Developing an Application on Core8051s IP-Based Embedded Processor System Using Firmware Catalog Drivers

User's Guide

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Introduction

This tutorial shows how to use Firmware Catalog drivers to develop a sample Core8051s IP-based application on the Microsemi® Fusion Advanced Development Kit.

Design Overview

This application is developed for the Fusion Advanced Development Kit. A Core8051s IP-based system is developed with peripherals like CoreGPIO, CoreUARTapb, CoreWatchdog, CoreTimer, and CoreInterrupt on Microsemi Fusion field programmable gate array (FPGA) using Libero® System-on-Chip (cSoC). Drivers for these peripherals are generated from the Firmware Catalog. A firmware project is created by importing the generated drivers into Microsemi's SoftConsole software. This tutorial illustrates the usage of the drivers. A sample application is developed for blinking on board LED at a specified time interval. This project is build such that it debugs the code from the external static random access memory (SRAM).

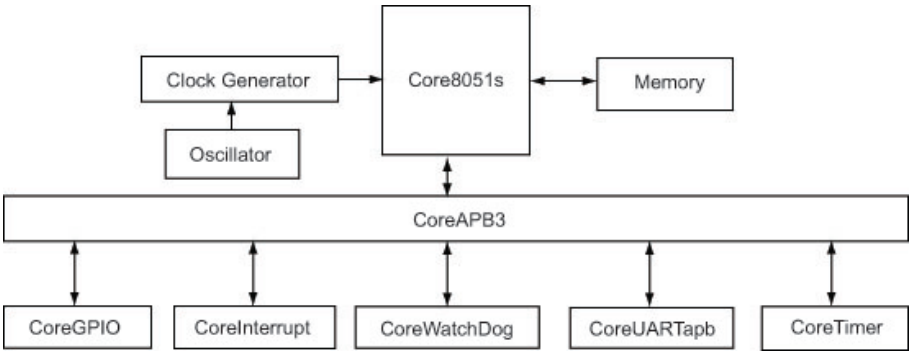

Figure 1 Block Diagram

Tutorial Requirements

Software Requirements

This tutorial requires the following software installed on your PC:

- Libero SoC v10.0 (or later) can be downloaded from: www.microsemi.com/soc/download/software/liberosoc/default.aspx
- Microsemi SoftConsole v3.3 (or later), which is installed as a part of Libero SoC installation or can be downloaded from: www.microsemi.com/soc/download/software/softconsole/default.aspx

Hardware Requirements

You need the following hardware:

- Fusion Advanced Development Kit
- Two USB cables (programming and communication)—one for connecting the programmer to your PC and the other to connect the universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter (UART) interface on the board to PC.

Associated Project Files

You can download the associated project files for this tutorial from the Microsemi website: www.microsemi.com/soc/download/rsc/?f=Core8051s_EmbProc_tutorial_DF.

Working with Libero SoC and SoftConsole

Step 1 - Creating Hardware Design Using Libero

Microsemi provides tutorials for Libero SoC on the Microsemi website in addition to training classes.

1. Unzip the M1AFS_Core8051s_DF.rar file to a root directory (C:\).
2. Open the Core8051s_Ext_SRAM project folder, as shown in Figure 2.

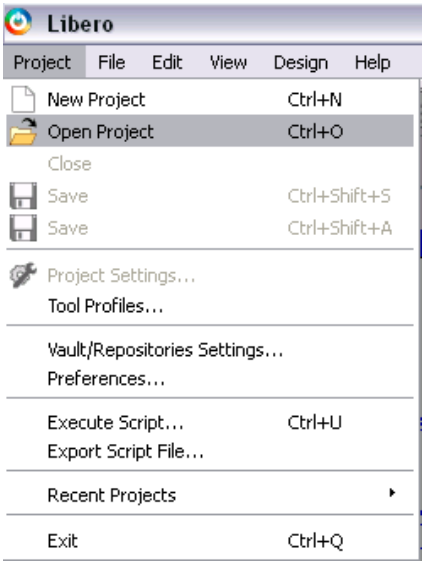

Figure 2 Opening Libero Project

3. Select the folder (Figure 3) and click **Open**.

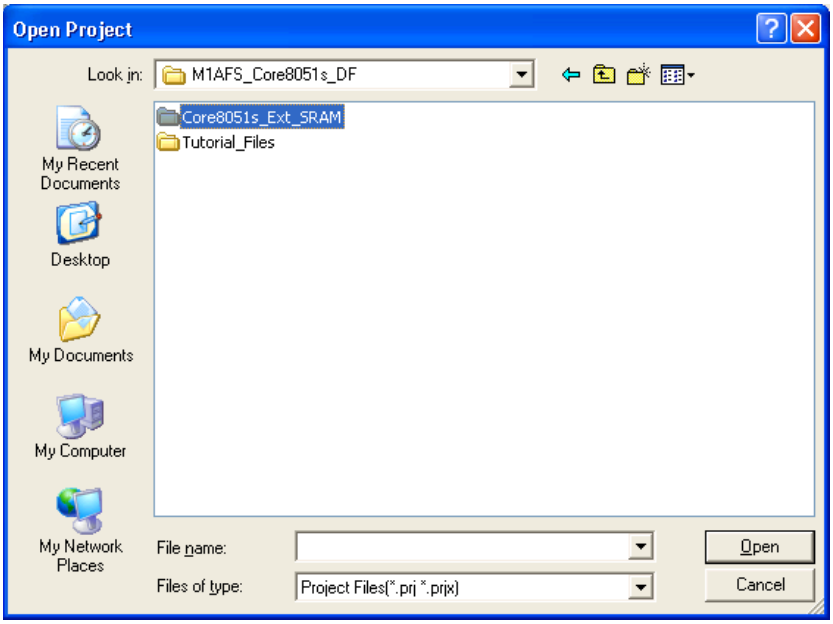

Figure 3 Selecting Project Folder

4. Select C8051s_EXT_SRAM, as shown in Figure 4.

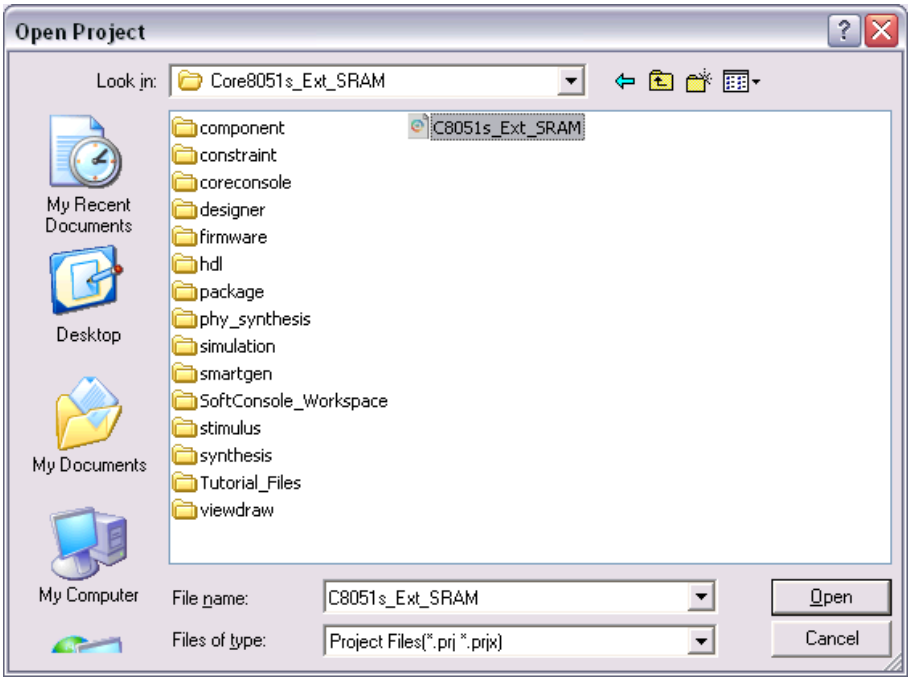

Figure 4 Selecting Project File

5. The project flow window is displayed, as shown in Figure 5.

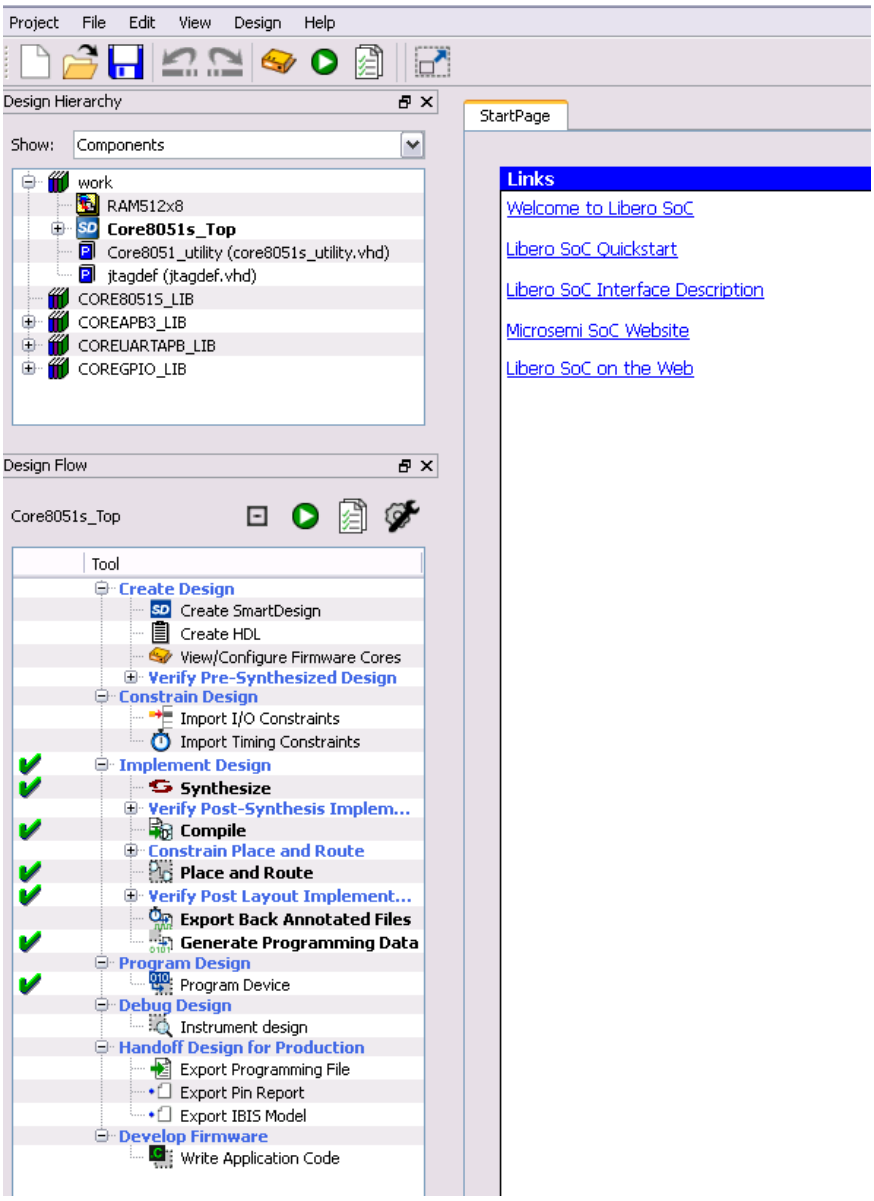

Figure 5 Project Flow Window

6. Right-click the top level SmartDesign component (for example, Core8051s_Top) and select **Open Component**, as shown in Figure 6.

