



Introduction

Supported by the Atmel START and Atmel Studio development platform. It is provided with fully documented software and hardware which will significantly reduce design complexity and the time-to-market.

Features

- Bluetooth connectivity through the RN4871 Bluetooth 4.2 Low Energy full certified Module
- Node authentication by onboard ATECC508A
- LED indicators for operational status
- QTouch® Button
- 3-axis accelerometer with integrated temperature sensor
- USB or CR2032 coin cell powered
- Programming via single-wire UPDI

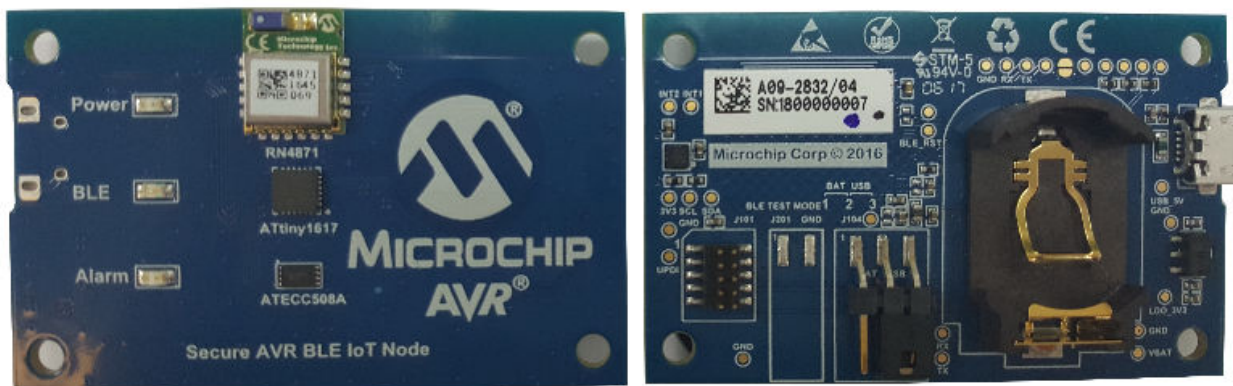


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1. Prerequisites

- Hardware
 - Secure AVR® BLE IoT Node Field Engagement Board
 - One Micro-USB Type-B cable or CR2032 Coin Cell
 - Atmel-ICE
- Software
 - Atmel Studio 7
 - Secure AVR BLE IoT Node firmware
 - Secure AVR BLE IoT Node APP
- General
 - Mobile phone with Bluetooth function

