Chapter 1: Introduction

After completing this chapter, you will understand what ModusToolbox is, what tools are included, how to install the software, and how switch to different KitProg modes.

1.1 What is this Class?

This class is a survey of the Cypress IoT development platform ModusToolbox 2.1. The learning objective is to introduce you to all the tools in ModusToolbox and help you develop some familiarity with using them. The class is "a mile wide and an inch deep." This should enable you to understand the scope of the Cypress development ecosystem and teach you where to find "everything."

This class will touch on PSoC 6, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, FreeRTOS, Mbed OS, and Amazon Web Services, but it is not an in-depth study of any of those topics. You can learn more by taking Cypress Academy courses PSoC 101, Wi-Fi 101, and Bluetooth 101.

To develop applications using these tools, you need to have good C-programming skills as most of the development effort with these types of chips is spent writing programs. Your skills should include:

- C Control Structure
- C Variables (Data)
- Multi-file programs
- Linking
- RTOS
- IoT Frameworks – MQTT, HTTP
- Bluetooth Low Energy

1.2 What is ModusToolbox?

ModusToolbox 2.1 is a set of Reference Flows, Products, and Solutions that enable an immersive development experience for customers creating converged MCU and Wireless systems. ModusToolbox leverages popular third-party networking solutions such as Mbed OS, Amazon FreeRTOS, AliOS Things, and Zephyr.

The guiding principles for ModusToolbox include:

- The customer experience is the top priority.
- The software is optimized for professional developers.
- Ease of use and getting started are critical to the success of ModusToolbox.
- ModusToolbox enables developers to use their development flow of choice.
- Solutions in ModusToolbox are built as simply as possible using normal C & C++ programming best principles and a consistent architecture.

1.3 What is IoT-AdvantEdge™?

Building intelligent products for the IoT is not easy. Providing security and integrating cloud applications is difficult, power management is tough, and getting wireless and embedded systems to work together can be a nightmare. Cypress' IoT-AdvantEdge gets products to market faster and more cost-effectively with the confidence of proven solutions that bring together the essential building blocks of the IoT.

Much more information about IoT-AdvantEdge and how all the pieces fit together can be found at: https://www.cypress.com/solutions/iot-advantedge.

1.4 Reference Flow

A Reference Flow is a Cypress documented, supported, and qualified **methodology** for a customer to use a solution to create their product. It is a recipe, defining how to create projects, add middleware, configure devices, build, program, and debug.

For example, a Reference Flow called the XYZ flow could be instructions for using Visual Studio Code and the PSoC 6 solution to create some PSoC 6 product.

A Reference flow could be a path only through a solution, or it might include other external tools that are not part of the solution (or even ModusToolbox) e.g. Visual Studio Code, Sublime, XCODE, IAR, etc.

We understand that customers want to pick and choose the ModusToolbox Products they use, merge them into their own flows, and develop applications in ways we cannot predict. ModusToolbox treats Products as individual entities and thus enables such custom flows. Our customers must be able to "Program the way they want".

1.5 Products

ModusToolbox Products are Tools and Firmware that can be used individually, or as a group, to develop connected applications for Cypress devices. Unlike previous Cypress software offerings, ModusToolbox is not a monolithic, IDE-centric software tool. Each Product is individually executable (for tools), buildable (for firmware), testable, portable, and deliverable. Products are distributed through multiple portals (for example mbed.com, github.com, and cypress.com) to enable users to work in their preferred environment.

1.5.1 Tools

Tools refer to programs and services that run on the developer's host computer or in the cloud. For example:

- Eclipse-based IDE for ModusToolbox
- Compilers (GCC, ARM)
- Build System (make, Cygwin)
- Programming and Debug Tools (OpenOCD, PyOCD)
- Configurators and Tuners
- Project Creator
- Library Manager
- Firmware Loader
- JRE
- FTDI driver
- CyMcuElfTool

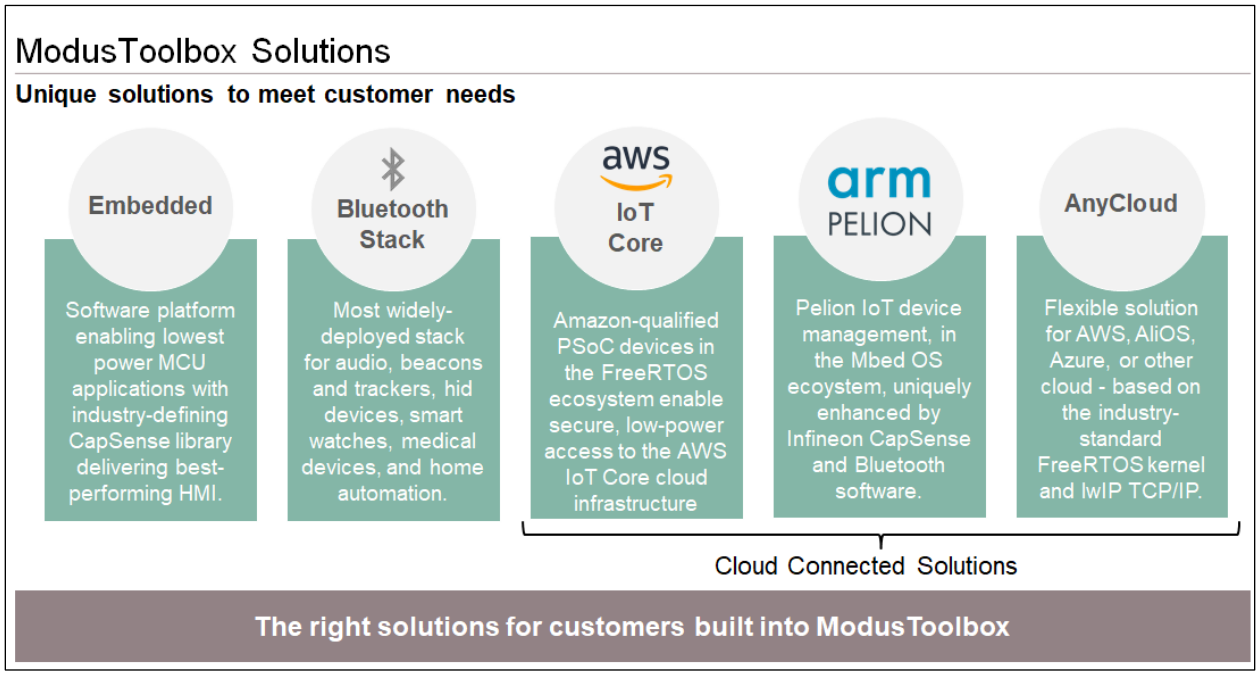
1.5.2 Firmware

Firmware refers to code that executes on the target device. This includes:

- BSP (Board Support Package)
- CSP (Chip Support Package) integrated into the BSP
- Libraries (e.g., RTOS, Network Stacks, Graphics, etc.)
- Customer or Cypress Application Firmware (i.e. their project or our code example)

1.6 Solutions

A solution is a collection of ModusToolbox Products that support one or more specific Reference Flows. A solution may be released as static collection of products or it may be created by dynamically pulling in what is necessary for a given application. ModusToolbox 2.1 supports the following cloud solutions, which are covered in separate chapters in this training:



- PSoC 6 solution for AnyCloud
- Mbed solution for Pelion
- FreeRTOS solution for Amazon IoT Device
- WICED Bluetooth solution (BT SDK)

1.7 Software

All this software needs to be installed prior to class. Refer to the Installation Instructions provided in the file MTB2-x-SW_Install_Instructions.docx. See also exercise 1.12.1 to verify that the software is installed correctly.

