
Displaying POT Level with LEDs

Libero SoC and SoftConsole Flow Tutorial for a SmartFusion cSoC



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Introduction

This tutorial shows you how to use Microsemi tools to develop an application that can be implemented on SmartFusion[®] customized system-on-chip (cSoC) device. After completing this tutorial you will be familiar with the following:

- Creating and implementing a Libero[®] system-on-chip (SoC) v10.0 project using SmartFusion cSoC device.
- Configure the peripherals using SmartDesign.
- Configuring the analog compute engine (ACE).
- Generating the microcontroller subsystem (MSS) Component.
- Generating the programming file to program the SmartFusion cSoC device.
- Opening the project in SoftConsole from Libero SoC and writing application code.
- Compiling application code.
- Creating and launching a debug session.
- Debugging and running the code using SoftConsole.

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/libero/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 will need the following hardware:

- SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board or SmartFusion Development Kit Board
- 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=SmartFusion_LiberoSC_POTlevel_tutorial_DF

Note: When launching the SoftConsole from Libero SoC, Softconsole may open without any workspace or display an error. Refer to the following KB article for the workaround:

www.microsemi.com/soc/kb/article.aspx?id=K18879.

You can download the programming file (*.stp) in release for this tutorial from the Microsemi website:

www.microsemi.com/soc/download/rsc/?f=SmartFusion_LiberoSC_POTlevel_tutorial_PF

MSS Components Used

- ARM® Cortex™-M3 processor
- Clock conditioning circuitry (CCC)
- General purpose input/output (GPIO)
- UART_0
- Analog compute engine (ACE)

Target Board

SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board (A2F-EVAL-KIT) or SmartFusion Development Kit Board (A2F-DEV-KIT).

Objective

The objective of this tutorial is instruct how to configure SmartFusion cSoC analog channels and ACE that is used to monitor the voltage across the potentiometer (POT). The UART is used to send the ADC results to a terminal program.

Design Steps

- Create a Libero SoC project and use the SmartFusion cSoC MSS Configurator to configure the ACE, adding a voltage monitor with flags.
- Perform synthesis and layout, and generate a programming file to program the SmartFusion cSoC device.
- Open the software project in SoftConsole and write the application program.
- Run an application to monitor the voltage across the POT on the SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board or the SmartFusion Development Kit Board.

The hardware configuration has four flags:

- Over 1.0 V
- Over 1.5 V
- Over 2.0 V
- Over 2.5 V

The design monitors the voltage across a POT and four flags are included for the voltage monitoring. These flags are used to drive the four LEDs on the board.

Working with Libero SoC and SoftConsole

This section describes how to create a Libero SoC project, configure the microcontroller subsystem (MSS), program the design on the SmartFusion board, and run an application program in the SoftConsole IDE.

Step 1 - Creating a Libero SoC Project

1. Launch Libero SoC v10.0 (or later).
2. From the **Project** menu, select **New Project**. Enter the information as displayed in [Figure 1](#) . .
 - Name: Voltage_Monitor
 - Location: <...> (For example, C:\Microsemi\proj\POT_LED_Libero_SoftConsole)
 - Family: SmartFusion
 - Die: If you are using SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board, enter A2F200M3F; if you are using SmartFusion Development Kit Board, enter A2F500M3F.
 - Package: 484 FBGA
 - Speed: STDLeave others as default.

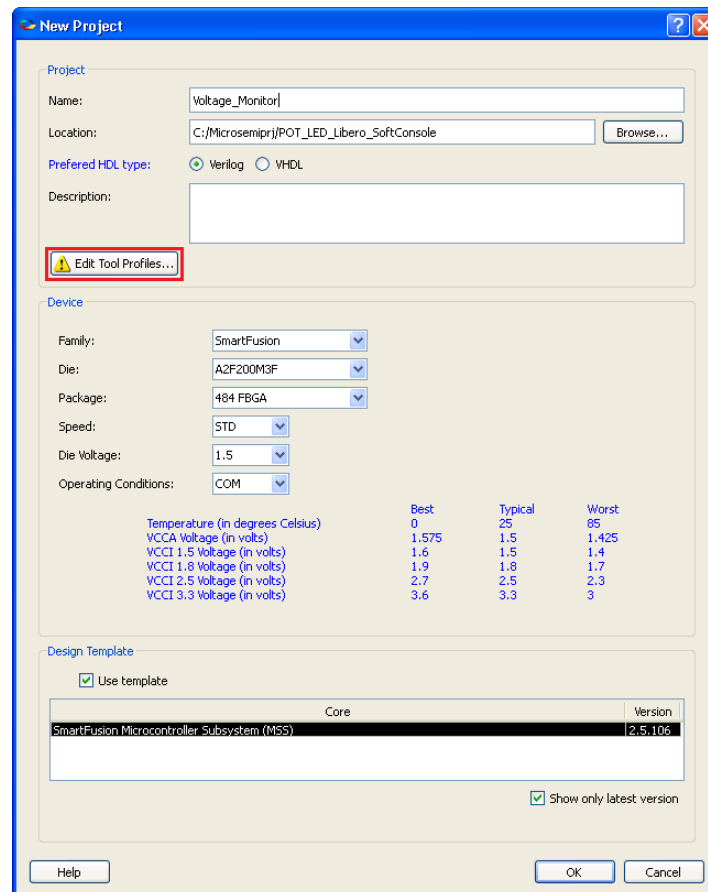


Figure 1 · New project Dialog Box

- Click **Edit Tool Profiles** and add SoftConsole by clicking on Software IDE as shown in Figure 2 .

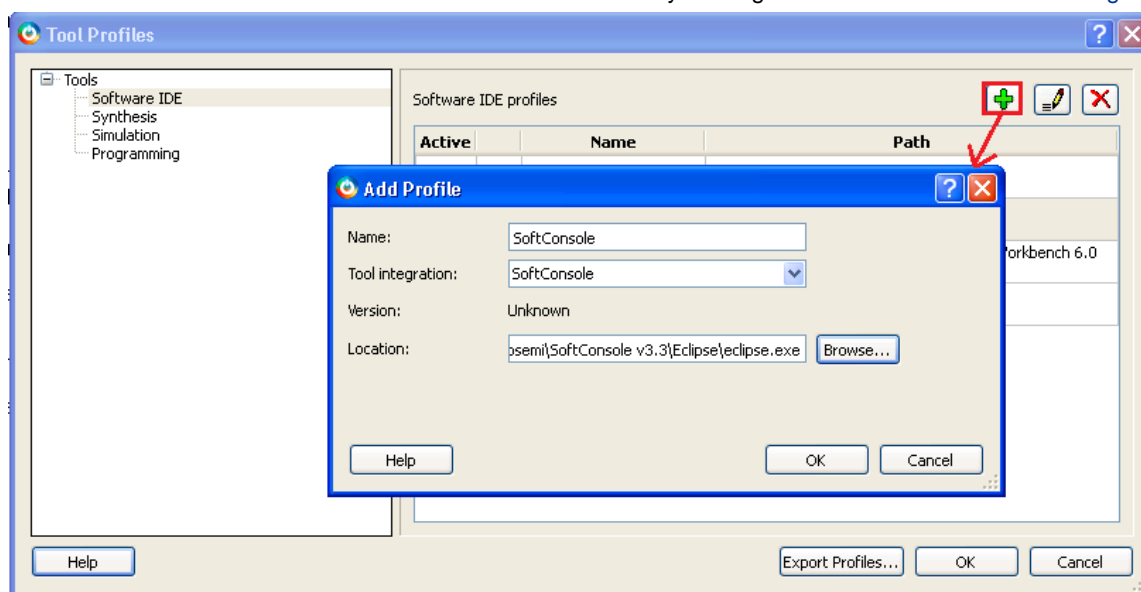


Figure 2 · Selecting SoftConsole as Software IDE

- After adding the Profile, click **OK** to close the **Add Profile** dialog window.
Repeat the steps (3 and 4) above for Synthesis, Simulation, and Programming and then click **OK** to close the Tool Profiles dialog window.
- Select the MSS core in **New Project** dialog box and click **OK**.
Note: If SmartFusion cSoC MSS does not appear in the list, refer to [Appendix A – Libero SoC Catalog Settings](#) to find out how to set the repositories. If your vault does not have the MSS core, then download the core by double clicking on the core name in **Design template** in **New Project** dialog box.
- The project is created and the Libero SoC window appears as shown in Figure 3 . The SmartDesign “Voltage_Monitor” is created with the instantiation of MSS component.

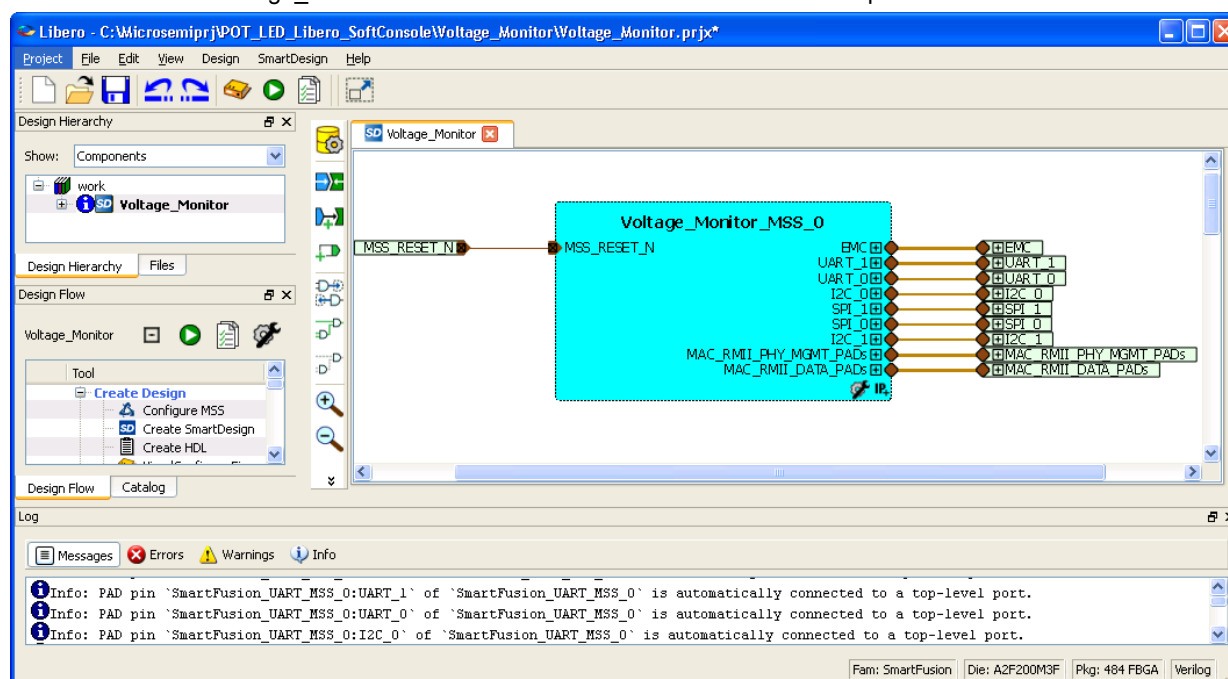


Figure 3 · The Libero Window After Completing New Project Wizard

Step 2 - Configuring MSS Peripherals

1. Double click on **Voltage_Monitor_MSS_0** component to configure the MSS. The MSS is displayed in the SmartDesign Canvas opens in a new tab, as shown in [Figure 4](#) .

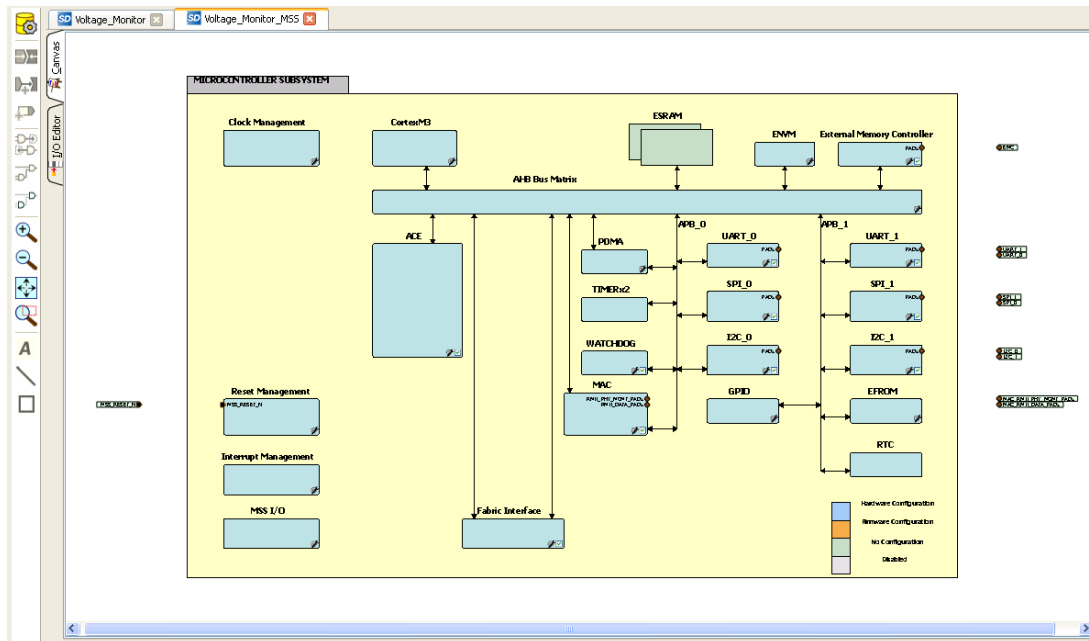


Figure 4 · MSS in the SmartDesign Canvas

The enabled MSS peripherals are highlighted in blue, and can be configured in the hardware. The disabled peripherals are shown in gray.

To disable a peripheral that is not required, select the peripheral, right-click, and clear the **Enabled** check box or, or clear the check box in the lower right corner of the peripheral box. The box turns grey to indicate that the peripheral has been disabled. Disabled peripherals can be enabled by repeating the procedure.

An enabled peripheral looks as shown in [Figure 5](#) .

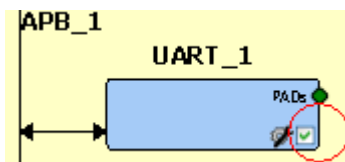


Figure 5 · Enabling the Peripheral

This example uses only the clock management, ACE, GPIO, and UART_0 peripherals.

2. Disable the following peripherals: MAC, WATCHDOG, Fabric Interface, SPI0, SPI1, I2C0, I2C1, UART1, and EMC.

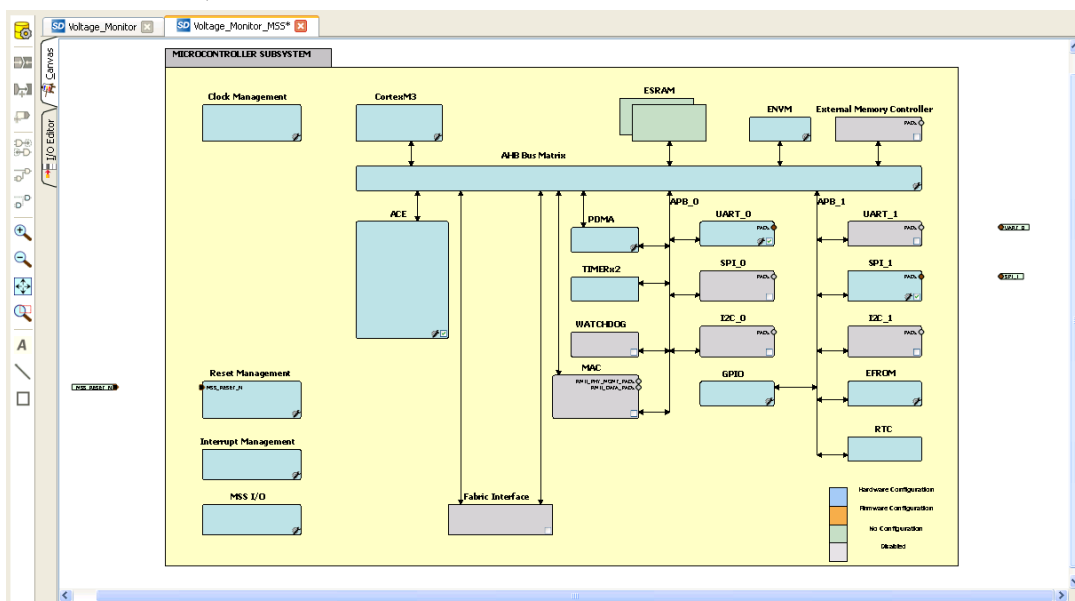


Figure 6 · Used MSS Peripherals

3. Double-click the **Clock Management** block and configure as shown below:

- CLKA: On-Chip RC Oscillator
- MSS clock source: PLL output
- MSS clock frequency: 80 MHz

Use default settings for all other fields.

