

# Tiva™ C Series Development and Evaluation Kits for Code Composer Studio™

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Tiva C Series Development and Evaluation Kits provide a low-cost way to start designing with Tiva microcontrollers using Texas Instruments' Code Composer Studio development tools. The evaluation boards can function as either a complete evaluation target or with minor modifications as a debugger interface to any external Stellaris device.

## 1 Requirements

- PC with a USB interface, running Microsoft Windows® 2000, Windows XP, Windows 7, or Windows 8 operating systems (OSs).
- Tiva C Series Development Kit Software USB flash drive or the downloaded and extracted kit software (found on [www.ti.com/tool/sw-<kit\\_name>](http://www.ti.com/tool/sw-<kit_name>))
- ICDI drivers installed following the instructions in *Stellaris® In-Circuit Debug Interface (ICDI) and Virtual COM Port (SPMU287)*.

## 2 Code Composer Studio

This quickstart shows how to install the Code Composer Studio development tool and how to use it to build and run an example application on your Tiva Evaluation or Development Board.

### 2.1 Installation

#### 2.1.1 Install Code Composer Studio

1. Insert the Tiva C Series Development Kit Software USB flash drive and click on the index.html. For kits that don't include a USB flash drive, go to the evaluation board software webpage ([www.ti.com/tool/sw-<kit\\_name>](http://www.ti.com/tool/sw-<kit_name>)).
2. With the Evaluation Kit USB flash drive, click the Code Composer Studio logo to start the setup program. For the downloaded software, use Windows Explorer to navigate to Tools > CCS and double-click on `ccs_setup_<version number>.exe`.

**NOTE:** The CCS installer executable relies on additional installer executables on the USB flash drive. Your web browser must support running files without first saving them to your hard drive to successfully run the CCS installer by clicking the CCS logo. If your web browser does not support this feature, Windows Explorer must be used to browse to and run the CCS installer (`setup_CCS_n.n.n.nnnn.exe`) from the `I\Tools\CCS\` directory on the USB flash drive.

3. Follow the instructions in the Code Composer Studio installation program. Select a *Complete Feature Set* install or a *Custom* install with the *Stellaris® (or Tiva C Series in the future) ARM® Cortex™-M MCUs* selected at a minimum. For all of the other options, keep the default values.

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### 2.1.2 Install the TivaWare™ Package

A full set of C-based peripheral drivers is provided, covering all peripherals and functionality of the Tiva devices. The TivaWare for C Series package includes various example applications with project files for all major tool vendors that support Tiva C Series, including Code Composer Studio. To install TivaWare components, follow these steps:

1. Navigate to the *Tools* tab on the html index of the Development Kit Software USB flash drive, click on the Firmware Development Package. Depending on your web browser, you have the option to run the TivaWare installer or save it to your drive.  
**NOTE:** If you are navigating the USB flash drive using Windows Explorer (or a similar application), go to the *Tools/TivaWare/* directory.
2. Run the TivaWare installer. If manual installation of TivaWare is preferred, the installer is a self-extracting zip file that is located in the *Tools/TivaWare* directory. A zip file extraction utility such as WinZip can be used to manually extract the contents.
3. To view the TivaWare documentation, navigate to the *Tools/TivaWare/docs* directory and open the *Tiva for C Series Peripheral Driver Library User's Guide* PDF.

**NOTE:** For the most recent version of TivaWare, check the [www.ti.com/tiva-c](http://www.ti.com/tiva-c) web site.

### 2.2 Start Code Composer Studio and Open a Workspace

1. Start the Code Composer Studio IDE by selecting it from the Windows *Start* menu or double-clicking the icon installed on the desktop. When the IDE loads, it asks where to open the workspace folder:

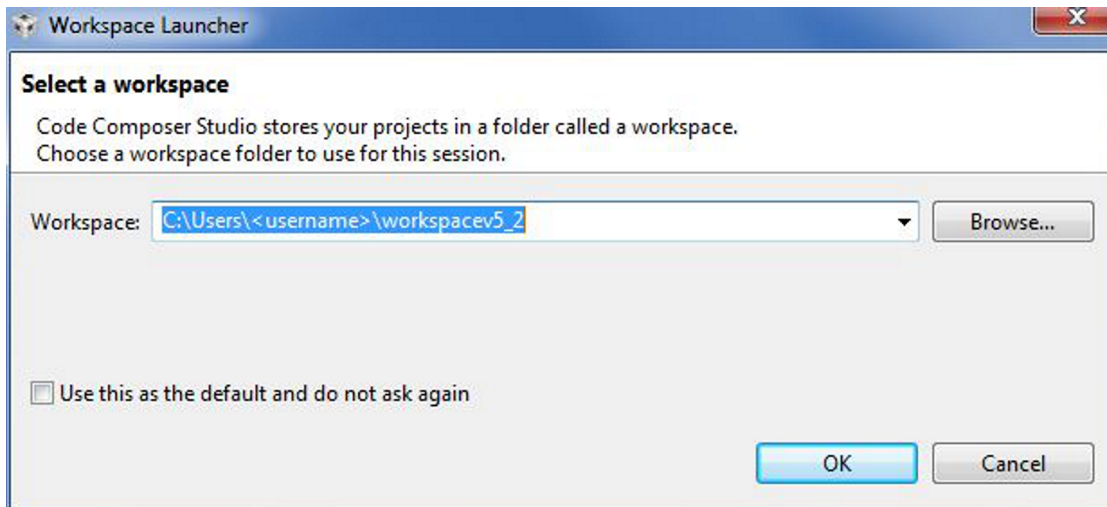


Figure 1.