Tool	Description
ModusToolbox	Cypress' kick ass new development toolbox.
Mbed CLI	Python programs which allow you to use the ARM Mbed Command Line Interface. Along with Mbed CLI, you will install Python 3.7, Git, Mercurial, and GCC which it required. Mbed CLI will be installed in a Python virtual environment using pipenv.
Mbed Studio	An ARM GUI for writing code and building Mbed OS Projects.
Visual Studio Code	The fastest growing code editor with debug extension on the market, which is quickly displacing Eclipse.
IAR Embedded Workbench (optional)	Full featured IDE with native support for PSoC 6.
Keil µVision (optional)	Full featured IDE from Arm with native support for PSoC 6.

The ModusToolbox 2.1 installer will install the tools, but not any firmware such as BSPs, code examples, middleware libraries, or even solution files. The firmware is all hosted on the cloud (mainly on GitHub). The advantages are that you only get what you need when you need it, and you can update different pieces independently – you don't need a full new install every time a library is updated. Each item is developed and released on its own schedule.

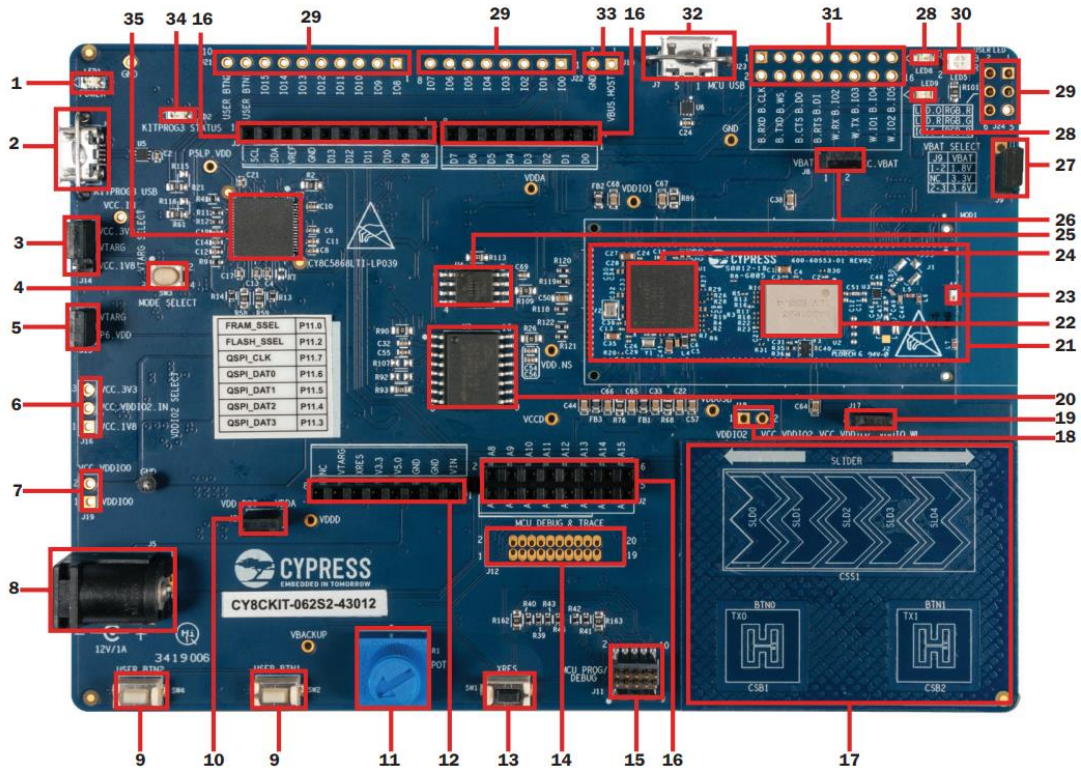
Note: You will need some type of code editor, such as Notepad++; however, the Eclipse IDE for ModusToolbox and Visual Studio Code include code editors as well. You will also need some type of serial terminal, such a PuTTY or Serial. See section 1.11 for more details.

1.8 Development Kits

For this class, we will use the following development kits:

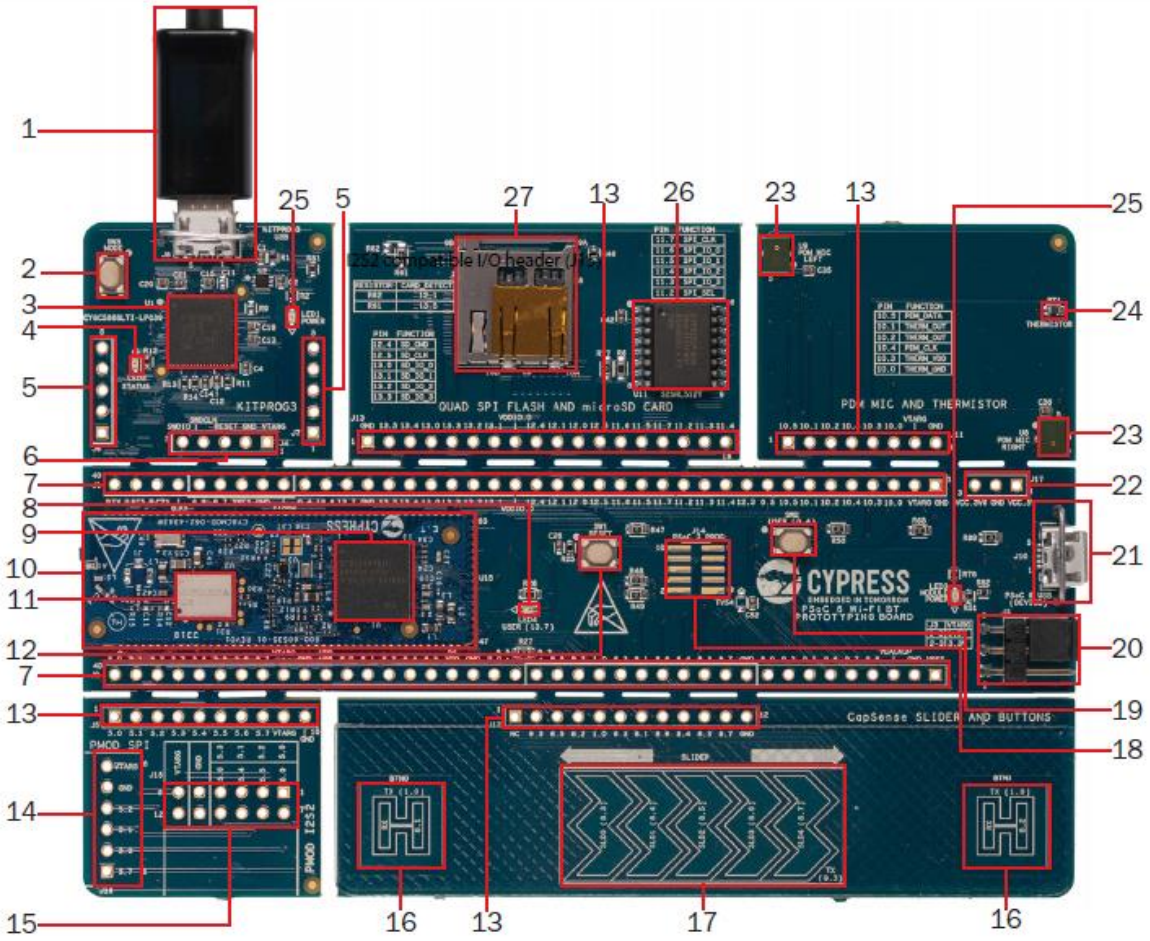
1.8.1 PSoC 6 Kits

CY8CKIT-062S2-43012 – A PSoC 6-2M and a CYW43012 WiFi + BT Combo



1. Power LED (LED1)
2. KitProg3 USB connector (J6)
3. PSoC 6 MCU VDD power selection jumper (J14)
4. KitProg3 programming mode selection button (SW3)
5. PSoC 6 MCU VDD current measurement jumper (J15)
6. PSoC 6 MCU VDDIO2 and CYW43012 VDDIO power selection jumper (J16)
7. PSoC 6 MCU VDDIO0 current measurement jumper (J19)
8. External power supply VIN connector (J5)
9. PSoC 6 MCU user buttons (SW2 and SW4)
10. Potentiometer connection jumper (J25)
11. Potentiometer (R1)
12. Arduino-compatible power header (J1)
13. PSoC 6 MCU reset button (SW1)
14. PSoC 6 MCU debug and trace header (J12)
15. PSoC 6 MCU program and debug header (J11)
16. Arduino Uno R3-compatible I/O headers (J2, J3, and J4)
17. CapSense slider (SLIDER) and buttons (BTN0 and BTN1)
18. PSoC 6 MCU VDDIO2 current measurement jumper (J18)
19. CYW43012 VDDIO current measurement jumper(J17)
20. Cypress serial NOR flash memory (S25FL512S, U3)
21. Cypress PSoC 6 (2M) with CYW43012 Carrier Module (CY8CMOD-062S2-43012, MOD1)
22. CYW43012 based Murata Type 1LV module
23. Wi-Fi/BT antenna
24. PSoC 6 MCU
25. Cypress serial Ferroelectric RAM (CY15B104QSN, U4)
26. CYW43012 VBAT current measurement jumper (J8)
27. CYW43012 VBAT power selection jumper (J9):
28. PSoC 6 MCU user LEDs (LED8 and LED9)
29. PSoC 6 I/O header (J21, J22, J24)
30. RGB LED (LED5)
31. Wi-Fi/BT GPIO header (J23)
32. PSoC 6 USB device connector (J7)
33. Optional USB Host power supply header (J10)
34. KitProg3 status LED (LED2)
35. KitProg3 (PSoC 5LP) programmer and debugger (CY8C5868LTI-LP039, U2)
36. microSD Card holder (J20) (on back of board)

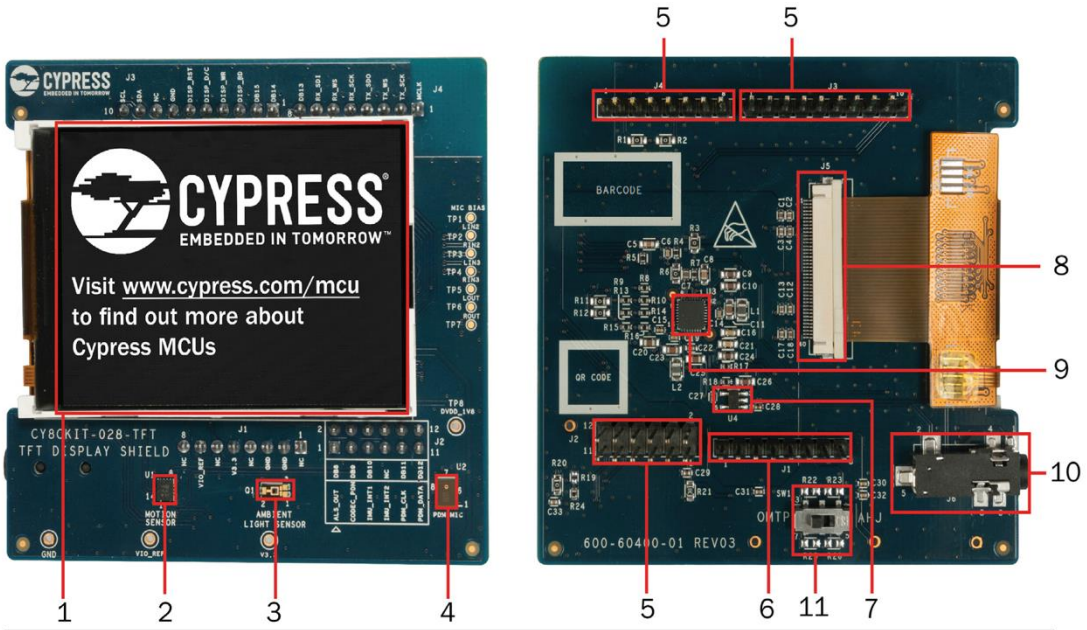
CY8CPROTO-062-4343W – A PSoC 6-2M and a CYW4343W Bluetooth WiFi Combo



