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Getting Started with KL25Z on MCUXpresso IDE

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INTRODUCTION TO IDE AND KL25Z

What is an IDE?

An integrated development environment (IDE) is a software suite that consolidates all tools required to write and test software. As developers we use numerous tools throughout the software development process. An IDE includes all these tools such as text editors, compilers, debugger, code libraries such as vendor specific APIS, test platforms and so on. Without IDE we would have had to manage all these tools ourselves. Hence an IDE can improve productivity as we do not spend time deciding which tools to use. It also standardizes the development process. An IDE can help us in the following ways:

- 1. **Syntax Highlighting**: IDE knows the syntax of your language and prevents the syntactical errors by highlighting it, saving you some debugging time.
- Autocomplete: It can anticipate what you type next, you do not need to write the entire name of
 the function, it automatically pops up. This saves keystrokes so the programmer can focus on logic
 in their code.
- 3. **Builds executables**: You do not need to make a Makefile. It automatically builds the code for you saves it in relevant directories in your project.
- 4. **Debugging**: You do not need external debuggers, logic analyzers or oscilloscopes, to see what's exactly happening with the code. The IDE provides you with a detailed debugging capability allowing you to use breakpoints, watchpoints, view variables, register values, disassembly (more on this later) and so on.
- 5. Version Control, Multiple language support, multiple board support, refactoring etc...

A little about MCUXpresso..

It is an Eclipse based IDE for NXP MCUs based on Arm Cortex-M cores, including LPC and Kinetis microcontrollers and so on. Provides advanced editing, compiling and editing with MCU-specific debugging views, code trace, and profiling, includes pin, clock and peripheral tools, support for FreeRTOS etc. More info in this link ->(https://www.nxp.com/design/software/development-software/mcuxpresso-software-and-tools/mcuxpresso-integrated-development-environment-ide:MCUXpresso-IDE)

For a detailed guide of MCUXpresso IDE visit the link -> https://www.nxp.com/docs/en/user-guide/MCUXpresso IDE User Guide.pdf

A little about FRDM KL25Z

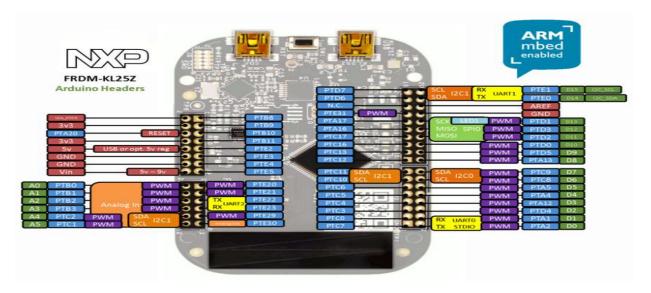
Originally developed by Freescale for their Kinetis L series, was acquired by NXP semiconductors in 2015. It's built on 32 bit ARM® CortexTM-M0+ processor running at 48MHz.

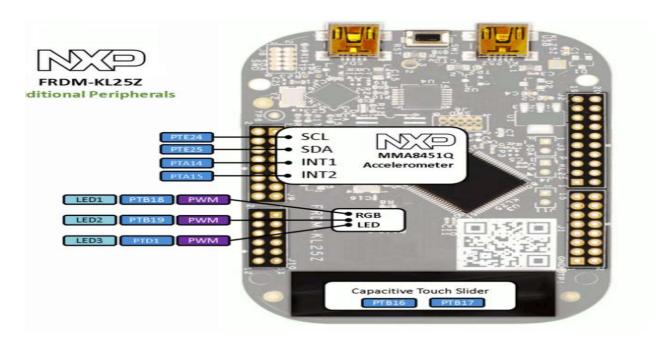
Specification:

Microcontroller	MKL25Z128VLK4 MCU		
	■ 48 MHz		
	■ 128 KB flash		
	■ 16 KB SRAM		
	= 80LQFP		
Sensor	Capacitive touch "slider"		
	■ MMA8451Q accelerometer		
Debug	Sophisticated OpenSDA debug interface		
	Open-source data logging application provides an example for customer, partner and enthusiast development on the OpenSDA circuit		
	P&E Multilink interface provides run-control debugging and compatibility with IDE tools		
Connectivity	Easy access to MCU I/O		
Tools & OS Support	■ Arm® Mbed™ enabled		
	■ Supported by Zephyr® OS		
	Mass storage device flash programming interface (default) – no tool installation required to evaluate demo apps		
User Components	Tri-color LED		

and lots of interfaces including USB Host, USB Device, SPI, I2C, ADC, DAC, PWM, Touch Sensor and other I/O interfaces.

Pinout:





Notice the pinouts given. You can see that majority of the pins are multiplexed! They have 2 or more functionality. We need to choose which functionality to use.

Link to the User Manual -> https://www.seeedstudio.com/document/pdf/FRMD-KL25Z.pdf

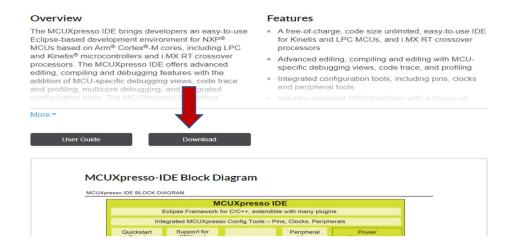
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Let's get started!

