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1 Overview

This document is used to describe and standardize the operation and process of universal MCU multi-channel download tool for Nations Technologies, suitable for management personnel and production operators.

The tool provides the function of multi-channel configuration and download of the program of various types of MCU chips. The tool has beautiful interface and simple operation.

2 Systematic review

2.1 System Function Introduction

N32G(WB) 45X-FR, N32G(L) 43X, N32L 40X, N32G032, N32G030, N32G031 series of various models of chip program multichannel configuration and download functions.

The main interface of the tool is shown in the following figure. It consists of operation, state, interface selection, advanced configuration, and Help.

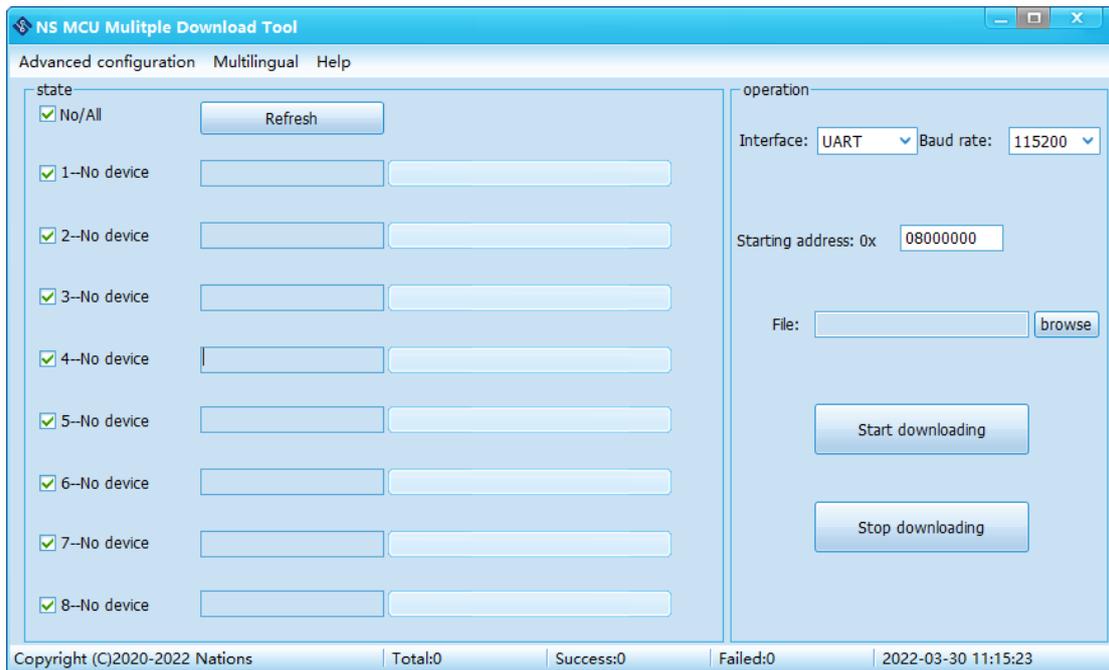


Figure 2-1 Main interface of download tool2-

2.2 System performance

The system resource footprint is very small when the program is running, with both CPU usage and memory footprint less than 1% when the program is running at full speed.

3 Runtime environment

3.1 Hardware Requirements

The following list shows the minimum configuration of the PC hardware required by this software:

1. CPU Celeron 400MHz or Pentium 133MHz or above
2. The minimum memory size is 128 MB (256MB or more is recommended).
3. The hard disk has more than 100MB free space

4. Monitor with a resolution of 800*600 or above, 1024x768 or higher is recommended

3.2 Software requirements

The program can run on the 32-bit operating system Windows XP, and supports both 32-bit and 64-bit Windows7 and Windows 10.

4 Tool Operation Instructions

4.1 Installation and initialization

The tool supports two communication modes:

- 1、 **UART communication interface**, the computer without install a serial port driver, please install the driver first, and then turn via USB serial port access devices, through the device manager to check the port whether can correctly identify, if there is no recognition to the device, please make sure the driver is properly installed, if properly installed to plug, will refresh the current device ports, the diagram below:

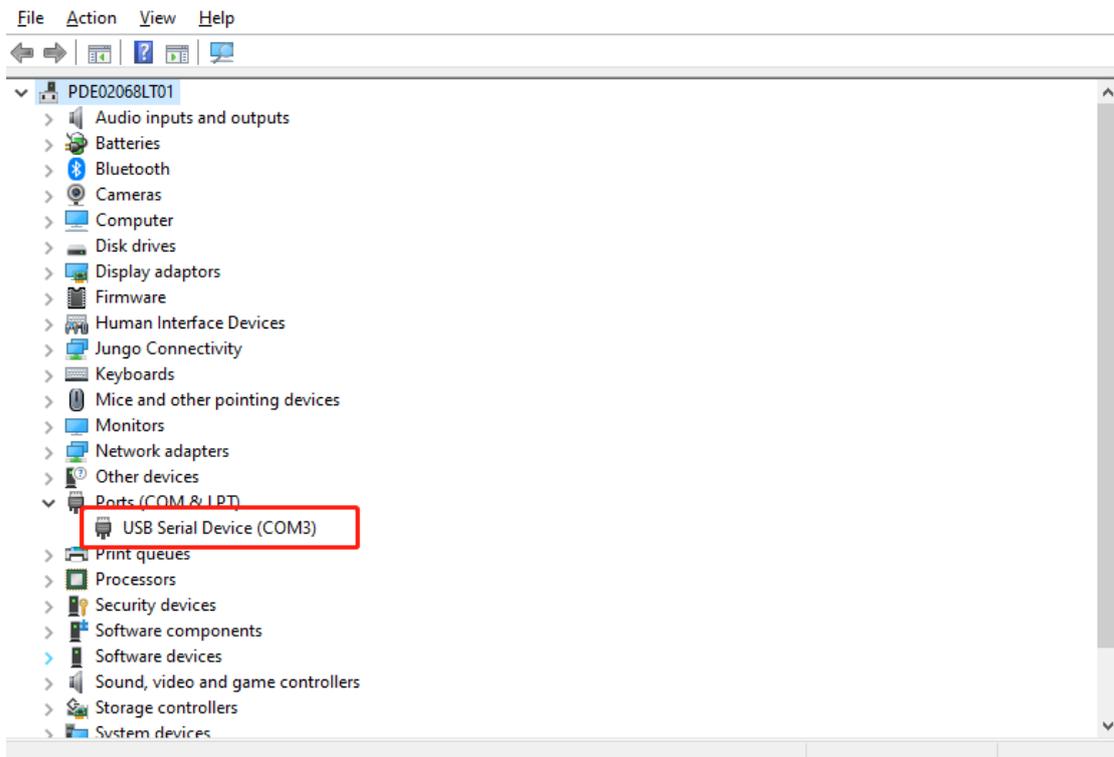


Figure 4-1 Confirming the UART port through device Manager-

2、 **DFU USB communication interface** based on USB DFU device type agreement, through the USB port access devices, computer no USB DFU driver, you need to install the driver, after install the driver can use device manager to check the driver name, if there is no recognition to the device, to plug, if not yet, may drive is not installed correctly, For details about how to install the USB DFU driver, see USB DFU Driver Installation Instructions.The correct identification of equipment is shown below:

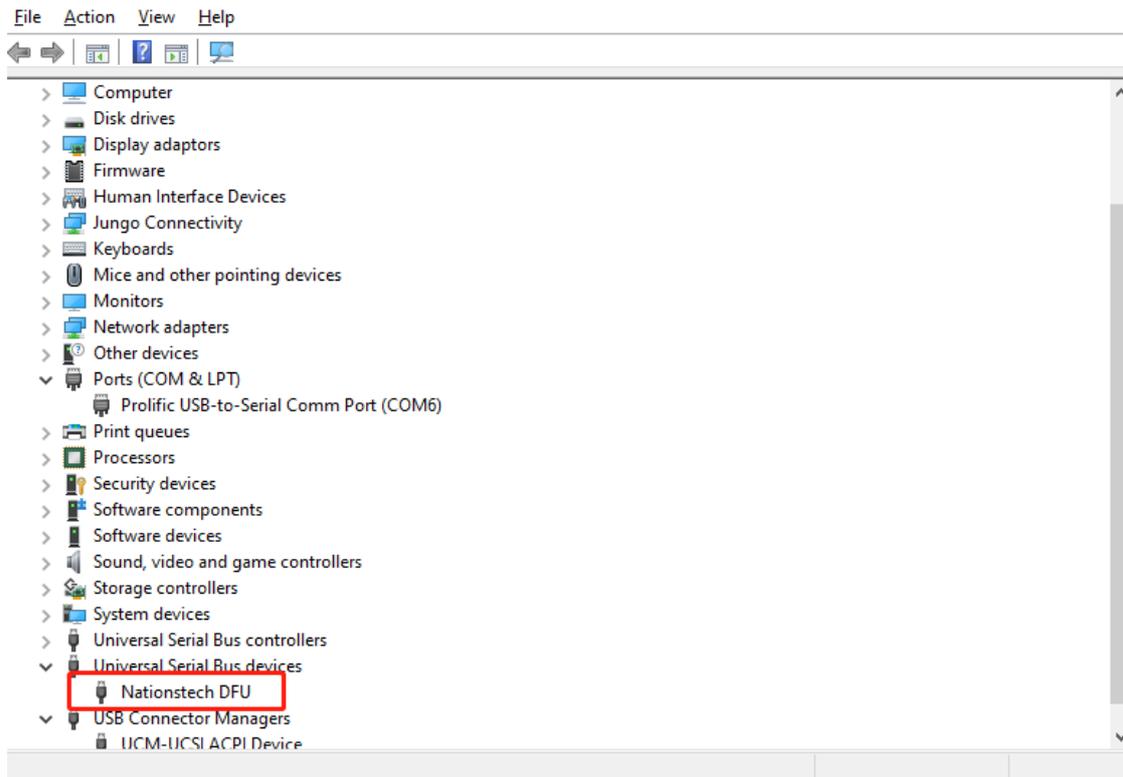


Figure 4-2 Interface for confirming USB DFU devices through device Manager-

After the device is properly connected and the driver is installed, the interface after the program is started is as shown in the figure below:

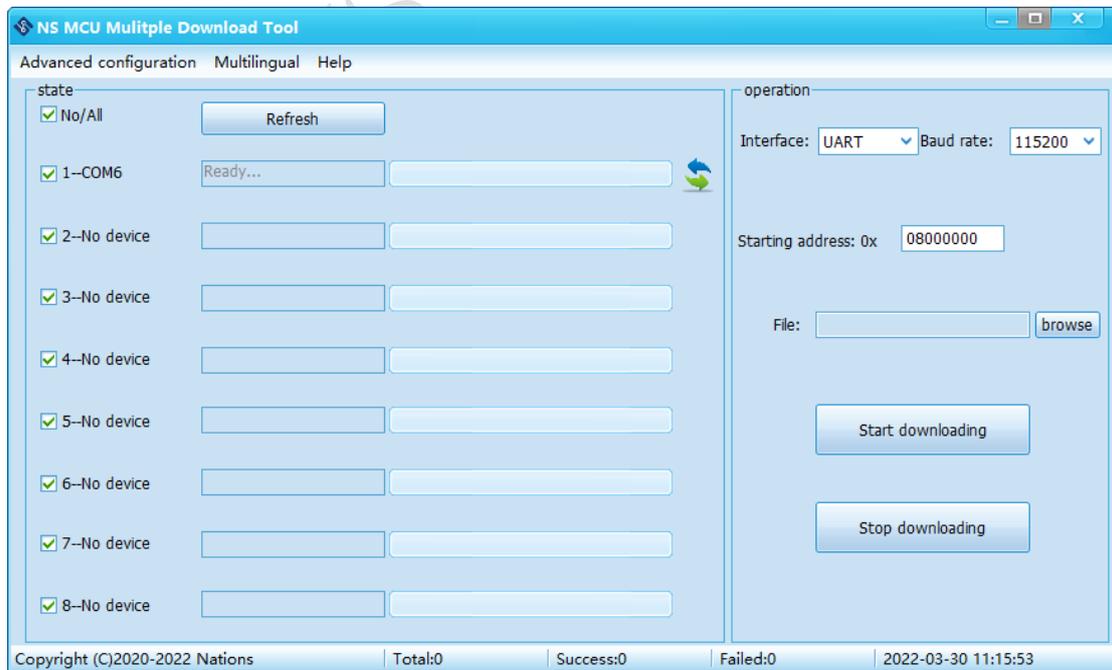


Figure 4-3 Program startup interface (UART interface)4-

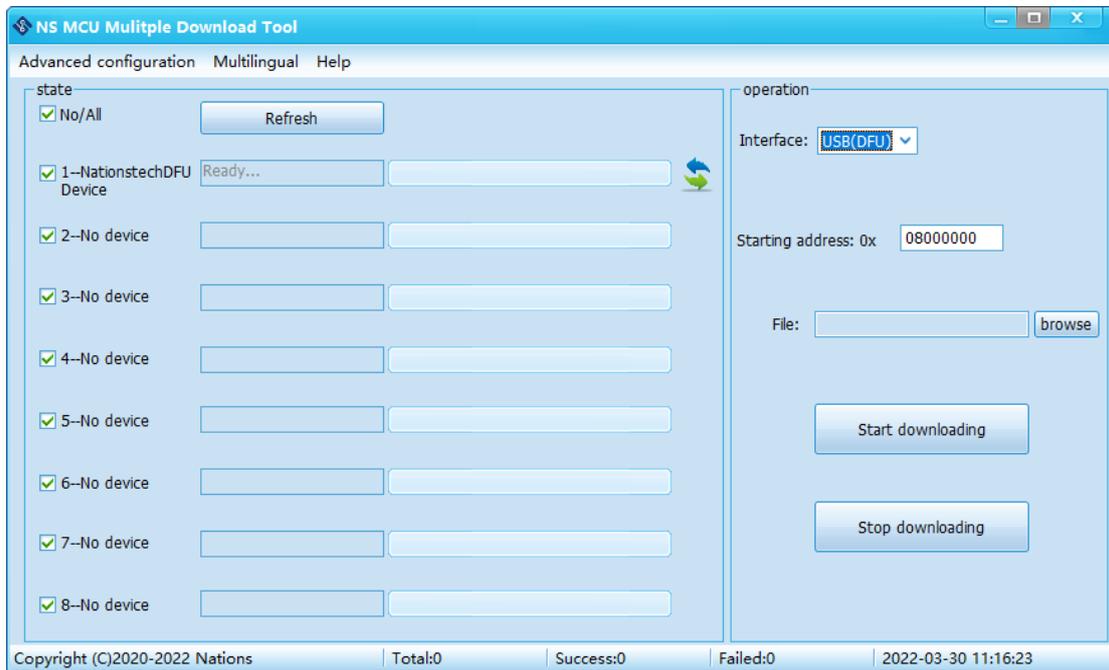


Figure 4-4 Program startup interface (USB DFU interface)4-

4.2 Download Process description

4.2.1 Identification equipment

Take the UART interface as an example (you can click the interface in the upper left corner to select the replacement interface). After the initialization preparations are complete, identify the device and enter the Ready state, as shown in the following figure:

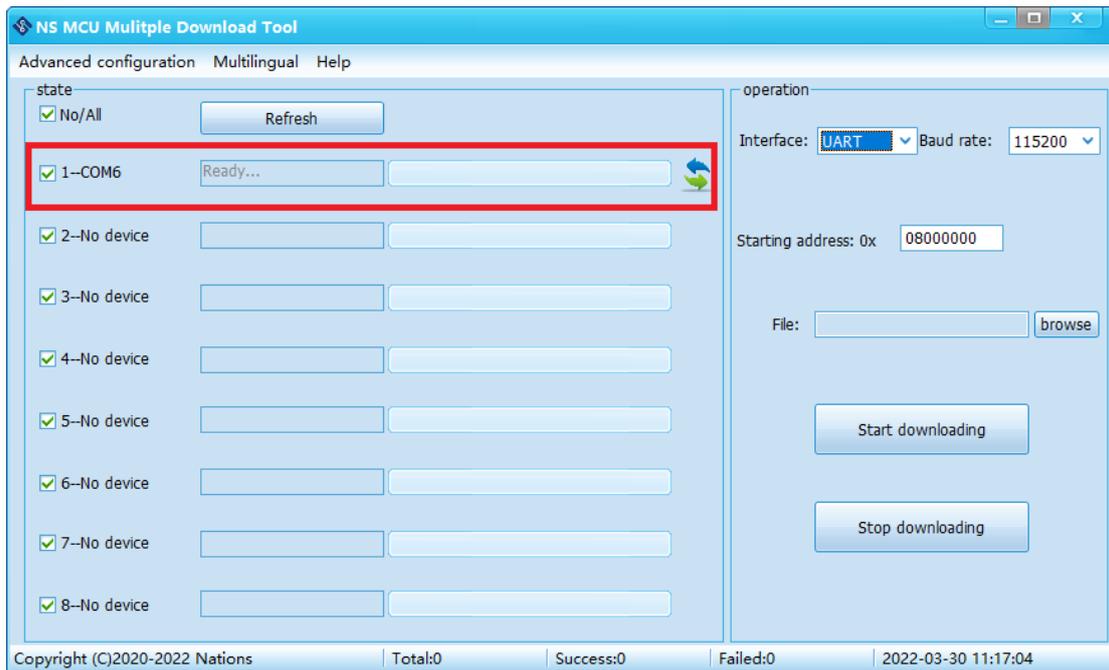
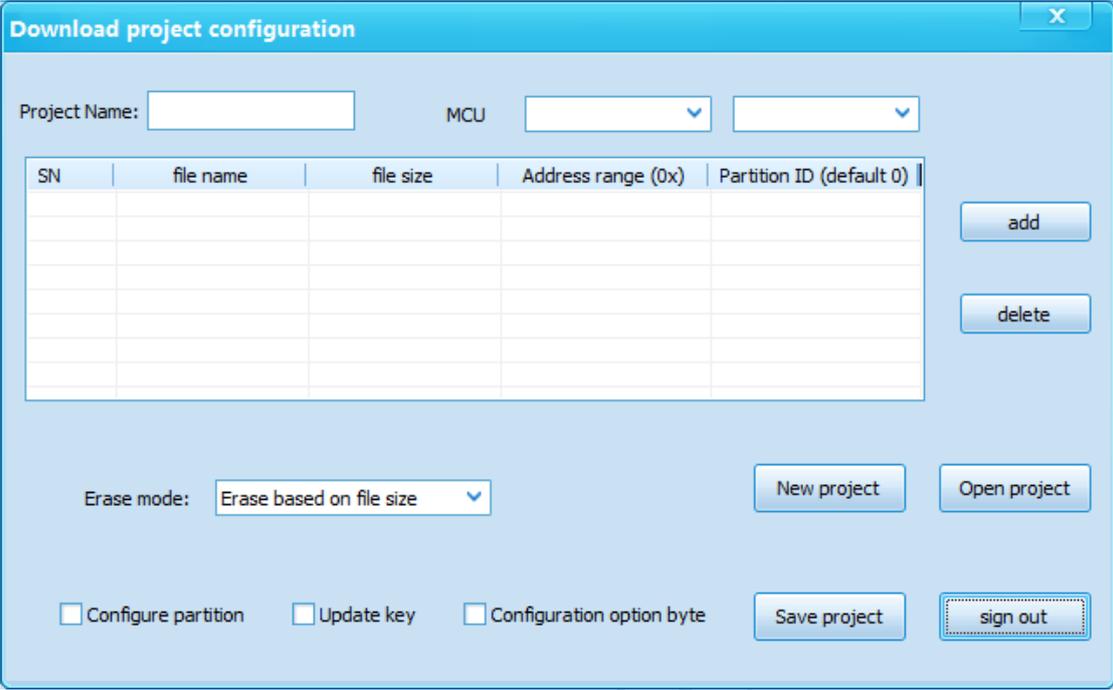


