

CMSIS-DAP FOR RA

WHAT IS CMSIS-DAP

- ❑ Protocol defined by Arm for a debug probe to communicate with Debug Access Port of a Cortex-M device over SWD
 - Part of Arm's "Cortex Microcontroller Software Interface Standard"
- ❑ Arm provide source code, under open source license, including some example implementations.
 - DAP-Link (which came out of Arm's mbed project) is one particular implementation of CMSIS-DAP, terms sometimes get confused
- ❑ Originally aimed mainly at low cost, low performance on-board probes on eval boards
 - Many – but not all - implementations are still in this category
 - But various standalone probes are also available (e.g. NXP's LPC-Link2 and MCU-Link, RaspberryPI)
- ❑ Arm initially tried not to "upset" probe vendors like SEGGER by keeping performance and features limited, now changing :
 - Higher performance
 - Can now use USB bulk endpoints instead of HID in CMSIS-DAP v2.0.
 - Seeing better MCUs used in probe implementations (clock speeds and USB high speed vs Full speed, packet sizes)
 - More functionality : SWO trace

CMSIS-DAP AND RA

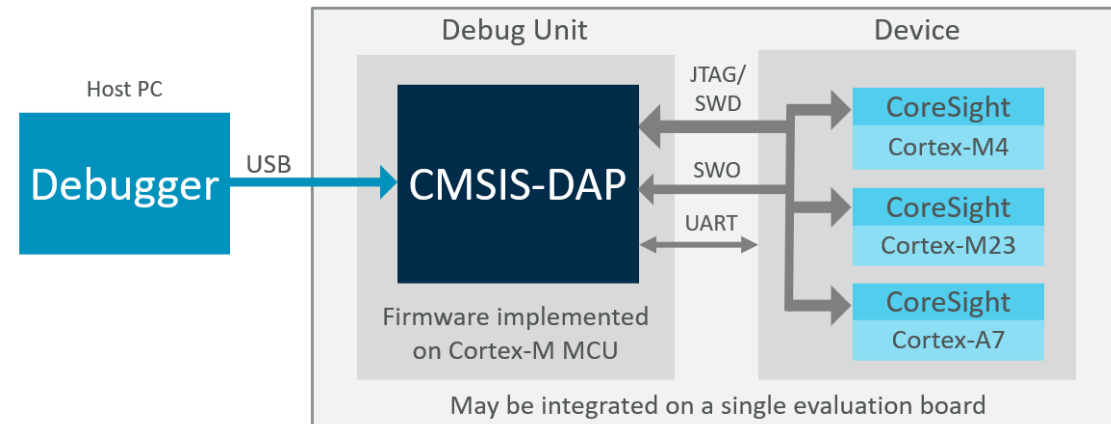
❑ Two sides to the “Do we support CMSIS-DAP for RA” question....

1) Probe firmware running on an RA MCU

2) Use of a CMSIS-DAP probe (potentially, but not necessarily, running on an RA MCU) to debug an RA MCU target from tools running on a host PC

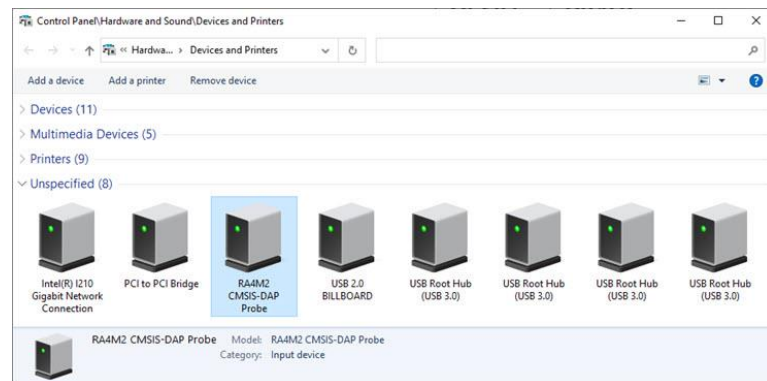
❑ Remember that for RA “Cortex-M33 with DLM” MCUs, boot mode access is not possible via CMSIS-DAP

- Currently have to use RFP (or similar) via a separate USB/SCI connection to board (and remember to manually pull MD pin low to put MCU into boot mode)



