

Introduction [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

This application note describes the Open Platform Communications Unified Architecture (OPC UA) based Industrial Edge demonstration. This solution runs on PolarFire® SoC, which is configured as an OPC UA server and/or client. The design demonstrates communication over OPC UA between the PolarFire SoC Video Kit, the PolarFire SoC ICICLE Kit, and the Stepper 7 Click using the UAExpert (a full-featured OPC UA client).

Microchip's PolarFire SoC devices combine RISC-V based 5x core Microprocessor Subsystem (MSS), capable of running Linux®, and the PolarFire Fabric in a single device. This combination enables the partitioning of user designs between the MSS (C Source code) and the Fabric (RTL). Microchip's Libero® SoC enables the rapid development of RTL based designs for PolarFire SoC, and many other device families. Libero SoC provides a wide range of IPs for a variety of applications such as video and imaging, signal processing, wired and wireless communications, and networking. Microchip's SoftConsole enables the rapid development of C/C++ source code based applications targeted for all Microchip FPGA and SoC device families.

Stepper 7 Click is a bipolar step motor driver, and features an H-bridge bipolar step motor driver. It supports the Full and Half-Step Control modes. Stepper 7 Click also carries a port expander so that the communication can be done with a minimal number of pins, through the mikroBUS™ SPI bus.

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1. Design Overview [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The design demonstrates the basic functionality of the PolarFire SoC Video Kit, the PolarFire SoC ICICLE Kit, the Stepper Motor, and their communication with each other over the OPC UA protocol. OPC Unified Architecture (OPC UA) is a machine-to-machine communication protocol used for OPC UA Industrial Edge demo.

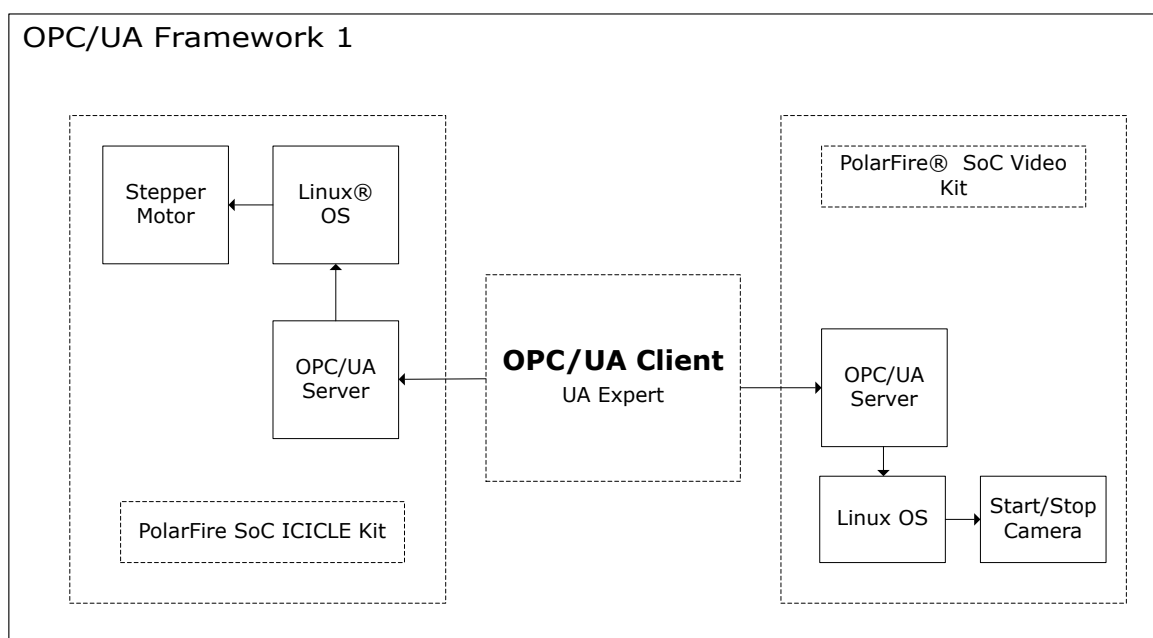
The demo can be run with any of the following scenarios.

- To control Video Kit and ICICLE Kit individually from UAExpert OPC UA client.
- To control Video Kit through ICICLE Kit – OPC UA client.

Scenario 1

In this scenario, OPC UA Client UAExpert acts as the main controller, which controls the PolarFire SoC Video Kit and the Stepper Motor on the ICICLE Kit. Control signals from UAExpert are sent over the OPC UA channel to the PolarFire SoC Video Kit for video streaming and to stepper motor to start or stop the motor in clockwise or anti-clockwise direction.

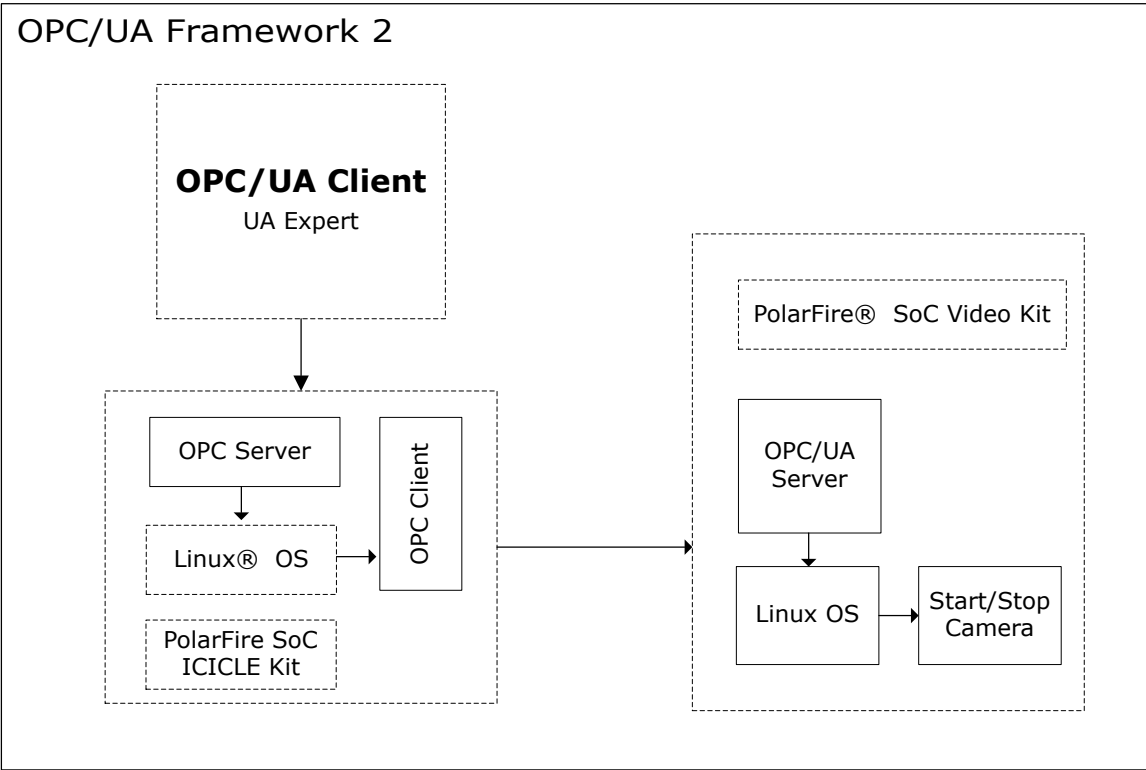
Figure 1-1. Scenario 1 - OPC UA Framework Block Diagram



Scenario 2

In this scenario, OPC UA Client UAExpert communicates with the Video Kit through the ICICLE Kit. The objective here is to demonstrate the ICICLE Kit's capability to act as an OPC UA Client. Control signals from the UAExpert are sent over the OPC UA channel to the ICICLE Kit, which in turn is communicated to the PolarFire SoC Video Kit for video streaming.

Figure 1-2. Scenario 2 - OPC UA Framework Block Diagram



Important: For information about Video Kit and ICICLE Kit, see [Video Kit User Guide](#) and [ICICLE Kit User Guide](#).

2. Demo Requirements [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The following table lists the necessary hardware and software for running this demo.