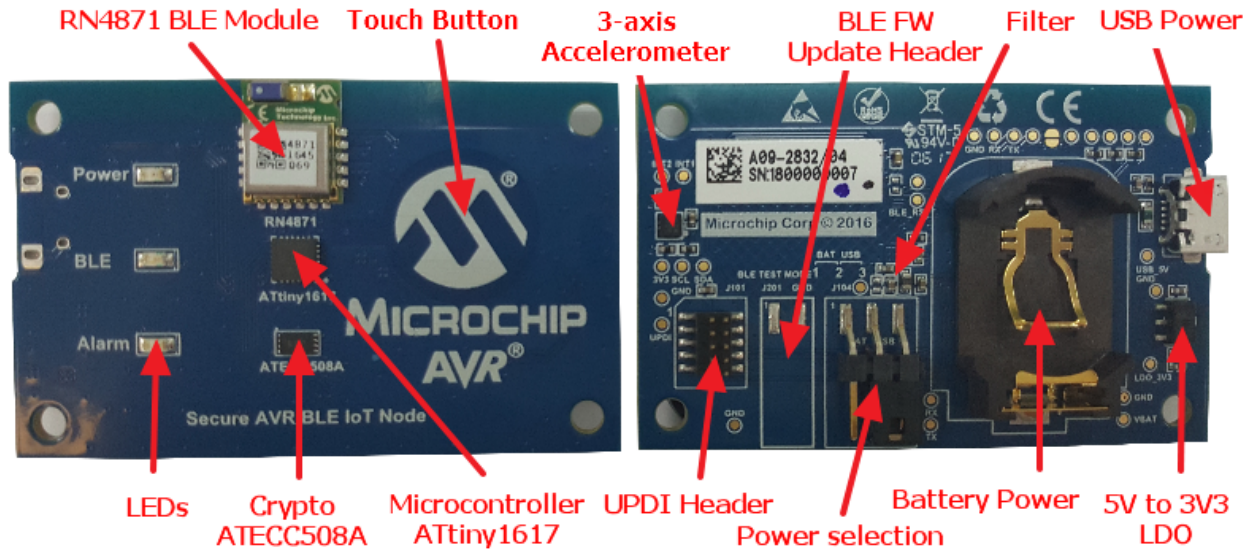
2. Overview

2.1 System Overview

The board carries the RN4871 BLE module which provides a complete solution to implement Bluetooth 4.2 Low Energy connectivity, the crypto authentication device ATECC508A provides highly secure hardware-based key storage, a 3-axis accelerometer with integrated temperature sensor. The LEDs and the touch button function as the board user interface.

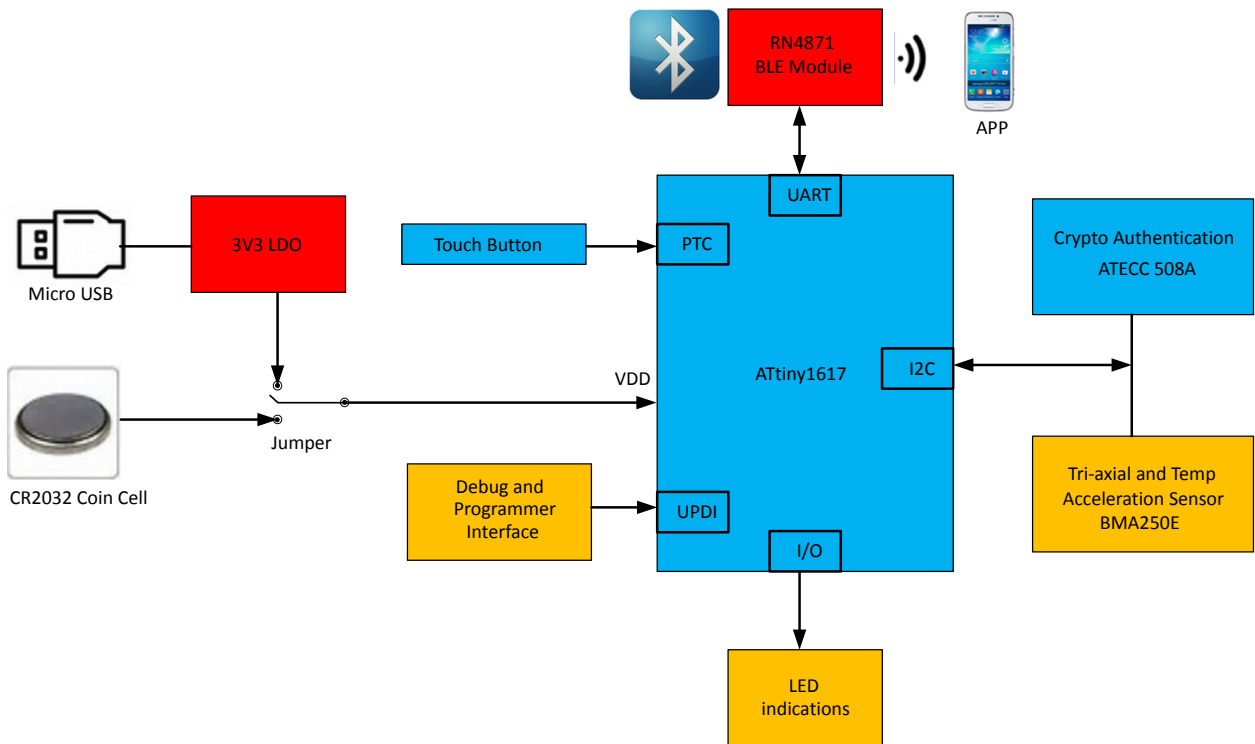
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Figure 2-1. Overview of the Secure AVR BLE IoT Node Board



