

Security-Conscious Debugging Methods for RH850 Devices (Main-Core Debugging)

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Introduction

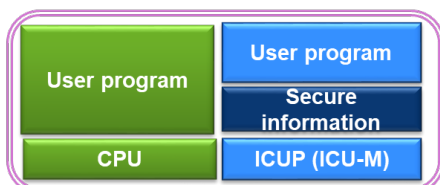
In applications that use the Intelligent Cryptographic Unit Master (ICU-M), which is a hardware security module installed on the RH850, separately managing the secure user programs running on the ICU-M core and the non-secure user programs running on a main CPU core enables the development of user programs while keeping secure information confidential from engineers who are developing the non-secure programs. This application note describes the usage and gives notes on the debugging of the non-secure user programs running on a main CPU core (hereafter referred to as main-core debugging).

What is main-core debugging?

⇒ Debugging of user programs on the main CPU core with the user programs on the ICU-M running but not taken into consideration.

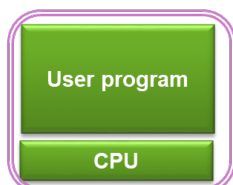
Development environment 1

Debugging environment for both cores with the ICU-M enabled



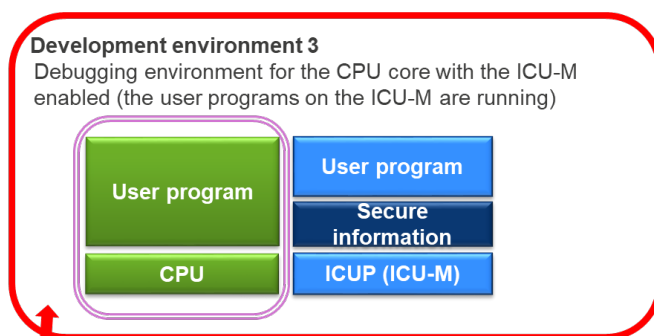
Development environment 2

Debugging environment for the CPU core with the ICU-M disabled



Development environment 3

Debugging environment for the CPU core with the ICU-M enabled (the user programs on the ICU-M are running)



We have prepared a new environment (main-core debugging) for the development of user programs in a way that keeps secure information confidential from engineers who are developing the non-secure programs.

 : Core to be debugged

Target Devices

RH850/F1KH-D8, RH850/F1KM-S4

RH850/E2x, RH850/U2A

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Terminology

Some specific words used in this user's manual are defined below.

Integrated development environment

This tool provides powerful support for the development of embedded applications for Renesas microcomputers. It has an emulator debugger function allowing the emulator to be controlled from the host machine via an interface. Furthermore, it permits a range of operations from editing a project to building and debugging it to be performed within the same application. In addition, it supports version management.

Emulator debugger

This means a software tool that is started up from the integrated development environment, and controls the emulator and enables debugging.

Host machine

This means a personal computer used to control the emulator.

Target device

This means the device to be debugged.

User system

This means a user's application system in which the MCU to be debugged is used.

User program

This means the application program to be debugged.

User system interface

This means the interface that the E1/E20/E2/IE850A emulator connects to a user's application system.

Configuration of E1/E20/E2/IE850A Manuals

When you debug RH850 family devices by using the E1/E20/E2/IE850A emulator, be sure to read the user's manuals stated in (1) and (2) below.

(1) E1/E20/E2/IE850A emulator user's manual

These user's manuals have the following contents:

- Components of the emulator
- Hardware specification
- Connection to the emulator and the host machine and user system

(2) E1/E20/E2/IE850A Emulator Additional Documents for User's Manual

E1/E20/E2/IE850A Emulator Additional Documents for User's Manual describe the features of the debugger, items dependent on the given MCU, and give notes on usage.

1. Overview

The main-core debugging feature provided by the E1/E20/E2/IE850A emulator enables debugging of the user programs on a CPU while the ICU-M is operating.