2. The Workspace Launcher defaults to the following path: *C:\Users\<username>\workspace\_v5\_2*. Click OK to use this default workspace location.

**NOTE:** If the Code Composer Studio IDE is installed from the USB flash drive, the license was automatically installed. If the Code Composer Studio IDE is downloaded, an extra licensing step may be necessary.

3. The Code Composer Studio IDE may now open with the welcome page. If so, close the welcome page by clicking the X on the tab. You should now have an empty workspace.

### 2.3 Import Libraries

1. Select the *Import Existing CCS Eclipse Project* option from the *Project* menu in the IDE.

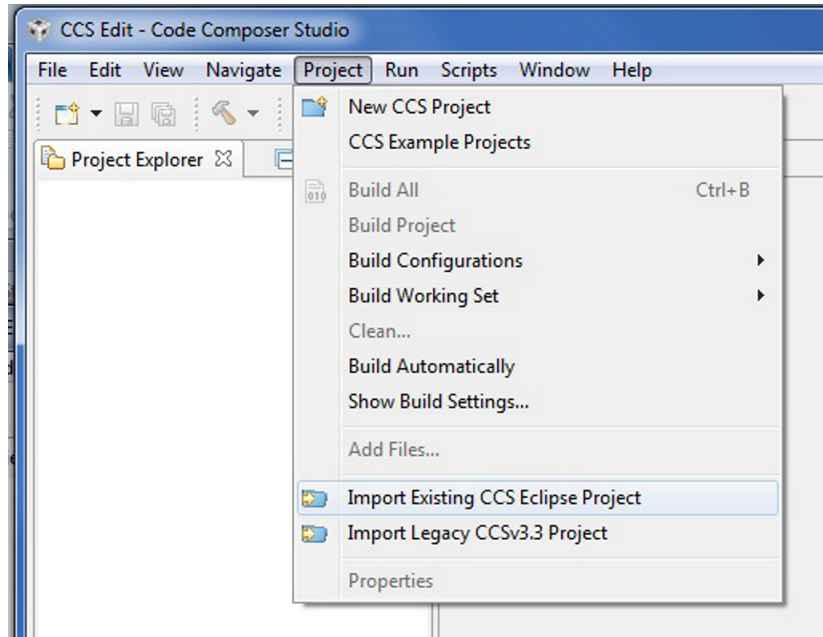


Figure 2.

2. In the *Import CCS Eclipse Projects* window, browse to the root directory for the Tiva peripheral driver library (*ti\TivaWare\_C\_Series-n.n\driverlib*). Select the *driverlib* option displayed in the *Discovered project* field. Click *Finish* after the selection has been made.

