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Plus Evaluation Board (#AC243007)  
with Explorer 16 Development Board  
User's Guide**

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## Preface

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## INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the MM7150 Motion Module PICTail™ Plus Evaluation Board (#AC243007) with the Explorer 16 development board (#DM240001) to run the demo and sample code. Items discussed in this chapter include:

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## DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the MM7150-PICtail with Explorer 16 Development Board to perform the demo and modify sample code. The manual layout is as follows:

- **Chapter 1. “Hardware Setup”** – Provides hardware setting information.
- **Chapter 2. “Software/Firmware Setup”** – Provides software and firmware setting and build information.
- **Chapter 3. “Demo Setup”** – Includes demonstration procedures.
- **Chapter 4. “Troubleshooting”** – Provides troubleshooting information.
- **Appendix A. “Code Structure”** – Provides sample code structure information.

- **Appendix B. “Reference Schematic & Bill of Materials”** – Provides MM7150-PICtail adapter reference schematic & bill of materials information.
- **Appendix C. “Extension Cable for Explorer 16”** – Provides signals connection information for building a custom extension cable to use with MM7150-PICtail.

## AUDIENCE

This document is written for developers who are familiar with 9-axis motion sensor applications. The purpose of this document is to describe the functions and use of the MM7150-PICtail with Explorer 16 Development Board to perform the demos and modify sample code functions as described in the Host API Design for MM7150 Application Note.

## REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- DS00001885A - SSC7150 Motion Coprocessor Data Sheet
- DS00001888A - MM7150 Motion Module Data Sheet
- DS00001873A - Host API Design for MM7150 Motion Module Application Note

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## GLOSSARY

This section describes glossary terms and acronyms used in this document.

TERM	DEFINITION
EVB	Evaluation Board
HID	Human Interface Device
I <sup>2</sup> C	Inter-Integrated Circuit
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EC	Embedded Controller
SF	Sensor Fusion

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## Chapter 1. Hardware Setup

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### 1.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Microchip Explorer 16 Development Board
- Microchip MM7150-PICtail Motion Module PICtail Board
- Microchip PICKit3 or ICD3 or RealICE debugger
- Null-Modem Serial Cable
- USB-to-Serial Adapter

### 1.2 PREPARING THE EXPLORER 16 DEVELOPMENT BOARD

- Insert PIM PIC24FJ128GA010 at Explorer 16 U1A socket
- Insert strap J7 for PIC24
- S2 switch selected for *PIM*
- Connect MPLAB ICD3 (or REAL ICE) In-Circuit Debugger module from HOST PC to JP1
- Connect USB-to-Serial Adapter capable of 19200 baud rate from HOST USB Port to Explorer 16 P1
  - *USB-to-Serial Adapter such as Microchip MCP2200 USB to RS232 Demo Board (Microchip part#: MCP2200EV-VCP)*

**Note:** Configure Terminal Emulation Software (ex. Tera Term) for 19200 baud, 8 bits, No Parity, 1 Stop Bit, No Flow Control.

- Power Supply (+9V) at J12

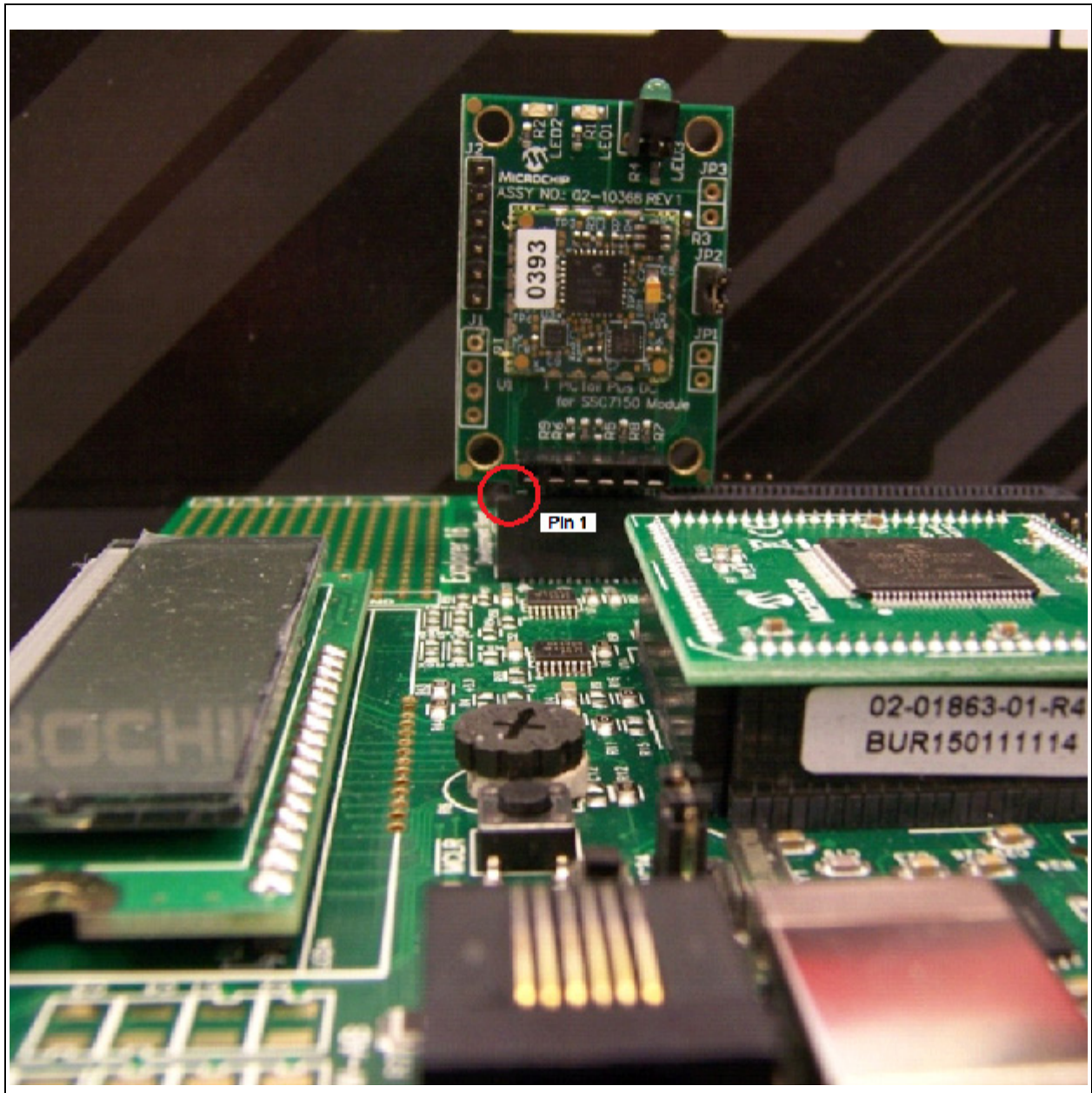
### 1.3 HARDWARE CONNECTIONS FOR MM7150-PICTAIL TO EXPLORER 16 BOARD

**Note:** Before attempting to connect the MM7150-PICtail with PICtail™ Plus Edge connector module to the Explorer 16 board, it is crucial that the power supply to the Explorer 16 be disconnected. Failure to do so may damage the MM7150 Motion Module.

#### 1.3.1 Direct Plug-In

The MM7150-PICtail can be installed directly into the Explorer 16 Board. Insert the MM7150-PICtail into the PICtail™ header J5 with pin 1 of the module lining up with pin 1 of the header, as seen in [Figure 1-1](#).

**FIGURE 1-1: DIRECT CONNECTION OF MM7150-PICTAIL TO THE EXPLORER 16 PICTAIL™ HEADER.**



### 1.3.2 Using Extension Cable

The MM7150-PICtail motion module can be connected to the Explorer 16 development board via a custom extension cable. Using an extension cable will allow freedom of movement compared with directly inserting the MM7150-PICtail board into the PICtail header on the Explorer 16 board.

Please see [Appendix C. “Extension Cable for Explorer 16”](#) for more information.

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## Chapter 2. Software/Firmware Setup

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### 2.1 SOFTWARE/FIRMWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Microchip MPLABX IDE v3.26 or later
- Microchip XC16 Compiler v1.26 or later
- Microchip MPLAB Code Configurator Plugin v3.16 or later
- MM7150\_Exp16\_Sample\_Code\_v1.4.0

**Note:** The latest sample code is available at [www.microchip.com/motion](http://www.microchip.com/motion) or please contact your Microchip representative for more information.

- SSC7150 Motion Coprocessor Firmware Binary
  - The firmware can be updated using the flash update feature as described in [Section 3.5.1 “Flash Update command”](#).
  - The firmware binary object code is encrypted and the update process is secured.

**Note:** The latest firmware binary file is available at [www.microchip.com/motion](http://www.microchip.com/motion) or please contact your Microchip representative for more information.

- MM7150 Module Configuration Firmware Binary
  - The configuration data can be updated using the update feature as described in [Section 3.5.2 “Flash Configuration Update Command”](#).

### 2.2 MPLABX PROJECT:

- Start MPLABX IDE as shown in [Figure 2-1](#).

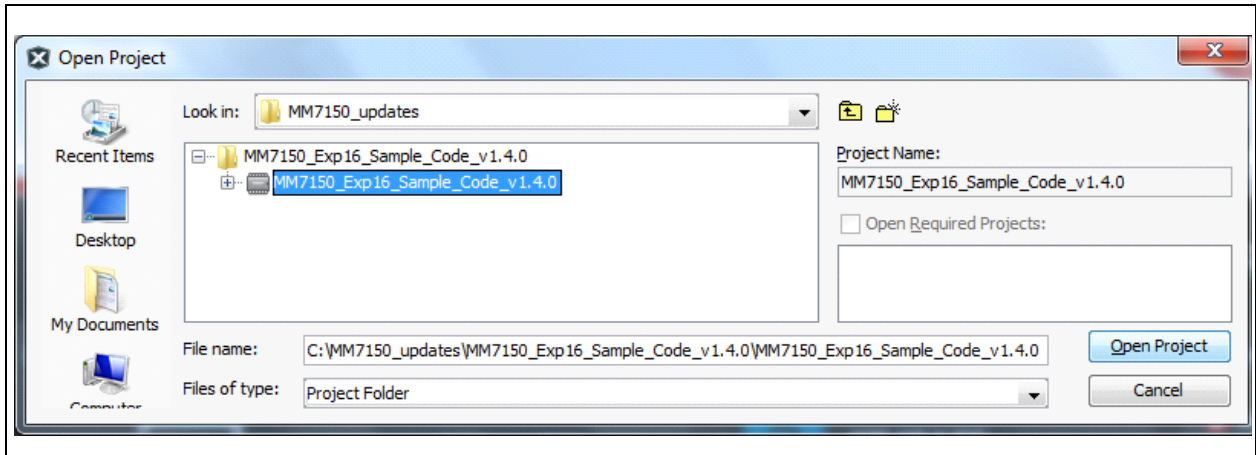
**FIGURE 2-1: MPLABX IDE STARTUP SCREEN**



# Software/Firmware Setup

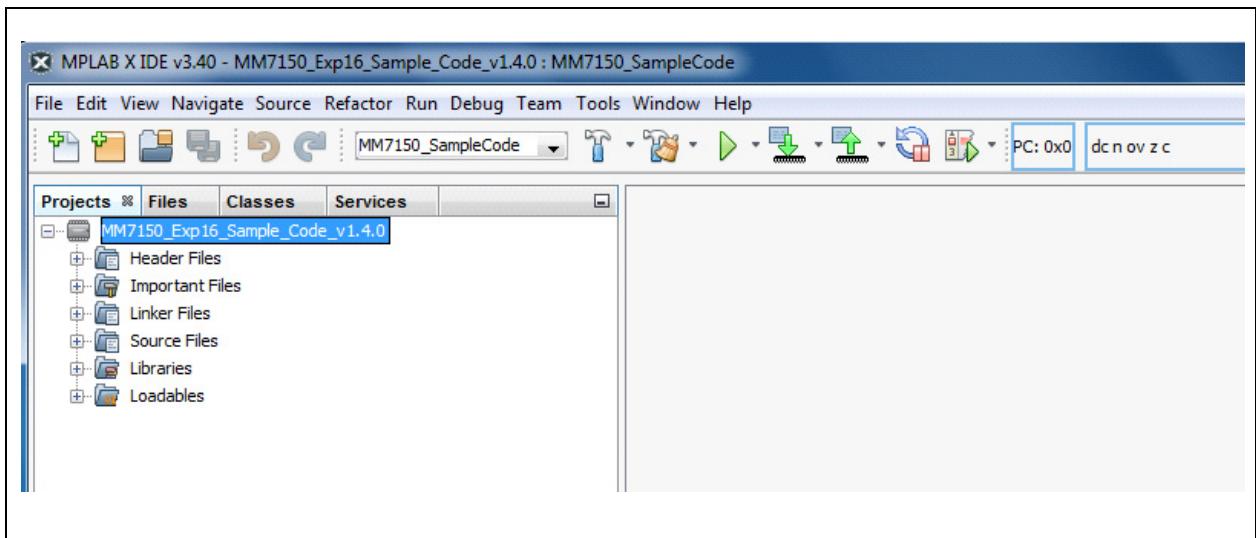
- File->Open Project Navigate to project directory and select *Open Project* as shown in [Figure 2-2](#).

