UM1451
User manual

Getting started with software development toolchains for the STM32L-DISCOVERY board

Introduction

This document provides an introduction on how to use the following software development toolchains with the **STM32L-DISCOVERY board**.

- IAR Embedded Workbench® for ARM (EWARM) by IAR Systems
- Microcontroller Development Kit for ARM (MDK-ARM) by Keil™
- TrueSTUDIO® by Atollic

It provides guidelines to novice users on how to build and run a sample program provided with this document and allows them to create and build their own application.

When running the sample program supplied with this application note, the Red LED LD2 (PWR) lights up. Then the user will be able to run a series of functions (VDD voltage measurement, STM32L current consumption...) by pressing the user button B1 to switch from a function to an other (please refer to AN3413).

Although this application note cannot cover all the topics relevant to software development environments, it demonstrates the first basic steps necessary to get started with the compilers/debuggers.

Reference documents

- STM32L-DISCOVERY evaluation board user manual (UM1079)
- STM32L-DISCOVERY: current consumption measurement and touch sensing demonstration (AN3413)

The above documents are available at www.st.com/stm32l.

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1 Overview of STLINK V2 interface

The STM32L-DISCOVERY board includes an ST-LINK/V2 embedded debug tool interface that is supported by the following software toolchain versions:

- **EWARM Version 6.20.4 and later available from www.iar.com**

  Installing the **EWARM** toolchain (using the default settings) results in the toolchain being installed in the *C:\Program Files\IAR Systems\Embedded Workbench 6.2* directory on the PC's local hard disk.

  After installing EWARM 6.20.4, install the ST-LINK/V2 driver by running the *ST-Link_V2_USB.exe* from *[IAR_INSTALL_DIRECTORY]\Embedded Workbench 6.2\arm\drivers\ST-Link \ST-Link_V2_USBdriver.exe*

- **MDK-ARM Version 4.21 and later available from www.keil.com**

  Installing the **MDK-ARM** toolchain (using the default settings) results in the toolchain being installed in the *C:\Keil* directory on the PC's local hard disk; the installer creates a start menu uVision4 shortcut.

  When connecting the ST-LINK/V2 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.

- **TrueSTUDIO Version 2.1.0 and later available from www.atollic.com**

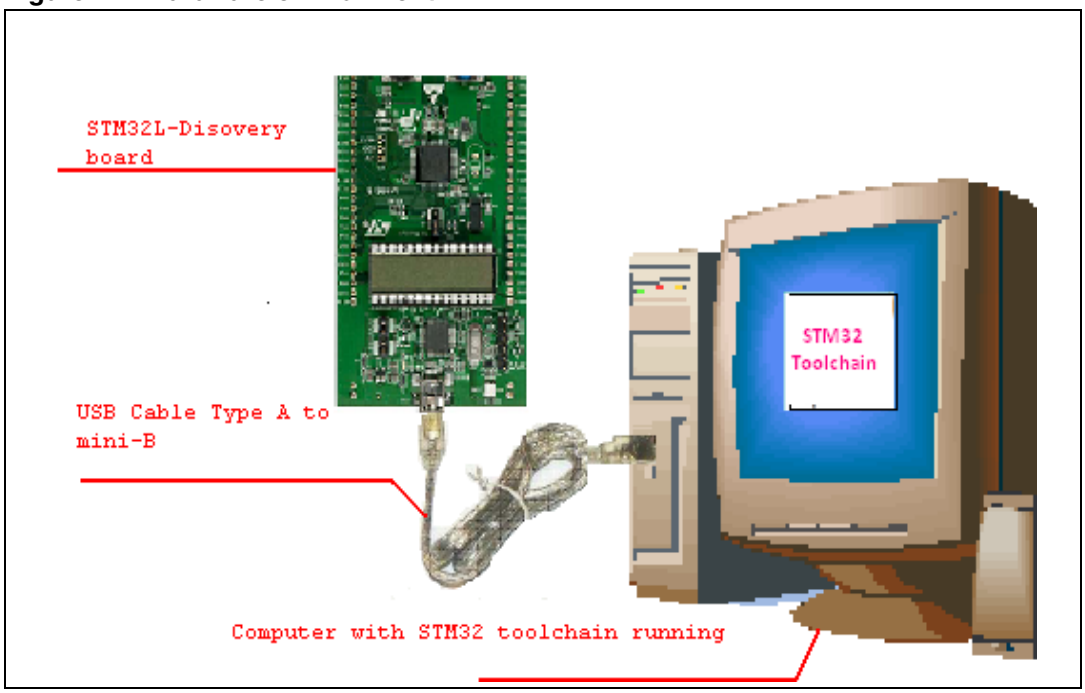
  Installing the **TrueSTUDIO** toolchain (using the default settings) results in the toolchain being installed in the "*C:\Program Files\Atollic* directory on the PC's local hard disk.

  The *ST-Link_V2_USB.exe* is installed automatically when installing the software toolchain.

2 Hardware environment setup

Before running your application, you should establish the connection with the STM32L-DISCOVERY board as following.

Figure 1. Hardware environment



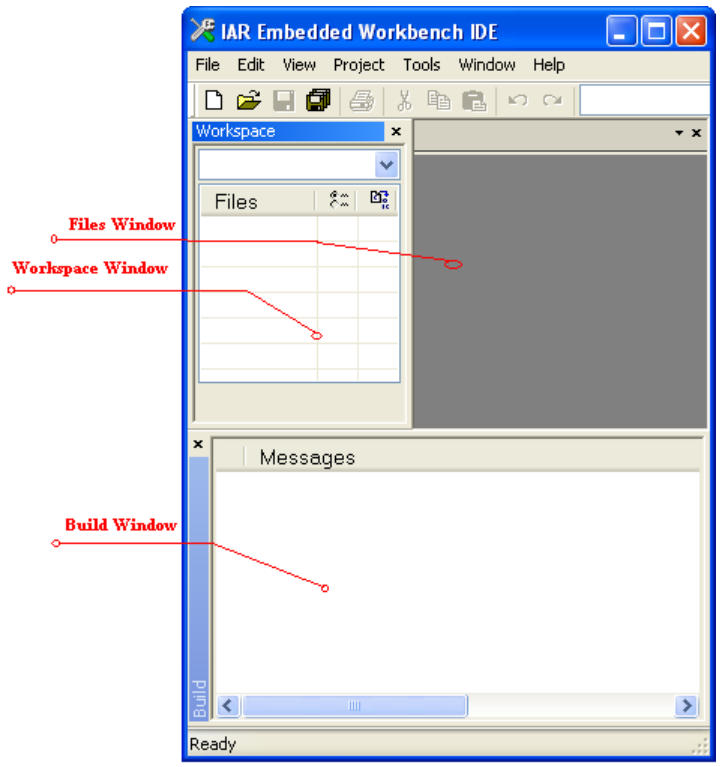
For more details on how to establish your hardware environment you can refer to the **UM1079 User Manual:** STM32L-DISCOVERY available at www.st.com/internet/evalboard/product/250990.jsp

3 Using the IAR Embedded Workbench® for ARM

3.1 Building an existing EWARM project

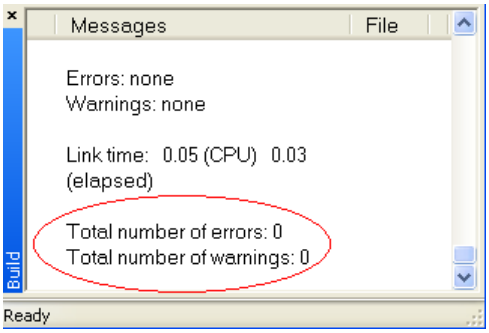
1. Open the IAR Embedded Workbench® for ARM (EWARM).
   Figure 2 shows the basic names of the windows referred to in this document.

Figure 2. IAR Embedded Workbench IDE environment



2. In the **File** menu, select **Open** and click **Workspace** to display the Open Workspace dialog box. Browse to select the *STM32L-Discovery.eww* 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 is displayed.

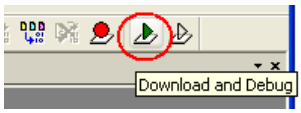
Figure 3. EWARM project successfully compiled



3.2 Debugging and running your EWARM project

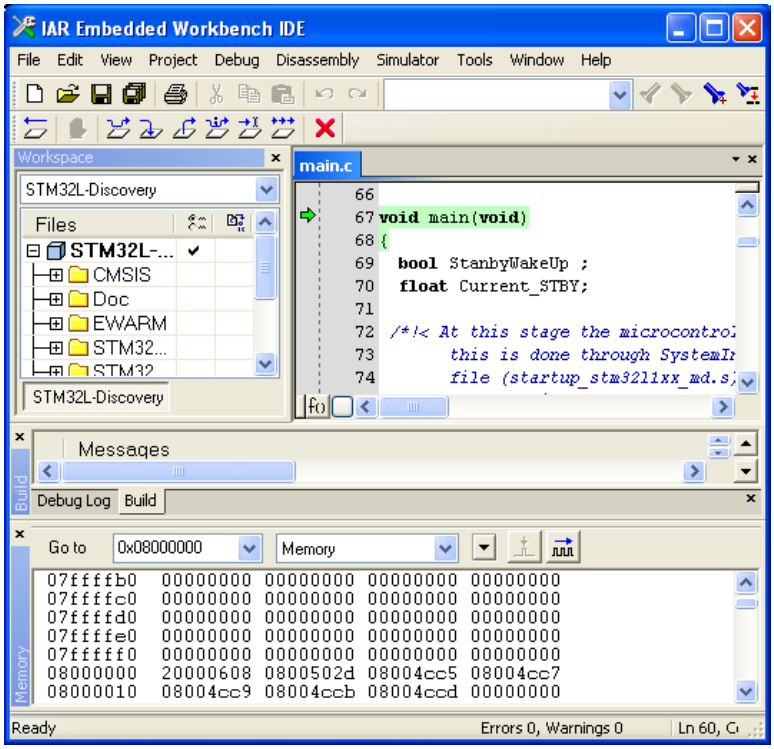
In the IAR Embedded Workbench IDE, from the **Project menu**, select **Download and Debug** or, alternatively, click the **Download and debug** button the in toolbar, to program the Flash memory and begin debugging.