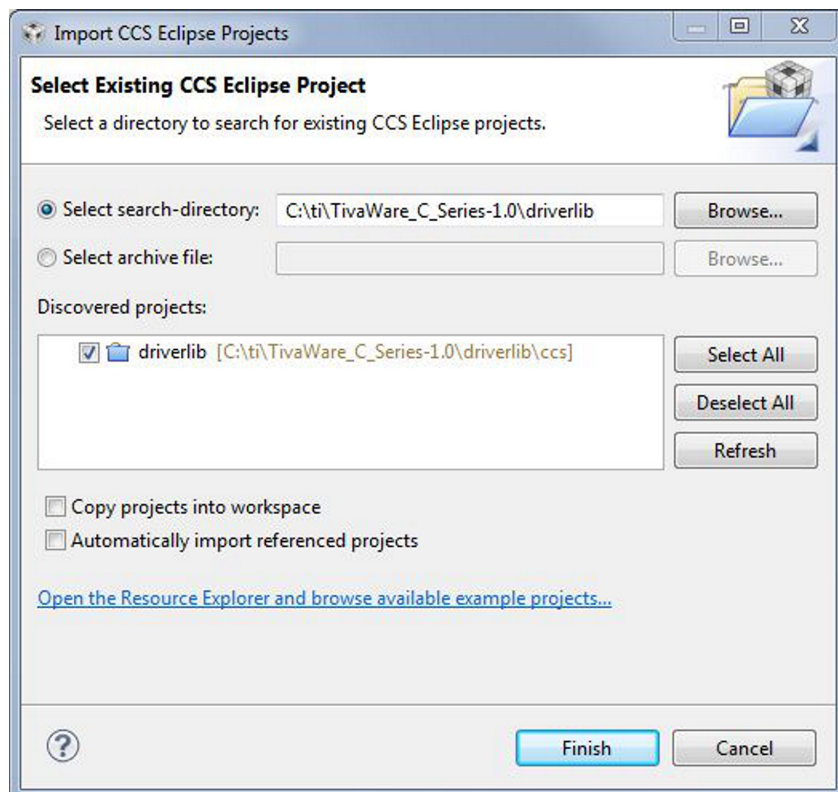


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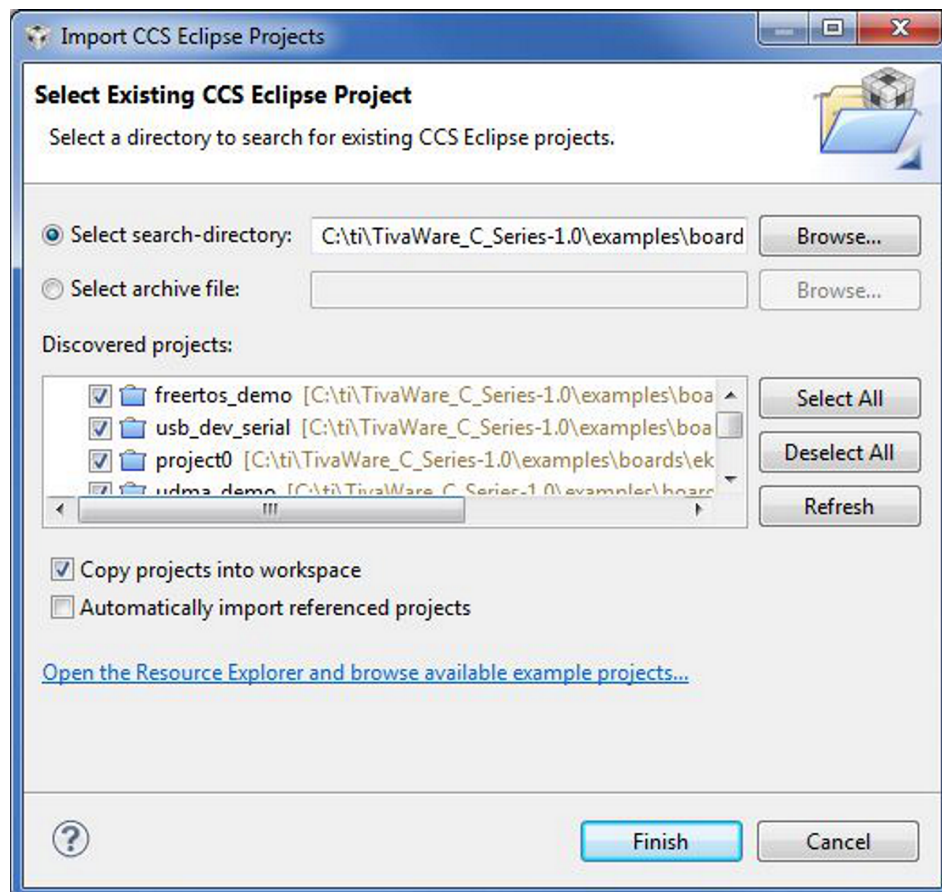
**IMPORTANT:** If the TivaWare Firmware Development package has been installed for a board that does not use the USB library or Graphics library, the following steps do not apply. If the directories mentioned below do not exist in your TivaWare installation, then click *Cancel* to close the *Import CCS Eclipse Projects* dialog box.

Repeat the [Install the TivaWare Package](#) section to import the USB Library (usbllib) and the Graphics Library (glib) as follows:

3. Select the *Import Existing CCS Eclipse Project* option from the *Project* menu in the IDE again. Browse to the root directory of USB library (*ti\TivaWare\_C\_Series-n.n*). Select the usbllib option. Click *Finish* after you have made your selection.
4. Select the *Import Existing CCS Eclipse Project* option from the *Project* menu in the IDE again. Browse to the root directory of the graphics library (*ti\TivaWare\_C\_Series-n.n*). Select the glib option. Click *Finish* after you have made your selection.

## 2.4 Import Board Examples

1. Select the *Import Existing CCS Eclipse Project* option from the *Project* menu in the main menu bar.
2. The *Import* dialog box appears. Browse to the root directory for your board. The image below shows the EK-TM4C123GXL board as an example (*TivaWare\_C\_Series-n.n\examples\boards\ek-tm4c123gxl*). Make sure that the examples are selected in the *Discovered projects* field, then click *Finish*.