Table 2-1. Demo Requirements

Requirements	Description
Hardware and Accessories	
PolarFire® SoC Video Kit	MPFS250-VIDEO-KIT Kit Contents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PolarFire SoC Video Kit Board with (MPFS250TS-1FCG1152I) • 4K30 Dual Camera Sensor with Sony IMX334s • HDMI cable • Micro B USB cable - 2 • RJ45 Ethernet cable • 12V AC adapter, 12V power Cord
PolarFire SoC ICICLE Kit	MPFS-ICICLE-KIT-ES Kit Contents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PolarFire SoC MPFS250T-FCVG484EES Icicle Board • Ethernet Cable • UART via micro USB (Micro USB Cable) • 12V, 5A AC Power Adapter, and Cord
Host PC	A host PC with USB, Ethernet port, and Windows® 10 OS.
Ethernet cable	To communicate with the PolarFire SoC Video Kit or PolarFire SoC ICICLE Kit, three Ethernet cables are required. CAT5 cable with 1.5 meter length.
Network Switch	Generic Network Switch 5 Ports Fast Ethernet 10/100 Mbps LAN RJ45 with Power Adapter for Desktop PC
Stepper 7 Click	This Click Board™ is equipped with two integrated circuits. The step motor driver IC is the MTS62C19A, a dual full-bridge motor driver from Microchip.
Multi Stepper Motor	Stepper Motor QMot.eu, Part Number QSH 4218-35-10-027 Lot No. 1016062(1.001)A
Utility Software	
Program Debug 2021.2	Executable for installing FlashPro Express 2021.2 that is used to program the FPGA
MobaxTerm , Putty , or TeraTerm	UART receiver-transmitter application on the host PC
CP2108	USB to UART chip to interact with on-board Linux OS
Win32 Disk Imager	Freeware tool for flashing binary images to USB sticks or SD/CF cards. Note: You need to have Administrator privileges for flashing Linux .wic images through the Win32 Disk Imager tool.
7-zip	Freeware archiving tool for compressing and decompressing files. This tool is needed for extracting .wic file from the .wic.gz compressed file.
VLC Media Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Windows: 3.0.16 and above • For Ubuntu: 3.0.9.2 and above
Binaries	
Linux wic Image	Industrial_Edge_Video_Kit_Demo-design-WIC-Image.wic.gz Industrial_Edge_ICICLE_Kit_Demo-design-WIC-Image.wic.gz
Job file	Industrial_Edge_Video_Kit_H264.job Industrial_Edge_ICICLE_Kit_Step_Motor.job
SDP file	video.sdp



Important: The name of the binaries mentioned in the preceding table may vary from the rest of this guide as they often keep changing in each release. However, the flashing and demo procedures remain the same.

3. Demo Prerequisites [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Before you begin, ensure that the following components are in place:

1. Download the programming job file, Linux `.wic` image, and `video.sdp` file from the following link: www.microchip.com/en-us/application-notes/an4977.
2. Download the free version of UAExpert (OPC UA client) from the following link: www.unified-automation.com/downloads/opc-ua-clients/uaexpert.html.

**Important:**

- The Linux version of UAExpert (an OPC UA client) is also available and can be used.
 - To download the packages, you need to have an active account on the [Unified Automation](http://www.unified-automation.com) website.
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4. OPC Unified Architecture [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Open Platform Communications Unified Architecture (OPC UA) is a machine-to-machine communication protocol that has become increasingly popular in industrial automation. The protocol is designed to provide a standard and secure way for different machines and systems to communicate with each other, regardless of the manufacturer, platform, or operating system.

The OPC UA protocol is based on a client-server architecture, where the client initiates the communication and the server provides the requested data. The communication is structured around a set of predefined services that define the interaction between clients and servers. These services include browsing, reading, writing, subscribing, and monitoring. OPC UA also provides a range of security mechanisms, including encryption, authentication, and authorization, to ensure secure communication between clients and servers.

The OPC Foundation is the organization behind the standard and with 678 members it has a very broad base. Its members include global players in the automation industry. For example: Siemens, Honeywell, Microsoft, Beckhoff, SAP, Yokogawa, ABB, Rockwell, Schneider Electric, Wago, Iconics. All members of the Foundation can be found in the OPC Foundation member list. The association was founded in 1994 and released the first version of OPC in 1996. Since then, it has been working very successfully and actively on the further development and dissemination of the OPC standard.

The current standard of the OPC specification is OPC UA (OPC Unified Architecture). It is the successor of the old OPC standard, which is called OPC Classic. Many installations of OPC servers are Classic OPC Servers until today. The old standard already very successfully solved the task of realizing data exchange in automation independent of the manufacturer and defined the basic interfaces. The disadvantage of OPC Classic was the lack of platform independence. OPC Classic is based on the Microsoft technologies COM and DCOM and therefore OPC Server and OPC Client installations were limited to Microsoft Windows operating systems and networks. With the increasing success of other platforms such as Linux, Web architectures, Cloud, IoT Devices, and CPS the distribution of OPC was limited.

One of the key advantages of OPC UA is its platform independence. This means that it can be used with different operating systems, programming languages, and hardware platforms. This makes it a popular choice for industrial automation systems, where different machines and systems need to communicate with each other seamlessly.

The OPC UA protocol has several features that make it a powerful and versatile communication protocol for industrial automation. One of these features is its ability to handle complex data types. OPC UA supports a wide range of data types, including numerical data, strings, arrays, structures, and more. It also supports user-defined data types, which allows industrial automation systems to define their own data structures for their specific needs.

Another important feature of OPC UA is its support for time synchronization. In industrial automation, precise time synchronization is critical for ensuring that different machines and systems operate in sync with each other. OPC UA provides a mechanism for time synchronization between clients and servers, which ensures that data is exchanged accurately and on time.

OPC UA also provides built-in diagnostics and error handling capabilities. These capabilities make it easier for industrial automation systems to detect and diagnose errors and faults that occur during communication between clients and servers. This helps to minimize downtime and ensure that the system is operating efficiently.

The security features of OPC UA are also worth highlighting. OPC UA provides several security mechanisms to ensure secure communication between clients and servers. These mechanisms include encryption, authentication, and authorization. Encryption ensures that data is transmitted securely over the network, while authentication ensures that clients and servers are who they claim to be. Authorization ensures that clients and servers have the necessary permissions to access the requested data.

One of the key benefits of OPC UA is its interoperability. Because OPC UA is a standardized protocol, different machines and systems can communicate with each other seamlessly, regardless of the manufacturer, platform, or operating system. This makes it easier for industrial automation systems to integrate different components and systems into a single, cohesive system.

In summary, OPC UA is a standardized, secure, and platform-independent communication protocol for industrial automation. Its versatility, reliability, and security make it a popular choice for a wide range of applications in the industrial automation sector with its support for complex data types, time synchronization, built-in diagnostics and error handling, and security mechanisms.

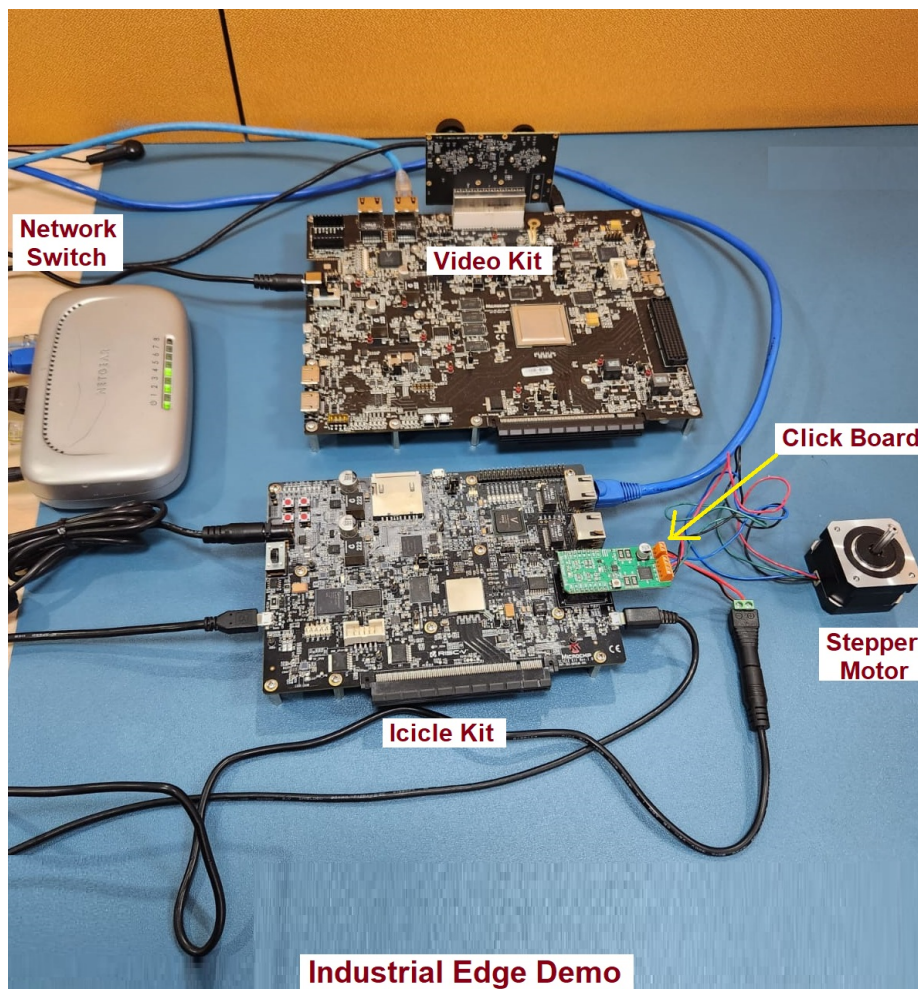
5. Setting Up the Industrial Edge Demo [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The demonstration involves the following steps:

- Setting up the PolarFire SoC Video and ICICLE Kit
- Setting up the Serial Terminal
- Programming the Device

The following figure shows the board setup.