1. KitProg3 USB connector (J8)
2. KitProg3 programming mode selection button (SW3)
3. KitProg3 (PSoC 5LP) programmer and debugger (CY8C5868LTI-LP039, U1)
4. KitProg3 status LED (LED2)
5. KitProg3 I/O headers (J6, J7)
6. KitProg3 5-pin programming header (J4)
7. PSoC 6 MCU I/O headers (J1, J2)
8. PSoC 6 MCU user LED (LED4)
9. PSoC 6 MCU (CY8C624ABZI-D44)
10. Cypress PSoC 6 WiFi-BT Module (CY8CMOD-062-4343W, U15)
11. CYW4343W based Murata Type 1DX Module (LBEE5KL1DX)
12. Reset button (SW1)
13. On-board peripheral headers (J5, J11, J12 and J13)
14. Digilent® Pmod™ SPI compatible I/O header (J16)
15. Digilent® Pmod™ I2S2 compatible I/O header (J15)
16. CapSense buttons
17. CapSense slider
18. PSoC 6 MCU program and debug header (J14)
19. PSoC 6 MCU user button (SW2)
20. Power selection jumper (J3)
21. PSoC 6 USB device Connector (J10)
22. External power supply connector (J17)
23. PDM microphones (U8, U9)
24. Thermistor (RT1)
25. Power LEDs (LED1, LED3)
26. Cypress 512-Mbit serial NOR flash memory (S25HL512T, U11)
27. microSD Card holder (J9)

1.8.2 Arduino Compatible Shield

CY8CKIT-028-TFT



1. 2.4-inch TFT display	6. Ardunio compatible power header (J1)
2. Motion Sensor (U1)	7. TFT display power control load switch (U4)
3. Ambient Light Sensor (Q1)	8. TFT display connector (J5)
4. PDM microphone (U2)	9. Audio CODEC (U3)
5. Ardunio compatible I/O headers (J2, J3, J4)	10. Audio Jack (J6)
	11. Audio Jack Selection (OMTP/AHJ) Switch (SW1)

1.9 PSoC KitProg Programmer

The programmer firmware on the PSoC 6 development kits is called Cypress KitProg3 (some kits ship with KitProg2 firmware, but we'll show you how to update it later). It runs on a PSoC 5 chip also located on the kit. This firmware talks to your computer via USB and to the PSoC 6 target via a protocol called Serial Wire Debug (SWD). The host application on your computer needs to talk to the programmer to debug the PSoC 6 and to download firmware into the PSoC 6 flash. There are a bunch of different protocols out there for accomplishing this task. However, a few years ago Arm developed a standard called CMSIS-DAP, which has two variants that are implemented in the KitProg firmware (Bulk and DAPLink).

Note: Older versions of KitProg firmware also support HID mode, which we typically don't use anymore.

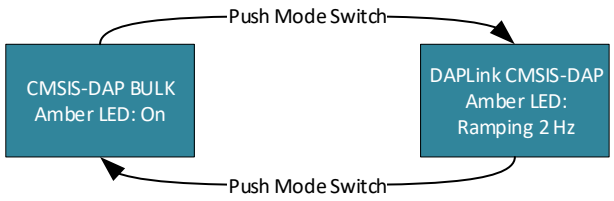
In addition to the CMSIS functions, there is also a function called "Mass storage". When the mass storage functionality is turned on, the programmer appears as a "flash drive" on your computer. You can copy – using the file manager – hex files to the flash drive, which will then be programmed. This function typically runs at the same time as the DAPLink functionality.

The programming firmware typically provides one or more communication bridge modes that allow the PSoC to talk to your PC via I2C and UART. These also typically run at the same time as the programming firmware.

The KitProg will appear to your computer to be multiple USB endpoints that implement each of the functions described in the previous paragraphs.

In order to program the PSoC, KitProg needs to be in the right mode – meaning the mode that has the functionality that works with your environment. You can switch modes by pressing the mode button on the development kit, or by using the firmware loader program. Each PSoC 6 development kit has an LED that will be solid or ramping (~2 Hz) to indicate the mode. See the following table.

CMSIS Mode	Application	Mass Storage	Bridges	Solution	Description	LED
BULK	Eclipse IDE	No	UART I2C	PSoC 6 & AFR	The latest version of the protocol which uses USB bulk mode – by far the fastest.	Solid
DAPLink	Mbed Studio or Mbed CLI	Yes	UART	Mbed OS	A modified version of CMSIS-DAP that enables web debugging	2 Hz Ramping



1.10 PSoC Firmware Loader

Firmware loader (fw-loader) is a tool that we deliver as part of ModusToolbox 2.1. It is a command-line tool that allows you to install new KitProg firmware onto a PSoC 6 kit, and switch modes programmatically.

You can find it in the following directory:

<install_dir>/ModusToolbox/tools_<version>/fw-loader/bin

It is also available on GitHub at http://github.com/cypresssemiconductorco/firmware-loader.

The following table shows the basic fw-loader commands:

Command	Description
`fw-loader --help` (or no argument)	Print out help information.
`fw-loader --device-list`	List all the KitProg devices attached to your computer.
`fw-loader --update-kp3`	Install the latest firmware onto your KitProg.
`fw-loader --mode kp3-daplink`	Put the KitProg into DAPLink CMSIS-DAP mode.
`fw-loader --mode kp3-bulk`	Put the KitProg into CMSIS-DAP Bulk mode.
`fw-loader --mode kp3-hid`	Put the KitProg into CMSIS-DAP HID mode (not typically used).

You will practice using this tool in exercises 1.12.2 and 1.12.3.

1.10.1 Starting Command Line Shell

As part of the installation of ModusToolbox, you need to set up the environment to run command-line tools.

- For **Windows**, the installer provides a command-line utility. Navigate to the modus-shell directory and run *Cygwin.bat*. It is located in the following directory:

  <install_path>/ModusToolbox/tools_2.1/modus-shell/

- For **macOS**, the installer will detect if you have the necessary tools. If not, it will prompt you to install them using the appropriate Apple system tools.
- For **Linux**, there is only a ZIP file, and you are expected to understand how to set up various tools for your chosen operating system.

1.10.2 Running Firmware Loader

After starting the appropriate shell for your operating system, navigate to the fw-loader executable:

- Windows (Cygwin.bat):
  `cd C:/Users/<your account>/ModusToolbox/tools_2.1/fw-loader/bin`
- macOS (bash or zsh):
  `cd /Applications/ModusToolbox/tools_2.1/fw-loader/bin`
- Linux (bash):
  `cd ~/ModusToolbox/tools_2.1/fw-loader/bin`

