

# FreeMASTER & S32 Design Studio

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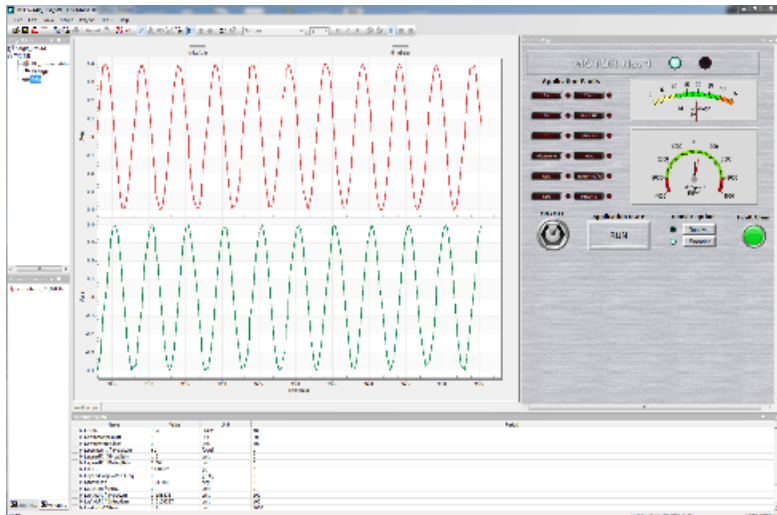


# EASY TO USE AND FLEXIBLE

HOST PC

## FreeMASTER 3.0

- Communication library & plug-ins
- Windows native charts, table views
- Integrated IE 11 and Chromium
- Light weight service with JSON-RPC API



COMMUNICATION LAYER



UART / USB-CDC

*Plain serial line or on board USB port*

USB to CAN

*USB to CAN convertor*

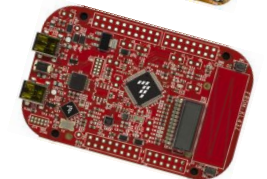
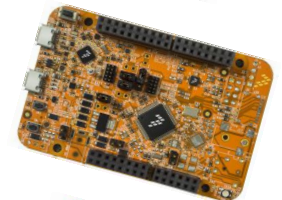
JTAG / SWD

*Debug probes*

NXP OR CUSTOMER BOARD

## Embedded application

*FreeMASTER Communication Driver (minimal changes to application)*



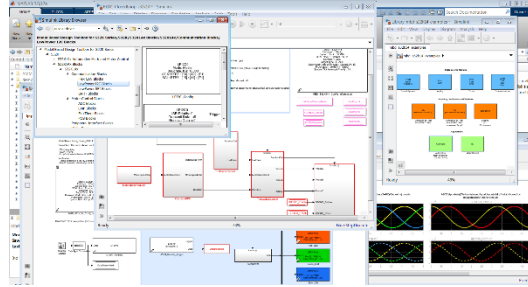
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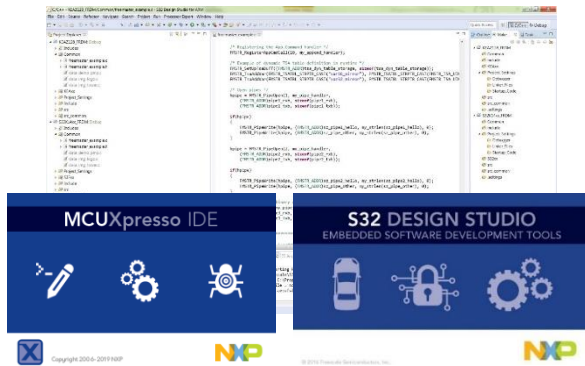
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## Mode Based Design Toolbox



Code Generation From Model Based Design Toolbox

## MCUXpresso / S32 Design Studio



Generate Simple Models Based on SDK

## EDGE / AP Evaluation Kits

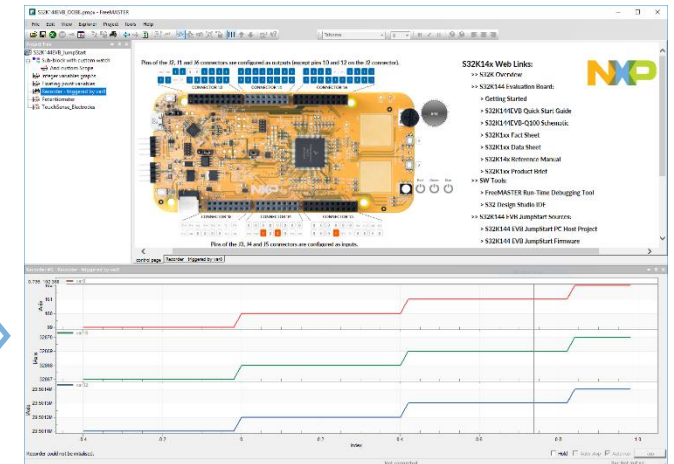


S32K144



General Purpose Arm Cortex-M based MCUs

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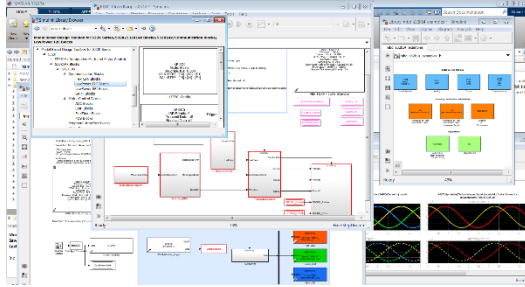
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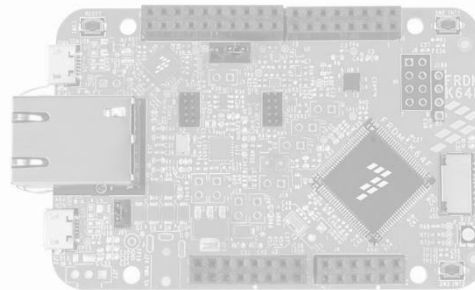


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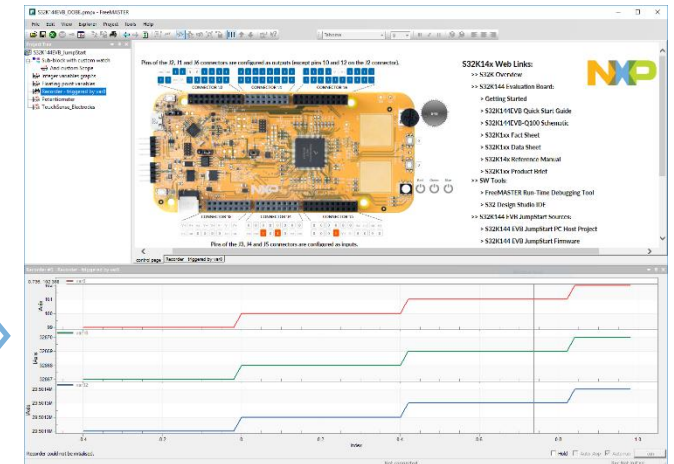


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## FREEMASTER & S32DS INTEGRATION OPTIONS