After completing the configuration, click **OK**.

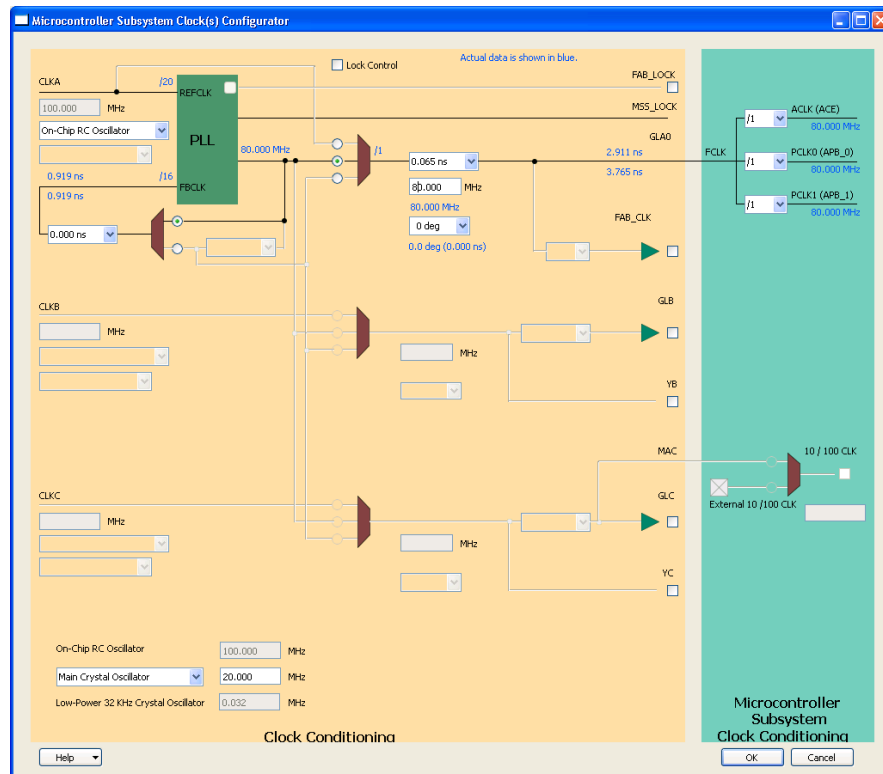


Figure 7 · MSS Clock Configuration

Configuring ACE

- To configure ACE, double-click the **ACE** peripheral block and configure as follows:
Connect TM0 to the POT on the SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board or the SmartFusion Development Kit Board. Configure a voltage monitor to measure the voltage across the POT and also to create flags to indicate when the voltage is greater than 1.0 V, 1.5 V, 2.0 V, and 2.5 V. These flags are used to illuminate the LEDs on the SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board or the SmartFusion Development Kit Board.

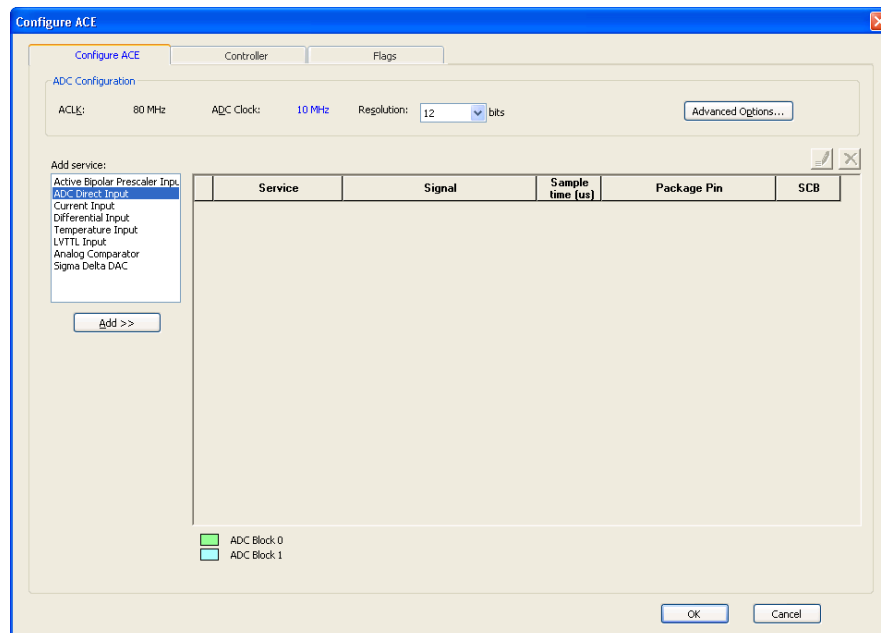


Figure 8 · MSS ACE Configuration

2. Select **ADC Direct Input** > **Add** (or, double-click **ADC Direct Input**) and enter the parameters as shown in Figure 9 . .
 - Signal name: TM0_Voltage
 - Send raw results to DMA: Cleared check box
 - Acquisition time: 10 μ s
 - Filtering factor: None
3. Next, add the flags as shown in Table 1:

Table 1 · Flag Definitions

Flag Name	Flag Type	Threshold (V)	Hysteresis (mV)
over_1p0v	OVER	1	1
over_1p5v	OVER	1.5	1
over_2p0v	OVER	2	1
over_2p5v	OVER	2.5	1

Configure ADC Direct Input

TM0 Signal name: ☐ Send raw ADC result to DMA

Acquisition time: μ s

Digital filtering
Filtering factor: ☐ Linear transformation
Initial value: V Scale factor:
☐ Send filtered result to DMA Offset:
☐ Send transformed result to DMA

Threshold Detection

Flag Name	Flag Type	Threshold (V)	Hysteresis (mV)	Assert Samples	De-assert Samples
over_1p0v	OVER	1	1		
over_1p5v	OVER	1.5	1		
over_2p0v	OVER	2	1		
over_2p5v	OVER	2.5	1		

☐ Assert flag when post processing completed

OK Cancel

Figure 9 · MSS ADC Direct Input Configuration

4. Click **OK**.

5. Assign the ADC Direct Input Signal to package pin W8 in the Configure ACE dialog box. The **Configure ACE** tab is displayed, as shown in Figure 10 :

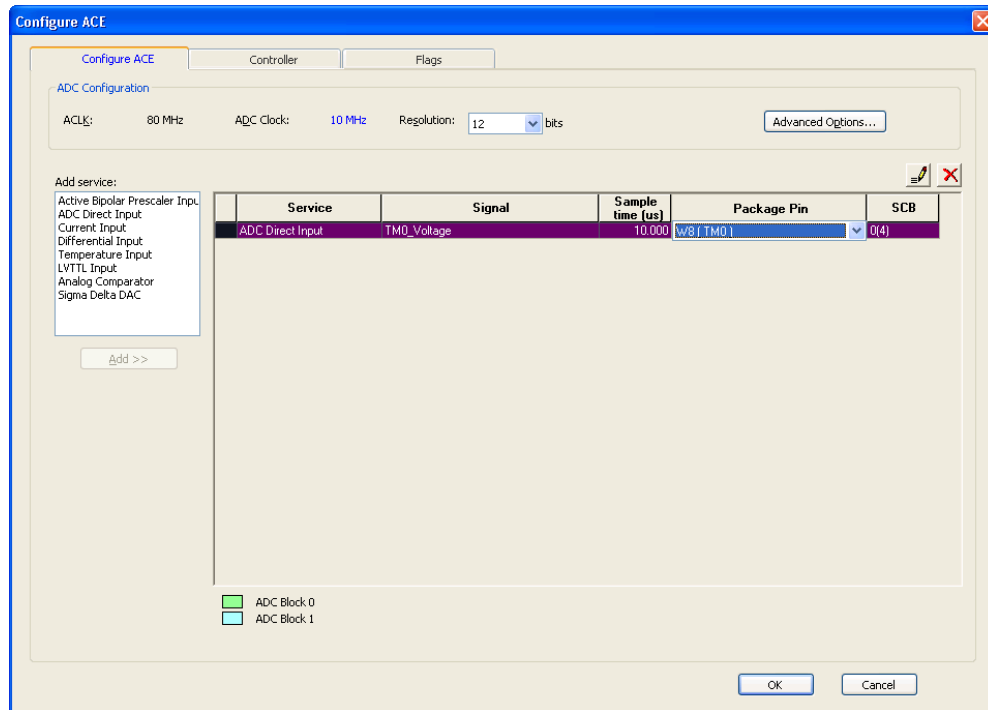


Figure 10 · MSS ACE Configuration With ADC Direct Input

6. The next step in configuring the ACE is to enable the sampling sequence. This configuration dialog is launched by clicking on the **Controller** tab (next to the **Configure ACE** tab).
7. Select **Manual** as the **Operating sequence entry** in the **Controller** tab.

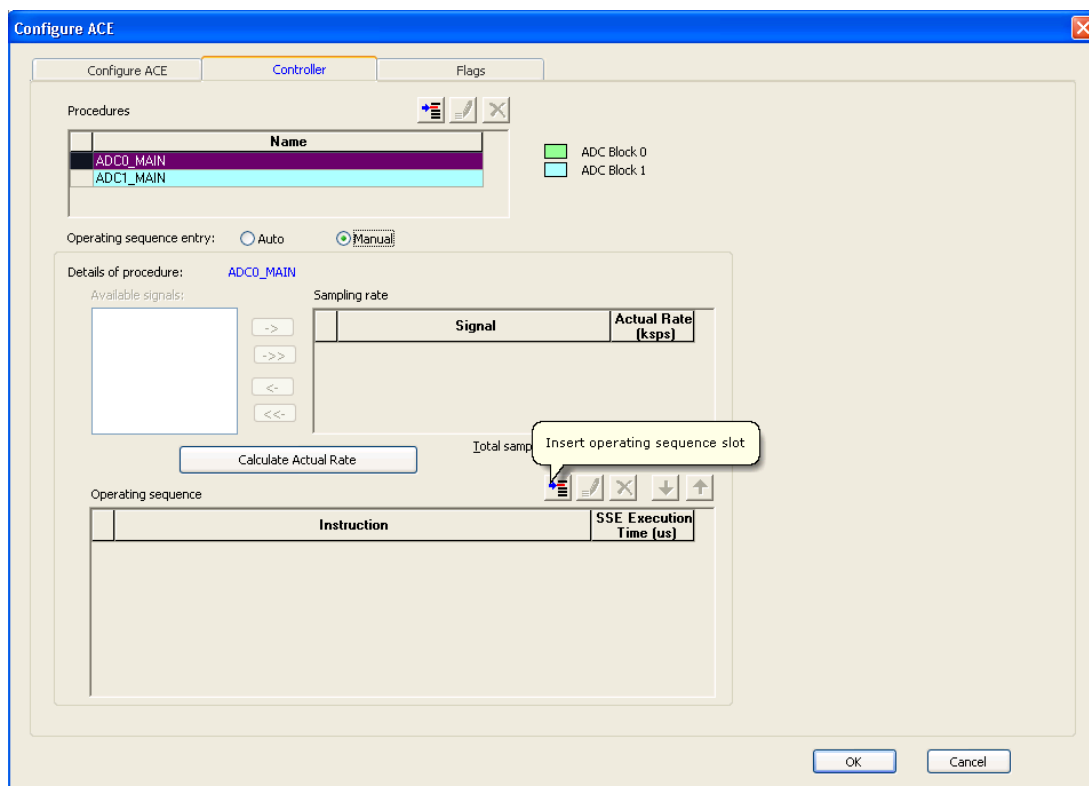


Figure 11 · MSS ACE Configuration to Enable Sampling Sequence

8. Click **Insert operating sequence slot** as shown in Figure 11 · .
9. Select **SAMPLE**.

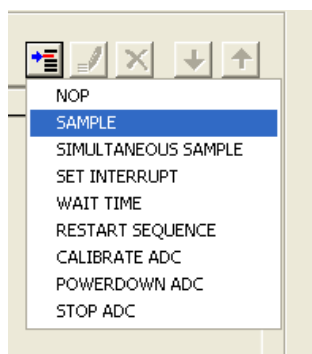


Figure 12 · Select SAMPLE

10. The **Configure SAMPLE** window is displayed. Select **TM0_voltage** as shown in Figure 13 · and click **OK**.

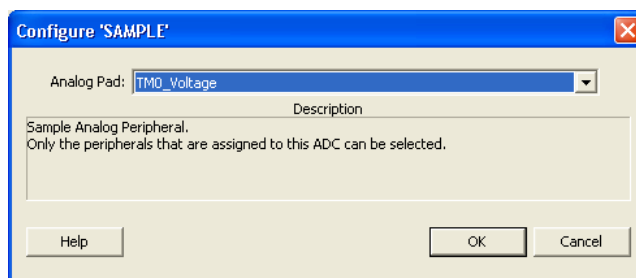


Figure 13 · Configure SAMPLE

11. Click the Insert operating sequence slot again and select RESTART SEQUENCE.

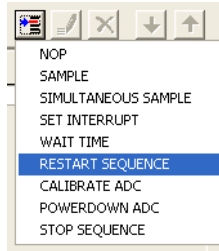


Figure 14 · Select Restart Sequence

12. Click **Calculate Actual Rate**.

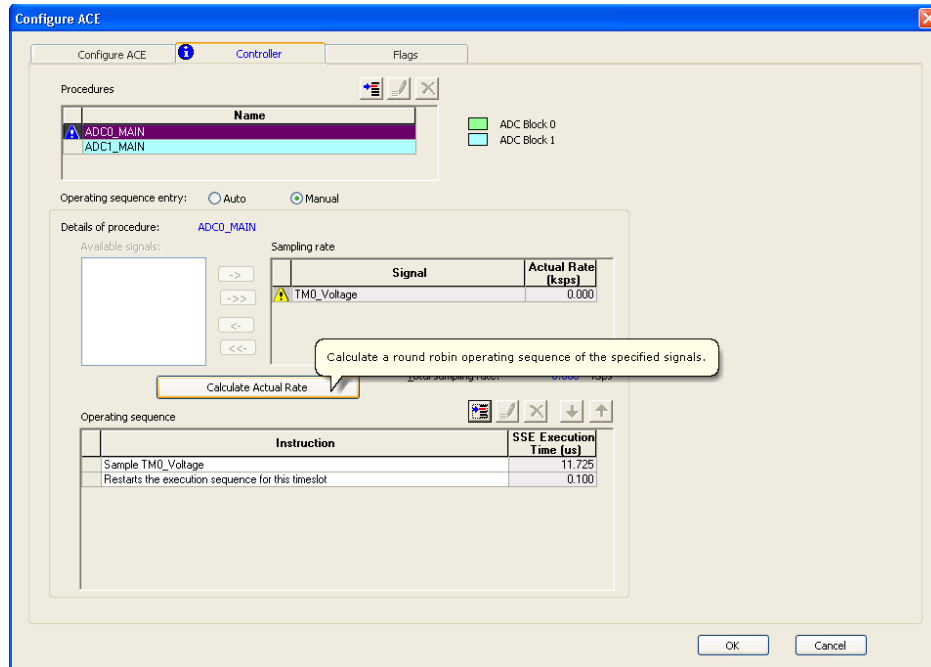


Figure 15 · MSS ACE Configuration: Final Controller Tab

13. The **Controller** tab window is displayed as shown in Figure 16 · :

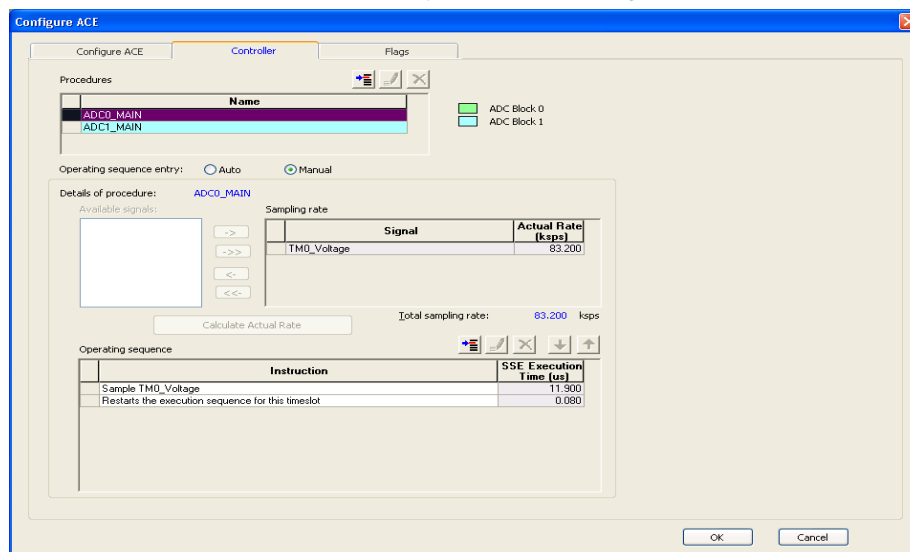


Figure 16 · MSS ACE Configuration: Controller Tab

14. Click the **Flags** tab in the Configure ACE window. This tab lists the flags set from PPE registers.

15. Click the + sign to expand the Flag registers group. The PPE_FLAGSn registers contain the user-defined flags.
16. Select **PPE_FLAGS0** (FLAGBANK0). PPE_FLAGS0 contains the 4 threshold flags assigned earlier. These are the flags that were defined when the direct input voltage service was configured. The flag register can be read by the Cortex-M3 processor. The flags also generate interrupts to the Cortex-M3 processor.

