
Accessing Serial Flash Memory Using SPI Interface

***Libero SoC v11.5 and Keil uVision Flow Tutorial for
SmartFusion2 TU0548 Tutorial***

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Introduction

The Libero[®] System-on-Chip (SoC) software generates firmware projects using Keil, SoftConsole, and IAR tools. This tutorial describes the process to build a Keil uVision application that can be implemented and validated using the SmartFusion[®]2 system-on-chip (SoC) field programmable gate array (FPGA) Security Evaluation Kit.

The same firmware project can be built using IAR and Keil tools. Refer to the respective tutorials:

- [*Accessing Serial Flash Memory using SPI Interface - Libero SoC and SoftConsole Flow Tutorial for SmartFusion2 SoC FPGA*](#)
- [*Accessing Serial Flash Memory using SPI Interface - Libero SoC and IAR Embedded Workbench Flow Tutorial for SmartFusion2 SoC FPGA*](#)

This tutorial describes the following:

- Creating a Libero SoC project using System Builder
- Generating the programming file to program the SmartFusion2 device
- Opening the project in Keil uVision from Libero SoC
- Compiling application code
- Debugging and run code using Keil uVision

Design Requirements

Table 1 • Design Requirements

Design Requirements	Description
Hardware Requirements	
SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit <ul style="list-style-type: none">FlashPro4 programmerUSB A to Mini-B cable12 V Adapter	Rev D or later
Keil debugger	-
Host PC or Laptop	Any 64-bit Windows Operating System
Software Requirements	
Libero SoC	v11.5
Keil uVision	v5
FlashPro programming software	v11.5
Host PC Drivers	USB to UART drivers
Any one of the following serial terminal emulation programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">HyperTerminalTeraTermPuTTY	-

Project Files

The design files for this tutorial can be downloaded from the Microsemi® website:
http://soc.microsemi.com/download/rsc/?f=m2s_tu0548_liberov11p5_df

The design files include:

- Libero project
- Programming files
- Source Files
- SPI_Flash_Drivers
- Readme file

Refer to the [Readme.txt](#) file provided in the design files for the complete directory structure.

Target Board

SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit Board, Rev D (or later).

Design Overview

This design example demonstrates the execution of basic read and write operations on the SPI flash present on the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board. This kit has a built-in winbond SPI flash memory W25Q64FVSSIG, which is connected to the SmartFusion2 microcontroller subsystem (MSS) through dedicated MSS SPI_0 interface.

Read and write data information is displayed using HyperTerminal which communicates to the SmartFusion2 MSS using the MMUART_1 interface.

For more information on SPI, refer to the [SmartFusion2 Microcontroller Subsystem User Guide](#).

Figure 1 shows interfacing the external SPI flash to MSS SPI_0.

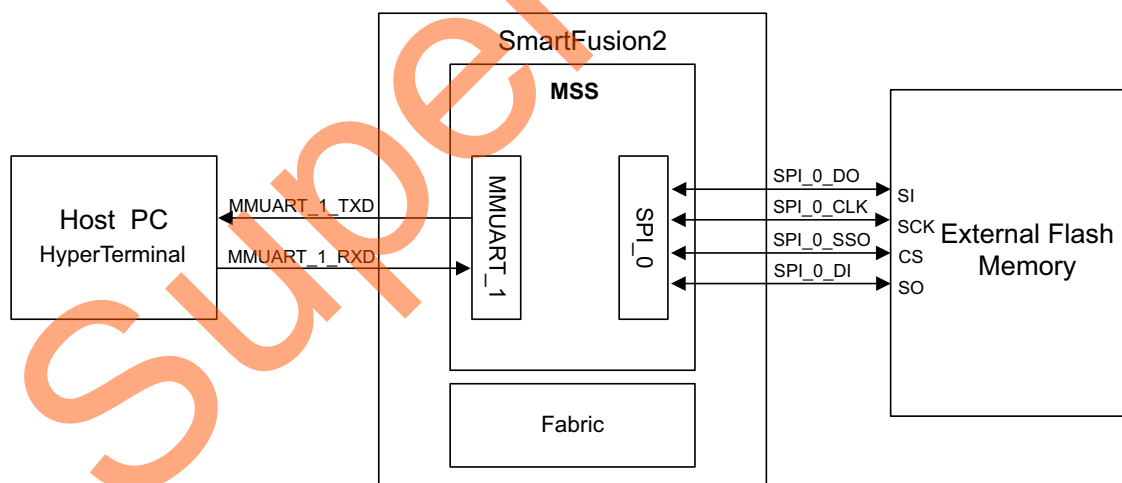


Figure 1 • SPI Flash Interfacing Block Diagram

Step 1: Creating a Libero SoC Project

The following steps describe how to create a Libero SoC project:

Launching Libero SoC

The following steps describe how to launch Libero SoC:

1. Click **Start > Programs > Microsemi Libero SoC v11.5 > Libero SoC v11.5**, or click the shortcut on desktop to open the Libero SoC v11.5 Project Manager.
2. Create a new project using one of the following options:
 - Select **New** on the **Start Page** tab as shown in [Figure 2](#).
 - Click **Project > New Project** from the Libero SoC menu.

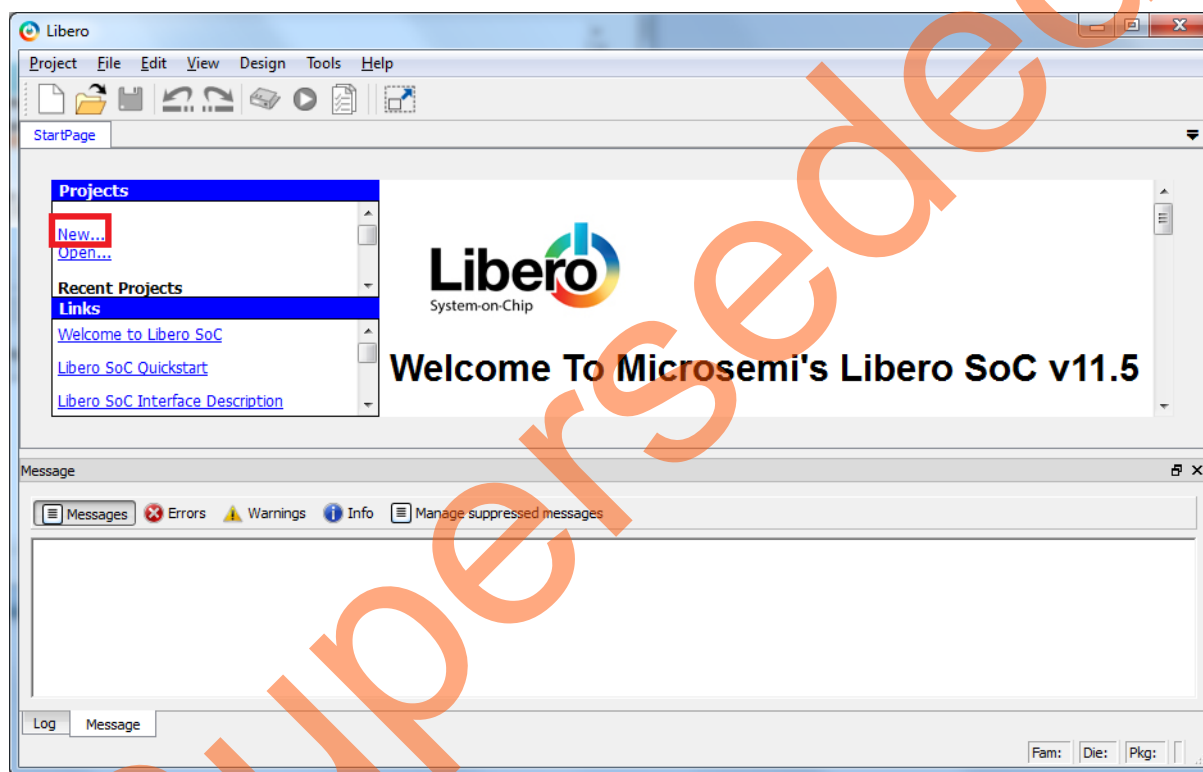


Figure 2 • Libero SoC Project Manager

3. Enter the following information in the **Project Details** page, as shown in Figure 3.
 - **Project Name:** SPI_Flash
 - **Project Location:** Select an appropriate location (for example, D:/Microsemi_prj)
 - **Preferred HDL Type:** Verilog

Enable Block Creation: Unchecked

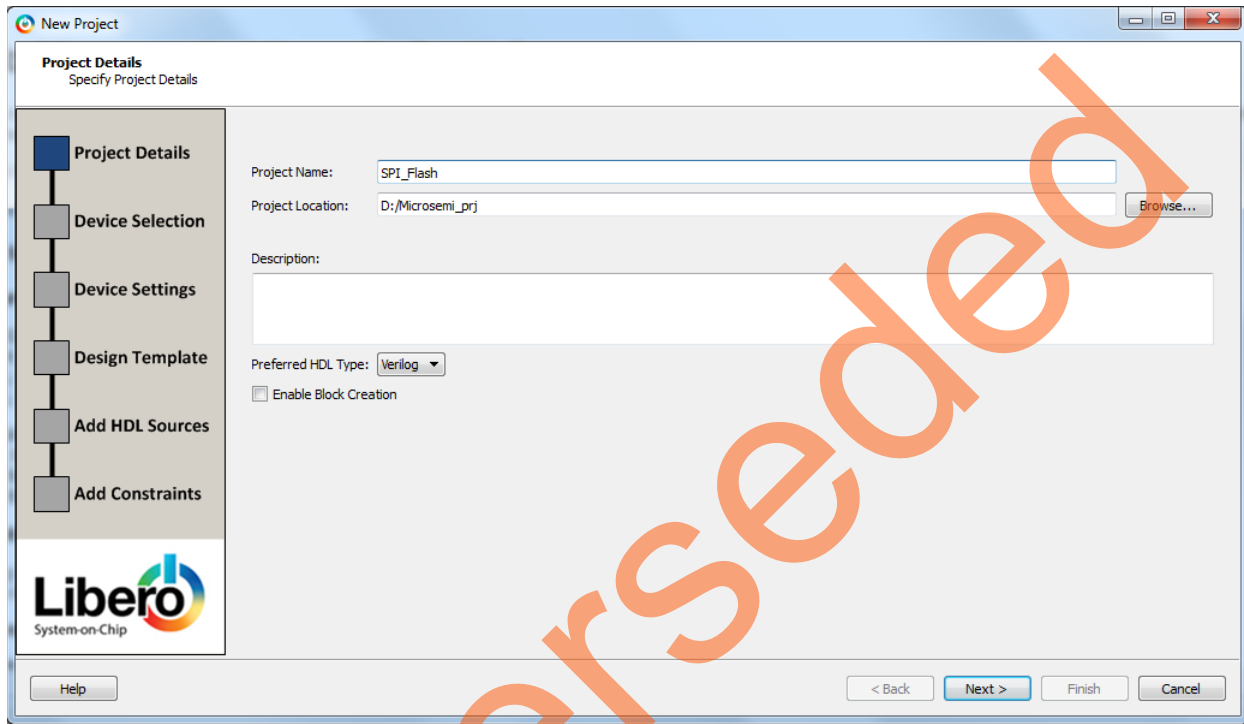


Figure 3 • Project DetailsPage

4. Click **Next**. This opens **Device Selection** page as shown in Figure 4.
Select the following values from the drop down list:
 - **Family:** SmartFusion2
 - **Die:** M2S090TS
 - **Package:** 484 FBGA
 - **Speed:** -1
 - **Core Voltage:** 1.2

– Range: COM

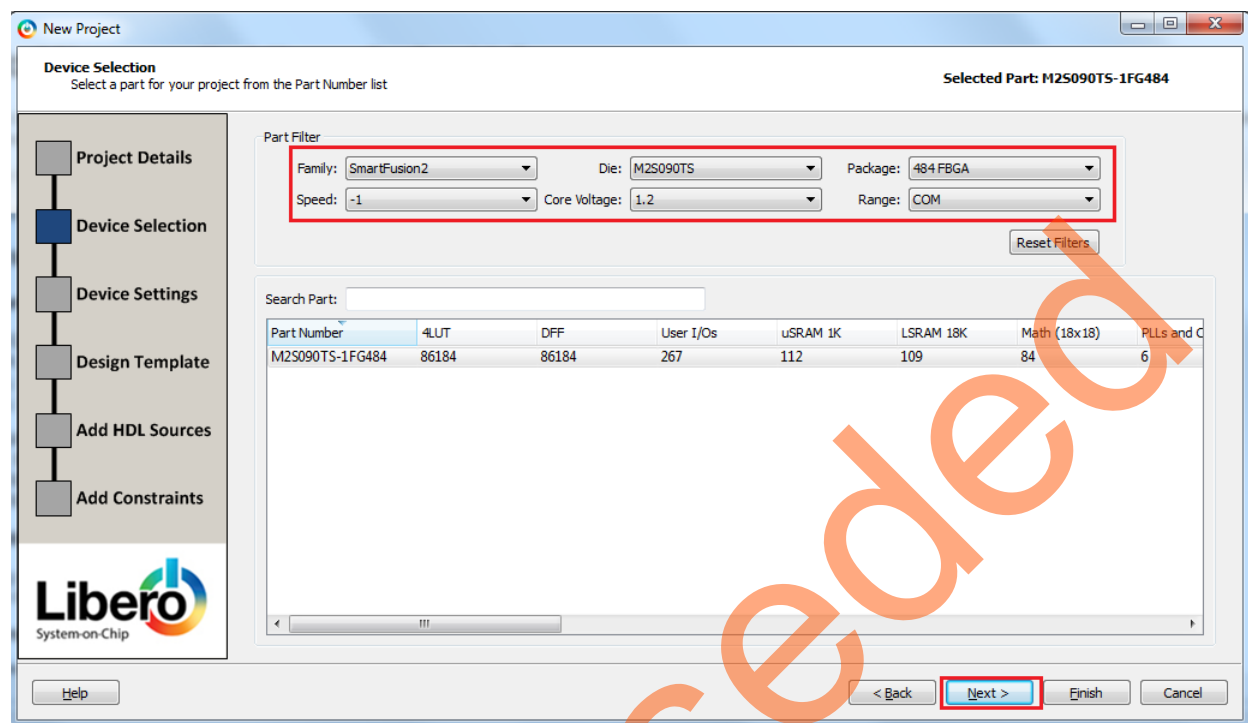


Figure 4 • Device Selection Page

- Click **Next**. This opens **Device Settings** page. Do not change the default settings.

6. Click **Next**. This opens **Design Template** page as shown in Figure 5, Under Design Templates and Creators, select **Create a System Builder based design**.

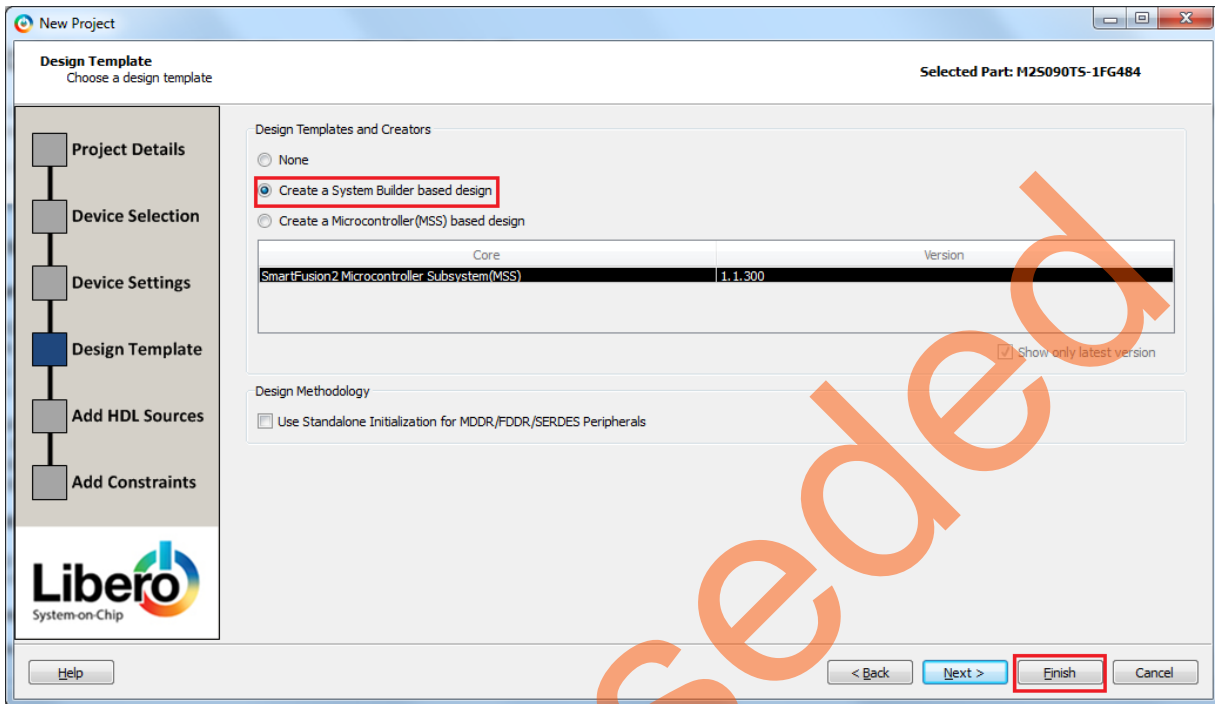


Figure 5 • Design Template Window

7. Click **Finish**. This opens **System Builder** window.

Note: System Builder is a graphical design wizard. It creates a design based on high-level design specifications by taking the user through a set of high-level questions that will define the intended system.