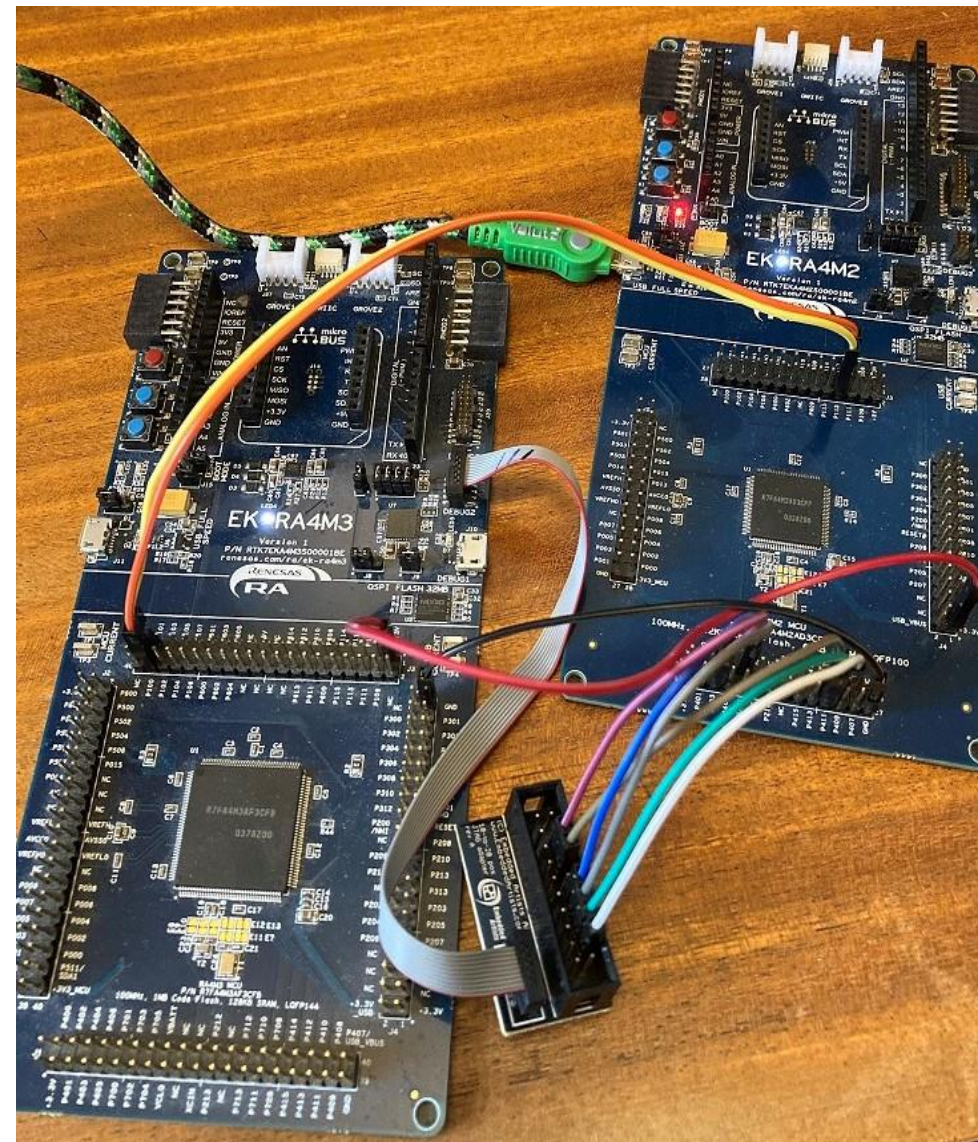
PORT OF CMSIS-DAP TO RA MCU

- ❑ Done under contract by a third party (Ashling), not SDD
 - Targets RA4M2 / EK-RA4M2, built using FSP 4.3 / e² studio 2023-01
- ❑ Port (source project and prebuilt image) available from:
 - <https://github.com/renesas/ra-cmsis-dap-port>
 - Provides debug and VCOM interfaces
- ❑ Performance
 - Depends on host tools, but much slower than J-Link
 - Aiming to improve by porting to FSP 4.4 - should allow use of USB bulk endpoints instead of HID, due to FSP USB stack enhancement



Target

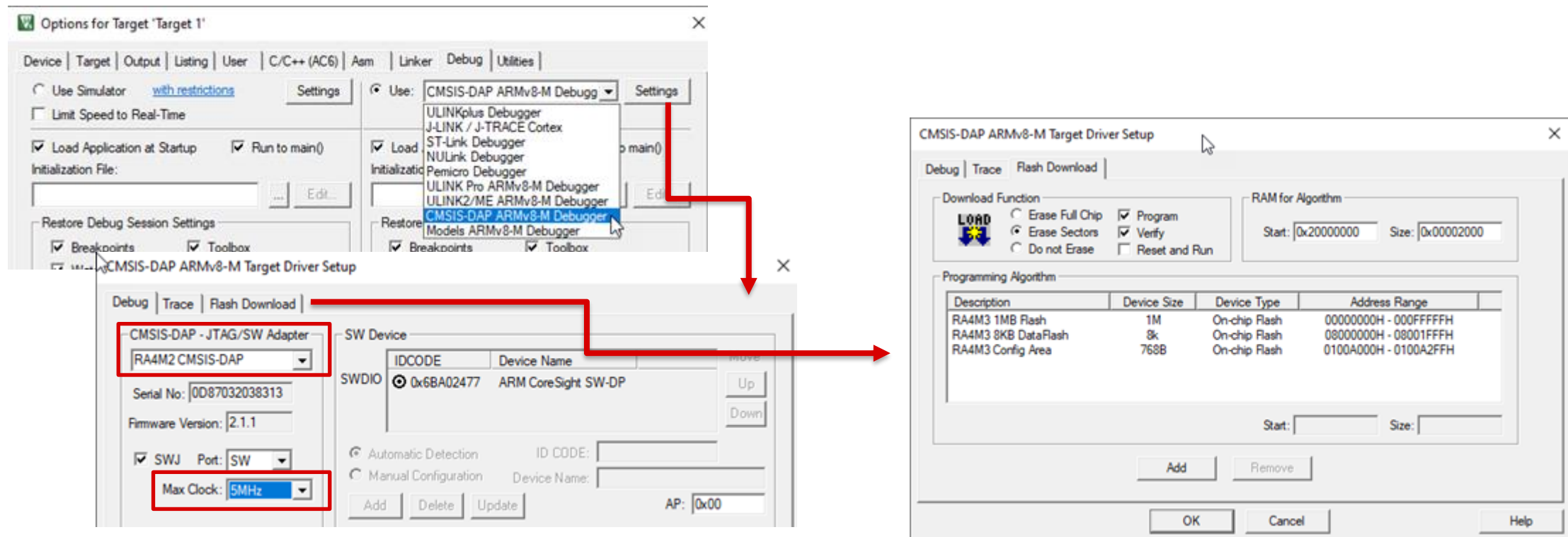
Probe



CMSIS-DAP CONFIGURATION

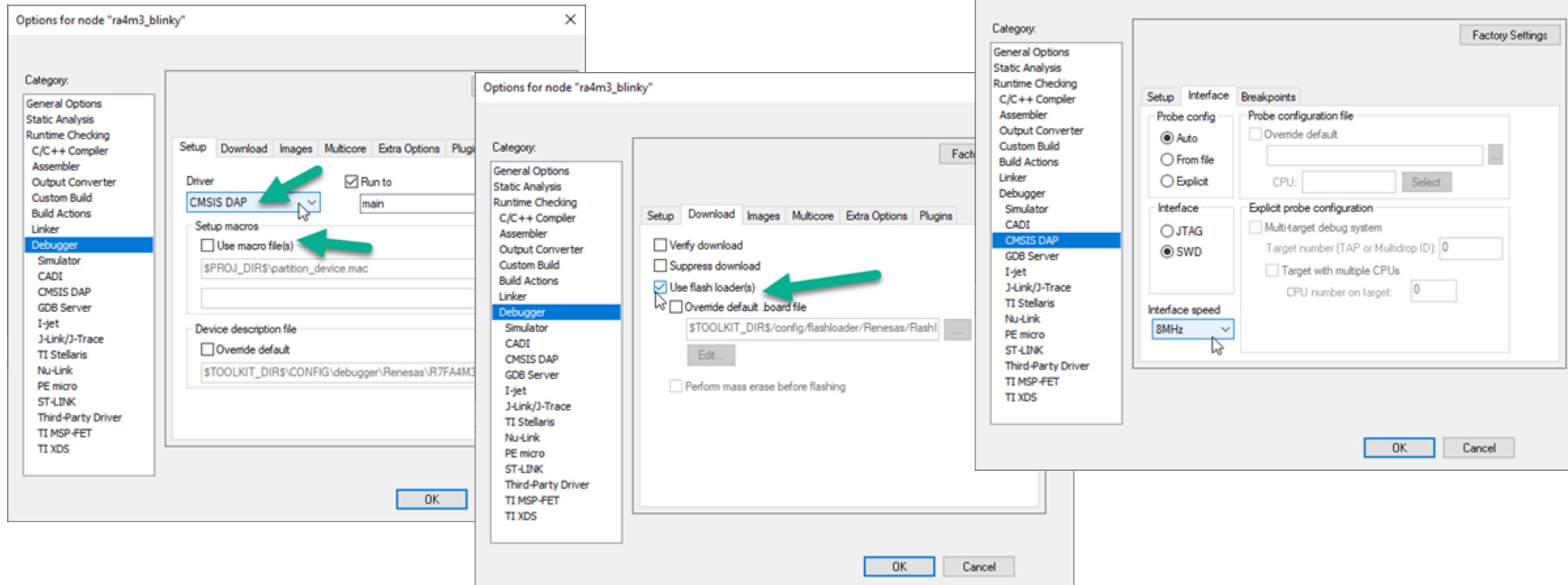
- ❑ Use of CMSIS-DAP probes is supported directly by both Keil MDK and IAR EWARM, just by changing the debug settings as appropriate. Remember to also change the flash loader settings!