Figure 5-1. Board Setup of Industrial Edge Demo



5.1 Setting Up the PolarFire SoC Video and ICICLE Kit [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Before running the demo, perform the following steps:

1. Do not connect any Ethernet cable from the Windows Host PC to the Video Kit or ICICLE Kit.
2. On the Windows Host PC, open the command prompt in Admin mode, type the `ipconfig` command, and press the **Enter** key. The command prompt window appears displaying the Windows IP configuration details as shown in the following figure.

Figure 5-2. Windows Command Prompt Window in Administrator Mode

```

C:\WINDOWS\system32>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : mdcrochdp.com
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.40.124.8
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . :

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

    Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
  
```

- Note down the name of the Ethernet adapter displayed against the Media disconnected interface. It is **Ethernet** in this case.

Video Kit Setup

To setup the Video Kit board, perform the following steps:

- Insert the dual-camera sensor module in the **J10** port on the PolarFire SoC Video Kit. Ensure to remove the camera lens cap.
- Connect the **RJ45** Ethernet cable to any one of the Ethernet ports (connector **J6** or **J7**) of the board and the Windows Host PC.
- Power on the board and wait for the system boot sequence to complete.
- Log in as the root user (no password required).
- Set the IP address of the board to 192.168.2.1 (or choose another address) by executing the following command in the terminal:

```
sudo ifconfig eth0 192.168.2.1 netmask 255.255.255.0 up
```



Important: If your network includes a DHCP server, you may also use the IP address assigned by the DHCP server.

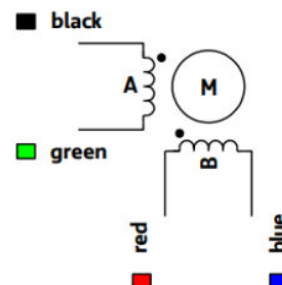
ICICLE Kit Setup

To setup the ICICLE Kit board, perform the following steps:

- Insert the Stepper Motor Click Board in the Mikro Bus connector of ICICLE Kit. Make the required wire connections from Stepper Motor to the Click Board, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 5-3. Lead Wire Configuration

Cable type	Coil	Function
Black	1B	Motor coil A pin 1
Green	1A	Motor coil A pin 2
Red	2B	Motor coil B pin 1
Blue	2A	Motor coil B pin 2



2. Connect the power adapter to the click board GND and VM points. For more information on Stepper Motor, See the [QMOT QSH4218 MANUAL](#).
3. Connect the **RJ45** Ethernet cable to any one of the Ethernet ports (**J1** or **J2**) of the board and the Windows Host PC.
4. Power on the board and wait for the system boot sequence to complete.
5. Log in as the root user (no password required).
6. Set the IP address of the board to 192.168.2.1 (or choose another address) by executing the following command in the terminal:

```
sudo ifconfig eth0 192.168.2.1 netmask 255.255.255.0 up
```



Important: If your network includes a DHCP server, you may also use the IP address assigned by the DHCP server.

Verifying Network Connection between the Windows Host PC and the Kits

To verify the network connection, perform the following steps:

1. Ensure that the Windows Host PC is in the same network.
2. In the command prompt of the Windows Host PC, type the `ipconfig` command, and press the **Enter** key.
3. If your computer is connected to a network with a DHCP server, note the IP address assigned to your PC, as illustrated in the following figure.

Figure 5-4. Fetching the Ethernet Port Status

```

Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.71]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users' >ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : 
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::691e:a82
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 172.26.164.45
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.240.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 172.26.160.1
  
```

4. If you prefer to manually set the IP address, ensure to set the following as listed:
 - Configure the IP address of the Windows Host PC to 192.168.2.x, where x is any integer between 2 and 254.
 - Set the Subnet mask to 255.255.255.0.

Use the following command to apply these settings:

```
netsh interface ip set address "Ethernet" static 192.168.2.100 255.255.255.0
```

Figure 5-5. Setting the Windows Host PC IP Address

```

Select Administrator: Command Prompt

C:\WINDOWS\system32>netsh interface ip set address "Ethernet" static 192.168.2.100 255.255.255.0
  
```

5. Ping the Video Kit or ICICLE Kit from the Windows Host PC to verify successful connection as shown in the following figure:

Figure 5-6. PolarFire SoC Video Kit or ICICLE Kit Ping Result

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32>ping 192.168.2.1

Pinging 192.168.2.1 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.2.1: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.2.1: bytes=32 time=1ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.2.1: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.2.1: bytes=32 time=3ms TTL=64

Ping statistics for 192.168.2.1:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 3ms, Average = 1ms