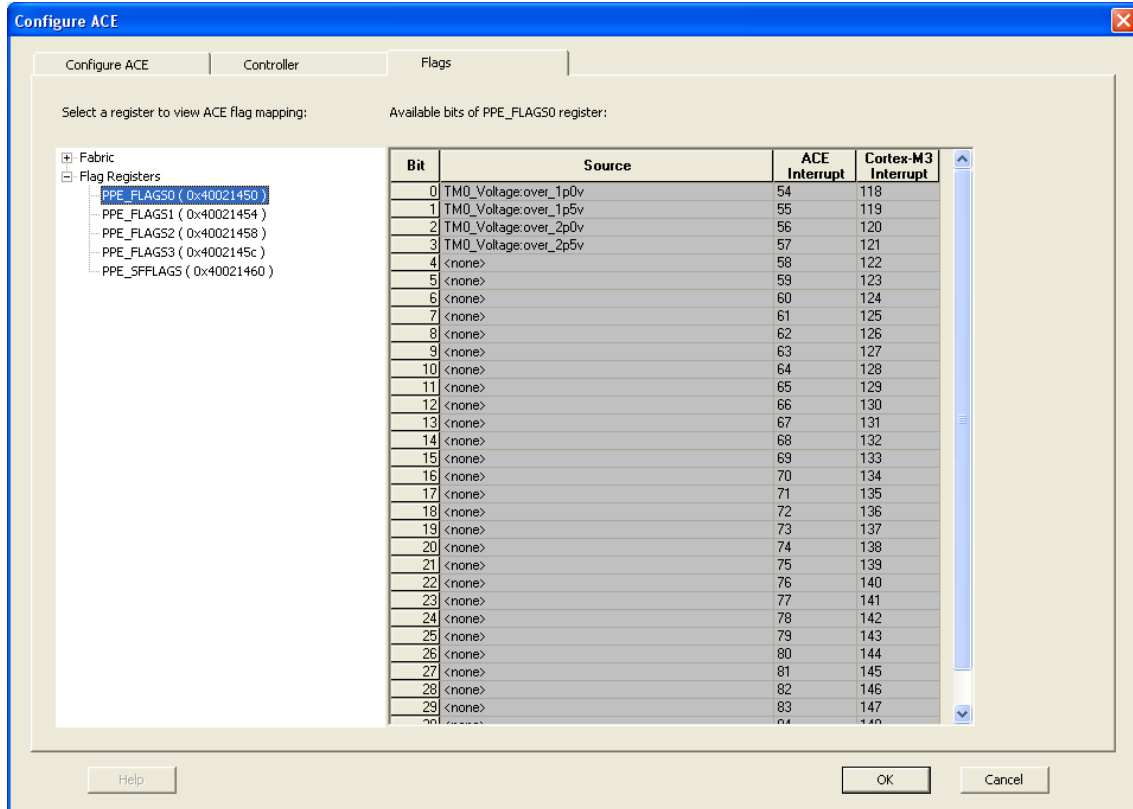


Figure 17 · ACE Flag Mapping - PPE Flag Registers

17. Click **OK** to close the ACE configuration window.

Configuring the GPIO Peripheral

Note: If you are not using the SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board Revision 2 or later, or using the SmartFusion Development Kit Board, follow [Appendix – C](#). Skip [Step 3 - Generating the MSS Component](#) and [Step 4 - Generating the Program File](#).

1. Double-click the **GPIO block** in the **MSS component**, configure as shown in [Figure 18](#) , and click **OK**.

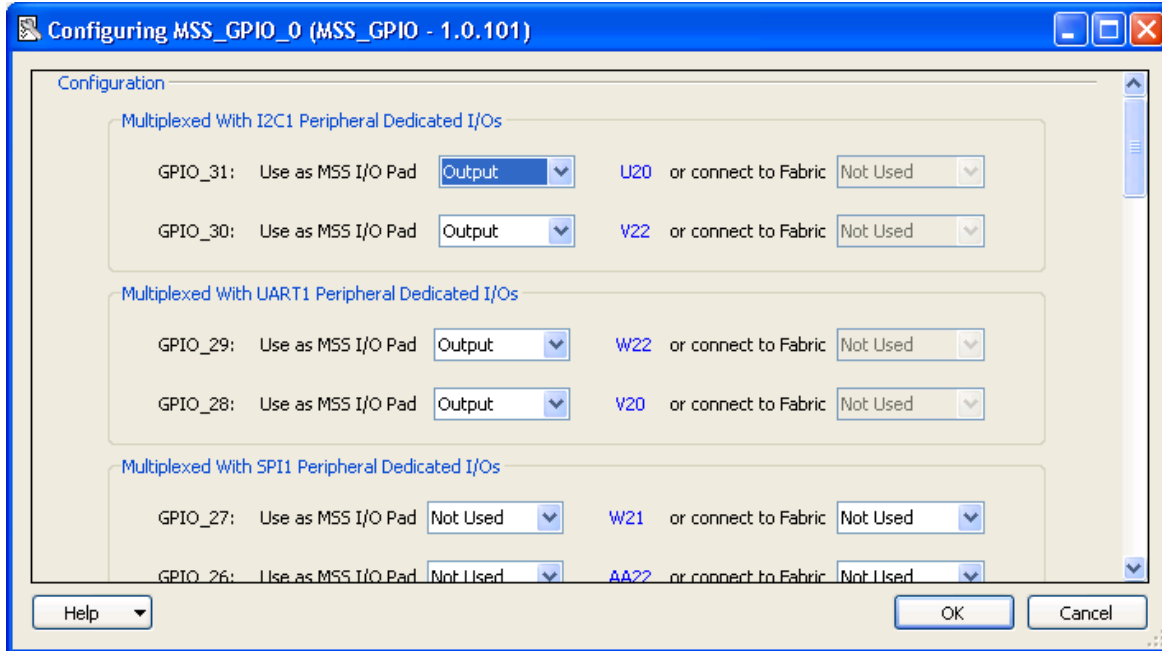


Figure 18 · Configure MSS_GPIO_0

2. This example requires GPIO_31, GPIO_30, GPIO_29, and GPIO_28 to be connected to LED_8 to LED_5 on the SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board (A2F-EVAL-KIT Rev 2).
3. Click **File > Save** to save the Voltage_Monitor_MSS.

Step 3 - Generating the MSS Component

1. Right-click on **Voltage_Monitor_MSS_0** component on the **Voltage_Monitor** tab and select **Update Instance(s) with Latest Component** as shown in [Figure 19](#) .

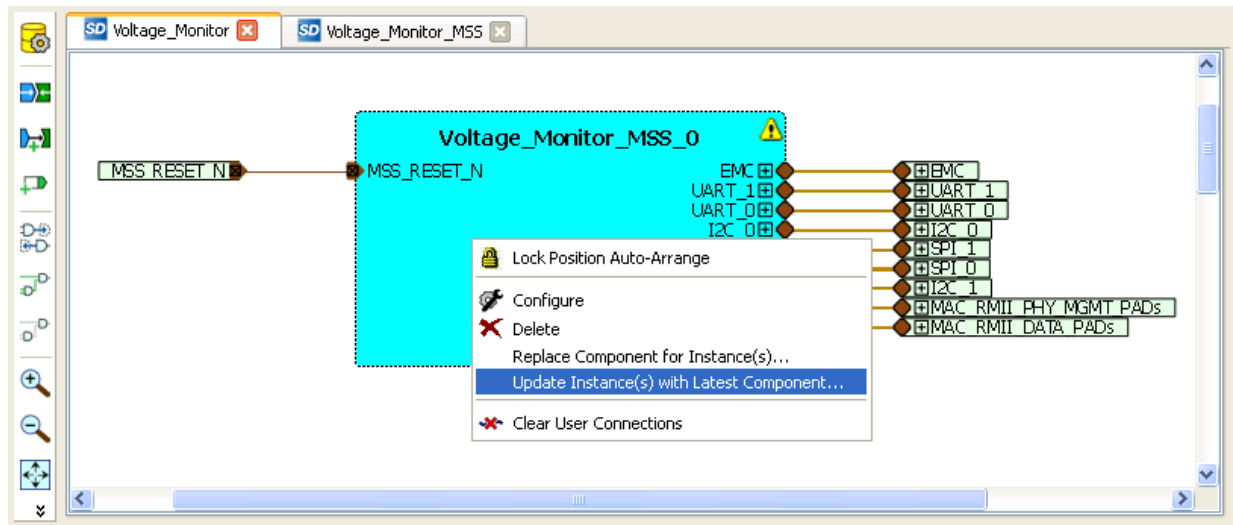


Figure 19 · Updating the MSS

2. Click **Design > Configure Firmware** as shown in Figure 20 .



Figure 20 · Opening Design_Firmware

3. On the **DESIGN_FIRMWARE** tab, clear the **Generate** check boxes for all the peripherals for which you do not need to generate the firmware. Click **Configuration** on the SmartFusion_CMSIS_PAL_0 instance and select SoftConsole as the configuration.

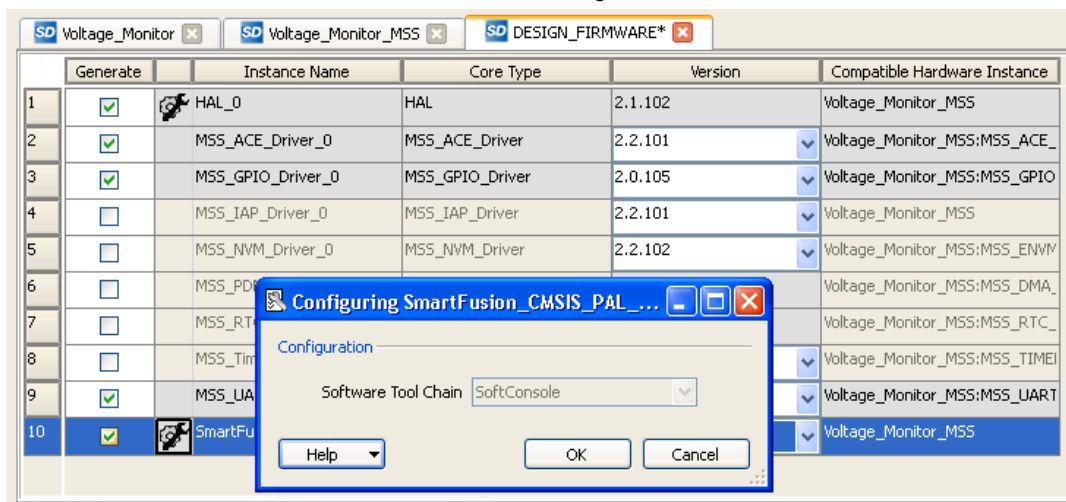


Figure 21 · Configuring SmartFusion_CMSIS_PAL_0

4. Check whether or not you are able to see the latest version of the drivers without any warning or error indicating that firmware is missing from the Vault. If missing, refer to [Appendix A – Libero SoC Catalog Settings](#).
5. Click **File > Save** to Save the Design_Firmware.
6. **Save** the design and generate the component by clicking **Generate Component** or by selecting **SmartDesign > Generate Component**.

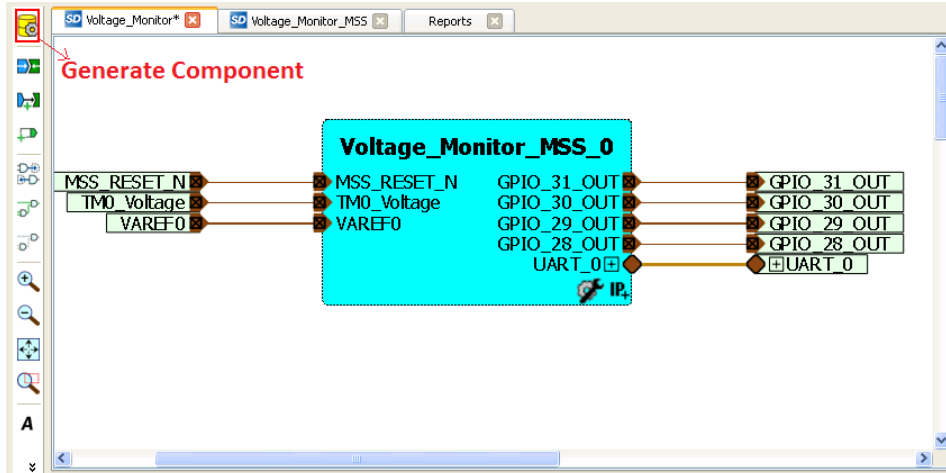


Figure 22 · Generating the MSS Component

7. After successful generation of project the log window displays the message “**Info: 'Voltage_Monitor' was successfully generated. Open datasheet for details**”. The datasheet has the Project information like Generated files, used IO's, and Memory map etc.
8. Confirm that the SoftConsole folder is created with the folders and files as shown in [Figure 23](#) .

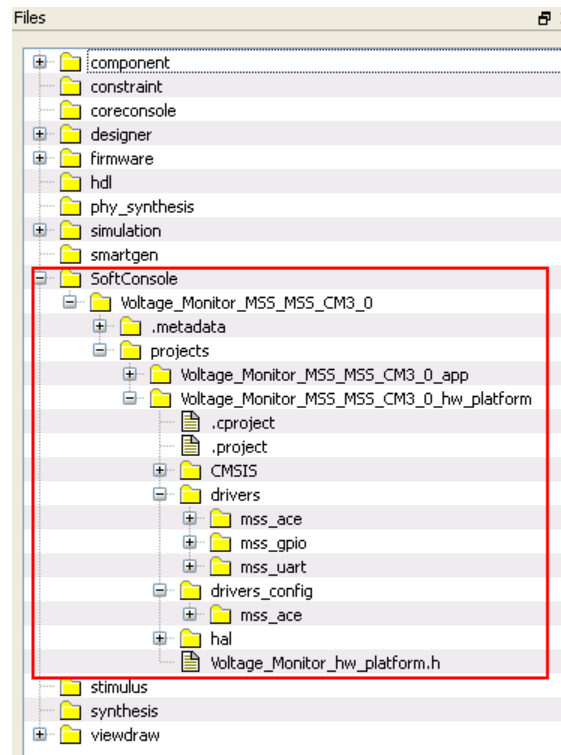


Figure 23 · Files Window

Step 4 - Generating the Program File

Libero SoC provides the push-button flow for Generating programming data of the project in a single step. By clicking **Generate Programming Data**, you can complete the synthesis, place and route, verify timing and generating the programming file. You can also complete the flow by running the synthesis and place and route tools in interactive mode (step-by-step), for more information refer [Libero SoC Quick Start Guide](#).

Push-button Design Flow

1. Click **Generate Programming Data** as shown in Figure 24 · to complete the place and route, verify timing, and generate the programming file. This completes the.fdb file generation.



Figure 24 · Generating Programming Data

2. The **Design Flow** window looks as shown in Figure 25 · .

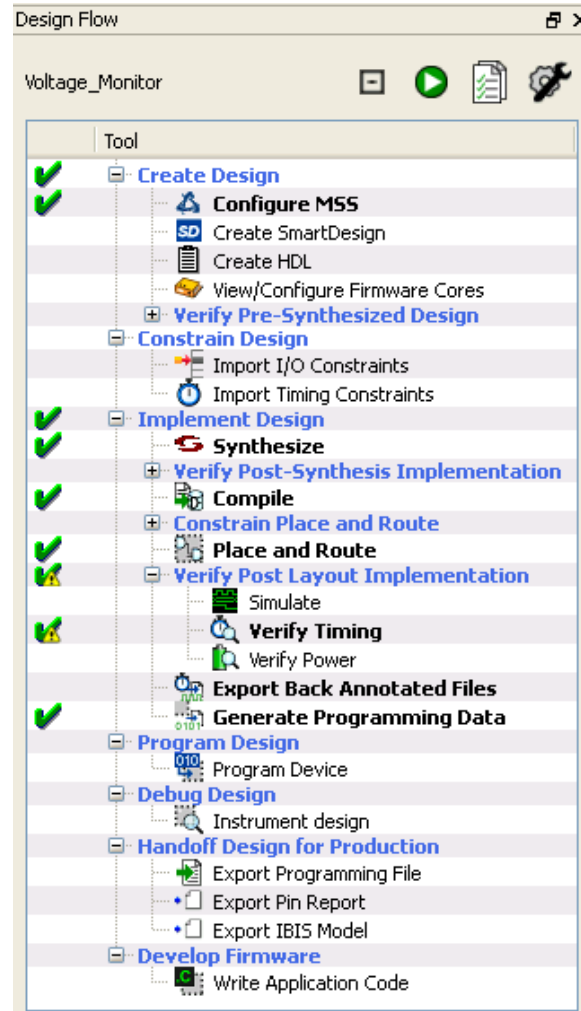


Figure 25 · Design Flow Window After Building the Project

Step 5 - Programming SmartFusion Board Using FlashPro

Before you proceed with programming the device, ensure that the low cost programming stick (LCPS) or FlashPro4 is properly connected to the board. Use the following details to ensure the correct jumper settings. Refer to the [SmartFusion Evaluation Kit User's Guide](#) and the [SmartFusion Development Kit User's Guide](#) for additional information.

