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VSCoDe + GNU Arm Toolchain and Build System User Guide



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 - Embedded IDE (EIDE)
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Outline – 2

- Output Binary Path
 - TinyML Project
 - NPU Project
- Flash Download procedure and system run



Prepare: Install Development Tool & Plug

1. Install Visual Studio Code(VSCode)
 - <https://code.visualstudio.com/download>
2. Install Embedded IDE(EIDE) plug in VSCode
 - <https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=CL.eide>
3. Install .NET6 X64 Runtime package
 - After install EIDE done, The plug-in will auto download and install eide-binaries and .NET6 X64 Runtime package
4. Install GNU Arm Embedded Toolchain in VSCode
5. Install OpenOCD Programmer in VSCode
6. Install Cortex-Debug plug in VSCode




Prepare work:
Install Development Tool & Plug



Install Visual Studio Code(VSCode)


Download Visual Studio Code

Free and built on open source. Integrated Git, debugging and extensions.



↓ **Windows**
Windows 10, 11

User Installer	x64	Arm64
System Installer	x64	Arm64
.zip	x64	Arm64
CLI	x64	Arm64



↓ .deb				↓ .rpm				
Debian, Ubuntu			Red Hat, Fedora, SUSE					
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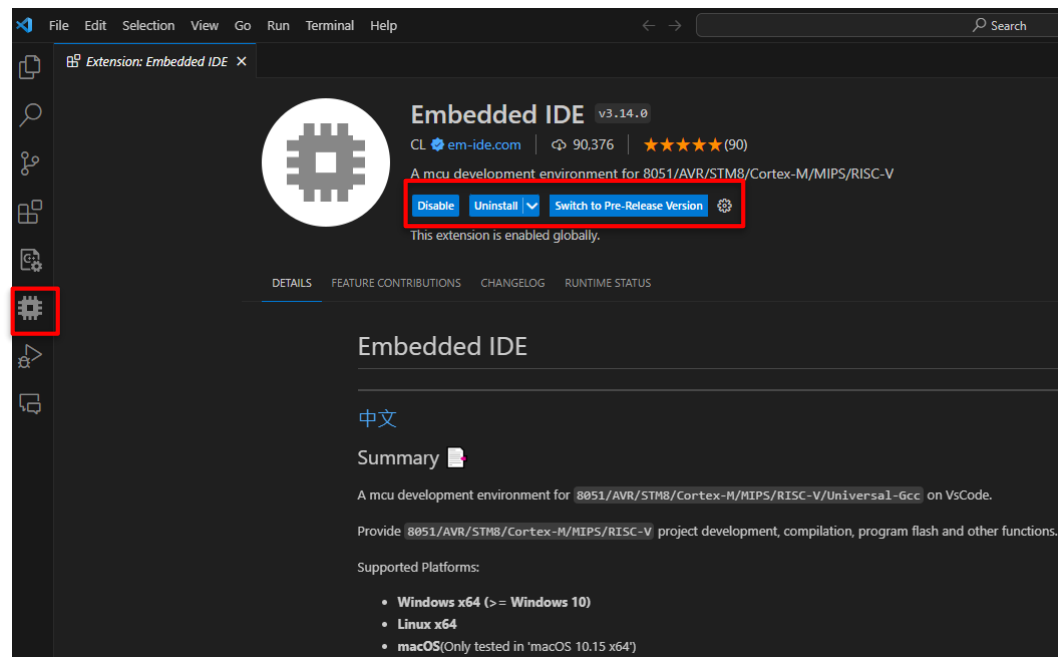
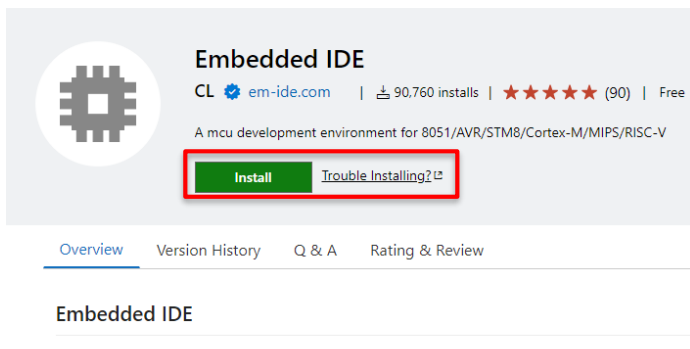
↓ **Mac**
macOS 10.15+

