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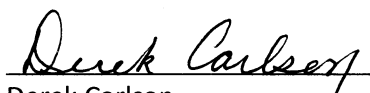
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INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains general information that will be useful to know before using the RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board User's Guide. Items discussed in this chapter include:

- [Document Layout](#)
- [Conventions Used in this Guide](#)
- [Warranty Registration](#)
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DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document describes how to use the RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board. The manual layout is as follows:

- **Chapter 1. “Overview”** – This chapter describes the RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board as a dual relay I/O reference design that demonstrates the RN171XV series of Wi-Fi® modules and RN41/42XV series of Bluetooth platforms.
- **Chapter 2. “Getting Started”** – This chapter describes the hardware and software setup for RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board which enables users to evaluate the RNXV 802.11 b/g (Wi-Fi) or RNXV 802.15.1 (Bluetooth®) based modules.

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- **Chapter 3. “Application Interface Concerns”** – This chapter provides design concerns related to powering the evaluation board, sensor interface settings, mode settings, and restoring factory settings for RN171XV and RN41/42XV modules mounted on RNXV Evaluation Board.
- **Appendix A. “RN-XV-RD2 Evaluation Board Schematic and PCB Details”** – This appendix provides the RN-XV-RD2 Evaluation Board schematic, PCB layout and Bill of Materials (BOM).

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This manual uses the following documentation conventions:

DOCUMENTATION CONVENTIONS

Description	Represents	Examples
Arial font:		
Italic characters	Referenced books	<i>MPLAB® IDE User's Guide</i>
	Emphasized text	...is the <i>only</i> compiler...
Initial caps	A window	the Output window
	A dialog	the Settings dialog
	A menu selection	select Enable Programmer
Quotes	A field name in a window or dialog	“Save project before build”
Underlined, italic text with right angle bracket	A menu path	<i><u>File</u>>Save</i>
Bold characters	A dialog button	Click OK
	A tab	Click the Power tab
Text in angle brackets < >	A key on the keyboard	Press <Enter>, <F1>
Courier New font:		
Plain Courier New	Sample source code	#define START
	Filenames	autoexec.bat
	File paths	c:\mcc18\h
	Keywords	_asm, _endasm, static
	Command-line options	-Opa+, -Opa-
	Bit values	0, 1
	Constants	0xFF, 'A'
Italic Courier New	A variable argument	<i>file.o</i> , where <i>file</i> can be any valid filename
Square brackets []	Optional arguments	mcc18 [options] <i>file</i> [options]
Curly brackets and pipe character: { }	Choice of mutually exclusive arguments; an OR selection	errorlevel {0 1}
Ellipses...	Replaces repeated text	var_name [, var_name...]
	Represents code supplied by user	void main (void) { ... }

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RN171 Module Data Sheet (DS75084)

RN171XV Module Data Sheet

RN41 Module Data Sheet

RN42 Module Data Sheet

RN41XV-RN42XV Module Data Sheet

PICDEM™ PIC18 Explorer Demonstration Board User's Guide (DS51721)

Explorer 16 Development Board User's Guide (DS51589)

WiFly Command Reference, Advanced Features and Applications User's Guide

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- **In-Circuit Debuggers** – The latest information on the Microchip in-circuit debugger, MPLAB ICD 3.
- **MPLAB[®] IDE** – The latest information on Microchip MPLAB IDE, the Windows[®] Integrated Development Environment for development systems tools. This list is focused on the MPLAB IDE, MPLAB SIM simulator, MPLAB IDE Project Manager and general editing and debugging features.
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Chapter 1. Overview

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board is a dual relay I/O reference design that demonstrates the RN171XV series of Wi-Fi[®] modules and RN41/42XV series of Bluetooth[®] platforms. This convenient reference design includes a USB cable that connects directly from the board to a computer/laptop for configuring the module, over the UART. The board has two relays capable of switching up to 240 volts and multiple push buttons for reset, Ad hoc/WPS mode, and AP mode. Also includes status LEDs and jumpers for quickly evaluating the RN171XV series of modules. The board has connectors to connect to the RNXV module, as well as headers that enable for prototyping. It is compatible with all RNXV antenna options. The kit does not include any RNXV modules.

The RNXV modules with Wi-Fi connectivity or Bluetooth are helpful in replacing the existing systems with 802.15.4 modules. The RNXV modules are pre-loaded with firmware to simplify integration and minimize applications development time. The modules are based on the popular 2 x 10 (2mm) socket footprint often found in embedded applications.

The RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board (RN-XV-RD2) details can be downloaded from the Microchip web site <http://www.microchip.com/RN-XV-RD2>.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- [RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board Features](#)
- [RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Kit Contents and Part Details](#)
- [RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board Contents](#)
- [RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board Related Demo Applications](#)

1.2 RNXV DUAL RELAY EVALUATION BOARD FEATURES

The RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board has the following features:

- Supports ultra low-power FCC/CE/IC certified 2.4 GHz IEEE 802.11b/g RN171 module through RN171XV
- Supports low-power FCC/CE/IC certified 2.4 GHz IEEE 802.15.1 RN41/42 modules through RN41/42XV
- Supports several antenna options, depending on the RN171XV, RN41XV and RN42XV modules selected
- Powers up RN171XV, RN41XV and RN42XV modules
- Reference design for evaluating the RN171XV 802.11 b/g Wi-Fi module
- Kit includes a standard USB cable that connects directly from the board to a PC for programming the module over the UART
- Contains two 10-amp relays capable of switching up to 240V
- Built-in temperature sensor
- External temperature probe connector
- Status LEDs (3) that mimic the LEDs on the RN171XV module supports debugging
- Four push button switches and jumpers to simplify development

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- Ten GPIO pins accessible via the 3.3V headers
- Voltage regulator
- Supports several RN171XV antenna options: Wire, SMA connector, U.FL connector
- WPS (FN) push button for easy configuration of RN171XV Module
- Reset (RST) push button wakes the RN171XV module
- Hardware interface: USB via FTDI chipset
- Brings the RNXV signals out on headers for easy debugging
- The evaluation board's moisture sensitivity level (MSL) is 1
- Dimensions - 1150 mm x 960 mm

1.3 RNXV DUAL RELAY EVALUATION KIT CONTENTS AND PART DETAILS

The package kit contents contain the following development tools listed in [Table 1-1](#) with part number details.

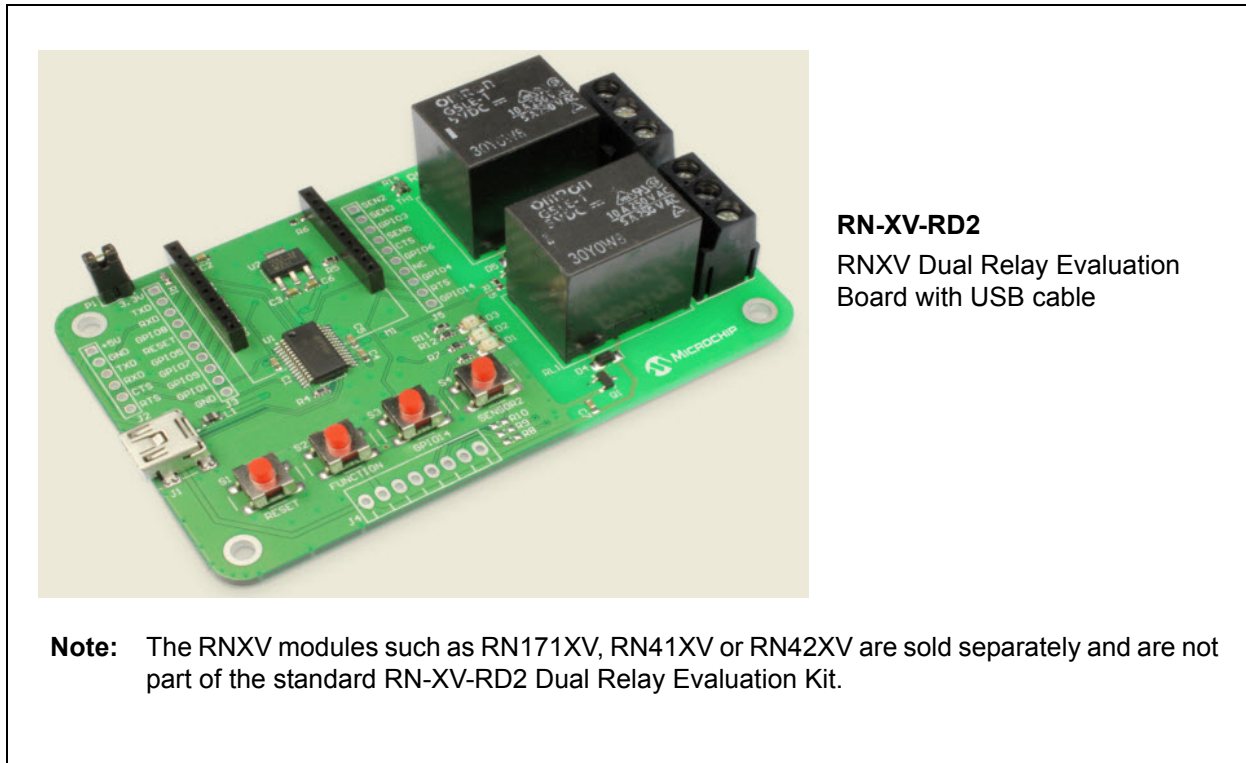
1.3.1 Kit Contents

TABLE 1-1: RNXV DUAL RELAY EVALUATION KIT CONTENTS

Description	Part Number
RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board	RN-XV-RD2
USB Cable	—

[Figure 1-1](#) illustrates the evaluation kit contents of RN-XV-RD2.

