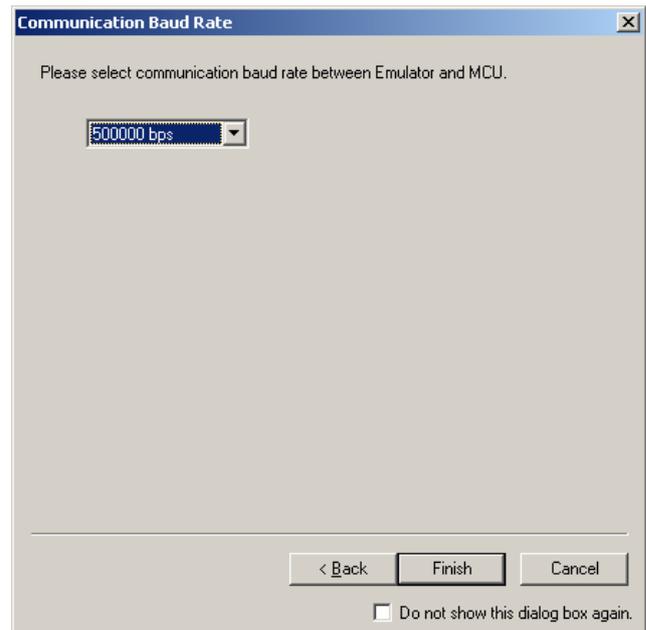
Note: Powering from the E8a device will limit the maximum power consumption of the RSK, preventing some functionality. Refer to the RSKR8CLA8A User Manual for further details.



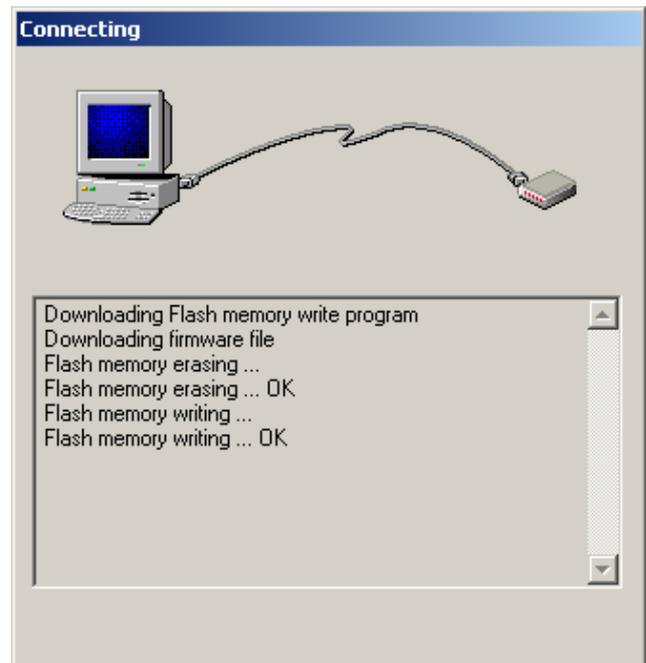
- Click [Next] button. ‘Firmware Location’ Window will appear.
- Choose “User Flash Area” in “Firmware Location” tab.



- Click [Next] button. 'Communication Baud Rate' window will open.
- Ensure the baud rate is set to 500000 bps. Once these settings have been confirmed, click the [Finish] button to continue.
- The Flash Memory write program will be downloaded to the target.

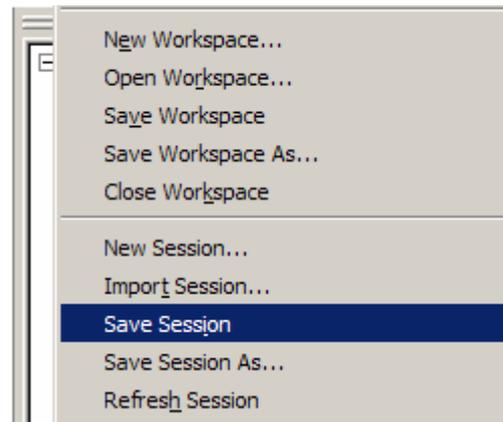


- A connecting dialog will appear, show the status of the connection process. Under default settings, this dialog box will disappear once the connection is complete.



