

Getting Started with Freescale MQX™ BSP Cloning Wizard

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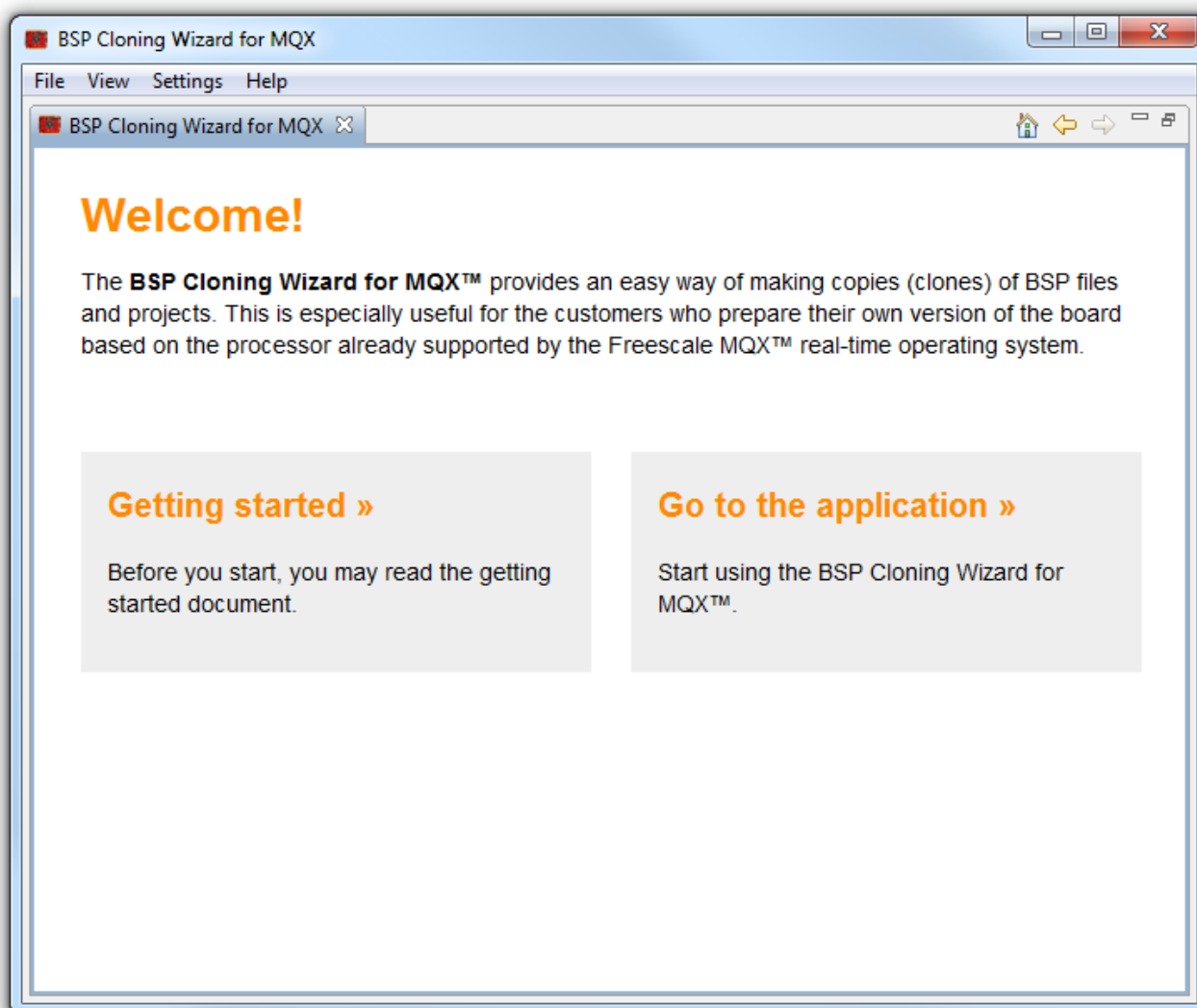
1 Read Me First

This document describes how to use the MQX BSP Cloning Wizard tool. The aim of this application is to provide an easy way of making copies (clones) of BSP files and projects. This is especially useful for the customers who prepare their own version of the board based on the processor supported by the Freescale MQX™ RTOS operating system.