8. Enter the name of the system as **SPI_Flash** and click **OK.**, as shown in Figure 6.

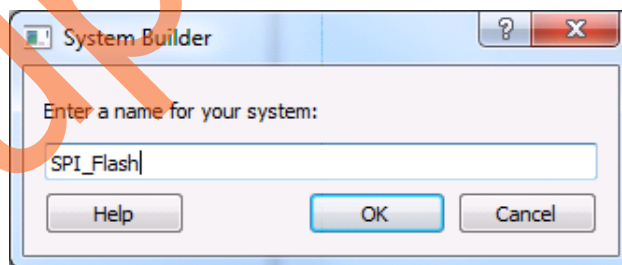


Figure 6 • System Builder Window

System Builder - Device Features

Device Features
Peripherals
Clocks
Microcontroller
SECCED
Security
Interrupts
Memory Map

Select the SmartFusion2 features you will be using in your design

Memory

☐ MSS External Memory
☒ MDDR
☐ Soft Memory Controller (SMC)
☐ MSS On-chip Flash Memory (eNVM)
☐ Fabric External DDR Memory (FDDR)

High Speed Serial Interfaces

☐ SERDESIF_0

Microcontroller Options

☐ Watchdog Timer
☐ Peripheral DMA
☐ Real Time Counter

The diagram illustrates the internal architecture of the SmartFusion2 device. It is divided into three main sections: MSS (Memory Subsystem), Fabric, and various interfaces. The MSS section (top) includes MSS, MDDR, SMC, eNVM, and a SWITCH. The Fabric section (middle) includes FAB, CORESDR, and various interfaces. The interfaces section (bottom) includes GDR, DDR, and SERDES. The diagram shows the connections between these components, including data buses and control signals.

Help Cancel Next

Figure 7 • System Builder – Device Features Page

10. Click **Next**. This opens **System Builder - Peripherals** page as shown in [Figure 8](#).

11. Under the MSS Peripherals section, clear all the check boxes except **MM_UART_1** and **MSS_SPI_0**, as shown in Figure 8.

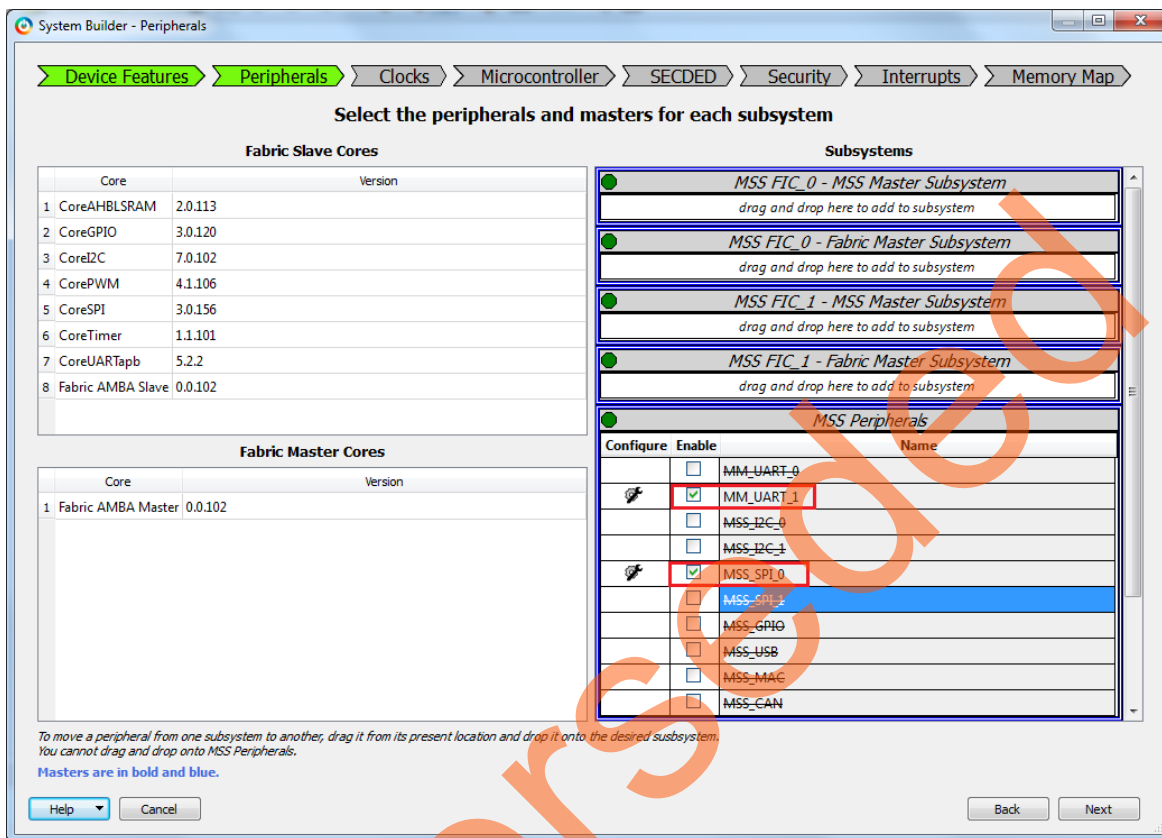


Figure 8 • System Builder – Peripherals Page

12. Click **Next**. This opens **System Builder - Clocks** page as shown in Figure 9.
13. In the **System Builder - Clocks** page (see Figure 9):
 - Select **System Clock** frequency as **50 MHz** and clock source as **On-chip 25/50 MHz RC Oscillator**
 - Select **M3_CLK** as **100 MHz**
 - Select **APB_0_CLK** and **APB_1_CLK** frequency as **M3_CLK/1**

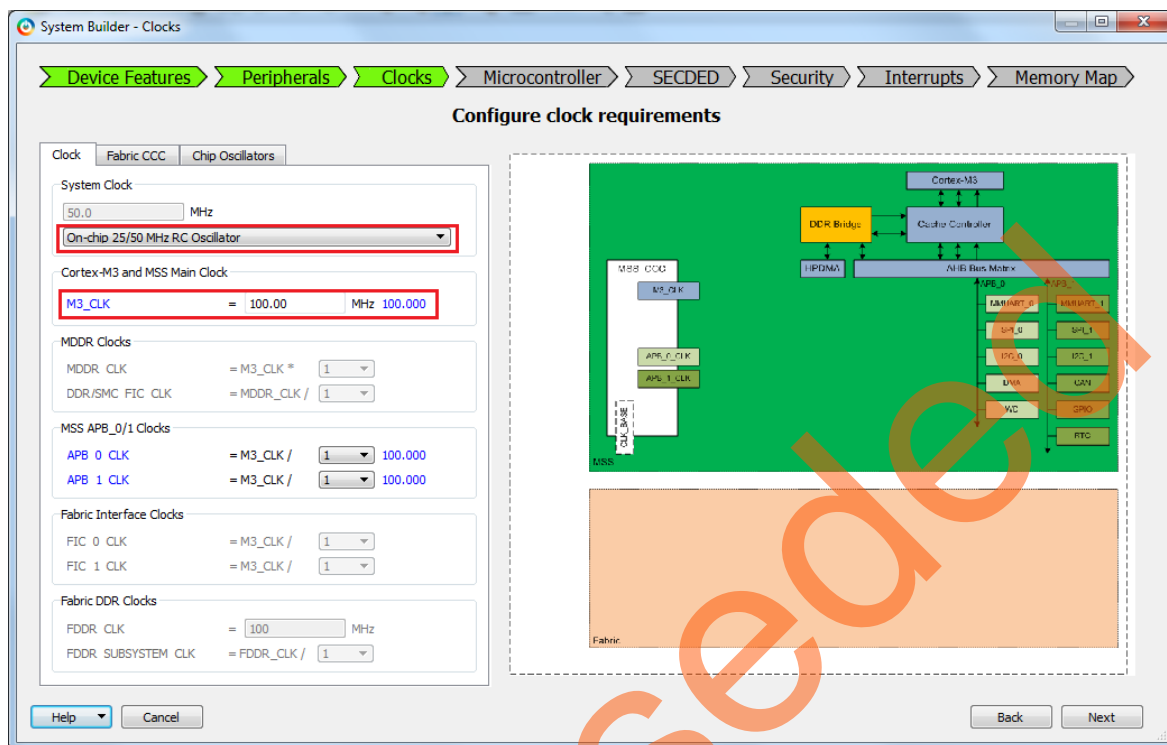


Figure 9 • System Builder – Clocks Page

14. Click **Next**. This opens **System Builder - Microcontroller** page. Do not change the default selections.
15. Click **Next**. This opens **System Builder - SECCDED** page. Do not change the default selections.
16. Click **Next**. This opens **System Builder - Security** page. Do not change the default selections.
17. Click **Next**. This opens **System Builder - Interrupts** page. Do not change the default selections.
18. Click **Next**. This opens **System Builder - Memory Map** page. Do not change the default selections.
19. Click **Finish**.
20. Select **File > Save** to save **SPI_Flash**. Select the **SPI_Flash** tab on the Smart Design canvas, as shown in Figure 10.

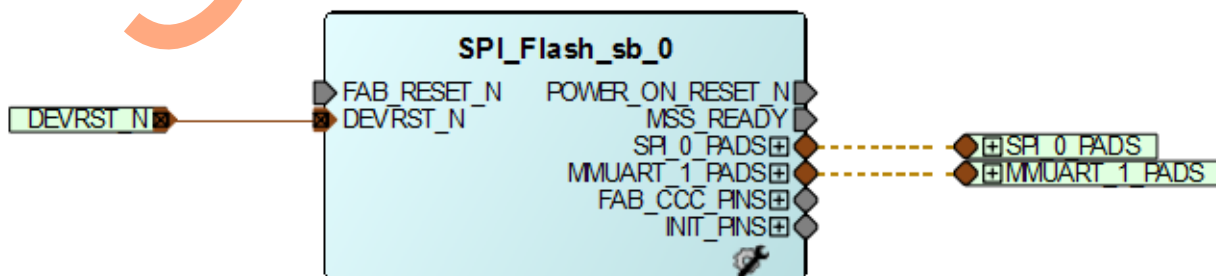


Figure 10 • SPI_Flash SmartDesign

Connecting Components in SPI_Flash_0 SmartDesign

The following steps describe how to connect the components in the **SPI_Flash** SmartDesign:

1. Right-click **POWER_ON_RESET_N** and select **Mark Unused**.
2. Right-click **MSS_READY** and select **Mark Unused**.
3. Expand **INIT_PINS**, right-click **INIT_DONE** and select **Mark Unused**.
4. Expand **FAB_CCC_PINS**, right-click **FAB_CCC_GL0** and select **Mark Unused**.
5. Right-click **FAB_CCC_LOCK** and select **Mark Unused**.
6. Right-click **FAB_RESET_N** and select **Tie High**.
7. Click **File > Save**.

The SPI_Flash design is displayed as shown in Figure 11.

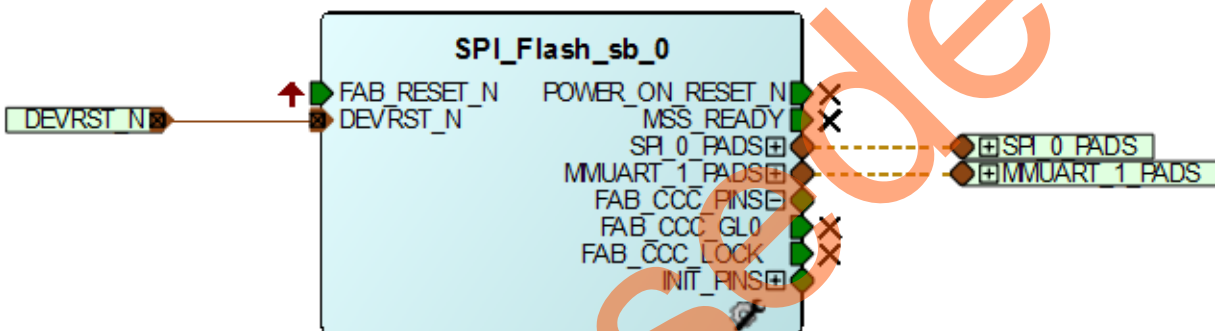


Figure 11 • SPI_Flash SmartDesign

8. Generate the SPI_Flash Smart Design by clicking **SmartDesign > Generate Component** or by clicking **Generate Component** on the SmartDesign toolbar as shown in Figure 12

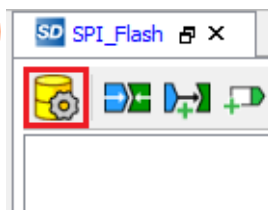


Figure 12 • Generate Component

After successful generation of all the components, the following message is displayed on the log window, as shown in Figure 13.

Info: 'SPI_Flash' was successfully generated.

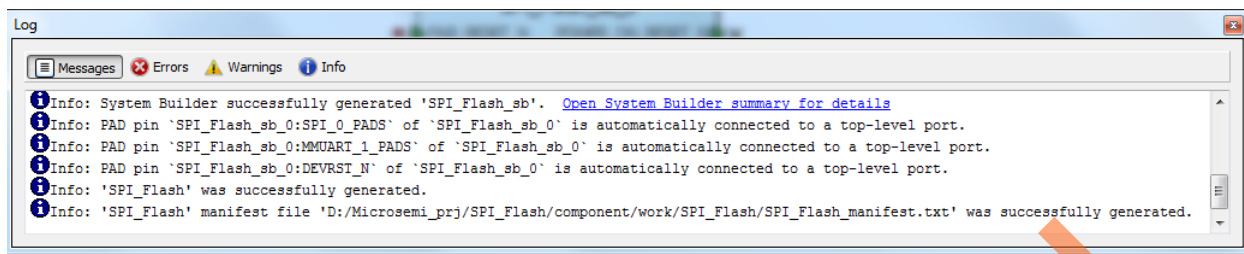


Figure 13 • Log Window

Step 2: Generating the Program File

The following step describe how to generate the program file:

Click **Generate Bitstream** as shown in Figure 14 to generate the programming file.



Figure 14 • Generate Bitstream

Step 3: Programming the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Board Using FlashPro

The following steps describe how to program the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Board using FlashPro:

1. Connect the FlashPro4 programmer to the J5 connector of the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit.
2. Connect the jumpers on the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board as listed in [Table 2](#). For more information on jumper locations, refer to the "[Appendix C- SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit Board Jumper Locations](#)" on page 46.

CAUTION: Ensure that the power supply switch, **SW7** is switched OFF while connecting the jumpers on the SmartFusion 2 Security Evaluation Kit.

Table 2 • SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit Jumper Settings

Jumper Number	Pin (from)	Pin (to)	Comments
J22, J23, J24, J8, J3	1	2	These are the default jumper settings of the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board. Ensure that these jumpers are set accordingly.

3. Connect the power supply to the J6 connector.
Switch **ON** the power supply switch, SW7. Refer to "[Appendix B - Board Setup for Programming the Tutorial](#)" on page 45 for information on the board setup for running the tutorial.
4. To program the SmartFusion2 device, double-click **Run PROGRAM Action** in the **Design Flow** tab as shown in [Figure 15](#).