2.2 Block Diagram

Figure 2-2. Block Diagram of the Secure AVR BLE IoT Node Board



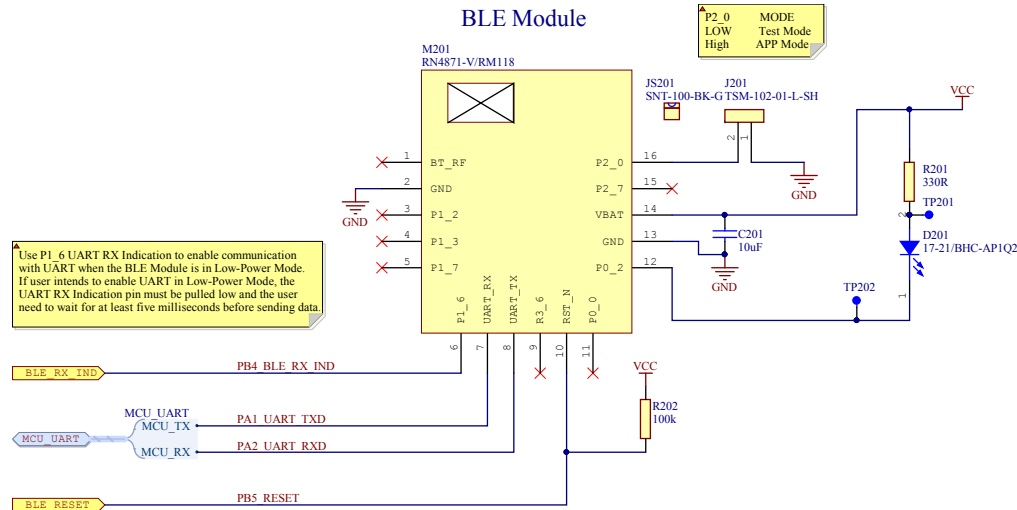
Secure AVR BLE IoT Node demonstrates an IoT Node together with the associated firmware and mobile phone application. It provide a complete solution on how to securely establish communication between a Node and Mobile phone, and read the sensor data via Bluetooth.

2.3 Operation Guide

As shown in the block diagram above, the Secure AVR BLE IoT Node field engagement board is powered using a CR2032 coin cell or USB. An LDO regulates the 5V USB voltage to 3.3V. A jumper is used to select the power supply to the entire system. After power is ON, the field engagement board goes through the initialization phase where the MCU's internal system, RN4871 BLE Module, and sensor are initialized. When the BLE module is in the broadcasting state the BLE indicator blinks once per 3 seconds. Run the "Secured AVR BLE IoT Node" application to find and connect to the nearby Secure AVR BLE IoT Node. The application is available on both iOS and Android™.

When the connection is established between the BLE Module and mobile phone, the BLE LED starts to blink twice per 1.5 seconds. After this node is authenticated using the ATECC508A CryptoAuthentication module the user can navigate to different Android or iOS App screens to check the sensor values. If the active Secure AVR BLE IoT Node is disconnected from the Android or iOS App, the kit enters low power mode. For the list of app screens supported, refer to the Getting Started Guide in the enclosed package.

Figure 3-2. Schematic for the BLE Module



The P1_6 Pin (UART RX Indication) of the module is used to wake the module from low power mode, switching from running at 32kHz to 16MHz clock and enables the UART. The P1_6 pin must be pulled low and the user needs to wait for at least five milliseconds before sending the data.

The P2_0 pin of the module is used to select the working mode, application mode, or test mode. By default, it is pulled high internally to select the application mode. It can be pulled low using the 1x2 connector J201, which is a 2.54mm pitch surface mount header, if you need to update the firmware or change EEPROM settings. The jumper position on the connector should be connected as shown in the table below.

