
Getting started with STM32L053 discovery kit software development tools

Introduction

This document describes the software environment recommendations required to build an application using the STM32L053 discovery kit (32L0538DISCOVERY).

The document provides guidelines to user how to build and run a sample example and how to create and build his own application. It has the following structure:

The first chapter presents software and hardware requirements (some toolchains supporting the STM32 families, ST-LINK/V2-1 installation and firmware package presentation).

The second chapter provides step by step guideline on how to execute and debug an application example using some toolchains:

- IAR Embedded Workbench® for ARM® (EWARM) by IAR systems®
- Microcontroller development kit for ARM® (MDK-ARM) by Keil®
- TrueSTUDIO® by Atollic.

Although this user manual does not cover all the topics relevant to software development environment, it demonstrates the first basic steps necessary to get started with the compilers/debuggers and includes references for complementary information.

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1 System requirements

Before running your application, you should:

1. Install your preferred Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
2. ST-LINK/V2-1 driver will be installed automatically. In case of problem, you can proceed with manual installation of the driver from toolchains install directory (further details are available in Section 2).
3. Download the STM32L0538 discovery kit firmware from www.st.com/stm32l0-discovery.
4. Establish the connection with the STM32L0538 discovery board as following:

Figure 1. Hardware environment



The above steps will be details in the coming sections.

To run and develop any firmware applications on your STM32L053 discovery board, the minimum requirements are as follows:

- Windows PC (XP, Vista, 7, 8)
- 'USB type A to Mini-B' cable, used to power the board (through USB connector CN1) from host PC and connect to the embedded ST-LINK/V2-1 for debugging and programming.

2 IDEs supporting STM32 Families

STM32 families of 32-bit ARM® Cortex®-M core-based microcontrollers are supported by a complete range of software tools. It encompasses traditional integrated development environments IDEs with C/C++ compilers and debuggers from major 3rd-parties (free versions up to 64KB of code, depending on partner), completed with innovative tools from STMicroelectronics.

The following table regroups general information about most used integrated development environments as well as the version supporting officially STM32L053 product.

Table 1. Useful links

Toolchain	Company	Compiler	Version	Download link ⁽¹⁾
EWARM	IAR Systems®	IAR C/C++	7.10 and later	www.iar.com: – 30-day evaluation edition – KickStart edition(16Ko Limitation for Cortex® M0)
MDK-ARM ⁽²⁾	Keil®	ARMCC	5.01 and later	www.keil.com: MDK-Lite (32Ko Code size limitation)
TrueSTUDIO®	Atollic	GNUC	5.0.0 and later	www.atollic.com ⁽¹⁾ – 32Ko Limitation (8Ko on Cortex®-M0 and Cortex®-M1) – 30 day Professional version (Trial)

1. Registration before download is required.

2. Device database is updated separately from MDK-ARM release.

3 ST-LINK/V2-1 installation

STM32L053 discovery board includes an ST-LINK/V2-1 embedded debug tool interface. The interface needs an ST-LINK/V2-1 dedicated USB driver to be installed. This driver is available at www.st.com searching for ST-LINK V2-1 and is supported within software toolchains:

- IAR Embedded Workbench® for ARM® (EWARM)
The toolchain is installed by default in the C:\Program Files\IAR Systems\Embedded Workbench x.x directory on the PC's local hard disk.
After installing EWARM, install the ST-LINK/V2-1 driver by running the ST-LINK_V2_USB.exe from [IAR_INSTALL_DIRECTORY]\Embedded Workbench x.x\arm\drivers\ST-LINK \ST-LINK_V2_USBdriver.exe
- Keil® Microcontroller Development Kit (MDK-ARM) toolchain
The toolchain is installed by default in the C:\Keil directory on the PC's local hard disk; the installer creates a start menu µVision4 shortcut.
When connecting the ST-LINK/V2-1 tool, the PC detects new hardware and asks to install the ST-LINK_V2_USB driver. The “found new hardware wizard” appears and guides you through the steps needed to install the driver from the recommended location.
- Atollic TrueSTUDIO® STM32
The toolchain is installed by default in the C:\Program Files\Atollic directory on the PC's local hard disk.
The ST-LINK_V2_USB.exe is installed automatically when installing the software toolchain.