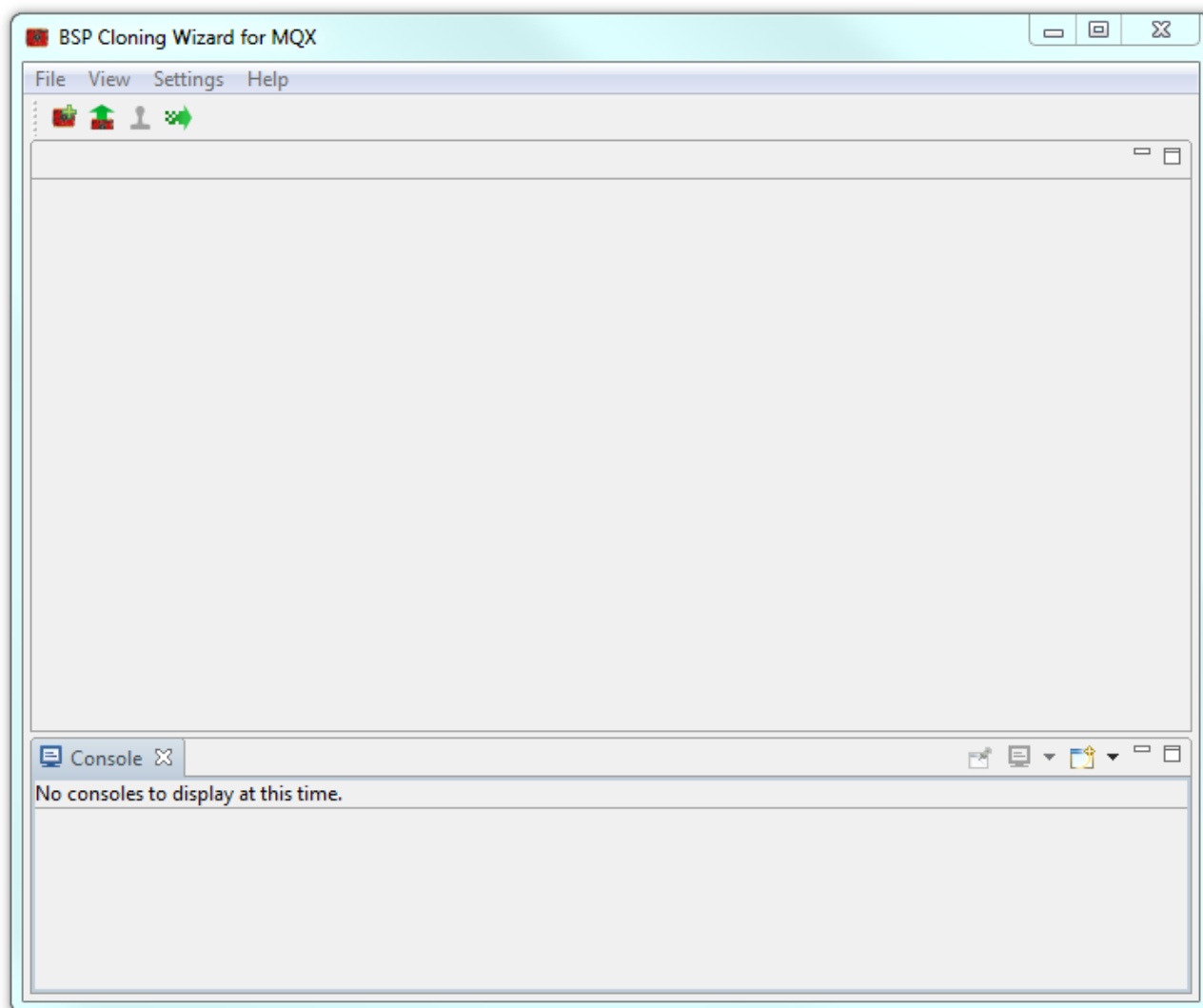
2 Making a clone of an existing board

2.1 Starting the MQX BSP Cloning Wizard application


To start the BSP Cloning Wizard, run the “[BSPCloningWizard.exe](#)” executable. If this is the first time you have started the application, the main window of the application will display as shown in the image below. You can always display the welcome page using the “Help/Welcome” menu.

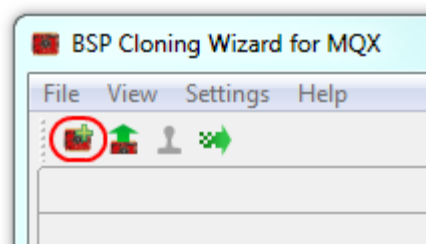


To start using the wizard, click the “Go to the application” link. You will see the following screen.

