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1. Introduction

This document gives information on how to get started with the A71CH Mini PCB board (OM3710A71CHPCB) for evaluation of A71CH features in a Windows computer. It gives an overview of the required hardware and software options. It also gives step-by-step instructions for setting up the development environment as well as full directions for running the example application in a Windows-based environment.

2. A71CH Overview

The A71CH is a ready-to-use solution, enabling ease-of-use security for IoT device makers. It is a secure element capable of securely storing and provisioning credentials, securely connecting IoT devices to public or private clouds and performing cryptographic device authentication.

The A71CH solution provides an outstanding level of security measures to protect the IC against many physical and logical attacks. It can be integrated in various host platforms and host operating systems to secure a broad range of applications. In addition, it is complemented by a comprehensive product support package, offering easy design-in with plug & play host application code, easy-to-use development kits, reference designs, documentation and IC samples for product evaluation.

3. System description

The A71CH evaluation setup presented in this document consists of an A71CH security IC connected to a Windows-based platform through a FRDM-K64F or FRDM-K82F board programmed to act as a virtual COM port and the A71CH Arduino compatible kit (OM3710/A71CHARD). Fig 1 shows a basic diagram of the system architecture.

![Diagram](image)

Fig 1. System architecture diagram.

The document explains the following parts:

- **Hardware overview**: It describes the FRDM-K64F and the FRDM-K82F development platforms as well as the A71CH Arduino compatible kit (OM3710/A71CHARD).
- **Hardware setup**: It describes how to connect the A71CH Arduino compatible kit with the FRDM-K64F or the FRDM-K82F boards.
- **Software setup**: It describes how to configure the development environment and how to import the required software packages.
• **A71CH application examples execution**: It describes how to run the A71CH Windows-based application examples contained in the A71CH Host software package for

• **RJCT server**: It describes how to use the RJCT server to communicate with A71CH from a remote or local client process.

In addition, the document includes the following appendix:

• **USB to I²C bird**: It describes how to use the USB to I²C bird – Ascot adaptor (OM3710/B001) to interface a Windows platform as an alternative to a Kinetis board configured as a virtual COM port.

• **VCOM driver installation**: It describes how to troubleshoot VCOM driver installation issues.

### 4. Hardware overview

This setup uses a Windows laptop as a host MCU while the A71CH security IC acts as the protected storage module. The following material is needed:

1. A computer running Microsoft Windows 7 (32 or 64 bit) or later.
2. The A71CH Arduino compatible development kit (OM3710/A71CAHRD).
3. The FRDM-K64F or FRDM-K82F evaluation board.

#### 4.1 A71CH Arduino compatible development kit (OM3710/A71CHARD)

The OM3710/A71CHARD is an Arduino development kit containing two items as well:

1. An A71CH Mini PCB board (OM3710/A71CHPCB)
2. An Arduino interface board, allowing the user to connect the A71CH to any host featuring an Arduino compatible header (e.g., many LPC, Kinetis and i.MX boards in the industry).

#### 4.1.1 A71CH Mini PCB board (OM3710/A71CHPCB)

The OM3710/A71CHPCB board is a small PCB containing the A71CH solution and a set of jumpers for the I²C or SPI host interface selection (Note that only the I²C driver is available; SPI support might be added in future revisions).

Fig 2 shows an image of the MiniPCB. It features two connectors that can be used depending on which communication interface is employed. The figure shows the jumpers configuration that enables the use of the A71CH I²C interface.
To enable the I²C communication protocol, it is necessary to configure JP5/6 according to Table 1. JP2 connects the A71CH to the on-board 3.3V voltage regulator on the MiniPCB board. The jumpers JP3 and JP4 enable the I²C SDA/SCL pull-up resistors. JP7 can be used to connect the A71CH reset signal.

**Table 1. Default OM3710/A71CHPCB Jumper settings**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Jumper</th>
<th>Setting</th>
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<tr>
<td>JP1</td>
<td>Not set</td>
<td>External VCC connection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JP2</td>
<td>3-4</td>
<td>Connect A71CH to 3.3V regulator on MiniPCB</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JP3</td>
<td>Set</td>
<td>Connect I²C SDA pull-up resistor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JP4</td>
<td>Set</td>
<td>Connect I²C SCL pull-up resistor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JP5</td>
<td>1-2</td>
<td>Use I²C address 0x92/0x93</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2-3 (Default)</td>
<td>Use I²C address 0x90/0x91</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JP6</td>
<td>1-2</td>
<td>Activate I²C interface</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JP7</td>
<td>Not set (Default)</td>
<td>A71CH operates</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Set</td>
<td>A71CH IC reset</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The board schematic and layout are shown in Fig 3 and Fig 4.
Fig 3. OM3710/A71CHPCB board schematic.

