

Hands-On Workshop: Build Your First Zephyr Application on i.MX RT

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Agenda

- Introduce the Zephyr Project
- Review High-level Software Features and Hardware Support
- Set up a Development Environment
- Hands-on: Build, Flash, and Debug an Application

Zephyr Project Introduction

What is the Zephyr Project? Why should I use it?



Zephyr Project



- Open source real time operating system
- Vibrant Community participation
- Built with safety and security in mind
- Cross-architecture with growing developer tool support
- Vendor Neutral governance
- Permissively licensed - Apache 2.0
- Complete, fully integrated, highly configurable, modular for flexibility, better than roll-your-own
- Product development ready with LTS
- Certification ready with Auditable

Open Source, RTOS, Connected, Embedded
Fits where Linux is too big

Zephyr OS

3rd Party Libraries

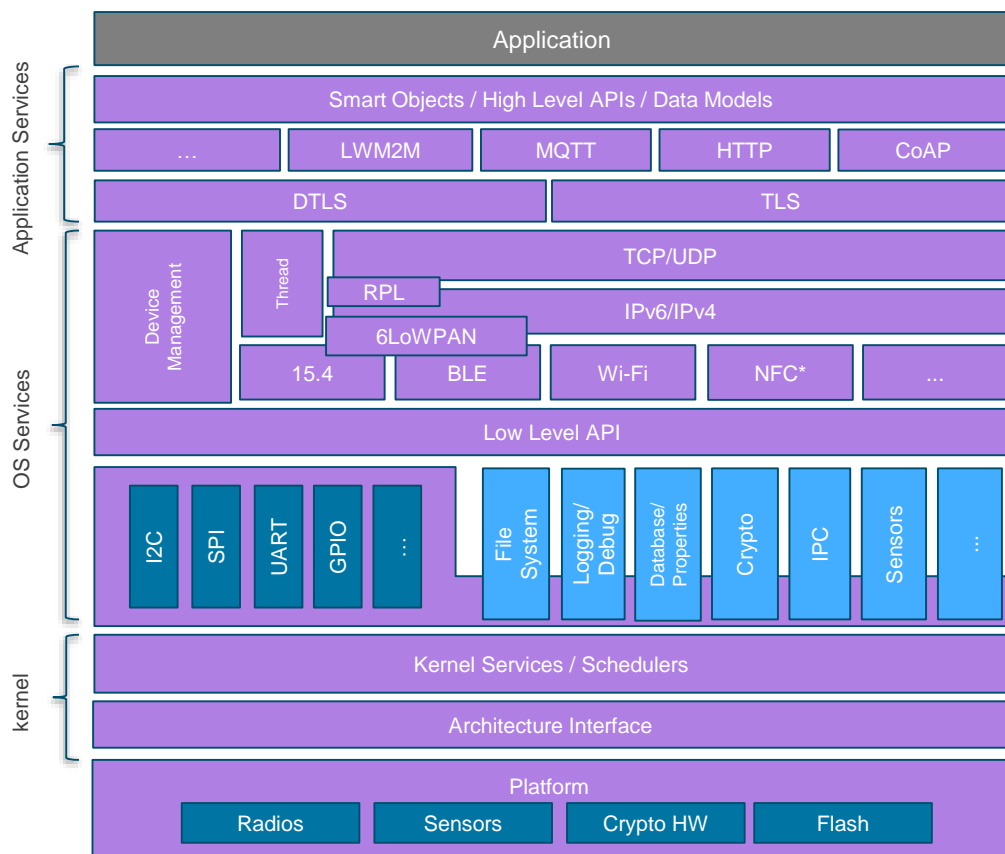
Application Services

OS Services

Kernel

HAL

Architecture



- Highly Configurable, Highly Modular
- Cooperative and Pre-emptive Threading
- Memory and Resources are typically statically allocated
- Integrated device driver interface
- Memory Protection: Stack overflow protection, Kernel object and device driver permission tracking, Thread isolation
- Bluetooth® Low Energy (BLE 4.2, 5.0) with both controller and host, BLE Mesh
- Native, fully featured and optimized networking stack

Fully featured OS allows developers to focus on the application

NXP Board Support

- **i.MX RT Series (Cortex M7)**

- RT1015 EVK
- RT1020 EVK
- RT1050 EVK
- RT1060 EVK
- RT1064 EVK



- **i.MX 6/7 Series (Cortex M4 subsystem)**

- UDOO Neo Full
- Colibri iMX7
- WaRP7



- **Kinetis Series (Cortex M4, M0+)**

- FRDM-K64F
- FRDM-KW41Z
- FRDM-KL25Z
- TWR-KE18F
- Hexiwear



- **LPC Series (Cortex M4, M0+, M33)**

- LPCXpresso54114
- LPCXpresso55S69
(coming soon)



<https://docs.zephyrproject.org/latest/boards/index.html>

NXP Board Support

- **Upstream**
 - Contributed and maintained by NXP and the community
 - NXP active in upstream working groups
- **Built upon MCUXpresso SDK**
 - SDK bare metal drivers and CMSIS device headers contributed upstream
 - Shim drivers adapt SDK interfaces to Zephyr interfaces
 - Maximizes code reuse
- **Tested on hardware in NXP board farm**

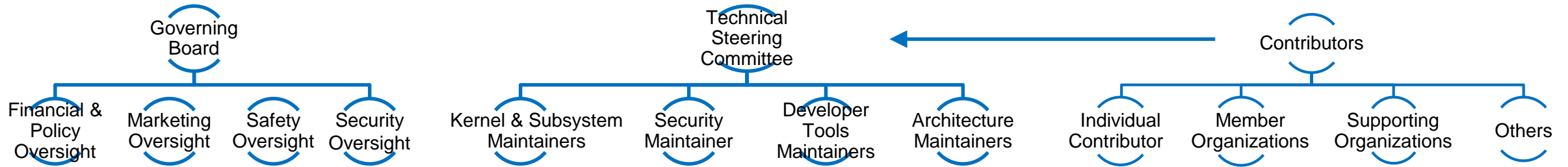
Long Term Support (LTS) Release

- Product-focused release will receive bug fixes and maintain stable APIs for two years
- Extended stabilization period enabled more testing and bug fixing prior to release
- Baseline for auditable version of Zephyr

- Released in Apr 2019 (Zephyr v1.14.0)
- Supports over 160 board configurations across 8 architectures
- Contributions from 250 developers

- Hands-on exercises in this workshop use the LTS release

Zephyr Project Governance



Goal: Separate business decisions from meritocracy, technical decisions

Governing Board

- Decides project goals
- Sets business , marketing and legal decisions
- Prioritizes investments and oversees budget
- Oversees marketing such as PR/AR, branding, others
- Identifies member requirements

Technical Steering Committee

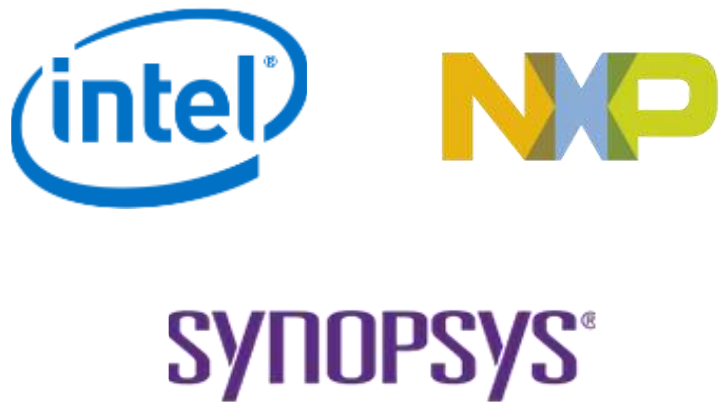
- Serves as the highest technical decision body consisting of project maintainers and voting members
- Sets technical direction for the project
- Coordinates X-community collaboration
 - Sets up new projects
 - Coordinates releases
 - Enforces development processes
 - Moderates working groups
- Oversees relationships with other relevant projects

Community

- Code base open to all contributors, need not be a member to contribute.
- Path to committer and maintainer status through peer assessed merit of contributions and code reviews
- Ecosystem enablement

Zephyr Project Membership

February 2016



May 2019



and others....



Zephyr Development Environment

What tools do I need? How do I install them on my PC?