Jumper Settings for SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board

- JP10: Short pin 1 and 2 using a jumper.
- JP7: Short pin 1 and 2 using a jumper for LCPS mode.
- J6: Connect pin 1 and 2 using the jumper.
- JP6: Connect pin 2 and 3 using the jumper.
- J13: Connect the USB cable to J13 connector. Install the FlashPro4 or FlashPro drivers if they are not already installed.
- J14: Connect second USB cable for power.
- JP11, JP12, JP13, and JP14: Short pin 2 and 3 using a jumper (in A2F - EVAL - REV 2).

Jumper Settings for SmartFusion Development Kit Board

SW9 must be off (JTAGSEL = H) in order to program the SmartFusion device. SW9 remains in the off position for Libero SoC and SoftConsole programming. Make the jumper settings as shown in the following table:

Table 2 · Jumper Settings for Development Kit Board

Factory Default	Factory Default	Factory Default
JP1: 1–2	JP12: 1–2	JP21: 1–2
JP2: 1–2	JP13: 1–2	JP22: 2–3
JP4: 1–3; 7–9	JP14: 1–2	JP23: 1–2
JP5: 1–2; 3–4	JP15: 1–2	JP24: 1–2
JP6: 2–3	JP16: 2–3	JP27: 1–2
J7: 2–3; 6–7; 10–11; 14–15	JP17: 2–3	JP28: 1–2
JP7: 1–2	JP18: 1–2	J32: 1–2; 3–4; 5–6
JP8: 3–4; 7–8; 11–12; 15–16	JP19: 2–3	–
JP11: 1–2	JP20: 1–2	–

Programming the Device

Double click **Program Device** under **Program Design** in the **Design Flow** window to program the SmartFusion cSoC device. Click **Yes** when it prompts that the timing constraints are not yet set.

Note: Do not interrupt the programming sequence; it may damage the device or the programmer. If you face any problems, contact Microsemi Tech Support at soc_tech@microsemi.com.

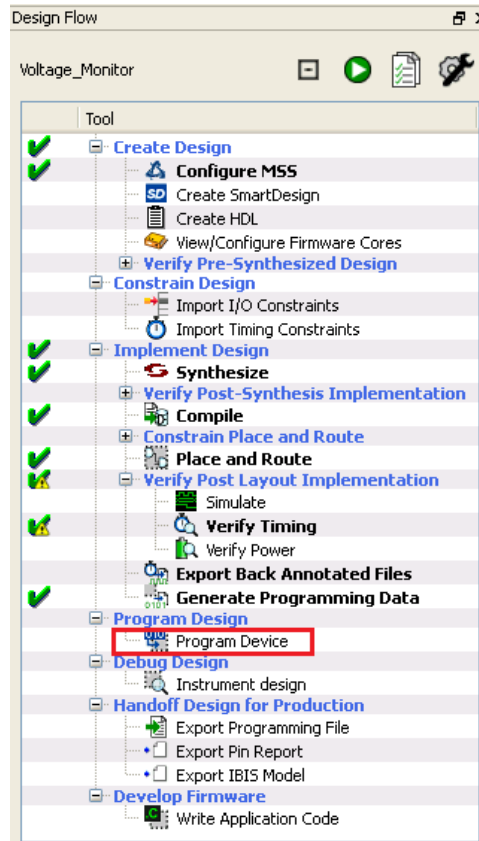


Figure 26 · Design Flow Window

You can also run flash pro interactively by right clicking on **Program Device** in **Design Flow** window and selecting **Open Interactively**. For more information on FlashPro refer [FlashPro user's guide](#).

Step 6 - Building the Software Application Through SoftConsole

1. From the Libero SoC open the SoftConsole project by double clicking on **Write Application Code** under **Develop Firmware** in **Design Flow** window.

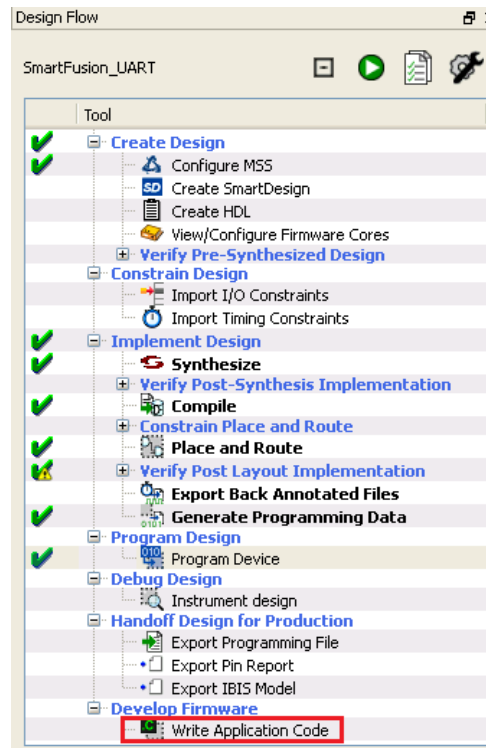


Figure 27 · Invoking SoftConsole from Libero SoC

Note: If you are using the provided design files and if SoftConsole opens without a workspace or displays an error when opening the project then refer to www.microsemi.com/soc/kb/article.aspx?id=KI8879.

2. The SoftConsole perspective looks similar to Figure 28 · :

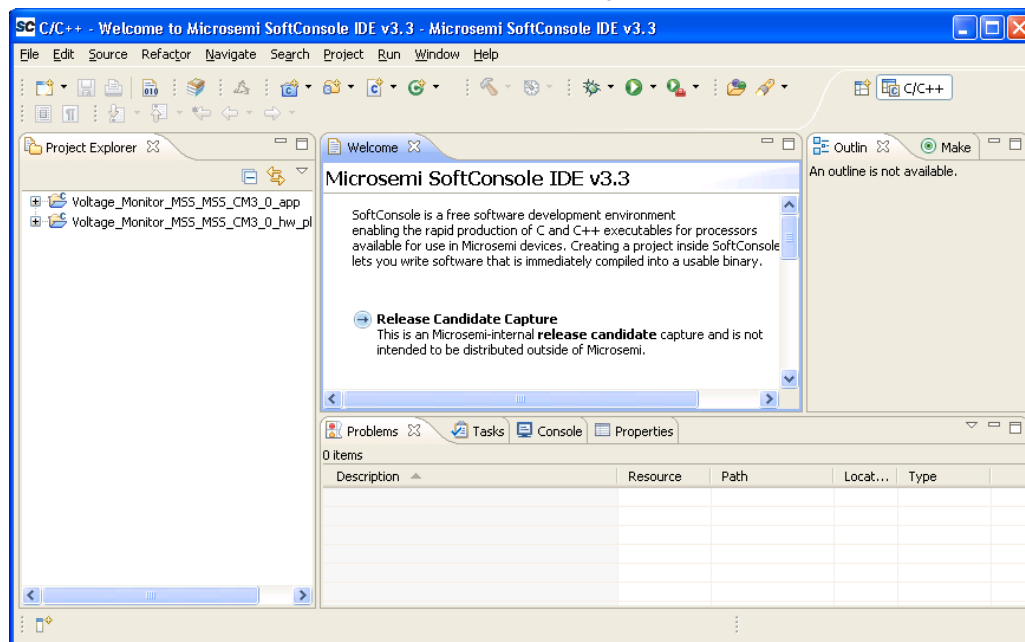


Figure 28 · SoftConsole Workspace

- ```
#include "mss_uart.h"
#include "mss_ace.h"
#include "mss_gpio.h"
#include <stdio.h>

#define Microsemi_logo \
"\n\r \
** ** ***** ***** ***** **** ***** ***** ** ** ***** \n\r \
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * \n\r \
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* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * \n\r \
* * ***** ***** * * **** ***** ***** * * ***** "

int main()
{
 const uint8_t greeting[] = "\n\rWelcome to Microsemi's SmartFusion Voltage
Monitor\n\n\r";
 const uint8_t * channel_name;

 /*Initialize and Configure GPIO*/
 MSS_GPIO_init();
 MSS_GPIO_config(MSS_GPIO_31 , MSS_GPIO_OUTPUT_MODE);
 MSS_GPIO_config(MSS_GPIO_30 , MSS_GPIO_OUTPUT_MODE);
 MSS_GPIO_config(MSS_GPIO_29 , MSS_GPIO_OUTPUT_MODE);
 MSS_GPIO_config(MSS_GPIO_28 , MSS_GPIO_OUTPUT_MODE);

 /*Initialize UART_0*/
 MSS_UART_init(
 &g_mss_uart0,
 MSS_UART_57600_BAUD,
 MSS_UART_DATA_8_BITS | MSS_UART_NO_PARITY | MSS_UART_ONE_STOP_BIT);

 /*Initialize ACE*/
 ACE_init();

 MSS_UART_polled_tx_string(&g_mss_uart0, (const uint8_t*)Microsemi_logo);
 MSS_UART_polled_tx(&g_mss_uart0, greeting, sizeof(greeting));

 channel_name = ACE_get_channel_name(TM0_Voltage);
 for (;;)
 {
 uint8_t display_buffer[32];
 uint16_t adc_result;
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int32_t adc_value_mv;

adc_result = ACE_get_ppe_sample(TM0_Voltage);
adc_value_mv = ACE_convert_to_mV(TM0_Voltage, adc_result);

if (adc_value_mv < 0)
{
 snprintf((char *)display_buffer, sizeof(display_buffer),
 "%s : -%.3fV\r", channel_name, ((float)(-adc_value_mv) / (float)(1000)));
}
else
{
 snprintf((char *)display_buffer, sizeof(display_buffer),
 "%s : %.3fV\r", channel_name, ((float)(adc_value_mv) / (float)(1000)));
}

MSS_UART_polled_tx_string(&g_mss_uart0, display_buffer);

/* Checking the status of Voltage flags */
int32_t flag_status_2p5v = ACE_get_flag_status(TM0_Voltage_over_2p5v);
int32_t flag_status_2p0v = ACE_get_flag_status(TM0_Voltage_over_2p0v);
int32_t flag_status_1p5v = ACE_get_flag_status(TM0_Voltage_over_1p5v);
int32_t flag_status_1p0v = ACE_get_flag_status(TM0_Voltage_over_1p0v);

/* Voltage flags are displayed on the LEDs through GPIO */
uint32_t gpio_output;
if (flag_status_2p5v == FLAG_ASSERTED)
 gpio_output = ~(
 MSS_GPIO_28_MASK |
 MSS_GPIO_29_MASK |
 MSS_GPIO_30_MASK |
 MSS_GPIO_31_MASK);
else
if (flag_status_2p0v == FLAG_ASSERTED)
 gpio_output = ~(
 MSS_GPIO_28_MASK |
 MSS_GPIO_29_MASK |
 MSS_GPIO_30_MASK);
else
if (flag_status_1p5v == FLAG_ASSERTED)
 gpio_output = ~(
 MSS_GPIO_28_MASK |
 MSS_GPIO_29_MASK);
else
if (flag_status_1p0v == FLAG_ASSERTED)
 gpio_output = ~(

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```

MSS_GPIO_28_MASK);

else

 gpio_output = (
 MSS_GPIO_28_MASK |
 MSS_GPIO_29_MASK |
 MSS_GPIO_30_MASK |
 MSS_GPIO_31_MASK);

 MSS_GPIO_set_outputs(gpio_output);

}

return 0;

}

/*****

```

4. The SoftConsole window looks as shown in Figure 29 .

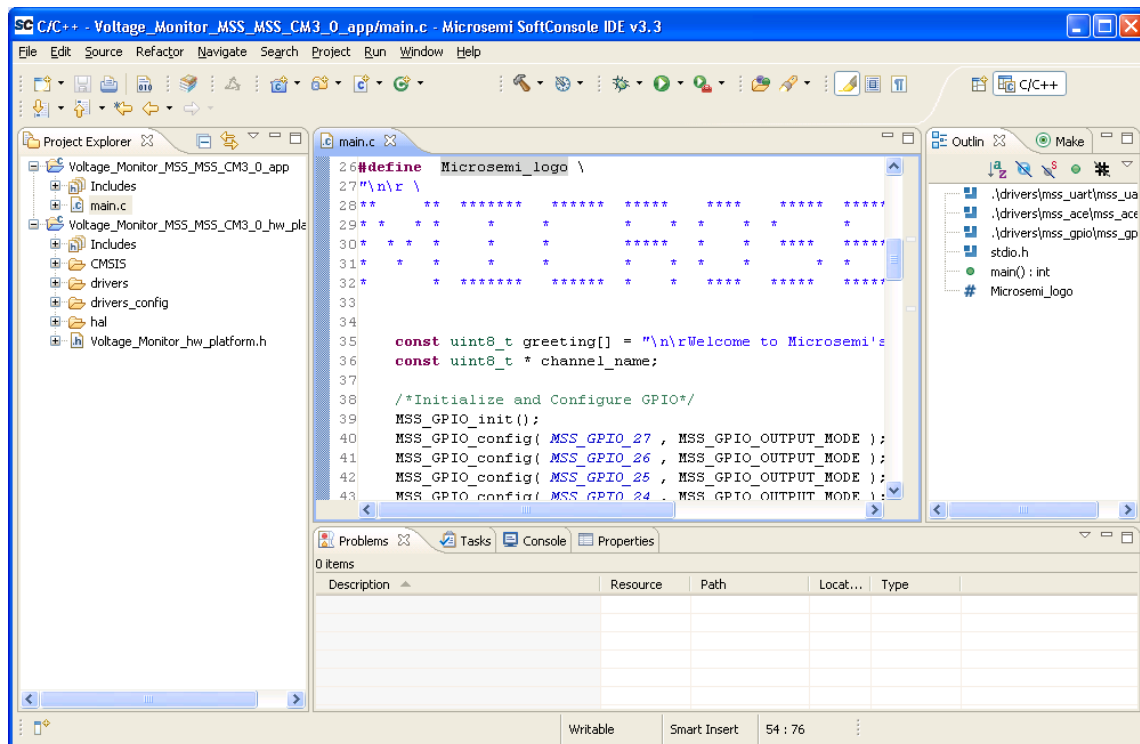


Figure 29 · SoftConsole Workspace

5. Right click on Voltage\_Monitor\_MSS\_MSS\_CM3\_0\_app project and select **Properties**.
6. Click **Settings** under **C/C++ Build**.