Figure 4-5 Device identification succeeded-

4.2.2 Advanced configuration

4.2.2.1 Download project Configuration

Open the menu item "Advanced Configuration" in the upper left corner and select Download project configuration. The page mainly displays and configures the content of the downloaded project, as shown in the figure:



SN	file name	file size	Address range (0x)	Partition ID (default 0)

Figure 4-6 Downloading the project configuration-

- **Project name:** User-defined project name when creating a project. The value can contain a maximum of 32 bytes.
- **MCU model:** When a new project is created, only the current series of MCU target boards are allowed to download when the option byte configuration is selected.
- **Add or Delete files:** When creating a new project, add/delete files that need to be downloaded. The format supports bin, hex, enc files, and a maximum of 9 files are supported. The download address of each file cannot be overlapped, and the file name length supports a maximum of 32 bytes.
- **Erasing mode:** Erases the Flash before downloading as required
- **Configure the partition:** This operation means to configure the size of the partition

user1/2/3. Check it and a dialog box will pop up, as shown in the figure:

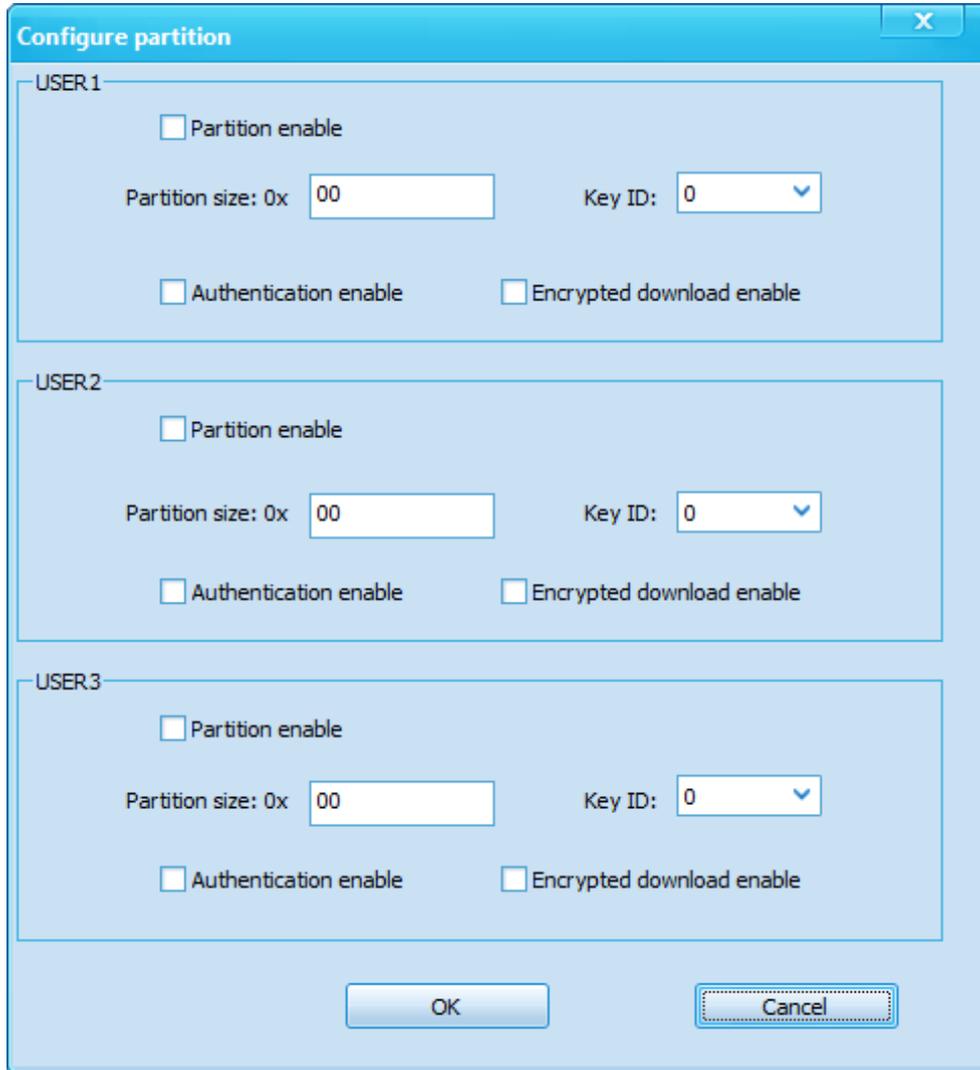


Figure 4-7 Configuring partitions-

- ✧ **Enable partition download:** Indicates whether to configure the current partition
- ✧ **Partition size:** indicates the size of the configuration partition.
- ✧ **Key ID:** 0x00-0x1F ID of the encryption download/Partition authentication key index
- ✧ **Zone authentication Enable:** Indicates whether zone authentication is enabled
- ✧ **Encrypted download Enable:** Indicates whether to enable encrypted download

Recommended partition configuration process:

1. If you need to divide two areas, configure USER3 (automatic sealing is complete).If you want to also seal USER1, configure USER1 again.The size of USER1 + USER3 must be the size of the entire FLASH;

2. To divide three zones, configure USER3 (automatic sealing is configured) and then USER2 (automatic sealing is configured).If you want to also seal USER1, configure USER1 again.The size of USER1 + USER2 + USER3 must be the size of the entire FLASH.