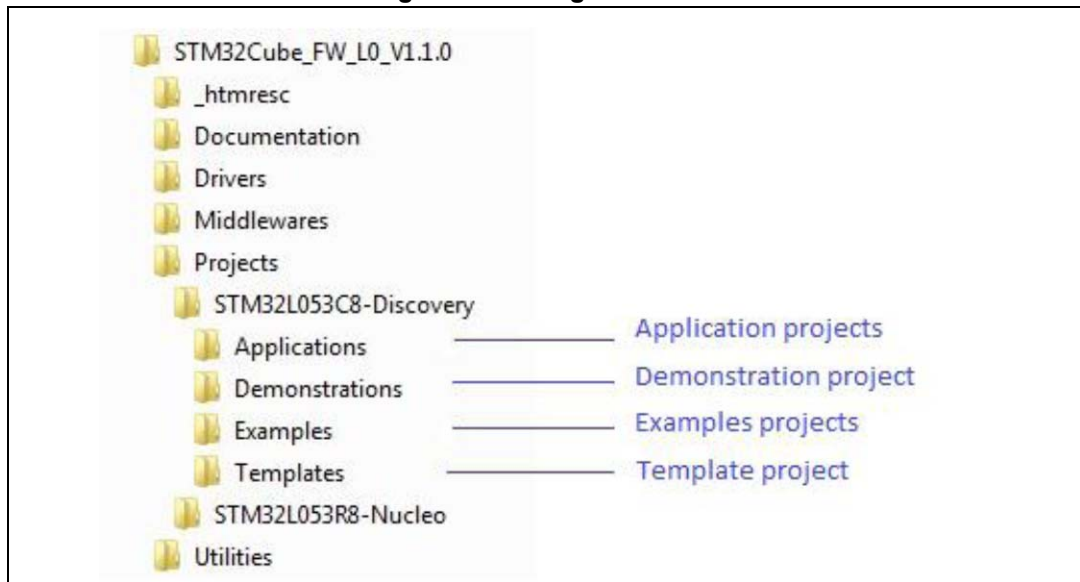
Complementary information on the firmware package content and the STM32L0538 discovery kit requirements are available on the Getting started with STM32Firmware.

Note: The embedded ST-LINK/V2-1 supports only SWD interface for STM32 devices.

4 Firmware package

The STM32L053 discovery kit firmware applications, demonstration and IPs examples are provided in one single package and supplied in one single zip file. The extraction of the zip file generates one folder, STM32L053-Discovery_FW_VX.Y.Z, which contains the following subfolders:

Figure 2. Package contents



Application examples: Including set of applications with pre-configured projects.

Demonstrations: Including set of demonstrations with pre-configured projects.

Peripheral examples: Including set of examples with pre-configured projects for each peripheral.

Template project: pre-configured project with empty main function to be customized. This is helpful to get start creating your own application based on the peripherals drivers.

5 Executing and debugging firmware using software toolchains

5.1 EWARm toolchain

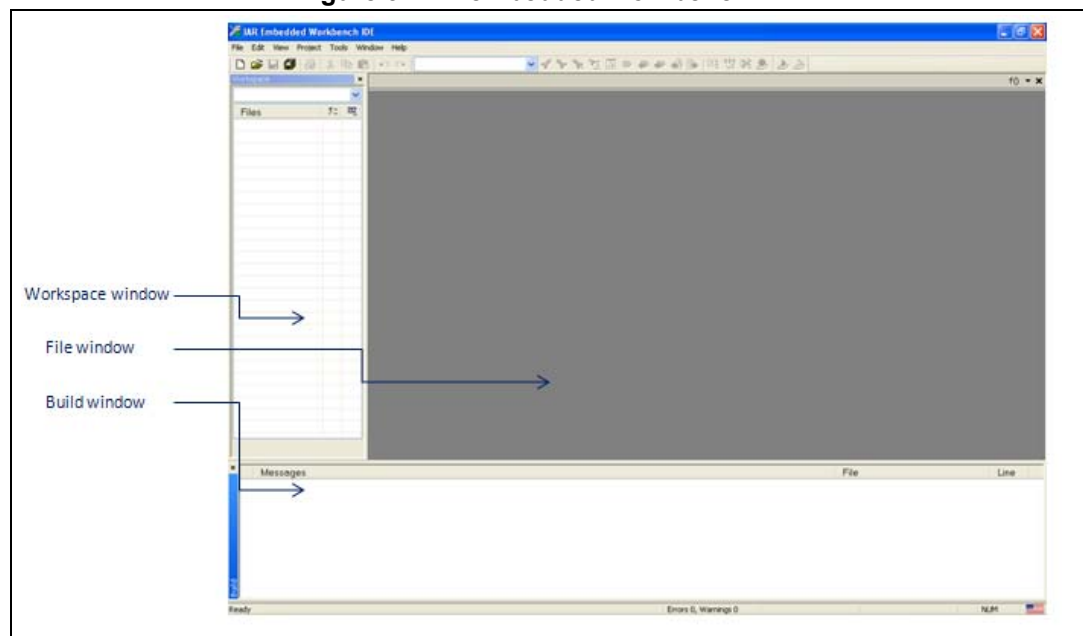
The following is the procedure for compiling/linking and executing an existing EWARm project.