Keil MDK



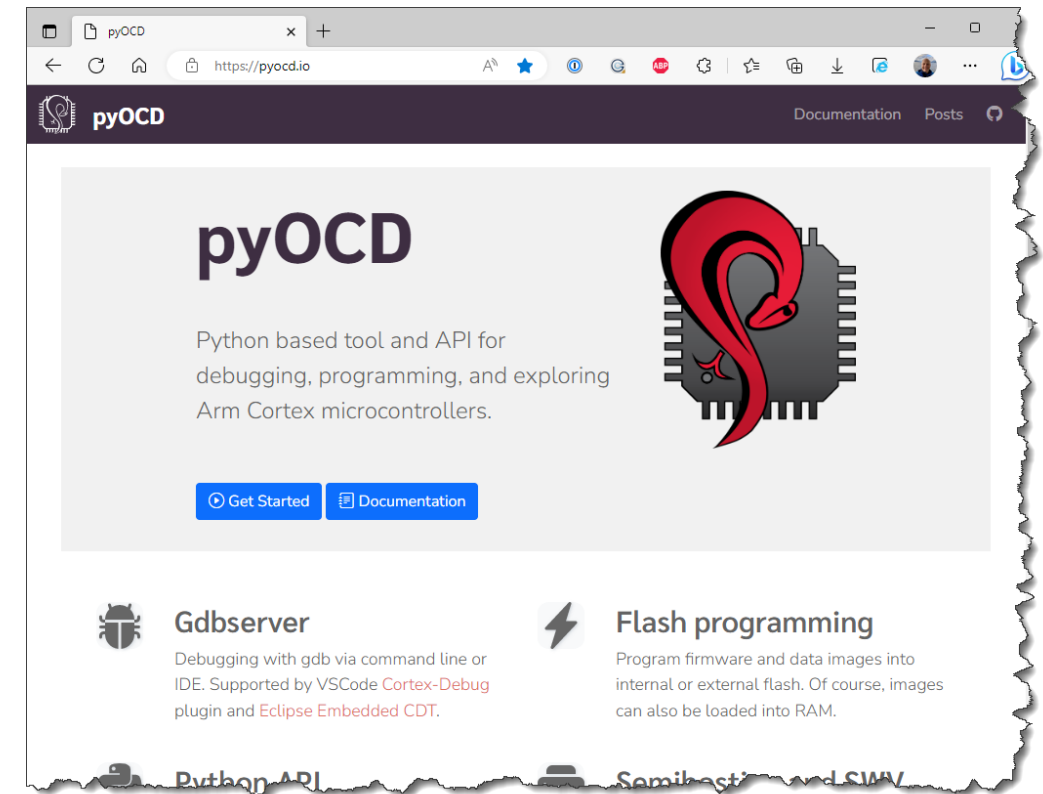
CMSIS-DAP CONFIGURATION (2)

IAR EWARM



PY OCD

- ❑ Pyocd is an open source project that provides ability to use a CMSIS-DAP probe from command line
 - Also includes a gdb server that can be used from Eclipse (by installing an additional Eclipse Embedded CDT plugin) and hence provide CMSIS-DAP support within e² studio
 - Note: Functionality inside e² studio that relies upon additional capabilities provided by the e² studio gdbserver will not work.
- ❑ pyOCD information and docs can be found at:
 - <https://pyocd.io/>
 - <https://github.com/pyocd/pyOCD>



INSTALLING PYOCD

- ❑ To install from DOS command line (assuming you have python3 on your path):

```
python -m pip install -U pyocd
```

- ❑ Note: check where pyocd executables have been installed (for use later in e² studio). Will be something like ...

```
c:\users\a5131878\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\scripts\pyocd-gdbserver.exe
```

```
c:\users\a5131878\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\scripts\pyocd.exe
```

- ❑ Also requires our MDK Device Family Pack to provide RA device knowledge, in particular the flash loader

- Obtain this from latest FSP release :
 - <https://github.com/renesas/fsp/releases>

CREATE PYOCD CONFIGURATION

- ❑ Create a location to store common pyOCD configuration, including your Device Family Pack (DFP)
 - Note that there are other ways to install DFPs – but I’ve experienced issues trying to make them work

My PC: REE-0067003 > (C:) Windows > temp > pyocd-config

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
Renesas.RA_DFP.4.4.0	15/05/2023 15:27	File folder	
pyocd.yaml	15/05/2023 15:44	Yaml Source File	1 K

Unzipped DFP .pack file

Unzipping .pack not essential, but should improve performance slightly

! pyocd.yaml X

C: > temp > pyocd-config > ! pyocd.yaml

1 pack:

2 - C:\temp\pyocd-config\Renesas.RA_DFP.4.4.0\

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Release v4.4.0 · renesas/fsp

https://github.com/renesas/fsp/releases/tag/v4.4.0

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fsp_documentation_v4.4.0.zip

FSP_Packs_v4.4.0.exe

FSP_Packs_v4.4.0.zip

MDK_Device_Packs_v4.4.0.zip

setup_fsp_v4_4_0_e2s_v2023-04.AppImage

setup_fsp_v4_4_0_e2s_v2023-04.exe

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Source code (zip)

Source code (tar.gz)

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.pack extracted from this

CHECKING PYOCD INSTALLATION FROM COMMAND LINE

❑ `pyocd list --targets --config c:\temp\pyocd-config\pyocd.yaml`

```
c:\>pyocd list --targets --config c:\temp\pyocd-config\pyocd.yaml
```