- **Update key:** This operation means to update the key of encrypted download and partition authentication. After checked, a dialog box will pop up as shown in the figure:

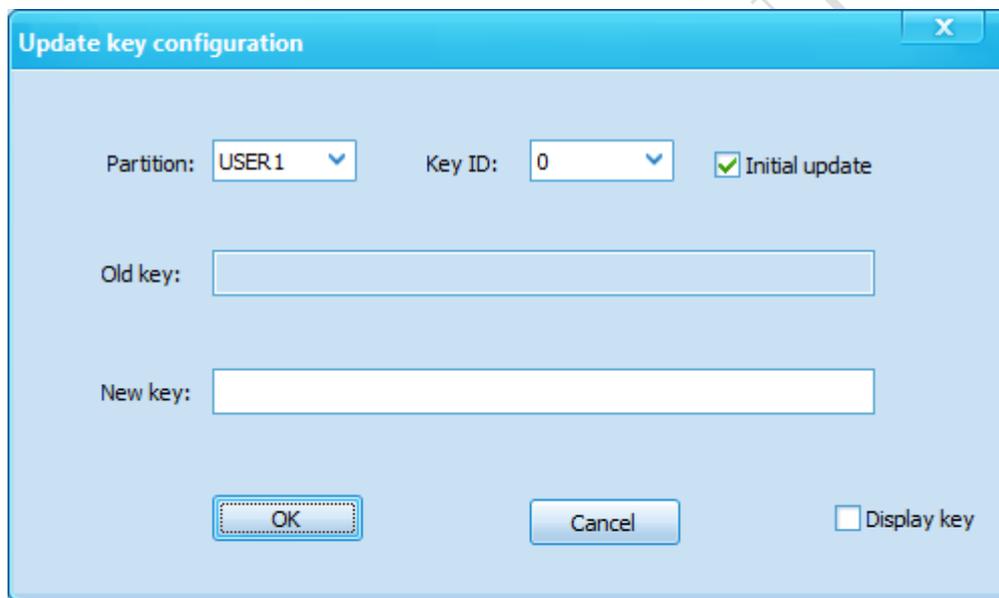


Figure 4-8 Updating a key-

- ✧ Partition: indicates the partition user1/2/3
- ✧ Key ID: 0x00-0x1F ID of the encryption download/Partition authentication key index
- ✧ Initial Update: The key is updated for the first time
- ✧ Old key: If the key is updated for the first time, the default password is one of the 32 sets of passwords. Otherwise, the password is the password updated last time
- ✧ New key: Indicates the current key to be updated

- **Configuration option byte:** This operation indicates the configuration option byte

(including read protection level, FLASH page write protection, datA0/1 configuration, and USER configuration).N32G(WB)45x_FR series is selected because of the different option bytes of each series of chips. Click configure Option bytes and the dialog box will pop up as shown in the figure:

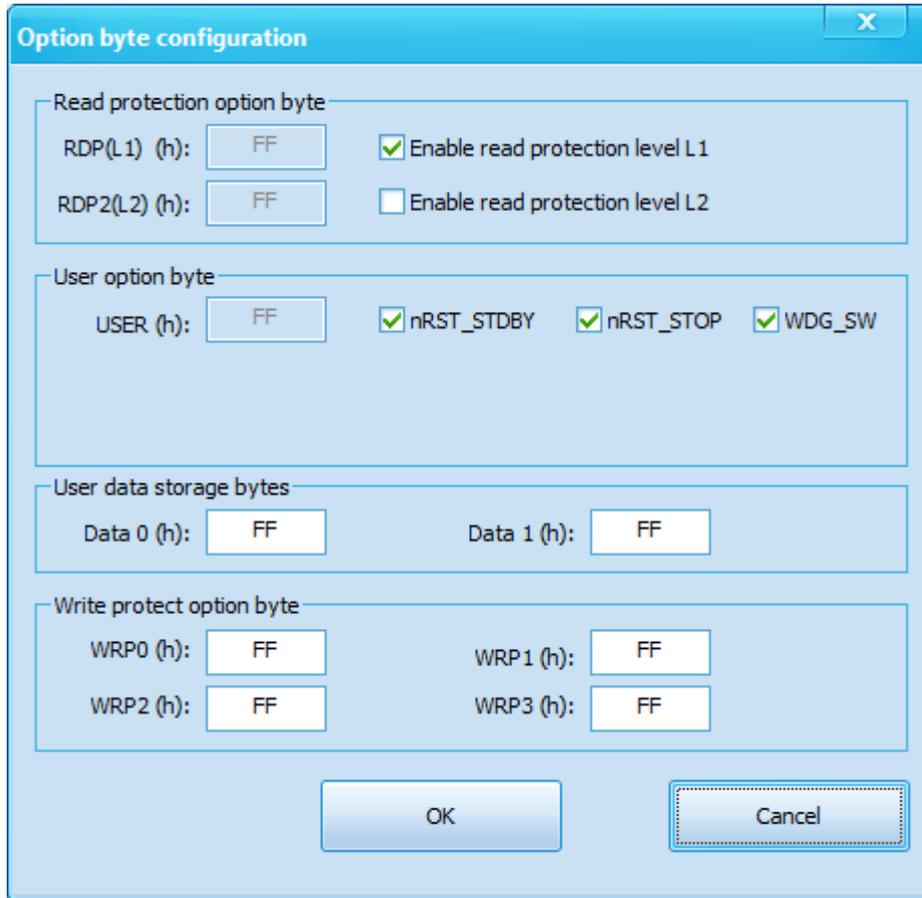


Figure 4-9 Configuration option bytes-

After selecting N32G(L) 43X 、 N32L40X series, click configuration Option byte and the dialog box will pop up as shown in the picture:

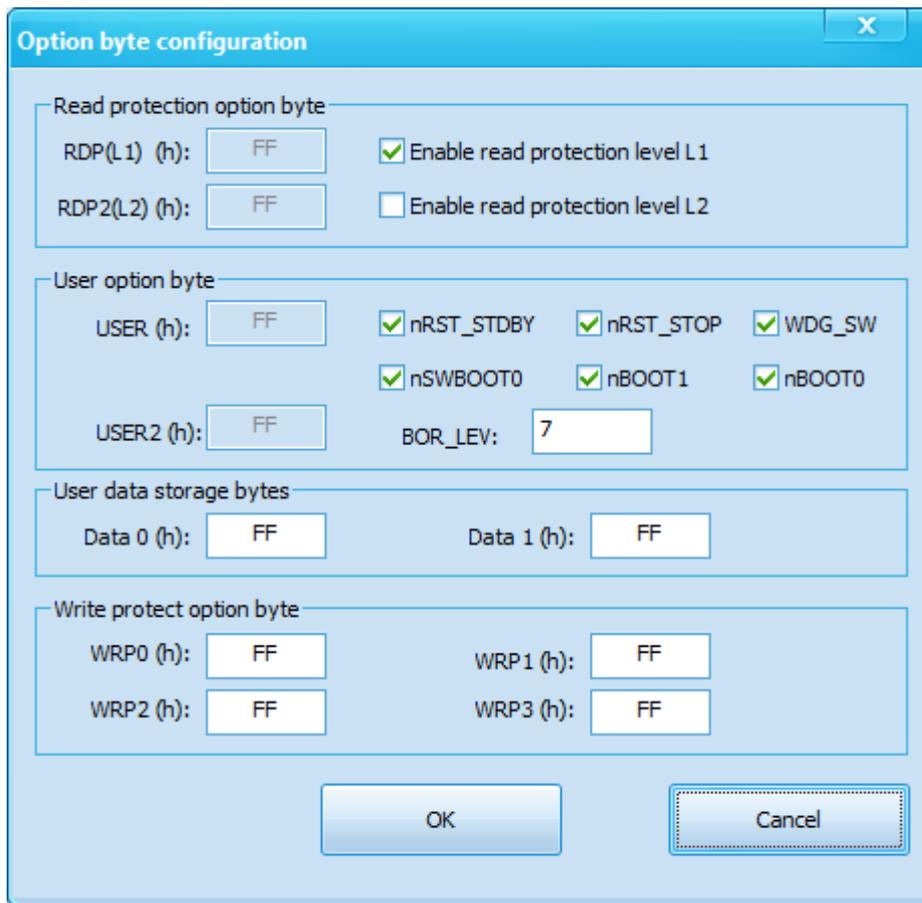


Figure 4-10 Configuration option bytes-

After selecting N32G032 series/N32G030 series, click configuration option byte and the dialog box will pop up as shown in the picture:

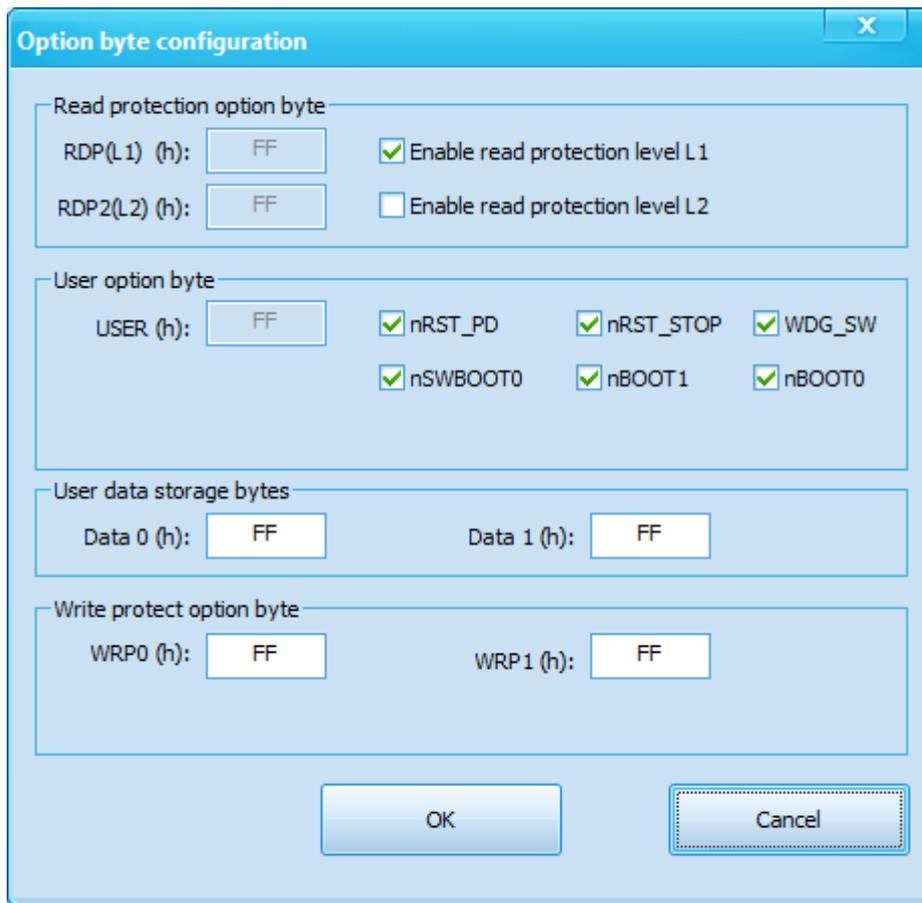


Figure 4-11 Configuration option bytes-

After selecting N32G430 series, click configuration option byte and the dialog box will pop up as shown in the picture:

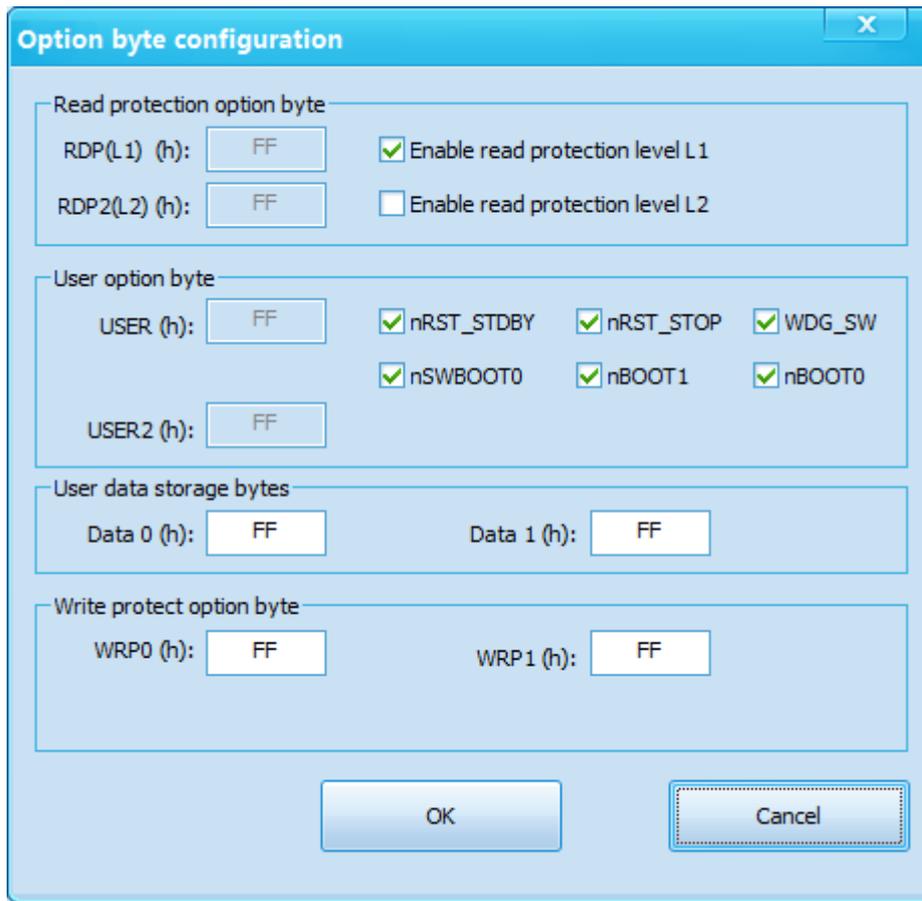


Figure 4-12 Configuration option bytes-

- **Read protection option byte:** Sets read protection to prevent unauthorized reads. Read protection mainly protects the access operation of the main memory area and option byte block after the chip is sealed. Read protection is set by RDP bytes in the configuration option byte block. Three different read protection levels can be configured, as shown in the following table:

Read protection configuration list

RDP	nRDP	RDP2	nRDP2	Read protected state
0xFF	0xFF	RDP2!=0xCC nRDP!=0x33		L1 level
0xA5	0x5A	RDP2!=0xCC nRDP!=0x33		L0 level

				(Unprotected)
0xXX	0xXX	0xCC	0x33	L2 level
None of the preceding three configurations				L1 level

- Level of L0:
 - ◇ Main storage and option byte blocks can be read arbitrarily
 - ◇ When booting from System memory, if the System information area is in the sealed state (0x1FFF_F100 address is not all 1), mmU usr Config of the System information area is write-protected. Otherwise, only System memory programs can write to mmu usr config in the System information area.
 - ◇ When booting from Flash Main or Sram, mmU usr Config in the system information area is write-protected regardless of whether the system information area is sealed (0x1FFF_F100 address is not fully F is sealed).
- L1 level (RDP valid) :
 - ◇ Pages 0 to 1 in the Flash main area are automatically write protected
 - ◇ JTAG/SWD debugging interface no permission page eraser, read and write Flash main area
 - ◇ When booting from Sram, the Sram program has no permission to page wipe and read and write the Flash main area
 - ◇ When booting from Sram, none of the zone programs has access to the System memory zone
 - ◇ When booting from System memory, if the System information area is in the sealed state (0x1FFF_F100 address is not all 1), mmU usr Config of the System information area is write-protected. Otherwise, only System memory programs can write to mmu usr config in the System information area.
 - ◇ When booting from Flash Main or Sram, mmU usr Config in the system information area is write-protected regardless of whether the system information area is sealed (0x1FFF_F100 address is not fully F is sealed).
- Level L2 (valid in RDP2) :

- ◇ The Option byte in the system information area is write protected. The L2 level is irreversible.
- ◇ The JTAG/SWD debugging interface cannot wipe the Flash main area.
- Reduced level L1 to L0:
 - ◇ When read protected option bytes are overwritten to the unprotected L0 level, the entire Flash main area is automatically erased as follows :(erasing option byte blocks does not result in an automatic whole erase operation, because the result of erasing is 0xFF, which is equivalent to still being protected at L1 level)
 - low Write the correct sequence of key values in OPTKEYR to unlock the option byte area
 - low Bus initiates command to erase the entire option byte area (Page erase)
 - low Bus write read protection option byte 0xA5
 - low Internal automatic erasure of all Flash main areas,
 - low Internally write 0xA5 to read protection option bytes
 - low System reset (such as software reset, etc.), option byte blocks (including the new RDP value 0xA5) are reloaded into the system, and read protection is removed

Note: When a partition is configured, it is not allowed to change the read protection level from L1 to L0, because this will cause mass erase in the user area.

➤ **User option bytes:**

USER:

- ◇ The USER [and] : Reserved
- ◇ USER[2] : nRST_STDBY configuration option
 - 0: A reset occurs when the standby mode is entered
 - 1: The standby mode does not reset
- ◇ USER[1] : nRST_STOP configuration option
 - 0: reset occurs when entering STOP mode
 - 1: No reset occurs when entering the STOP mode
- ◇ USER[0] : WDG_SW configuration option

1: hardware watchdog

0: software watchdog

USER2:

- ✧ USER2 [7] : Reserved
- ✧ USER2[6:4] : BOR_LEV[3:0], default is 0
- ✧ USER2 [3] : Reserved
- ✧ USER2[2] : nSWBOOT0 configuration option, default is 1
- ✧ USER2[1] : nBOOT1 configuration option, default is 1
- ✧ USER2[0] : nBOOT0 configuration option, default is 1

Write protection option bytes:

- ✧ WRP0: write protection for pages 0 to 15
- ✧ WRP1: write protection for pages 16 to 31
- ✧ WRP2: write protection for pages 32 to 47
- ✧ WRP3: write protection for pages 48 to 255

- **New project:** Create a new project and initialize the parameters of the project
- **Open project:** Open an existing project. It can only be opened for viewing, but cannot be modified
- **Save items:** Save the current configured items in a *. NSPF format

4.2.2.2 Making an encrypted file

To encrypt the downloaded file, open the menu item "Advanced Configuration" in the upper left corner and select "Make encrypted File". The dialog box pops up as shown in

the figure below:

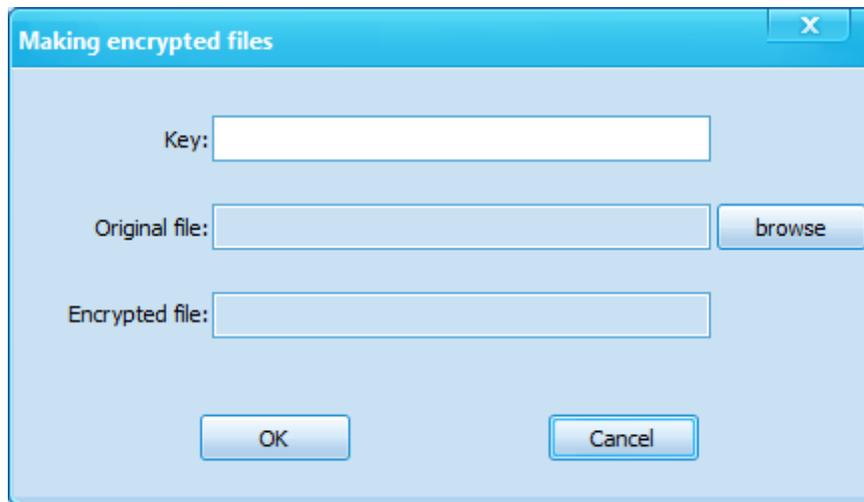


Figure 4-13 Making an encrypted file-

Key: The key is 16 bytes long

Original file: the file to be encrypted and its path

Encrypted file: encrypted file and its path

4.2.3 Start the download

Take downloading through the UART interface as an example. In the "Ready" state, click "Browse" to select the project file to be downloaded (*.nspf), and then click "Start Downloading".