Development Environment Introduction

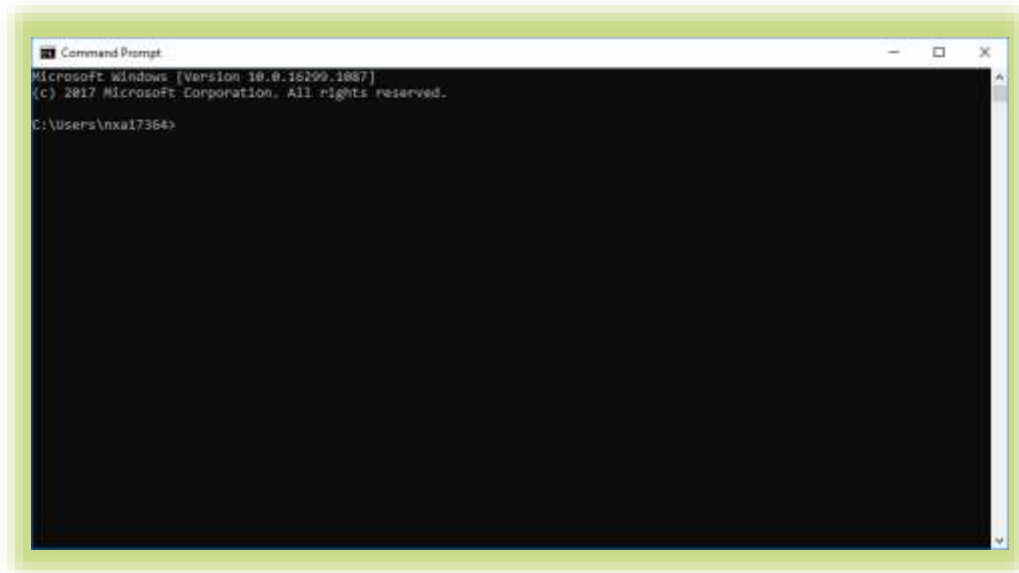
- Zephyr applications can be developed on Windows, Linux, or macOS host operating systems
- CMake and Python enable portability across host operating systems
- Detailed instructions are documented in the [Getting Started Guide](#)

- Major components:
 - [Python 3](#): Script interpreter and packages
 - [CMake/Ninja/Make](#): Build system
 - [Device Tree Compiler](#): Compiles device tree hardware descriptions
 - [Toolchain](#): gcc for Arm, RISC-V, x86, etc.
 - [Debug/Flash Tools](#): J-Link, pyOCD, OpenOCD, etc.
 - [West](#): Custom tool for repository management, build/flash/debug assistance, and image signing
 - [Zephyr Git repositories](#): The source code!

- [Zephyr SDK](#) provides toolchains and some debug/flash tools for Linux only

Windows: Command Prompt, WSL, or VM?

- **Windows Command Prompt:** Requires manual toolchain installation, but can use debug/flash tools like J-Link and pyOCD. **Recommended for new developers**
- **Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL):** Can use Zephyr SDK toolchains and sanitycheck, but does not support debug/flash tools like J-Link and pyOCD. **Not recommended**
- **Linux Virtual Machine (VM):** Can use Zephyr SDK toolchains, sanitycheck, and debug/flash tools like J-Link and pyOCD; but requires installing a virtual machine. **Recommended for experienced developers**



Windows: Install Chocolatey and Packages

- Open an **administrator** command prompt

- Install **Chocolatey** package manager
 - Similar to apt on Ubuntu

- **Disable global confirmation**

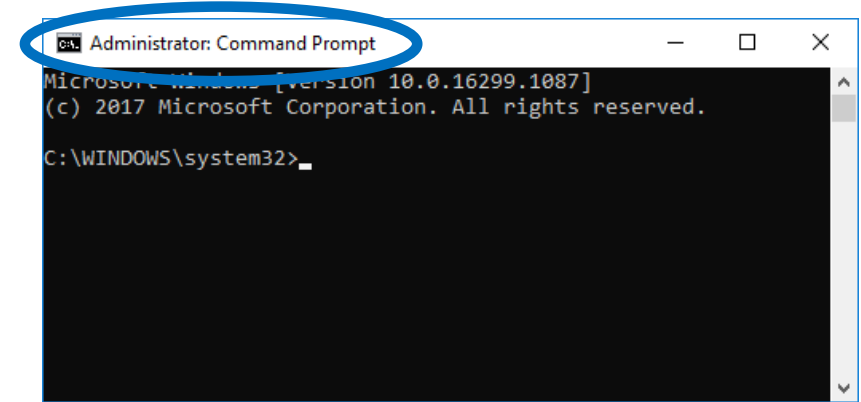
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> choco feature enable -n allowGlobalConfirmation
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- **Use Chocolatey to install CMake**

```
> choco install cmake --installargs 'ADD_CMAKE_TO_PATH=System'
```

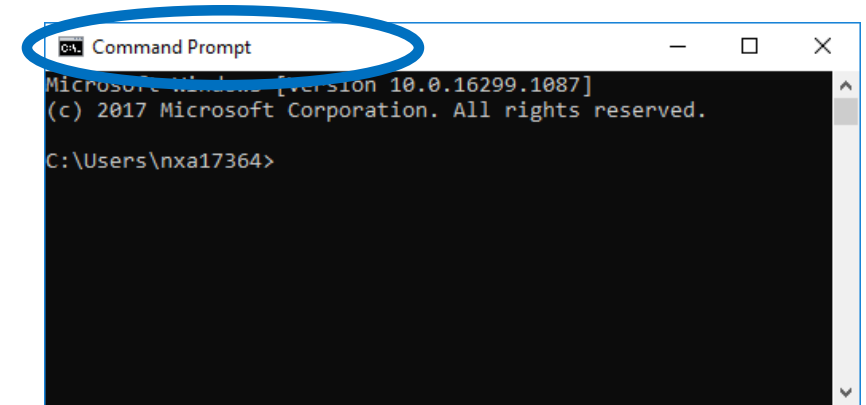
- **Use Chocolatey to install dependencies**

```
> choco install git python ninja dtc-msys2 gperf
```



Windows: Bootstrap West and Clone Zephyr Repos

- Open a normal command prompt
- Bootstrap west
 - > pip3 install west
- Clone the Zephyr git repositories
 - > cd %userprofile%
 - > west init --mr v1.14.0 zephyrproject
 - > cd zephyrproject
 - > west update
- Install python dependencies
 - > pip3 install -r zephyr/scripts/requirements.txt



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Windows: Install Toolchain and Flash/Debug Tools

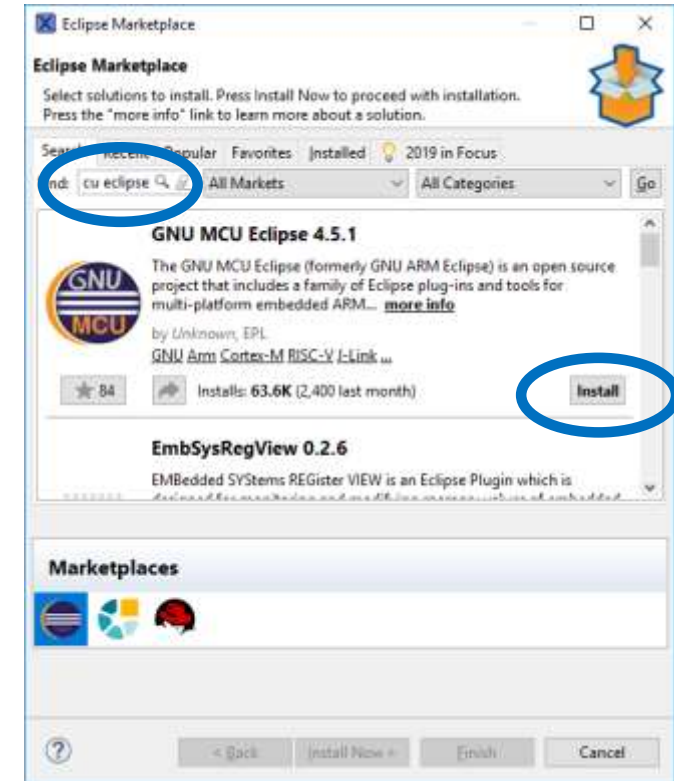
- Install [GNU Arm Embedded](#) toolchain
 - Use Windows ZIP instead of Windows Installer. This will allow you to define an installation path without spaces
 - Skip this step if you already have MCUXpresso IDE installed
- Install [J-Link](#) flash/debug tools with Windows installer
 - Required for i.MX RT and LPC boards, optional for Kinetis boards
 - Skip this step if you already have MCUXpresso IDE installed

- Create zephyr.cmd file in %userprofile% directory

```
set ZEPHYR_TOOLCHAIN_VARIANT=gnuarmemb
set GNUARMEMB_TOOLCHAIN_PATH=C:\nxp\MCUXpressoIDE_10.3.1_2233\ide\tools
set PATH=%PATH%;C:\Program Files (x86)\SEGGER\JLink_V642b
```

Install Eclipse IDE Plugins

- Install [Eclipse IDE for C/C++ Developers](#)
 - Skip this step if you already have MCUXpresso IDE installed
- Install GNU MCU Eclipse plug-ins
 - From the [Help](#) menu, select [Eclipse Marketplace](#)
 - Search for “*gnu mcu eclipse*” and click [Install](#)



Hands-On Exercises

The Fun Part!