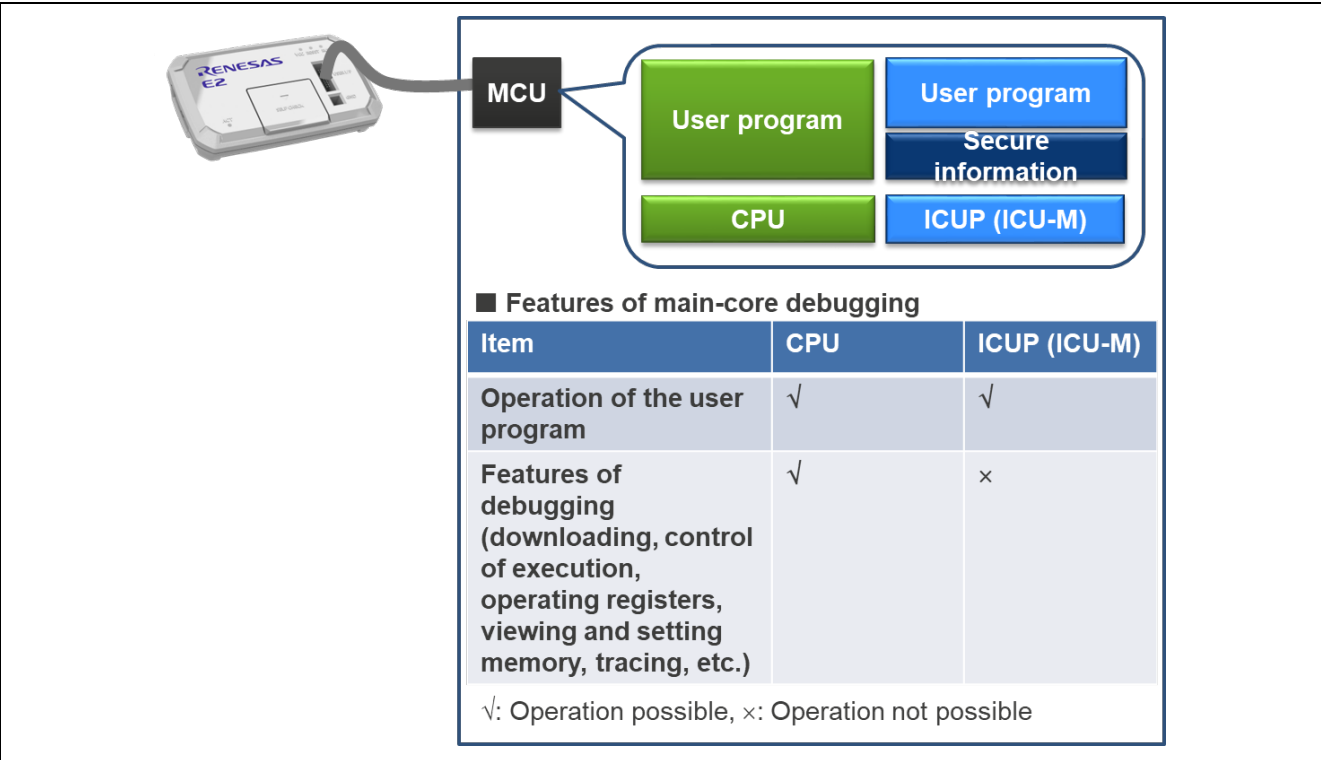


Figure 1-1 Outline of Operations in Main-Core Debugging

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1.1 Example of the Use of Main-Core Debugging

Since the engineers can develop software on the main-core side while keeping the operation of the ICU-M confidential, it is possible to establish development systems that suit the security levels of the software engineers.

(1) Assumed users involved in development

Figure 1-2 shows an example of the users for examples of the use of main-core debugging.