Name	Vendor	Part Number	Families	Source
cc3220sf	Texas Instruments	CC3220SF		builtin
cortex_m	Generic	CoreSightTarget		builtin
cy8c64_sysap	Cypress	cy8c64_sysap		builtin
cy8c64x5_cm0	Cypress	cy8c64x5_cm0		builtin
nrf52832	Nordic Semiconductor	NRF52832		builtin
nrf52833	Nordic Semiconductor	NRF52833		builtin
nrf52840	Nordic Semiconductor	NRF52840		builtin
r7fa2a1ab	Renesas	R7FA2A1AB	RA2A1 Series, RA2A1_256K	pack
r7fa2e1a5	Renesas	R7FA2E1A5	RA2E1 Series, RA2E1_32K	pack
r7fa2e1a7	Renesas	R7FA2E1A7	RA2E1 Series, RA2E1_64K	pack
r7fa2e1a9	Renesas	R7FA2E1A9	RA2E1 Series, RA2E1_128K	pack
r7fa2e2a3	Renesas	R7FA2E2A3	RA2E2 Series, RA2E2_16K	pack
r7fa2e2a5	Renesas	R7FA2E2A5	RA2E2 Series, RA2E2_32K	pack
r7fa2e2a7	Renesas	R7FA2E2A7	RA2E2 Series, RA2E2_64K	pack
r7fa2e1a9	Renesas	R7FA2E1A9	RA2E1 Series, RA2E1_128K	pack
r7fa6m4af_dual	Renesas	R7FA6M4AF_dual	RA6M4 Series, RA6M4_1M	pack
r7fa6m4af	Renesas	R7FA6M4AF	RA6M4 Series, RA6M4_1M	pack
r7fa6m4af_dual	Renesas	R7FA6M4AF_dual	RA6M4 Series, RA6M4_1M	pack
r7fa6m5ag	Renesas	R7FA6M5AG	RA6M5 Series, RA6M5_1.5M	pack
r7fa6m5ah	Renesas	R7FA6M5AH	RA6M5 Series, RA6M5_2M	pack
r7fa6m5bf	Renesas	R7FA6M5BF	RA6M5 Series, RA6M5_1M	pack
r7fa6m5bg	Renesas	R7FA6M5BG	RA6M5 Series, RA6M5_1.5M	pack
r7fa6m5bh	Renesas	R7FA6M5BH	RA6M5 Series, RA6M5_2M	pack
r7fa6t1ab	Renesas	R7FA6T1AB	RA6T1 Series, RA6T1_256K	pack
r7fa6t1ad	Renesas	R7FA6T1AD	RA6T1 Series, RA6T1_512K	pack
r7fa6t2ab	Renesas	R7FA6T2AB	RA6T2 Series, RA6T2_256K	pack
r7fa6t2ad	Renesas	R7FA6T2AD	RA6T2 Series, RA6T2_512K	pack
r7fa6t2bb	Renesas	R7FA6T2BB	RA6T2 Series, RA6T2_256K	pack
r7fa6t2bd	Renesas	R7FA6T2BD	RA6T2 Series, RA6T2_512K	pack
r7fa6t3bb	Renesas	R7FA6T3BB	RA6T3 Series, RA6T3_256K	pack
rp2040	Raspberry Pi	RP2040Core0		builtin
rp2040_core0	Raspberry Pi	RP2040Core0		builtin
rp2040_core1	Raspberry Pi	RP2040Core1		builtin