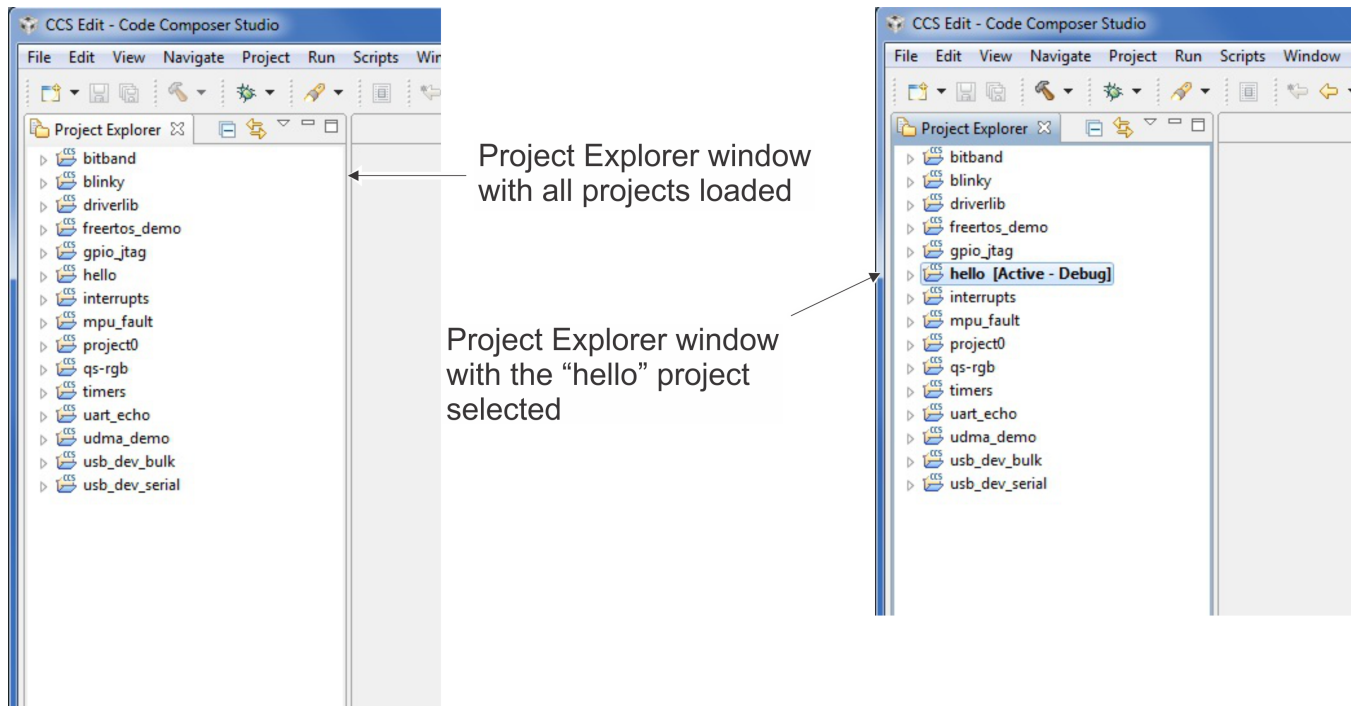


**Figure 4.**

**NOTE:** It is not required to copy projects into the workspace, however, for board examples, it is recommended that projects be copied into the workspace.

3. All of the projects now display in the *Projects Explorer* window.





**Figure 5.**

## 2.5 Build a Debug Project

1. Click the *hello* project in the Project Explorer window to set as the Active project (see [Figure 5](#)).
2. Select *Build Project* from the Project menu in the main menu bar. The build may take a few minutes. As the project builds, messages scroll in the console window. When the build is complete, the words *Build Finished* appear in the console window.
3. Select *Debug* from the Run menu in the main menu bar. The Debug option can also be selected by clicking the *Debug Launch* icon on the toolbar, or pressing the F11 function key on your keyboard.
4. The Code Composer Studio debugger automatically connects to your development or evaluation board, programs the Flash memory, and runs to the beginning of the *main()* function. From here, it is possible to examine and modify memory, program variables and processor registers, set breakpoints, step, and perform other typical debugging activities. To run the program, select *Resume* from the *Run* menu.

## 2.6 Build and Run Additional Example Programs

There are several additional example projects listed in the Project Explorer window. Follow the instructions in [Build a Debug Project](#) to build additional example programs. The quickstart application that came preloaded on the evaluation board is the qs-xxxx project listed with the examples.

### 3 Creating a New Project

After you are finished exploring and building the TivaWare example applications, you might want to create your own project to start development. Although you can start with an existing project, you can also create a new project.

The example shown below creates a new project, copies code from an existing project, and then builds the new project.

1. To add a new project to your workspace, select File→New→CCS Project from the main menu bar.
2. The *New CCS Project* window appears which allows the creation of a new CCS project. Update the following fields (shown in Figure 6): Project name, Location, Family, Variant (device), Connection, Device endianness, Compiler version, and Output format. Leave the Linker command file and Runtime support library with their default settings (<automatic>).

