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# Tutorial
# PolarFire FPGA: Building a Mi-V Processor Subsystem

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# 1 Revision History

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

## 1.1 Revision 9.0

The following is a summary of the changes made in this revision.

- LSRAM was renamed to TCM throughout the document.
- Added Figure 6, page 7.
- Updated the reason for using the CoreAXI4Interconnect IP in Instantiating AXI Interconnect Bus IP, page 8.
- Updated the start and end addresses of AXI4 Slave0 port in Instantiating AXI Interconnect Bus IP, page 8.
- Updated Figure 10, page 10.
- Updated the SYS_CLK_FREQ macro definition from 111111000UL to 83333000UL, see Mapping Memory and Peripheral Addresses, page 46.

## 1.2 Revision 8.0

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- Updated for Libero SoC v2021.1.
- Updated Table 1, page 3.
- Added Appendix 3 - DDR3 Configuration, page 61.

## 1.3 Revision 7.0

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- Updated Figure 2, page 4.
- Replaced Figure 6, page 7, and Figure 23, page 19.
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- Updated section Connecting IP Instances in SmartDesign, page 18.

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## 1.5 Revision 5.0

The following is a summary of the changes made in this revision.

- Updated for Libero SoC v12.2.
- Updated the design for AXI-based Mi-V Soft Processor for an enhanced performance with DDR memories.
- Removed Libero SoC and SoftConsole version numbers.

## 1.6 Revision 4.0

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- Added Fabric RAMs Initialization, page 5.
- The document was updated for Libero SoC v12.0.

## 1.7 Revision 3.0

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- The document was updated for Libero SoC PolarFire v2.1.

## 1.8 Revision 2.0

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- The document was updated for the Mi-V processor upgrade.
- The document was updated for Libero SoC PolarFire v2.0 and SoftConsole v5.2. For more information, see Building the User Application Using SoftConsole, page 33.
- Information about TCM initialization from external SPI flash was added. For more information, see Configure Design Initialization Data and Memories, page 25.

## 1.9 Revision 1.0

The first publication of this document.

# 2  Building a Mi-V Processor Subsystem

Microchip offers the Mi-V processor IP and software toolchain free of cost to develop RISC-V processor-based designs. RISC-V, a standard open instruction set architecture (ISA) under the governance of the RISC-V foundation, offers numerous benefits, which include enabling the open source community to test and improve cores at a faster pace than closed ISAs.

PolarFire® FPGAs support Mi-V soft processors to run user applications. The objective of the tutorial is to build a Mi-V processor subsystem that can execute an application from the designated fabric RAMs initialized from the sNVM/SPI Flash. The tutorial also describes how to build a RISC-V application using SoftConsole and run it on a PolarFire Evaluation Board.

## 2.1  Requirements

The following table lists the tutorial requirements for building a Mi-V processor subsystem.

*Table 1 •*    **Tutorial Requirements**

| Requirement | Version |
|---|---|
| **Hardware** | |
| Host PC | Windows 7, 8.1, or 10 |
| POLARFIRE-EVAL-KIT (MPF300TS-FCG1152I)<br>– 12 V/5 A AC power adapter and cord<br>– USB 2.0 A to mini-B cable | Rev D or Rev E[1] |
| **Software** | |
| Libero SoC Design Suite | See the `readme.txt` file provided in the design files for all software versions needed to create this reference design. |
| Firmware Catalog[2] | |
| SoftConsole | See the `readme.txt` file provided in the design files for all software versions needed to create this reference design. |
| PuTTY (serial terminal emulation program) | |

1. Rev E Kit has a different on-board DDR part. For more information, refer to *PolarFire Evaluation Kit Quick Start Guide*.
2. Firmware catalog is included in the installation package of Libero SoC.

## 2.2 Prerequisites

1. Download the design files from:
   http://soc.microsemi.com/download/rsc/?f=mpf_tu0775_df

   The design files folder contains the following folders:

   - **Programming_Job**: Two programming files (.job) one each for Rev D (top_RevD.job) and Rev E (top_RevE.job) Kit are provided.
   - **Solution**: Contains the final Libero and SoftConsole projects for reference
   - **Source**: Contains the source files required to complete this tutorial

2. Download and install Libero SoC from:
   https://www.microsemi.com/product-directory/design-resources/1750-libero-soc#downloads

3. Download and install SoftConsole from:
   https://www.microsemi.com/products/fpga-soc/design-resources/design-software/softconsole#downloads

4. From the Libero Catalog, download the latest versions of the IP cores from the warning pop-up as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 1 •* **Download New Cores Option**



## 2.3 Design Description

The tutorial describes how to create a Mi-V subsystem for executing user applications. The user application can be stored in µPROM, sNVM, or an external SPI flash. At device power-up, the PolarFire System Controller initializes the designated TCM with the user application and releases the system reset. If the user application is stored in SPI Flash, the System Controller uses the SC_SPI interface for reading the user application from SPI Flash. The given user application prints the UART message "Hello World!" and blinks user LEDs on the board.

The following figure shows the top-level block diagram of the design.

*Figure 2 •* **Block Diagram**

### 2.3.1 Fabric RAMs Initialization

Each logical RAM instance in the design can be initialized from a different source– sNVM, µPROM, or SPI-Flash. The initialization client storage location is configurable. Generate the initialization data to add the initialization clients to the chosen non-volatile memories and program the device. Program SPI-Flash, if chosen as storage location for initialization data. For more information, see Configure Design Initialization Data and Memories.

**Note:** Libero SmartDesign and configuration screen shots shown in this tutorial are for illustration purpose only. Open the Libero project to see the latest updates and IP versions.

## 2.4 Creating a Mi-V Processor Subsystem

Creating a Mi-V processor subsystem involves:

- Creating a Libero Project
- Creating a New SmartDesign Component
- Instantiating IP Cores in SmartDesign
- Connecting IP Instances in SmartDesign
- Generating SmartDesign Component
- Managing Timing Constraints
- Running the Libero Design Flow

This section describes all of the steps required to create a Mi-V processor subsystem on a new SmartDesign canvas.

### 2.4.1 Creating a Libero Project

Follow these steps to create a Libero project:

1. On the Libero Menu bar, click **Project** > **New Project**.
2. Enter the following details, and click **Next**.
   - Project name: PF_Mi_V_Tut
   - Project location: For example, `F:/Libero_Projects`
   - Preferred HDL type: Verilog

*Figure 3 •* **New Project Details**

3. To choose the PolarFire device present on the PolarFire Evaluation Board, select the following settings in the **Device Selection** window, and click **Next**.
   • Family: PolarFire
   • Die: MPF300TS
   • Package: FCG1152
   • Speed: -1
   • Range: IND
   • Part Number: MPF300TS-1FCG1152I

*Figure 4 •* **Device Selection**



4. In the **Device Settings** window, click **Next** to retain the default core voltage and I/O settings.
5. In the **Add HDL Sources** window, click **Next** to retain the default settings.
6. In the **Add constraints** window, click **Import file** to import the I/O constraint file.
7. In the **Import files** window, locate the `io_constraints.pdc` file in the `DesignFiles_directory\Source\io` folder, and double-click it.
8. Click **Finish**.
   The **Log** pane displays a message indicating that the PF_Mi_V_Tut project was created.

## 2.4.2 Creating a New SmartDesign Component

To create a new SmartDesign component:

1. In Libero, select **File** > **New** > **SmartDesign**.
2. In the **Create New SmartDesign** dialog box, enter **top** as the name of the new SmartDesign project, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 5 •* **Create New SmartDesign**



3. Click **OK**.

The **top SmartDesign** component is created.

## 2.4.3 Instantiating IP Cores in SmartDesign

When an IP core is dragged from the Catalog to SmartDesign, Libero prompts you to name the component, and if applicable, to configure the IP core. After the core is configured, Libero generates the component for that core and instantiates it in SmartDesign.

### 2.4.3.1 Instantiating Mi-V Processor IP

1. From the Catalog, drag the **MIV_RV32** to SmartDesign.
2. In the **Create Component** dialog box, enter **MiV_RV32_C0** as the component name, and click **OK**.
3. In the Configurator, set the following configuration:
   - Set **Reset Vector Address** -> **Upper 16 bits (Hex)** to **0x8000** and retain the default setting for **Lower 16 Bits (Hex)** as shown in Figure 6, page 7. This is the address the processor will start executing from after a reset.

   Figure 7, page 8 shows the memory map of TCM and DDR3 memory.

*Figure 6 •* **Mi-V Configuration**

*Figure 7 •* **TCM and DDR3 Memory Map**



## 2.4.3.2 Instantiating AXI Interconnect Bus IP

The AXI interconnect bus must be configured to connect the Mi-V core with memory. Also, the AXI4Interconnect is needed for converting the Mi-V processor's AXI4 32-bit data to the DDR3 AXI4 64-bit data, and also for bridging the Mi-V processor's AXI4 clock rate of 83.3 MHz to the DDR3 AXI4 clock rate of 166.66 MHz.

1. From the Catalog, drag the **CoreAXI4Interconnect** IP core to SmartDesign.
2. In the **Create Component** dialog box, enter **AXI4_Interconnect** as the component name, and click **OK**.
   The Configurator opens.
3. In the **Bus Configuration** section, configure the AXI4_Interconnect IP to have one slave with an ID width of 1, as shown in the following figure. Leave the rest as defaults.

*Figure 8 •* **CoreAXI4Interconnect Configurator – Bus Configuration Section**



4. In the **Master Configuration** section, retain the following Master0 default settings:
   - **M0 Type**: AXI4
   - **M0 Data Width**: 32 bits
   - **M0 DWC Data FIFO Depth**: 16
   - **M0 Register Slice**: Selected

   The following figure shows the Master0 configuration.

*Figure 9 •* **CoreAXI4Interconnect - Master0 Configuration**



5. In the **Slave Configuration** section, configure the Slave0 port as follows:
   - S0 SLAVE Start Address (Lower 32 bits): 0x80010000
   - S0 SLAVE End Address (Lower 32 bits): 0x8FFFFFFF
   - S0 Clock Domain Crossing: Enabled
   - Leave the rest as defaults

*Figure 10 •* **CoreAXI4Interconnect Configurator – Slave0 Configuration**



6. In the **Crossbar Configuration** section, ensure that the following options are set:
   • Under **Enable Master Write Access**, enable M0 access S0Under **Enable Master Read Access**, enable M0 access S0,
   • Leave the rest as defaults.

*Figure 11 •* **Crossbar Configuration and Enabling Master Write Access Settings**



### 2.4.3.3 Instantiating DDR3 Memory Controller

This tutorial demonstrates how to build and debug an application from DDR3 memory. Executing an application from DDR3 memory in the release mode requires a bootloader. The bootloader use case is not in the scope of this tutorial.

If you are using the Rev D Kit, configure DDR IP as shown below. (If you are using Rev E Kit, see Appendix 3 - DDR3 Configuration.)

1. From the Catalog, drag the **PolarFire DDR3** IP core to SmartDesign.
2. In the **Create Component** dialog box, enter **DDR3_0** as the component name, and click **OK**.
3. In the left pane of the Configurator, expand Microsemi PolarFire Evaluation Kits > PolarFire Evaluation Kit > MPF300T.
4. Left-click **MT41K1G8SN-125**, and click **Apply**, as shown in the following figure.
   This configures the DDR3 controller with the initialization and timing parameters of the DDR3 memory (MT41K1G8SN-125) present on the PolarFire Evaluation Kit.

*Figure 12 •*  **Apply Option for MPF300T**



5.  On the **General** tab, set the **CCC PLL Clock Multiplier** to **8**, and the **DQ Width** to **16**, as shown in Figure 13, page 11.

    The clock multiplier value of **8** sets the CCC PLL reference clock frequency to 83.333 MHz. A reference clock of this frequency is required for the PLL present inside the DDR3 subsystem. The PLL generates a 666.666 MHz DDR3 memory clock frequency and a 166.666 MHz DDR3 AXI clock frequency.

    The DQ width is set to 16 to match the width of the DDR3 memory present on the board.

*Figure 13 •*  **DDR3 General Configuration**

6. On the **Controller** tab, ensure that the settings are as follows:
   • Instance Number: 0
   • Fabric Interface: AXI4
   • AXI ID Width: 4
   • Enable Rank0 - ODT0 check box: Selected

*Figure 14 •* **DDR3 Controller Configuration**



7. Retain the default settings for others tabs and click **OK**.

## 2.4.3.4    Instantiating APB3 Bus

1. From the Catalog, drag the **CoreAPB3** IP core to SmartDesign.
2. In the **Create Component** dialog box, enter **APB3** as the component name, and click **OK**.
3. In the CoreAPB3 Configurator, select the following data width and address configuration settings, as shown in the following figure:
   • APB Master Data Bus Width: 32-bit
   • Number of address bits driven by master: 16
   • Position in slave address of upper 4 bits of master address: [27:24] (Ignored if master address width >= 32 bits)
   • Enabled ABP Slave Slots: **Slot 0**, **Slot 1**, and **Slot 2**.
   This configuration sets the slave address map as follows:

   • Slot0: 0x0000 - 0x0FFF
   • Slot1: 0x1000 - 0x1FFF
   • Slot2: 0x2000 - 0x2FFF

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*Figure 15 •* **CoreAPB3 Configuration**



4. Click **OK**.

### 2.4.3.5 Instantiating UART Controller

1. From the Catalog, drag the **CoreUARTapb** IP core to SmartDesign.
2. In the **Create Component** dialog box, enter **UART_apb** as the component name, and click **OK**.
3. In the CoreUARTapb Configurator, retain the default configuration, and click **OK**.