Hands-On Overview

- **Exercise #1: Blinky**
 - Build and flash a simple application
 - Examine application source code and build artifacts
- **Exercise #2: Eclipse IDE Debugging**
 - Generate and import an Eclipse IDE project
 - Create and launch a debug configuration
- **Exercise #3: Display and Graphics with LittlevGL Integration**
 - Build and flash an LCD application
- **Exercise #4: Configuration and Memory Footprint**
 - Examine flash/ram footprint with rom_report and ram_report
 - Change the configuration and rebuild

Exercise #1: Blinky

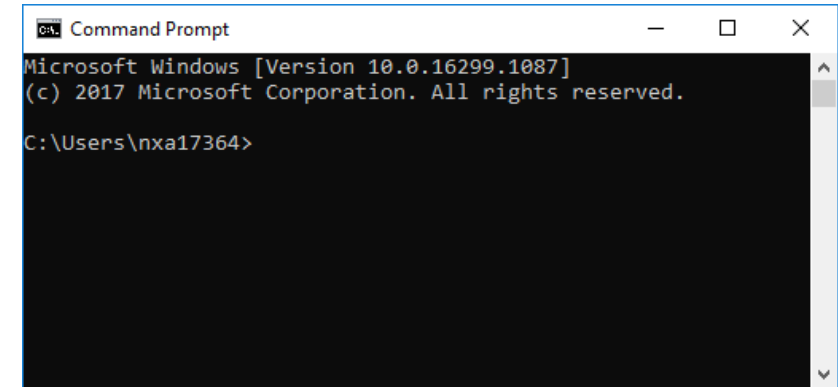
Build and flash a simple application

Examine application source code and build artifacts



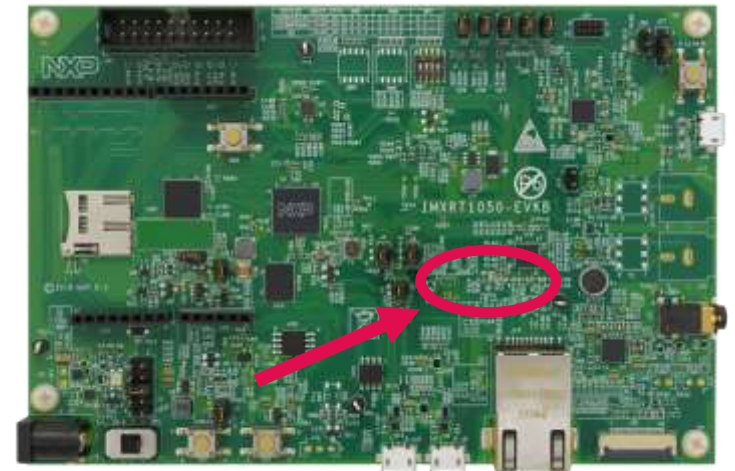
Build and Flash Blinky

- Open a normal command prompt
- Set up the build environment
 - > `cd %userprofile%\zephyrproject\zephyr`
 - > `zephyr-env.cmd`
- Build the blinky sample application
 - > `west build -b mimxrt1050_evk -d build\blinky samples\basic\blinky`
- Flash it to the board
 - > `west flash -d build\blinky`
- See the LED blinking

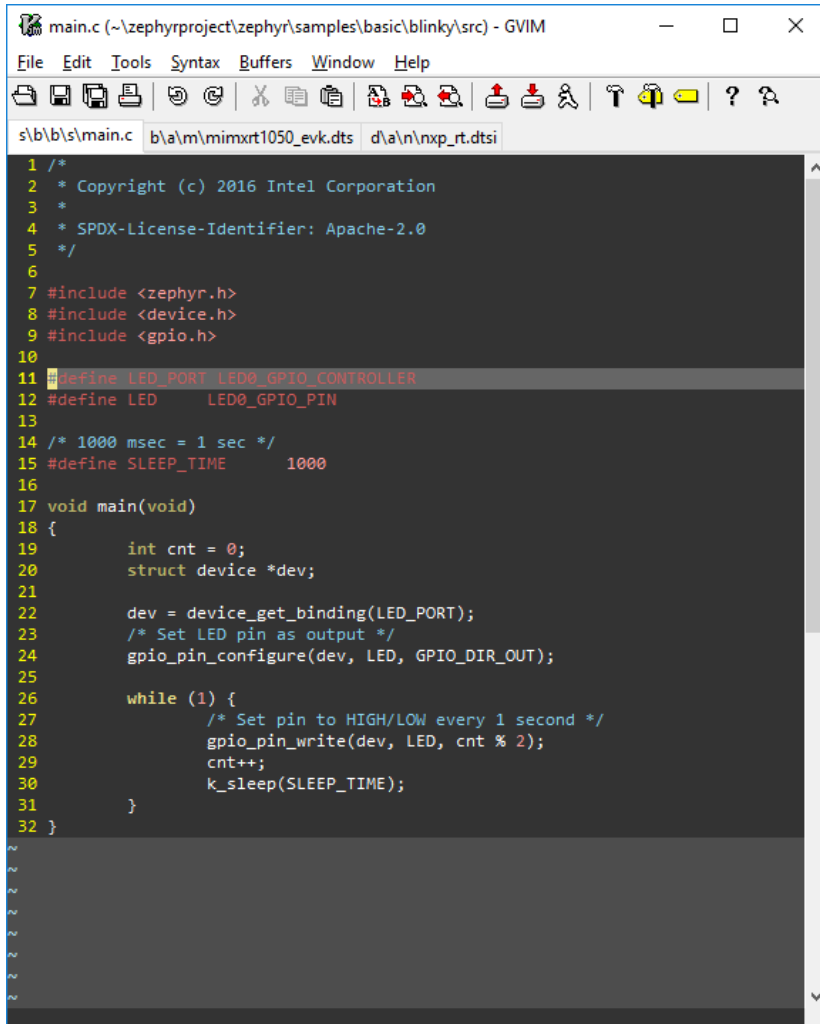


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C:\Users\nxa17364> zephyr-env.cmd
C:\Users\nxa17364> west build -b mimxrt1050_evk -d build\blinky samples\basic\blinky
```



Blinky Application Source Code



```
1 /*
2  * Copyright (c) 2016 Intel Corporation
3  *
4  * SPDX-License-Identifier: Apache-2.0
5  */
6
7 #include <zephyr.h>
8 #include <device.h>
9 #include <gpio.h>
10
11 #define LED_PORT LED0_GPIO_CONTROLLER
12 #define LED      LED0_GPIO_PIN
13
14 /* 1000 msec = 1 sec */
15 #define SLEEP_TIME 1000
16
17 void main(void)
18 {
19     int cnt = 0;
20     struct device *dev;
21
22     dev = device_get_binding(LED_PORT);
23     /* Set LED pin as output */
24     gpio_pin_configure(dev, LED, GPIO_DIR_OUT);
25
26     while (1) {
27         /* Set pin to HIGH/LOW every 1 second */
28         gpio_pin_write(dev, LED, cnt % 2);
29         cnt++;
30         k_sleep(SLEEP_TIME);
31     }
32 }
```

- `samples/basic/blinky/src/main.c`
- Same application source code works on many different boards, not just i.MX RT1050-EVKB
- Standard GPIO interface APIs
 - `gpio_pin_configure()` and `gpio_pin_write()`
- Standard LED macros generated from device tree
 - `LED0_GPIO_CONTROLLER` and `LED0_GPIO_PIN`

i.MX RT1050-EVK Board Device Tree

```
mimxrt1050_evk.dts (~\zephyrproj...boards\arm\mimxrt1050_evk) - GVIM
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s:\b\b\s\main.c b\a\m\mimxrt1050_evk.dts d\va\n\nxp_rt.dtsi
9 #include <nxp/nxp_rt.dtsi>
10
11 / {
12     model = "NXP MIMXRT1050-EVK board";
13     compatible = "nxp,mimxrt1052";
14
15     aliases {
16         gpio-1= &gpio1;
17         gpio-2= &gpio2;
18         gpio-3= &gpio3;
19         gpio-4= &gpio4;
20         gpio-5= &gpio5;
21         i2c-1 = &i2c1;
22         uart-1 = &uart1;
23         uart-3 = &uart3;
24         led0 = &green_led;
25         sw0 = &user_button;
26         spi-3 = &spi3;
27         eth = &eth;
28     };
29
30     chosen {
31         zephyr,console = &uart1;
32         zephyr,shell-uart = &uart1;
33     };
34
35     sdram0: memory@80000000 {
36         /* Micron MT48LC16M16A2B4-6AIT:G */
37         device_type = "memory";
38         compatible = "mmio-sram";
39         reg = <0x80000000 0x2000000>;
40     };
41
42     leds {
43         compatible = "gpio-leds";
44         green_led: led_0 {
45             gpios = <&gpio1 9 0>;
46             label = "User LD1";
47         };
48     };

```

- boards\arm\mimxrt1050_evk\mimxrt1050_evk.dts
- Defines board hardware components such as LEDs, sensors, and external memories
 - LED node defines GPIO instance and pin
 - Memory nodes define SDRAM and Hyperflash sizes
 - Chosen node selects UART instance for console
- Includes SoC device tree

i.MX RT1050 SoC Device Tree