C:\WINDOWS\system32>
```



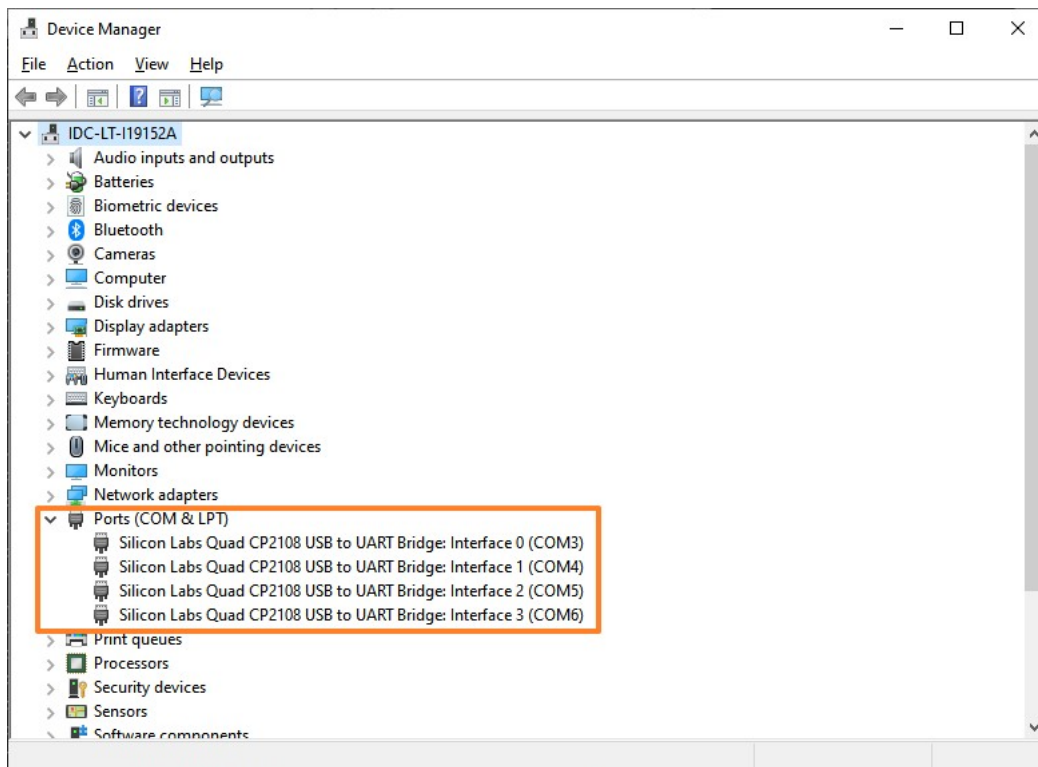
Important: For more information about connectors, jumper settings, and other demo details, see [Video Kit User Guide](#) and [ICICLE Kit User Guide](#).

5.2 Setting Up the Serial Terminal [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The PolarFire SoC Video Kit includes the CP2108 USB to UART chip to interact with on-board Linux OS. After installing the CP2018 driver, perform the following steps:

1. Connect the USB cable at the **J12** port on the PolarFire SoC Video Kit board to the host PC (connect to J11 port for ICICLE Kit).
2. After connecting the power adapter to the board at **J39** port (**J29** for ICICLE Kit), switch ON the board's power supply using the SW5 switch (use SW6 switch for ICICLE Kit). This detects the USB UART chip on the board at the host PC.

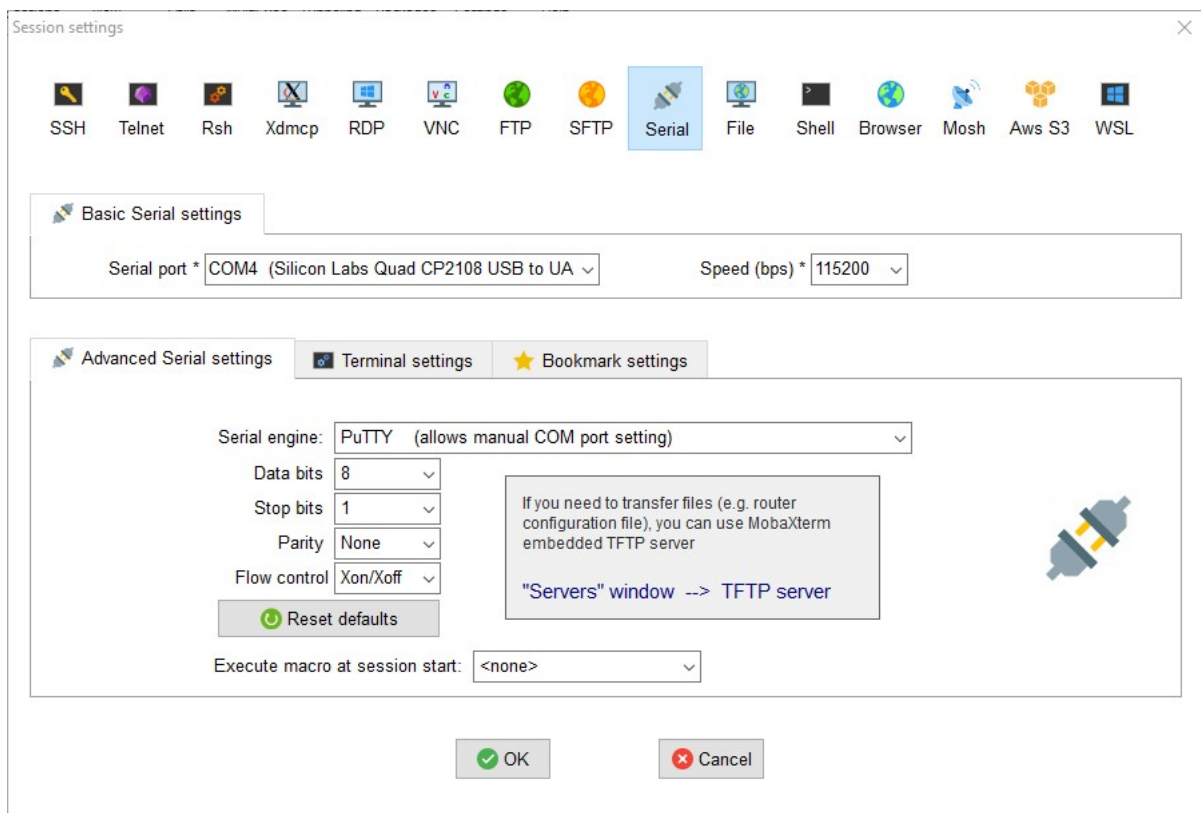
You can verify the detection of the USB UART chip in the **Device Manager** window of the host PC as shown in the following figure.

Figure 5-7. Host PC Device Manager Window

The interfaces in the **Device Manager** window on the host PC are active in the current demo project and displays the messages when appropriately configured.

An application like MobaXterm/TeraTerm at the host PC is required to establish serial communication with the Video Kit board to interact with the PolarFire SoC Video Kit board. The baud rate for such connections must be 115200 bps, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 5-8. Serial Port Settings Dialog Box

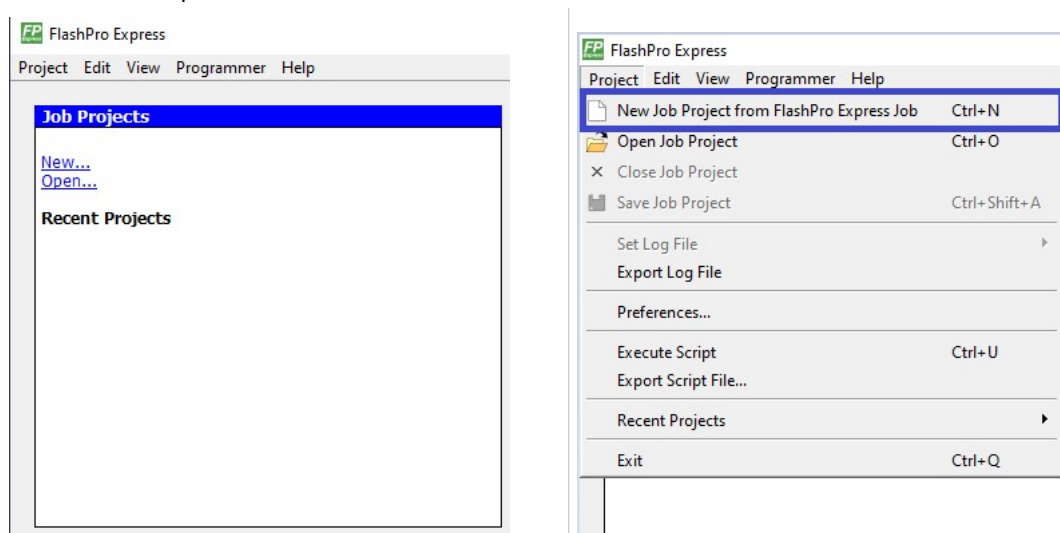


Important: The data-rate must be configured for all interfaces to establish successful communication with the Video Kit.

5.3 Programming the Device [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To program the PolarFire SoC device with the job file using FlashPro Express, perform the following steps.

1. Connect a micro-USB to the ICICLE Kit (J33) or Video Kit (J5) from the host PC and launch the FlashPro Express tool from the installation directory. Also, ensure that the jumper **J9** is closed on the ICICLE Kit, and **J28** is closed on the Video Kit.
2. To create a new job, click **New** on the FlashPro Express landing pageV or select **Project** and click **New Job Project from FlashPro Express Job** from the menu, as shown in the following figure.

Table 5-1. FlashPro Express

3. In the **New Job Project from FlashPro Express Job** dialog box, enter the following details:
 - Programming job file: Click **Browse** and navigate to the location where the job file is located and select the file.
 - FlashPro Express job project location: Select **Browse** and navigate to the location where you want to save the project.
4. Click **Open**. The required programming file is selected and is ready to be programmed in the device. The FlashPro Express window appears. Confirm that a programmer number appears in the **Programmer** field. If it does not appear, check the board connections, and click **Refresh/Rescan Programmers**.
5. Click **RUN** to program the device. When the device is programmed successfully, a **RUN PASSED** status is displayed.
6. To close the FlashPro Express tool, select **Project** and **Exit** from menu.
7. Power-cycle the board.

5.4 Flashing Linux .wic Image in eMMC Mode [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The Linux .wic image is packaged with all demo applications. Extract the contents of the .wic file to a folder of your choice. The extracted wic image can be flashed either in an eMMC or a SD card. Irrespective of the flashing device, running the demo user applications remain the same.



Important: If the Linux image has multi-compression extensions such as `wic.gz.zip`, continue extracting the file until you obtain the .wic file.

This section describes the steps to place the HSS in CLI mode, program the Linux images into eMMC using the Win32 Disk Imager tool, and initiate the Linux boot.

1. Do not insert the SD card in the board. If an SD card already exists in the board, the SD card takes the first priority in the bootup sequence.
2. Connect the micro USB cable to the board (on Video Kit - **J19** port or on ICICLE Kit - **J16** port).
3. Power ON the board and press the **Enter** key while booting.
4. Execute the `usbdmisc` command at the HSS prompt as shown in the following figure.

Figure 5-9. Executing the usbdmnc Command