Figure 4. Download and debug button



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 5. IAR Embedded Workbench debugger screen



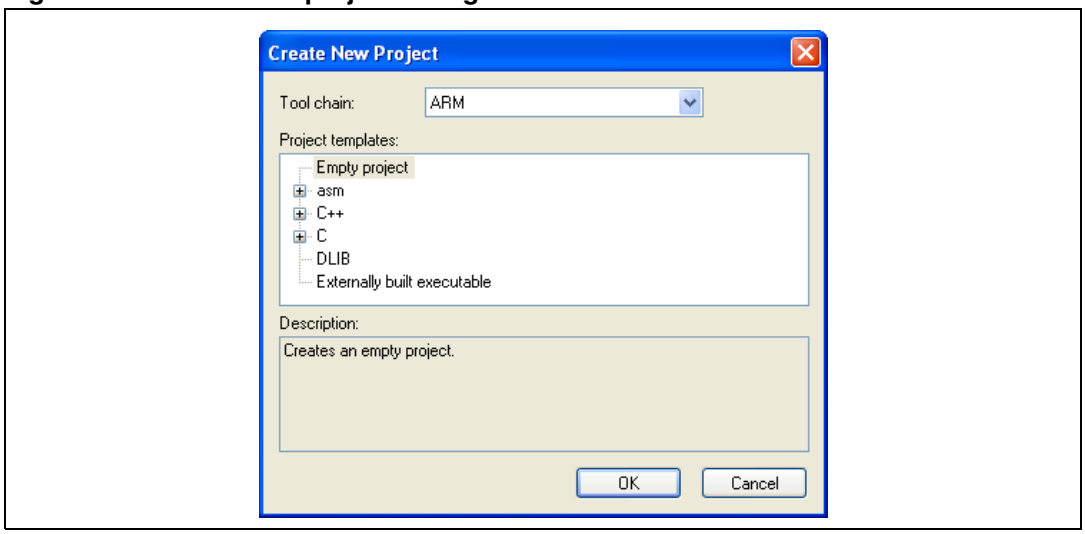
To run your application, from the **Debug** menu, select **Go**, or alternatively click the **Go** button in the toolbar.

3.3 Creating your first application using the EWARM toolchain

3.3.1 Managing source files

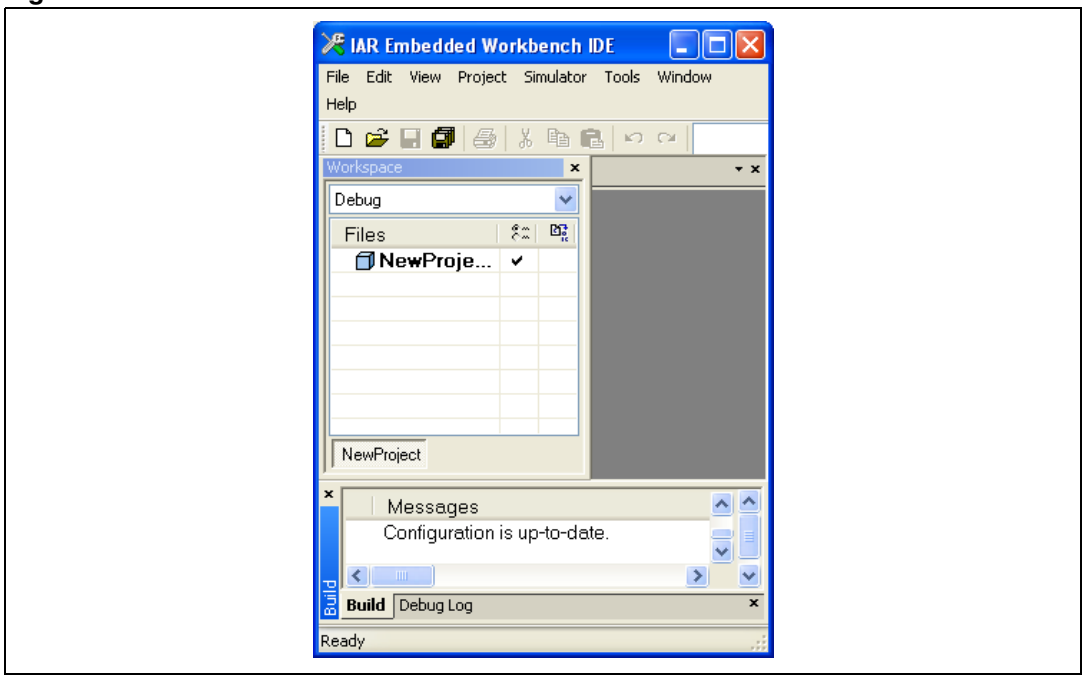
1. In the **Project** menu, select **Create New Project** and click **OK** to save your settings.

Figure 6. Create new project dialog box



2. Name the project, *NewProject.ewp* for example, and click **Save** to display the IDE interface.

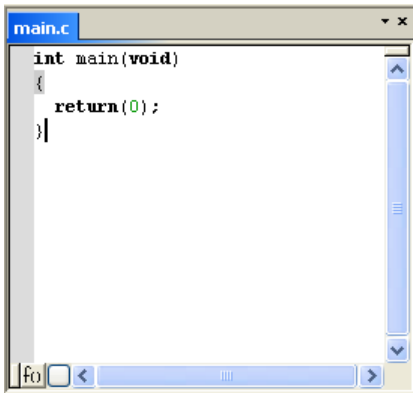
Figure 7. IDE interface



To create a new source file, in the **File menu**, open **New** and select **File** to open an empty editor window where you can enter your source code.

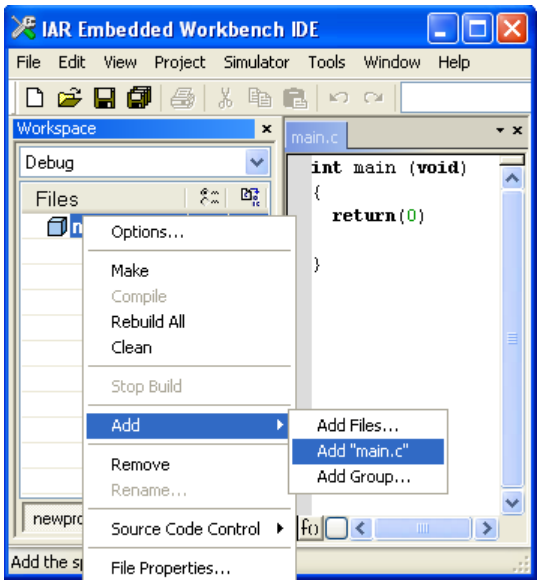
The IAR Embedded Workbench enables C color syntax highlighting when you save your file using the dialog **File > Save As…** under a filename with the ***.c** extension. In this example, the file is saved as **main.c**.

Figure 8. main.c example file



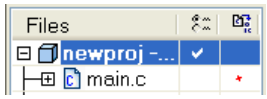
Once you have created your source file you can add this file to your project, by opening the **Project** menu, selecting **Add** and adding the selected file.

Figure 9. Adding files to a project



If the file is added successfully, the following window is displayed.

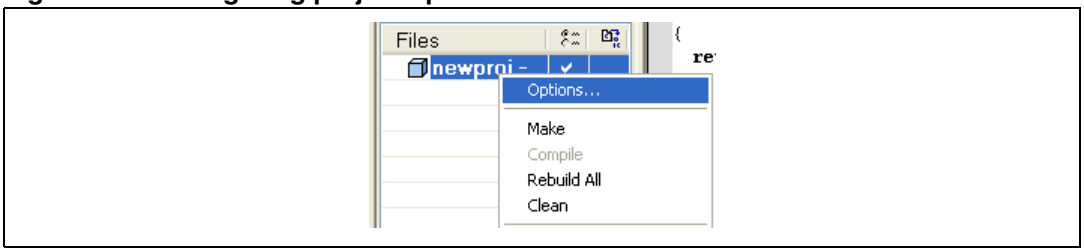
Figure 10. New project file tree structure