FIGURE 1-1: EVALUATION KIT CONTENTS

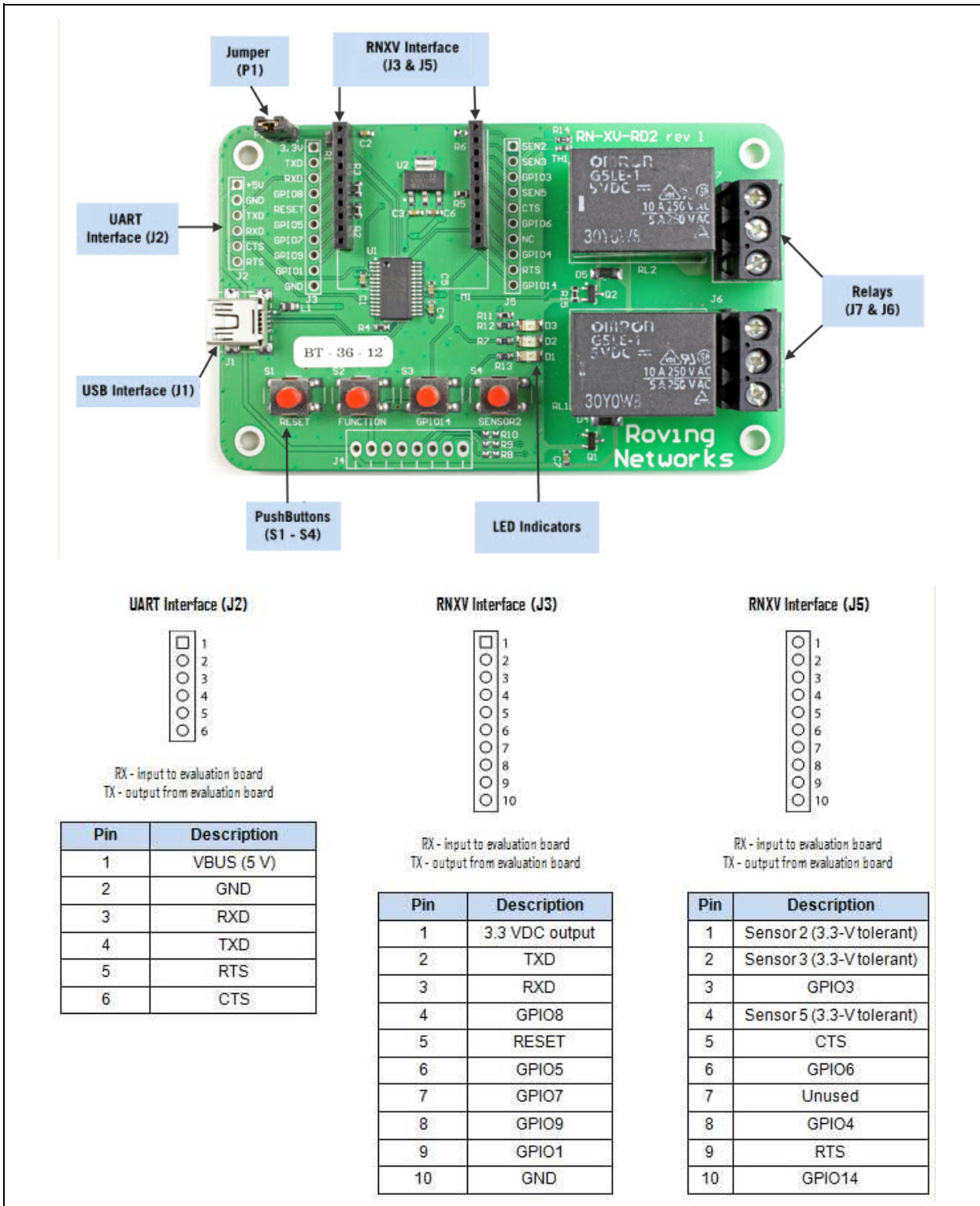


1.4 RN-XV DUAL RELAY EVALUATION BOARD CONTENTS

This section describes the hardware for RN-XV-RD2 Evaluation board, which enables user to evaluate the RN-XV modules. The RN-XV modules, which are sold separately, is mounted on the evaluation board and contains the RN-XV Wi-Fi or Bluetooth.

Figure 1-2 shows the RN-XV-RD2 components.

FIGURE 1-2: RN-XV-RD2 EVALUATION BOARD



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Table 1-2 provides detail on the evaluation board LED indicators.

TABLE 1-2: RN-XV-RD2 EVALUATION BOARD LED INDICATORS

Condition	Red LED	Yellow LED	Green LED
On solid	—	—	Connected over TCP
Fast blink	Not Associated	Rx/Tx data transfer	No IP address
Slow blink	Associated, no Internet	—	IP address OK
Off	Associated, Internet OK	—	—

Table 1-3 provides detail on the evaluation board components.