```
[7.462372] HSS_TinyCLI_Parser(): Type HELP for list of commands
[7.469663] HSS_TinyCLI_Parser(): >> usbdmnc
[207.689983] HSS_MMCInit(): Attempting to select SDCARD ... [208.699423] mmc_init_common(): MSS_MMC_init() returned unexpected 0
Failed
[208.708190] HSS_MMCInit(): Attempting to select eMMC ... Passed
Waiting for USB Host to connect... (CTRL-C to quit)
USB Host connected. Waiting for disconnect... (CTRL-C to quit)
0 bytes written, 10863616 bytes read
```



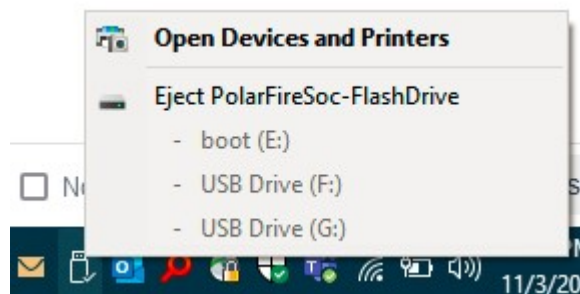
Important: Ensure to execute the `emmc` command before executing the `usbdmnc` command in case of ICICLE Kit.

The board switches to eMMC mode once the eMMC is passed.

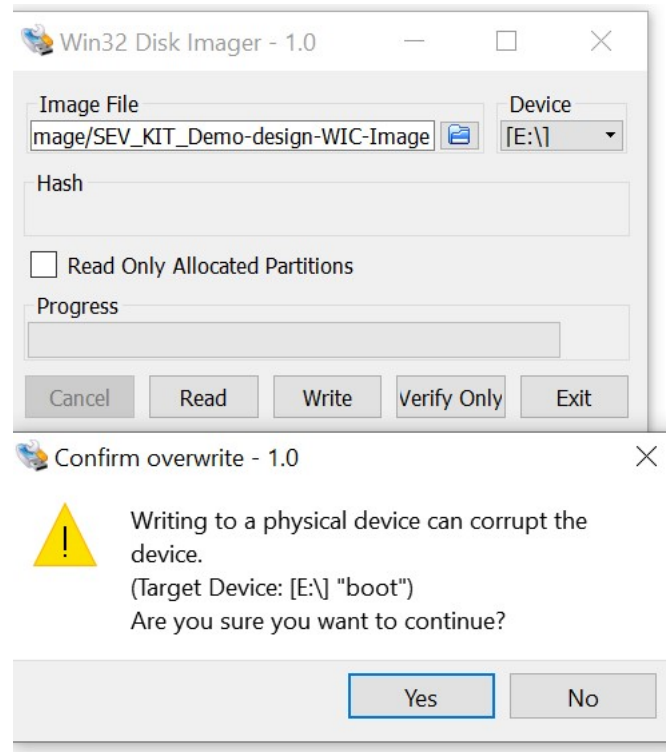
5. Open the **Win32 Disk Imager** tool with administrative privileges and browse for the `.wic` file to flash the Linux `.wic` image.



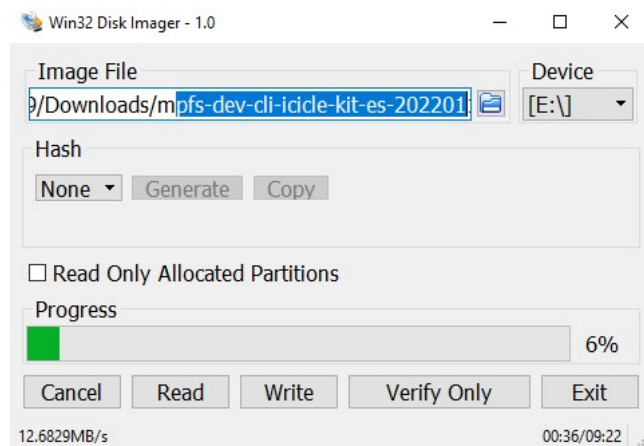
Important: To confirm if the eMMC drive is active, from the taskbar select **Safely Remove Hardware and Eject Media**. You will notice that the drive letter **boot (E:)** appears in list of connected devices, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 5-10. Drive Eject Options

6. In the **Win32 Disk Imager** tool, select the boot device, and click **Write**. A **Confirm overwrite** dialog box appears, as shown in the following figure.

Figure 5-11. Confirm Overwrite Dialog Box

7. Click **Yes** to confirm. After the image gets written, click **Exit**.

Figure 5-12. Win32 Disk Imager—Image Writing in Progress

8. Disconnect the USB cable from the USB-UART connector on the Kit. Observe the USB host disconnected message.
9. At the HSS CLI prompt, execute the `boot` command. Linux starts-up and enters the user login mode.

Figure 5-13. Executing the Boot Command and Entering into User Login Mode

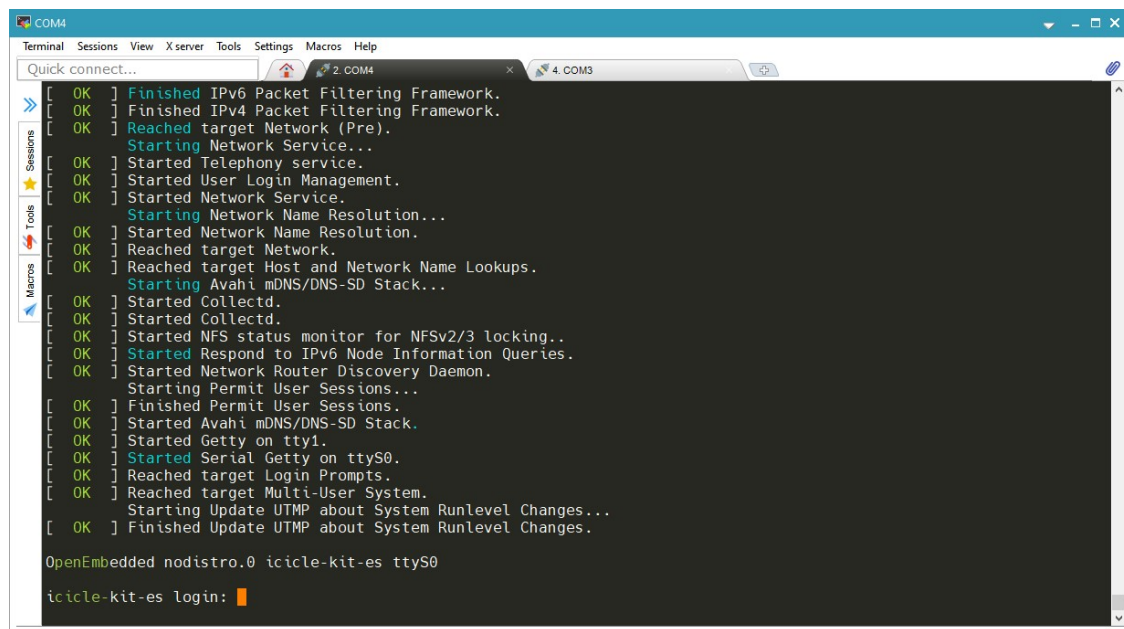
```

[208.708190] HSS_MMCInit(): Attempting to select eMMC ... Passed
Waiting for USB Host to connect... (CTRL-C to quit)
USB Host connected. Waiting for disconnect... (CTRL-C to quit)
5854579712 bytes written, 54118400 bytes read
USB Host disconnected...

[1799.793281] HSS_TinyCLI_Parser(): >> boot

```

Figure 5-14. User Login Mode



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled 'COM4' with a menu bar (Terminal, Sessions, View, X server, Tools, Settings, Macros, Help) and a sidebar (Quick connect..., Sessions, Tools, Macros). The terminal displays the following boot sequence:

```

[ OK ] Finished IPv6 Packet Filtering Framework.
[ OK ] Finished IPv4 Packet Filtering Framework.
[ OK ] Reached target Network (Pre).
[ Starting Network Service...
[ OK ] Started Telephony service.
[ OK ] Started User Login Management.
[ OK ] Started Network Service.
[ Starting Network Name Resolution...
[ OK ] Started Network Name Resolution.
[ OK ] Reached target Network.
[ OK ] Reached target Host and Network Name Lookups.
[ Starting Avahi mDNS/DNS-SD Stack...
[ OK ] Started Collectd.
[ OK ] Started Collectd.
[ OK ] Started NFS status monitor for NFSv2/3 locking..
[ OK ] Started Respond to IPv6 Node Information Queries.
[ OK ] Started Network Router Discovery Daemon.
[ Starting Permit User Sessions...
[ OK ] Finished Permit User Sessions.
[ OK ] Started Avahi mDNS/DNS-SD Stack.
[ OK ] Started Getty on tty1.
[ OK ] Started Serial Getty on ttyS0.
[ OK ] Reached target Login Prompts.
[ OK ] Reached target Multi-User System.
[ Starting Update UTMP about System Runlevel Changes...
[ OK ] Finished Update UTMP about System Runlevel Changes.

OpenEmbedded nodistro.0 icicle-kit-es ttyS0

icicle-kit-es login:

```

6. Starting the OPC UA Server [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Follow the steps outlined, to ensure the proper utilization of the kits provided.

- Video Kit
- ICICLE Kit

6.1 Video Kit [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To start the OPC UA server on the Video Kit, perform the following steps:

1. Program the job file on the Video Kit. For more information on installing the job file, see [5.3. Programming the Device](#).
2. Install the wic image on the Video Kit. For more information on installing the wic image, see [5.4. Flashing Linux .wic Image in eMMC Mode](#).
3. Reboot and login as root.
4. Check the IP address of the machine. Note and keep the IP address handy.
5. Navigate to the `/opt/microchip/opcua/video-kit/` folder, execute the `./video-kit-server.py` & or `python3 video-kit-server.py` & command, and wait for the terminal to display the following logs.

```
Video Kit OPC-UA Server Started
```

The server starts and runs in the background at port 4840.

6. Connect to this server using the UAExpert OPC UA client. For information on connecting to the server, see [7. Establishing a Connection Between OPC UA and Client/Server](#).

6.2 ICICLE Kit [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

To start the OPC UA server on the ICICLE Kit, perform the following steps:

1. Program the job file on the ICICLE Kit. For more information on installing the job file, see [5.3. Programming the Device](#).
2. Install the wic image on the ICICLE Kit. For more information on installing the wic image, see [5.4. Flashing Linux .wic Image in eMMC Mode](#).
3. Reboot and login as root.
4. Check the IP address of the machine. Note and keep the IP address handy.
5. Connect the Stepper Motor to the Stepper 7 Click Board.
6. Connect the Stepper 7 Click Board to the Mikro Bus Connector.
7. Navigate to the `/opt/microchip/opcua/icicle-kit/` folder.
8. Execute the `./icicle-motor-server.py` & or `python3 icicle-motor-server.py` & command. It displays the following message:

```
Attempting to load the MCP23S08 SPI device
MCP23S08 SPI device loaded successfully
```

Wait for the terminal to display the following log:

```
Stepper Motor - OPC-UA Server Started
```

The server starts and runs in the background at port 4840.

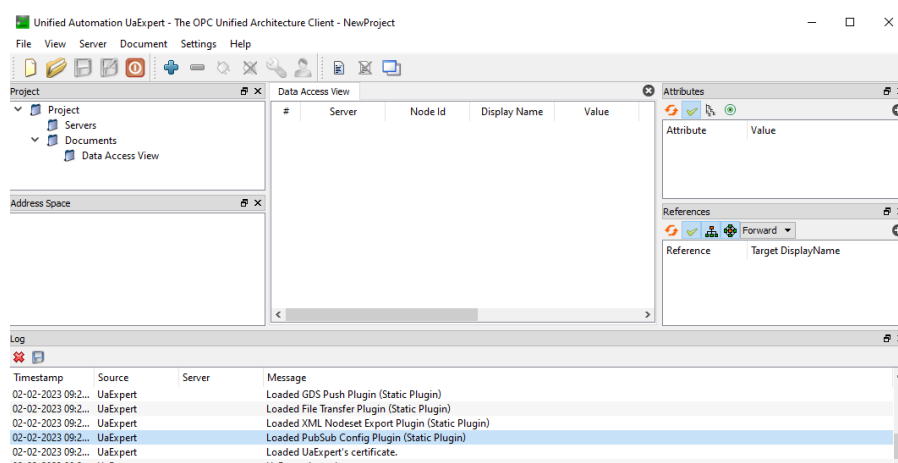
9. Connect to the OPC UA server using the UAExpert OPC UA client. For information on connecting to the server, see [7. Establishing a Connection Between OPC UA and Client/Server](#).

7. Establishing a Connection Between OPC UA and Client/Server [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The following steps establish a connection between the OPC UA and Client/Server.

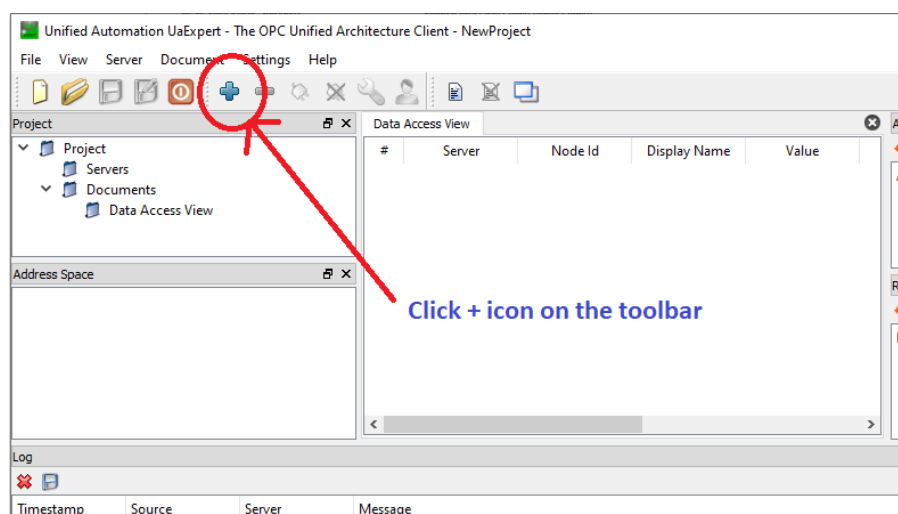
1. Launch the UAExpert OPC UA client.

Figure 7-1. UAExpert OPC UA Client Window



2. Connect to the ICICLE or Video Kit using the IP address.

Figure 7-2. Adding a Server IP Address



3. In the **Add Server** dialog box, click the **Advanced** tab, enter the **Configuration Name**, specify the **Endpoint Url**, and then click **OK** as shown in [Figure 7-3](#).



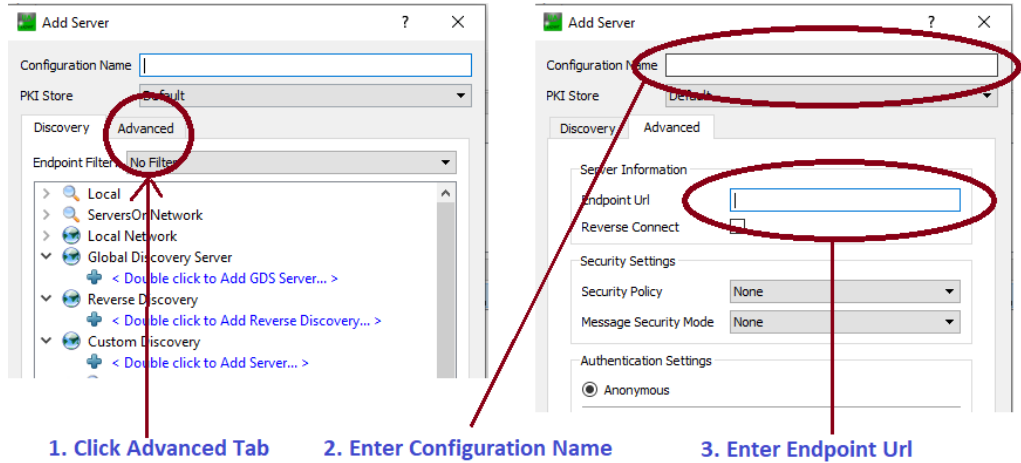
Important: You can choose to enter any name in the **Configuration Name** field, but the IP address must be that of the PolarFire SoC Video Kit or ICICLE Kit. For example, `opc.tcp://192.168.2.1:4840`.

The following table lists the Add Server details.

Table 7-1. Adding Server Details

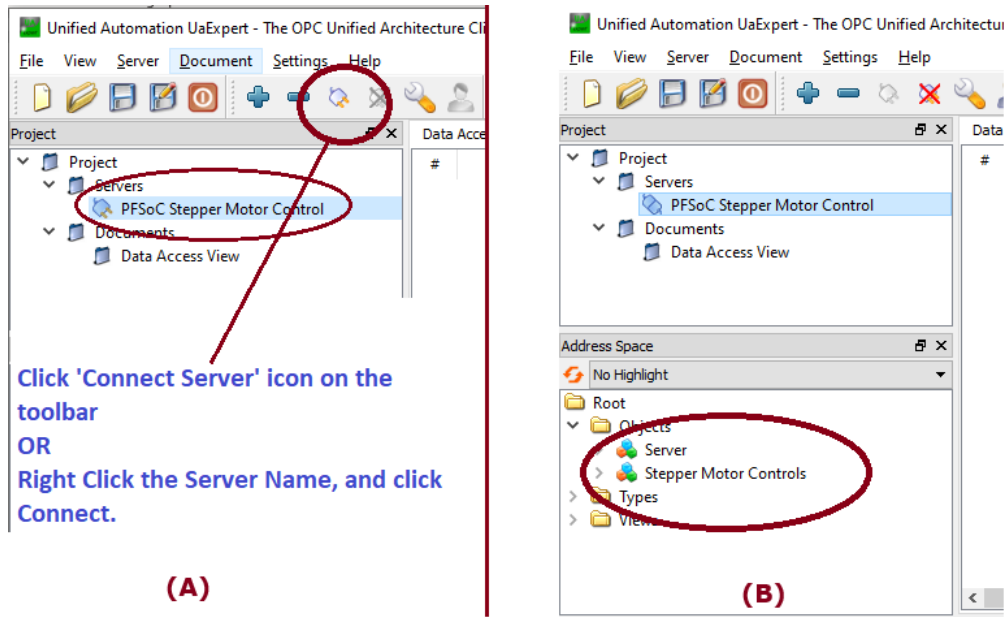
Field	Value
Configuration Name	PolarFire SoC Stepper Motor Control
Endpoint Url	opc.tcp://<IP Address>:4840

Figure 7-3. Add Server Dialog Box



4. The server name is displayed in the **Servers** tab. Right-click the server name and click **connect**. Alternatively, you can click the **Connect Server** icon from the toolbar as shown in Figure 7-4 (A). A connection is established with the OPC server based on the specified IP address as shown in Figure 7-4 (B).

Figure 7-4. Connecting to the Server



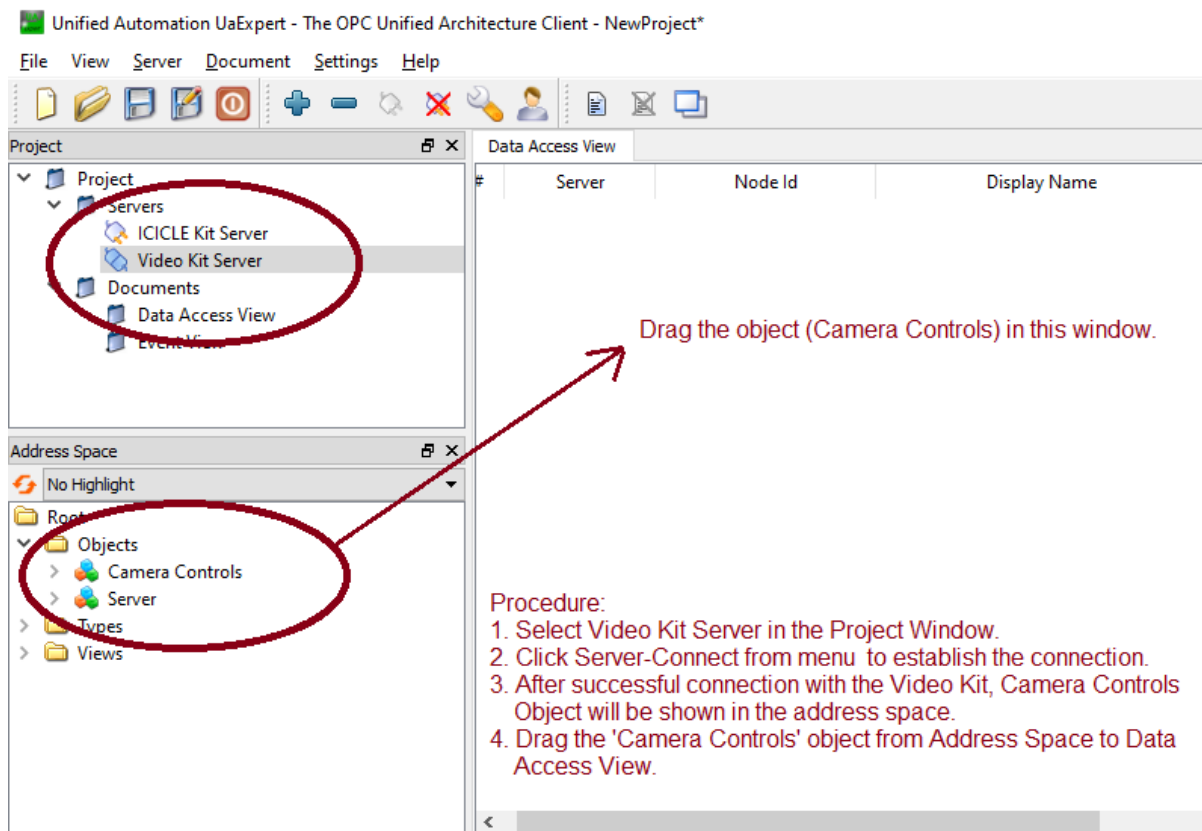
Similarly, you can connect the video board by repeating the steps from 1 to 4.

8. Sending OPC Commands to PolarFire SoC Video Kit [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

After establishing the connection between the client and server through the OPC UA channel, perform the following steps to start or stop the streaming on the Video Kit.

1. From the **Address Space** pane, drag and drop the **Camera Controls** object into the **Data Access View** pane as shown in the following figure.

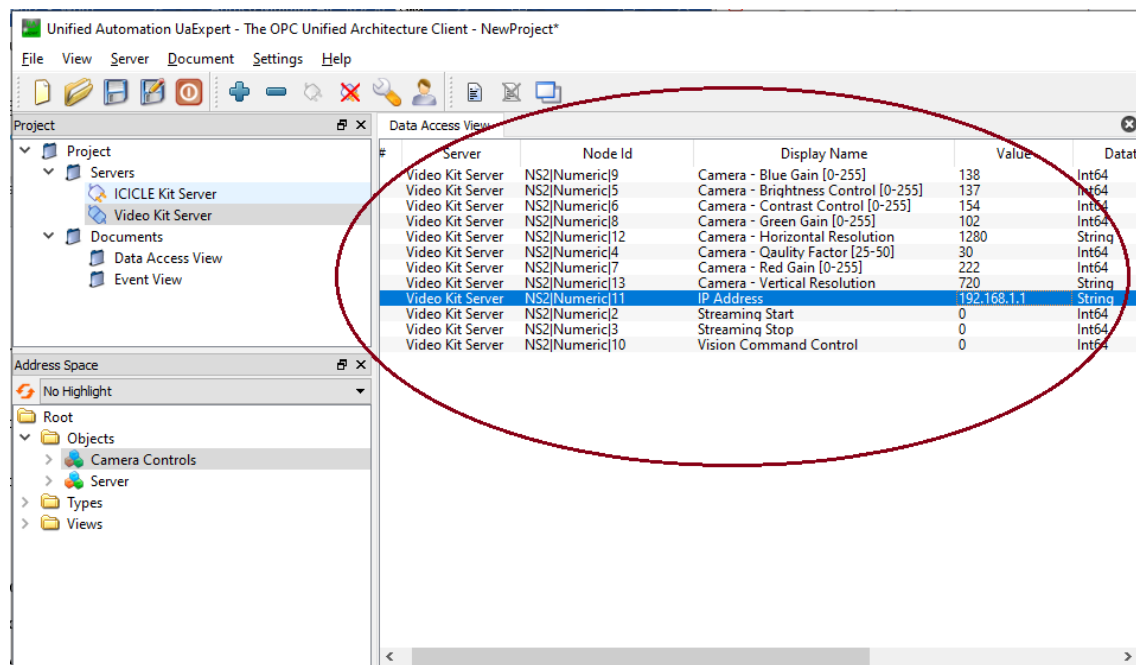
Figure 8-1. UAExpert Window



Important: A **Recursive Add Notes** dialog appears. Click **Yes** and continue with the next steps.

2. All the functionality exported by the Video Kit such as video streaming start, video streaming stop, and so on are made visible in the **Data Access View** pane as shown in the following figure.

Figure 8-2. Data Access View



The following table lists the Video OPC UA exported APIs and features.

Table 8-1. OPC UA Exported APIs and Features

Display Name	Valid Values
Streaming Start	Set the Streaming Start value to 1111 to start the streaming. The default is 0.
Streaming Stop	Set the Streaming Stop to 1111 to stop the streaming. The default is 0.
Vision Command Control	Set the Vision Command Control to 1111 to update everything else. The default is 0.
Camera - Green Gain [0-255]	Any value between 0–255. The default is 102.
Camera - Red Gain [0-255]	Any value between 0–255. The default is 122.
Camera - Blue Gain [0-255]	Any value between 0–255. The default is 138.
Camera - Contrast Control [0-255]	Any value between 0–255. The default is 154.
Camera - Brightness Control [0-255]	Any value between 0–255. The default value is 137.
Camera Gain - Horizontal Resolution	The valid possible screen resolutions are: 432, 640, 960, 1280 or 1920
Camera - Vertical Resolution	The valid possible screen resolutions are: 240, 480, 544, 720 or 1072
Camera - Quality Factor	Any value between 25–50. The default is 30.

Examples

- To start the streaming in the VLC media player running on a machine with the IP address 192.168.2.100.
 - Change the IP address in the **Data Access View** pane to 192.168.2.100.
 - Change the **Stream Start** value from 0 to 1111. Streaming starts on the Video Kit for the IP Address 192.168.2.100.
 - Open the VLC media player and load the `video.sdp` file. For more information on downloading the files, see [3. Demo Prerequisites](#). The live video stream is displayed in the VLC media player.

2. To stop the live stream, change the **Stream Stop** value from 0 to 1111. The video stream from the Video Kit is stopped.
3. To change the **Red Gain** value from 122 to 222 and the **Contrast** value from 154 to 254.
 - a. Ensure that the live stream is running.
 - b. Change the **Contrast Control** value to 254.
 - c. Change the **Red Gain** value to 222.
 - d. Change the **Vision Command Control** value to 1111. The contrast and red gain values are restored in the live video stream and is displayed in the VLC media player.
4. To restore the **Red Gain** value from 222 to 122 and the **Contrast** value from 254 to 154.
 - a. Change the **Contrast Control** value to 154.
 - b. Change the **Red Gain** value to 122.
 - c. Change the **Vision Command Control** value to 1111. The new contrast and red gain changes are applied in the live stream and is displayed in the VLC media player.
5. To change the video **Resolution** to 640x480.
 - a. Ensure that the live stream is running.
 - b. Change the **Horizontal Resolution** value to 640.
 - c. Change the **Vertical Resolution** value to 480.
 - d. Change the **Vision Command Control** to 1111. The new video resolution changes are applied to the live stream and is displayed in the VLC media player.

**Important:**

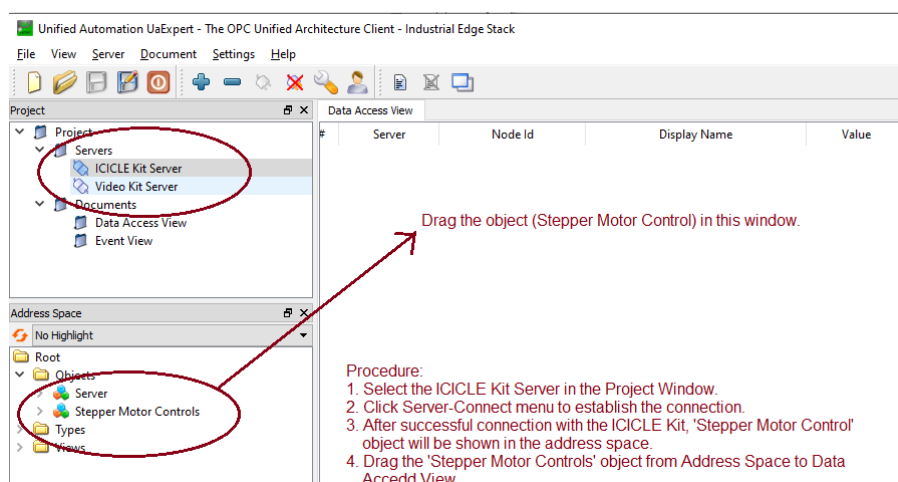
- The VLC media player `video.sdp` file can be downloaded from the website.
- Ensure to change the IP Address mentioned in the SDP file with the local computer's IP address where the VLC media player is installed.

9. Sending OPC Commands to Stepper Motor (ICICLE Kit) [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

After establishing the connection between client and server through the OPC UA channel, perform the following steps to start or stop the stepper motor that is connected to the ICICLE Kit Mikrobus connector.

1. From the **Address Space** pane, drag-and-drop the **Stepper Motor Controls** object into the **Data Access View** pane as shown in the following figure.

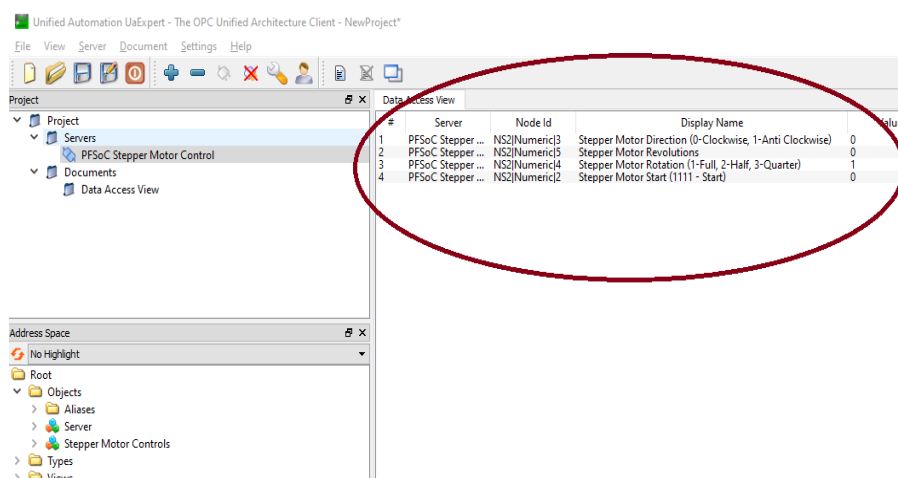
Figure 9-1. UAExpert Window - Stepper Motor Controls



Important: A Recursive Add Notes dialog appears. Click **Yes** and continue with the next steps.