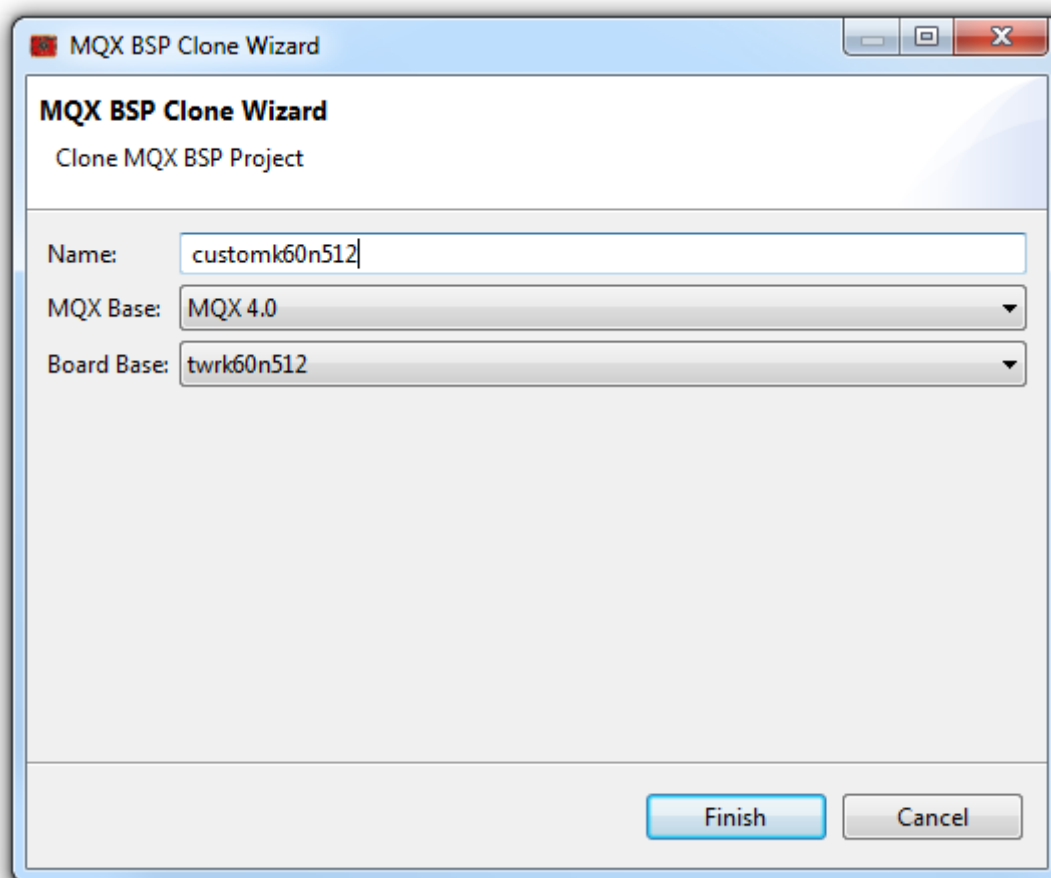


2.2 Creating a clone of an existing board

To create a new clone, find in the toolbar the wizard icon  and click it. It is located in the left corner of the application.