Steps below can be applied to an already existing example, demonstration or template project included in STM32L053 discovery package that is available at www.st.com web site.

First of all, you need to go through firmware/readme.txt file which contains the firmware description and hardware/software requirements.

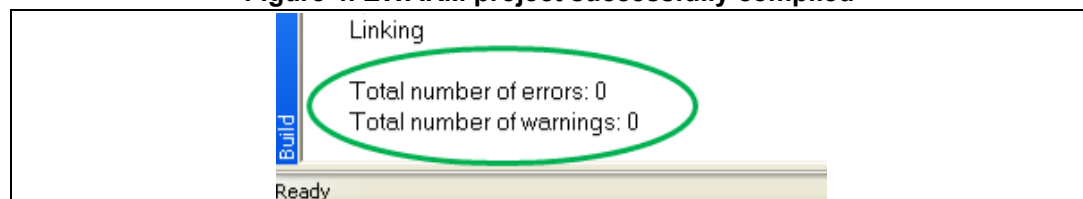
1. Open the IAR Embedded Workbench® for ARM (EWARM). *Figure 3* shows the basic names of the windows referred to this document.

Figure 3. IAR embedded workbench IDE



2. In the **File** menu, select **Open** and click **Workspace** to display the Open Workspace dialog box. Browse to select either an example or demonstration or template workspace file and click **Open** to launch it in the Project window.
3. In the **Project** menu, select **Rebuild All** to compile your project
4. If your project is successfully compiled, the following window in *Figure 4* is displayed

Figure 4. EWARm project successfully compiled



If you need to change his project settings (Include and preprocessor defines), he has just to go through project options:

- For Include directories'

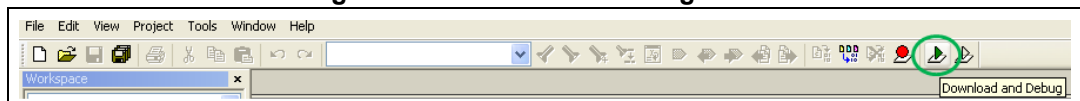
Project>Options...>C/C++ compiler>

- For pre-processor defines

Project>Options...C/C++ compiler>pre-processor>

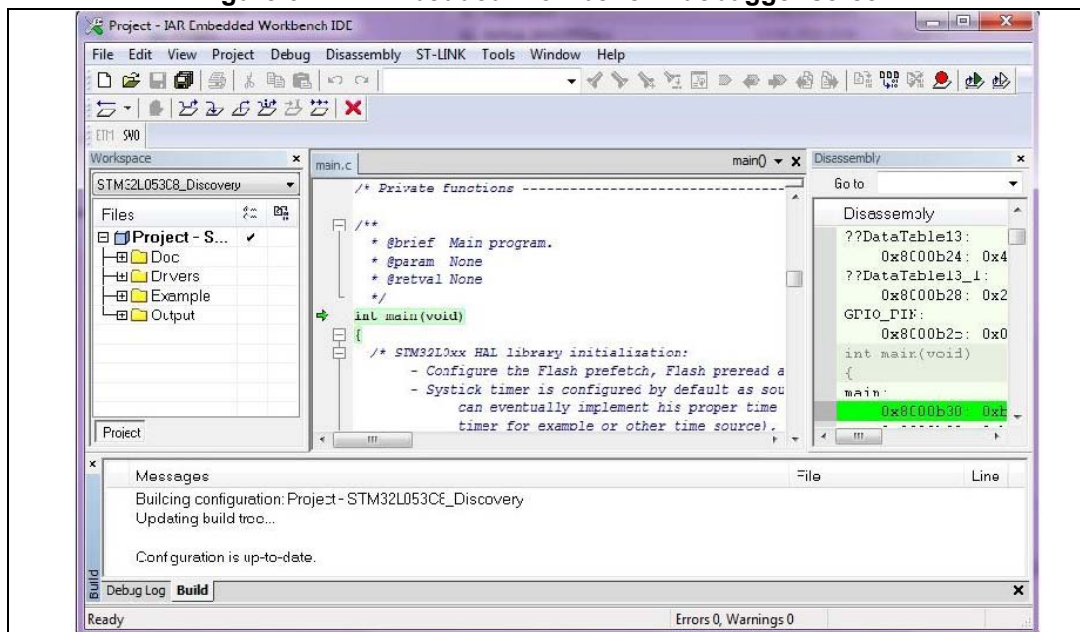
5. In the IAR Embedded Workbench IDE, from the **Project** menu, select **Download and Debug** or, alternatively, click the **Download and Debug** button in the toolbar, to program the Flash memory and begin debugging.