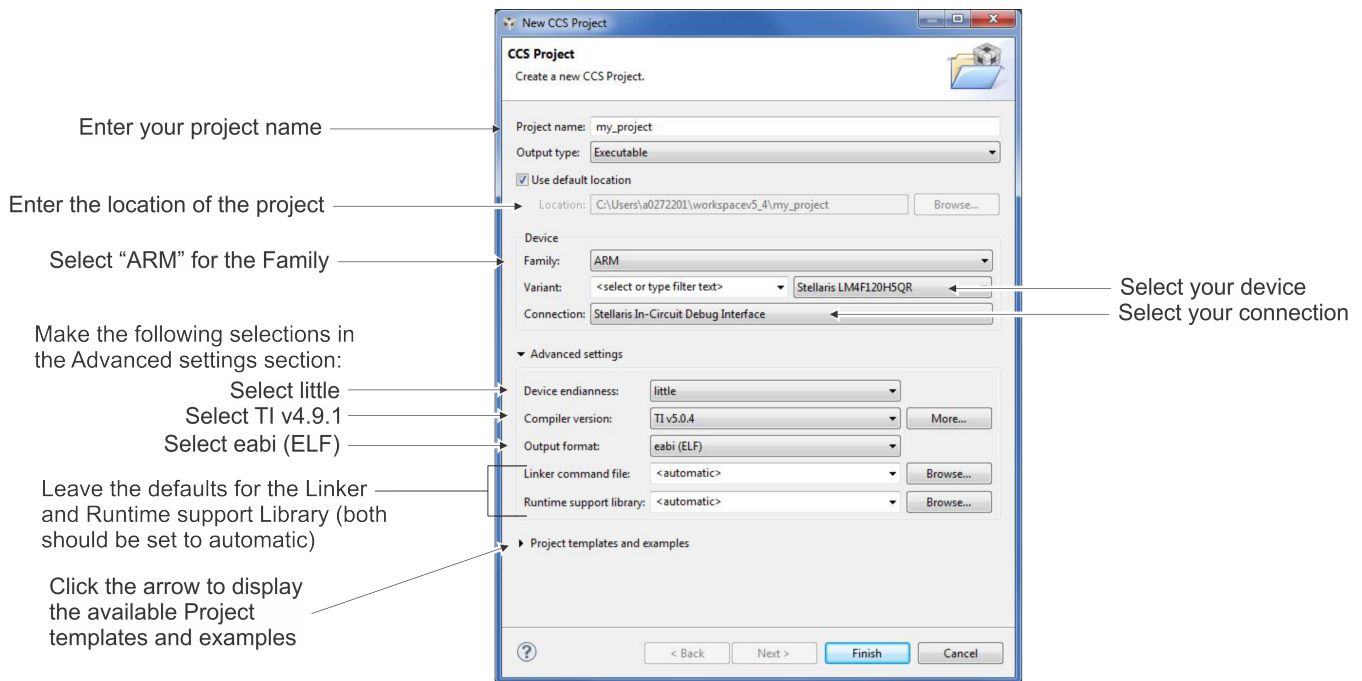


Figure 6.

3. Then click the arrow to display the options under *Project templates and examples*. Select *Empty project*, then click **Finish**.

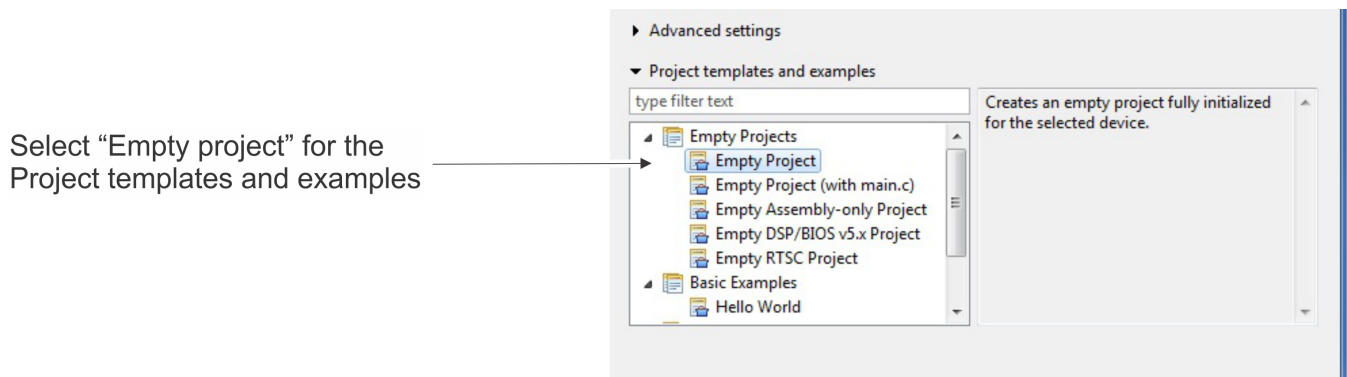
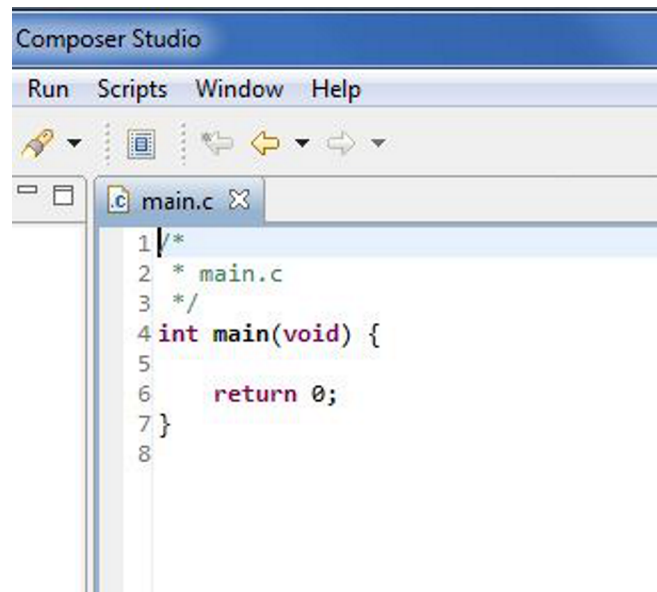