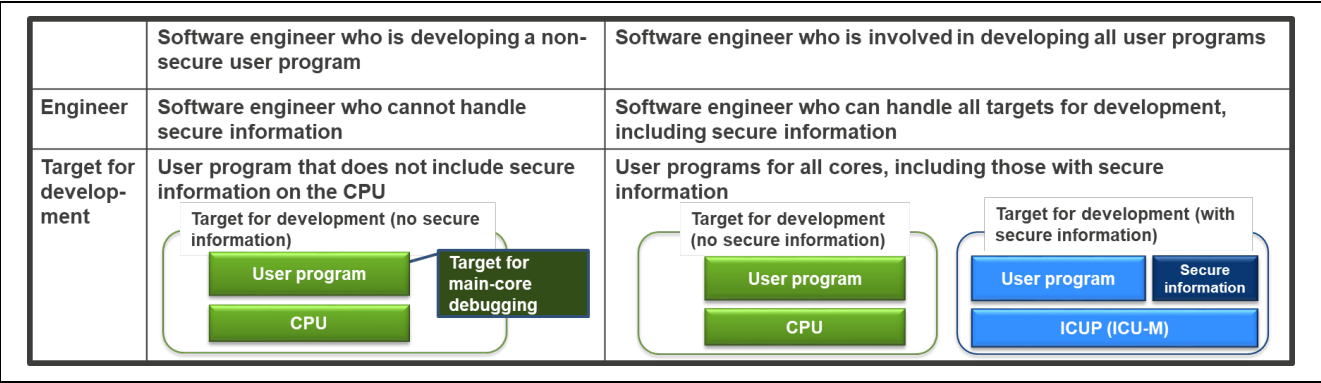


Figure 1-2 Example of the Use of Main-Core Debugging (Assumed Users Involved in Development)

(2) Example of operations

Figure 1-3 shows an example of operations.