Figure 5. Download and debug button



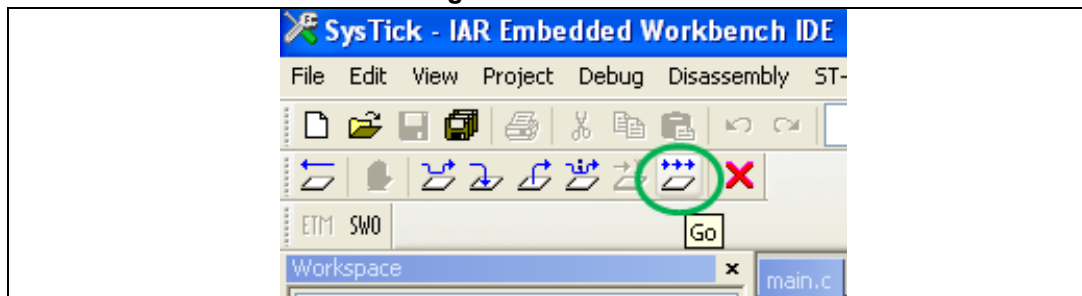
6. The debugger in the IAR embedded workbench can be used to debug source code at C and assembly levels, set breakpoints, monitor individual variables and watch events during the code execution.

Figure 6. IAR Embedded Workbench® debugger screen



To run your application, from the **Debug** menu, select **Go**. Alternatively, click the **Go** button in the toolbar to run your application.

