

RL78/G16

Modbus ASCII/RTU

Introduction

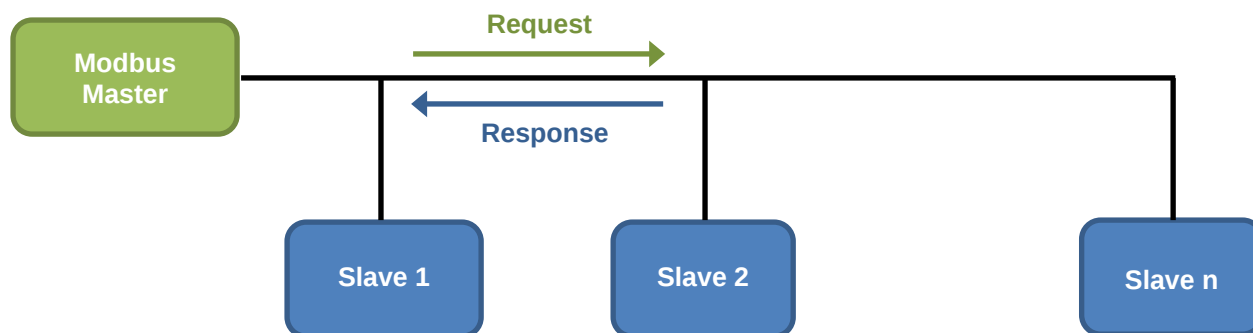
Modbus is a communication protocol developed by Modicon Inc. (AEG Schneider Automation International SAS) for PLCs. It is used for the purpose of data transfer, not only for PLCs but also between electronic devices. It is widely used in the field of factory automation and plant automation because the specifications are open to the public, free to use, and relatively easy to implement. This makes it the most common serial communication protocol for connecting industrial equipment.

For example, in a factory, Modbus is used to connect devices through various wired or wireless communication gateways. The master device used by Modbus can be a gateway, HMI, SCADA (Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition), PLC, or similar device. The slave devices can include I/O control devices, temperature and humidity measuring machines, meters, frequency transformers, motor units, etc.

There are two Modbus transmission modes, both based on serial communication: Modbus ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) and Modbus RTU (Remote Terminal Unit).

Modbus ASCII transmits data as ASCII strings by converting each byte of data into a two-character ASCII code. Termination characters are appended to delimit the data, which increases the amount of data and increases the transmission time compared to Modbus RTU. On the other hand, the transmitted data is easier to parse. Modbus RTU, in contrast, transmits the data in binary format without conversion. To delimit the data in Modbus RTU, a non-communication interval of at least 3.5 characters is required. The amount of data and the transmission time are reduced compared to Modbus ASCII, but parsing the transmitted data requires using a timer.

Modbus communication uses a single-master/multi-slave method in which the slave responds to requests from the master. There is 1 master and 1 to 247 slaves in a Modbus network. Each slave must have a unique address (1 to 247) in the network. Since it is not possible to communicate with different data formats on the same network, either Modbus ASCII or Modbus RTU must be used exclusively on a single network.



At the physical layer, Modbus ASCII/RTU often uses the RS-485 standard. Connecting the RL78 microcontroller with the Renesas RS-485 transceiver via UART makes it easy to implement communication by slave devices over Modbus ASCII/RTU. The RL78 microcontroller is particularly ideal for simple functions such as low-power operation, I/O control, and temperature and humidity measurement. Early-stage development can be done using our sample programs.

Summary

This Application Note describes a sample program that combines an RL78 microcontroller with a Renesas RS-485 transceiver to enable master/slave functionality over Modbus ASCII/RTU.

Evaluation Device

RL78/G16, RAA788152 (RS-485 transceiver), PmodUSBUART

Before applying the sample program covered in this application note to another microcontroller, modify the program according to the specifications for the target microcontroller and conduct an extensive evaluation of the modified program.

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1. Specifications

This application note provides an example of implementing Modbus communication over UART communication. GPIO is used to set the send/receive permissions on the RAA788152 and then Modbus frames are sent and received from the UART0 pins. TAU0 is used for measuring the interval between characters and interval between frames while sending and receiving.

Table 1-1 Peripheral Functions to be Used and their Purpose

Peripheral Function	Purpose	
PORT	P13	Control send/receive permissions on the RAA788152
SAU0	UART0	Send/receive Modbus frames
SAU1	UART2	Output Modbus frame send/receive logs and error logs
TAU0	Channel 0	Measure the interval between characters in the Modbus frame and the interval between frames
	Channel 1	In master mode, used to time out when waiting for a response from a slave

2. Confirmed System Requirements

The sample code in this application note has been confirmed to work under the following system requirements.

Table 2-1 System Requirements

Item	Specification
Microcontroller to be used	RL78/G16(R5F121BCAFP)
Board used	- RL78/G16 Fast Prototyping Board (RTK5RLG160C00000BJ) - RS-485 Transceivers Evaluation Board (RTKA788152DE0000BU)
Operating frequency	- High-speed on-chip oscillator clock: 16 MHz - CPU/peripheral hardware clock: 16 MHz
Operating voltage	5 V
Integrated development environment (CS+)	Made by Renesas Electronics Corporation CS+ for CC V8.10.00
C compiler (CS+)	Made by Renesas Electronics Corporation CC-RL V1.12.01
Integrated development environment (e2 studio)	Made by Renesas Electronics Corporation e2 studio V23.7.0
C compiler (e2 studio)	Made by Renesas Electronics Corporation CC-RL V1.12.01
Example peripheral device configuration	For details, see 4. Description of the Hardware

Note When using COM port debugging on the RL78/G16 Fast Prototyping Board, in the [Connection with Target Board] of Debug hardware's COM port (RL78) in the integrated development environment, please select the COM port number for assignment to the RL78/G16 Fast Prototyping Board from the pull-down list for COM port.

3. Related Application Notes

The application notes related to this application note are listed below. Please refer to them as well.

Application Note: RL78/G16 Serial Array Unit (UART Communication) (R01AN6903)

Application Note: RL78/G16 Timer Array Unit (Interval timer) (R01AN7023)

4. Description of the Hardware

4.1 Hardware Configuration Example

This section describes an example hardware configuration that assumes that you are using the RL78/G22 Fast Prototyping Board ([RTK7RLG160C00000BJ](#)) and the 5V Half-Duplex RS-485 Transceivers Evaluation Board ([RTKA788152DE0000BU](#)) as the RS-485 transceiver. You can output the logs by using PmodUSBUART separately. For the log specifications, see 5.13 Log Specifications

4.1.1 RL78 – PC (GUI) Environment

Figure 4-1 shows the Example Configuration for the RL78 – PC (GUI) Environment.

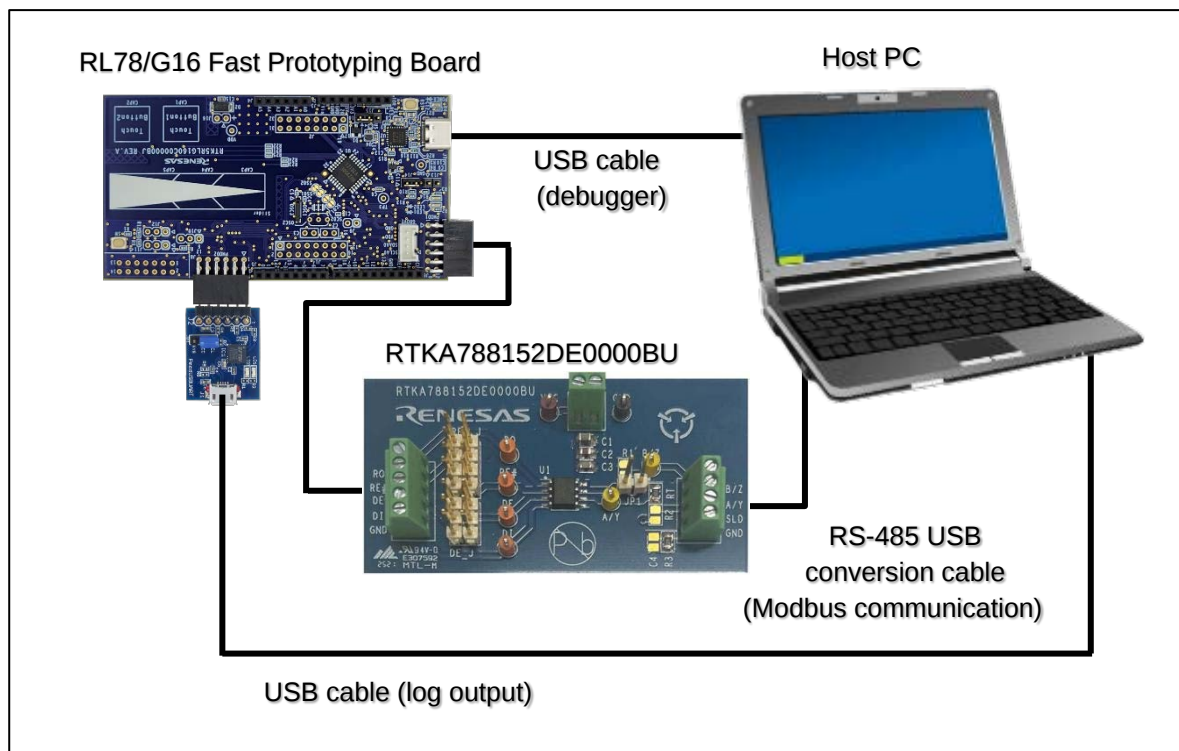


Figure 4-1 Example Configuration for the RL78 – PC (GUI) Environment

4.1.2 RL78 – RL78 Environment

Figure 4-2 shows the Example Configuration for the RL78 – RL78 Environment.

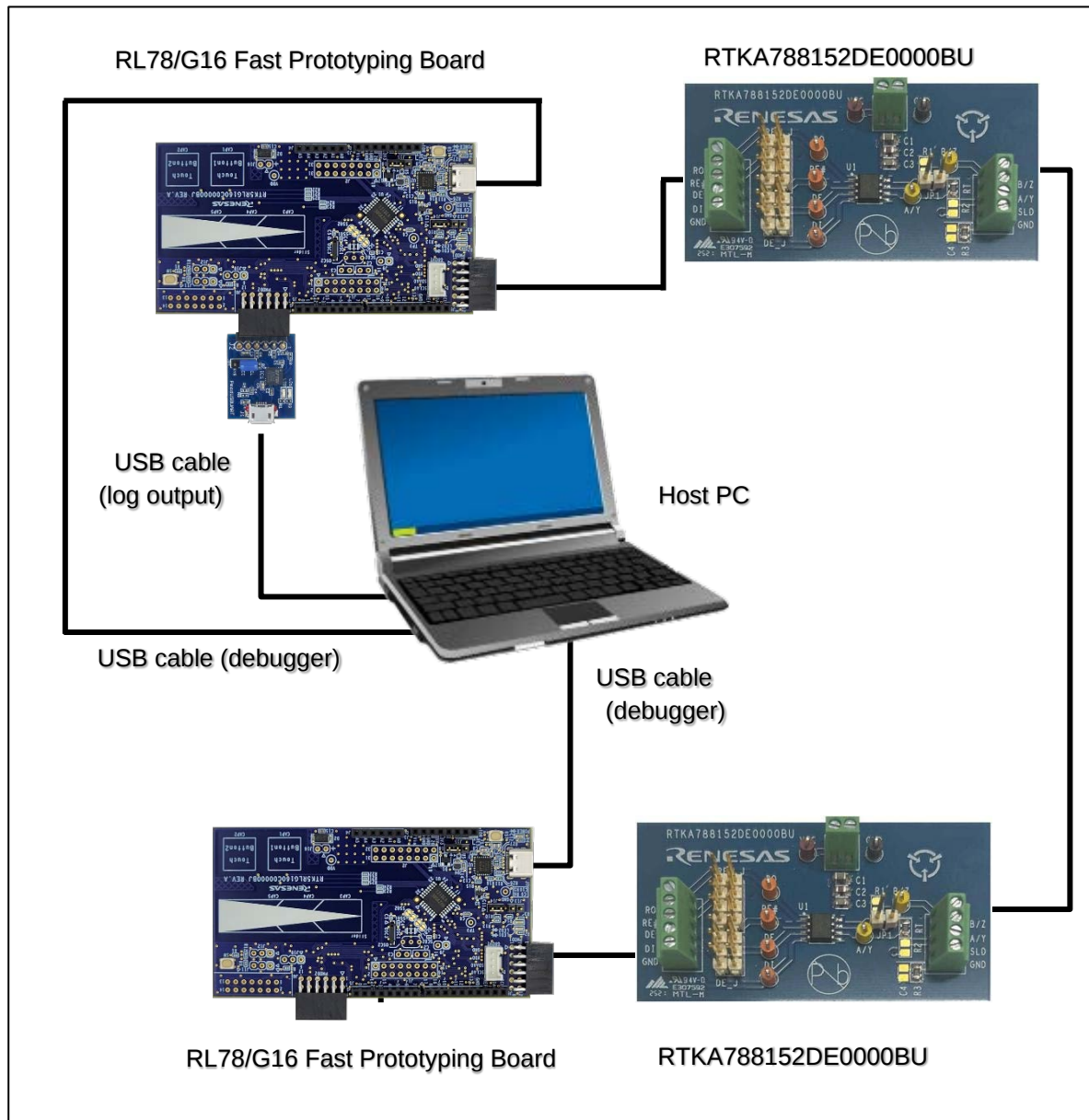


Figure 4-2 Example Configuration for the RL78 – RL78 Environment

4.1.3 RL78 – User Modbus Device Environment

Figure 4-3 shows the Example Configuration for the RL78 – User Modbus Device Environment.