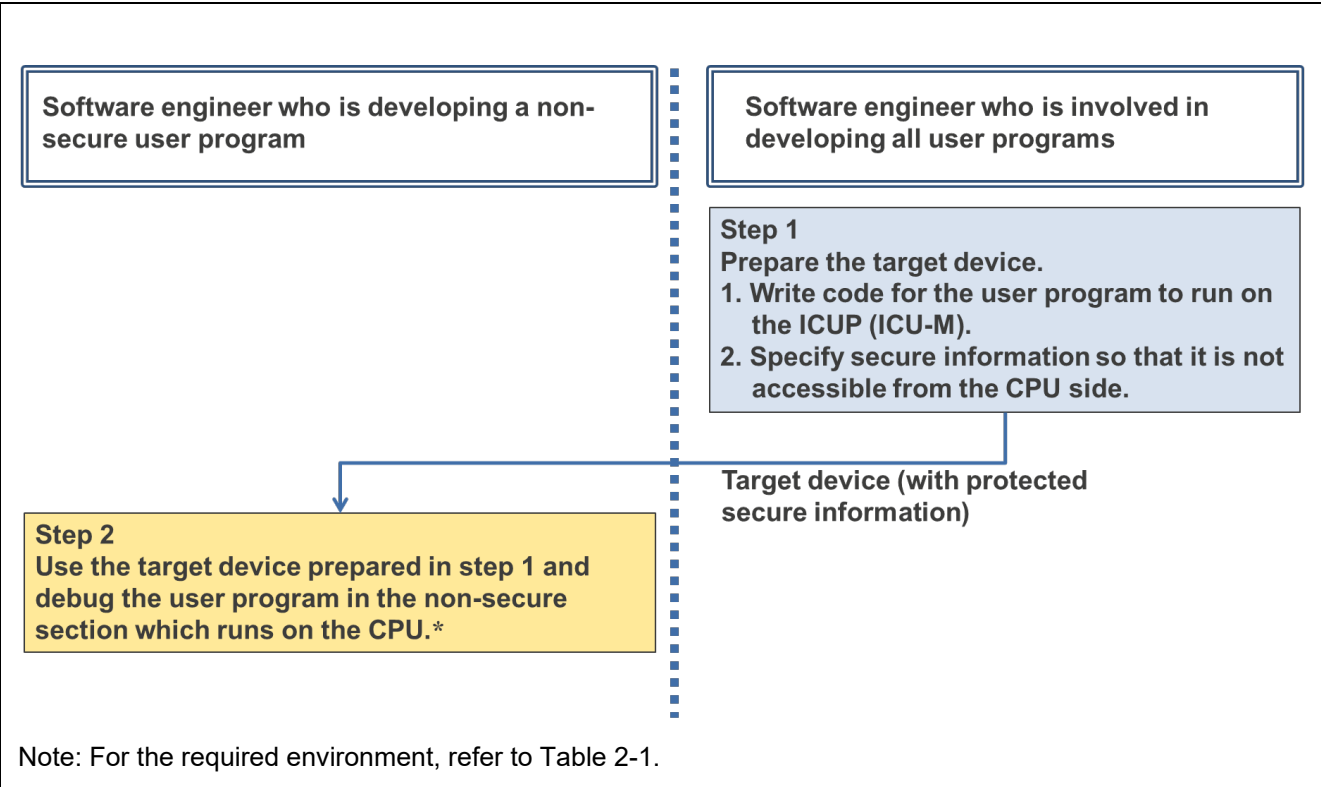


Figure 1-3 Example of the Use of Main-Core Debugging (Example of Operations)

2. Required Environment

2.1 System Configuration and Required Environment

Figure 2-1 and Table 2-1 show the system configuration and required environment.

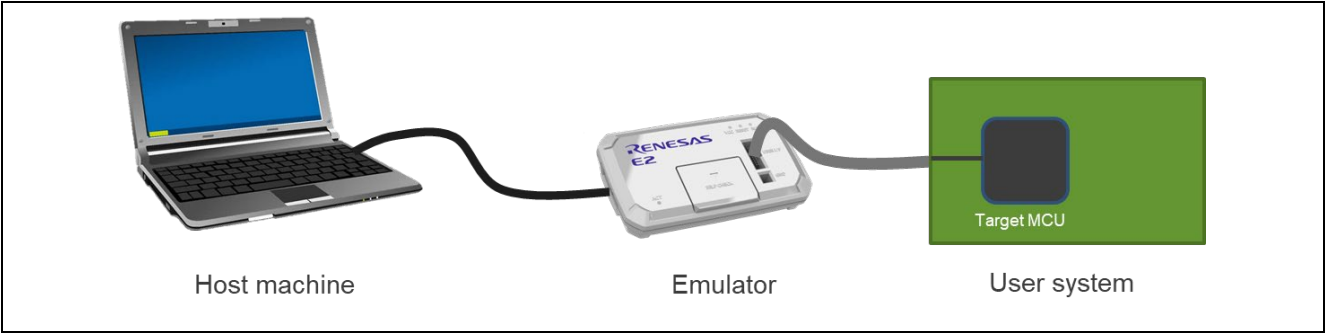


Figure 2-1 System Configuration

Table 2-1 Required Environment

Item	Target device	Detail
Emulator	RH850/F1KH-D8 RH850/F1KM-S4	RENESAS E1/E20/E2 emulator
	RH850/E2x RH850/U2A	RENESAS E2/IE850A emulator
Integrated development environment (version)	RH850/F1KH-D8 RH850/F1KM-S4	RENESAS CS+ (V6.01 or later versions)
		Green Hills Software MULTI (850eserv2 V2.047 or later versions)
	RH850/E2x RH850/U2A	RENESAS CS+ (V8.03 or later versions)
		Green Hills Software MULTI (850eserv2 V2.057 or later versions)

3. Using the Main-Core Debugging Feature

3.1 Starting Main-Core Debugging

Figure 3-1 shows how to start main-core debugging.

When C&R authentication is not required, main-core debugging is started in the same way as with the current debugger.

After main-core debugging is started, debugging features are used in the same way as with the current debugger.