3.3.2 Configuring project options

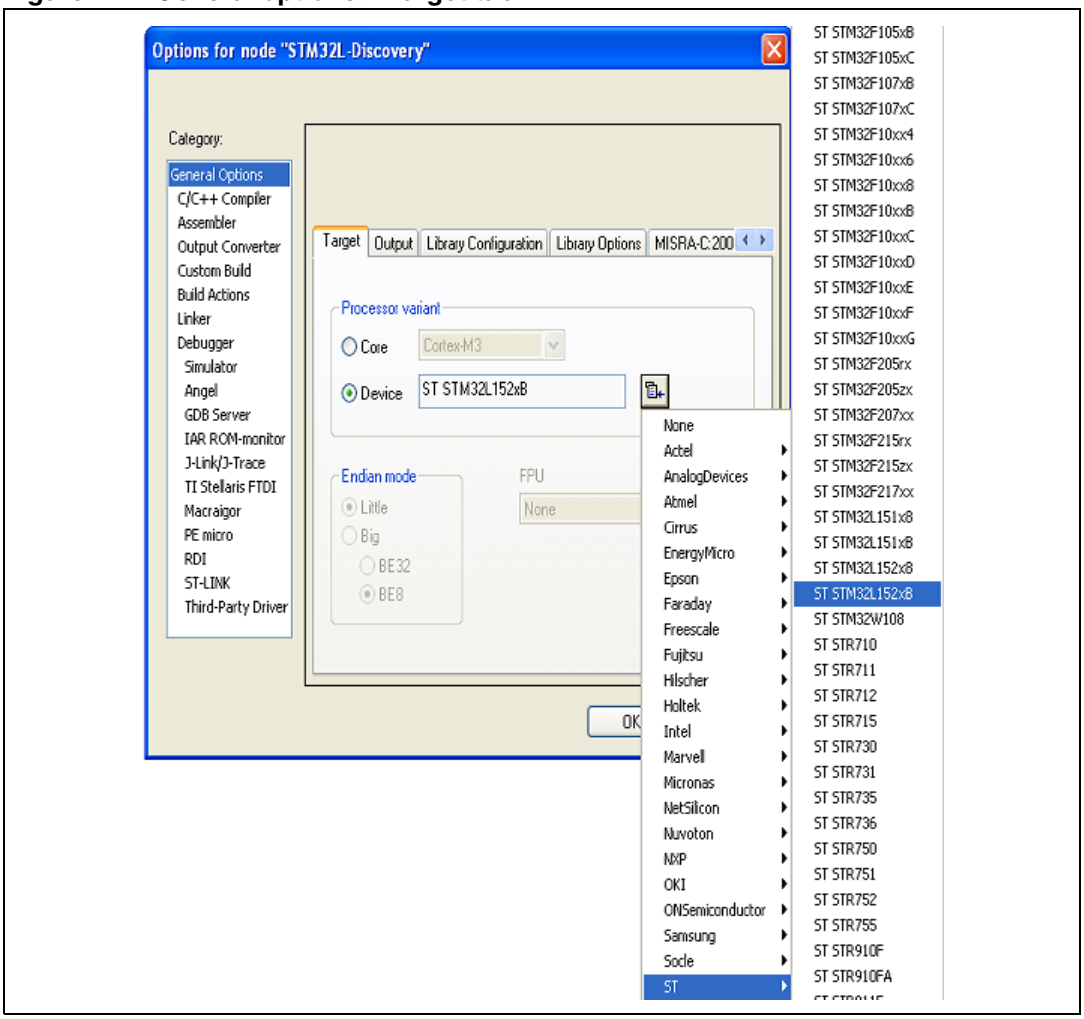
1. In the Project Editor, right-click on the project name and select **Options** to display the Options dialog box

Figure 11. Configuring project options



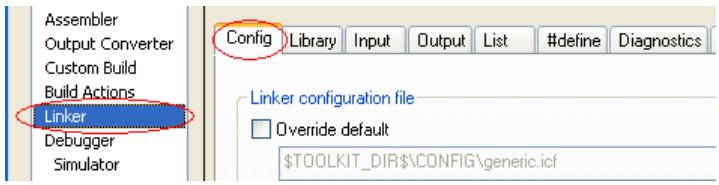
2. In the Options dialog box, select the **General Options** category, open the **Target** tab and select **Device - ST -STM32L152xB.**

Figure 12. General options > Target tab



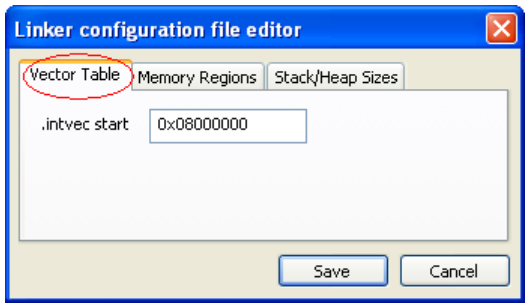
3. Select the **Linker** category, open the **Config** tab, in the **Linker configuration file** pane select **Override default** and click **Edit**. to display the Linker configuration file editor.

Figure 13. Linker > Config tab



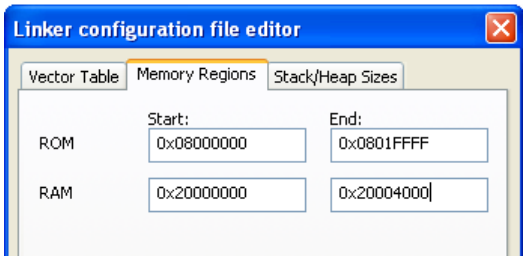
4. In the **Linker configuration file editor** dialog box, open the **Vector Table** tab and set the **.intvec.start** variable to `0x08000000`.

Figure 14. Linker configuration file editor dialog box > Vector Table tab



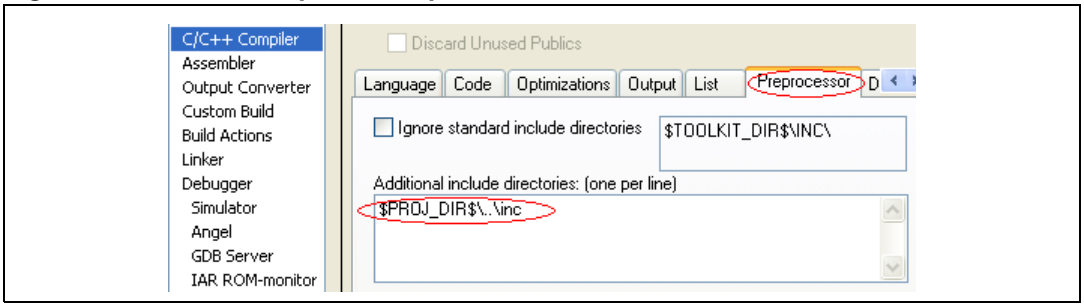
5. Open the **Memory Regions** tab, and enter the variables as shown in *Figure 15*.

Figure 15. Linker configuration file editor dialog box > Memory Regions tab



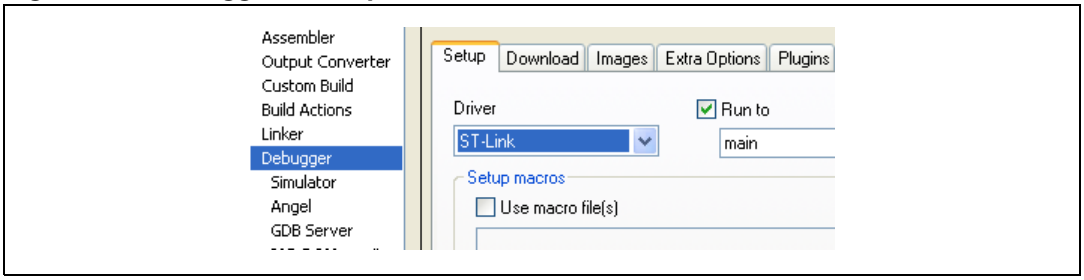
6. Click **Save** to save the linker settings automatically in the Project directory.
7. If your source files include header files, select the **C/C++ Compiler** category, open the **Preprocessor** tab, and specify their paths as shown in *Figure 16*. The path of the include directory is a relative path, and always starts with the project directory location referenced by **`$PROJ_DIR$`**

Figure 16. C/C++ Compiler > Preprocessor tab



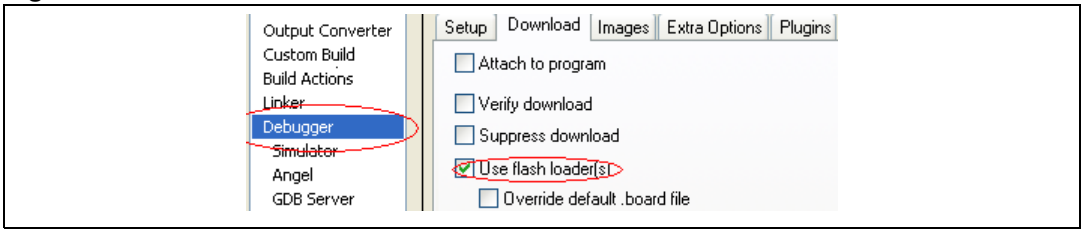
8. To set up the ST-Link embedded debug tool interface, select the **Debugger** category, open the **Setup tab** and select **ST-Link** from the drop-down Driver menu.

Figure 17. Debugger > Setup tab



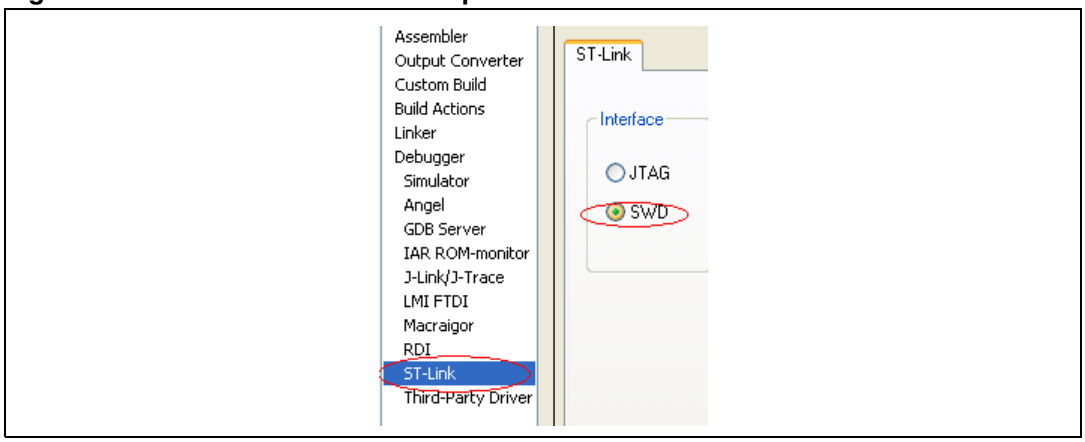
9. Open the **Download** tab and select **Use Flash loader(s)**.