Fig 4. OM3710/A71CHPCB board silkscreen.
4.1.2 Arduino interface board

The Arduino header board permits the user to interface the A71CH OM3710/A71CHPCB with other platforms with dedicated Arduino headers (e.g., FRDM-K64F and FRDM-K82F Kinetis boards). Fig 5 shows the board pinout.

![Arduino interface board](image)

(1) Connection from the perspective of a matching Arduino Shield (top view)

Fig 5. A71CHARD Arduino header.

4.2 Freedom development platforms for Kinetis

The section details the Freedom development platforms for Kinetis supported by the A71CH support package for Windows machines.

4.2.1 FRDM-K64F

The Kinetis FRDM-K64F [FRDM_K64F] development platform is a simple, yet sophisticated design, featuring a Kinetis K64 series microcontroller, built on the ARM® Cortex®-M4 core. The FRDM-K64F can be used to evaluate the K64, K63, and K24 Kinetis K series devices. It features the MK64FN1M0VLL12 MCU, which boasts the maximum operation frequency of 120 MHz, 1 MB of flash, 256 KB RAM, a full-speed USB controller, Ethernet controller, secure digital host controller, and analog and digital peripherals.

The FRDM-K64F hardware is form-factor compatible with the Arduino R3 pin layout, providing a broad range of expansion board options. The onboard interface includes a six-axis digital accelerometer & magnetometer, RGB LED, SDHC, add-on Bluetooth module, add-on RF module, Ethernet and OpenSDAv2, the NXP open-source hardware embedded serial and debug adapter running an open-source bootloader.
4.2.2 FRDM-K82F

The Freescale Freedom K82 hardware [FRDM-K82F] is a simple yet sophisticated design featuring a Kinetis K series microcontroller built on the ARM® Cortex®-M4 core which features a floating-point unit (FPU).

The FRDM-K82F can be used to evaluate the K80, K81, and K82 Kinetis K series devices. The FRDMK82F board features the K82FN256VLL15 MCU, which boasts a maximum operation frequency of 150 MHz, 256 KB of flash, a 256 KB RAM, a full-speed USB controller with available crystal-less operation, and analog and digital peripherals.

5. Hardware setup

The hardware setup consists of mounting the different system parts together. Three simple steps are required. First, make sure the jumpers of the OM3710/A71CHPCB are properly configured.
Then, plug the A71CH Mini PCB board (OM3710/A71CHPCB) to the I2C adaptor of the Arduino interface board (Fig 9).

Finally, plug the A71CH into the Kinetis board using the Arduino adaptors (Fig 10). Please note the Arduino shield board comes with male connectors below.
Fig 10. A71CH Arduino kit mounted on Kinetis FRDM-K64F board.

Then, A71CH security IC is connected to the Kinetis board through the Arduino interface board (Fig 11).

Fig 11. Arduino interface board connected to the Kinetis board (FRDM-K64F).

As can be observed, there are two USB connectors in the FRDM-K64F and FRDM-K82F boards (Fig 12). The USB connector highlighted in red corresponds to OpenSDA serial port. This port is used by the development PC to configure the Kinetis board as a virtual COM port. The USB connector highlighted in yellow corresponds to the virtual COM connector port.
6. Software setup

This section details the required steps to complete the software setup for running the A71CH application examples in a Windows-based platform.

**Note:** This section details the software setup for running the A71CH application examples in Windows-based platforms based on A71CH HostLib v1.4.0. If you are using a different A71CH HostLib version, the screenshots or project names indicated in this section may differ.

### 6.1 MCUXpresso IDE installation

MCUXpresso IDE is a fully featured software development environment for NXP’s ARM-based MCUs, and includes all the tools necessary to develop high-quality embedded software applications in a timely and cost-effective fashion.

MCUXpresso IDE is based on the Eclipse IDE and includes the industry standard ARM GNU toolchain. It brings developers an easy-to-use and unlimited code size development environment for NXP MCUs based on Cortex-M cores (LPC, Kinetis and i.MX RT). The IDE combines the best of the widely popular LPCXpresso and Kinetis Design Studio IDEs, providing a common platform for all NXP Cortex-M microcontrollers.