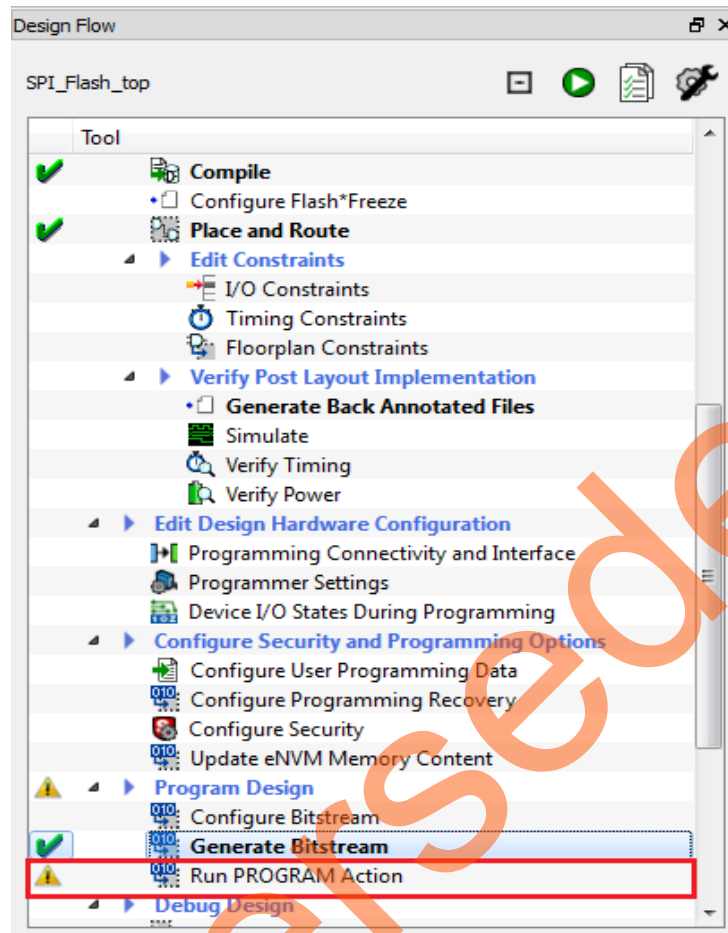


Figure 15 • Run Program Action

Step 4: Configuring and Generating Firmware

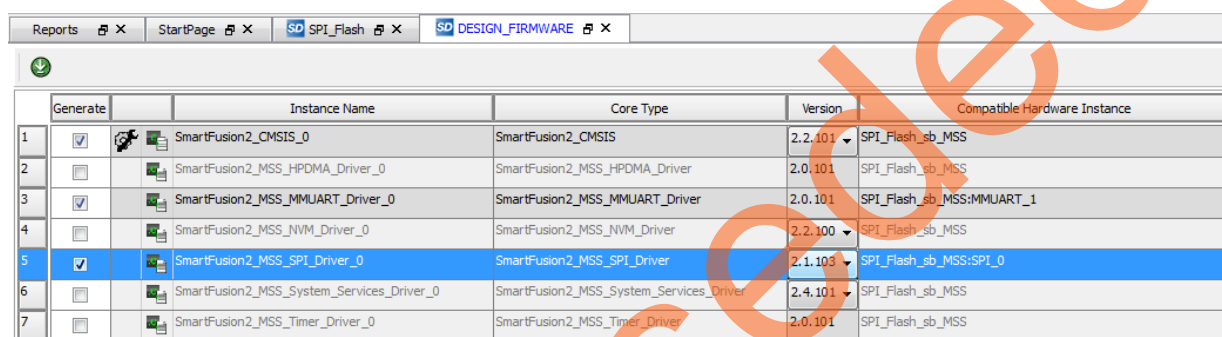
The Design Firmware window displays compatible firmware drivers based on peripherals configured in the design. Following drivers are used in this tutorial:

- CMSIS
- MMUART
- SPI

To generate the required drivers:

1. Double-click on **Configure Firmware Cores** in **Handoff design for Firmware Development** in **Design Flow** window.
2. Clear all the drivers check boxes, except CMSIS, MMUART, and SPI as shown in Figure 16.

Note: Select the latest version of the drivers.



	Generate	Instance Name	Core Type	Version	Compatible Hardware Instance
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SmartFusion2_CMSIS_0	SmartFusion2_CMSIS	2.2.101	SPI_Flash_sb_MSS
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	SmartFusion2_MSS_HPDMADriver_0	SmartFusion2_MSS_HPDMADriver	2.0.101	SPI_Flash_sb_MSS
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SmartFusion2_MSS_MMUART_Driver_0	SmartFusion2_MSS_MMUART_Driver	2.0.101	SPI_Flash_sb_MSS:MMUART_1
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	SmartFusion2_MSS_NVM_Driver_0	SmartFusion2_MSS_NVM_Driver	2.2.100	SPI_Flash_sb_MSS
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SmartFusion2_MSS_SPI_Driver_0	SmartFusion2_MSS_SPI_Driver	2.1.103	SPI_Flash_sb_MSS:SPI_0
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	SmartFusion2_MSS_System_Services_Driver_0	SmartFusion2_MSS_System_Services_Driver	2.4.101	SPI_Flash_sb_MSS
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	SmartFusion2_MSS_Timer_Driver_0	SmartFusion2_MSS_Timer_Driver	2.0.101	SPI_Flash_sb_MSS

Figure 16 • Configuring Firmware

3. Double-click on **Export Firmware** in **Handoff design for Firmware Development** in **Design Flow** window.

Export Firmware dialog box is displayed as shown in Figure 17.

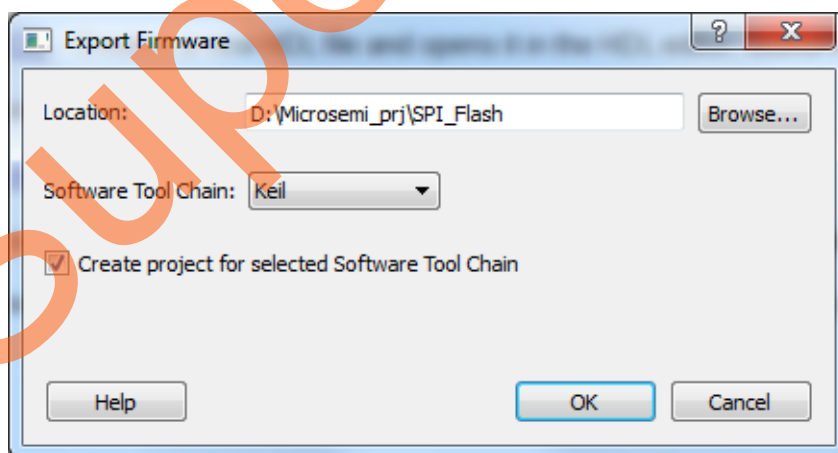


Figure 17 • Export Firmware Dialog Box

4. In the **Export Firmware** dialog box:
 - Select **Create project for selected Software Tool Chain**.
 - Select **Keil** from the drop down list.
5. Click **OK**. The successful firmware generation window is displayed.

The SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit is ready for running and debugging the Keil application through ULINK-ME Debugger.

Step 5: Building the Software Application Using Keil uVision 5 IDE

The following steps describe how to build a software application using Keil uVision 5 IDE:

1. Launch the Keil IDE. Open the Keil project by double-clicking SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3 Keil project as shown in Figure 18.

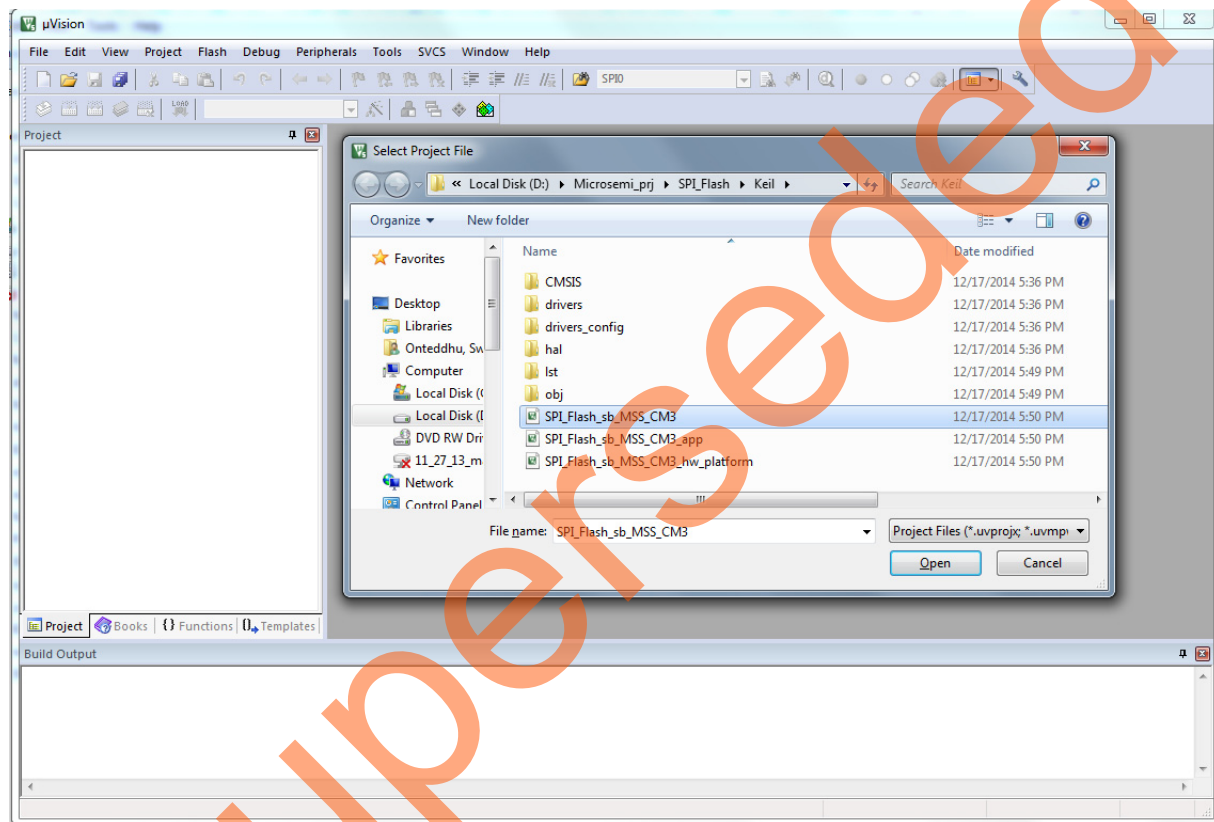


Figure 18 • Keil Homepage

2. The Keil workspace is displayed, as shown in Figure 19.

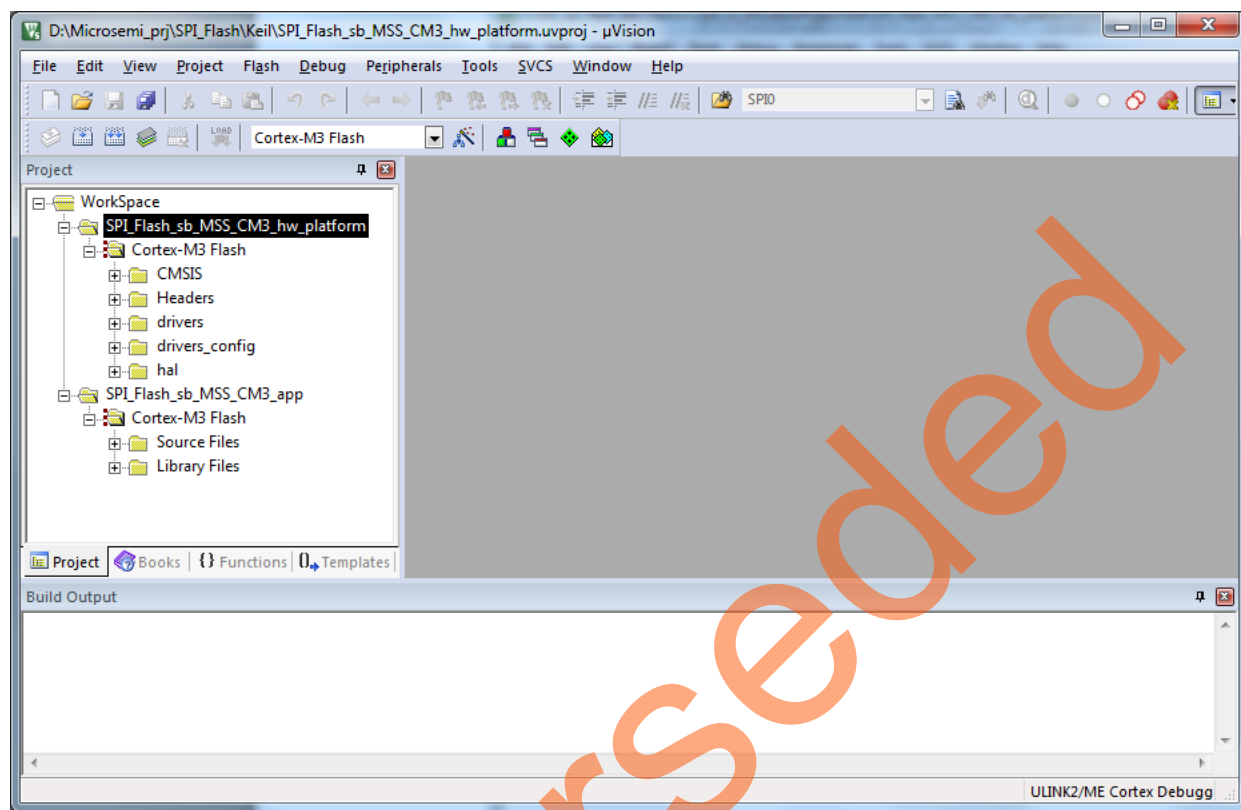


Figure 19 • uVision Workspace

3. Browse to the `main.c` file location in the design files folder:
<download_folder>/SF2_SPI_Flash_Keil_Tutorial_DF\SourceFiles.
4. Copy the `main.c` file and replace the existing `main.c` file under `SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app` project in the uVision workspace.

The uVision window displays the `main.c` file, as shown in Figure 20.

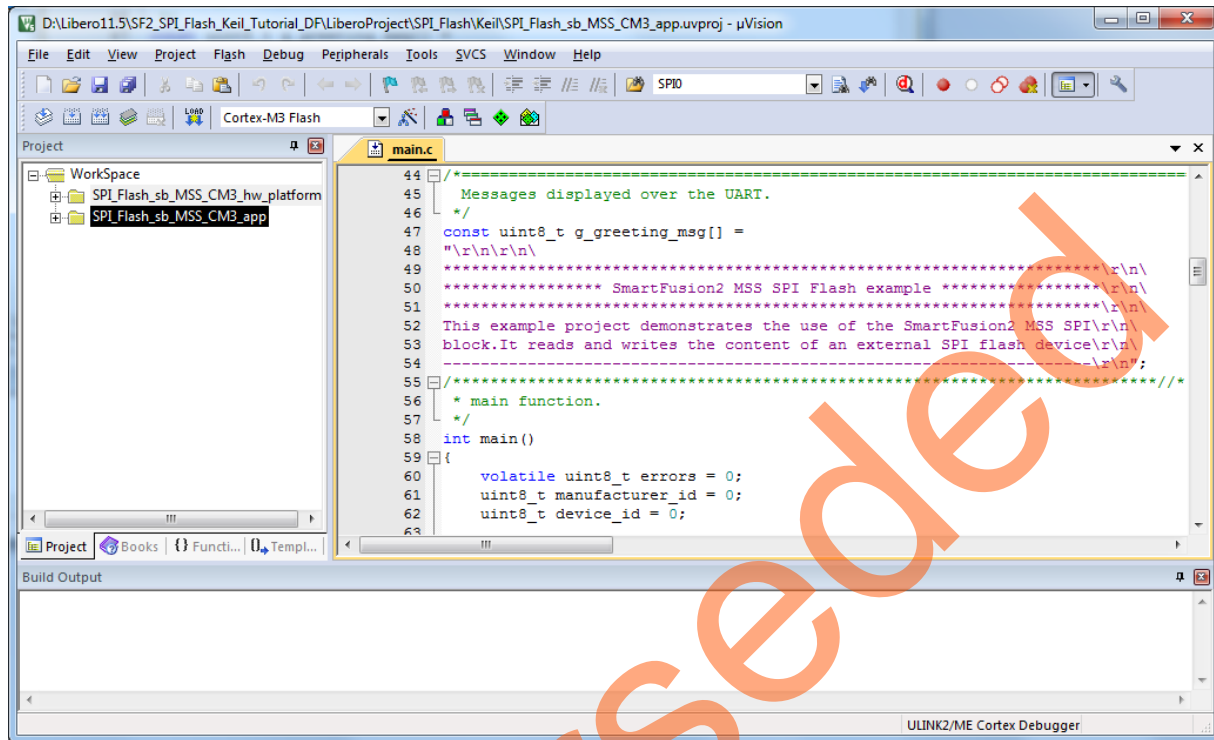


Figure 20 • uVision Workspace `main.c` file

5. winbondflash drivers are **not** included in the Libero generated uVision workspace. To include the drivers in the uVision workspace, browse to the location of the winbondflash drivers in the design files folder:
`<download_folder>\SF2_SPI_Flash_Keil_Tutorial_DF\SPI_Flash_Drivers`.
6. Copy the **winbond flash** folder to the drivers folder of `SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_hw_platform` project in the uVision workspace.

