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1. Development environment

- Development boards: GD32 MCU boards
- Hardware Debugger: J-Link V9/V10 or GD-Link
- Operating system: WIN7 64-bit OS
- IDE: eclipse-embedcpp-2021-03-R-win32-x86_64
- Cross toolchains: xpack-arm-none-eabi-gcc-10.2.1-1.1-win32-x64
- Build Tools: gnu-mcu-eclipse-windows-build-tools-2.12-20190422-1053-win64
- GDB server: OpenOCD / J-Link GDB Server CL V7.54b

2. Project development

2.1. New project

Open Eclipse, LAUCH eclipse-workspace. Under "File->New" option, user can choose to create a new C/C++ Project and select C Managed Build option.

Figure 2-1. New ARM C project

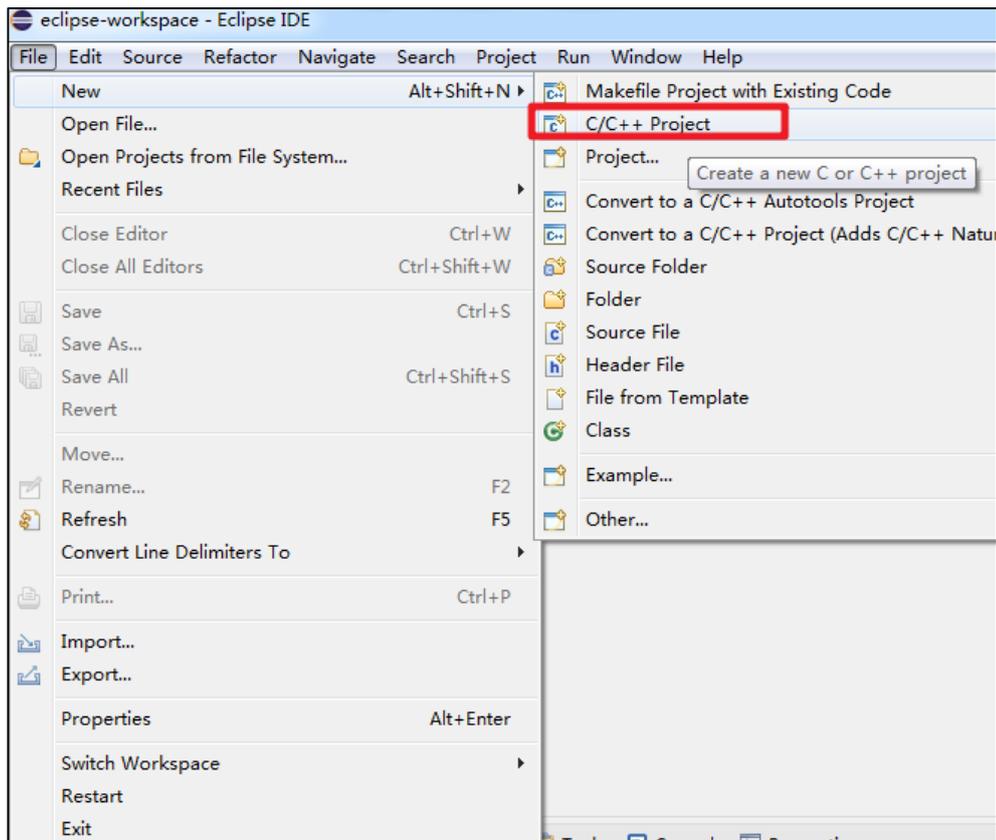
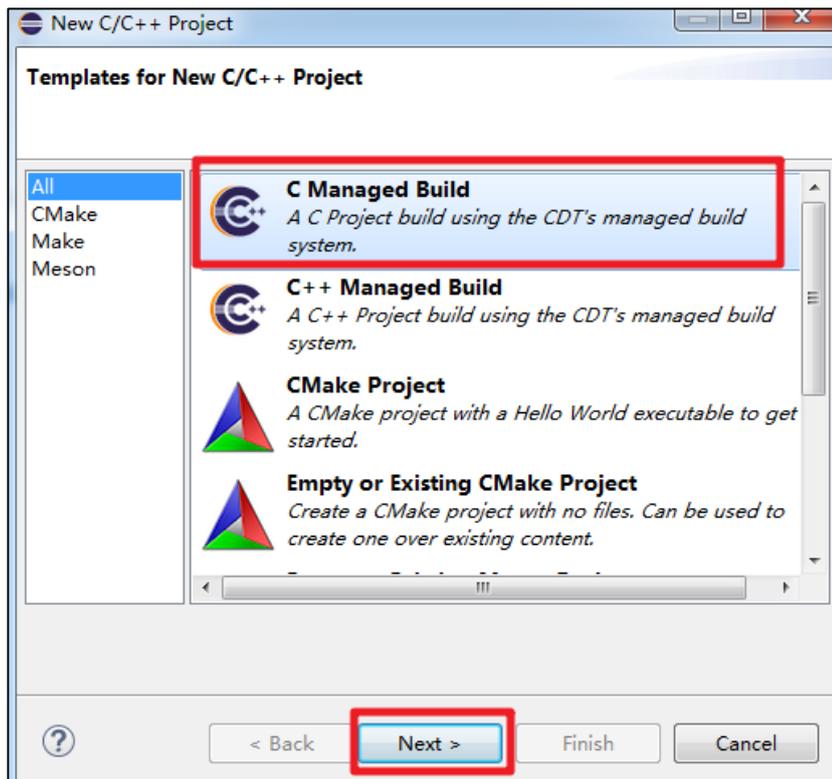
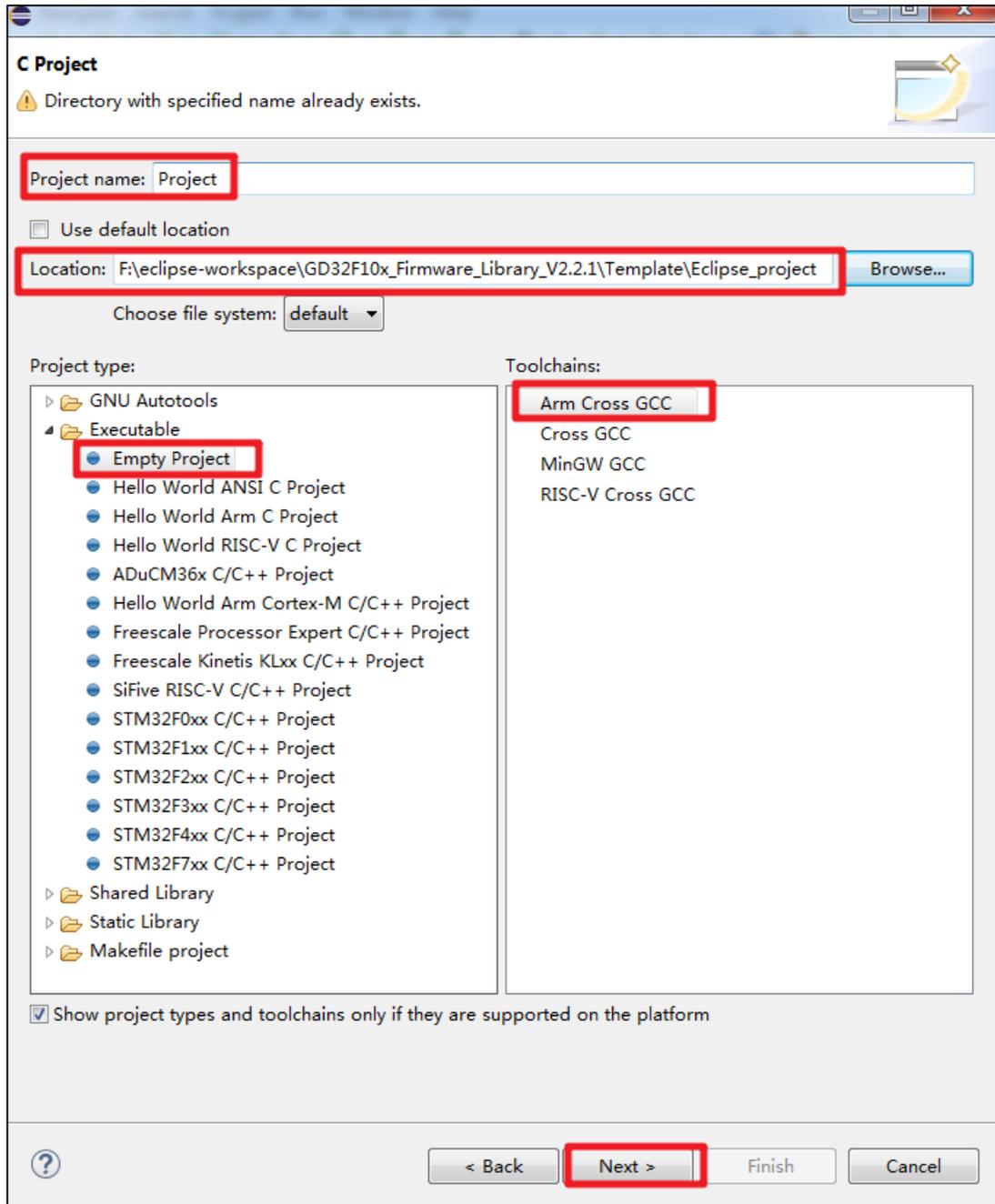


Figure 2-2. Select C Managed Build



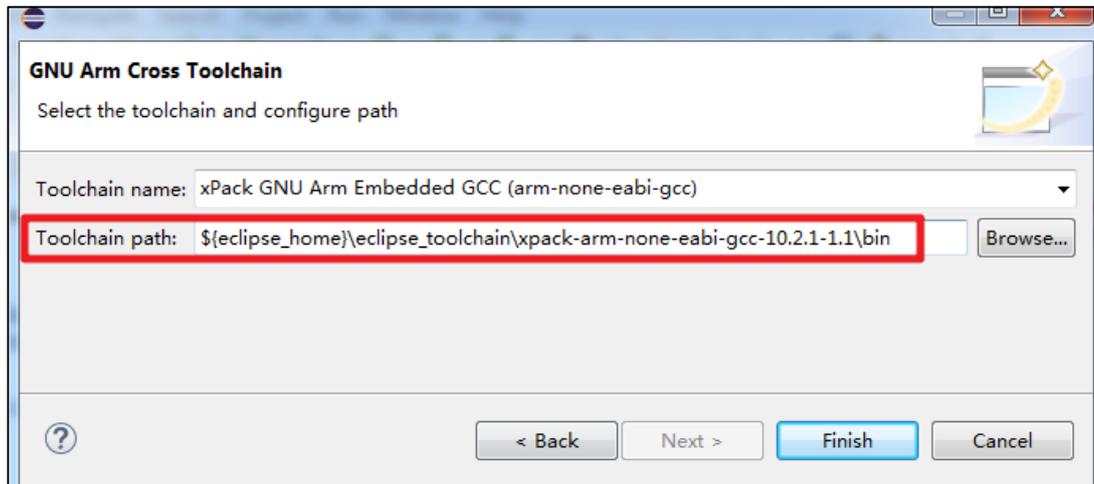
Enter the “Project name” and configure the project type. For convenience, it is recommended to put the project in the FW directory. The compilation chain is selected as ARM Cross GCC.

Figure 2-3. Create new ARM project name and select project storage path



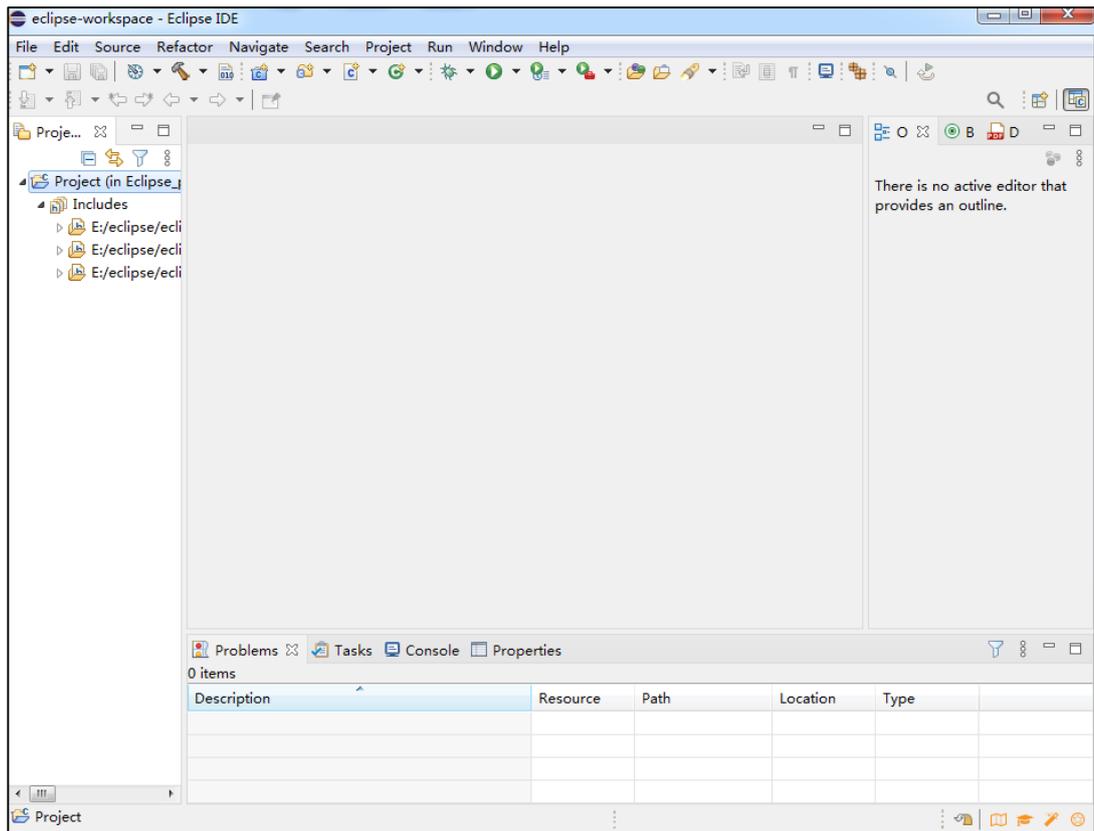
If the Eclipse IDE has set the ARM Toolchains Path correctly, the path will be automatically selected here. If the Eclipse IDE has not set the ARM Toolchains Path, user can also select the absolute path to the ARM Toolchains here.

Figure 2-4. Select ARM cross toolchain path



Click "Finish" until the display interface is shown in [Figure 2-5. Project perspective](#). At this point, the establishment of the Project is completed.

Figure 2-5. Project perspective

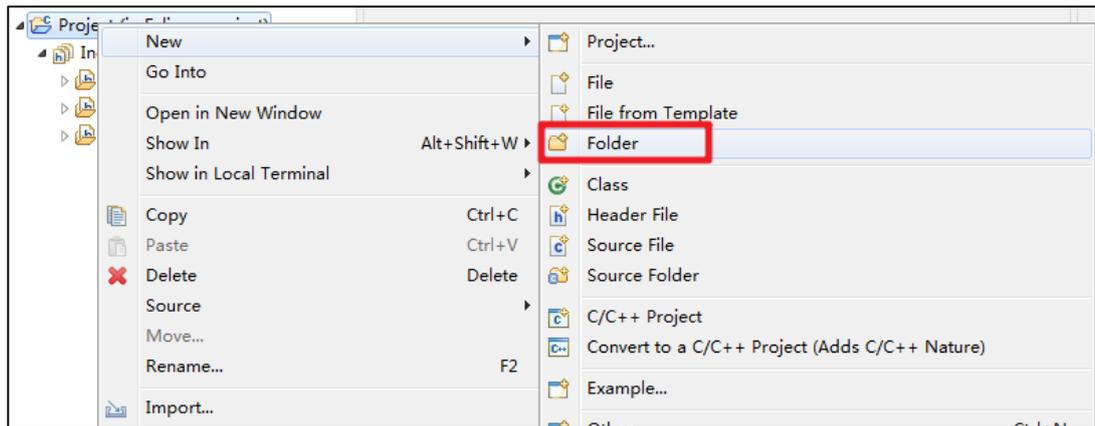


2.2. New project folder and add files

2.2.1. Ceate folders and add files manually

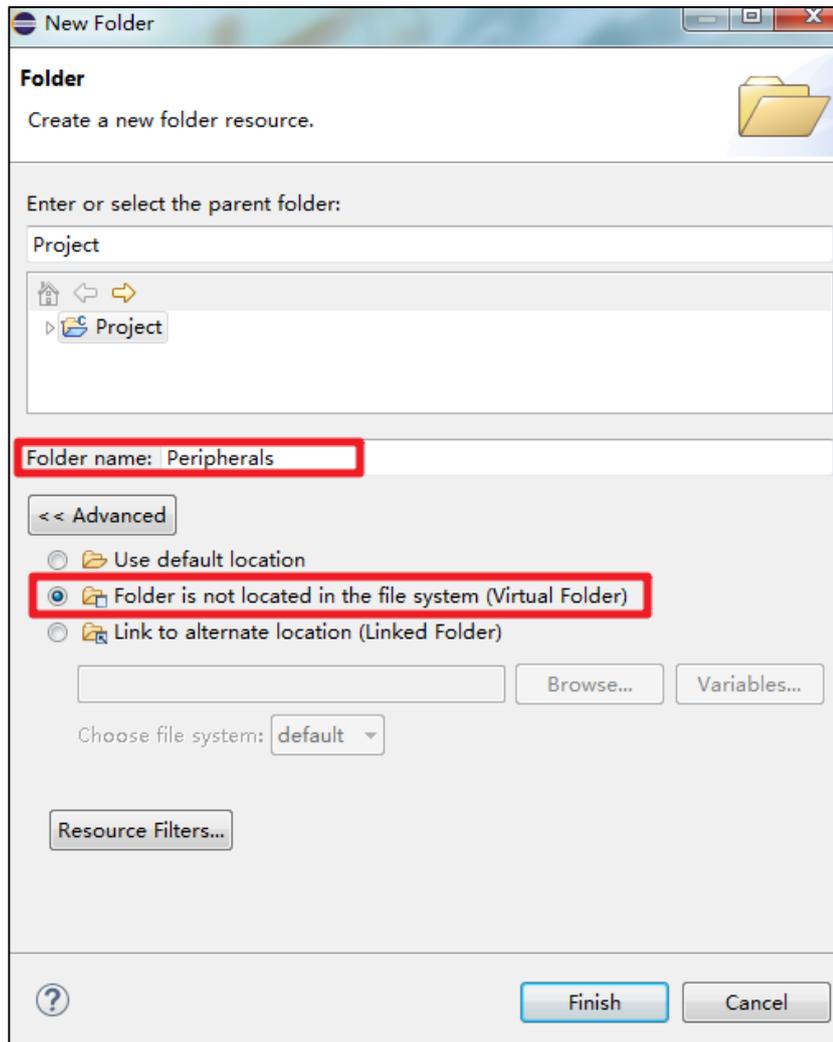
Right-click the project name and select “new->Folder”.

Figure 2-6. New project folder



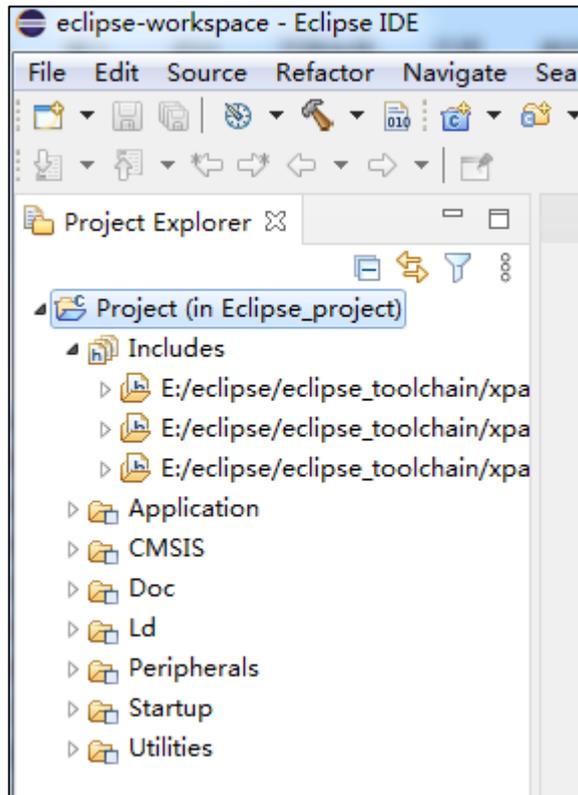
Create a virtual folder “Peripherals”.