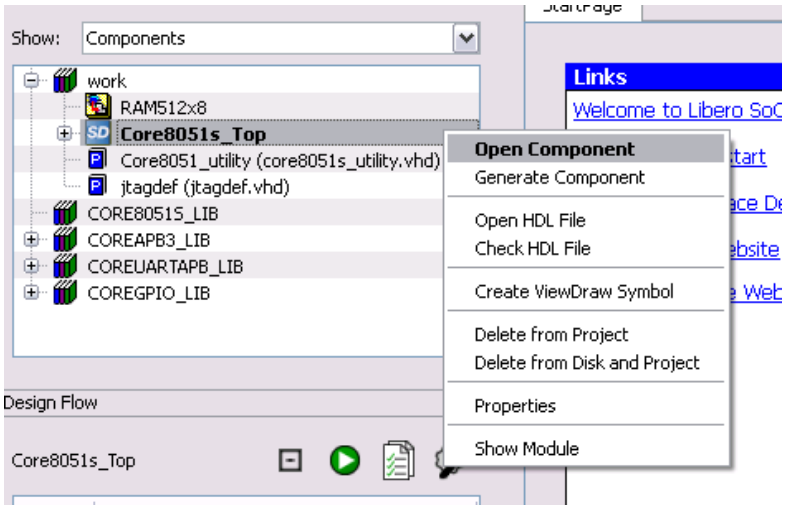

Figure 6 Open Top Level Component

7. The top level SmartDesign window is displayed, as shown in Figure 7.

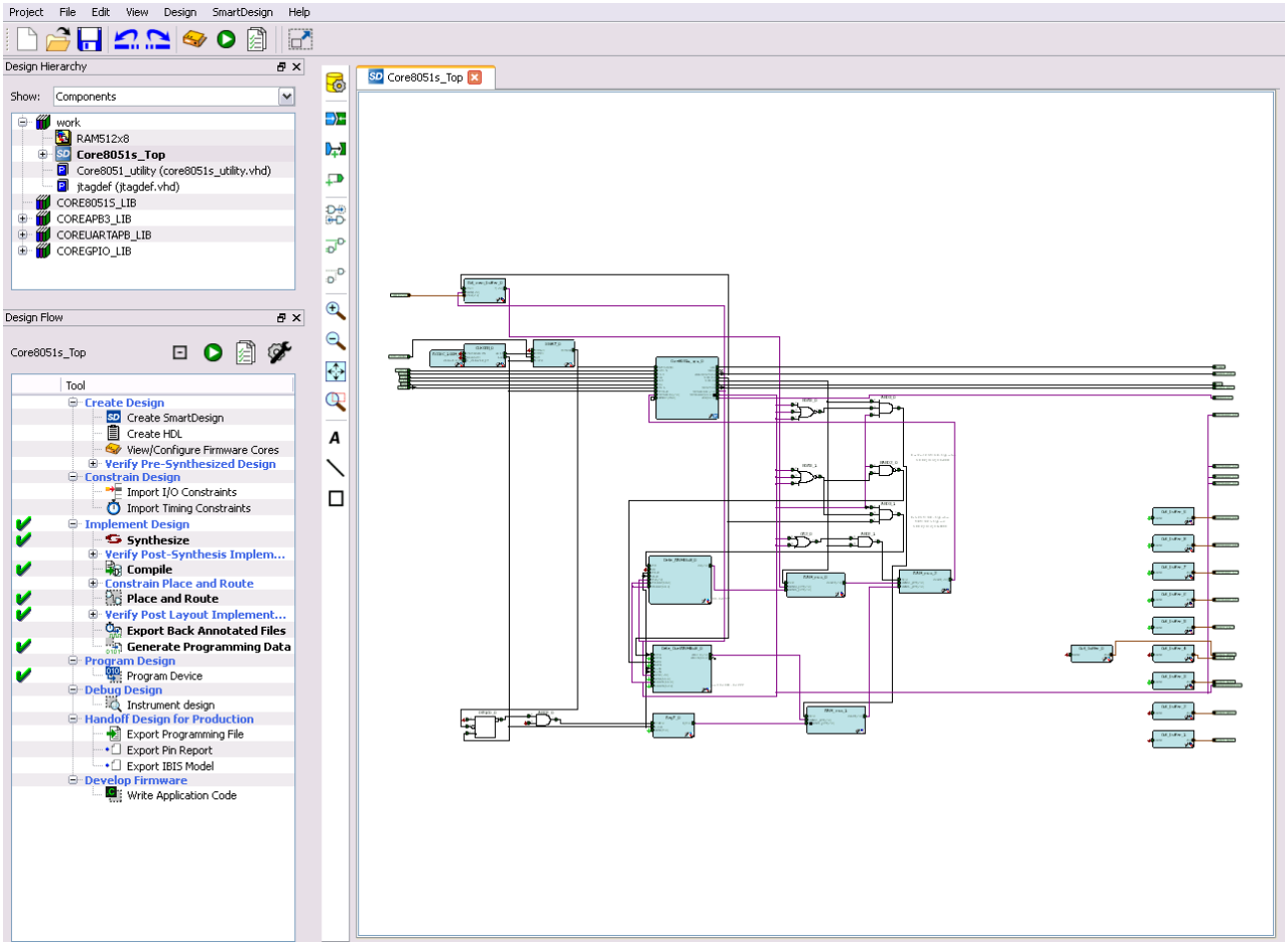

Figure 7 Top Level SmartDesign Window

8. Click **Maximize Work Area**, as shown in Figure 8.

Figure 8 Maximize Work Area

9. You can view how different peripherals are connected to Core8051s processor using CoreAPB3 interface. Refer to the Core8051s based hardware tutorial for step-by-step procedures to create a Libero design.

   Program memory space is implemented using 64 kbytes of the external SRAM on the Fusion Advanced Development Kit.

   The peripherals used in this design are assigned at the following addresses:

   - COREGPIO_0: 0x0000F000
   - CORETIMER_0: 0x0000F100
   - COREWATCHDOG_0: 0x0000F200
   - COREUARTAPB_0: 0x0000F500
   - COREINTERRUPT_0: 0x0000F600

   Note: To check the base addresses of the peripherals, view the memory map of the design.

   You can refer to these address allocations in Core8051s_Sys_hw_platform.h file provided in the SoftConsole project.

   Note: These addresses are specific to this project. It can vary from one design to another.

   The Timer interrupt is connected to INT0 of Core8051s through Core Interrupt.

10. Connect the LC Programmer to the Fusion Advanced Development Kit.
11. Connect a USB cable from a USB port on your PC to the USB connector on the LC Programmer. Power cycle the board.
12. If prompted by the operating system for drivers, you can download the drivers for the CP2102 USB serial port from www.microsemi.com/soc/products/hardware/devkits_boards/fusion_embedded.aspx.

    Note: Refer to the Core8051s based hardware tutorial for more information.

13. Double-click **Program Device** under Program Design in the Design Flow window to program the device, as shown in Figure 9.

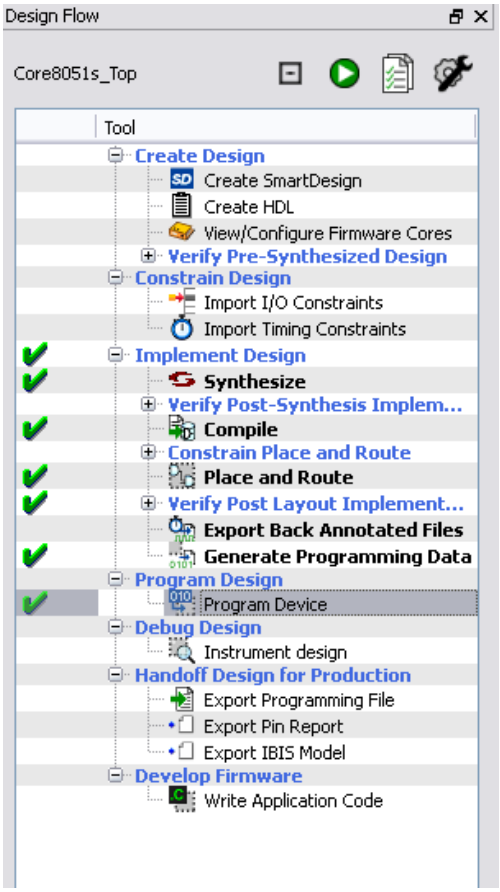

Figure 9 Program Device

14. You can see the message “PROGRAM PASSED”, as shown in Figure 10.

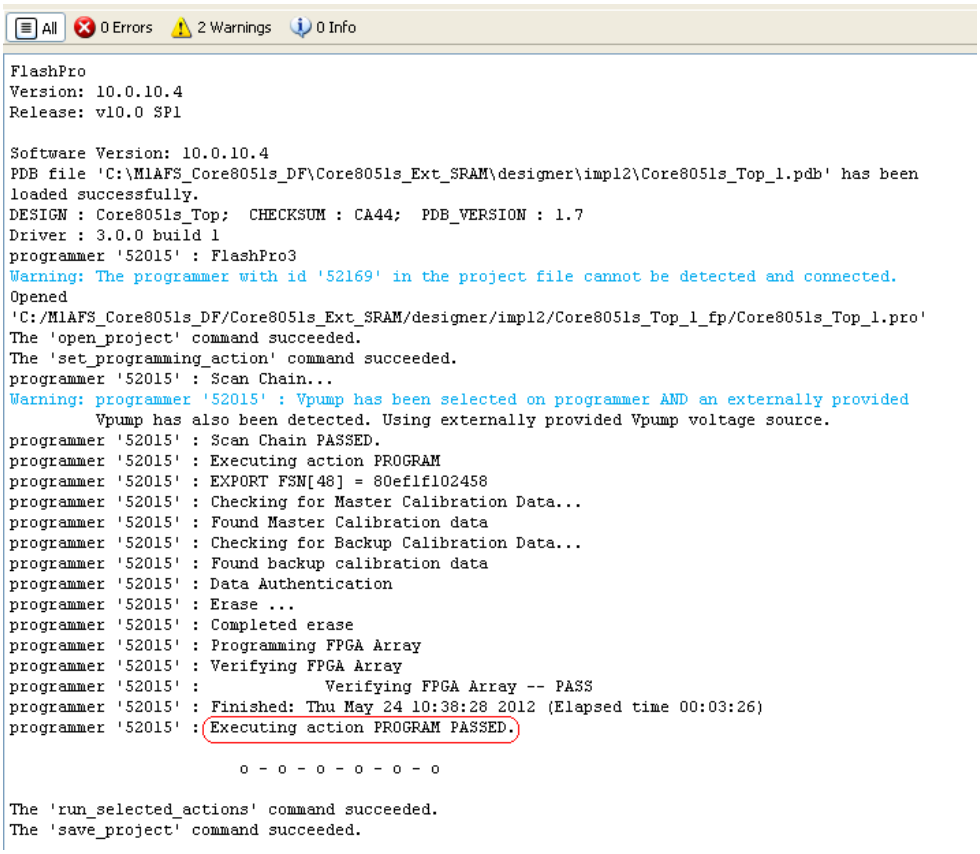

Figure 10 Program Passed

Step 2 - Generating Peripheral Drivers From Firmware Catalog

This section explains how to generate firmware drivers from Firmware Catalog.

1. Launch Firmware Catalog using **Start → All Programs → Microsemi Libero SoC v 10.0 → Firmware Catalog v 10.0 → Firmware Catalog**. The Firmware Catalog is displayed, as shown in Figure 11.