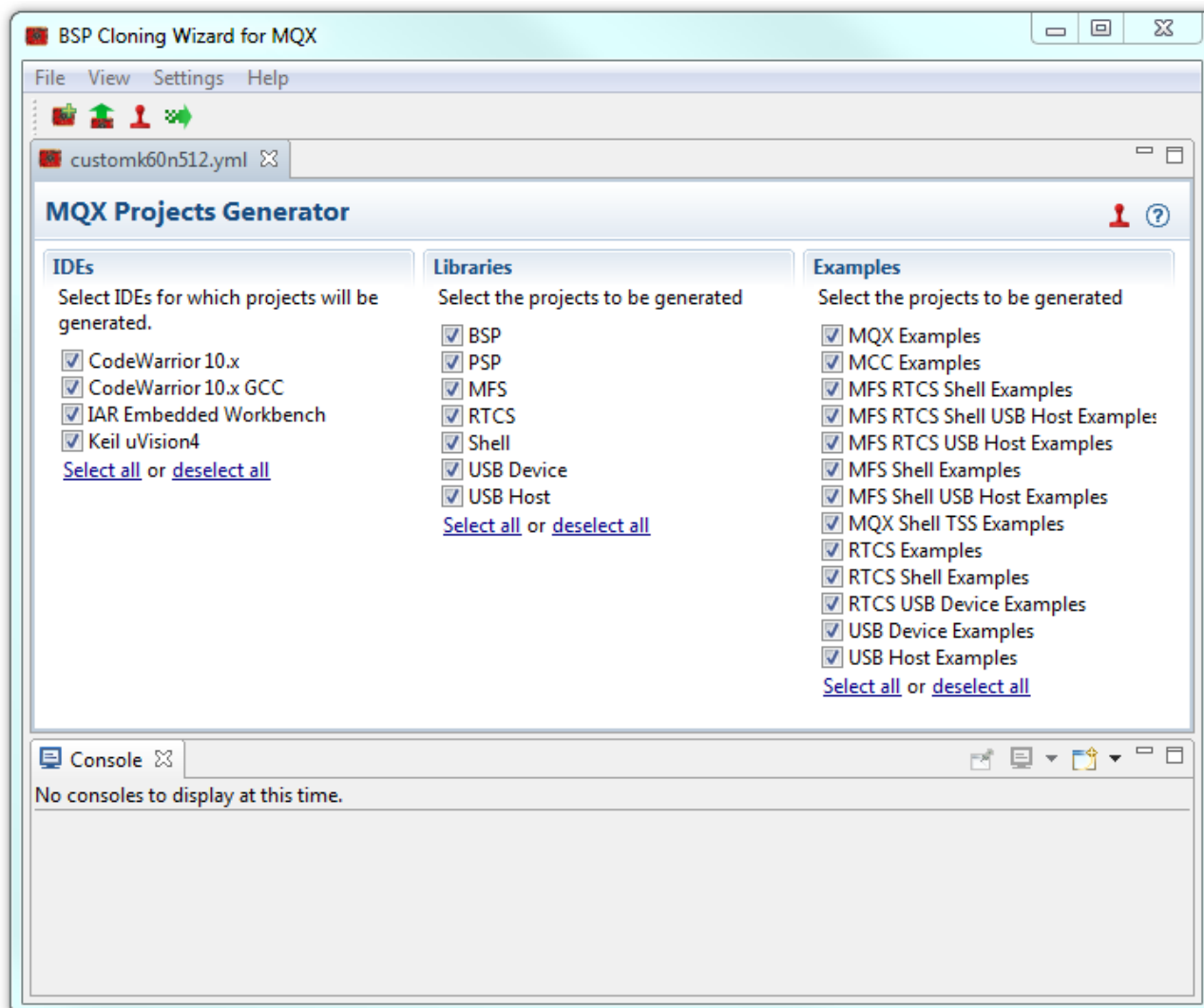
You will see the wizard window.




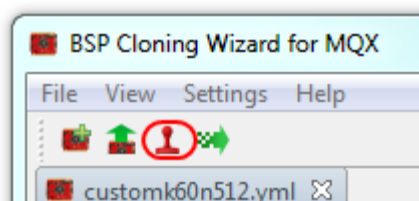
Select the MQX base for which you need to create a board clone and then select an appropriate board that will serve as a base for your custom board. In the name file, type the name of your custom board. Click the "Finish" button – the wizard will create clones of BSP files in the MQX folder structure and the window with available libraries and examples will be opened. It is used to create the project files for selected IDEs.