### 2.4.3.6 Instantiating the GPIO Controller

1. From the Catalog, drag the **CoreGPIO** IP core to SmartDesign.
2. In the **Create Component** dialog box, enter Core**GPIO_0** as the component name, and click **OK**.
3. In the CoreGPIO Configurator, select the following **Global Configuration** settings, as shown in the following figure:
   - APB Data Width: 32
   - Number of I/Os: 4
   - Single-bit interrupt port: Disabled
   - Output enable: Internal
4. Under **I/O bit 0**, **I/O bit 1**, **I/O bit 2**, and **I/O bit 3**, do the following, as shown in the following figure:
   - Select **Fixed Config**.
   - Set the I/O type as **Output**.
   - Select the interrupt type as **Disabled**.
   
   Four GPIO outputs are configured.

*Figure 16 •* **CoreGPIO Configuration**



5.  Click **OK** to close the CoreGPIO Configurator.

### 2.4.3.7  Instantiating CoreSPI

The PolarFire Evaluation board contains two SPI Flash memories. One SPI Flash is connected to the System Controller SPI interface (SC_SPI) for design initialization. The CoreSPI IP is used to interface with the other SPI Flash, which is connected to the fabric I/Os. To instantiate CoreSPI:

1.  From the Catalog, drag the **CoreSPI** IP core to SmartDesign.
2.  In the **Create Component** dialog box, enter **SPI_Controller** as the component name, and click **OK**.
3.  In the CoreSPI Configurator, do the following:
    - Set the **APB Data Width** to **32**
    - In the **SPI Configuration** section, set the mode to **Motorola**, frame size to **8**, FIFO depth to **32**, and clock rate to **16**.
    - In the **Motorola Configuration** section, set the mode to **Mode 0**, and select the **Keep SSEL active** check box.

*Figure 17 •* **CoreSPI Configuration**



4. Click **OK**.

## 2.4.3.8 Instantiating PolarFire Clock Conditioning Circuitry (CCC)

The PolarFire Clock Conditioning Circuitry (CCC) block generates a 83.333 MHz clock to the processor subsystem, which is used as a reference clock to the DDR3_0_0 PLL. To instantiate the CCC block:

1. From the Catalog, drag the **Clock Conditioning Circuitry (CCC)** core to SmartDesign.
2. In the **Create Component** dialog box, enter **CCC_0** as the component name, and click **OK**.
3. In the Configurator, set the configuration to **PLL-Single**.
4. In the **Clock Options PLL** tab, do the following:
   • Set the input frequency to 50 MHz.
   • Under **Power/Jitter**, select **Maximize VCO for Lowest Jitter**.
   • Set the feedback mode to **Post-VCO**.
   • Set the Bandwidth to **High**.

*Figure 18 •* **CCC Configurator Clock Options PLL Tab**



5.  In the **Output Clocks** tab, under the **Output Clock 0** section, do the following:
    •   Select the **Enabled** check box to enable PLL output 0.
    •   Set the requested frequency to 83.333 MHz.
    •   Select the **Global Clock** check box.

*Figure 19 •* **CCC Configurator Output Clocks Tab**



6.  Click **OK** and acknowledge the pop-up.

### 2.4.3.9 Instantiating PolarFire Initialization Monitor

The PolarFire Initialization Monitor is used to get the status of device initialization including the TCM initialization. To instantiate the PolarFire Initialization Monitor:

1. From the Catalog, drag the **PolarFire Initialization Monitor** core to SmartDesign.
2. In the **Create Component** dialog box, enter **INIT_Monitor** as the component name, and click **OK**.
3. In the INIT_MONITOR Configurator > **Bank Monitor** tab, clear all the check boxes under **Calibration Monitor** except for **BANK1_CALIB_STATUS**, and click **OK**.
4. In the INIT_MONITOR Configurator >VDDI Monitor tab, clear all the check boxes under VDDI Monitor except for BANK_6_VDDI_STATUS, and click **OK**.

*Figure 20 •* **INIT_MONITOR Configuration**



### 2.4.3.10 Instantiating CORERESET_PF

Two instances of the CORERESET_PF IP are required in this design.

1. From the Catalog, drag the CORERESET_PF IP.
2. In the Component Name dialog box, enter reset_syn_0 as the name of this component, and click **OK**.
3. Retain the default configuration for this IP and click **OK**.
4. Similarly, instantiate another instance with reset_syn_1 as its name.

### 2.4.3.11 Instantiating CoreJTAGDebug

The CoreJTAGDebug IP connects the Mi-V soft processor to the JTAG header for debugging. To instantiate CoreJTAGDebug:

1. From the Catalog, drag the **CoreJTAGDebug** IP core to SmartDesign.
2. In the Create Component window, enter **COREJTAGDebug_0** as the component name, and click **OK**.
3. In the Configurator, retain the default configuration, and click **OK**.

The following figure shows the top in SmartDesign after all the components are instantiated.

*Figure 21 •* **Top SmartDesign with All Components Instantiated**



## 2.4.4    Connecting IP Instances in SmartDesign

Connect the IP blocks in SmartDesign using any of the following methods:

*   **Using the Connection Mode icon**: You can initiate the connection mode in SmartDesign by clicking the **Connection Mode** icon in the SmartDesign toolbar, as shown in the following figure. The cursor changes from a normal arrow to the shape of the connection mode icon. To make a connection in this mode, click the first pin and drag it to the second pin that you want to connect.

*Figure 22 •* **Connection Method**



*   **Using the *Connect* option in the Context menu:** You can also connect pins by selecting the pins, and then selecting **Connect** from the context menu. To connect multiple pins, hold down the Ctrl key while selecting the pins. Right-click the input source signal, and select **Connect**. To disconnect signals, right-click the input source signal, and select **Disconnect**.
*   Right-clicking on a pin provides a list of options like Mark Unused, Edit Slice, Tie Low, Promote to Top-Level, and Tie High. Use these options for individual pins settings.

Figure 23, page 19 shows the Mi-V subsystem in SmartDesign with all IP blocks connected and top-level I/Os.

*Figure 23 •* **Mi-V Subsystem Connected**



**Note:** Grayed out pins are marked unused, green pins are tied Low, and red pins are tied High. Ensure that **unused**, **tied-low**, and **tied-high** pins are strictly set as per Figure 23, page 19.

Follow these steps to connect the IP blocks as per Figure 23, page 19:

1. Set the pins as follows on INIT_MONITOR_0:
   • Select PCIE_INIT_DONE, USRAM_INIT_DONE, SRAM_INIT_DONE, XCVR_INIT_DONE, USRAM_INIT_FROM_SNVM_DONE, USRAM_INIT_FROM_UPROM_DONE, USRAM_INIT_FROM_SPI_DONE, SRAM_INIT_FROM_SNVM_DONE, SRAM_INIT_FROM_UPROM_DONE, SRAM_INIT_FROM_SPI_DONE, and AUTOCALIB_DONE pins.
   • Right-click the pins, and select **Mark Unused**.
   • Connect the FABRIC_POR_N pin to FPGA_POR_N pin of reset_syn_0 and reset_syn_1.
   • Connect the DEVICE_INIT_DONE pin to reset_syn_0:INIT_DONE.
   • Connect the BANK_1_CALIB_STATUS pin to reset_syn_1:INIT_DONE.
   • Connect the BANK_6_VDDI_STATUS pin to reset_syn_0:BANK_x_VDDI_STATUS, reset_syn_0:BANK_y_VDDI_STATUS, reset_syn_1:BANK_x_VDDI_STATUS, and reset_syn_1:BANK_y_VDDI_STATUS.
2. Set the pins as follows on CCC_0_0:
   • Right-click the REF_CLK_0 pin, and select **Promote to Top Level**.
   • Connect the other pins as specified in the following table:

*Table 2 •* **CCC_0_0 Pin Connections**

| Connect From | Connect To |
|---|---|
| PLL_LOCK_0 | reset_syn_0:PLL_LOCK and reset_syn_1:PLL_LOCK |
| OUT0_FABCLK_0 | reset_syn_0:CLK and reset_syn_1:CLK |
| | MIV_RV32:CLK |
| | DDR3_0_0:PLL_REF_CLK |
| | SPI_Controller_0:PCLK |
| | UART_apb_0:PCLK |
| | COREGPIO_0:PCLK AXI4_Interconnect_0:ACLK |
| PLL_POWERDOWN_N_0 | reset_syn_0:PLL_POWERDOWN_B |

3.  Set the pins of reset_syn_0 as follows:
    • Connect EXT_RST_N pin to DDR3_0_0:CTRLR_READY.
    • Right-click SS_BUSY and FF_US_RESTORE pins and tie them low.
4.  Connect the reset_syn_0:FABRIC_RESET_N to the following pins:
    • MIV_RV32_C0 : RESETN
    • AXI4_Interconnect_0:ARESETN
    • UART_apb_0:PRESETN
    • COREGPIO_0:PRESETN
    • SPI_Controller_0:PRESETN

**Note:** As DDR3_0_0:CTRL_READY pin is connected to reset_syn_0:EXT_RST_N, the Mi-V processor is held in reset until the DDR3 controller is ready. The rest of the system is out of reset as soon as device initialization is done.

5.  Set the pins of reset_syn_1 as follows:
    • Right-click SS_BUSY and FF_US_RESTORE pins and tie them low using the Tie Low option.
    • Select the EXT_RST_N pin and promote it to top level and rename it to resetn.
    • Connect the FABRIC_RESET_N pin to DDR3_0_0:SYS_RESET_N.
    • Right-click the PLL_POWERDOWN_B pin and mark it unused.
6.  Set the pins as follows on COREJTAGDebug_0_0:
    • Expand **JTAG HEADER**.
    • Right-click the TDI, TCK, TMS, and TRSTB pins, and select **Promote to Top Level**.
    • Expand **JTAG HEADER**.
    • Right-click the TDO pin, and select **Promote to Top Level**.
    • Connect the other pins as specified in the following table.

*Table 3 •* **DEBUG_TARGET Pin Connections**

| Connect From | Connect to |
|---|---|
| CoreJTAGDebug_0_0:TGT_TCK_0 | MIV_RV32_C0:JTAG_TCK |
| CoreJTAGDebug_0_0:TGT_TRSTB_0 | MIV_RV32_C0:JTAG_TRSTN |
| CoreJTAGDebug_0_0:TGT_TMS_0 | MIV_RV32_C0:JTAG_TMS |
| CoreJTAGDebug_0_0:TGT_TDI_0 | MIV_RV32_C0:JTAG_TDI |
| CoreJTAGDebug_0_0:TGT_TDO_0 | MIV_RV32_C0:JTAG_TDO |

7.  Set the pins as follows on MIV_RV32_C0:

- Right-click the JTAG_TDO_DR pin, and select **Mark Unused**.
- Right-click the EXT_RESETN pin, and select **Mark Unused**.
- Connect APB_MSTR to APB3_0:APB3mmaster.
- Connect AXI4_MSTR to AXI4_Interconnect_0:AXI4mmaster0.

8. Connect the AXI4_Interconnect_0 pins as specified in the following table.

*Table 4 •*   **AXI4_Interconnect_0 Pin Connections**

| AXI4_Interconnect_0 Pin Name | Connect To |
| --- | --- |
| S_CLK0 | DDR3_0_0:SYS_CLK |
| AXI4mslave0 | DDR3_0_0:AXI4slave0 |

9. Connect the APB3_0 pins as specified in the following table.

*Table 5 •*   **APB3_0 Pin Connections**

| Connect From | Connect To |
| --- | --- |
| APB3_0:APBmslave0 | UARTapb_0:APB_bif |
| APB3_0:APBmslave1 | COREGPIO_0:APB_bif |
| APB3_0:APBmslave2 | SPI_Controller_0:APB_bif |

10. Set the pins as follows on DDR3_0_0:
    - Right-click the PLL_LOCK output pin, and select **Mark Unused**.
    - Right-click the CTRLR_READY pin, and select **Promote to Top Level** for debug purpose. The CTRLR_READY signal is used to monitor the status of the DDR controller.
    - Ensure that the other pins are promoted to top level.
11. Set the pins as follows on SPI_Controller_0:
    - Right-click the SPISSI pin, and select **Tie High**.
    - Right-click the SPICLKI pin, and select **Tie Low**.
    - Right-click the SPIINT, SPIRXAVAIL, SPITXRFM, SPIOEN, and SPIMODE pins, and select **Mark Unused**.
    - Right-click the SPISDI, SPISCLKO and SPISDO pins, and select **Promote to Top Level**.
12. Right-click the SPISS[7:0] pin, select **Edit Slices**, and edit the slices shown in the following figure.

**Note:** In this tutorial, a single SPI Flash is used. Hence, while settings the pins of the SPI_Controller_0 block, we need only 0th bit of the SPISS. Bits 1:7 need to be sliced and marked as unused.