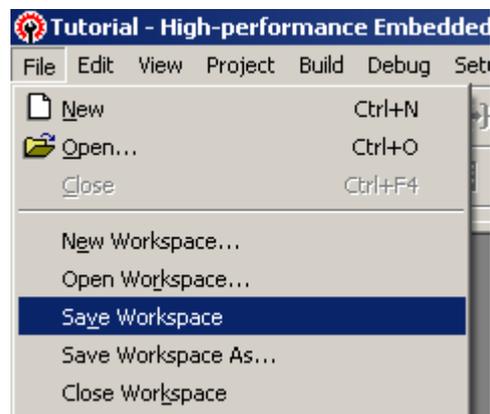
Now is a good time to save the High-performance Embedded Workshop session.

- Select 'File' | 'Save Session'.



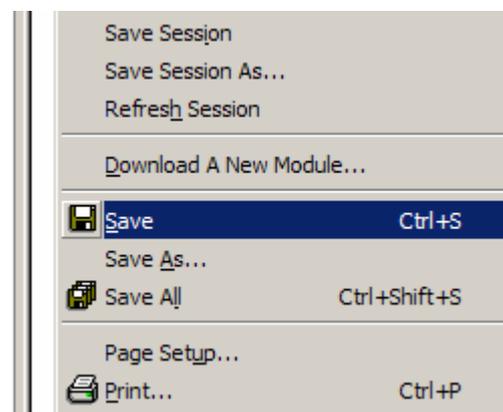
If you have changed any workspace settings now is a good time to save the workspace.

- Select 'File' | 'Save Workspace'.



If you make any changes to files in HEW and want to preserve these change, you can save them by:

- Select 'File' | 'Save'.



You can also save files by clicking the 'Save' or 'Save All' buttons from the HEW toolbar.



You can also save files using the following keyboard shortcut:



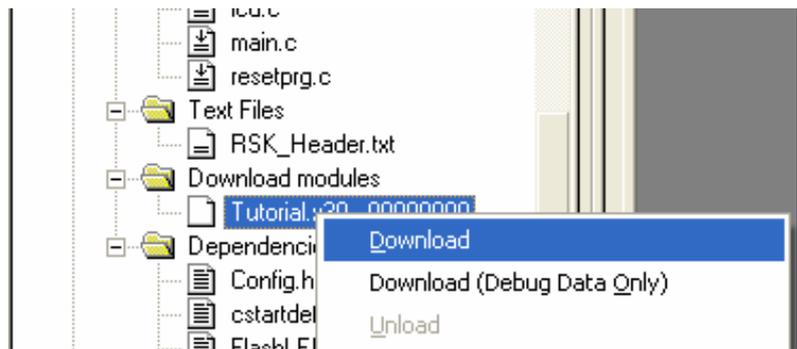
## 6. Downloading and Running the Tutorial

### 6.1 Downloading the Program Code

Now the code has been built in HEW it needs to be downloaded to the RSK.

Now that you are connected to the target you should see an additional category in the workspace view called 'Download Modules'

- Right click on the download module listed and select 'Download'
- On completion the debugger and code are ready to be executed



### 6.2 Running the Tutorial

Once the program has been downloaded onto the RSK device, the program can be executed. Click the 'Reset Go' button to begin the program. It is recommended that you run through the program once first, and then continue to the review section.



## 7. Reviewing the Tutorial Program

This section will look at each section of the tutorial code, how it works, and how it could be altered to be implemented into more complex code.

### 7.1 Program Initialisation

Before the main program can run, the Microcontroller must be configured. The following parts of the tutorial program are used exclusively for initialising the RSK device so that the main function can execute correctly. The initialisation code is run every time the device is reset via the reset switch or from a power reboot.

Ensuring the tutorial program has been downloaded onto the R8C/LA8A; press the 'Reset CPU' button on the Debug Tool Bar.