**FIGURE 2-2: OPEN PROJECT**



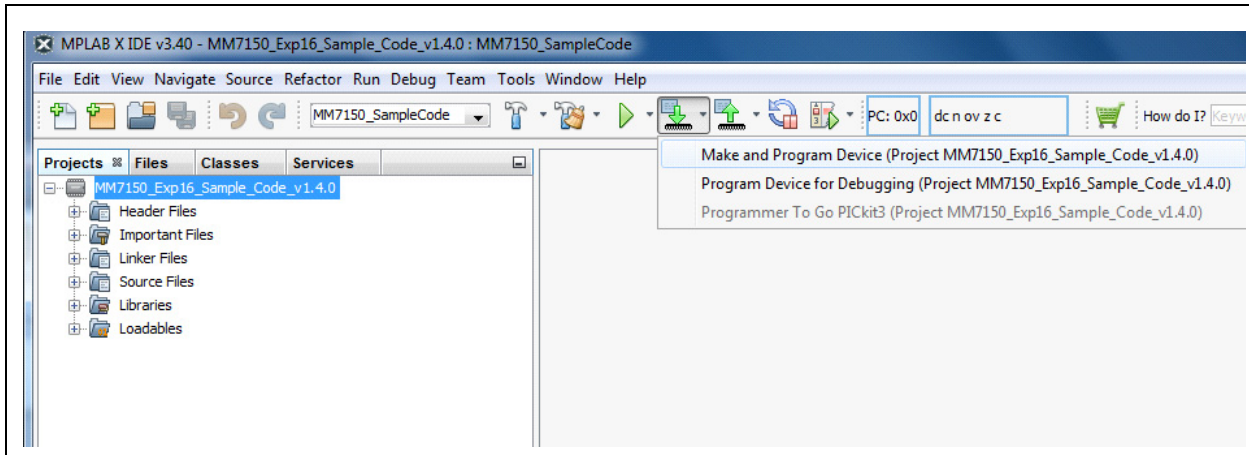
- Motion Demo Project Loaded as shown in [Figure 2-3](#):

**FIGURE 2-3: PROJECT IS OPENED**



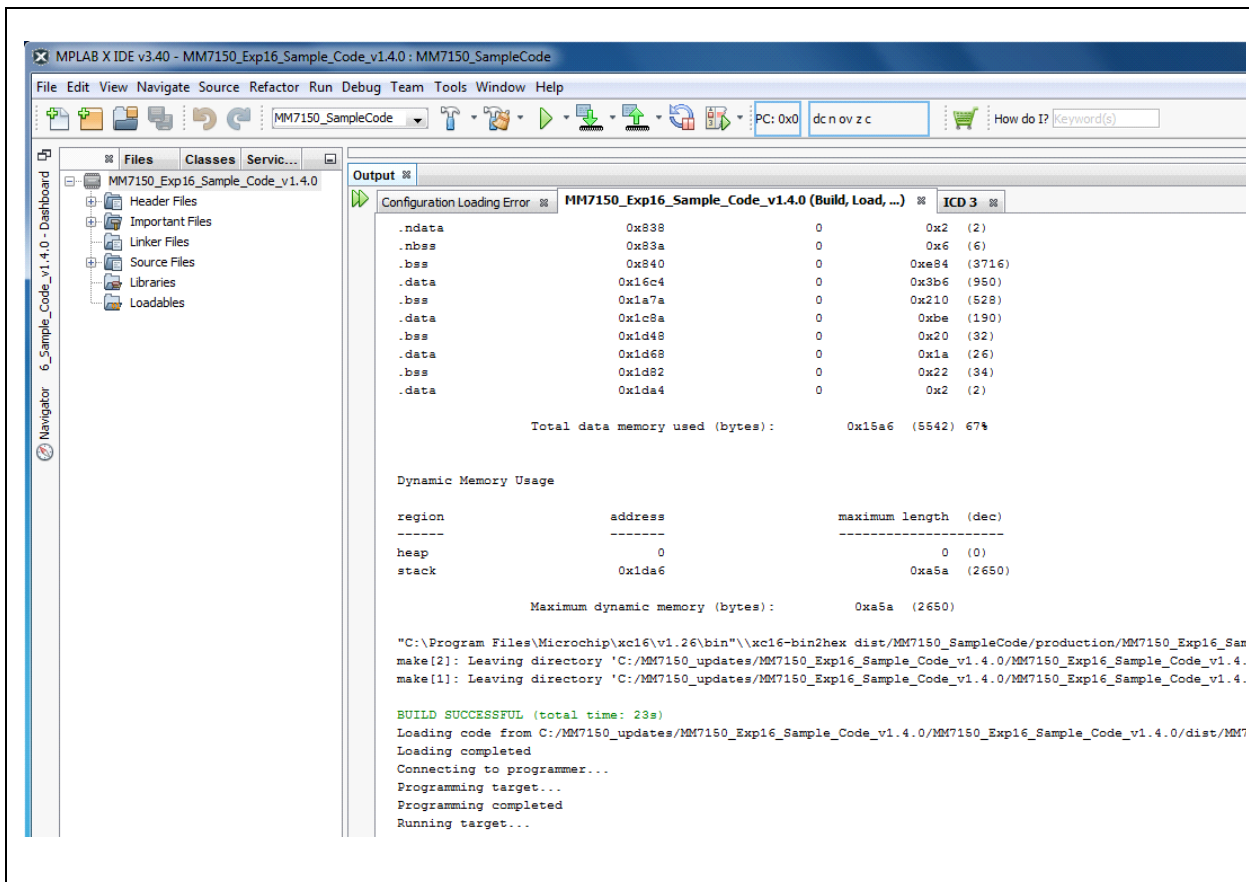
- With Explorer 16 power applied, make the project and download to Explorer 16 flash as shown in [Figure 2-4](#):

**FIGURE 2-4: SELECT DOWNLOAD OPTION**



- Output screen during build process as shown in [Figure 2-5](#):

**FIGURE 2-5: BUILD PROCESS OUTPUT**



## Chapter 3. Demo Setup

### 3.1 RUNNING THE MOTION DEMO

**Note:** Using a debugger will necessitate cycling power to the connected MM7150-PICtail to reset its onboard EC (embedded controller). The easiest way to accomplish this while debugging code is to remove/install power to the Explorer 16 Development board with the MM7150-PICtail installed in J5 header. DO NOT attempt to unplug the MM7150-PICtail while power is applied to it through its connection to the Explorer 16 Development board. This can cause a power spike to the MM7150-PICtail and cause it to become inoperative.

Once the program has been built and downloaded/programmed successfully to Explorer 16 Flash, the user should observe a sequence of LED flashes on the Explorer 16 board's LED panel.

The user should then observe the following message on the Explorer 16 board's LCD screen:

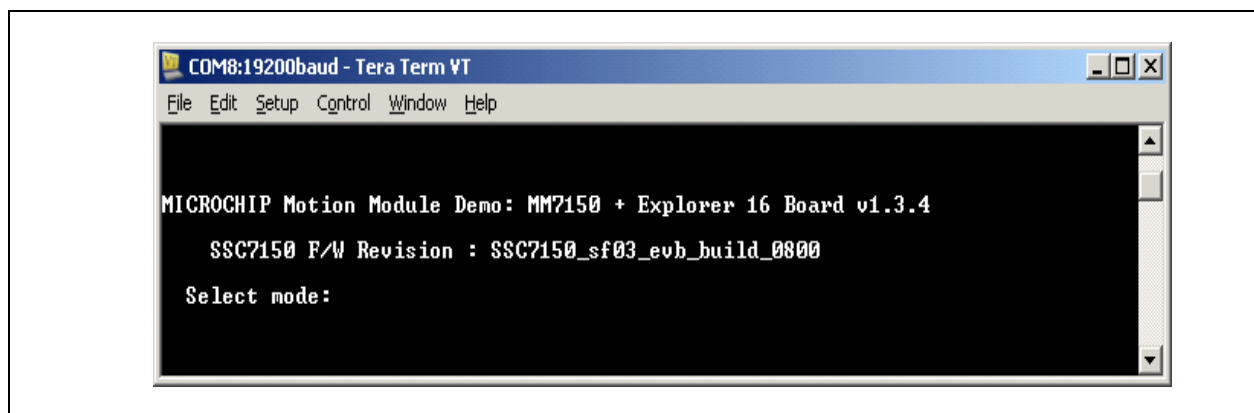
**MM7150 Demo v140**

**Select mode:**

Additionally the following message will appear in the serial terminal window on the connected computer:

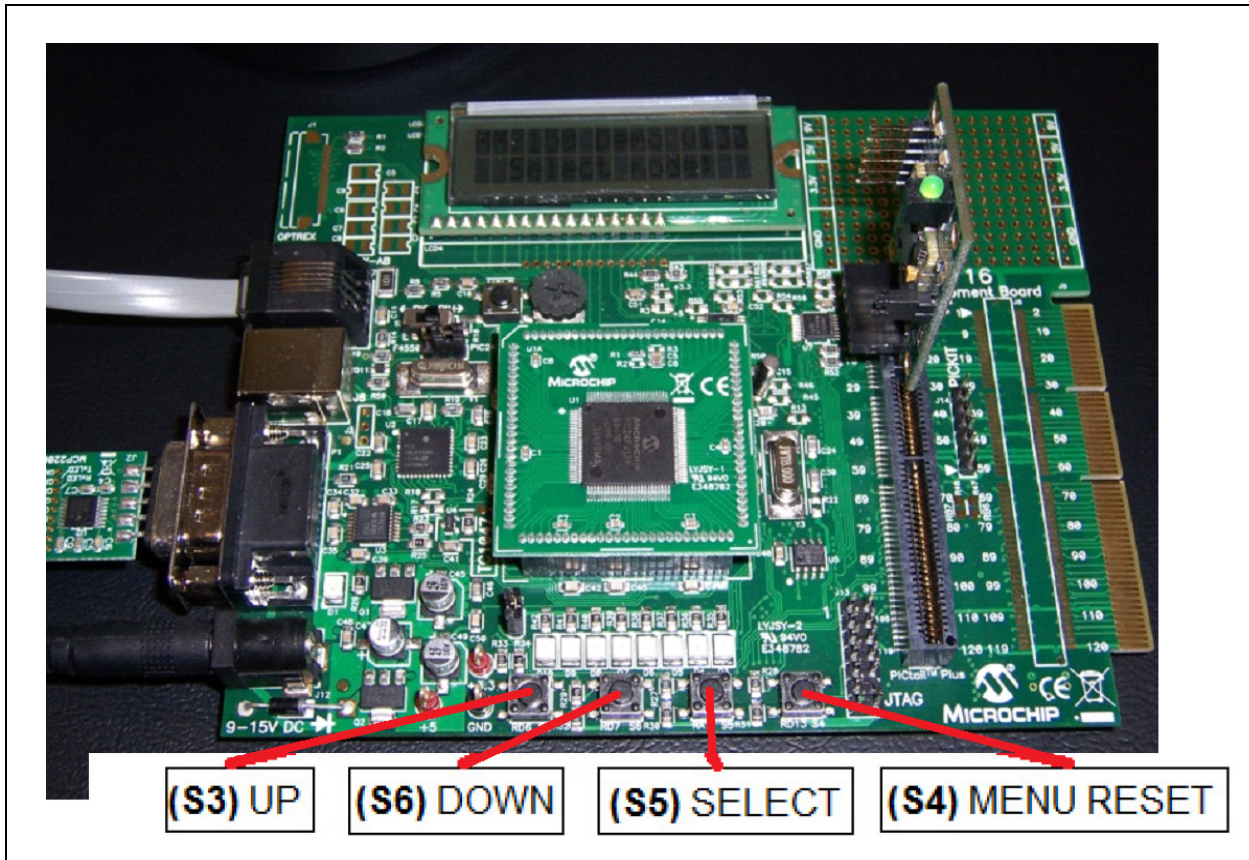
**Note:** Beginning with revision 1.3.4 of the sample code, the build number of the firmware currently loaded on the SSC7150 device is displayed (as shown).

**FIGURE 3-1: FIRMWARE REVISION DISPLAYED**



Once this message has been displayed, the user can begin navigating the user menu using the Explorer 16 push buttons (S3/S6/S5/S4). The buttons are coded as follows:

**FIGURE 3-2: MM7150-PICTAIL ON EXP16 OVERVIEW**



As the UP/DOWN buttons are pressed, the Explorer 16 LCD screen will refresh and change the position of the selection cursor (“>”) to a list of available sensor types. The output to the serial monitor will also change to indicate the current sensor type which can be selected by pressing the (S5) SELECT button. Once the user selects a sensor from the menu, the sensor data output will be displayed and updated on both the LCD and serial monitor.

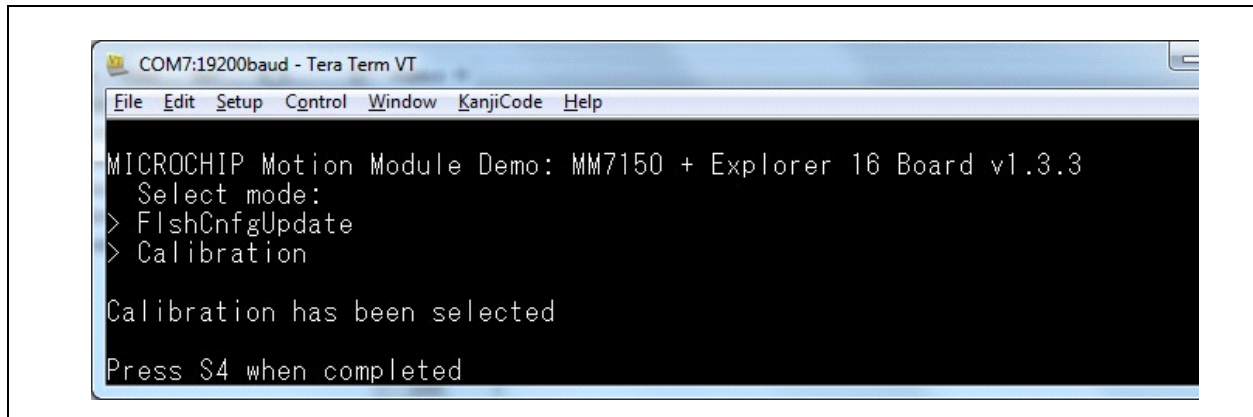
## 3.2 CALIBRATING SENSORS

### 3.2.1 Calibration Mode

In order for the sensors to function properly and indicate accurate data the user will need to calibrate the MM7150 each time power has been removed. This calibration is done by selecting the “Calibration” mode as shown in [Figure 3-3](#), holding the MM7150-PICtail which is attached via an extension cable (see [Appendix C. “Extension Cable for Explorer 16”](#) for more information), or if not using an extension cable, by holding the entire Explorer 16 board with MM7150-PICtail installed, and moving it through space a few times (~ 5 seconds) to make an “infinity” symbol or a “figure 8”.