.zip	Intel chip	Apple silicon	Universal
CLI	Intel chip	Apple silicon	



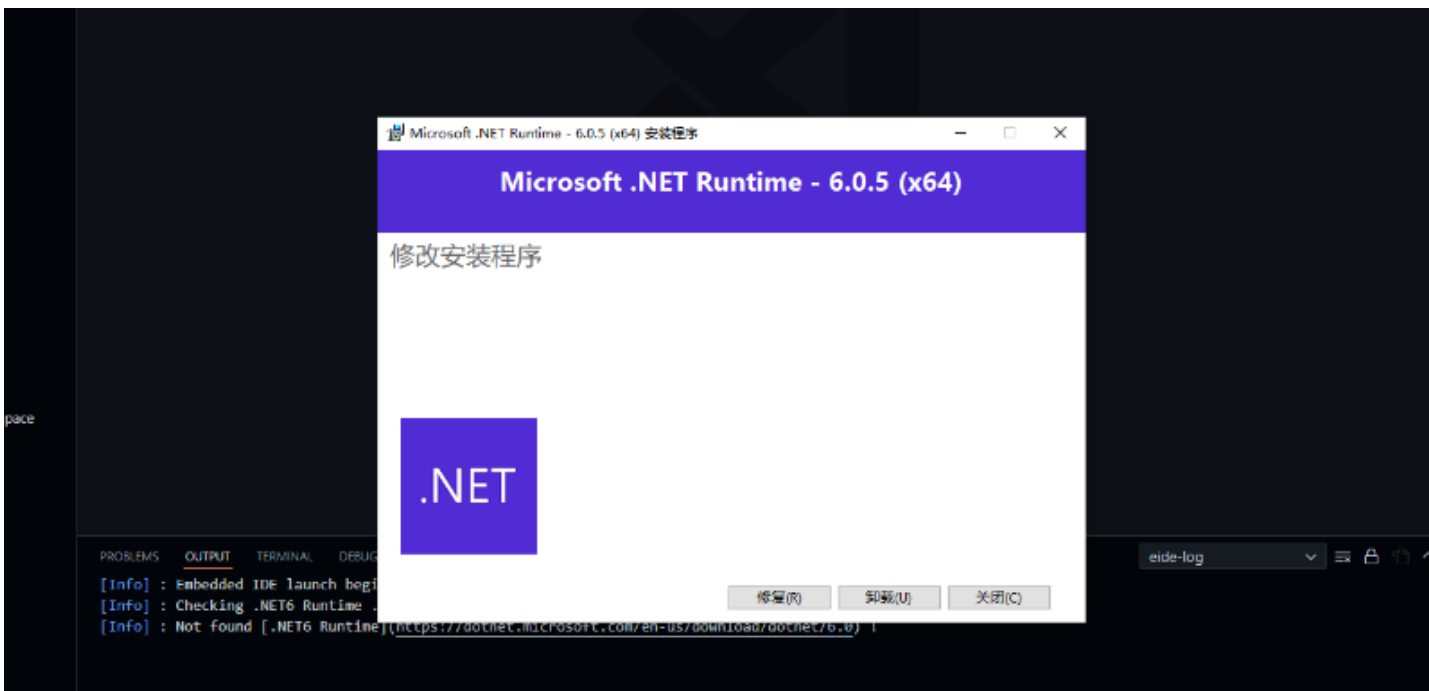
Install Embedded IDE(EIDE) in VSCode

- <https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=CL.eide>



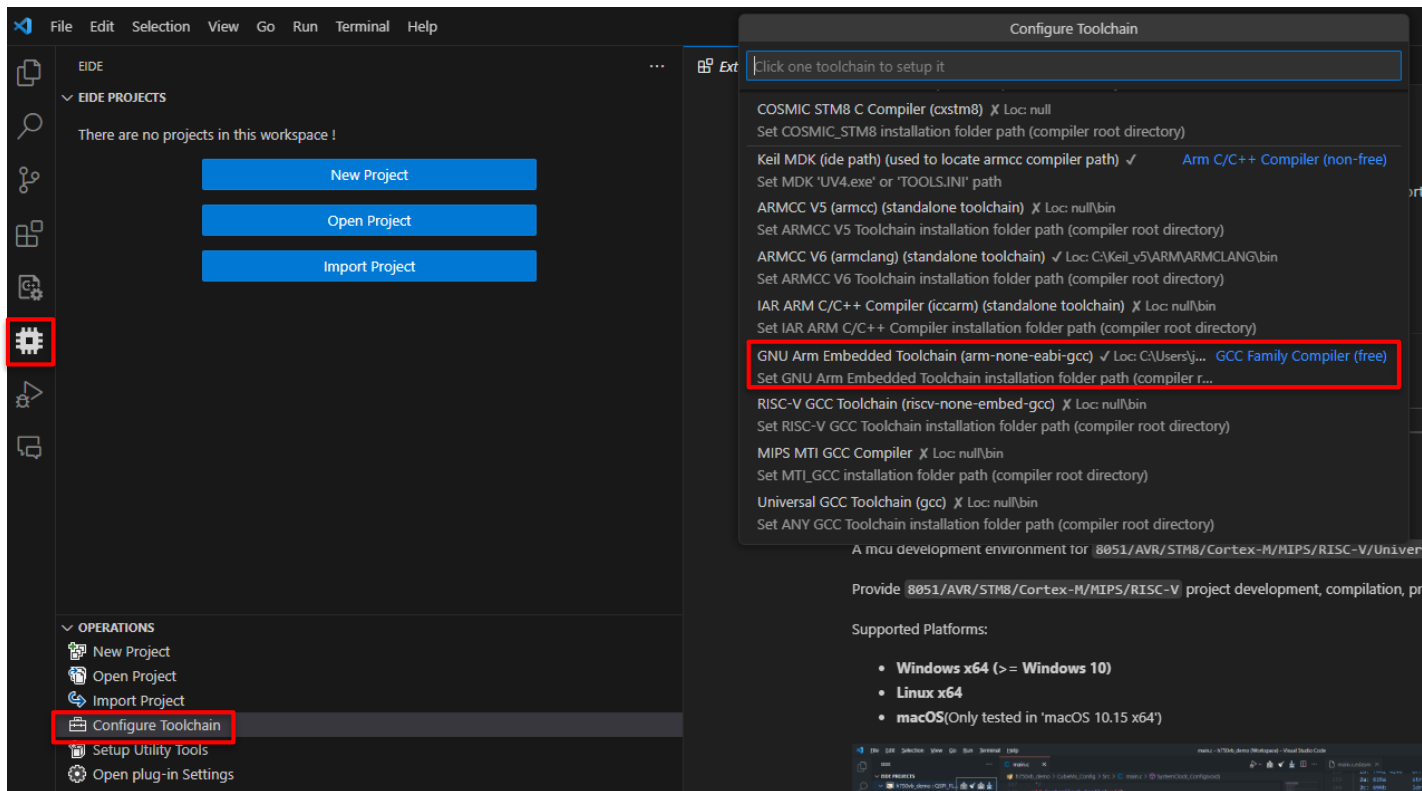


Install .NET6 X64 Runtime package





Install GNU Arm Embedded Toolchain in VSCode





Install OpenOCD Programmer in VSCode

The screenshot shows the VS Code EIDE interface. On the left sidebar, the 'Setup Utility Tools' menu item is highlighted with a red box. The main panel displays a list of tools to install, with 'OpenOCD Programmer (v0.12.0-rc2)' selected and highlighted with a red box. Below the list, the supported platforms are listed: Windows x64 (>= Windows 10), Linux x64, and macOS (Only tested in 'macOS 10.15 x64').

Tools to install:

- Cppcheck (Code Inspection) X **built-in**
ID: cppcheck, Setting: EIDE.Cppcheck.ExecutablePath
- GNU Arm Embedded Toolchain (stable) ✓
ID: gcc_arm, Setting: EIDE.ARM.GCC.InstallDirectory
- RISC-V GCC Toolchain X
ID: gcc_riscv, Setting: EIDE.RISCV.InstallDirectory
- JLink (v6.90) X
ID: ilink, Setting: EIDE.JLink.InstallDirectory
- OpenOCD Programmer (v0.12.0-rc2) ✓**
ID: openocd_7a1adfbec_mingw32, Setting: EIDE.OpenOCD.ExePath
- Small Device C Compiler (SDCC) (latest version) X
ID: sdcc, Setting: EIDE.SDCC.InstallDirectory
- STM32 Cube Programmer CLI X
ID: st_cube_programmer, Setting: EIDE.STLink.ExePath
- STVP Flasher For STM8 X
ID: stvp, Setting: EIDE.STM8.STVP.CliExePath
- WinAVR 20100110 4.3.3 (avr-gcc) X **external**
ID: avr_gcc_2010, From: <https://em-ide.com/resource/WinAVR-20100110.7z>
- COSMIC Software STM8 C/C++ Compiler (Special Edition) V4.5.5 X

Supported Platforms:

- Windows x64 (>= Windows 10)
- Linux x64
- macOS (Only tested in 'macOS 10.15 x64')

Install Cortex-Debug plug in VSCode

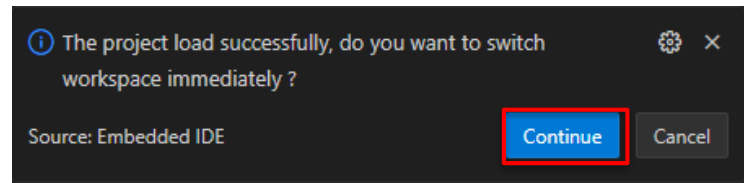
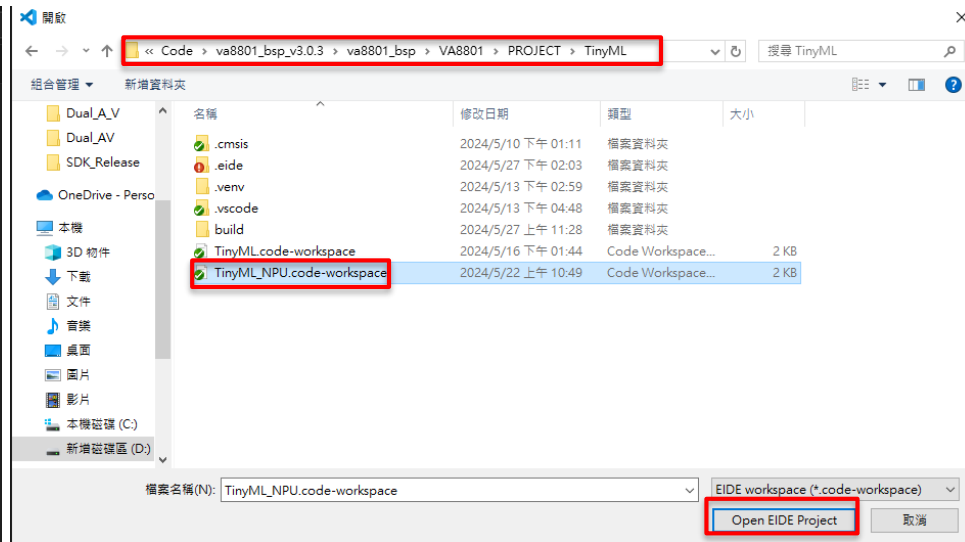
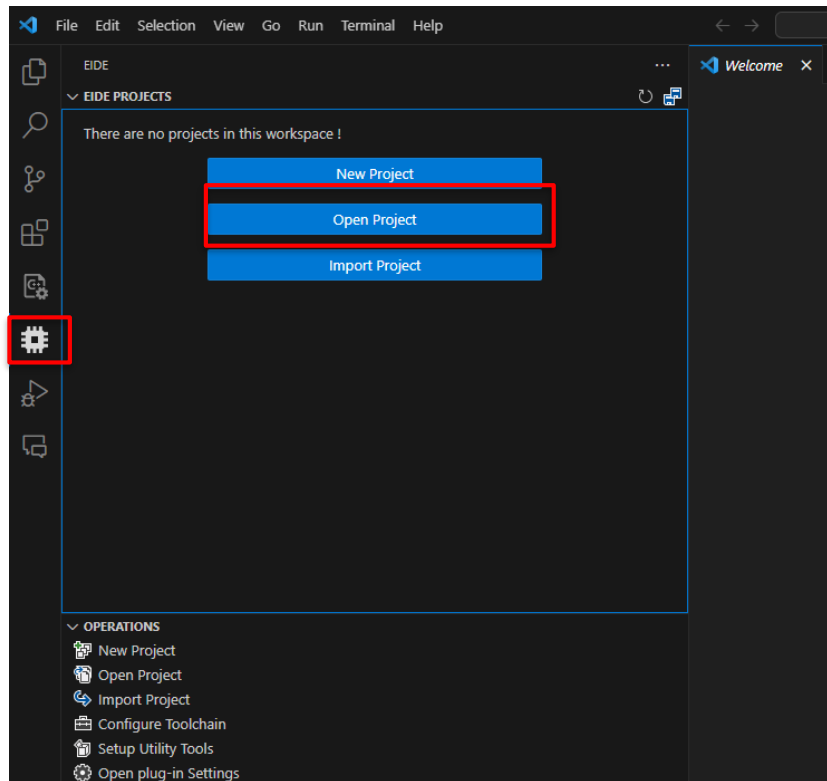
The image is a screenshot of the Visual Studio Code (VS Code) interface, divided into two main sections. The left section shows the 'EXTENSIONS: MARKETPLACE' view. A search bar at the top contains the text 'Cortex-Debug'. Below the search bar, a list of extensions is displayed. The first extension, 'Cortex-Debug' by marus25, is highlighted with a red rectangular box. This extension is described as 'ARM Cortex-M GDB Debugger support for VSCode'. Below it, other extensions like 'Venus's Cortex-Debug' and 'Cortex-Debug: Device Support Pack - STM32F4' are visible. The right section shows the detailed view of the 'Cortex-Debug' extension. At the top, the extension's icon (a green circle with a white chip and a green arrow) and name 'Cortex-Debug' are displayed, along with the version 'v1.12.1' and a rating of 5 stars (38 reviews). Below this, the author 'marus25' and download count '641,140' are shown. The description 'ARM Cortex-M GDB Debugger support for VSCode' is present. A red rectangular box highlights the 'Disable' and 'Uninstall' buttons, with a message below stating 'This extension is enabled globally.' At the bottom of the right section, there are tabs for 'DETAILS', 'FEATURE CONTRIBUTIONS', 'CHANGELOG', 'DEPENDENCIES', and 'RUNTIME STATUS'. The 'DETAILS' tab is selected. Below the tabs, the text 'Cortex Debug' is displayed. At the very bottom, a small preview of the extension's functionality is shown, displaying a terminal window with the command 'Cortex-Debug: Start Debugging' and the output 'Cortex-Debug: Starting debug session...'.



