Accessing Serial Flash Memory Using SPI Interface - Libero SoC v11.7 and IAR Embedded Workbench Flow Tutorial for SmartFusion2

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1 Preface

1.1 Purpose

This document contains the following sections:

- Accessing Serial Flash Memory using SPI Interface - Libero SoC v11.7 and IAR Embedded Workbench Flow Tutorial for SmartFusion2

1.2 Intended Audience

Triton devices are used by:

- FPGA designers
- Embedded designers
- System-level designers

2 Accessing Serial Flash Memory using SPI Interface - Libero SoC v11.7 and IAR Embedded Workbench Flow Tutorial for SmartFusion2

2.1 Introduction

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

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

- *TU0546: SoftConsole v4.0 and Libero SoC v11.7*
- *TU0548: Accessing Serial Flash Memory Using SPI Interface - Libero SoC and Keil uVision Flow Tutorial for SmartFusion2 SoC FPGA*

After completing this tutorial, you will be able to perform the following tasks:

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

2.2 Design Requirements

Table 1 • **Design Requirements**

Design Requirements	Description
Hardware Requirements	
SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit • FlashPro4 programmer • J-Link programmer • USB A to Mini-B cable • 12 V Adapter	Rev D or later
Host PC or Laptop	Any 64-bit Windows Operating System
Software Requirements	
Libero SoC	v11.7
FlashPro programming software	v11.7
IAR Embedded Workbench for ARM	v6.4
Host PC Drivers	USB to UART drivers
SoftConsole	v3.4 SP1[*] *Note: *For this application note, SoftConsole v3.4 SP1 is used. For using SoftConsole v4.0, see the TU0546: SoftConsole v4.0 and Libero SoC v11.7 Tutorial.*
One of the following serial terminal emulation programs: • HyperTerminal • TeraTerm • PuTTY	–

2.2.1 Project Files

The design files for this tutorial can be downloaded from the Microsemi® website:
http://soc.microsemi.com/download/rsc/?f=m2s_tu0547_liberov11p7_df

The design files include:

- Liberoproject
- Programmingfiles
- Source files
- SPI_Flash_Drivers
- Readme files

Refer to the `Readme.txt` file provided in the design files for the complete directory structure.

2.3 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, named W25Q64FVSSIG, which is connected to the SmartFusion2 microcontroller subsystem (MSS) through the 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 *UG0331: SmartFusion2 Microcontroller Subsystem User Guide*.

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

Figure 1 • **SPI Flash Interfacing Block Diagram**

2.4 Step 1: Creating a Libero SoC Project

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

2.4.1 Launching Libero SoC

The following steps describe how to launch Libero SoC:

1. Click **Start > Programs > Microsemi Libero SoC v11.7 > Libero SoC v11.7**, or double-click the shortcut on desktop to open the Libero SoC v11.7 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 Details Page**

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

Figure 4 • **Device Selection Page**

6. Click **Next**. This opens **Device Settings** page as shown in Figure 5. Select PLL supply voltage as 3.3.

Figure 5 • **Device Settings**

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

Figure 6 • **Device Template Page**

Figure 7 • **New Project Information Window**

8. Click **Finish. New Project Information** window is displayed. Select **Use Enhanced Constraint Flow** option to use the new constraint flow as shown in Figure 7.

9. **System Builder** window is displayed. Enter the name of the system as **SPI_Flash** and click **OK**, as shown in Figure 8.

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 define the intended system.

Figure 8 • **System Builder Window**

Figure 9 shows the **System Builder – Device Features** page.

Figure 9 • **System Builder – Device Features Page**

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10. Click **Next**. This opens **System Builder - Peripherals** page as shown in Figure 10.
11. Under the MSS Peripherals section, clear all the check boxes except **MM_UART_1** and **MSS_SPI_0**, as shown in Figure 10.

Figure 10 • **System Builder – Peripherals Page**

12. Click **Next**. This opens **System Builder - Clocks** page as shown in Figure 11.
13. In the **System Builder - Clocks** page (Refer to Figure 11):
   - 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**
   - Do not change the default settings of remaining parameters.