TABLE 1-3: RN-XV-RD2 EVALUATION BOARD COMPONENTS

Component	Description
Connection Socket for the RNXV	The RN-XV module's pins slide into the socket.
Three Status LEDs	These LEDs mimic the LEDs on the RNXV.
Four Push Button Switches	These switches are hard-wired to the RNXV module and provide reset, ad hoc/WPS mode, access to sensor 2, and access to GPSW (GPIO04). The switches are not used with Bluetooth module.
Two 10-amp, 250-V Relays	The board has two relays with connectors (J7 and J6) that can be connected to a variety of electronics or appliances. After programming the module, the connected electronics can be operated remotely over Wi-Fi or Bluetooth.
Built-in Temperature Sensor	The board includes a temperature sensor (SEN5) that enables the module to wake or sleep depending on the ambient temperature.
External Temperature Probe Connector	An external temperature probe can be attached to the board using the connector at SEN3.
USB Cable	A USB cable connected to the board enables direct connection from the board to the computer, e.g., for programming the module over the UART.
10 GPIO pins	The board contains access to 10 GPIO pins via the 3.3V headers at J3 and J5.
Voltage Regulator	The voltage regulator controls the voltage levels on the board.

Table 1-4 gives detail on the hardware availability with module interface.

TABLE 1-4: RN-XV-RD2 EVALUATION KIT HARDWARE AVAILABILITY W/ MODULE INTERFACE

Hardware	Description	RN-XV-RD2 with RN171XV	RN-XV-RD2 with RN41/42XV
Evaluation Board	Contains connectors for Wi-Fi/Bluetooth modules.	For RN171XV module	For RN41XV and RN42XV module
Power Up	Interface for powering up the evaluation boards.	USB	USB
LEDs	To indicate status and for debugging.	Available	Available
Push Buttons	RESET and WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) mode.	Available	No
10-Pin Sensor Interface	Connectors for analog sensor interface supported based on the modules used.	Available	No
Communication Interface	UART and USB	Available	Available
USB Connector On-board	Provides power to the evaluation board and supports communication (COM Port).	Available	Available
Antenna Connections	Supported by RNXV modules based on the module selected.	NA	NA

1.5 RNXV DUAL RELAY EVALUATION BOARD RELATED DEMO APPLICATIONS

Resources related to RN-XV-RD2 can be downloaded from the Microchip web site <http://www.microchip.com/RN-XV-RD2>.

Note: RN171 module firmware on the RN171XV can be upgraded to the latest version through FTP update.

For additional information on FTP update and commands, refer to “*WiFly Command Reference, Advanced Features and Applications User’s Guide*” from the Microchip web site <http://www.microchip.com>.

For more information on Bluetooth module links, refer to “*Bluetooth Command Reference and Advanced Information User’s Guide*” from the Microchip web site <http://www.microchip.com>.

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Chapter 2. Getting Started

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter describes the hardware and software setup for RNXV Dual Relay Evaluation Board, which enable users to evaluate the RNXV 802.11 b/g (Wi-Fi) or RNXV 802.15.1 (Bluetooth) based modules. The RNXV modules, which are sold separately, mounts on the evaluation board connector slot and contains the RN171 Wi-Fi module and RN41/42 Bluetooth modules. The board connects to a PC or embedded controllers via the standard USB cable serial port interface. The board has two relays capable of switching up to 240 volts. The evaluation board also provides two push button switches to control (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) WPS mode and to reset the module without any software configuration. The board has connectors to drop in the RNXV, as well as headers that enable wires access to the RNXV signals.

This chapter discusses the following topics:

- [Hardware Requirements](#)
- [Software/Utility Requirements](#)
- [Modules Configuration](#)

2.2 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

The RN-XV-RD2 requires an RN171XV or RN41XV/RN42XV board along with a USB cable as its hardware setup for connection with computer/laptop and to run the demo applications.

To setup the hardware, perform the following steps:

1. Mount the RNXV module onto the socket at M1 on the RN-XV-RD2 evaluation board. If the header is not keyed, the user must orient the module as shown in [Figure 2-1](#). The RNXV provides power to the evaluation board.
2. Connect the USB cable to a USB port on host computer and the other end to the RN-XV-RD2 board. Connect the other side of the USB cable to the evaluation board at J2.
3. Download and install the FTDI drivers from the Microchip web site "<http://ww1.microchip.com/downloads/en/DeviceDoc/FTDI-Drivers.zip>" FTDI Chipset Drivers.
4. Once the FTDI Drivers are installed, the COM port is automatically assigned based on the active connection.
5. Ensure a jumper is used to connect/short pins on J1.