Figure 2-7. New virtual sub-folder



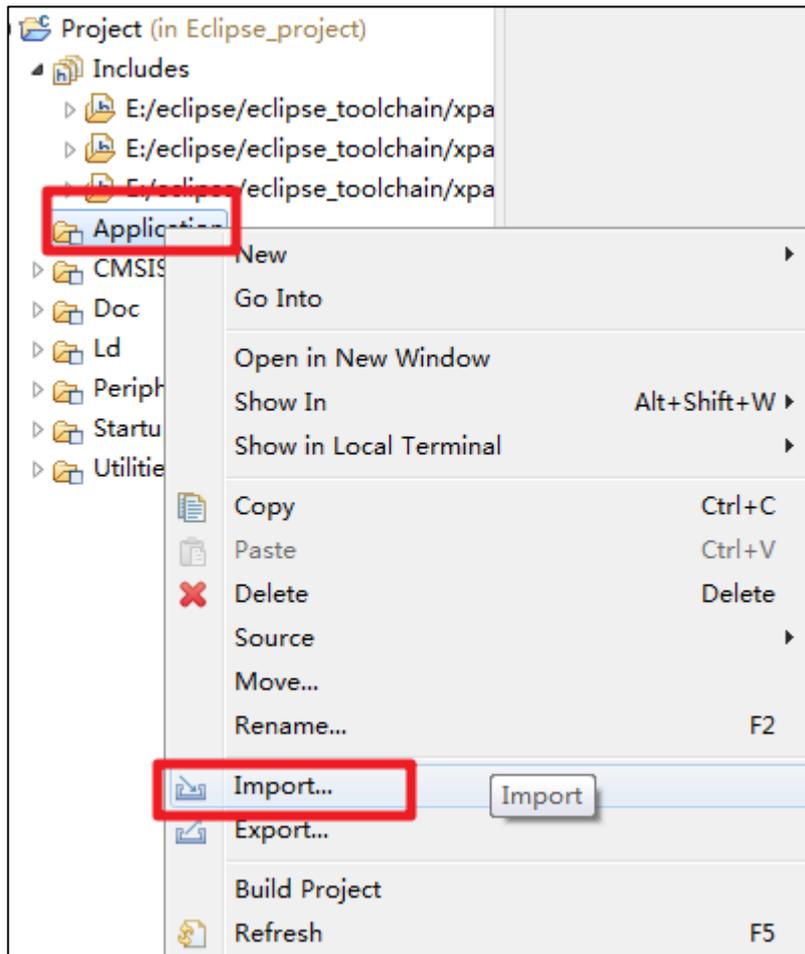
Create the Application, CMSIS, Doc, Ld, Startup and Utilities folders in the same way.

Figure 2-8. ARM project view



Right-click "Application" and select the "Import" option to import the file.

Figure 2-9. Add files



Import select "File System". Select the path of the file to be imported, and tick the file to be imported.

Figure 2-10. Select files to be imported

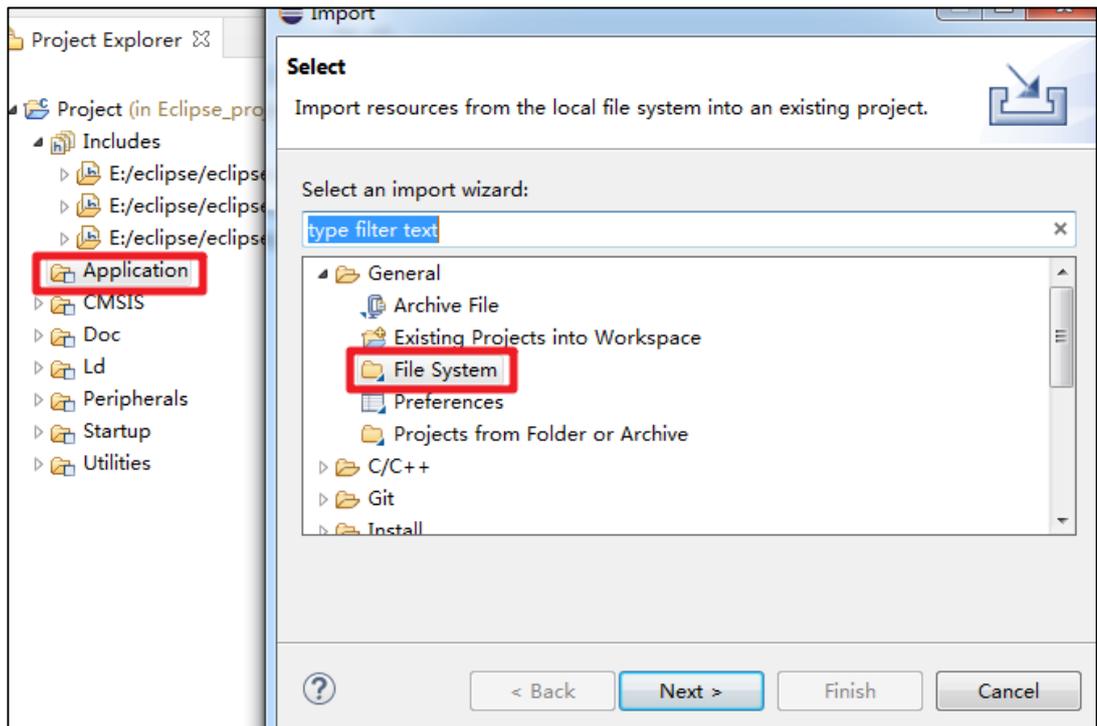
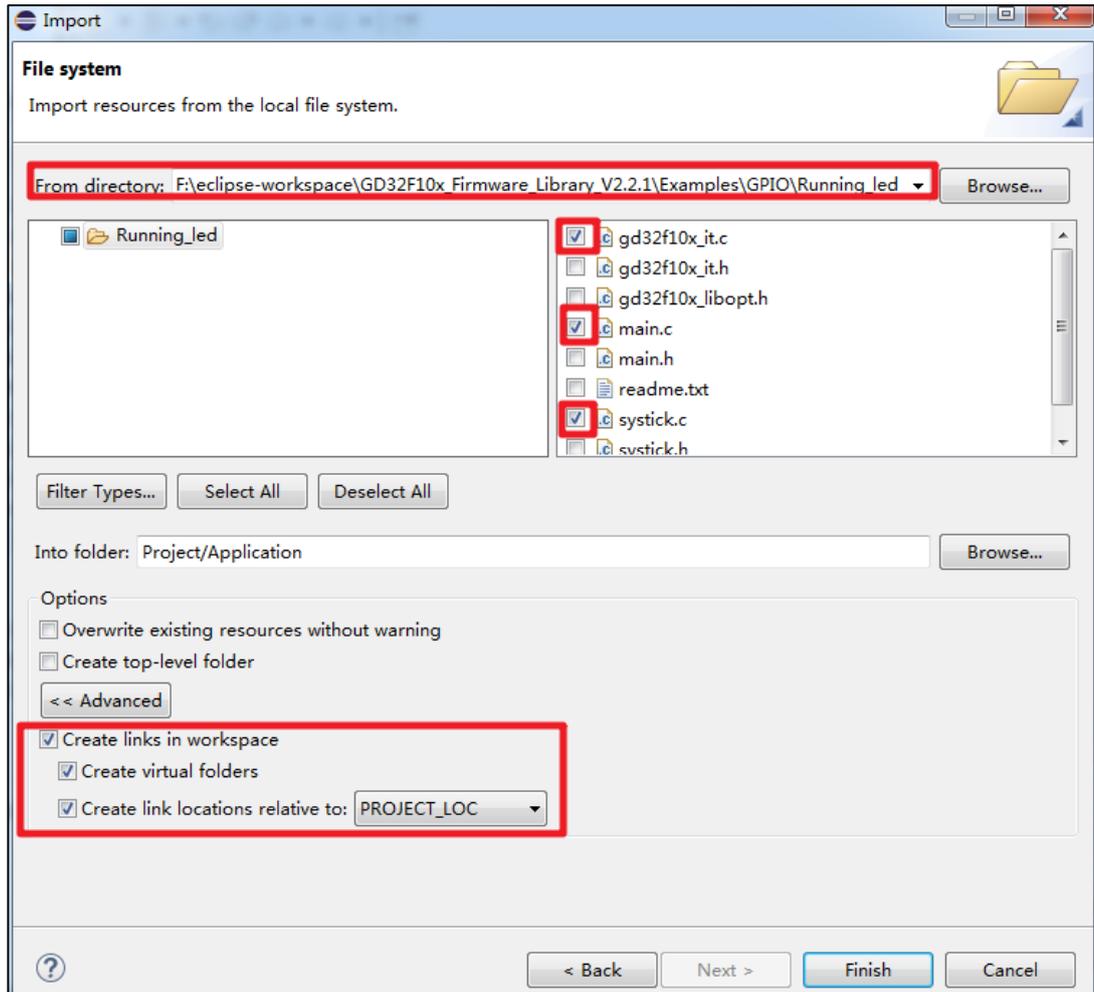


Figure 2-11. Import files to the Application folder



In the same way, import the required files into the “CMSIS”, “Doc”, “Ld”, “Peripherals”, “Startup” and “Utilities” folders.