```
nxp_rt.dtsi (~\zephyrproject\zephyr\dts\arm\nxp) - GVIM
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s:\b\b\s\main.c b\a\m\mimxrt1050_evk.dts d\...\nxp_rt.dtsi
67     semc0: semc@402f0000 {
68         compatible = "nxp,imx-semc";
69         reg = <0x402f0000 0x4000>;
70         interrupts = <109 0>;
71         label = "SEMCO";
72         #address-cells = <1>;
73         #size-cells = <1>;
74     };
75
76     ccm: ccm@400fc000 {
77         compatible = "nxp,imx-ccm";
78         reg = <0x400fc000 0x4000>;
79         label = "CCM";
80
81         clock-controller;
82         #clock-cells = <3>;
83     };
84
85     gpio1: gpio@401b8000 {
86         compatible = "nxp,imx-gpio";
87         reg = <0x401b8000 0x4000>;
88         interrupts = <80 0>, <81 0>;
89         label = "GPIO_1";
90         gpio-controller;
91         #gpio-cells = <2>;
92     };
93
94     gpio2: gpio@401bc000 {
95         compatible = "nxp,imx-gpio";
96         reg = <0x401bc000 0x4000>;
97         interrupts = <82 0>, <83 0>;
98         label = "GPIO_2";
99         gpio-controller;
100        #gpio-cells = <2>;
101    };
102
103    gpio3: gpio@401c0000 {
104        compatible = "nxp,imx-gpio";
105        reg = <0x401c0000 0x4000>;
106        interrupts = <84 0>, <85 0>;
```

- dts/arm/nxp/nxp_rt.dtsi
- Defines SoC peripheral addresses, interrupts, and device driver labels
- Clocks properties used by peripheral drivers to configure UART, I2C baud rates

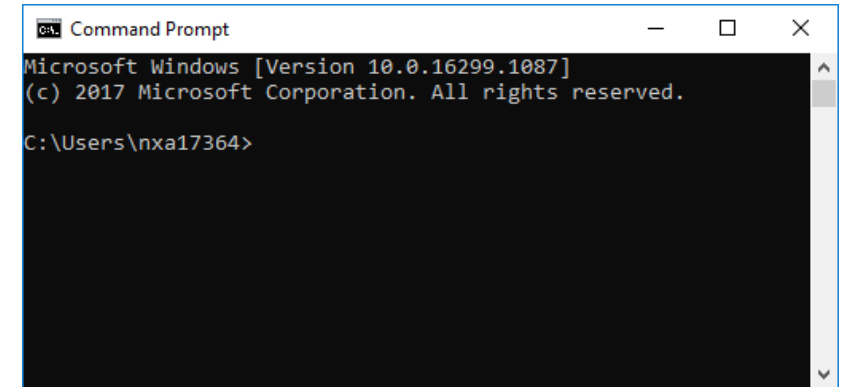