**FIGURE 3-3: CALIBRATION MODE**



### 3.2.2 One-time Calibration Mode

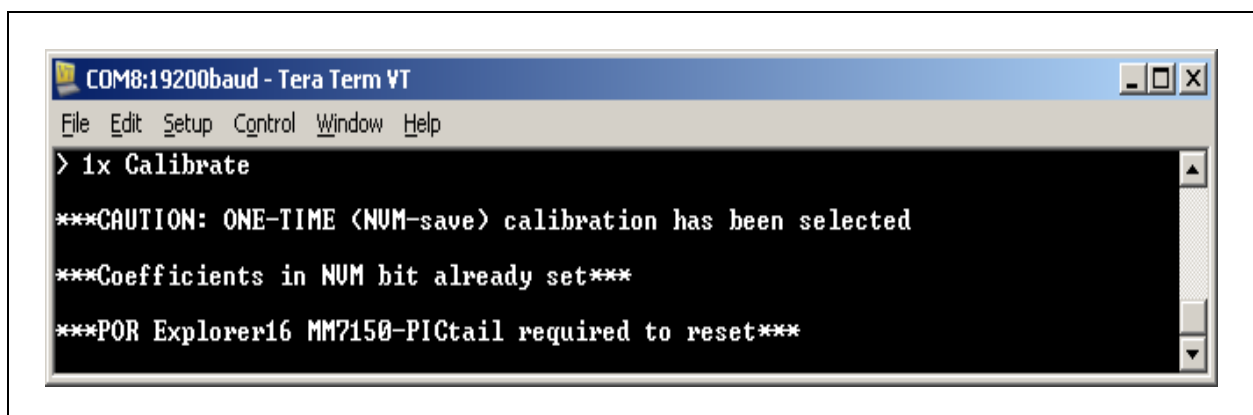
Calibration of sensors is based on magnetic fields and magnetic flux present at the time of calibration. In the event that the MM7150-PICtail was factory calibrated in a part of the world where the magnetic flux differs significantly from its present location, the one-time calibration *may* be useful. One-time calibration is similar to normal calibration with one distinct difference, the final calibration will be save to NVM (Non-Volatile-Memory) upon completion.

**CAUTION:** Although one-time calibration appears to be a viable solution to the normal “quick” calibration each time power is removed from the MM7150-PICtail, extreme caution must be exercised in the use of the one-time calibration. The MM7150-PICtail, like all devices containing flash memory, has a limited life-cycle for updating flash memory. It is strongly recommended that the one-time calibration is only used for cases where the MM7150-PICtail’s calibration is drastically inaccurate due to magnetic field conditions that are vastly different in new locations. Even in such cases, the one-time calibration and update to NVM should be used “sparingly”.

**Note:** One-time calibration requires sleep/wake cycle in order to affect the changes to NVM. The HOST\_TO\_SH\_WAKE signal MUST be provided if using an Exp16 to MM7150-PICtail extension cable.

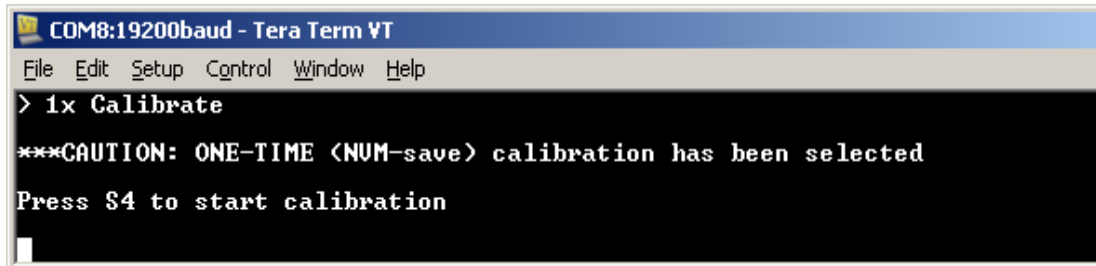
The one-time calibration can only be completed if the NVM (Non-Volatile Memory) update flag has not been set for the current power cycle. If the NVM update flag is already set the only recourse is to Power-On Reset (POR) the Explorer16 with connected MM7150-PICtail.

**FIGURE 3-4: ONE-TIME CALIBRATION - NVM UPDATE FLAG IS SET**



One-time calibration selected from main menu:

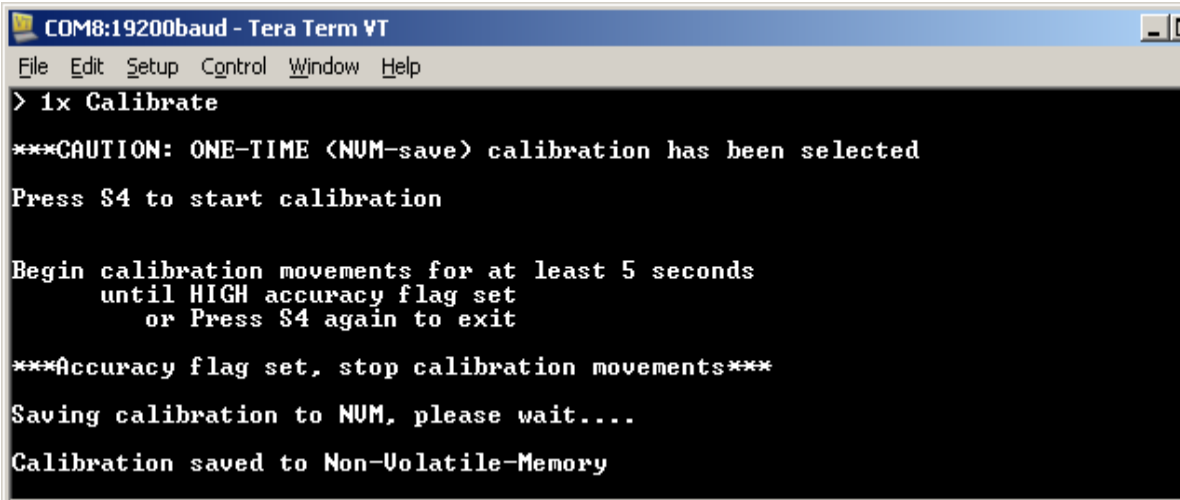
**FIGURE 3-5: ENTER ONE-TIME CALIBRATION**



```
COM8:19200baud - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
> 1x Calibrate
***CAUTION: ONE-TIME <NUM-save> calibration has been selected
Press S4 to start calibration
```

Press push-button S4 to start calibration. Similar to the “normal” calibration the MM7150-PICtail is moved through space in a figure-8 to facilitate calibration. For this mode the program will collect calibration data for at least 5 seconds and then check that the “high accuracy” flag has been set. Once this state has been achieved, the MM7150-PICtail is put to sleep and wakes in order to save the calibration settings to NVM

**FIGURE 3-6: ONE-TIME CALIBRATION COMPLETED**



```
COM8:19200baud - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
> 1x Calibrate
***CAUTION: ONE-TIME <NUM-save> calibration has been selected
Press S4 to start calibration

Begin calibration movements for at least 5 seconds
  until HIGH accuracy flag set
  or Press S4 again to exit

***Accuracy flag set, stop calibration movements***
Saving calibration to NUM, please wait....
Calibration saved to Non-Volatile-Memory
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## 3.3 SENSOR DATA DISPLAY

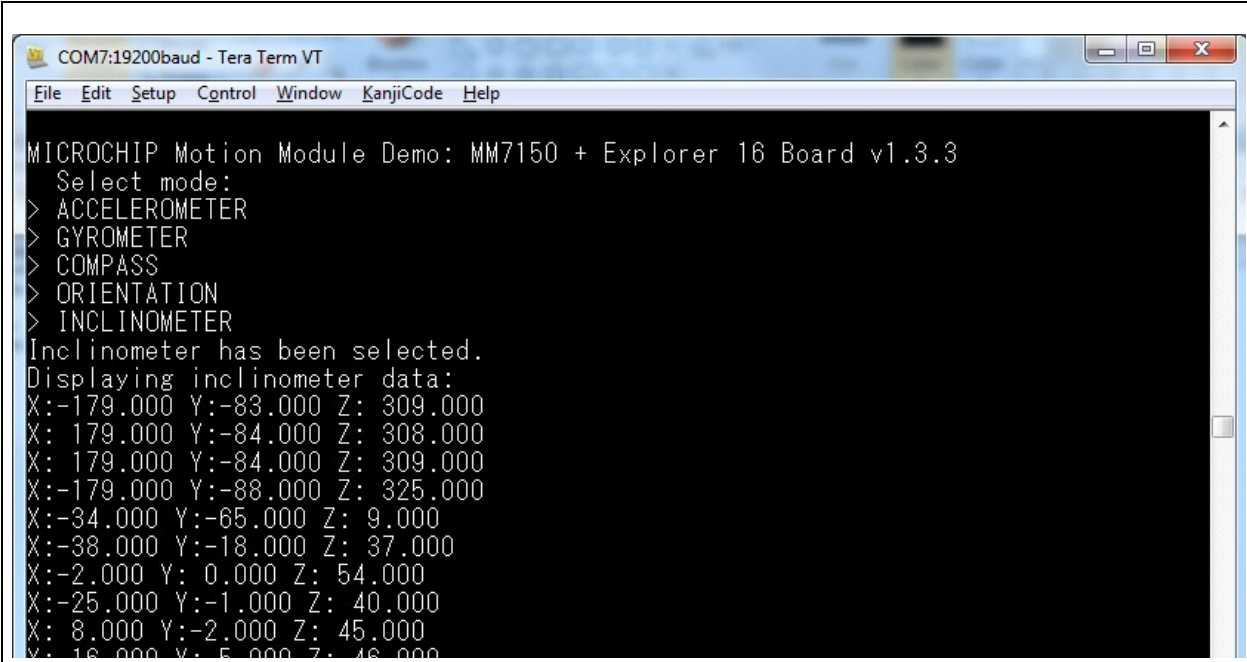
Once calibrated the active sensors on the MM7150 motion module will send updates to the PIC24 on the Explorer 16 board running the application program via I<sup>2</sup>C in the form of HID packets including all relevant dimensions of data to be retrieved from the device. These sensor readings will be displayed on the LCD (as well as the COM port in a 'linear' formatting):

**1D data:** 79.0  
**3D data:** X: 50.3 Y: 75.6 Z: -32.9  
**4D data:** X: 1.021 Y:-.642 Z:-.458 W: .348

**Note:** Significant digits will vary based on resolution of specific sensor. This resolution can be determined by the *unit exponent scaling factor*. Serial data will always be displayed to 3 significant digits.

Sample output to COM port running Tera Term serial emulator:

**FIGURE 3-7: DISPLAY INCLINOMETER DATA**