2. All the functionality exported by Motor Control Board such as motor start, motor stop, and so on are made visible in the **Data Access View** pane as shown in the following figure.

Figure 9-2. UAExpert - Data Access View



The following table lists the Stepper Motor OPC UA exported APIs and features.

Table 9-1. Stepper Motor OPC UA Exported APIs and Features

Display Name	Valid Values
Stepper Motor Start (1111-Start)	Set the Motor Start value to 1111 to start the motor. The default is 0.
Stepper Motor Revolutions	Set the number of revolutions as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Default Value: The default number of revolutions for the motor is set to 0. • Maximum Limit: The motor revolutions are limited to a maximum of 100. Attempting to set the number of revolutions beyond this limit will not increase the actual number of revolutions performed by the motor.
Stepper Motor Direction (0-Clockwise, 1-Anti-clockwise)	Set the Motor Direction value to 1 to run the motor in anti-clockwise direction. The default is 0 (Clockwise direction).
Stepper Motor Rotation (1-Full, 2-Half, and 3-Quarter)	Set the Motor Rotation value to 1 2 3 as required. By default, the stepper motor rotation is set to 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1: Full (default) • 2: Half • 3: Quarter



Important: The following example demonstrates the procedure for sending OPC commands to the Stepper Motor:

1. To start the stepper motor with default values (Clockwise, Full Rotation), change the **Stepper Motor Start** value from 0 to 1111. The stepper motor starts running in clockwise direction with the configured values.
2. To change the stepper motor direction from clockwise to anti-clockwise direction, change the **Stepper Motor Direction** value from 0 to 1.
3. To initiate 10 revolutions of the stepper motor.
 - a. Change the Stepper Motor Revolutions value from 0 to 10.
 - b. Change the Stepper Motor Start value from 0 to 1111. The stepper motor will start spinning in clockwise direction and should stop after 10 revolutions.

10. Running OPC UA Demo Application [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The demo can be run with any of the following scenarios:

- To control Video Kit and ICICLE Kit individually from UAExpert OPC UA client.
- To control Video Kit through ICICLE Kit – OPC UA client.

10.1 Scenario 1: OPC Client UAExpert Connecting Directly to Video Kit OPC Server and ICICLE Kit (Stepper Motor) OPC Server [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Objective: Demonstrate the server capabilities for the ICICLE Kit and the Video Kit.

In this scenario, the UAExpert software which acts as an OPC UA client, connects directly to the OPC server running on the Video Kit, and the stepper motor OPC server running on the ICICLE Kit. Once the connection is established, data can be sent over OPC UA channel to give or read commands.

Starting the Stepper Motor Server on the ICICLE Kit

To start the stepper motor server on the ICICLE Kit, perform the following steps:

1. Start the OPC server by executing the following commands at the command prompt:
 - a. Execute the `cd /opt/microchip/opcua/icicle-kit` command to change to this directory.
 - b. Execute the `./icicle-motor-server.py & or python3 icicle-motor-server.py &` command to start the server.
 - c. Wait until the OPC-UA server starts.
2. Note down the IP address of the OPC server. To note down the IP address of the OPC server, execute the `ifconfig` command.
3. Connect the UAExpert client from PC to the OPC server by using the IP address you obtained by executing the command in the preceding step. For more information, see [7. Establishing a Connection Between OPC UA and Client/Server](#).
4. Start the stepper motor in clockwise direction. To start the stepper motor in clockwise direction, in the UAExpert window, set the values as follows:
 - a. Set the **Stepper Motor Start** value to 1111.

The stepper motor starts spinning in clockwise direction.

5. Start the stepper motor in anti-clockwise direction. To start the stepper motor in anti-clockwise direction, in the UAExpert window, set the values as follows:
 - a. Set the **Stepper Motor Direction** value to 1.
 - b. Set the **Stepper Motor Start** value to 1111. The stepper motor starts spinning in anti-clockwise direction.

Starting the OPC Server on the Video Kit

To start the OPC server on the Video Kit, perform the following steps:

1. Start the OPC server by executing the following commands at the command prompt:
 - a. Execute the `cd /opt/microchip/opcua/video-kit` command to change to this directory.
 - b. Execute the `./video-kit-server.py & or python3 video-kit-server.py &` script to start the server.
2. Note down the IP address of the OPC server. To note down the IP address of the OPC server, execute the `ifconfig` command.
3. Connect the UAExpert client from PC to the OPC server by using the IP address you obtained by executing the command in the preceding step. For more information, see [7. Establishing a Connection Between OPC UA and Client/Server](#).

4. Start the video streaming. To start the video streaming, set the values as follows:
 - a. Set the **IP Address** value to the Windows machine IP address.
 - b. Set the **Streaming Start** value to 1111.
5. Update the video streaming. To update the video streaming, set the following values in the UAExpert window.
 - a. Set the **Camera Red Gain** value to 222.
 - b. Set the **Vision Command Control** value to 1111.
6. Stop the video streaming. To stop the video streaming, set the **Streaming Stop** value to 1111 in the UAExpert window. The Video Kit video streaming stops immediately.

10.2 Scenario 2: OPC Client UAExpert Connecting to Video Kit OPC Server through ICICLE Kit OPC Client [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

Objective : Demonstrate the client and server capabilities for the ICICLE Kit.

In this scenario, the UAExpert software which acts as an OPC UA client connects to the OPC server running on the ICICLE Kit. This kit also has a OPC UA client running, which in turn connects to the OPC server running on the Video Kit. Once both connections are established, commands can be sent to and from the UAExpert and Video Kit through the ICICLE Kit.

1. Start the **Video Kit OPC Server** by executing the following commands at the command prompt:
 - a. Execute the `cd /opt/microchip/opcua/video-kit/` command to change to this directory.
 - b. Execute the `./video-kit-server.py & or python3 video-kit-server.py &` command to start the Video Kit Server.
 - c. On successful execution, the following message is displayed:

```
Video Kit OPC-UA Server Started
```

2. Note down the IP address of the Video Kit OPC server. To note down the IP address of the OPC server, execute the `ifconfig` command.
3. Start the **ICICLE Video Proxy Server** by executing the following commands at the command prompt:
 - a. Execute the `cd /opt/microchip/opcua/icicle-kit/` command to change to this directory.
 - b. Edit the `./icicle-video-proxy-server.py` script to change the IP address at line number 74 to the IP address of the Video Kit noted down in the second step.
 - c. Save the script.
 - d. Execute the `./icicle-video-proxy-server.py & or python3 icicle-video-proxy-server.py &` command to start the OPC Proxy Server.



Important: Ensure that the Video Kit Server is up and running before executing this command.

- e. On successful connection, the following message is displayed on the console:

```
Video Proxy OPC-UA Server Started
OPC Client connected to Video Kit - OPC Server
```

- f. Note down the IP address of the ICICLE Video Proxy Server. To note down the IP address of the Proxy Server, execute the `ifconfig` command.

4. Connect the UAExpert client from PC to the ICICLE Video Proxy Server using the above IP address.
5. To start streaming the video, set the following values in the UAExpert window:
 - a. Set the **IP Address** value to the Windows machine IP address.
 - b. Set the **Streaming Start** value to 1111.

11. Revision History [\(Ask a Question\)](#)

The revision history describes the changes that were implemented in the document. The changes are listed by revision, starting with the most current publication.

Table 11-1. Revision History

Revision	Date	Description
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