*Figure 24 •*   **Edit Slices Window**

- Right-click the SPISS[7:1] pin, and select **Mark Unused**.
- Right-click the SPISS[0] pin, and select **Promote to Top Level**.
13. Set the pins as follows on UARTapb_0:
    - Right-click the RX and TX pins, and select **Promote to Top Level**.
    - Right-click the TXRDY, RXRDY, PARITY_ERR, OVERFLOW, FRAMING_ERR pins, and select **Mark Unused**.
14. Set the pins as follows on GPIO_0:
    - Right-click the GPIO_IN[3:0] pin, and select **Tie Low**.
    - Right-click the INT[3:0] pin, and select **Mark Unused**.
    - Right-click the GPIO_OUT[3:0] pin, and select **Promote to Top Level**.
15. Right-click the top SmartDesign canvas, and select **Auto Arrange Layout**.
16. Click **File** > **Save top**.

The IP blocks are successfully connected. Figure 23, page 19 shows all the IP blocks of the Mi-subsystem connected.

## 2.4.5 Generating SmartDesign Component

To generate the SmartDesign component:

1. In **Design Hierarchy**, right-click **top**, and select **Set As Root**.
2. Save the project.
3. Click the **Generate Component** icon (shown in the following figure) on the SmartDesign toolbar.

*Figure 25 •* **Generate Component Icon**



When the Mi-V component is generated, the **Message** window displays the message, "The top was generated successfully."

4. Select the **Build Hierarchy** option and save the project.

## 2.4.6 Managing Timing Constraints

Before running the Libero design flow, you must derive the timing constraints and import the JTAG and asynchronous clocking constraints.

## 2.4.6.1 Deriving Constraints

To derive constraints:

1. Double-click **Manage Constraints** on the **Design Flow** tab.
2. In the **Manage Constraints** window, select the **Timing** tab, and click **Derive Constraints**, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 26 •* **Derive Constraints Button**



The design hierarchy is built, and the `top_derived_constraints.sdc` file is generated in the project folder.

In the dialog box that appears, click **Yes** to associate the SDC file to the Synthesis, Place and Route, and Timing Verification tools, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 27 •* **Derived Constraints**



3. Save the project.

### 2.4.6.2 Importing Other Constraint Files

The JTAG clock constraint and the asynchronous clocks constraint must be imported. These constraints (.sdc) files are available in the `DesignFiles_directory\Source` folder.

To import and map the constraint files:

1. On the **Timing** tab, click **Import**.
2. Navigate to the `DesignFiles_directory\Source` folder, and select the `timing_user_constraints.sdc` file.
3. Select the **Synthesis**, **Place and Route**, and **Timing Verification** check boxes next to the `timing_user_constraints.sdc` file.
   This constraint file defines that the CCC_0_0 output clock and DDR3_0_0 AXI clock are asynchronous clocks.
4. Save the project.

## 2.4.7 Running the Libero Design Flow

This section describes the Libero design flow, which involves the following steps:

- Synthesis
- Place and Route
- Verify Timing
- Generate FPGA Array Data
- Configure Design Initialization Data and Memories
- Generate Design Initialization Data
- Generate Bitstream
- Run PROGRAM Action
- Generate SPI Flash Image
- Run PROGRAM_SPI_IMAGE Action

After each step is completed, a green tick mark appears next to the step on the Design Flow tab.

**Note:** To initialize the TCM in PolarFire using the system controller, a local parameter **I_cfg_hard_tcm0_en**, in the `miv_rv32_opsrv_cfg_pkg.v` file should be changed to 1'b1 prior to synthesis. See the 2.7 TCM section in the *MIV_RV32 Handbook*.

### 2.4.7.1 Synthesis

To synthesize the design:

1. Right-click Synthesis, select **Configure Options** and disable the **Enable automatic compile point** checkbox.
2. Double-click **Synthesis** on the **Design Flow** tab.
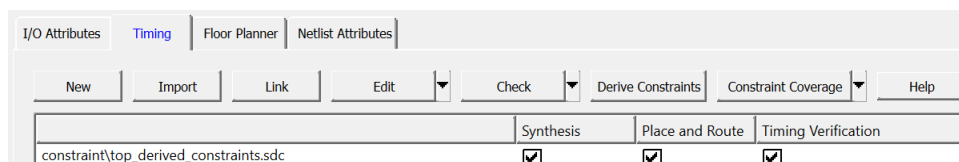   When the synthesis is complete, a green tick mark appears next to **Synthesize**.
3. Right-click **Synthesize** and select **View Report** to view the synthesis report in the **Reports** tab.

### 2.4.7.2 Place and Route

The place and route process requires the following steps to be completed:

- Selecting the already imported `io_constraints.pdc` file
- Placing the DDR3_0_0 block using the I/O Editor
- Ensuring all the I/Os are locked

To complete these steps and to place and route the design:

1. Double-click **Manage Constraints** on the **Design Flow** tab.
2. On the **I/O Attributes** tab, select the check box next to the `io_constraints.pdc` file, as shown in the following figure. The `io_constraints.pdc` file contains the I/O assignment for reference clock, UART, GPIO, and SPI interfaces, and other top-level I/Os.

*Figure 28 •* **I/O Attributes**



3. From the **Edit** drop-down list, select **Edit with I/O Editor**, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 29 •* **Edit with I/O Editor Option**



4. In the I/O Editor, click the **Port View [active]** tab, and lock the CTRLR_READY port to pin C27, as shown in the following figure. This ensures that the CTRLR_READY port is assigned to pin C27, which is connected to an user LED for debug purposes.

*Figure 30 •* **Port View**



5. To place the DDR3 I/O lanes, In the I/O Editor Design View, click the **Port** tab in the left pane, and select **DDR3**, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 31 •* **I/O Editor Design View – DDR3 Selection**



6. Drag and place the DDR3 subsystem on the **NORTH_NE** side, as shown in the following figure. The DDR3 memory on the board is connected to DDR I/Os present on the north-east side.

*Figure 32 •* **Memory View [active] Tab with DDR3 Subsystem Placement**



The DDR3 subsystem is placed on the NORTH_NE side, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 33 •* **DDR3_0 Placed**



7. From I/O Editor **Port View** tab, check if there are any unlocked I/Os, and lock them as mapped in the `io_constraints.pdc` file available in the `Design_Files_Directory\Source\io` folder.
8. Click **Save**.
9. Close the I/O Editor.
   A `user.pdc` file is created for DDR3_0_0 block in the **Constraint Manager** > **I/O Attributes** and **Floor Planner** tabs.

**Note:** DDR3_0_0 can also be placed using the `fp_constraints.pdc.` Import the `fp_constraints.pdc` from **Constraint Manager** > **Floor Planner** tab and select the place and route option after synthesis. This constraint file is available in the `Design_Files_Directory\Source\fp` folder.

10. Double-click **Place and Route** from the **Design Flow** tab.
    When place and route is successful, a green tick mark appears next to **Place and Route**.

### 2.4.7.3 Verify Timing

1. Double-click **Verify Timing** on the **Design Flow** tab.
   When the design successfully meets the timing requirements, a green tick mark appears next to **Verify Timing**.
2. Right-click **Verify Timing** and select **View Report** to view the verify timing report in the **Reports** tab.

### 2.4.7.4 Generate FPGA Array Data

Double-click **Generate FPGA Array Data** on the **Design Flow** tab.

When the FPGA array data is generated, a green tick mark appears next to **Generate FPGA Array Data**.

### 2.4.7.5 Configure Design Initialization Data and Memories

The **Configure Design Initialization Data and Memories** step in the Libero design flow is used to configure the TCM initialization data and storage location. User can use µPROM, sNVM, or SPI Flash as storage location based on the size of the initialization data and design requirements. In this tutorial, the SPI Flash memory is used to store the TCM initialization data.

This process requires the user application executable file (HEX file) as input to initialize the TCM blocks after device power-up. The hex file is provided with the design files. For more information about building the user application, see Building the User Application Using SoftConsole.

**Note:** The HEX file available in the `DesignFiles_Directory\Source` folder is already modified to be compatible.

To generate an TCM initialization client and add it to an external SPI flash device:

1. Double-click **Configure Design Initialization Data and Memories** on the **Design Flow** tab.
2. On the **Fabric RAMs** tab, select **top/MIV_RV32_C0_0/MIV_RV32_C0_0/u_opsrv_0/gen_tcm0.u_opsrv_TCM_0/tcm_ram_macro .u_ram_0** from the list of logical instances, and click **Edit,** as shown in the following figure. The top/MIV_RV32_C0_0/MIV_RV32_C0_0/u_opsrv_0/gen_tcm0.u_opsrv_TCM_0/tcm_ram_macro.u_r am_0 instance is the MIV_RV32 processor's main memory. The System Controller initializes this instance with the imported client at power-up.

*Figure 34 •* **Fabric RAMs Tab**



| | Logical Instance Name | PORTA Depth * Width | PORTB Depth * Width | Memory Content |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | DDR3_0_0/DDRPHY_BLK_0/IOD_TRAINING_0/COREDDR_TIP_INT_U/LANE_ALIGNMENT/genblk1[1].FIFO_BLK/ram_simple_dp/mem[63:0] | 3x64 | 3x64 | No content |
| 16 | DDR3_0_0/DDRPHY_BLK_0/IOD_TRAINING_0/COREDDR_TIP_INT_U/TIP_CTRL_BLK/TRN_CLK/cmd_addr_trainer/indly[7:0] | 8x8 | 8x8 | No content |
| 17 | DDR3_0_0/DDRPHY_BLK_0/IOD_TRAINING_0/COREDDR_TIP_INT_U/TIP_CTRL_BLK/TRN_CLK/cmd_addr_trainer/outdly[7:0] | 8x8 | 8x8 | No content |
| 18 | DDR3_0_0/MSC_i_0/MSC_i_1/MSC_i_8/MSC_i_12/MSC_i_115/MSC_i_135/mem[94:0] | 16x95 | 16x95 | No content |
| 19 | DDR3_0_0/MSC_i_0/MSC_i_1/MSC_i_8/MSC_i_12/MSC_i_13/MSC_i_44/mem[128:0] | 1024x129 | 1024x129 | No content |
| 20 | DDR3_0_0/MSC_i_0/MSC_i_1/MSC_i_8/MSC_i_12/MSC_i_137/MSC_i_140/mem[5:0] | 16x2 | 16x2 | No content |
| 21 | DDR3_0_0/MSC_i_0/MSC_i_1/MSC_i_8/MSC_i_12/MSC_i_45/MSC_i_76/mem[45:0] | 1024x46 | 1024x46 | No content |
| 22 | DDR3_0_0/MSC_i_0/MSC_i_1/MSC_i_8/MSC_i_12/MSC_i_77/MSC_i_80/mem[76:0] | 256x73 | 256x73 | No content |
| 23 | DDR3_0_0/MSC_i_0/MSC_i_1/MSC_i_8/MSC_i_12/MSC_i_81/MSC_i_84/mem[69:0] | 512x70 | 512x70 | No content |
| 24 | DDR3_0_0/MSC_i_0/MSC_i_1/MSC_i_8/MSC_i_12/MSC_i_85/MSC_i_114/mem[144:0] | 512x145 | 512x145 | No content |
| 25 | DDR3_0_0/MSC_i_0/MSC_i_1/MSC_i_8/MSC_i_187/wrtq_b_size[8:0] | 6x9 | 6x9 | No content |
| 26 | DDR3_0_0/MSC_i_0/MSC_i_1/MSC_i_8/MSC_i_217/MSC_i_218/MSC_i_219/gen_fifo_regs[0].nonresettable.fifo[63:0] | 32x14 | 32x14 | No content |
| 27 | DDR3_0_0/MSC_i_0/MSC_i_1/MSC_i_8/MSC_i_217/MSC_i_221/MSC_i_222/MSC_i_225/mem[63:0] | 32x64 | 32x64 | No content |
| 28 | MIV_RV32_C0_0/MIV_RV32_C0_0/u_opsrv_0/gen_tcm0.u_opsrv_TCM_0/tcm_ram_macro.u_ram_0 | 65536x32 | 65536x32 | C:/PF_task_jan_2021/test/TU0775/MiV_uart_blinky/MiV_uart_blinky.hex |
| 29 | MIV_RV32_C0_0/MIV_RV32_C0_0/u_opsrv_0/u_core_0/u_expipe_0/gen_gpr_ram.u_gpr_0/gen_gpr.u_gpr_array_0/mem[31:0] | 32x32 | 32x32 | No content |
| 30 | MIV_RV32_C0_0/MIV_RV32_C0_0/u_opsrv_0/u_core_0/u_expipe_0/gen_gpr_ram.u_gpr_0/gen_gpr.u_gpr_array_0/mem_1[31:0] | 32x32 | 32x32 | No content |
| 31 | SPI_Controller_0/SPI_Controller_0/USPI/URXF/fifo_mem_q[8] | 32x9 | 32x9 | Initialized |
| 32 | SPI_Controller_0/SPI_Controller_0/USPI/UTXF/fifo_mem_q[8] | 32x9 | 32x9 | Initialized |

3. In the **Edit Fabric RAM Initialization Client** dialog box, set **Storage type** to **SPI-Flash** and click the Import button next to **Content from file,** as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 35 •* **Edit Fabric RAM Initialization Client Dialog Box**



4. In the **Import Memory File** dialog box, locate the `MiV_uart_blinky.hex` file from `DesignFiles_directory\Source` folder. Select the "Use relative path from project directory" option.