Figure 18. Select Flash loaders



10. Select the **ST-Link** category, open the ST6Link tab and select **SWD** as the connection protocol.

Figure 19. ST-Link communication protocol



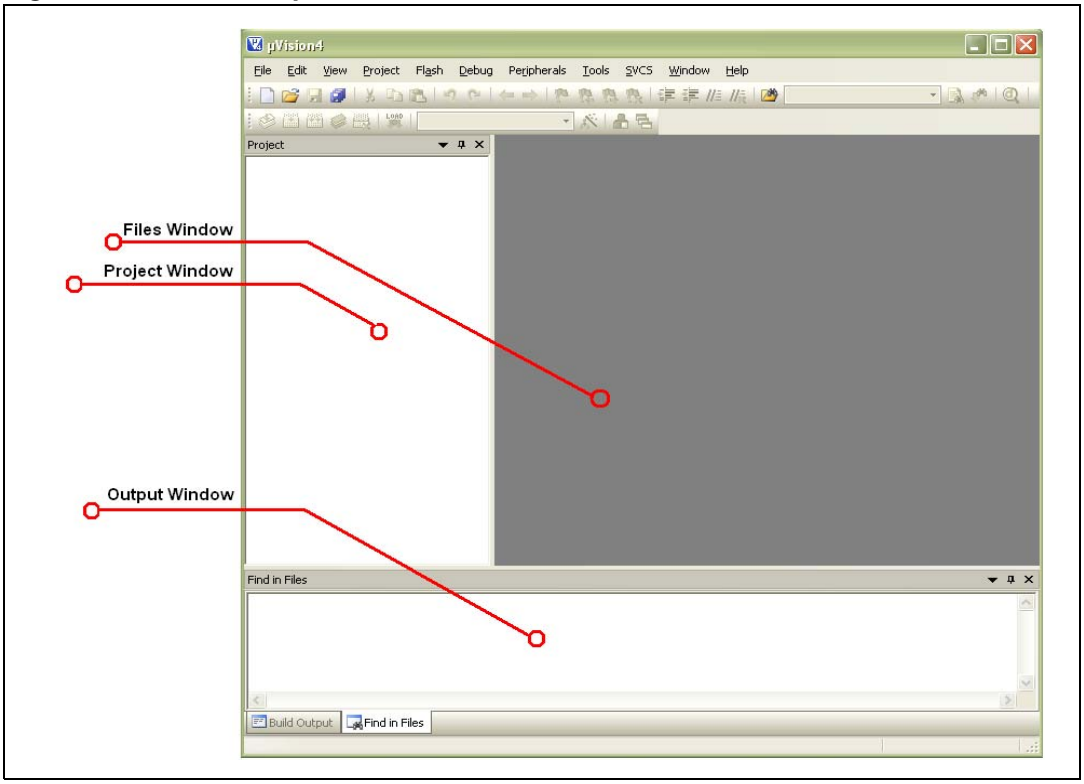
11. Click **OK** to save the project settings.
12. To build your project, follow the instructions given in *Section 3.1: Building an existing EWARM project on page 5*.
13. Before running your application, establish the connection with the STM32L-DISCOVERY board as described in *Section 2: Hardware environment setup on page 4*.
14. To program the Flash memory and begin debugging, follow the instructions given in *Section 3.2: Debugging and running your EWARM project on page 6*.

4 Using the MDK-ARM Microcontroller Development Kit by Keil™

4.1 Building an existing MDK-ARM project

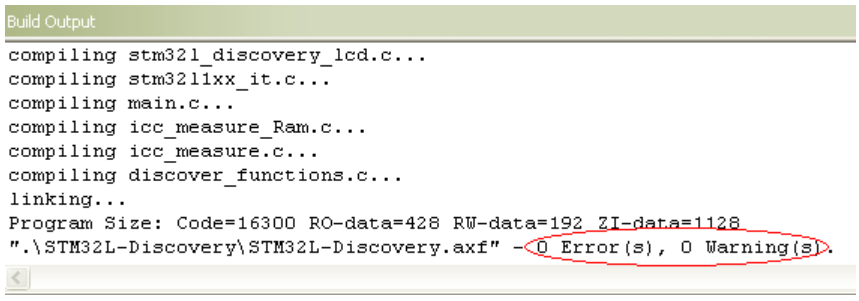
1. Open the MDK-ARM µVision4 IDE, debugger, and simulation environment.
   Figure 2 shows the basic names of the windows referred to in this document.

Figure 20. MDK-ARM µVision4 IDE environment



2. In the **Project** menu, select **Open Project...** to display the Select Project File dialog box. Browse to select the *STM32L-Discovery.uvproj* 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 is displayed.

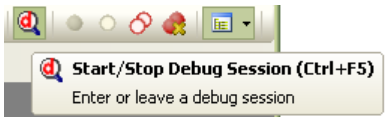
Figure 21. MDK-ARM µVision4 project successfully compiled



4.2 Debugging and running your MDK-ARM project

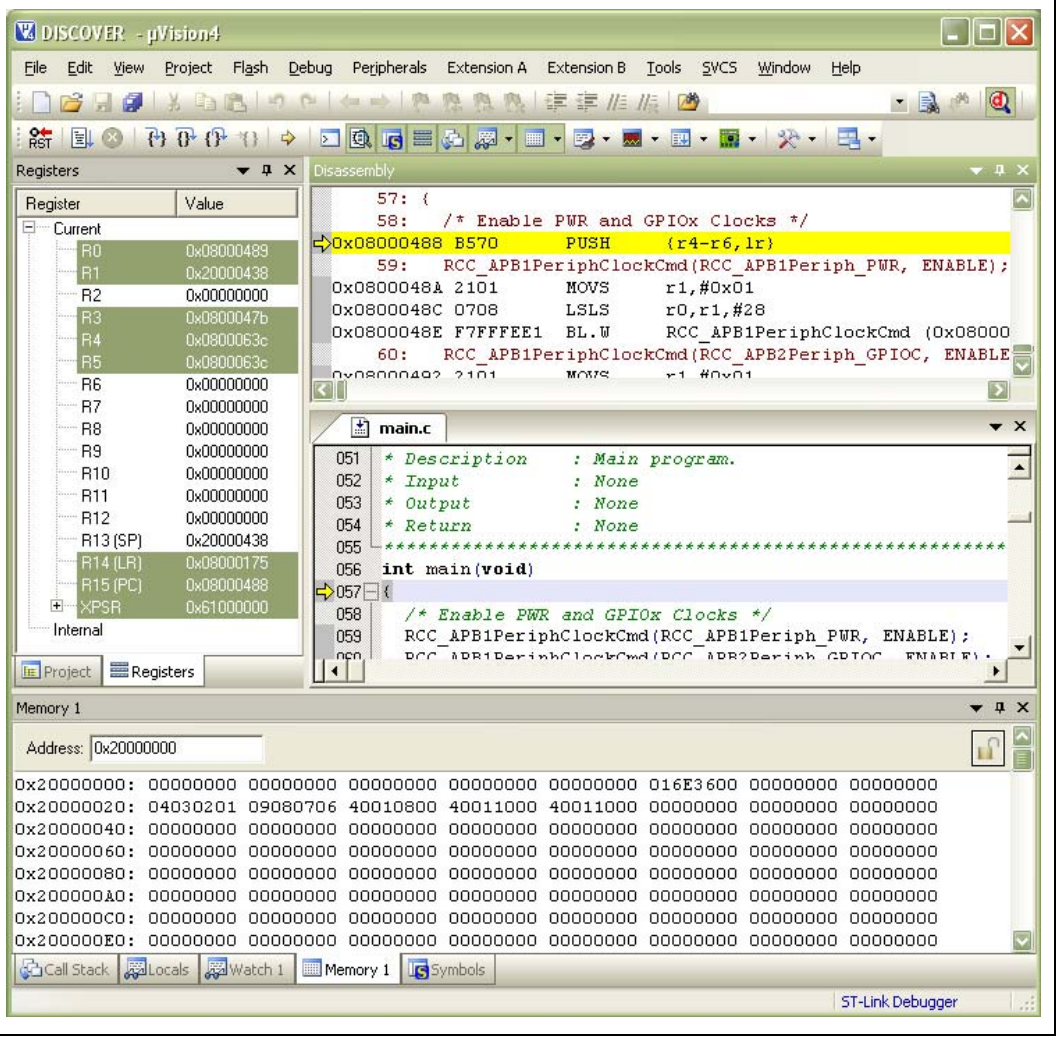
In the MDK-ARM µVision4 IDE, click the magnifying glass to program the Flash memory and begin debugging.