Figure 11 • **System Builder – Clock Page**

14. Click **Next**. This opens **System Builder - Microcontroller** page. Do not change the default selections.
15. Click **Next**. This opens **System Builder - SECDED** 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 12.

Figure 12 • **SPI_Flash Smart Design**

2.4.2 Connecting Components in SPI_Flash 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 13.

Figure 13 • **SPI_Flash Smart Design**

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 14.

Figure 14 • **Generate Component**

After successful generation of all the components, the following message is displayed on the log window, as shown in Figure 15.

```
Info: 'SPI_Flash' was successfully generated.
```

Figure 15 • **Log Window**

2.5 Step 2: Generating the Program File

The following step describes how to generate the program file:

1. Double-click **Manage Constraints** and click **Derive Constraints** option under **Timing** tab to generate SDC file for root module.
2. Click **Yes** to associate SDC file to Synthesis, Place and Route and Timing Verification stages, as shown in Figure 16, Figure 17 on page 20, and Figure 18 on page 20.

Figure 16 • **Manage Constraints**

Figure 17 • **Timing - Derive Constraints Tab**

Figure 18 • **Associate the Derive Constraint SDC file - Message**

3. Click **Generate Bitstream** as shown in Figure 19 to complete place and route, and generate the programming file.

Figure 19 • **Generate Bitstream**

2.6 Step 3: Programming 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 per Table 2.
   For more information on jumper locations, refer to Appendix: SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit Board Jumper Locations.
   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.
4. Switch ON the power supply switch, **SW7**. Refer to Appendix: Board Setup for Programming the Tutorial for information on the board setup for running the tutorial.
5. To program the SmartFusion2 device, double-click **Run PROGRAM Action** in the **Design Flow** tab as shown in Figure 20.

Figure 20 • **Run Program Action**

2.7 Step 4: Configuring and Generating Firmware

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

- CMSIS
- MMUART
- SPI

To generate the required drivers:

1. Double-click **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 21.

Note: Select the latest version of the drivers.

Figure 21 • **Configuring Firmware**

3. Double-click **Export Firmware** in **Handoff design for Firmware Development** in **Design Flow** window.
   The Export Firmware dialog box is displayed, as shown in Figure 22.

Figure 22 • **Export Firmware Dialog Box**

4. In the **Export Firmware** dialog box:
   • Select **Create firmware project for**.
   • Select **IAR EWARM** from the drop down list.
5. Click **OK**. The successful firmware generation window is displayed as shown in Figure 23.

Figure 23 • **Firmware Successfully Exported Message**

6. Click **OK**.

The SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit is ready for running and debugging the IAR Embedded Workbench application through J-Link Debugger.

2.8 Step 5: Building Software Application using IAR Embedded Workbench

The following steps describe how to build a software application using IAR embedded workbench:

1. Connect the J-Link programmer to **J4 connector** of SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit. Refer to "Appendix: SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit Board Jumper Locations" on page 48 for information on the board setup for running and debugging the IAR software application.

   Ensure that the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit Jumper **J8** is in **2-3 closed** position for IAR Embedded Workbench and J-Link communication.

2. Open the IAR project by double-clicking **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3 IAR** project as shown in Figure 24.

Figure 24 • **Invoking IAR Embedded Workbench from Libero SoC Software**

The IAR workspace is displayed, as shown in Figure 25.

Figure 25 • **IAR Workspace**

3. Browse to the `main.c` file location in the design files folder:
   <download folder>\SF2_SPI_Flash_IAR_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 IAR workspace.
5. The IAR window displays the `main.c` file, as shown in Figure 26.

Figure 26 • **IAR Workspace main.c file**

6. The winbondflash SPI flash drivers are not included in the Libero generated IAR workspace. To include the drivers in the IAR workspace, browse to the location of the winbondflash drivers in the design files folder: *<download_folder>\SF2_SPI_Flash_IAR_Tutorial_DF\SPI_Flash_Drivers*.
7. Copy the **winbondflash** folder to the drivers folder of SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_hw_platform project in the IAR workspace: *projectdirectory\IAR\drivers*.
8. Right-click and add the driver files (winbondflash.c & winbondflash.h) to the SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_hw_platform project in the IAR workspace, as shown in Figure 27.