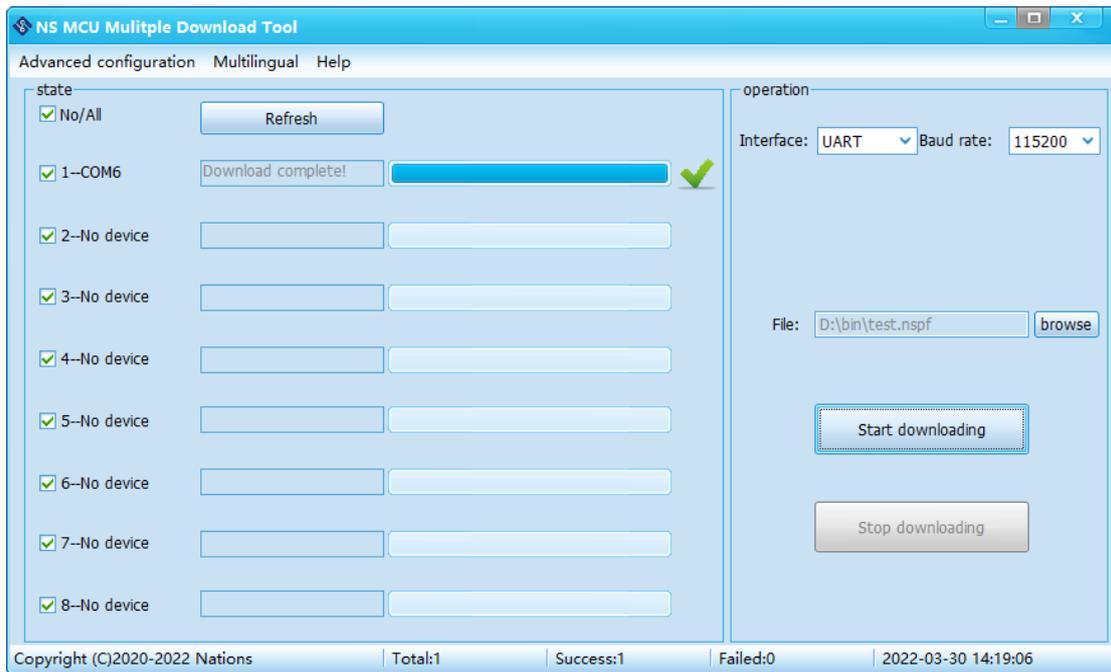


Figure 4-14 Successful download page

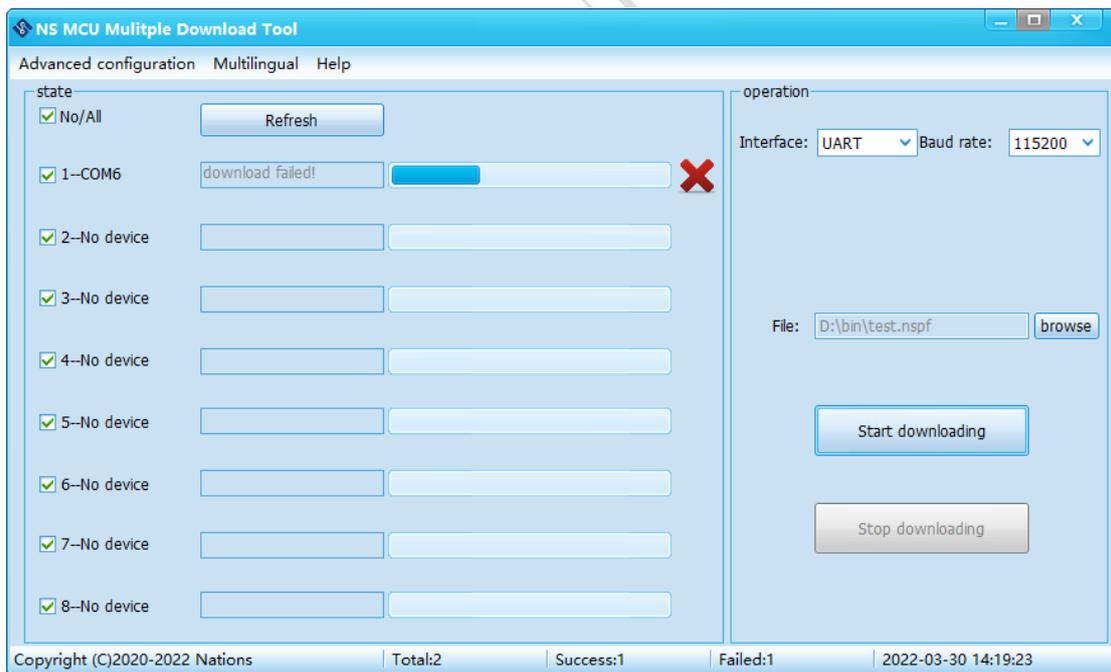


Figure 4-15 Download failure screen

- ✧ If you do not need to configure partitions, update keys, and option bytes for production, you can skip advanced configuration and download files (*. Bin,*.hex) in plaintext only.

- ✧ In remote production, customer A makes A project file (*.nsf) and sends it to terminal B. Terminal B receives the project file (*.nsf), and directly downloads the production file.

4.3 Help

Click "Manual" in "Help" in the upper left corner to open the manual for downloading the tool.

4.4 Error handling and recovery

Operation fails, there will be a relevant error messages, or check the tools directory ErrorLog error diary, according to the error message to check related configuration, if there is some unknown error occurred to crash the program, you can close the window, or to plug the device, and then restart the program to operate according to the above instruction.

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