MCUXpresso IDE is a free toolchain providing developers with no restrictions on code or debug sizes. It provides an intuitive and powerful interface with profiling, power measurement on supported boards, GNU tool integration and library, multicore capable debugger, trace functionality and more. MCUXpresso IDE debug connections support Freedom, Tower, EVK, LPCXpresso and custom development boards with industry leading open-source and commercial debug probes including LPC-Link2, P&E and SEGGER.
The fully featured debugger supports both SWD and JTAG debugging, and features direct download to on-chip and external flash memory.

The installation file of MCUXpresso can be found in [MCUXPRESSO_IDE]. The setup wizard will guide the user through the process of installing MCUXpresso correctly. Since MCUXpresso requires extra drivers during the installation, check all the items on the list to allow the installation of the drivers. Make sure the checkbox for installing the NXP debug drivers is activated (Fig 13).

**Note:** Please, install MCUXpresso IDE version 10.2.0 or higher.

![MCUXpresso install wizard](image)

**6.2 OpenSDA configuration**

OpenSDA is a serial and debug adapter built into the Kinetis board. It provides a bridge between the development PC and the Kinetis MCU, which can be used for debugging, flash programming and serial communication all over USB.

**Note:** This section explains how to install the correct OpenSDA bootloader firmware version to the Kinetis FRDM board. This needs to be done for debugging, flash programming, and serial communication over a single USB connection between a host and an embedded target processor. If this section is not followed carefully, it is possible that the examples will not be executed.

To configure OpenSDA into the Kinetis board, an OpenSDA bootloader (.bin file) should be downloaded from OpenSDA website [OPENSDA_FIRMWARE]. Scroll down the page to section ‘Compatible Evaluation Boards’ and search for the target Kinetis board. For
instance, Fig 14 depicts the OpenSDA bootloader version defined for the Kinetis FRDM K64: version 2.0.

Fig 14. OpenSDA bootloader version for the Kinetis FRDM-K64F.

Once the OpenSDA bootloader version is identified, click on the ‘Downloads’ section, and scroll down until ‘J-Link OpenSDA – Generic Firmwares’ appears and download the desired version. Fig 15 illustrates the process; in this case OpenSDA V2 Bootloader has been selected according to the compatible evaluation boards table previously mentioned.

Fig 15. Desired firmware for the Kinetis FRDM-K64F.

To write the downloaded firmware into the Kinetis board, the bootloader mode must be enabled. For this, press the Kinetis board ‘Reset’ button and, while holding it down, connect a USB cable to the Kinetis board (e.g., FRDM K64, Fig 16).
After connecting the USB cable to the Kinetis board, the green led located inside the yellow square will start blinking and the development PC will show a new drive called ‘BOOTLOADER’.

Drag the downloaded firmware directly into the drive (Fig 17). Once the file is copied inside the 'BOOTLOADER' drive, unplug the Kinetis board and plug it again. The green led remains still, thus indicating that the OpenSDA bootloader firmware has been configured correctly.

Fig 16. Enabling bootloader mode.

Fig 17. Copying the firmware into the Kinetis board in ‘BOOTLOADER’ mode.
6.3 Kinetis SDK package for A71CH

To generate and download your customized SDK for your Kinetis FRDM board, you can enter the MCUXpresso SDKBuilder website [SDKBuilder] and follow these steps:

1. Select your Kinetis FRDM board and click on ‘Build MCUXpresso SDK’; in this case the selected board is the FRDM-K64F (Fig 18).

![Fig 18. SDKBuilder website.](image)

In the next screen, select the software components (Fig 19):

1. Select ‘Add software component’.
3. Click on ‘Save changes’.
4. Finally, click on ‘Download SDK’.
The downloaded SDK should be imported in MCUXpresso IDE. To import the SDK into MCUXpresso IDE, drag and drop the SDK file inside the red square ("Installed SDKs") and then click ‘OK’ to confirm the operation (Fig 20).

6.4 Importing a project in MCUXpresso IDE

There are two possible ways to import A71CH project examples in MCUXpresso IDE, depending on if we are using the MCUXpresso project files bundled with the A71CH Host Software package installer or if the installed SDK package already contains the A71CH middleware:

- Importing the A71CH example projects from local drive (bundled with installer)
- Importing the A71CH example projects from the installed SDK.

6.4.1 Importing the A71CH example projects from the installed SDK

The first option is to import the A71CH example projects from the installed SDK:

1. Select ‘Import SDK example(s)’… to import available example projects to the workspace.
Fig 21. Importing project from SDK.