7. Right-click and add the driver file (winbondflash.c) to SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_hw_platform project in the Keil uVision workspace as shown in Figure 21.

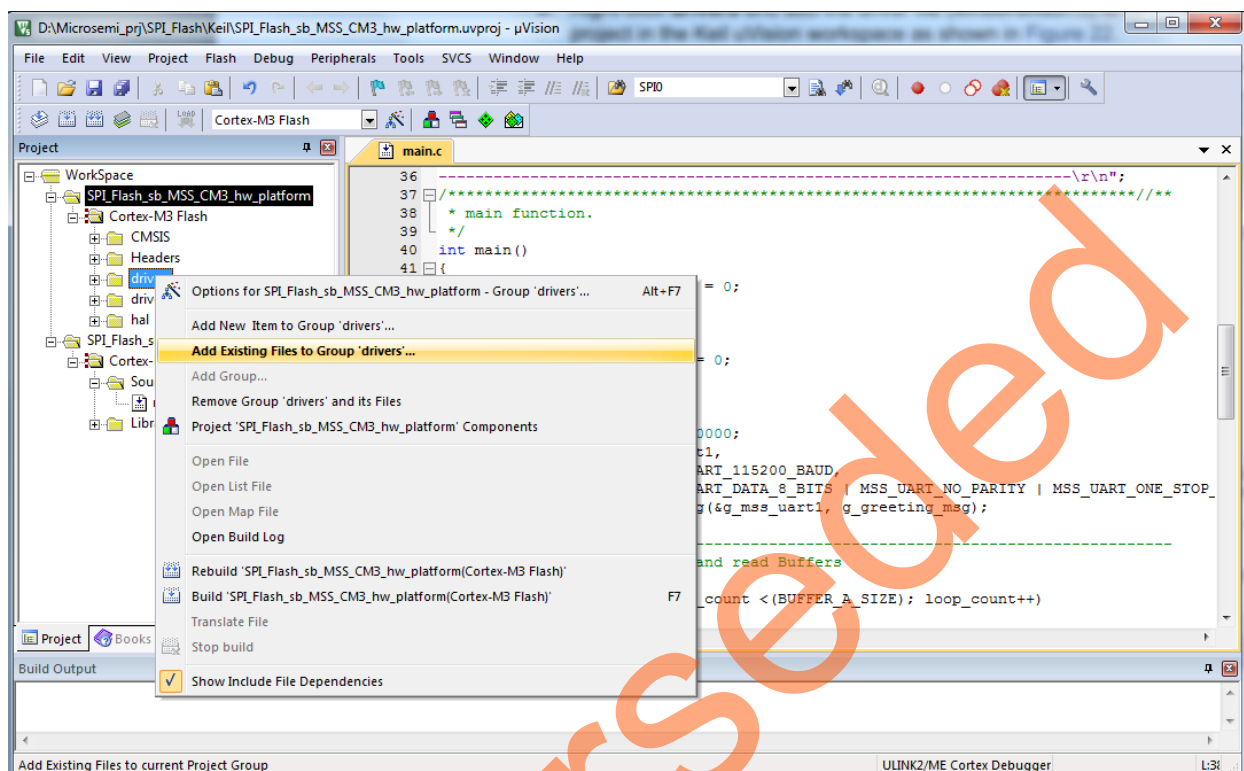


Figure 21 • uVision Workspace Window - Add winbondflash SPI Driver Files

8. Change **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_hw_platform** debug mode to **Cortex-M3_SRAM** by selecting **Cortex-M3_SRAM** from the drop-down list, as shown in Figure 22.

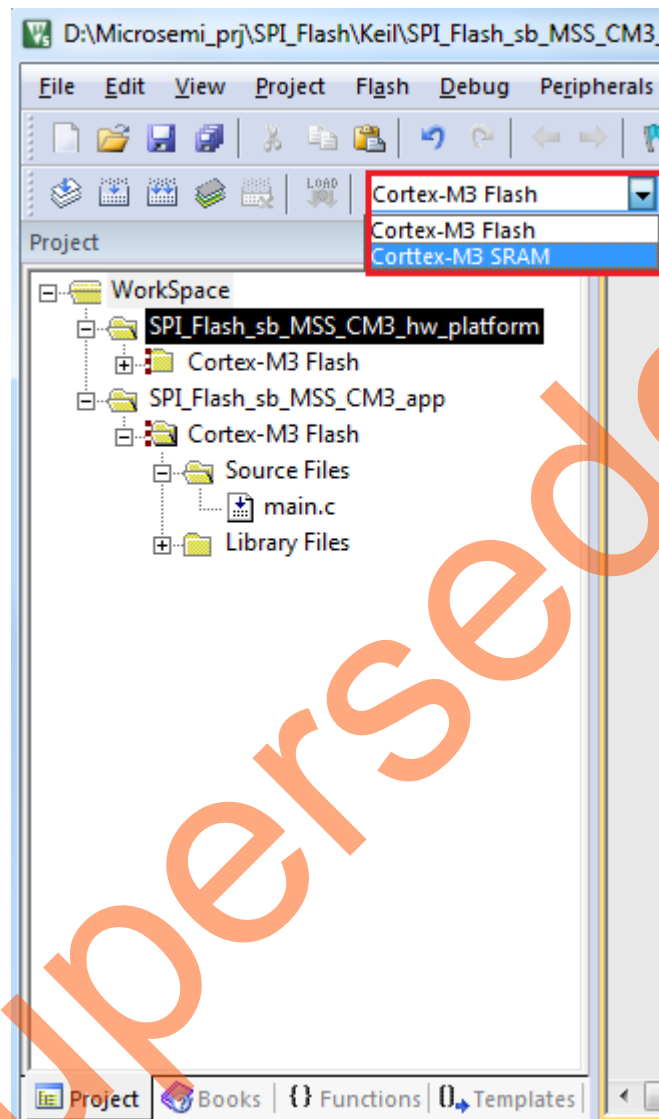


Figure 22 • Cortex-M3_SRAM Settings

This tutorial uses `printf` statements to display memory read data. Redirection of the output of `printf()` to a UART is enabled by adding the **MICROSEMI_STDIO_THRU_UART** symbol.

Follow the steps given below to add MICROSEMI_STDIO_THRU_UART symbol:

- a. Right-click **Cortex - M3 SRAM** under **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_hw_platform** and click **Options for SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_hw_platform - Target Cortex - M3 SRAM**.

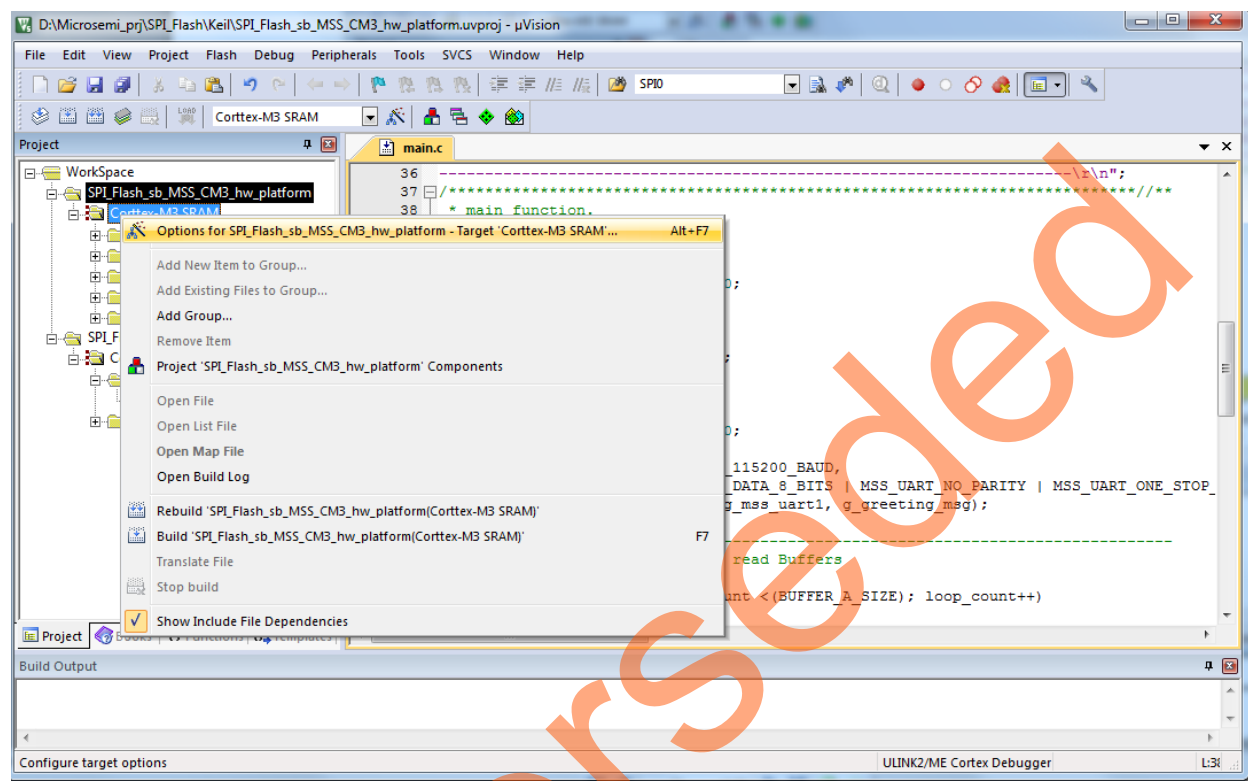


Figure 23 • Target Options

- b. Go to **C/C++** tab and enter **MICROSEMI_STDIO_THRU_UART** at **Define** under Preprocessor Symbols as shown in Figure 24 on page 23.
- c. Click **OK**.

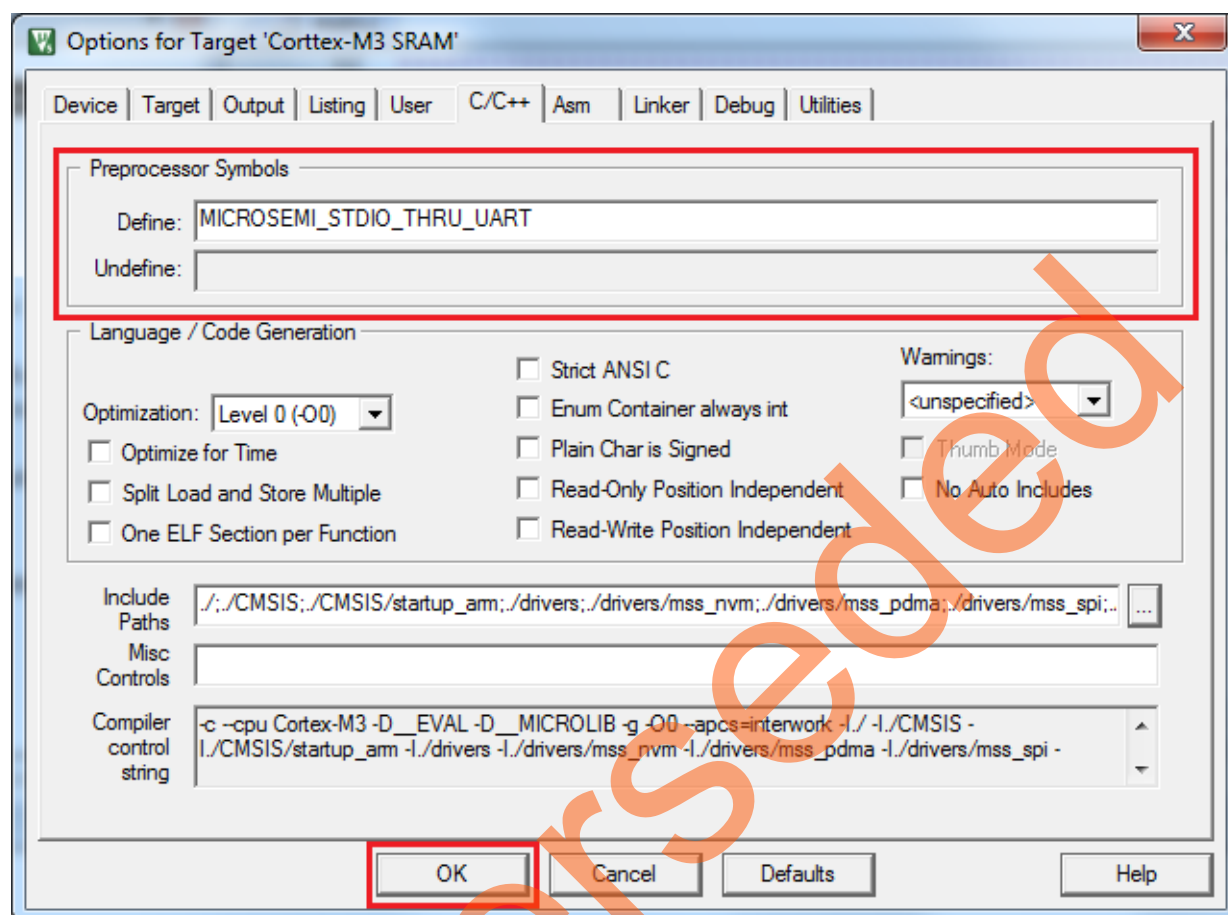


Figure 24 • Target Options-Adding Symbols

9. Right-click **Cortex-M3_SRAM** under **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_hw_platform** and select **Build SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_hw_platform (Cortex-M3 SRAM)** as shown in Figure 25.