Then, run the fw-loader tool using the following command (this lists the help information):

```
./fw-loader
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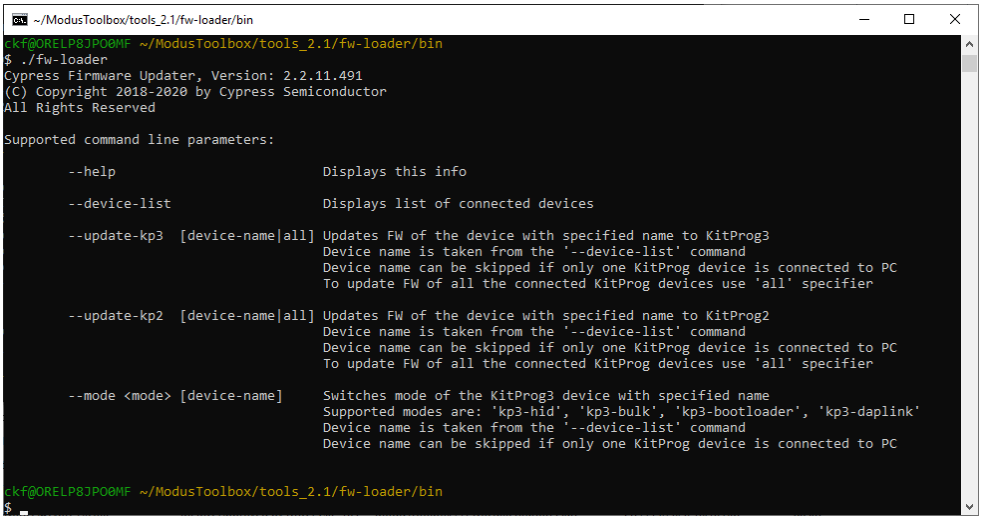

You can list devices attached to your computer by using:

```
./fw-loader --device-list
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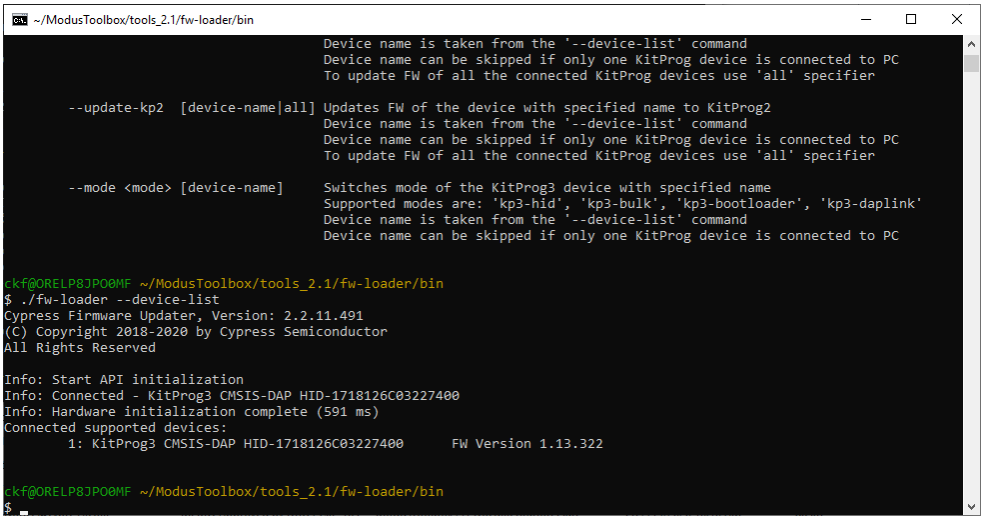


1.11 UARTs and Serial Terminals

The KitProg firmware in some of the modes will enumerate as one or more UARTs (good old-fashioned serial ports). The WICED Bluetooth board also enumerates as two UARTs as discussed previously. They will appear differently based on the operating system that you are using.

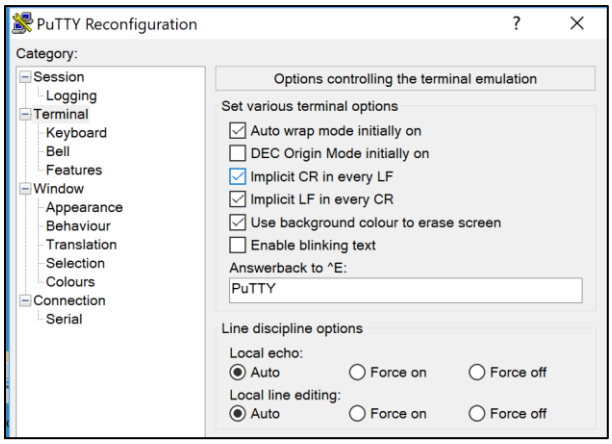
You will need to know the baud rate, which will depend on what YOU programmed into the firmware. It will probably be 9600 (for Mbed OS), 115200 (for PSoC 6), 115200 (for Amazon FreeRTOS), 115200 (Bluetooth PUART), 3000000 (Bluetooth HCI).

In the world of serial terminals there are two commonly used characters:

- "carriage return" symbolized in C code by '\r'
- "new line" symbolized in C code by '\n'

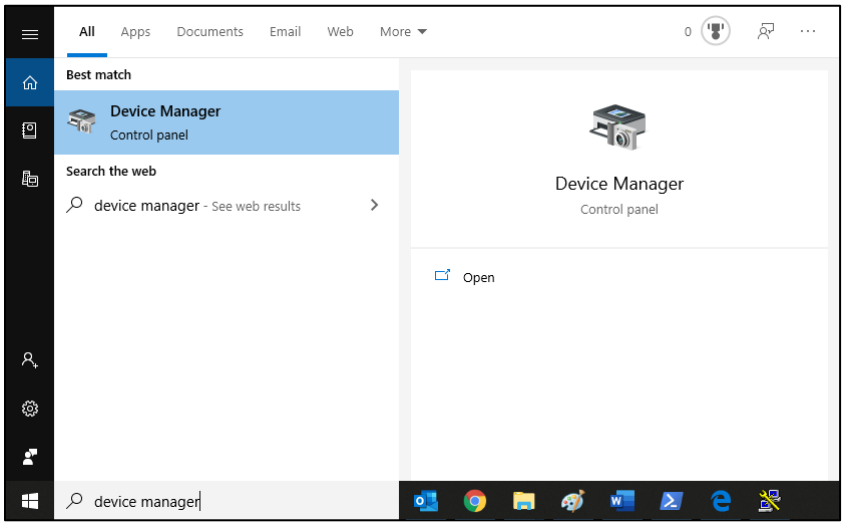
Oftentimes, developers only put new line in their code and rely on the terminal program to automatically supply a carriage return. As such, every terminal program out there has a function/option to automatically handle this for you.

In addition, both the PSoC retarget-io and the Mbed OS printf have methods for doing this translation automatically. Here are the settings from PuTTY. Notice the option to "Implicit CR in every LF" (LF means line feed).