Open VSCode EIDE Project

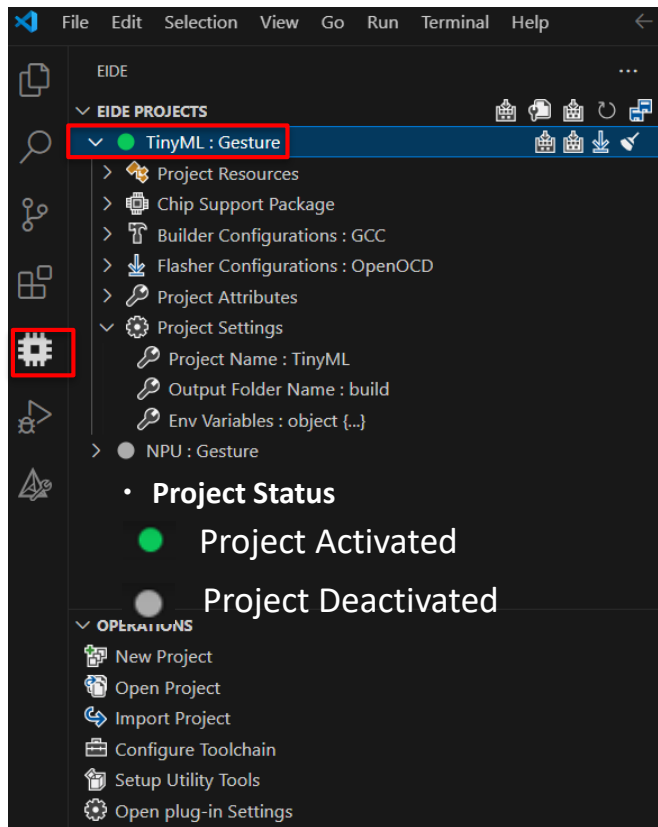


Open Existing EIDE Project – 1





Open Existing EIDE Project (TinyML) – 2



• Project Resources

- Display project source code folder, builder output files

• Chip Support Package

- Ignore

• Builder Configuration

- Setting CPU Type, Linker Script(.ld), Compiler/Linker configuration etc..

• Flasher Configuration

- Setting Debug mode configuration

• Project Attributes

- Setting Project Include header file paths, Preprocessor Defines, Library Search Directories etc..

• Project Setting

- Setting Project Name, Output Folder Name, Environment Variables



EIDE Project



Build



Clean



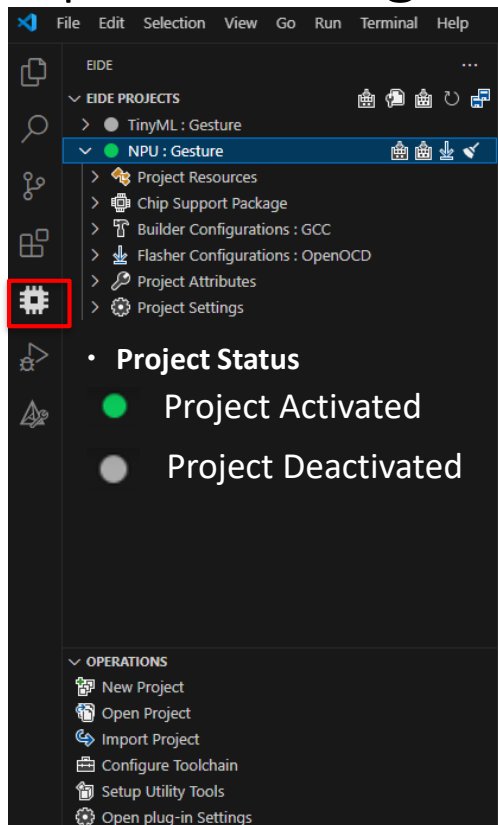
Program Flash



Rebuild



Open Existing EIDE Project (NPU) – 3



• Project Resources

- Display project source code folder, builder output files
- Tengen Compiler output file(AI Model C code)

• Chip Support Package

- Ignore

• Builder Configuration

- Setting CPU Type, Linker Script(.ld), Compiler/Linker configuration etc..

• Flasher Configuration

- Setting Debug mode configuration

• Project Attributes

- Setting Project Include header file paths, Preprocessor Defines, Library Search Directories etc..