An SDK Wizard window will pop-up:

2. Select ‘frdmk64f’ from Available boards and then click the next button (Fig 22).

Fig 22. Importing project from SDK. Board selection page.

3. A list with different elements included in the SDK will appear; click on ‘se-hostlib-examples’ and ‘Finish’ (Fig 23).
The imported examples will appear in the workspace window.

### 6.4.2 Importing A71CH example projects from local drive (bundled with installer)

The second option is to use the project files bundled with the A71CH Host Software package installer. The A71CH Host Software Package can be downloaded from [A71CH_HOST_SW]. For instance, these are in ‘A71CH_v<libversion>/frdmk64f_projects’ in the case of the FRDM K64F board. The content of this folder is illustrated in Fig 24. As can be seen, there are three example projects:

- **A71CH Host API usage project**: demonstrates the usage of various functionalities of the A71CH in combination with mbedTLS cryptographic library.
- **VCOM project**: allows the Kinetis board to be used as a bridge between the PC and the A71CH and enables the execution of the A71CH Configure tool and other utilities from the development PC. It will be used in this document.
- **AWS JITR demo project**.
To import a project from file system, click on ‘Import project(s) from file system…’ in the ‘Quick start Panel’ located in the bottom left (Fig 25).

After clicking the import option, a new pop-up will open. In the ‘Project directory (unpacked)’ field, browse and point to the correct project directory (Fig 26). Then, click on ‘Next’.
Finally, select all the available A71CH example project and then click on ‘Finish’.

**Note:** It is of most importance to uncheck the “Copy projects into workspace”, as shown in Fig 27.
6.5 Microsoft Visual Studio IDE installation

Microsoft Visual Studio is an integrated development environment (IDE) from Microsoft. It is used to develop computer programs, as well as web sites, web apps, web services and mobile apps. It is only needed to build and run the Host API examples. The A71CH configuration tool is delivered as well as precompiled binary in the host library package.
The available A71CH projects for Microsoft Visual Studio support Microsoft Visual Studio 2010, 2012, 2015 and 2017 versions. The Microsoft Visual Studio IDE installation process can be found as part of the Microsoft online documentation.

7. A71CH application examples execution

The A71CH Host software package includes two application examples that can be executed in a Windows platform:

- **A71CH Host API usage example**: A sample project including a set of source code examples oriented to show the A71CH Host Library usage.

- **A71CH Configure Tool**: A command line tool that supports the injection of credentials into the A71CH.

**Note**: This section details the A71CH application examples execution based on A71CH HostLib v1.4.0. If you are using a different A71CH HostLib version, the screenshots or project names indicated in this section may differ.

The following steps are required to run the A71CH Windows-based applications:

- Load `xxx_se_hostlib_examples_vcomA71CH` program into the Kinetis using MCUXpresso.
- Connect the Kinetis to the Windows platform over USB.
- Build the A71CH same projects with Microsoft Visual Studio.
• Start the built application from a Windows terminal, passing the virtual COM port address as input argument.

7.1 Set the Kinetis board as virtual COM port

Before running the A71CH example applications from a Windows platform, the Kinetis must be programmed as a virtual COM port. If the SDK has already been installed, and the project examples have been imported as explained in section 6.4, open MCUXpresso IDE and take the following steps (Fig 29):

1. Select ‘frdmk64f_se_hostlib_examples_vcomA71CH’ project.
2. Click on Debug ‘frdmk64f_se_hostlib_examples_vcomA71CH [Debug]’ (Note that the name can be slightly different in future versions of the Host software package).
3. Select J-Link OpenSDA probe and click on ‘OK’. Make sure the OpenSDA serial port is connected to the Windows platform (Fig 12, highlighted in red).
4. If a ‘Terms of use’ pop-up appears, check ‘Do not show this message again for today’ box and click ‘Accept’.

Fig 29. Configuration steps to debug using MCUXpresso IDE Console.

After that, the project will start to compile and execute automatically.
7.1.1 Connect the Kinetis board to the Windows platform over USB

Once the Kinetis board has been configured as a virtual COM port, connect it to the Windows-based platform through the USB port highlighted in yellow in Fig 12. If the Kinetis board is not recognized, check Appendix B for drivers troubleshooting.

7.2 Running A71CH Configure tool

In order to run the A71CH Configure tool, the Kinetis board is programmed to behave as a USB to I2C adapter and the A71CH Configure tool application is executed from a development PC running a Windows platform. Fig 30 illustrates the system architecture of this scenario.