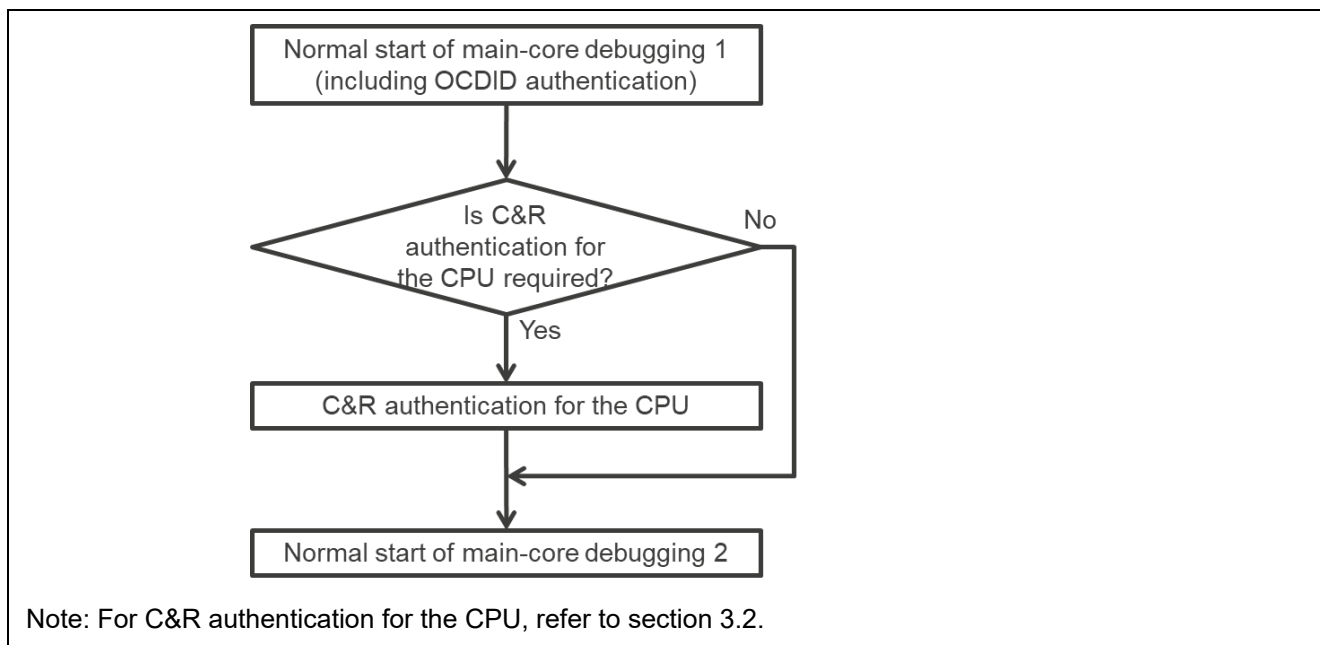


Figure 3-1 Starting Main-Core Debugging

3.2 C&R Authentication with the Debugger

There are dialog and DLL methods for C&R authentication. In the dialog method, authentication is performed after the challenge data acquired from the ICU-M is displayed on the debugger and the user reads it, generates the response data, and enters the response data in the dialog box. In the DLL method, the user creates a DLL for generating the response data and registers it with the debugger in advance. After that, authentication is performed after the debugger passes the challenge data acquired from the ICU-M to the DLL and sends the response data generated by the DLL to the ICU-M.

3.2.1 DLL Method

(1) Creating an authentication DLL

Create a DLL that includes the following function.

```
int ConvertData(char target, unsigned int number, unsigned int* challenge,
unsigned int* response)
```

— Arguments

target: (Input) C&R for the CPU: 0, C&R for the ICU-M: 1

number: (Input) The number of elements in the array of challenge data

challenge: (Input) Array in which the challenge data have been stored

response: (Output) Array in which the response data have been stored

— Return values

0: Succeeded, 1: Failed

— Features

After the debugger passes the challenge data acquired from the ICU-M to the array `challenge`, generate the response data to be stored in array `response`. The debugger receives and sends the response data to the ICU-M and authentication proceeds.