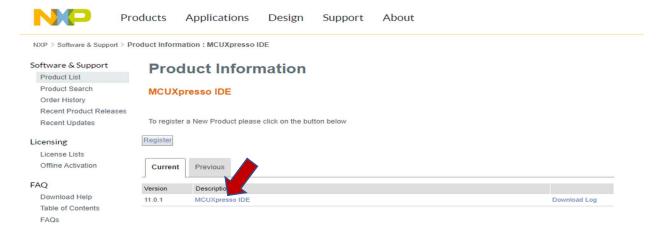
MCUXpresso Installation instructions for KL25Z

Go to this link and click download

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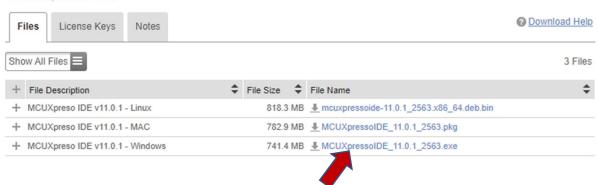
This will prompt you to register if you are a first time users, sign in if you already have an account Next Click on MCUXpresso IDE under current.



Agree to the software terms and conditions, and then select the package based on your operating system. For our purposes we will download for windows.

Product Download

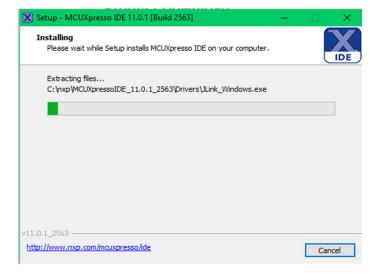
MCUXpresso IDE

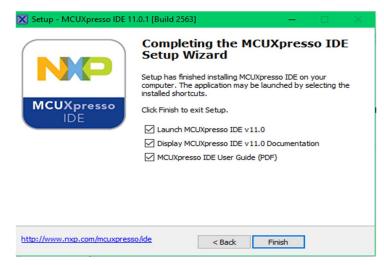


It takes around 5 mins to download the exe file. When you click on the exe, it will take you to IDE setup.

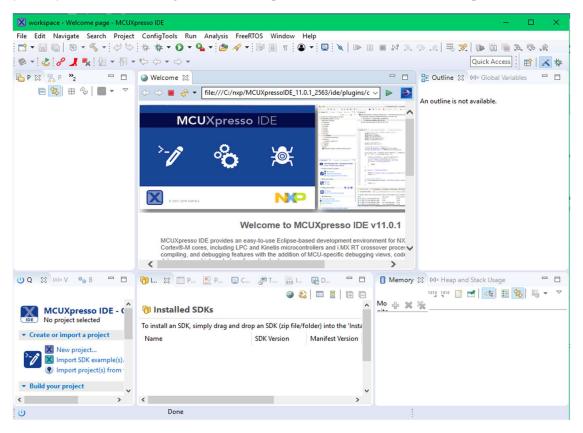


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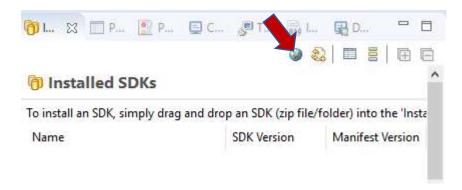




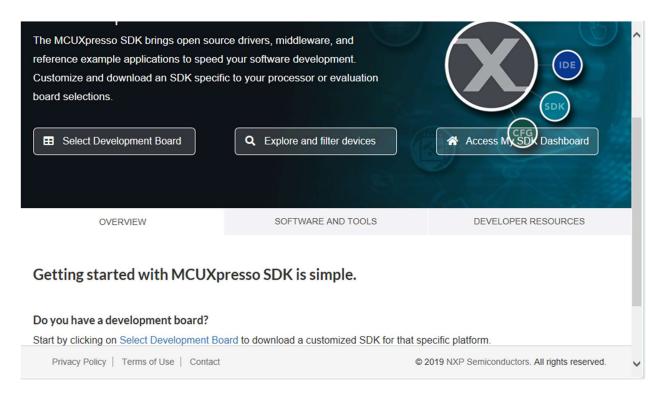
On successful installation, you see the MCU user guide automatically open up. For any security alert that you may come across during the installation process, allow access. And at this point we are done installing.