2.3 Generating project files

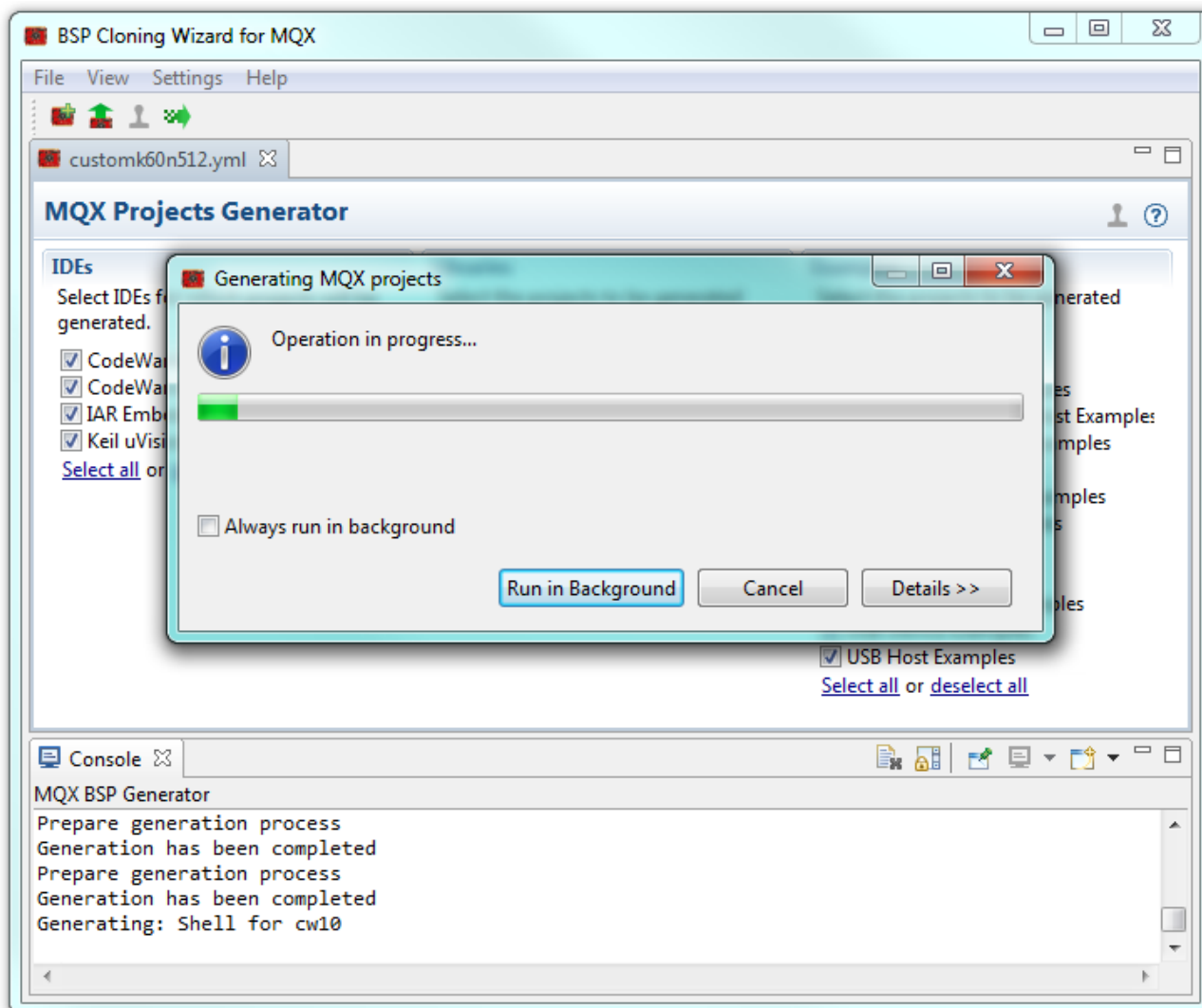
To generate project files for IDEs, select at least one IDE and at least one project from Libraries and Examples sections.



When you have finished selecting IDEs and libraries/examples, you can generate the project files. To do this, click the generator icon . It is located next to the wizard icon.



You will see the modal window indicating the progress.

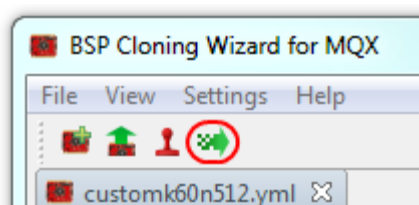


After the generation process has been finished, you can find the generated projects in the MQX folders structure.