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(2) Setting the authentication DLL

The created DLL must be registered in the debugger. According to the following example, register the authentication DLL with the debugger.

Example: For CS+

Right-click on [RH850 E1 (LPD) (Debug Tool)] and open [Property (P)].

Select “Yes” for [Use authentication dll] in [Security] on the [Connect Settings] tabbed page.

Specify the absolute path for the authentication DLL which is used for [Authentication dll] in [Security] on the [Connect Settings] tabbed page.

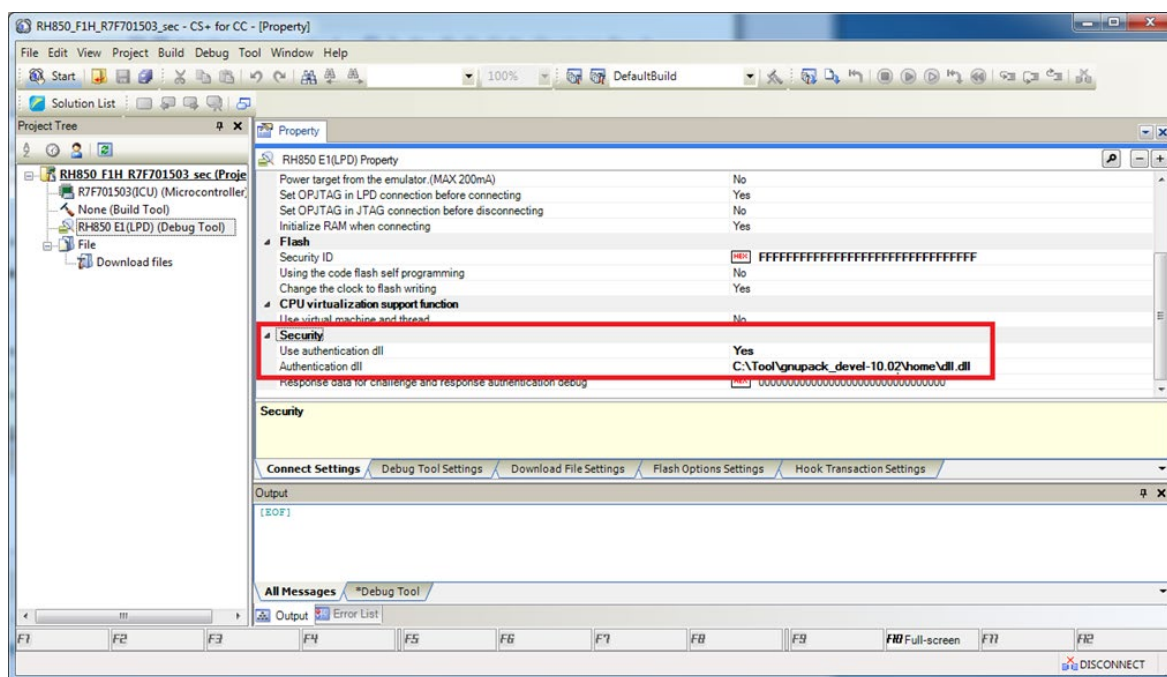


Figure 3-2 Setting the Authentication DLL

Example: For GHS MULTI

Specify the `-cr_dll=<dll_path>` option for the connect command when 850eserv2 is started.

Specify the full path to the authentication DLL as `dll_path`.

```
connect 850eserv2 -rh850 -e1lpd4=default ... -  
cr_dll=c:\Tool\Authentication\CR_Auth.dll
```

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3.2.2 Dialog Method

Example: For CS+

Right-click on [RH850 E1 (LPD) (Debug Tool)] and open [Property (P)].

Select "No" for [Use authentication dll] in [Security] on the [Connect Settings] tabbed page.

Select [Connect to Debug Tool (C)] under the [Debug (D)] menu. Once the debugger has normally acquired the challenge data, the dialog box shown in Figure 3-3 is displayed. Authentication proceeds through entry of the response data and clicking on [OK]. The data are aligned from the left in the order of bits 127 to 0.