Table 3-1. BLE Module Working Mode Select Jumper Position

Jumper Position	Description
1-2	Test Mode
-	Application Mode

For detailed information about how to update the firmware and configure the RN4871 BLE module, refer to the RN4871 BLE Module Default Firmware section.

Table 3-2. Pin Map for the BLE Module

Signal Name	MCU pin
PA1_UART_TXD	PA1
PA2_UART_RXD	PA2
PB4_BLE_RX_IND	PB4
PB5_RESET	PB5

3.3 Security and Authentication

In the board, the authentication is handled by the Microchip ATECC508A CryptoAuthentication device. This device is used for authentication of the node. ATECC508A employs ultra-secure hardware-based cryptographic key storage and cryptographic countermeasures which are more secure than software-

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based key storage. The ATECC508A device provides certificates to ATtiny1617 MCU through a Two-Wire interface (TWI).

For more information about the security and authentication, refer to the Secure AVR BLE IoT Node Software User Guide.

Figure 3-3. Schematic for the Crypto ATECC508A

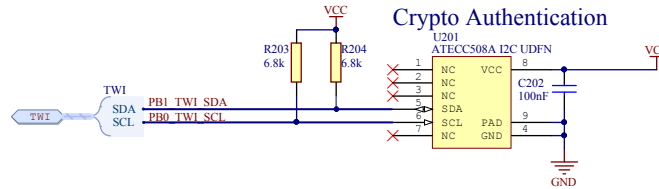


Table 3-3. Pin Map for the Crypto ATECC508A

Signal Name	MCU Pin
PB0_TWI_SCL	PB0
PB1_TWI_SDA	PB1

3.4 3-axis Accelerometer

A BMA250E triaxial acceleration sensor from Bosch Sensortec provides acceleration data in three perpendicular axes to ATtiny1617 MCU through a Two-Wire interface (TWI). The integrated temperature sensor is used for estimation of the ambient temperature. In addition, it provides two interrupt pins; INT1 and INT2.

Figure 3-4. Schematic for the Triaxial Acceleration Sensor

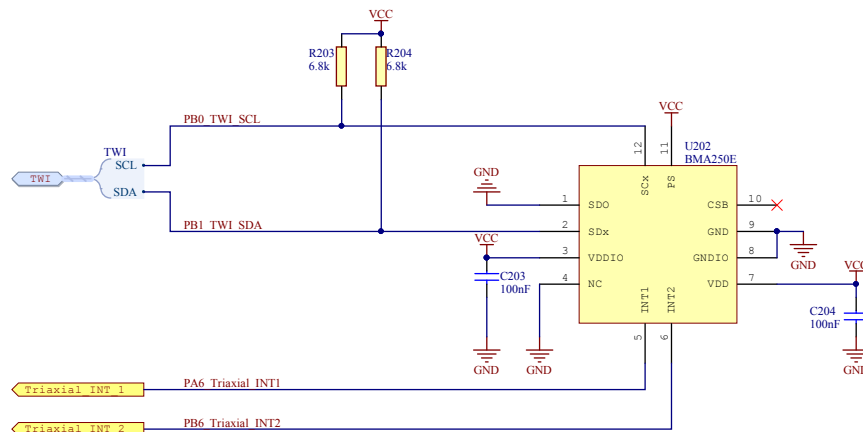


Table 3-4. Pin Map for the 3-axis Accelerometer

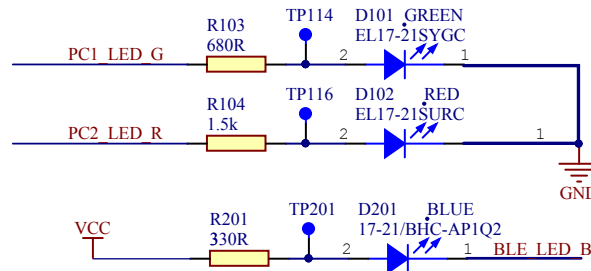
Signal Name	MCU Pin
PB0_TWI_SCL	PB0
PB1_TWI_SDA	PB1
PA6_Triaxial_INT1	PA6
PB6_Triaxial_INT2	PB6