7. Select **Miscellaneous** under **GNU C Linker** in **Tool Settings** tab as shown in Figure 30 . .

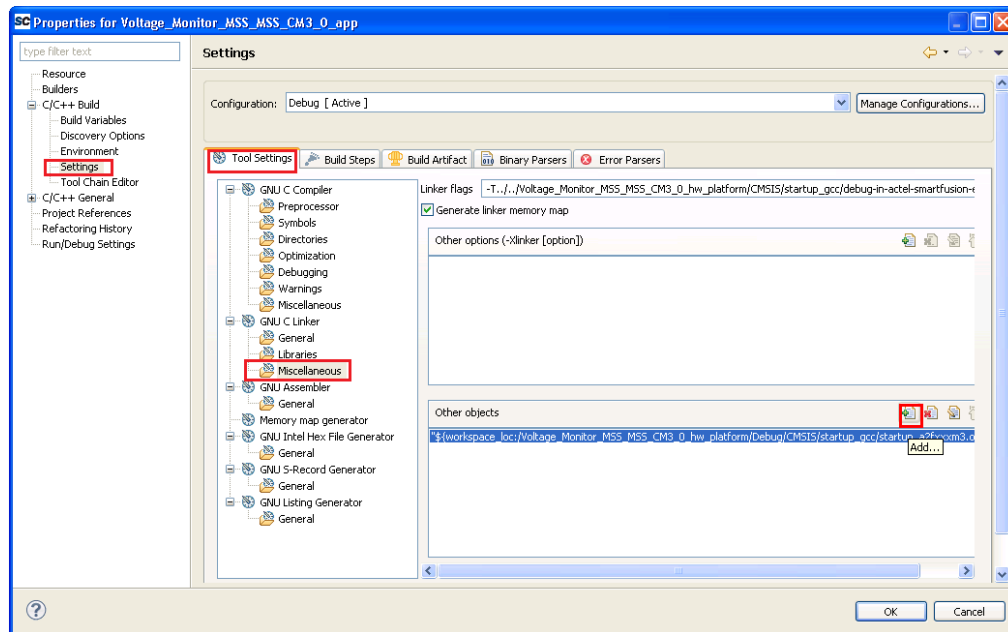


Figure 30 · Properties Window

8. Click **Add** in the **Other objects** section. The **Add file path** dialog window appears as shown in Figure 31 . .

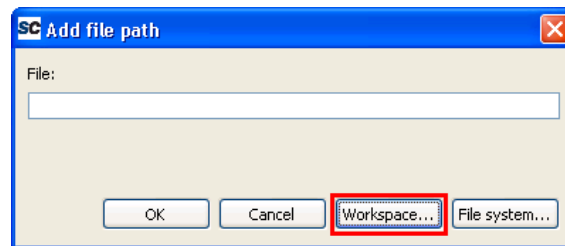


Figure 31 · Add File Path Window

9. Click **Workspace** and add the **newlib\_stubs.c** file under **Voltage\_Monitor\_MSS\_MSS\_CM3\_0\_hw\_platform> CMSIS > startup\_gcc> newlib\_stubs.c** as shown in Figure 32 . .

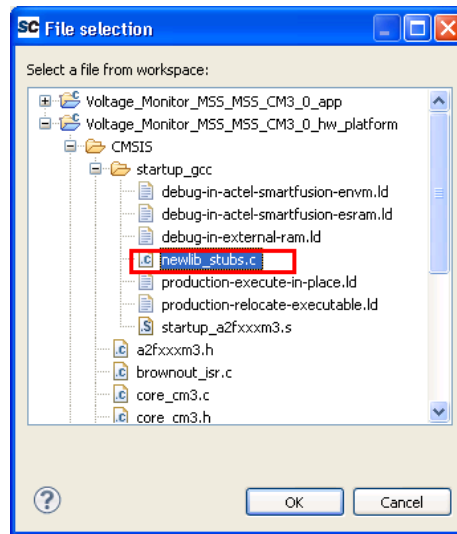


Figure 32 · File Selection Window

10. Click **OK** in properties window.
11. Perform a clean build by selecting **Project > Clean**. Accept the default settings in the **Clean** dialog box and click **OK**.

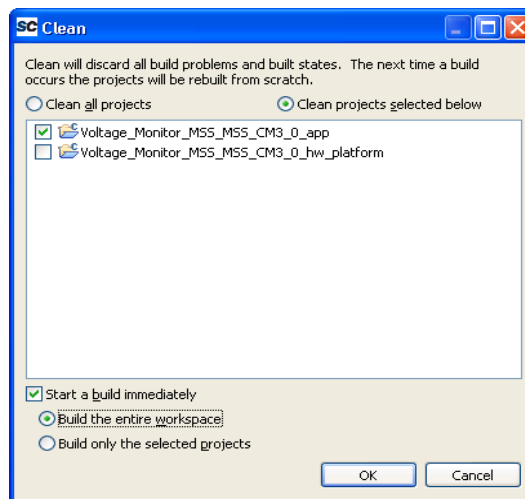


Figure 33 · Settings for a Clean Build

12. Make sure there are no errors and warnings. Use the next steps to configure the HyperTerminal.

## Step 7 - Configuring Serial Terminal Emulation Program

Prior to running the application program, you need to configure the terminal emulator program (HyperTerminal, included with Windows®) on your PC. Perform the following steps to use the SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board or the SmartFusion Development Kit Board:

1. Connect a second mini USB cable between the USB connector on the SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board (or the SmartFusion Development Kit Board) and a USB port of your PC. If Windows prompts you to connect to Windows Update, select **No, not at this time** and click **Next**.
2. If the Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART Bridge drivers are automatically detected (this can be verified in Device Manager), as shown in [Figure 34](#) · , proceed to the next step; otherwise follow the
3. [Step 8 - Installing Drivers for the USB to RS232 Bridge](#) to install drivers for USB to RS232 Bridge.

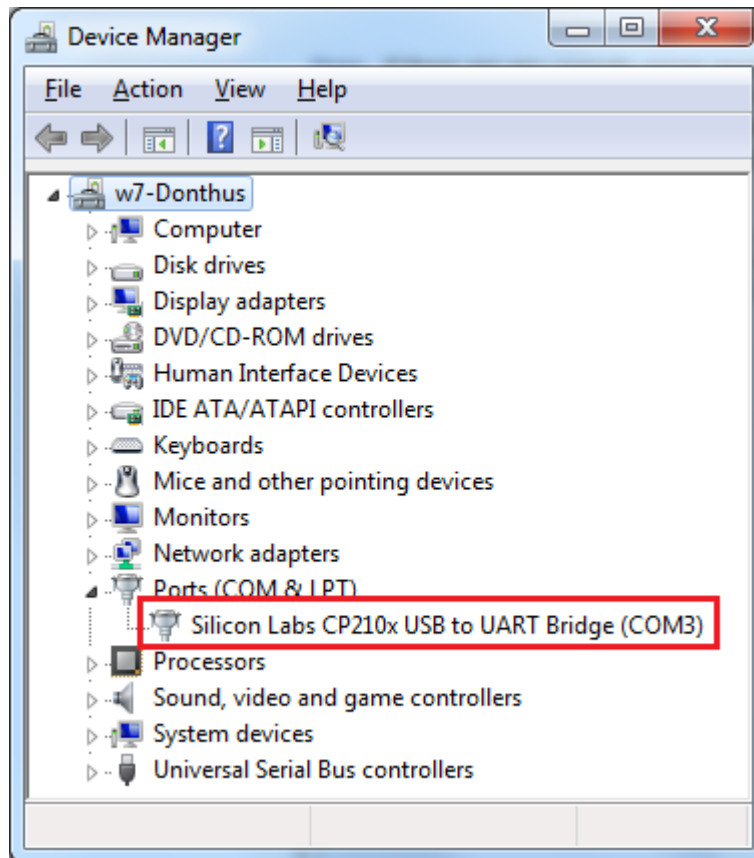


Figure 34 · Device Manager Listing Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART Bridge Drivers

4. From the Windows **Start** menu, select **Programs > Accessories > Communications > HyperTerminal**. This opens HyperTerminal. If your computer does not have HyperTerminal, use any free serial terminal emulation program like PuTTY or Tera Term. Refer to the [Configuring Serial Terminal Emulation Programs](#) tutorial for configuring the HyperTerminal, Tera Term, and PuTTY.
5. Enter **Hyperterminal** in the **Name** field in the **Connection Description** dialog box and click **OK**.



Figure 35 · New Connection

6. Select the appropriate COM port (to which USB-Rs232 drivers are pointed) from the **Connect using** drop-down list and click **OK**.

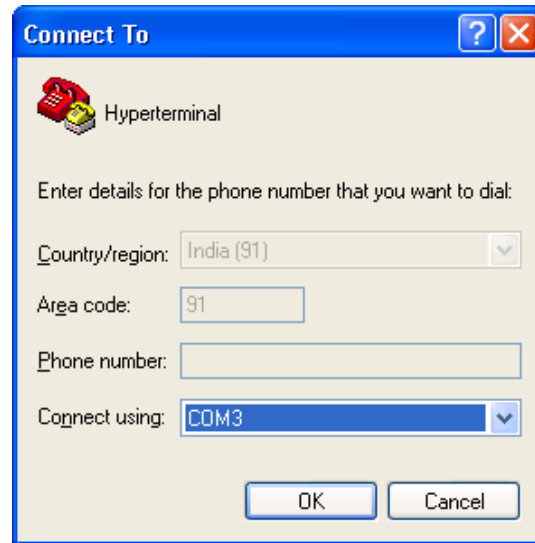


Figure 36 · Selecting the COM Port

7. Set the following in the **COM Properties** window and click **OK**:
  - Bits per second: 57600
  - Data bits: 8
  - Parity: None
  - Stop Bits: 1
  - Flow control: None

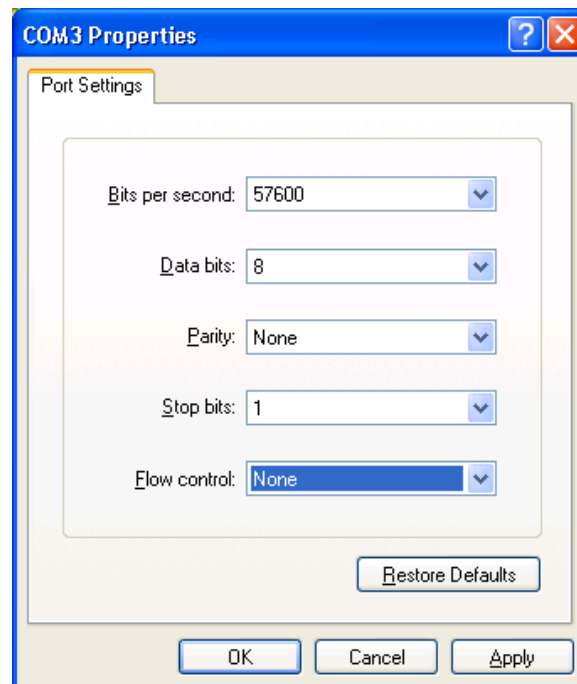


Figure 37 · Setting the COM Properties

8. Click **OK** to close the Hyperterminal Properties dialog box.  
Next time you can directly open HyperTerminal (without configuring) by selecting **Programs > Accessories > Communications > HyperTerminal > Hyperterminal**.

## Step 8 - Installing Drivers for the USB to RS232 Bridge

**Note:** You must have full administrative rights for your system to install the USB-RS232 drivers.

1. Download the USB to RS232 bridge drivers from [www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/CP2102\\_driver.zip](http://www.microsemi.com/soc/documents/CP2102_driver.zip).
2. Unzip the CP2102\_driver.zip file.
3. Double-click (Run) the CP210x\_VCP\_Win\_XP\_S2K3\_Vista\_7.exe file.
4. Accept the default installation location and click Install.
5. Click Continue Anyway if prompted.
6. When the installation is complete, click OK. The Ports (COM & LPT) section of the Device Manager lists Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART Bridge under the Ports section of Device Manager.

Use the following steps to install drivers for the USB to RS232 Bridge:

## Step 9 - Debugging the Application Project using SoftConsole

Use the following steps to debug the application project using SoftConsole:

1. Select **Debug Configurations** from the **Run** menu of the SoftConsole. The Debug dialog is displayed.
2. Double clicking on **Microsemi Cortex-M3 RAM target** displays an image similar to [Figure 38](#) . :

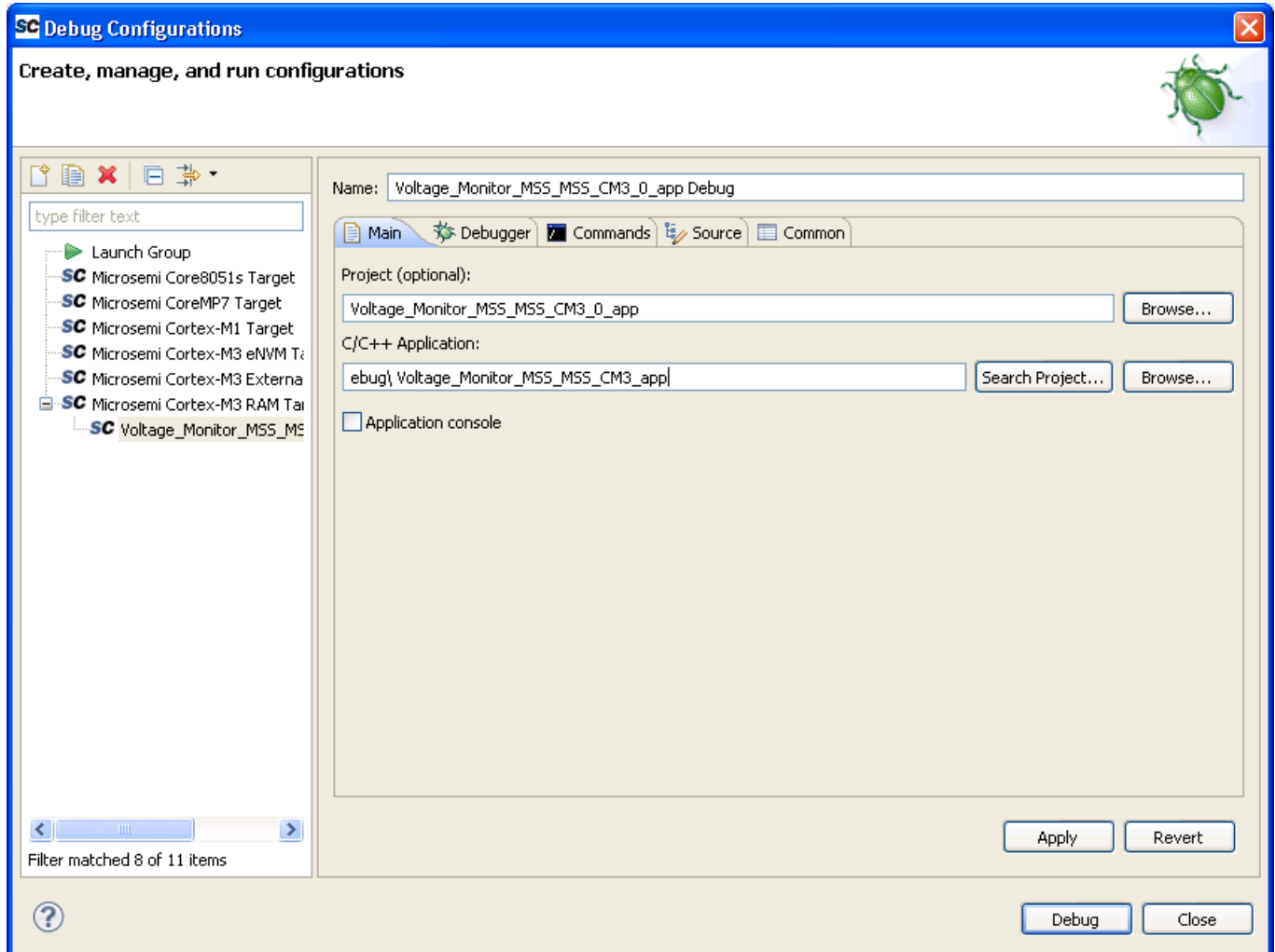


Figure 38 · Debug Window

3. Confirm that the following appear on the **Main** tab in the Debug window:
  - Name: Voltage\_Monitor\_MSS\_MSS\_CM3\_0\_app Debug
  - Project: Voltage\_Monitor\_MSS\_MSS\_CM3\_0\_app
  - C/C++ application: Debug\ Voltage\_Monitor\_MSS\_MSS\_CM3\_0\_app

4. Select the **Commands** tab. Confirm that commands appear in the Initialize and Run command sections, as shown in Figure 39 :

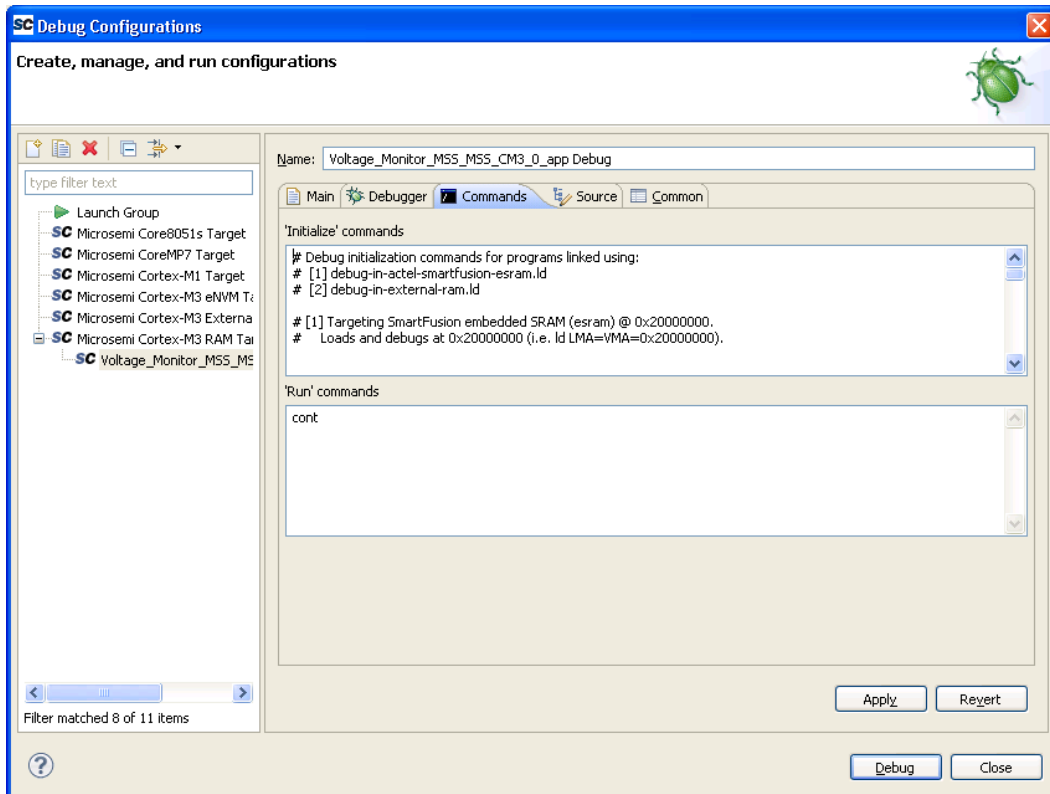


Figure 39 · Debugger Commands

5. Click **Apply** and **Debug**.
6. Click **Yes** when prompted for **Confirm Perspective Switch**. This displays the debug view mode.