Figure 22. Starting a MDK-ARM µVision4 debugging session



The debugger in the MDK-ARM IDE 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 23. MDK-ARM IDE workspace

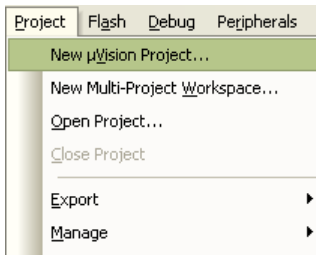


4.3 Creating your first application using the MDK-ARM toolchain

4.3.1 Managing source files

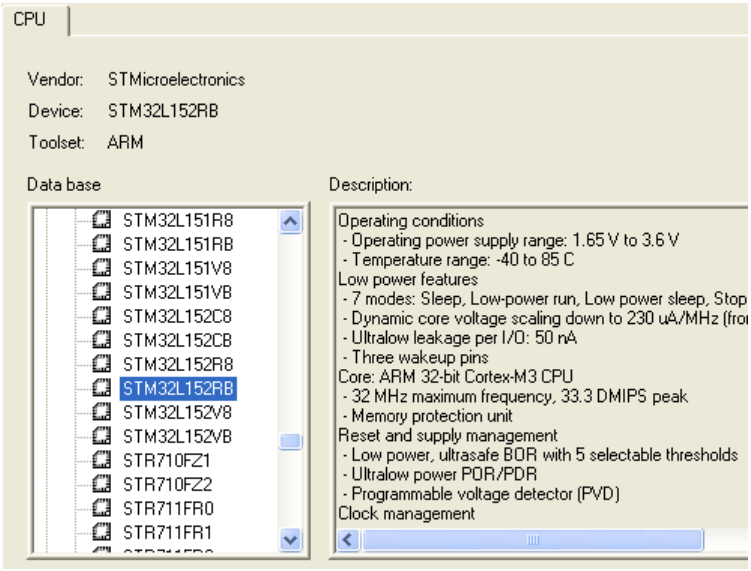
1. In the **Project** menu, select **New µvision Project...** to display the Create Project File dialog box. Name the new project and click **Save**.

Figure 24. Creating a new project



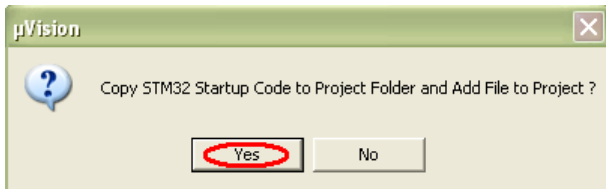
2. When a new project is saved, the IDE displays the device dialog box. Select the device used for testing. In this example, we will use the STMicroelectronics device mounted on the STM32L-DISCOVERY board. In this case, double-click on **STMicroelectronics**, select the **STM32L152RB** device and click **OK** to save your settings.

Figure 25. Device selection dialog box



3. Click Yes to copy the STM32 Startup Code to the project folder and add the file to the project.

Figure 26. Copy the STM32 Startup Code dialog box

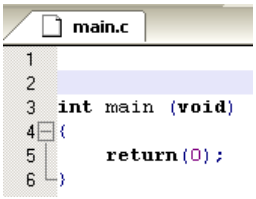


Note: The default STM32 startup file includes the SystemInit function. You can either comment out this file to not use it or add the system_stm32l1xx.c file from the STM32l1xx firmware library.

To create a new source file, in the **File menu**, select **New** to open an empty editor window where you can enter your source code.

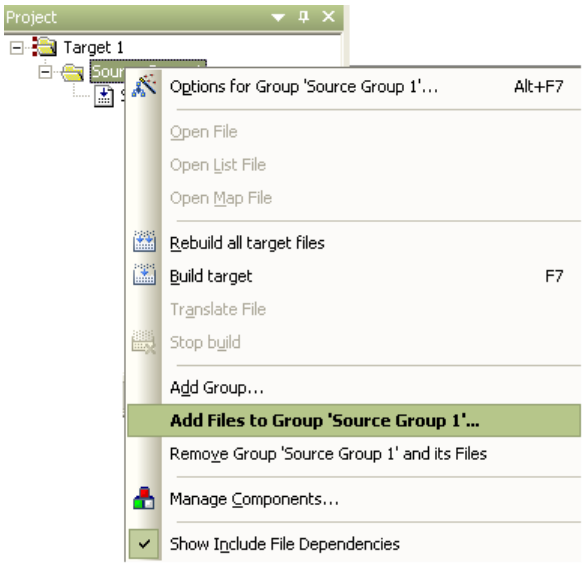
The MDK-ARM toolchain enables C color syntax highlighting when you save your file using the dialog **File > Save As…** under a filename with the ***.c** extension. In this example, the file is saved as **main.c**.

Figure 27. main.c example file



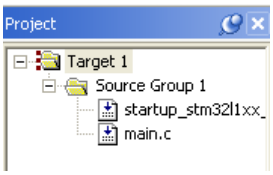
MDK-ARM offers several ways to add source files to a project. For example, you can select the file group in the **Project Window > Files** page and right-click to open a contextual menu. Select the **Add Files...** option, and browse to select the *main.c* file previously created.

Figure 28. Adding source files



If the file is added successfully, the following window is displayed.

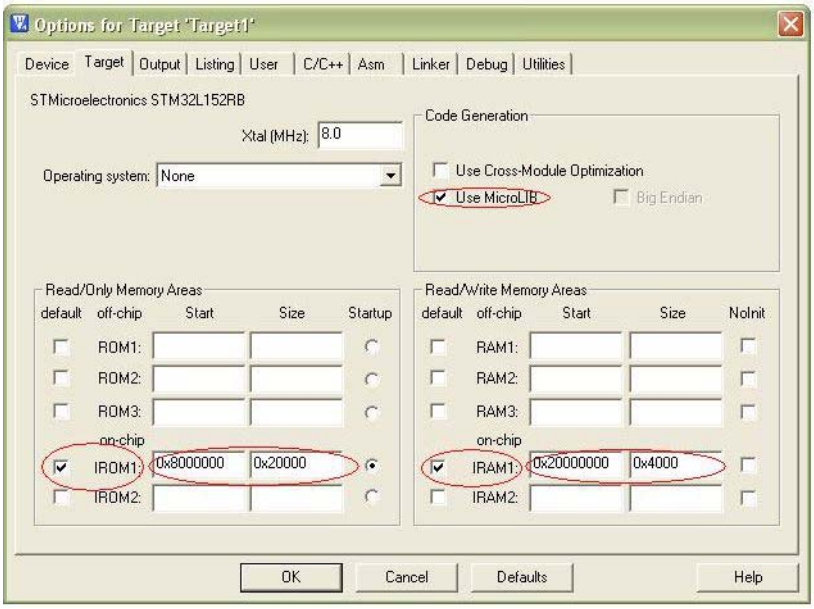
Figure 29. New project file tree structure



4.3.2 Configuring project options

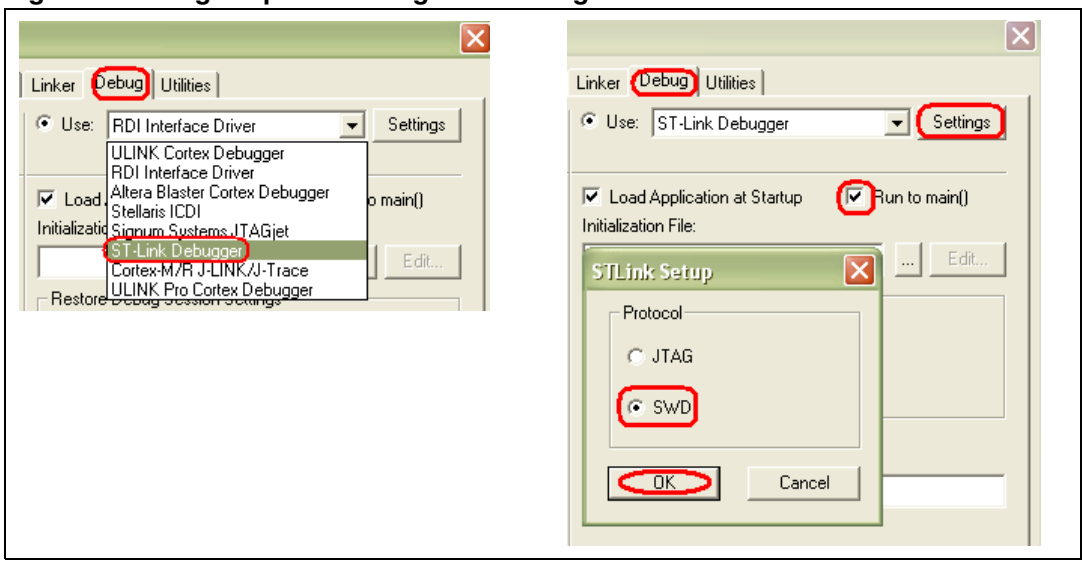
1. In the **Project** menu, select **Options for Target 1** to display the Target Options dialog box.
2. Open the Target tab and enter IROM1 and IARM1 start and size settings as shown in *Figure 30*.