```
COM7:19200baud - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window KanjiCode Help
MICROCHIP Motion Module Demo: MM7150 + Explorer 16 Board v1.3.3
Select mode:
> ACCELEROMETER
> GYROMETER
> COMPASS
> ORIENTATION
> INCLINOMETER
Inclinometer has been selected.
Displaying inclinometer data:
X:-179.000 Y:-83.000 Z: 309.000
X: 179.000 Y:-84.000 Z: 308.000
X: 179.000 Y:-84.000 Z: 309.000
X:-179.000 Y:-88.000 Z: 325.000
X:-34.000 Y:-65.000 Z: 9.000
X:-38.000 Y:-18.000 Z: 37.000
X:-2.000 Y: 0.000 Z: 54.000
X:-25.000 Y:-1.000 Z: 40.000
X: 8.000 Y:-2.000 Z: 45.000
X: 16.000 Y: 5.000 Z: 46.000
```

The sensor data is updated to the display every time a data register has changed since the previous update.

## 3.4 SLEEP/WAKE

The MM7150 motion module can be set to enter deep sleep to achieve its lowest power consumption. In the Explorer 16 sample code this can be accomplished by selecting the SLEEP command from the main menu. The Explorer 16 host will send a POWER\_OFF command through the I<sup>2</sup>C interface. As a result of this SLEEP command the MM7150 motion coprocessor is halted and the I<sup>2</sup>C interface is stopped.

Select the WAKE command from the Explorer 16 main menu to wake the MM7150 motion module. This command will toggle the HOST\_TO\_SH\_WAKE signal to alert the MM7150 to wake, send the POWER\_ON command via I<sup>2</sup>C interface, and wait the required time to allow the MM7150 to fully wake and allow sensor activity to resume.

The sleep/wake process requires that certain timing constraints must be observed (shown below in [Figure 3-1](#)).

**TABLE 3-1: SLEEP / WAKE TIMING CONSTRAINTS**

		Delay period	Reason
1	Required delay between sending the SLEEP command & toggling WAKE	70ms	This is required for the coefficient write in flash during D3 plus other house-keeping activities to go into D3 state
2	Required delay between toggling (3 $\mu$ s min) the wake signal and sending power ON command	11ms	This is required for clock source switching after coming out of D3 state
3	Required delay between D3 wake and enumeration sequence start	30ms	This is required for sensor initialization after D3 state

### 3.5 FLASH UPDATE

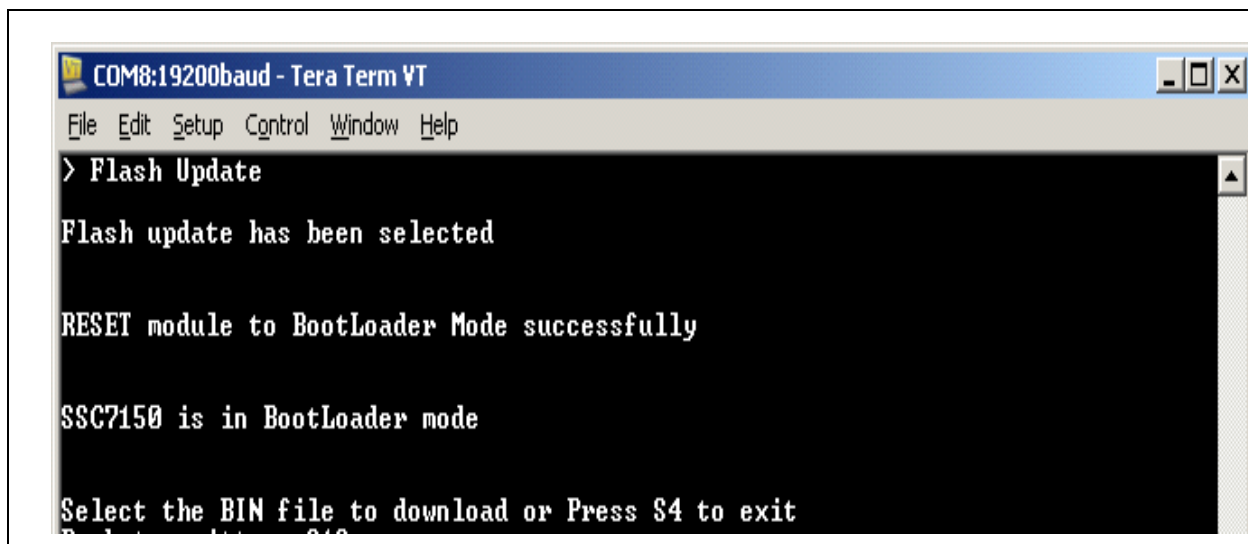
The MM7150 motion module firmware can be updated with the appropriate binary image (please refer to [Section 2.1 “Software/Firmware requirements”](#) for more information) by selecting Flash Update from the Explorer 16 main menu. The Explorer 16 sample code will reset the MM7150 module into a state able to accept the new binary image, download and CRC-check a valid binary image, program new MM7150 firmware binary via I<sup>2</sup>C interface, and finally perform image verification.

**Note:** The Explorer 16's UART connection will be used to download the flash update binary and, as such, must be connected to a HOST PC running a terminal emulator (such as *Tera Term* as described in [Section 1.2 “Preparing the Explorer 16 Development Board”](#)).

#### 3.5.1 Flash Update command

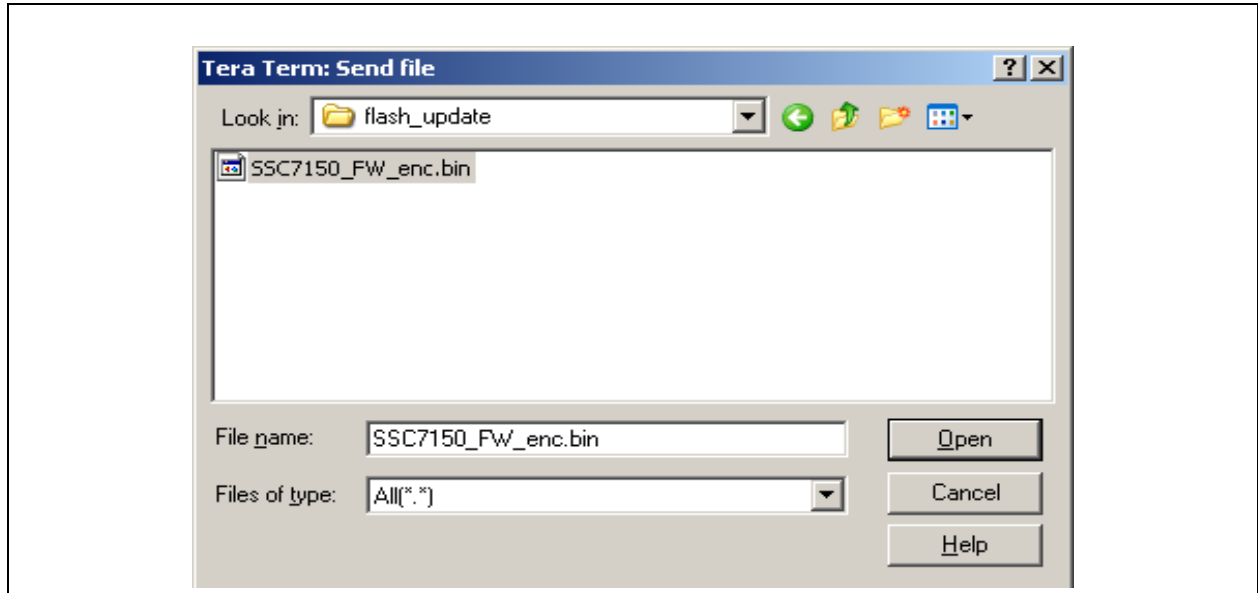
[Figure 3-8](#) shows the Flash Update Command from the Exp 16 sample code select menu.

**FIGURE 3-8: FLASH UPDATE COMMAND**



Select "File->Send file..." from Tera Term utility (NOTE: Select *Binary Option*).

**FIGURE 3-9: SELECT BINARY FILE**



**FIGURE 3-10: DOWNLOADING BINARY IMAGE**

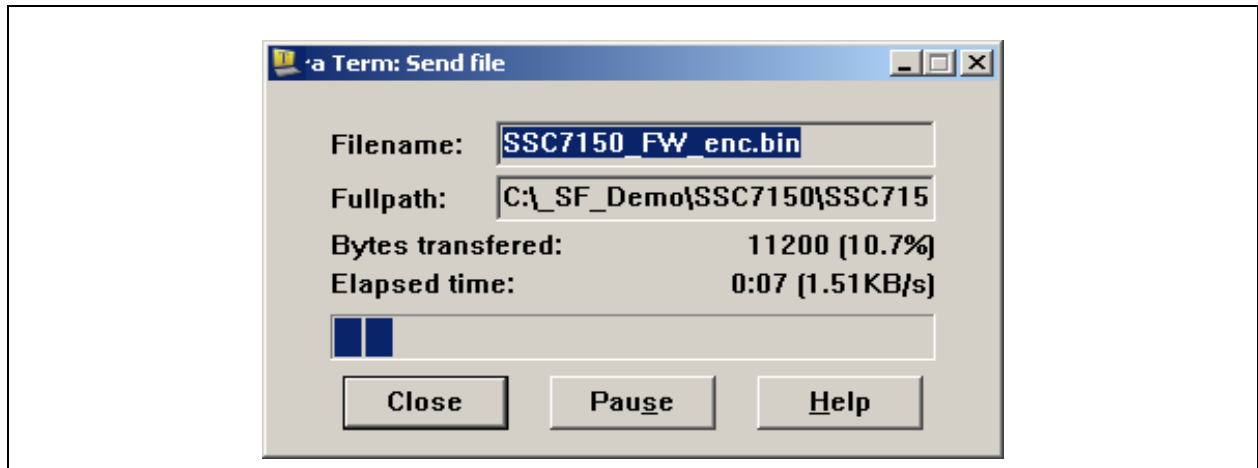
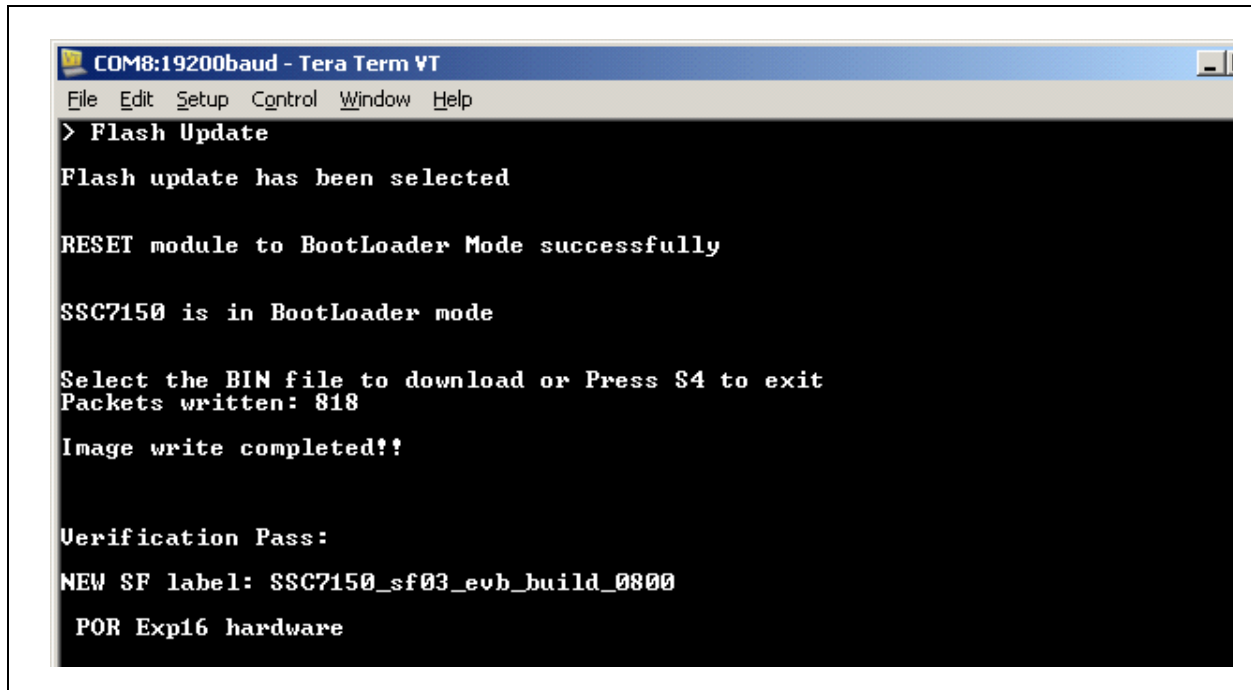


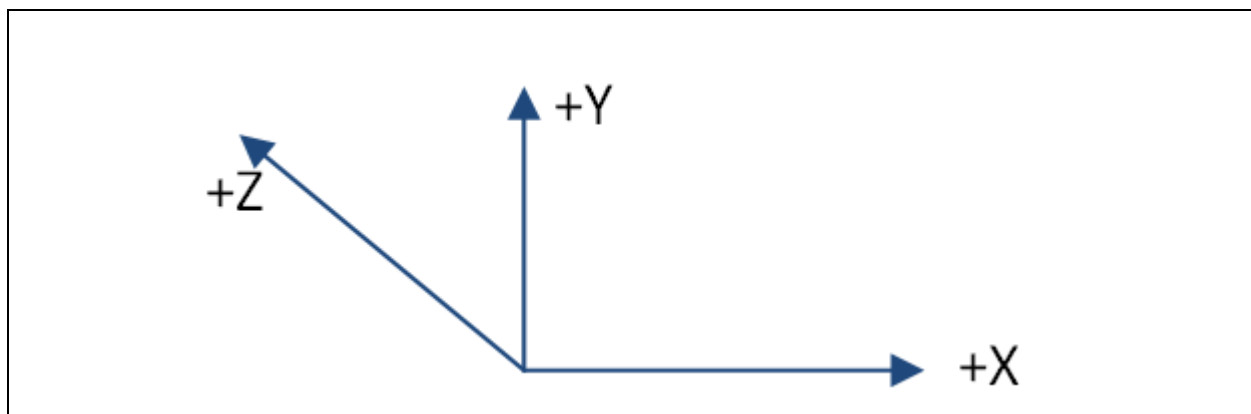
FIGURE 3-11: FLASH UPDATE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION



Selection of the Flash Update mode will require cycling power to the Explorer 16 (and attached MM7150-PICTail) regardless if the flash update procedure is successful, aborted, or an error is encountered. Initial setup for this flash update sequence requires the MM7150 to enter "BootLoader" mode from which normal operation is not possible, therefore a POR to the MM7150-PICTail is required.

### 3.5.2 Flash Configuration Update Command

The X/Y/Z orientation of the MM7150 module on the customer's design can be modified and saved to the MM7150's flash. The default orientation of the A/M/G sensors of MM7150 (placed horizontally) is:



For this case, the inputs to the motion algorithm (running in MM7150 firmware) can be represented by the following 3x3 matrix (Accelerometer for example):

Matrix[3, 3] = [A00, A01, A02; A10, A11, A12; A20, A21, A22];

where  $A_{xx}$  could be 0, 1, or -1.

So, for the horizontal orientation shown above and assuming that X/Y/Z are data read from the hardware sensor and X'/Y'/Z' are data input to the motion algorithm:

$$X' = A00*x + A01*y + A02*z$$

$$Y' = A10*x + A11*y + A12*z$$

$$Z' = A20*x + A21*y + A22*z$$

Since the input matrix corresponds one to one in X/Y/Z to the output matrix, we obtain the following:

$$X' = 1*x + 0*y + 0*z$$

$$Y' = 0*x + 1*y + 0*z$$

$$Z' = 0*x + 0*y + 1*z$$

i.e. Resulting matrix[3, 3] = [1,0,0; 0,1,0; 0,0,1;]

This orientation configuration data must be sent to the appropriate sector in the MM7150 firmware in the following format:

**TABLE 3-2: CONFIGURATION DATA FORMAT FOR HORIZONTAL**

Name	Values
Header	A5A5A5A5
Serial_num	00000000
ACC_matrix	010000000100000001
MAG_matrix	010000000100000001
GYR_matrix	010000000100000001
Reserved	00
ACC_config	01010110
MAG_config	02010112
GYR_config	03010168
Reserved	04010144
Reserved	05010177
Reserved	06000000
Reserved	07000000
Reserved	08000000
Reserved	09000000
ACC_range	00030000 (see <a href="#">Note 1</a> )
Chk_sum	1C040000 (see <a href="#">Note 2</a> )
Padded	FF's for 128 byte packet

**Note 1:** SSC7150 Firmware Build 0A00 supports the accelerometer range option as shown below:

ACC\_range = 00030000: +/- 2G

ACC\_range = 00050000: +/- 4G

ACC\_range = 00080000: +/- 8G

ACC\_range = 000C0000: +/- 16G

**2:** Check sum will be calculated by the sample code flash configuration update command, as a result this field will be ignored and can be: 00000000.

For example, the XYZ matrix result for the accelerometer (acc\_matrix) takes the form of:

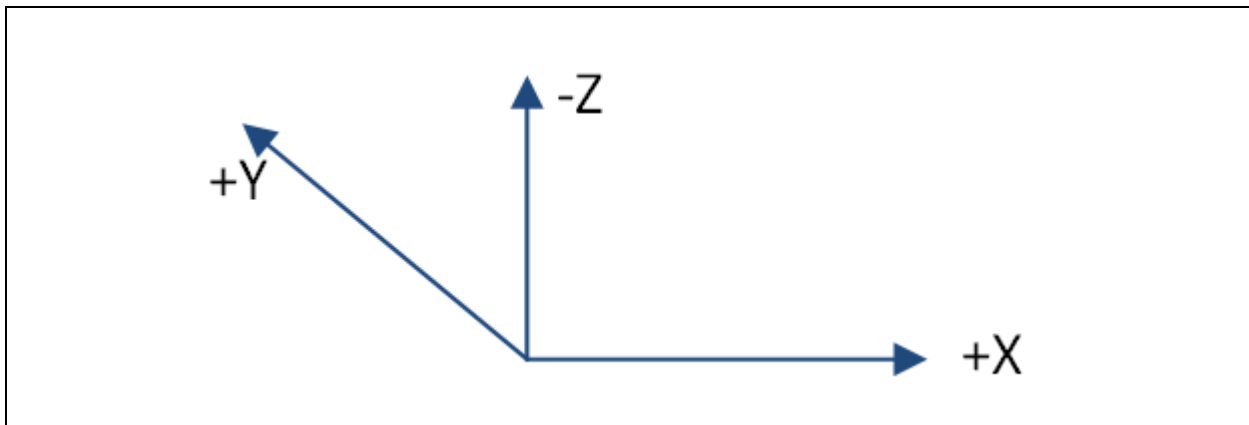
ACC\_matrix = 01 00 00 (X=1,0,0) 00 01 00 (Y=0,1,0) 00 00 01 (Z=0,0,1)

For MM7150\_Exp16\_Sample\_Code\_v1.4.0, the flash configuration data needs to be in the following *binary* file format (derived from the above text file):

**FIGURE 3-12: CONFIGURATION DATA BINARY FOR HORIZONTAL**

00000000	A5	A5	A5	A5	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	
00000010	01	01	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	01	01	00	00	00	00	01	00
00000020	00	00	01	00	01	01	01	10	02	01	01	12	03	01	01	68	
00000030	04	01	01	44	05	01	01	77	06	00	00	00	07	00	00	00	
00000040	08	00	00	00	09	00	00	00	00	03	00	00	1C	04	00	00	
00000050	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	
00000060	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	
00000070	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	FF	

Similarly, for the A/M/G sensors of the MM7150 placed vertically (such as when plugged into the Explorer 16 card):





For the vertical orientation shown above and assuming that X/Y/Z are data read from the hardware sensor and X'/Y'/Z' are data input to the motion algorithm with respect to the default X/Y/Z settings:

$$X' = A00*x + A01*y + A02*z$$

$$Y' = A10*x + A11*y + A12*z$$

$$Z' = A20*x + A21*y + A22*z$$

Since, for this case, the input matrix does not correspond one to one in X/Y/Z to the output matrix, we obtain the following translations:

$$X' = 1*x + 0*y + 0*z$$

$$Y' = 0*x + 0*y - 1*z$$

$$Z' = 0*x + 1*y + 0*z$$

i.e. Resulting matrix[3, 3] = [1,0,0; 0,0,-1; 0,1,0;]

This vertical configuration data can be sent to the appropriate sector in the MM7150 firmware in the following format:

**TABLE 3-3: CONFIGURATION DATA FORMAT FOR VERTICAL**

Name	Values
Header	A5A5A5A5
Serial_num	00000000
ACC_matrix	0100000000FF000100
MAG_matrix	0100000000FF000100
GYR_matrix	0100000000FF000100
Reserved	00
ACC_config	01010110
MAG_config	02010112
GYR_config	03010168
Reserved	04010144
Reserved	05010177
Reserved	06000000
Reserved	07000000
Reserved	08000000
Reserved	09000000
ACC_range	00030000 (see <a href="#">Note 1</a> )
Chk_sum	16070000 (see <a href="#">Note 2</a> )
Padded	FF's for 128 byte package

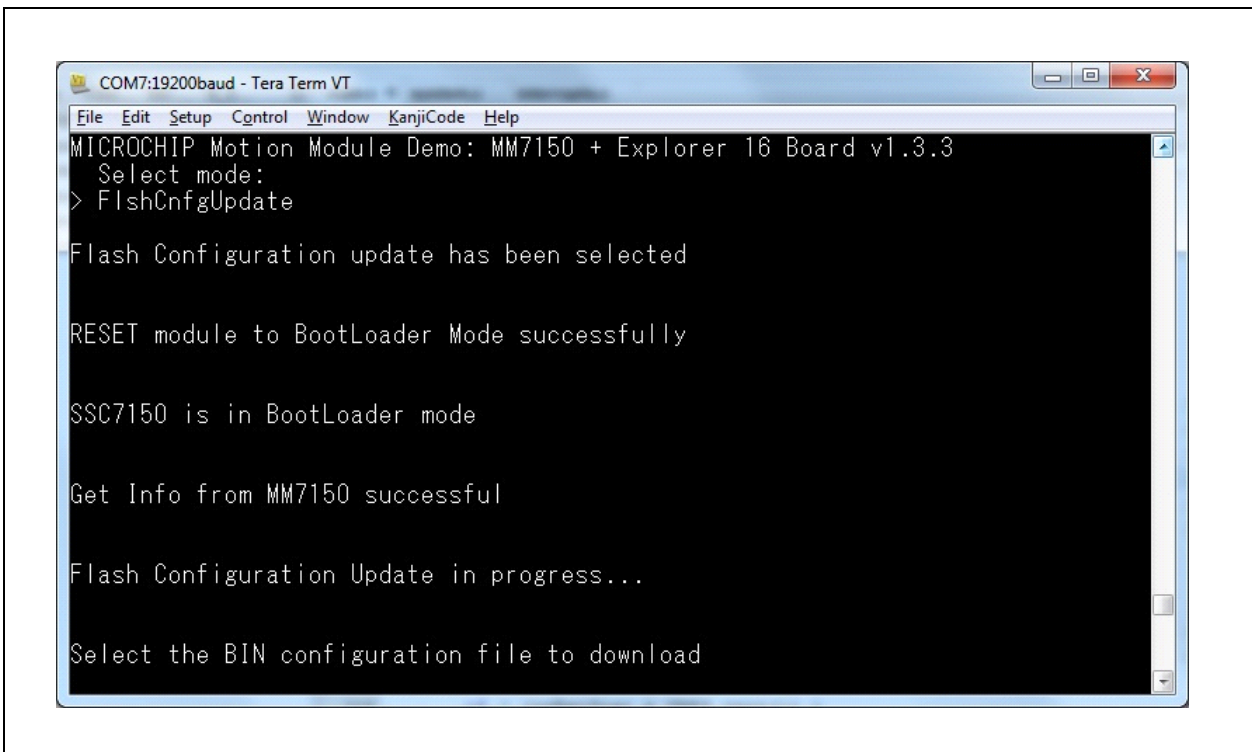
For MM7150\_Exp16\_Sample\_Code\_v1.4.0, the flash configuration data must adhere to the following *binary* file format:

FIGURE 3-13: CONFIGURATION DATA BINARY FOR VERTICAL