Figure 27 • **IAR Workspace Window - Add winbondflash SPI Driver Files**

Figure 28 shows the IAR workspace window displaying winbondflash SPI Driver Files.

Figure 28 • **IAR Workspace Window - Display winbondflash SPI Driver Files**

9. To configure the project, right-click the project name (SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_hw_platform) and click **Options**, as shown in Figure 29.

Figure 29 • **IAR Workspace Window - Choose Options**

10. 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.
11. In **Options** window, click **C/C ++ Compiler**.
12. Click **Preprocessor** tab.
13. Under **Defined symbols** enter **MICROSEMI_STDIO_THRU_UART** and click **OK**, as shown in Figure 30.

Figure 30 • **IAR Workspace Window - Adding Symbol**

14. To configure the project, right-click the project name (SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app), and click **Options**, as shown in Figure 31.

Figure 31 • **IAR Workspace Window - Choose Options**

The **Options for node SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app** window is displayed, as shown in Figure 32.

Figure 32 • **IAR Node Options**

15. Click **Debugger**. Under the **Setup** tab, select **J-Link/J-Trace** from the driver the drop-down list, refer to Figure 33.

Figure 33 • **IAR Debugger Options - Selecting Driver**

16. Click **Download** tab and select the **Verify download** check box, as shown in Figure 34.

Figure 34 • **IAR Debugger Options - Download**

17. Click **OK** to close the **Options** window and build the project.
18. Right-click **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_hw_platform - Debug** and select **Make**, as shown in Figure 35 and Figure 36.

Figure 35 • **IAR Workspace - Hardware Platform Code Compilation using Make**

Successful Hardware Platform Code Compilation page is displayed as shown in Figure 36.

Figure 36 • **IAR Workspace - Successful Hardware Platform Code Compilation using Make**

19. Right-click **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app - Debug** project name and select **Set as Active**, as shown in Figure 37.

Figure 37 • **IAR Workspace - SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app Set as Active**

20. Right-click **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app - Debug** project name and select **Clean**, as shown in
Figure 38.

Figure 38 • **IAR Workspace - Execute Clean on SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app Project**

21. After cleaning the project, the **Messages** log section shows that some files are deleted, as shown in Figure 39.

Figure 39 • **IAR Workspace - Deleted Files**

22. Right-click **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app - Debug** project name and click **Rebuild All**, as shown in Figure 40.

Figure 40 • **IAR Workspace - Select Rebuild All**

Figure 41 • **IAR Workspace - Rebuild All**

2.9 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. From the four COM ports, select the one with Location as **on USB Serial Converter D**. Figure 42 shows an example **Device Manager** window.

Figure 42 • **Device Manager Window**

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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

2.10 Step 7: Debugging the Application Project using IAR Workbench

The following steps describe how to debug the application project using IAR Workbench:

1. Switch to **SPI_Flash_sb_MSS_CM3_app - Debug** tab from Overview tab as shown in Figure 43.

Figure 43 • **Debug Window**

2. In the IAR Workbench, click **Download and Debug** as shown in Figure 44.

Figure 44 • **IAR Workbench - Download and Debug Option**

IAR Debugger Perspective window is opened, as shown in Figure 45.

Figure 45 • **IAR Workbench - Debugger Perspective**

3. Click **Go** on IAR workbench to run the application, as shown in Figure 46.

Figure 46 • **IAR Workbench - Go Option**

4. On successful operation, the HyperTerminal window displays a message, as shown in Figure 47.

Figure 47 • **HyperTerminal Window**

5.   Select option **1** and enter values to write to the SPI Flash Memory, as shown in Figure 48.

Figure 48 • **HyperTerminal Window - Option 1**

6.   Select option **2** to read data from SPI Flash Memory, as shown in Figure 49.

Figure 49 • **HyperTerminal Window - Option 2**

```
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
 _
```

SPI_Flash - HyperTerminal

File Edit View Call Transfer Help

Connected 0:03:23   Auto detect   115200 8-N-1   SCROLL   CAPS   NUM   Capture   Print echo

7. Click **View > Register** to view the values of the ARM® Cortex®-M3 processor internal registers, as shown in Figure 50.