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EIDE Project



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Program Flash



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How to Add Tengen Compiler output C code(AI Model) in NPU Project

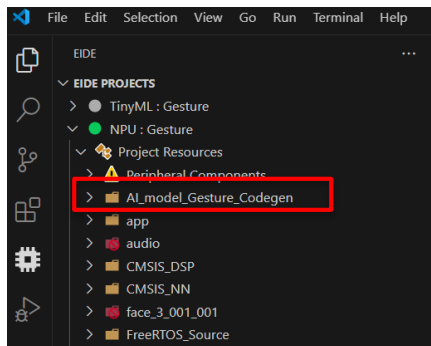
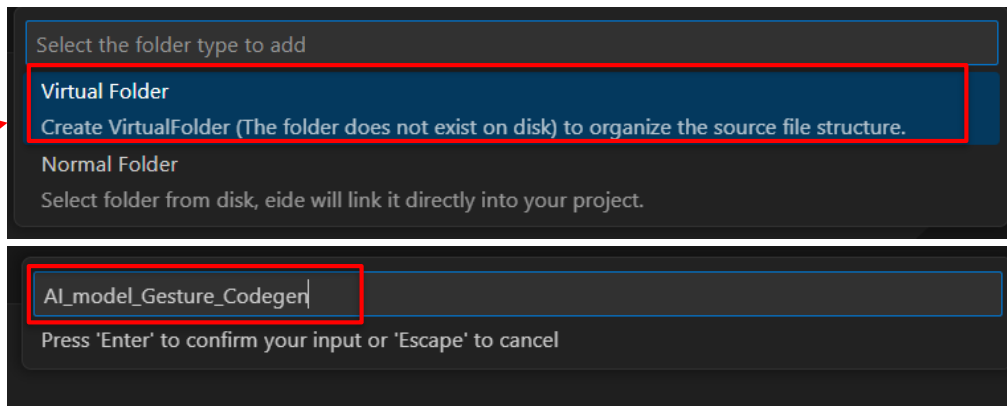
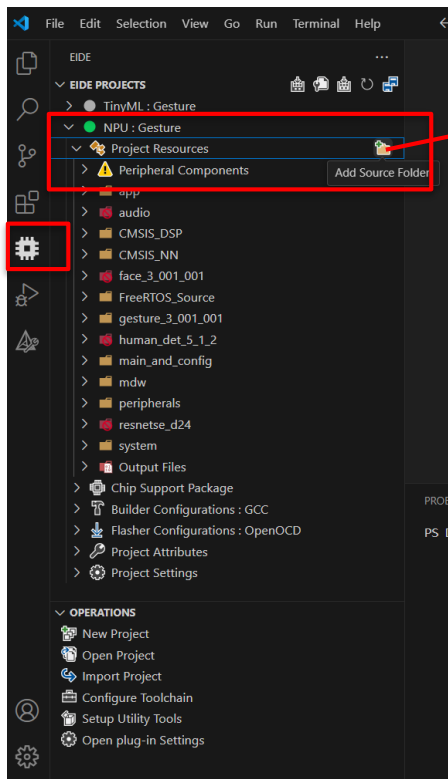


How to Add Tengen Compiler output C code(AI Model) in NPU Project – 1

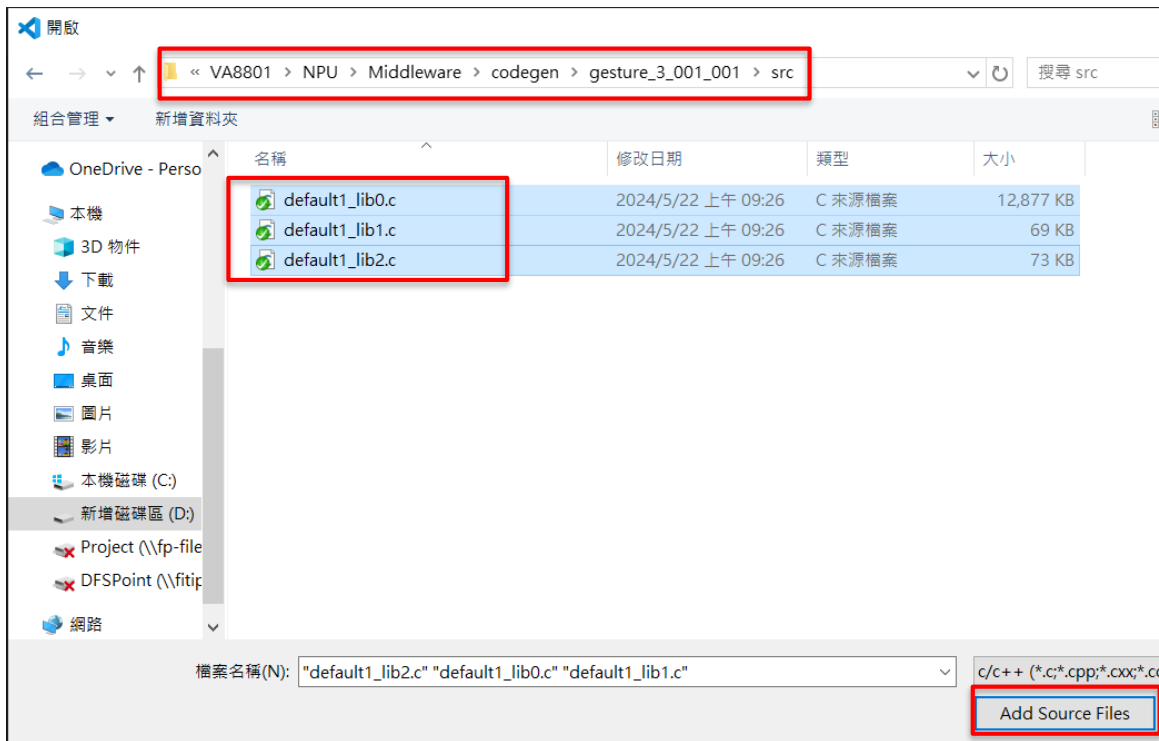
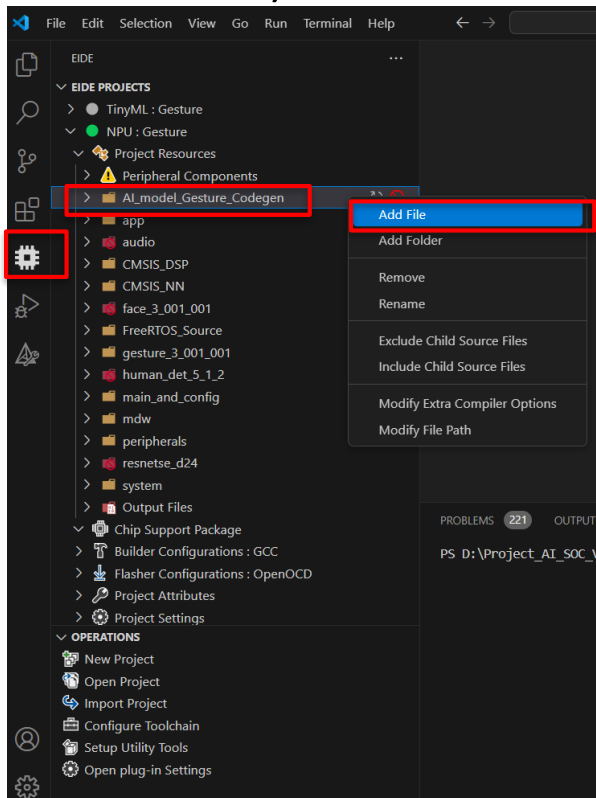
- Prepare the AI model (There are the following two options)
 1. Download from the VA8801 Model Zoo
 - https://github.com/FITI-HCITA/VA8801_Model_Zoo
 2. Self-develop AI model
- Use Tengen Compiler to convert the AI model into C code
 1. Detail reference: SDK root Path\VA8801_BSPSDK_V3.000.000_release\Tengen Compiler\Tengen Compiler User Guide v1.0.3.pdf
- Tengen Compiler output AI mode C code inc and src file put to VA8801_BSPSDK_V3.000.000_release \ Code\va8801_bsp-v3.000.000.zip\va8801_bsp-v3.000.000\VA8801\NPU\Middleware\codegen
- How to add AI model C code inc and src in VSCode NPU Project
 - Reference next page