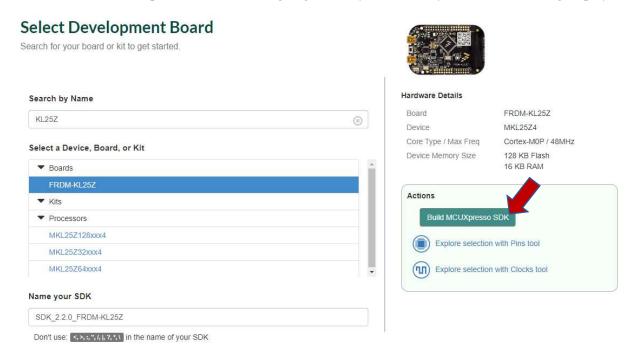
We have the IDE, now its time to get the SDK. We can observe that there are no SDKs under installed SDKs in the above example. To download it, go to the tiny blue globe icon on the right of installed sdks



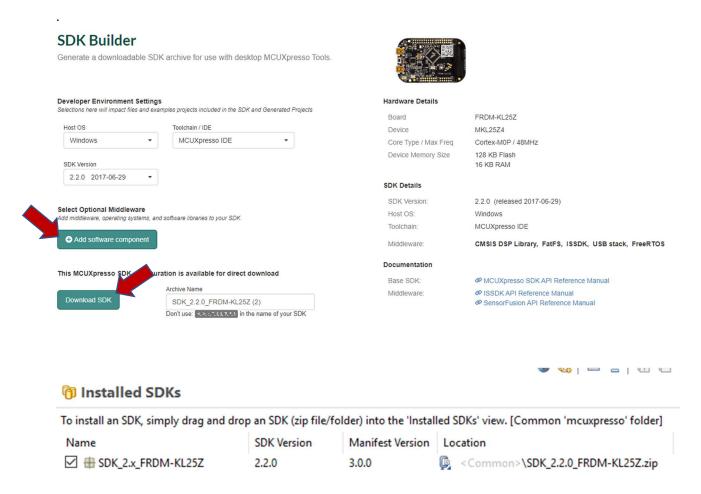
It opens the following tab, alternately you can also go to this link: https://mcuxpresso.nxp.com/en/welcome



Click on 'select development board', after signing in with you account, you see the following display:

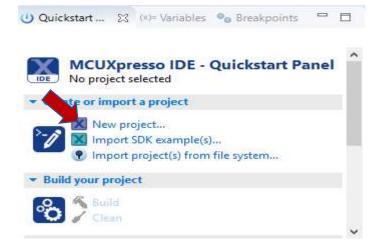


Click on MCUXpresso SDK and it you the following page.

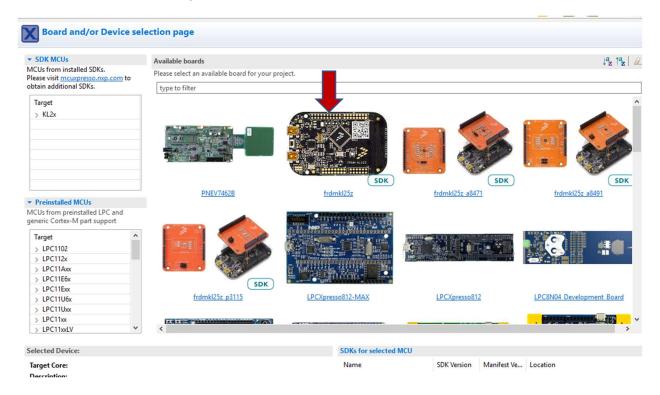


Click on 'add software component' and select all. Then click on download SDK. Agree to software terms and conditions. The installation will take a few mins and download a zip file. Simply drag and drop the zip file to the installed SDKs box.

To confirm your SDK installation, click on new project option from the quick start panel, or just new icon from the menu bar and select New c/c++ project from under MCUXpresso IDE.



And see that the FRDM KL25Z SDK is added under the list of available boards.



At this point you are done with your environment setup, so lets now move to starting a project.

Setting up your FRDM KL25Z

- Download the FRDM-KL25Z Quick start package (if you don't have it already) from under 'Documents and Software' in the following link-> https://www.nxp.com/design/development-boards/freedom-development-platform-for-kinetis-kl14-kl25-mcus:FRDM-KL25Z?&tid=vanFRDM-KL25Z
- 2. Plug in the USB cable normally with the open sda port and observe if you have a green light on. In case you don't, unplug and plug it in the bootloader mode wile pressing reset button. If you see 8 fast blinks followed by a 2 second gap, your board must be bricked. Follow the unbricking procedure below.
- 3. Plug in a USB cable (not included) from a USB host to the OpenSDA mini-B USB connector while pressing the tiny 'RST' or reset button between the OpenSDA and KL25Z USB connectors. This puts the board in bootloader mode. Release the button. The FRDMKL25Z will be powered by this USB connection and you will see green led blinking at 1hz, indicating that it's in idle mode. Check the blink pattern shown below.

3 LED Status Indicator

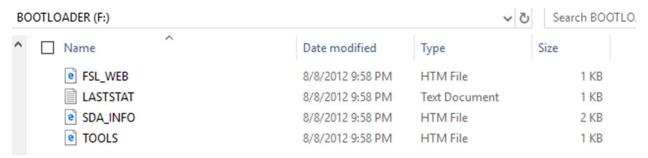
The OpenSDA LED indicator is used by the MSD Bootloader and the standard OpenSDA Applications to provide mode and status information. A description of the LED indicator states and patterns is provided in Table 2.