Figure 50 • **Values of Cortex-M3 Internal Registers**

8. Click **View > Statics** to view the values of variables in the source code, as shown in Figure 51.

Figure 51 • **Values of Source Code Variables**

9. Click **View > Disassembly** to view the values of variables in the source code, as shown in Figure 52.

Figure 52 • **Assembly Level Instructions**

10. When debug process is finished, terminate execution of the code by choosing **Debug > Stop Debugging**, as shown in Figure 53.

Figure 53 • **IAR Workbench - Stop Debugging Option**

11. The Step Level Debugging can be performed before running the application using Go. This can be accessed from the Debug menu or on the IAR workbench, as shown in Figure 54.

Figure 54 • **IAR Workbench - Step Level Debugging**

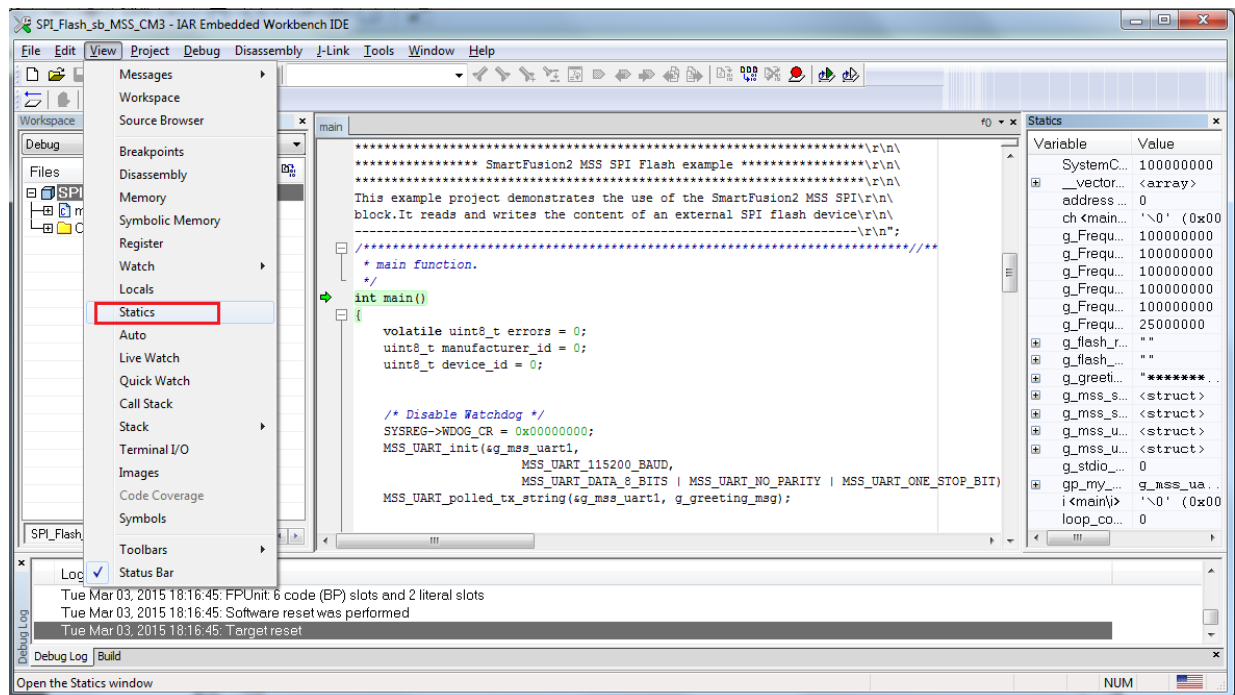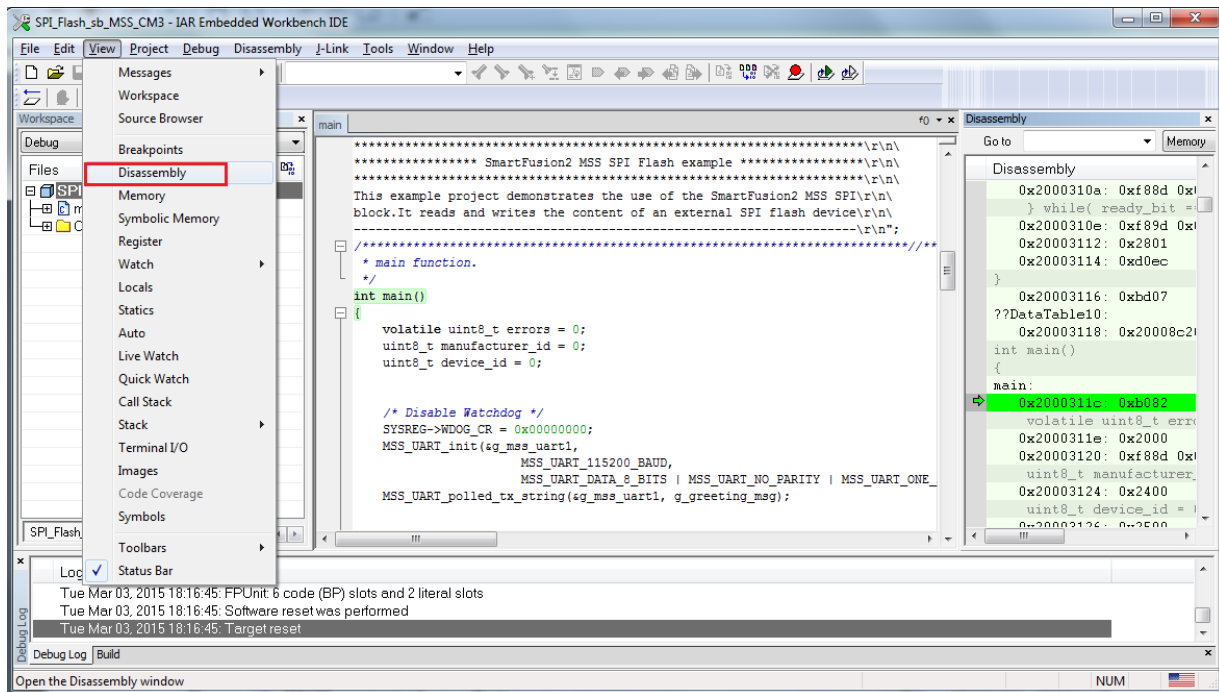• Source code can be single-stepped by selecting from the Debug menu **Debug > Step Into**, **Debug > Step Out**, **Debug > Step Over** or selecting the respective options from the IAR workbench as shown in Figure 54. Observe the changes in the source code window and Disassembly view. Performing a Step 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.