Figure 2-12. Import files to the CMSIS folder

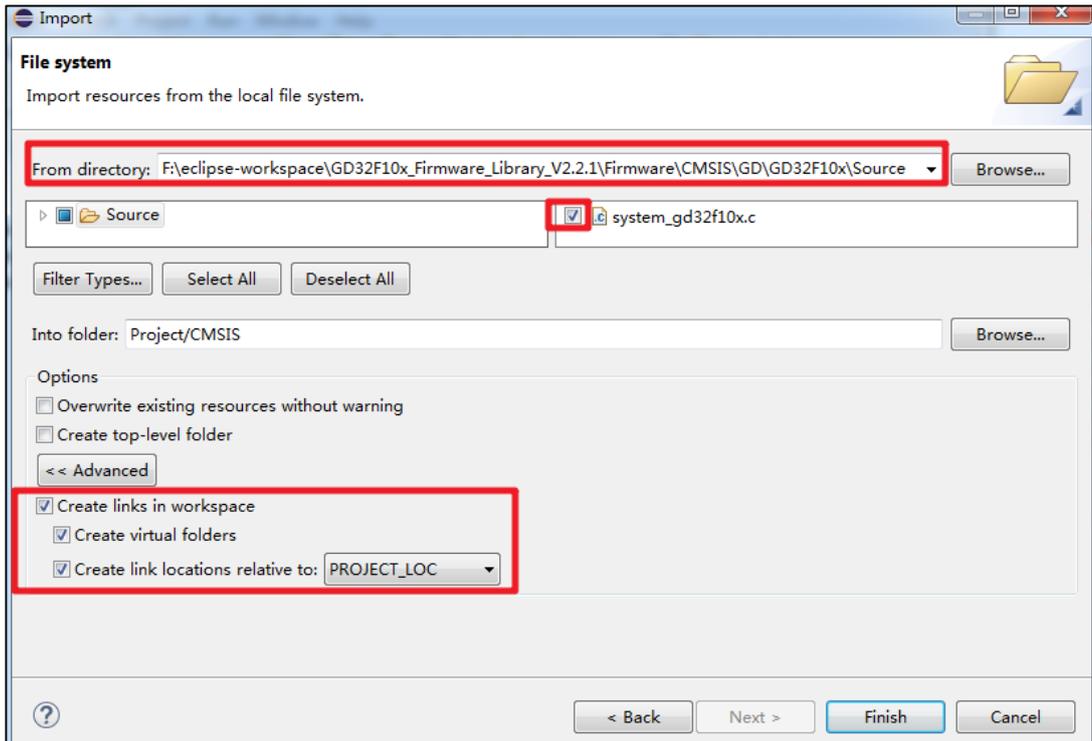


Figure 2-13. Import files to the Doc folder

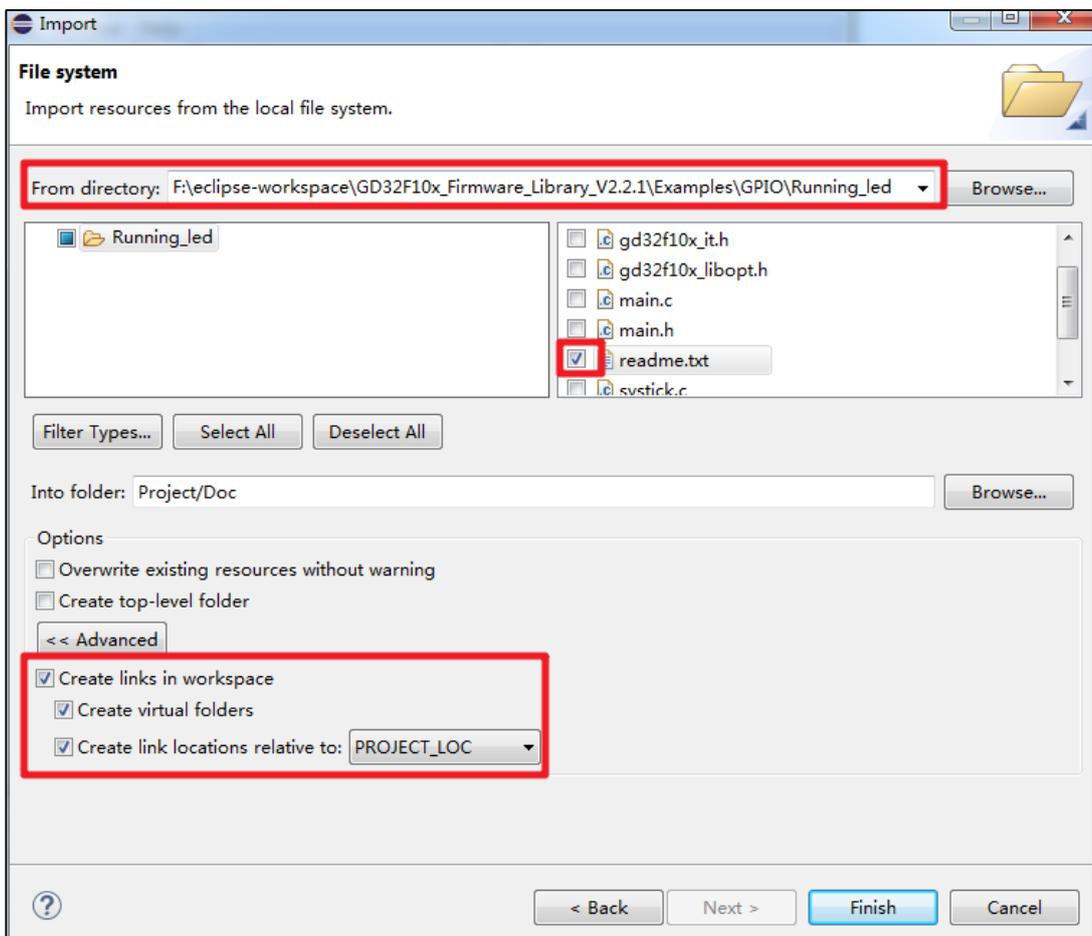


Figure 2-14. Import files to the LD folder

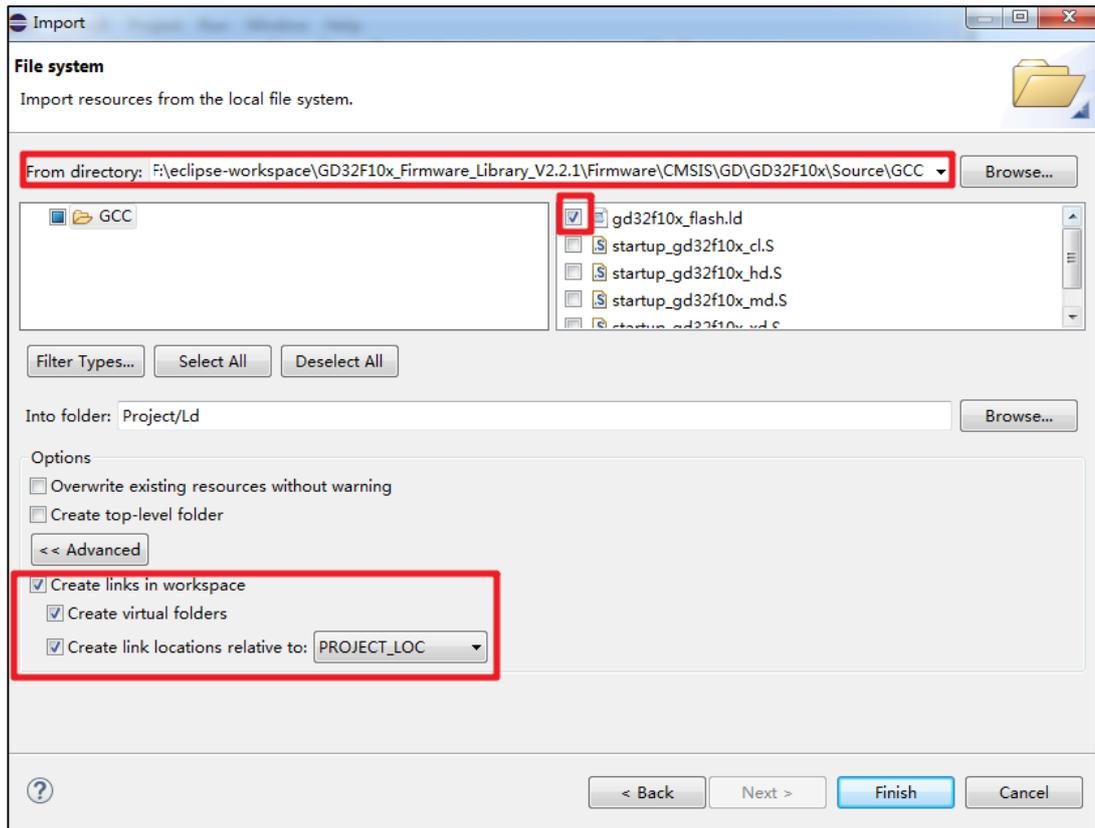


Figure 2-15. Import files to the Peripherals folder

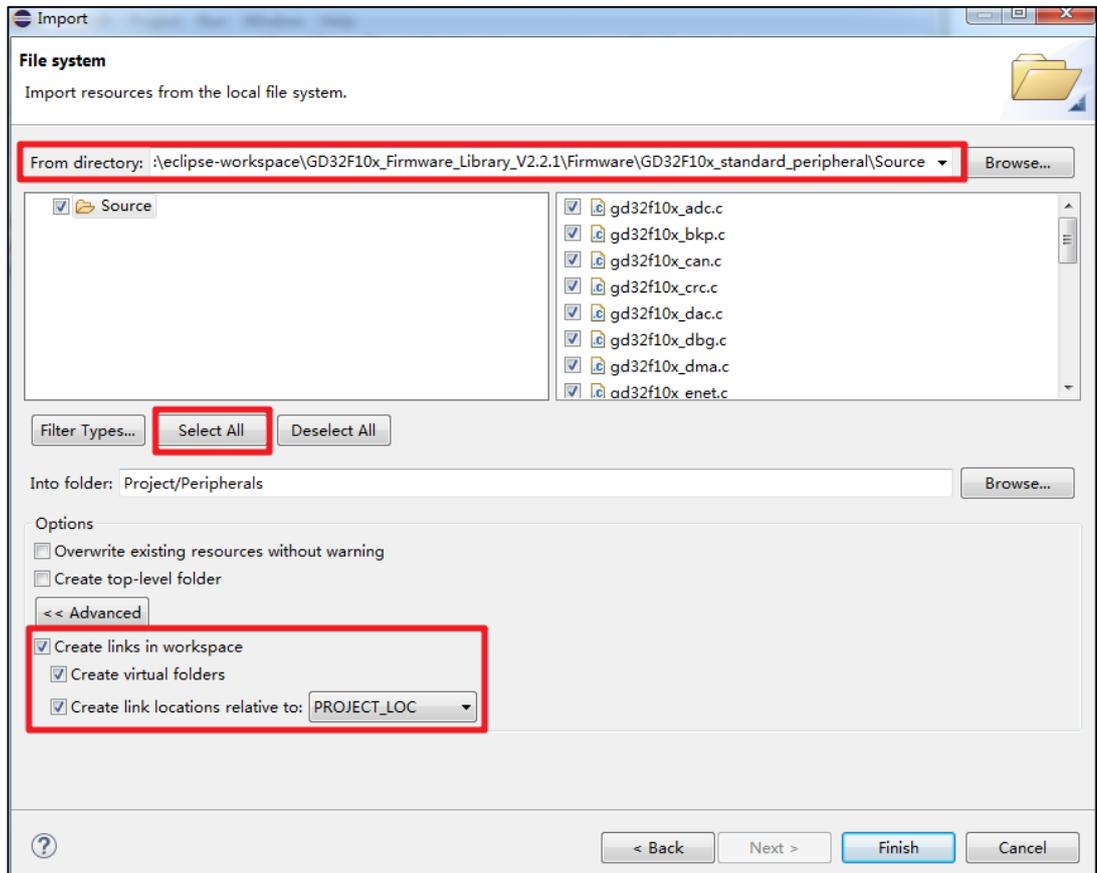


Figure 2-16. Import files to the Startup folder

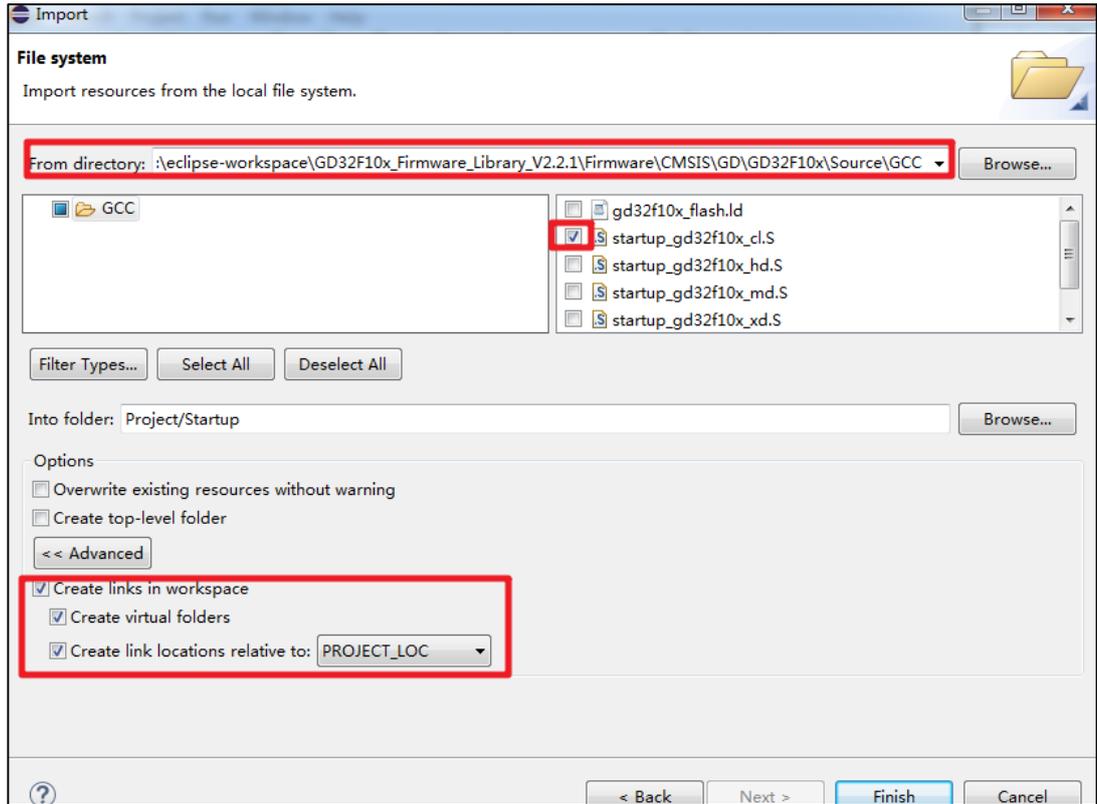


Figure 2-17. Import files to the Utilities folder

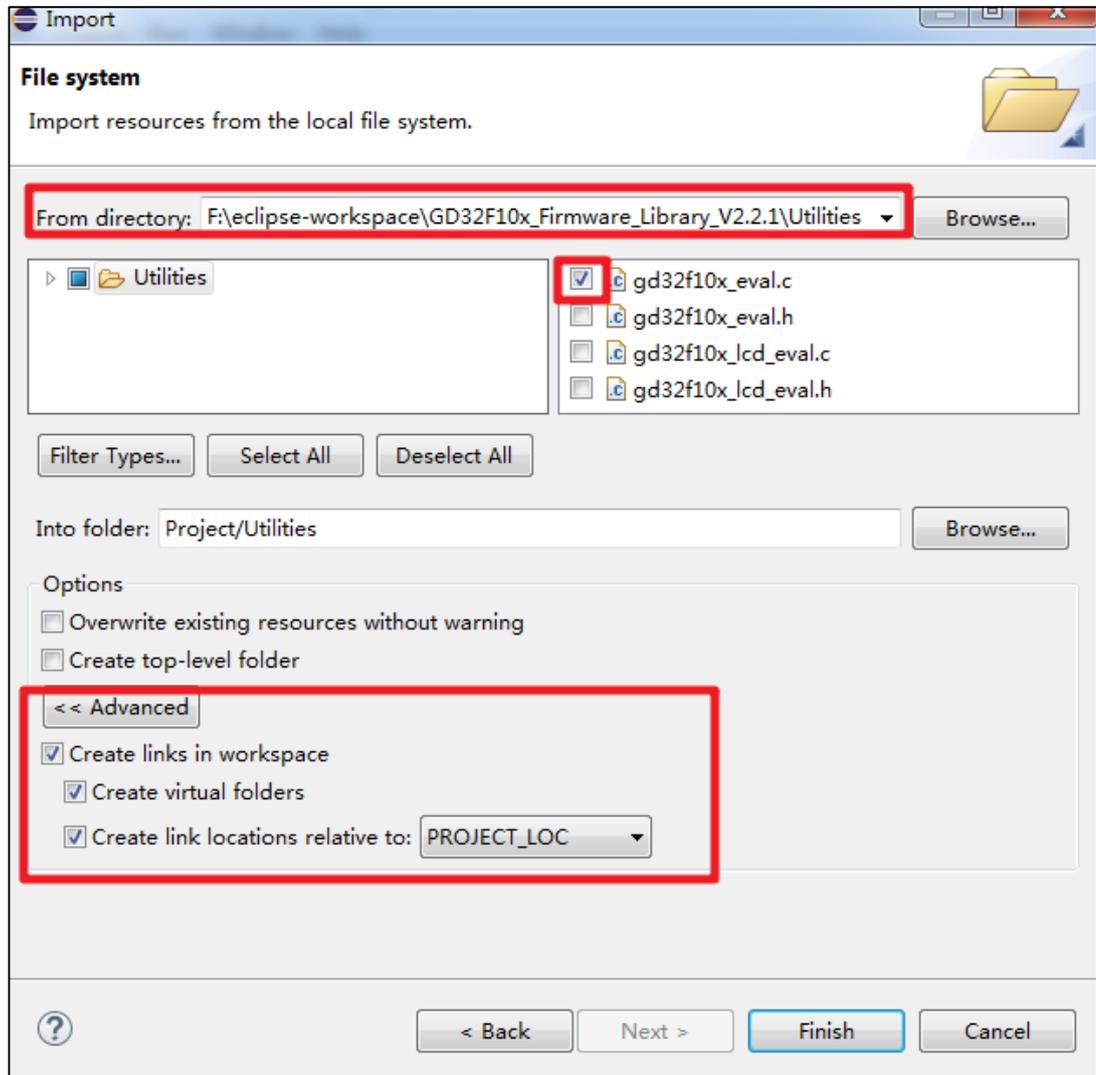
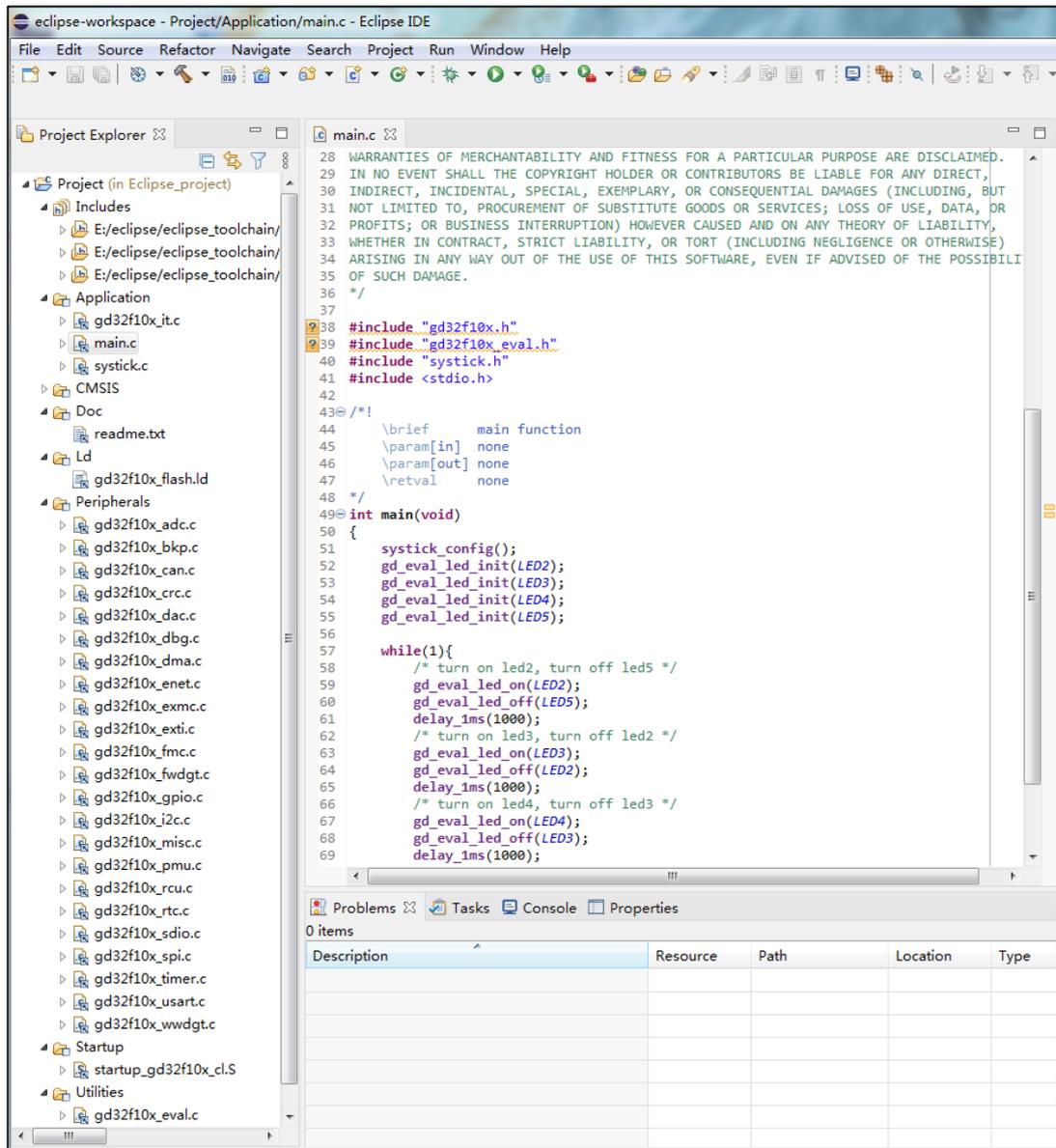


Figure 2-18. Final ARM project view



2.2.2. Ceate folders and add files by “Refresh”

In addition to the above-mentioned method of creating folders and importing corresponding files manually, user can also put the files that need to be imported together with its folders in the folder at the same level as the created .project file. In the Eclipse IDE, right-click the project name and select “Refresh” to import the folders and files into the project directly.

Figure 2-19. Project folder structure

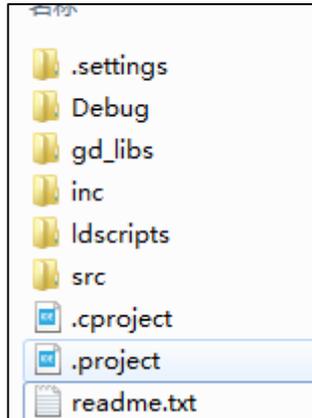


Figure 2-20. Refresh the project

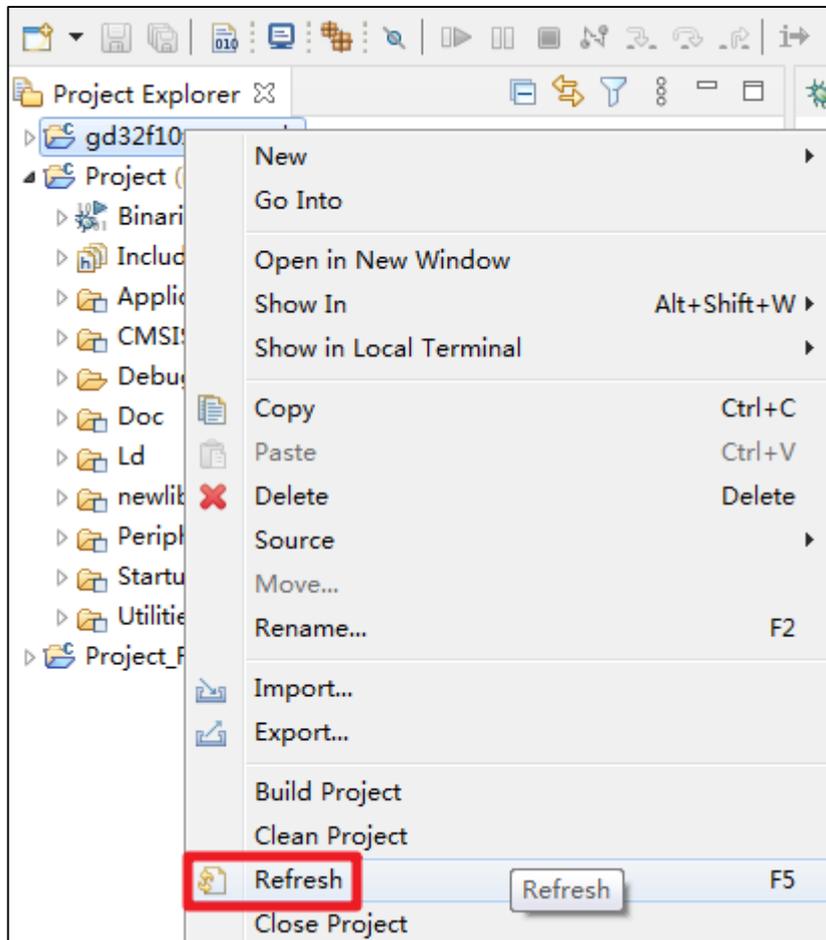
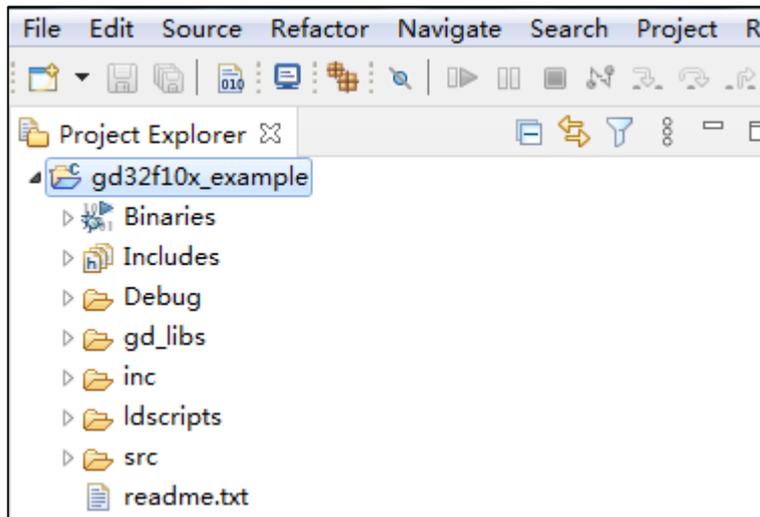


Figure 2-21. Project structure in Eclipse IDE

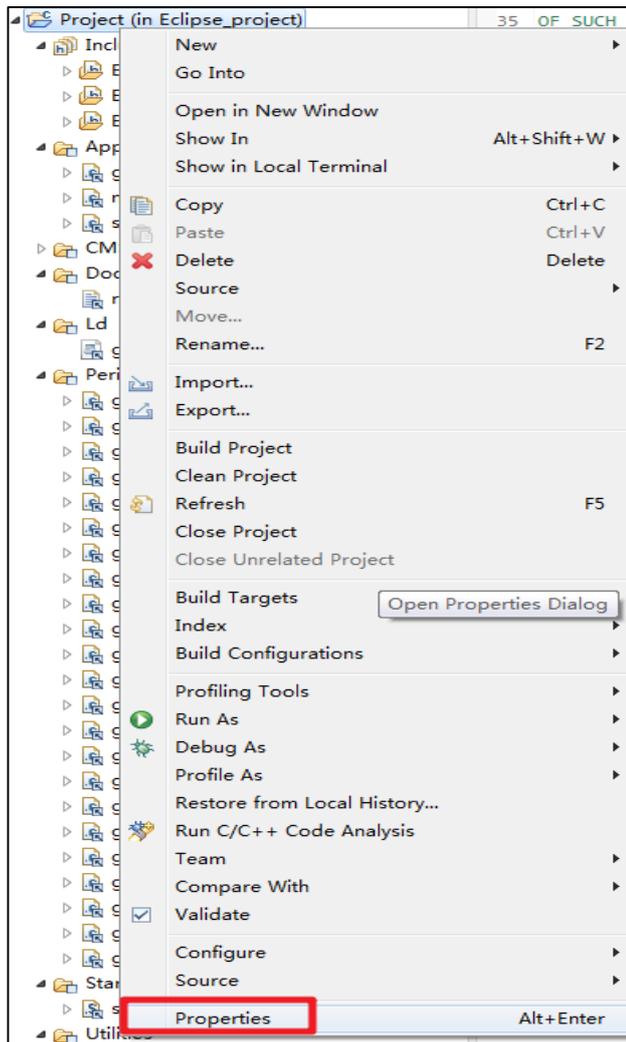


Note: The files and folders created in the "Refresh" method are all real, and once a file is deleted in the Eclipse IDE, the file will be deleted from the disk directly.

2.3. Project configurations

Right-click the project and select the "Properties" option to open it.