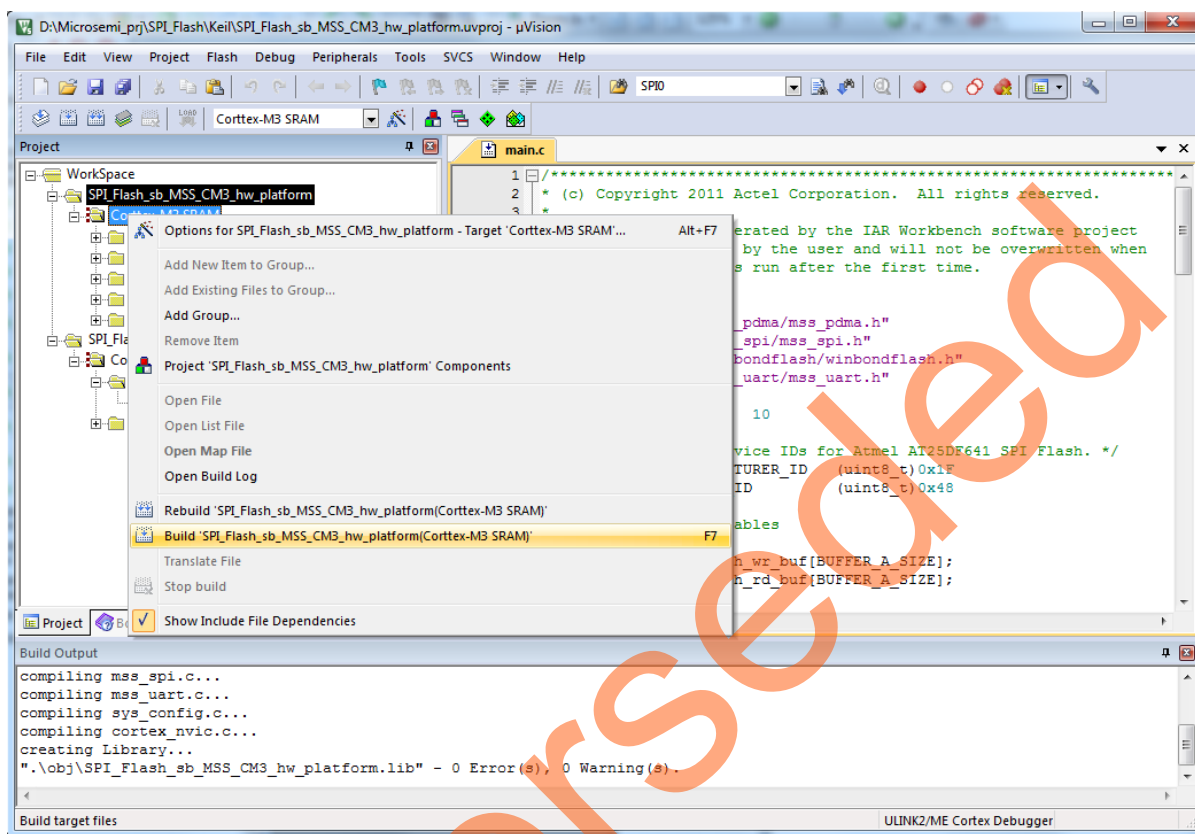


Figure 25 • Build HW Platform Window

10. Right-click **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app** and select **Set as Active Project**.

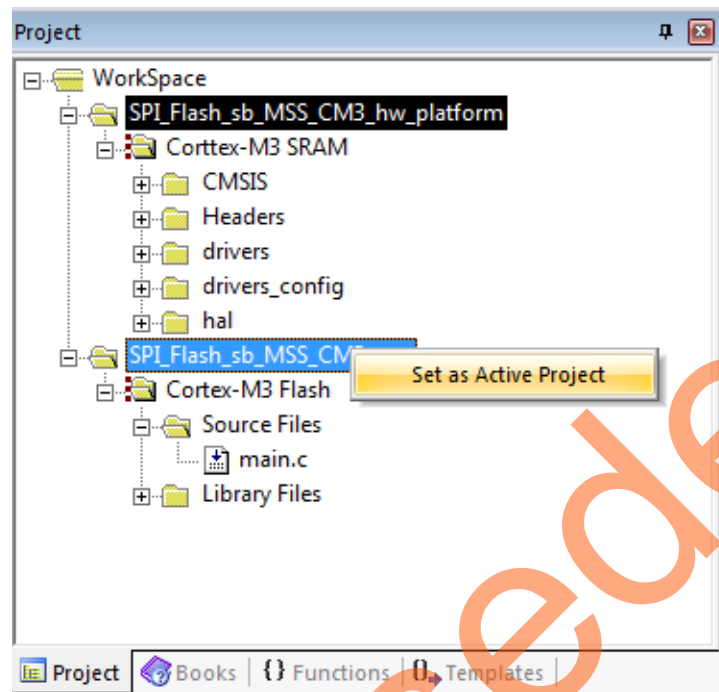


Figure 26 • Set as Active Project

11. Change **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app** debug mode to **Cortex-M3_SRAM** by selecting **Cortex-M3_SRAM** from the drop-down menu as shown in Figure 27.

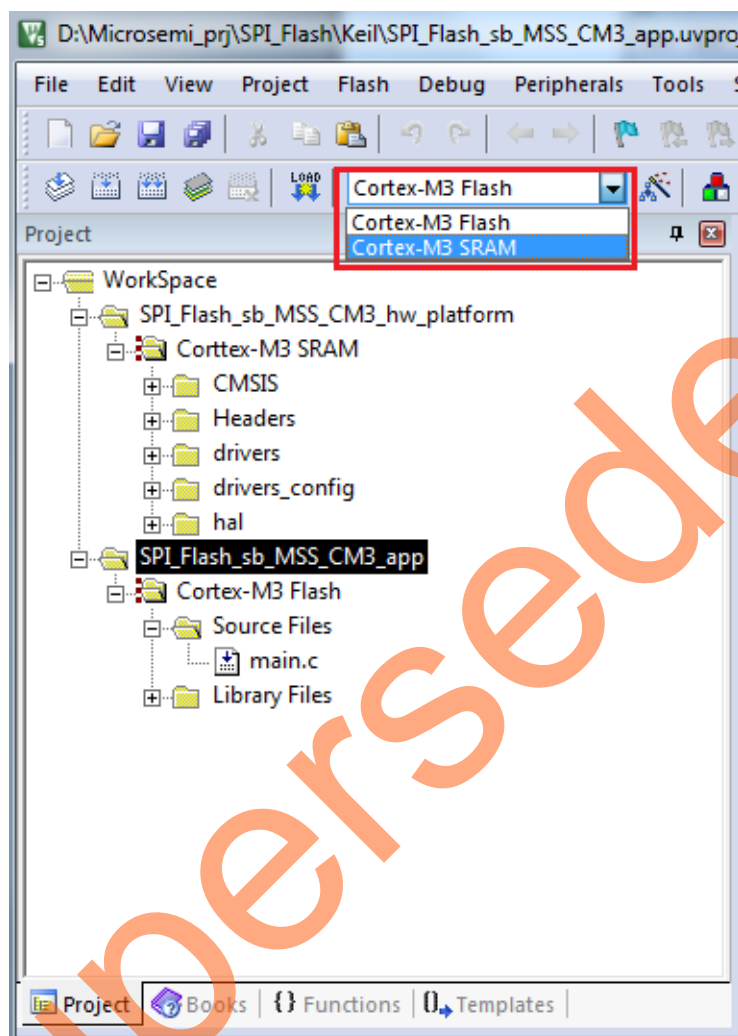


Figure 27 • Cortex-M3_SRAM Settings

12. Right-click **Cortex-M3 SRAM** under SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app and click **Options for project**.

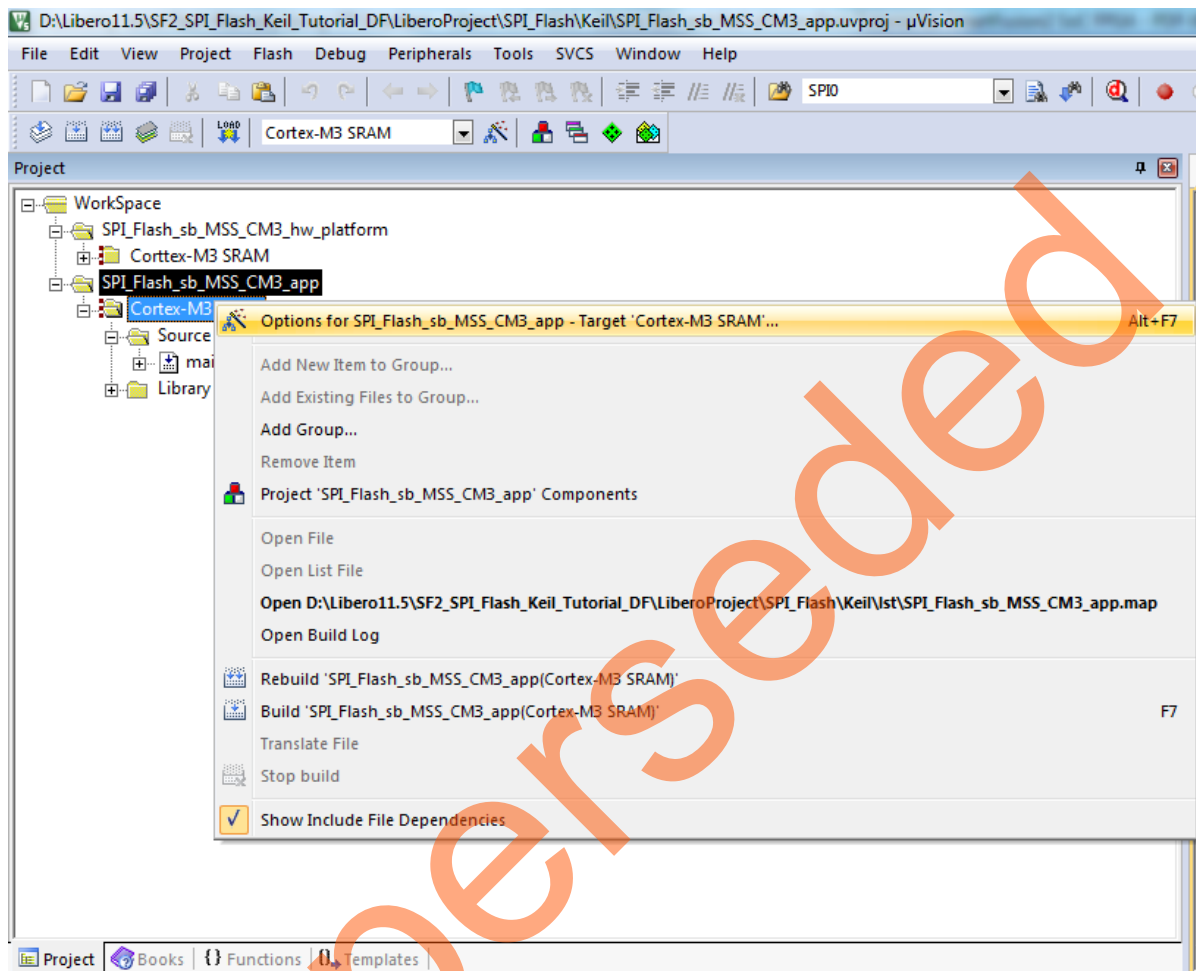


Figure 28 • Target Options

13. Click the **Linker** tab and navigate to the SF2_SPI_Flash_Keil_Tutorial_DF\LiberoProject\Keil\CMSIS\startup_arm folder to select the **Scatter File** as smartfusion2_esram_debug.sct, as shown in Figure 29.

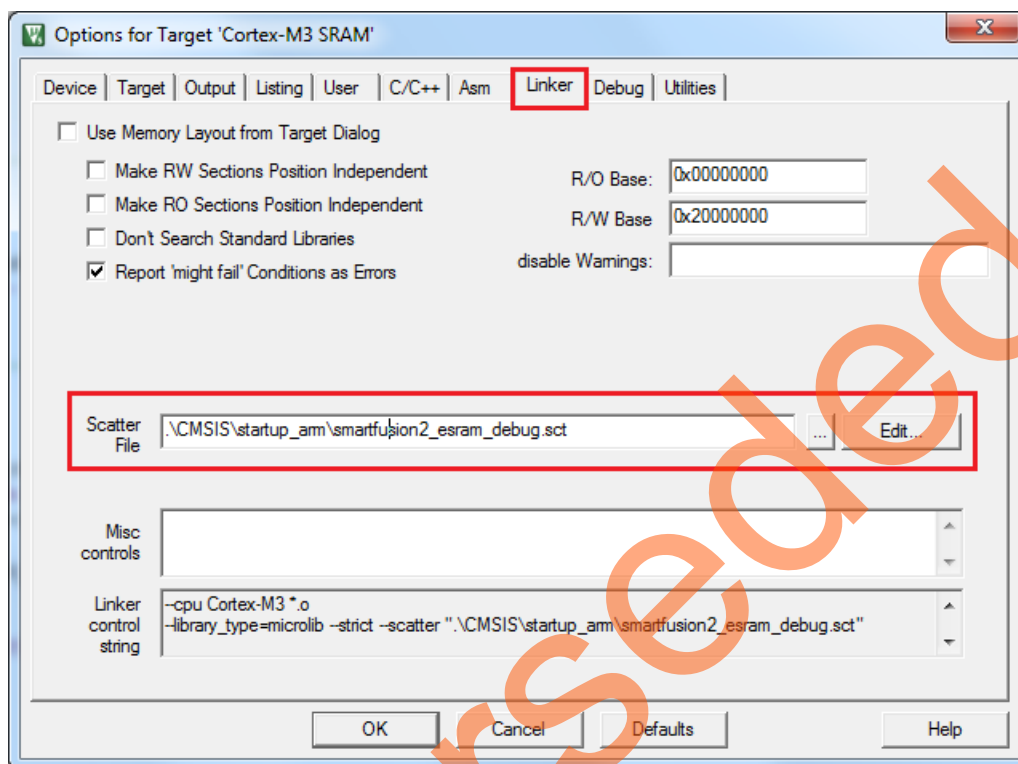


Figure 29 • Target Options - Scatter File

14. Click the **Utilities** tab and clear **Use Debug Driver** and **Update Target before Debugging** check boxes.

15. Select **ULINK2/ME Cortex Debugger** from the drop-down list and click **OK** as shown in Figure 30.

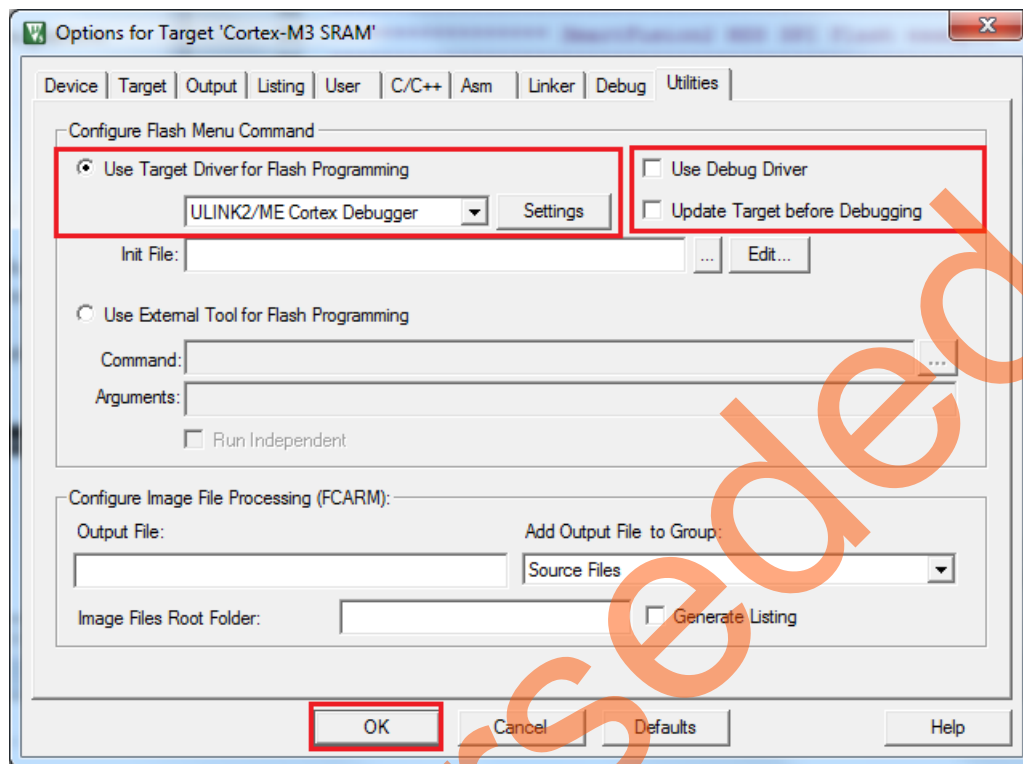


Figure 30 • Target Options - Utilities Settings

16. Right-click **Cortex-M3 SRAM** under **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app** and select **Build SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app (Cortex-M3 SRAM)** as shown in Figure 31. It compiles all of the source files and links the object files into an AXF file to debug. Make sure that there are no errors. Correct any syntax errors and rebuild if necessary.