Figure 30. Target Options dialog box - Target tab



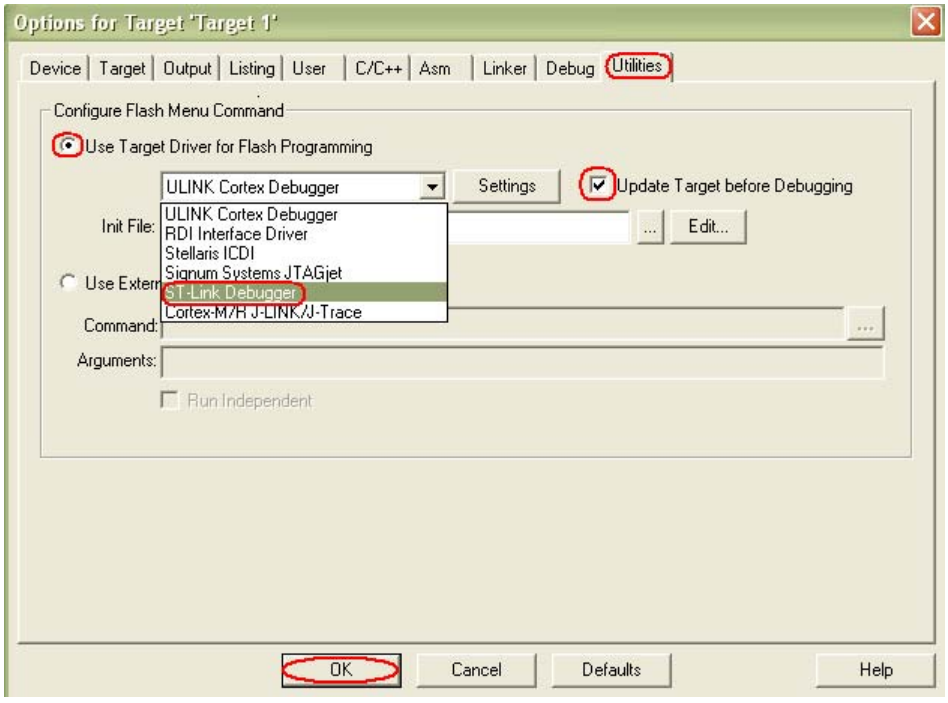
3. Open the **Debug** tab, click **Use** and select the **ST-Link Debugger**. Then, click **Settings** and select the **SWD** protocol. Click **OK** to save the ST-Link setup settings.
4. Select **Run to main()**.

Figure 31. Target Options dialog box - Debug tab



5. Open the **Utilities** tab, select **Use Target Driver for Flash Programming** and select the **ST-Link Debugger** from the drop-down menu.
6. Verify that the **Update Target before Debugging option** is selected.
7. Click **OK** to save your settings.

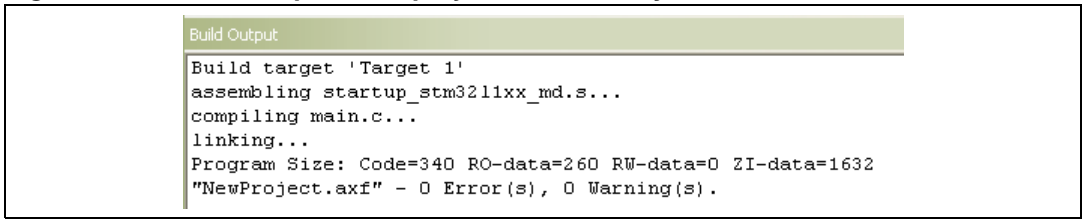
Figure 32. Target Options dialog box - Utilities tab



8. In the **Project** menu, select **Build Target**.

9. If your project is successfully built, the following window is displayed.

Figure 33. MDK-ARM µVision4 project successfully built



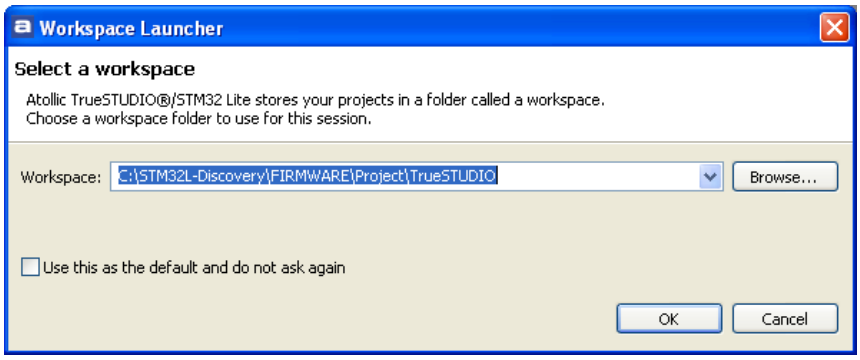
10. Before running your application, establish the connection with the STM32L-DISCOVERY board as described in *Section 2: Hardware environment setup on page 4*.
11. To program the Flash memory and begin debugging, follow the instructions given in *Section 4.2: Debugging and running your MDK-ARM project on page 14*.

5 Using the Atollic TrueSTUDIO®

5.1 Building an existing TrueSTUDIO project

1. Open the **TrueSTUDIO®/STM32** product folder and select the **Atollic TrueSTUDIO® STM32** product name. The program launches and asks for the Workspace location.

Figure 34. TrueSTUDIO workspace launcher dialog box

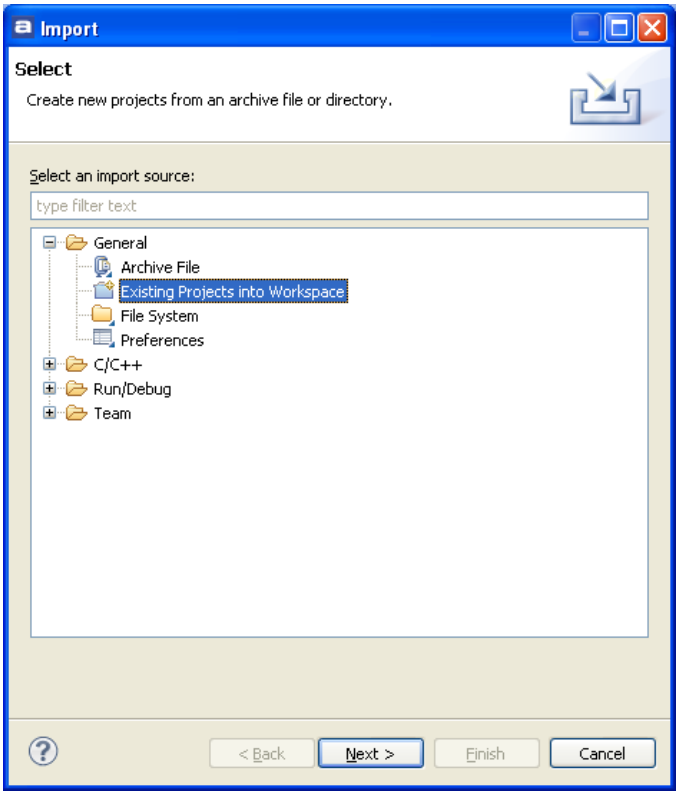


2. Browse to select the STM32L-DISCOVERY Demonstration TrueSTUDIO workspace and click **OK** to save your settings and to display the Welcome screen. To start using Atollic TrueSTUDIO®, click **Start using TrueSTUDIO**.

Figure 35. Atollic TrueSTUDIO®/STM32 Lite welcome screen

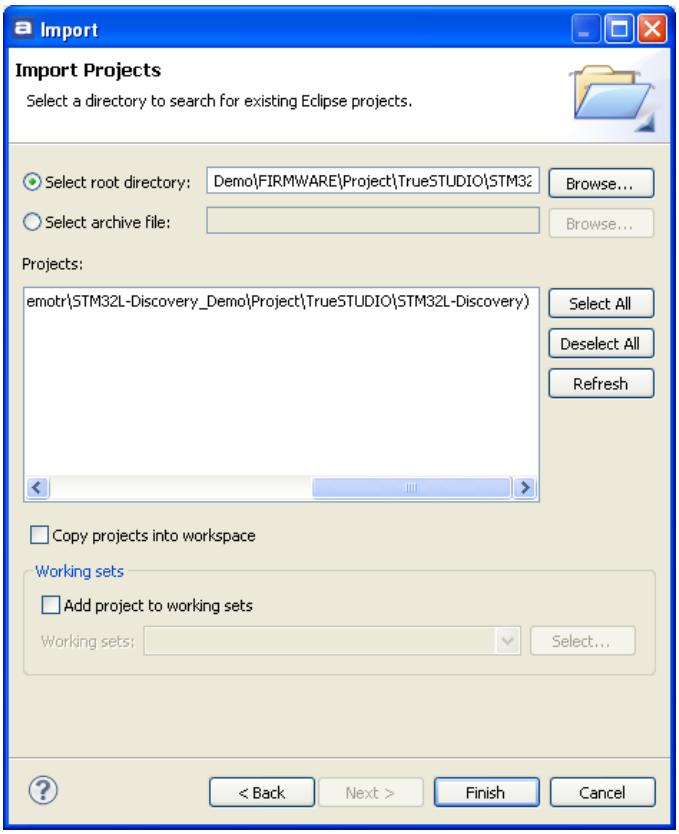
3. The TrueSTUDIO Discovery workspace contains a demo project for the STM32L-DISCOVERY kit. To load this project, in the File menu, select **Import...** to display the Import dialog box.
4. In the **Import** window, open **General**, select **Existing Projects into Workspace** and click **Next**.