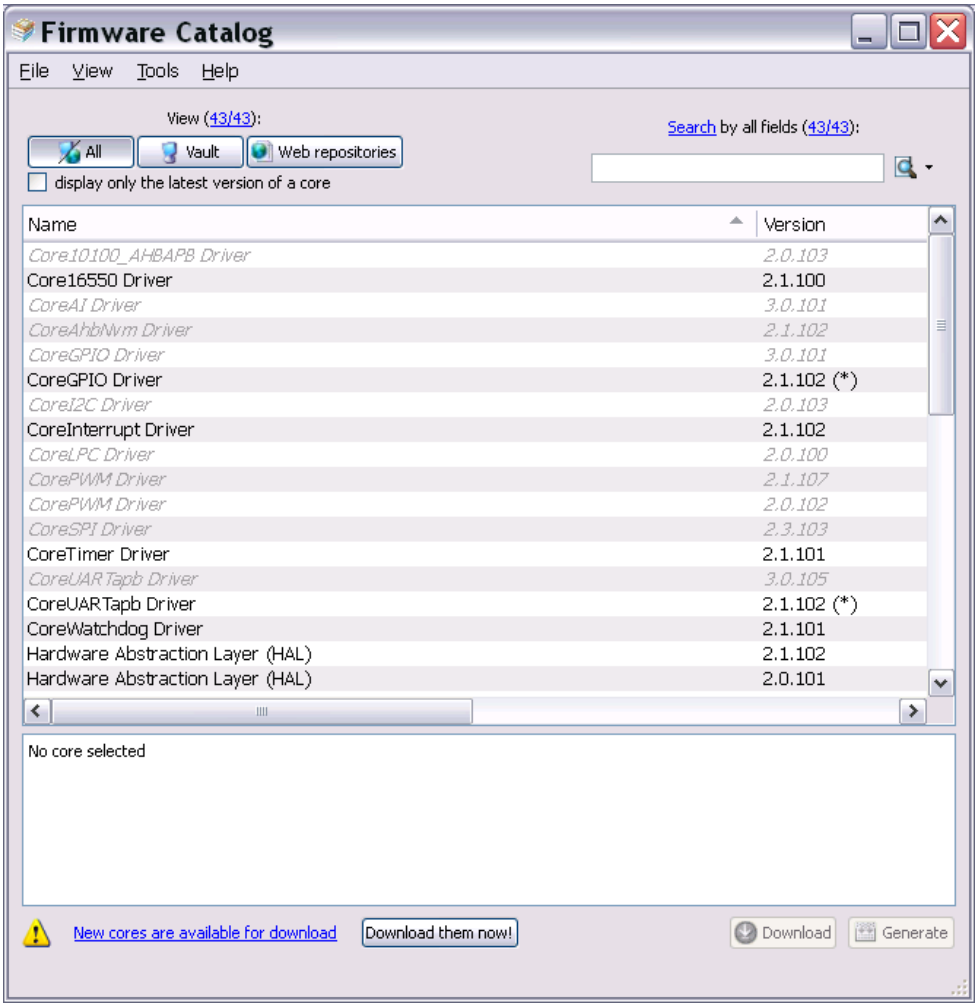

Figure 11 Firmware Catalog

2. To generate the driver, right-click the required driver and click **Generate**, as shown in Figure 12.

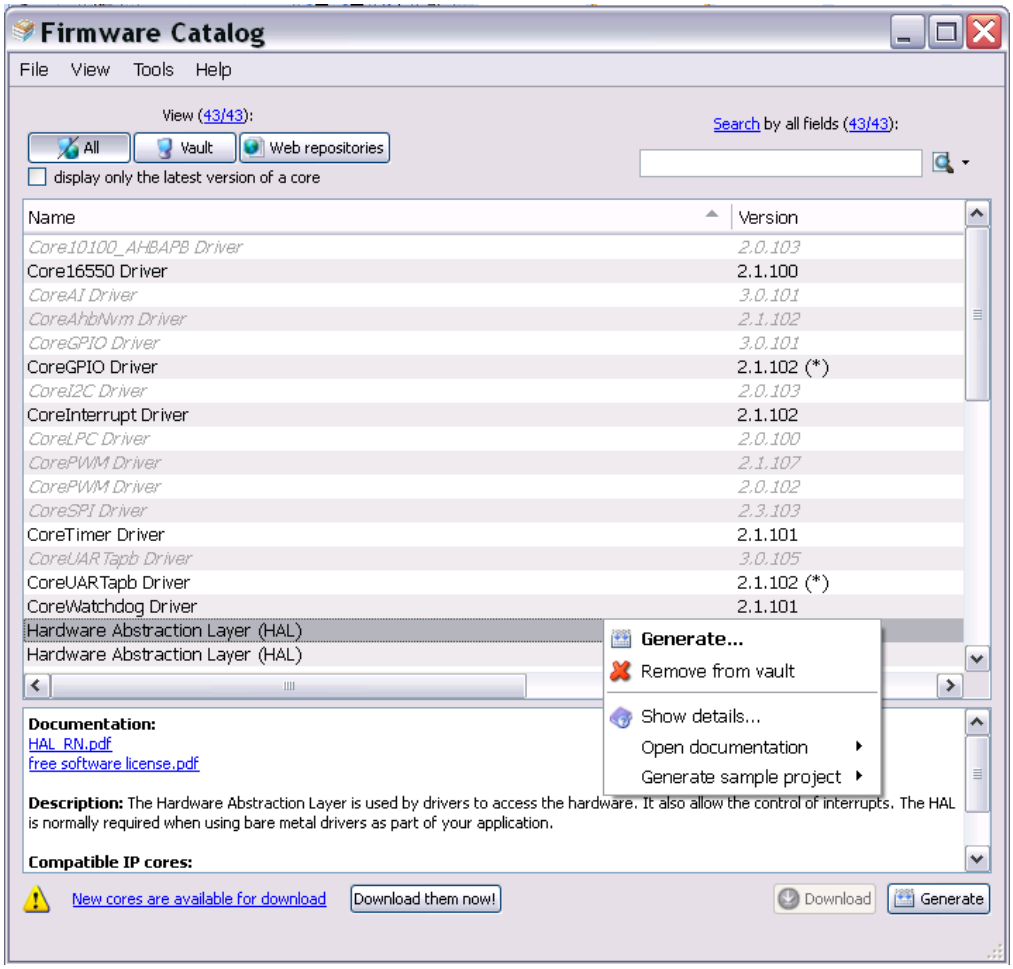

Figure 12 Generate Driver

3. Save the generated drivers at: C:\M1AFS_Core8051s_DF\Core8051s_Ext_SRAM\firmware, as shown in Figure 13.

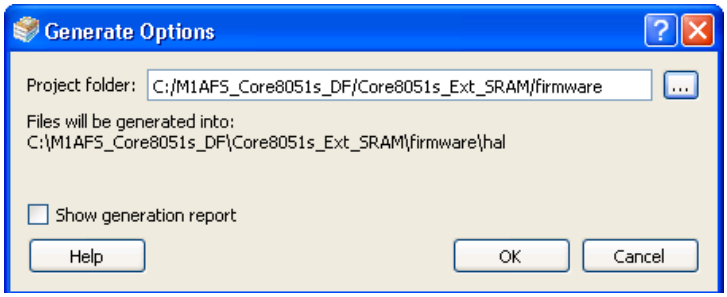

Figure 13 Generate Options

4. Configure the HAL, as shown in Figure 14. The hardware abstraction layer (HAL) is used by the drivers to access the hardware. It also allows the control of interrupts. The HAL is required when using bare metal drivers as part of the application.

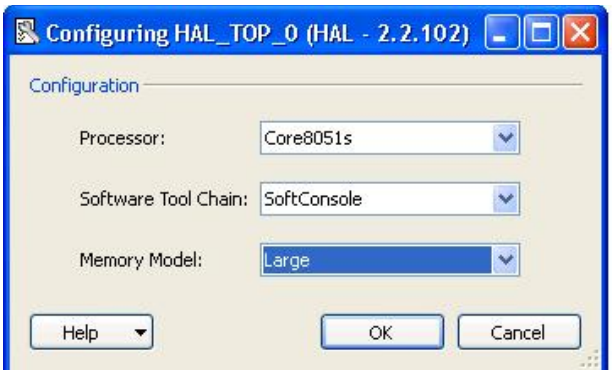

Figure 14 Configure HAL

5. Repeat the same procedure to generate the required drivers—CoreUARTapb, CoreGPIO, CoreWatchdog, CoreInterrupt, and CoreTimer.

Step 3 - Creating a SoftConsole Project

This section explains how to create a SoftConsole project using peripheral drivers generated from the Firmware Catalog and launch the debugger to run the application.

1. Launch SoftConsole IDE using **Start → All Programs → Microsemi SoftConsole v3.3 → Microsemi SoftConsole IDE v3.3.0.14**.
2. Open **SoftConsole** and launch new workspace, as shown in Figure 15.

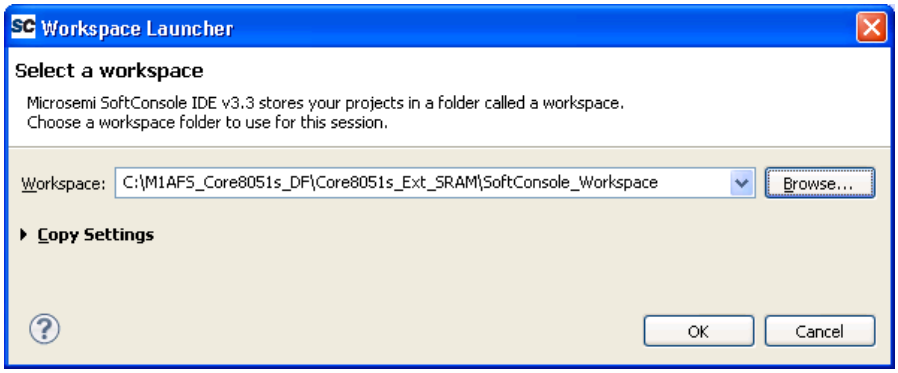

Figure 15 Selecting SoftConsole Workspace

3. Click **OK**.

4. Go to **File → New → C project**, as shown in Figure 16.

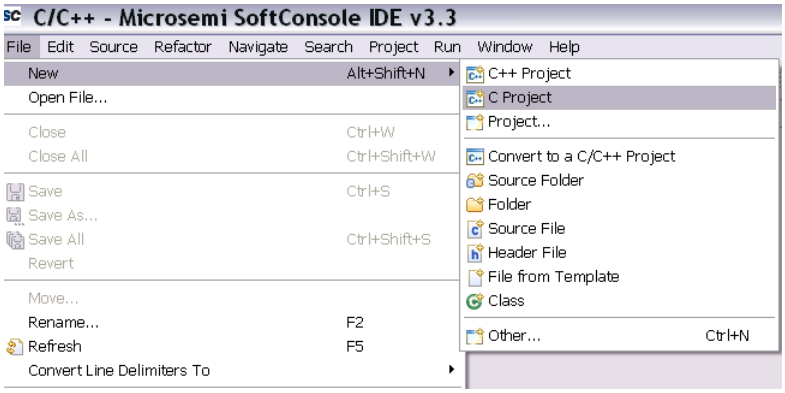

Figure 16 Creating New C Project

5. Go to **Project Type → Executable (Managed Make)** and select **Empty Project**.
6. Go to ToolChains and select **Microsemi Core8051s** Tools.
7. Name the project as Interrupt_blinking_LED, as shown in Figure 17.

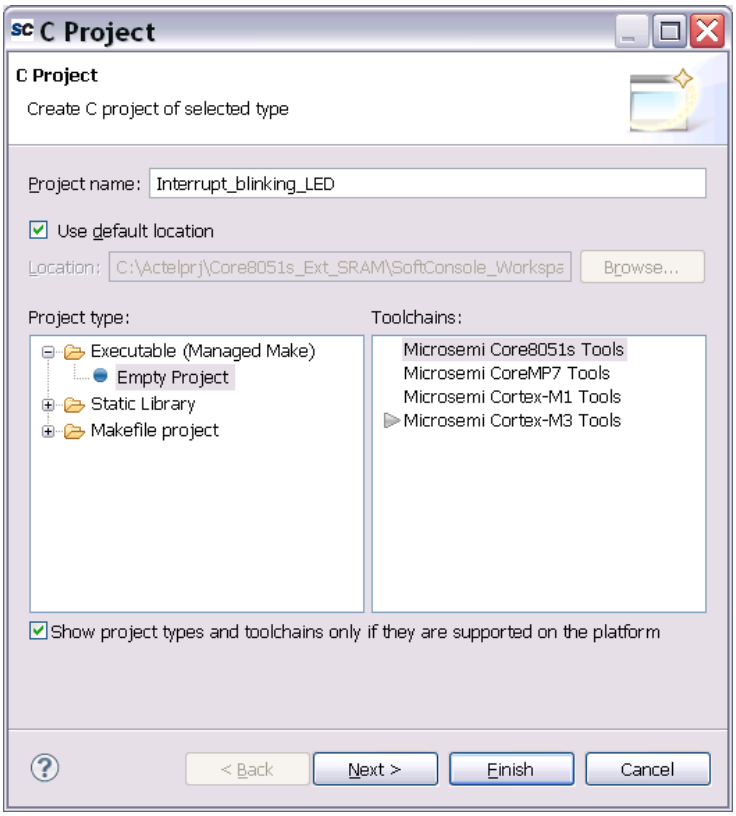

Figure 17 Selecting Project Type and ToolChains

8. Click **Next** and click **Finish**.

9. The created new project is displayed, as shown in Figure 18.

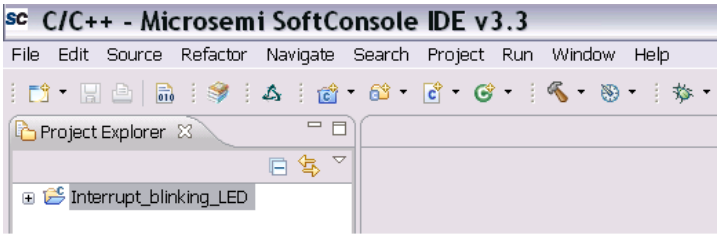

Figure 18 New Project Created

Step 4 - Importing Generated Drivers From Firmware Catalog to the SoftConsole Project