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1. PWR LED: The power LED indicates the status of the MCU. The LED is lit when the MCU is active. The initial state is ON.
2. Alarm LED: The Alarm LED blinks when the user taps the board. The initial state is OFF.
3. BLE LED: The BLE LED blinks once per 3 seconds when there is no active BLE connection. During active BLE connection, the LED blinks twice per 1.5 seconds. The initial state is OFF.

The PWR LED and Alarm LED is controlled independently by two GPIOs on the microcontroller. The BLE LED is controlled by the RN4871 module. For the detailed explanation of the BLE LED status, download the RN4871 data sheet and User Guide documents available at the product page <http://www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/RN4871>.

Figure 3-7. Status LEDs



The detailed GPIO pin definition is shown in the table below.

Table 3-7. Pin Map for the LEDs

LEDs Name	Signal Name	MCU Pin	BLE Module Pin
PWR LED	PC1_LED_G	PC1	-
Alarm LED	PC2_LED_R	PC2	-
BLE LED	BLE_LED_B	-	P0_2

3.7 UPDI Programming Interface

Unified Program and Debug Interface (UPDI) is a Microchip proprietary interface for external programming and on-chip debugging of a device.

The 2x5 connector for the interface is a 1.27mm pitch surface mount header.

Figure 3-8. UPDI Interface

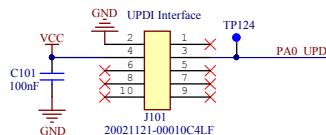


Table 3-8. Pin Map for ATtiny1617 UPDI Interface

Signal name	Header pin	MCU Pin
GND	2	GND
PA0_UPDI	3	PA0
VCC	4	VCC

4. Firmware

4.1 ATtiny1617 Default Firmware

The ATtiny1617 device on the board comes preprogrammed with the firmware described in the Software User Guide.

4.1.1 Firmware Programming

The default firmware is available in the zip and named 'ATtiny1617_Secure_AVR_BLE_IoT_Node.elf'.

The ATtiny1617 supports UPDI (Unified Program and Debug Interface), which is a Microchip proprietary interface for external programming and on-chip debugging of a device. It is possible for the user to reprogram the device using an Atmel-ICE or similar tool with UPDI support.