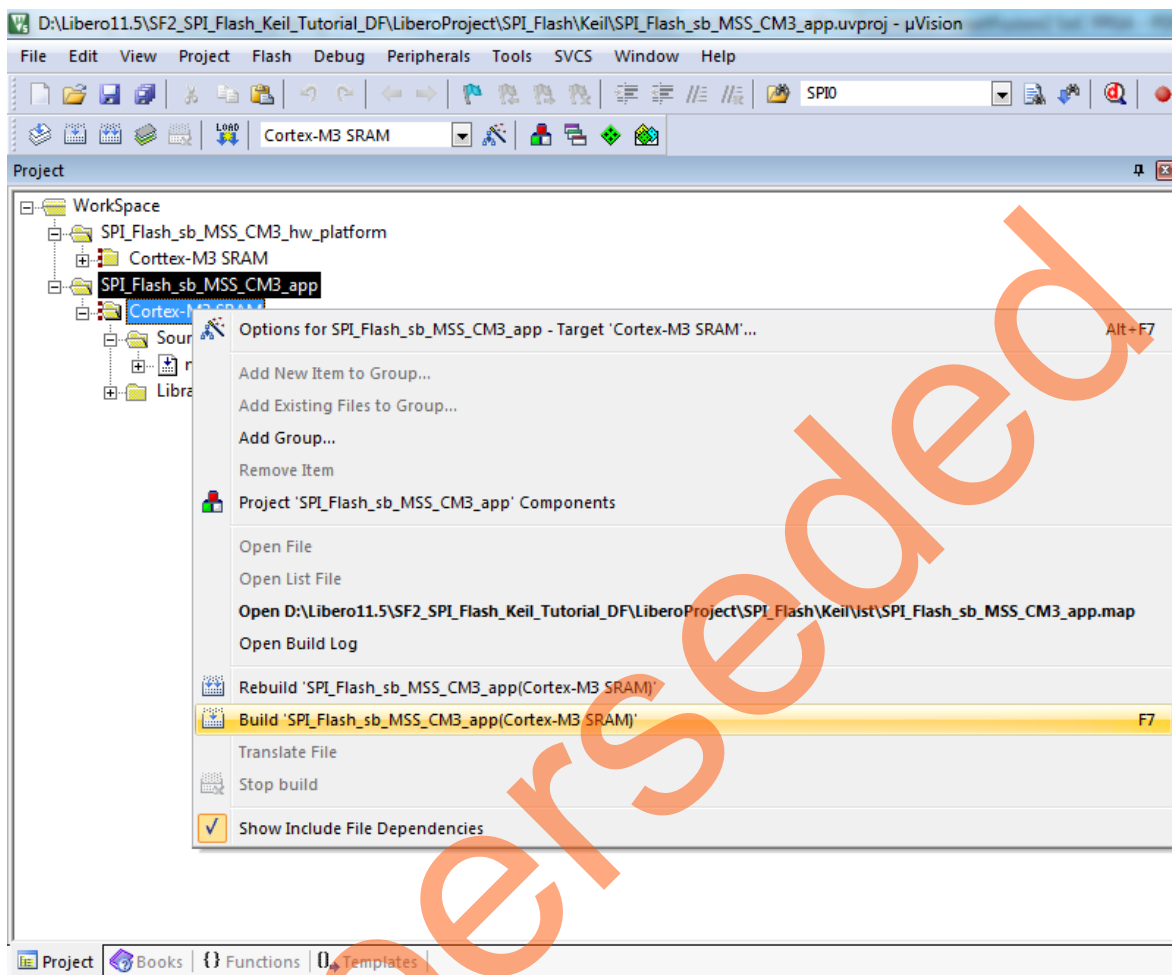


Figure 31 • Build Application Window

Figure 32 shows the messages that are displayed in the console after the build.

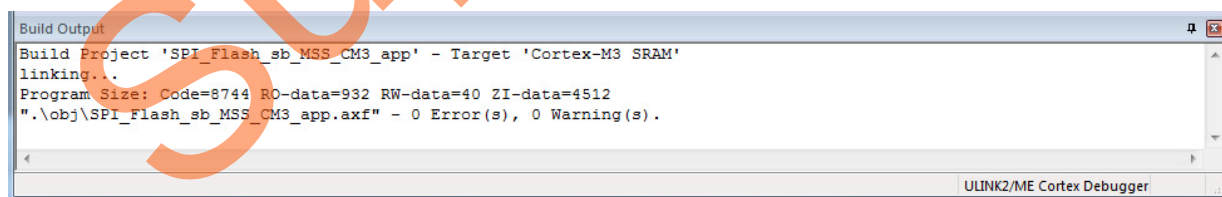


Figure 32 • Build Output

Step 6: Configuring Serial Terminal Emulation Program

The following steps describe how to configure serial terminal emulation program:

1. Install the USB driver. For serial terminal communication through the FTDI mini USB cable, install the FTDI D2XX driver. Download the drivers and the installation guide from: www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/CDM_2.08.24_WHQL_Certified.zip.
2. Connect the host PC to the J18 connector using the USB Mini-B cable. The USB to UART bridge drivers are automatically detected. Of the four COM ports, select the one with Location as **on USB Serial Converter D**. Figure 33 shows an example Device Manager window.

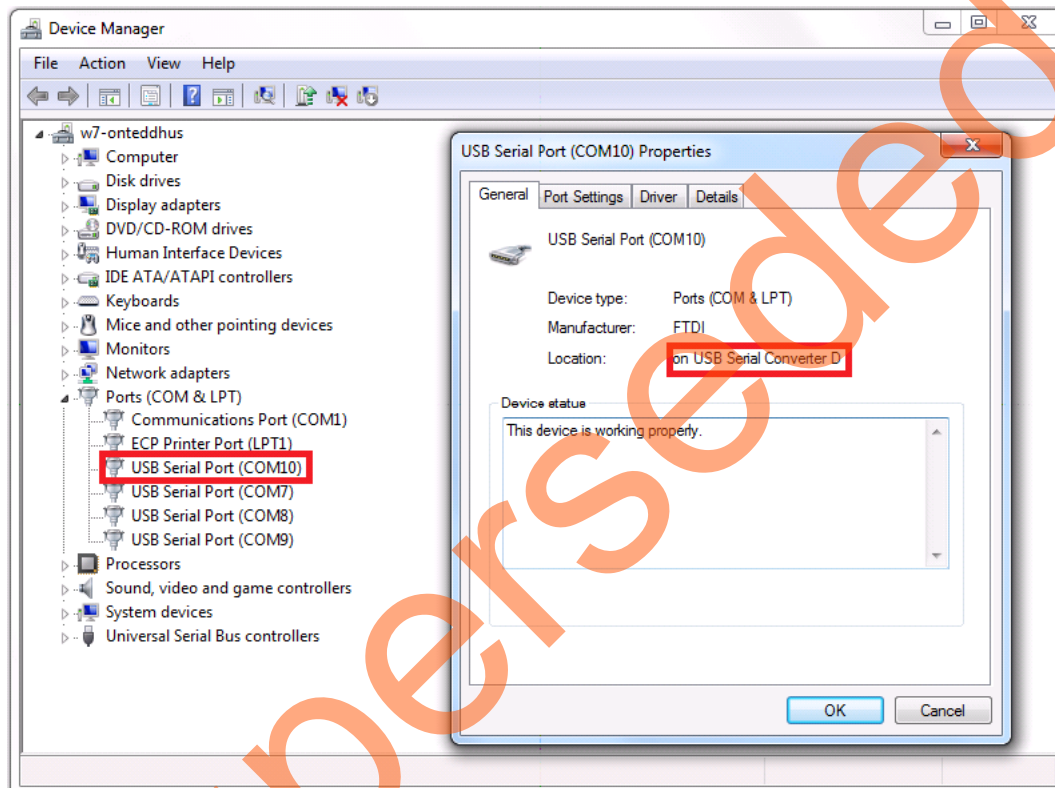


Figure 33 • Device Manager Window

3. Start the HyperTerminal session. If the HyperTerminal program is not available in the computer, any free serial terminal emulation program such as PuTTY or TeraTerm can be used. Refer to the [Configuring Serial Terminal Emulation Programs Tutorial](#) for configuring the HyperTerminal, TeraTerm, or PuTTY.

The HyperTerminal settings are as follows:

- 115200 baud rate
- 8 data bits
- 1 stop bit
- No parity
- No flow control

Step 7: Connecting the ULINK-ME to the Board and PC

The following steps describe the connection between the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board, ULINK-ME, and host PC. Use the appropriate settings for the board that is in use.

1. Connect Pin 2 and Pin 3 on the jumper J8 on the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board.
2. Connect the USB A-Mini B cable between the host PC and the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board. This is used to display the HyperTerminal communications.
3. Verify that the ULINK-ME debugger is connected to the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board RVI Header as shown in [Figure 34](#) and also to the host PC through a USB A-Mini B cable. The ULINK-ME adapter has one LED that indicates connection status in the following ways:
 - Blinking slowly indicates that ULINK-ME is ready to communicate with the debugger.
 - Blinking speedily indicates that the target board is executing the program under debugger control.
 - Remaining **ON** during debugging indicates that the debugger has halted the target board.
 - Remaining **ON** during download indicates that target download and verification is in progress.
4. Switch **ON** the SW7 power supply switch.

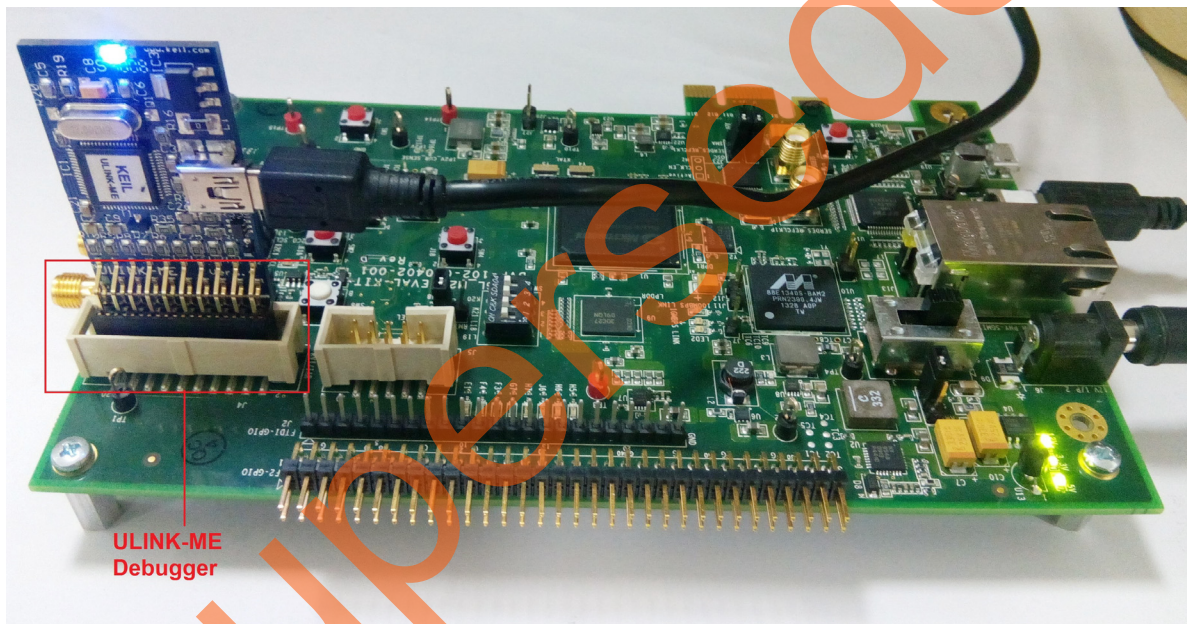


Figure 34 • ULINK-ME Connections

Refer to "Appendix A - Board Setup for Debugging from Keil uVision" on page 44 for information on the board setup for running the tutorial.



Step 8: Debugging the Application Project using Keil uVision 5

The following steps describe how to debug the application project using Keil uVision:

1. Select **Start/Stop Debug Session** from the **Debug** menu in the uVision window to run it through the debug hardware as shown in Figure 36. The processor code will be downloaded to the SmartFusion2 eSRAM.

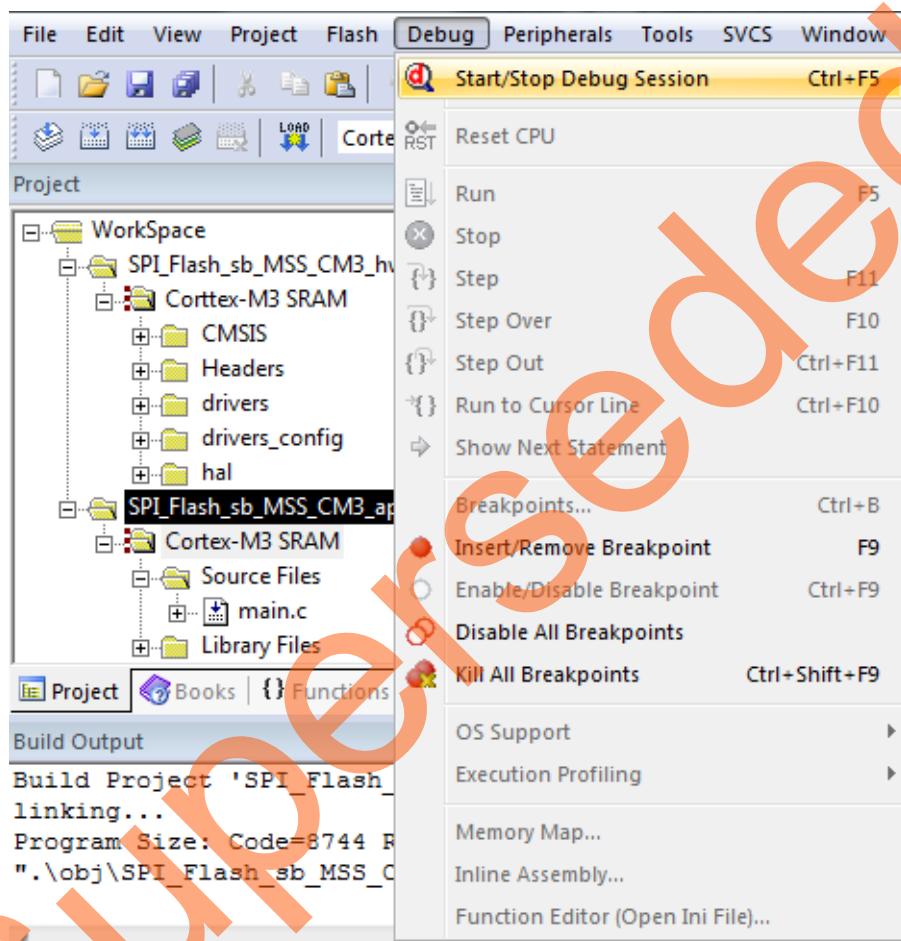


Figure 36 • Selecting Start/Stop Debug Session

The code will automatically 'run to main' and then stop as shown in Figure 37.

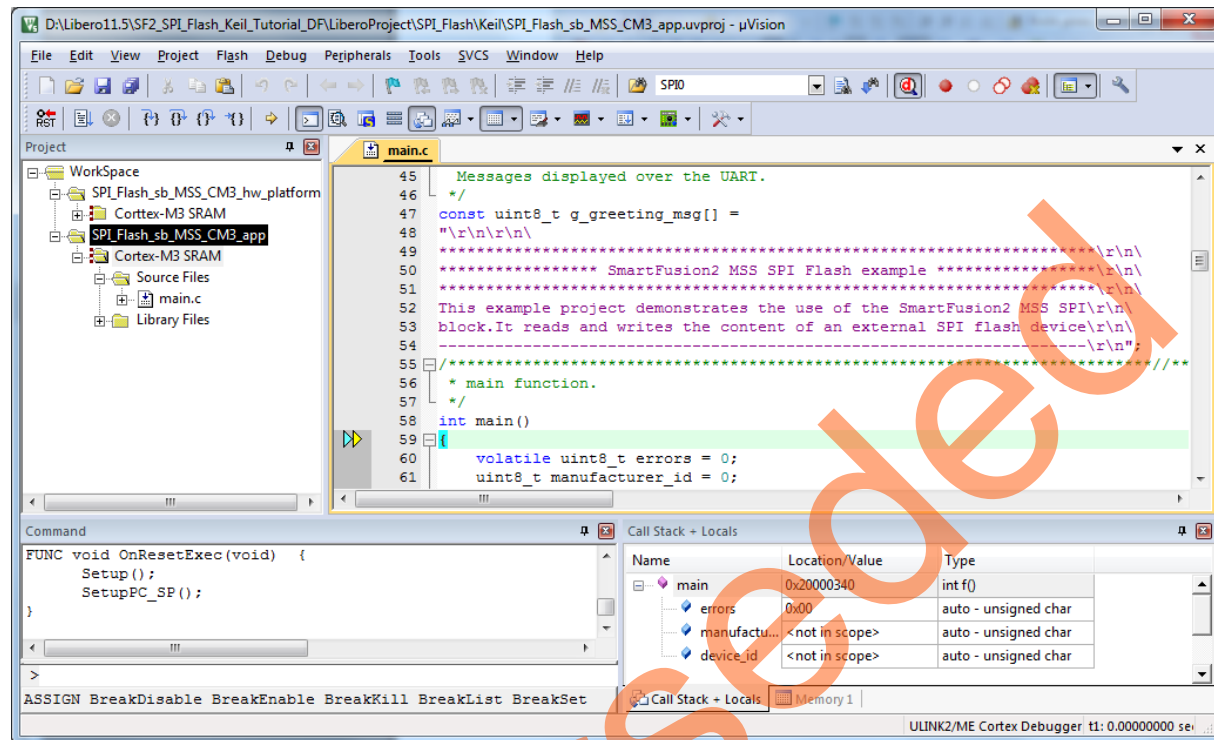


Figure 37 • Debug Menu

- Click **Run** from the **Debug** menu as shown in Figure 38.