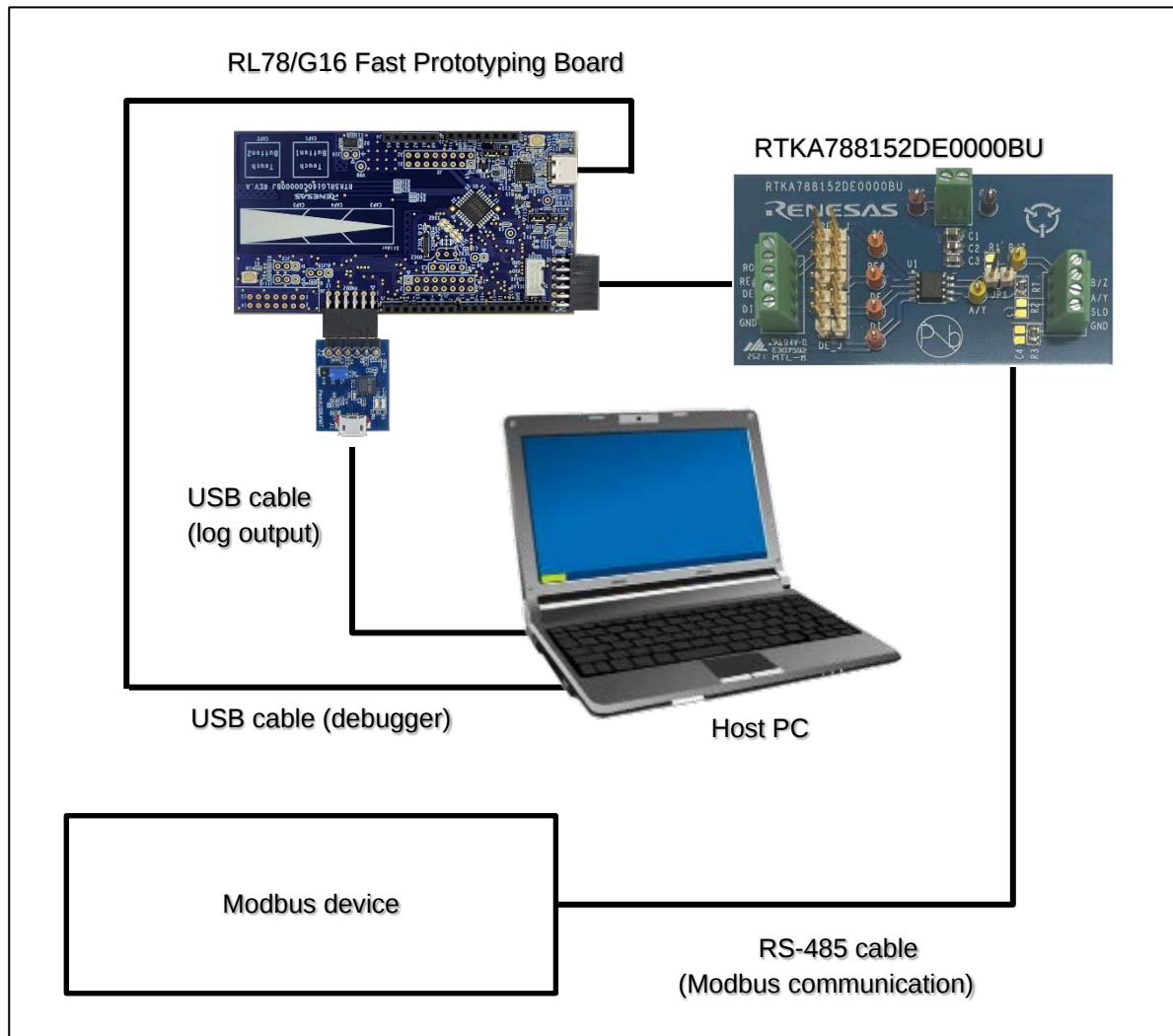


Figure 4-3 Example Configuration for the RL78 – User Modbus Device Environment

4.2 Table of Pins Connecting the RL78/G16 Fast Prototyping Board and the RTKA788152DE0000BU

Table 4-1 shows the Pins Connecting the RL78/G16 Fast Prototyping Board and the RTKA788152DE0000BU.

Table 4-1 Pins Connecting the RL78/G16 Fast Prototyping Board and the RTKA788152DE0000BU

RL78/G16 Fast Prototyping Board			RTKA788152DE0000BU		
Connector	Pin Number	Pin Name	Connector	Pin Number	Pin Name
Pmod™1	1	P13	IN	2, 3	RE#, DE
	2	P03/TxD0		4	DI
	3	P04/RxD0		1	RO
	5	GND	POWER	2	GND
	6	TARGET_VCC		1	VCC

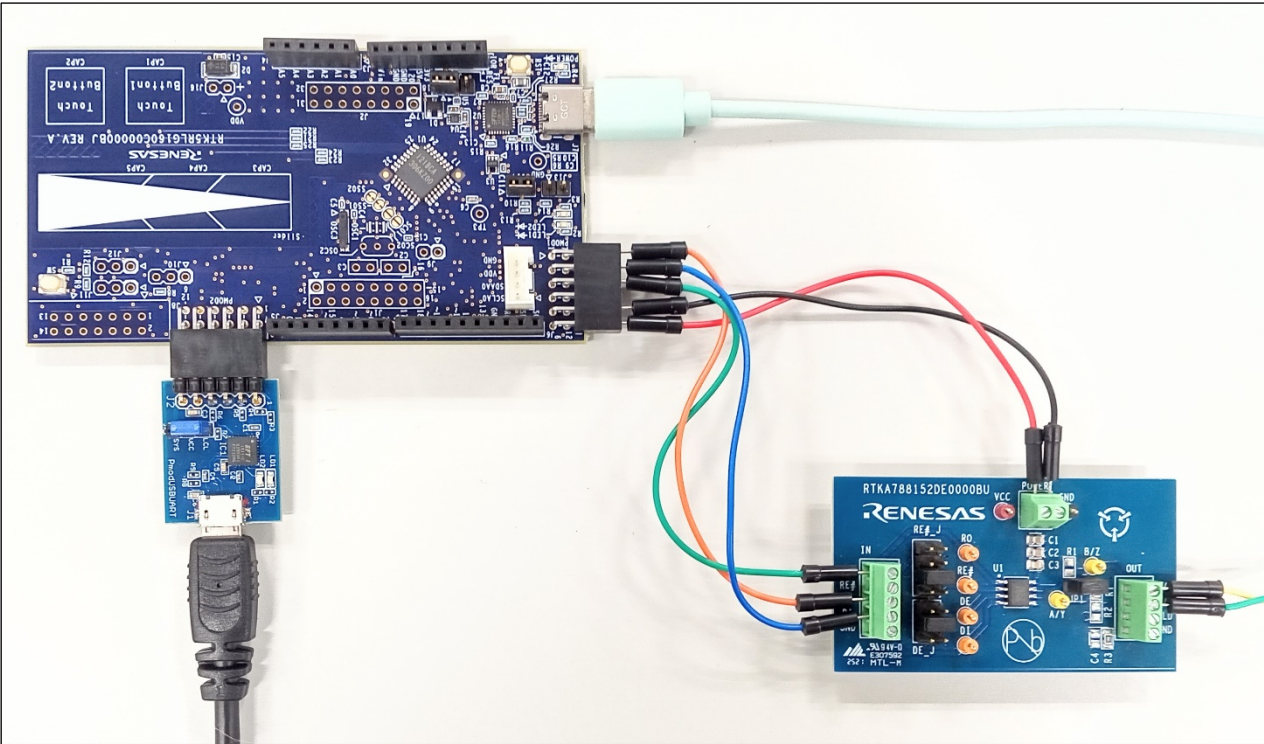


Figure 4-4 The photo of connection between RL78/G16 Fast Prototyping Board and RTKA788152DE0000BU

4.3 RTKA788152DE0000BU Jumper Pin Settings

To receiver enable (RE#)/driver enable (DE) of the RTKA788152DE0000BU with a single GPIO, set the 5pin and 6pin of the RE#_J connector of the RTKA788152DE0000BU to short. Also, DE_J connector should be set to short 3pin and 4pin. This setting shorts RE# and DE. Also, to meet the RS-485 termination requirements, set JP1 short for the terminating resistor at the first or final end.

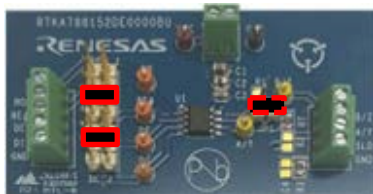


Figure 4-5 RTKA788152DE0000BU jumper pin connection picture

4.4 List of Pins Used

Table 4-2 shows the Pins Used and their Functions.

Table 4-2 Pins Used and their Functions

Pin Name	Input or Output	Purpose
P13	Output	Control send/receive permissions on the RAA788152
P03/TxD0	Output	Send Modbus frame
P04/RxD0	Input	Receive Modbus frame
P21/TxD2	Output	Output Modbus frame send/receive logs and error logs

5. Description of the Software

5.1 Operation Overview

In this sample code, the UART sending and receiving functions are used for serial communication with a connected device using the Modbus protocol. It has master/slave functions, and the communication method supports ASCII and RTU. Note that the master/slave and ASCII/RTU settings can be changed by defining constants.

Accessible registers are kept in RAM and executed according to the function code.

5.1.1 UART Communication Settings for Modbus Communication

Table 5-1 shows the UART Communication Settings for Modbus Communication. The UART communication settings for Modbus communication can be changed by modifying `r_modbus_serial.c` and `r_modbus_time.c`.

Table 5-1 UART Communication Settings for Modbus Communication

Baud Rate	Data Length	Parity	Stop Bit	Flow Control
19200 bps	ASCII (7-bit), RTU (8-bit)	Even	1 bit	None

5.1.2 UART Communication Settings for Modbus Log Output

Table 5-2 shows the UART Communication Settings for Log Output. The communication settings of the UART for Modbus log output can be changed from code generation.

Table 5-2 UART Communication Settings for Log Output

Baud Rate	Data Length	Parity	Stop Bit	Flow Control
19200 bps	8-bit	Even	1 bit	None

5.1.3 Supported Function Codes

Table 5-3 shows Supported Function Codes.

Table 5-3 Supported Function Codes

Code	Name	Function
01(0x01)	READ COILS	Read the discrete output ON/OFF state.
02(0x02)	READ DISCRETE INPUTS	Read the discrete input ON/OFF state.
03(0x03)	READ HOLDING REGISTERS	Read the contents of the holding register.
04(0x04)	READ INPUT REGISTER	Read the contents of the input register.
05(0x05)	WRITE SINGLE COIL	Write the ON/OFF state to the discrete output.
06(0x06)	WRITE SINGLE REGISTER	Write the contents to the holding register.
15(0x0F)	WRITE MULTIPLE COILS	Write the ON/OFF state to multiple consecutive discrete output coils.
16(0x10)	WRITE MULTIPLE REGISTERS	Write the contents to multiple consecutive holding registers.
23(0x17)	READ/WRITE MULTIPLE REGISTERS	Write the contents to multiple consecutive holding registers and read the contents of multiple consecutive holding registers.

5.1.4 Modbus Register Assignments

This section describes the Modbus register assignments in slave mode. Although the sample code does not assign functions to each register. This sample code of the Modbus protocol is implemented so that the following values can be Read/Write.

Table 5-4 shows the Modbus Register Assignments (1/2), and Table 5-5 shows the Modbus Register Assignments (2/2).

Table 5-4 Modbus Register Assignments (1/2)

Register Name	Access Unit	Number of Registers	Address Range	Initial Value
Discrete Output	1 bit	16	0x0000	1
			0x0001	1
			0x0002	1
			0x0003	1
			0x0004	1
			0x0005	1
			0x0006	1
			0x0007	1
			0x0008	1
			0x0009	1
			0x000A	1
			0x000B	1
			0x000C	1
			0x000D	1
			0x000E	1
			0x000F	1
Discrete Input	1 bit	16	0x0000	1
			0x0001	1
			0x0002	0
			0x0003	0
			0x0004	1
			0x0005	0
			0x0006	1
			0x0007	0
			0x0008	0
			0x0009	0
			0x000A	1
			0x000B	1
			0x000C	0
			0x000D	1
			0x000E	0
			0x000F	1

Discrete Input works as follows when "g_discrete_input [] = {0xCA, 0x35};".

- 0x0A with 4bit read
- 0xCA with 8-bit read
- 0xCA05 with 12-bit read
- 0xCA35 with 16-bit read

Table 5-5 Modbus Register Assignments (2/2)

Register Name	Access Unit	Number of Registers	Address	Initial Value
Input Register	2 bytes	8	0x0000	0x01FF
			0x0001	0x03FF
			0x0002	0x07FF
			0x0003	0x0FFF
			0x0004	0x1FFF
			0x0005	0x3FFF
			0x0006	0x7FFF
			0x0007	0xFFFF
Holding Register	2 bytes	8	0x0000	0x0000
			0x0001	0x0000
			0x0002	0x0000
			0x0003	0x0000
			0x0004	0x0000
			0x0005	0x0000
			0x0006	0x0000
			0x0007	0x0000

5.2 Setting of Option Byte

Table 5-6 Option Byte Settings shows the option byte settings.