Figure 2-22. Project properties configurations

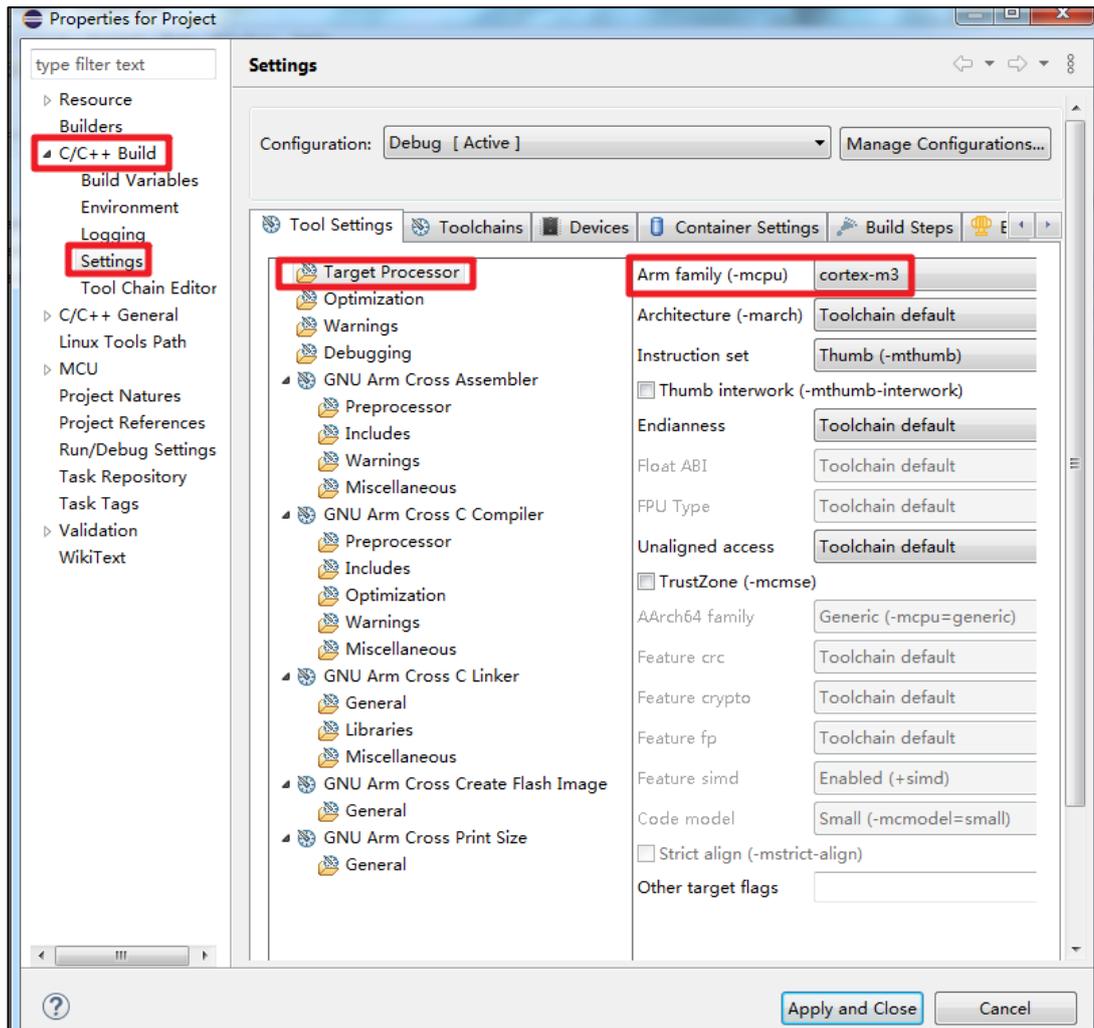


2.3.1. Target Processor option configuration

"C/C++ Build->Settings->Tool Settings->Target Processor" option configurations:

According to the core of the target chip, select cortex-m3, cortex-m4, cortex-m23 or cortex-m33. In this guide, select cortex-m3.

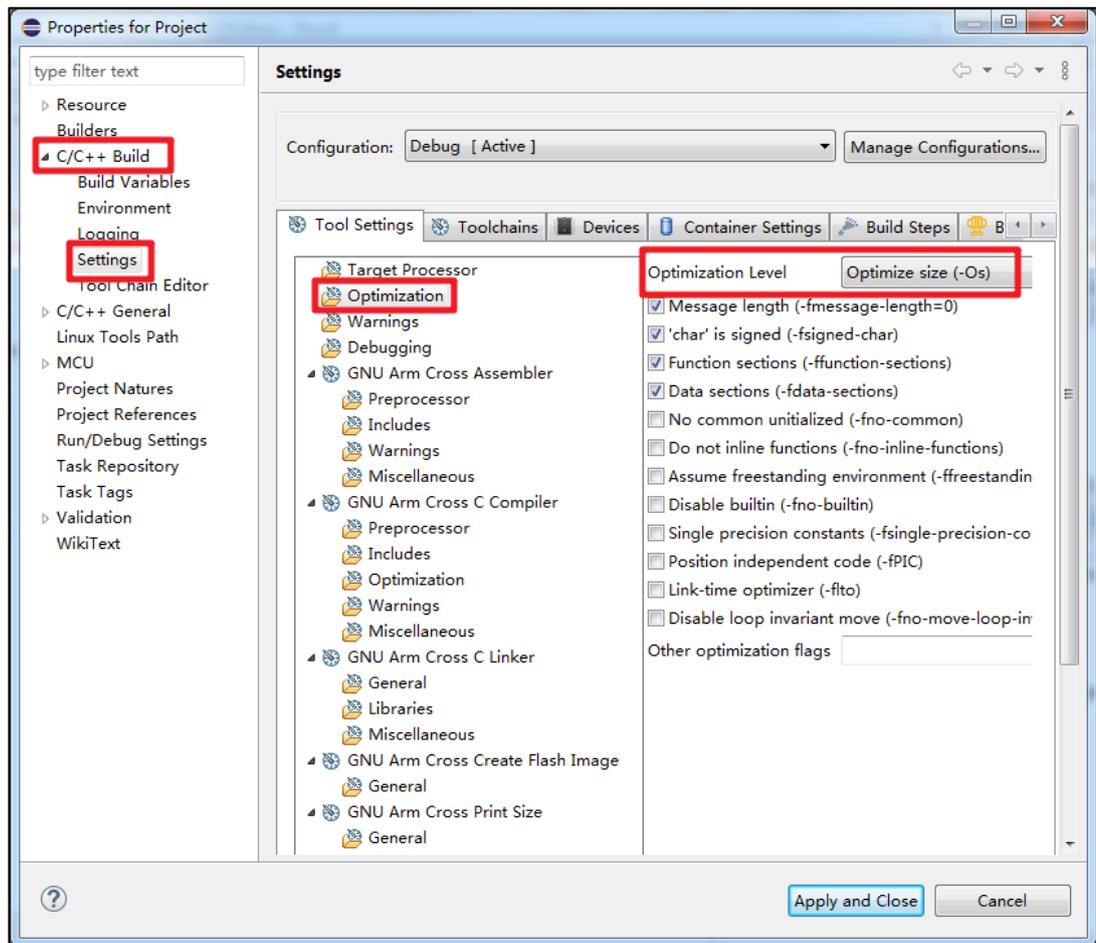
Figure 2-23. Target Processor configuration



2.3.2. Optimization option configuration

Configure the optimization level in the "C/C++ Build->Settings->Tool Settings->Optimization" option, with options -O0, -O1, -O2, -O3, -Os, -Ofast, -Og.

Figure 2-24. Optimization configuration

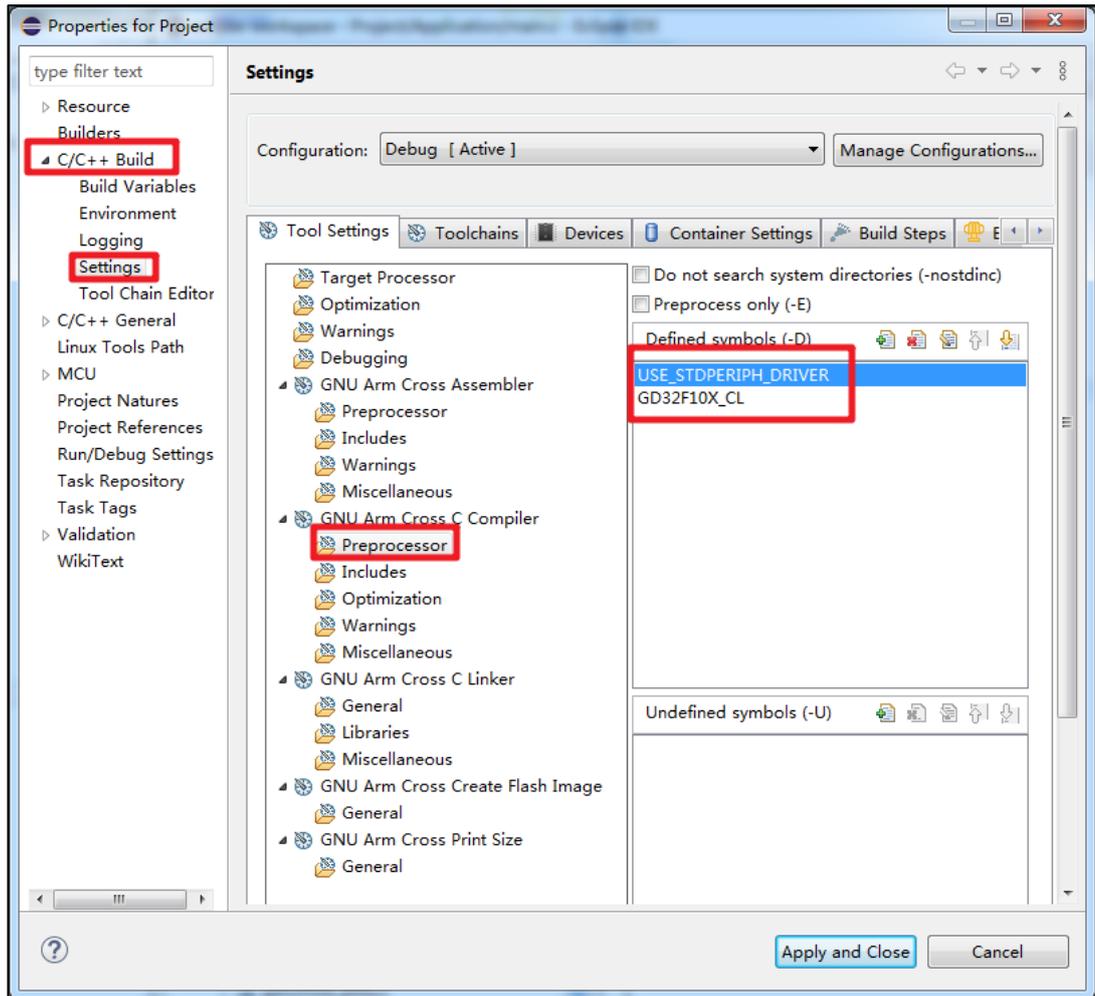


2.3.3. GNU Arm Cross C Compiler configuration

Configure Cross C compilation options in the "C/C++ Build->Settings->Tool Settings->GNU Arm Cross C Compiler" option.

In this guide, add `USE_STDPERIPH_DRIVER` and `GD32F10X_CL` pre-compiled macros in the "Preprocessor->Defined symbols" option.

Figure 2-25. GNU Arm Cross C Compiler -> Preprocessor configuration



Add the header file paths required by the project in the "includes->Include paths" option. Add in this guide:

"\${ProjDirPath}/../Firmware/CMSIS/GD/GD32F10x/Include"

"\${ProjDirPath}/../Firmware/CMSIS"

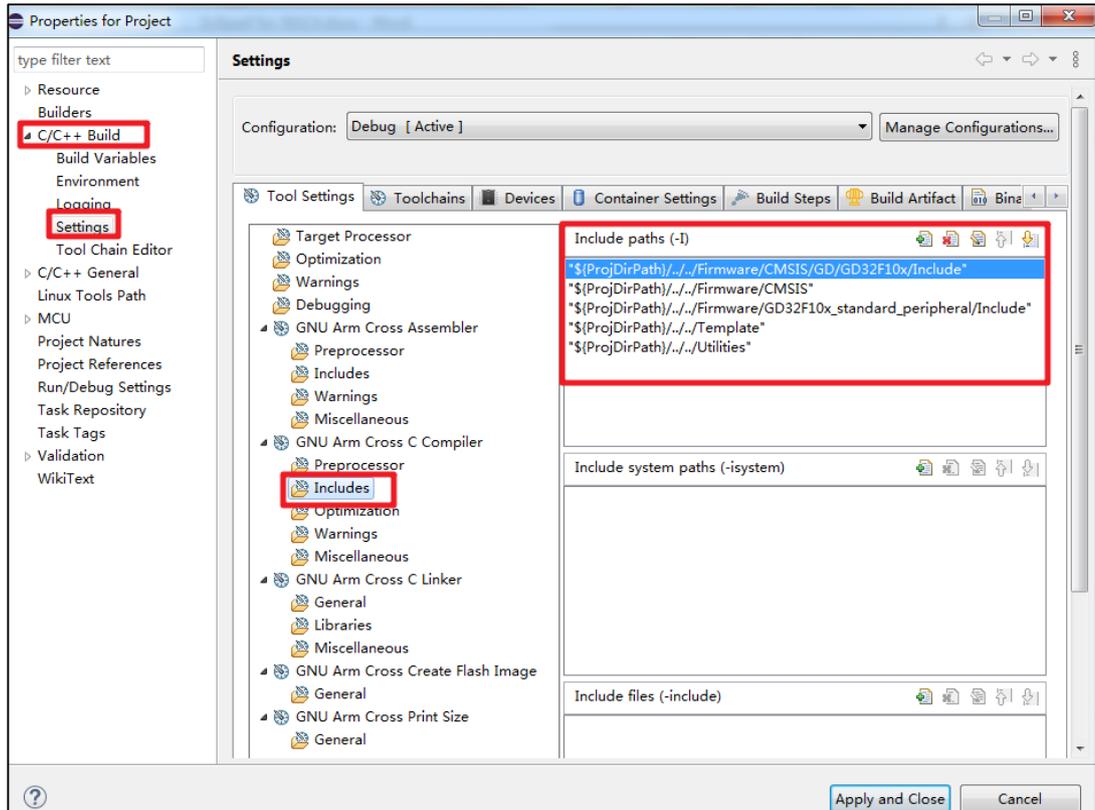
"\${ProjDirPath}/../Firmware/GD32F10x_standard_peripheral/Include"

"\${ProjDirPath}/../Template"

"\${ProjDirPath}/../Utilities"

Note: The header file path added in this guide is a relative path. User can also add the absolute path directly here.

Figure 2-26. GNU Arm Cross C Compiler -> Includes configuration



2.3.4. GNU Arm Cross C Linker configuration

Configure Cross C link options in "C/C++ Build->Settings->Tool Settings->GNU Arm Cross C Linker".

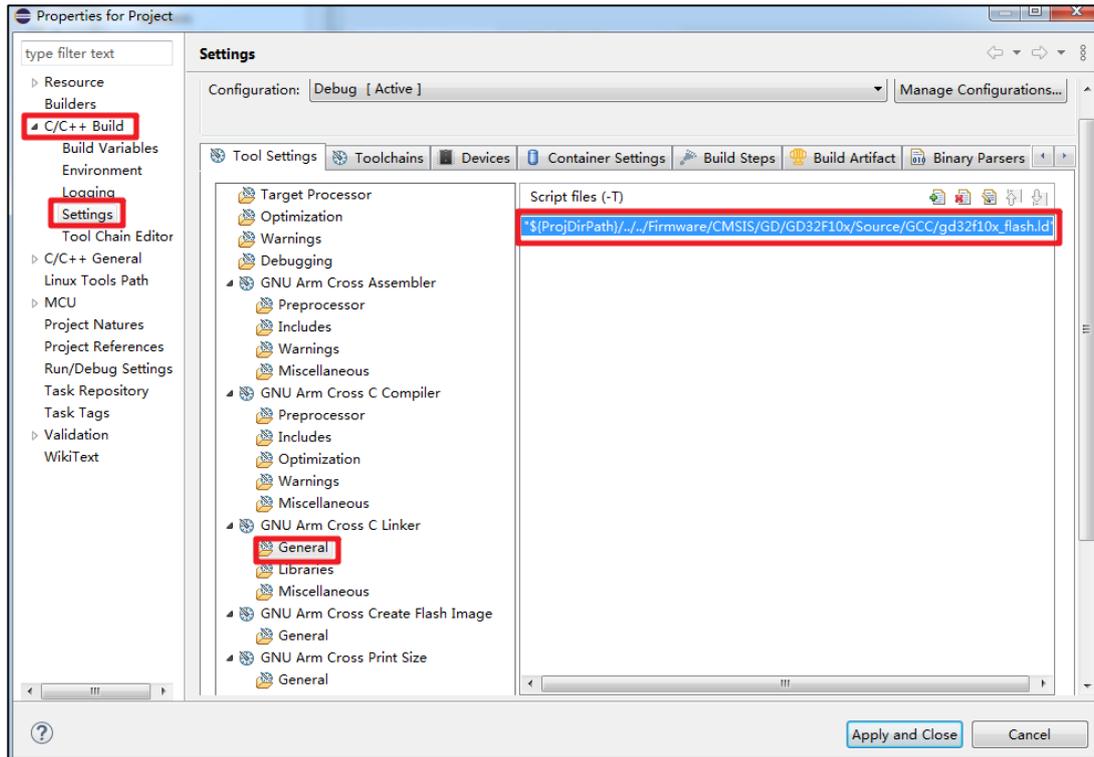
Add in the "General ->Script files" option:

```
"${ProjDirPath}/../Firmware/CMSIS/GD/GD32F10x/Source/GCC/gd32f10x_flash.ld"
```

The linker script is responsible for telling the linker how to configure memory for the compiled executable file. The ld script used should conform to the FLASH and SRAM size of the target chip and the memory configuration required by the customer.

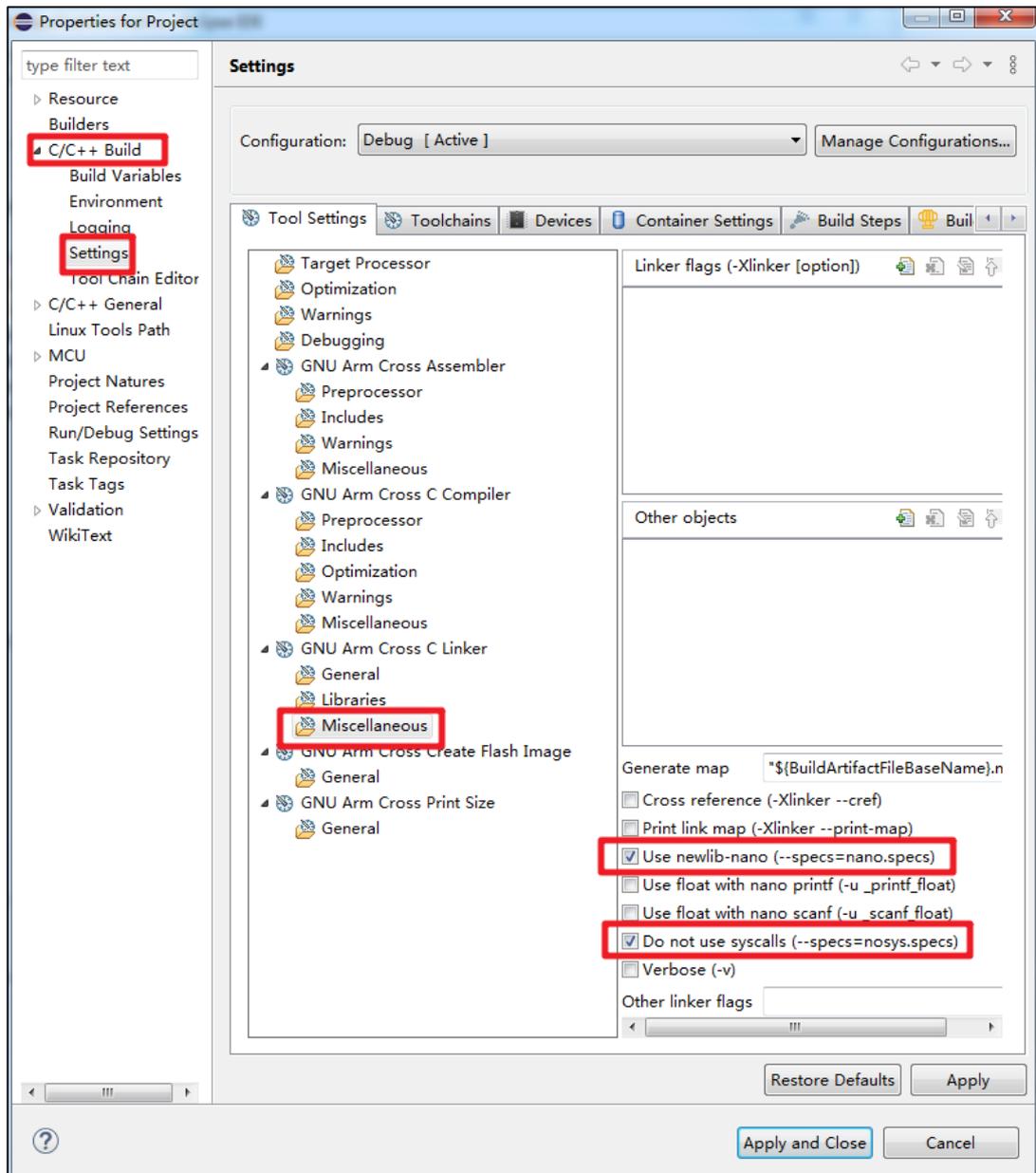
Note: The ld file path added in this guide is a relative path. User can also add the absolute path directly here.