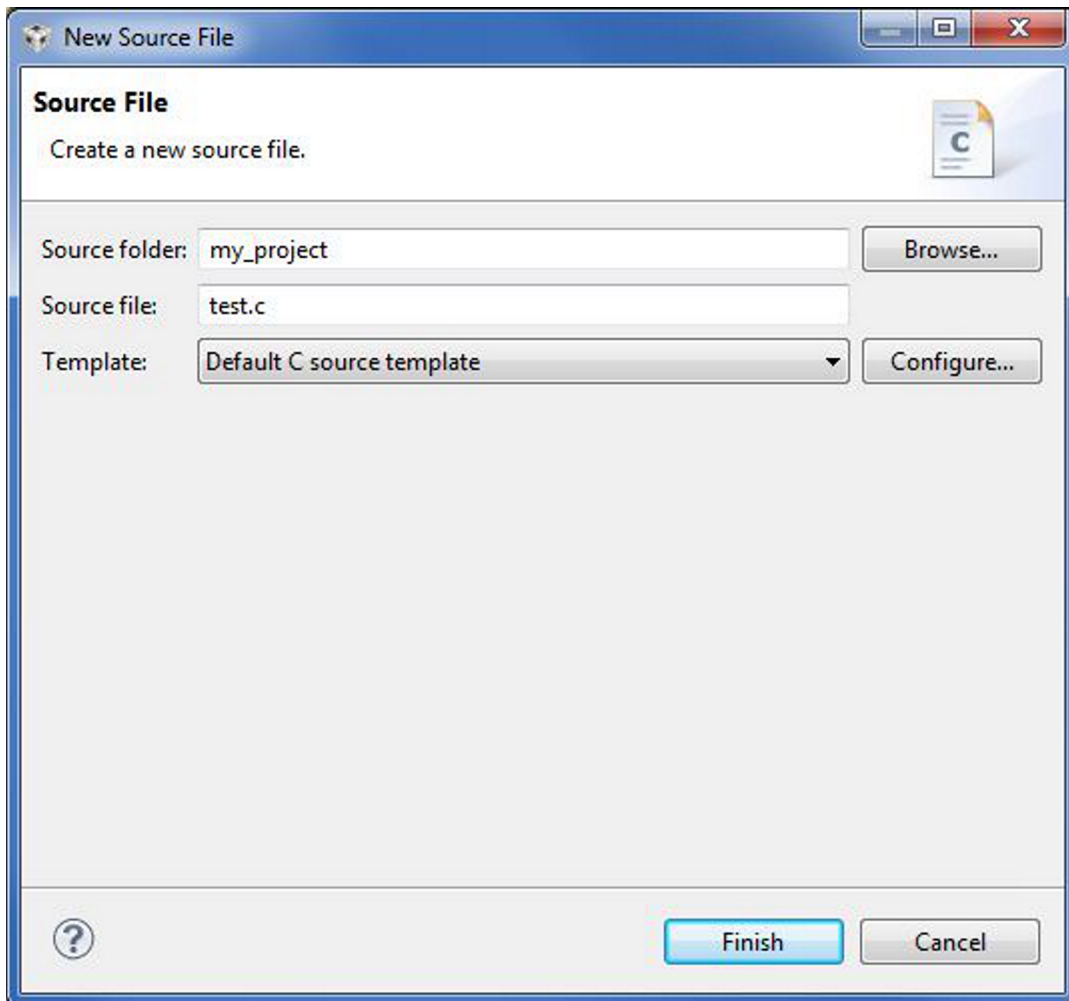
Figure 7.

4. A new project has now been created. The project includes the main.c source file, but does not contain any source code. Add a loop forever function to the main.c file and then save the main.c file.