Table 5-6 Option Byte Settings

Address	Setting Value	Contents
000C0H	11111110B	Watchdog time counter operation enabled (Counting started after reset) Stops watchdog timer operation during HALT/STOP mode
000C1H	11110111B	SPOR detection voltage At rising edge TYP. 2.90 V (2.76 V to 3.02 V) At falling edge TYP. 2.84 V (2.70 V to 2.96 V) P125 pin function: RESET input
000C2H	11111001B	High-speed on-chip oscillator clock: 16 MHz
000C3H	10000101B	Enables on-chip debugging

5.3 File Organization

Figure 5-1 shows the File Organization.

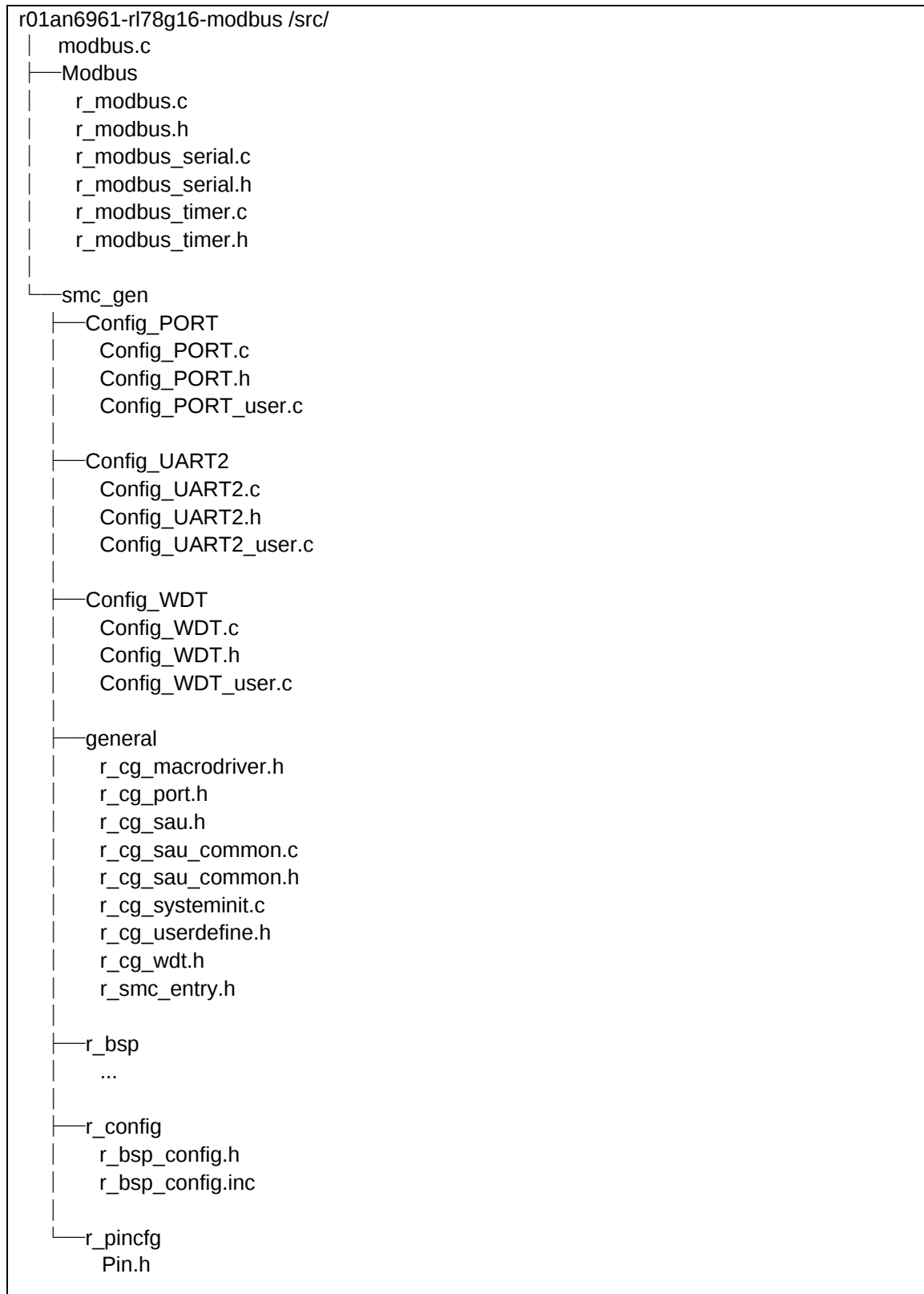


Figure 5-1 File Organization

5.4 Slave Mode (ASCII)

When the sample code runs in slave mode (ASCII), the main process initializes the peripheral functions and waits for the Modbus receive flag to be set. The Modbus receive flag is set when a Modbus ASCII frame is received from the UART0 interrupt handling. After the Modbus receive flag is set, the program checks the values of the slave address, function code, and checksum, and calls the callback function if they are all in compliance. The program checks TAU00 for a timeout of the interval between characters in the Modbus frame. If the TAU00 interrupt occurs between the time of the UART0 receive interrupt and completion of the Modbus packet, the program considers this an interval between characters error and clears the receive count and receive buffer.

The timeout period for an interval between characters error in ASCII is not specified by the standard. For some applications, an interval greater than 1 second means that an error has occurred, but other applications may require a longer timeout period. In the sample code the period is set to 1 second.

Finally, the Modbus communication frame logs and error logs are output to UART2.

5.4.1 Main Processing

Figure 5-2 shows the Main Processing (Slave Mode (ASCII)) flow chart.

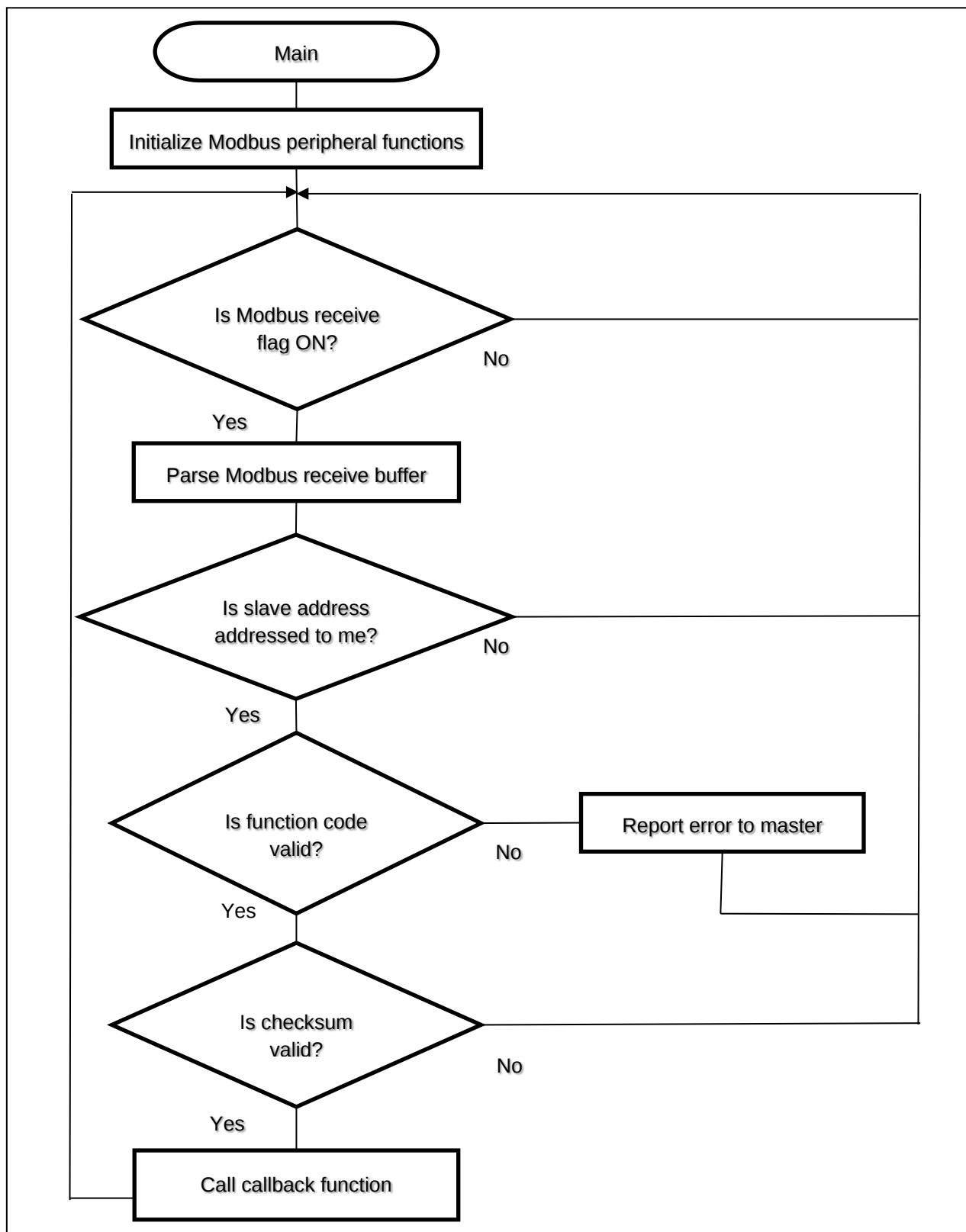


Figure 5-2 Main Processing (Slave Mode (ASCII))

5.4.2 Serial Receive Interrupt Handling

Figure 5-3 shows the Serial Receive Interrupt Handling (Slave Mode (ASCII)) flow chart.

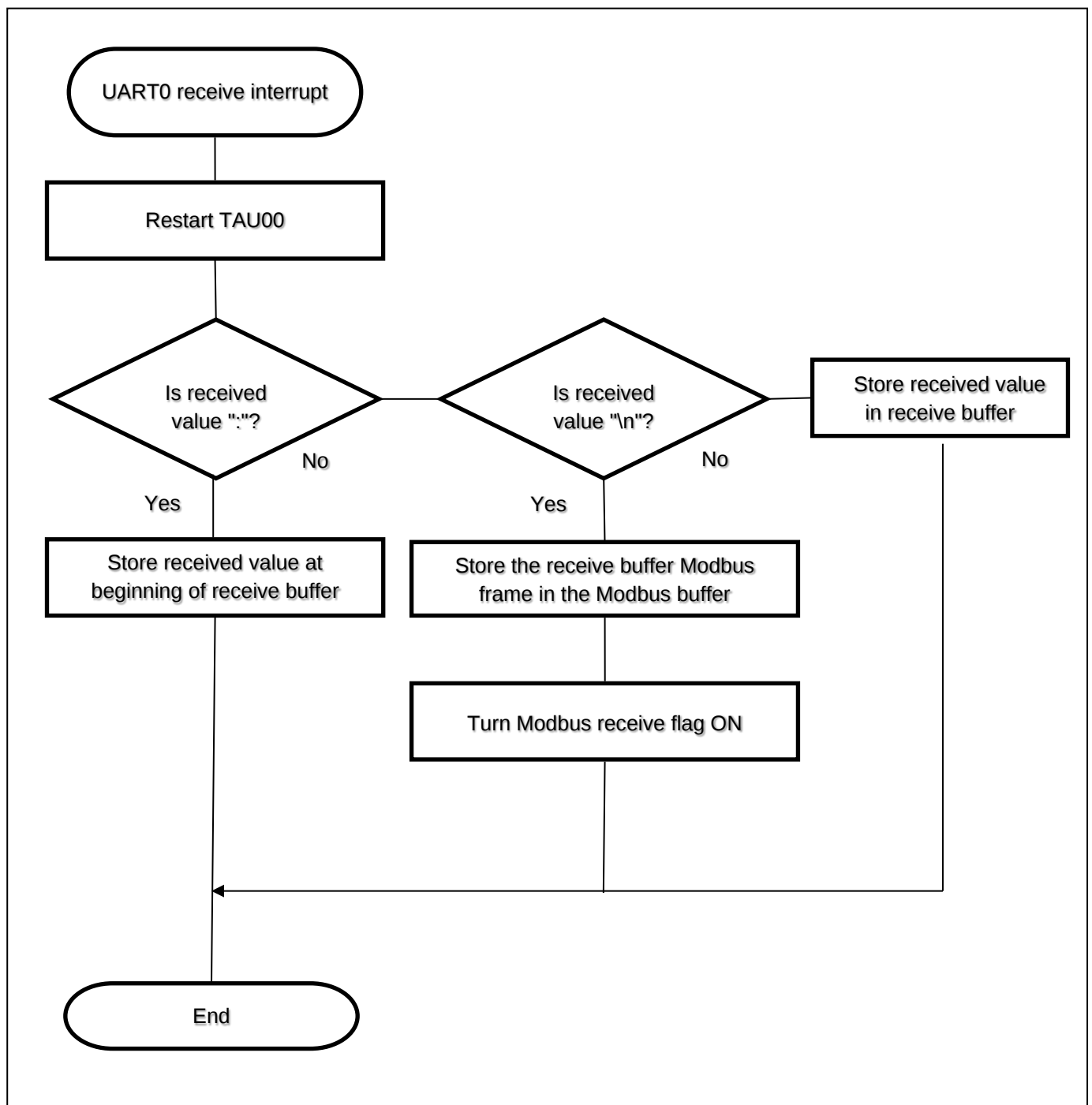


Figure 5-3 Serial Receive Interrupt Handling (Slave Mode (ASCII))

5.4.3 Interval Between Characters Error Interrupt

Figure 5-4 shows the Interval Between Characters Error Interrupt Handling (Slave Mode (ASCII)) flow chart.