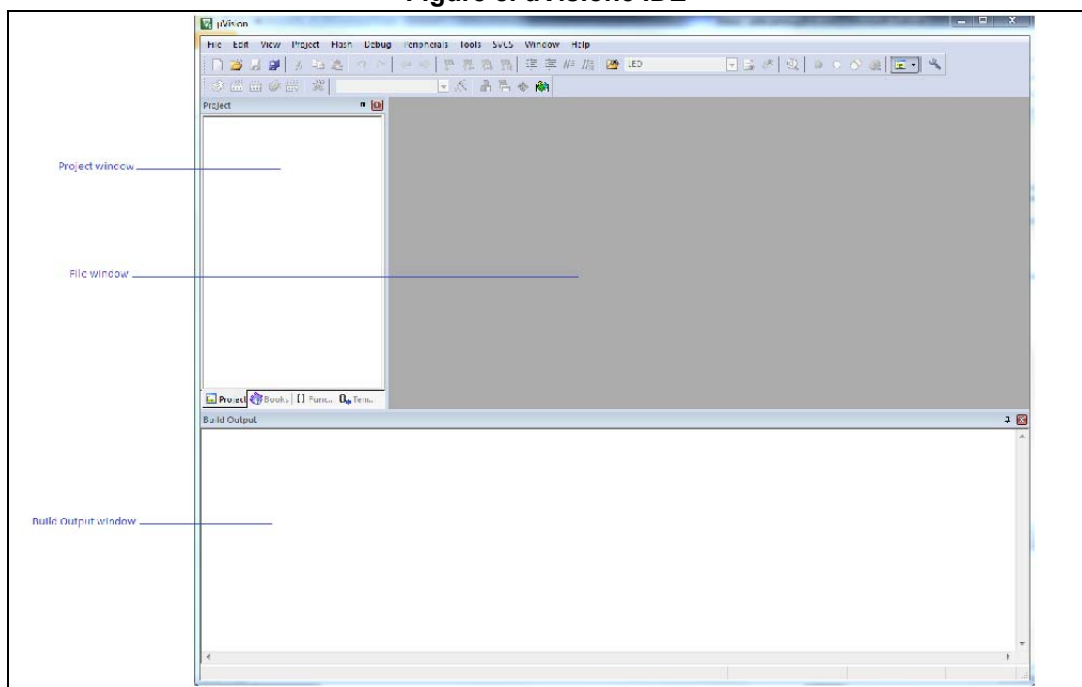
Figure 7. Go button



5.2 MDK-ARM toolchain

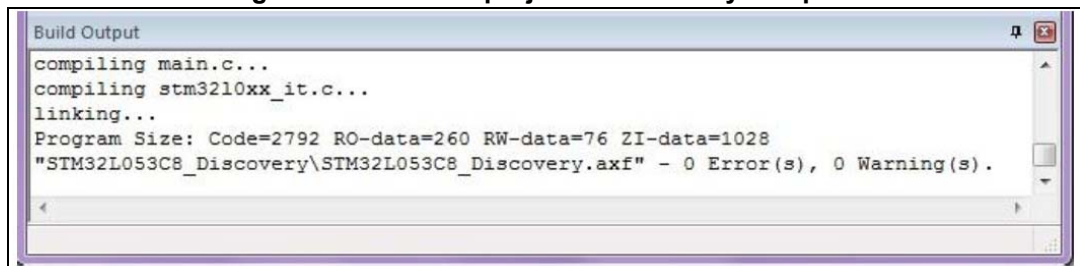
1. Open Keil MDK-ARM Microcontroller development kit, [Figure 8](#) shows the basic names of the “Keil uVision5” windows referred to in this document.

Figure 8. uVision5 IDE



2. In the **Project** menu, select **Open Project...** Browse to select either an example or demonstration or template project file and click **Open** to launch it in the Project window.
3. In the **Project** menu, select **Rebuild All target files** to compile your project
4. If your project is successfully compiled, the following window in [Figure 9](#) is displayed

Figure 9. MDK-ARM project successfully compiled



If you need to change your project settings (Include and preprocessor defines), you need just to go through project options:

- For include directories'

Project>Options for Target > C/C++ > Include Paths

- For pre-processor defines

Project>Options for Target > C/C++ > Preprocessor symbols > Define

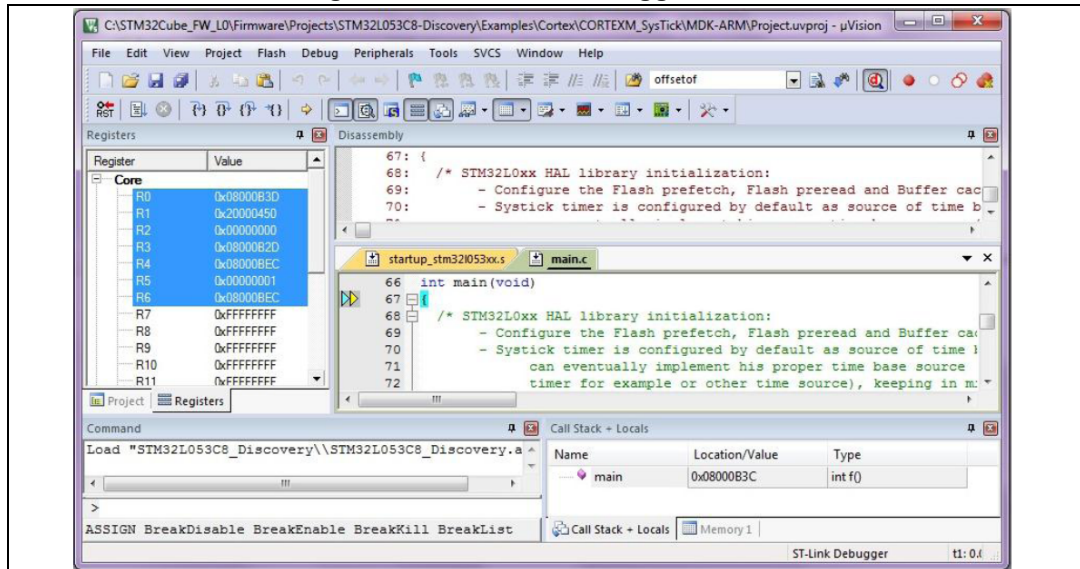
5. In the MDK-ARM IDE, from the **Debug** menu, select **Start/Stop Debug Session** or, alternatively, click the **Start/Stop Debug Session** button in the toolbar, to program the Flash memory and begin debugging.