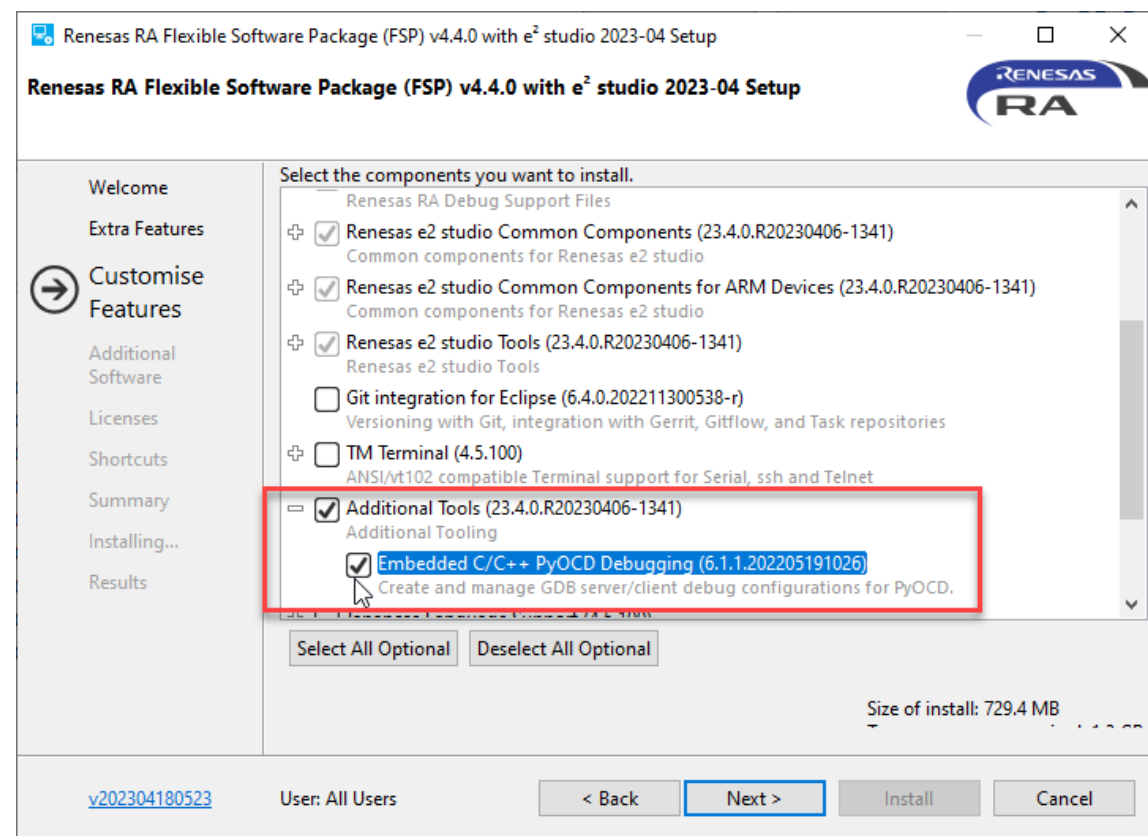
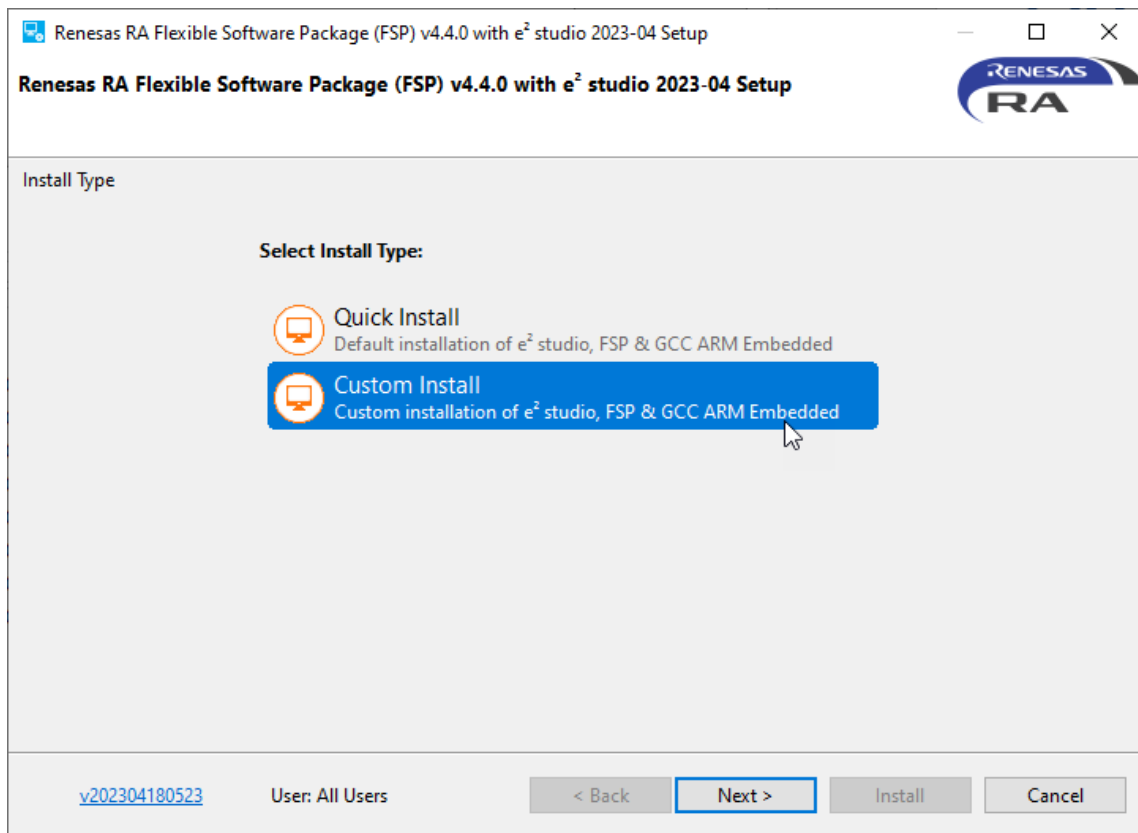
RA MCUs
being
picked up
from our
DFP

❑ Many other operations possible:

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c:\>pyocd erase -t R7FA6M3AF --chip --config c:\temp\pyocd-config\pyocd.yaml
0001390 I Erasing chip... [eraser]
0003705 I Chip erase complete [eraser]
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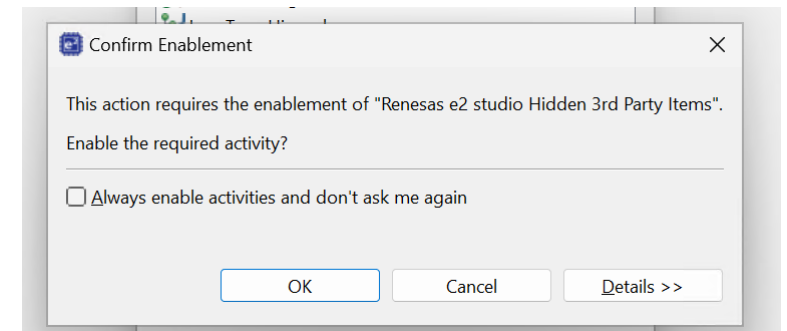
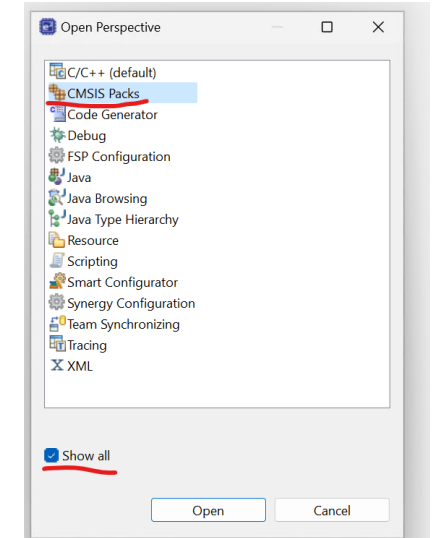
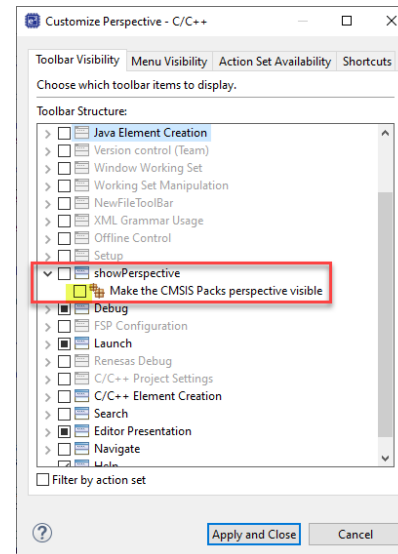
INSTALLING PYOCD SUPPORT PLUGIN INTO E² STUDIO