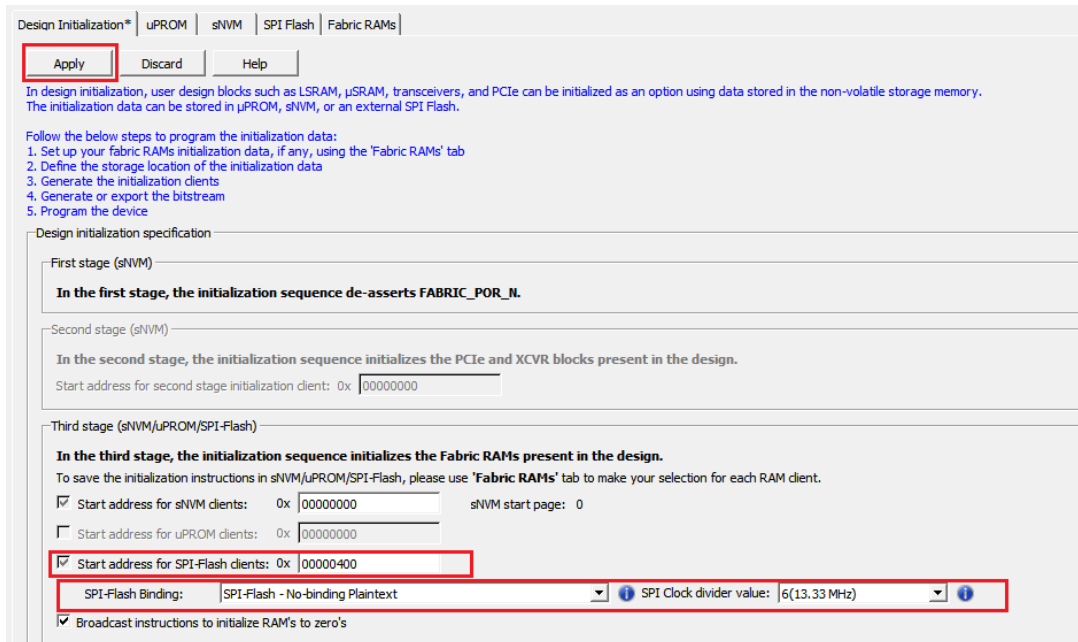*Figure 36 •* **Import Memory File Dialog Box**



5. In the **Edit Fabric RAM Initialization Client** window, click **OK**.
6. On the **Fabric RAMs** tab, click **Apply,** as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 37 •* **Fabric RAMs Tab - Apply Button**



7. In the **Design Initialization** tab, under Third stage (uPROM/sNVM/SPI-Flash), select the **SPI-Flash - No-binding Plaintext** option is selected and ensure that the SPI Clock divider value is set to 6, as shown in the following figure. This means that the imported user application will be written to SPI-Flash without encryption and authentication.

**Note:** The SPI Clock divider value specifies the required SPI SCK frequency to read the initialization data from SPI Flash. The SPI Clock divider value must be selected based on the external SPI Flash operating frequency range.

8. Click **Apply**.

*Figure 38 •* **Design Initialization Data**



This concludes the configuring of the storage type and application file for the fabric RAMs initialization.

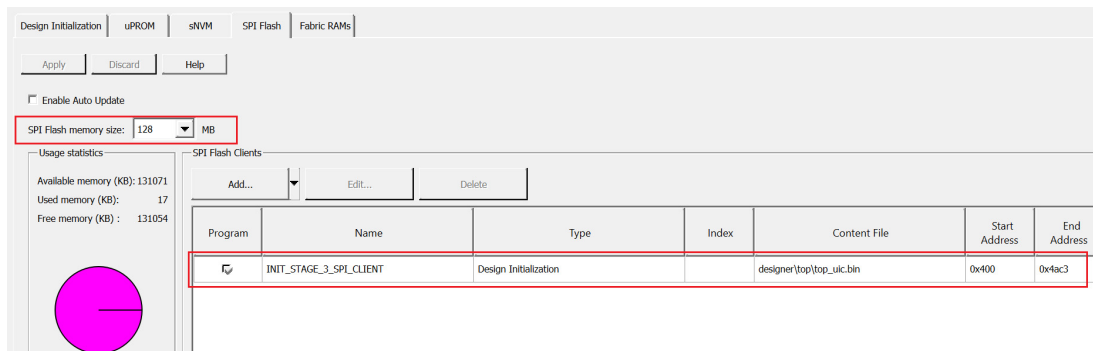## 2.4.7.6 Generate Design Initialization Data

1. Double-click **Generate Design Initialization Data** on the **Design Flow** tab.
   When the design initialization data is generated successfully, a green tick mark appears next to **Generate Design Initialization Data** in the Libero Design flow, and the following messages appear in the **Log** window:

   ```
   Info: 'Generate design initialization data' has completed successfully.

   Info: Stage 1 initialization client has been added to sNVM.

   Info: Stage 2_3 initialization client has been added to sNVM

   Info: Stage 3 initialization client has been added to SPI.
   ```

2. Click the **SPI Flash** tab to verify that the bin file has been added, as shown in Figure 39, page 28.

**Note:** In order to streamline the SPI-Flash Programming support with FlashPro6, effective from Libero SoC v12.4, the vendor information is replaced with the density of the target memory.

*Figure 39 •* **SPI Flash Tab**



**Note:** For more information about design initialization, see *UG0725: PolarFire FPGA Device Power-Up and Resets User Guide*.

### 2.4.7.7 Generate Bitstream

To generate the programming bitstream:

- Double-click **Generate Bitstream** on the **Design Flow** tab.
  When the bitstream is generated, a green tick mark appears next to **Generate Bitstream**.

### 2.4.7.8 Run PROGRAM Action

After generating the bitstream, the PolarFire Evaluation Board must be set up so the device is ready to be programmed. Also, the serial terminal emulation program (PuTTY) must be set up to view the output of the user application. This step involves the following:

1. Board Setup
2. Serial Terminal Emulation Program (PuTTY) Setup
3. Programming the PolarFire Device

#### 2.4.7.8.1 Board Setup

To set up the board:

1. Ensure that the jumper settings on the board are as listed in the following table.

*Table 6 •* **Jumper Settings**

| Jumper | Description |
| --- | --- |
| J18, J19, J20, J21, J22 | Short pins 2 and 3 for programming the PolarFire FPGA through FTDI. |
| J28 | Short pins 1 and 2 for programming through the on-board FlashPro5. |
| J26 | Short pins 1 and 2 for programming through the FTDI SPI. |
| J27 | Short pins 1 and 2 for programming through the FTDI SPI. |
| J23 | Open pins 1 and 2 for programming SPI flash. |
| J4 | Short pins 1 and 2 for manual power switching using SW3 |
| J12 | Short pins 3 and 4 for 2.5 V. |

**Note:** For more information about the Jumper locations on the board, see the silkscreen provided in *UG0747: PolarFire FPGA Evaluation Kit User Guide*.

2. Connect the power supply cable to the **J9** connector on the board.
3. Connect the host PC to the **J5** (USB) port on the PolarFire Evaluation Board using the USB cable.
4. Power on the board using the **SW3** slide switch.

#### 2.4.7.8.2 Serial Terminal Emulation Program (PuTTY) Setup
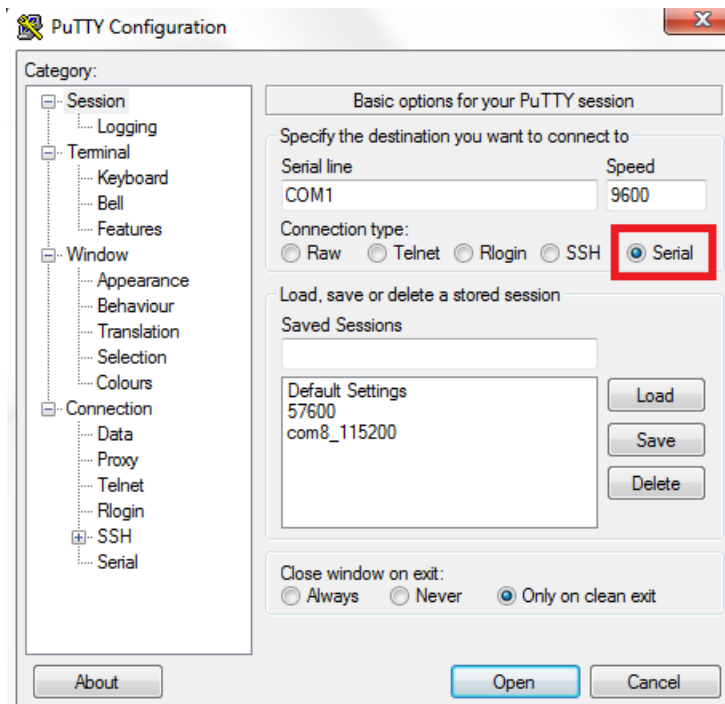
The user application (`MiV_uart_blinky.hex` file) prints the string **Hello World!** on the serial terminal through the UART interface.

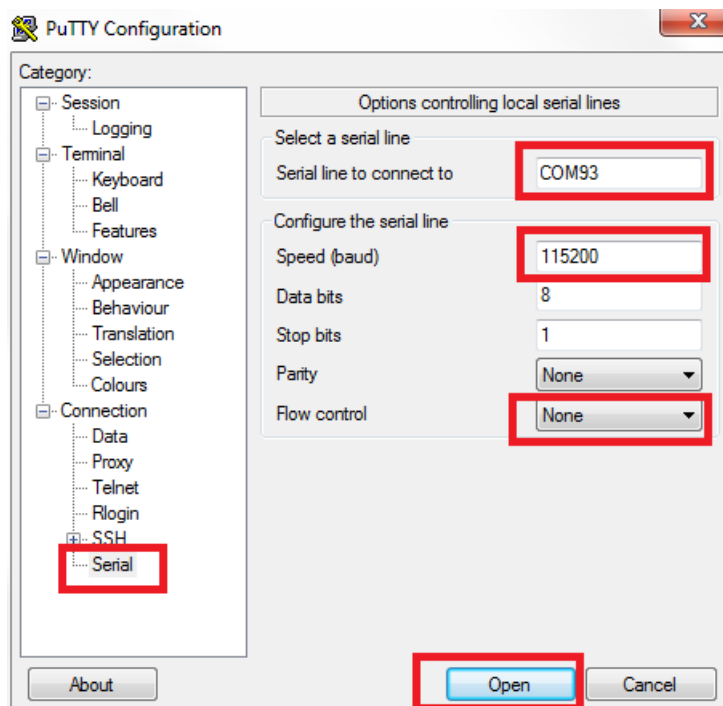Follow these steps to set up the serial terminal:

1. Start the PuTTY program.
2. Start Device Manager, note the second-highest COM port number, and use that in the PuTTY configuration. For example, in the list of ports shown in the following figure, COM93 is the port with the second highest number assigned to it.

*Figure 40 •* **COM Port Number**



3. Select **Serial** as the **Connection type**, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 41 •* **Connection Type Selection**



4. Set the serial line to connect to the COM port number noted in Step 3.
5. Set the **Speed (baud)** to **115200** and **Flow Control** to **None**, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 42 •* **PuTTY Configuration**



6. Click **Open**.

PuTTY opens successfully, and the serial terminal emulation program is set up.

### 2.4.7.8.3 Programming the PolarFire Device

To program the PolarFire device:

• Double-click **Run PROGRAM Action** on the **Design Flow** tab.
When the device is programmed, a green tick mark appears next to Run PROGRAM action.

### 2.4.7.9 Generate SPI Flash Image

To generate the SPI flash image:

• Double-click **Generate SPI Flash Image** on the **Design Flow** tab.
When the SPI file image is successfully generated, a green tick mark appears next to **Generate SPI Flash Image**.

## 2.4.7.10 Run PROGRAM_SPI_IMAGE Action

To program the SPI image:

1. Double-click **Run PROGRAM_SPI_IMAGE** on the **Design Flow** tab.
2. In the dialog box that appears, click **Yes**.
   When the SPI image is successfully programmed on to the device, a green tick mark appears next to **Run PROGRAM_SPI_IMAGE**.

After SPI flash programming is completed, the device needs to be reset to execute the application. The following sequence of operations occurs after device reset or power-cycling the board:

1. The PolarFire System Controller initializes the TCM with the user application code from the external SPI flash and releases the system reset.
2. The Mi-V processor exits reset after DDR3 controller is ready and executes the user application from the TCM. As a result, LEDs 4, 5, 6, and 7 blink, and the string **Hello World!** is printed on the serial terminal, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 43 •* **Hello World String**



3. When the board is power cycled, the device performs the same sequence of operations. As a result, LEDs 4, 5, 6, and 7 blink, and **Hello World!** is printed again on the serial terminal, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 44 •* **Hello World String After the Board is Power Cycled**

# 3 Building the User Application Using SoftConsole

This section describes how to build a RISC-V user application executable (.hex) file and debug it using SoftConsole.