Exercise #2: Eclipse IDE Debugging

Generate and import an Eclipse IDE project

Create and launch a debug configuration

Generate an Eclipse IDE Project

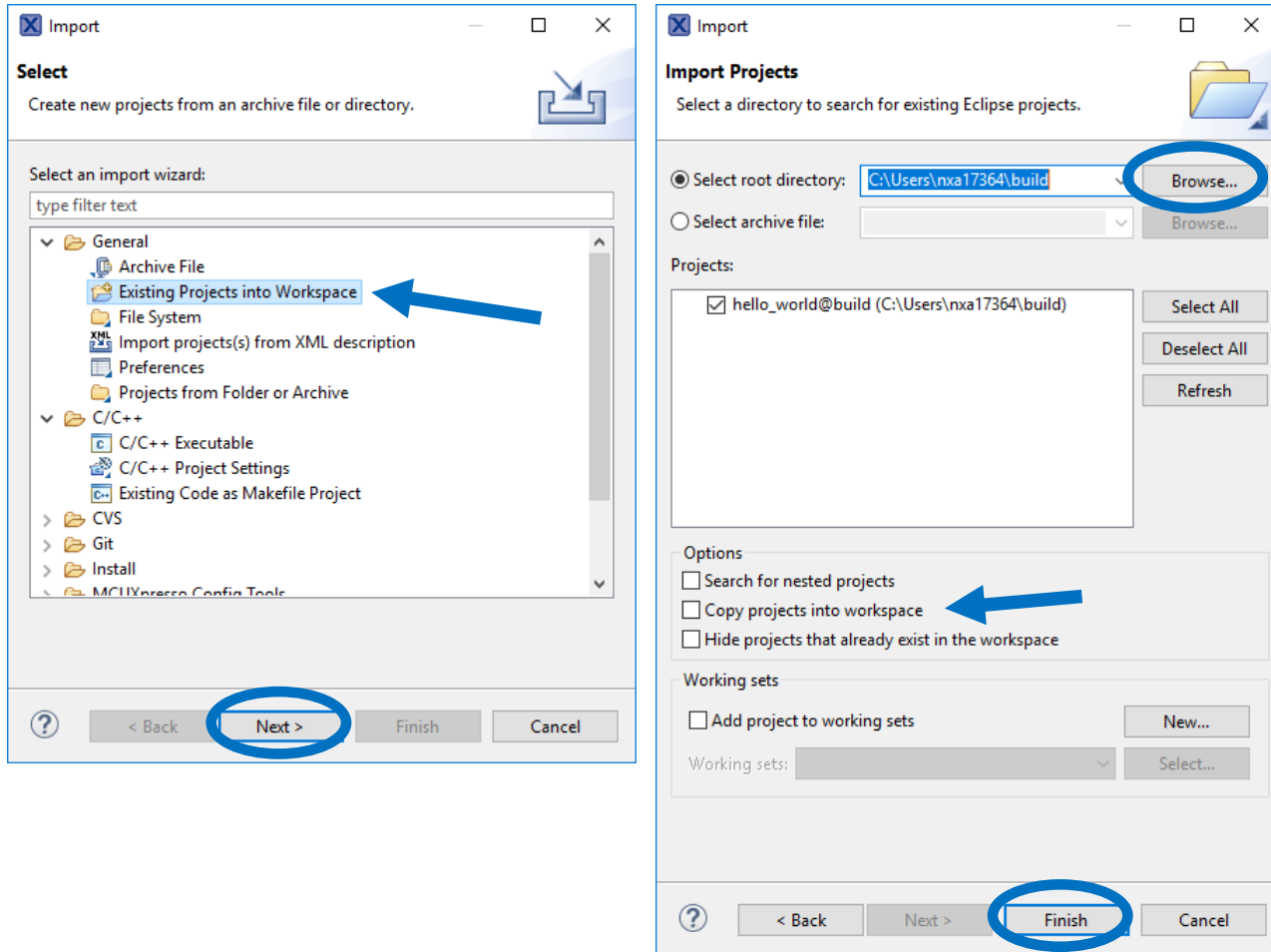
- Open a normal command prompt
- Set up the build environment
 - > `cd %userprofile%\zephyrproject\zephyr`
 - > `zephyr-env.cmd`
- Move to a directory **outside the Zephyr tree**. This is required only when generating Eclipse projects
 - > `cd %userprofile%`
- Generate and build an Eclipse project for the `hello_world` application
 - > `west build -b mimxrt1050_evk %ZEPHYR_BASE%\samples\hello_world -`
- `-G"Eclipse CDT4 - Ninja"`



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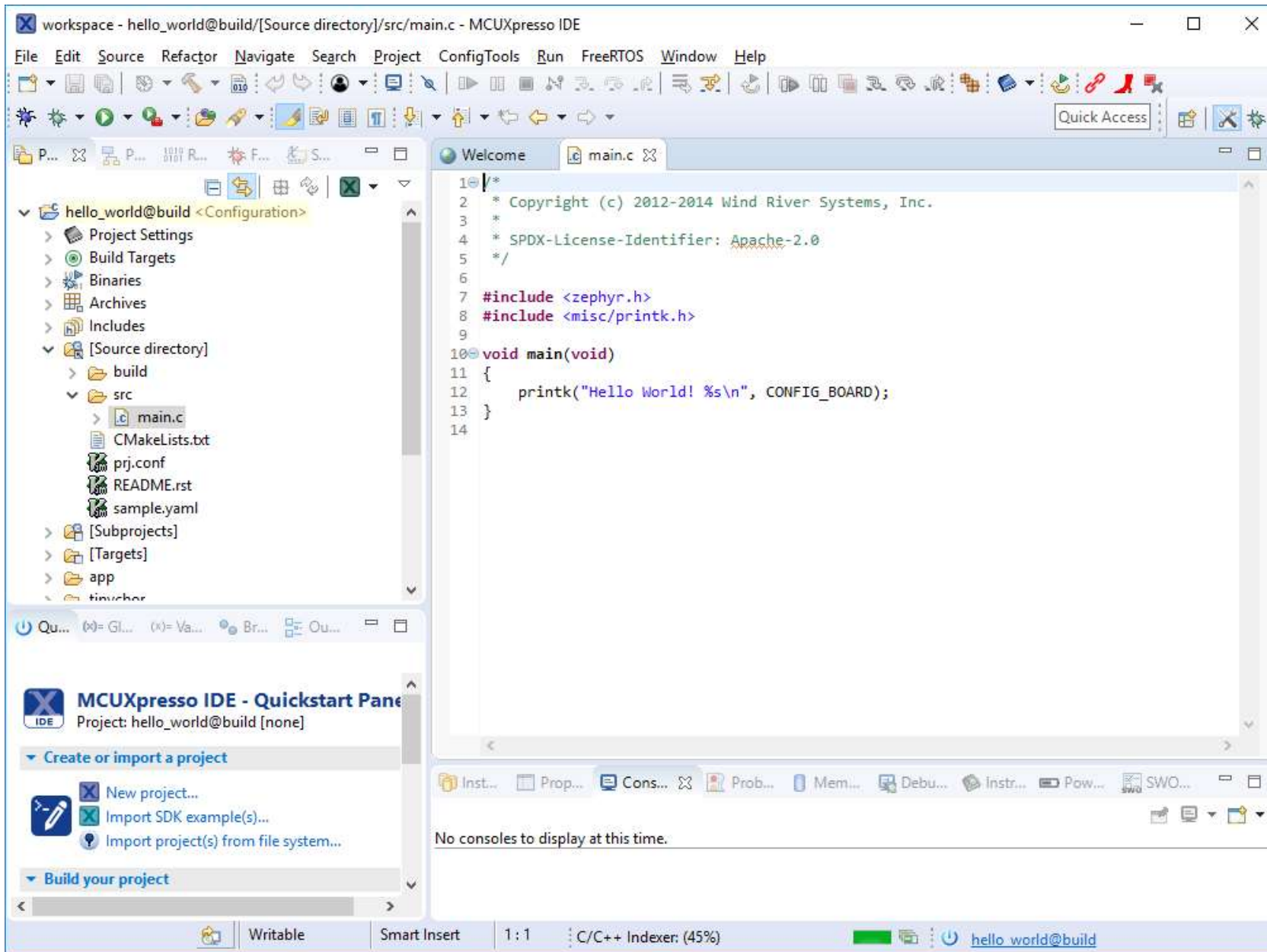
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Import the Eclipse IDE Project

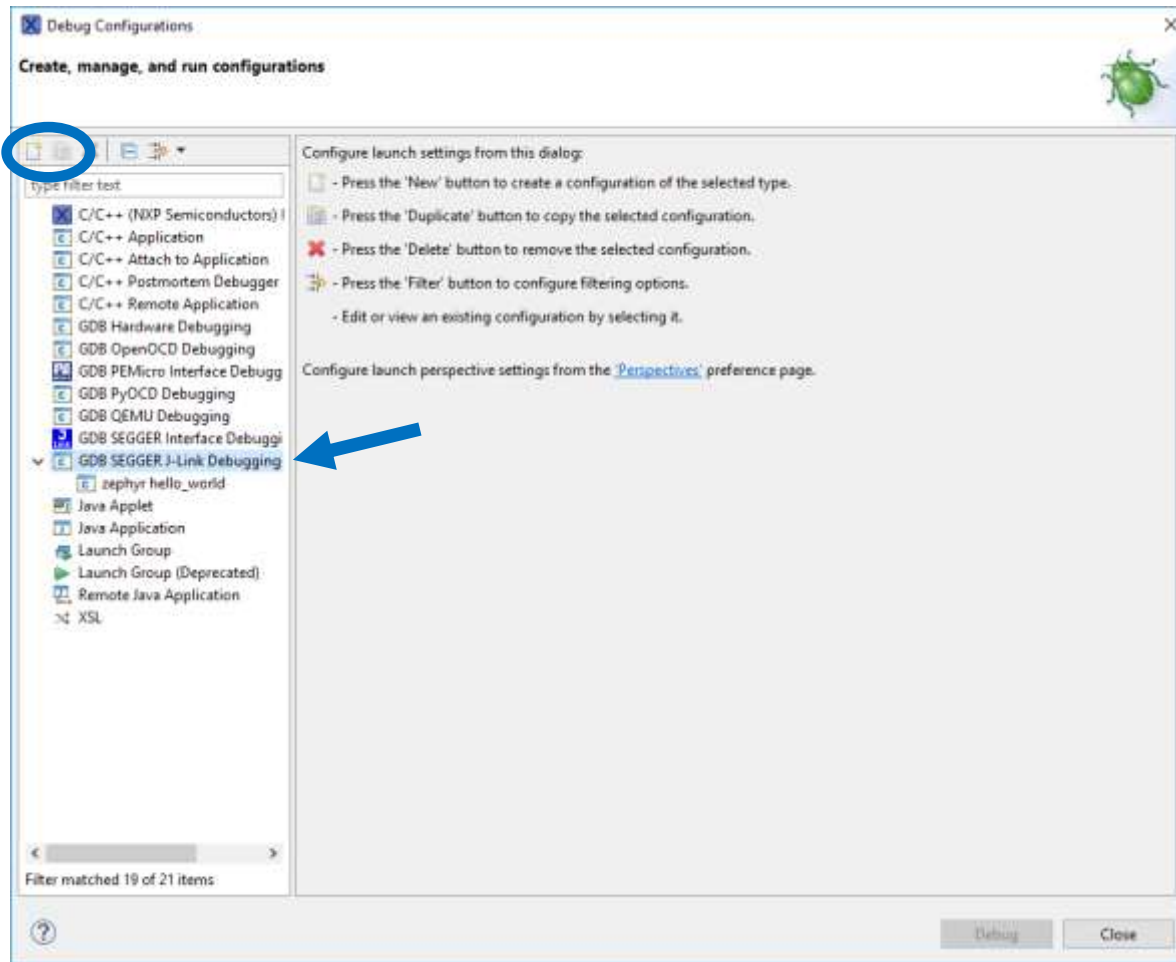


- Open **MCUXpresso IDE**
- From the **File** menu, select **Import...**
- Select **Existing Projects into Workspace**
- Select **Next**
- Select **Browse** and navigate to your build directory
- Select **Finish**

Warning: Do not check **Copy projects into Workspace**

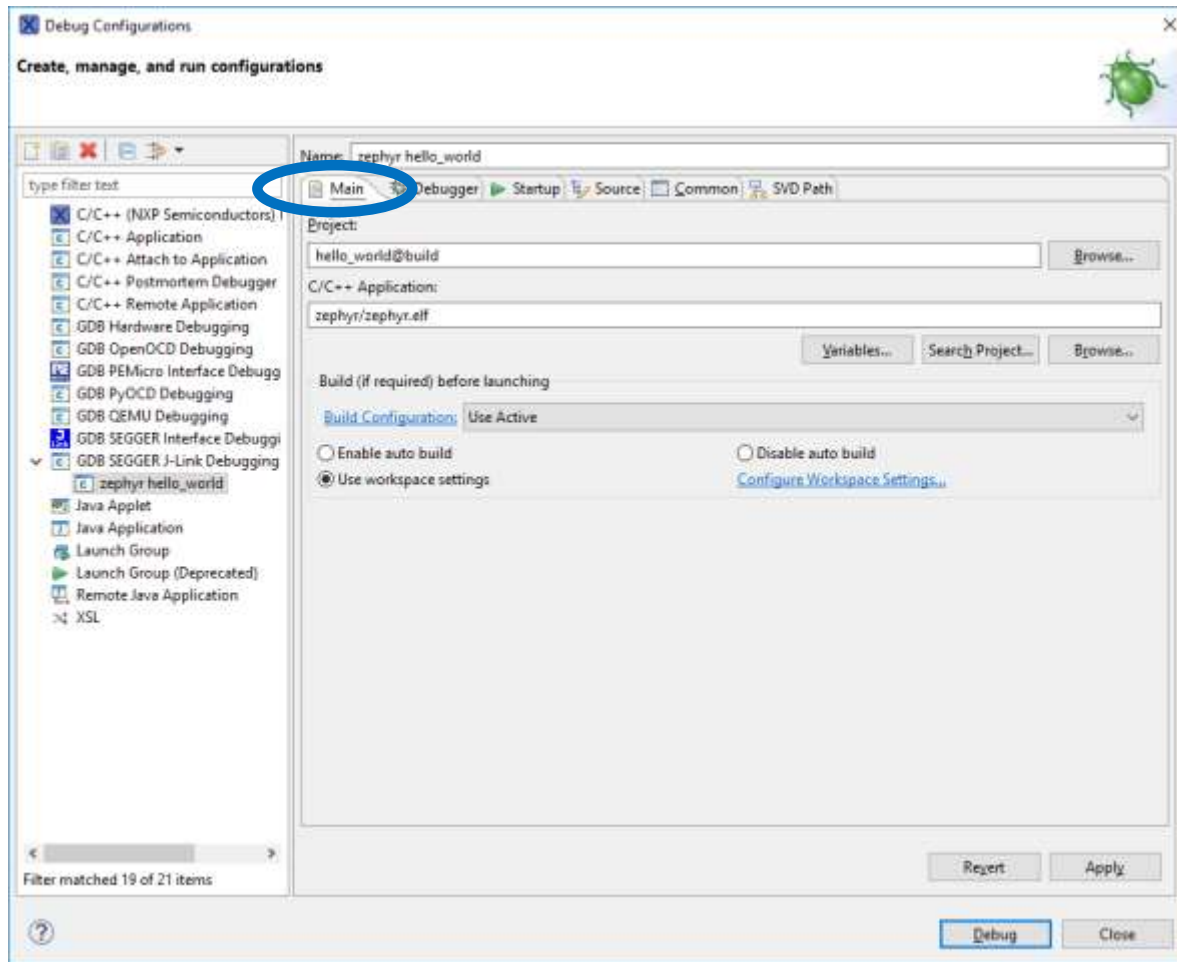


Create a New Debug Configuration



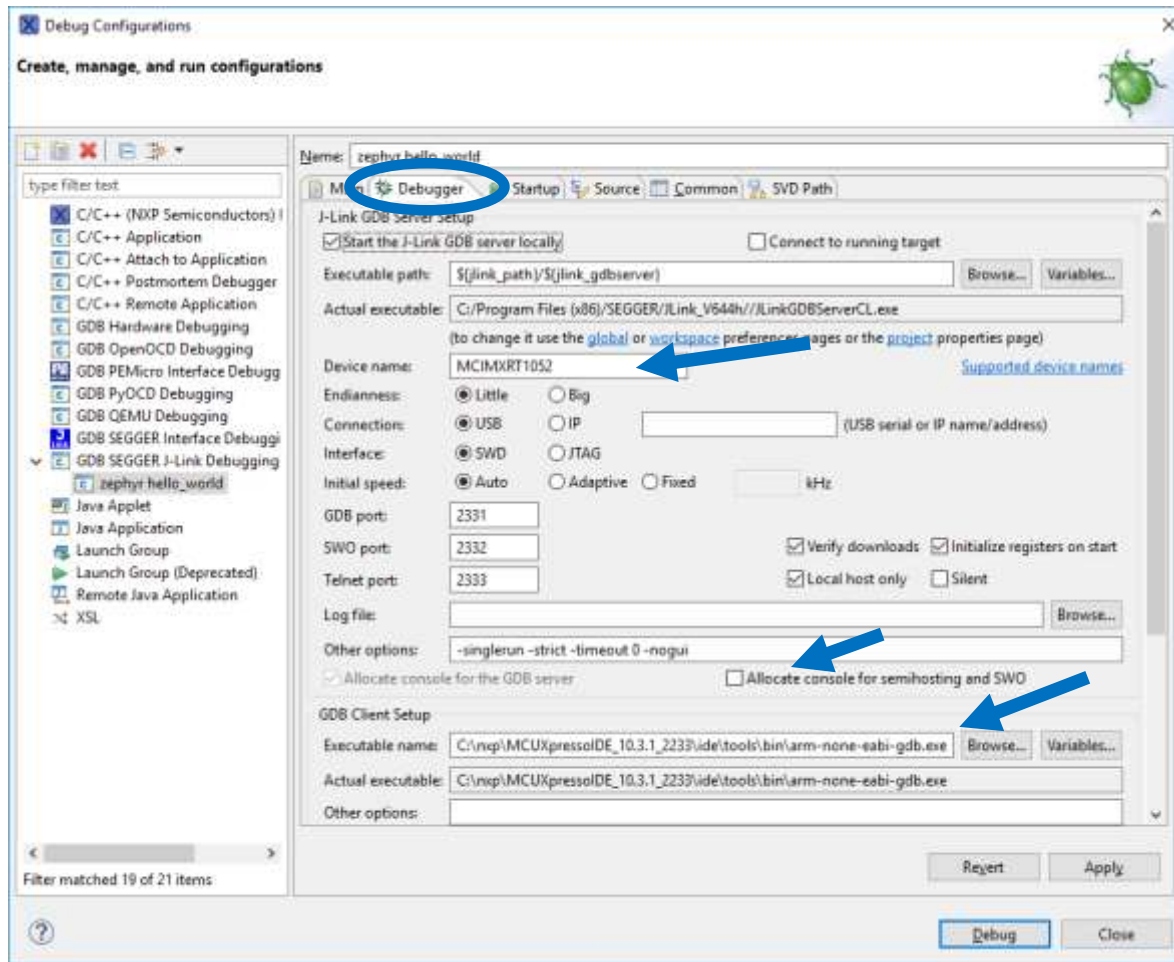
- From the **Run** menu, select **Debug Configurations...**
- Select **GDB SEGGER J-Link-Debugging**, and click the **New** button
- **Warning:** Do not select **GDB SEGGER Interface Debugging**

J-Link Debug Configuration: Main