Figure 2-27. GNU Arm Cross C Linker -> General configuration



In the "Miscellaneous" option, check "Use newlib-nano" and "Do not use syscalls". (The code size can be optimized)

Figure 2-28. GNU Arm Cross C Linker -> Miscellaneous configuration



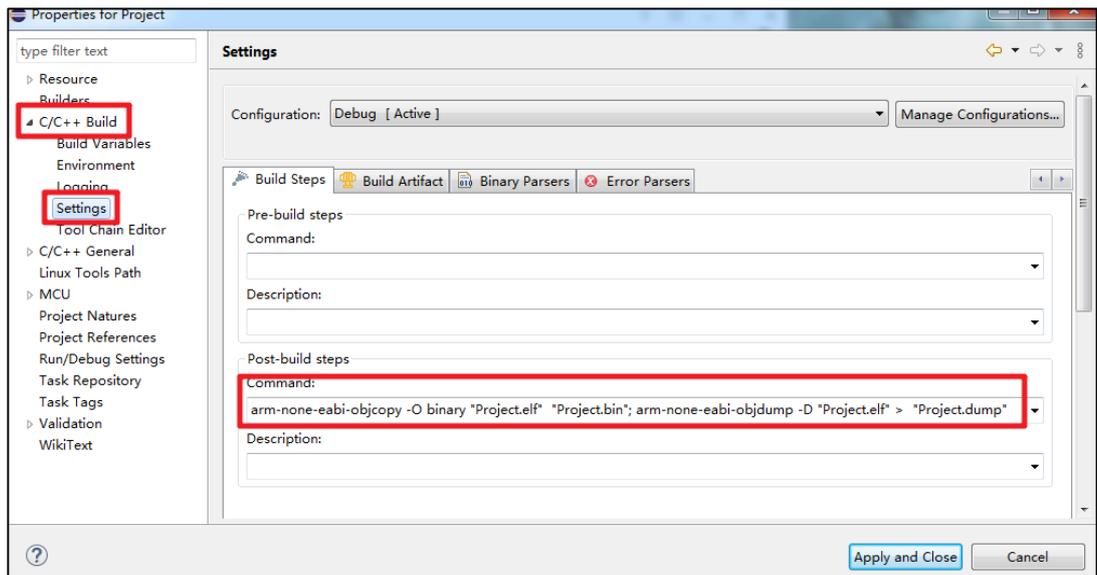
2.3.5. Build Steps configuration-generate bin file

In "C/C++ Build->Settings-> Build Steps", user can add commands to generate bin/hex files.

Add in this guide:

```
arm-none-eabi-objcopy -O binary "Project.elf" "Project.bin"; arm-none-eabi-objdump -D "Project.elf"> "Project.dump"
```

Figure 2-29. Build Steps configuration

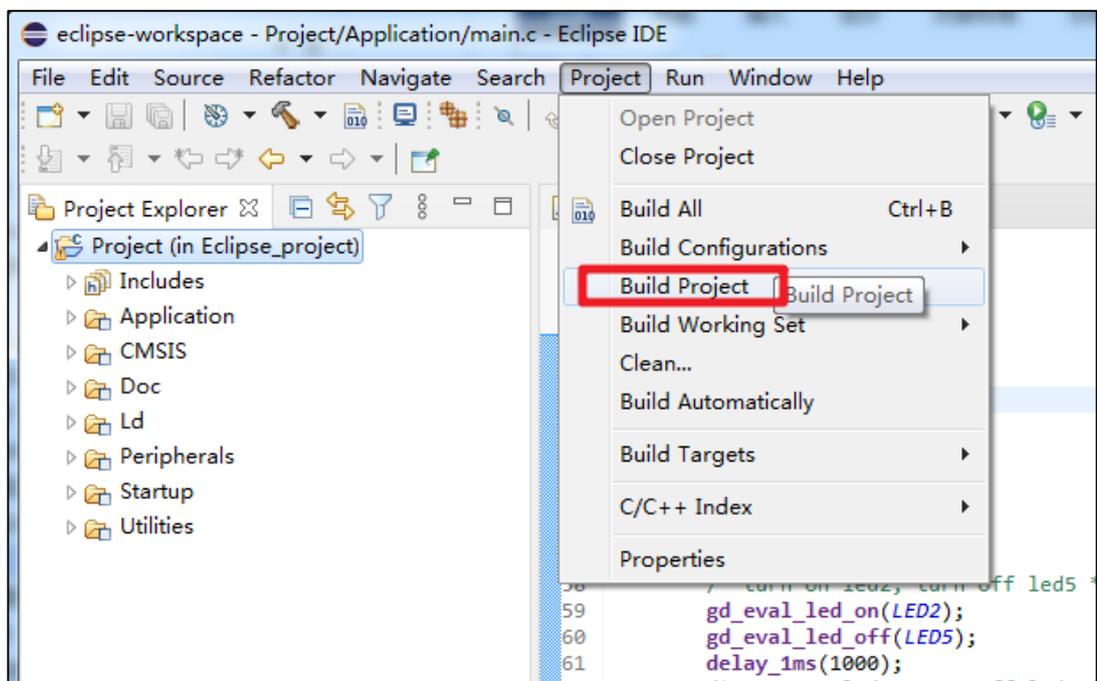


2.4. Build project

Select “Project->Build Project” to compile the current project.

Note: “Build Project” is to compile the current project, and “Build All” is to compile all the projects in the current workspace.

Figure 2-30. Build project

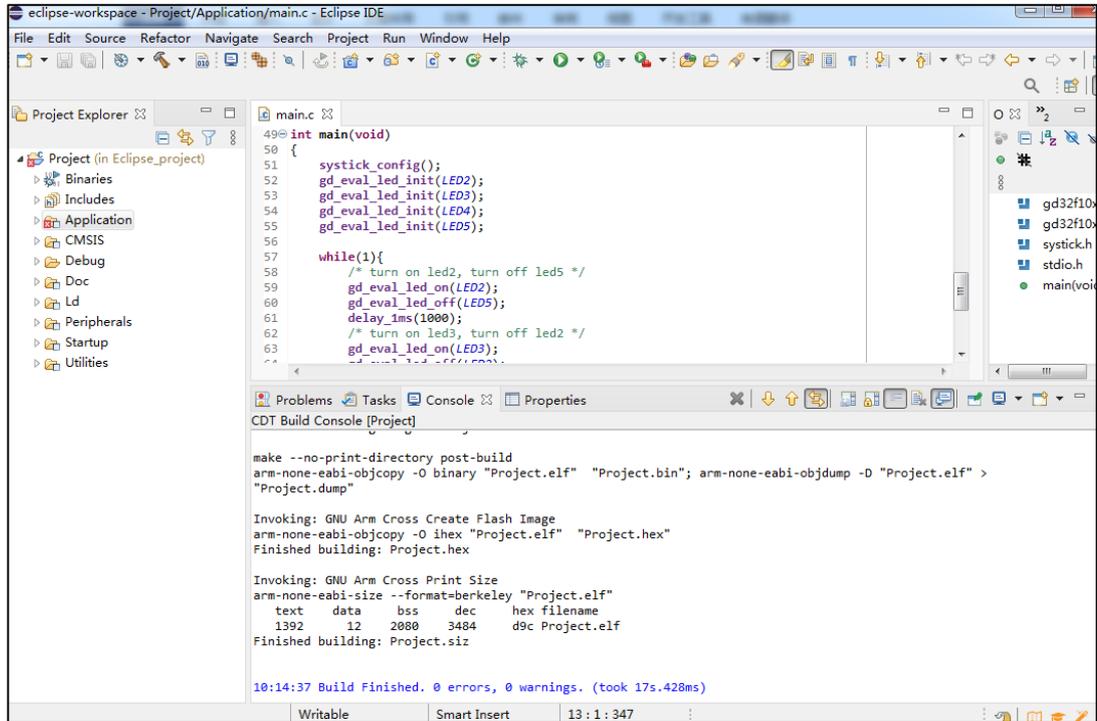


Note: User need to save the current project before compiling each time, otherwise the compiling is the last project. After modification, in order to ensure the correctness, please

clean the project first and then build.

After compiling, it can be seen that the corresponding elf, hex and bin files have been generated.

Figure 2-31. Build ARM project completed

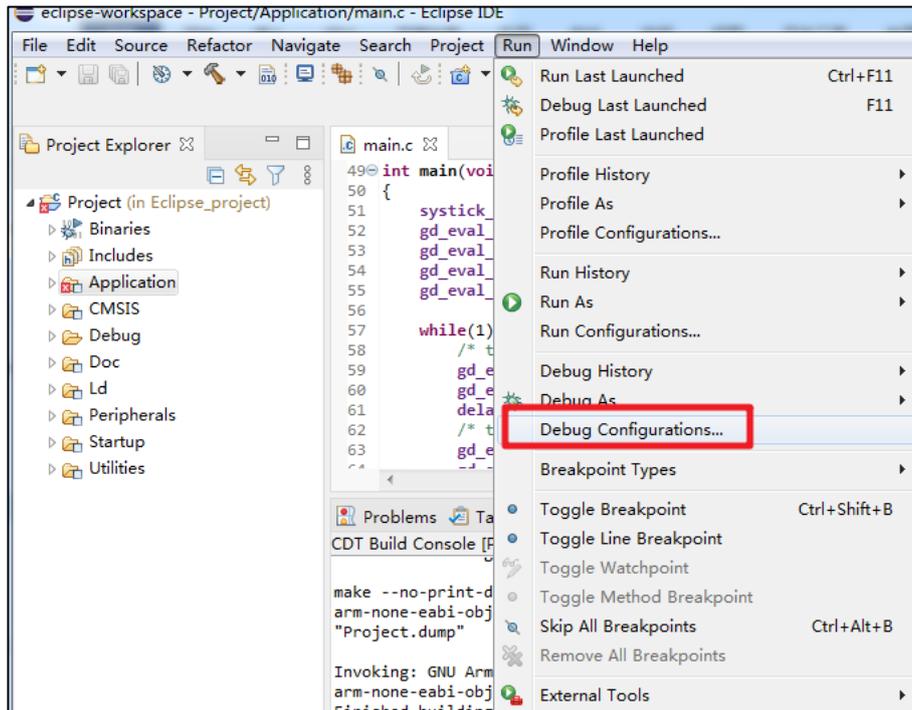


2.5. Use J-Link to download and debug the project

2.5.1. Debug configuration interface

In the menu bar, click “Run->Debug Configurations” to enter the Debug configuration interface.

Figure 2-32. Enter Debug Configurations interface

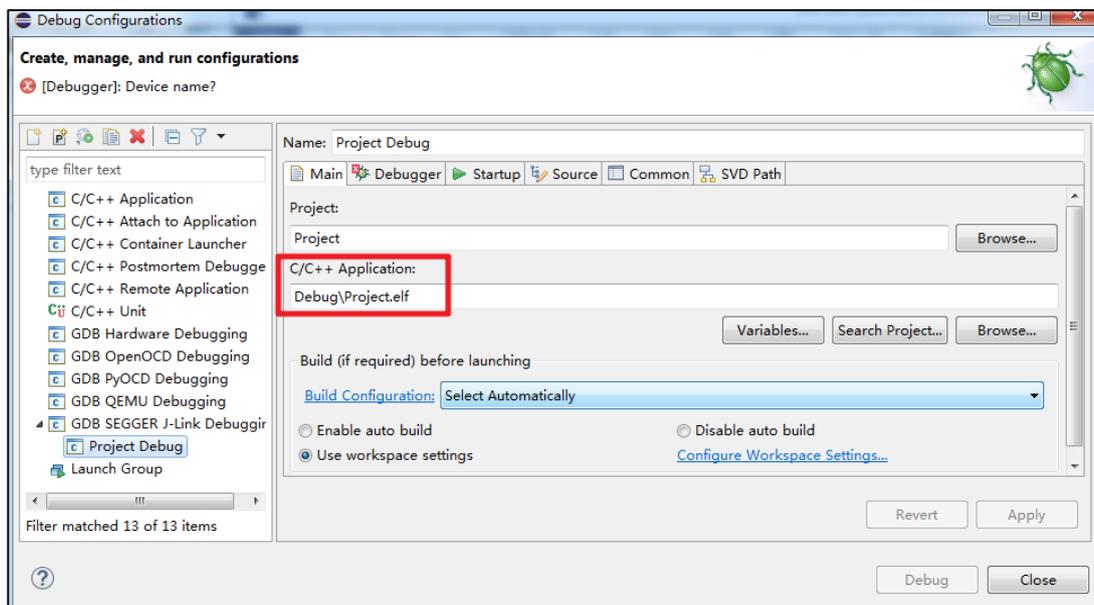


Use J-Link GDBServerCL as the GDB Server, and use the GDB tool in the GCC tool chain as the GDB Client.

Double-click GDB SEGGER J-Link Debugging to create a new set of J-Link configuration options.

2.5.2. Main tab

Figure 2-33. GDB SEGGER J-Link Debugging-Main tab



In the “Main” tab, select the current project, usually the elf file under the current project will be added automatically. If not, user can click “Browse” to add the elf file manually.

Note: If user have compiled multiple models before, user need to select the corresponding executable elf file. For convenience, user can also create a new set of “Debug configuration” for each chip model.

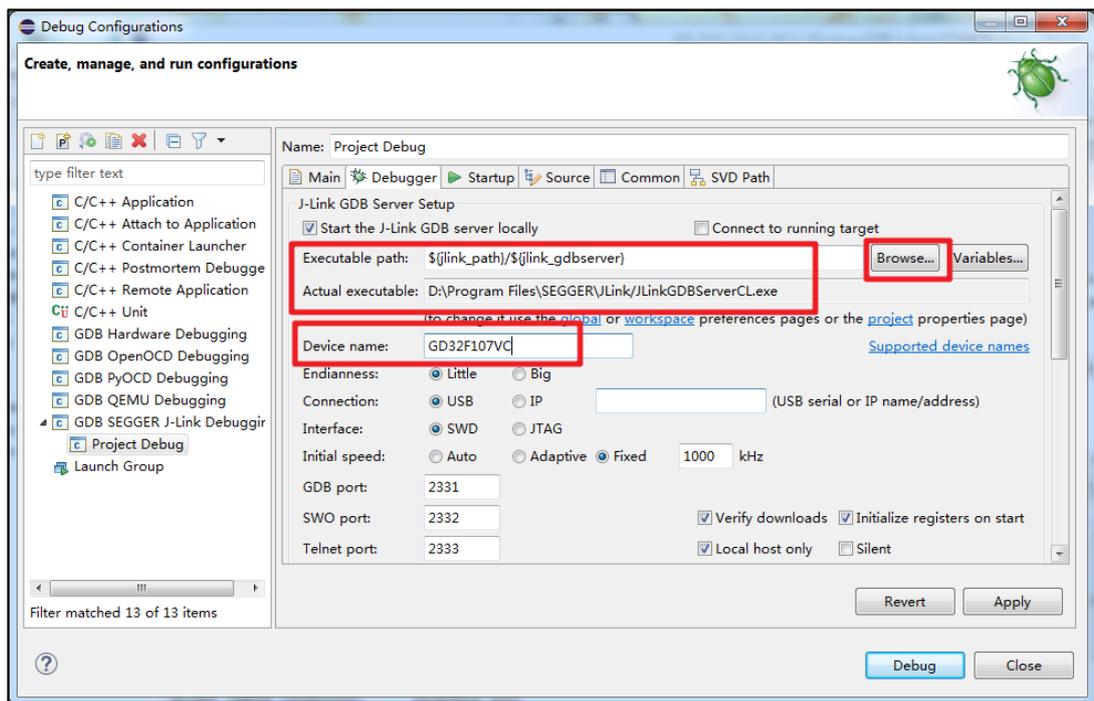
2.5.3. Debugger tab

In the “Debugger” tab, fill in the device name of the target chip model, which is GD32F107VC in this guide.

If the J-Link path has been configured correctly when setting up the Eclipse environment, it will be recognized automatically here. If user have not configured it correctly before, user can also select the absolute path of J-Link GDBServerCL in the “Executable path” column.

Note: The chip model filled in “Device name” column must be supported by the J-Link driver which is selected here.

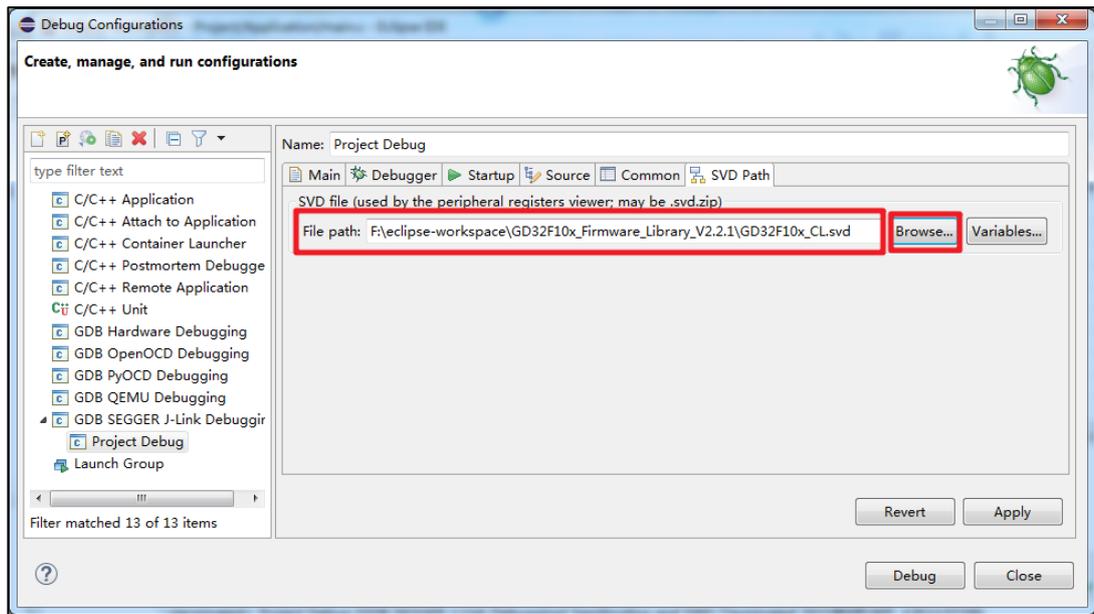
Figure 2-34. GDB SEGGER J-Link Debugging-Debugger tab



2.5.4. SVD Path tab

In the “SVD Path” tab, select the SVD file required by the target chip.