<p>Note: If the jumper is removed for J1, these pins can be used to probe voltage levels on the board. However, if J1 pins are without a jumper, the board does not function.</p>
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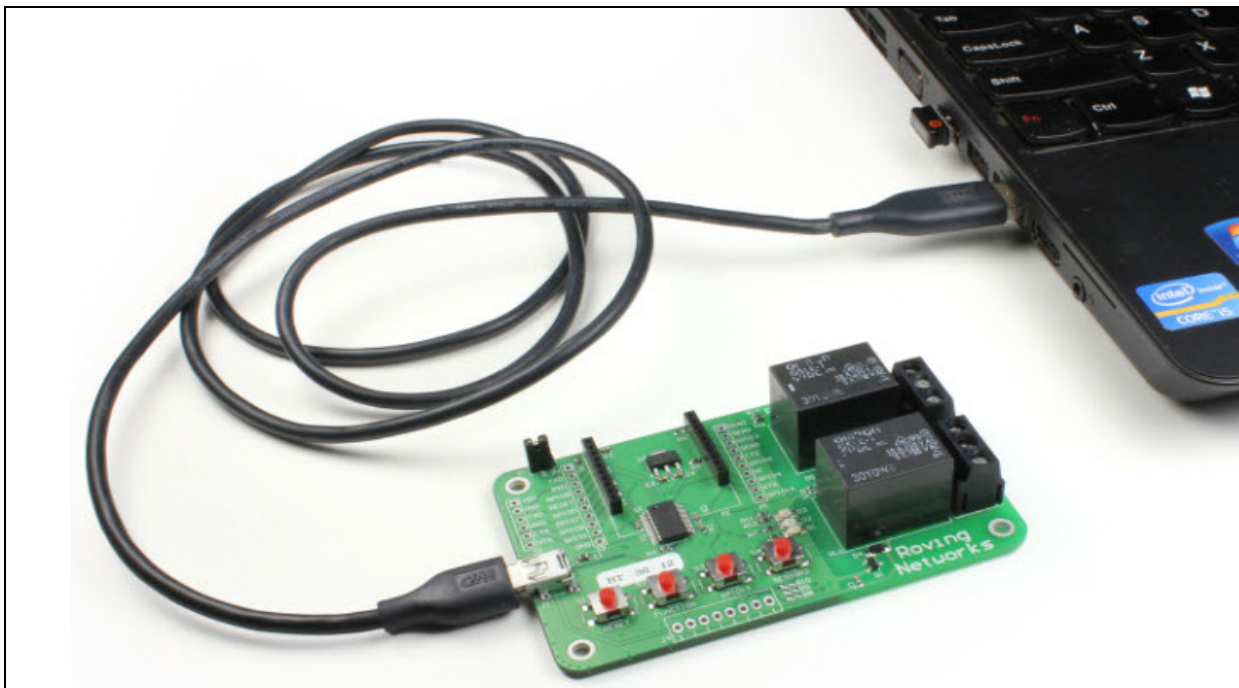
The RN-XV supports several antenna options. The RN-XV-W, which is recommended to be used for this evaluation, is shipped with a wire antenna. Therefore, there is no need to install a separate antenna for the evaluation described in this document.

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Note: RN171XVW is a standard configuration, industrial Temperature (-40 to +85 C) 802.15.4 replacement solution with 1/4 inch wire antenna.

Figure 2-1 shows the completed RN-XV-RD2 evaluation board hardware setup with Host Computer. Any RN171XV or RN41XV/RN42XV boards can be mounted on the Module Connector M1.

FIGURE 2-1: HARDWARE SETUP WITH HOST COMPUTER



2.3 SOFTWARE/UTILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following software tools/utilities are required to run the demo applications:

- Terminal Emulator Application such as TeraTerm (for Windows OS) or CoolTerm (for MAC OS) - The Terminal Emulator program is used to send the configuration commands to the module over a UART interface. The emulator also displays information transmitted from the module.
- RN-XV-RD2 board uses the FTDI chip set. Windows automatically installs the drivers for the USB-serial cable. If the drivers are not automatically installed, download and install the FTDI drivers from the Microchip web site at <http://ww1.microchip.com/downloads/en/DeviceDoc/FTDI-Drivers.zip> FTDI Chipset Drivers.
- Once the FTDI drivers are installed, the COM port is automatically assigned based on the active connection.

2.4 MODULES CONFIGURATION

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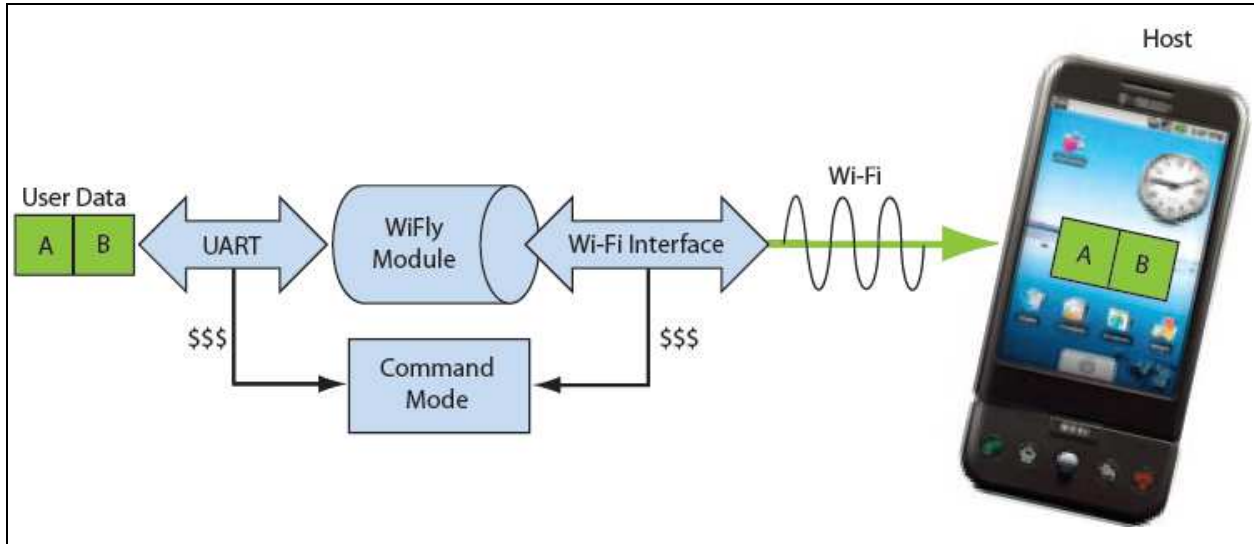
RN171XV is mounted on RNXV Evaluation Kit. The RN171 operates in two modes:

- Data mode (default)
- Command mode

2.4.1 Data Mode

In Data mode, the RN171 module is essentially a data pipe. When the module receives data over Wi-Fi, it strips the TCP/IP headers and trailers, and passes the user data to the UART. When data is written to the UART, the module constructs the TCP/IP packet and sends it out over Wi-Fi. Thus, the entire process of sending/receiving data to the host is transparent to the end application/user microcontroller.

FIGURE 2-2: APPLICATION INTERFACE FOR DATA AND COMMAND MODES



2.4.2 Command Mode

By default, the RN171 module is in Data mode. Sending an escape sequence \$\$\$ causes the module to enter the Command mode. Once in Command mode, the module can be configured using simple ASCII commands. To exit Command mode and return to the Data mode, type `exit <cr>`. Figure 2-2 shows an application interface for Data and Command modes.

Basic configuration requires the wireless network access point's name (SSID) and the authentication password. The RN171 module can associate with only one network at a time. It is recommended to begin evaluation by configuring the RN171 module using an open access point to simplify the setup.

The following two methods are used to configure the RN171 module:

1. Over the UART, that is connected to a computer/laptop or to a microcontroller
2. Through Wi-Fi using Ad hoc networking

Terminal emulator utility is required to type the commands and to monitor the activity/transactions.

2.4.3 Configuration Using a USB Cable

The evaluation board uses a USB cable to enable the host computer to communicate with the RN171 module on the evaluation board. The procedures in this section describe how to use a terminal emulator to go into Configuration mode, send commands to find networks, associate with an access point, and save configuration.

2.4.3.1 CONFIGURE THE MODULE USING A TERMINAL EMULATOR

Either the TeraTerm (for Windows OS) or CoolTerm (for Mac OS-X), terminal emulator utility can be used. Also legacy evaluation boards use a USB-to-serial cable for connecting the evaluation board with the computer/laptop. When using the RN171 evaluation board, use the COM port to which the USB-to-serial cable is connected.

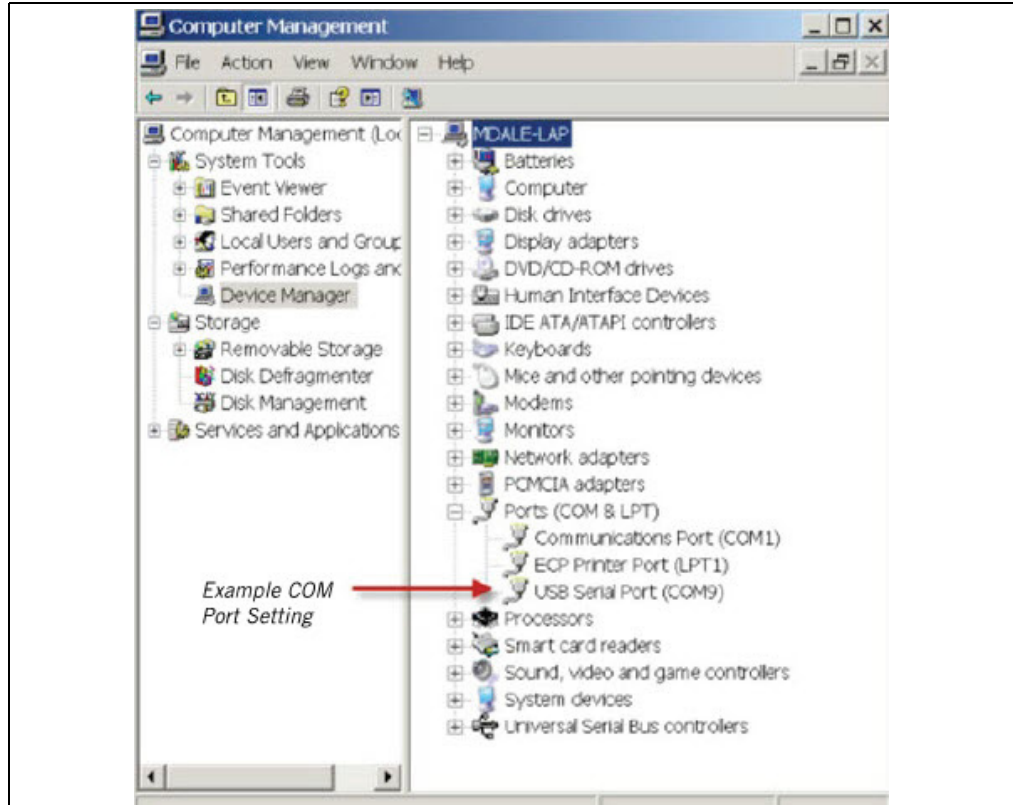
The following are the steps to communicate with the module using a terminal emulator:

1. Determine the COM port that is assigned to the USB cable (the port is COM9 in the example shown in [Figure 2-3](#)).
2. Open the available terminal emulation program and specify the COM port.
3. When using TeraTerm, go to Serial option and select the COM port number from the drop-down menu.
4. The serial port with the required settings are as follows:
 - Baud: 9600
 - Data bits: 8
 - Parity: None
 - Stop bits: 1
 - Flow control: None
5. Type the commands through the terminal emulator program and to the assigned program.

Note: COM port number can be found as follows:

- For Windows OS: Go to the Windows Device Manager, from System Tools. In the Device Manager, browse and expand the selection for serial ports (COM & LPT). Use TeraTerm for other configuration settings and monitoring. This is illustrated in [Figure 2-3](#).
- For MAC OS: When using CoolTerm, view and select the port from the same terminal emulator application.

FIGURE 2-3: FINDING THE COM PORT NUMBER IN WINDOWS



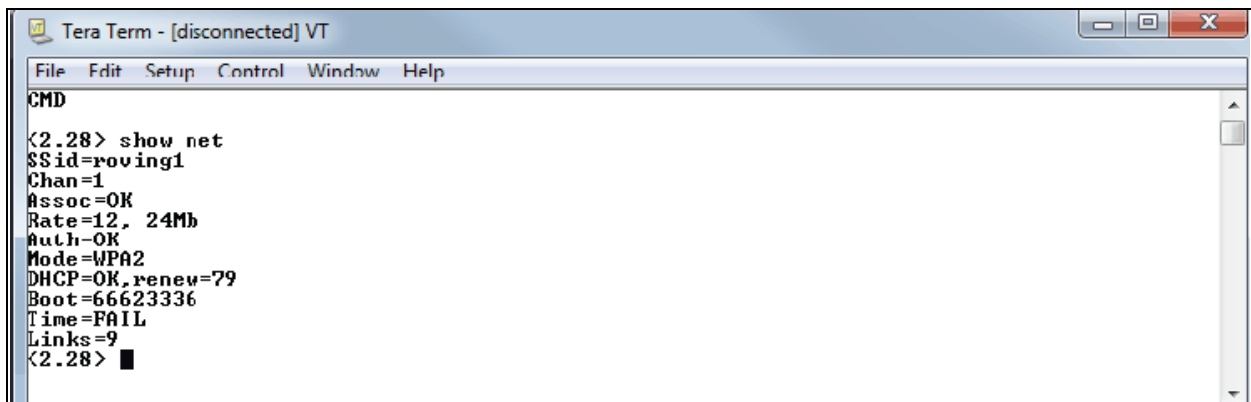
2.4.3.2 ENTER COMMAND MODE

The following are the steps to enter the Command mode in a terminal emulator:

1. Type \$\$\$ on the keyboard sequentially with no additional characters before or after each \$ sign. The module replies with CMD (on terminal emulator) to indicate that it is in Command mode.
2. Type show net <cr> to display the current network settings (Figure 2-4 shows the current network settings for version 2.28).

Note: When a command is completed, the terminal displays a prompt using the format <X.XX>, where X.XX indicates the module's firmware version.

FIGURE 2-4: CURRENT NETWORK SETTINGS



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The RN171 module supports a variety of command keywords. The “*WiFi Command Reference, Advanced Features and Applications User's Guide*” from the Microchip web site <http://www.microchip.com> provides a complete command reference.

