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关键词	AN14145、MCX N9xx、MCX N2xx、闪存交换
摘要	本应用笔记介绍了如何使用MCX系列的闪存重映射功能。



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1 介绍

1.1 简介

本应用笔记介绍了如何使用MCX N系列BootROM中的双镜像启动功能,以实现一个可靠的双固件升级机制。

当嵌入式设备正在进行升级时,断电或强制中断等外部因素都可能会阻碍新固件完整地写入闪存。这会导致系统在启动时出现问题。如果固件文件在设备运行时被损坏,则系统就会崩溃,导致设备无法运行。要解决这些问题,可采用双固件的方法。确保始终至少有一个固件文件能够正常启动和运行。如果出现任何问题,BootROM会检测并使用备份的固件文件。

MCX系列的BootROM支持内部闪存的双固件启动机制。这意味着可以在闪存区域内放置两个固件文件。 BootROM会根据固件版本决定启动哪个固件。本应用笔记目前仅涵盖了使用内部闪存作为固件存储介质。通过本文,可以学到:

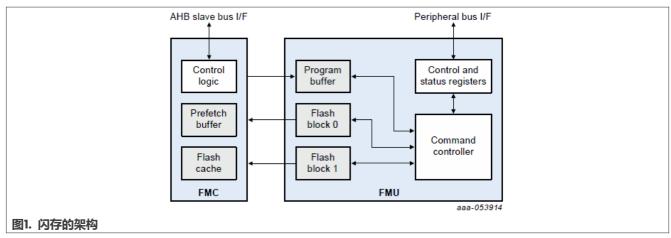
- MCX N系列MCU的闪存布局和基本用法。
- MCX N系列BootROM及内部闪存双固件启动的介绍。
- 如何使用恩智浦安全预处理工具创建双固件,并将其下载到MCU闪存中进行双镜像启动。

下文使用FRDM-MCXN947作为目标平台,但其他MCX N系列芯片也具有类似的特性和功能。

例如,MCX N23x共有IMB闪存(由2个512KB的块组成),而MCX N947上有2MB闪存(由2个IMB的块组成)。

1.2 内部闪存布局

MCX N947芯片内置了2MB的闪存。该闪存被分为两个块,每个块的大小为1MB。<u>图1</u>直观地展示了该芯片上的闪存架构。

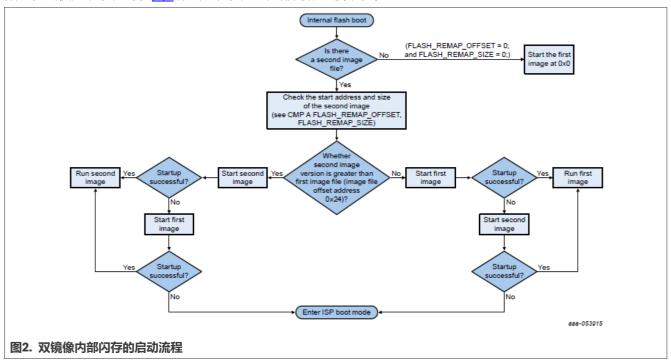


该闪存的最小擦除单元被指定为一个大小为8kB的扇区。同时,最小写入单元被称为Phrase,其大小为16B。

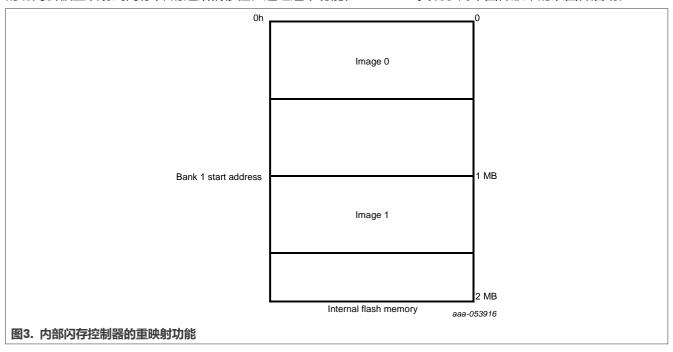
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2 启动的流程