**Figure 8.**

5. Add some startup code to the project by copying the startup\_ccs.c file from an existing example directory in TivaWare (such as *ti\TivaWare\_c\_Series-n.n\examples*) to your new project directory created in the [Install the TivaWare Package](#) section above.
6. The main.c and startup\_ccs.c files have automatically been added to the project. If the files were not automatically added, right-click the project, select *Add Files...* from the drop-down menu, and then browse to the files in the new project folder to select.
7. Build the new project by selecting Project→Build Project from the main menu. Your new project has been created. Now add your own code using the existing TivaWare board examples as a reference.
8. To create a new C source file, select File→New→Source File from the main menu.
9. In the New Source File dialog box that appears, enter a file name and click *Finish*.



**Figure 9.**

#### 4 Optional: Set Up Project to Output a Binary File

The project can be set up to output a binary file (.bin) to be used with tools such as LM Flash Programmer by copying the post-build step from an existing StellarisWare example project. Right click the project and select *Show Build Settings...*

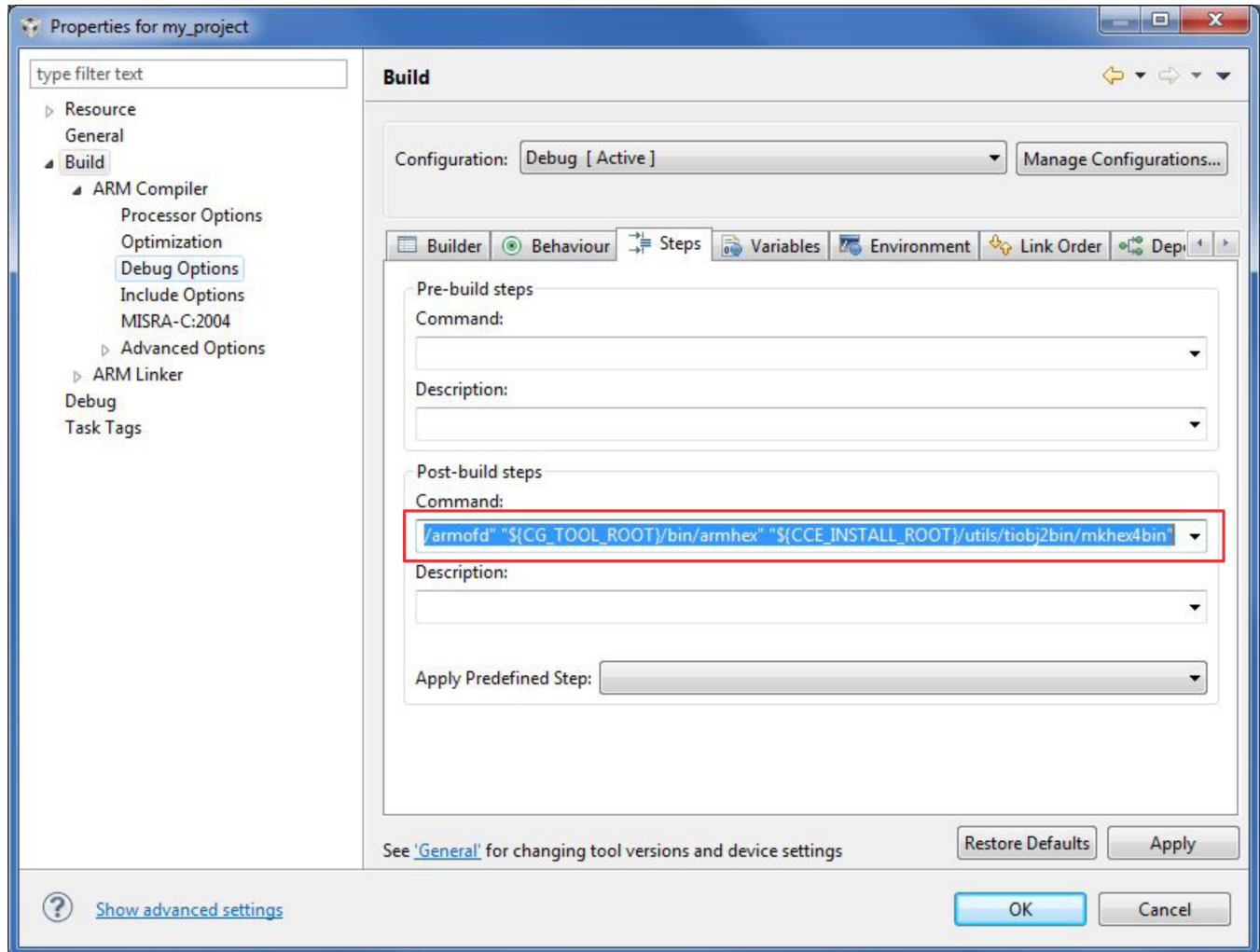


Figure 10.

If the standard C I/O functions such as printf or fread are used, the stack and heap allocations must be increased for your project as follows:

1. Right-click your project and then select *Show Build Settings...* to open the Properties dialog box.
2. Select *Basic Options* under *ARM Linker* in the pane on the left side of the dialog box.
3. Enter **0x800** for both the system stack and the heap.