Figure 2-35. GDB SEGGER J-Link Debugging-SVD Path tab

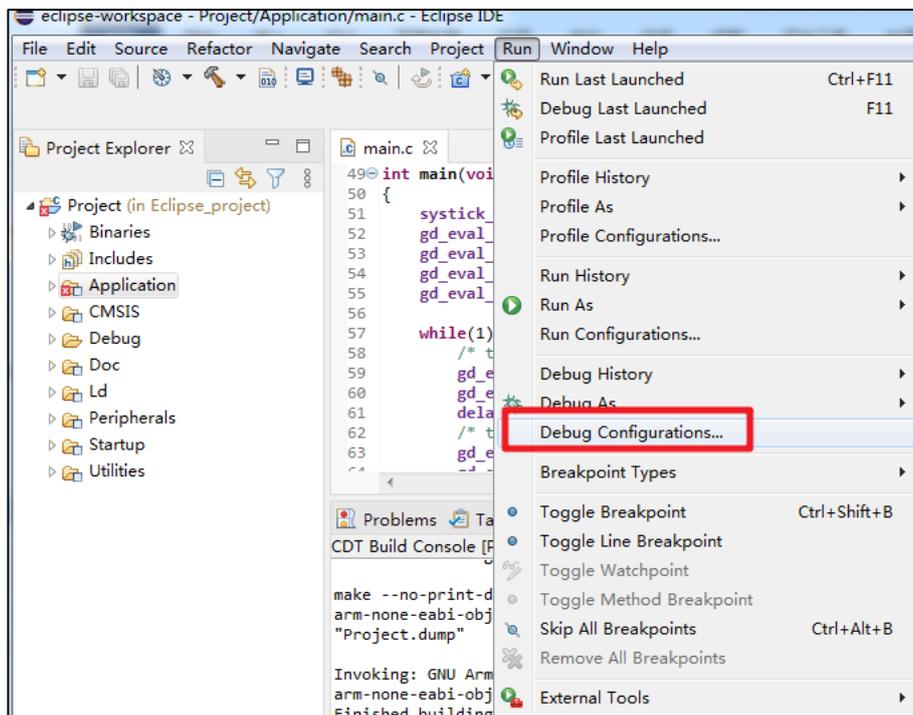


2.6. Use GD-Link to download and debug the project

2.6.1. Debug configuration interface

In the menu bar, click “Run->Debug Configurations” to enter the Debug configuration interface.

Figure 2-36. Enter Debug Configurations interface



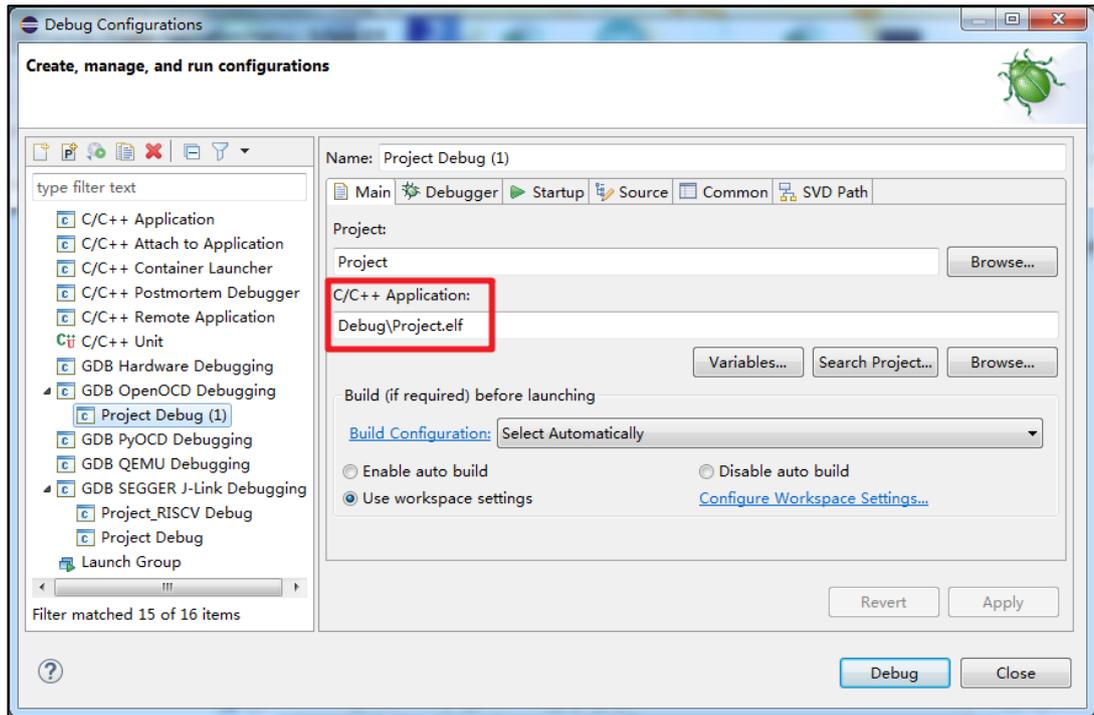
Use OpenOCD as the GDB Server, and use the GDB tool in the GCC tool chain as the GDB

Client.

Double-click GDB OpenOCD Debugging to create a new set of OpenOCD configuration options.

2.6.2. Main tab

Figure 2-37. GDB OpenOCD Debugging-Main tab



In the “Main” tab, select the current project, usually the elf file under the current project will be added automatically. If not, user can click “Browse” to add the elf file manually.

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2.6.3. Debugger tab

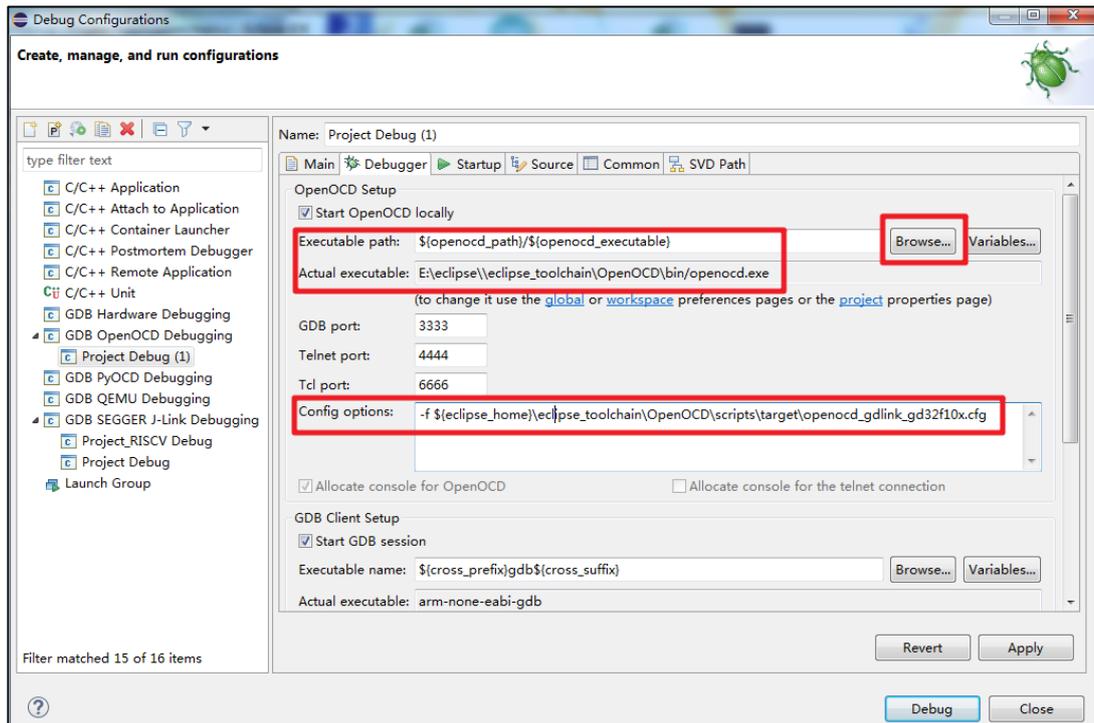
If the OpenOCD path has been configured correctly when setting up the Eclipse environment, it will be recognized automatically here. If user have not configured it correctly before, user can also select the absolute path of OpenOCD in the “Executable path” column.

In the “Config options” column, fill in the cfg file used. In this guide:

`-f ${eclipse_home}\eclipse_toolchain\OpenOCD\scripts\target\openocd_gdlink_gd32f10x.cfg`

The cfg file of OpenOCD provides information such as debugger, debugging protocol, target chip identification and target chip programming algorithm selection.

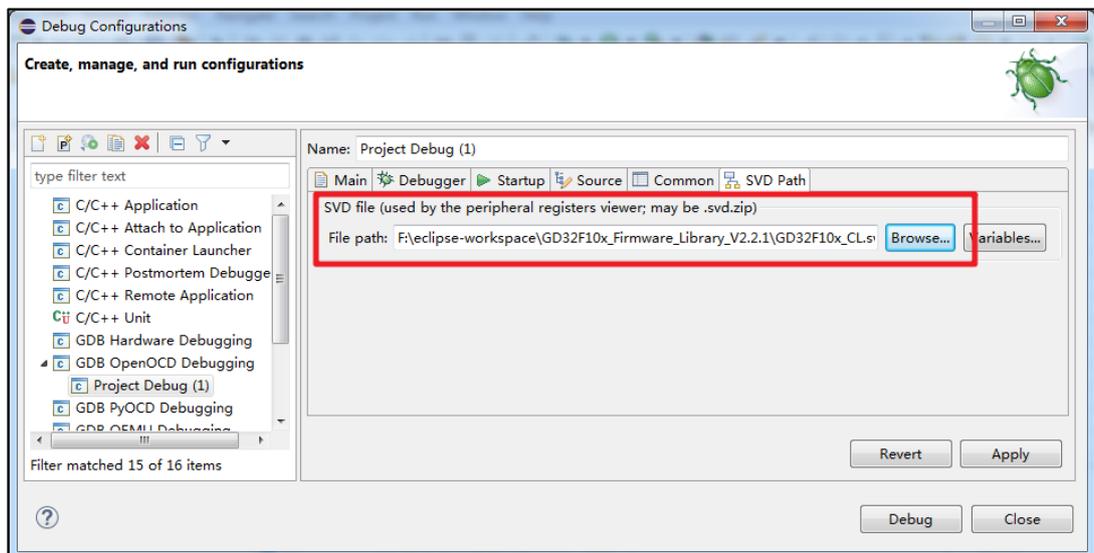
Figure 2-38. GDB OpenOCD Debugging-Debugger tab



2.6.4. SVD Path tab

In the “SVD Path” tab, select the SVD file required by the target chip.

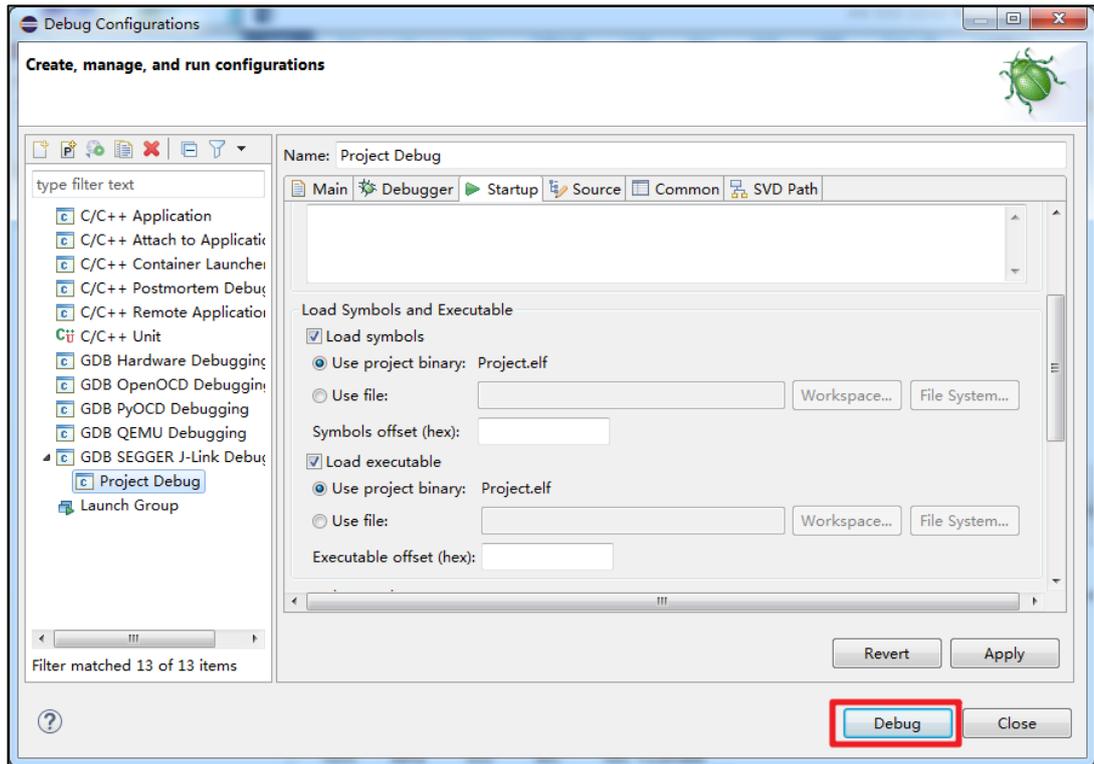
Figure 2-39. GDB OpenOCD Debugging-SVD Path tab



2.7. Debug interface

After the debug configurations is completed, click “Debug” to enter the Debug perspective.

Figure 2-40. Enter Debug perspective -1



Switch to Debug perspective.

Figure 2-41. Enter Debug perspective -2

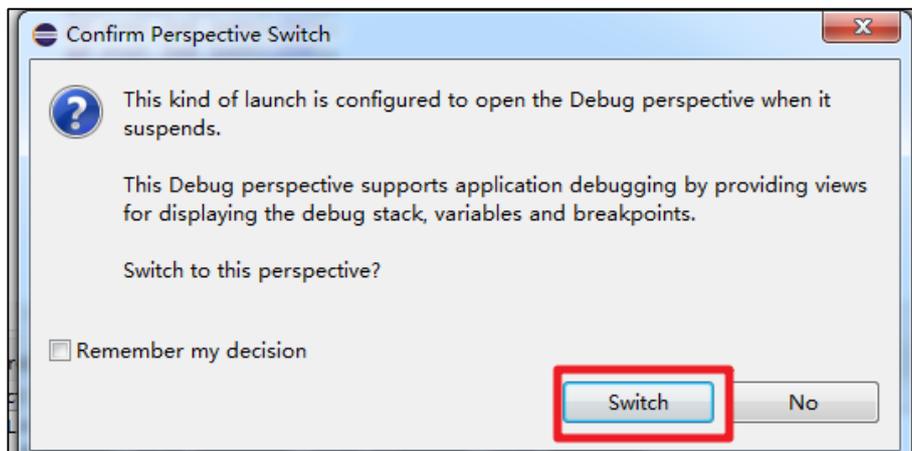
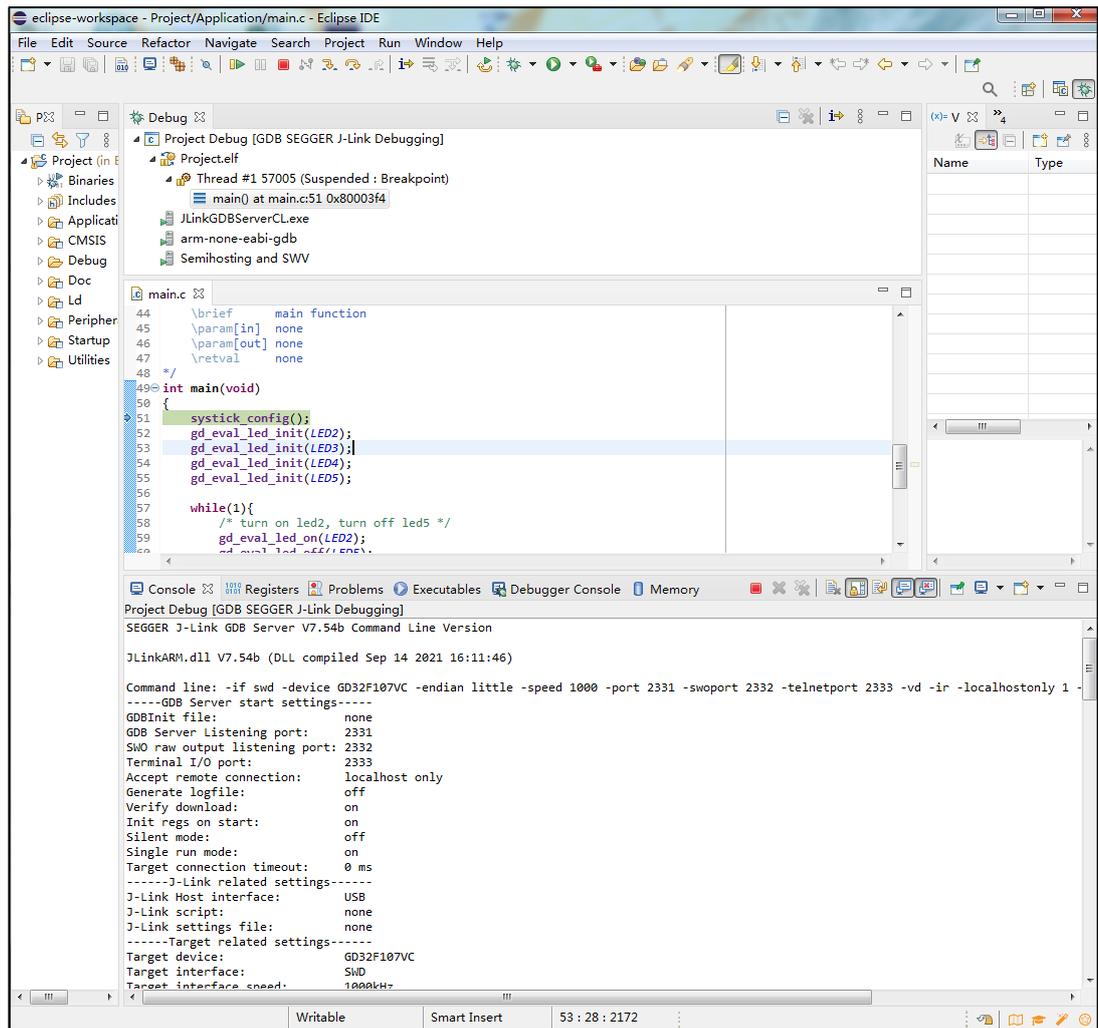


Figure 2-42. Debug perspective



2.7.1. Toolbar introduction

 : resume

 : suspend

 : terminate

 : step into

 : step over

 : step out

: reset

2.7.2. Registers view

In the menu bar, select “Window->Show view->Registers” option, open it to view the value of general-purpose registers.