- The File window will open the Tutorial code at the entry point. An arrow and a yellow highlight marks the current position of the program counter.
- Use these buttons to switch between 'source, disassembly and mixed modes'.



Ensure the view is switched to 'source' before continuing.

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90      void start(void)
91      {
92          /* Set interrupt stack pointer */
93      05CFC  isp_ = &_istack_top;
94          /* Change protect mode register */
95      05D00  prcr = 0x02U;
96          /* Set processor mode register */
97      05D04  pm0 = 0x00U;
98          /* Change protect mode register */
99      05D07  prcr = 0x00U;
100         /* Set flag register */
101      05D0A  _flg_ = _F_value_;
102         #if __STACKSIZE__ != 0
103         /* Set user stack pointer */
104      05D0E  _sp_ = &_stack_top;
105         #endif
106         /* Setting 400H (Do not change) */
107      05D12  _sb_ = 0x400U;
108         /* Set variable vector's address */
109      05D16  _intbh_ = 0x00U;
110      05D1A  _asm(" ldc #(topof vector)&OFFFFh,INTBL");
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112         /* Initialize each sections */
113      05D1E  initsct();
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115         #if __HEAPSIZE__ != 0
116         /* Initialize heap */
117         heap_init();
118         #endif
119         #if __STANDARD_IO__ != 0
120         /* Initialize standard I/O */
121         _init();
122         #endif
123         /* Initialize FB register for debugger */
124      05D22  _fb_ = 0U;
125
126         /* Call main() routine */
127      05D26  main();

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- Highlight the 'main()' function call by left clicking to the right of the text, and holding the left mouse button and dragging over to the left of it and releasing the left mouse button.
- Click the 'Go to Cursor' button to run the program up to this point.
- Click 'Step In' to open the main.c file and enter the main function.



## 7.2 Main Functions

This section will look at the program code called from with the main() function, and how it works.

- The main.c file should already be open.

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- Press F5 to resume the code, where it will then halt at the break point on the Statics\_Test function call. 
- Press F11 to step into the function. 
- The Statics\_Test function initialises a character string with the contents of a static variable; then gradually replaces it, letter by letter, with another static string.
- Click 'Go' or press F5 to resume the program code. You should observe the word 'RSK T' appears on the second LCD line, to be gradually replaced with the string 'TEST'. The program then reverts the LCD back to the original message of 'RSK T'.

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154          * Return value : none
155          *****/
156
157          void Statics_Test(void)
158          {
159              uint8_t ucCount;
160
161              DisplayPanelString(PANEL_LCD_LINE1,ucStr);
162
163              /* At this point please right click on the 'ucStr' variable and select
164               * 'Instant Watch'. A dialog will be displayed showing the current value
165               * of the variable. Select 'Add' in the dialog and a new 'Watch Window'
166               * will open. Step through the following code to see that the initialised
167               * data is being overwritten with the different data. */
168              for (ucCount=0; ucCount<6; ucCount++)
169              {
170                  /* Put a breakpoint here and press F5 to step through the string
171                   * overwrite sequence */
172                  ucStr[ucCount] = ucReplace[ucCount];
173
174                  /* Delay */
175                  DisplayPanelString(PANEL_LCD_LINE1,ucStr);
176
177                  /* Delay */
178                  DisplayPanelDelay(0x2FFFF);
179              }
180              /* Fill a NULL character */
181              ucStr[ucCount] = '\0';
182
183              /* RSK name is displayed on the LCD. */
184              DisplayPanelString(PANEL_LCD_LINE1, "RSK T");
185          }
186          *****/
187          End of function Statics_Test
188          *****/

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## 8. Additional Information

### Technical Support

For details on how to use High-performance Embedded Workshop (HEW), refer to the HEW manual available on the CD or from the web site.

For information about the R8C/LA8A series microcontrollers refer to the R8C/LA8A Group hardware manual.

For information about the R8C/LA8A assembly language, refer to the R8C/LA8A Series Software Manual.

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