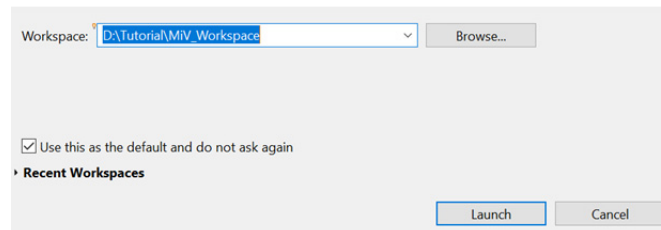Building the user application involves the following steps:

## 3.1 Creating a Mi-V SoftConsole Project

To create a Mi-V SoftConsole project:

1. Create a SoftConsole workspace folder on the host PC for storing SoftConsole projects. For example, `D:\Tutorial\MiV_Workspace`.
2. Start SoftConsole.
3. In the **Workspace Launcher** dialog box, paste `D:\Tutorial\MiV_Workspace` as the workspace location, and click **Launch,** as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 45 •* **Workspace Launcher**



When the workspace is successfully created, the SoftConsole main window opens.

4. Select **File** > **New** > **Project**, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 46 •* **New C Project Creation**



5. Expand **C/C++** and select **C Project** in the New Project dialog box.
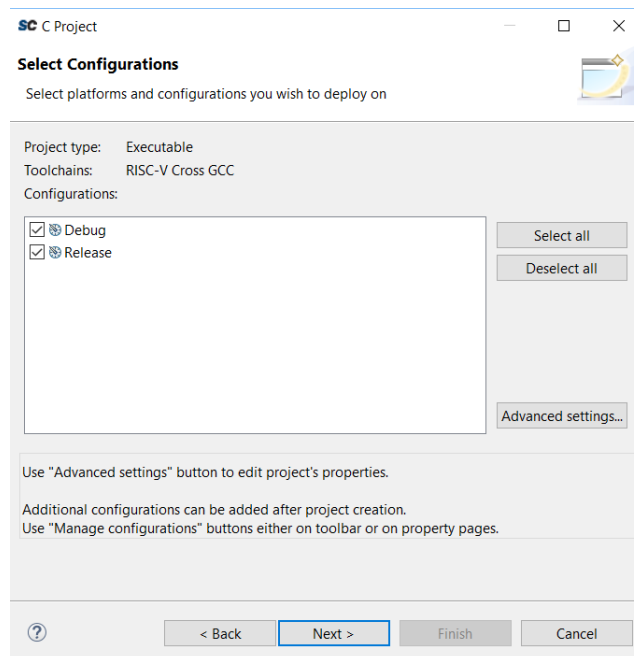
6. In the **C Project** dialog box, do the following:
   - Enter a name for the project in the **Project name** field. For example, MiV_uart_blinky.
   - In the **Project type** pane, expand **Executable**, and select **Empty Project** and the Toolchain as **RISC-V Cross GCC**, as shown in the following figure. Then, click **Next**.
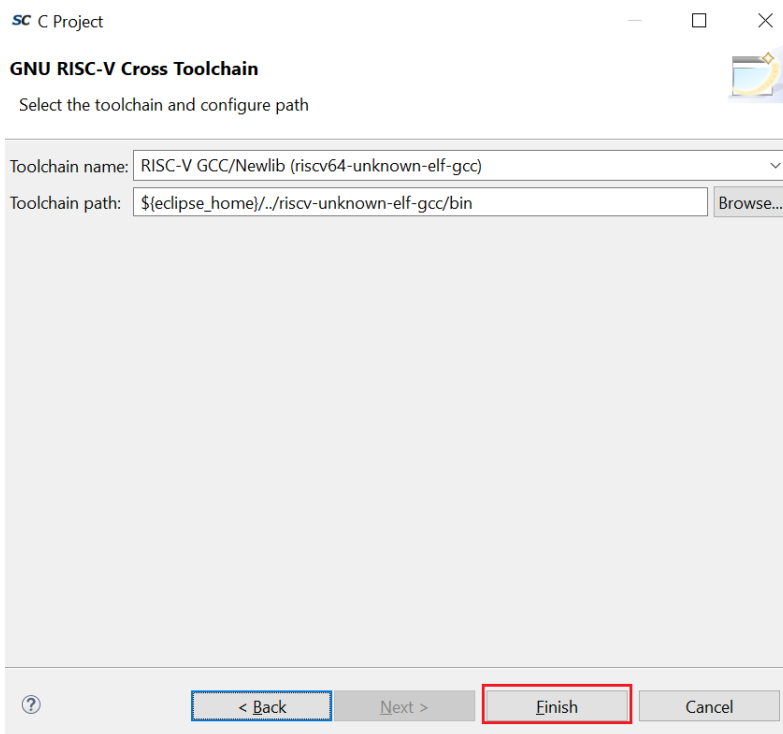
*Figure 47 •* **C Project Dialog Box**



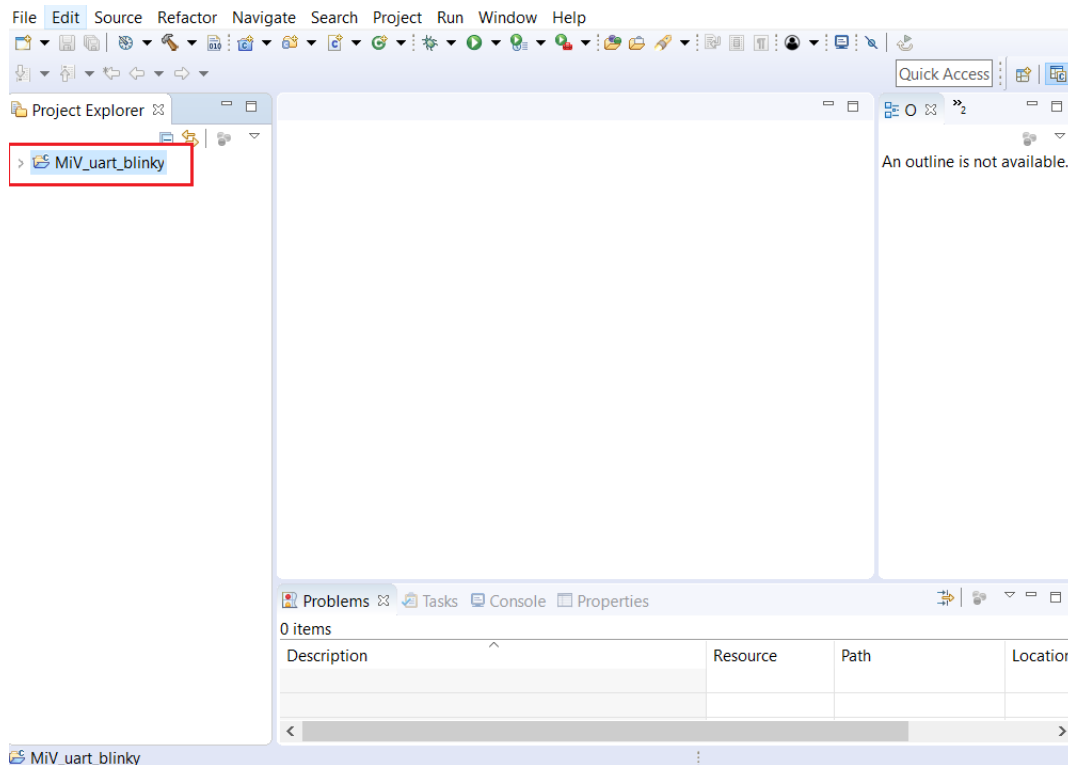7. After selecting the platforms and configurations you want to deploy, click **Next**.

*Figure 48 •* **Select Configurations Dialog Box**



8. Ensure that the Toolchain name and Toolchain path are as shown in Figure 49.

*Figure 49 •* **GNU RISC-V Cross Toolchain**



9. Click **Finish** in the **GNU RISC-V Cross Toolchain** wizard.
   An empty Mi-V project (MiV_uart_blinky) is created, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 50 •* **Empty Mi-V Project**

## 3.2 Downloading the Firmware Drivers

The empty Mi-V project requires the MIV_RV32 Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL) files and the following peripheral drivers:
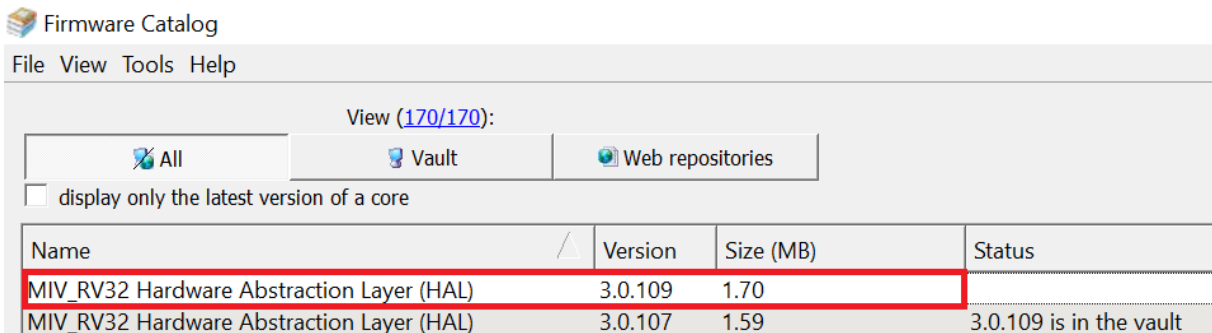
- CoreGPIO
- CoreUARTapb
- CoreSPI Driver

Download the MIV_RV32 HAL files and drivers using the **Firmware Catalog** application.

To download the drivers:

1. Create a folder named **firmware** in the Mi-V project workspace.
2. Open Firmware Catalog. The following figure shows the **Firmware Catalog** window.

*Figure 51 •* **Firmware Catalog Window**



3. If new cores are available, click **Download them now!**
4. Right-click **MIV_RV32 Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL)**, and select **Generate**.
5. In the **Generate Options** window, enter **D:\Tutorial\MiV_Workspace\firmware** as the project folder, and click **OK**.
   When the files are generated, the Reports window lists the files generated, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 52 •* **RISCV HAL Files Report**



6. Right-click **CoreUARTapb Driver**, and select **Generate**.
7. In the **Generate Options** window, enter **D:\Tutorial\MiV_Workspace\firmware** as the project folder, and click **OK**.
   When the files are generated, the **Reports** window lists the files, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 53 •* **CoreUARTapb Files Report**



8. Right-click **CoreGPIO Driver**, and select **Generate**.
9. In the **Generate Options** dialog box, enter **D:\Tutorial\MiV_Workspace\firmware** as the project folder, and click **OK**.

When the files are generated, the **Reports** window lists the files, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 54 •* **CoreGPIO Files Report**

Files generated in 'D:\Tutorial\MiV_Workspace\firmware':

drivers\CoreGPIO\coregpio_regs.h
drivers\CoreGPIO\core_gpio.c
drivers\CoreGPIO\core_gpio.h

10. Right-click **CoreSPI Driver**, and select **Generate**.
11. In the **Generate Options** window, enter **D:\tutorial\MiV_Workspace\firmware** as the project folder, and click **OK**.

    When the files are generated, the Reports window lists the files, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 55 •* **CoreSPI Driver Files Report**

Files generated in 'D:\Tutorial\MiV_Workspace\firmware':

drivers\CoreSPI\corespi_regs.h
drivers\CoreSPI\core_spi.c
drivers\CoreSPI\core_spi.h

The RISC-V HAL and firmware drivers are generated.

## 3.3 Importing the Firmware Drivers

After the driver files are downloaded, they must be imported into the empty project.
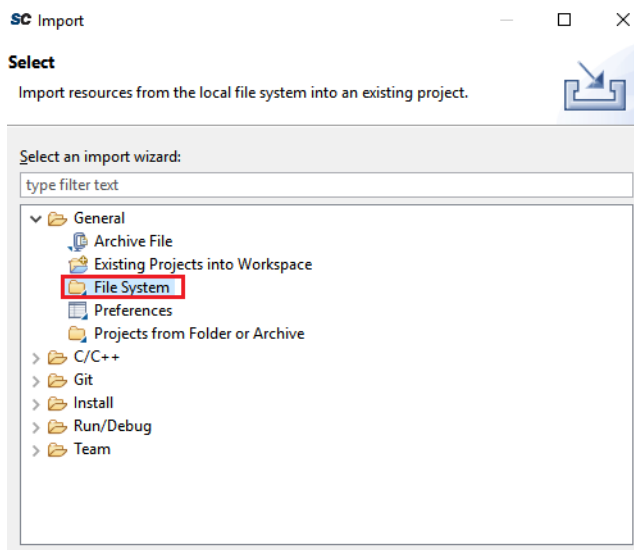
To import the drivers:

1. In SoftConsole, right-click the **MiV_uart_blinky** project, and select **Import**, as shown in the following figure.
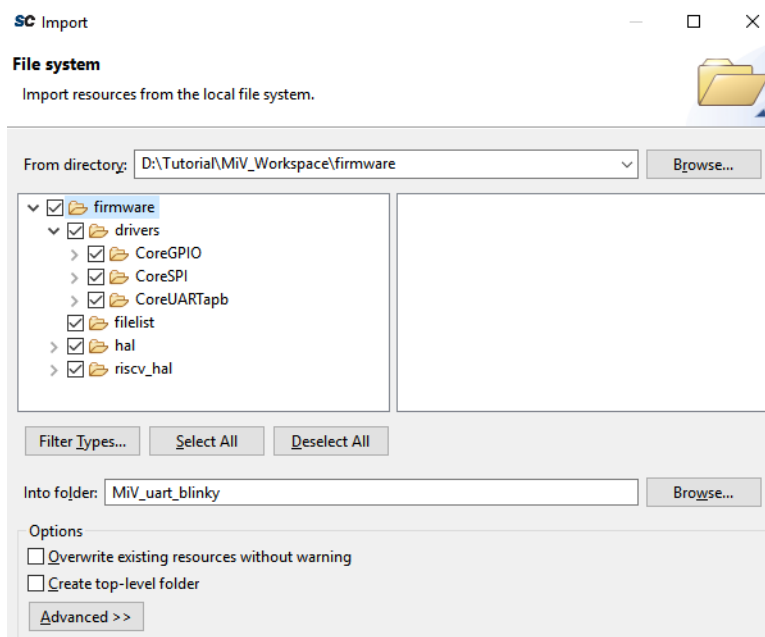
*Figure 56 •* **Import Option**

2.  In the **Import** dialog box, expand the **General** folder, and double-click **File System**, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 57 •* **Import Dialog Box**



3.  On the next page of the **Import** dialog box, do the following (see Figure 58):
    *   Click **Browse**, and locate the `D:\Tutorial\MiV_Workspace\firmware` folder.
    *   Select the **firmware** folder, and click **OK**.
    *   Expand the **firmware** folder, and select the **drivers**, **hal**, and riscv_hal folders.
    *   Click **Finish**.