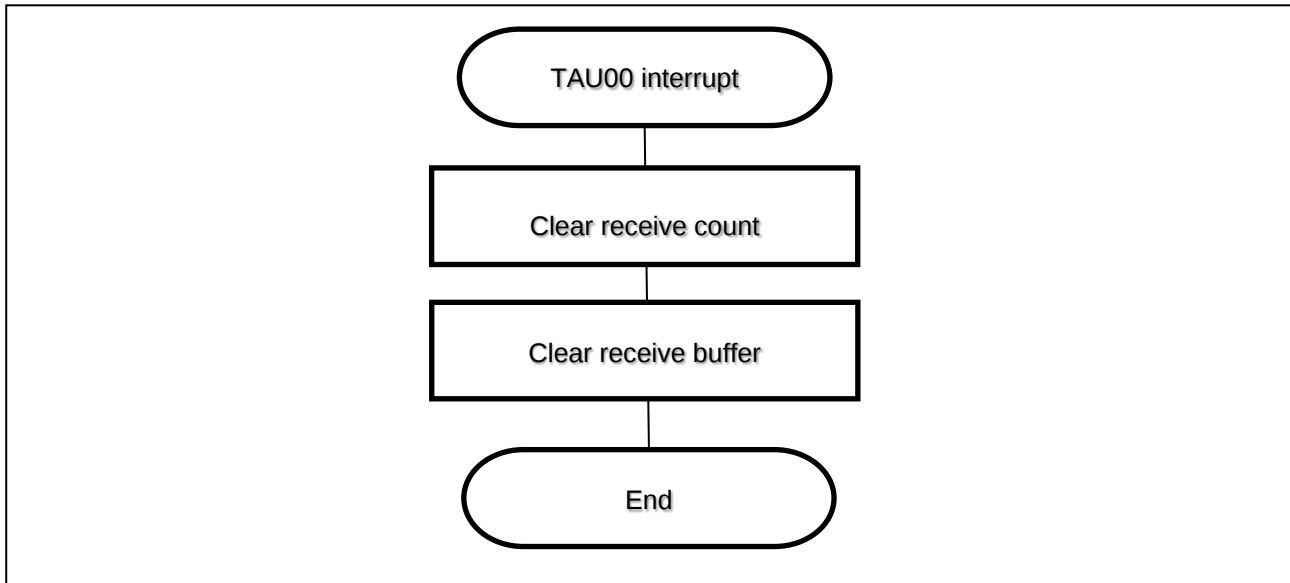


Figure 5-4 Interval Between Characters Error Interrupt Handling (Slave Mode (ASCII))

5.5 Slave Mode (RTU)

When the sample code runs in slave mode (RTU), the main process initializes the peripheral functions and waits for the Modbus receive flag to be set. The program checks TAU00 for a timeout in the interval between characters in the Modbus frame or the interval between frames. If the TAU00 interrupt occurs between the time of the UART0 interrupt and completion of the Modbus packet, the program sets the interval between characters error flag, changes TAU00 to the period of the interval between frames, and then starts. If the UART0 receive interrupt handling occurs again with the interval between characters error flag set, the program considers this an interval between characters error and clears the receive count and receive buffer. If TAU00 interrupt handling occurs with this flag set but no UART0 receive interrupt is generated, it is considered normal termination, the interval between characters error flag is cleared, and the Modbus receive flag is set. After the Modbus receive flag is set, the program checks the values of the slave address, function code, and checksum, and calls the callback function if they are all in compliance.

The timeout period for an interval between characters error in the RTU is 1.5 characters, and the interval between frames is 3.5 characters. Depending on the communication settings in the sample code, the respective periods are set as follows.

Each interval = number of characters × number of bits per character × communication time per bit × accuracy of HOCO (1%)

Interval between characters: $1.5 \times 11 \times 1/19200 \times 1.01 \approx 868$ [us]

Interval between frames: $3.5 \times 11 \times 1/19200 \times 1.01 \approx 2026$ [us]

In this sample code, a single timer (TAU00) is used to make two determinations: the interval between characters and the interval between frames. After the timer interrupt occurs for the interval between characters, TAU00 is changed to 1158 [us] ($2026 - 868$) and used to determine the interval between frames.

Finally, the Modbus communication frame logs and error logs are output to UART2.

5.5.1 Main Processing

Figure 5-5 shows the Main Processing (Slave Mode (RTU)).

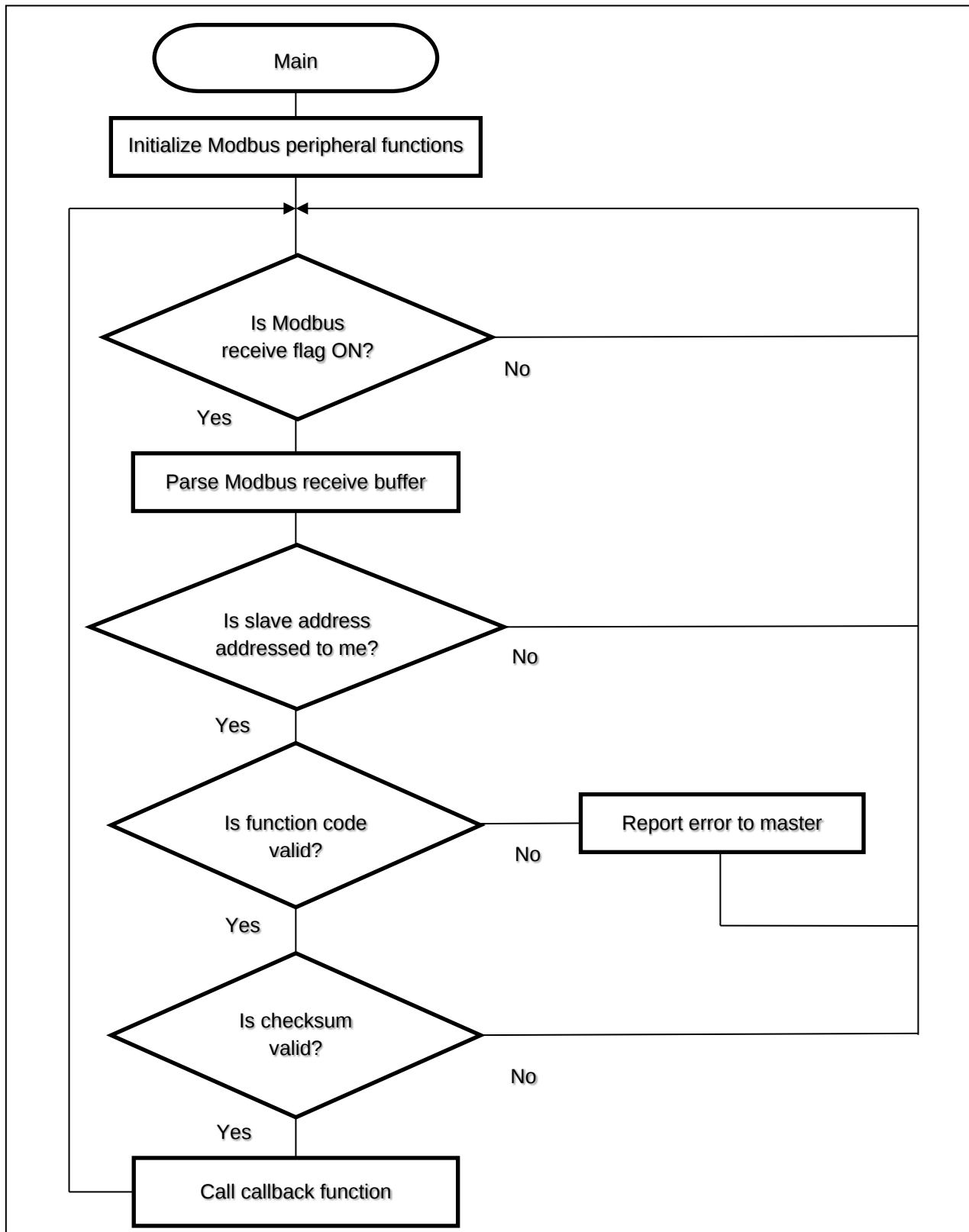


Figure 5-5 Main Processing (Slave Mode (RTU))

5.5.2 Serial Receive Interrupt Handling

Figure 5-6 shows the Serial Receive Interrupt Handling (Slave Mode (RTU)) flow chart.

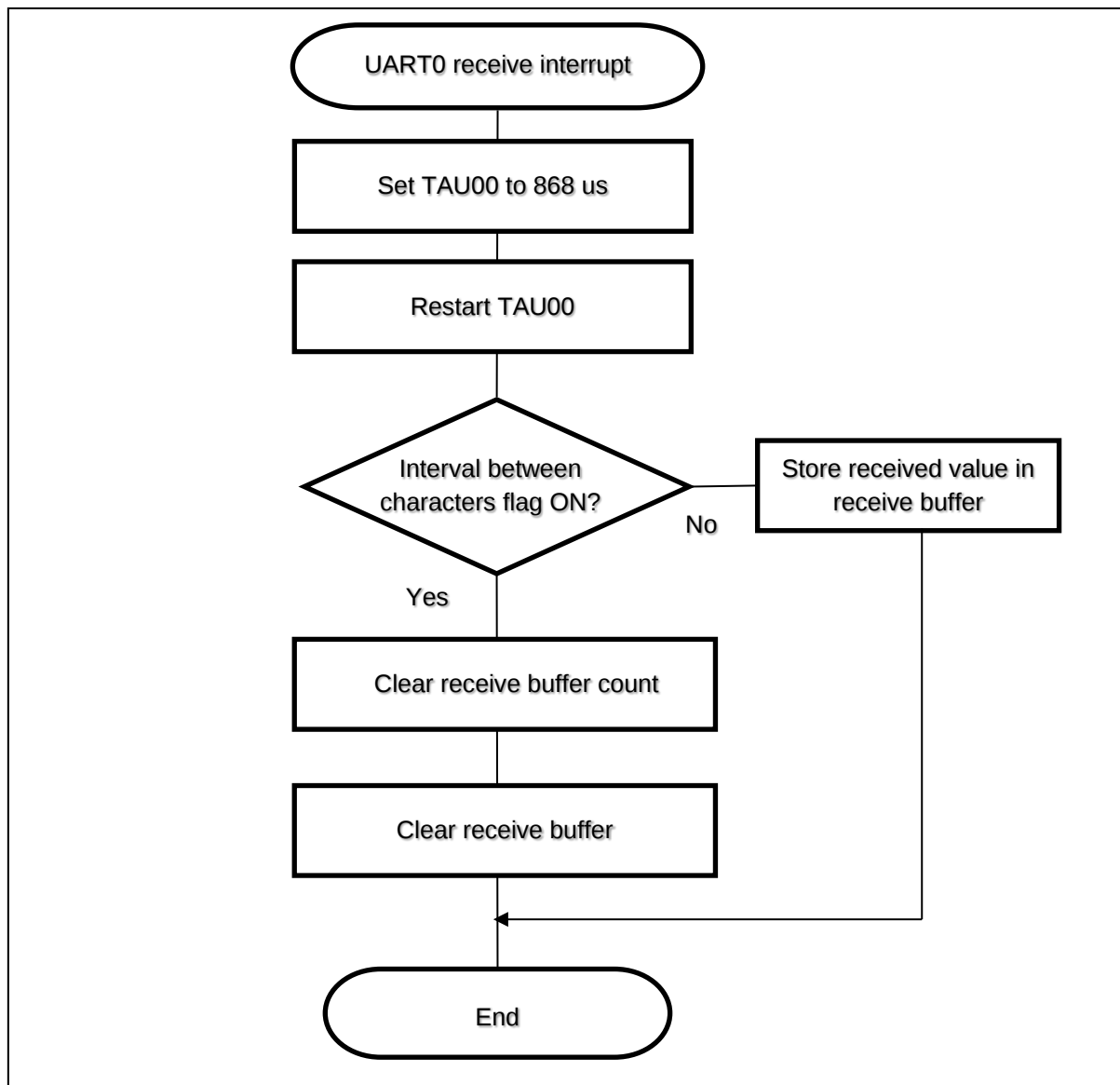


Figure 5-6 Serial Receive Interrupt Handling (Slave Mode (RTU))

5.5.3 Interval Between Characters Interrupt Handling

Figure 5-7 shows the Interval Between Characters Interrupt Handling (Slave Mode (RTU)) flow chart.

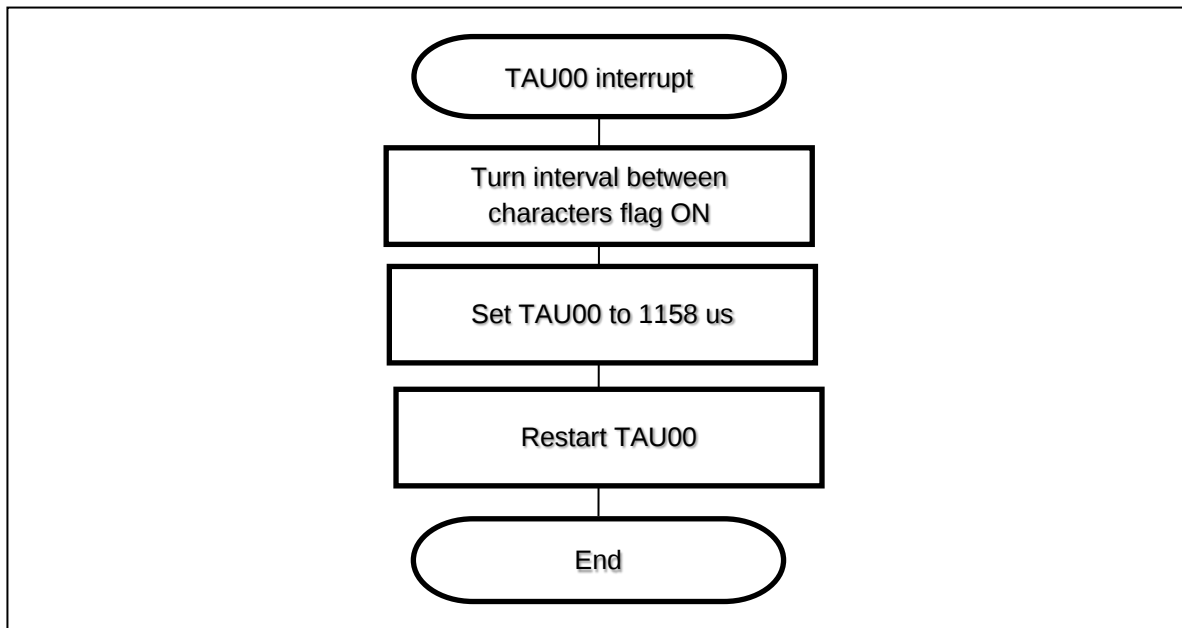


Figure 5-7 Interval Between Characters Interrupt Handling (Slave Mode (RTU))

5.5.4 Modbus Received Interrupt Handling

Figure 5-8 shows the Modbus Received Interrupt Handling (Slave Mode (RTU)) flow chart.