❑ Available as an optional feature in 2023-04 custom install

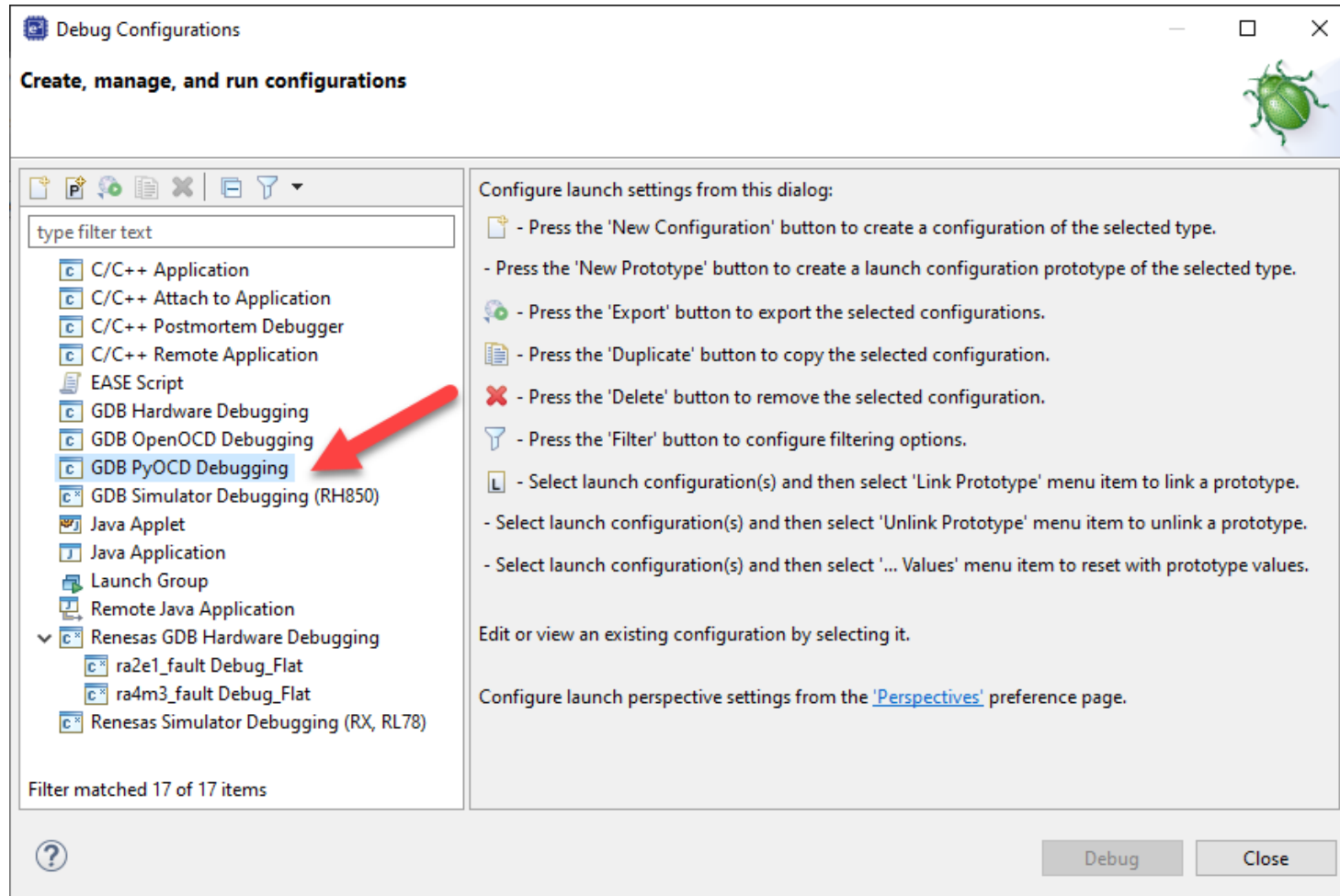


TO MAKE PYOCD DEBUG CONFIGURATIONS ACCESSIBLE...

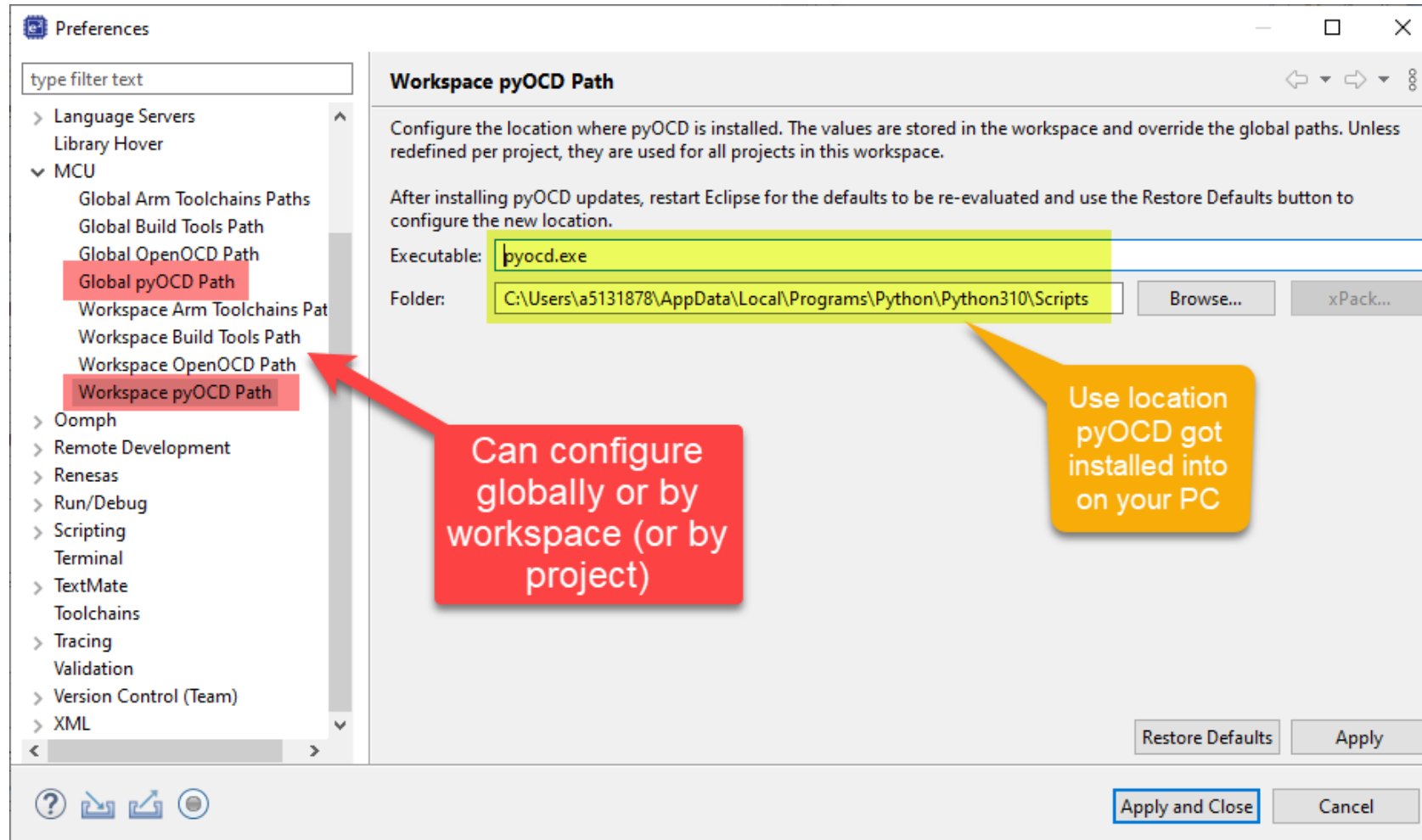
- ❑ Recent “UI simplifications” mean that further configuration required to make pyOCD accessible after installing it ☹ And for each new workspace ☹ ☹
- ❑ Go to : *Window -> Perspectives -> Open Perspective -> Other...*
 - Select “CMSIS Packs” and click OK to confirm activity enablement
- ❑ This will switch e² studio into the CMSIS-Pack perspective, but this can just be closed.
- ❑ Can also remove “CMSIS-Packs” button from C/C++ Perspective Toolbar from *Window -> Perspective -> Customize Perspective*
- ❑ Talking to Engineering team to improve this for future releases