*Figure 58 •* **Import Dialog Box - Page 2**



The miv_rv32_hal, hal, and driver files are imported into the **MiV_uart_blinky** project.

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## 3.4 Creating the main.c File
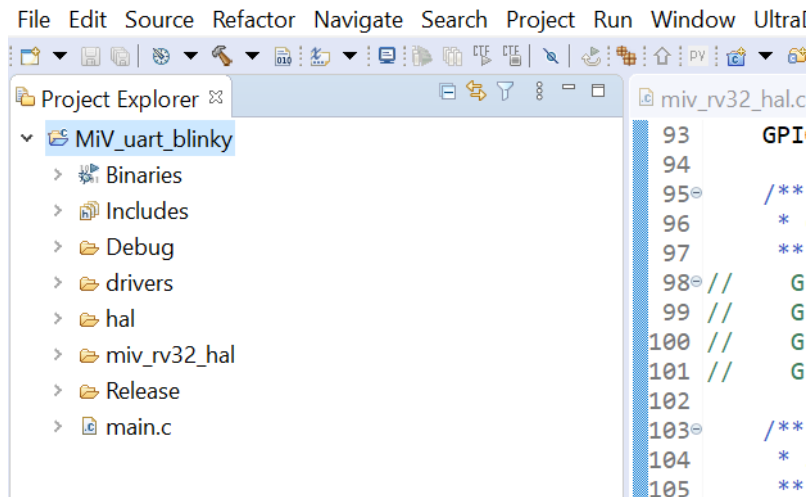
To update the main.c file:

1. On the SoftConsole menu, click **File** > **New** > **Source File**.
2. In the **New Source File** dialog box, enter main.c in the **Source file** field, and click **Finish**, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 59 •* **main.c File Creation**



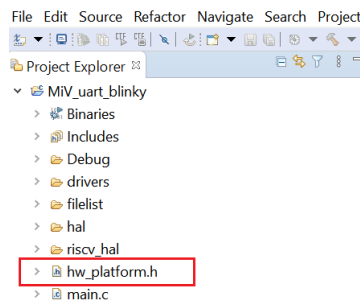The main.c file is created inside the project, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 60 •* **The main.c file**



3. Copy all of the content of the `DesignFiles_directory\Source\main.c` file, and paste it in the `main.c` file of the SoftConsole project.
4. Save the SoftConsole `main.c` file.
5. Similarly, create another file named `hw_platform.h`.
6. Copy all of the content of the `DesignFiles_directory\Source\hw_platform.h` file, and paste it in the newly created `hw_platform.h` file.

**Note:** The `hw_platform.h` file includes the system clock frequency, baud rate, and base addresses of peripherals. The `hw_platform.h` file appears as shown in Figure 61.
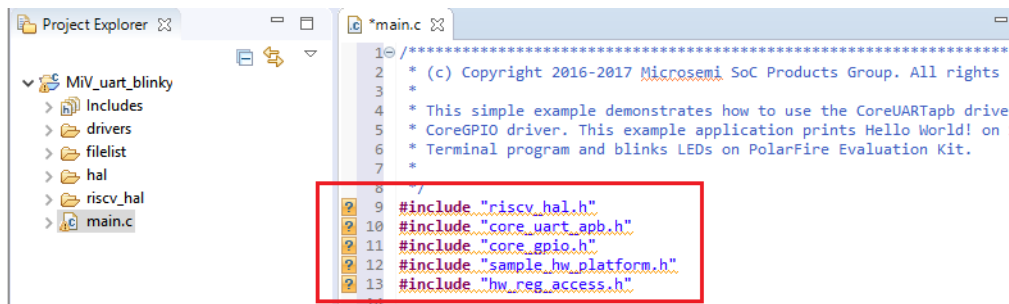
*Figure 61 •* The `hw_platform.h` File



## 3.5 Mapping Firmware Drivers and the Linker Script

At this stage, the drivers and the MIV_RV32 HAL files are not mapped. Therefore, the corresponding header files in the `main.c` file are unresolved, as shown in the following figure.
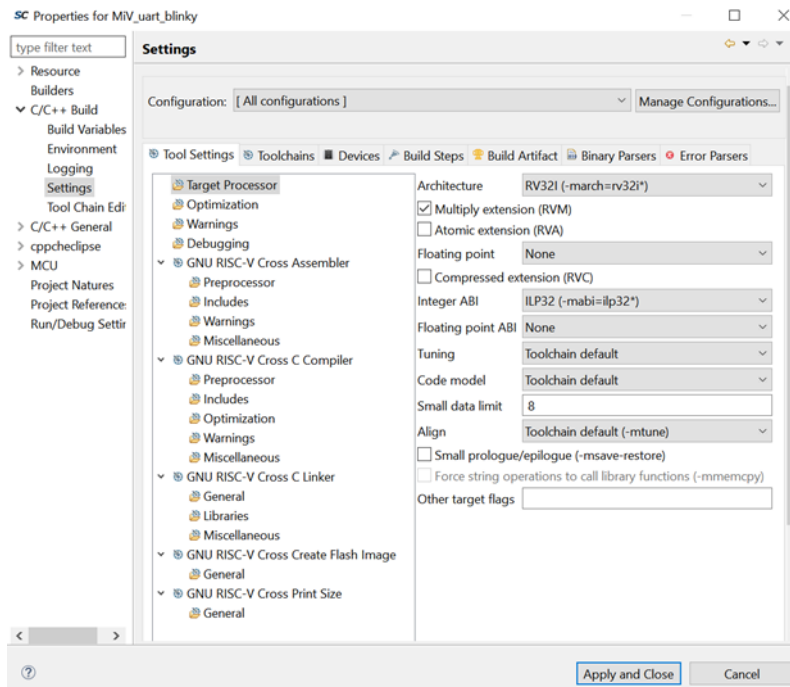
*Figure 62 •* **Unresolved Header Files**



To map the drivers and HAL files:

1. Right-click the MiV_uart_blinky project, and select **Properties**.
2. Expand **C/C++ Build**, and select **Settings**.
3. Set the configuration to **All Configurations**, as shown in the following figure. This setting applies the upcoming tool settings to both release and debug modes.

*Figure 63 •* **C/C++ Build Settings**



4. In the **Tool Settings** tab, expand **Target Processor**, and select the following settings:
   - Architecture: RV32I(-march=rv32i*)
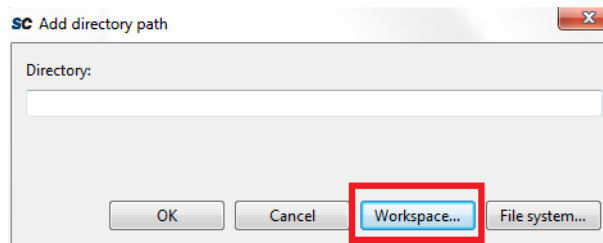   - Integer ABI: ILP32(-mabi=il32*)
   - Multiply extension: Enabled

**Figure 64 •** **Target Processor Tool Settings**



5. Expand **GNU RISC-V Cross C Compiler,** and select **Includes**.
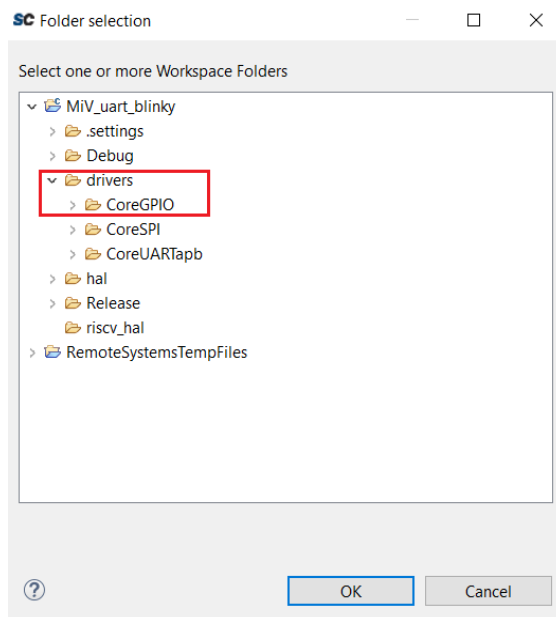6. Click **Add** to add the driver and MIV_RV32 HAL directories, as shown in the following figure.

**Figure 65 •** **GNU RISC-V Cross C Compiler Tool Settings**



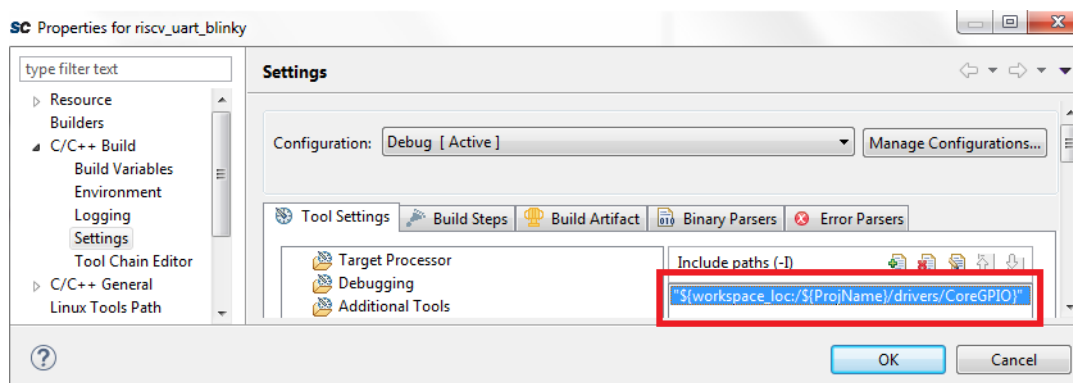**Note:** This application does not require including system paths and other files.

7. In the **Add directory path** dialog box, click **Workspace**, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 66 •* **Add Directory Path Dialog Box**



8.  In the **Folder Selection** dialog box, expand **MiV_uart_blinky project** > **drivers**, select the CoreGPIO folder, and click **OK**, as shown in the following figure.
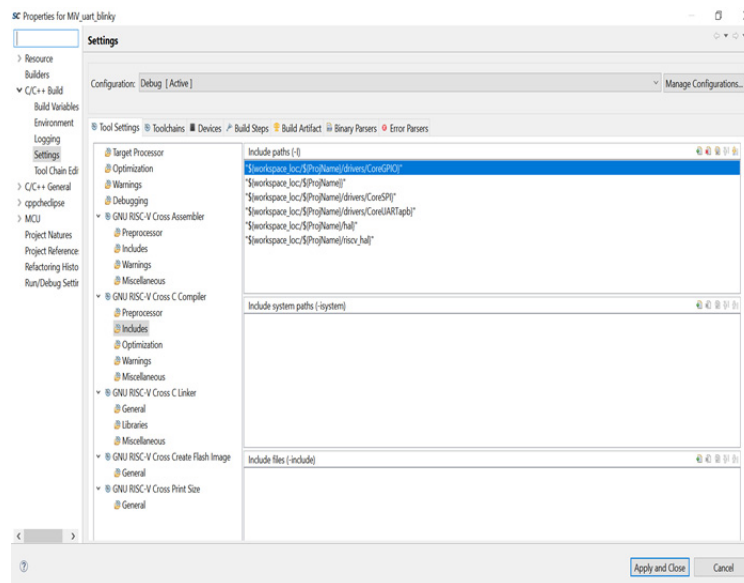
*Figure 67 •* **CoreGPIO Folder Selection**