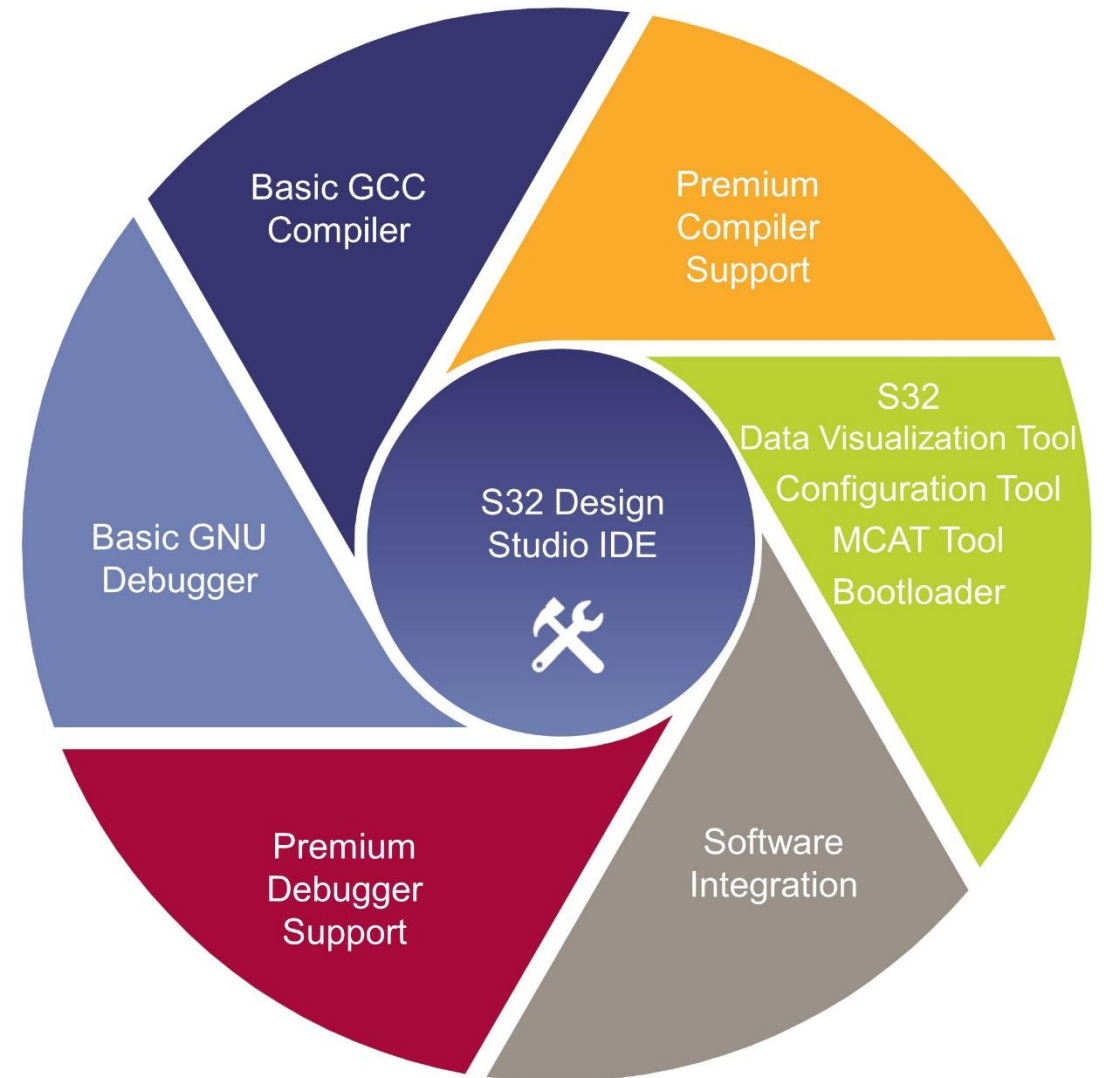
### 1. Create S32DS Project from Examples

- ✓ Ready to build C application
- ✓ FreeMASTER project included

### 2. Add FreeMASTER Driver to an Existing Project via SDK Configuration

- ✓ Automatically adds driver source files and configures target project structure

 Requires manual communication & library initialization

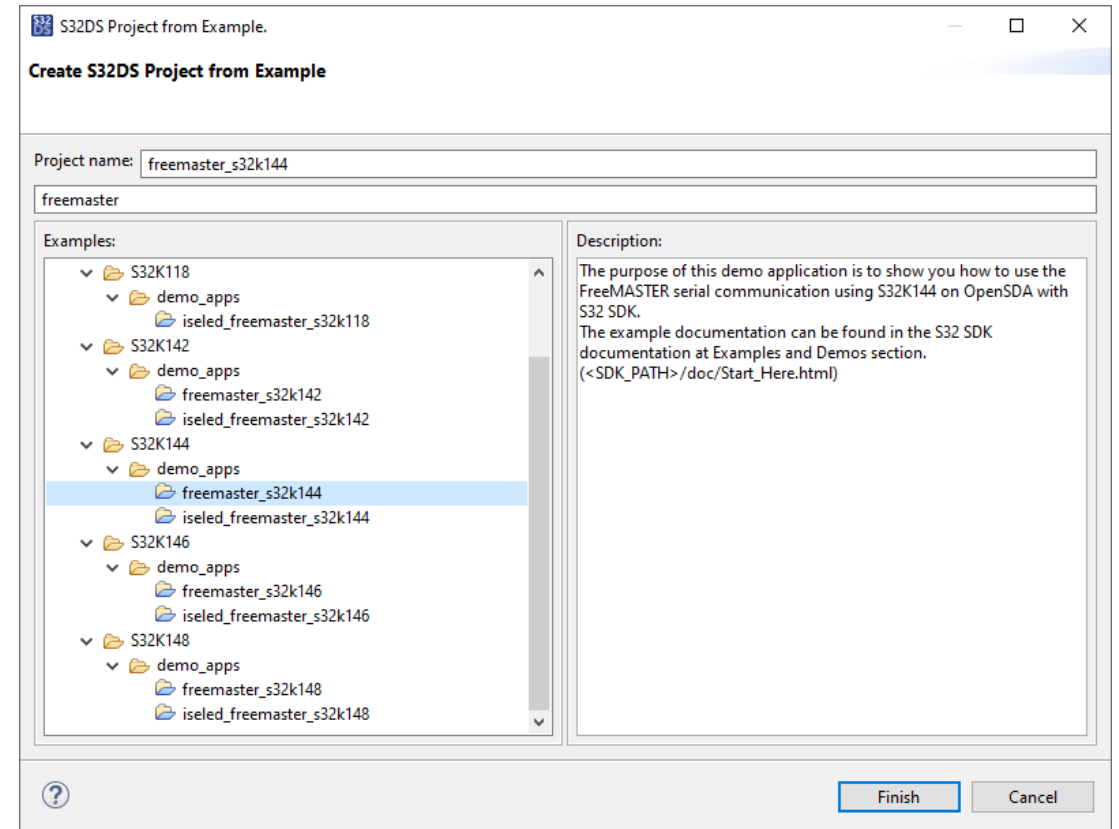
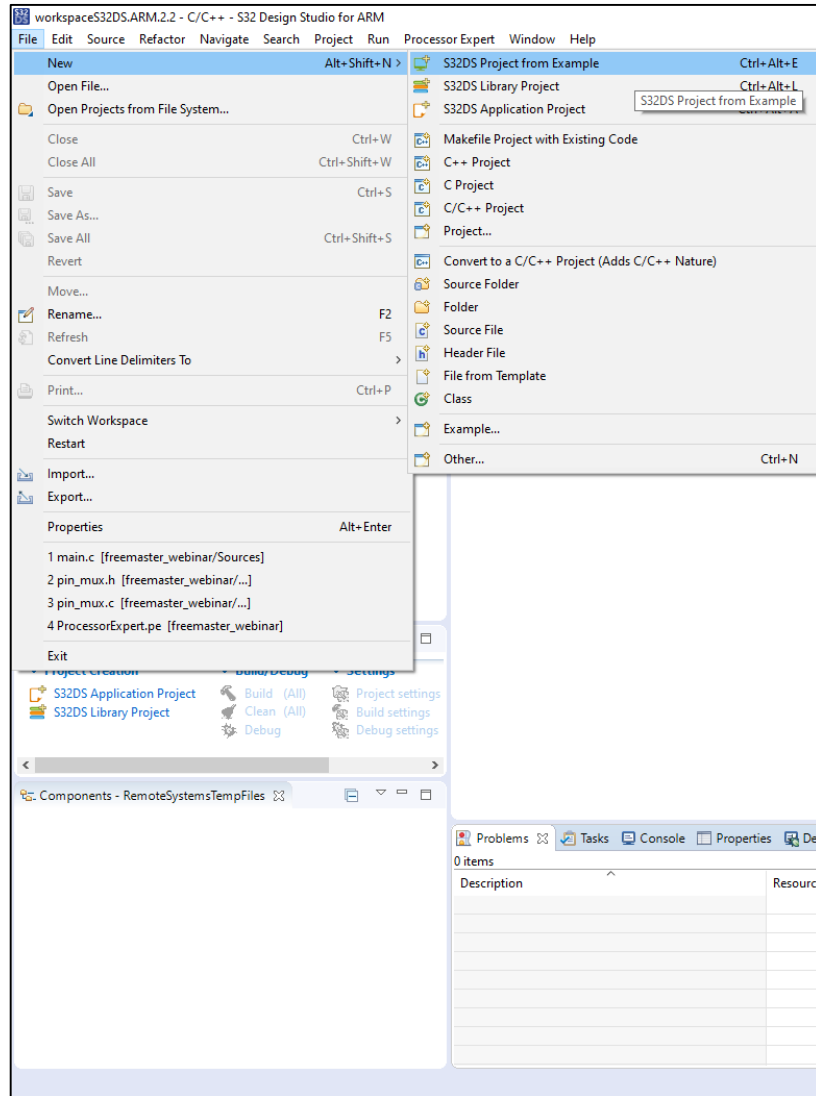