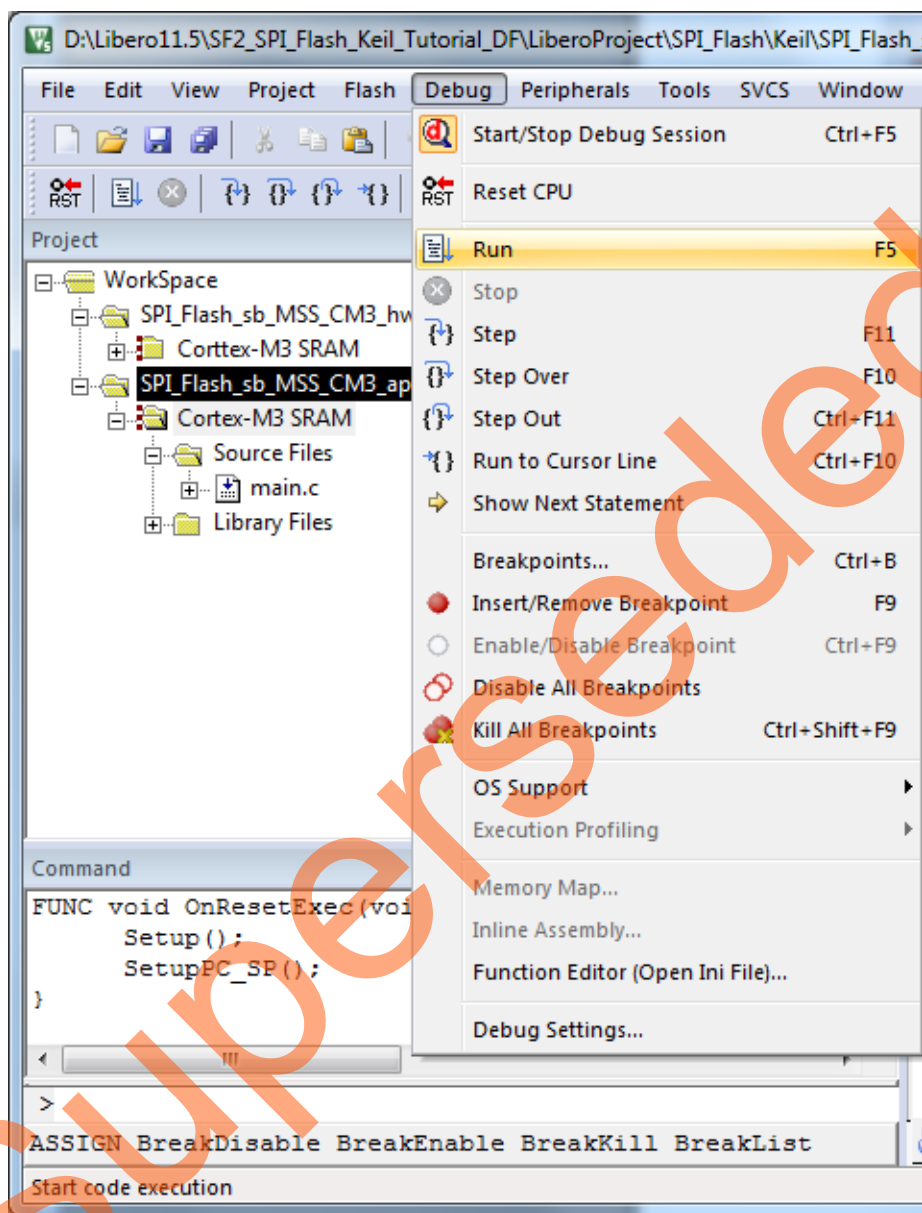


Figure 38 • Selecting Run from the Debug Menu

- On successful operation, the HyperTerminal window displays a message as shown in Figure 39.

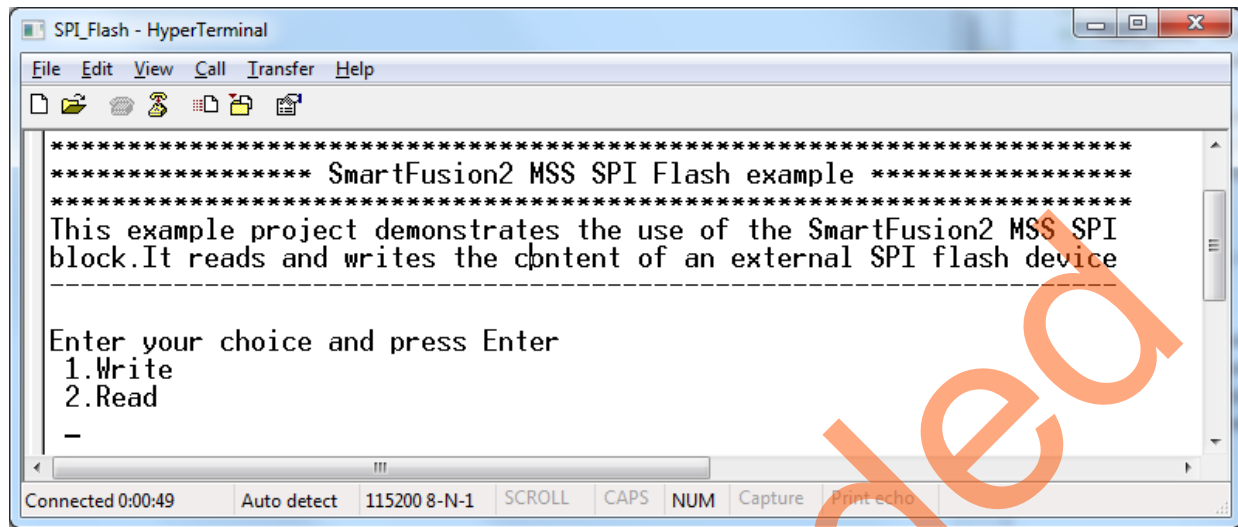


Figure 39 • HyperTerminal Window

- Select option 1 and enter values to write to the SPI Flash Memory as shown in Figure 40.

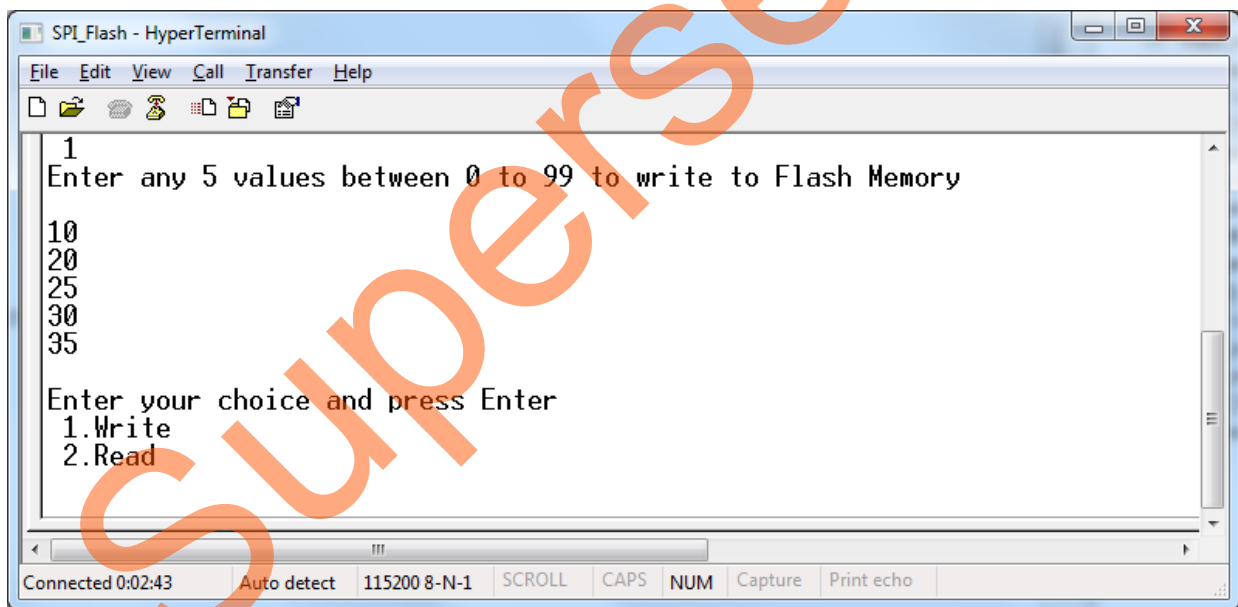
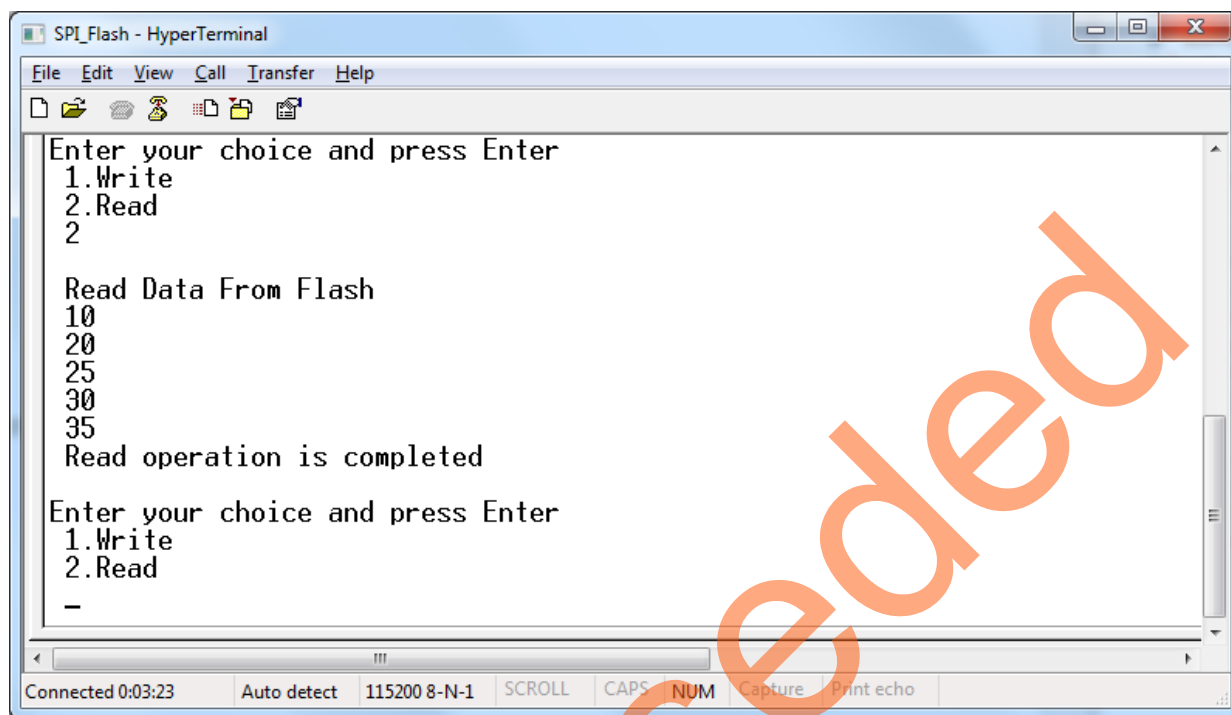


Figure 40 • HyperTerminal Window - Option 1

5. Select option 2 to read data from SPI Flash Memory as shown in [Figure 41](#).



```
Enter your choice and press Enter
1. Write
2. Read
2

Read Data From Flash
10
20
25
30
35
Read operation is completed

Enter your choice and press Enter
1. Write
2. Read
-
```

Figure 41 • HyperTerminal Window - Option 2

The **Disassembly** window is displayed in the middle of the **Debug** section as shown in Figure 42. If not, click the **Disassembly** icon to display the **Disassembly** section.

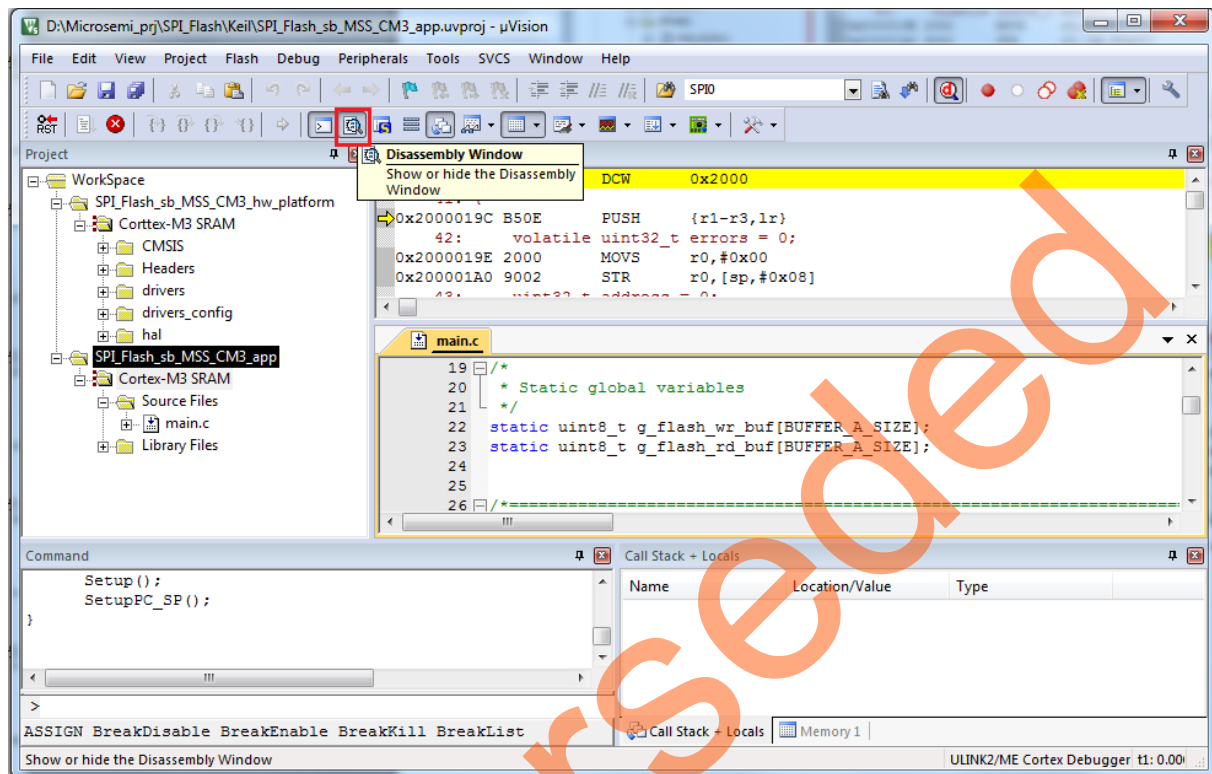


Figure 42 • Disassembly Window

6. Click **Registers Window** to view the values of the ARM® Cortex®-M3 processor internal registers as shown in Figure 42.

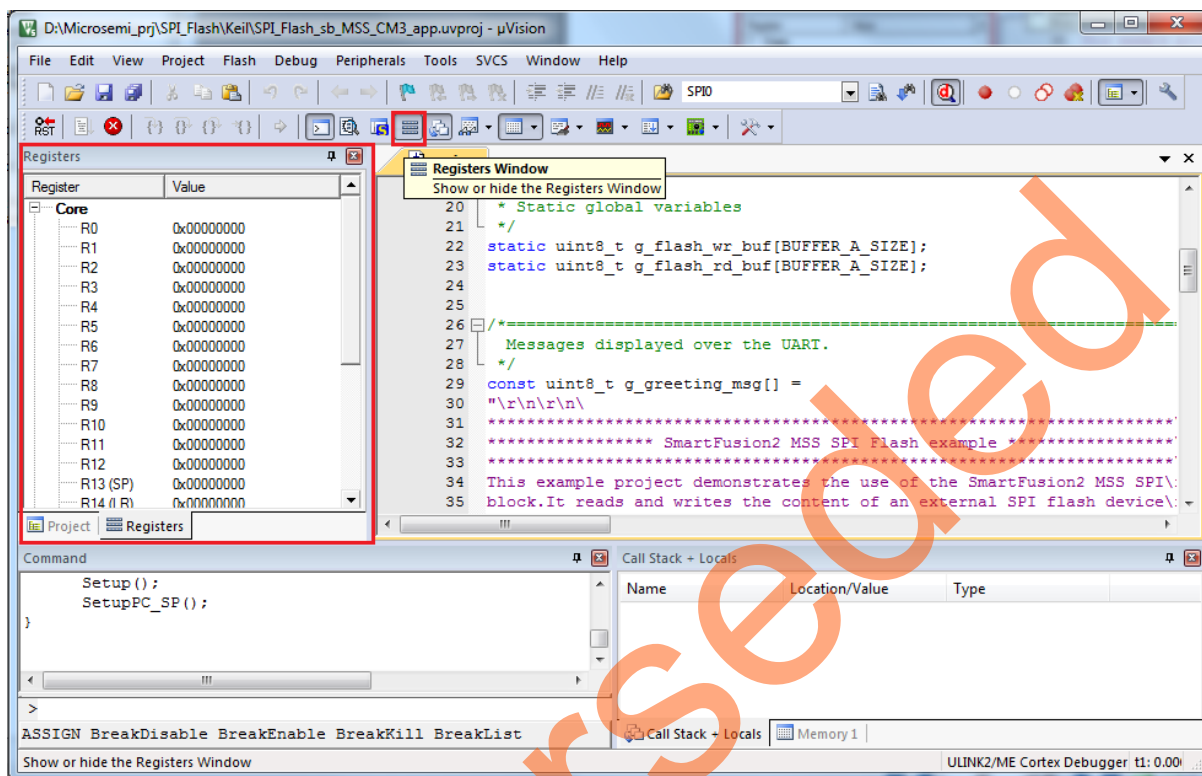


Figure 43 • Values of the Cortex-M3 Internal Registers

7. When debug process is finished, terminate execution of the code by choosing **Debug > Start/Stop Debug Session** as shown in Figure 44.