How to Add Tengen Compiler output C code(AI Model) in NPU Project – 2

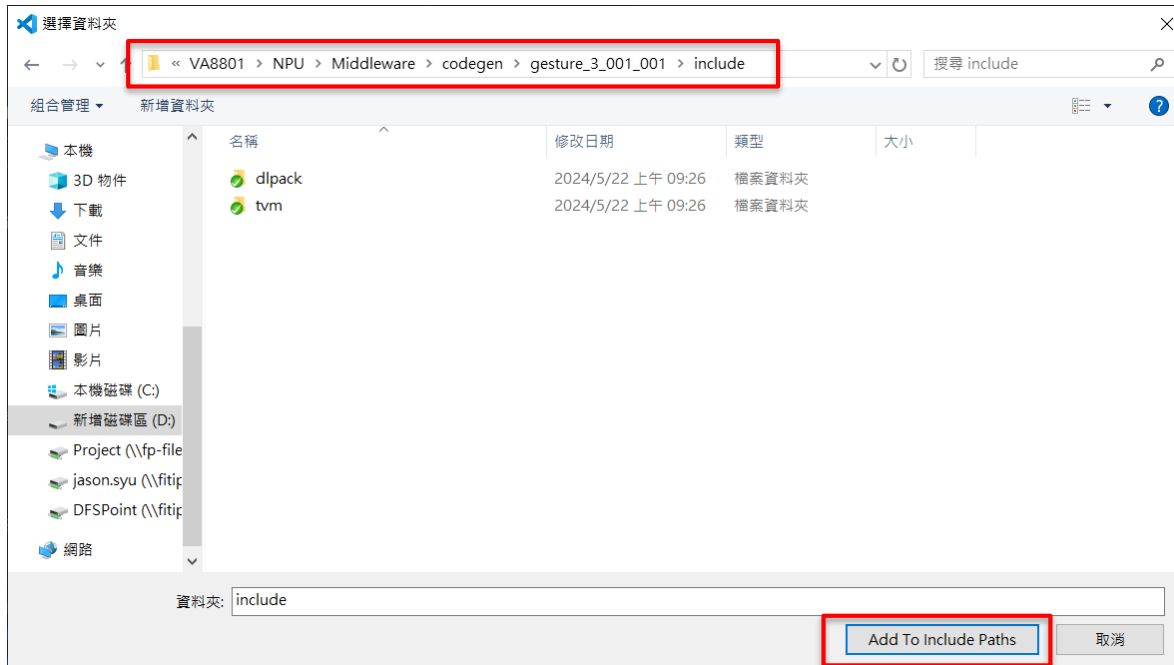
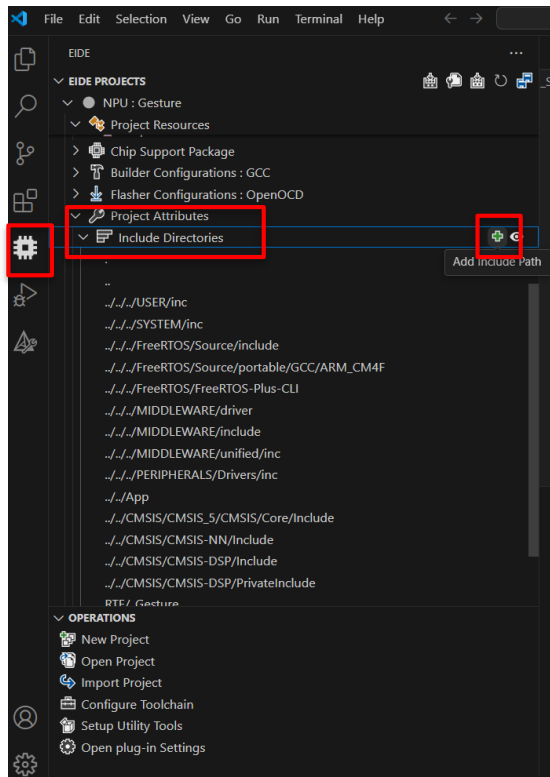


How to Add Tengen Compiler output C code(AI Model) in NPU Project – 3





How to Add Tengen Compiler output C code(AI Model) in NPU Project – 4

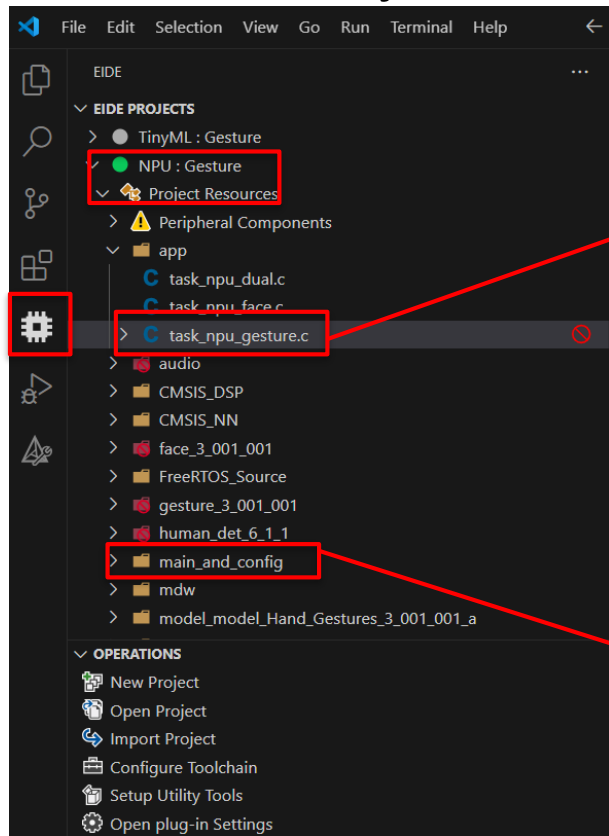




How to Obtain pre/post process and inference time in NPU Project



How to Obtain pre/post process and inference time in NPU Project

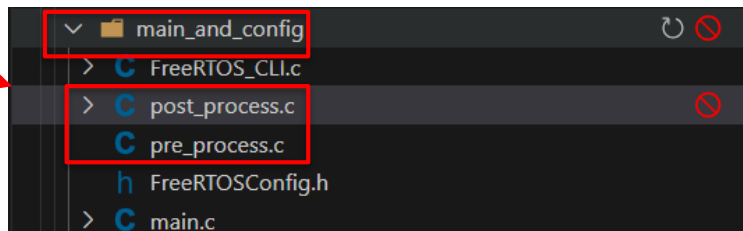


```
xT1 = xTaskGetTickCount();  
pre_process(inputs.serving_default_input_1_0_int8);  
xT2 = xTaskGetTickCount();  
printf("[pre_process] - %d:ms\n\r", __func__, (int)(xT2-xT1));
```

```
xT1 = xTaskGetTickCount();  
tvmgen_model_hand_gestures_3_001_001_dla1_run(&inputs, &outputs);  
xT2 = xTaskGetTickCount();  
printf("[tvmgen_model_hand_gestures_3_001_001_dla1_run] - %d:ms\n\r", __func__, (int)(xT2-xT1));
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xT1 = xTaskGetTickCount();  
post_process(xIpc_Gesture_Hanle, res);  
xT2 = xTaskGetTickCount();  
printf("[post_process] - %d:ms\n\r", __func__, (int)(xT2-xT1));
```

`static void prvGestureTask(void *pvParameters)`



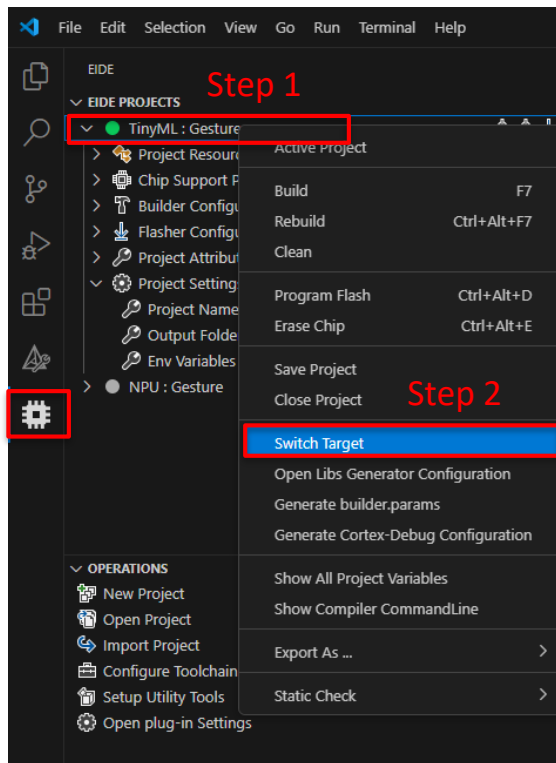
Here you can self-define pre/post process develop