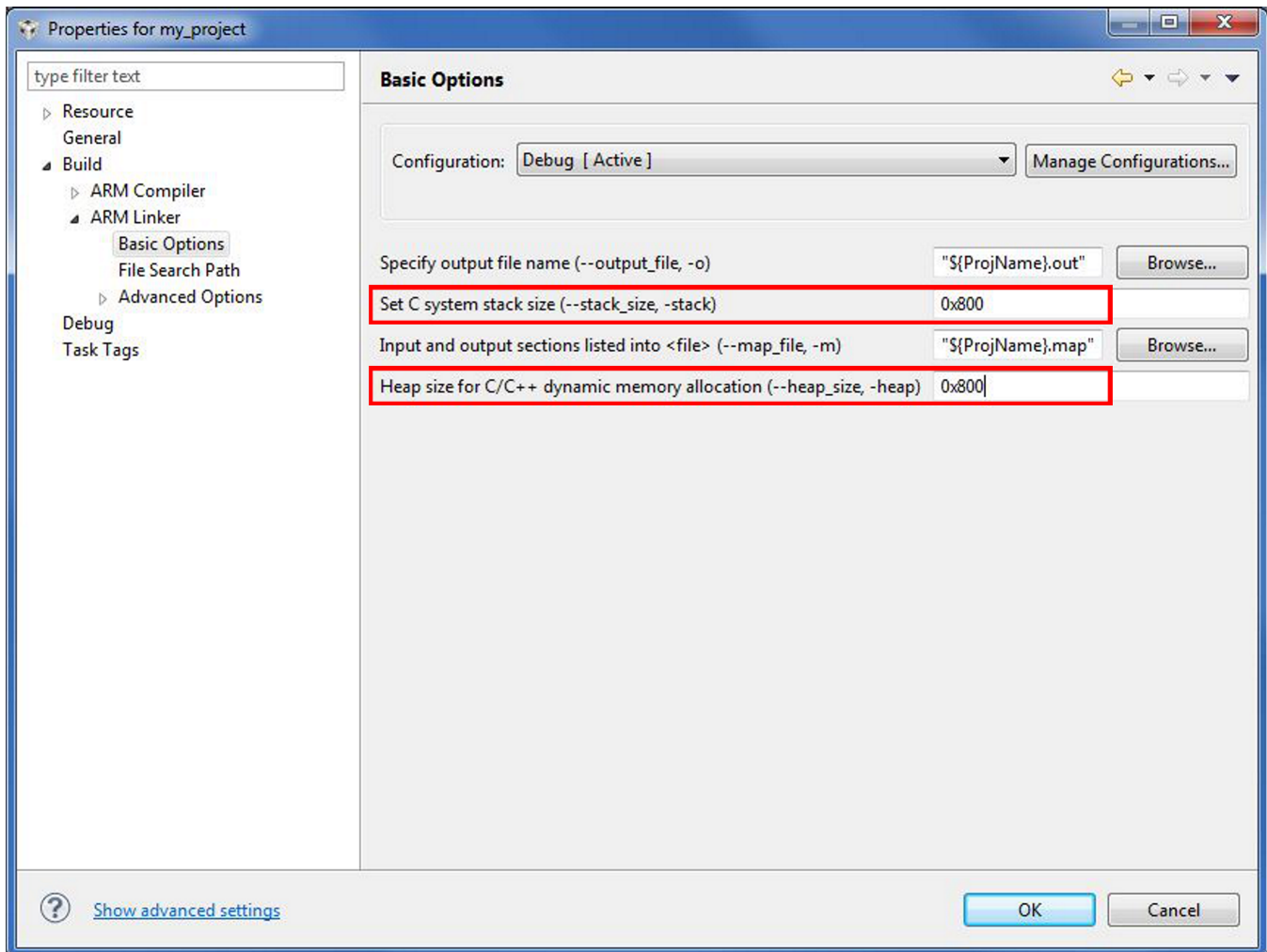


Figure 11.

## 5 Conclusion

You have now installed the Code Composer Studio development tools and used them to build and load an example application on your Tiva development or evaluation board. You can now experiment with the debugger or start creating your own application using the example projects for reference. For more information on Code Composer Studio, go to the CCS Developer Site by clicking Help on the main menu and selecting the CCSv5 Developer Site option.

## 6 References

The following references are included on the Tiva C Series Development Kit Software USB flash drive and are also available for download at [www.ti.com/tiva-c](http://www.ti.com/tiva-c):

- *Tiva C Series Evaluation Kit User's Manual*
- *TivaWare for C Series Software*, Order Number SW-TM4C (<http://www.ti.com/tool/sw-tm4c>)
- *TivaWare Peripheral Driver Library User's Guide*, Document Number SW-DRL-UG ([SPMU298](#))

In addition, the following website may be useful:

- Code Composer Studio website at [www.ti.com/ccstudio](http://www.ti.com/ccstudio)

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