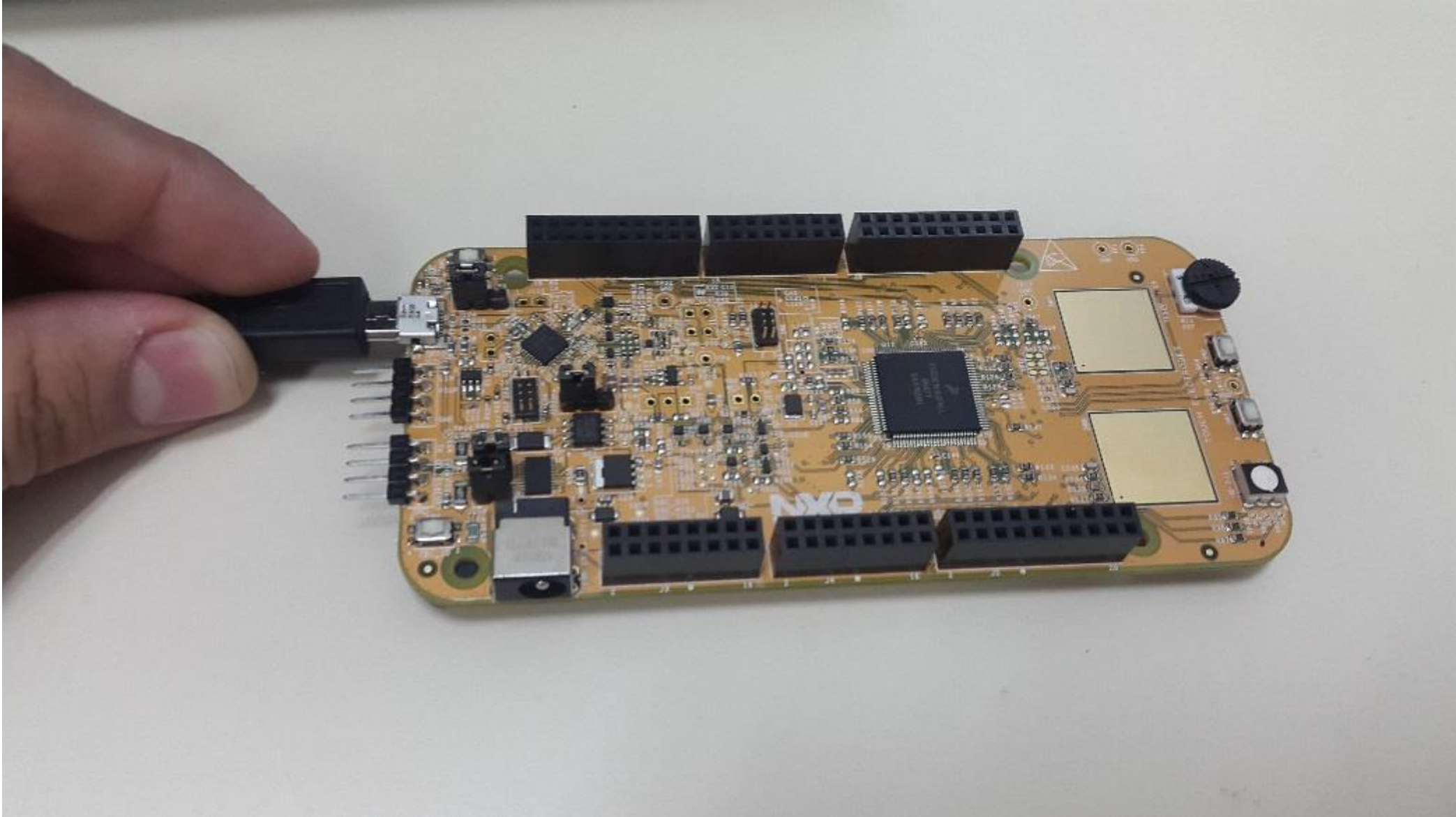
# CREATE FREEMASTER PROJECT FROM EXAMPLE

## STEP 1

File → New → S32DS Project from Example

Filter: freemaster

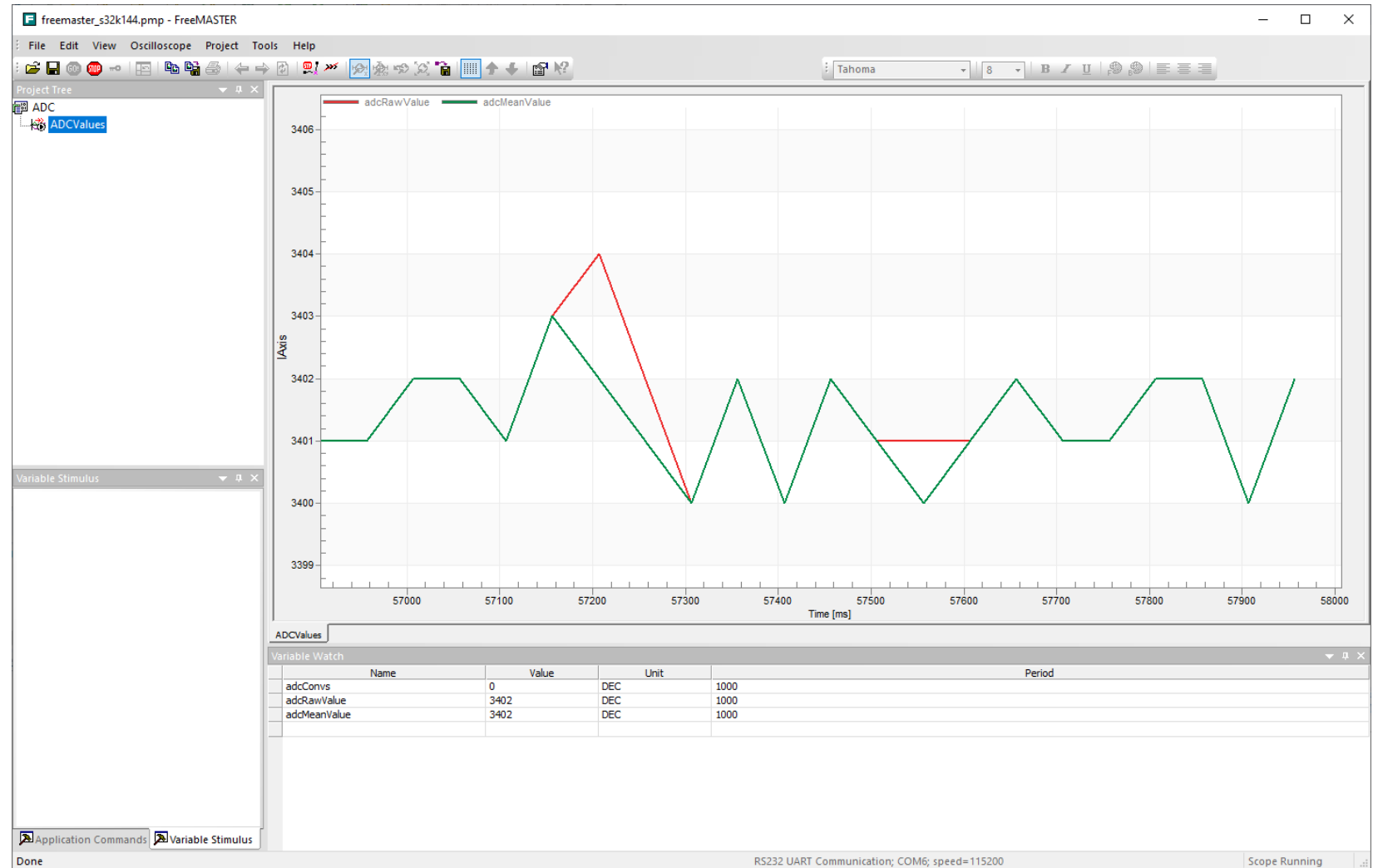
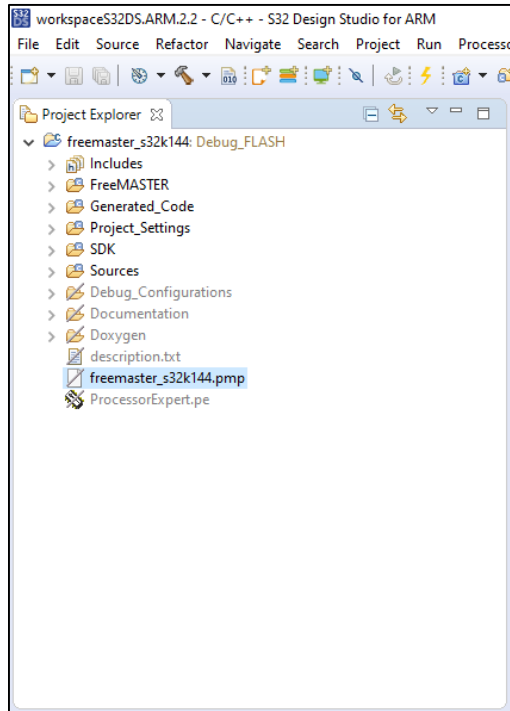