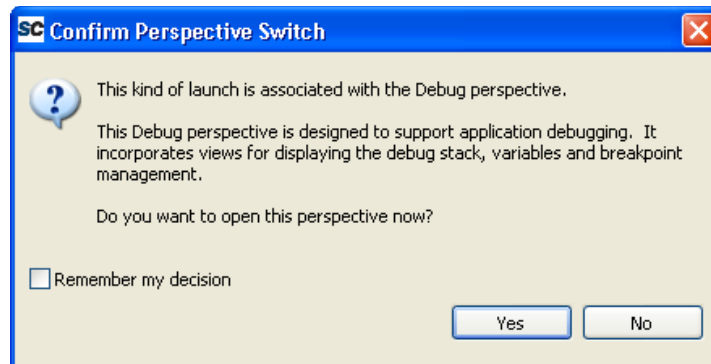


Figure 40 · Confirm Perspective Switch

7. Your Debug Perspective should resemble Figure 41 :

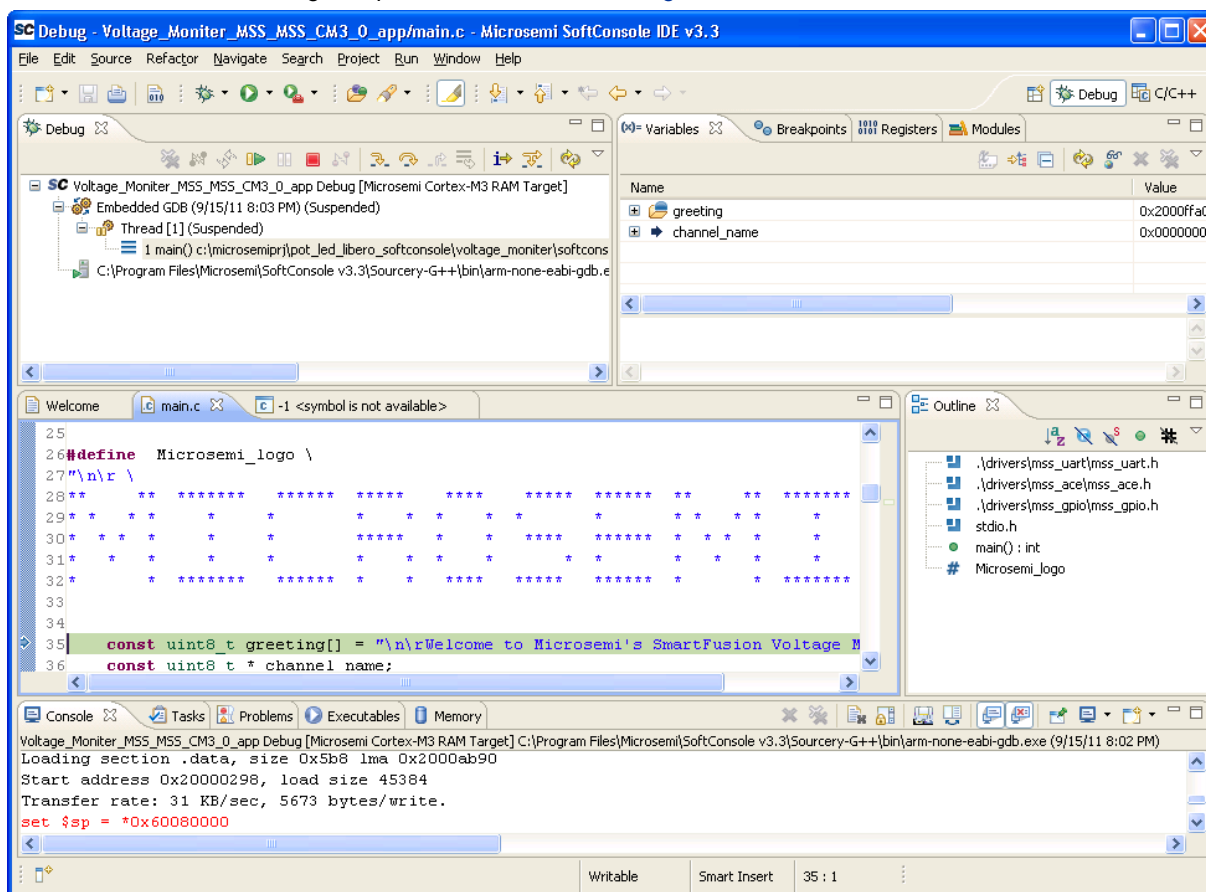


Figure 41 - Debug Perspective

- Run the application by clicking **Run > Resume** or by clicking the **Run** icon on the SoftConsole toolbar. The voltage measurement along with the greeting message is displayed in the terminal program window.
- Turn the potentiometer (POT) on the SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board or the SmartFusion Development Kit Board. The voltage measurement will be displayed on HyperTerminal and the LEDs on the SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board or the SmartFusion Development Kit Board will illuminate when one of the voltage monitor flags is asserted.



10. Adjust the **POT** and observe that the voltage measurement is continuously updated.

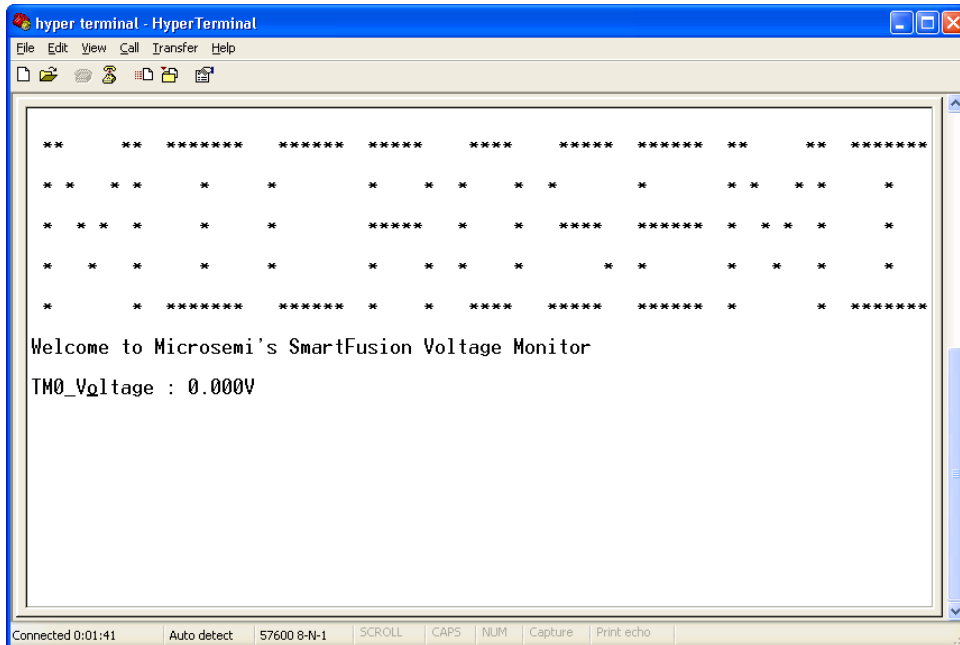


Figure 42 · Voltage Monitor

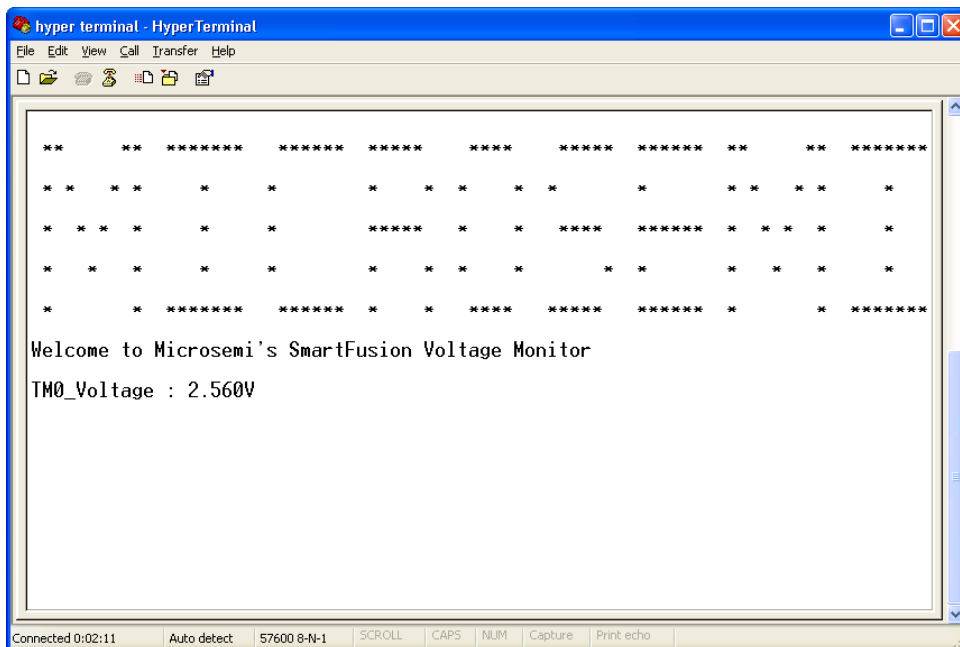
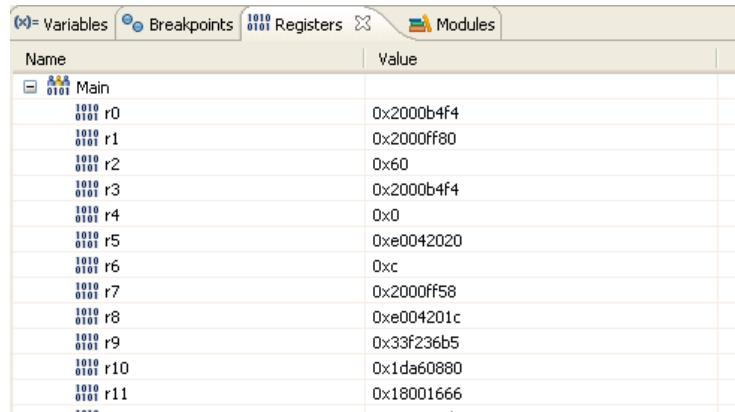


Figure 43 · Voltage Measurement Continuous Update

11. Observe the state of the LEDs as the POT is adjusted. Confirm that the flags work as specified in the ACE configurator.
12. Suspend the software application by clicking **Run > Suspend** from the SoftConsole menu.

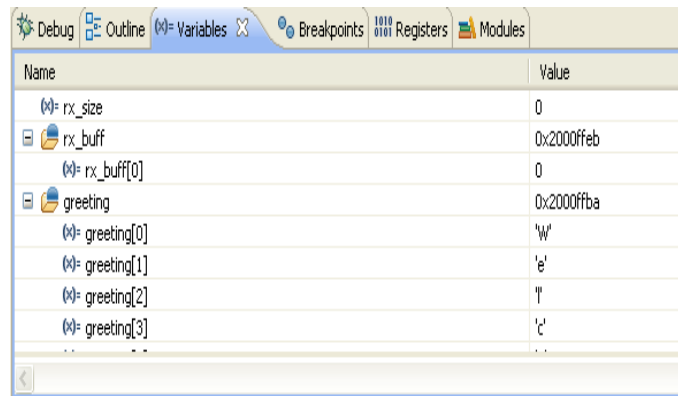
13. Select the **Registers** tab on the upper window pane to view the value of the Cortex-M3 processor internal registers.



| Name | Value      |
|------|------------|
| Main |            |
| r0   | 0x2000b4f4 |
| r1   | 0x2000ff80 |
| r2   | 0x60       |
| r3   | 0x2000b4f4 |
| r4   | 0x0        |
| r5   | 0xe0042020 |
| r6   | 0xc        |
| r7   | 0x2000ff58 |
| r8   | 0xe004201c |
| r9   | 0x33f236b5 |
| r10  | 0x1da60880 |
| r11  | 0x18001666 |

Figure 44 · The Registers Tab

14. Select the **Variables** tab in the upper left window pane to view the value of variables in the source code.



| Name        | Value      |
|-------------|------------|
| rx_size     | 0          |
| rx_buff     | 0x2000ffeb |
| rx_buff[0]  | 0          |
| greeting    | 0x2000ffba |
| greeting[0] | 'W'        |
| greeting[1] | 'e'        |
| greeting[2] | 'l'        |
| greeting[3] | 'c'        |

Figure 45 · The Variables Tab

15. Choose **Window > Show View > Disassembly** to display the assembly level instructions. The Assembly window is displayed on the right side of the Debug perspective.

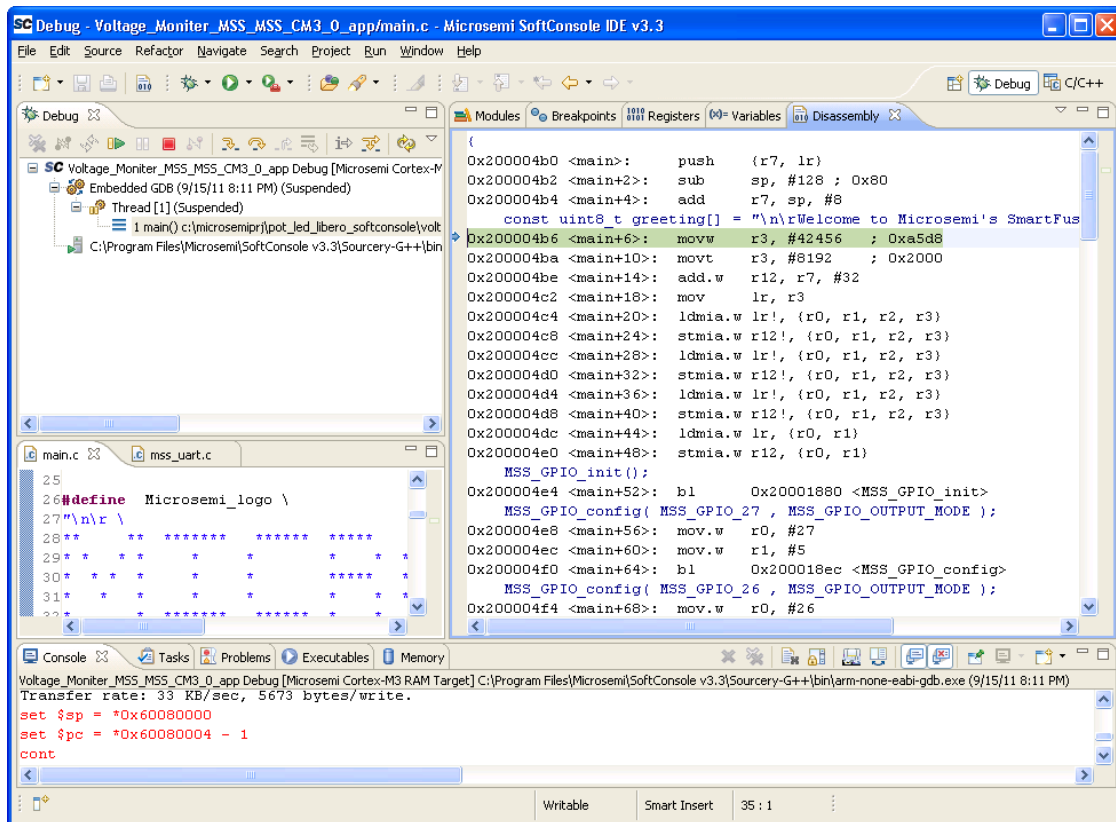





Figure 46 · Assembly Window

16. You can single-step through the source code by choosing **Run > Step Into** or **Run > Step Over** or by clicking the **Step Into**  or **Step Over**  icons. Observe the changes in the source code window and Disassembly view. Performing a Step Over allows for stepping over functions. The entire function is executed but there is no need to single step through each instruction contained in the function.
17. Click the **Instruction Stepping**  icon and then perform **Step Into** operations. Observe that **Step Into** now executes a single line of assembly code.
18. Click the **Instruction Stepping** icon to exit the instruction stepping mode. Single-step through the application and observe the instruction sequence in the source code window in the middle of the Debug perspective, and the values of the variables and registers.
19. Resume execution of the code by choosing **Run > Resume** or by clicking the **Resume** icon. You can even add breakpoints in the application for further debugging.