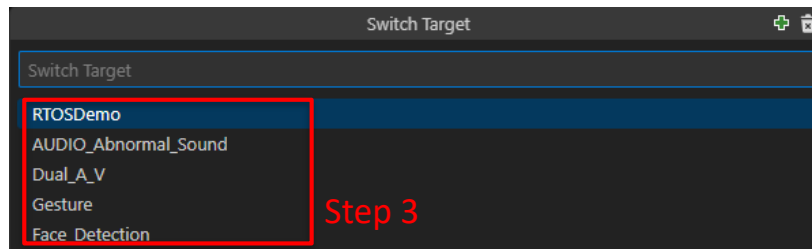
TinyML Project Switch Target



TinyML Project Switch Target – 1

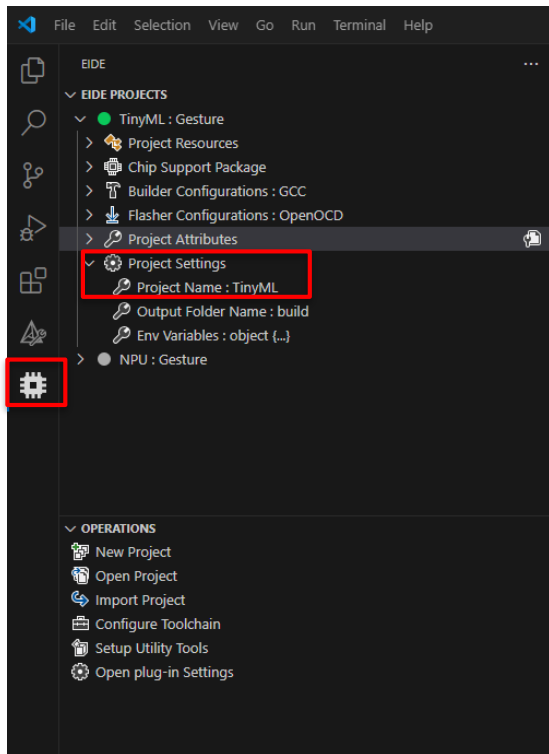


- **Target Description**
 - **Dual_A_V** : Abnormal sound + Human detection
 - **Gesture** : Gesture Detection
 - **Face_Detection**: face detection
- **Step 1**
 - Right click
- **Step 2**
 - Click Switch Target
- **Step 3**
 - Choose Target (ex: choose Gesture)





TinyML Project Switch Target – 2

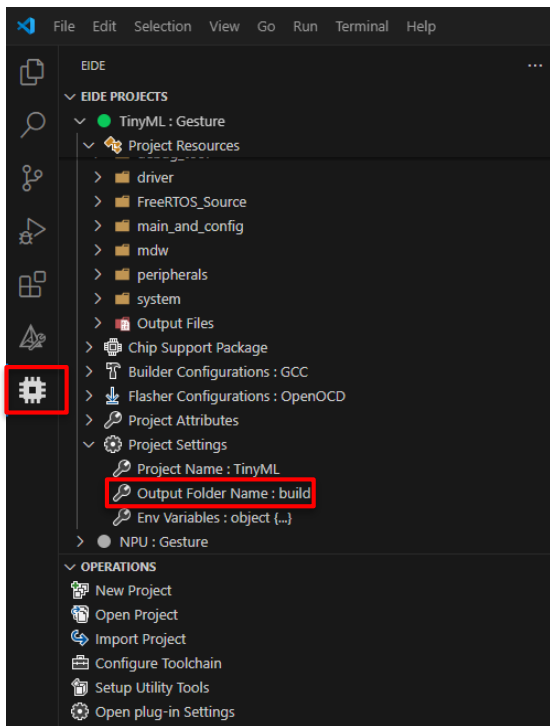


• Step4 – Project Settings

- Modify Project Name (as follow)
 - **Target Dual_A_V** : SYS_A_V
 - **Target Gesture**: SYS_Gesture
 - **Target Face detection**: SYS_Face_detection



TinyML Project – Output Binary path



• Output binary path

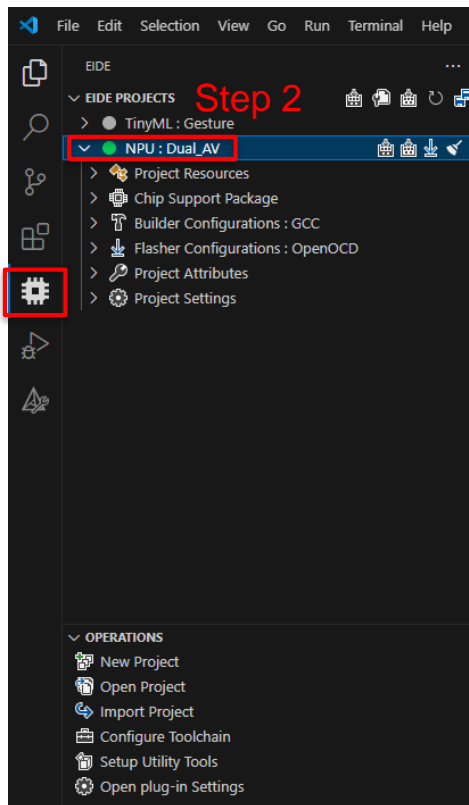
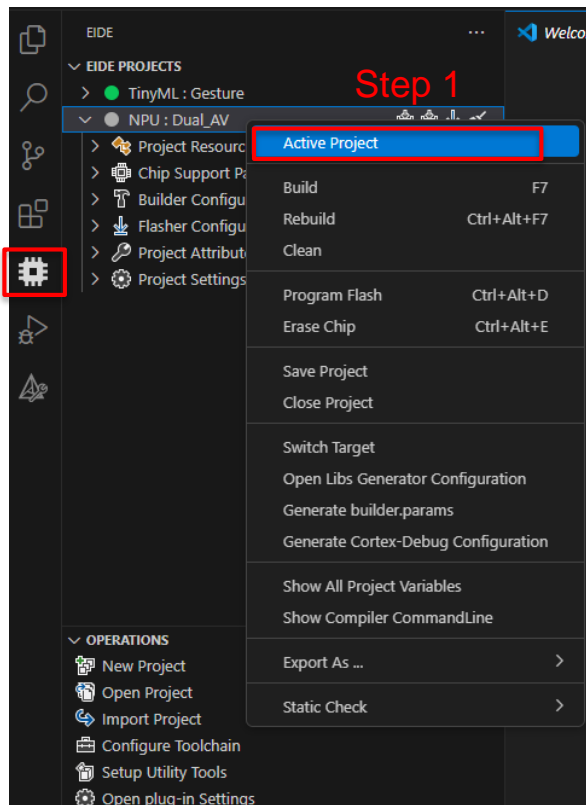
- SDK root path\va8801_bsp\Fiti_M4F\PROJECT\TinyML\build
 - **Target Dual_A_V** : Dual_A_V\SYS_A_V.bin
 - **Target Gesture**: Gesture\SYS_Gesture.bin
 - **Target Face detection**: Face_Detection\SYS_Face_detection.bin



NPU Project Switch Target



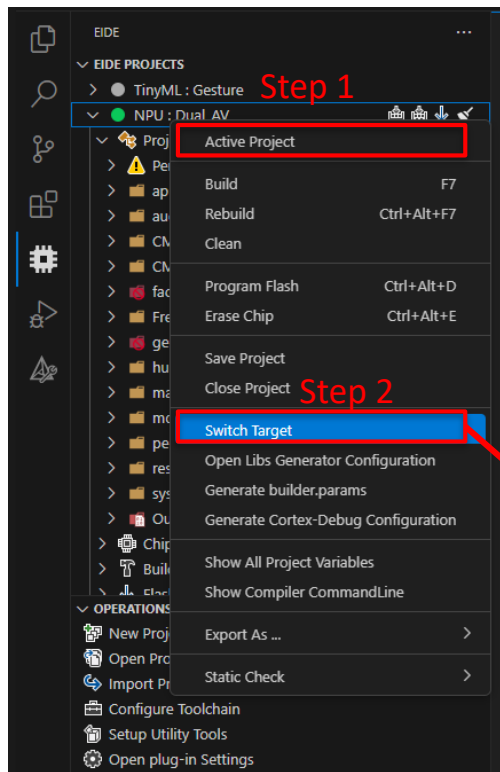
NPU Project Switch Target – 1



- **Step 1**
 - Right click, Choose Active Project
- **Step 2**
 - Check if the NPU project is active (indicated by a green light)



NPU Project Switch Target – 2



- **Target Description**

- **Dual_A_V** : Abnormal sound + Human detection
- **Gesture** : Gesture Detection
- **Face_Detection**: face detection