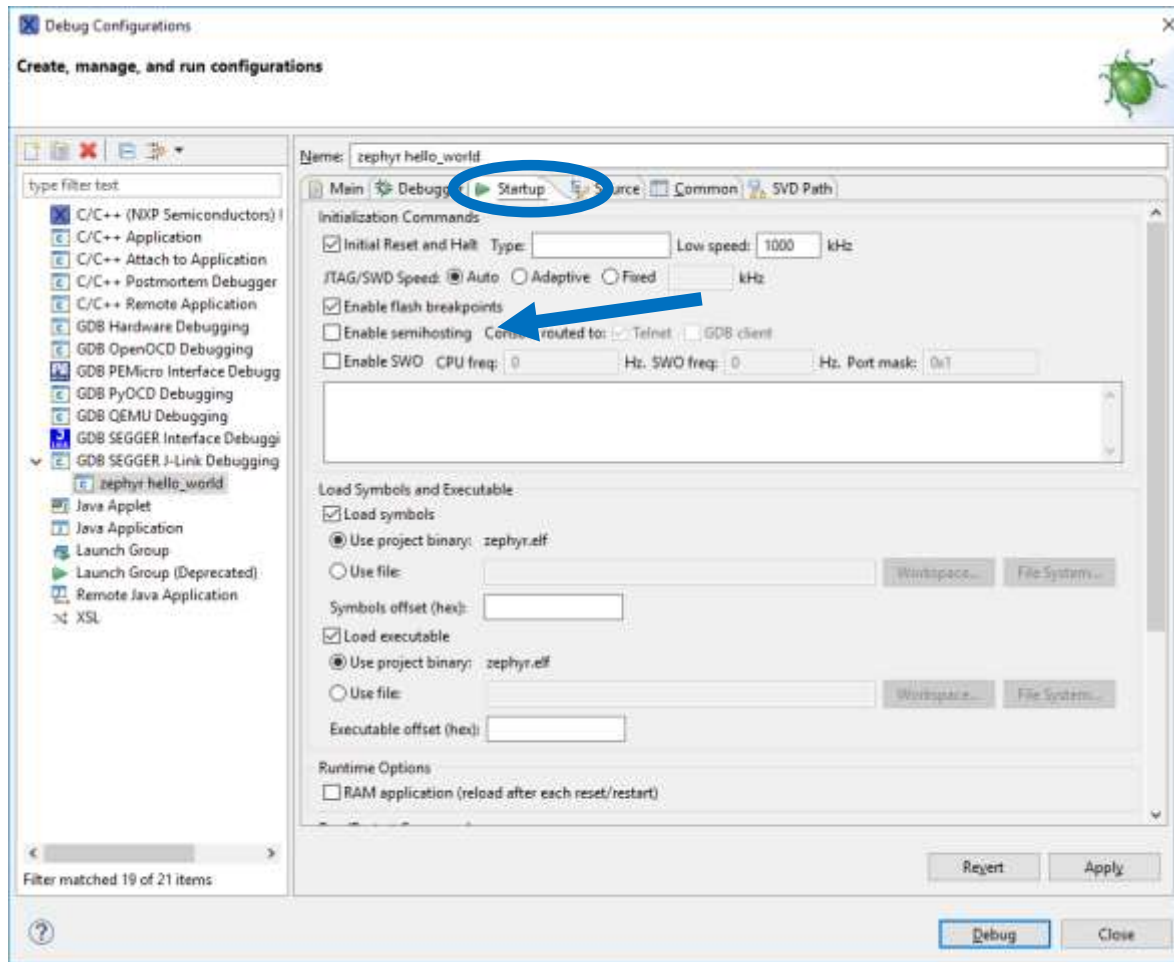
- Select the **Main** tab and configure the following settings:
- Project: `hello_world@build`
- C/C++ Application: `zephyr/zephyr.elf`

J-Link Debug Configuration: Debugger



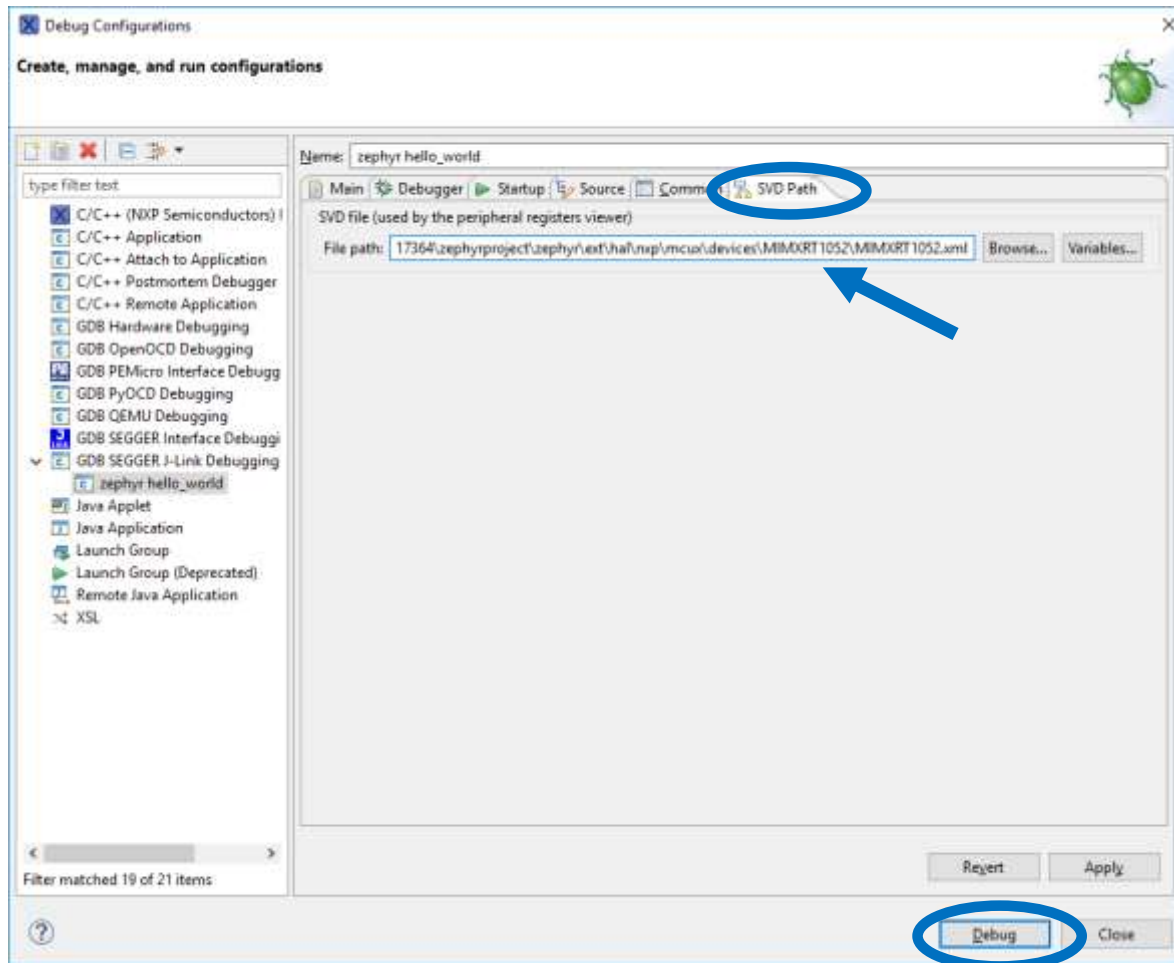
- Select the **Debugger** tab and configure the following settings:
- Device name: `MCIMXRT1052`
- GDB Client Executable name: `C:\nxp\MCUXpressoIDE_10.3.1_2233\ide\tools\bin\arm-none-eabi-gdb.exe`
- Uncheck **Allocate console for semihosting and SWO**

J-Link Debug Configuration: Startup



- Select the **Startup** tab
- Uncheck **Enable semihosting**
- Uncheck **Enable SWO**

J-Link Debug Configuration: SVD Path



- Select the **SVD Path** tab and configure the following settings:
- SVD file path:
C:\Users\NXPTTraining\zephyrproject\zephyr\ext\hal\nxp\mcux\devices\MIMXRT1052\MIMXRT1052.xml
- Select **Debug** to start the debugger!

workspace - hello_world@build/[Source directory]/src/main.c - MCUXpresso IDE

File Edit Source Refactor Navigate Search Project ConfigTools Run FreeRTOS Window Help

Debug Project Explorer Symbol Viewer Quickstart Panel

zephyr hello_world [GDB SEGGER J-Link Debugging]

- zephyr.elf
 - Thread #1 57005 (Suspended : Breakpoint)
 - main() at main.c:12 0x600025c0
 - JLinkGDBServerCL.exe
 - arm-none-eabi-gdb.exe

Name	Value	Description
> 0101 General Registers		General Purpose and FPU R...

Welcome main.c (gdb[2].proc[42000].threadGroup[i1],gdb[2].proc[42000].OSThread[1].thread[1].fram...