Figure 2-43. Open Registers view

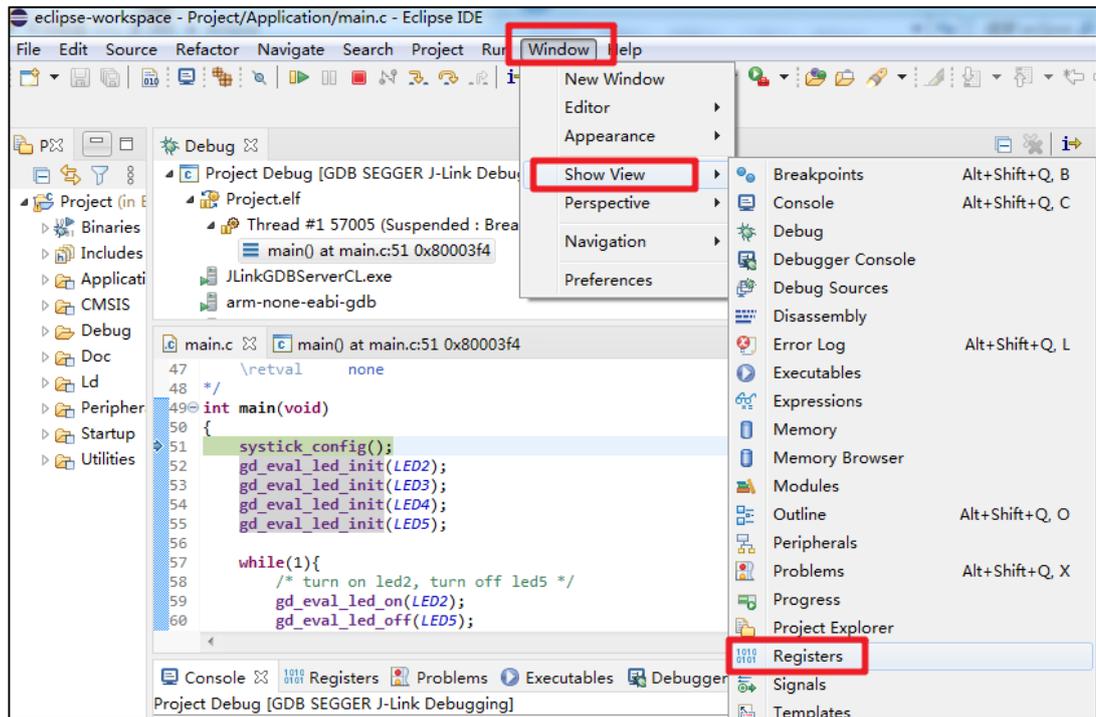
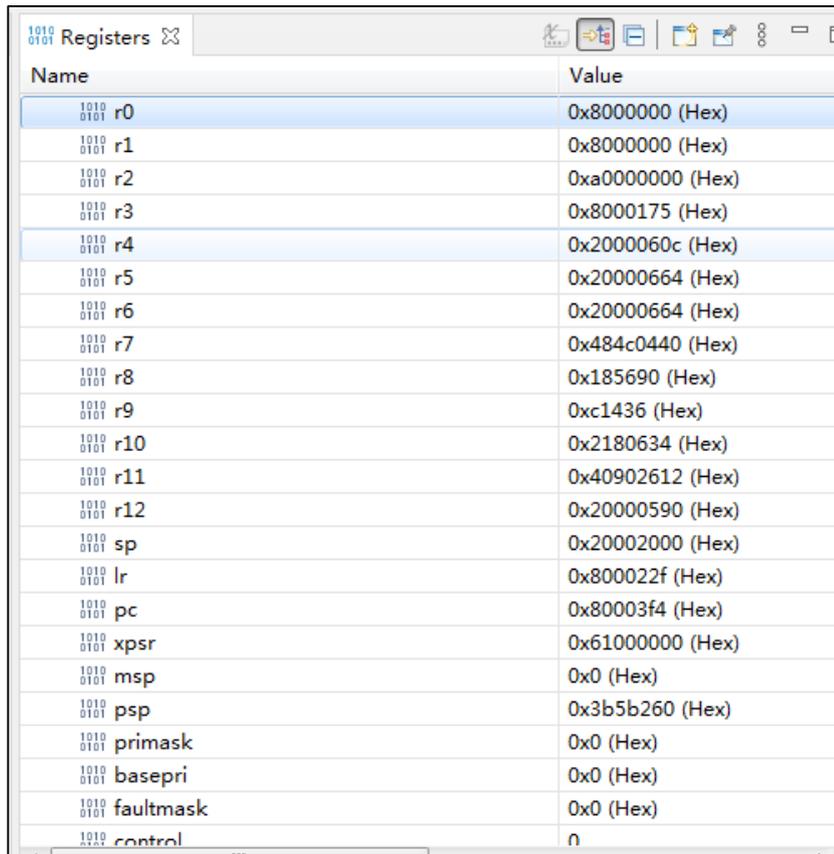


Figure 2-44. Registers view



Name	Value
r0	0x8000000 (Hex)
r1	0x8000000 (Hex)
r2	0xa0000000 (Hex)
r3	0x8000175 (Hex)
r4	0x2000060c (Hex)
r5	0x20000664 (Hex)
r6	0x20000664 (Hex)
r7	0x484c0440 (Hex)
r8	0x185690 (Hex)
r9	0xc1436 (Hex)
r10	0x2180634 (Hex)
r11	0x40902612 (Hex)
r12	0x20000590 (Hex)
sp	0x20002000 (Hex)
lr	0x800022f (Hex)
pc	0x80003f4 (Hex)
xpsr	0x61000000 (Hex)
misp	0x0 (Hex)
psp	0x3b5b260 (Hex)
primask	0x0 (Hex)
basepri	0x0 (Hex)
faultmask	0x0 (Hex)
control	0

2.7.3. Peripherals view

In the menu bar, select “Window->Show view->Peripherals” option, open to view the value of the peripheral registers.

Figure 2-45. Open Peripherals view

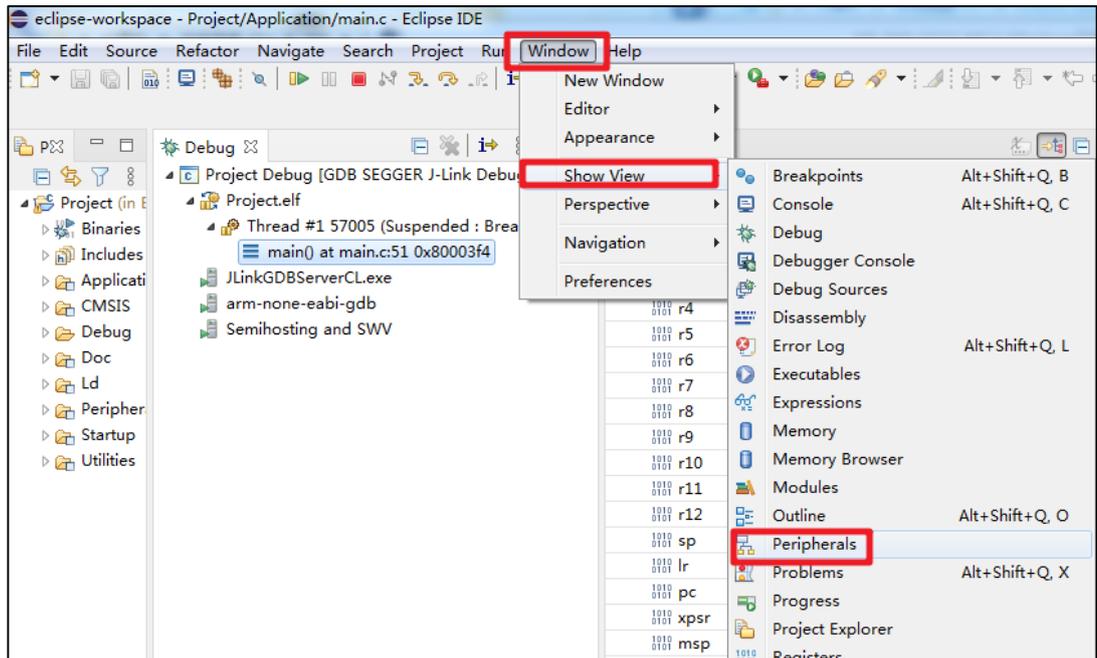
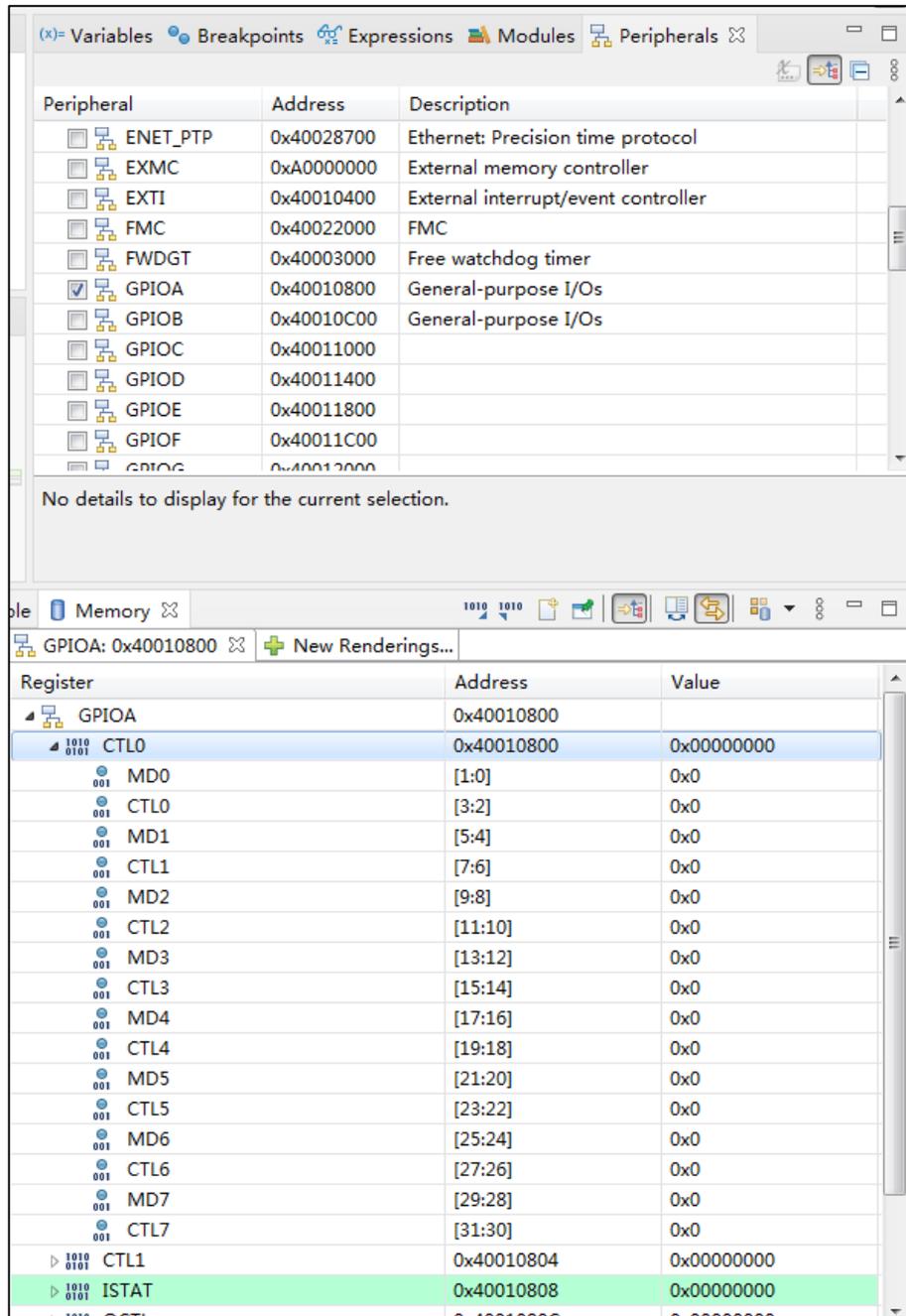


Figure 2-46. Peripherals view



2.7.4. Memory view

In the menu bar, select “Window->Show view->Memory” option, and click the “+” sign above the “Memory” window to open the corresponding memory address.

Figure 2-47. Open Memory view

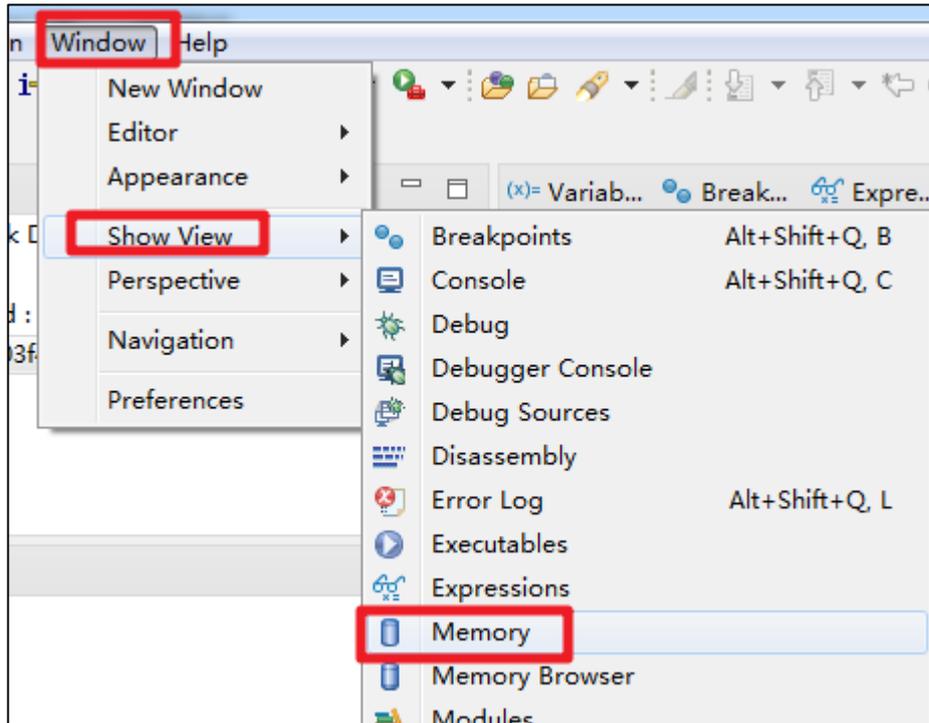
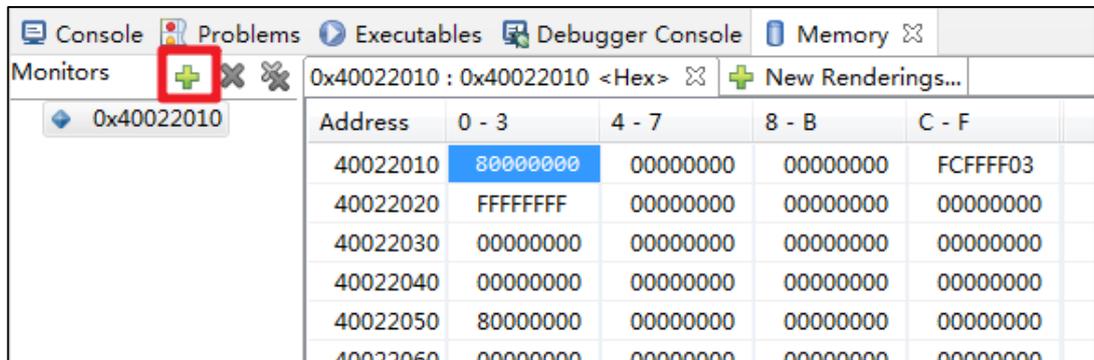


Figure 2-48. Memory view



Address	0 - 3	4 - 7	8 - B	C - F
40022010	80000000	00000000	00000000	FCFFFF03
40022020	FFFFFFFF	00000000	00000000	00000000
40022030	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
40022040	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
40022050	80000000	00000000	00000000	00000000
40022060	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000

2.7.5. Expressions view

In the menu bar, select "Window->Show View->Expressions" and click the "+" sign in the "Expressions" window to add and view the value of the corresponding variable.

Figure 2-49. Open Expressions view

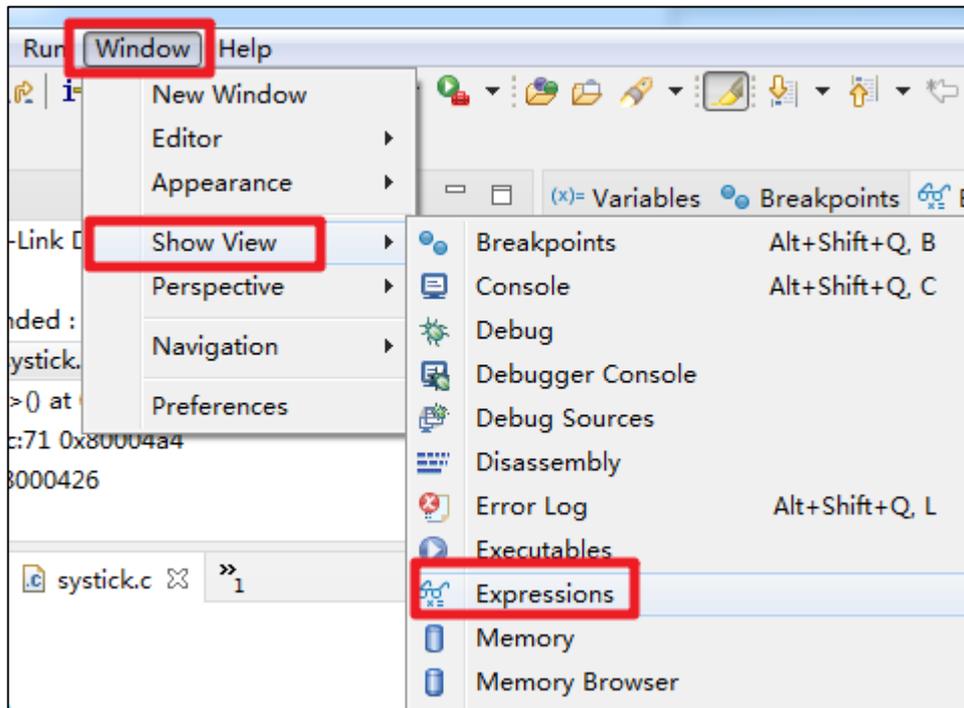
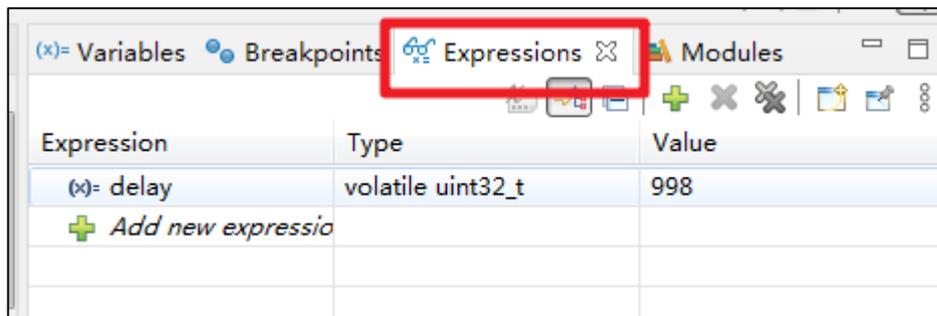


Figure 2-50. Expressions view



Note: Eclipse can only view the value of the variable when the code is not running. It is temporarily unable to update the value of the variable in real time.

2.7.6. Disassembly view

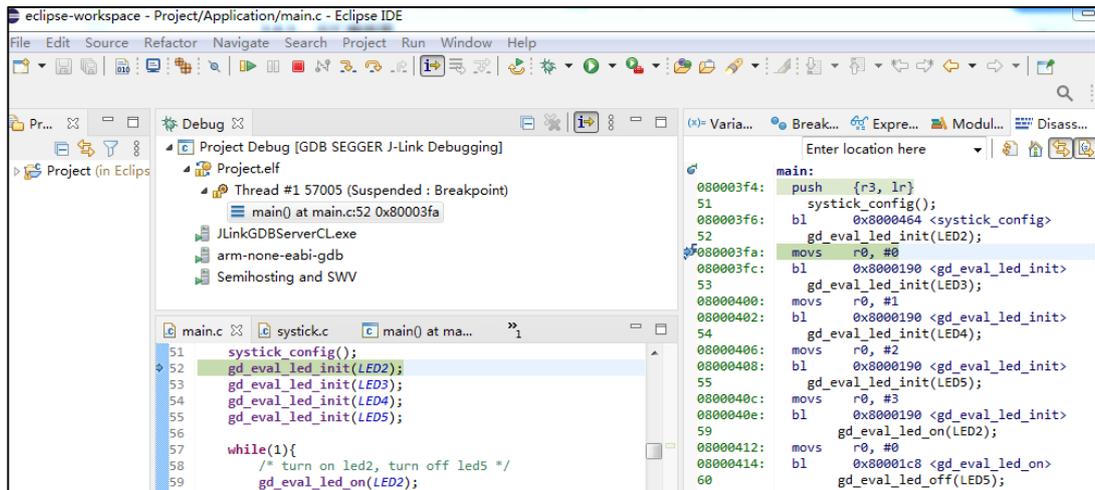
Select the “Instruction Stepping Mode button” in the debug toolbar to open the disassembly window.

Figure 2-51. Open Disassembly view



In the disassembly window, breakpoints can be enabled, assembly instructions can be executed in single step, etc.