20. Once you made the required changes, terminate the debugger by selecting Voltage\_Monitor\_MSS\_MSS\_CM3\_0\_app Debug in the Debug view, then right-clicking and selecting **Terminate and Remove**.

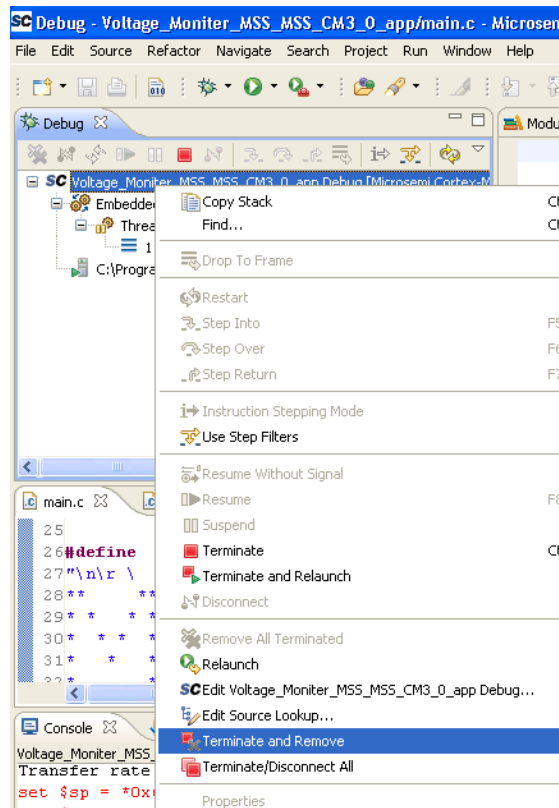


Figure 47 · Terminating the Program

21. Close the Debug perspective by selecting **Close Perspective** from the **Window** menu.
22. Close the voltage monitor project by selecting the project name in the SoftConsole Project Explorer view, right-clicking, and selecting **Close Project**.
23. Close SoftConsole using **File > Exit**.
24. Close HyperTerminal using **File > Exit**. Click **Yes** when prompted for closing immediately.

## Step 10 - Building Executable Image in Release mode

You can build an application executable image in “release mode” and load it into eNVM for executing code in eNVM of SmartFusion cSoC device. You can load the application executable image into eNVM with the help of eNVM data storage client from SmartDesign MSS Configurator and in-application programming (IAP) or FlashPro programming software. In release mode, you cannot use SoftConsole debugger to load the executable image into eNVM.

For steps to build an executable image for our application refer the tutorial [SmartFusion: Building Executable Image in Release Mode and Loading into eNVM](#).

This concludes the tutorial.

## Appendix A – Libero SoC Catalog Settings

Listed below are the steps to show how to configure your vault location and set up the repositories in Libero SoC.

1. On the **Catalog** window, click **Options**.

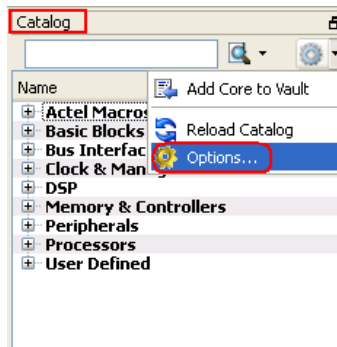


Figure 48 · Catalog – Options

2. The **Options** window is displayed. Click **Repositories** under **Vault/Repositories Settings** and add the following in the address field:

- [www.actel-ip.com/repositories/SgCore](http://www.actel-ip.com/repositories/SgCore)
- [www.actel-ip.com/repositories/DirectCore](http://www.actel-ip.com/repositories/DirectCore)
- [www.actel-ip.com/repositories/Firmware](http://www.actel-ip.com/repositories/Firmware)

**Note:** Click **Add** after entering each path.



Figure 49 · Setting Repositories

3. Click on **Vault location** under **Vault/Repositories Settings** the **Options** window. Browse to a location on your PC to set the vault location where the IPs can be downloaded from the repositories.

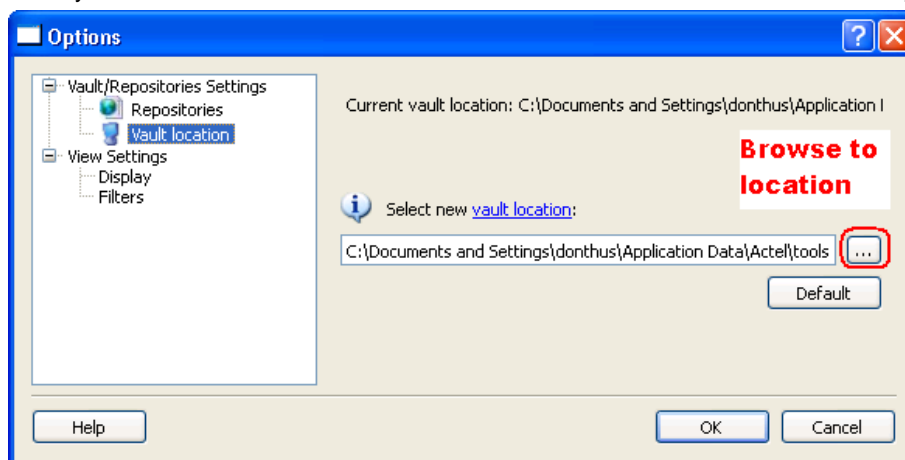


Figure 50 - Setting the Vault Location

4. Click **OK**.

## Appendix B – Firmware Catalog Settings

1. Open the <Libero Installation directory>\Designer\bin\catalog.exe.
2. Select **Tools > Vault/Repositories Settings**, from the Firmware Catalog widow.

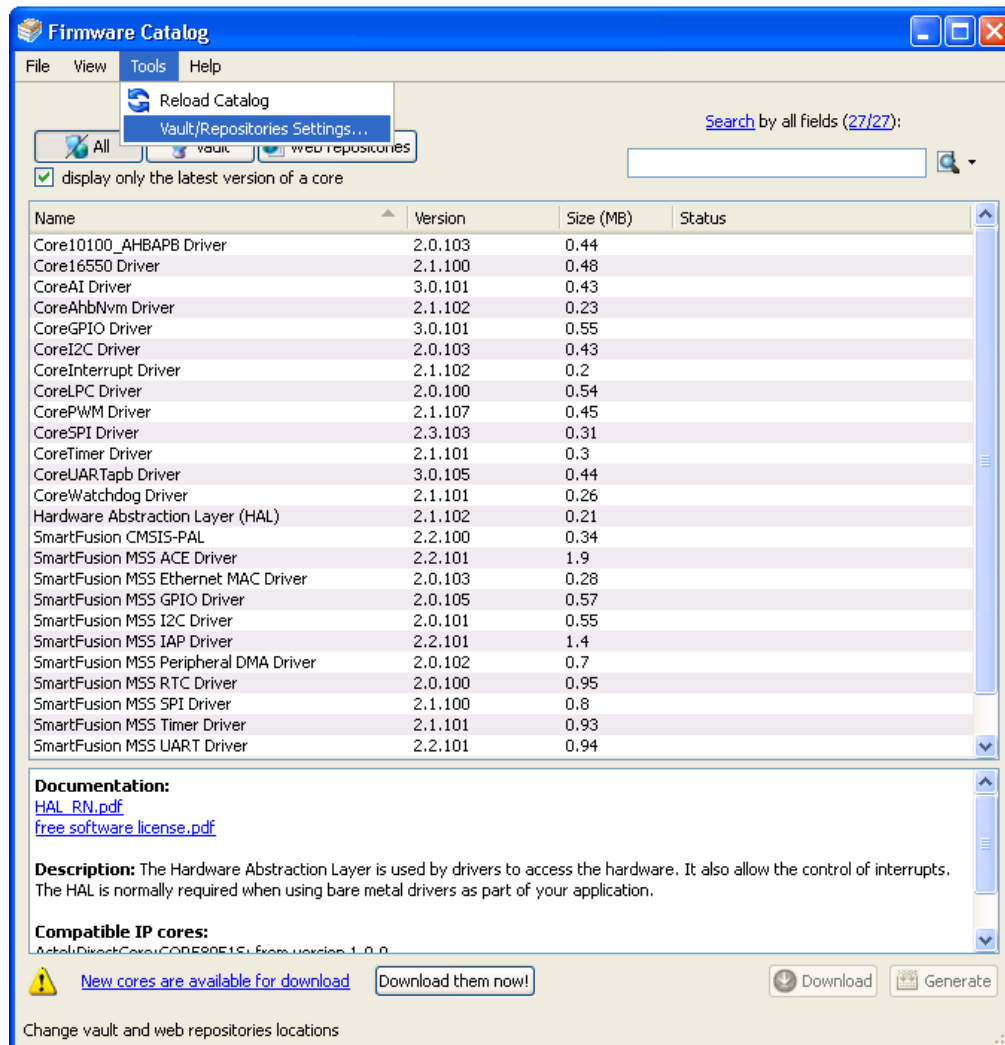


Figure 51 · Firmware Catalog Settings

3. Select **Repositories** under **Vault/Repositories Settings** in the **Options** dialog box.
4. Confirm that the following repositories are displayed (add them if needed):
  - [www.actel-ip.com/repositories/SgCore](http://www.actel-ip.com/repositories/SgCore)
  - [www.actel-ip.com/repositories/DirectCore](http://www.actel-ip.com/repositories/DirectCore)
  - [www.actel-ip.com/repositories/Firmware](http://www.actel-ip.com/repositories/Firmware)
5. Add the above mentioned paths in the address field if required by selecting the repository and clicking **Add**.

If new cores are available for download, click **Download them now!** to download the new cores to the vault.





## Appendix – C

### Configuring the GPIO Peripheral

1. Double-click the **GPIO block** in the **MSS component**, configure as shown in [Figure 52](#) , and click **OK**.

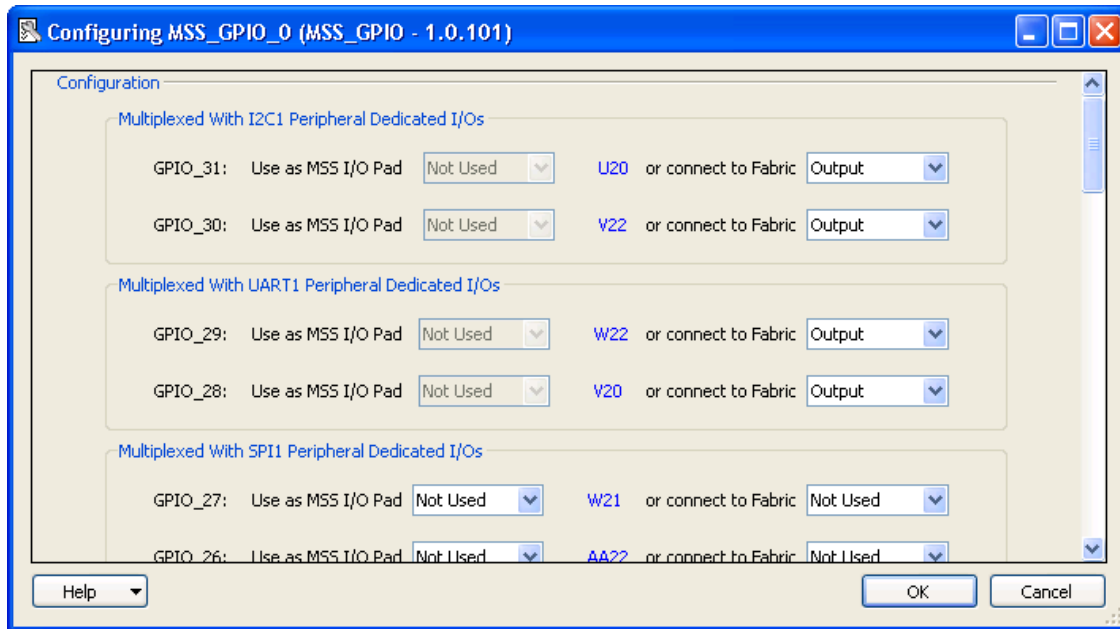


Figure 52 · Configure MSS\_GPIO\_0

This example requires GPIO\_31, GPIO\_30, GPIO\_29, and GPIO\_28 to be connected to LED\_4 to LED\_1 on the SmartFusion Evaluation Kit Board, and D4 to D1 on the SmartFusion Development Kit Board. These signals will be routed through the fabric to I/O pins H17, C19, B20, and B19, respectively.

2. Click **File > Save** to save the Voltage\_Monitor\_MSS.

### Generating the MSS Component

1. Right-click on Voltage\_Monitor\_MSS\_0 component on the **Voltage\_Monitor** tab and select **Update Instance(s) with Latest Component** as shown in [Figure 53](#) .

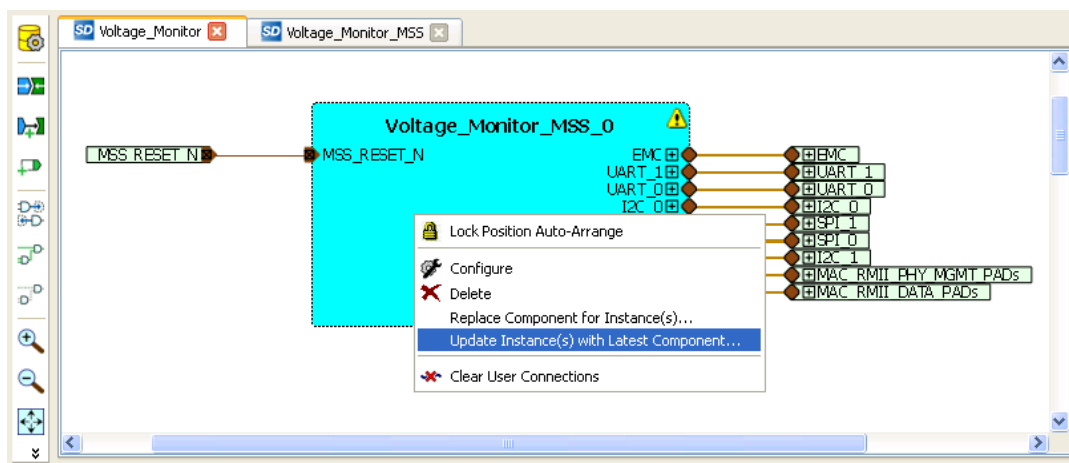


Figure 53 · Updating the MSS

2. Promote the M2F\_GPIO [31:28] pins to top level.

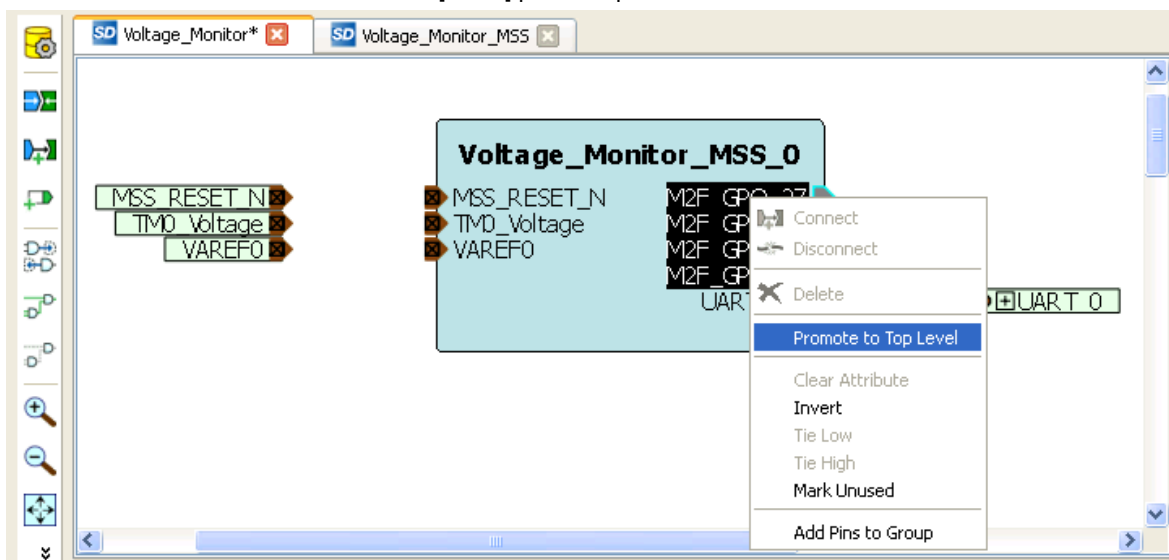


Figure 54 · GPIO Pins Promoted to Top Level

3. Click **Design > Configure Firmware** as shown in Figure 55 .



Figure 55 · Opening Design\_Firmware

4. On the **DESIGN\_FIRMWARE** tab, clear the **Generate** check box for all the peripherals for which you do not need to generate the firmware. Click Configuration on the SmartFusion\_CMSIS\_PAL\_0 instance and select SoftConsole as the configuration.

