

Some USB-Serial converters feature a **+5v Tx** even when provided power is 3.3v !!! (CP2102 are ok)

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Modifications table

Date	Note
oct.19	update related to RN2483A FW 1.0.5 upgrade (class C end-devices)
aug.17	Initial release

Abstract

This guide is related to the setup of a RN2483A lorawan module ties to a USB serial converter.

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Microchip RN2483 is a LoRaWAN single chip solution that takes care of all of the LoRaWAN issues. Host microcontroller uses a **3.3v** serial link to communicate with.

In this scenario, we first start to setup a CP2102 based USB to serial converter along with a RN2483A on a dedicated breakout board.

In order to avoid power issues, we added a +3.3v regulator along with capacitors on the RN2483A breakout board.



For proper operation, it is best to reset RN2483A on serial link start. To do so, we'll make use of the CP2102's DTR line ... but this line is normally +VCC and then switch to GND once serial link is open ... thus we'll invert DTR polarity from software :)



Miniterm install

pip3 install pyserial

Launch terminal (in a tmux session ---better)

francois@smart[~] miniterm-3.py --dtr 0 /dev/ttyUSB0 57600
--- forcing DTR inactive
--- Miniterm on /dev/ttyUSB0 57600,8,N,1 ----- Quit: Ctrl+] | Menu: Ctrl+T | Help: Ctrl+T followed by Ctrl+H --RN2483 1.0.5 Oct 31 2018 15:06:52

chip answer with its version number, here LoRaWAN stack revision 1.0.3 (i.e RN2483A)

sys get ver RN2483 1.0.5 Oct 31 2018 15:06:52 *sys get hweui* 0004A30B001EB4D1

Note: commands won't appear because echo is OFF