# CREATE FREEMASTER PROJECT FROM EXAMPLE STEP 2

Open: freemaster\_s32k144.pmp

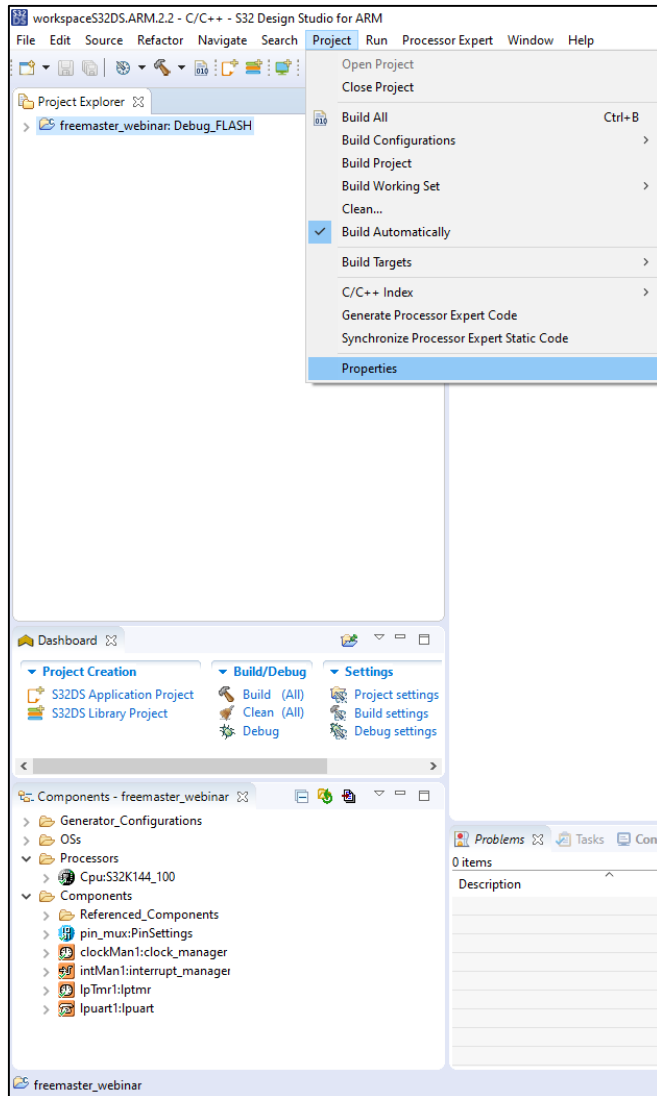
FreeMASTER is launched automatically based on file extension