在上电和启动期间,ROM首先会检测在CMPA中被重定位的镜像文件的位置和大小,然后检查两个镜像的版本号。据此,当使用双镜像时,图2所示为双镜像的内部闪存的启动流程。



当BootROM使能双固件启动功能并检测到某个块中有一个更新版本的固件时,它会自动重新映射闪存的AHB访问地址,并启动相应的固件。图3所示为内部闪存控制器的重映射功能: 当块1中的固件处于工作状态时,对0h地址的访问会被重映射到闪存块1的起始偏移值。通过这个功能,BootROM实现了两个固件版本的双固件启动。



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3 配置固件文件

MCX N947的固件以标准中断向量表开始, 其存储位置被定义为固件配置字段。有两个相关字段:

- 镜像长度:表示固件的总长度,包括签名。
- 镜像类型:表示固件的类型。它支持两种类型:纯镜像(无CRC校验或签名)和带CRC的纯镜像(包括固件长度和CRC校验)。镜像类型字段的前16位表示固件版本。在双固件启动期间,BootROM会自动识别该字段,并尝试启动更高版本的固件。

注: 对于从内部闪存启动的双固件,如果bit[10]设置为0,则BootROM默认认为固件版本为0。

表1. 固件文件

偏移量 (十六进制)	大小 (字节)	符号	说明	
00	4	初始SP	栈指针	
04	4	初始PC	应用程序的第一条执行指令	
08	24	向量表	Cortex-M33核的向量表入口	
20	4	镜像长度	当前镜像的长度(总长度,包括签名),如果镜像类型为其他值,则设置为实际 镜像长度。	
24	4	镜像类型		

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4 CMPA

在CMPA中,只有一项与双固件启动相关的设置: FLASH REMAP SZ。

表2介绍了CMPA中的内部闪存双固件启动重映射设置。当CMPA中的FLASH_REMAP_SZ设置为非零值时,内部闪存的AHB访问会根据当前工作的闪存块号更改其访问地址。例如,如果FLASH_REMAP_SZ = 2h,则重映射大小为96kB((2h+1) × 32kB)。