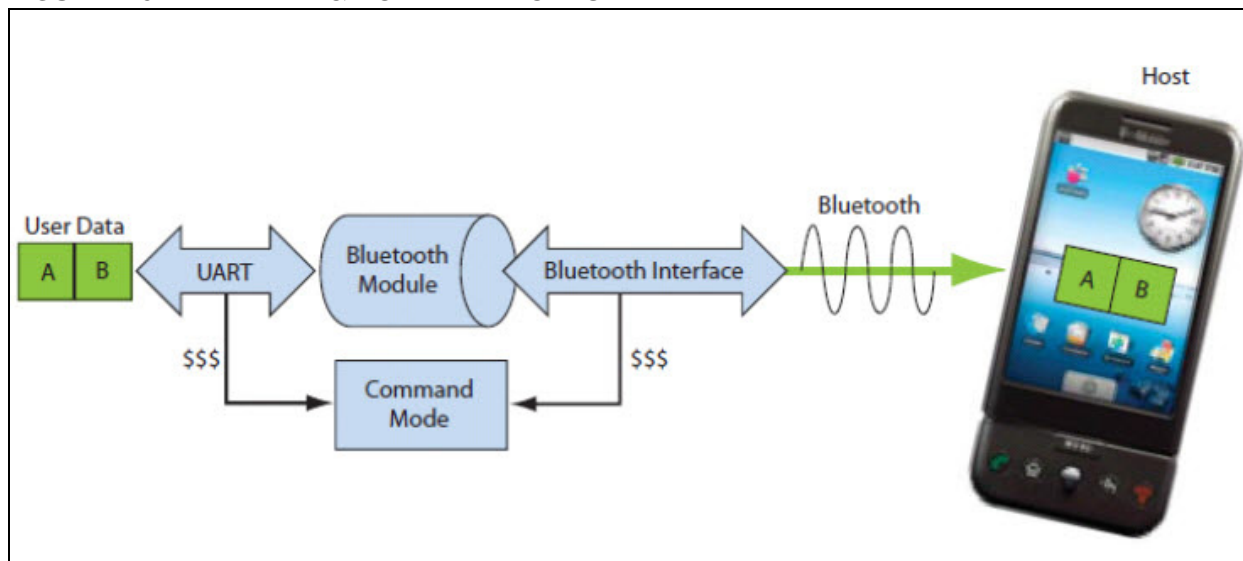
RN41/42XV CONFIGURATION

RN41/42XV with RN41/42 module base is mounted on RNXV Evaluation Kit. The RN41/42 also operates in two modes:

- Data mode (default)
- Command mode

While in Data mode, the module operates as a data pipe. When the module receives data, it strips the Bluetooth headers and trailers and passes the user data to the UART port. When data is written to the UART port, the module constructs the Bluetooth packet and sends it out over the Bluetooth wireless connection. Thus, the entire process of sending/receiving data to the host is transparent to the end microcontroller. The [Figure 2-5](#) illustrates the operational modes.

FIGURE 2-5: DATA & COMMAND MODES



The default configuration for the Bluetooth module is:

- Bluetooth slave mode
- Bluetooth pin code 1234
- Serial port 115,200 Kbps baud rate, 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit
- Serial port flow control disabled
- Low-power mode off

Configuration is done by putting the module in the Command mode and sending ASCII commands over the UART port or the Bluetooth link. Reboot the module for settings to take effect. The changed configuration parameters persist until next change happens or until a factory reset is performed.

There are two ways to configure the Bluetooth module:

- Local configuration using computer's serial port
- Via Bluetooth

Terminal emulator utility is required to type the commands and to monitor the activity/ transactions.

2.4.4 Configuring the Module over the UART Port

Connect the module to any computer/laptop. Connection can be done using the RS-232 DB9 port or via a USB cable. When RN-XV-RD2 evaluation board is used as RN41/42XV base board, connection is done using a USB cable.

With the Bluetooth module connected and powered on, run a terminal emulator and open the COM port to which the cable is connected. The terminal emulator's communication settings must be the default serial port settings:

- Baud rate 115,200 kbps
- 8 bits
- No parity
- 1 stop bit
- Hardware flow control disabled

Note: Use local configuration at any time when the module does NOT have a Bluetooth connection, as well as under certain conditions. If the module is in Configuration mode and a connection occurs, the module exits Configuration mode and data passes back and forth from the remote module.

Once a connection is made, Command mode can be entered only if the boot-up configuration timer has not expired (60 seconds). To remain in Configuration mode, set the configuration timer to 225.

2.4.5 Remove Configuration Using Bluetooth

It is often useful to configure the module remotely over a Bluetooth connection. Before performing remote configuration using Bluetooth, first pair the Bluetooth module with any computer. For computer/laptop with Bluetooth capability and running Windows, click **Bluetooth devices** in the system tray at the bottom right on your computer screen. Select **Add a Bluetooth device** and follow the on-screen instructions. For Mac OS-X, click the Bluetooth icon, select **Setup Bluetooth device**, and follow the on-screen instructions. Once a connection is made, the module enters the command mode if the boot-up configuration timer has not expired (60 seconds). To remain in Configuration mode, set the configuration timer to 255.

When the configuration is finished, reset the module or send the “---” command, which causes the module to exit Configuration mode and enables data to pass normally.

Note: Configuration mode (local or remote) is NEVER enabled when the module is in auto-mode and is connected over Bluetooth.

2.4.6 Enter Command Mode

To enter Command mode, launch a terminal emulator and specify the module's default settings. [Table 2-1](#) shows the serial port settings.

TABLE 2-1: SERIAL PORT SETTINGS

Setting	Value
Port	COM port to which module is attached
Baud rate	115200
Data rate	8 bits
Parity	None
Stop bits	1
Flow control	None