OpenSDA Mode	State Description	LED Pattern
Bootloader	Prior to USB enumeration	Off
Bootloader	Idle – running normally with no error conditions	Blinking: 500ms on, 500ms off
Bootloader	Error	2 seconds off followed by 8 rapid on/off blinks
Application	Prior to USB enumeration	Off
Application	Running normally with no error conditions and no USB activity	On
Application	USB activity (for example, MSD or CDC)	Blinking
Application	Error	2 seconds off followed by 8 rapid on/off blinks

Table 2. LED Status and Mode Information.

In case you see 8 blinks with 2 sec gap, detach, plug it in normally and see if you can see a steady green light. If not, you may have to follow the unbricking procedure.

4. On connecting with the computer, A removable drive should now be visible in the host file system with a volume label of BOOTLOADER.



OpenSDA is an open-standard serial and debug adapter. It bridges serial and debug communications between a USB host and an embedded target processor. OpenSDA software includes a flash-resident USB mass-storage device (MSD) bootloader and a collection of OpenSDA Applications. https://www.nxp.com/docs/en/user-guide/OPENSDAUG.pdf

5. Download the Windows USB drivers from http://www.pemicro.com/opensda/index.cfm
In case SDA_INFO.HTML doesn't automatically opens the pemicro website. Run the exe file. This will help the computer recognize the FRDM device.

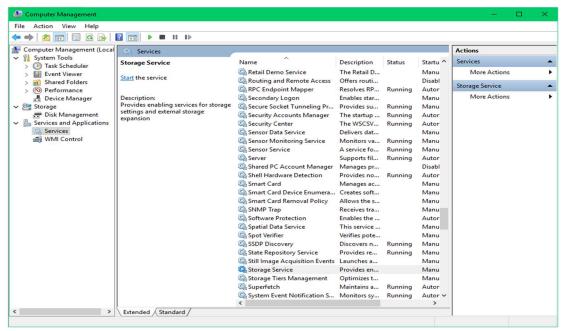


6. While in OpenSDA Bootloader mode, double-click SDA_INFO.HTML in the BOOTLOADER drive. A web browser will open the OpenSDA homepage containing the name and version of the installed Application. This information can also be read as text directly from SDA_INFO.HTML.

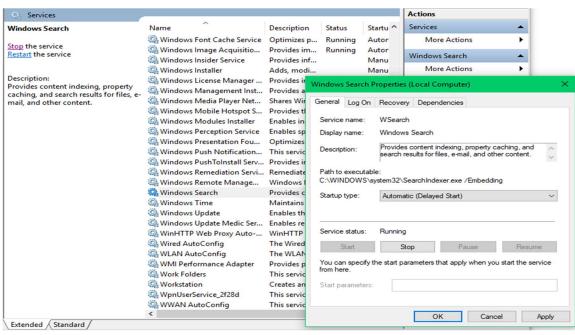


Notice the bootloader version. If your machine is windows 7 or less, you can skip it this step. The firmware was developed long time back and is not compatible with Windows 8 or above. Hence we need to update the bootloader of the board. From version 1.09 to 1.11.

- a. Unplug the board from host PC.
- b. stop/disable several Windows 10 services which interfere with the bootloader.
 - I. Go to Computer Management -> Services and Application > Services -> Scroll down to 'Storage Service' and click 'stop the service'.



II. Scroll down further to 'Windows Search', right click -> properties -> under startup choose disabled -> okay and then 'click stop the service'



III. Go to http://www.pemicro.com/opensda/ download the following

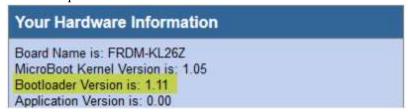


Extract all files. Extract the 'OpenSDA_Bootloader_Update*.zip' inside that zip file as well.



You will need the BOOTUPDATEAPP Pemicro v111.SDA.

- IV. Press first the Reset button (and keep it pressed) while power the board with the Open SDA USB connector. And the board shows up as Bootloader drive as mentioned above.
- V. Copy the update file mentioned above to the bootloader drive and then unpower the board.
- VI. Power the board again without pressing the reset button, this should open up the bootloader driver. Click on SDA_INFO.HTML file and you can see that the bootloader has been updated



- 7. Now go to your earlier downloaded OpenSDA firmware, MSD & DEBUG (look above) Select the 'MSD-DEBUG-FRDM-KL25Z_Pemicro_v118.SDA' file and copy it to your bootloader drive. After that, un power your board.
- 8. Power the board again, in the normal mode (without pressing the reset button). The board will show up with it's name as the device. And the green LED will always be on.