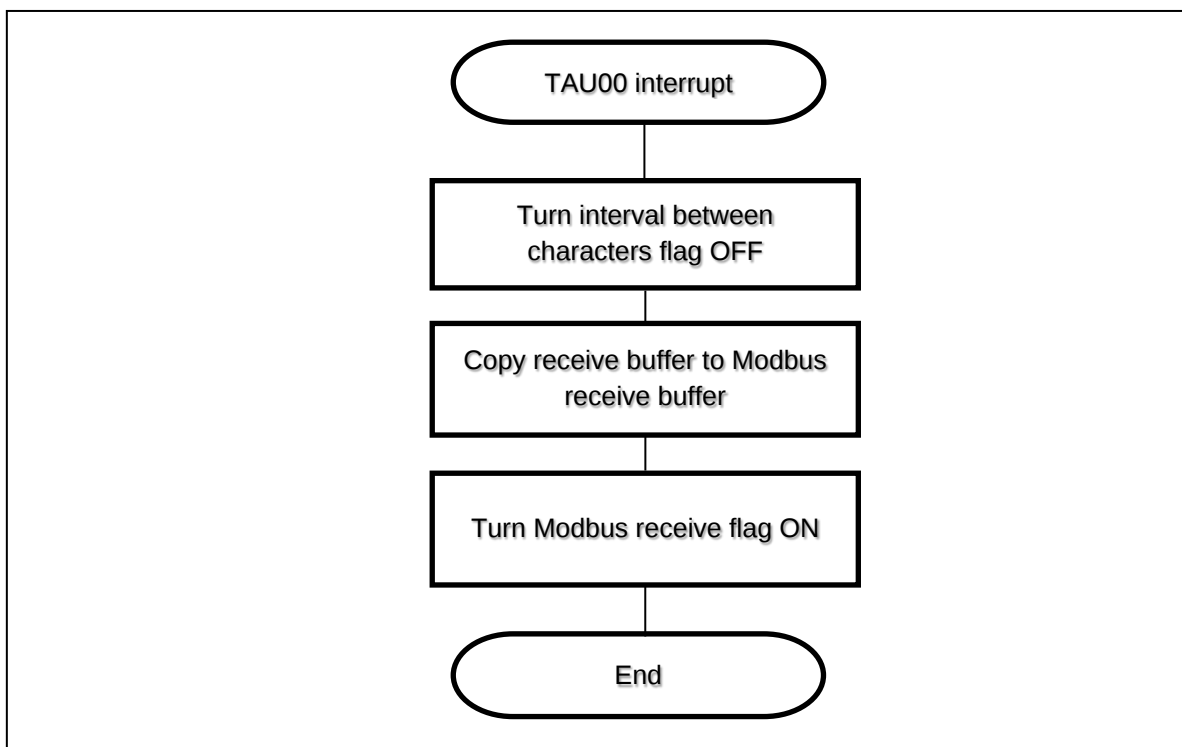


Figure 5-8 Modbus Received Interrupt Handling (Slave Mode (RTU))

5.6 Master Mode (ASCII)

When the sample code runs in master mode (ASCII), it sends Read Coils to SLAVE ID = 0x01 every second. When it receives the response from the slave, the program calls the callback function. The program checks TAU00 for a timeout of the interval between characters in the Modbus frame. If the TAU00 interrupt occurs between the time of the receive interrupt and completion of the Modbus packet, the program considers this an interval between characters error and clears the receive count and receive buffer.

The timeout period for an interval between characters error in ASCII is not specified by the standard. For some applications, an interval greater than 1 second means that an error has occurred, but other applications may require a longer timeout period. In the sample code the period is set to 1 second. The Read Coils transmission interval (1 second) uses TAU01.

Finally, the Modbus communication frame logs and error logs are output to UART2.

5.6.1 Main Processing

Figure 5-9 shows the Main Processing (Master Mode (ASCII)) flow chart.

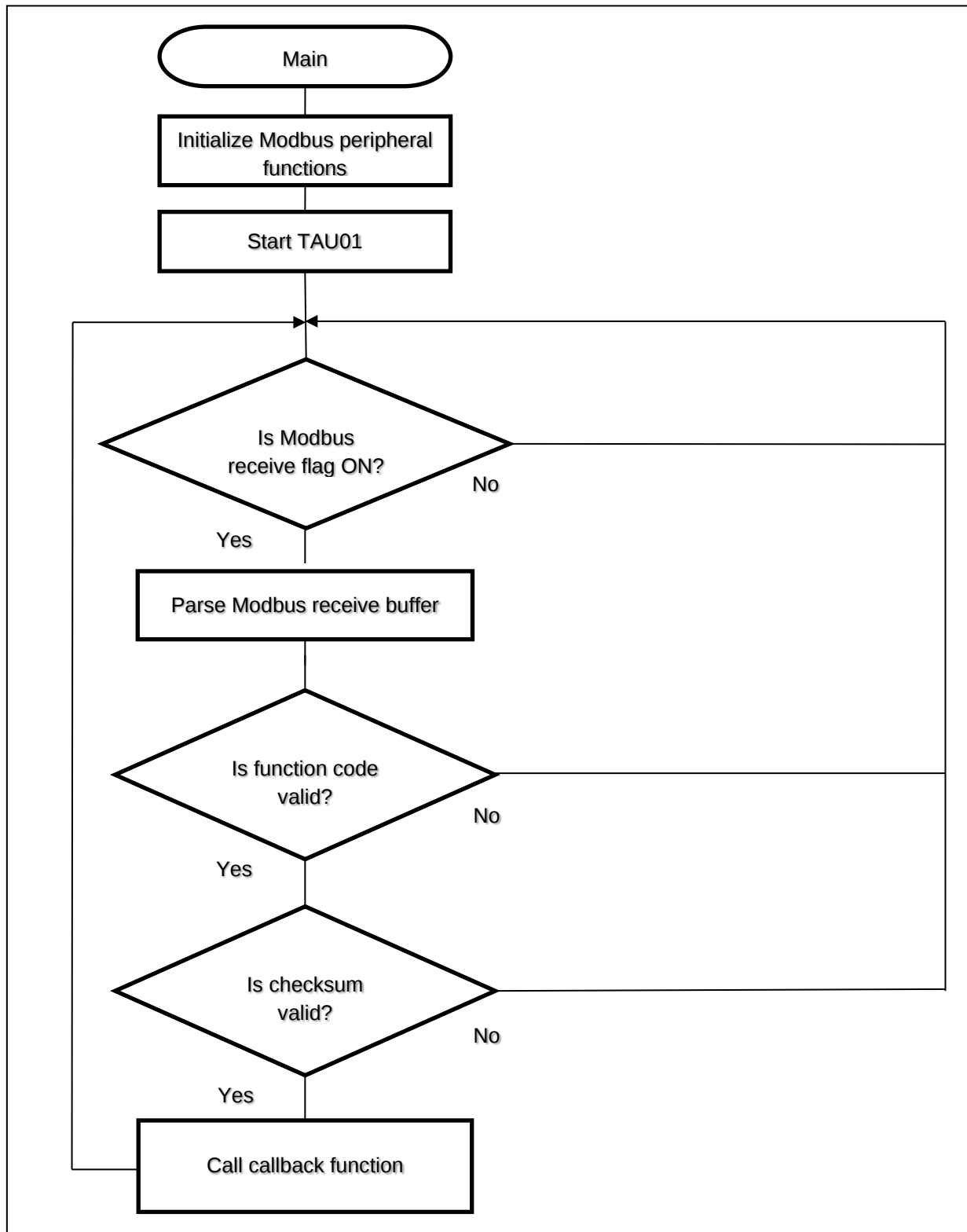


Figure 5-9 Main Processing (Master Mode (ASCII))

5.6.2 Read Coil Send Interrupt Handling

Figure 5-10 shows the Read Coil Send Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (ASCII)) flow chart.

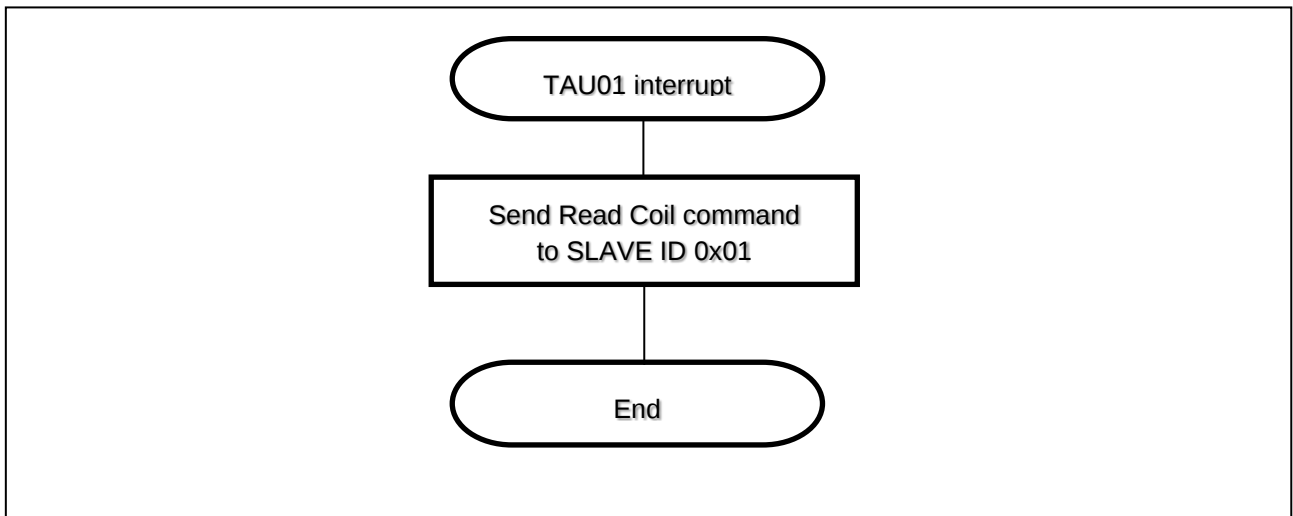


Figure 5-10 Read Coil Send Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (ASCII))

5.6.3 Serial Receive Interrupt Handling

Figure 5-11 shows the Serial Receive Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (ASCII)) flow chart.

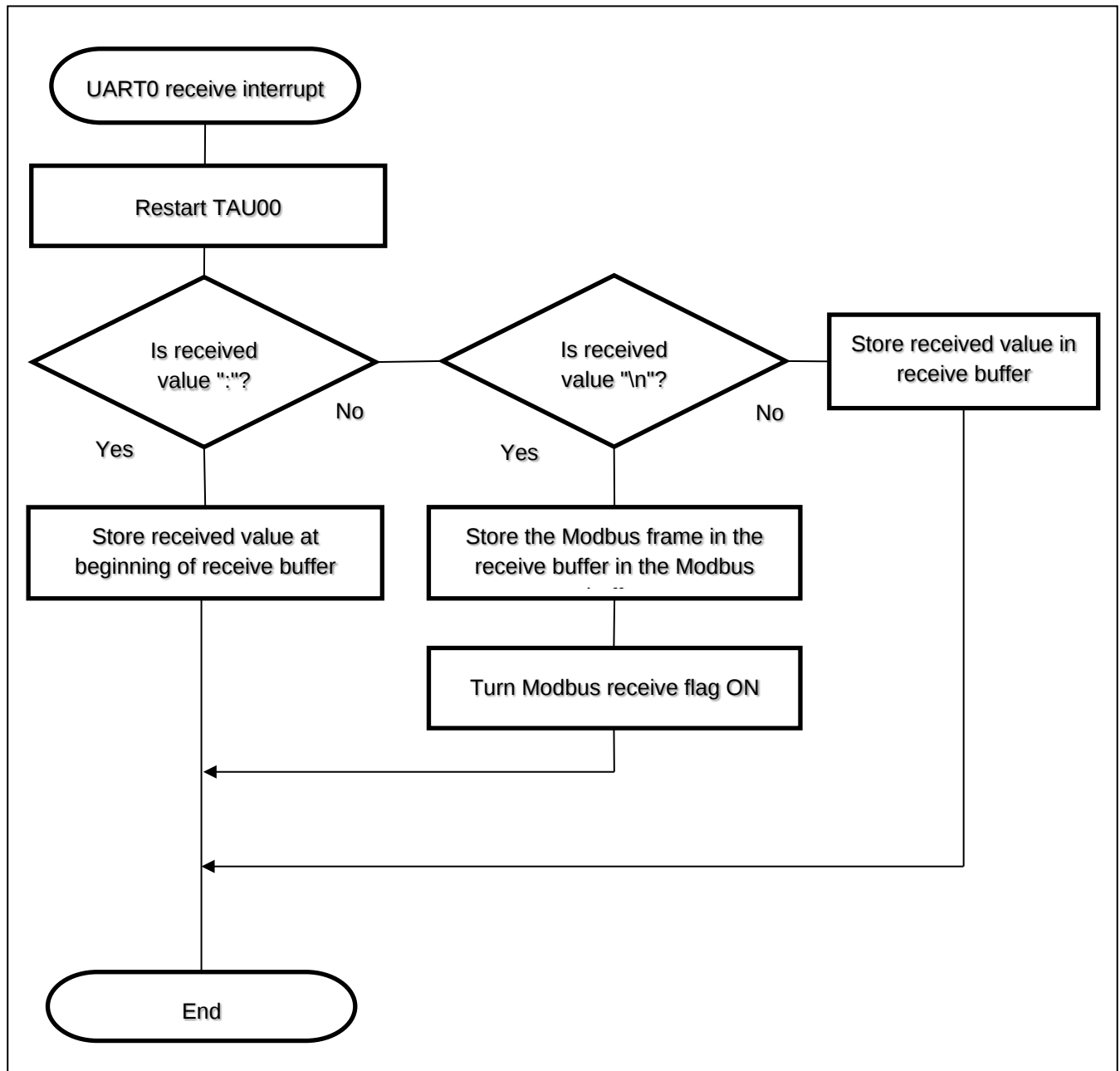


Figure 5-11 Serial Receive Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (ASCII))

5.6.4 Interval Between Characters Error Interrupt Handling

Figure 5-12 shows the Interval Between Characters Error Handling (Master Mode (ASCII)) flow chart.