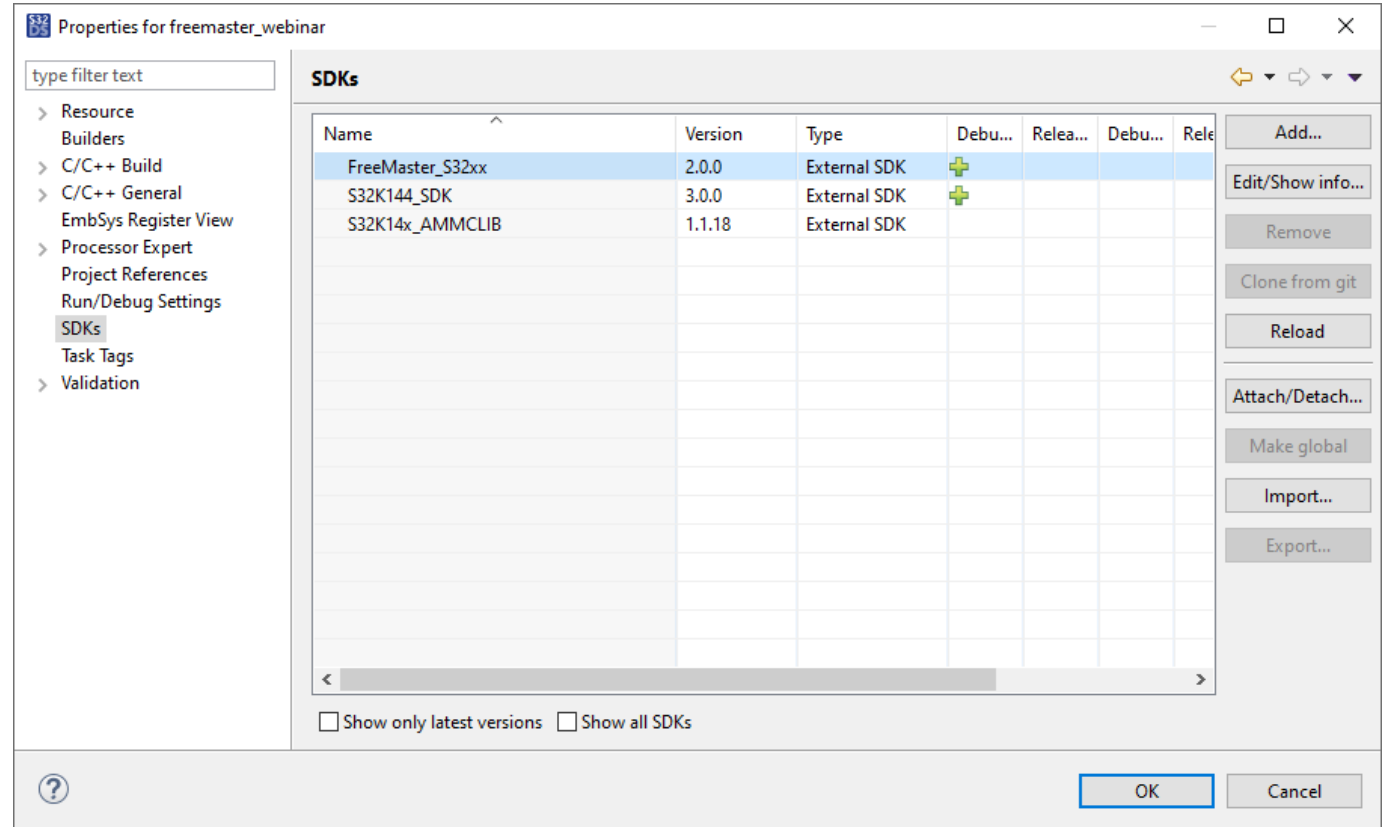


# ADDING FREEMASTER SDK TO EXISTING PROJECT STEP 1

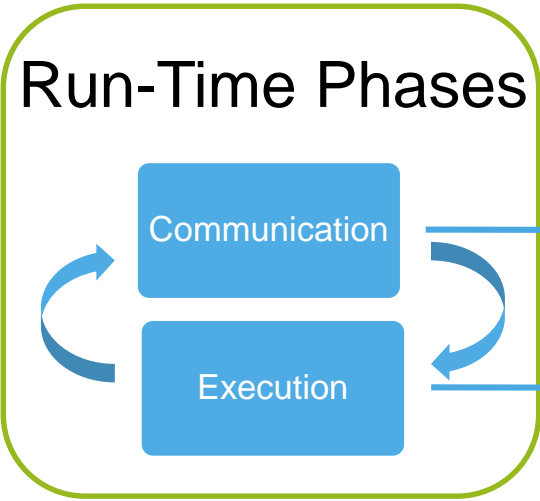
Project→Properties



Select: FreeMASTER\_S32xx→Press: Attach/Detach

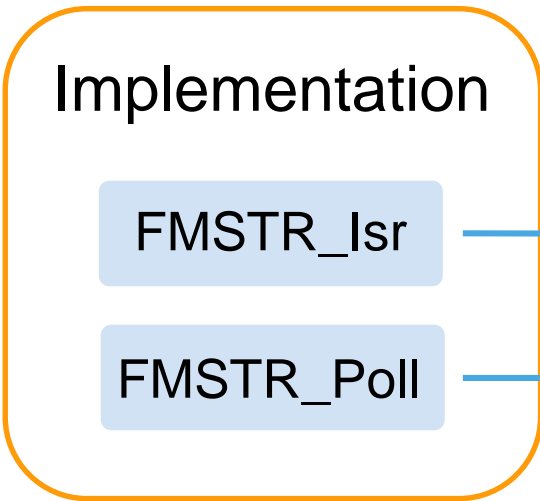


# FREEMASTER DRIVER IMPLEMENTATION & RUN-TIME



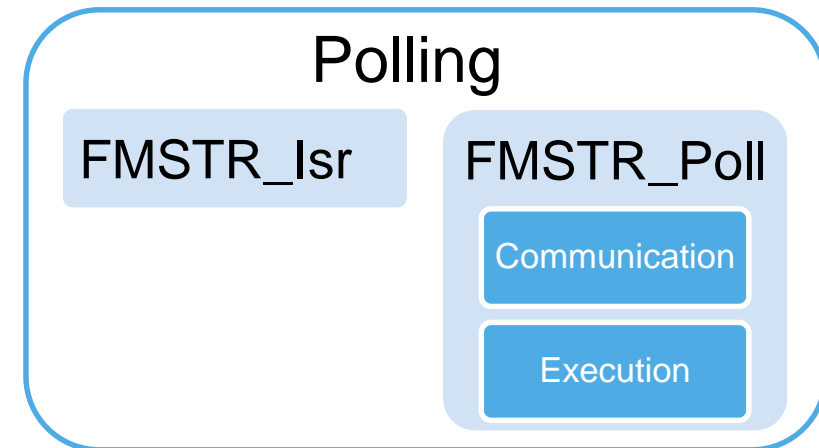
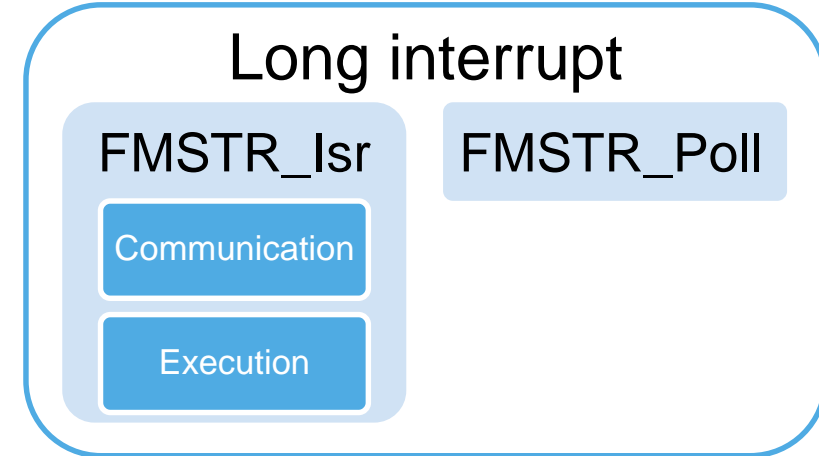
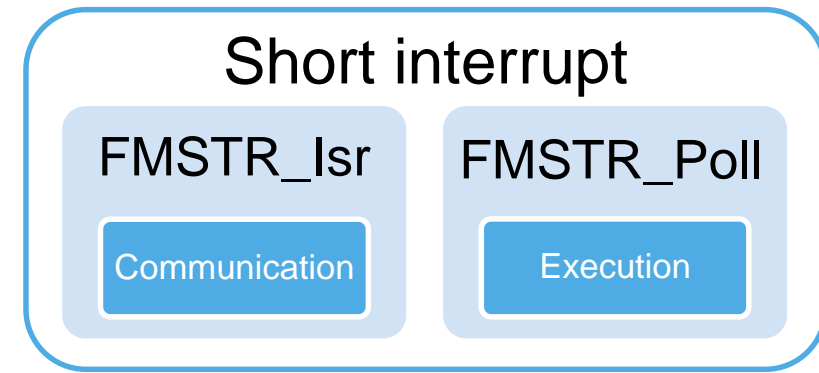
Sends and receives commands from host PC

Decodes and executes received commands



Is assigned and called by a system interrupt

Is called from user code



## ADDING FREEMASTER SDK TO EXISTING PROJECT STEP 2

1. `#include "freemaster.h"` ← include single header file
2. `LPUART_DRV_Init(INST_LPUART1, &lpuart1_State, &lpuart1_InitConfig0);`  
`INT_SYS_InstallHandler(LPUART1_RxTx_IRQn, FMSTR_Isr, NULL);` ← initialize  
communication interface and attach FreeMASTER handler (`FMSTR_Isr`)
3. `FMSTR_Init();` ← initialize FreeMASTER driver (see `freemaster_cfg.h`)
4. `FMSTR_Poll();` ← call polling function whenever target board is free to or should  
process FreeMASTER commands (in polling mode)



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# MBDT

Tips for Enhancing Embedded Applications with  
FreeMASTER UI from MATLAB/Simulink

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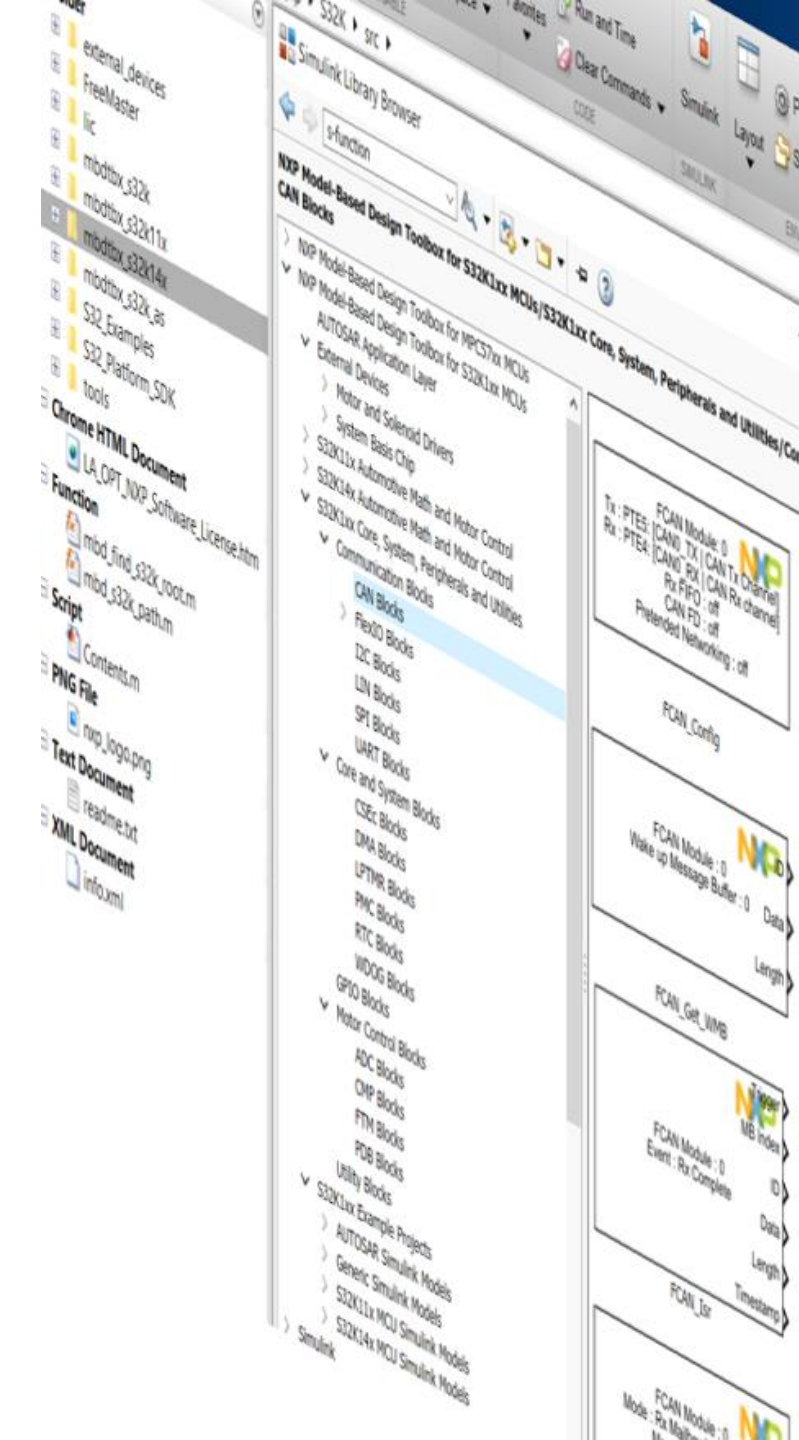




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# Model-Based Design “at a glance”



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# Model-Based Design – Concept

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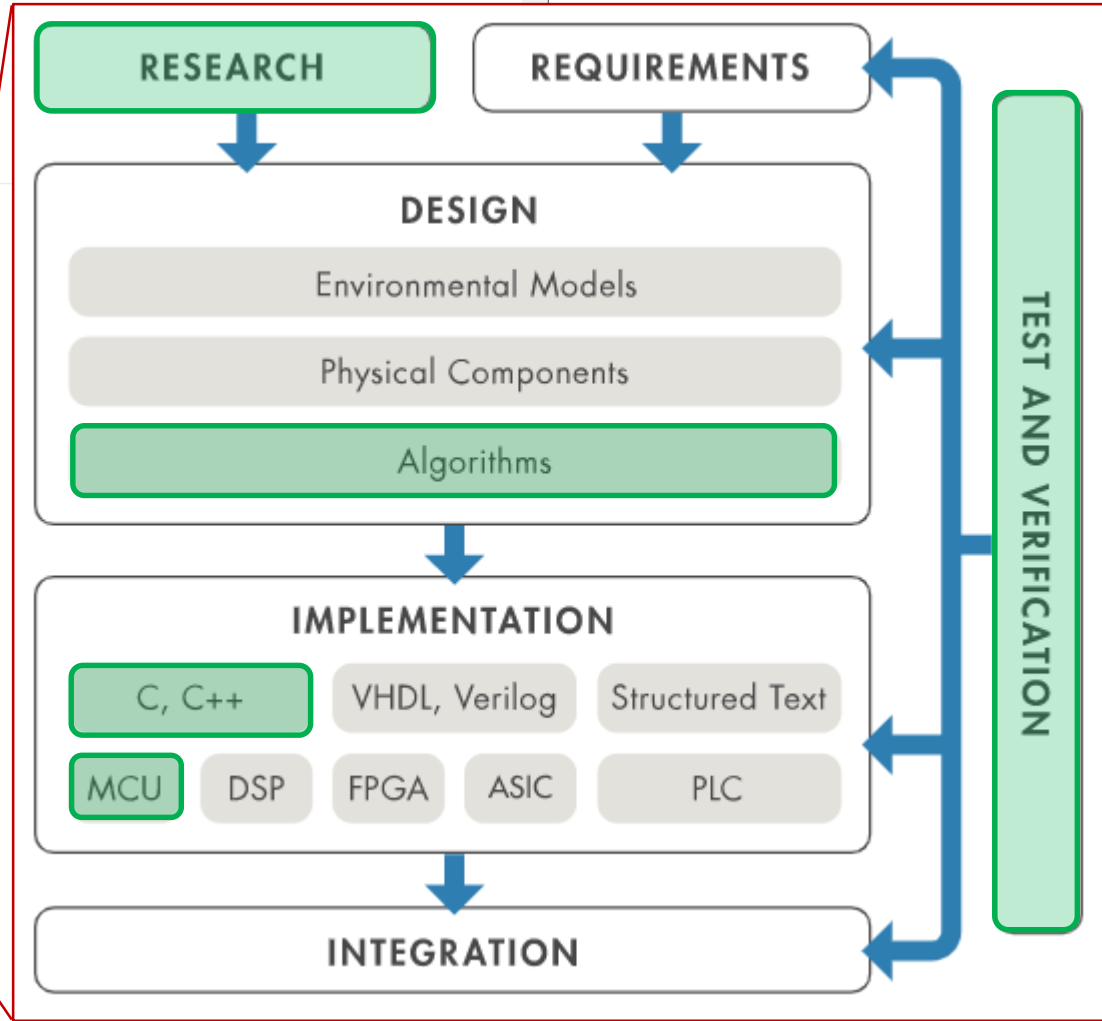
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**Model-Based Design (MBD)** is a mathematical and visual method of addressing problems associated with **designing** complex control, signal processing and communication systems. It is used in many motion control, industrial equipment, aerospace, and automotive applications.