Importing the Drivers

1. Right-click Interrupt_blinking_LED and click **Import**, as shown in Figure 19.

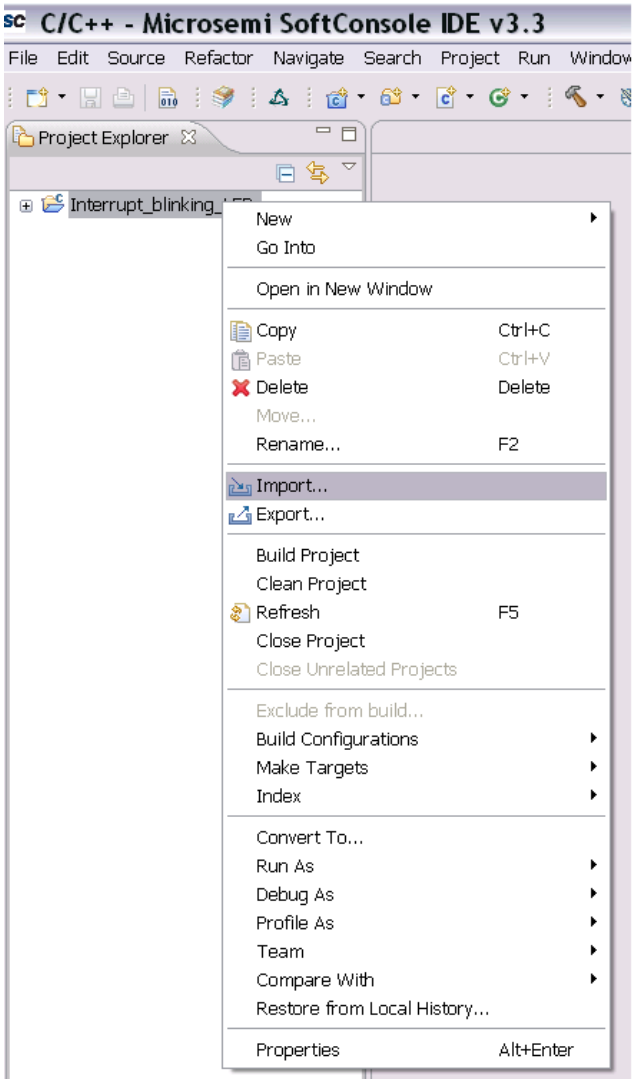

Figure 19 Importing Files into Project

2. Click **General**, select the **File System** and click **Next**, as shown in Figure 20.

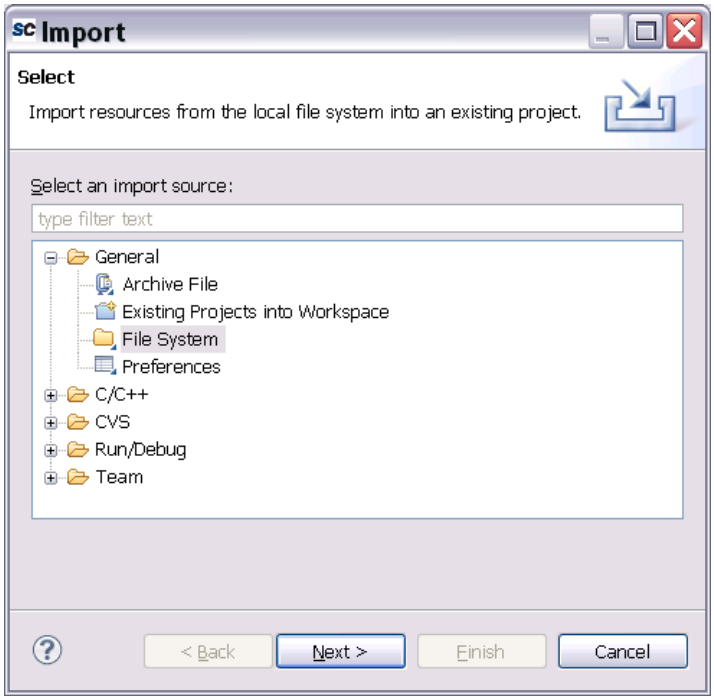

Figure 20 Select an Import Source

3. Click **Browse** to open the project path, as shown in Figure 21.

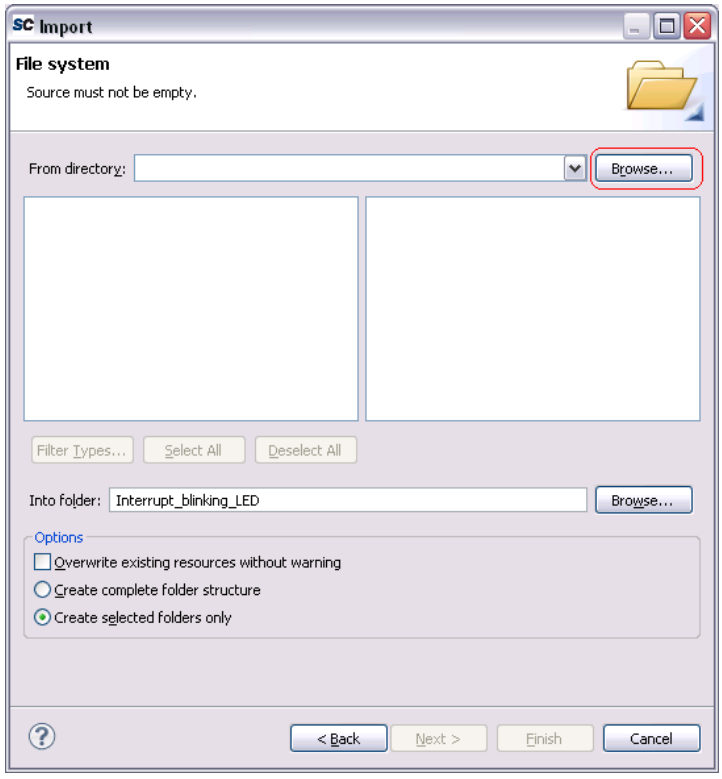

Figure 21 Open the Project Path

4. Go to the path where the firmware drivers are saved, that is C:\M1AFS_Core8051s_DF\Core8051s_Ext_SRAM\firmware (Figure 22).

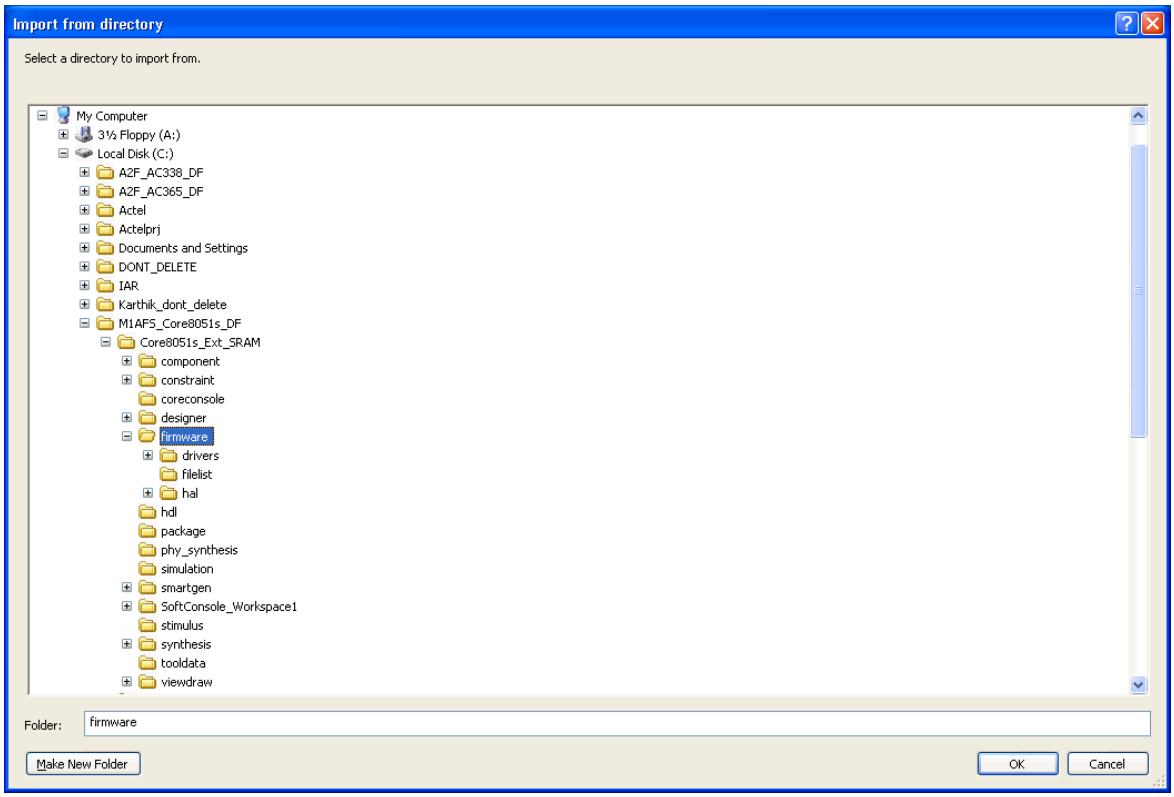

Figure 22 Firmware Drivers

5. Click **OK**.

6. Select the drivers, HAL and Core8051s_Top_hw_platform.h file, as shown in Figure 23.

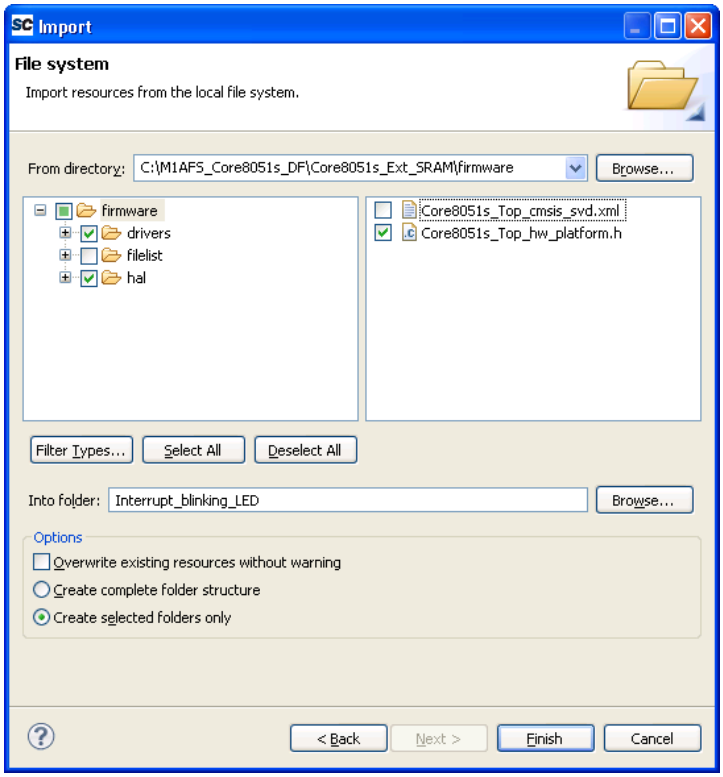

Figure 23 Select the Files to Import

7. Click **Finish**.
8. The project explorer is displayed, as shown in Figure 24.

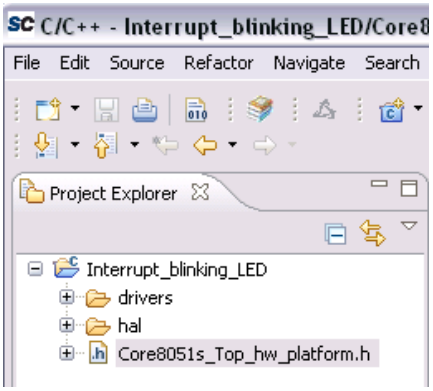

Figure 24 Project Explorer

9. Open Core8051s_sys_hw_platform.h file and add the following definitions (Figure 25).

```
//Interrupt numbers
#define UART0_RXRDY_IRQ_NB 0
#define UART0_TXRDY_IRQ_NB 1
#define TIMER0_IRQ_NB            2
```