Figure 36. Atollic TrueSTUDIO®/STM32 Lite import source select dialog box



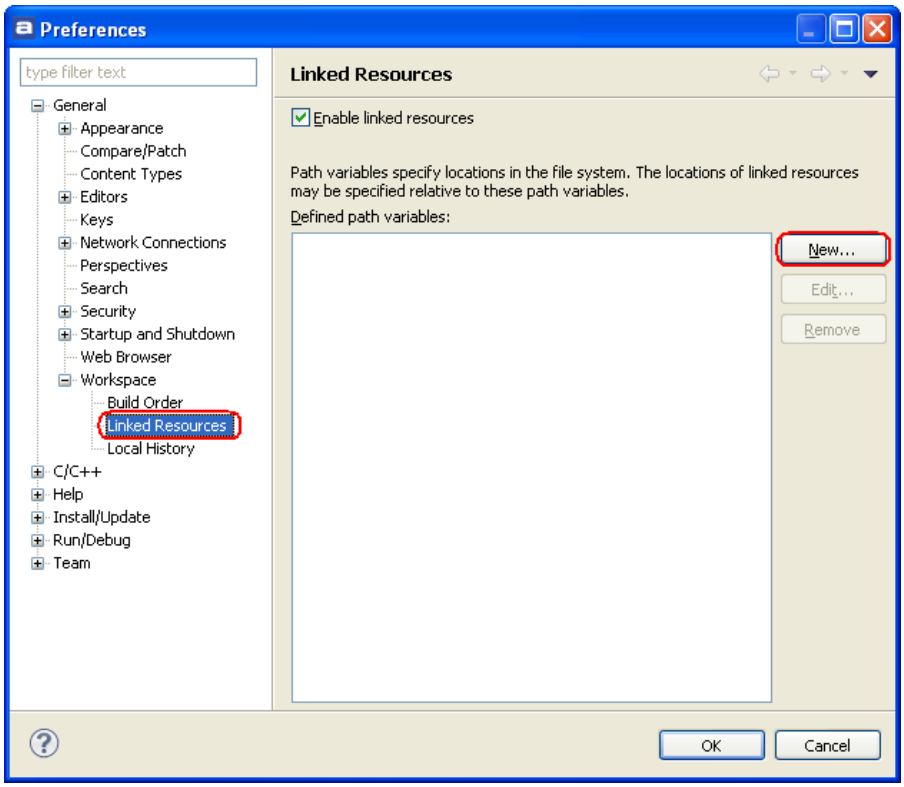
5. Click **Select root directory**, browse to the TrueSTUDIO workspace folder and select the **STM32L-DISCOVERY** project.

Figure 37. Atollic TrueSTUDIO®/STM32 Lite import projects dialog box



6. In the **Projects** pane, select the **STM32L-DISCOVERY** and click **Finish**.
7. When the project is loaded, in the **Window** menu, open **Preferences**, select **General**, **Workspace**, **Linked Resources** and click **New** to add a path variable.

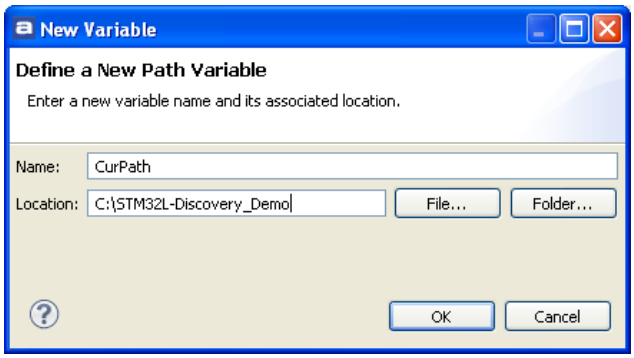
Figure 38. Adding a new path variable



8. Add a path variable named `CurPath` which points to the *STM32L-Discovery_Demo* folder containing the *Libraries*, *Project* and *Utilities* folders.

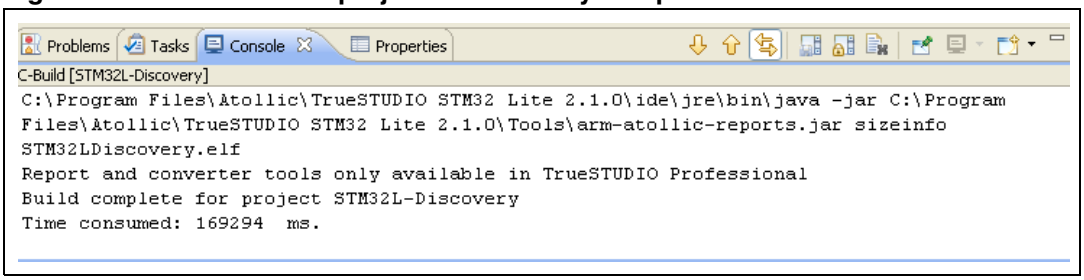
Note: All files in the STM32L-DISCOVERY project are linked using a path variable called "CurPath" to allow users to copy and run this project under any path location, just by updating this variable.

Figure 39. Defining a new path variable



9. In the **Project Explorer**, select the STM32L-DISCOVERY project. Open the **Project** menu, and click **Build Project**.
10. If your project is successfully compiled, the following window is displayed.

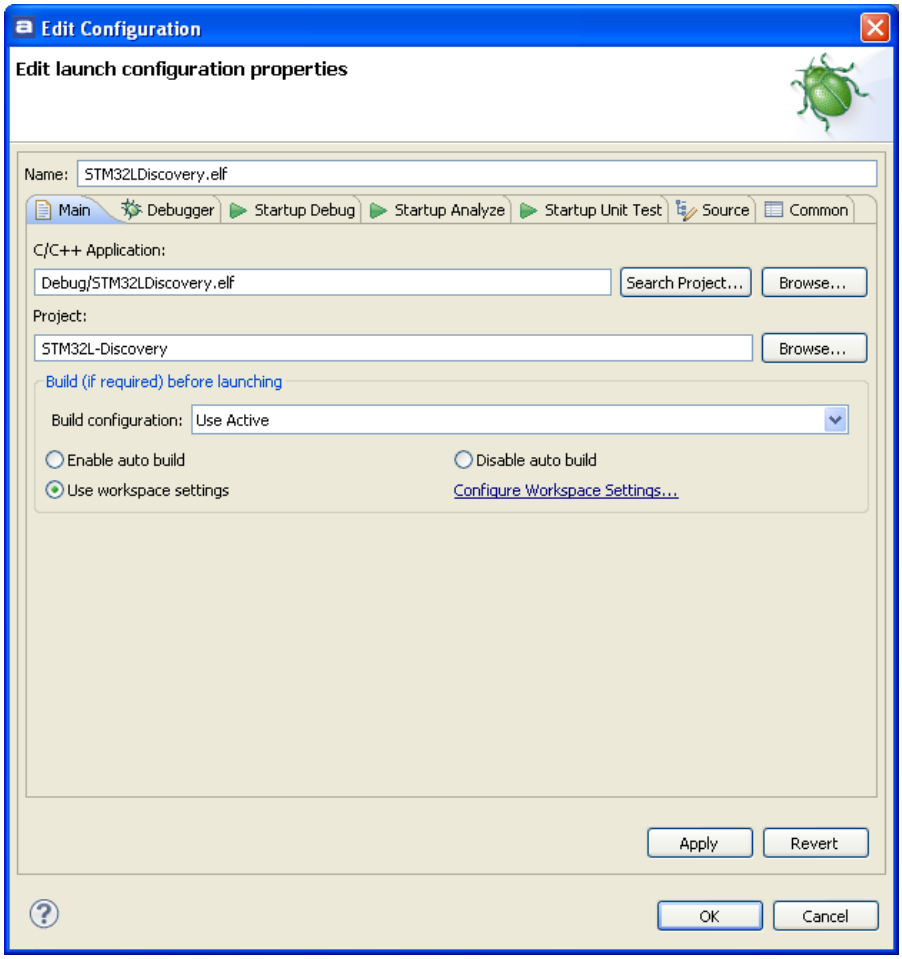
Figure 40. TrueSTUDIO® project successfully compiled



5.2 Debugging and running your TrueSTUDIO project

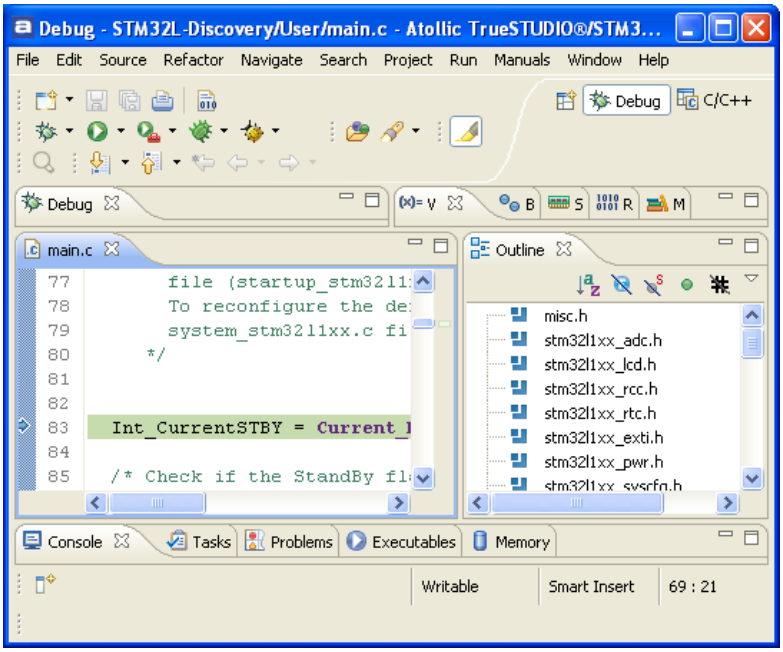
In the **Project Explorer**, select the STM32L-DISCOVERY project and press **F11** to display the Edit Configuration dialog box.

Figure 41. TrueSTUDIO Edit Configuration dialog box



11. In the **Main** tab, configure the project as shown in *Figure 41* and click **OK** to save your settings and to program the Flash memory and begin debugging.

Figure 42. TrueSTUDIO debug window



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.