- **Step 1**

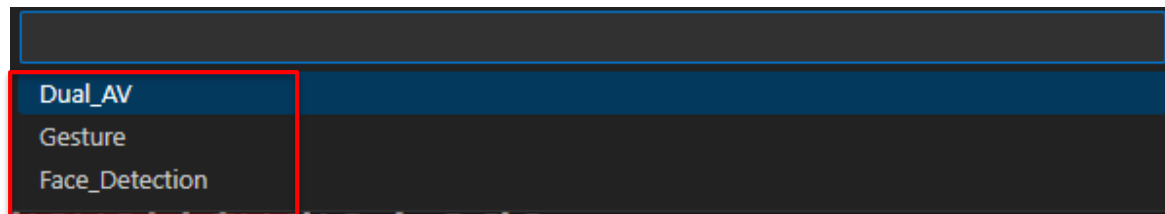
- Right click

- **Step 2**

- Click Switch Target

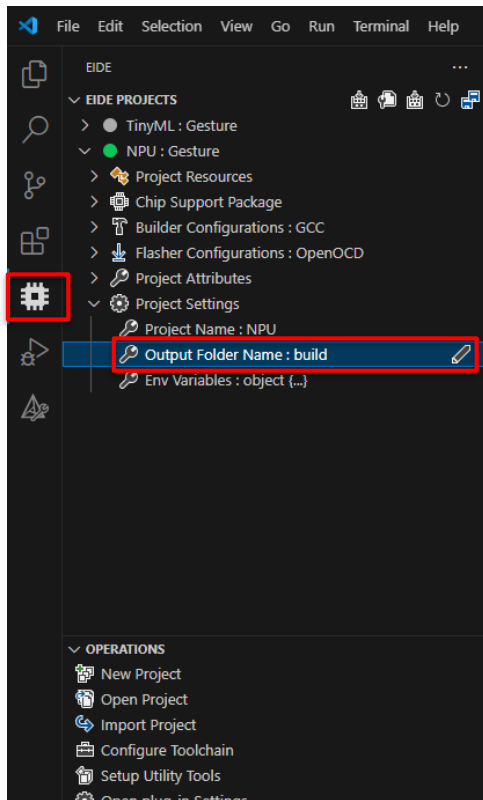
- **Step3**

- Choose Target (ex: choose Gesture)





NPU Project – Output Binary path



- **Output binary path**

- SDK root path\va8801_bsp\VA8801\NPU\Project\NPU\build

- **Target Dual_A_V :**

- Dual_A_V\NPU_code.bin
- Dual_A_V\NPU_data.bin

- **Target Gesture**

- Gesture\NPU_code.bin
- Gesture\NPU_data.bin

- **Target Face detection:**

- Face_Detection\NPU_code.bin
- Face_Detection\NPU_data.bin



Flash Download procedure and System run

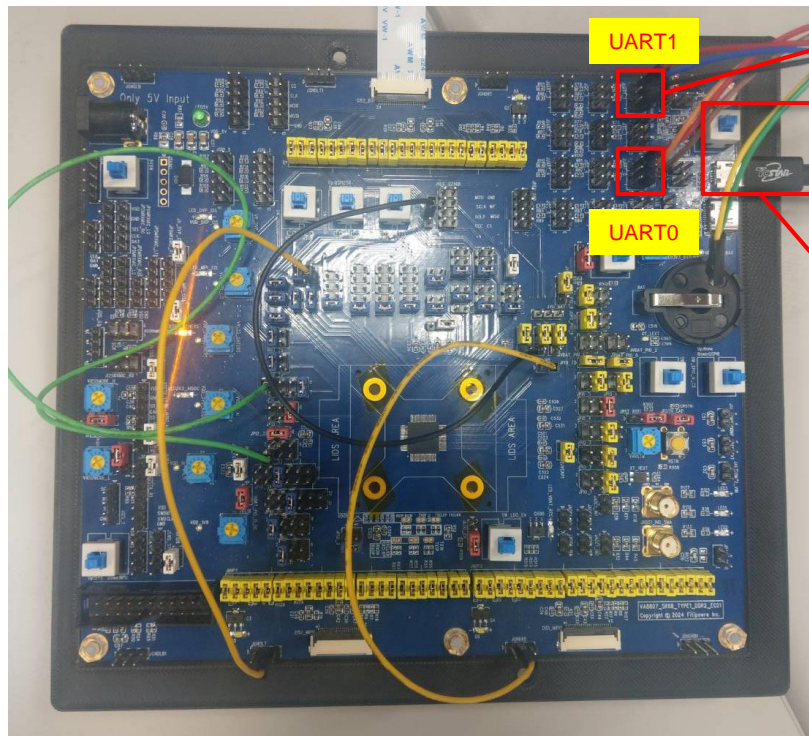


Flash Download procedure and system run – 1

- Flash Download procedure
 - Reference SDK root path\VA8801_BSPSDK_V3.000.000_release\DFU Tool\FITI_VA8801_DFU_ToolKit_v1.0.0_20240522_1430.pdf
- System run scenarios include Dual_A_V, Face Detection, and Gesture
 - **Dual_A_V**: TinyML & NPU Project Target needs to choose Dual_A_V
 - **Face Detection** : TinyML & NPU Project Target needs to choose Face Detection
 - **Gesture** : TinyML & NPU Project Target needs to choose Gesture
- Demo tool execute file
 - Reference SDK root path\VA8801_BSPSDK_V3.000.000_release\Demo Tool
 - Demo tool operation reference page 30



Flash Download procedure and system run – VA8801 HW Settings



Pin from top
to bottom:
UART_RX
UART_TX
UART_GND



FT232 connect to PC/NB
FT232_RX connect to UART_TX
FT232_TX connect to UART_RX
FT232_GND connect to UART_GND

Micro USB connect to PC/NB
Push button to power on

Demo Tool Operation

• Step1 – Tool connect to VA8801 via USB

- In device manager, find VA8801 USB COM port
- Select baud rate 115200
- Click connect

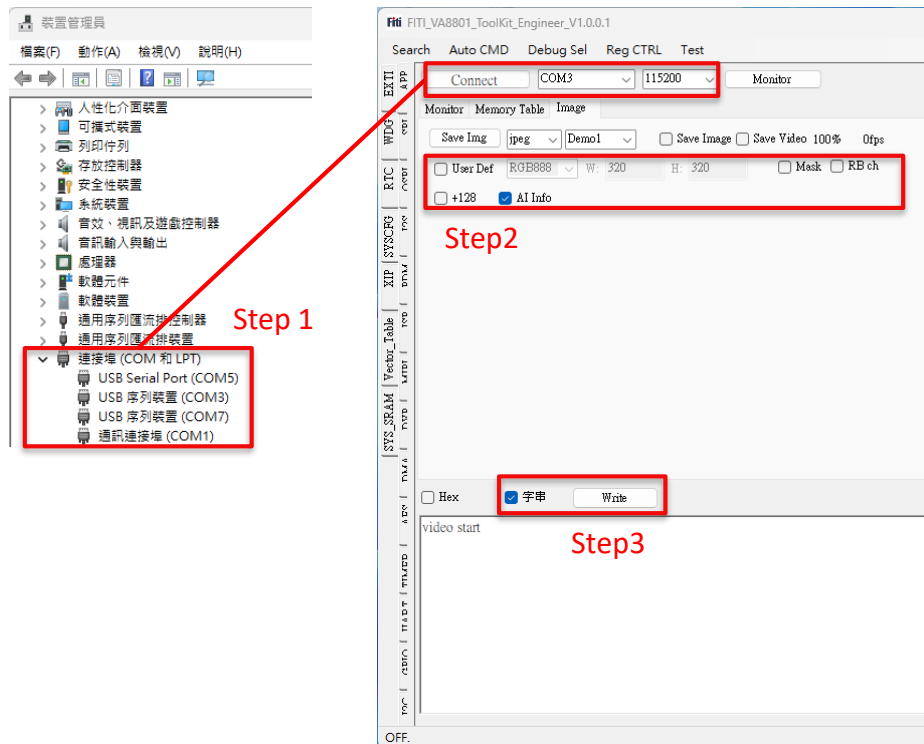
• Step2 – Configure Tool options

- Tick User Def
 - Face Detection, Gesture - RGB888 W:320 H:320
 - A+V - Y8 W:96 H:96
 - Push enter after input W and H (red text will turn black)
- Tick RB ch
- Tick +128
- Tick AI info
- Enable AI info (bounding box)