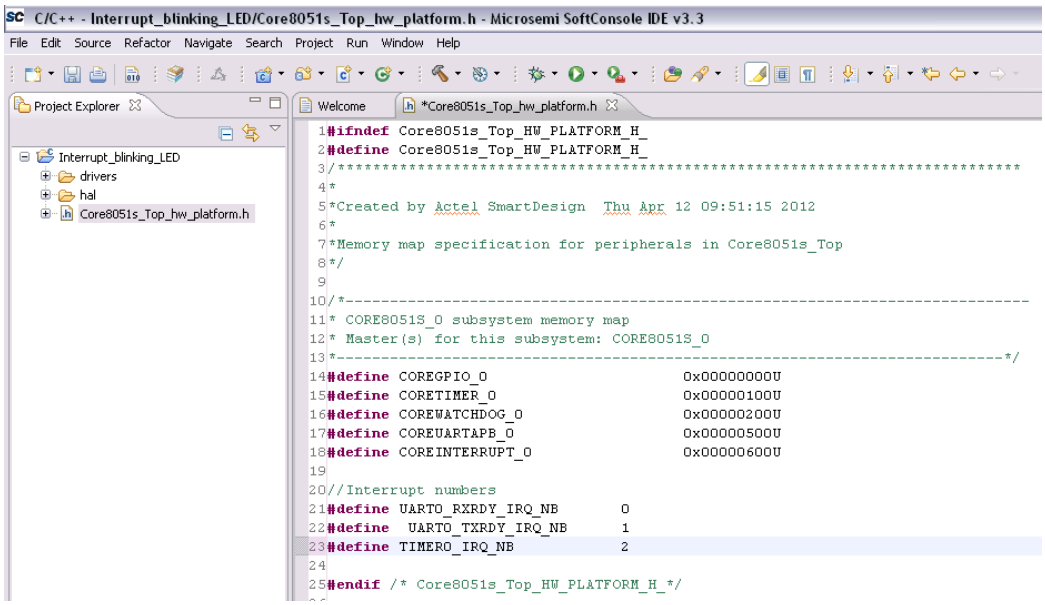

Figure 25 Modified Hardware Platform File

10. Create a new C source file, as shown in Figure 26.

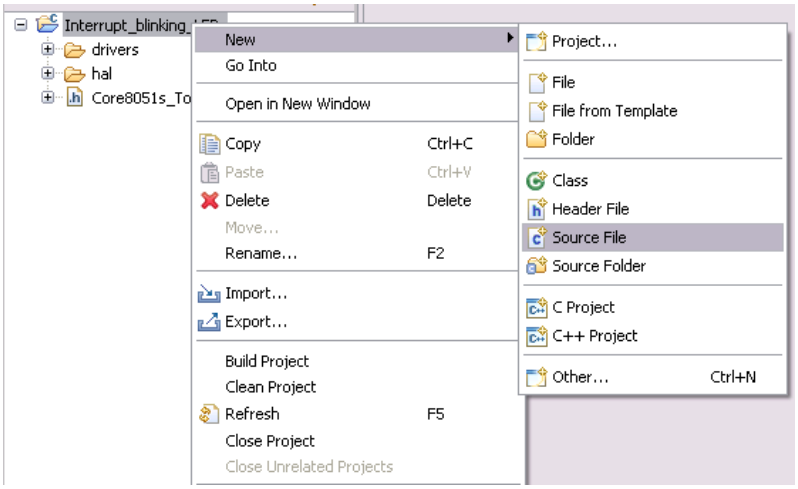

Figure 26 Creating New Source File

11. Name it as **Main.c**, as shown in Figure 27.

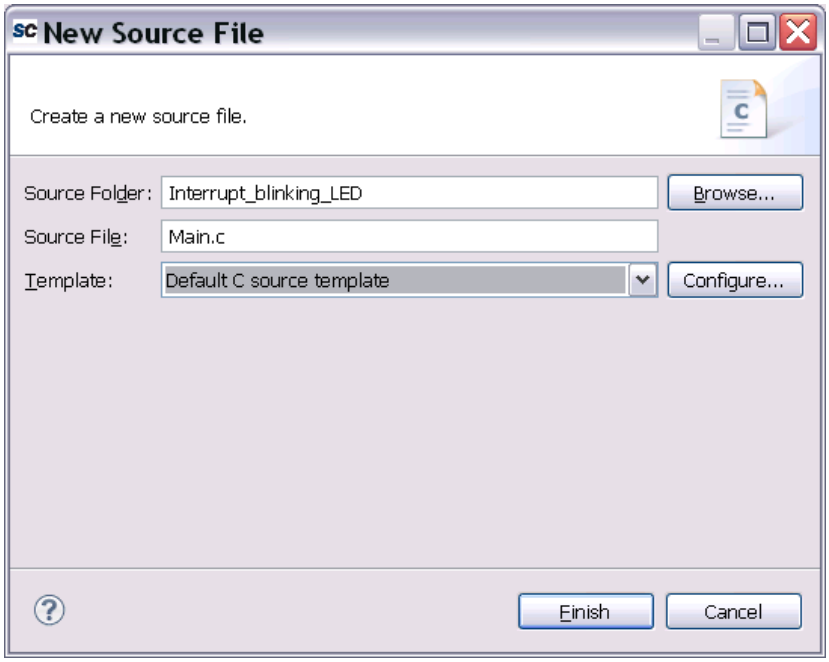

Figure 27 Name the Source File

12. Open the Main.c file which is given in the Tutorial_Files folder. Copy the code and paste in the new Main.c file source file.
13. Save **Main.c** file. The SoftConsole project is displayed, as shown in Figure 28.

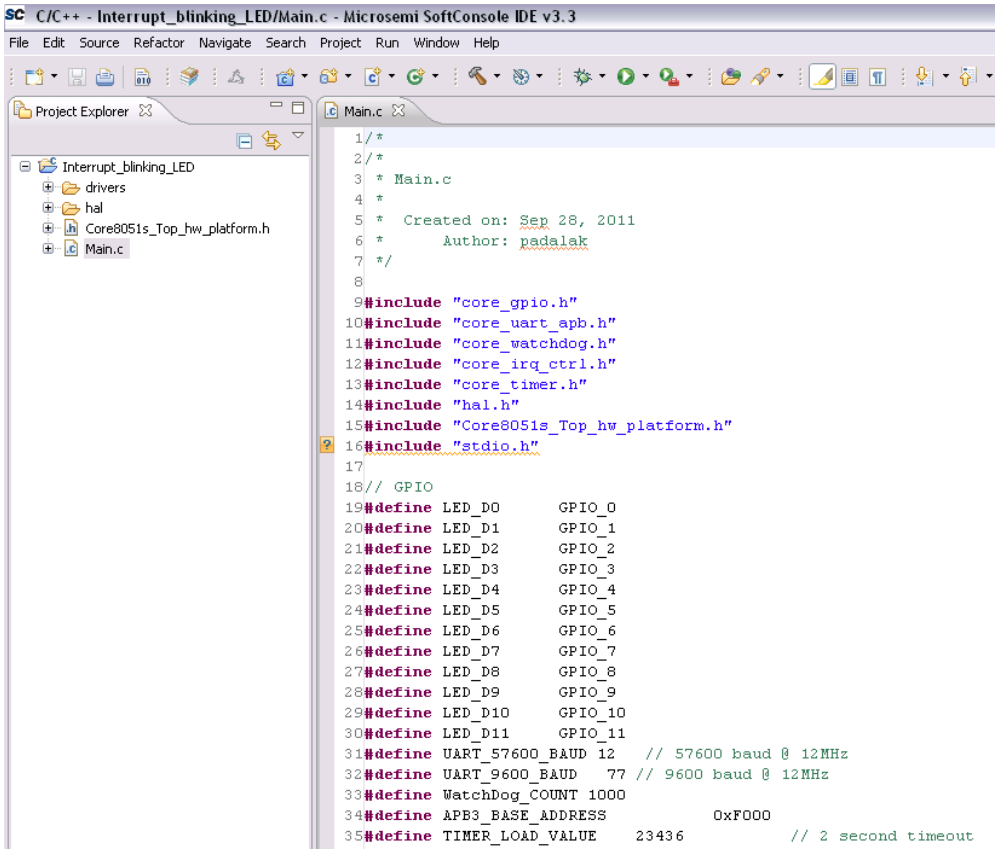

Figure 28 SoftConsole Project with the Source File

Step 5 - Firmware Drivers Modification

CoreGPIO

Core8051s is an 8-bit processor. The functions like **GPIO_get_inputs** and **GPIO_get_outputs**, which are contained in the file core_gpio.c, should be modified to work with Core8051s.

The below given lines have to be commented in the coregpio.c file:

Changes made to GPIO_get_inputs

```
case GPIO_APB_16_BITS_BUS:
//      gpio_in |= (HAL_get_16bit_reg( this_gpio->base_addr, GPIO_IN1) << 16);
      break;

case GPIO_APB_8_BITS_BUS:
  //   gpio_in |= (HAL_get_8bit_reg( this_gpio->base_addr, GPIO_IN2) << 16);
  //   gpio_in |= (HAL_get_8bit_reg( this_gpio->base_addr, GPIO_IN3) << 24);
     break;
```

Changes made to GPIO_get_outputs

```
        case GPIO_APB_16_BITS_BUS:
//        gpio_out |= (HAL_get_16bit_reg( this_gpio->base_addr, GPIO_OUT1) << 16);
        break;

        case GPIO_APB_8_BITS_BUS:
   //     gpio_out |= (HAL_get_16bit_reg( this_gpio->base_addr, GPIO_OUT2) << 16);
    //    gpio_out |= (HAL_get_16bit_reg( this_gpio->base_addr, GPIO_OUT3) << 24);
        break;
```

The modified GPIO driver that is core_gpio.c is available in the Tutorial_files folder.

8051s HAL

The HAL drivers do not have the code to enable 8051s interrupts. Hence, the following function is included in Main.c to enable the 8051s interrupts.

```
void enable_8051_interrupts(void)
{
       __asm
       setb ex0 ; if using INT0
setb ex1 ; if using INT1
       setb ea
       __endasm;
}
```

The HAL does not provide a function to enable edge or level interrupts. The below function is included in Main.c to accomplish this.

```
void C8051_interrupt_type(void)
{
       __asm
       setb it0 ; if set INT0 for edge operation
       setb it1 ; if set INT1 for edge operation
       __endasm;
}
```

The function CIC_irq_handler contained in core_irq_ctrl.c (part of the CoreInterrupt firmware driver) can be used to handle interrupts from CoreInterrupt.

Note: These changes are already added in the Main.c file.

Modifying Assembler Settings

In SoftConsole v3.3, the assembler settings are omitted from the Core8051s project default build settings. Due to this, the HAL's assembly file (hal_large.s or hal_small.s) is not compiled and the build fails. The following steps are required to fix this:

1. Select the Project.
2. Open the project properties window (Project → Properties), as shown in Figure 29.

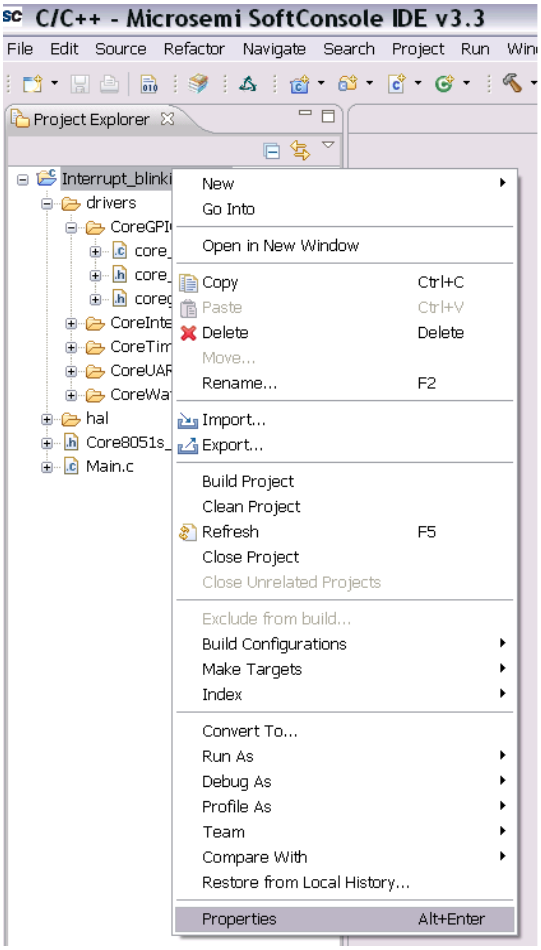

Figure 29 Setting the Project Properties

3. Navigate to **C/C++ Build → Tool Chain Editor**, as shown in Figure 30.

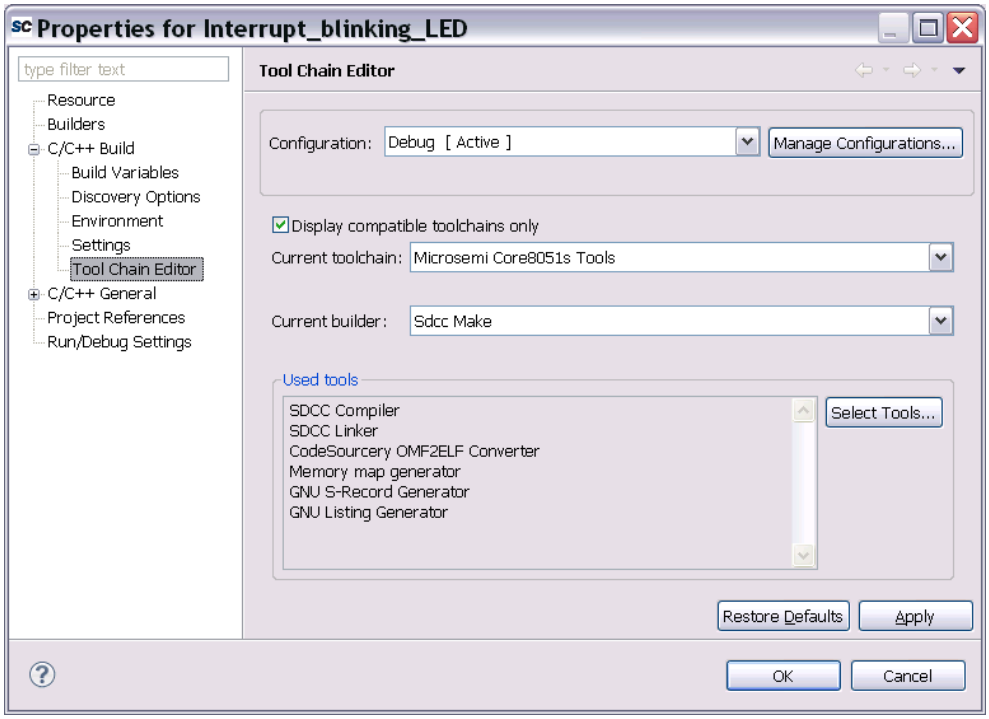

Figure 30 Tool Chain Editor

4. Click **Select Tools**. The Select tools window is displayed, as shown in Figure 31.

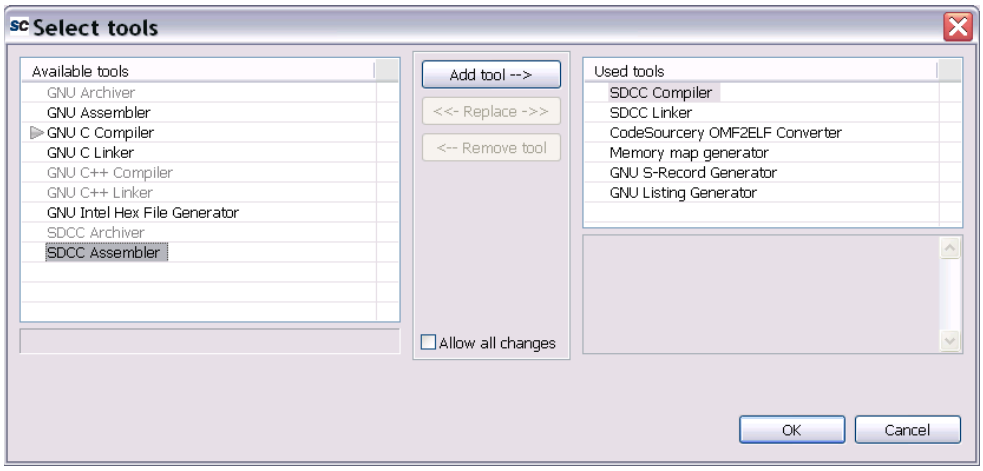

Figure 31 Select Tools Window

5. Under Available Tools, select **SDCC Assembler** and click **Add tool -->**, as shown in Figure 32.

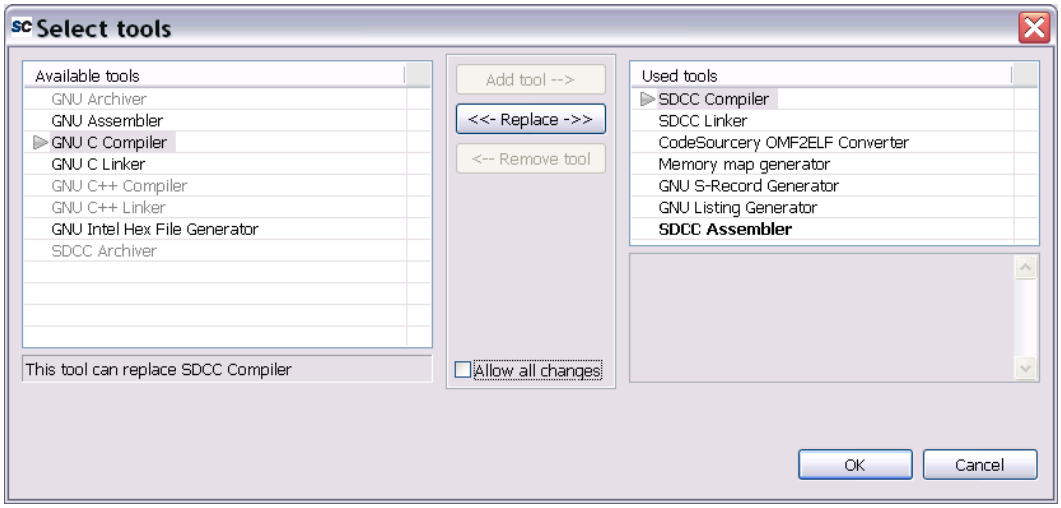

Figure 32 Adding Tools

6. The SDCC Assembler is moved to **Used tools** on the right side. Click **OK**.
7. In the **Tool Chain Editor** window, the SDCC Assembler should be listed under **Used tools**. Click **Apply** and click **OK**, as shown in Figure 33.

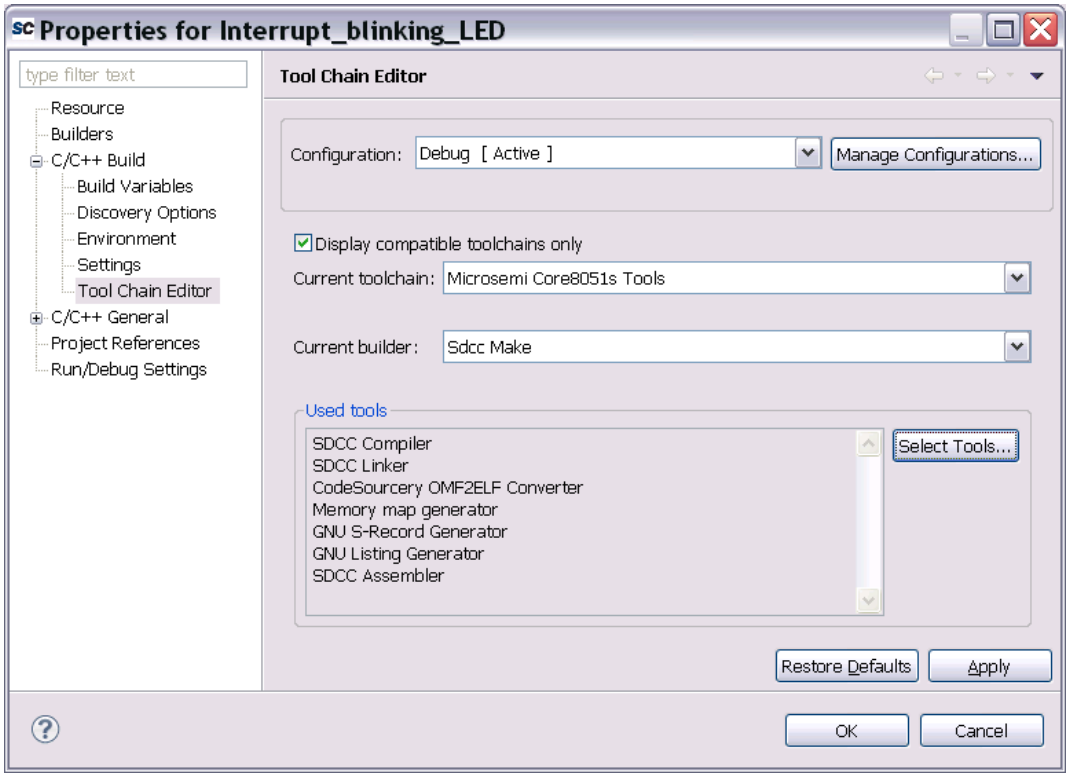

Figure 33 Project Properties

Adding Directories

1. Go to **C/C++ Build → Settings → SDCC Compiler → Directories**, click **Add**. The window is displayed, as shown in Figure 34.

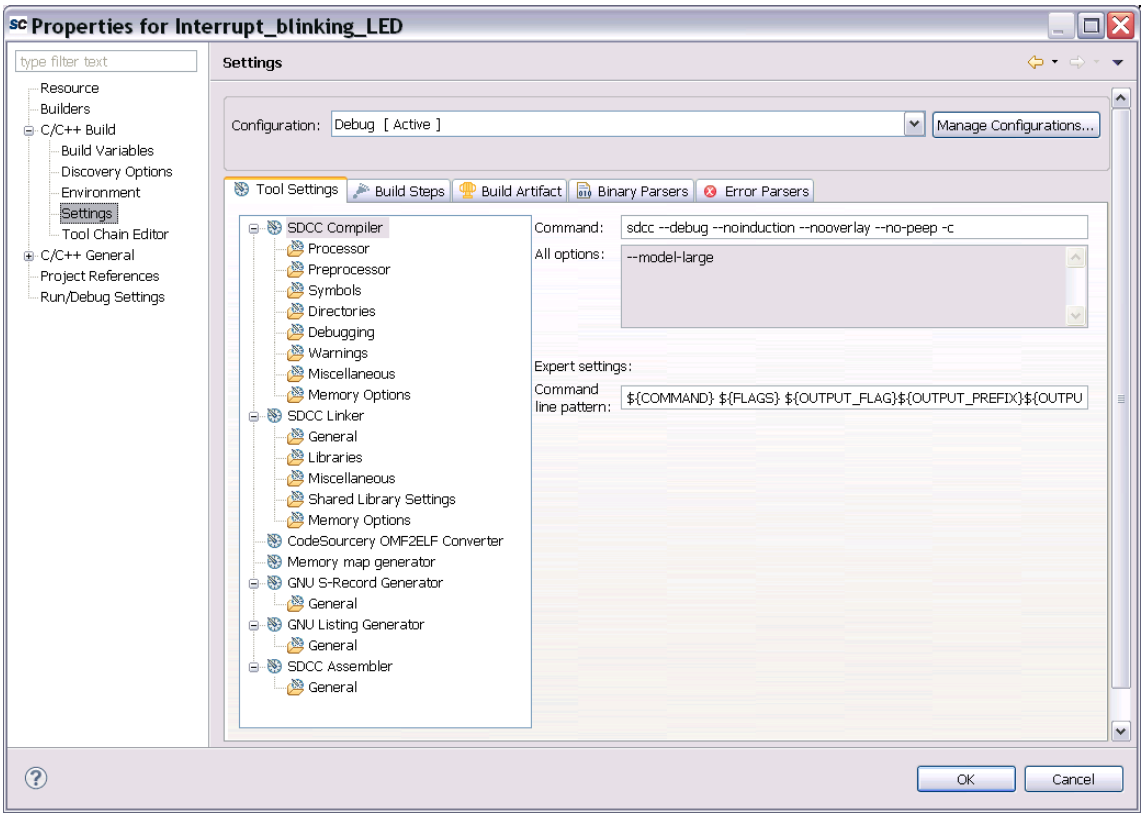

Figure 34 Adding Directories

2. Go to the **Directories**, as shown in Figure 35 and click **Add**.

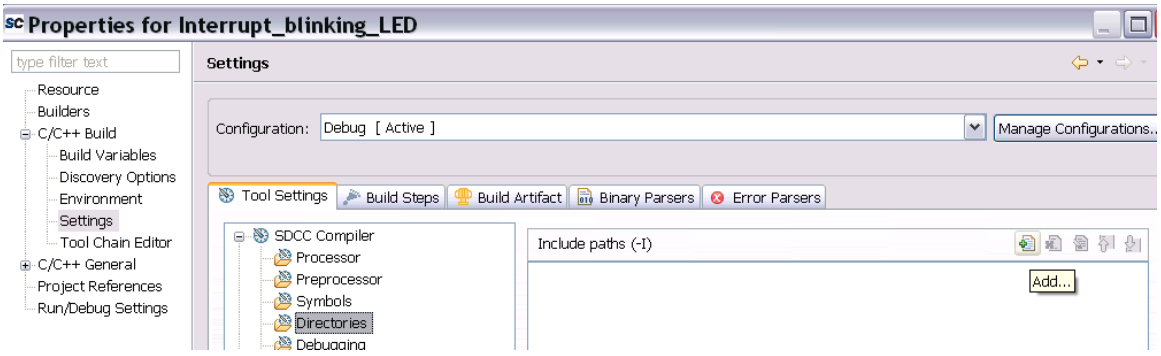

Figure 35 Add Directories

3. The window is displayed, as shown in Figure 36. Click **Workspace**.

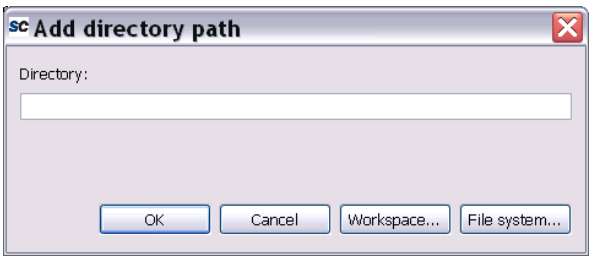

Figure 36 Select Workspace

4. Select CoreGPIO and click **OK**, as shown in Figure 37.

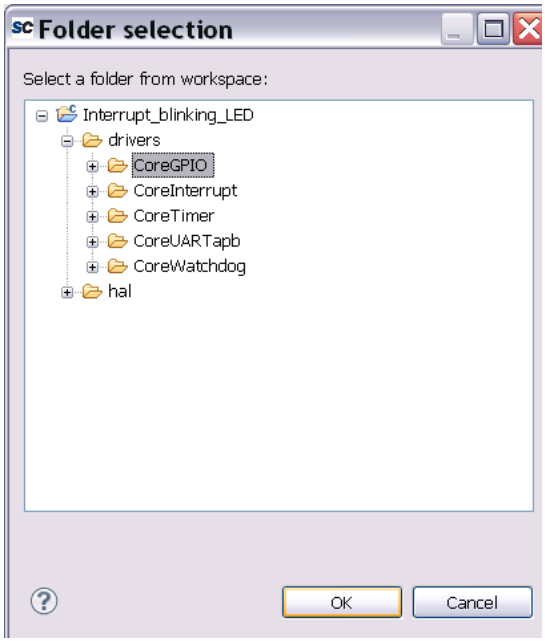

Figure 37 Select CoreGPIO Driver

5. The window is displayed as shown in Figure 38. Click **OK**.

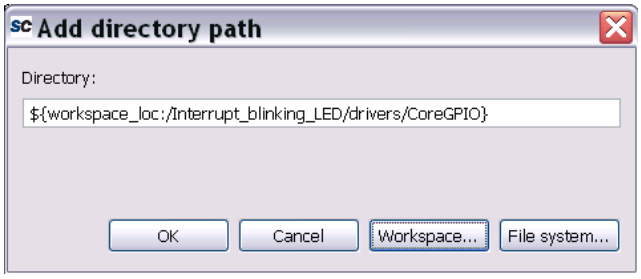

Figure 38 Add Directory Path

6. Similarly add CoreUARTapb, CoreWatchdog, CoreInterrupt, CoreTimer, HAL, Core8051s, and SDCC. Finally the settings window is displayed, as shown in Figure 39.