Fig 30. Running A71CH Configure tool system setup (e.g. FRDM-K64F).

Fig 31 indicates the path to the A71CH Configure tool files (depending on the Microsoft Visual Studio installed version). As can be observed, there are ‘_vcom_’ projects and ‘_socket_’ projects. The first ones are meant to output the APDU commands through a virtual COM port, while the ‘_socket_’ projects are meant to output the APDU commands through a TCP/IP socket (these will be further presented).

Open the ‘_vcom_’ project by double-clicking ‘_openssl_a71ch_vcom_x86.sln’ . Microsoft Visual Studio will be automatically opened.
To configure the virtual COM address into the A71CHConfig project, do the following:

1. Right-click ‘A71CHConfig’ in the ‘Solution Explorer’ tab and open the ‘Properties’ window.
2. Then, in ‘Configuration Properties – Debugging’ tab make sure the virtual COM address is set in the ‘Command Arguments’ field.
3. Once the VCOM port has been defined, invoke menu Build - Build Solution to create the executable.

Fig 32 illustrates the above-mentioned steps to build the project in Microsoft Visual Studio. The ‘Build Solution’ option has been highlighted in red, while the ‘Properties’ and ‘Command Arguments’ field have been highlighted in green. In addition, each step has been numbered in the figure.
The resulting executable will be named 'A71CHConfig_vcom.exe' and will be in directory 'tools'. To run the obtained executable, open a PowerShell window in 'tools' folder. This can be easily done by right clicking the folder while pressing the shift key. Once in the PowerShell window, it is possible to search and list all the existing .exe files (executables) with the following command:

```
dir *.exe
```

As shown in Fig 33, the previously built 'A71CHConfig' project generated an executable file inside the 'tools' folder.

Finally, the A71CH Configure tool can be run with the following command:

```
./A71CHConfig_vcom.exe COM4 <input_arguments>
```
The A71CH Configure tool will be launched and the connection between the Windows platform and the A71CH over the Kinetis board will be established.

### 7.3 Running A71CH Host API usage example

The A71CH Host API usage examples are built with Microsoft Visual Studio:

1. In this case, right-click ‘mainA71CH’ in the ‘Solution Explorer’ tab and open the ‘Properties’ window.
2. Then, in ‘Configuration Properties – Debugging’ tab make sure the virtual COM address is set in the ‘Command Arguments’ field.
3. Once the VCOM port has been defined, invoke menu Build - Build Solution to create the executable.

Finally, the A71CH Host API usage example can be executed in two ways.

#### 7.3.1 Run the A71CH Host API usage executable from a terminal

An executable named ‘mainA71CH.exe’ will be generated in ‘/bin/Debug’ folder

To launch it, open a PowerShell by right clicking the ‘Debug’ folder while pressing the shift key. Then, start the executable with the following command:

```
..\mainA71CH.exe COM6
```

Where ‘COM6’ is the number assigned to the Kinetis configured as a virtual COM port. The A71CH Host API usage example will be launched and the connection between the Windows platform and the A71CH over the Kinetis board will be established (Fig 35).
7.3.2 Run the A71CH Host API usage from Visual Studio

Alternatively, the A71CH Host API usage application can be directly executed from the Microsoft Visual Studio. For this, just click on the 'Local Windows Debugger' as highlighted in Fig 36. A new window will pop-up showing the execution. Also, the user can add or remove test points to debug the code.
8. RJCT server

The A71CH Host software package includes a Remote Java Card Terminal server (RJCT). The RJCT server is a standalone process that can establish a communication session with a Secure Element on behalf of a client process. Therefore, the RJCT server can be used to communicate with A71CH from a remote or local client process.

Fig 37 illustrates the communication between client process running on a remote development PC and the A71CH connected to an embedded target. As an example, the i.MX6UltraLite will be used as the embedded platform. A quick start guide explaining how to setup the i.MX6UltraLite to start developing with the A71CH can be found in [QUICK_START_IMX6].
The following steps must be followed to establish a communication between a Windows platform (remote development PC) and the i.MX6UltraLite (embedded platform) over the RJCT server. In this example, the A71CH Configure tool will be executed.

1. Open a Tera Term terminal to interact with the i.MX6UltraLite platform (Fig 38, 6.3 [QUICK_START_IMX6]). Make sure the i.MX6UltraLite is connected to the ethernet.