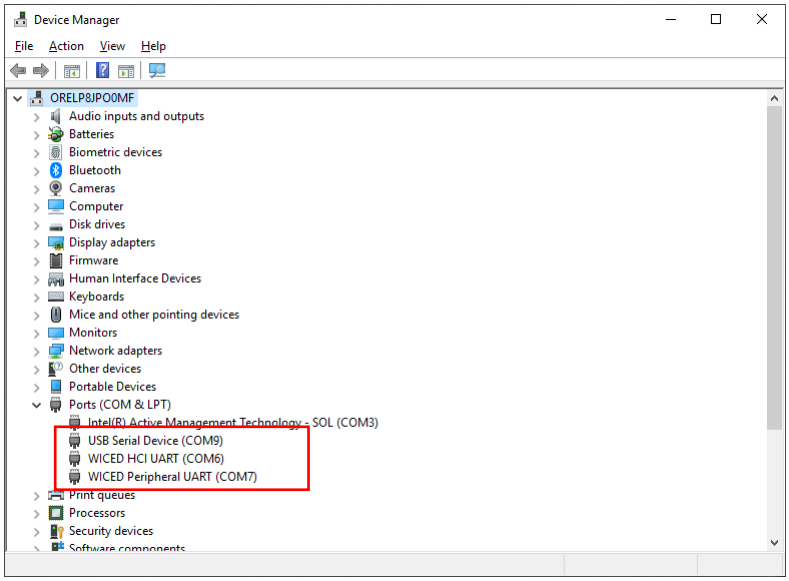


1.11.1 Windows

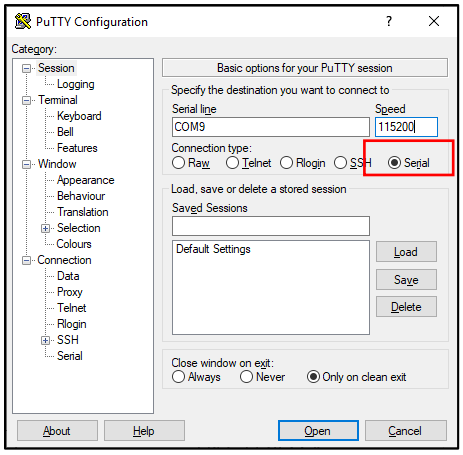
On Windows, we recommend that you use PuTTY to attach to the serial ports, but other serial terminals such as TerraTerm may also be used. In order to do that, you will need to know which "COM" port to attach to. To find the port number, run the Device Manager by searching for the "Device Manager" on the Windows Start menu.



When you look under "Ports" you should see your device. In the PSoC 6 case it is "USB Serial Device"; for the Bluetooth case, you'll see two ports: one for HCI and one for Peripheral.



When you run PuTTY, click the “Serial” radio button and then type the COM port and baud rate. Use the appropriate COM port number for your system and device. Note that you can save the settings if you want for the next time.