```
00000000 A5 A5 A5 A5 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 FF 00 01
00000010 00 01 00 00 00 00 FF 00 01 00 01 00 00 00 00 FF
00000020 00 01 00 00 01 01 01 10 02 01 01 12 03 01 01 68
00000030 04 01 01 44 05 01 01 77 06 00 00 00 07 00 00 00
00000040 08 00 00 00 09 00 00 00 00 03 00 00 16 07 00 00
00000050 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF
00000060 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF
00000070 FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF
```

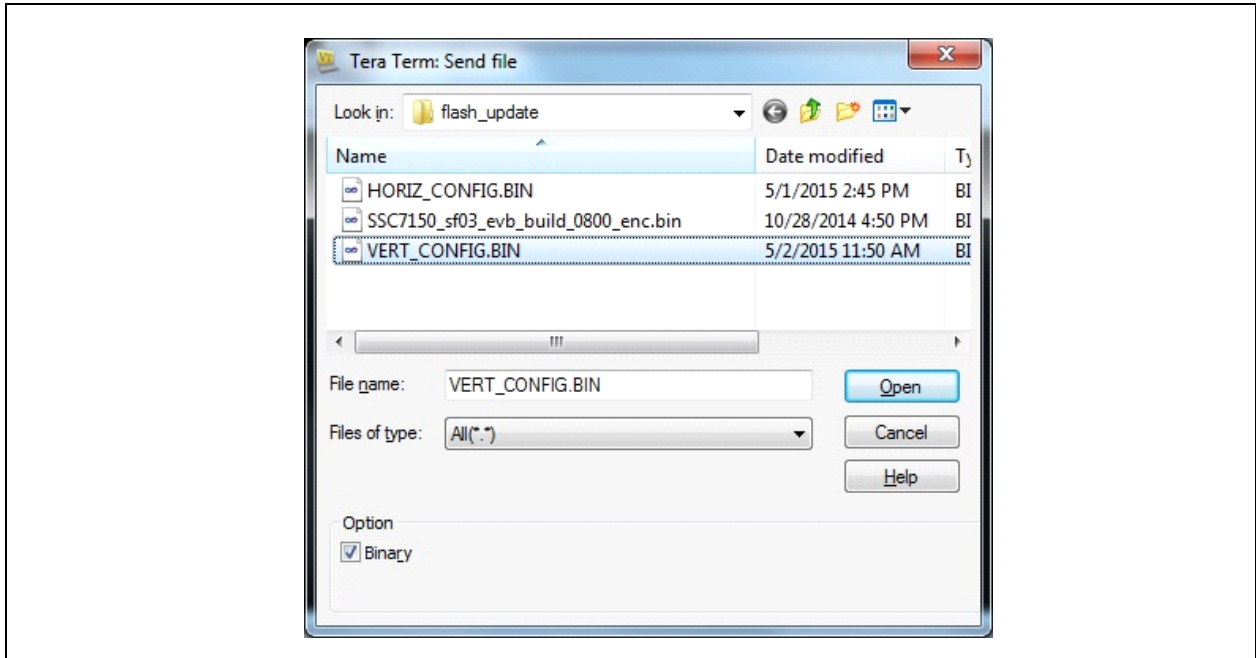
Using the sample code's Flash Configuration Update mode:

FIGURE 3-14: FLASH CONFIGURATION DATA MODE



Select "File->Send file..." from TeraTerm utility: (NOTE: Select *Binary Option*).

**FIGURE 3-15: SELECT BINARY FILE**

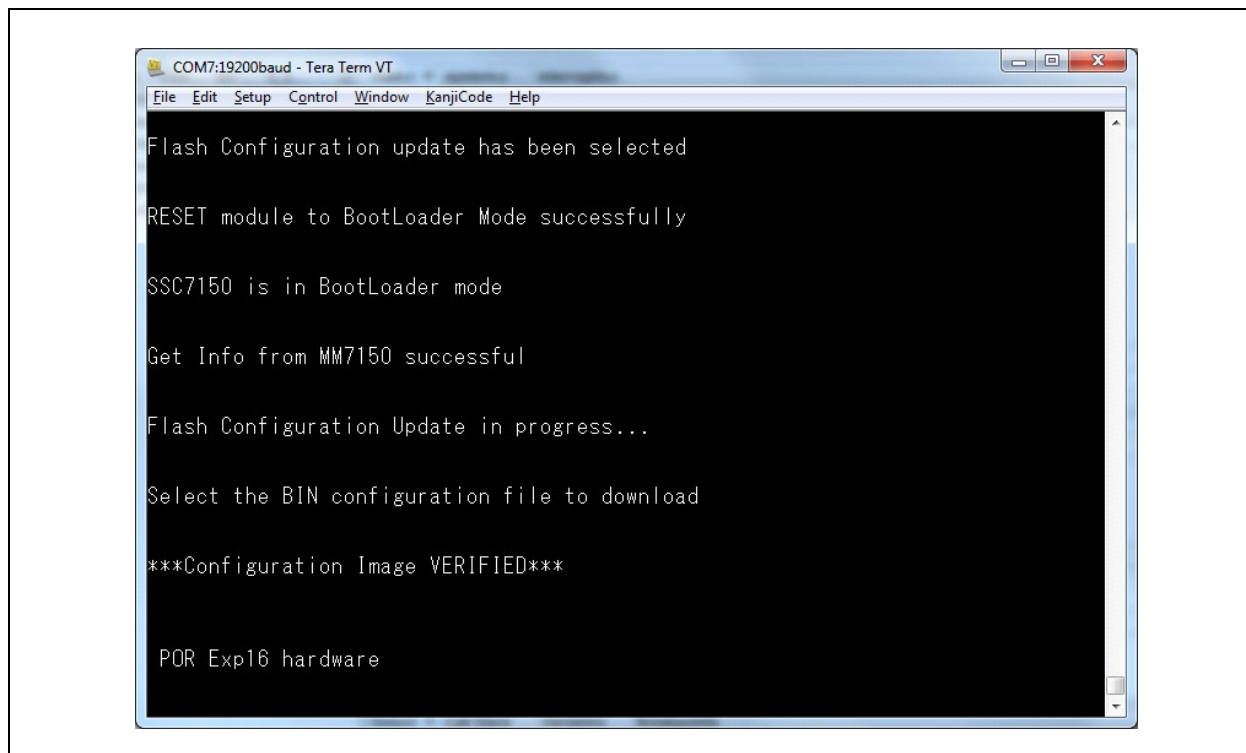


Select "Open" to download binary file to flash.

Following successful completion of the flash configuration update procedure (or if any error is encountered), the Explorer 16 must be power cycled (POR).

**Note:** Should an issue arise due to incorrect formatting of binary data, the MM7150 Flash can be restored using the Flash Update command in [Section 3.5.1 "Flash Update command"](#).

FIGURE 3-16: FLASH CONFIGURATION UPDATE SUCCESSFUL

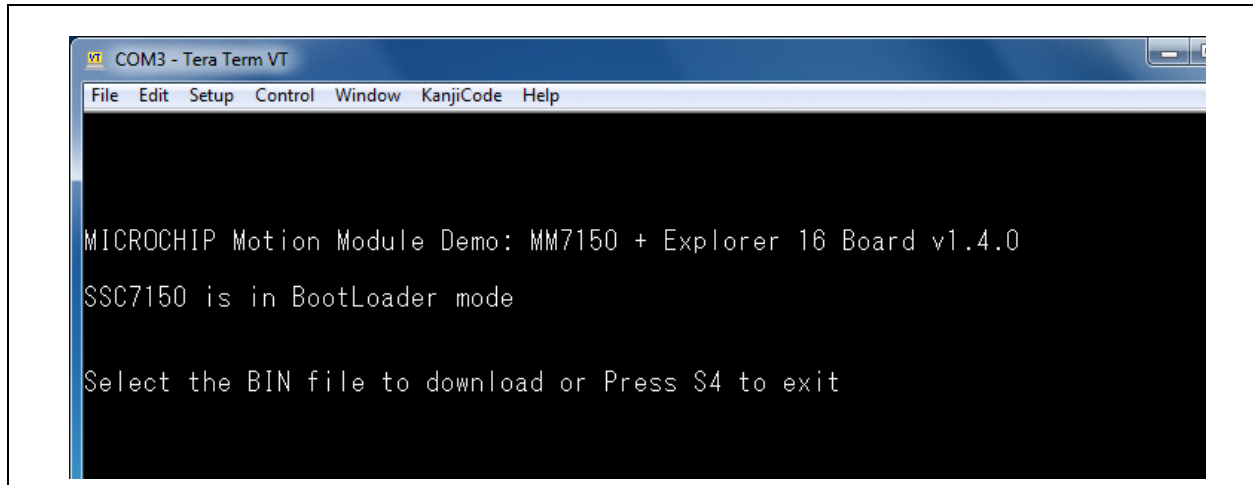


### 3.5.3 Flash Corruption Recovery

If flash update was not completed in an orderly manner, the flash ROM in SSC7150 may be corrupted. For example, when the power is down while the flash update is in progress. In such case, the SSC7150 will power up into a boot loader mode when the flash ROM is corrupted. The sample code has a capability to detect the boot loader mode and re-flash the firmware binary to recover the device.

At boot, if the boot loader mode is detected, then the flash update function runs automatically. The user can select and download the firmware binary file as described in [Section 3.5.1 "Flash Update command"](#) to recover from the flash corruption state.

**FIGURE 3-17: BOOTLOADER MODE**



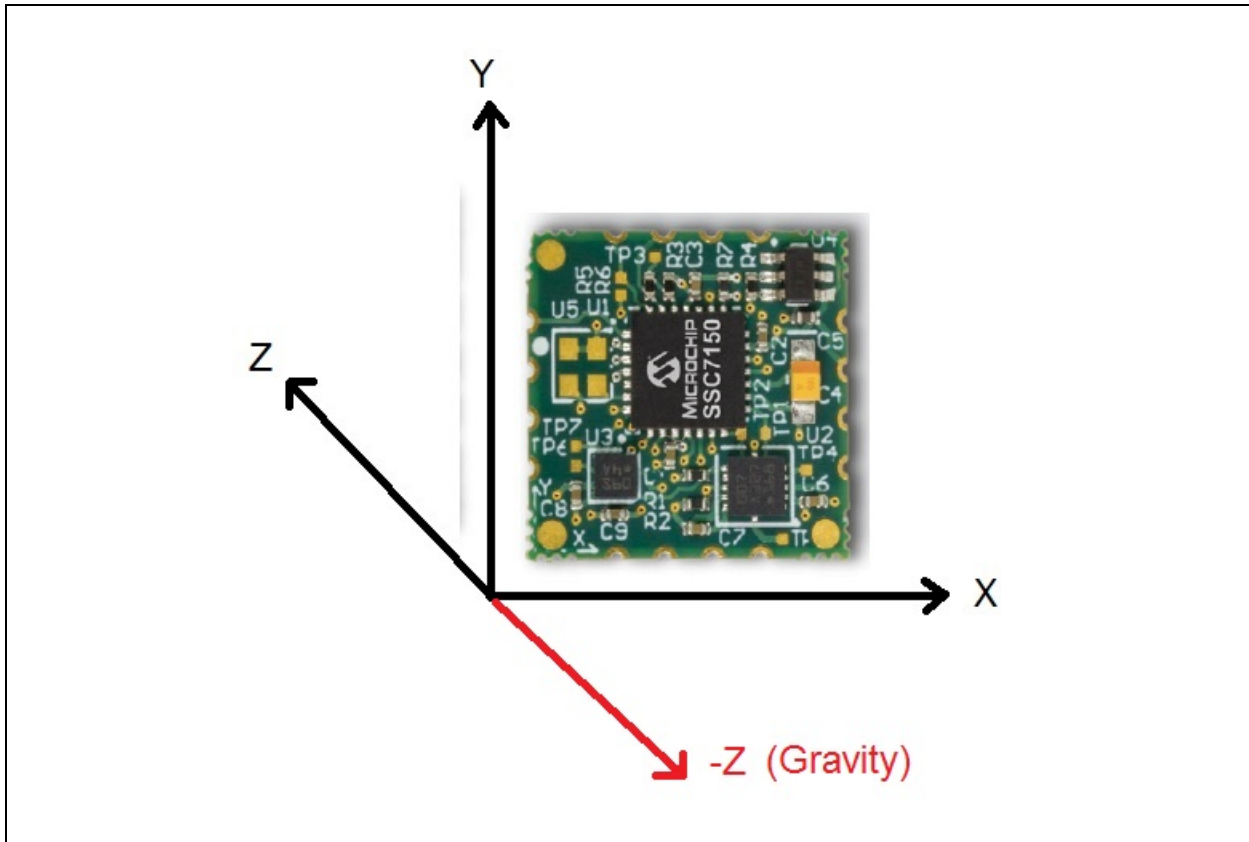
## 3.6 FREEFALL MODE

Free-fall detection by the MM7150 at the present time is not supported in the MM7150 firmware. Included in the Explorer16 with MM7150 sample code version 1.3.4 is a software solution to demonstrate free-fall detection of the MM7150.

Free-fall is the acceleration of a device due to the effects of gravity. The simplest type of free-fall is “linear” free-fall wherein the orientation of the device remains constant along its three axes as it moves or falls. Output from the accelerometer is based on the effects (or acceleration) of gravity. The accelerometer is used to detect when a device is free-falling. Starting from a stationary or static orientation, a device will have  $X=0g$ ,  $Y=0g$ , and  $Z = -1g$  accelerometer readings. The  $X$  and  $Y$   $0g$  readings occur because these vectors are perpendicular to gravity and thus gravity has no effect on them. However, for the  $Z = -1g$  reading, the  $1g$  is due to the  $Z$  axis or vector being parallel to the gravity component acting on the device in the downward direction and “-” refers to the direction opposite the effect of gravity.

For example, a MM7150-PICtail with a horizontal configuration (stored in flash, see [Section 3.5.2 “Flash Configuration Update Command”](#)) is held in a static horizontal position then the  $X, Y$ , and  $Z$  components (of acceleration) are found to be:  $X=0$ ,  $Y=0$ ,  $Z=-1$ . (Refer to [Figure 3-18](#) below,  $X = 0g$  because this vector is perpendicular to gravity, so also for  $Y = 0g$ .  $Z = -1g$  because its axis is parallel and opposite the direction of gravity.) When the MM7150-PICtail device is dropped, and considering *linear* free-fall only, all three axes will converge to ideally  $0g$ .