![Tera Term window](image-url)
2. Navigate to the folder where the RJCT executable is located:
   
   ```
   root@imx6ulevk:~# cd axHostSw/linux
   ```

3. Check the IP address with the following command:
   
   ```
   root@imx6ulevk:~# ifconfig
   ```
   
   In this case, the i.MX6UltraLite address is 192.168.10.122

4. Launch the RJCT server:
   
   ```
   root@imx6ulevk:~# ./rjct_a71_i2c_imx
   ```

The RJCT starts listening to incoming APDUs from the remote development PC. Once in the Windows platform:
1. Open the Visual Studio solution '_openssl_a71ch_socket_x86.sln'. Note that in this case we will be using the '_socket_' solution since the APDUs will be sent over TCP/IP to the i.MX6UltraLite.
2. Select the ‘A71CHConfig’ project and set ‘localhost:8050’ in its properties, as shown is shown in Fig 32. Then, build the selected project.
3. An executable file called ‘A71CHConfig_socket’ will be generated in the ‘tools’ folder (Fig 33).
4. Open a Power Shell by right clicking the ‘tools’ folder while pressing the shift key. Then, start the executable with the following command:
   ```
   .\A71CHConfig_socket.exe 192.168.10.122:8050 interactive
   ```
   It will launch the A71CH Configure tool in interactive mode (Fig 41).

   ![Fig 41. A71CH Configure tool executed in interactive mode.](image)

As can be observed in Fig 42, the RJCT server (in the i.MX6UltraLite) establishes a connection with the development PC, receives the packed APDUs from the development PC and will re-direct these APDUs to the A71CH.

![Fig 42. Connection established with the RJCT server running in the i.MX6UltraLite.](image)
Then, the response from the A71CH will be sent to the development PC and printed in the PowerShell terminal. For instance, Fig 43 shows the command ‘info all’ executed from the development PC. The response to this command is prompted in the terminal after being sent to the i.MX6UltraLite and consequently to the A71CH.

![PowerShell Terminal Screenshot](image)

**Fig 43. ‘info all’ command executed from the development PC.**

### 9. Appendix A: Running A71CH application examples with USB to I2C bird

The USB to I2C bird – Ascot adaptor (OM3710/B001) can be used to interface a Windows platform as an alternative to a Kinetis board configured as a virtual COM port. In this case, the development PC will be connected to the A71CH Mini PCB board (OM3710/A71CHPCB) through the USB to I2C bird (OM3710/B001). This appendix presents how to setup the involved hardware and software to execute A71CH applications using the USB to I2C bird (OM3710/B001).

#### 9.1 USB/I2C bird (OM3710/B001)

The OM3710/B001 board is an I2C to USB converter enabling the connection of an A71CH via USB to a PC. The OM3710/B001 comes with a USB I2C Bird / Ascot adaptor and I2C bus cable.
Note: For ordering information: please contact your local sales representative.

9.2 Hardware setup

Connect the A71CH mini PCB to the USB to I2C Bird as shown in the following Fig 45. Please note the connector polarity.

Finally, connect the USB to I2C Bird to the Windows platform USB port.
9.3 Software setup

Fig 46 illustrates the system architecture, including a detailed view of the windows platform and illustrating the software layers involved when using the USB to I²C Bird solution.

A local server will be created to listen to the IP address where the A71CH application example APDUs are sent. This local server will be created using the NXPCardServer java application contained in the A71CH Host software package and will be in charge of waiting for requests from the IP address, capturing and prompting the APDU commands in a window, and re-directing these APDUs to the USB to I²C adaptor I²C address. As such, a TCP/IP address needs to be passed as an argument when running an A71CH example application.

The following steps are required to run the A71CH Windows-based applications using the USB to I²C bird:

- Install USB to I²C adaptor drivers.
- Open a local server with NXPCardServer java application. Local server will listen to localhost:8050 port and will redirect data to I²C address 90h. This is a transparent operation for the user.
- Build the target A71CH application with Microsoft Visual Studio.
- Start the built application from a Windows terminal passing the localhost:8050 address as input argument.

9.3.1 USB to I²C ASCOT adaptor – Drivers

To use the USB to I²C Ascot adaptor, it is necessary to install the required drivers. These can be found in [I2C_BIRD].