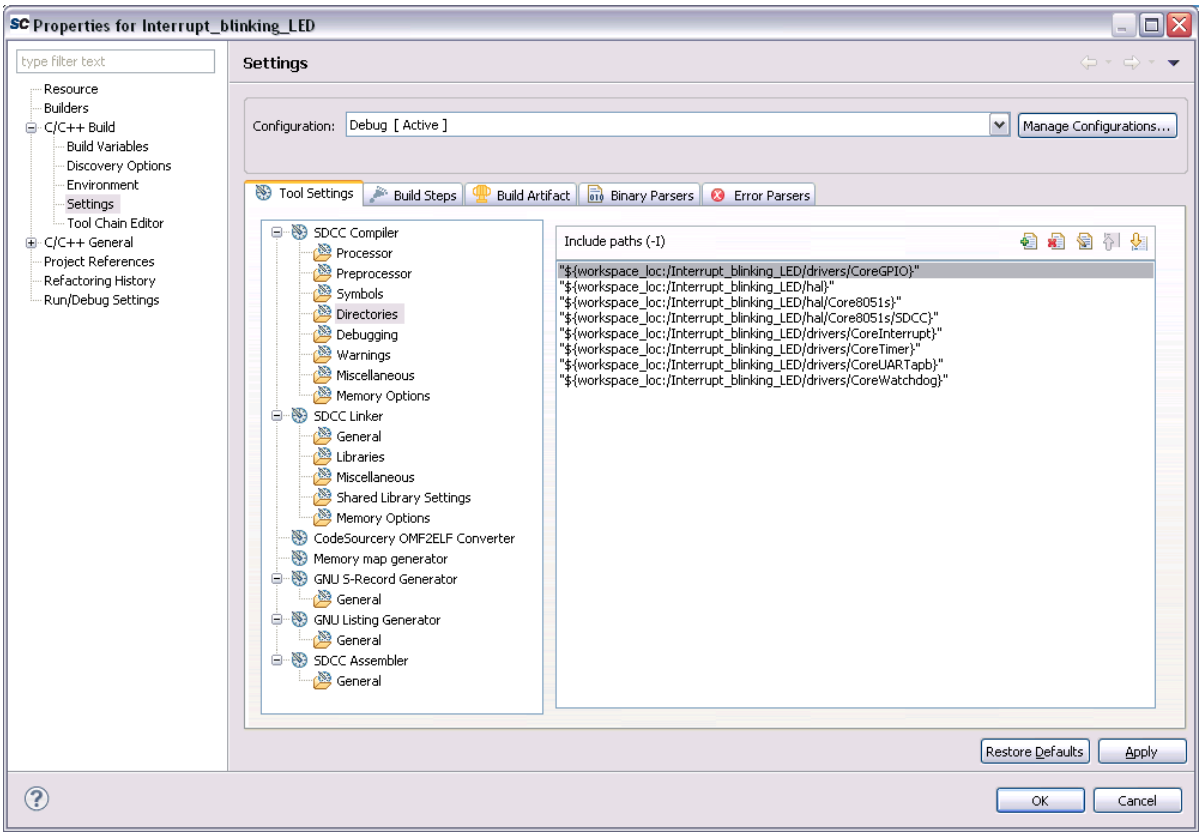

Figure 39 Include Paths

7. The SoftConsole project is ready to build. Right-click the project and select **Build Project**, as shown in Figure 40.

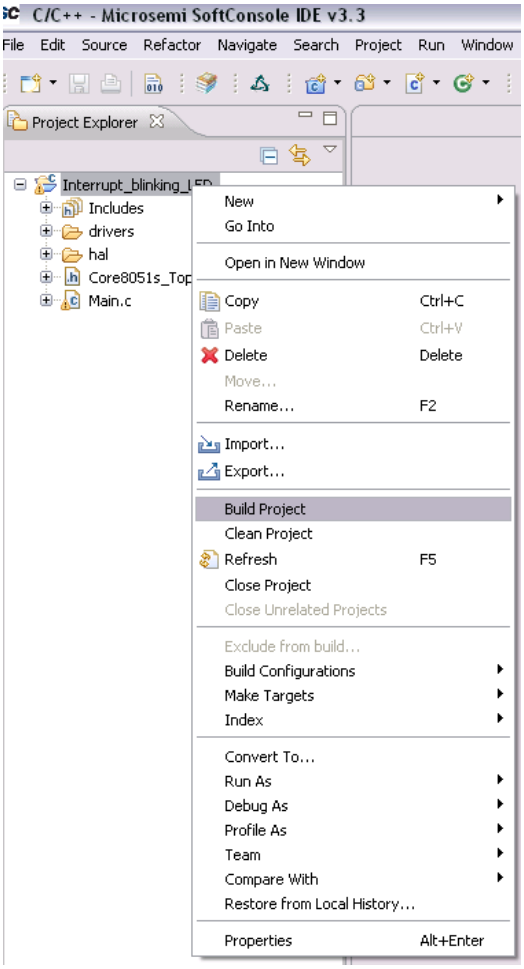

Figure 40 Build Project

8. The **Console** tab is displayed with no errors, as shown in Figure 41.

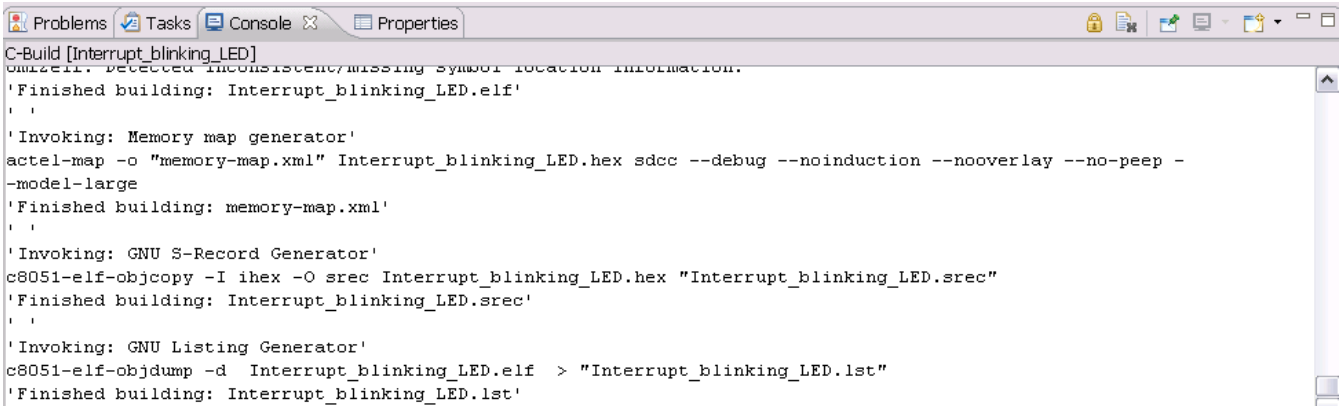

Figure 41 The Console Tab

Step 6 - Configuring Serial Terminal Emulation Program

1. Go to **Start** and select **HyperTerminal**, as shown in Figure 42.

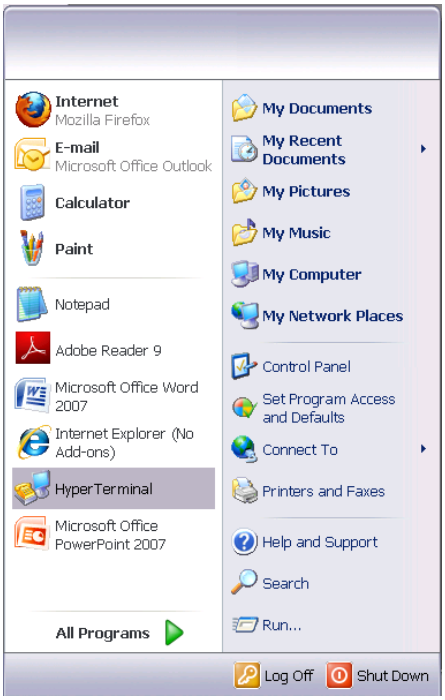

Figure 42 Selecting HyperTerminal

Note: Refer to www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/Configuring_Serial_Terminal_Emulation_Programs.pdf for other versions as Tera Term Pro or PuTTY.

2. Name the connection, as shown in Figure 43. Click **OK**.

Figure 43 Connection Description

Note: Select the COM port to which **Silicon labs CP210x USB to UART Bridge** is connected. This is accessed by using **My Computer Properties→ Hardware → Device Manager**.