12. Close **Debug Perspective** by selecting **Close Perspective** from the Window menu.
13. Close IAR Embedded Workbench using **File > Exit**.
14. Close the HyperTerminal using **File > Exit**.

2.11 Conclusion

This tutorial provides steps to create a Libero SoC design using System Builder. It describes the procedure to build, debug, and run an IAR Embedded Workbench application. It also provides a simple design to access the SPI flash.

3 Appendix: Board Setup for Programming the Tutorial

Figure 55 on page 46 shows the board setup for programming the tutorial on the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board.

Figure 55 • **SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit Setup**

4   Appendix: Board Setup for Running the IAR Tutorial

Figure 56 on page 47 shows the board setup for running and debugging the tutorial on the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board.

Figure 56 •   **SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit J-Link Programmer Connection**

5 Appendix: SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit Board Jumper Locations

Figure 57 on page 48 shows the jumper locations on the SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit board.

Figure 57 • **SmartFusion2 Security Evaluation Kit Board Jumper Locations**

Note:

- Jumpers highlighted in red (J22, J23, J24, J8, and J3) are set by default.
- The location of the jumpers in Figure 57 on page 48 are searchable.

6   Revision History

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

Revision	Changes
Revision 5 (April 2016)	Updated the document for Libero SoC v11.7 software release (SAR 77812)
Revision 4 (October 2015)	Updated the document for Libero SoC v11.6 software release (SAR 72826)
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Revision 2 (November 2014)	Updated the document for Libero SoC v11.4 software release (SAR 61628).
Revision 1 (April 2014)	Initial release.

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