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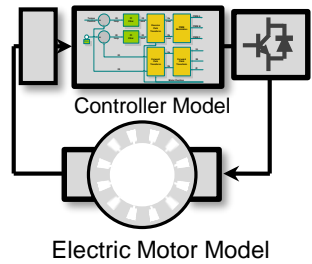
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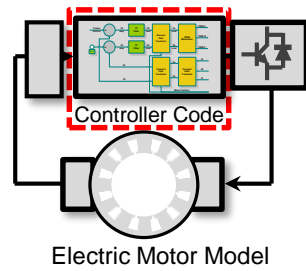
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## Idea incubation



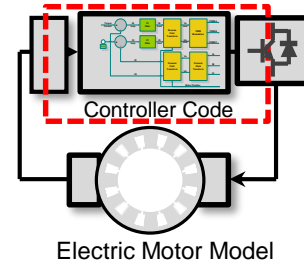
## Automatic Code Generation

To SIL



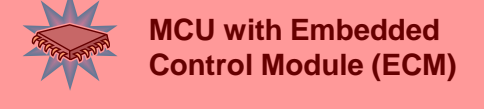
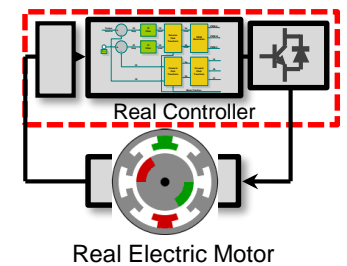
## Code Validation

To PIL



## Final Product

To MCU



### Step 1 – System Requirements:

#### Model-in-the-Loop

- Software requirements
- Control system requirements
- Overall application control strategy

### Step 2 – Modeling/Simulation:

#### Software-in-the-Loop

- Control algorithm design
- Code generation preparation
- Control system design
- Start testing implementation approach

### Step 3 – Rapid Prototype:

#### Process in the loop

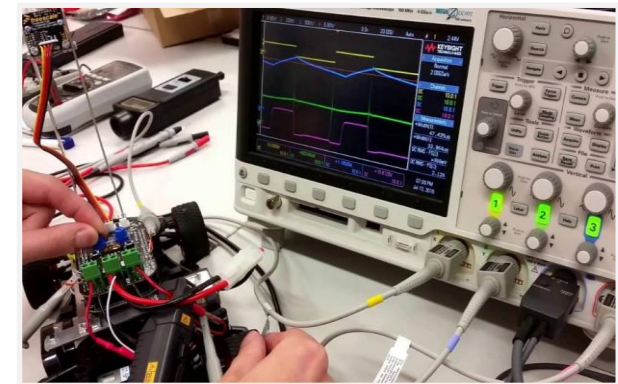
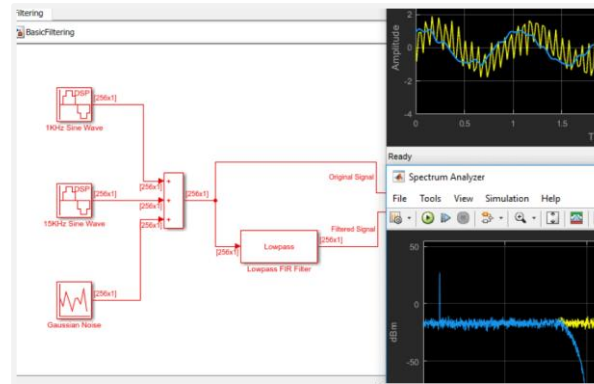
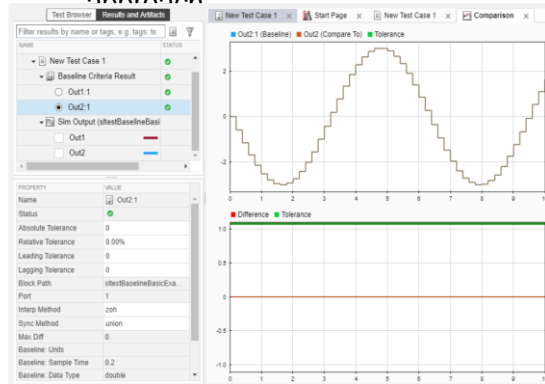
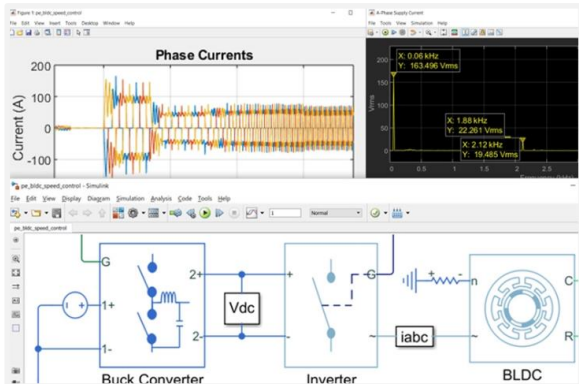
- Controller code generation
- Determine execution time on MCU
- Verify algorithm on MCU
- See memory/stack usage on MCU

### Step 4 – Final Application

#### Validation/Verification phase

- Controller code generation
- Test system in target environment using tools for data logging and parameter tuning

# FreeMASTER



# NXP Model-Based Design Solutions

- Collection of Tools & Libraries designed to **Assist** customers with prototyping and accelerate algorithm development on NXP MCUs
- MCU Peripherals **Initialization & Configuration** through GUI from a Model-Based Design environment like Simulink®
- Supported **Platforms** for automatic Code Generation:
  - Arm®-based S32K
  - E200®-based MPC57xx/MPC56xx
  - MagniV S12ZVMx/S12ZVC
- Customer **Support** and **Training**:  
<https://community.nxp.com/community/mbdt>

The image displays a collage of screenshots from the NXP Model-Based Design environment, illustrating the tools and workflow for MCU development.

**Top Row Sections:**

- Built-in Tools, Scripts and Sources:** Shows a file explorer view of the project structure, including folders like 'external\_devices', 'FreeMaster', and 'S32\_Examples', and files like 'LA\_OPT\_NXP\_Software\_License.htm' and 'readme.txt'.
- Simulink Blocks for S32K Peripherals Configuration, RW, ISR:** Shows the Simulink Library Browser with a tree view of blocks categorized by peripheral type (e.g., FlexIO, I2C, LIN, SPI, UART, Core and System, Motor Control, ADC, CMP, FTM, PDB, Utility). Specific blocks like 'FCAN\_Config', 'FCAN\_Get\_WMB', 'FCAN\_Isr', and 'FCAN\_Receive' are highlighted.
- Documentation & Examples:** Shows the Documentation viewer displaying the 'Target Configuration Block' documentation, which includes details about the target MCU (S32K148), system clock (80 MHz), and various configuration parameters.

**Bottom Row Sections:**

- Simulink Block Diagram:** Shows a Simulink model with various peripheral blocks connected, including 'Dual\_Edge\_Capture' and 'FTM\_CHN\_ISR'.
- FixedStepDiscr:** Shows a 'FixedStepDiscr' block with its configuration parameters.
- mc\_gmclb0\_s32k14:** Shows the 'mc\_gmclb0\_s32k14' block with its associated plots, including 'Automotive Math and Motor Control Library' and 'Motor Control'.