3. Select **COM3**, as shown in Figure 44.

Figure 44 Selecting COM Port

4. Give the port settings, as shown in Figure 45 and click **OK**.

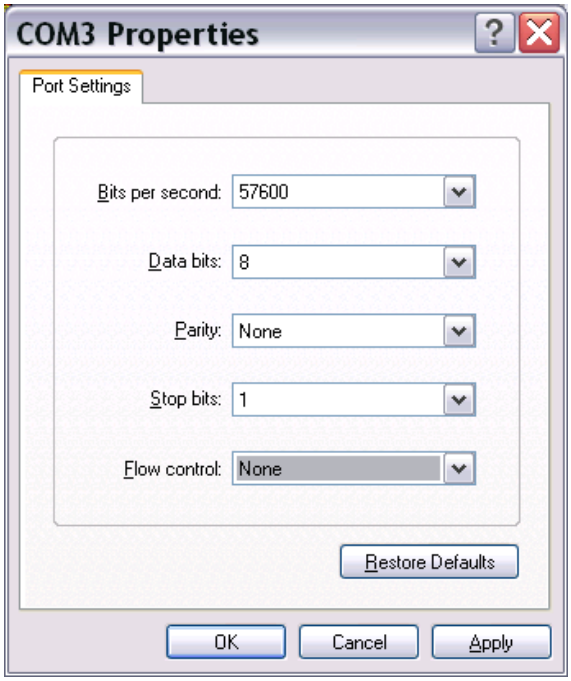

Figure 45 Port Settings

5. The HyperTerminal with name Interrupt_blinking_LED is displayed, as shown in Figure 46.

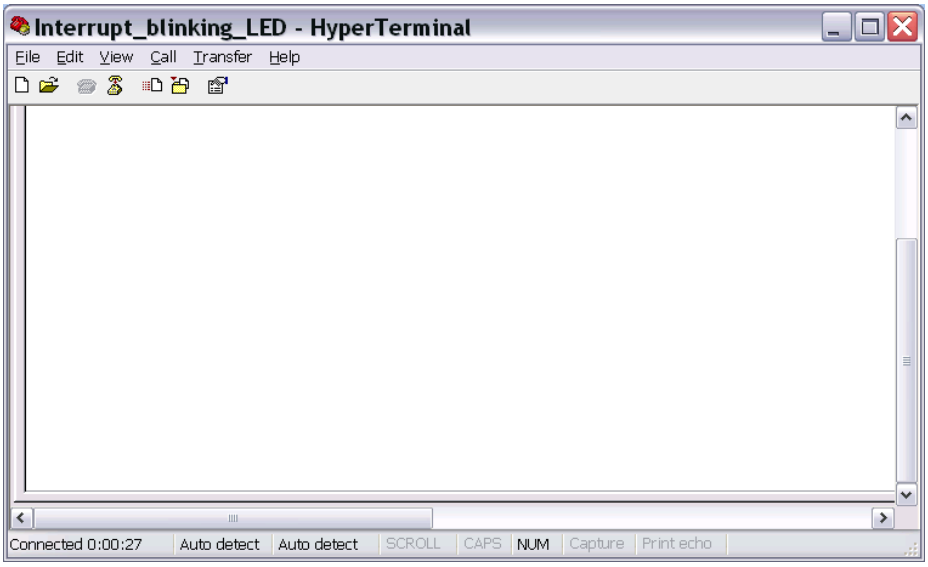

Figure 46 HyperTerminal

Step 7 - Debugging the Application Project using SoftConsole

1. Right-click **Interrupt_blinking_LED** and Launch a debug session, as shown in Figure 47.

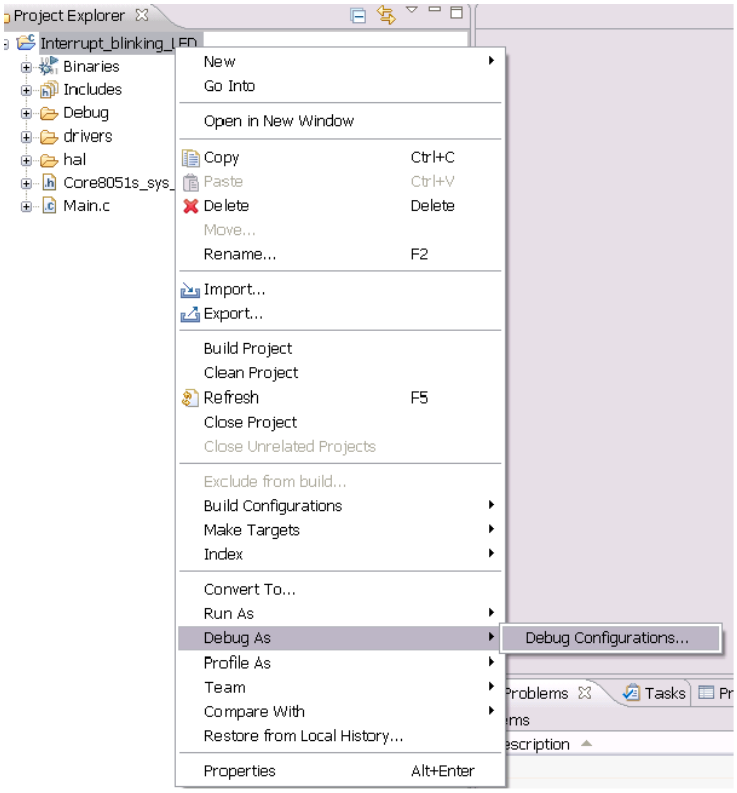

Figure 47 Selecting Debug Configurations

2. Right-click **Microsemi Core8051s Target** and select **New**, as shown in Figure 48.

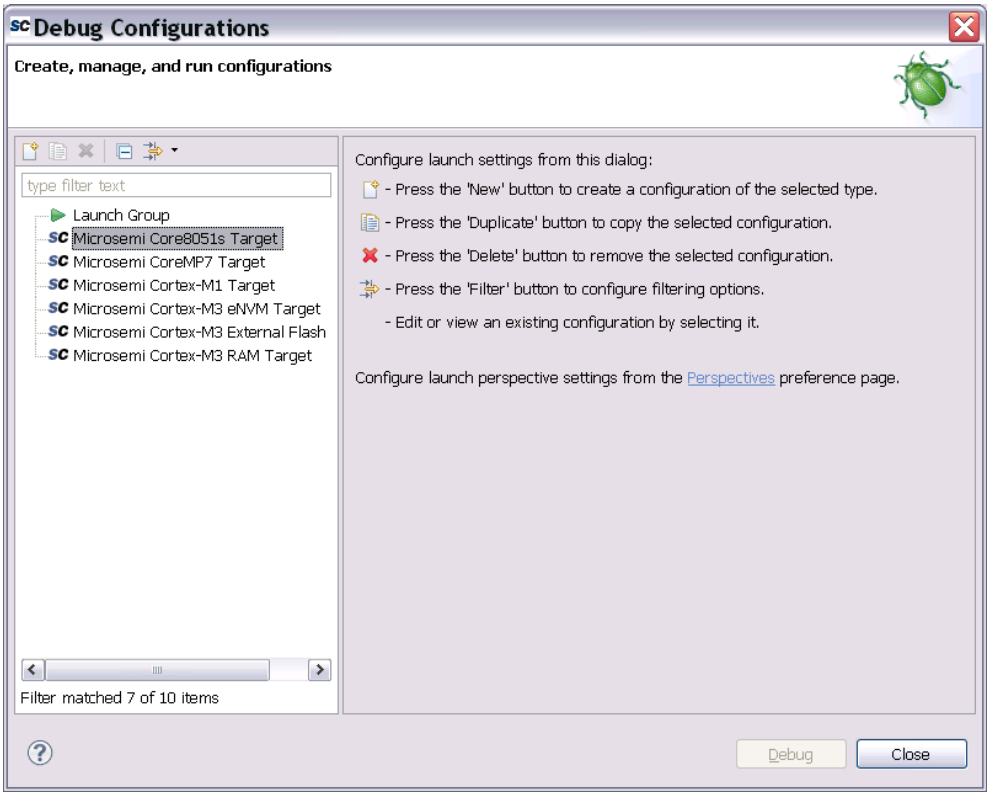

Figure 48 Create Debug Configuration

3. The Debug Configuration window is displayed, as shown in Figure 49. Click **Debug**.

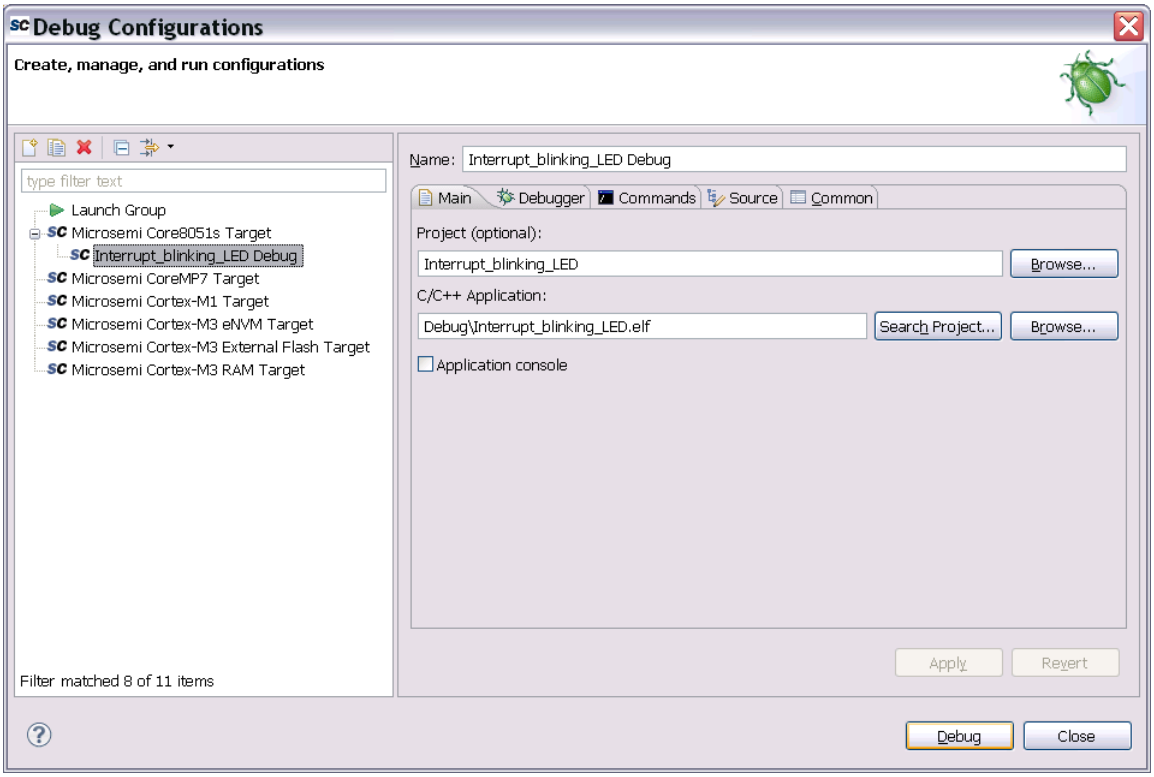

Figure 49 Launching Debug Session

4. Click **Yes** to confirm, as shown in Figure 50.

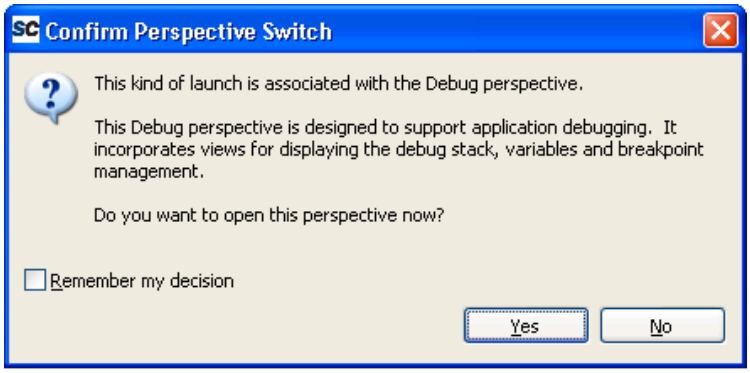

Figure 50 Confirm Perspective Switch

5. From **Run** menu select **Resume**, as shown in Figure 51.

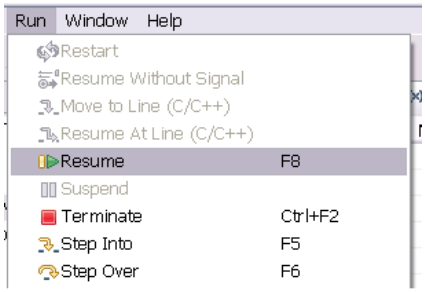

Figure 51 Select Resume

6. You can see the LED glowing at the specified time interval on the Fusion Advanced Development Kit. The HyperTerminal messages are displayed as shown in Figure 52.

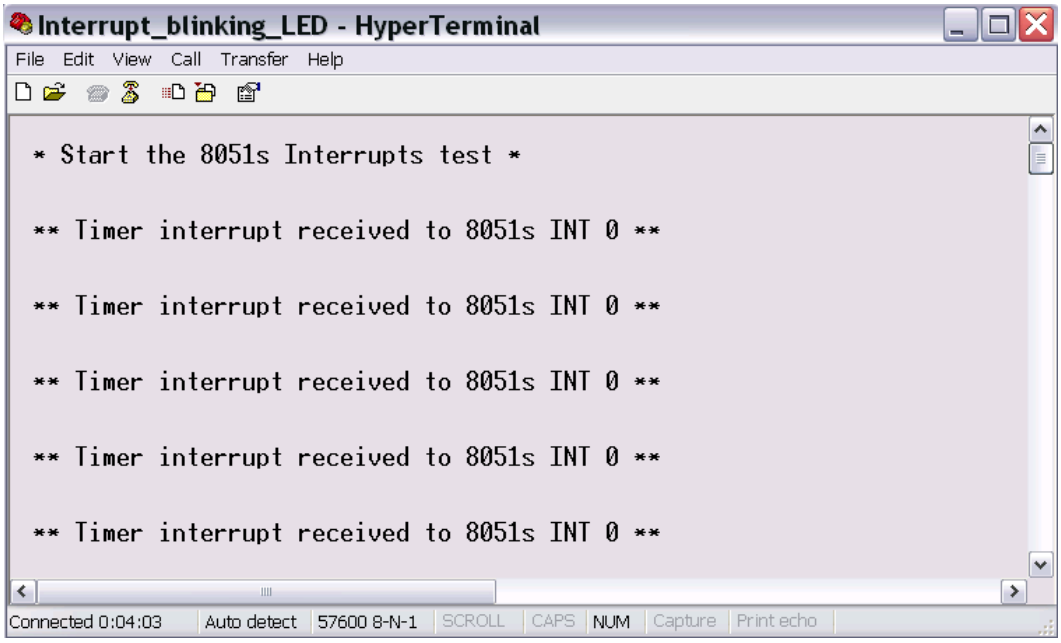

Figure 52 Application Running

Conclusion

In this tutorial you have created a simple application program for Core8051s IP-based Embedded Processor System using Microsemi Tools. This design can serve as a starting point to other Core8051s IP-based designs.

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