PY OCD DEBUG CONFIGURATION NOW ACCESSIBLE



CONFIGURE E² STUDIO TO FIND PYOCD



CREATING A DEBUG CONFIG FOR PYOCD (1)

The image shows the e2 studio interface with the 'Debug Configurations' menu open. A red arrow points from the 'Debug Configurations...' menu item to the 'Debug Configurations' dialog box. The dialog box has a title bar 'Debug Configurations' and a subtitle 'Create, manage, and run configurations'. It features a list of launch configurations on the left and a list of actions on the right. A red circle with the number '2' is next to the 'New launch configuration' button. A red circle with the number '1' is next to the 'Delete' button. A red box with the text 'Create a new config' points to the 'New launch configuration' button. A red box with the text 'Select pyOCD' points to the 'GDB PyOCD Debugging' item in the list. The list of launch configurations includes: C/C++ Application, C/C++ Remote Application, EASE Script, GDB Hardware Debugger, GDB OpenOCD Debugging, GDB PyOCD Debugging, GDB Simulator Debugger, Java Applet, Java Application, Launch Group, Remote Java Application, Renesas GDB Hardware Debugger, ra4m3_blinky Debugging, and Renesas Simulator Debugger. The list of actions includes: Press the 'New Prototype' button to create a launch configuration prototype of the selected type, Press the 'Export' button to export the selected configurations, Press the 'Duplicate' button to copy the selected configuration, Press the 'Delete' button to remove the selected configuration, Press the 'Filter' button to configure filtering options, Select launch configuration(s) and then select 'Link Prototype' menu item to link a prototype, Select launch configuration(s) and then select 'Unlink Prototype' menu item to unlink a prototype, and Select launch configuration(s) and then select 'Reset Values' menu item to reset with prototype values. The dialog box also has a 'Filter' input field and a 'Filter matched 14 of 16 items' status bar. At the bottom, there are 'Debug' and 'Close' buttons.

2023-05_e2-2023-04_demo - ra4m3_blinky/configuration.xml - e2 studio

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Project Explorer X

ra4m3_blinky [Debug]

Binaries

Includes

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(no launch history)

Debug As

Debug Configurations...

Organize Favorites...

Debug Configurations

Create, manage, and run configurations

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Create a new config

1

Select pyOCD

New launch configuration

C/C++ Application

C/C++ Remote Application

EASE Script

GDB Hardware Debugger

GDB OpenOCD Debugging

GDB PyOCD Debugging

GDB Simulator Debugger

Java Applet

Java Application

Launch Group

Remote Java Application

Renesas GDB Hardware Debugger

ra4m3_blinky Debugging

Renesas Simulator Debugger

Press the 'New Prototype' button to create a launch configuration prototype of the selected type.

Press the 'Export' button to export the selected configurations.

Press the 'Duplicate' button to copy the selected configuration.

Press the 'Delete' button to remove the selected configuration.

Press the 'Filter' button to configure filtering options.

Select launch configuration(s) and then select 'Link Prototype' menu item to link a prototype.

Select launch configuration(s) and then select 'Unlink Prototype' menu item to unlink a prototype.

Select launch configuration(s) and then select 'Reset Values' menu item to reset with prototype values.

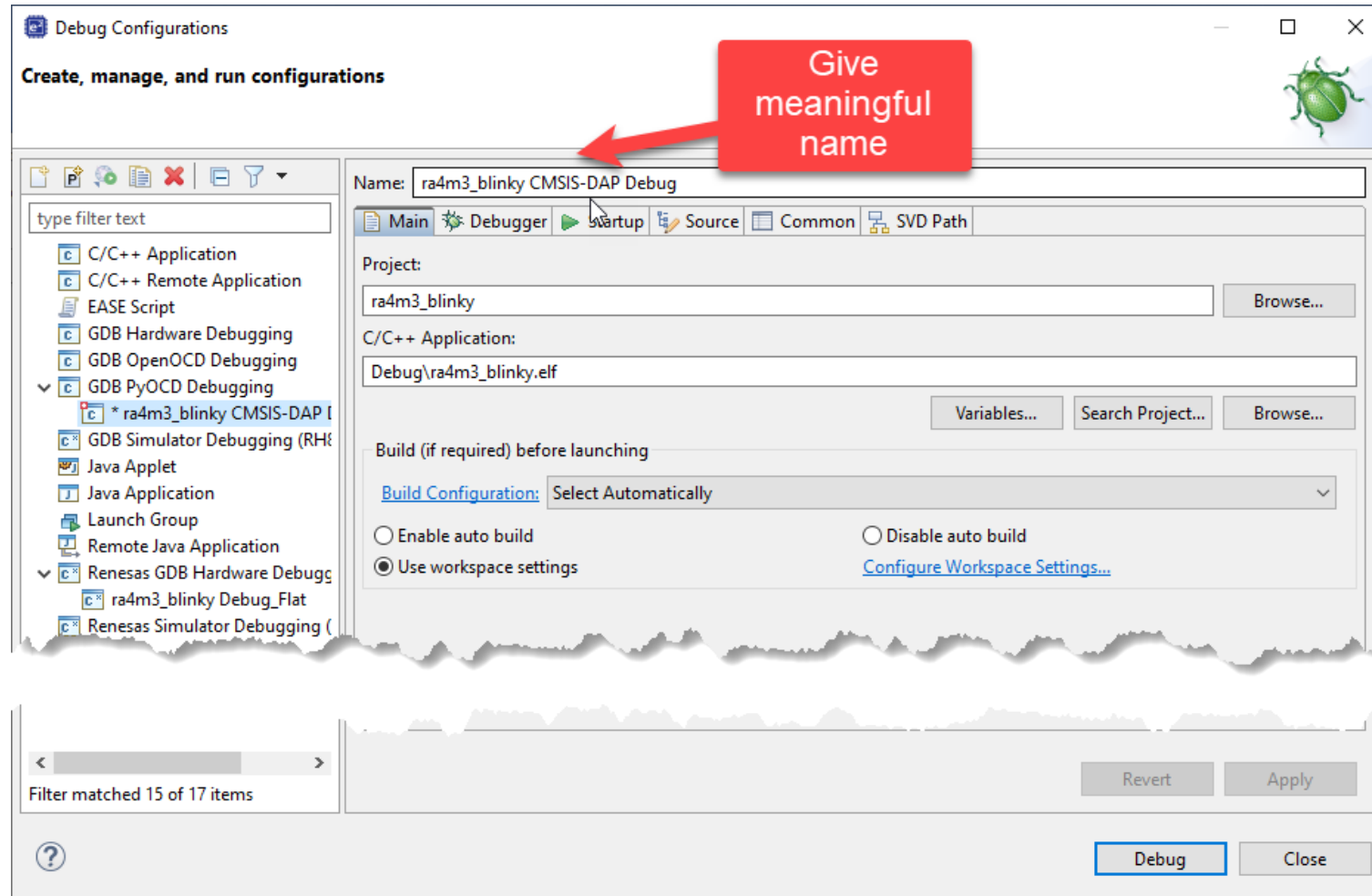
Edit or view an existing configuration by selecting it.