 Lastly click on SDA_INFO.HTML again and the final hardware information should look something like this:

Your Hardware Information Board Name is: FRDM-KL25Z MicroBoot Kernel Version is: 1.05 Bootloader Version is: 1.11 Installed Application: PEMicro FRDM-KL25Z Mass Storage/Debug App Application Version is: 1.18 DUID is: 04022222 DADDA4D2 27250225 CC005C72

Go to device manager and see if you have them: 🚜 Device Manager File Action View Help 14 ? ye. > Human Interface Devices > Imaging devices > Intel(R) Dynamic Platform and Thermal Framework v 🗐 Jungo PEMicro OpenSDA Debug Driver pemicrowindryr WinDriver Windriver > Keyboards > Denovo Vhid Device Mice and other pointing devices Monitors Network adapters > NoMachine USB Host Adapter Portable Devices ✓ Ports (COM & LPT) OpenSDA - CDC Serial Port (http://www.pemicro.com/opensda) (COM11) Standard Serial over Bluetooth link (COM3) Standard Serial over Bluetooth link (COM4) > Print queues > Processors Security devices > Em Sensors Software components Software devices Sound, video and game controllers

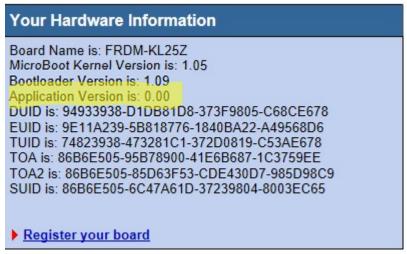
At this point you are all set and ready to start with your project!!

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How to Unbrick your board?

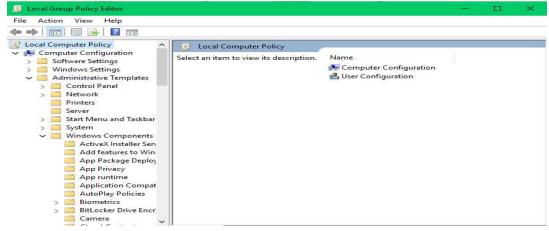
FRDM KL25Z will work without a problem on windows7, but for windows 8 and above, it doesn't work. Its firmware is outdated. If on normal plug in your green LED is off and in booth loader more, you LED pattern shows the error code, that means the OpenSDA debug application has been erased and the board does not boot into debug mode anymore. It's extremely easy to brick your board if you are using windows 10. Bootloader gets stuck by the information send by the windows 10 machine and erases the debug application.

1. Plug it in, in the bootloader mode holding the reset button. You will be able to see the boot loader drive. Click on 'SDA_INFO' HTML file. And you should see something like this:

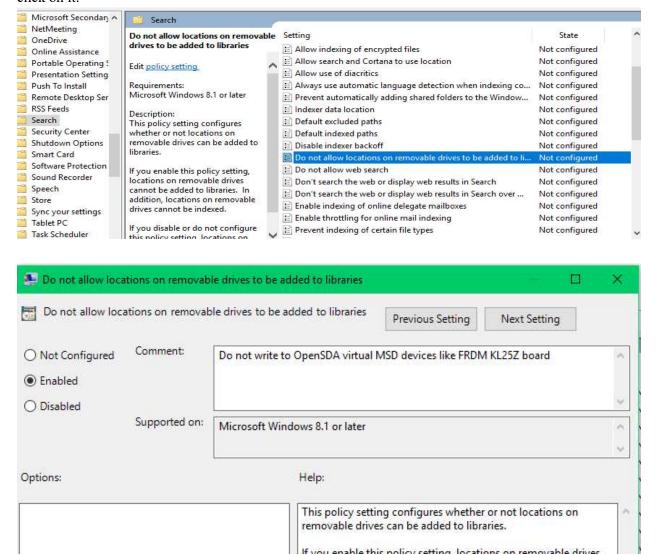


Observe that the application version is 0.00 that means there is no debug application any more on the board and hence you can't debug anymore. This should confirm that your board is definitely bricked.

- 2. We need to prevent windows 10 to write anything to the virtual msd device. Press Windows+R to open 'Run' and type 'gpedit.msc' to launch the Microsoft configuration console. In case you do not have gpedit.msc enabled. Follow this tutorial -> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J28r5u5Wqy4
- 3. This opens a Local Group Policy Editor. Go to Computer Configuration -> Administrative Templates -> Windows Components, and scroll all the way down to 'search' and click on it.



Click on 'Do not allow locations on removable devices to be added to libraries' option and double click on it.



Write an informative comment in the comment section and change from 'Not Configure' to 'Enabled'. Press Apply and then Ok. Now under the search settings, the options should show Enabled.

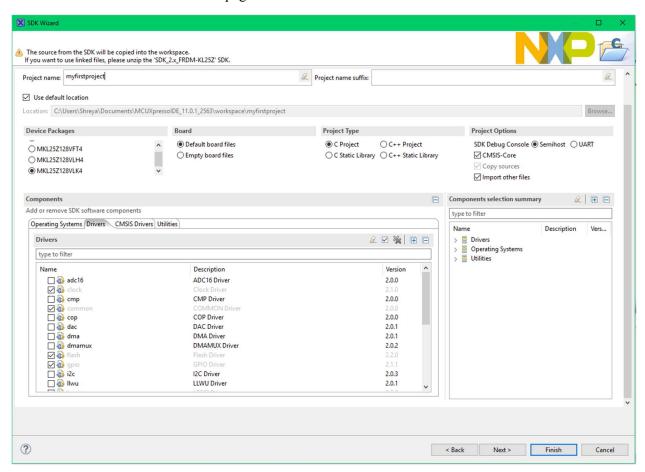
4. Restart your PC and plug your device in bootloader mode. The green LED now blinks at 1Hz. Phew!! Still a little more to go!