1.11.2 macOS

Screen Program

On macOS, you can use the "screen" program to attach to a serial port. First, find the device of the tty by typing:

```
ls /dev/*usb*
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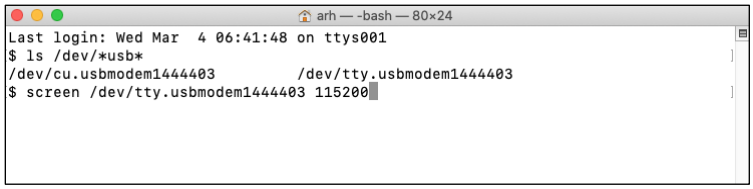


Then attach using the device name and baud rate:

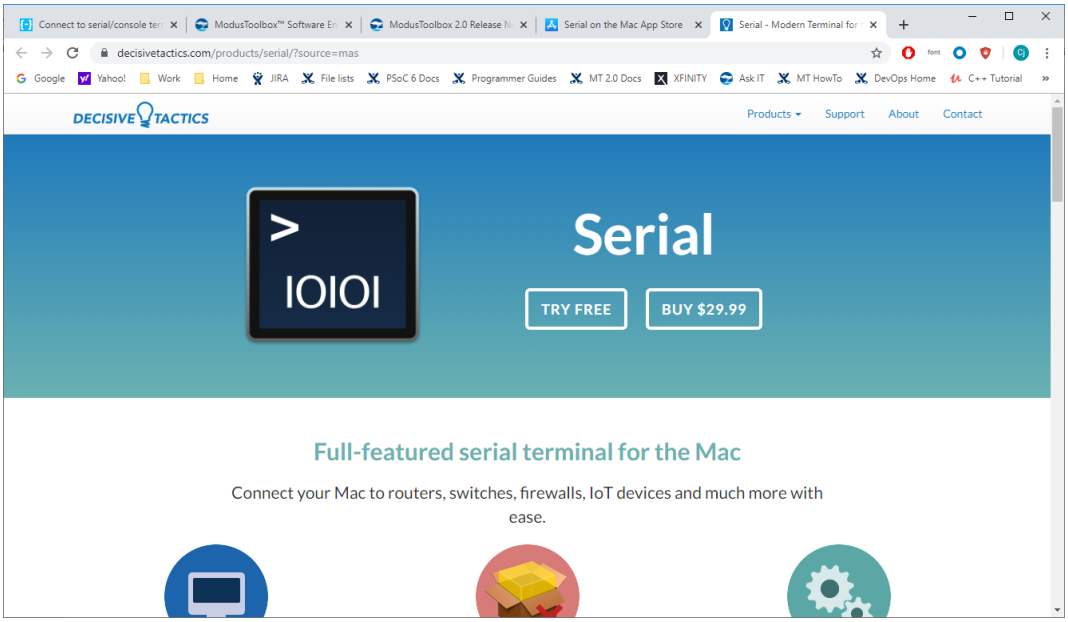
```
screen /dev/tty.usbmodem1444403 115200
```

You can then quit by pressing **Ctrl + A** then **Ctrl + D**.

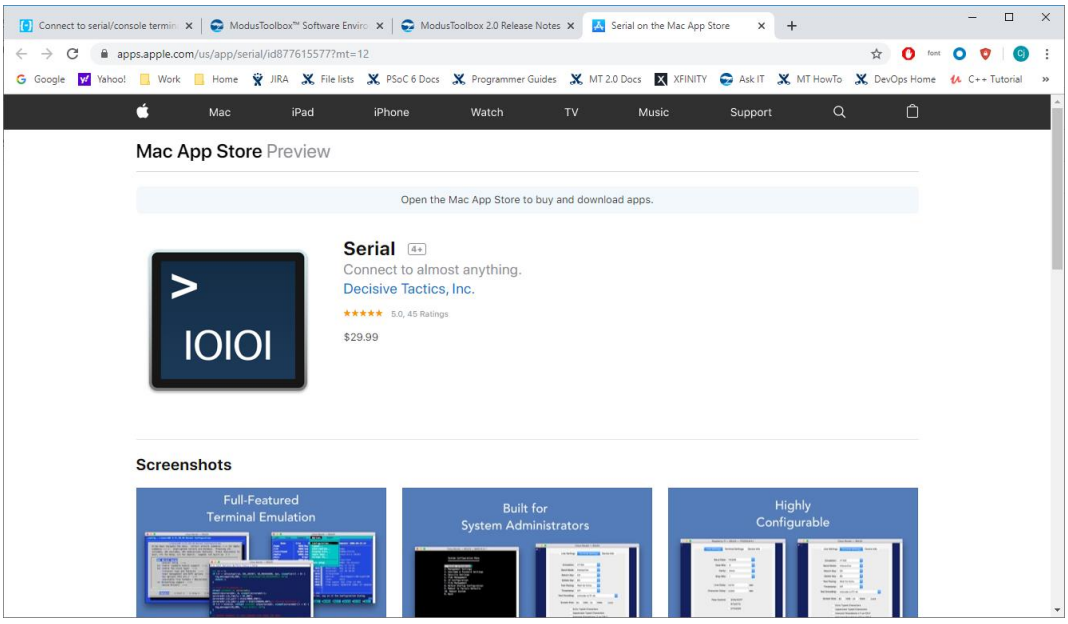
Serial App

On macOS, you can also use a program like the Serial.app to attach to a serial port. You can purchase it directly from the creator or on the Mac App Store. Here are the links:

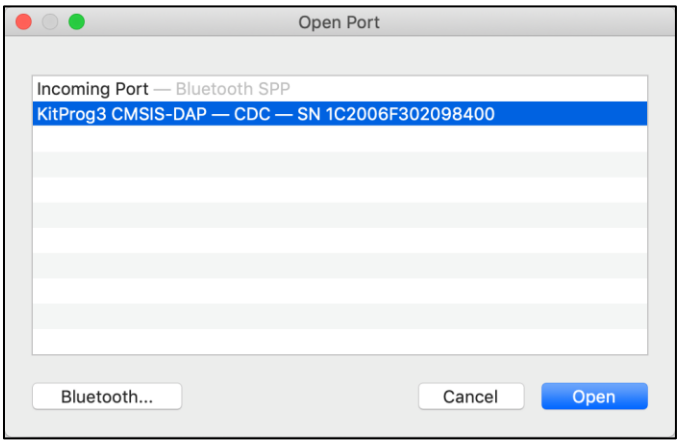
Creator's website: https://www.decisivetactics.com/products/serial/



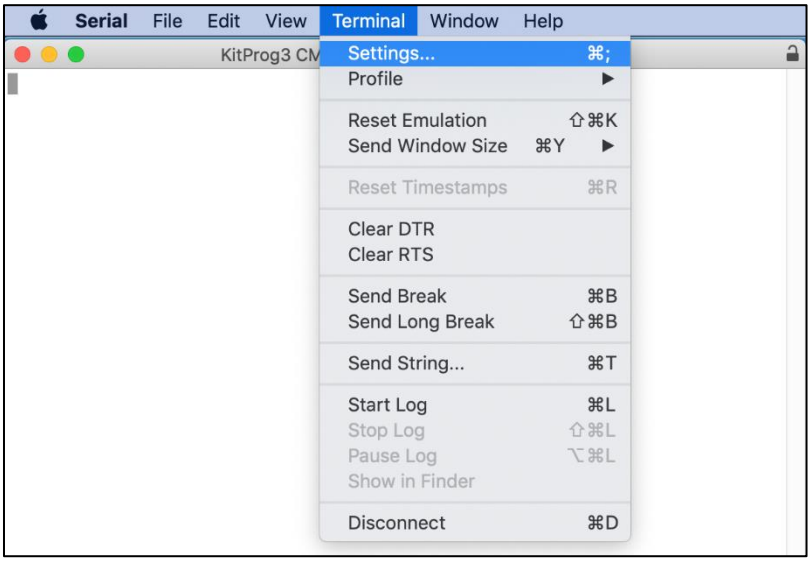
Mac App Store: https://apps.apple.com/us/app/serial/id877615577?mt=12



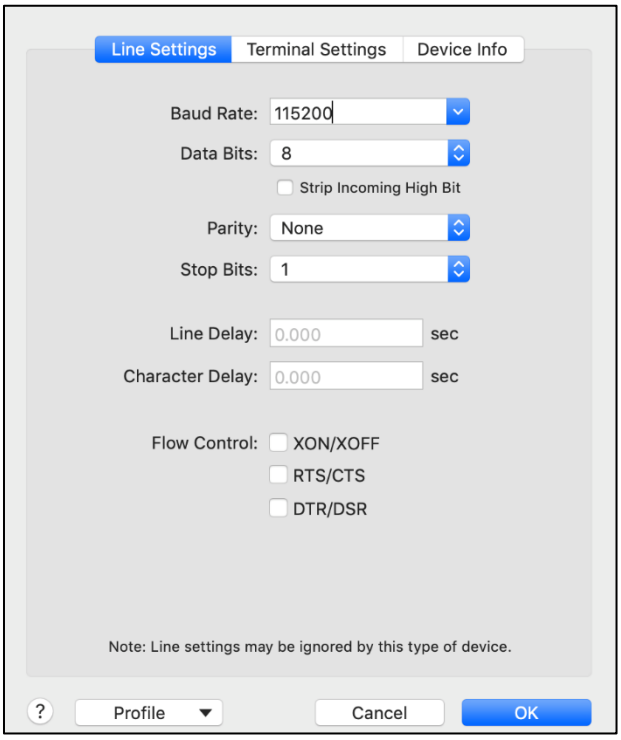
1. After installing it, run the Serial app to open the port selector. This shows the attached board (CY8CKIT-062-WIFI-BT) is set to CMSIS-DAP mode:



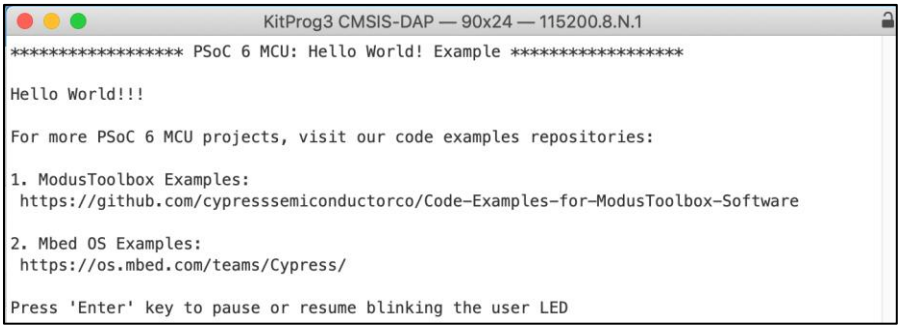
2. Select the kit and click **Open**.
3. Click on the **Terminal > Settings** menu to configure the serial interface:



4. Configure settings (same values as Windows):



5. Click **OK** to apply. On a brand-new kit, you should see something like this:



1.11.3 Linux

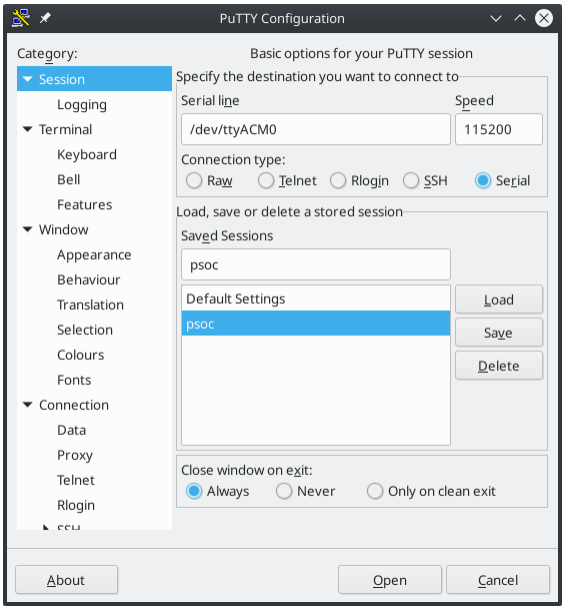
You can use PuTTY on Linux similar to Windows. The only difference is that the device name is in the form of /dev/ttyACMn, where n is usually a small number. To get a list of such devices, type the following on the command line:

```
ls /dev/ttyACM*
```

This should return something like this:

```
crw-rw----+ 1 root plugdev 166, 0 Dec  3 13:20 /dev/ttyACM0
```

Select the **Serial** option, and copy the device name into the PuTTY window:



Note On common Linux distributions, the serial UART ports belong to the root user and to the dialout and plugdev groups. Standard users are not allowed to access these devices. To fix this, you'll need to run this command:

```
sudo usermod -a -G dialout,plugdev $USER
```

1.12 Exercises

1.12.1 Verify the Software

Before class, you should have already downloaded and installed the following software. Refer to the Installation Instructions provided via email. Make sure the software is installed and configured correctly.

ModusToolbox Installer

- Can you start the IDE?
- Can you create a workspace?
- Can you run ModusToolbox Command Line?
    - **For Windows**: Run cygwin.bat from the ModusToolbox/tools_2.1/modus-shell folder.
    - **For macOS/Linux**: Open a terminal window and type `make`.

Mbed Studio

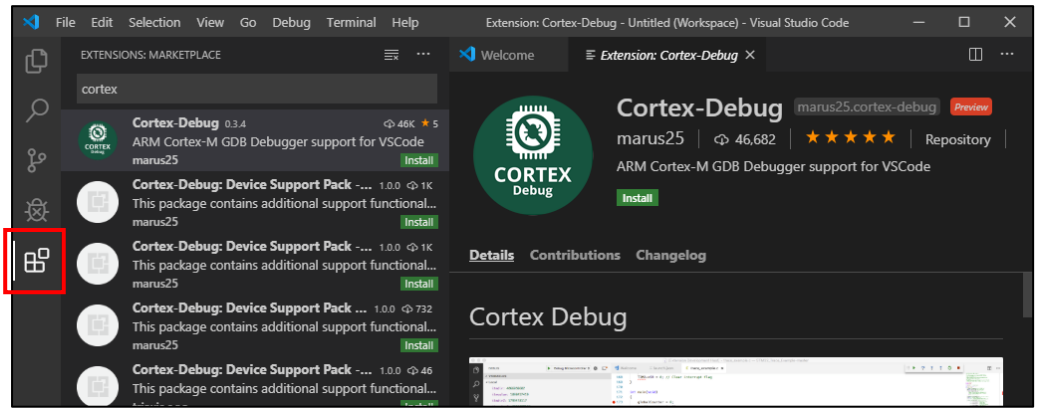
- Can you start the IDE?

Mbed CLI

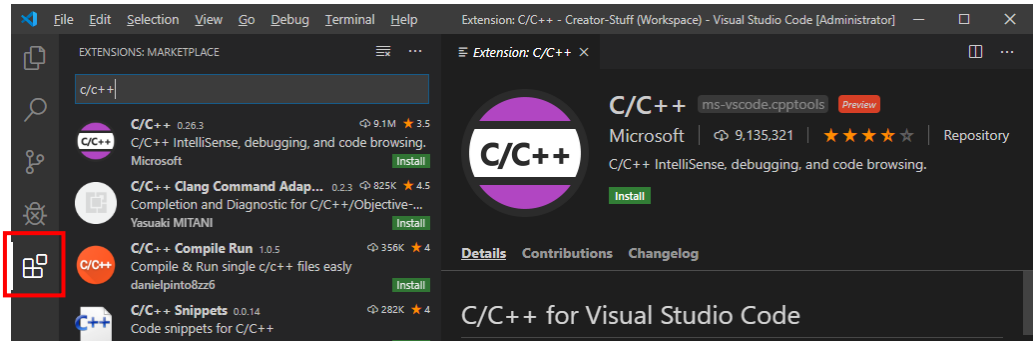
- Were you able to setup and configure the virtual environment for Mbed in the installation instructions?

Visual Studio Code

- Can you start the IDE?
- Can you install the Cortex-Debug extension?



- Can you install the C/C++ tools extension?



1.12.2 Run the fw-loader Tool

See section 1.10 PSoC Firmware Loader for details.

- [ ] Check the KitProg firmware version on the kits.

```
./fw-loader --device-list
```

- [ ] Does a device show up? What mode is it in? Update to the latest version.

```
./fw-loader --update-kp3
```

1.12.3 Switch KitProg Modes and Verify the Mode

See section 1.10 PSoC Firmware Loader for details.

- [ ] Switch between all the KitProg modes using the Mode Switch button.
- [ ] Switch between the modes using the fw-loader tool.

```
./fw-loader --mode <mode>
```

- [ ] Verify that you know “what you are doing” by using the fw-loader tool.

```
./fw-loader --device-list
```

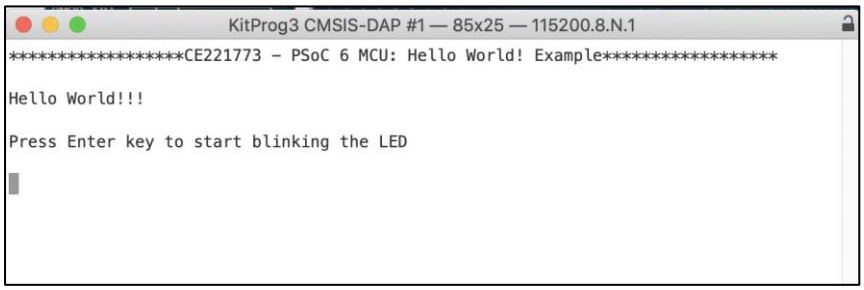
- [ ] When you are done, put the kit into CMSIS-BULK mode

```
./fw-loader --mode kp3-bulk
```

The LED should be solid ON.

1.12.4 Use a terminal program to attach to the UART on the CY8CPROTO-062-4343W

- On a brand-new kit, you should see something like this (baud rate 115200):



1.12.5 Use a terminal program to attach to the UART on the CY8CKIT-062-WIFI-BT kit

- On a brand-new kit, you should see something like this (baud rate 115200):