Configure launch perspective settings from the [Perspectives](#) preference page.

Filter matched 14 of 16 items

Debug Close

CREATING A DEBUG CONFIG FOR PYOCD (2)



CREATING A DEBUG CONFIG FOR PYOCD (3)

Initial State (Left):

- Name: ra4m3_blinky CMSIS-DAP Debug
- pyOCD Setup
 - ☒ Start pyOCD locally
 - Executable path: \${pyocd_path}/\${pyocd_executable}
 - Actual executable: C:\Users\A5131878\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python310\Scripts\pyocd.exe
 - GDB port: 3333
 - Semihosting port: 4444
 - Debug probe: <Please select a debug probe>
 - Default target: <Please select a debug probe>
 - ☐ Override target:
 - Bus speed: 1000000 Hz
 - Connect mode: Halt
 - Reset type: Default
 - Flash mode: Sector erase
 - ☒ Smart flash
 - ☒ Halt at hard fault
 - ☐ Step into interrupts
 - ☒ Enable semihosting
 - ☐ Use GDB syscalls for semihosting
 - Other options:
- GDB Client Setup
 - Executable name: \${cross_prefix}gdb\${cross_suffix}
 - Actual executable: arm-none-eabi-gdb
 - Other options:
 - Commands: set mem inaccessible-by-default off

Annotations:

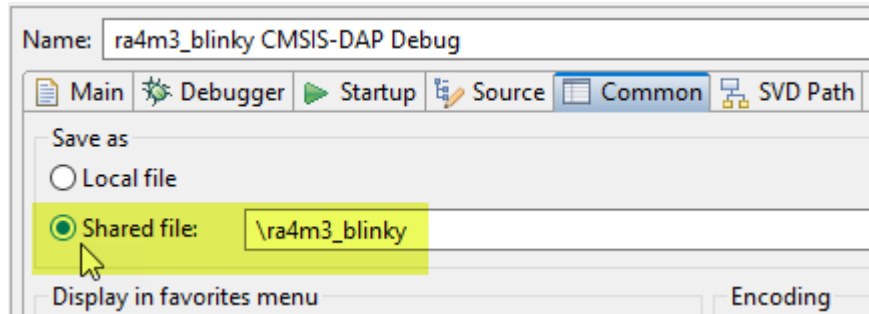
- Ensure your pyocd is found (points to Executable path)
- R7FA4M3AF (points to Override target)
- 8000000 (points to Bus speed)
- config c:\temp\pyocd-config\pyocd.yaml (points to Other options)

Final State (Right):

- Name: ra4m3_blinky CMSIS-DAP Debug
- pyOCD Setup
 - ☒ Start pyOCD locally
 - Executable path: \${pyocd_path}/\${pyocd_executable}
 - Actual executable: C:\Users\A5131878\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python310\Scripts\pyocd.exe
 - GDB port: 3333
 - Semihosting port: 4444
 - Debug probe: Renesas RA4M2 CMSIS-DAP (0D87032038313)
 - Default target: Generic > CoreSightTarget (cortex_m)
 - ☒ Override target: R7FA4M3AF
 - Bus speed: 8000000 Hz
 - Connect mode: Halt
 - Reset type: Default
 - Flash mode: Sector erase
 - ☒ Smart flash
 - ☒ Halt at hard fault
 - ☐ Step into interrupts
 - ☒ Enable semihosting
 - ☐ Use GDB syscalls for semihosting
 - Other options: --config c:\temp\pyocd-config\pyocd.yaml

CREATING A DEBUG CONFIG FOR PYOCD (4)

- ❑ Make launch configuration part of project (as per our normal launch configurations)



LAUNCH DEBUG SESSION VIA PYOCD & CMSIS-DAP

The screenshot illustrates the process of launching a debug session in the Eclipse IDE. It is divided into two main parts:

Top Screenshot (Menu Navigation): Shows the 'Project Explorer' on the left with the project 'ra4m3_blinky' expanded. The 'Run' menu is open, and the 'Debug As' submenu is selected. The option '1 ra4m3_blinky CMSIS-DAP Debug' is highlighted, with a red arrow pointing to the bottom screenshot.

Bottom Screenshot (Debug Session): Shows the IDE with the debug session 'ra4m3_blinky CMSIS-DAP Debug [GDB PyOCD Debugging]' active. The 'Debug Console' at the bottom displays the following log messages:

```
ra4m3_blinky CMSIS-DAP Debug [GDB PyOCD Debugging]
0001357 I GDB server started on port 3333 (core 0) [gdbserver]
Started by Eclipse Embedded CDT
0002329 I Client connected to port 3333! [gdbserver]
0002396 I Attempting to load RTOS plugins [gdbserver]
[-----]
0004247 I Erased 8192 bytes (1 sector), programmed 3584 bytes (28 pages), skipped 240 bytes (15 pages) at 2.02 kB/s [loader]
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the session is 'Suspended'.