Install the executable for your processor (either 32 or 64 bits) and follow the setup wizard until it is finished. Once the driver has been correctly installed, the USB to I²C adaptor can be used to establish a communication between the Windows platform and the A71CH contained in the OM3710/A71CHPCB. Fig 47 shows a capture of the setup wizard.
9.3.2 NXPCardServer

NXPCardServer is a Java application that is called by using ‘javaws’ command in the Command Prompt. This command launches Java Web Start, which executes Java applications or applets hosted on a network and creates a local server instance. This local server will be constantly listening to the localhost:8050 IP address, and will re-direct the input commands to the I2C address of the USB to I2C Ascot adaptor.

The NXPCardServer Java application requires a 32-bit Java Runtime Environment (JRE). It is known to be compatible with Java6, Java7 and Java8.

All the required files for launching the NXPCardServer application can be found in ‘ext/NXPCardServer’ folder of the A71CH Host SW package. This folder contains several windows batch files (.bat) and application extensions (.dll), as shown in Fig 50.

When working with the USB to I2C adaptor connected to a Windows platform, the ‘NXPCardServer_I2C_Bird.bat’ file should be run to execute the ‘javaws’ command and start the server.

This .bat file will call the ‘NXPCardServer.bat’ executable with the I2C Bird configuration. ‘NXPCardServer.bat’ will first check if Java Runtime environment is installed in the Windows device. Then, the following environment variable will be automatically defined:

- JRE_HOME=%PROGRAMFILES(X86)%\Java\jre_version

Where jre_version belongs to the installed JRE version. This variable defines where the JRE is installed and where the ‘javaws’ is. Therefore, this must be correctly defined to call the ‘javaws’ function and open the local server.
The user should make sure that JRE_HOME variable has been correctly created or edited by opening the system environment variables editor of Windows. Fig 48 shows the system environment variables editor on Windows. As can be observed, JAVA_BIN and JRE_HOME variables are defined in the user variables window, while PATH variable includes the contents of JAVA_BIN (right figure).

Finally, the 'javaws' command will be called and the NXPCardServer Java applet will be started. If NXPCardServer is successfully launched, the window presented in Fig 49 will be opened and the server will start to listen to the localhost:8050 IP address.

In case these environment variables are not properly defined, the 'javaws' command will not be executed; thus, the server will not be started.
9.4 Running A71CH Configure tool

To run the A71CH Configure tool:

1. Open the Visual Studio solution ‘_openssl_a71ch_socket_x86.sln’. Note that in this case we will be using the ‘_socket_’ solution since the APDUs will be sent over TCP/IP to the NXPCardServer application.

2. Right-click ‘mainA71CH’ in the ‘Solution Explorer’ tab and open the ‘Properties’ window.

3. Then, in ‘Configuration Properties – Debugging’ tab make sure the IP address localhost:8050 is set in the ‘Command Arguments’ field.

4. Once the IP address has been defined, invoke menu Build - Build Solution to create the executable.

5. An executable file called ‘A71CHConfig_socket’ will be generated in the ‘tools’ folder. Considering the NXPCardServer is running, open a PowerShell by right clicking the ‘tools’ folder while pressing the shift key. Then, start the A71CH Configure tool with the following command:

   ```
   \A71CHConfig_socket.exe localhost:8050 debug reset
   ```

And prompt the A71CH status information with:

```
\A71CHConfig_socket.exe localhost:8050 info status
```
9.5 Running A71CH Host API usage example

Similarly, the A71CH Host API usage example can be built with Microsoft Visual Studio and launched from a PowerShell terminal. The following command can be used to start it:

```
.\mainA71CH localhost:8050
```

10. Appendix B: VCOM driver installation troubleshooting

If the Kinetis board is connected (Fig 52) and has been configured to perform as an USB to I²C adaptor, the Windows platform should detect and assign it a virtual COM port number.
To ensure that the Kinetis is correctly recognized, open the ‘Device Manager’ control panel. The Kinetis board should be detected and labeled as ‘…VCOM Port (COMX)’ within the ‘Ports (COM & LPT)’ drop-down (Fig 53).

If the Windows OS does not recognize the Kinetis board, it would appear labeled as ‘MCU VIRTUAL COM DEMO’ within ‘Other devices’ as shown in Fig 54. In this case, it means that the drivers need to be updated.
In order to update the drivers, follow the next steps:

6. Right-click on ‘MCU VIRTUAL COM DEMO’.
7. Click on Update Driver.
8. ‘Browse my computer for driver software’.
9. ‘Let me pick from a list of device drivers on my computer’.
10. Select Ports (COM & LPT).
11. Un-check ‘Show compatible hardware’.
12. Select ‘NXP’ and ‘LPC USB VCOM Port’.
13. Ignore the warning message and click on ‘Yes’.