Figure 10. Start/Stop Debug Session button



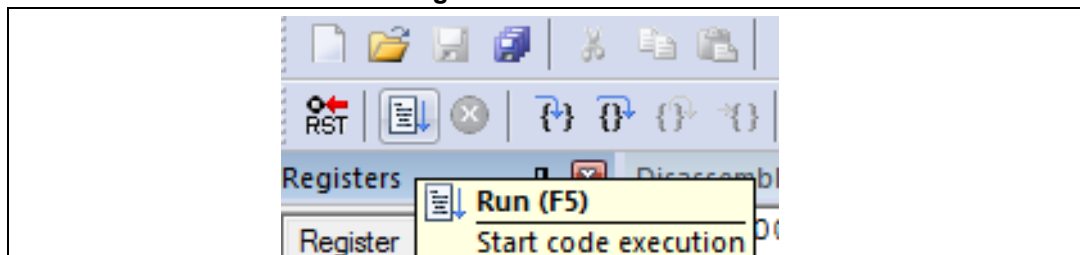
6. The debugger in the MDK-ARM can be used to debug source code at C and assembly levels, set breakpoints, monitor individual variables and watch events during the code execution.

Figure 11. MDK-ARM debugger screen



To run your application, from the **Debug** menu, select Run. Alternatively, click the **Run** button in the toolbar to run your application

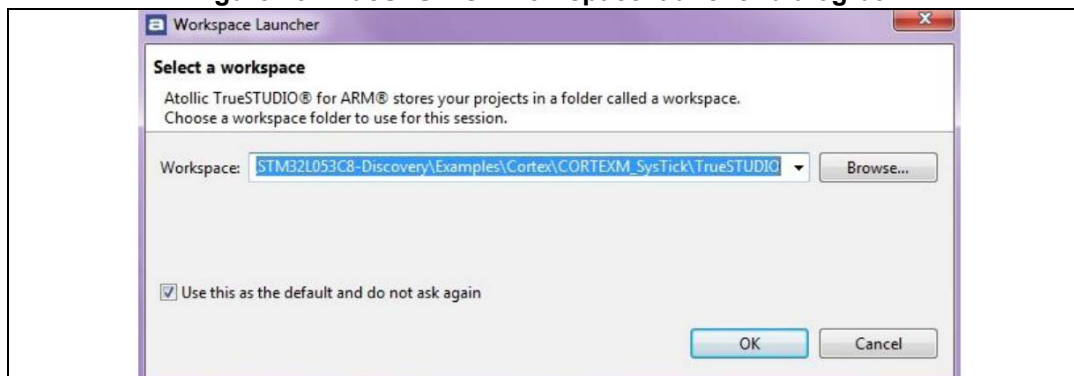
Figure 12. Run button



5.3 TrueSTUDIO® toolchain

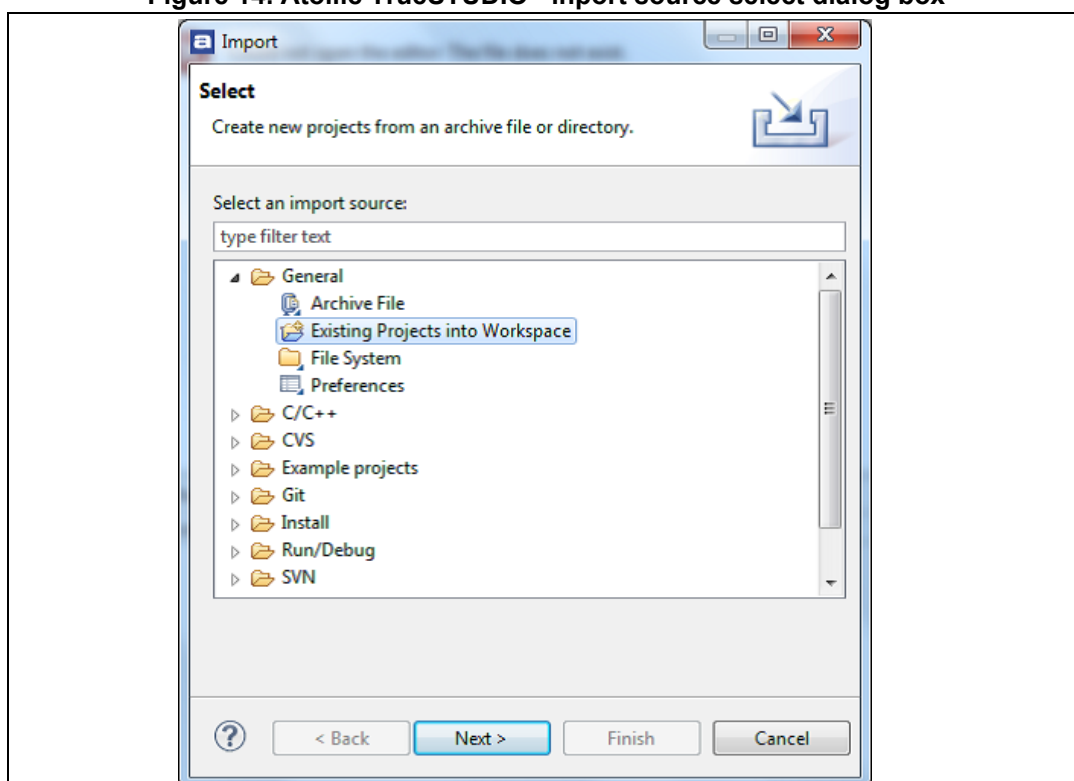
1. Open Atollic TrueSTUDIO® for ARM product. The program launches and asks for the workspace location.