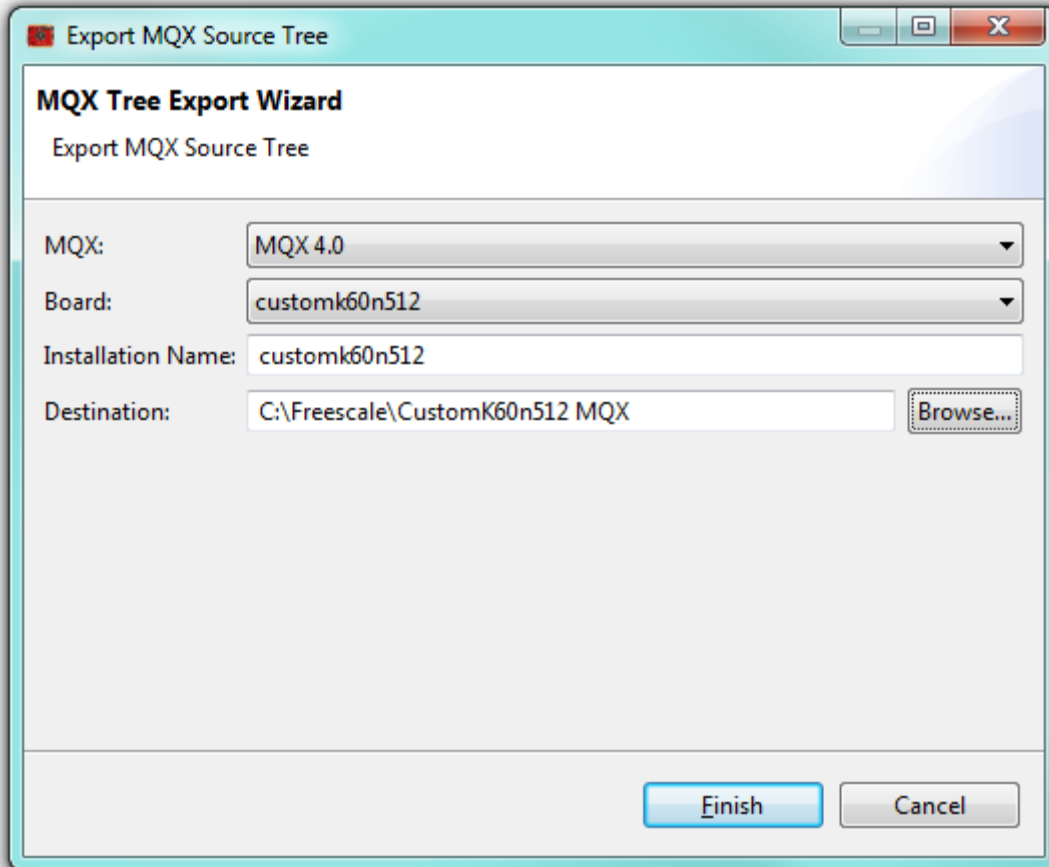
2.4 Exporting MQX source tree

You can always export the MQX source tree for a given board, either for the board which comes with MQX, or for your custom board. Exported MQX is a full MQX with all tools including the BSP Cloning Wizard. It is important to note that exported source tree does not contain project files, even if they were created in the original location. Please use BSP Cloning Wizard to generate project files.

To export the source tree, click the green arrow button .



You will see the export tree wizard.



Select MQX, where the board to be exported is stored, and then select the appropriate board.

In the field "Installation Name," fill in the name of the installation. It will be visible in the Installation Manager and can be used to quickly open the board definition.

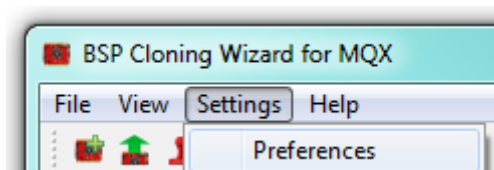
Finally, select the folder where the source should be exported and click the "Finish" button.

When the exporting process is done, you can zip the destination folder and, for instance, share it with another team member. You should be aware, however, that, on a new machine, it should be registered in the MQX installation manager. For more information, see [the next chapter](#).