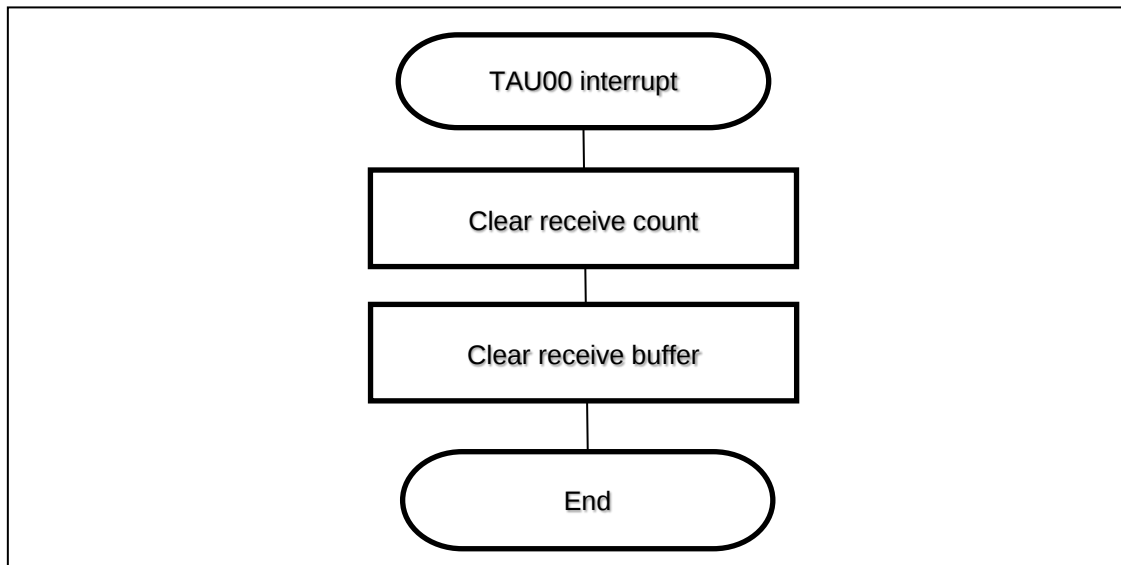


Figure 5-12 Interval Between Characters Error Handling (Master Mode (ASCII))

5.7 Master Mode (RTU)

When the sample code runs in master mode (RTU), it sends Read Coils to SLAVE ID = 0x01 every second. When it receives the command from the slave it calls the callback function. The program checks TAU00 for a timeout in the interval between characters in the Modbus frame or the interval between frames. If the TAU00 interrupt occurs between the time of the UART0 receive interrupt and completion of the Modbus packet, the program sets the interval between characters error flag, changes TAU00 to the period of the interval between frames, and then starts. If the UART0 receive interrupt occurs again with the interval between characters error flag set, the program considers this an interval between characters error and clears the receive count and receive buffer. If TAU00 interrupt handling occurs with this flag set but no UART0 receive interrupt is generated, it is considered normal termination, the interval between characters error flag is cleared, and the Modbus receive flag is set. After the Modbus receive flag is set, the program checks the values of the slave address, function code, and checksum, and calls the callback function if they are all in compliance.

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Finally, the Modbus communication frame logs and error logs are output to UART2.

5.7.1 Main Processing

Figure 5-13 shows the Main Processing (Master Mode (RTU)) flow chart.

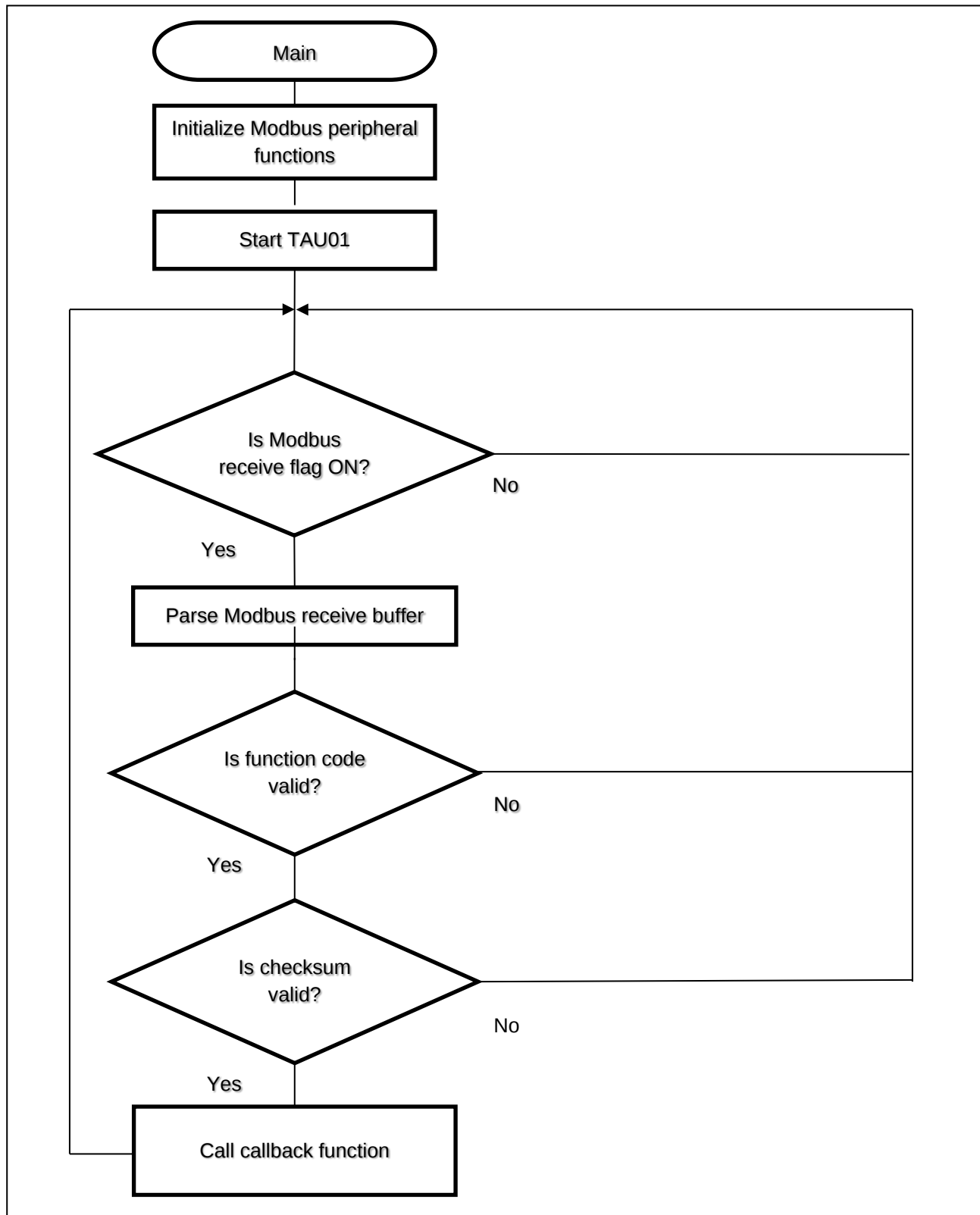


Figure 5-13 Main Processing (Master Mode (RTU))

5.7.2 Read Coil Send Interrupt Handling

Figure 5-14 shows the Read Coil Send Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (RTU)) flow chart.

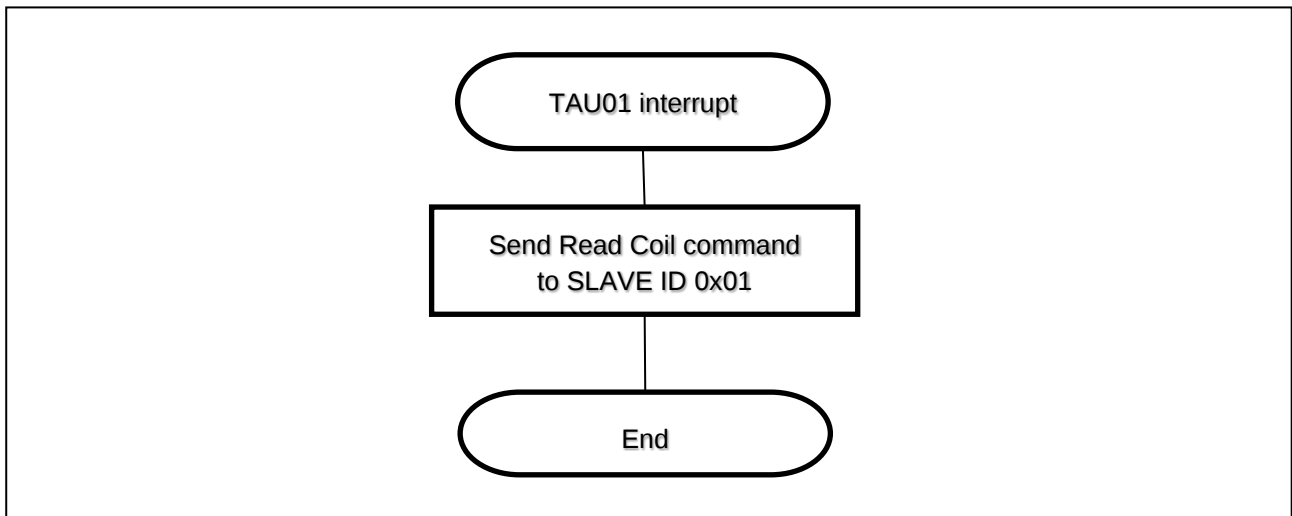


Figure 5-14 Read Coil Send Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (RTU))

5.7.3 Serial Receive Interrupt Handling

Figure 5-15 shows the Serial Receive Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (RTU)) flow chart.

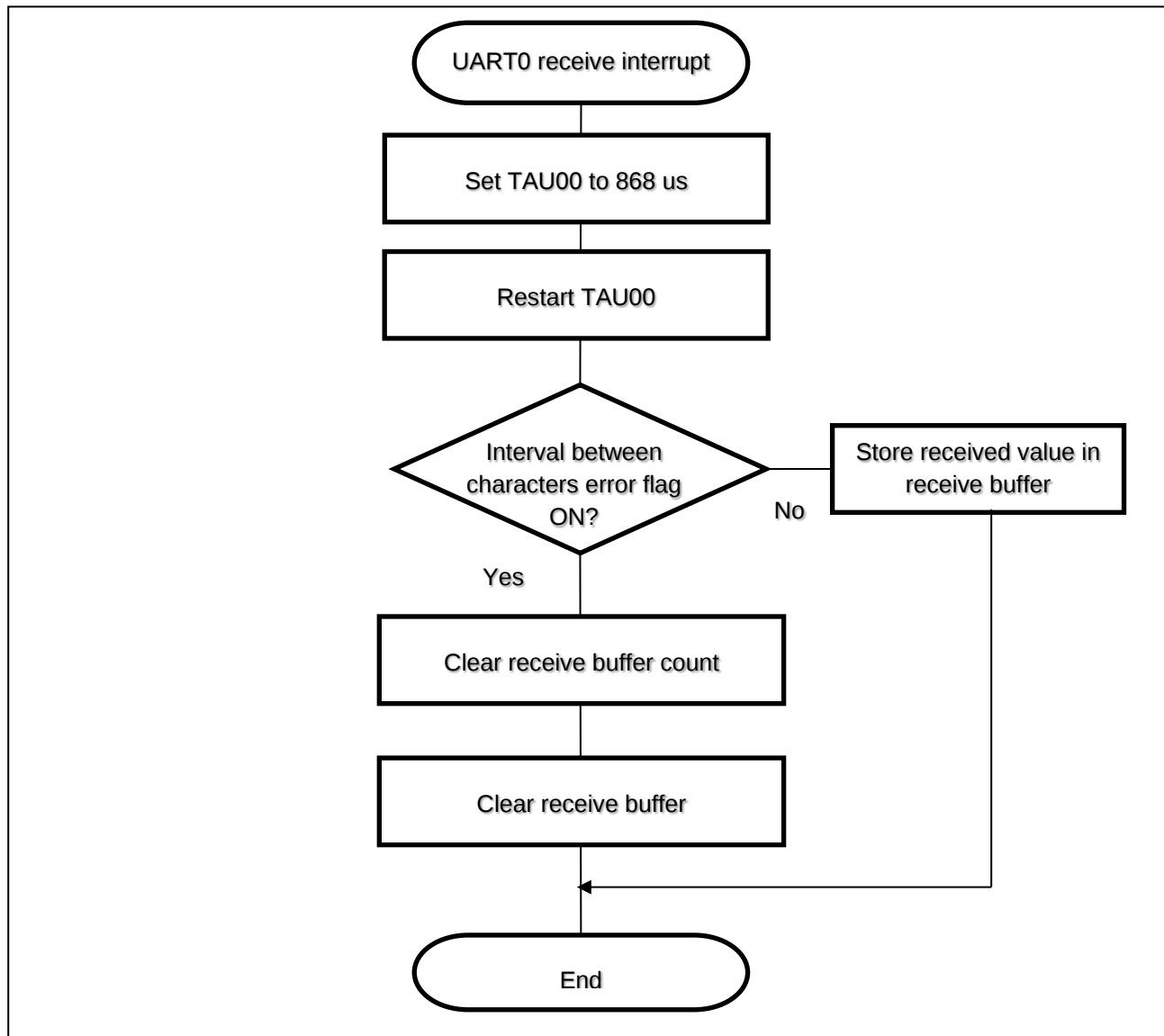


Figure 5-15 Serial Receive Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (RTU))

5.7.4 Interval Between Characters Interrupt Handling

Figure 5-16 shows the Interval Between Characters Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (RTU)) flow chart.