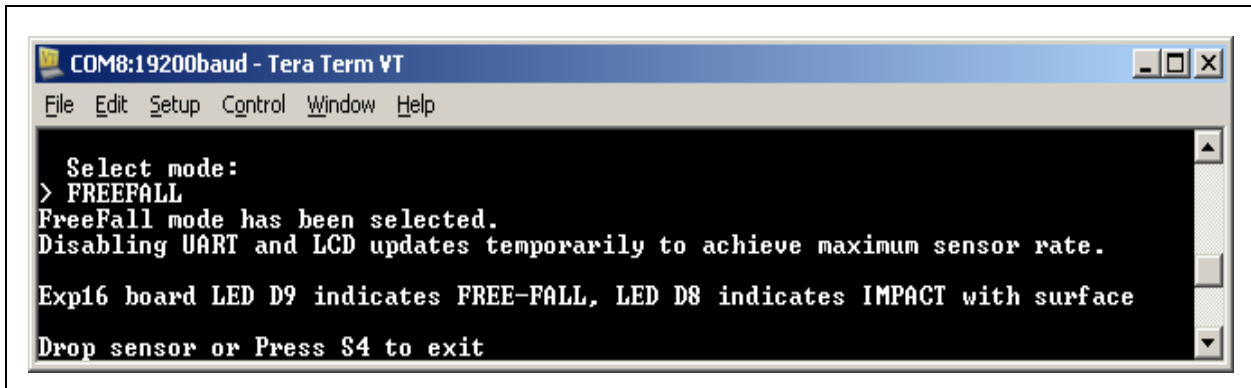
FIGURE 3-18: MM7150 IN HORIZONTAL POSITION (GRAVITY IN NEGATIVE Z-AXIS)



For the sample code demonstration, the accelerometer is configured for maximum sensitivity (= 0) and data rate (=10 ms). In order to achieve a data rate = 10 ms per sample, the output to the UART and LCD screens, which cause a viable delay during output display, are disabled temporarily while the accelerometer data is collected. An extension cable must be used (see [Appendix C. "Extension Cable for Explorer 16"](#)) for the Explorer 16 to MM7150-PICtail in order to drop the device onto a soft landing surface.

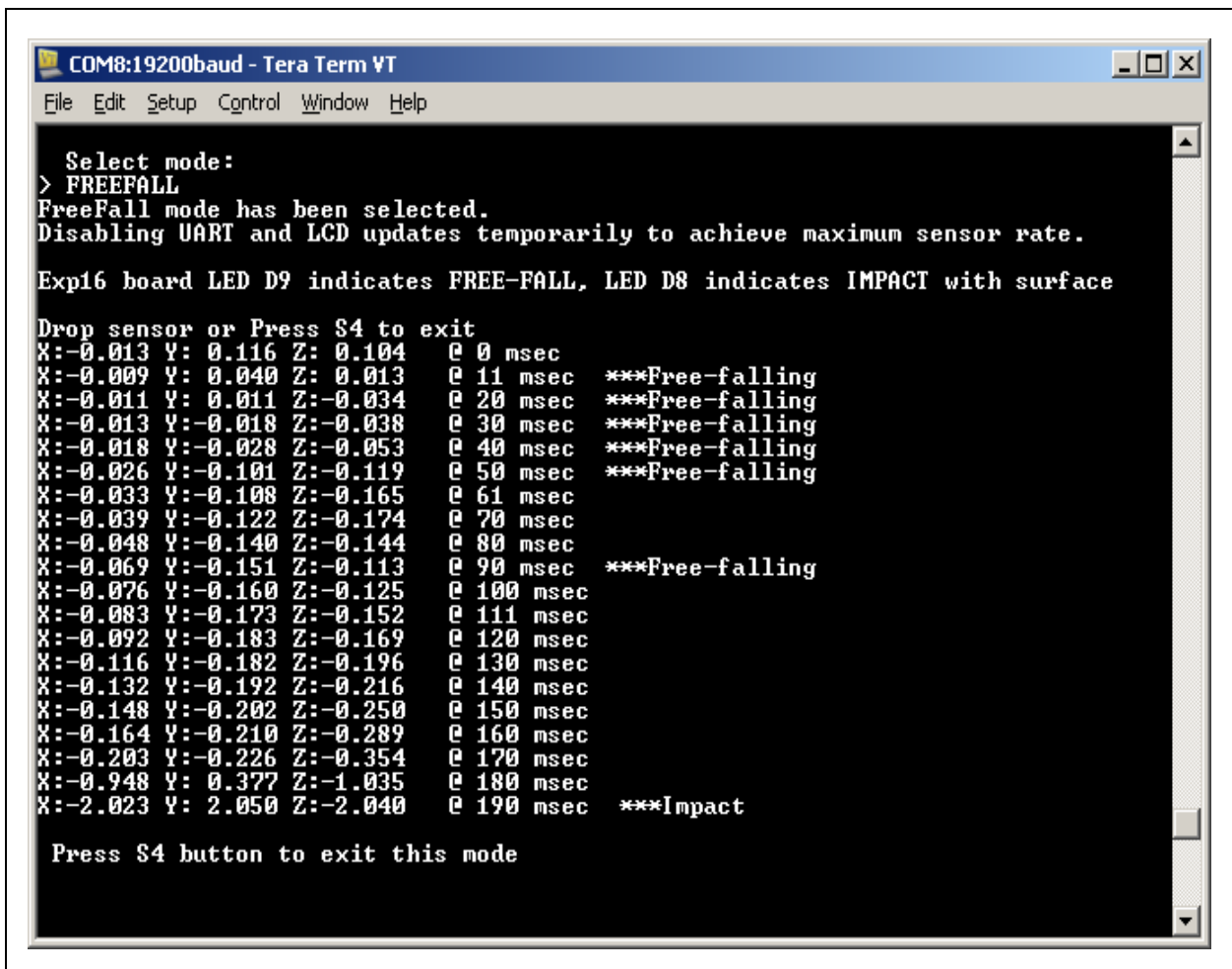
It is virtually impossible to preserve the orientation of the MM7150-PICtail (i.e. prevent it from tilting, rotating, or spinning) during the fall without a specialized test setup so the sample code factors-in an offset for the X,Y, and Z readings during the collection of the accelerometer data. When the X, Y, and Z readings are within the expected range, all approaching zero, and continue for successive readings, free-fall is determined to be occurring. Free-fall can be detected at heights above ~1" from the soft landing pad. Impact with the landing pad will also be determined by observing accelerometer readings in excess of 1g.

FIGURE 3-19: FREE FALL DETECTION MODE



The data logging begins when the first X,Y,Z readings are below the expected threshold and *all* approaching zero. The “free-falling” determination is made if two successive readings are within the predetermined range. Any discrepancies in the data logging are due to changes in orientation of the MM7150-PICtail device as it falls. Finally, as seen in [Figure 3-20](#), “impact” with the “ground” or landing pad is also determined.

FIGURE 3-20: FREE FALL DETECTION LOGGING



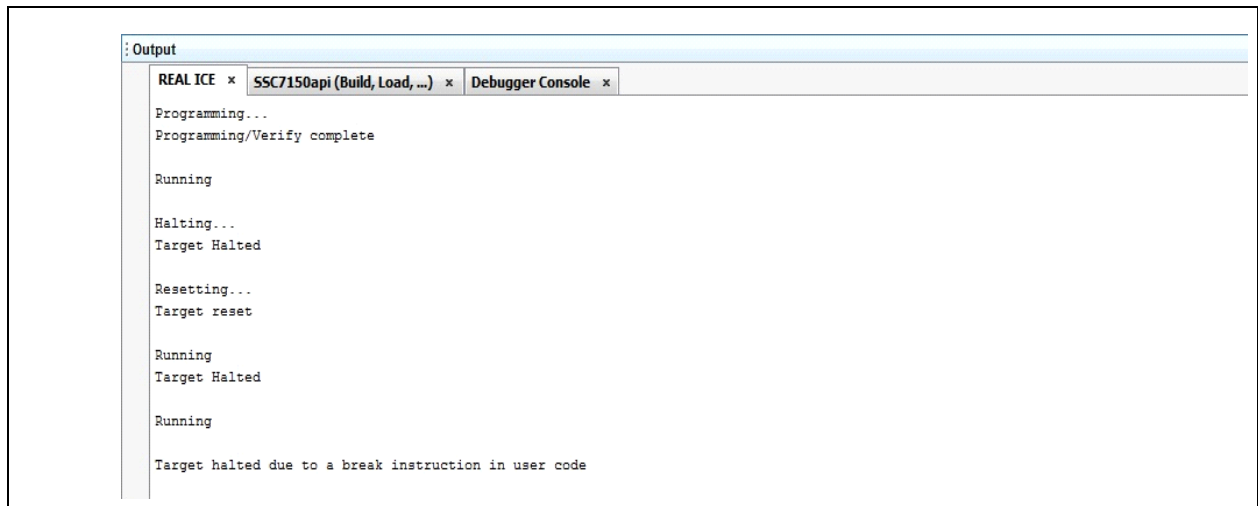
## Chapter 4. Troubleshooting

This chapter describes troubleshooting potential issues and fixes.

### 4.1 FAILURE TO DISPLAY WELCOME SCREEN

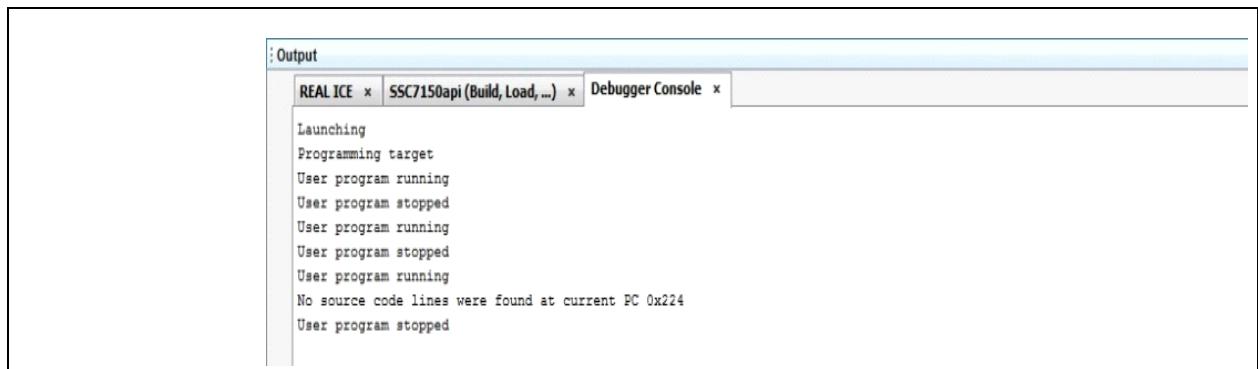
If the welcome message fails to display on the Explorer 16 LCD screen and error messages depicted below appear in the debugger's output (using Microchip ICD3 or REAL ICE debugger for instance), the most likely cause is a failure to disconnect and reconnect power to the MM7150-PICtail. This is accomplished by disconnecting and reconnecting power to the Explorer 16 board before restarting the demo. This process serves as a 'hard reset' for the SSC7150 on the MM7150-PICtail, allowing I<sup>2</sup>C communication to reinitialize and restart.

**FIGURE 4-1: ERROR MESSAGE IN DEBUGGER'S TAB**



**Note:** If user is running on a different debugger (eg: ICD3, Real ICE etc.) the message would appear in that debugger's output tab.

**FIGURE 4-2: ERROR MESSAGE IN DEBUGGER CONSOLE TAB.**





## 4.2 ERROR HANDLING

### 4.2.1 General Error Handling for VREG Functions

**Note:** Please refer to “DS00001873A - Host API Design for MM7150-PICtail Motion Module Application Note” for more information regarding virtual registers (VREG) defined and used in the sample code.

VREG functions which fail to complete due to certain hardware events may display error information via error handling output on the Explorer 16 board’s LCD screen and on the serial terminal window on the connected computer.

For example, in the case of a VREG *Read* operation of *register 16h* which encounters a problem while reading data in response to receiving a *HIDI2C\_HOST\_INT* (which indicates that a MM7150 sensor has data available) the following will be displayed on the Explorer 16 board’s LCD:

```
VRRd:16 err=0x31
Push S5 to cont
```

where:

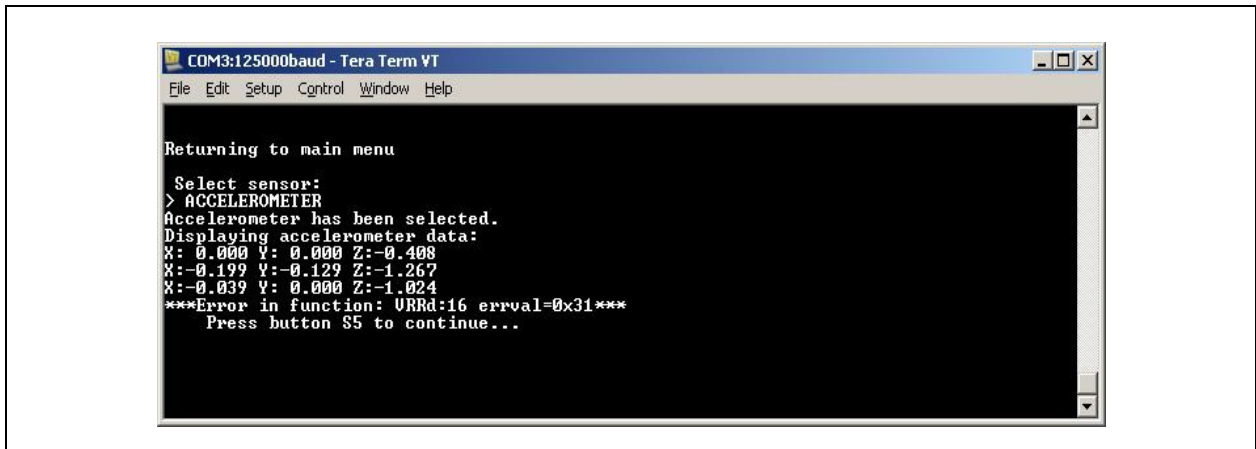
**VRRd:16** - Attempting a VREG Read operation on register 16h (VREG ACXD register)

**err=0x31** – Error code generated (see error code definitions in Section 4.2.3)

**Push S5 to cont** - Press button S5 to attempt to recover from the reported error

The same error is displayed on the serial terminal window on the connected computer:

**FIGURE 4-3: SERIAL TERMINAL GENERAL ERROR HANDLING DISPLAY**



**TABLE 4-1: GENERAL ERROR HANDLER FUNCTION ABBREVIATION**

Function	Error Handler Output Abbreviation
VREG_init( )	Vini
HOST_SF_LIB_VREG_read( )	VRRd
HOST_SF_LIB_VREG_write( )	VRWr
I2cIO( )	i2c

### 4.2.2 I<sup>2</sup>C Error Handling

Upper level functions which employ I<sup>2</sup>C function calls for the Explorer 16 board's PIC24 to MM7150 interface that fail to complete will display error information. The I<sup>2</sup>C error handling display is output on the Explorer 16 board's LCD screen and on the serial terminal window on the connected computer.

**Note:** Most, if not all, I<sup>2</sup>C errors are hardware dependent. As this sample code is specific to the PIC24 on the Explorer 16 board, I<sup>2</sup>C errors are simply flagged as an error to illustrate where the issue was encountered. For this demo, in the rare event that a fully functional I<sup>2</sup>C interface encounters an error, the error "recovery" method will require resetting the Explorer 16 board and, hence, the connected MM7150-PICtail.

For example, in the case of an i2cIO operation which encounters an issue, wherein the MM7150 fails to ACK properly, the following will be displayed on the Explorer 16 board's LCD:

```
i2c error=0x29  
POR Exp16 Board
```

where:

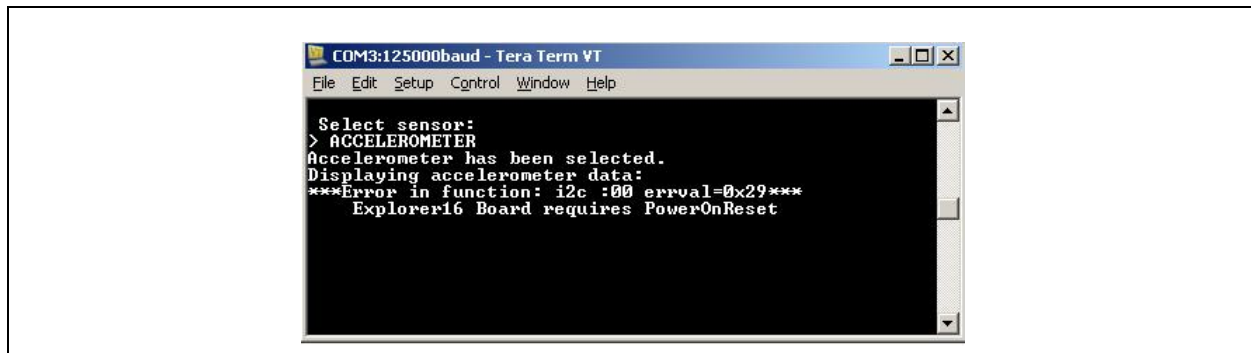
**i2c** - error occurred in i2cIO() function

**error=0x29** – error code generated (see error code definitions in [Section 4.2.3](#))

**POR Exp16 Board** - Power On Reset Explorer 16 board (and connected MM7150-PICtail)

The same error is displayed on the serial terminal window on the connected computer:

**FIGURE 4-4: SERIAL TERMINAL I<sup>2</sup>C ERROR HANDLING DISPLAY**



## 4.2.3 Error Definitions (from source/headers/err.h)

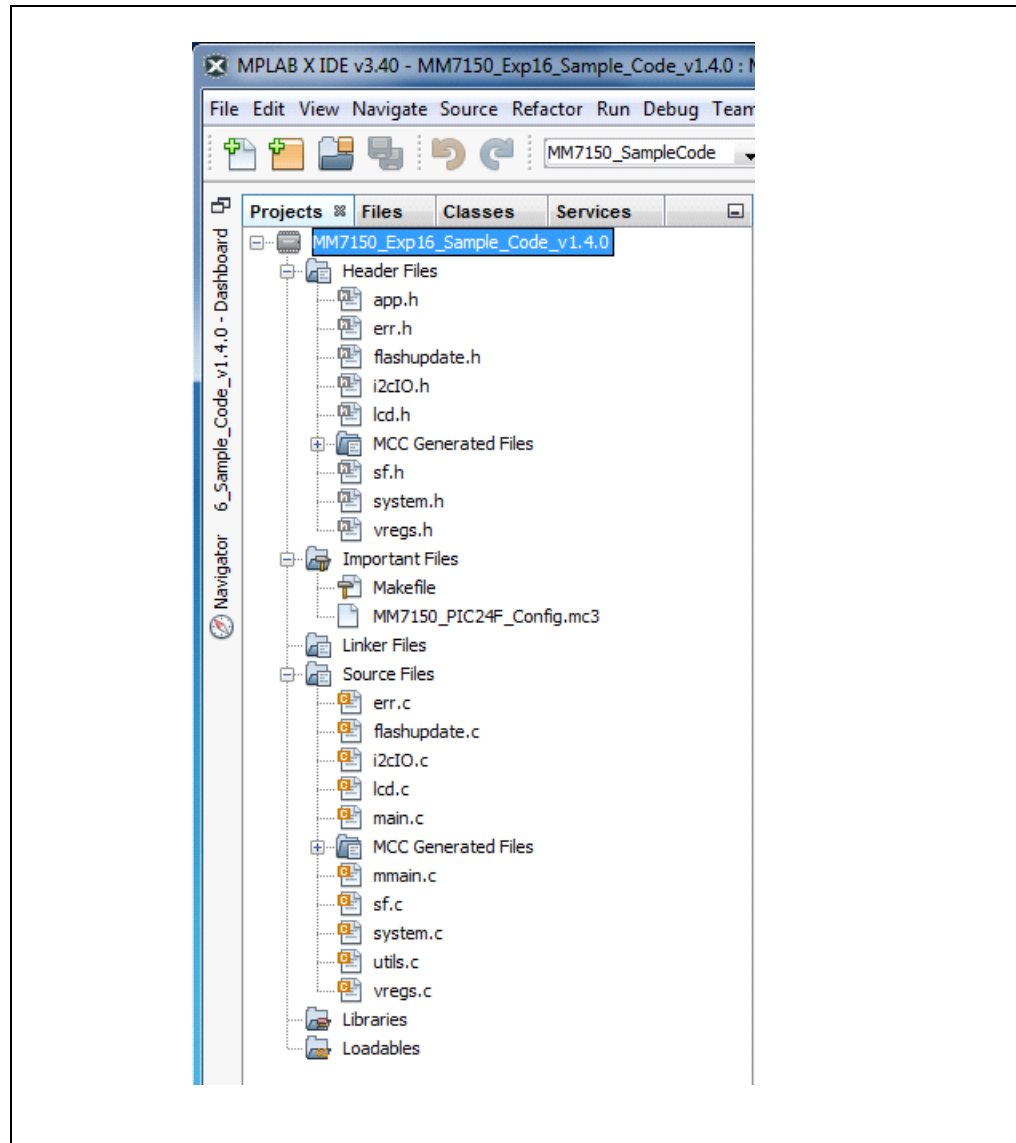
Error Value	Definition	Module/Type
0	SUCCESS	
10h	ID_FAIL	sf.c
11h	HID_DESC_FAIL	sf.c
12h	RPT_DESC_FAIL	sf.c
14h	REP_PARS_FAIL	sf.c
15h	NO_EOC_FAIL	sf.c
16h	RESET_FAIL	sf.c
17h	POWER_ON_FAIL	sf.c
18h	GET_FEAT_FAIL	sf.c
19h	SET_FEAT_FAIL	sf.c
1Ah	SET_RPT_FAIL	sf.c
1Bh	SLEEP_CMD_FAIL	sf.c
1Ch	HID_GET_RPT_INPT_FAIL	sf.c
1Dh	HID_GET_RPT_FEAT_FAIL	sf.c
1Eh	WAKE_CMD_FAIL	sf.c
21h	I2C_ERROR	i2cIO.c
22h	I2C_BUF_OVERFLOW	i2cIO.c
23h	WRITE_COLL	i2cIO.c
24h	NOT_ACK	i2cIO.c
25h	BUS_COLL	i2cIO.c
26h	RX_OVRFLO	i2cIO.c
27h	HID_DESC_RET	i2CIO.c
28h	REP_DESC_RET	i2cIO.c
29h	I2C_TIMEOUT_ERR	i2cio.c
31h	HID_INT_FAIL	vregs.c
32h	VREG_ACCESS_ERR	vregs.c
33h	VREG_OFFSET_ERR	vregs.c
41h	FLSH_INFO_ERR	flash_update.c
42h	FLSH_WRITE_ERR	flash_update.c
43h	FLSH_VERIFY_ERR	flash_update.c
44h	FLSH_CRC_ERR	flash_update.c

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## Appendix A. Code Structure

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### A.1 DIRECTORY STRUCTURE



**TABLE A-1: DIRECTORY STRUCTURE OF THE SENSOR FUSION SAMPLE CODE**

Files	Description
\source\headers\app.h	Include for all other underlying h files and typedefs
\source\headers\err.h	Functions and parameters for error handling
\source\headers\flash_update.h	Functions for flash update
\source\headers\i2cIO.h	Functions and parameters specific to I <sup>2</sup> C communication with MM7150 module
\source\headers\lcd.h	Functions relevant to LCD operation
\source\headers\sف.h	Functions relevant to decoding and encoding HID commands and packets
\source\headers\system.h	Functions relevant to running the demo
\source\headers\vregs.h	Functions relevant to the creation of the virtual register layer of the MM7150 API library
\source\src\err.c	Error handling functions for I <sup>2</sup> C and VREG operations
\source\src\flash_update.c	Functions for flash update.
\source\src\i2cIO.c	Functions to communicate with MM7150 Module via I <sup>2</sup> C
\source\src\lcd.c	LCD support for Explorer 16 board
\source\src\mmain.c	Functions to setup Explorer 16 board environment, COM port UART2, interrupts, timers, I <sup>2</sup> C, HID initialization, start HID handshaking with EC via I <sup>2</sup> C commands
\source\src\sف.c	Functions to get HID tables from MM7150 Module, send power and reset HID commands, get HID report descriptors, parse descriptors, get input from sensor devices
\source\src\system.c	Initiates the motion demo by configuring LED's, LCD, Serial, and buttons
\source\src\utils.c	Assorted functions
\source\src\vregs.c	Mediator between HID-I <sup>2</sup> C communication and user Commands (interactive layer of API)
mcc_generated_files\ext_int.h	Functions for external interrupt
mcc_generated_files\i2c1.h	Functions and data definitions for I2C1 driver
mcc_generated_files\interrupt_manager.h	Functions for interrupt initialization
mcc_generated_files\mcc.h	Include for all other MCC generated header files
mcc_generated_files\pin_manager.h	Macro functions for GPIOs
mcc_generated_files\tmr1.h	Functions for Timer 1
mcc_generated_files\tmr2.h	Functions for Timer 2
mcc_generated_files\traps.h	Functions for traps
mcc_generated_files\uart2.h	Functions for UART 2
mcc_generated_files\ext_int.c	External interrupt handler
mcc_generated_files\i2c1.c	I2C1 driver functions and interrupt handler
mcc_generated_files\interrupt_manager.c	Interrupt initialization and management
mcc_generated_files\mcc.c	System initialization
mcc_generated_files\pin_manager.c	GPIO configuration
mcc_generated_files\tmr1.c	Timer 1 driver functions and interrupt handler
mcc_generated_files\tmr2.c	Timer 2 driver functions and interrupt handler

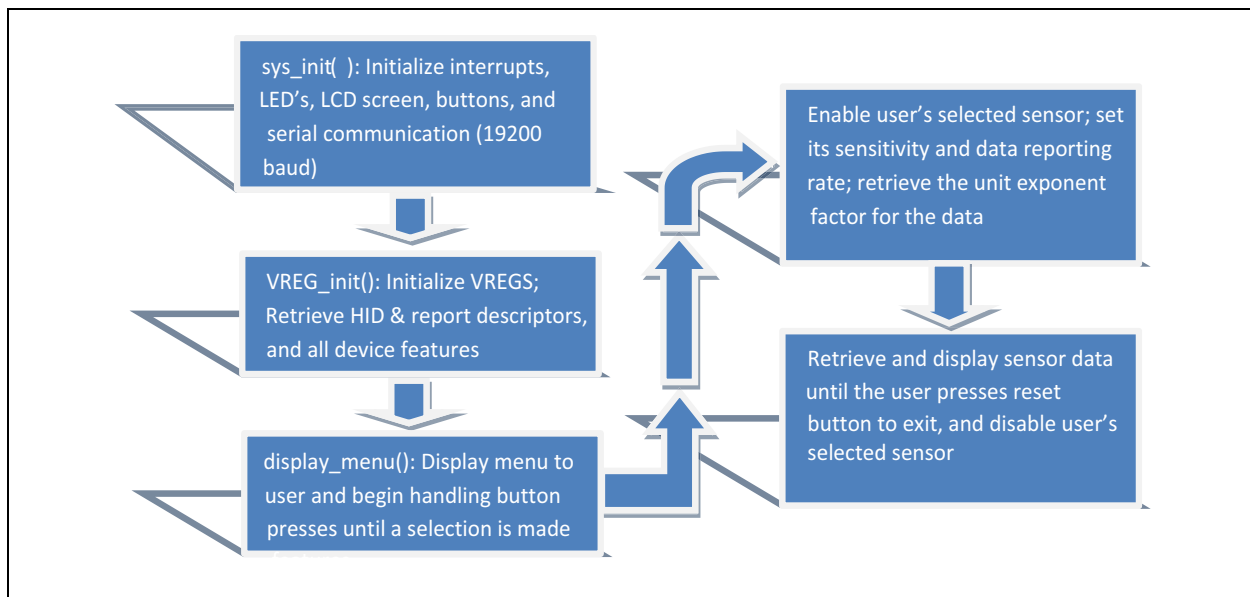
**TABLE A-1: DIRECTORY STRUCTURE OF THE SENSOR FUSION SAMPLE CODE (CONTINUED)**

Files	Description
mcc_generated_files\traps.c	Traps functions and handler
mcc_generated_files\uart2.c	UART 2 driver functions and interrupt handler
main.c	main function
MM7150_PIC24F_Config.mc3	MCC Configuration File

## A.2 PROGRAM FLOW

### A.2.1 Main.c

**FIGURE A-1: PROGRAM FLOW CHART**



### A.2.2 Configuring and Initializing MM7150 Motion Module

**Note:** For a more comprehensive explanation of the API library functions, see the Host API Design for MM7150 Application Note.

**VREG\_init** (VREGS.c) – procedure for preparing motion module for data reporting

1. hid\_i2c\_descriptor\_handler(GET\_HID\_DESC)
  - Retrieve and parse the HID descriptor table
2. hid\_i2c\_cmd\_process (POWER\_ON)
  - Wake the EC
3. hid\_i2c\_cmd\_process (RESET)
  - Reset the EC
4. hid\_i2c\_descriptor\_handler(GET\_REPT\_DESC)
  - Retrieve and parse report descriptor table
5. hid\_i2c\_cmd\_process (HID\_GET\_RPT\_FEAT, rept\_ID)
  - Get feature reports for sensors

## A.2.3 Enabling Sensors and Reading data

1. HOST\_SF\_LIB\_write(0, 0bXXXXXXXXXX0101)
  - Enable one or multiple sensors
2. HOST\_SF\_LIB\_write regX, sensitivity value
  - Optional - edit sensitivity per sensor
3. HOST\_SF\_LIB\_write regX, data rate value
  - Optional - edit data rate per sensor
4. HOST\_SF\_LIB\_write(DATA\_REG)
  - Read input data from the enabled sensors

## Appendix B. Reference Schematic & Bill of Materials

### B.1 MM7150 MOTION MODULE PICTAIL™ PLUS EVALUATION BOARD

#### B.1.1 Bill of Materials

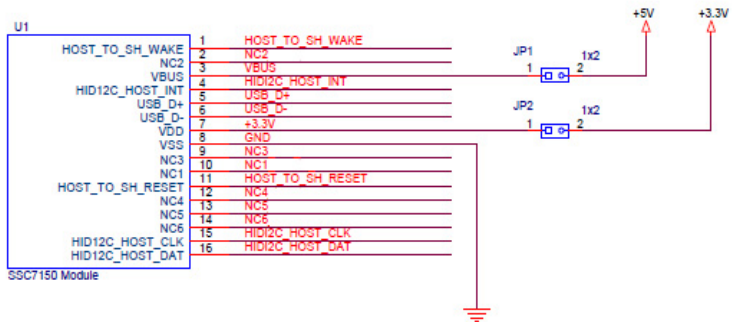
Designator	Quantity	Description	Value
J1	1	CON HDR-2.54 Male 1x4 Gold 5.84MH TH VERT	HDR-2.54 Male 1x4
J2	1	CON HDR-2.54 Male 1x6 Tin 5.84MH TH VERT	HDR-2.54 Male 1x6
J3	1	CON HDR-2.54 Female 1x6 Gold TH R/A	HDR-2.54 Female 1x6
JP1, JP2, JP3	3	CON HDR-2.54 Male 1x2	HDR-2.54 Male 1x2
LED1, LED2	2	DIO LED YELLOW 2.1V 30mA 6mcd Clear SMD 0805	YELLOW
LED3	1	LED 3MM RT ANG HI EFF GRN PC MNT - Dialight 551-0209F	GREEN
R1, R2, R4	3	RES TKF 301R 1% 1/10W SMD 0603	301R
R3, R5	2	RES TKF 10k 1% 1/16W SMD 0603, RES TKF 0R 1/10W SMD 0603	10k, DNP
R6	1	RES TKF 0R 1/10W SMD 0603	0R
R7, R8	2	RES TKF 2.21k 1% 1/10W SMD 0603	2.21k
R9	1	RES TKF 2.21k 1% 1/10W SMD 0603	DNP
U1	1	MM7150 Motion Module	

#### B.1.2 Reference Schematic

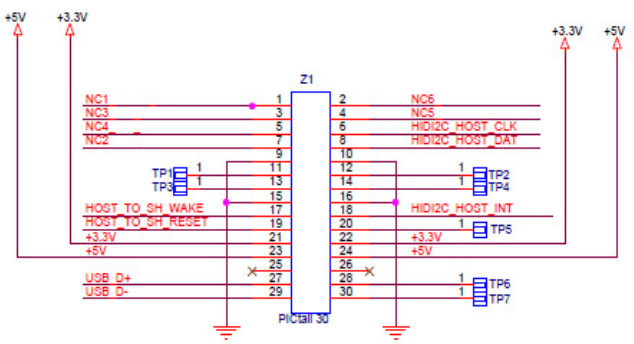
The MM7150 Motion Module PICTail™ Plus Evaluation Board (#AC243007) reference schematic is shown in the next page.



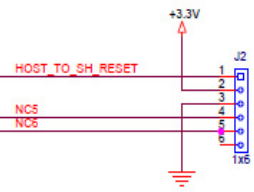
SSC7150 Module Footprint



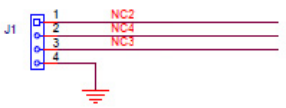
PICTail Plus Edge  
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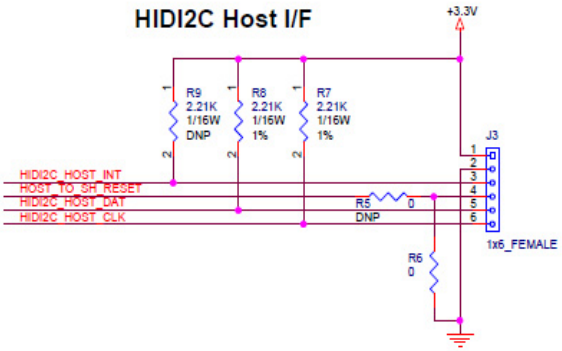
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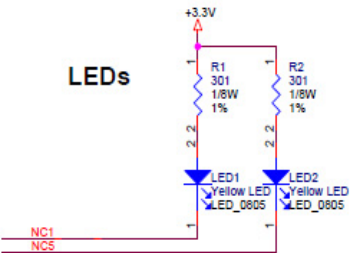
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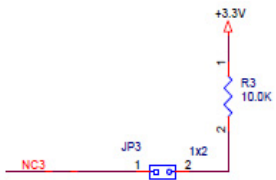
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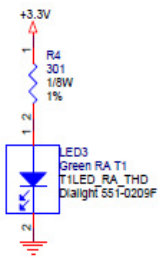
LEDs



Debug Mode Strap



Power LED



## Appendix C. Extension Cable for Explorer 16

Please refer to MM7150-PICTail Reference Schematic ([B.1.2 “Reference Schematic”](#)) and create an extension cable of up to 20” (with proper shielding) for ease of motion during calibration.

**Note:** Per industry data, I<sup>2</sup>C bus at 400KHz without buffer can have length up to 2 meters with limiting factor of wiring capacitance. Designers should take this into consideration if planning to build longer extension cable which is out of scope of this user’s guide.

### C.1 SIGNALS CONNECTION

**TABLE C-1: CONNECTION SUMMARY BETWEEN MM7150 TO EXP16 BOARD**

Signal Name	SSC7150 Module Pin	SSC7150 J3 Header	MM7150 Module Z1 PICTail Connector	Exp16 J6 Header Name	Exp16 J6 Header Pin
+3.3V	7	1	21	+3.3V	21
GND	8	2	15	GND	9
HIDI2C_HOST_INT	4	3	18	RE8/INT1	18
HIDI2C_HOST_DAT	16	5	8	RG3/SDA1	8
HIDI2C_HOST_CLK	15	6	6	RG2/SCL1	6
HOST_TO_SH_WAKE	1	NC	17	RE9	17



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