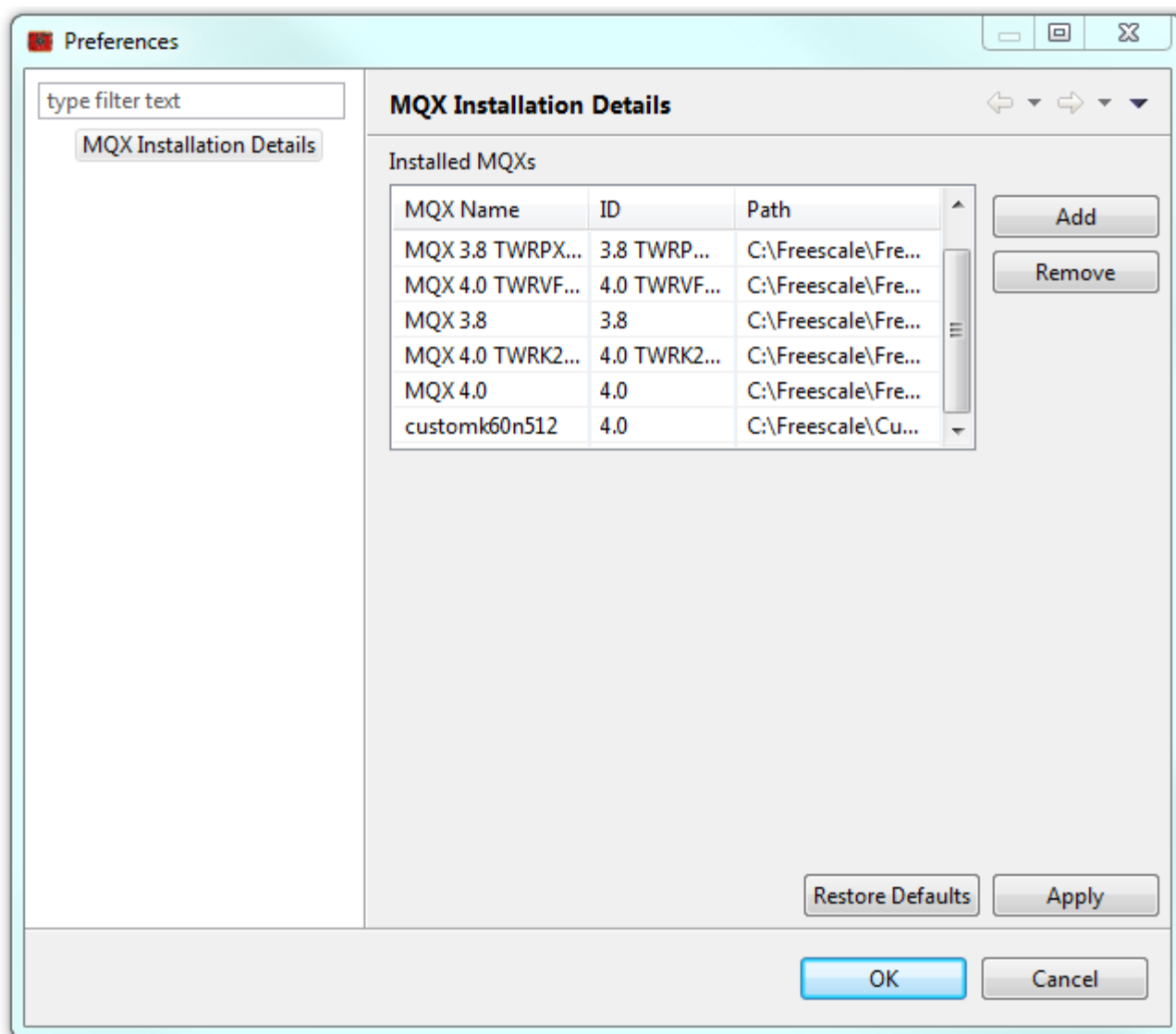
2.5 MQX installation manager

When you install MQX using the installer from the Freescale web page, your MQX installation is registered in the Windows registry. However, this is not the case when you get a MQX source tree from someone else, or when you move your MQX installation to some other directory. The registry entries become outdated.

To register the MQX source tree go to the "Settings/Preferences" menu.




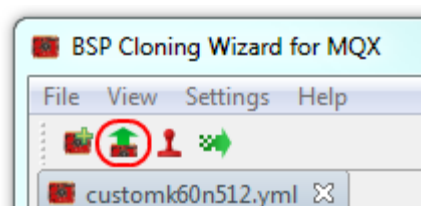
You will see the MQX Installation Details page.



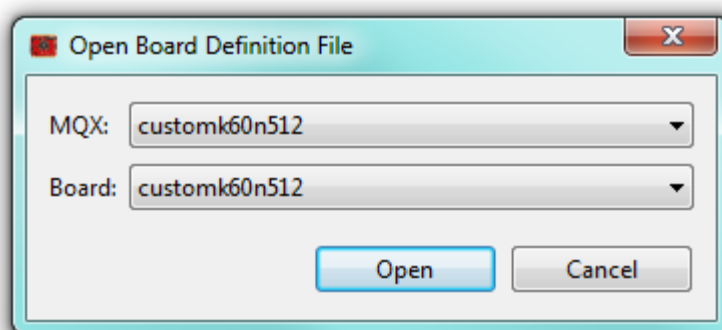
You may add another entry which contains a name (it is used in many dialogs), ID which is used to identify your MQX version, and the path to the installation. Please note that the ID is slightly different than the version. For instance, MQX 4.0.1 has ID equal to 4.0. When you have finished adding MQX installations click the “Apply” button and then the “OK” button.

2.6 Opening board definition file

To open a board definition file (e.g. you got a source tree and you want to generate project files for it) click the  icon.