9.  In the **Add directory path** dialog box, click **OK**.
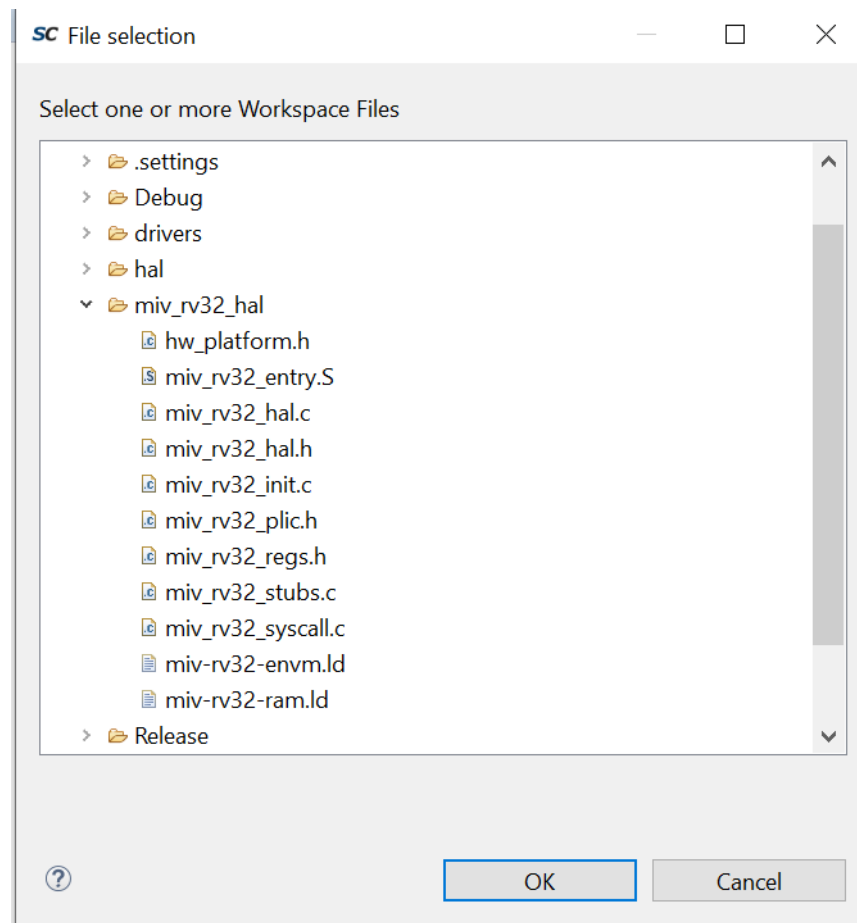    The CoreGPIO folder path is added, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 68 •* **Tool Settings Tab with CoreGPIO Path Added**



10. Repeat the preceding steps to add the CoreUARTapb, CoreSPI, hal, MIV_RV32_HAL, and MiV_uart_blinky (ProjName) folder paths.
    The drivers and MIV_RV32_HAL files are successfully mapped, as shown in Figure 69.
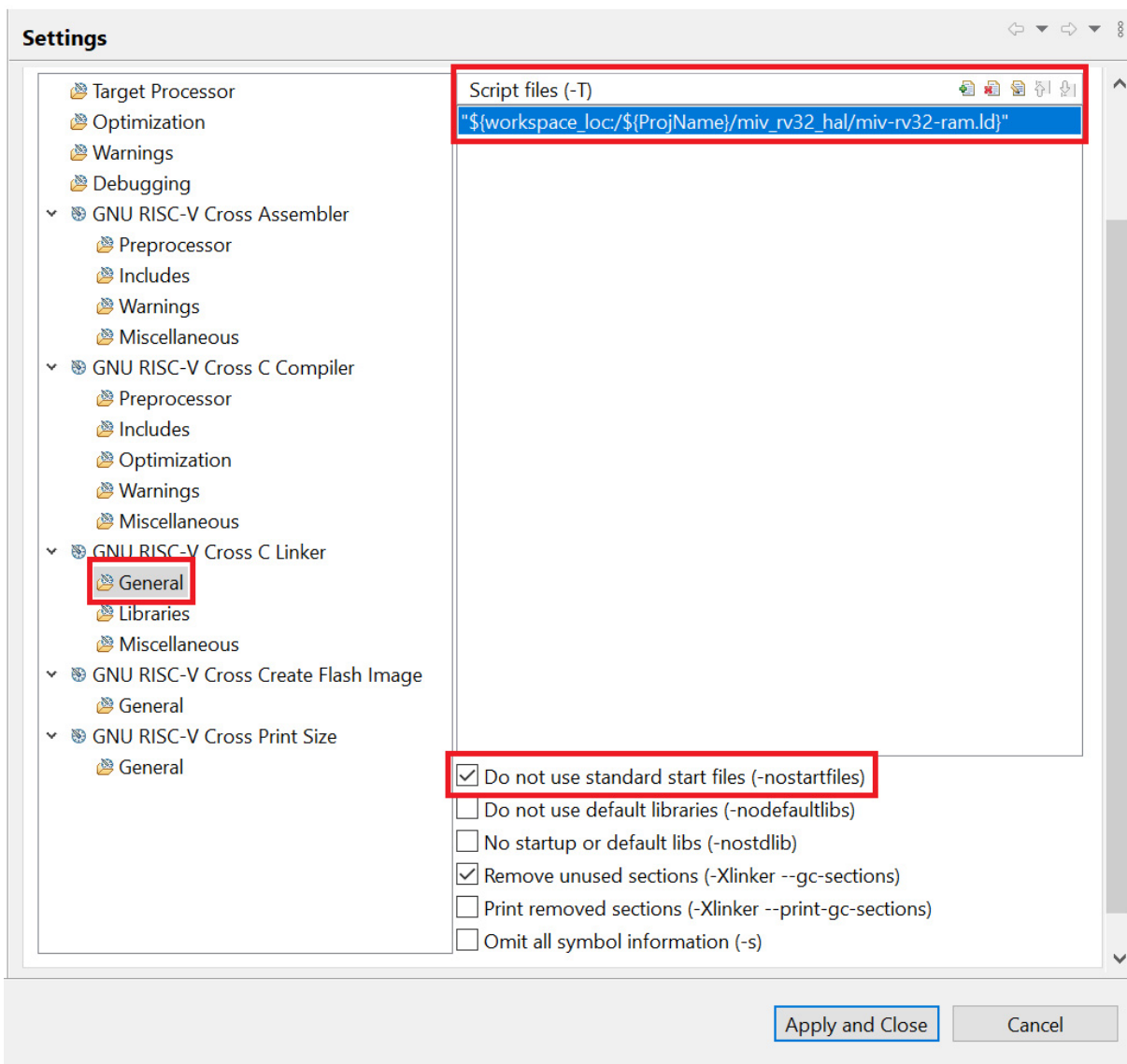
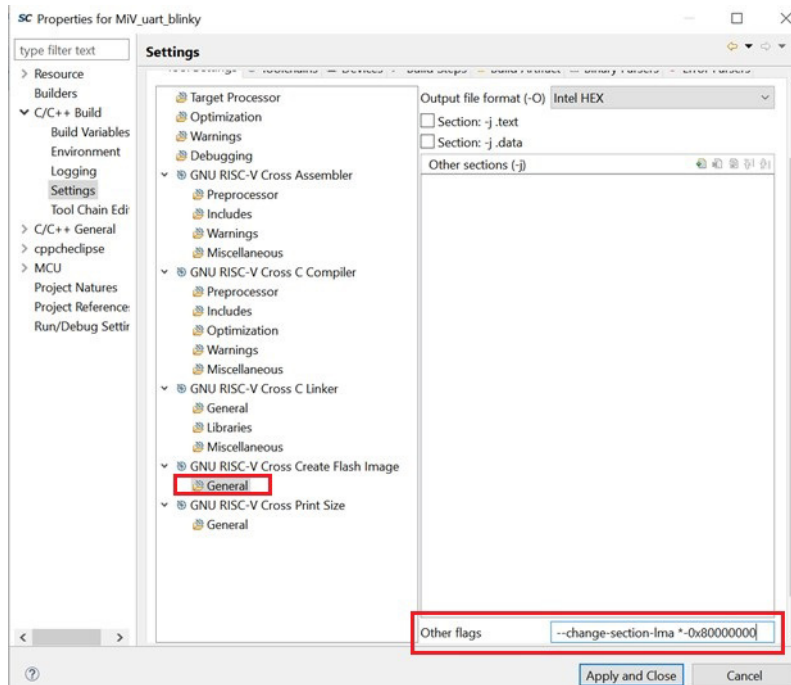*Figure 69 •* **Tool Settings Tab After Successful Mapping**



11. Select the **GNU RISC-V Cross C Linker > General** to map the linker script.
12. Click **Add** as shown in Figure 65, and in the Add file path dialog, click **Workspace** as shown in Figure 66.
13. In the File Selection dialog box, expand MiV_uart_blinky and select the linker script as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 70 •* **Selecting the Linker Script**



14. The linker script is mapped as shown in Figure 71.

*Figure 71 •* **Linker Script Default Mapping**



15. Select the Do not use standard start files (-nostartfiles) option as shown in Figure 71.
16. Select the **GNU RISC-V Cross Create Flash Image > General** and set Other Flags to "`--change-section-lma *-0x80000000`" as shown in Figure 72. This excludes the extended linear record in the first line of the hex file.

*Figure 72* • **RISC-V Flash Image Settings**



17. Click **Apply** and when prompted to rebuild, choose **Yes**.
18. Then click **Apply and Close**.

The firmware drivers and linker script are successfully mapped. Notice that the header files are now resolved in the `main.c` file.

# 3.6 Mapping Memory and Peripheral Addresses

In the Libero design flow, the Mi-V processor execution memory address is mapped to 0x80000000, and its size is set to 64 KB. This information must be checked in the linker script before building the application.

To map the memory address:

1. Open the linker script (`miv-rv32-ram.ld`) available in the MIV_RV32_HAL folder.
2. Ensure that the ram ORIGIN address is mapped to 0x80000000.
3. Ensure that the LENGTH of the ram is 64 KB.
4. Ensure that the RAM_START_ADDRESS is mapped to 0x80000000.
5. Ensure that the RAM_SIZE is 64 KB.
6. Ensure that the STACK_SIZE is 2 KB.
7. Ensure that the HEAP_SIZE is 2 KB.
8. Save the file.

**Note:** The MTVEC_OFFSET macro places trap vectors appropriately. This macro is already defined in the `miv-rv32-ram.ld` file.

The following figure shows the linker script.

*Figure 73 •* **Linker Script**

```
16  * SVN $Revision: 12759 $
17  * SVN $Date: 2020-05-14 19:43:19 +0530 (Thu, 14 May 2020) $
18  */
19
20 OUTPUT_ARCH( "riscv" )
21 ENTRY(_start)
22
23 MEMORY
24 {
25    ram (rwx) : ORIGIN = 0x80000000, LENGTH = 64k
26 }
27
28 RAM_START_ADDRESS   = 0x80000000;    /* Must be the same value MEMORY region ram ORIGI
29 MTVEC_OFFSET        = 0x100;
30 RAM_SIZE            = 64k;           /* Must be the same value MEMORY region ram LENGT
31 STACK_SIZE          = 2k;           /* needs to be calculated for your application */
32 HEAP_SIZE           = 2k;           /* needs to be calculated for your application */
33
34 SECTIONS
35 {
36   .entry : ALIGN(0x10)
37   {
38     KEEP (*(SORT_NONE(.entry)))
39     . = MTVEC_OFFSET;
40     . = ALIGN(0x10);
41   } > ram
```

In the Libero design flow, the UART, GPIO, and SPI peripheral addresses are mapped to 0x60000000, 0x60001000, and 0x60002000 respectively. This information needs to be provided in the `hw_platform.h` file.

To map the peripheral address:

1. Open the hardware platform header file (`hw_platform.h`).
2. Ensure that the SYS_CLK_FREQ macro is defined as 83333000UL.
3. Ensure that the COREUARTAPB0_BASE_ADDR macro is defined as 0x60000000UL.
4. Ensure that the COREGPIO_OUT_BASE_ADDR macro is defined as 0x60001000UL.
5. Ensure that the FLASH_CORE_SPI_BASE macro is defined as 0x60002000UL.
6. Save the file.

The following figure shows the `hw_platform.h`  after these updates.

*Figure 74 •* **Updated hw_platform.h File**

```
38⊖ /****************************************************************
39   * Non-memory Peripheral base addresses
40   * Format of define is:
41   * <corename>_<instance>_BASE_ADDR
42   */
43 #define COREUARTAPB0_BASE_ADDR         0x60000000UL
44 #define COREGPIO_IN_BASE_ADDR          0x70002000UL
45 #define CORETIMER0_BASE_ADDR           0x70003000UL
46 #define CORETIMER1_BASE_ADDR           0x70004000UL
47 #define COREGPIO_OUT_BASE_ADDR         0x60001000UL
48 #define FLASH_CORE_SPI_BASE            0x60002000UL
49 #define CORE16550_BASE_ADDR            0x70007000UL
50
```

The memory and peripheral addresses are successfully mapped.

## 3.7 Setting the UART Baud Rate

The value of the `BAUD_VALUE_115200` macro in the `hw_platform.h` file must be defined according to the system clock frequency to achieve the UART baud rate of 115200. The baud value is calculated using the following formula.

BAUD_VALUE = (CLOCK / (16 * BAUD_RATE)) - 1

To define the system clock frequency:

1. Look for `#define SYS_CLK_FREQ statement` in the `hw_platform.h` file.
2. Define it as:
   `#define SYS_CLK_FREQ 83333000UL`

The SYS_CLK_FREQ value must be same as that of the clock generated in the design.