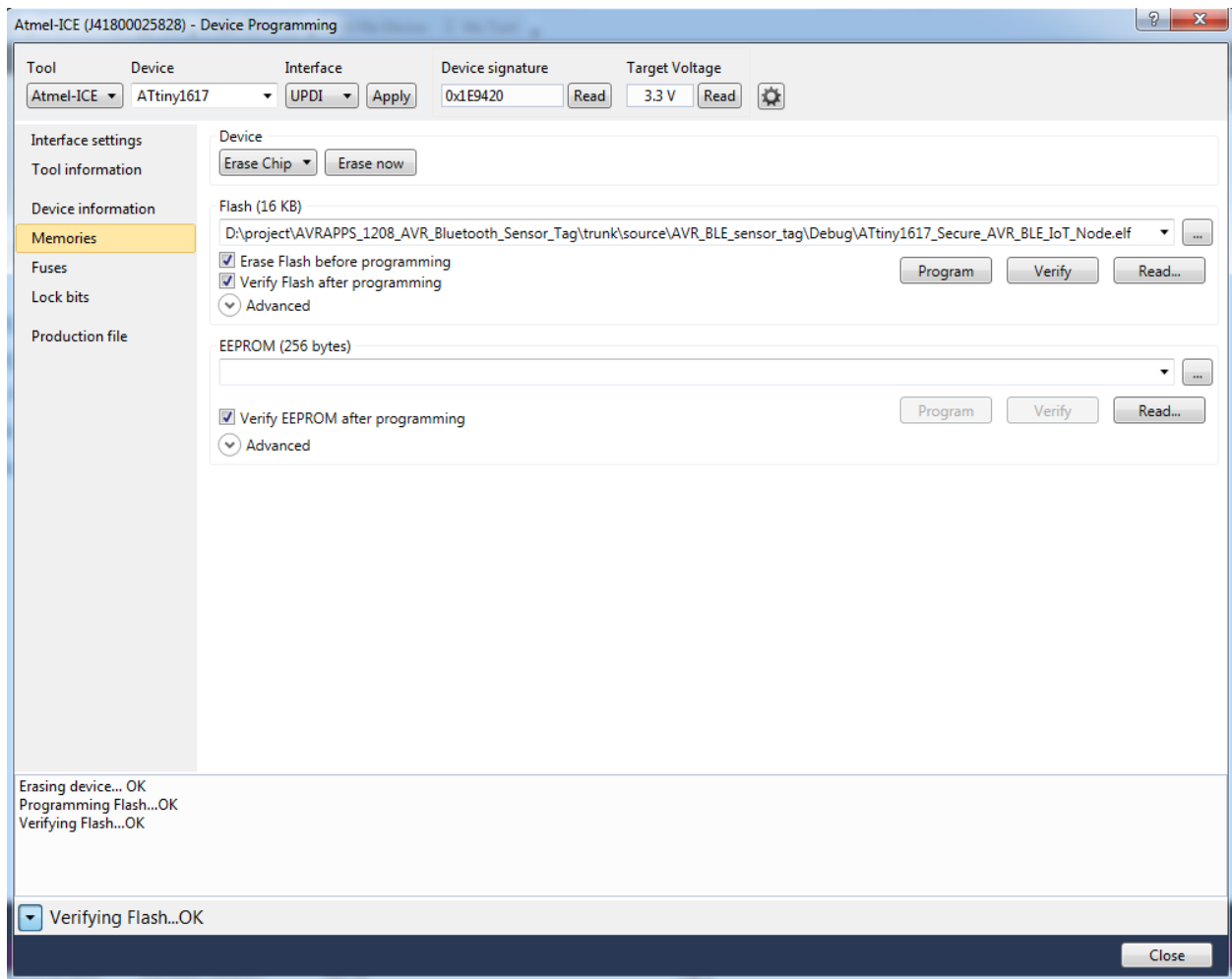
Figure 4-1. Connection of the Board and Programmer



Note: The AVR port of the Atmel-ICE must be used for programming and debugging the ATtiny1617 device.

The programming interface of Atmel Studio is shown in the figure below:

Figure 4-2. Programming Interface in Atmel Studio



4.2 RN4871 BLE Module Firmware

A default firmware V1.18.3 is preprogrammed in the RN4871 Bluetooth Low Energy 4.2 RF module. The firmware for the RN4871 can be updated using a PC tool isupdate.exe over the USB port.

The latest RN4871 firmware images and isupdate.exe firmware load PC tool are available from the product page at the <http://www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/RN4871>.