Follow the normal steps as mentioned under the set up of KL25Z.

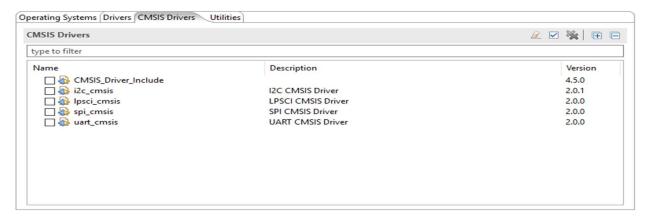
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Important link -> https://www.nxp.com/docs/en/user-guide/MCUXSDKGSUG.pdf

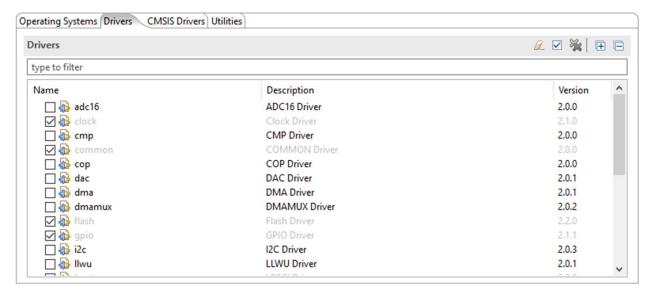
Go to new project button from the Quickstart menu or new from the menu bar. Click on the KL25Z SDK from the board and device selection page then click next.



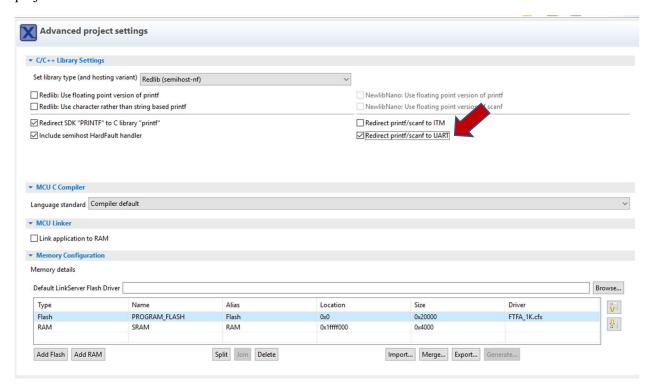
The SDK wizard as shown above allows us to choose operating systems, add remove drivers. The CMSIS (Cortex Microcontroller Software Interface Standard.) is an ARM standard. It is a portable software across all Cortex implementation and is usually written in c/c++.



For the purpose of this project we do not need to include any of the CMSIS drivers

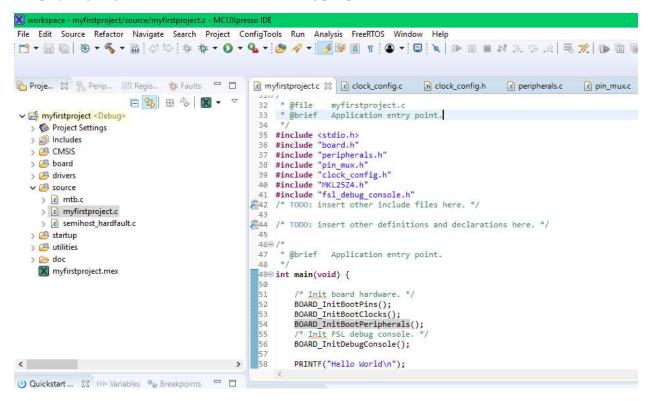


These are the peripheral drivers and are more vendor specific. Make sure you have gpio driver selected. No need to change the rest. Under operating systems, select 'baremetal' if it's not already selected. Bare metal programming refers to writing firmware which directly runs on the Target (hardware) without any underlying abstraction such as operating systems. This is what we are going to do in this class. Let the utilities be as it is. Finally give a project name, select the device package – MKL25Z128VLK4, select 'c project' and click next.



In the advanced project settings, select 'Redirect printf/scanf to UART' and click finish.

Our project gets generated and we see the following perspective view



We would go into more details about the project structure and each files later. For now, we have an auto generated entry point application where we can add out own code. Our goal is to blink an led.

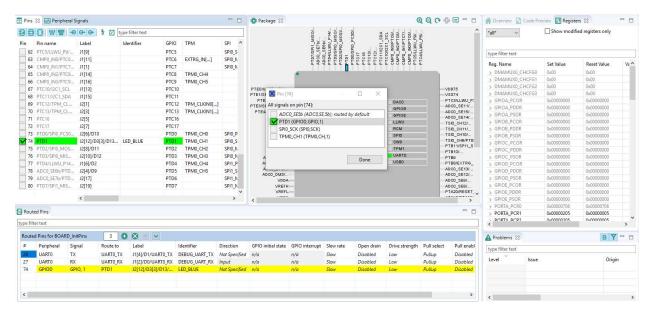
So first let's decide which port and pin number corresponds to out Led of interest, For that we need to check the pinout first. From the pinout mentioned in the introduction we see that we have 3 available LEDs. Lets choose LED3 PTD1 which is Port D pin 1. We need to do the following:

- a. Clocks Enable for Port D. For any peripheral, port etc the clocks must be enabled or it won't work or throw an exception
- b. **Set Pin Mux** the pins. Every pin has chip specific alternate functions. In our scenario we need to set the pin as normal gpio
- c. Configure the pins. This needs to be set as either input or output.
- d. Set pin val: 1 or 0 for light and no light with delay in between to emulate blink

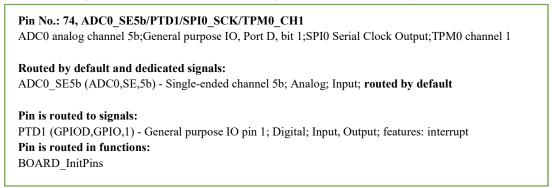
To Enable clock for port D and set Pin mux, MCUXpresso provides us a Pins tool. **Pins** tool is an easy-to-use tool for configuration of device pins. The **Pins** tool software helps create, inspect, change, and modify any element of pin configuration and device muxing.



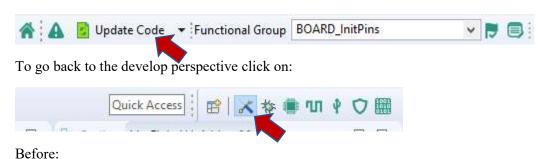
Click on it and you would see a screen like this:



In the **Pins** view on the left, scroll down to LED_BLUE, PTD1 and click on it, then click on the pin functionality and select GPIO, done. When you hover over PTD1, you can see the details as follows



This gives us pin information. We know the default routing was some ADC0.. but now its GPIO after our selection. This selection is reflected in the function BOARD_InitPins. Click 'update code' from the menu and click OK.



Now:

Expanding clock enable:

```
static inline void CLOCK_EnableClock(clock_ip_name_t name)
{
    uint32_t regAddr = SIM_BASE + CLK_GATE_ABSTRACT_REG_OFFSET((uint32_t)name);
    (*(volatile uint32_t *)regAddr) |= (1U << CLK_GATE_ABSTRACT_BITS_SHIFT((uint32_t)name));
}</pre>
```

Expanding the function Port_setPinMux from fsl_port.h Please note, the PCR, or pin control register has been used to mux the pin.

```
static inline void PORT_SetPinMux(PORT_Type *base, uint32_t pin, port_mux_t mux)
{
   base->PCR[pin] = (base->PCR[pin] & ~PORT_PCR_MUX_MASK) | PORT_PCR_MUX(mux);
}
```

Port Memory Map.

```
10–8 MUX

Pin Mux Control

Not all pins support all pin muxing slots. Unimplemented p configuring the pin for a different pin muxing slot.

The corresponding pin is configured in the following pin mi

000 Pin disabled (analog).

001 Alternative 1 (GPIO).

010 Alternative 2 (chip-specific).

101 Alternative 3 (chip-specific).

102 Alternative 4 (chip-specific).

103 Alternative 5 (chip-specific).

114 Alternative 6 (chip-specific).

115 Alternative 7 (chip-specific).
```

I will let you do the math and verify.

SIDE NOTE: You can see what inside any function by hovering you mouse over it or by pressing CTRL and then clicking on the function. It takes you to the file containing the function.

You can see from above that as of now we have accomplished 2 things, clock enabling for PORT D and Setting the Pin mux, Now we configure the pin as input or output. For this we have a struct in 'fsl_gpio.h' called gpio_pin_config_t

```
typedef struct _gpio_pin_config
{
    gpio_pin_direction_t pinDirection; /*!< GPIO direction, input or output */
    /* Output configurations; ignore if configured as an input pin */
    uint8_t outputLogic; /*!< Set a default output logic, which has no use in input */
} gpio_pin_config_t;

The gpio pin direction t is an enum which has 2 elements</pre>
```

```
typedef enum _gpio_pin_direction
{
   kGPIO_DigitalInput = 0U, /*!< Set current pin as digital input*/
   kGPIO_DigitalOutput = 1U, /*!< Set current pin as digital output*/
} gpio_pin_direction_t;</pre>
```

So, we call this struct in out main program and populate it. The pin's direction needs to be configured as an output

```
gpio_pin_config_t led_pin_config;
led_pin_config.pinDirection = kGPIO_DigitalOutput;
led_pin_config.outputLogic = 1U;
```

At this point we just populated the struct, we need to call this in a GPIO init function which internally sets it's direction.

```
/*MACROS*/
#define LED3_PORT GPIOD //PTD
#define LED3_PIN 1U //1st pin

GPIO_PinInit(LED3_PORT, LED3_PIN, &led_pin_config);
```

It's always better to put the PORTS and PIN in a MACRO so that if we ever must change it, we can just go and change the MACRO value.