The following figure shows the system clock frequency definition.

*Figure 75 •* **System Clock Frequency Definition**

## 3.8     Building the Mi-V Project

To build the Mi-V project, right-click the **MiV_uart_blinky** project in SoftConsole, and select **Build Project**.

The project is built successfully, and the hex file is generated in the **Debug** folder, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 76 •*   **Hex File**



The HEX file can be used for Design and Memory Initialization. For more information, see Configure Design Initialization Data and Memories, page 25.

## 3.9 Debugging the User Application Using SoftConsole

Before debugging, the board and the serial terminal must be set up. For more information about the board and serial terminal setup, see Board Setup, page 29 and Serial Terminal Emulation Program (PuTTY) Setup, page 29.

To debug the application:

1. From the **Project Explorer**, select the **MiV_uart_blinky** project, and then click the **Debug** icon from the SoftConsole toolbar, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 77 •* **Debug Icon**



2. In the **Create, manage and run configurations** window, double-click **GDB OpenOCD Debugging** to generate the debug configuration for the **MiV_uart_blinky** project.
3. Select the generated **MiV_uart_blinky Debug** configuration, and click **Search Project** (if by default not available), as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 78 •* **Create, manage, and run configurations Window – Main Tab**

4.  Select the **MiV_uart_blinky.elf** binary, and click **OK**, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 79 •* **MiV_uart_blinky.elf Selection**



5.  Go to the **Debugger** tab, and replace the Config Options, Executable, and Commands as follows:
    *   Config Options: `--file board/microsemi-riscv.cfg`
    *   Executable: `${cross_prefix}gdb${cross_suffix}`
    *   Commands:

```
set mem inaccessible-by-default off

set arch riscv:rv32

set $target_riscv = 1

set remotetimeout 7
```

**Figure 80 •** **Create, manage, and run configurations Window – Debugger Tab**

6. In **Debug Configurations** -> **Startup** tab, clear the **Pre-run/Restart reset** check box to halt the program at the main () function and clear the **Enable ARM semihosting** check box.

*Figure 81 •* **Debug Settings- Startup Tab**



7. Click **Apply**, and then click **Debug**, as shown in the preceding figure.
   The **Confirm Perspective Switch** dialog opens, as shown in Figure 82.

*Figure 82 •* **Confirm Perspective Switch Dialog Box**



8. Click **Yes**.
   The debugger halts the execution at the first instruction in the `main.c` file, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 83 •* **First Instruction in the main.c File**



9. On the SoftConsole toolbar, click **Resume** to resume the application execution, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 84 •* **Resume Application Execution**



10. The string *Hello World!* is printed on the serial terminal, as shown in the following figure. Also, LEDs 4, 5, 6, 7 on the PolarFire Evaluation Board blink.

*Figure 85 •* **Hello World in Debug Mode**



11. On the SoftConsole menu, click **Run** > **Suspend** to suspend the execution of the application.
12. Click the **Registers** tab to view the values of the Mi-V internal registers, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 86 •* **Mi-V Register Values**



13. Click the **Variables** tab to view the values of variables in the source code, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 87 •* **Variable Values**



14. From the SoftConsole toolbar, use the **Step Over** option to view the application execution line by line, or use the **Step Into** option to execute the instructions inside a function. Use the **Step Return** option to come out the function. You can also add breakpoints in the application source code.
15. On the SoftConsole toolbar, click **Terminate** to terminate the debugging of the application.
16. Close PuTTY and SoftConsole.

## 3.10 Debugging the User Application from DDR3 Memory

The SoftConsole debugger loads the application to the memory-mapped RAM based on the RAM start address specified in the `miv-rv32-ram.ld` linker file. The following figure shows the RAM Start Address parameters in the linker file.

*Figure 88 •* **RAM Start Address Parameters**

```
 microsemi-riscv-ram.ld ⊠
10  * This linker script assumes that the RAM is connected at on the Mi-V soft
11  * processor memory space. The start address and size of the memory space must
12  * be correct as per the Libero design.
13  *
14  * Support RV32IMA and IMC cores.
15  *
16  * SVN $Revision: 12759 $
17  * SVN $Date: 2020-05-14 19:43:19 +0530 (Thu, 14 May 2020) $
18  */
19
20 OUTPUT_ARCH( "riscv" )
21 ENTRY(_start)
22
23 MEMORY
24 {
25     ram (rwx) : ORIGIN = 0x80000000, LENGTH = 64k
26 }
27
28 RAM_START_ADDRESS   = 0x80000000;     /* Must be the same value MEMORY region ram ORIGI
29 MTVEC_OFFSET        = 0x100;
30 RAM_SIZE            = 64k;             /* Must be the same value MEMORY region ram LENGT
31 STACK_SIZE          = 2k;             /* needs to be calculated for your application */
32 HEAP_SIZE           = 2k;             /* needs to be calculated for your application */
33
```

The SoftConsole reference project specifies the TCM start address, which is 0x80000000 (highlighted in Figure 88). To perform application debugging from DDR3 memory, modify this value to the DDR3 memory starting address, 0x80010000. After modifying the value, clean and build the project.

When the application is debugged from DDR3, the stack pointer and locations in the disassembly must point to DDR3 address, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 89 •* **Debugging from DDR3**

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# 4 Appendix 1: Programming the Device Using FlashPro Express

This chapter describes how to program the PolarFire device with the Job programming file using a FlashPro programmer. The default location of the .job file is: `mpf_tu0775_df\Programming_Job`
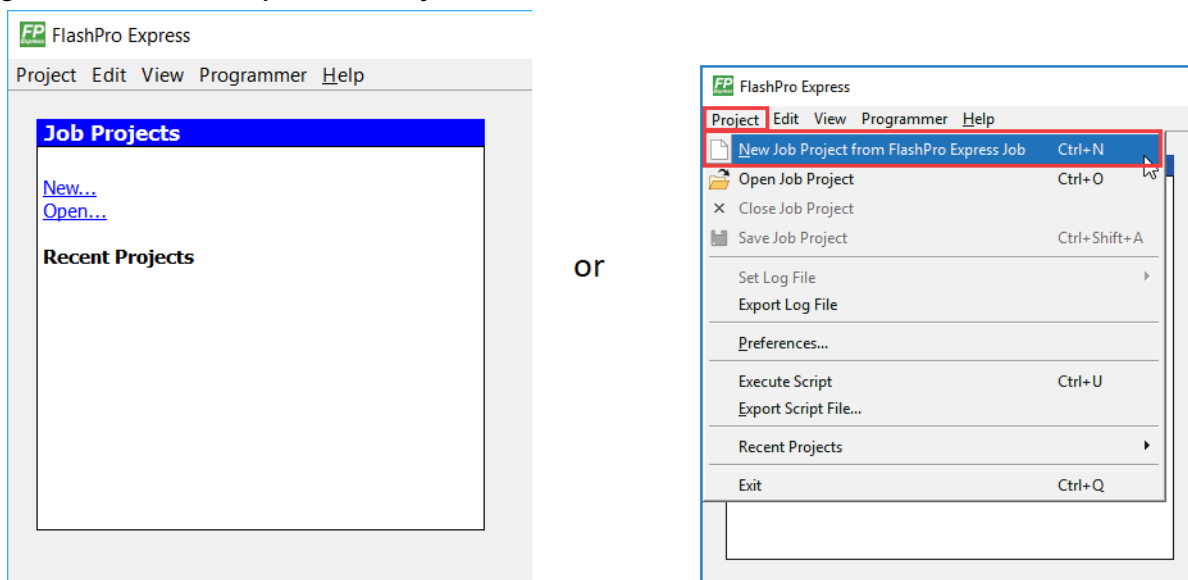
To program the PolarFire device using FlashPro Express, perform the following steps:

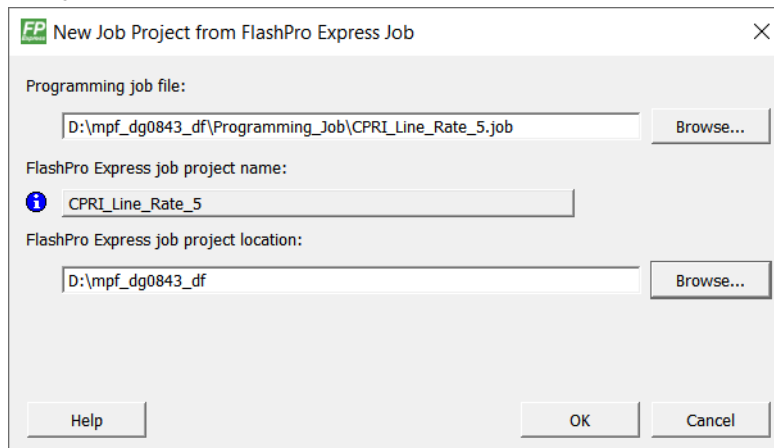1. Ensure that the jumper settings on the board are the same as listed in Table 6, page 29.

**Note:** The power supply switch must be switched off while making the jumper connections.

2. Connect the power supply cable to the **J9** connector on the board.
3. Connect the USB cable from the Host PC to the **J5** (FTDI port) on the board.
4. Power on the board using the **SW3** slide switch.
5. On the host PC, launch the FlashPro Express software.
6. Click **New** or select **New Job Project** from FlashPro Express Job from Project menu to create a new job project, as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 90 •* **FlashPro Express Job Project**



7. Enter the following in the New Job Project from FlashPro Express Job dialog box:
- Programming job file: Click Browse, and navigate to the location where the .job file is located and select the file. The default location is: *<download_folder>\mpf_tu0775_df\Programming_Job*.
  - mpf_tu0775_df\Programming_Job\top_RevD
  - mpf_tu0775_df\Programming_Job\top_RevE
- FlashPro Express job project location: Click **Browse** and navigate to the location where you want to save the project.

*Figure 91 •* **New Job Project from FlashPro Express Job**



8. Click **OK**. The required programming file is selected and ready to be programmed in the device.
9. The FlashPro Express window appears as shown in the following figure. Confirm that a programmer number appears in the Programmer field. If it does not, confirm the board connections and click **Refresh/Rescan** Programmers.

*Figure 92 •* **Programming the Device**

10. Click **RUN.** When the device is programmed successfully, a RUN PASSED status is displayed as shown in the following figure.

*Figure 93 •* **FlashPro Express—RUN PASSED**



11. Close **FlashPro Express** or in the **Project tab, click Exit**.

# 5 Appendix 2 - References

This section lists documents that provide more information about RISC-V and other IP cores used to build the RISC-V subsystem.

- For more information about MIV_RV32, see *MIV_RV32 Handbook* from the Libero SoC Catalog.
- For more information about CoreJTAGDebug, see *CoreJTAGDebug_HB.pdf*.
- For more information about CoreAHBtoAPB3, see *CoreAHBtoAPB3_HB.pdf*.
- For more information about CoreAXITOAHBL, see *CoreAXItoAHBL_HB.pdf*.
- For more information about CoreGPIO, see *CoreGPIO_HB.pdf*.
- For more information about CoreUARTapb, see *CoreUARTapb_HB.pdf*.
- For more information about CoreAHBLite, see *CoreAHBLite_HB.pdf*.
- For more information about CoreAPB3, see *CoreAPB3_HB.pdf*.
- See the following documents on *PolarFire FPGAs Documentation* web page:
  - For more information about PolarFire Initialization Monitor, see *PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Device Power-Up and Resets User Guide*.
  - For more information about PolarFire Clock Conditioning Circuitry (CCC), see *PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide*.
  - For more information about PolarFire SRAM, see *PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Fabric User Guide*.
- For more information about Libero, ModelSim, and Synplify, see the *Libero SoC PolarFire webpage*.
- For more information about SoftConsole, see the *SoftConsole webpage.*
- For more information about loading a Job file using FlashPro Express, see the User Guide from **FlashPro Express** - > **Help** -> **User Guide**.

# 6 Appendix 3 - DDR3 Configuration

If you are using Rev E kit the following are the configurations for DDR3 controller with the initialization and timing parameters for **MT41K512M8DA-107: P** part present on the **Rev E** PolarFire Evaluation Kit.

1. On **General** tab, set **CCC PLL Clock Multiplier** to **8**, and **DQ Width** as **16**, as shown in below figure. The clock multiplier value of **8** sets the CCC PLL reference clock frequency to 83.333 MHz. A reference clock of this frequency is required for the PLL present inside the DDR3 subsystem. The PLL generates a 666.666 MHz DDR3 memory clock frequency and a 166.666 MHz DDR3 AXI clock frequency. The DQ width is set to 16 to match the width of the DDR3 memory present on the board.

*Figure 94 •* **General Tab**

2.   The following figure shows initialization configuration settings for the DDR3 memory.

*Figure 95 •*   **Memory Initialization**

3. The following figure shows timing configuration settings for the DDR3 memory.

*Figure 96 •* **Memory Timing**

4. The following figure shows controller configuration settings for the DDR3 memory.

*Figure 97 •* **Controller**



5. The following figure shows miscellaneous configuration settings for the DDR3 memory.

*Figure 98 •* **Misc**



**Note:** Return to section Instantiating APB3 Bus, page 12 for completing the design implementation.