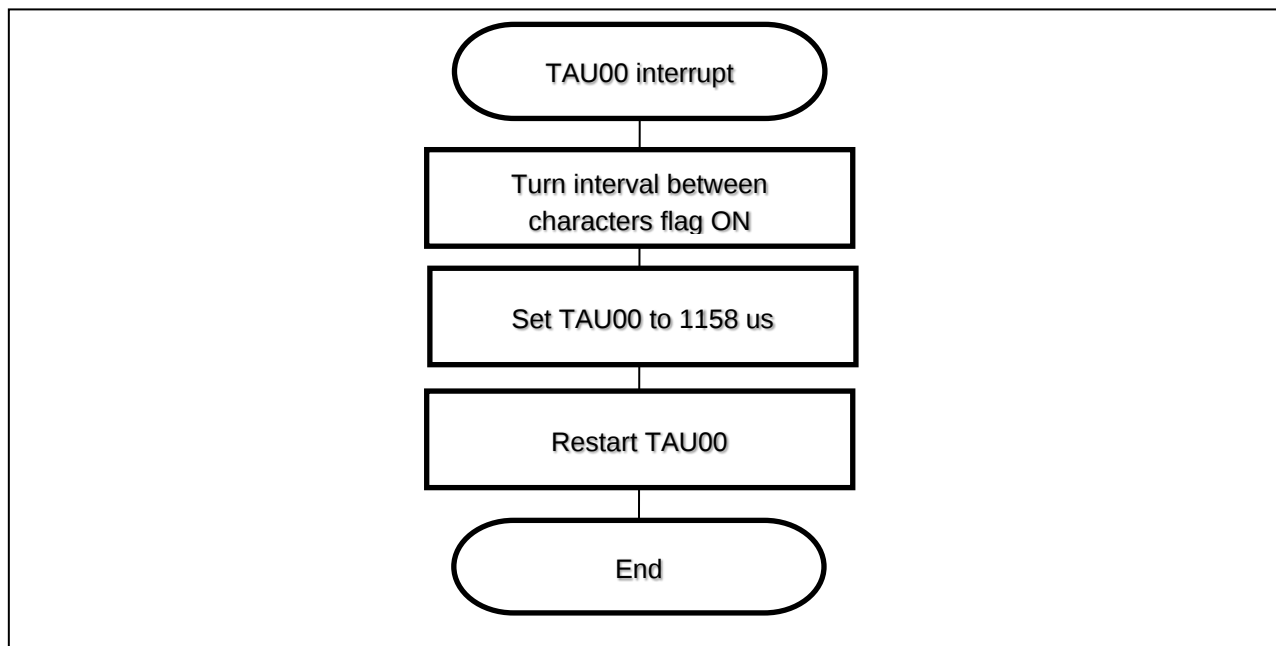


Figure 5-16 Interval Between Characters Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (RTU))

5.7.5 Modbus Received Interrupt Handling

Figure 5-17 shows the Modbus Received Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (RTU)) flow chart.

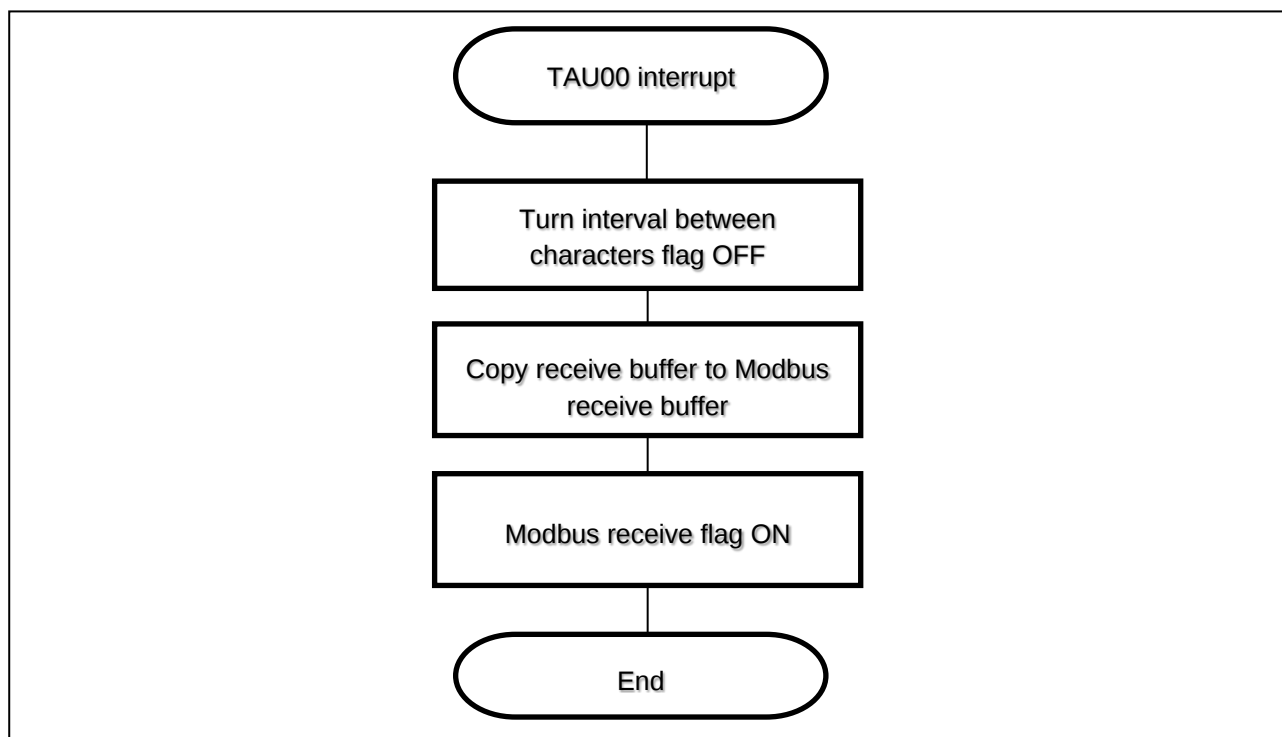


Figure 5-17 Modbus Received Interrupt Handling (Master Mode (RTU))

5.8 List of Constants

5.8.1 Modbus Operation Configuration Constants

Table 5-7 shows the Modbus Operation Configuration Constants.

Table 5-7 Modbus Operation Configuration Constants

Name of Constant	Value	Purpose
MODBUS_MODE	0x01 to 0x04	Specifies the operating mode of the sample code. 0x01: Master Mode (RTU) 0x02: Slave Mode (RTU) 0x03: Master Mode (ASCII) 0x04: Slave Mode (ASCII)
MODBUS_RTU_MASTER_MODE	0x01	Used to specify Master Mode (RTU).
MODBUS_RTU_SLAVE_MODE	0x02	Used to specify Slave Mode (RTU).
MODBUS_ASCII_MASTER_MODE	0x03	Used to specify Master Mode (ASCII).
MODBUS_ASCII_SLAVE_MODE	0x04	Used to specify Slave Mode (ASCII).
MODBUS_SEND_BUFFER_SIZE	1 to 256	Specifies the maximum size of the Modbus send buffer.
MODBUS_RECV_BUFFER_SIZE	1 to 253	Specifies the maximum size of the Modbus receive buffer.

5.8.2 Modbus Status Constants

Table 5-8 shows the Modbus Status Constants.

Table 5-8 Modbus Status Constants

Name of Constant	Value	Purpose
MODBUS_STATUS_NONE	0x00	Modbus status before operation starts
MODBUS_STATUS_WAIT_RECEIVE	0x01	Waiting to receive Modbus frame
MODBUS_STATUS_RECEIVED	0x02	Modbus frame has been received
MODBUS_STATUS_WAIT_FRAME_INTERVAL	0x03	Waiting for the interval between frames (used only in RTU mode)
MODBUS_STATUS_ERROR_CHARACTER_INTERVAL	0x04	An interval between characters error occurred while receiving Modbus frames

5.8.3 Modbus Receive Results Constants

Table 5-9 shows the Modbus Receive Results Constants.

Table 5-9 Modbus Receive Results Constants

Name of Constant	Value	Purpose
MODBUS_RECEIVE_NONE	0x00	No Modbus frames received
MODBUS_ERROR_NONE	0x01	No error after Modbus frame received
MODBUS_ERROR_NULL_POINTER	0x02	NULL was specified for the destination address of the structure for storing the Modbus frame parse results
MODBUS_ERROR_NOT_MYSELF	0x03	The Modbus frame was parsed and it was not addressed to me
MODBUS_ERROR_ILLEGAL_FUNCTION	0x04	The Modbus frame was parsed and the resulting function code was abnormal
MODBUS_ERROR_MISMATCH_CHECKSUM	0x05	The Modbus frame was parsed and the resulting checksum was abnormal
MODBUS_ERROR_CHARACTER_INTERVAL	0x06	An interval between characters error occurred while receiving Modbus frames
MODBUS_ERROR_ILLEGAL_FRAME_LENGTH	0x07	The received Modbus frame is shorter than the expected frame length
MODBUS_ERROR_RECEIVE_ERROR_RESPONSE	0x08	Error response received from slave when in master mode

5.9 List of Variables

Table 5-10 shows the Global Variables.

Table 5-10 Global Variables

Type	Name of Variable	Purpose
unsigned char[]	g_modbus_rx_buffer	Modbus frame receive buffer
unsigned char	g_modbus_status	Modbus communication status
unsigned char	g_modbus_frame_size	Size of Modbus receive frame
unsigned short[]	g_holding_register	Holding register
unsigned short[]	g_input_register	Input register
unsigned char[]	g_discrete_output	DO
unsigned char[]	g_discrete_input	DI
unsigned char[]	g_rx_buffer	UART receive buffer

5.10 List of Structures

Table 5-11 shows the Structures.

Table 5-11 Structures

Type	Field	Purpose
st_modbus_receive_frame_t	uint8_t slave_address uint8_t function_code uint16_t read_address uint16_t read_data uint16_t write_address uint16_t write_data uint8_t array_data_len uint16_t array_data[]	Stores the results of parsing the Modbus frame

5.11 List of Functions

5.11.1 API Functions

Table 5-12 shows the API Functions in the Sample Code.

Table 5-12 API Functions in the Sample Code

Name of Function	Overview
R_MODBUS_Main	Modbus communication main processing
R_MODBUS_Init	Initialize peripheral functions used for Modbus communication
R_MODBUS_Close	Close peripheral functions used for Modbus communication
R_MODBUS_Send	Send Modbus frame
R_MODBUS_Receive	Receive Modbus frame
R_MODBUS_Parse	Parse Modbus frame
R_MODBUS_Send_Error	Send Modbus error

5.11.2 Supported Function Codes

Table 5-13 shows the Callback Functions in the Sample Code.

Table 5-13 Callback Functions in the Sample Code

Name of Function	Overview
r_modbus_callback_slave_receiveend	Called after receiving the Modbus frame in slave mode
r_modbus_callback_master_receiveend	Called after receiving the Modbus frame in master mode
r_modbus_callback_error	Called if an error occurs in the Modbus communication/frame parsing process

5.12 Function Specifications

This section describes the specifications for the functions that are used in this sample code.

[Function Name] R_MODBUS_Main

Synopsis	Modbus communication main processing
Header	r_modbus.h
Declaration	void R_MODBUS_Main (void)
Description	Detects when Modbus communication is received and calls the callback function. In master mode, detects an incoming request and sends a Modbus frame to the slave.
Arguments	None
Return value	None
Remarks	None

[Function Name] R_MODBUS_Init

Synopsis	Initialize peripheral functions used for Modbus communication
Header	None
Declaration	void R_MODBUS_Init (void)
Description	Initializes peripheral functions used for Modbus communication.
Arguments	None
Return value	None
Remarks	Be sure to do this before starting Modbus communication.