|   | Generate                            | Instance Name           | Core Type             | Version | Compatible Hardware Instance    |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | HAL_0                   | HAL                   | 2.1.102 | Voltage_Monitor_MSS             |
| 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | MSS_ACE_Driver_0        | MSS_ACE_Driver        | 2.2.101 | Voltage_Monitor_MSS:MSS_ACE_0   |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | MSS_IAP_Driver_0        | MSS_IAP_Driver        | 2.2.101 | Voltage_Monitor_MSS             |
| 4 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | MSS_NVM_Driver_0        | MSS_NVM_Driver        | 2.2.102 | Voltage_Monitor_MSS:MSS_ENVM_0  |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | MSS_PDMA_Driver_0       | MSS_PDMA_Driver       | 2.0.102 | Voltage_Monitor_MSS:MSS_DMA_0   |
| 6 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | MSS_RTC_Driver_0        | MSS_RTC_Driver        | 2.0.100 | Voltage_Monitor_MSS:MSS_RTC_0   |
| 7 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | MSS_Timer_Driver_0      | MSS_Timer_Driver      | 2.1.101 | Voltage_Monitor_MSS:MSS_TIMER_0 |
| 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | MSS_UART_Driver_0       | MSS_UART_Driver       | 2.2.101 | Voltage_Monitor_MSS:MSS_UART_0  |
| 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | SmartFusion_CMSIS_PAL_0 | SmartFusion_CMSIS_PAL | 2.3.102 | Voltage_Monitor_MSS             |

Figure 56 · Configuring SmartFusion\_CMSIS\_PAL\_0

5. Check whether or not you are able to see the latest version of the drivers without any warning or error indicating that firmware is missing from the Vault. If missing, refer to [Appendix B – Firmware Catalog Settings](#).
6. Click **File > Save** to save the Design\_Firmware.
7. Save the design and generate the component by clicking **Generate Component** or by selecting **SmartDesign > Generate Component**.

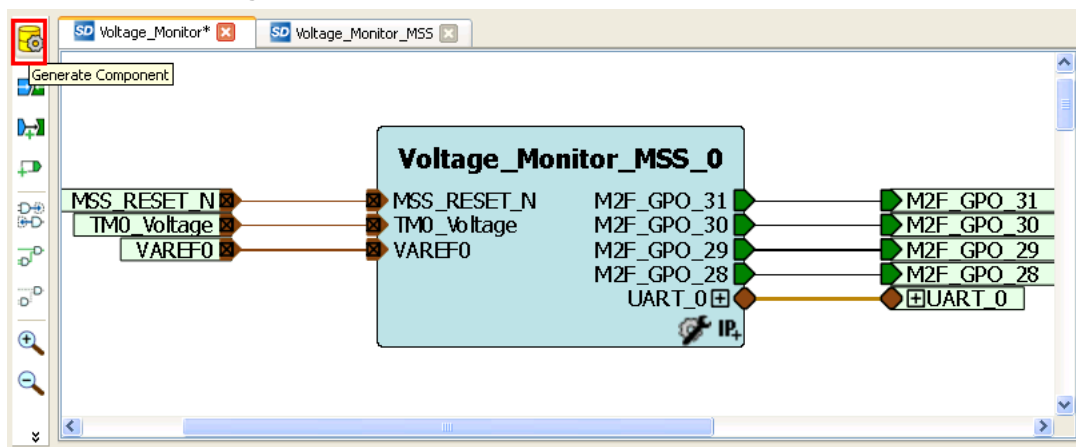


Figure 57 · Generating the MSS Component

8. After successful generation of project the log window displays the message **"Info: 'Voltage\_Monitor' was successfully generated. Open datasheet for details"**. The datasheet has the Project information like Generated files, used IO's, and Memory map etc.

- Confirm that the SoftConsole folder is created with the folders and files as shown in [Figure 58](#) .

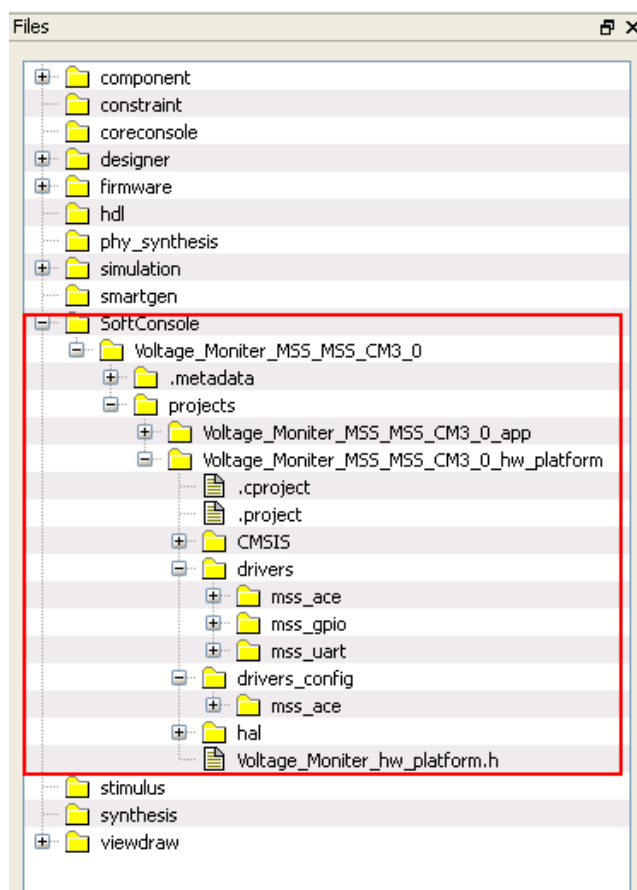


Figure 58 · Files Window

## Generating the Program File

Libero SoC provides the push-button flow for Generating programming data of the project in a single step. By clicking **Generating Programming Data**, you can complete synthesis, place and route, verify timing and generate the programming file. You can also complete the flow by running the synthesis and place and route tools in interactive mode (step-by-step). For additional information, refer to the [Libero SoC Quick Start Guide](#).

## Push-button Design Flow

- Click **Edit I/O Attributes** under **Constrain place and route** in the **Design Flow** window.

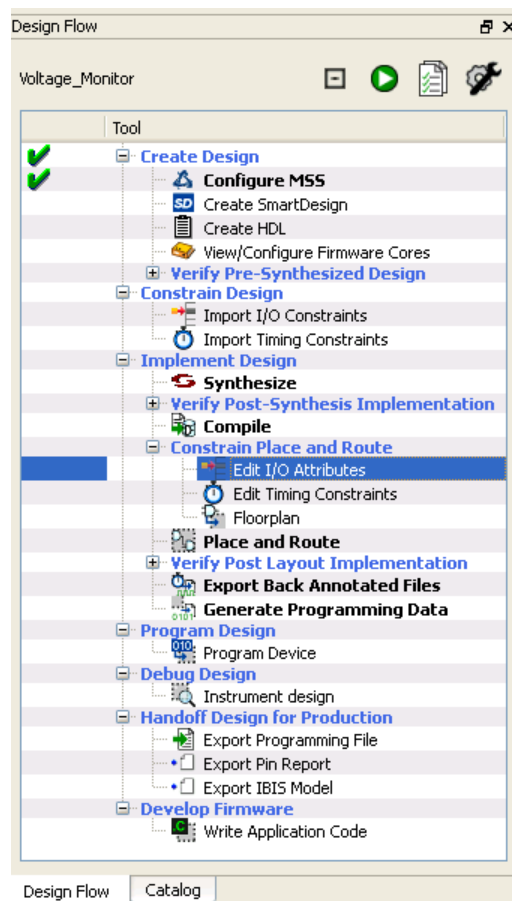


Figure 59 · Edit I/O Attributes

2. Make the following pin assignments in **MultiView Navigator** window as shown in Figure 60 :
  - GPO\_28 to B19
  - GPO\_29 to B20
  - GPO\_30 to C19
  - GPO\_31 to H17

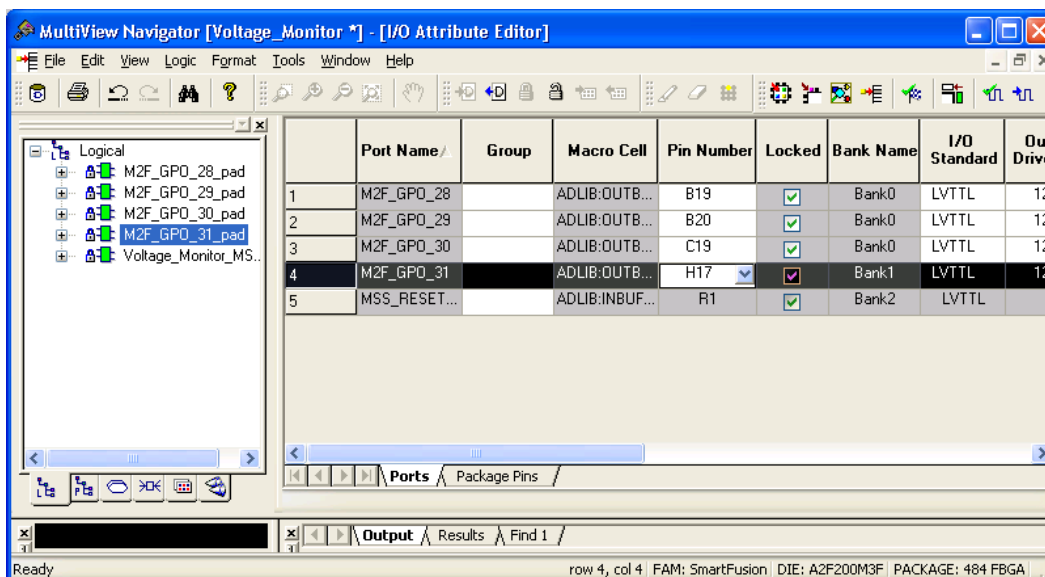


Figure 60 · MultiView Navigator GUI

3. Commit and check the edits using **File > Commit and Check**. Connect any errors that are reported in the MVN log window.
4. Close the **MultiView Navigator** using **File > Exit**.
5. Close the **Designer** window and select **Yes** when it prompts to save changes.

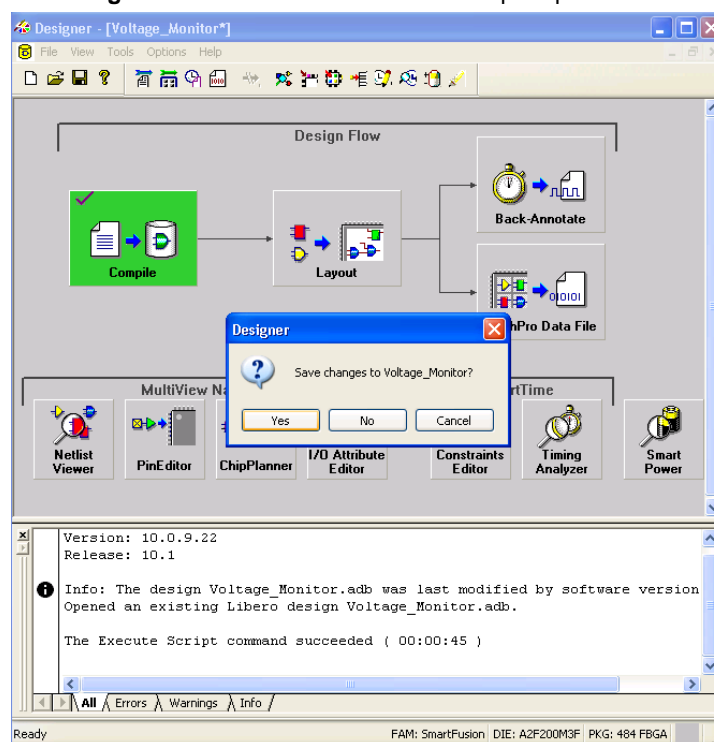


Figure 61 · Designer Window

6. Click **Generate Programming Data** to complete the place and route, verify timing and generate the programming file. This completes the.fdb file generation.

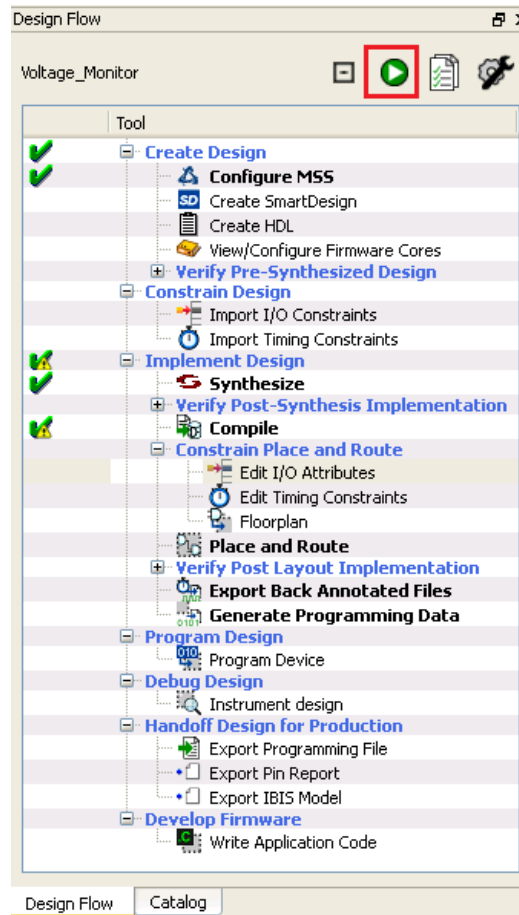


Figure 62 · Generating Programming Data

7. The **Design Flow** window looks similar to Figure 63 .

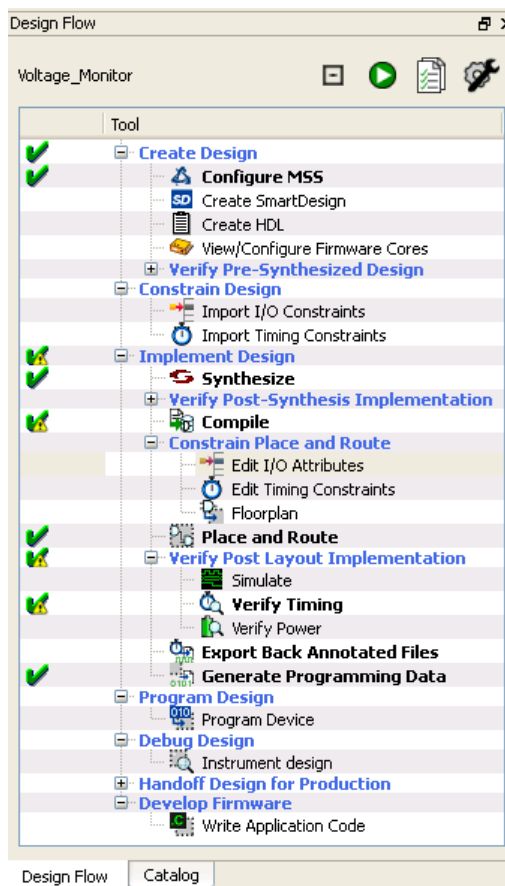


Figure 63 · Design Flow Window After Building The Project

8. Follow Step 5 - Programming SmartFusion Board Using FlashPro.



# List of Changes

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| Revision 5<br>(February 2012) | Modified <a href="#">Associated Project Files</a> section (SAR 36900).                                        | 3        |
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You can communicate your technical questions to our email address and receive answers back by email, fax, or phone. Also, if you have design problems, you can email your design files to receive assistance. We constantly monitor the email account throughout the day. When sending your request to us, please be sure to include your full name, company name, and your contact information for efficient processing of your request.

The technical support email address is [soc\\_tech@microsemi.com](mailto:soc_tech@microsemi.com).

## My Cases

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