RGB888 W: 96 H: 96

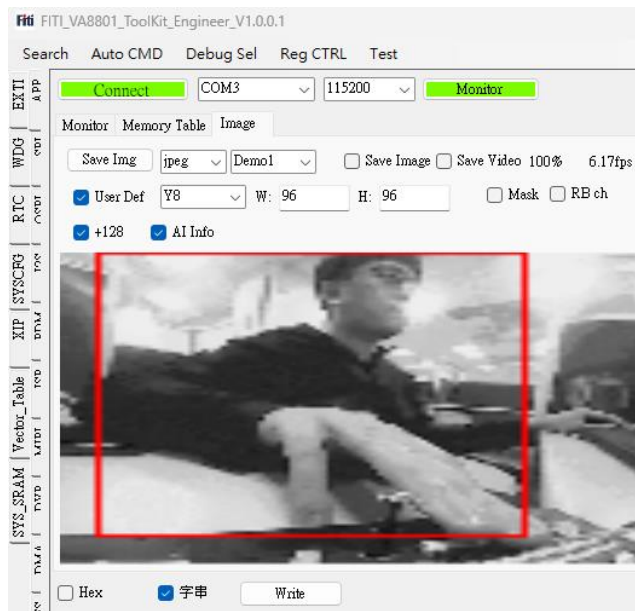
• Step3 – Display inference result

- Click Write

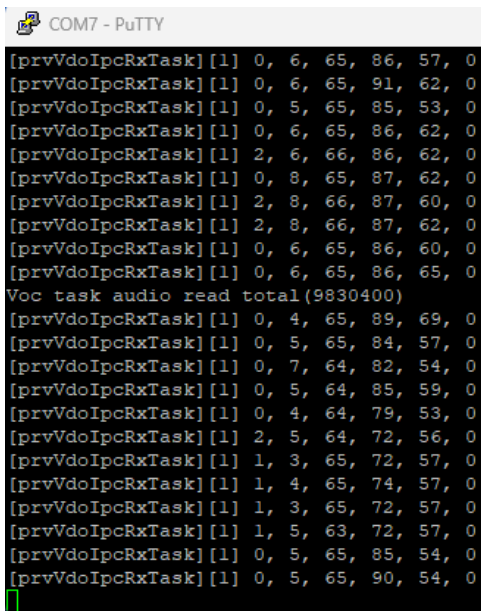




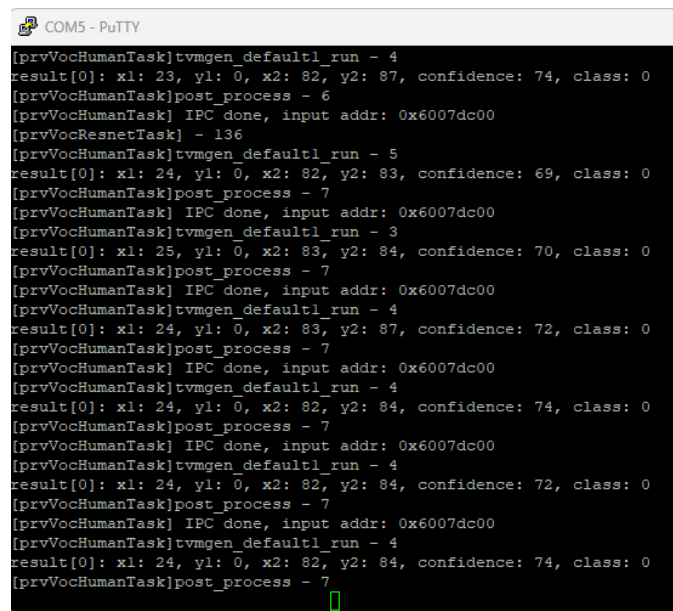
Flash Download procedure and system run – Scenario Dual_A_V



Demo Tool – A+V



UART0 System log



UART1 NPU log

Flash Download procedure and system run – Scenario Face Detection



Demo Tool – Face Detection

The screenshot shows the COM7 - PuTTY terminal window displaying UART0 system logs. The logs consist of multiple lines of hexadecimal data, each preceded by a timestamp in brackets, such as [prvVdoIpcRxTask][1] 18, 50, 99, 154, 66, 0. The logs are displayed in a monospaced font on a black background.

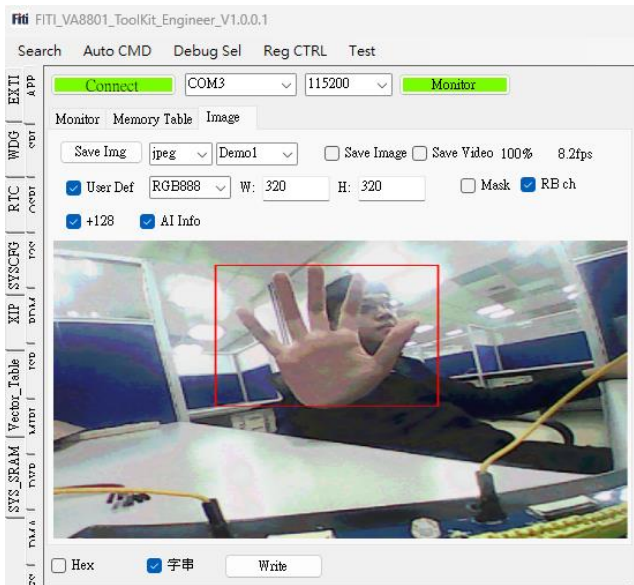
UART0 System log

The screenshot shows the COM5 - PuTTY terminal window displaying UART1 NPU logs. The logs consist of multiple lines of hexadecimal data, each preceded by a timestamp in brackets, such as result[0]: x1: 118, y1: 79, x2: 206, y2: 166, confidence: 81, class: 0. The logs are displayed in a monospaced font on a black background.

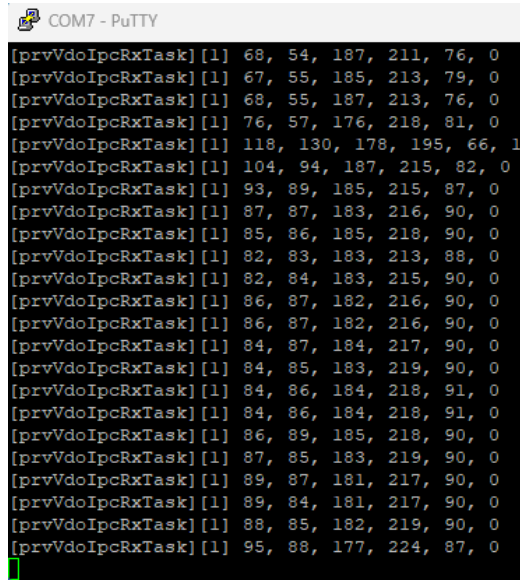
UART1 NPU log



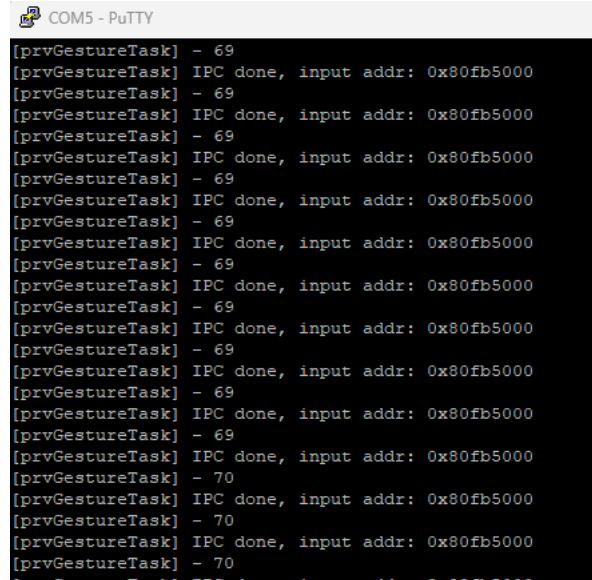
Flash Download procedure and system run – Scenario Gesture



Demo Tool – Gesture



UART0 System log



UART1 NPU log



REVISION HISTORY

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0.1	2024/02/26	Jason SYU	New issued
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