# Benefits of FreeMASTER Integration with MATLAB/Simulink

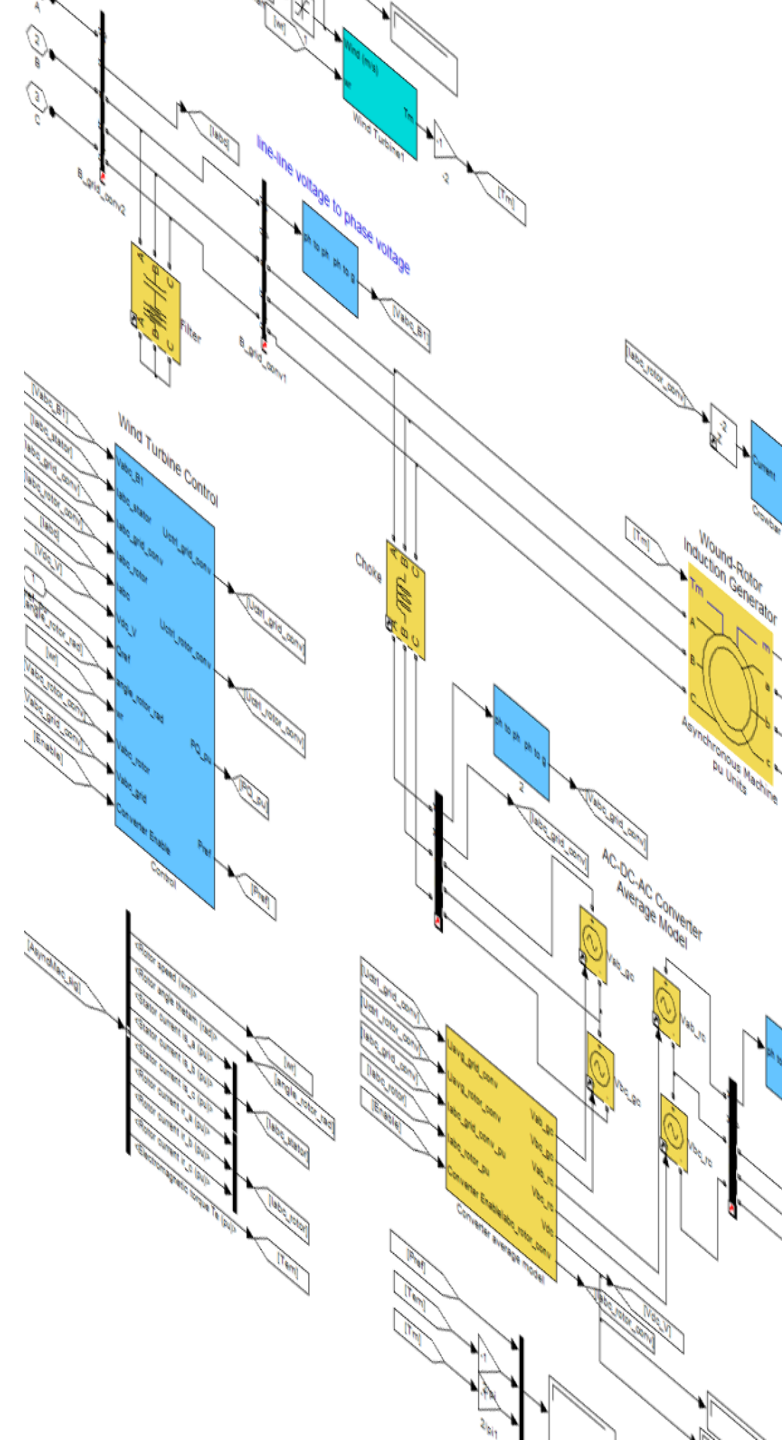
1. No need to write any c-code: just **drag&drop** FreeMASTER Simulink blocks anywhere in the Model

The image illustrates the integration of FreeMASTER into a Simulink model. It consists of three main parts:

- Simulink Library Browser:** Shows the 'FreeMaster Recorder Call' block selected in the 'Utility Blocks' section.
- Simulink Model:** A complex block diagram of a motor control system. A red box highlights the 'FreeMaster Recorder Call' block, with a red arrow labeled 'Drag & Drop' pointing to it from the library browser. Another red arrow labeled 'Build' points from the model to the code generation report.
- Code Generation Report:** Shows the generated C code. A red box highlights the function call `FMSTR_Recorder();` in the code, with a red arrow pointing to it from the model.

2. Real Time debugging of Simulink Models with minimal intrusiveness
3. Use FreeMASTER as “a bridge” to upload/download data from/to embedded MCU from MATLAB

# Embedded Applications Examples



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# Example#1: Modelling & Verification with Simulink & FreeMASTER

## Simulink:

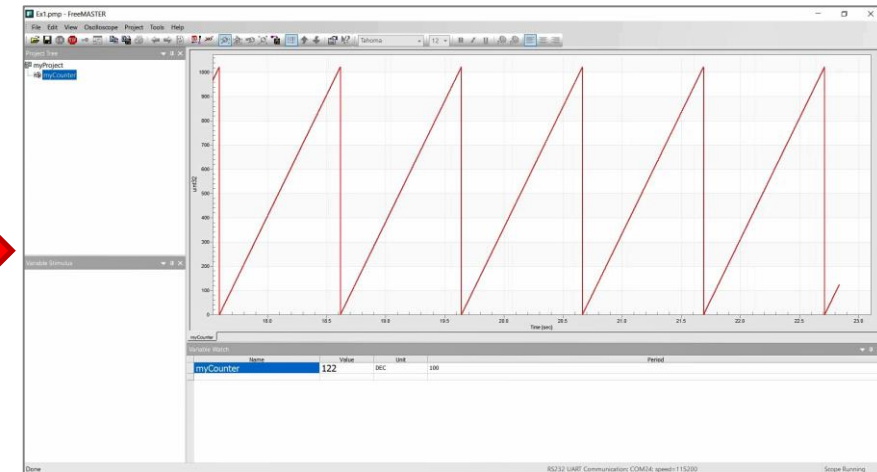
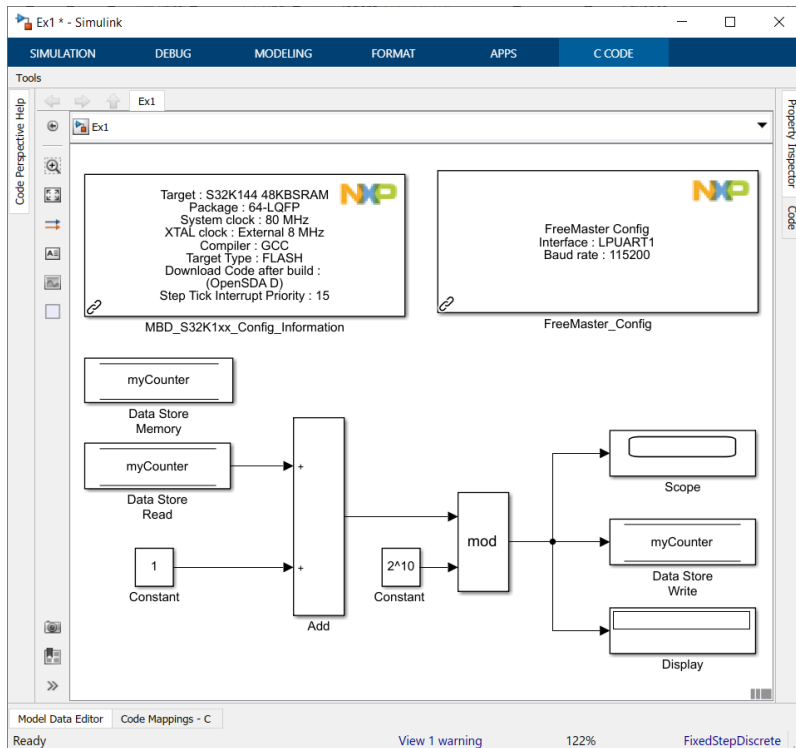
- ✓ Modelling & Simulations
- ✓ FreeMASTER configuration
- ✓ Automatic Code Generation
- ✓ Automatic Target Deployment

## S32K144 EVB:

- ✓ Embedded Application Execution

## FreeMASTER 3.0.2

- ✓ Real-Time data inspection
- ✓ Variable Watch
- ✓ Oscilloscope monitoring



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FILE VARIABLE CODE SIMULINK ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES

C:\MBDT\_GIT\mbdt\_dp\S32K\src\S32\_Examples\s32k14x\FreeMASTER\_Example1

Current Folder

Name
Simulink Model
Ex1.mdl
FreeMASTER Project
Ex1.pmp

Ex1.mdl (Simulink Model)

Command Window

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fx >>
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Workspace

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# Example#2: MATLAB Data Logger with FreeMASTER