11. Appendix C: Running examples using Cygwin

This appendix specifies how to install Cygwin and use it to run the examples and shell scripts available in the A71CH support package from a Windows machine without the need of using Visual Studio IDE.

Cygwin is a large collection of GNU and Open Source tools which provide functionality like a Linux Distribution on Windows. It consists of two parts; a Dynamic Link Library (DLL) and an extensive collection of software tools and applications that provide a Unix-like environment.

11.1 Cygwin Installation

Cygwin programs are installed by running Cygwin’s setup program. This program downloads the necessary packages from different repositories in the Internet. To download this setup program, go to [CYGWIN]. Choose the adequate option for your system (either 32-bit or 64-bit) and click on it so the download can start. Save it in your machine and run it at any time to update or install Cygwin packages.

Once the setup program is executed, it will guide the user through the installation process. The first step is to choose how to install the packages, which can be done downloading it from the Internet, installing it from a local directory, or even downloading the packets without installing them. Choose ‘Install from the internet’ and click ‘Next’. Once an installation directory is chosen, it is necessary to choose the Internet
Connection type. As can be observed in Fig 55, different options can be chosen depending on what the user considers appropriate.

Fig 55. Connection type selection page.

Then, a list of sites from where to download the packages is provided. Either select one of them or define a known site in the corresponding box. After a site is chosen, or defined, the list of packages will appear, as in Fig 56.

Fig 56. Package selection page.
In the View tab, the user can select which packages are shown (the full set of packages, those with updates available, the ones that have not been installed, etc.). To download a certain package, click on it and it will be selected for downloading.

To make use of Cygwin with A71CH, it is necessary to download the following packages: gcc, make, Openssl and Openssl-devel. Fig 57 shows the packages that must be downloaded.

![Fig 57. Package selection page.](image)

Once all the packages the user wants to download have been selected, click ‘Next’. Confirm the packages to be downloaded and click ‘Next’ again. The setup program will start downloading the selected packages.

### 11.2 A71CH application examples execution

It has already been said that Cygwin allows working in a Unix-like environment. By using it, the examples available in the Host Library can be executed from a Windows machine without the need of running Visual Studio.

![Fig 58. Running A71CH application examples with Cygwin setup.](image)

First, it is necessary to download the Bash Installer of the A71CH Host Software package [A71CH_HOST_SW]. An SH file named ‘A71CH-HOST-LINUX’ will be downloaded. Run the Cygwin terminal and go to the folder where the Bash Installer has been saved to run it (Fig 59).

![Fig 59. Running the downloaded file.](image)

This will create a folder named ‘axHostSw’ where the Host Library will be located. Using Cygwin, move to the ‘linux’ folder and build the A71CH binaries, as in Fig 60.
Fig 60. Running the build script.

Once this script is executed, the following files will be installed in the ‘linux’ folder.

Fig 61. Files created with the buildA71CH.sh script.

This way, the user can use the A71CH Configure Tool, the Host API usage examples and the OpenSSL Engine examples from the Cygwin terminal. To do that, connect the i.MX6UltraLite board as explained in [QUICK_START_IMX6], check its IP address, as shown in Section 8, and run the Remote Java Card Terminal, also as explained in Section 8.

11.2.1 Running A71CH OpenSSL Engine examples

The OpenSSL Engine examples are available in the /hostLib/embSeEngine/a71chDemo/scripts. For instance, the user can run the tlsPrepareClient.sh script to provision an A71CH security IC for TLS connection. In the Cygwin terminal, run the example specifying the IP address of the i.MX6UL evaluation board, as shown in Fig 62.
Once the script is run successfully, the A71CH will be provisioned and ready to establish a TLS connection to a server.

### 11.2.2 Running the A71CH Configure Tool

Using Cygwin, it is possible to use the A71CH Configure Tool without using Visual Studio. As an example, to run the `info all` command, just run the command shown in Fig 63 (with the appropriate IP address and port).
11.2.3 Running A71CH Host API usage examples

Similarly, it is possible to run the Host API usage example by running the A71CH_socket_native.exe application. The information about the A71CH Host API usage examples can be found in [AN_A71CH_HOST_SW] and in the Doxygen documentation [A71CH_HOST_SW]. Fig 64 shows the result of this command in the Cygwin terminal.

Fig 63. Running the A71CH Configure Tool using Cygwin.
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