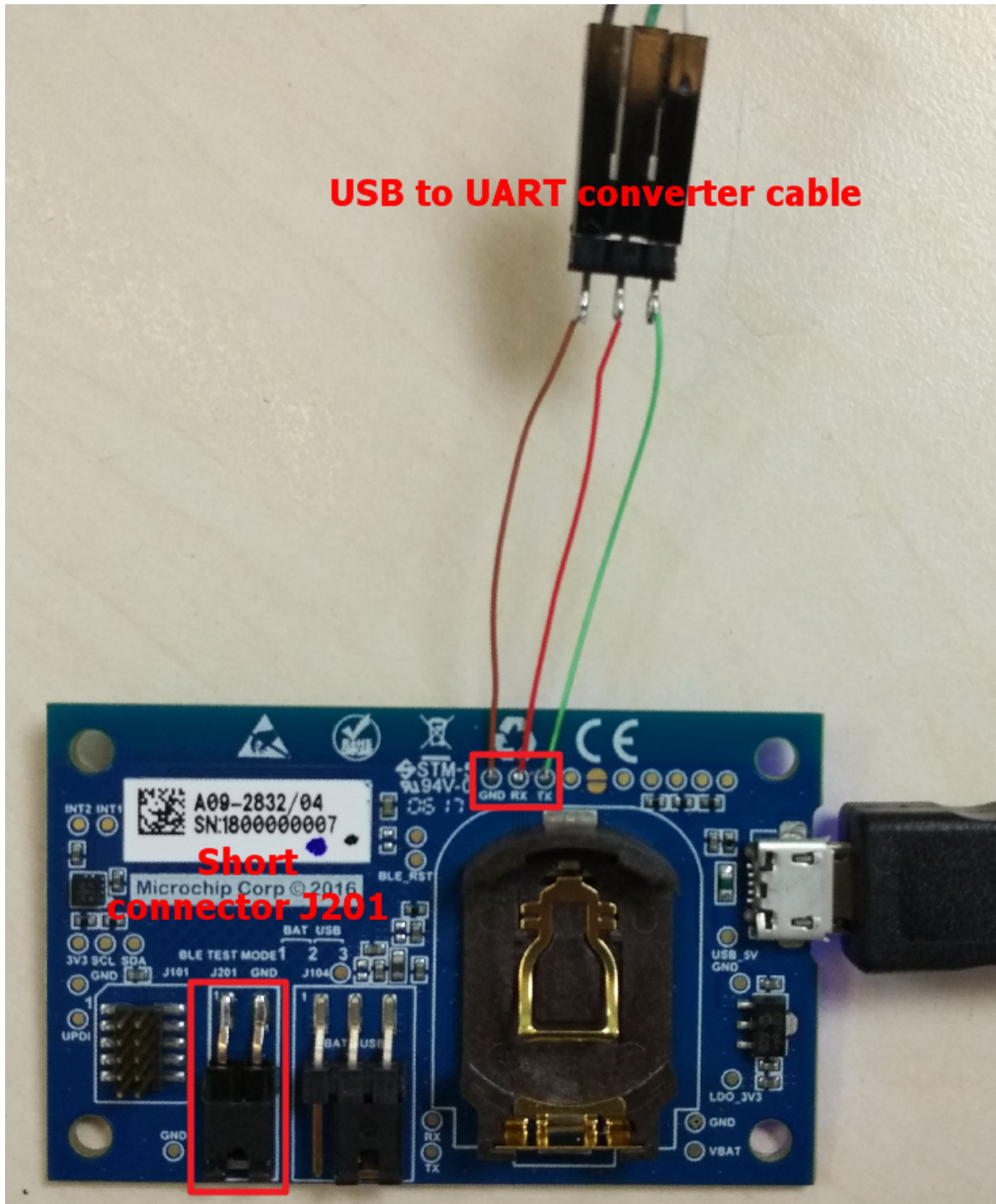
4.2.1 Firmware Programming

To update the firmware on the RN4871 follow the instructions below.

- Download the firmware zip file from the product web page and extract the content. The firmware images are included.
- Download the firmware update tool zip file from the product web page and extract the content. It contains the Isupdate.exe utility.
- Short the 1pin and 2pin of the J201 connector using the 2.54mm jumper.
- Connect the Secure AVR BLE IoT Node board to the PC host using the USB to UART converter cable.