Figure 13. TrueSTUDIO® workspace launcher dialog box



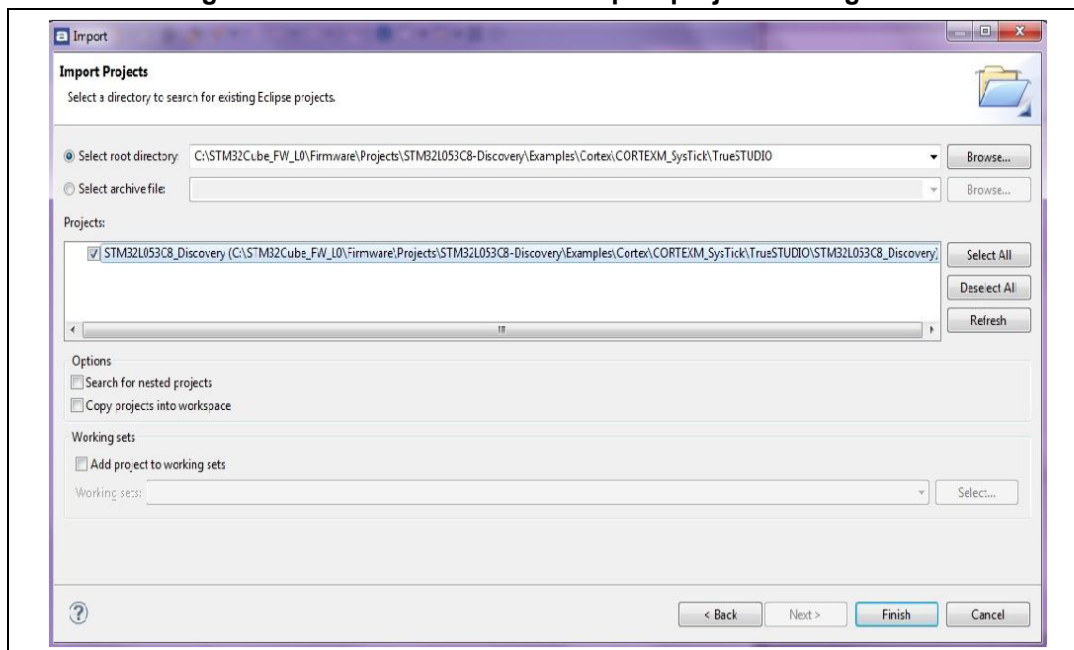
2. Browse to select a TrueSTUDIO workspace of either an example or demonstration or template workspace file and click OK to load it.
3. To load an existing project in the selected workspace, select Import from the File menu to display the Import dialog box.
4. In the Import window, open General, select existing projects into workspace and click next.