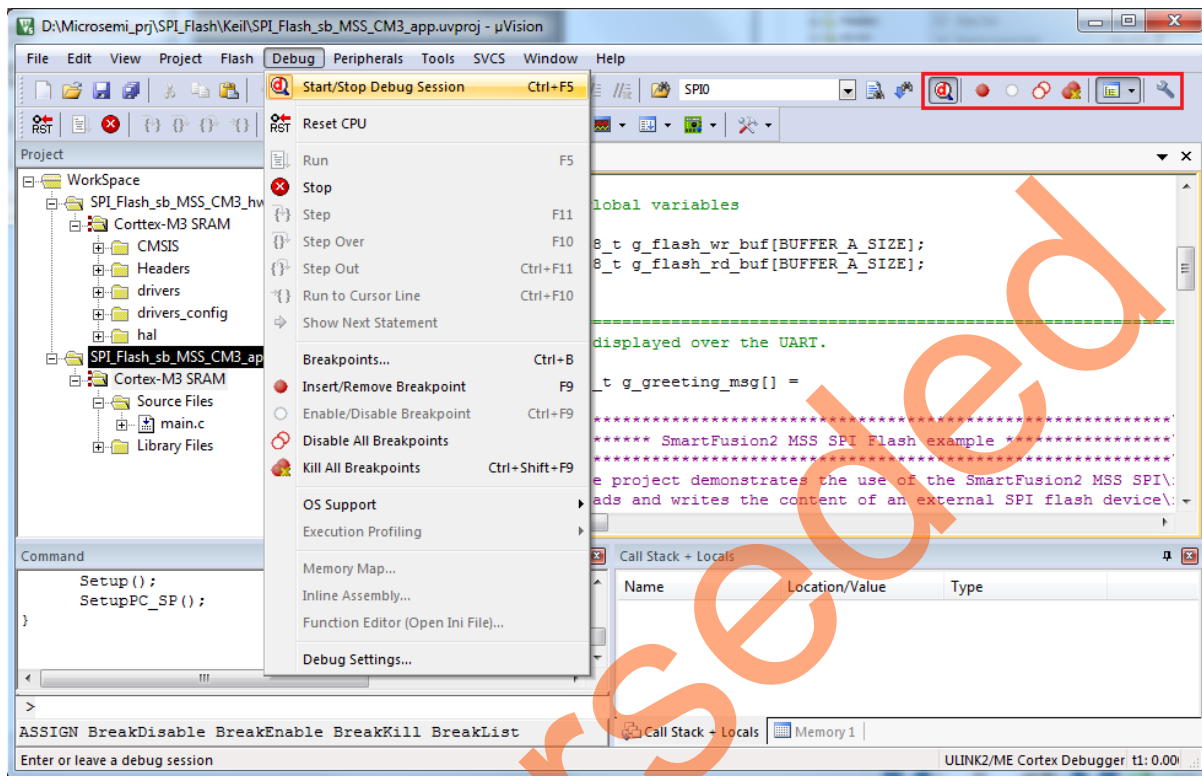


Figure 44 • Keil uVision Workbench - Stop Debug Option

8. The Step Level Debugging can be performed before running the application using **Run**. These can be accessed from the Debug menu or on the Keil uVision workbench as shown in [Figure 45](#):

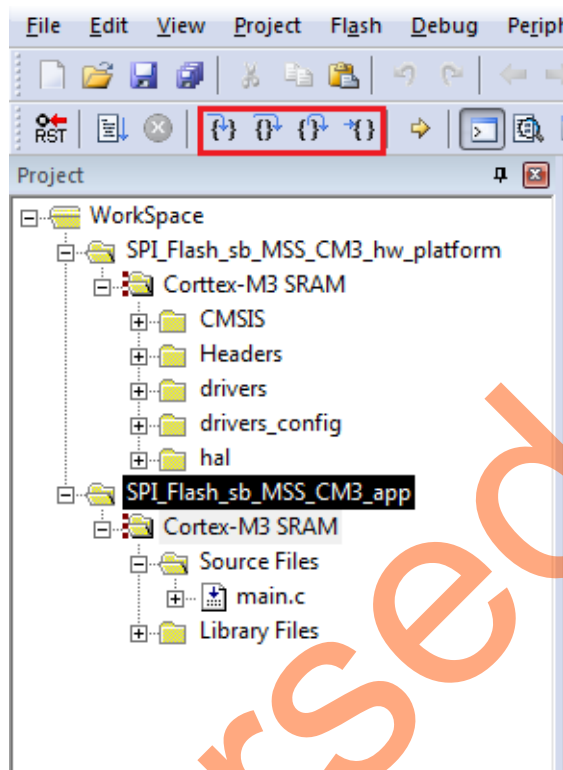


Figure 45 • Keil uVision Workbench - Step Level Debugging

- Source code can be single-stepped by selecting from the Debug menu **Debug > Step**, **Debug > Step Over**, **Debug > Step Out** or by selecting the respective options from the Keil uVision workbench as shown in [Figure 45](#). Observe the changes in the source code window and Disassembly section. Performing a step over provides an option for stepping over functions. The entire function is run but there is no need to single-step through each instruction contained in the function.
 - Select **Debug > Step Out** to exit the instruction in stepping mode.
9. Add breakpoints from the **Debug** menu in workbench to force the code to halt, start Debug session, and then single-step and observe the instruction sequence.
 10. Close uVision using **File > Exit**.
 11. Close the HyperTerminal using **File > Exit**.

Conclusion

This tutorial provides steps to create a Libero SoC software design using the System Builder. It describes how to build, debug, and run Keil uVision application. It also provides a simple design to access the SPI flash.

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Appendix A - Board Setup for Debugging from Keil uVision

Figure 1 shows the board setup for debugging the Keil uVision on the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board.

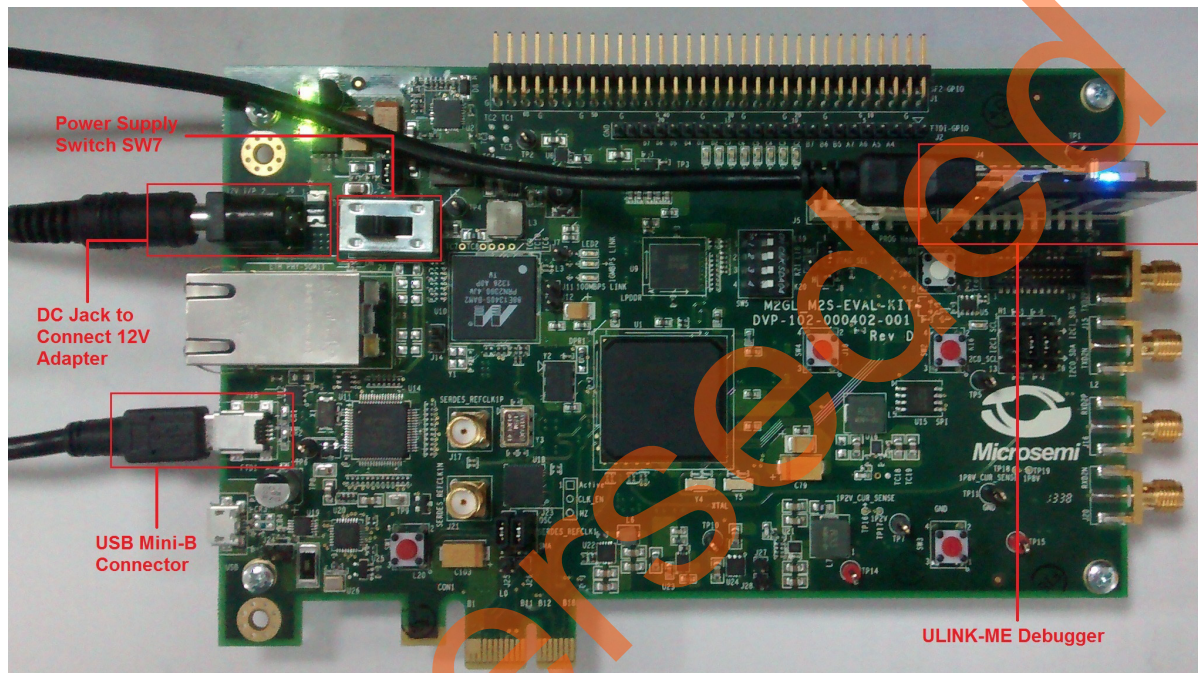


Figure 1 • SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit in Debug Mode using Keil uVision

Appendix B - Board Setup for Programming the Tutorial

Figure 1 shows the board setup for running the tutorial on the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board.

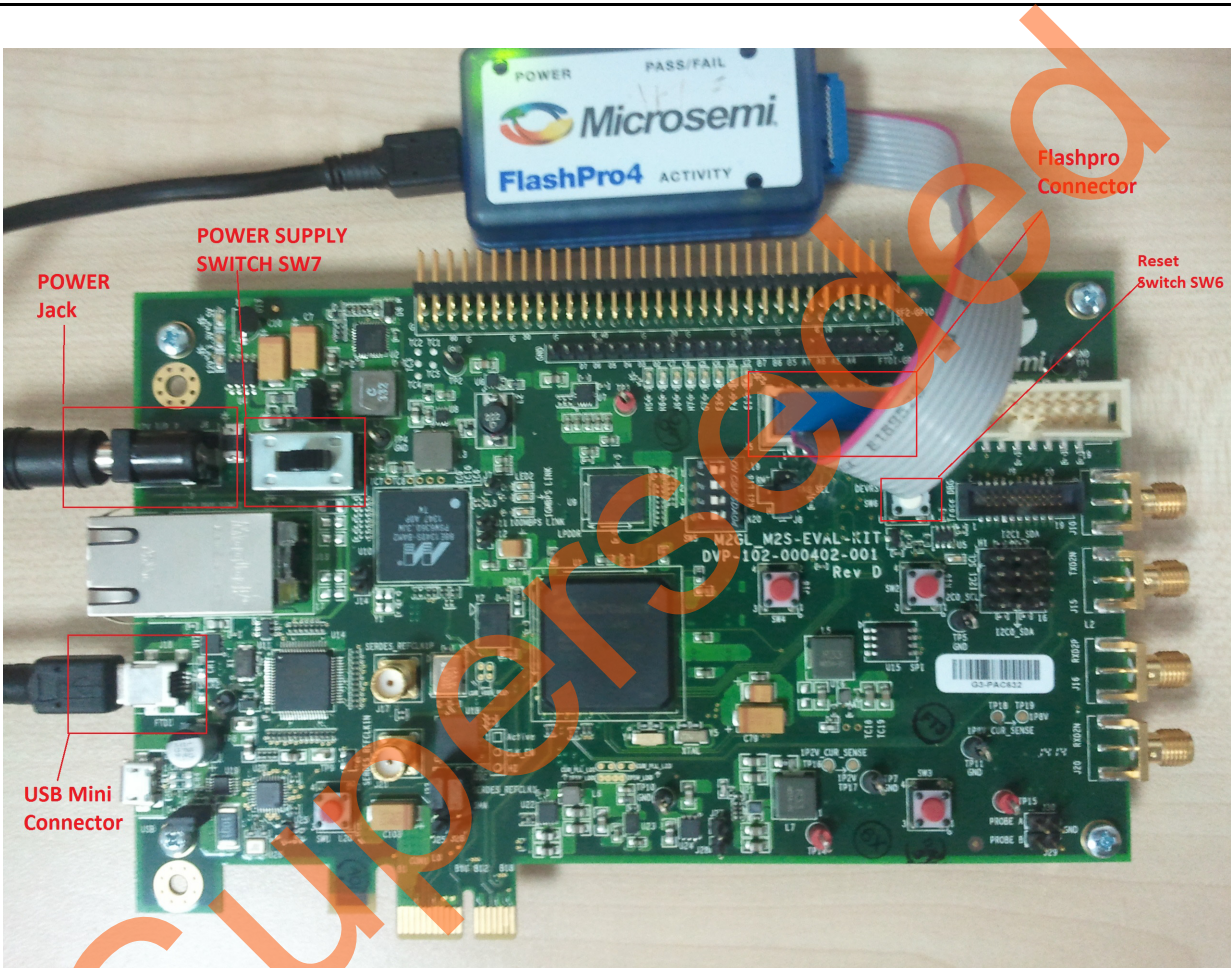


Figure 1 • SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit in Programming Mode

Appendix C- SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit Board Jumper Locations

Figure 1 shows the jumper locations on the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board.

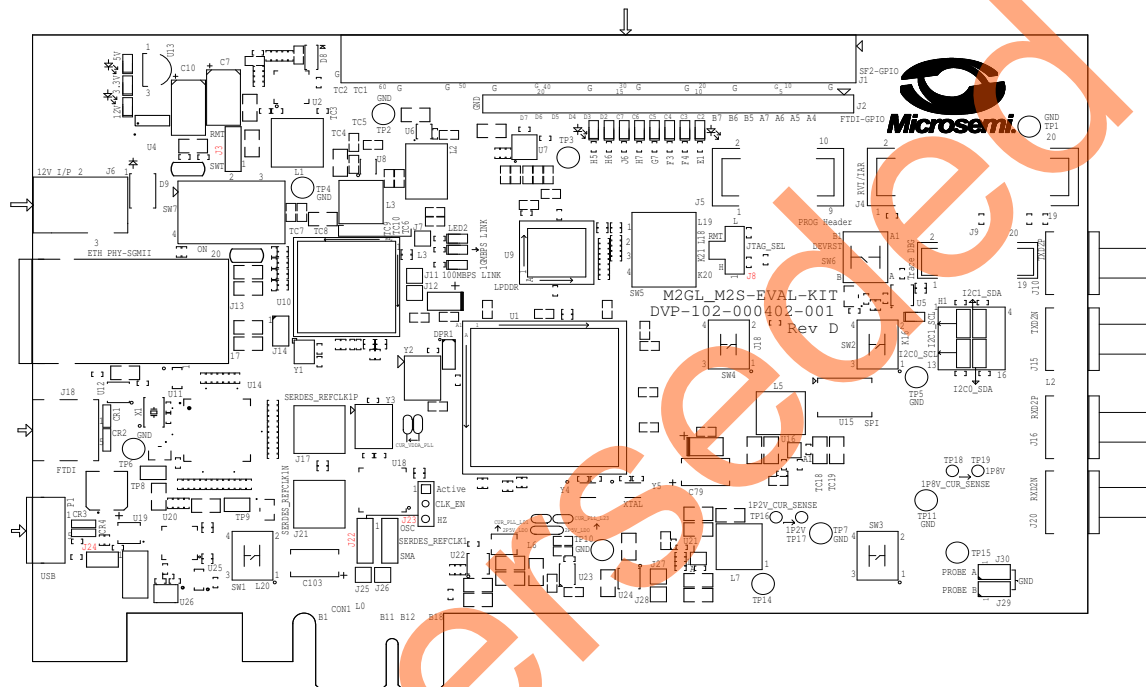


Figure 1 • SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit Board Jumper Locations

Notes:

- Jumpers highlighted in red (J22, J23, J24, J3, J8) are set by default.
- The location of the jumpers in Figure 1 are searchable.

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The following table shows important changes made in this document for each revision.

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Revision 3 (March 2015)	Updated the document for Libero SoC v11.5 software release (SAR 64189).	N/A
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