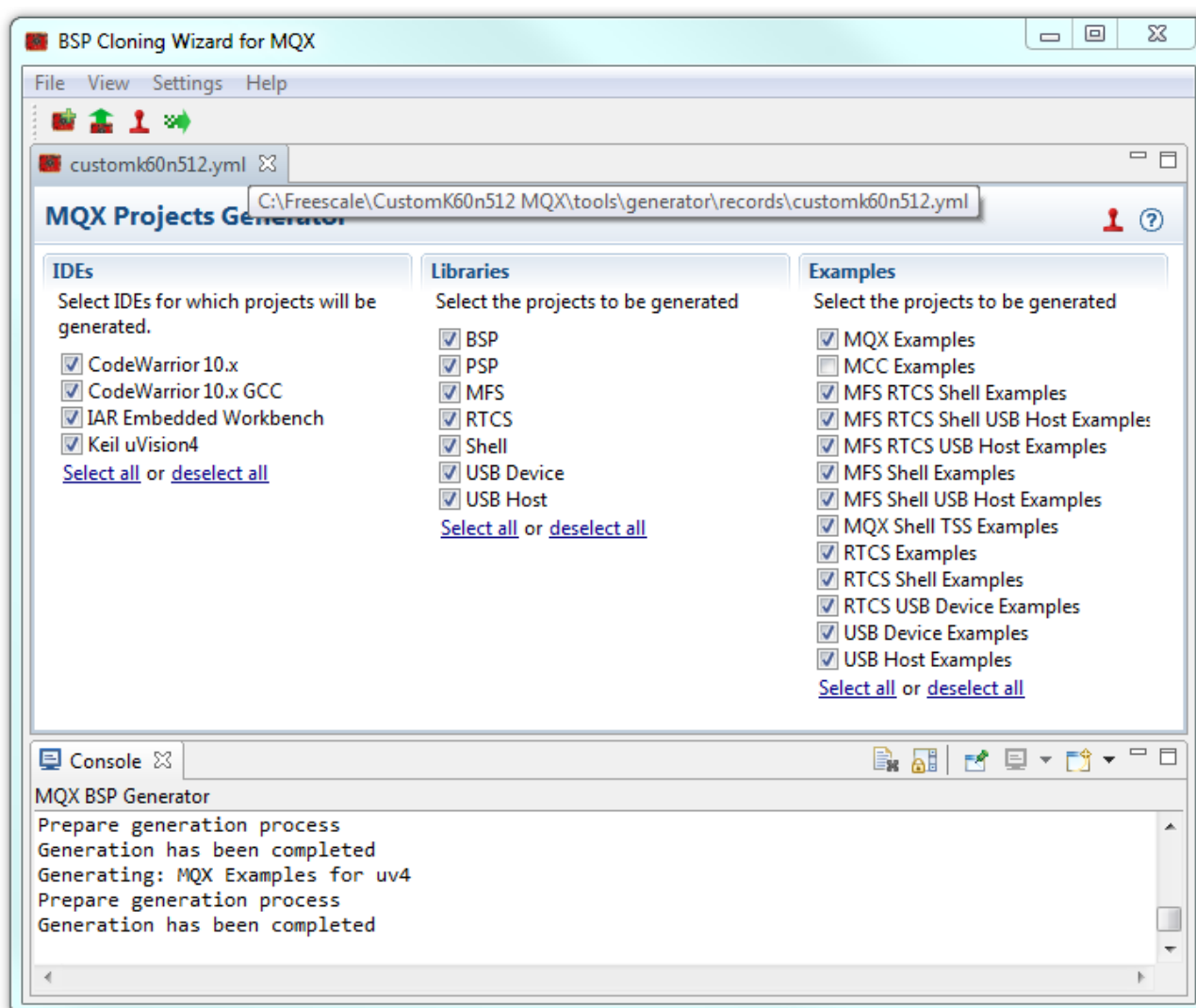


You will see the following dialog window.



Select appropriate MQX and the board you want to open. Please keep in mind that the MQX installation has to be registered in the [MQX installation manager](#) to be visible in this dialog.

Click the "Open" button. The board definition file will be opened.



2.7 Remarks

The other approach to opening board definition files is by using “File/Open File...” command. The files with the description are located in the following directory:

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<install_dir>/tools/generator/records/<your_custom_board_name>.yaml
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Please do not move these files to another folder because, during the projects generation process, the generator makes some assumptions about the relative position of MQX files.