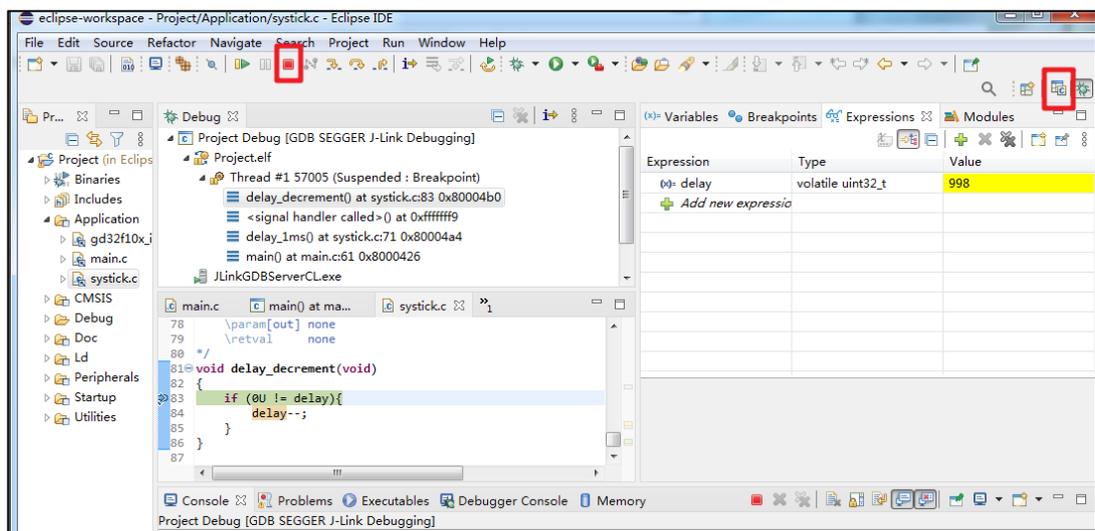
Figure 2-52. Disassembly view



2.7.7. Exit the Debug perspective

Click the "Stop debugging" button, and then click "C/C++" to enter the project perspective.

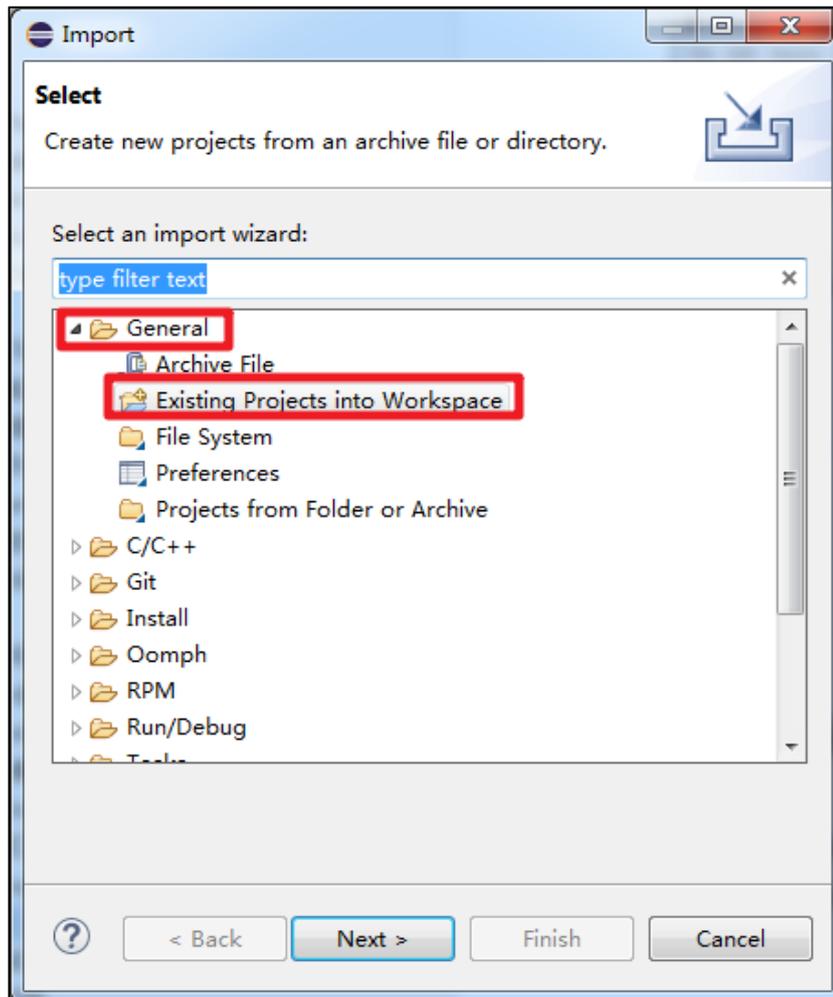
Figure 2-53. Exit the Debug perspective



3. Import an existing project

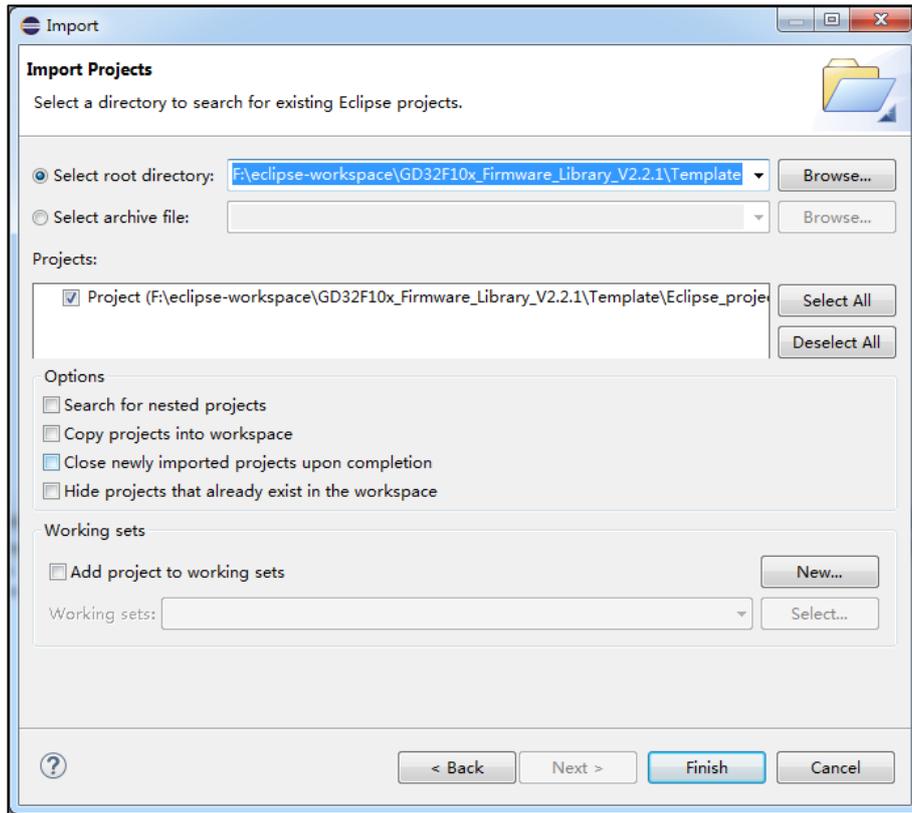
In addition to new projects, user can also import existing Eclipse projects directly. In the menu bar, click "File->Import", select "General->Existing Projects into Workspace" to import the existing project, and click "Next".

Figure 3-1. Import an existing project - 1



Select the path of an existing project file, Eclipse will recognize all the projects under this path. Select the corresponding project, and click "Finish" to import the existing project.

Figure 3-2. Import an existing project - 2



4. Debug in RAM

Step 1: Modify the linker script, for example, as shown in [Figure 4-1. Ld file memory map when debugging in RAM](#).

Figure 4-1. Ld file memory map when debugging in RAM

```
/* memory map */
MEMORY
{
    FLASH (rx)      : ORIGIN = 0x20000000, LENGTH = 8K
    RAM (xrw)       : ORIGIN = 0x20002000, LENGTH = 8K
}
```

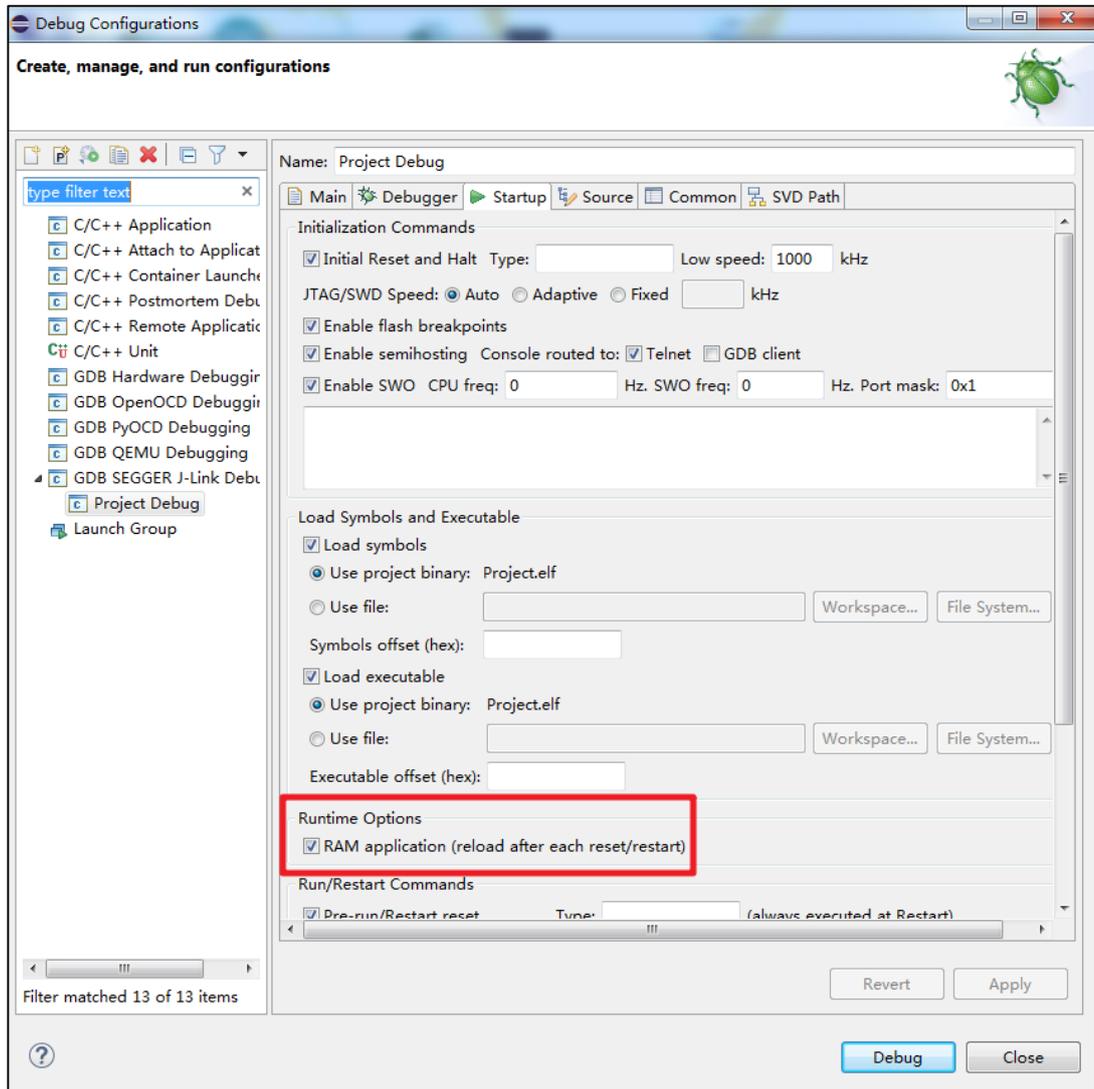
Step 2: Relocate the interrupt vector table to SRAM. Recompile the project after completing steps 1 and 2.

Figure 4-2. Relocate the interrupt vector table when debugging in RAM

```
45     \param[in] none
46     \param[out] none
47     \retval none
48 */
49 int main(void)
50 {
51     nvic_vector_table_set(NVIC_VECTTAB_RAM, 0);
52     systick_config();
53     gd_eval_led_init(LED2);
54     gd_eval_led_init(LED3);
55     gd_eval_led_init(LED4);
56     gd_eval_led_init(LED5);
57
58     while(1){
```

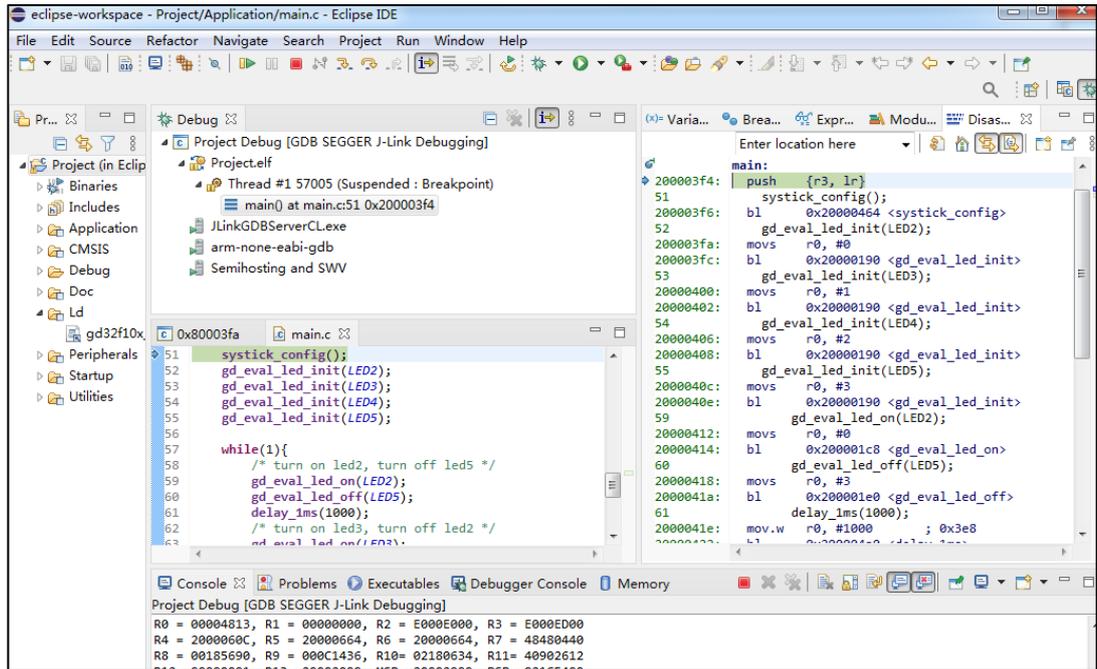
Step 3: In the “Debug Configurations->Startup” option, check “RAM application”.

Figure 4-3. Debug configurations when debugging in RAM



Step 4: Enter the Debug perspective when debugging in RAM, as shown in the figure below.

Figure 4-4. Debug perspective when debugging in RAM



5. Printing with printf

5.1. Use steps

Step 1: Add the syscall.c file, and add the following `_write` function definition to the file.

```
int _write(int file, char *ptr, int len)
{
    int Dataldx;

    for (Dataldx = 0; Dataldx < len; Dataldx++)
    {
        __io_putchar( *ptr++ );
    }

    return len;
}
```

Step 2: Redirect `usart` to the `__io_putchar` function.

```
int __io_putchar(int ch)
{
    usart_data_transmit(EVAL_COM0, (uint8_t) ch );
    while(RESET == usart_flag_get(EVAL_COM0, USART_FLAG_TBE)){
    };

    return ch;
}
```

Step 3: Use the `printf` function to print normally.

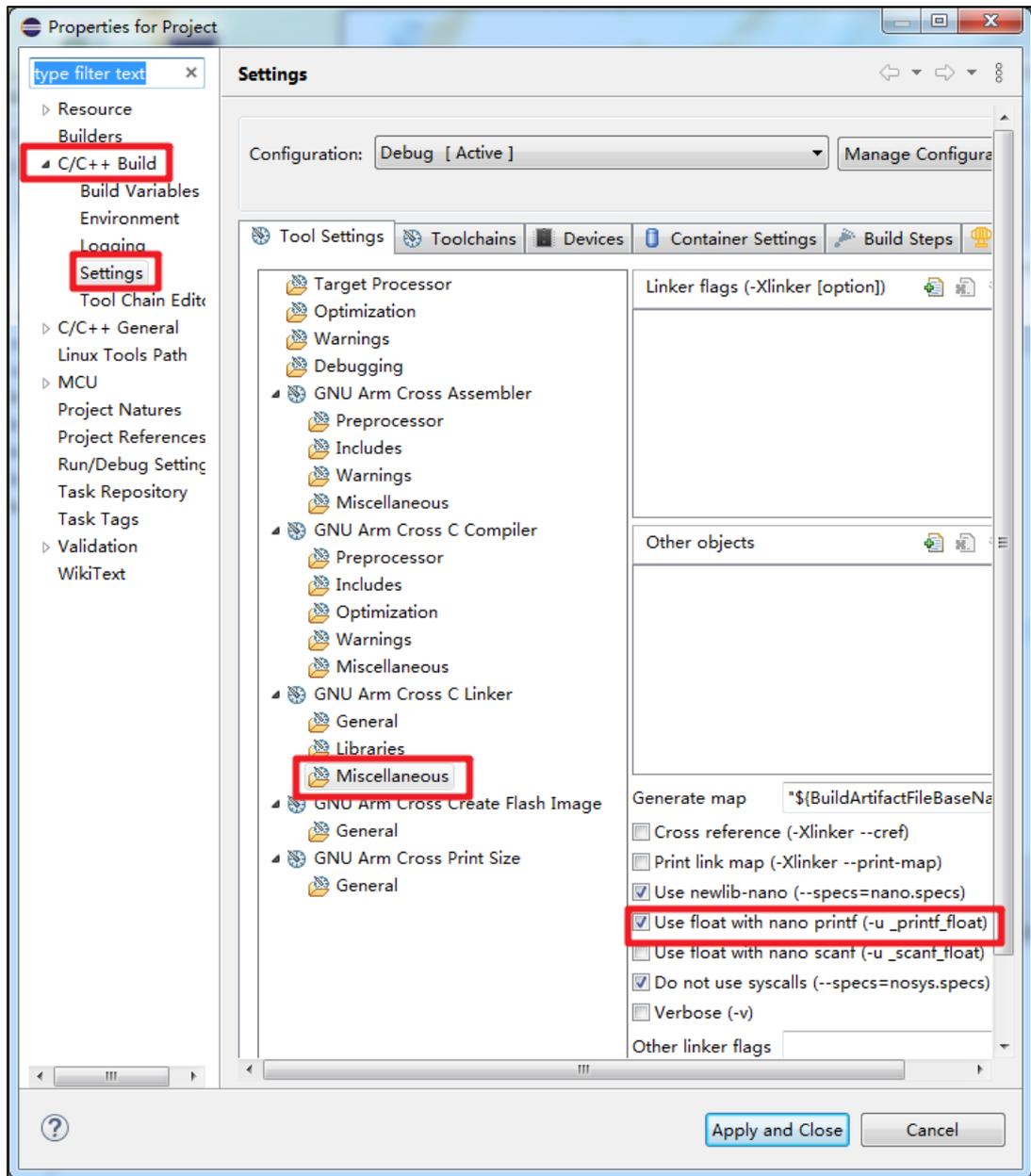
```
printf("Running led test!\r\n");
```

5.2. Print floating point data configuration

Print floating point data configuration:

check the “-u `_printf_float`” option in the project “Properties->C/C++ Build->Settings->Tool Settings->GNU Arm Cross C Linker->Miscellaneous” option.

Figure 5-1. Print floating point data configuration



Note: 1. When using printf function, user need to add “\r\n” at the end of the printed content, for example, printf("Running led test!\r\n"). 2. Using printf function in GCC will greatly increase the size of the code. If it is an occasion that requires a high codesized size, printf function is not recommended.

6. Revision history

Table 6-1. Revision history

Revision No.	Description	Date
1.0	Initial Release	Nov.30, 2021

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