```

2  * Copyright (c) 2012-2014 Wind River Systems, Inc.
3  *
4  * SPDX-License-Identifier: Apache-2.0
5  */
6
7  #include <zephyr.h>
8  #include <misc/printk.h>
9
10 void main(void)
11 {
12     printk("Hello World! %s\n", CONFIG_BOARD);
13 }
14
  
```

Outline

- zephyr.h
- misc/printk.h
- main(void) : void

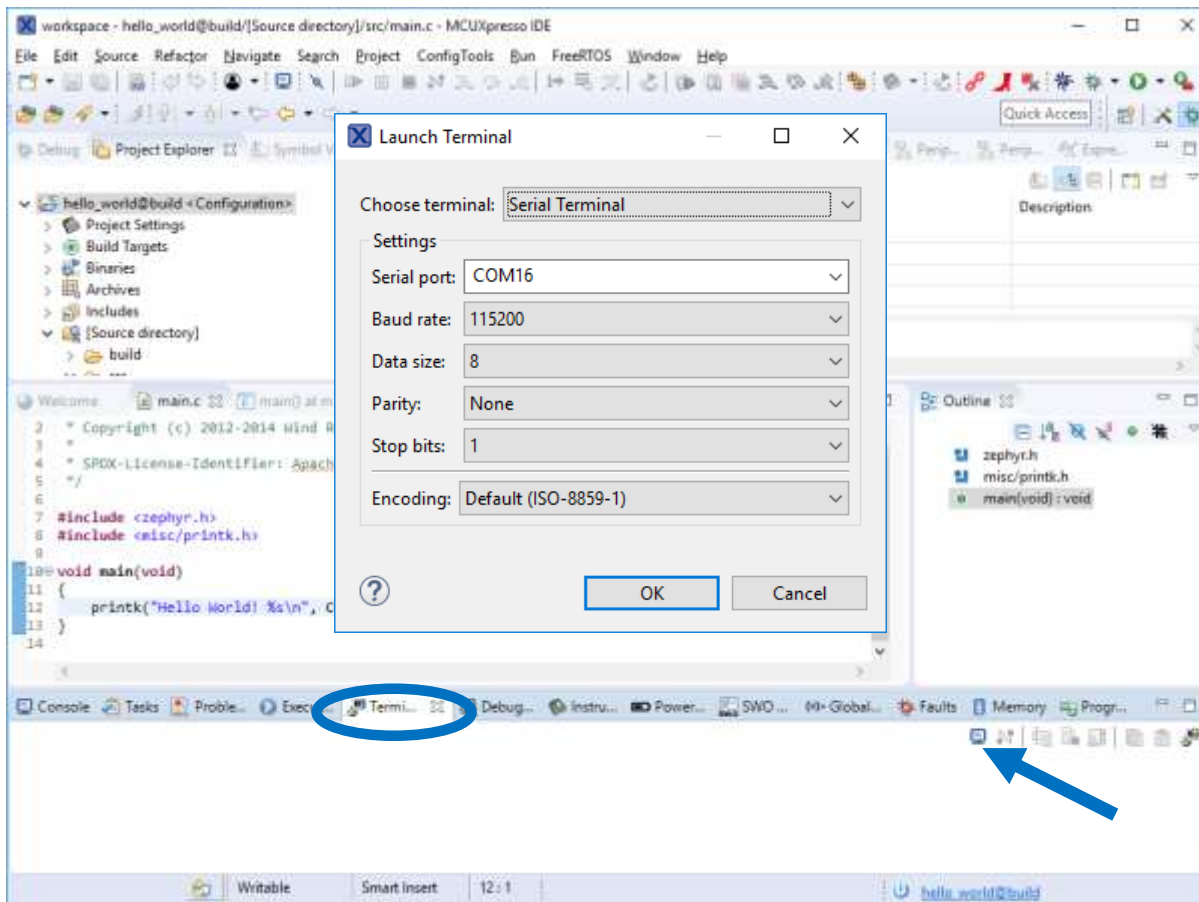
Console

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zephyr hello_world [GDB SEGGER J-Link Debugging] JLinkGDBServerCL.exe
Reading all registers
Removing breakpoint @ address 0x600025C0, Size = 2
Read 4 bytes @ address 0x600025C0 (Data = 0x48024901)
  
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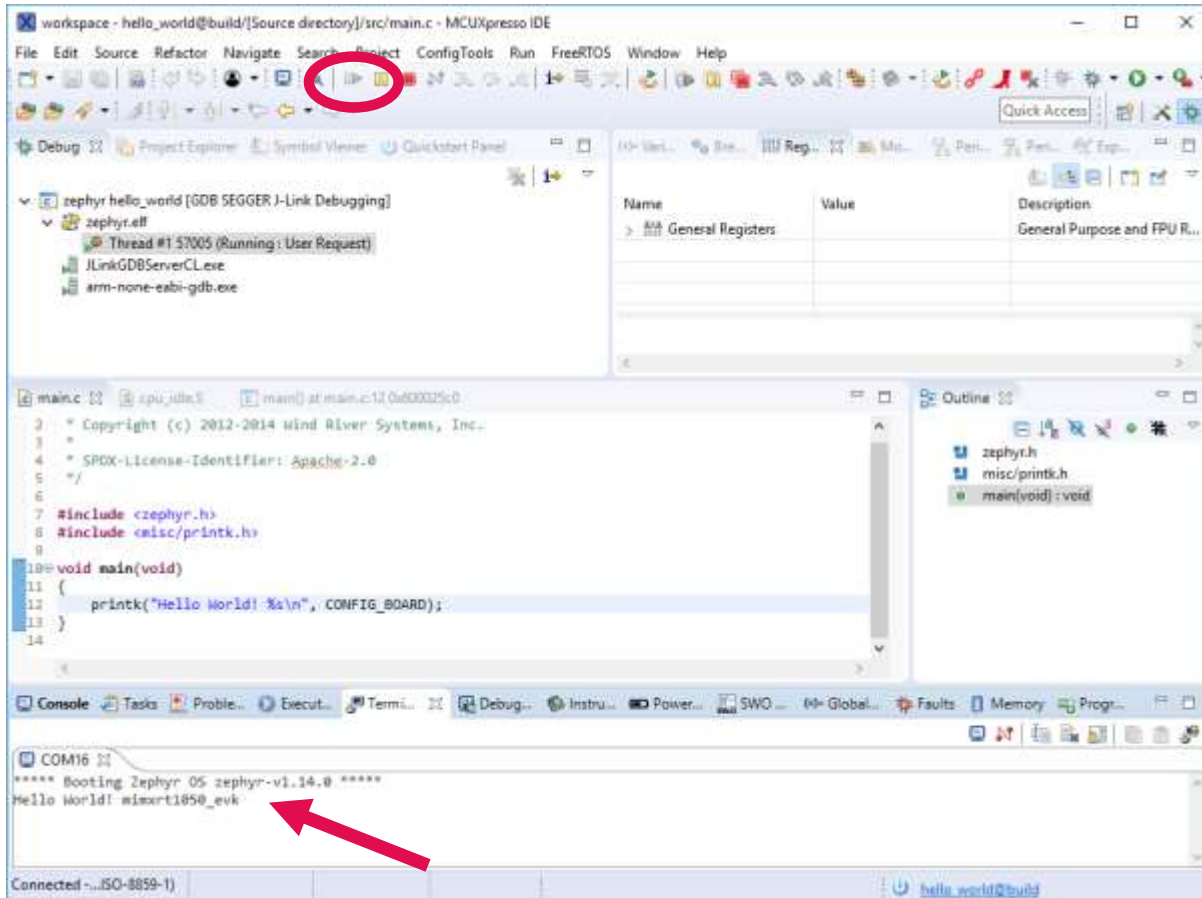
Writable Smart Insert 12:1 hello_world@build

Open a Serial Terminal



- From the **Window** menu, select **Show View->Terminal**
- Select the **Terminal** tab in the bottom third of the window
- Select **Open a Terminal**
- Enter serial port settings as shown (COM number may be different)

Run the Application



- Select **Resume** to run the application
- See in the terminal:
Hello World! mimxrt1050_evk

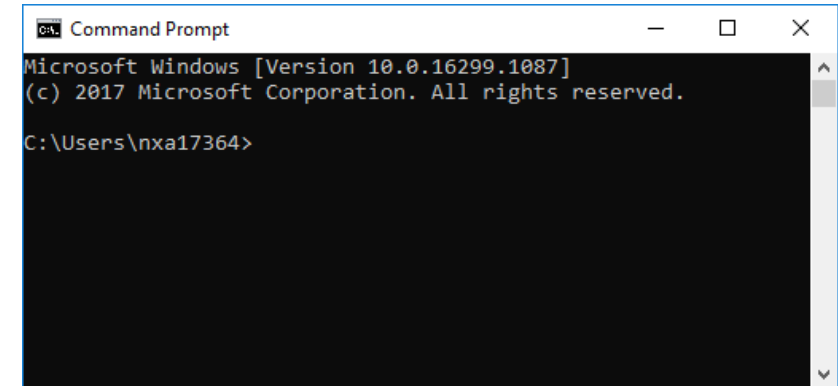
Exercise #3: Display and Graphics with LittlevGL Integration

Build and flash an LCD application



Build and Flash LittlevGL

- Open a normal command prompt
- Set up the build environment
 - > `cd %userprofile%\zephyrproject\zephyr`
 - > `zephyr-env.cmd`
- Build the LittlevGL sample application
 - > `west build -b mimxrt1050_evk -d build\lvgl samples\gui\lvgl`
- Flash it to the board
 - > `west flash -d build\lvgl`
- See “Hello world!” on the LCD



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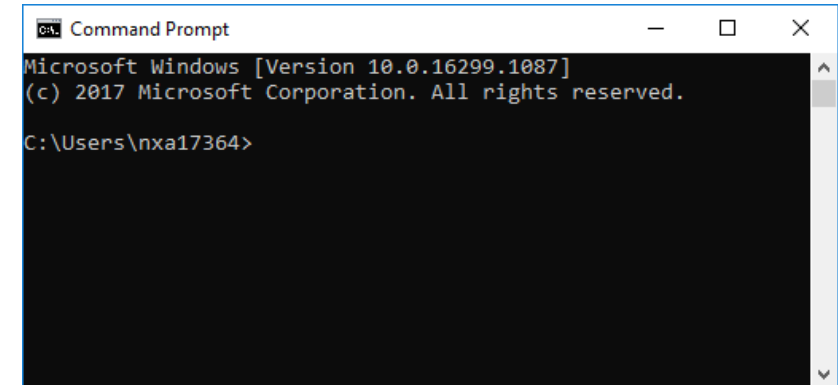
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Examine flash/ram footprint with `rom_report` and `ram_report`

Change the configuration and rebuild

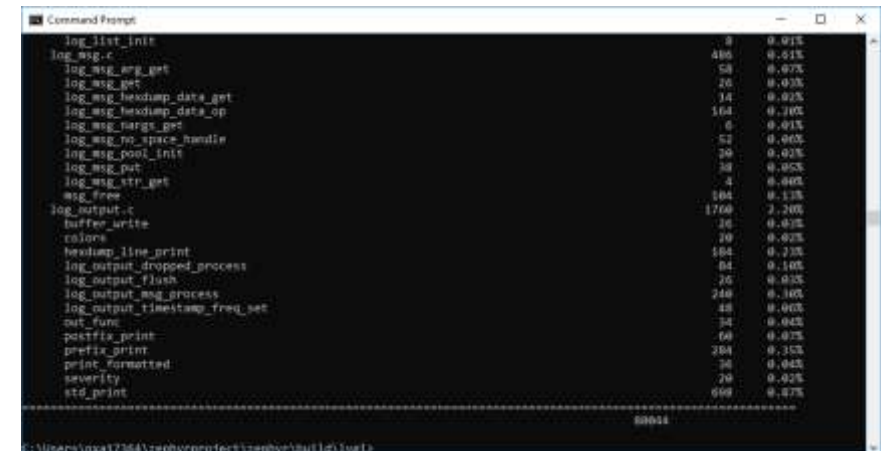
Examine Memory Footprint

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- Set up the build environment
 - > `cd %userprofile%\zephyrproject\zephyr`
 - > `zephyr-env.cmd`
- Move to the LittlevGL sample application build directory