Figure 14. Atollic TrueSTUDIO® import source select dialog box



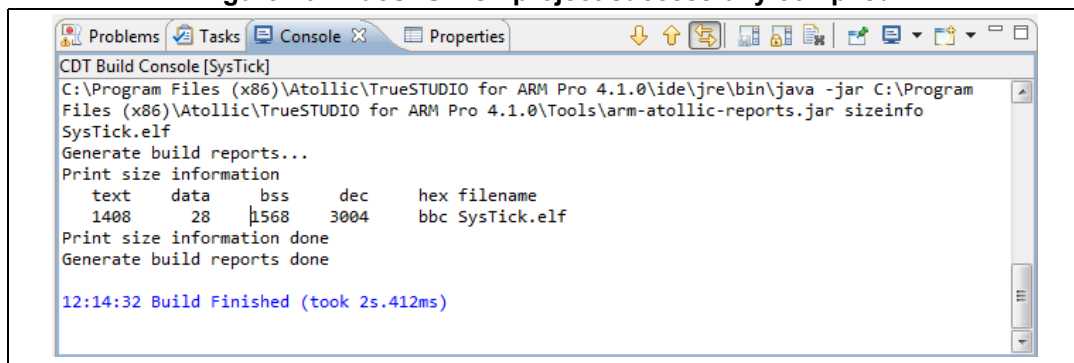
- Click Select root directory, browse to the TrueSTUDIO workspace folder and select

Figure 15. Atollic TrueSTUDIO® import projects dialog box



- In the Projects panel, select the project and click Finish.
- In the Project Explorer, select the project, open the Project menu, and click build Project.
- If your project is successfully compiled, the following messages will be displayed on the Console window.

Figure 16. TrueSTUDIO® project successfully compiled



If you need to change the project settings (Include directories and preprocessor defines), you need just to go through Project>Properties, select C/C++ Build>Settings from the left panel:

- For Include directories'

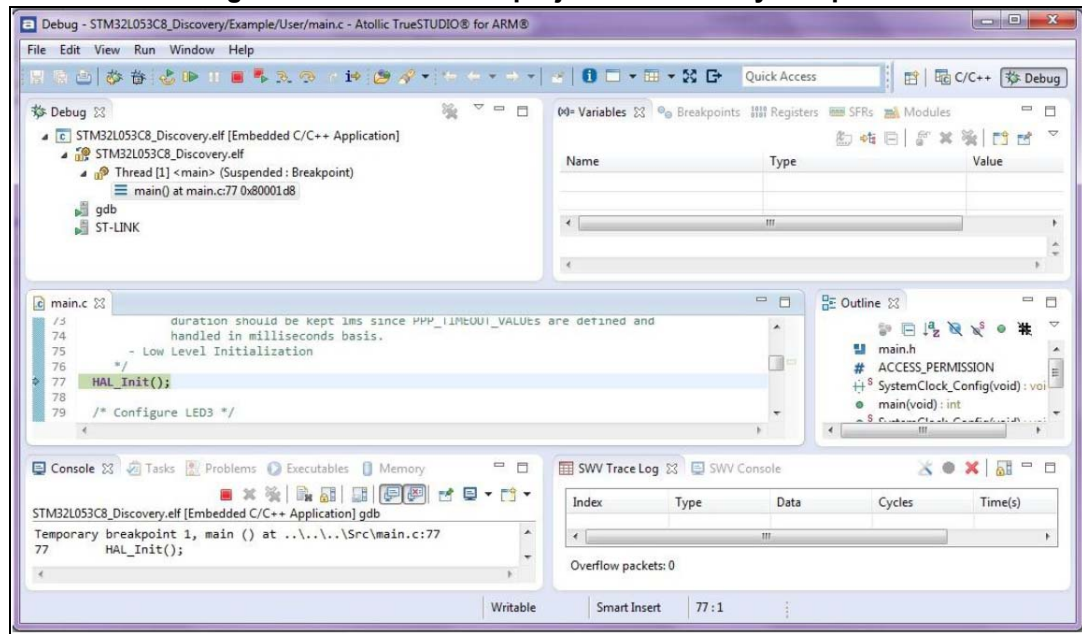
C Compiler>Directories>Include path

- For pre-processor defines

C Compiler>Symbols> Defined symbols

9. To debug and run the application, select the project in the **Project Explorer** and press **F11** to start a debug session.
- In the **Project Explorer**, select the project and press **F11** to start a debug session (see [Figure 17](#)).

Figure 17. TrueSTUDIO® project successfully compiled



The debugger in the Atollic TrueSTUDIO can be used to debug source code at C and assembly levels, set breakpoints, monitor individual variables and watch events during the code execution.

To run your application, from the run menu, select Resume, or alternatively click the resume button in the toolbar.

6 SW toolchains helpful references and links

The following table regroups useful references about integrated development environments described in this document:

Table 2. References and links

Toolchain	Download link
EWARM	www.iar.com
MDK-ARM	www.keil.com
TrueSTUDIO®	www.atollic.com

7 **Revision history**

Table 3. Document revision history

Date	Revision	Changes
26-June-2014	1	initial release



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