## S32K144 EVB:

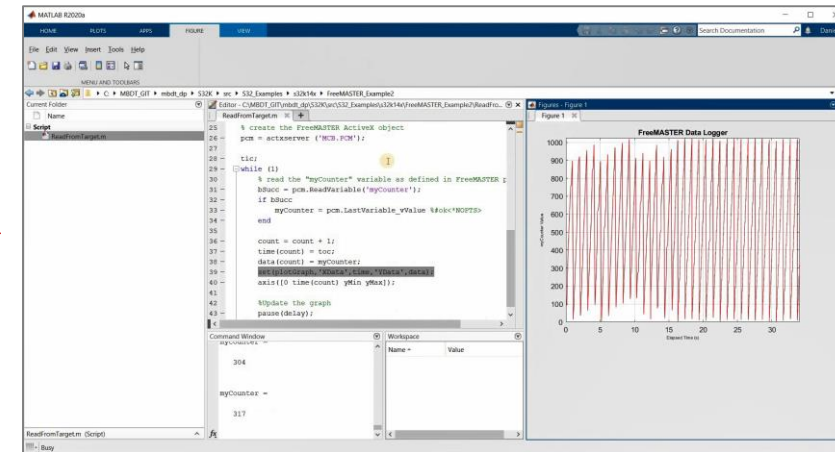
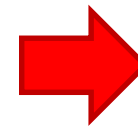
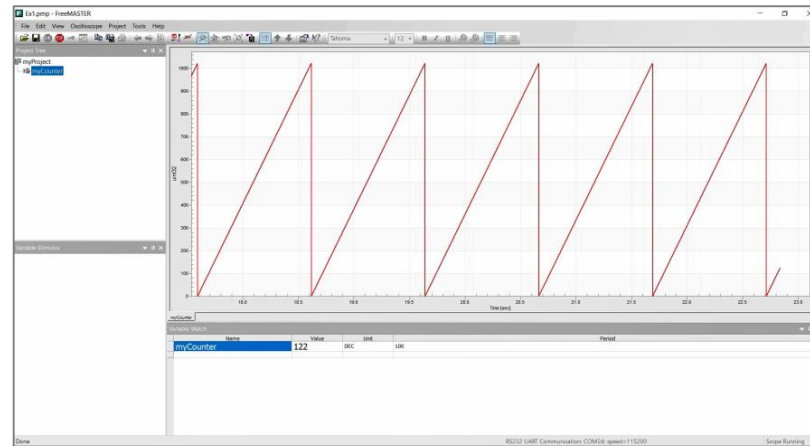
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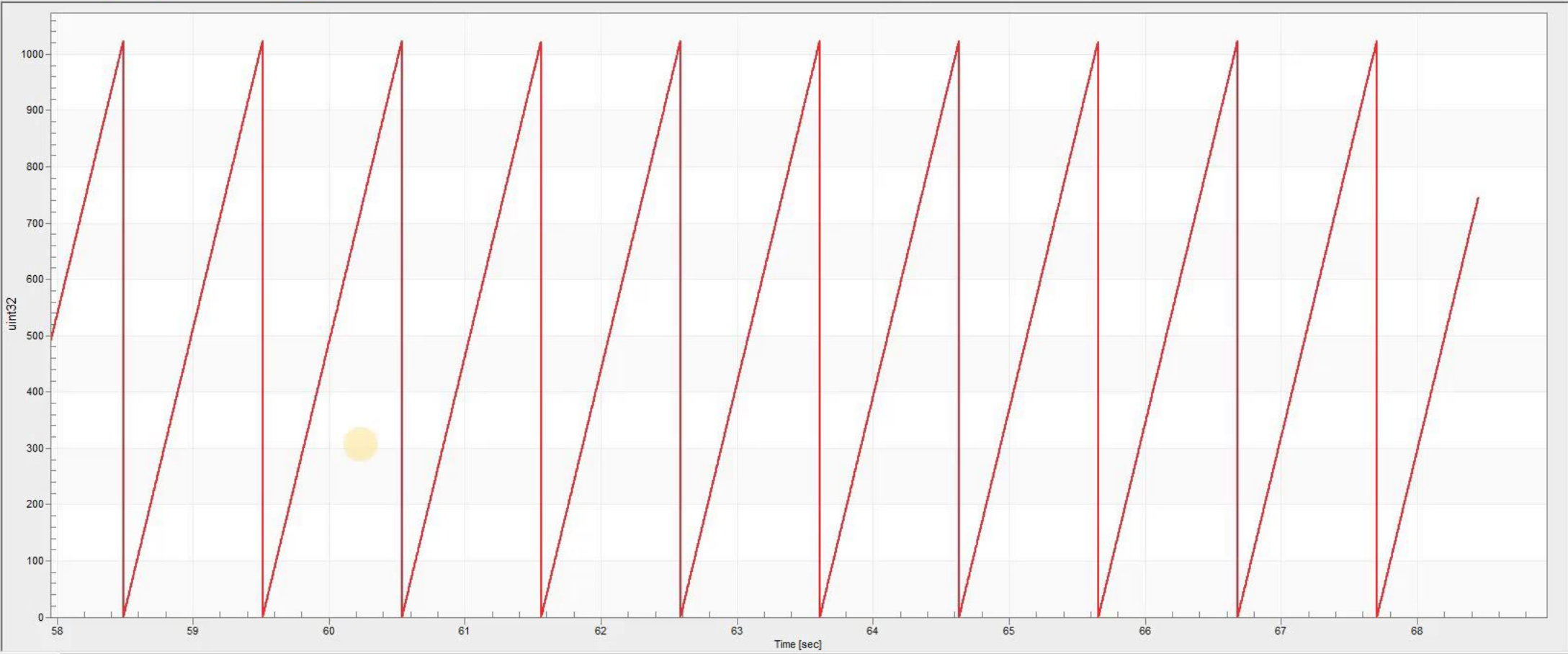
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## MATLAB:

- ✓ Read/Write Data via ACTXSERVER
- ✓ Plot Data
- ✓ Manipulate Data





myCounter

Variable Watch

Name	Value	Unit	Period
myCounter	866	DEC	100



# Bonus Example: Optimize Data Throughput

- Use Simulink FreeMASTER Configuration Block to optimize the data exchange throughput
  - ✓ Change the communication protocol
  - ✓ Change ISR priorities

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C:\MBDT\_GIT\mbdt\_dp\S32K\src\S32\_Examples\s32k14x\FreeMASTER\_Example3

Current Folder

- Name
- Script
  - ReadFromTarget.m
- Simulink Model
  - Ex3.mdl
- FreeMASTER Project
  - Ex3.pmp

Ex3.mdl (Simulink Model)

Command Window

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Workspace

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# GETTING HELP

## MBDT Online Community Examples & Help

The screenshot shows the NXP Model-Based Design Tools online community page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Content', 'Places', 'News', and 'Go to nxp.com'. A search bar is located on the right. Below the navigation bar is a banner for 'NXP Model-Based Design Tools' with an 'Actions' button. A search bar is also present below the banner. The main content area features an 'ANNOUNCEMENT' for the MPC57xx version 3.2.0. Below this, there are sections for 'Subspaces' (RADAR, VISION, User Projects, AUTOSAR SW-C) and 'Categories' (Tips and Tricks, Video/Vault, Hot Fixes, Example Models). A section titled 'Model-Based Design Tools for Matlab and Simulink Support' displays three boards: S32K, MPC574xx, and Other Solutions. On the right side, there are two 'Control Workshop' sections: 'PMSM Control Workshop' and 'BLDC Control Workshop', each with a list of course topics and a 'Course Also On youtube!' link.

## MBDT home page www.nxp.com/mbdt

The screenshot shows the NXP Model-Based Design Toolbox home page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'OVERVIEW', 'DOCUMENTATION', 'DOWNLOADS', 'DEVELOPMENT TOOLS', and 'TRAINING & SUPPORT'. Below the navigation bar is a 'Jump To' section with links for 'Overview & Features', 'Supported Devices', 'Target Applications', and 'System Requirements'. The main content area features an 'Overview' section with a description of the toolbox and a 'Features' section with a list of capabilities. Below this, there are 'User Guide' and 'Download Eval' buttons. A large image shows the toolbox interface with a car and various control blocks. At the bottom, there is a row of thumbnails for 'Model-Based', 'Model Based', 'Training Agenda', 'Hardware and', 'Application', and 'ADC Programming'.

SHARE YOUR FREEMASTER DASHBOARD DESIGNS WITH THE NXP COMMUNITY  
GET A FREE BOARD!

## Why?

*To build a robust community of support for FreeMASTER with idea share.*

### How to participate?

1. **Submit your idea** through June 19, 2020 to the NXP Community, request your board of choice (one of the following: [i.MX RT1020 EVK](#), [LPC55S28 development board](#) and [S32K144EVB](#)), available on first come, first served basis until quantities are depleted.
2. Once you've created your code example, **post a brief description and a screenshot of your dashboard along with a ZIPped code** to *the* original blog comment thread.

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