When we go inside the GPIO PinInit function we see that it basically changes the PDDR register.

```
void GPIO_PinInit(GPIO_Type *base, uint32_t pin, const gpio_pin_config_t *config)
{
    assert(config);

    if (config->pinDirection == kGPIO_DigitalInput)
    {
        base->PDDR &= ~(1U << pin);
    }
    else
    {
        GPIO_WritePinOutput(base, pin, config->outputLogic);
        base->PDDR |= (1U << pin);
    }
}</pre>
```

PDDR is port data direction register. Setting it 1 makes the pin as output, clearing it makes it input.

It's worth while to look at the gpio register overlay

Many of the gpio based APIs in fsl gpio.c will internally set or reset one of these registers.

At this point we can group all the steps taken for Configuring the LED into a function called LED init()

```
3 void LED_init(void)
4 {
5     gpio_pin_config_t led_pin_config;
6     led_pin_config.pinDirection = kGPIO_DigitalOutput;
7     led_pin_config.outputLogic = 1U;
8     GPIO_PinInit(LED3_PORT, LED3_PIN, &led_pin_config);
9 }
```

Now we need to set and clear the value of the pin with a delay in between to create a toggling effect. For that we use the following 2 functions:

```
GPIO_ClearPinsOutput(LED3_PORT, 1 << LED3_PIN);
GPIO_SetPinsOutput(LED3_PORT, 1 << LED3_PIN);
```

```
/*!
 * @brief Sets the output level of the multiple GPIO pins to the logic 1.
* @param base GPIO peripheral base pointer (GPIOA, GPIOB, GPIOC, and so on.)
  @param mask GPIO pin number macro
static inline void GPIO_SetPinsOutput(GPIO_Type *base, uint32_t mask)
    base->PSOR = mask;
}
  @brief Sets the output level of the multiple GPIO pins to the logic 0.
  @param base GPIO peripheral base pointer (GPIOA, GPIOB, GPIOC, and so on.)
  @param mask GPIO pin number macro
static inline void GPIO ClearPinsOutput(GPIO_Type *base, uint32_t mask)
    base->PCOR = mask;
}
  @brief Reverses the current output logic of the multiple GPIO pins.
   @param base GPIO peripheral base pointer (GPIOA, GPIOB, GPIOC, and so on.)
* @param mask GPIO pin number macro
static inline void GPIO_TogglePinsOutput(GPIO_Type *base, uint32_t mask)
    base->PTOR = mask;
3
```

As you can see the functions use the set, clear and toggle registers from the gpio register layout typedef.

The only remaining thing at this point is the delay, In the function below, I am giving a delay of 4 million cpu cycles. The function asm volatile ("NOP") does no operation other than consume a cpu cycle,

```
static void delay(volatile uint32_t number) {
  while(number!=0) {
    __asm volatile("NOP");
    number--;
  }
}
```

I have used volatile as some compilers can optimize out the operation which will not give us the delay we need.

Combining All the above, we have another function called blink:

```
poid Blink(void)

{
    GPIO_ClearPinsOutput(LED3_PORT, 1 << LED3_PIN);
    delay(4000000);
}    GPIO_SetPinsOutput(LED3_PORT, 1 << LED3_PIN);
    delay(4000000);
}</pre>
```

We are done at this point. We can simply call the functions in relevant places.

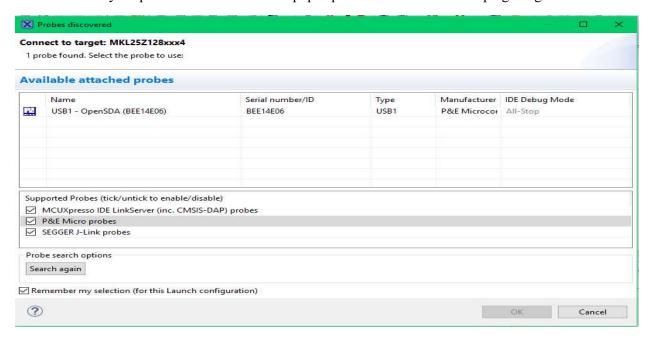
```
⇒int main(void) {
     /* Init board hardware. */
     BOARD InitBootPins();
     BOARD InitBootClocks();
     BOARD InitBootPeripherals();
     /* Init FSL debug console. */
     BOARD InitDebugConsole();
     PRINTF("Hello World\n");
     LED init();
     /* Force the counter to be placed into memory. */
     volatile static int i = 0;
     /* Enter an infinite loop, just incrementing a counter. */
     while(1) {
         i++ ;
         /* 'Dummy' NOP to allow source level single stepping of
             tight while() loop */
           asm volatile ("nop");
         Blink();
     return 0;
 }
```

Now we build the project. For that select the project you wish to build from the Project View or workspace, right click on it, then click 'Build Project' or simply select the project and click the hammer icon from the

menu bar.

If the build is successful without any errors, then click the blue bug * from the menu bar. This puts our project in the debug mode.

You should see your probe in this window that pops up next. If not remove and plug in again.



Select -> okay.

After successful debug, to run the program, Click on and to stop the debugger and return back to the program. In case you feel like you need to make some changes, terminate the debugger pressing the red square icon mentioned, make changes, build again and then debug and run.

Congratulations! The blue LED is blinking!