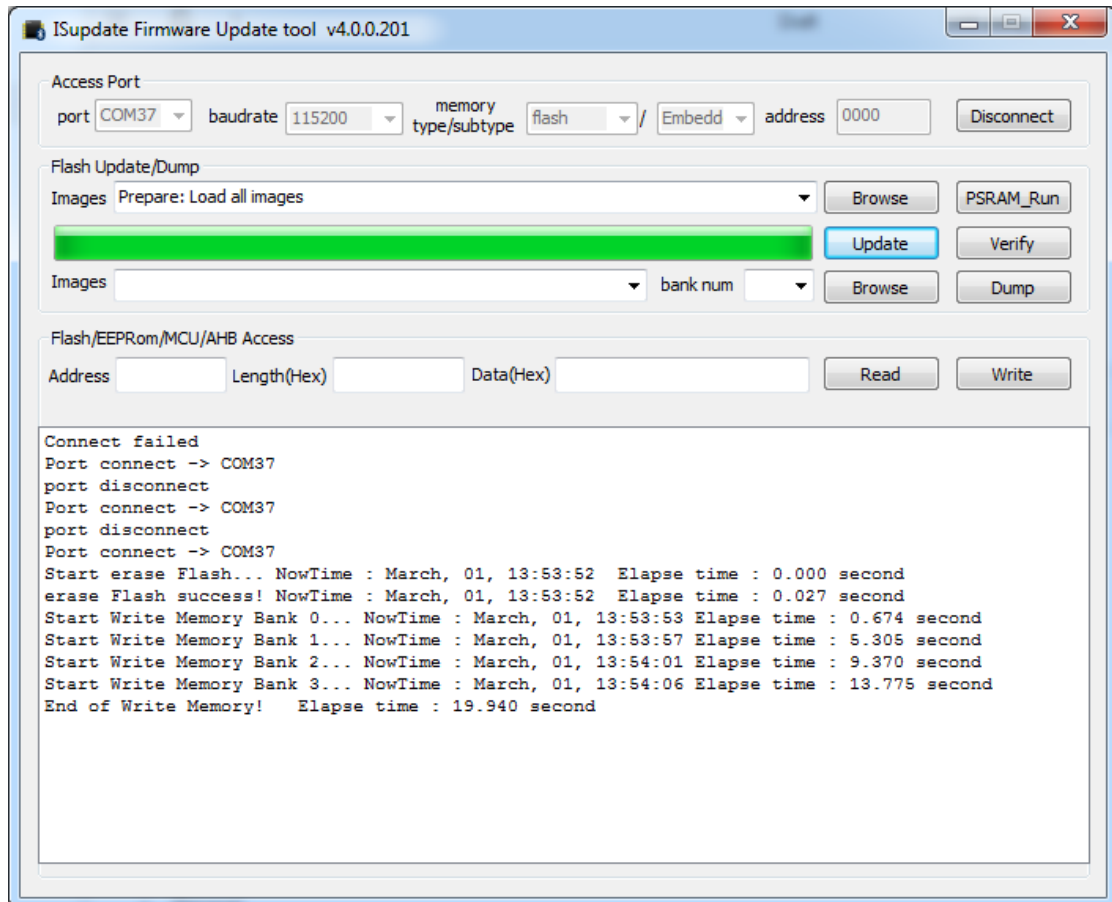
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Figure 4-3. Connection of the Board and USB to the UART Converter Cable



- Launch the Isupdate.exe application.
 - Select the COM port used by the Secure AVR BLE IoT Node board
 - Verify that the other settings (baudrate, memory type/subtype, address) are set as shown in the figure below

Figure 4-4. Isupdate.exe Firmware Update Utility



- Click the Connect button and verify that the “port connect → COMxx” is displayed in the text box
- Click the Browse button and load all images in the firmware zip file, then click the Update button. Verify that the firmware update has completed successfully. The “End of Write Memory” message is displayed in the text box.

4.2.2 RN4871 Bluetooth Module Configuration

A default configuration is preprogrammed in the RN4871 module.

There are two ways to send the configuration commands to RN4871 for Configuration. One is through the ATtiny1617 on board, the default configuration firmware is available in the zip and named 'ATtiny1617_Secure_AVR_BLE_IoT_Node_BLE_Conf.elf'. Another is through the ASCII commands over the USB.

After downloading the BLE module configuration firmware into ATtiny1617, wait until the Alarm LED is turned ON to confirm the BLE module is configured successfully.

For detailed explanation of the RN4871 commands and specifications, download the RN4871 data sheet and user guide documents available at the product page <http://www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/RN4871>.

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