表2. 启动镜像1的重映射大小

区域	地址	字名称	说明
СМРА		FLASH_ REMAP_SZ	指示从闪存存储区的块1地址,0h,到BootROM的闪存重映射的大小。

有关CMPA的更多详细信息,请参阅《MCX N947用户手册》附带的Excel表格。

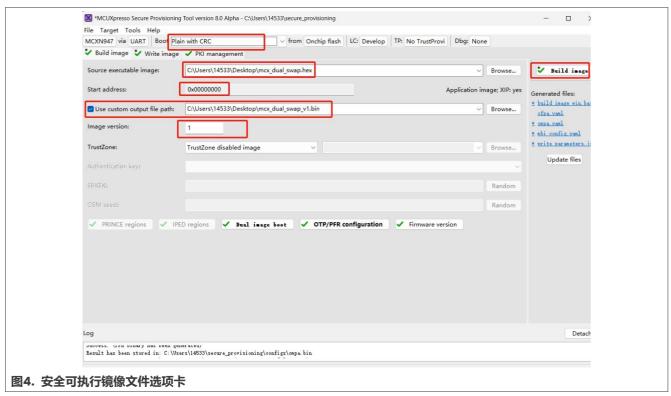
5 实操

恩智浦提供了一个安全预处理工具GUI,用于执行各种固件的配置和下载任务。

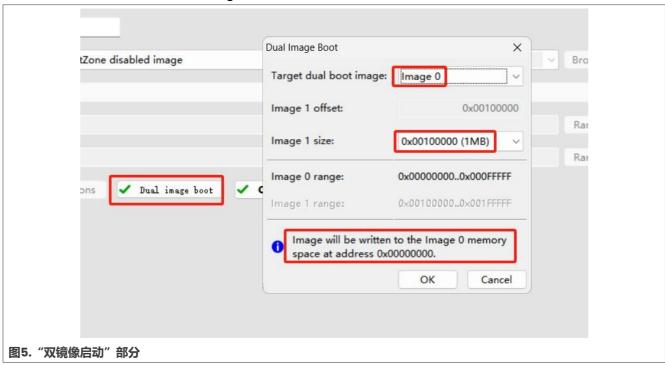
MCUXpresso安全预处理工具是一款GUI工具,简化了在恩智浦MCU平台上创建和配置可启动的可执行文件的过程。它基于恩智浦提供的经过验证的安全支持工具集,使用了BootROM提供的扩展编程接口。该工具集成了固件创建和烧录功能,大大简化了创建双固件文件的过程!

- 1. 从以下链接下载恩智浦安全预处理工具: MCUXpresso Secure Provisioning Tool。
- 2. 配置:在安全可执行镜像 (Secure executable image) 下,选择已编译工程的bin/hex文件 (如 mcx_dual_swap.hex)。如图4所示来配置其他选项,然后点击构建镜像 (Build Image) 生成带CRC镜像的版本。

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- 3. 在"双镜像启动"部分,按照以下步骤操作:
 - 将双镜像区域设置为image0=1MB、image1=1MB。
 - 将第一个版本的固件下载到image 0区域。



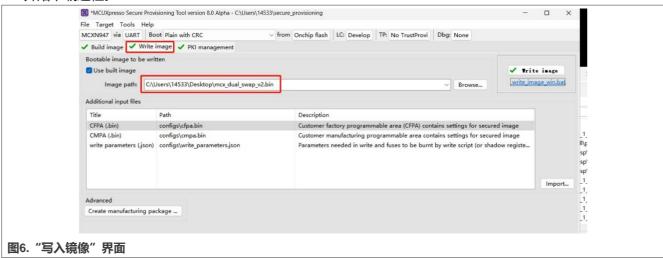
4. 点击"构建镜像"(**Build Image**)。此操作会自动生成*mcx_dual_swap_v1.bin*。该文件是嵌入了CRC和长度详细信息的镜像。安全预处理工具还会根据**双镜像启动**的设置构建相应的CMPA和CFPA信息块。

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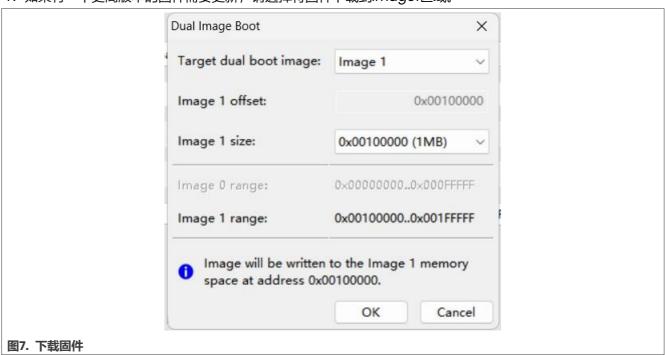
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5. 切换到"写入镜像"(**Write Image**)界面。选择UART(或HID)ROM下载方式。默认情况下,GUI会选择最近创建的镜像文件。确保您的电路板已进入到BootROM模式。然后,点击"写入镜像"(**Write Image**)开始下载过程。



- 6. 如果出现"blhost成功" (blhost succeeded) 消息,则表示下载成功。此固件现在已存储到了image0区域。通过复位开发板,相应程序即可运行。
- 7. 如果有一个更高版本的固件需要更新,请选择将固件下载到imagel区域。



8. 如果新固件的版本高于上一版,则会自动从新版本启动。如果新固件在下载过程中出现通信中断,导致升级失败,则在下一次启动时BootROM会检测到新固件不完整,然后它会回退并从旧版本的固件启动,确保可靠的双固件升级功能。

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6 修订历史

表3汇总了对本文档的修订。

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