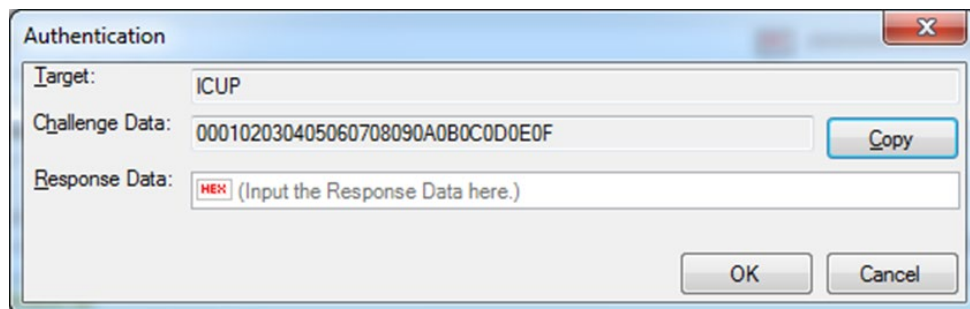


Figure 3-3 Example of Setting a Dialog Box (CS+)

Example: For GHS MULTI

Specify the -cr option for the connect command when 850eserv2 is started.

```
connect 850eserv2 -rh850 -ellpd4=default ... -cr
```

Once the debugger has normally acquired the challenge data, the dialog box shown in Figure 3-4 is displayed. Authentication proceeds through entry of the response data and clicking on [Authentication]. The data are aligned from the left in the order of bits 127 to 0.

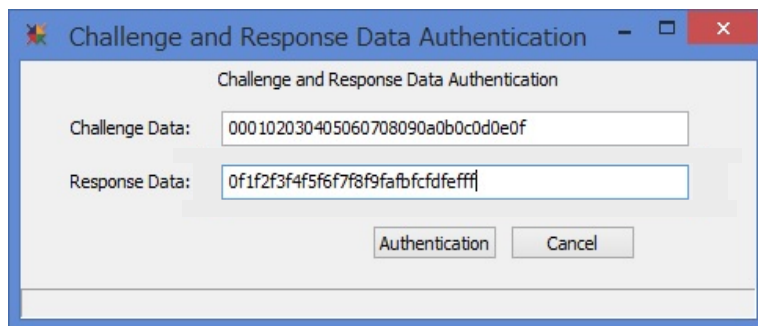


Figure 3-4 Example of Setting a Dialog Box (MULTI)

In case of success in authentication, "C&R security Authentication success" is displayed in the command pane and connection of the debugger is completed. In case of failure in authentication, "C&R security Authentication error" is displayed.

4. Notes

- (1) When the following operations are done in the emulator debugger, operation of the ICU-M is temporarily stopped to avoid contention between the ICU-M and a core other than the ICU-M for access to shared resources.
 - Reading from, writing to, or downloading to the code flash or data flash area
 - Example 1: Downloading a user program
 - Example 2: Executing a program while a software break is set in the code flash area
 - Processing for rewriting the instruction to that for a break is performed when the program is executed.
 - Reading from or writing to option bytes
- (2) When the emulator debugger issues a reset, all cores including the ICU-M are reset.
- (3) If a break in execution by the main core occurs, a reset will not be generated even if the ICU-M tries to issue a reset.
- (4) When a peripheral break function is enabled during main-core debugging, the operation of the peripheral modules subject to the peripheral break function is stopped during breaks in execution by the main core. In case of access by a user program being executed on the ICU-M to a peripheral module which has stopped operating during this time, the program may not operate correctly. In such cases, disable the peripheral break function. For the peripheral modules subject to the peripheral break function, refer to the section on the on-chip debugging unit (OCD) in the user's manual for the target device.

Revision History

Rev.	Date	Description	
		Page	Summary
1.00	Sep.03.18	—	First edition issued
1.01	Mar.17.20	—	Added target devices.

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2. Processing at Power-on

The state of the product is undefined at the moment when power is supplied.

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