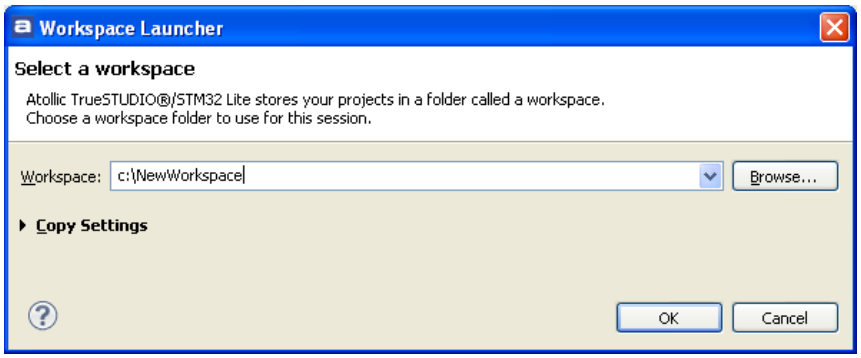
To run your application, from the **Run** menu, select **Resume**, or alternatively click the **Resume** button in the toolbar.

5.3 Creating your first application using TrueSTUDIO toolchain

TrueSTUDIO includes a dedicated connection to the STM32L-DISCOVERY board. When choosing this connection, all required files (startup file, firmware library, etc.) are added to the workspace and sample files are generated in the project folder to simplify development. The debug settings are automatically configured by selecting **STM32L_DISCOVERY** as the evaluation board.

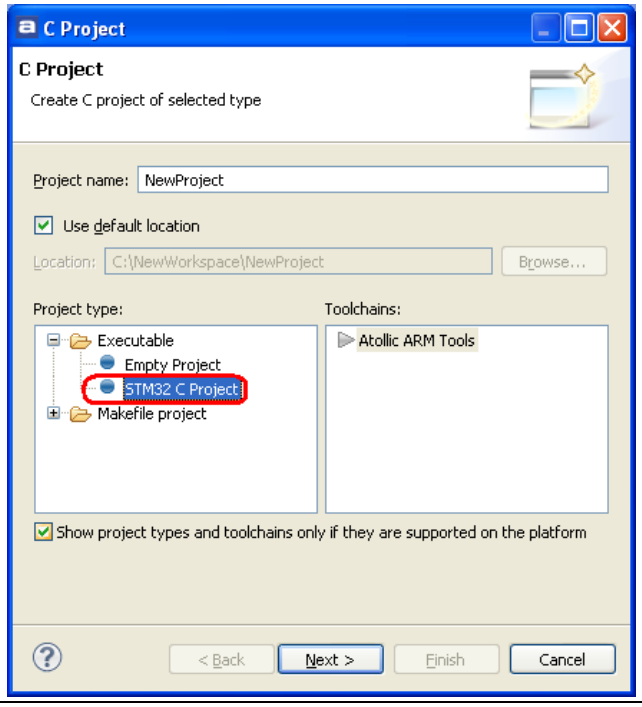
1. Open the **TrueSTUDIO®/STM32** product folder and select the **Atollic TrueSTUDIO® STM32** product name. The program launches and asks for the Workspace location. Browse to select an existing workspace, or enter a new workspace location and click **OK** to confirm.

Figure 43. TrueSTUDIO workspace launcher dialog box



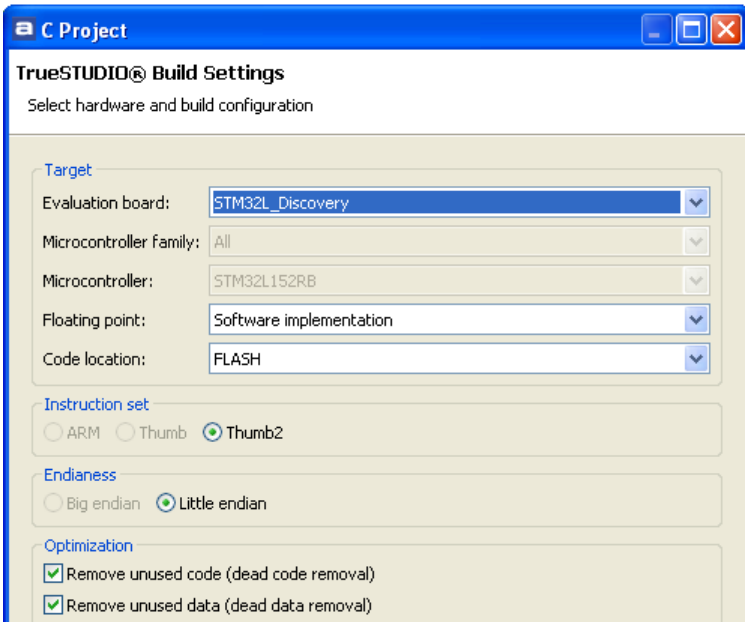
2. When the Atollic TrueSTUDIO® displays its Welcome window, click **Start using TrueSTUDIO** to open the main window. In the **File** menu, select **New** and click **C Project**.
3. Name the new project, in the **Project** type pane select **STM32 C Project** and click **Next**.

Figure 44. TrueSTUDIO® C Project dialog box



4. In the TrueSTUDIO® Build Settings dialog box, select **STM32L_DISCOVERY** as **Evaluation board**, configure the other settings as shown in *Figure 45* and click **Next**.

Figure 45. TrueSTUDIO® Build Settings dialog box

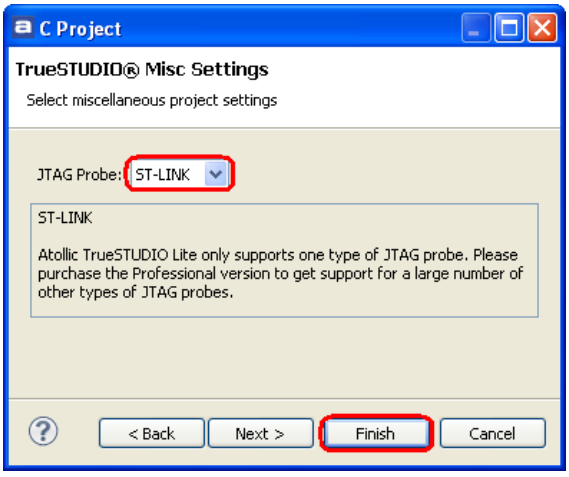


Note: Choosing STM32L-DISCOVERY as the evaluation board, will configure the project as follows:

- *Microcontroller: STM32L152RB*
- *Debug probe: ST-LINK*
- *Connection: Serial Wire Debug (SWD).*

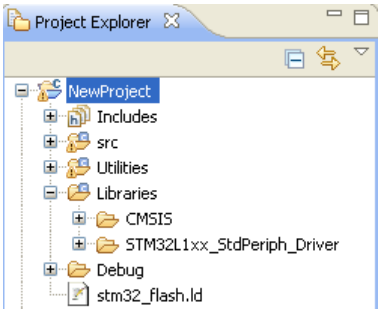
5. Verify that the **JTAG Probe** is **ST-LINK** and click **Finish** to confirm your settings.

Figure 46. TrueSTUDIO® Misc Settings dialog box



6. Your project is successfully created. Atollic TrueSTUDIO® generates target specific sample files (main.c, stm32l1xx_it.c...) in the Project folder to simplify development. You can tailor this project to your needs by modifying these sample files.

Figure 47. TrueSTUDIO® project folder example



7. To build your project, in the **Project** menu, click **Build Project**.
8. Your project is successfully compiled.

Figure 48. TrueSTUDIO® project successfully built

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-Build [NewProject]
Libraries\STM32L1xx_StdPeriph_Driver\src\stm32l1xx_lcd.o Libraries\STM32I
Libraries\STM32L1xx_StdPeriph_Driver\src\stm32l1xx_i2c.o Libraries\STM32I
Libraries\STM32L1xx_StdPeriph_Driver\src\stm32l1xx_flash_ramfunc.o
Libraries\STM32L1xx_StdPeriph_Driver\src\stm32l1xx_flash.o Libraries\STM3
Libraries\STM32L1xx_StdPeriph_Driver\src\stm32l1xx_dma.o Libraries\STM32I
Libraries\STM32L1xx_StdPeriph_Driver\src\stm32l1xx_dac.o Libraries\STM32I
Libraries\STM32L1xx_StdPeriph_Driver\src\stm32l1xx_comp.o Libraries\STM32
Libraries\STM32L1xx_StdPeriph_Driver\src\misc.o
Libraries\CMSIS\CM3\DeviceSupport\ST\STM32L1xx\startup\TrueSTUDIO\startu
Libraries\CMSIS\CM3\CoreSupport\core_cm3.o -o NewProject.elf -mthumb -mc
-Wl,-cref,-u,Reset_Handler -Wl,-Map=NewProject.map -Wl,--gc-sections -Wl,
C:\Program Files\Atollic\TrueSTUDIO STM32 Lite 2.1.0\ide\jre\bin\java -j
2.1.0\Tools\arm-atollic-reports.jar sizeinfo NewProject.elf
Report and converter tools only available in TrueSTUDIO Professional
Build complete for project NewProject
Time consumed: 16247  ms.
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9. Before running your application, establish the connection with the STM32L-DISCOVERY board as described in *Section 2: Hardware environment setup on page 4*.
10. To program the Flash memory and begin debugging, follow the instructions given in *Section 5.2: Debugging and running your TrueSTUDIO project on page 24*.

6 Revision history

Table 1. Document revision history

Date	Revision	Changes
27-Sep-2011	1	Initial release.

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