[Function Name] R_MODBUS_Close

Synopsis	Close peripheral functions used for Modbus communication
Header	None
Declaration	void R_MODBUS_Close (void)
Description	Closes the peripheral functions used for Modbus communication.
Arguments	None
Return value	None
Remarks	Be sure to do this when terminating Modbus communication.

[Function Name] R_MODBUS_Send

Synopsis	Send Modbus frame
Header	None
Declaration	void R_MODBUS_Send (uint8_t slave_address, uint8_t function_code, uint8_t *send_data, uint8_t send_data_len)
Description	Sends the data in send_data as a Modbus frame of length send_data_len.
Arguments	Slave address, function code, send data address, send data length
Return value	None
Remarks	In ASCII mode, the data is converted within the function. Please pass RTU data as the first argument. The checksum is automatically calculated internally.

[Function Name] R_MODBUS_Receive

Synopsis	Receive Modbus frame
Header	None
Declaration	uint8_t R_MODBUS_Receive (st_modbus_receive_frame_t * modbus_receive_frame)
Description	Checks the status of UART0, and if a Modbus frame has been received, parses and stores the frame in the argument modbus_receive_frame. If the frame is received normally, or if an error occurred while the frame was being received, the callback function is called. This function is non-blocking.
Arguments	Modbus frame structure address
Return value	Modbus frame receive result
Remarks	For details about the value specified in the return value, see 5.7.3 Modbus Receive Results Constants.

[Function Name] R_MODBUS_Parse

Synopsis	Parse Modbus frame
Header	None
Declaration	uint8_t R_MODBUS_Parse (uint8_t * modbus_rx_buffer, uint8_t modbus_frame_size, st_modbus_receive_frame_t * modbus_receive_frame)
Description	Parses modbus_rx_buffer and stores it in the argument modbus_receive_frame. Parses the Modbus frame to determine whether the slave address in the function is addressed to itself, the checksum is correct, and the corresponding function code exists, and then returns the parse result as the return value.
Arguments	Modbus frame address, Modbus frame size, Modbus frame structure address
Return value	Modbus frame parse result
Remarks	For details about the value specified in the return value, see 5.7.3 Modbus Receive Results Constants.

[Function Name] R_MODBUS_Send_Error

Synopsis	Send error response
Header	None
Declaration	void R_MODBUS_Send_Error (uint8_t slave_address, uint8_t function, uint8_t error_code)
Description	Send the error_code corresponding to the error in the function code specified in function. If slave_address is 0x00 (broadcast), no data is sent.
Arguments	Destination slave address of received frame, function code in which error occurred, error code
Return value	None
Remarks	None

[Function Name] r_modbus_callback_slave_receiveend

Synopsis	Called after receiving the Modbus frame in slave mode
Header	None
Declaration	void r_modbus_callback_slave_receiveend (st_modbus_receive_frame_t modbus_receive_frame)
Description	The sample code implements the processing according to the function code.
Arguments	Modbus receive frame
Return value	None
Remarks	None

[Function Name] r_modbus_callback_slave_receiveend

Synopsis	Called after receiving the Modbus frame in master mode
Header	None
Declaration	void r_modbus_callback_master_receiveend (st_modbus_receive_frame_t modbus_receive_frame)
Description	The sample code implements the processing according to the function code.
Arguments	Modbus receive frame
Return value	None
Remarks	None

[Function Name] r_modbus_callback_error

Synopsis	Called if an error occurs in Modbus communication
Header	None
Declaration	void r_modbus_callback_error (uint8_t error_type, st_modbus_receive_frame_t modbus_receive_frame)
Description	The sample code implements the processing according to the error type.
Arguments	Error type, Modbus receive frame
Return value	None
Remarks	None

5.13 Log Specifications

The specifications for the logs used in this sample program are described in Table 5-13.

Table 5-14 Log Specifications

Timing of Log Output	Log Content (String to be Output)
Modbus frame is received	[RX] + received Modbus frame
Modbus frame is sent	[TX] + sent Modbus frame
Abnormality occurs after parsing Modbus frame	Name of constant corresponding to Modbus receive result. For details, see 5.8.3 Modbus Receive Results Constants
Received callback function is called	CALL_BACK_FUNCTION + name of function

5.14 ROM/RAM Size

The ROM/RAM sizes used in this sample code are shown in Table 5-14. The ROM/RAM sizes below assume a configuration with a Modbus send buffer size of 64 bytes and a Modbus receive buffer size of 64 bytes. (These sizes are when the optimization level is set to debug priority. Size varies with optimization level.)

Table 5-15 ROM/RAM Sizes

Operating Mode	ROM Size	RAM Size
Slave Mode (ASCII)	12,926Byte	895Byte
Slave Mode (RTU)	10,793Byte	895Byte
Master Mode (ASCII)	11,230Byte	909Byte
Master Mode (RTU)	10,145Byte	909Byte

6. Preparing to Run

6.1 RL78 – PC (GUI) Environment

6.1.1 Connection Example

Refer to 4.1.1 RL78 – PC (GUI) Environment.

6.1.2 Set Firmware Constants

Set the constant MODBUS_MODE defined in modbus.h to MODBUS_RTU_SLAVE_MODE, build the project, and then download it to the debug tool.

For the file organization see 5.3 File Organization.

Note: In this example, the RL78 communicates in slave mode (RTU), but the communication method can be changed by changing the MODBUS_MODE setting. For the settings see 5.8.1 Modbus Operation Configuration Constants.

6.1.3 GUI Parameter Settings

The GUI parameter settings are shown in Figure 6-1.

Configure the COM port under "Serial setting" according to your environment.

Note: In this example, the GUI communicates in master mode (RTU), but you can change the communication method by changing the settings under "Connection" and "Serial setting".

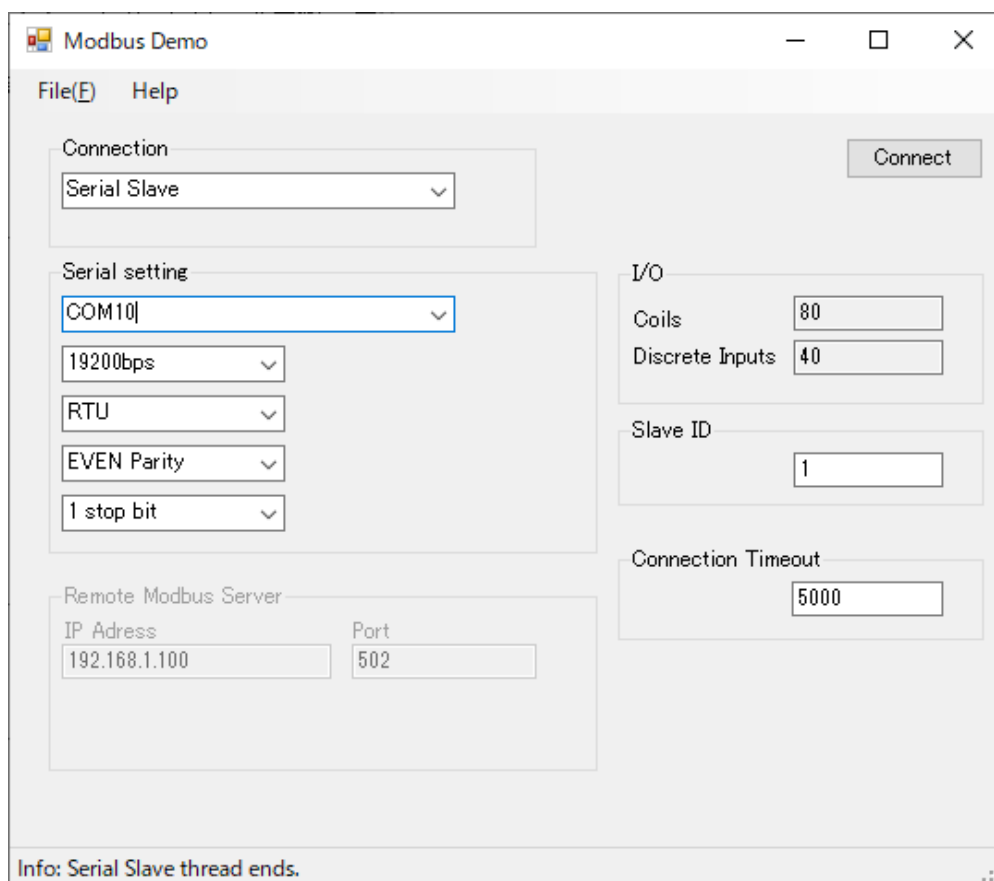


Figure 6-1 GUI Parameter Settings

6.1.4 How to Run

After executing the RL78 program, press the Connect button on the GUI to start the demo.

Operation example: Log output on the slave side

```
[RX]01020000000879CC  
CALL_BACK_FUNCTION_READ_DESCRETE_INPUTS  
[TX]010201CA21DF  
[RX]010F0000000801013F55  
CALL_BACK_FUNCTION_WRITE_MULTIPLE_COILS  
[TX]010F00000008540D  
[RX]01020000000879CC010F0000000801027F54  
CALL_BACK_FUNCTION_READ_DESCRETE_INPUTS  
[TX]010201CA21DF
```

6.2 RL78 – RL78 Environment

6.2.1 Connection Example

Refer to 4.1.2 RL78 – RL78 Environment.

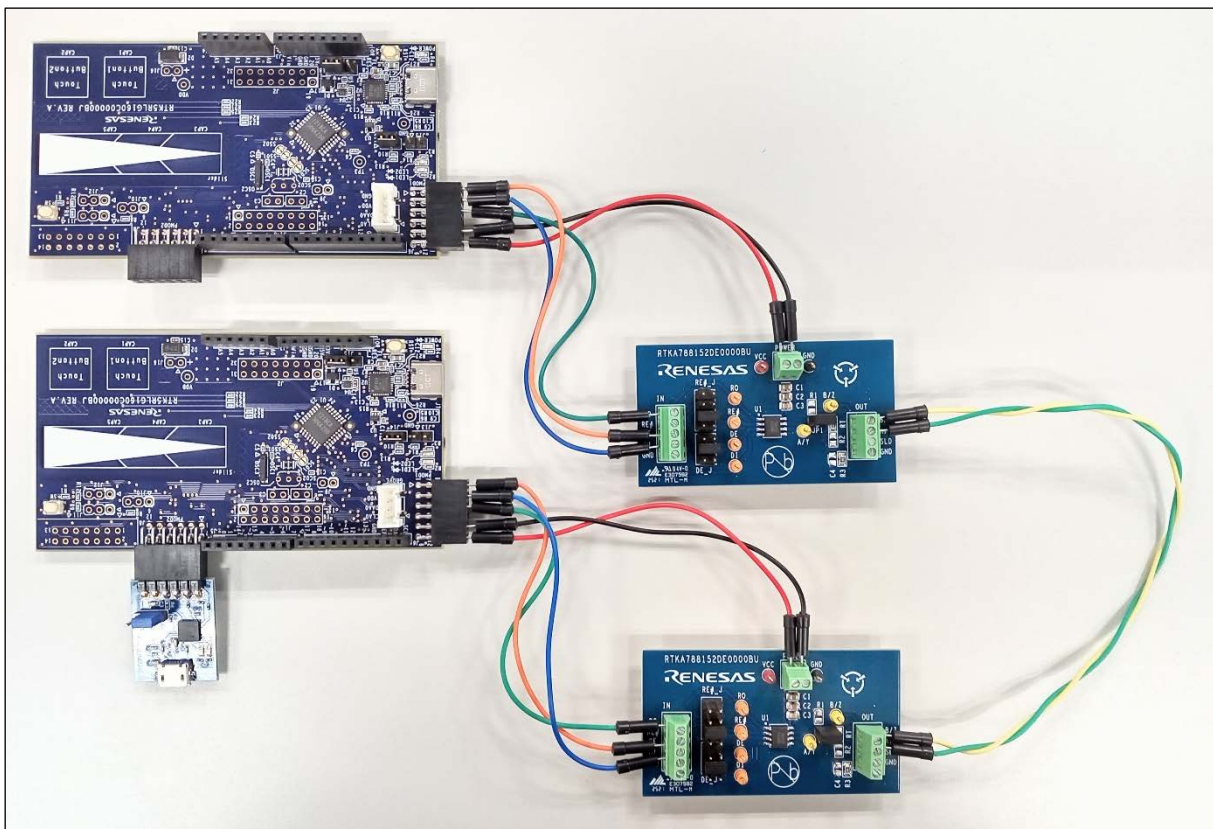


Figure 6-2 The photo of connection between the boards

6.2.2 Set Firmware Constants

Set the constant MODBUS_MODE defined in modbus.h to MODBUS_RTU_SLAVE_MODE, build the project, and then download it to the RL78 Fast Prototyping Board debug tool on the slave side.

Set the constant MODBUS_MODE defined in modbus.h to MODBUS_RTU_MASTER_MODE, build the project, and then download it to the RL78 Fast Prototyping Board debug tool on the master side.

Note: In this example, the RL78 communicates in slave mode (RTU) and Master Mode (RTU), but you can change the communication method by changing the MODBUS_MODE setting. For the settings see 5.7.1 Modbus Operation Configuration Constants.

6.2.3 How to Run

After executing the RL78 program on the slave side, start the demo by executing the RL78 program on the master side.

Log output on the master side

```
[TX]010100000001FDCA
[RX]010101019048
CALL_BACK_FUNCTION_READ_COILS
[TX]010100000001FDCA
[RX]010101019048
CALL_BACK_FUNCTION_READ_COILS
```

Log output on the slave side

```
[RX]010100000001FDCA
CALL_BACK_FUNCTION_READ_COILS
[TX]010101019048
[RX]010100000001FDCA
CALL_BACK_FUNCTION_READ_COILS
[TX]010101019048
```

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