 - > `cd build\lvgl`
- Run reports to see flash and ram memory footprints
 - > `ninja rom_report`
 - > `ninja ram_report`



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```



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Command Prompt
log_list_init 0 0.01%
log_msg_c 486 0.51%
log_msg_arg_get 58 0.07%
log_msg_get 76 0.08%
log_msg_hexdump_data_get 14 0.02%
log_msg_hexdump_data_op 164 0.10%
log_msg_hargs_get 6 0.01%
log_msg_ip_space_handle 53 0.05%
log_msg_pool_init 28 0.03%
log_msg_put 38 0.05%
log_msg_str_get 4 0.00%
msg_free 104 0.13%
log_output_c 1760 2.20%
buffer_write 26 0.03%
colors 19 0.02%
heapup_line_print 184 0.23%
log_output_dropped_process 84 0.10%
log_output_flush 26 0.03%
log_output_msg_process 244 0.30%
log_output_timestamp_freq_set 48 0.06%
out_func 34 0.04%
postfix_print 60 0.07%
prefix_print 204 0.25%
print_formatted 26 0.04%
severity 78 0.09%
std_print 698 0.87%
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```

Change Configuration and Rebuild

- Open `samples\gui\lvgl\prj.conf` in a text editor and disable logging
`CONFIG_LOG=n`

- Open a normal command prompt

- Set up the build environment

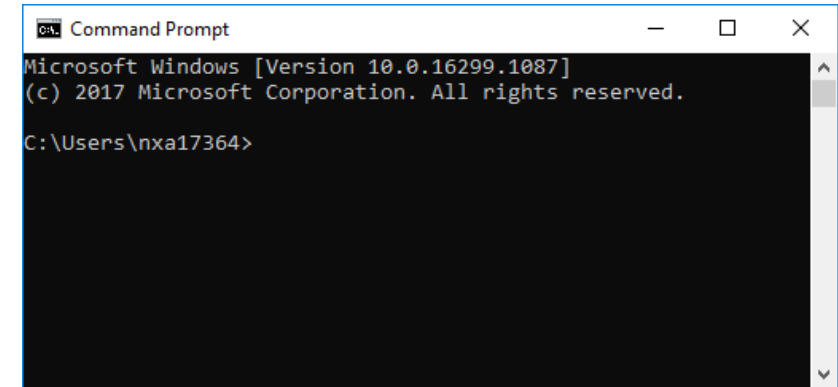
```
> cd %userprofile%\zephyrproject\zephyr
> zephyr-env.cmd
```

- Rebuild the LittlevGL sample application with the new configuration

```
> west build -d build\lvgl -c
```

- Move to the LittlevGL sample application build directory and rerun reports

```
> cd build\lvgl
> ninja rom_report
> ninja ram_report
```



```
Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.16299.1087]
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C:\Users\nxa17364>
```

CONFIG_LOG	ROM (B)	RAM (B)
Y	80044	590628
N	72376	588425
Delta	7668	2203

Backup



References

- <https://docs.zephyrproject.org/latest/boards/index.html>
- <https://github.com/zephyrproject-rtos/zephyr/releases/tag/zephyr-v1.14.0>
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- <https://docs.zephyrproject.org/1.14.0/application/index.html#eclipse-debugging>



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