
INSTALLATION GUIDE

DSP/BIOS™ LINK

DA8XX EVM

LNK 180 USR

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A. INTRODUCTION

1 Purpose

DSP/BIOS™ LINK is foundation software for the inter-processor communication across the GPP-DSP boundary. It provides a generic API that abstracts the characteristics of the physical link connecting GPP and DSP from the applications. It eliminates the need for customers to develop such link from scratch and allows them to focus more on application development.

This document provides the users necessary information to install DSP/BIOS™ LINK on the development host.

This document corresponds to the product release Version 1.65.

2 Text Conventions

○	This bullet indicates important information. Please read such text carefully.
q	This bullet indicates additional information.
[arg1 arg2]	In context of the commands, contents enclosed in square brackets are the optional arguments to the command. Different values of these arguments are separated by " ".

3 Terms & Abbreviations

CCS	Code Composer Studio
IPC	Inter Processor Communication
GPP	General Purpose e.g. ARM
DSP	Digital Signal Processor e.g. TMS320C5510
CGTools	Code Gen Tools, e.g. Compiler, Linker, Archiver

4 References

1.	Various Documentation included with the DA8XX hardware.
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B. INSTALLATION

5 Basic Installation

The DSP/BIOS™ LINK is made available as a tar.gz file. To install the product follow the steps below:

1. Unzip and untar the file `dsplink_<version>.tar.gz`.
- This document assumes the install path to be **L:\dsplink** if working on a Windows PC. This path will be used in remainder of this document. A user can install the dsplink in any convenient location and the dsplink scripts will adapt to that location automatically (without any changes)

It is advisable to archive the released sources in a configuration management system. This will help in merging:

§ The updates delivered in the newer releases of DSP/BIOS™ LINK.

§ The changes to the product, if any, done by the users.

5.1 Installing Standalone DSP/BIOS™, CGTools and Platform Builder

The compilation of this release is dependent on following components:

1. CGTools (v 6.1.14)
2. Standalone DSP/BIOS™ version 6.20.00.37
3. XDC version 3.15.00.50
4. IPC version 1.00.00.40
5. Windows Embedded CE 6.0 (including Visual Studio 2005 + Platform Builder R2)
6. WinCE BSP for DA8XX (OMAPL137_AM17x_CE6_BSP_Release_v1.2)
7. Perl (ex: ActiveState Perl)

For compilation of DSP-side sources and applications for DA8XX, the CGTools version 6.1.14 can be used. This release has been validated with DSP/BIOS™ version 6.20.00.37.

Refer to the URL mentioned below for getting the distribution of DSP/BIOS™ and the associated installation instructions.

https://www-a.ti.com/downloads/sds_support/targetcontent/bios/index.html

For compilation of GPP side sources and applications for DA8XX, WINCE environment is used. This release requires Windows CE installation on the host computer (Visual Studio 2005 + Platform Builder R2) and a WinCE BSP for DA8XX.

The GPP side and DSP side make system also requires Perl to be installed on your build system.

5.1.1 Tools Installation Directory

Please refer to the next section for details on the directory layout of these various tools.

6 Creating development workspace

6.1 Tools Directory Structure Layout (Default)

This document and the scripts included in the release assume the following directory structure on your development host. If your tools aren't laid out as shown, please see section 6.2 for more details.

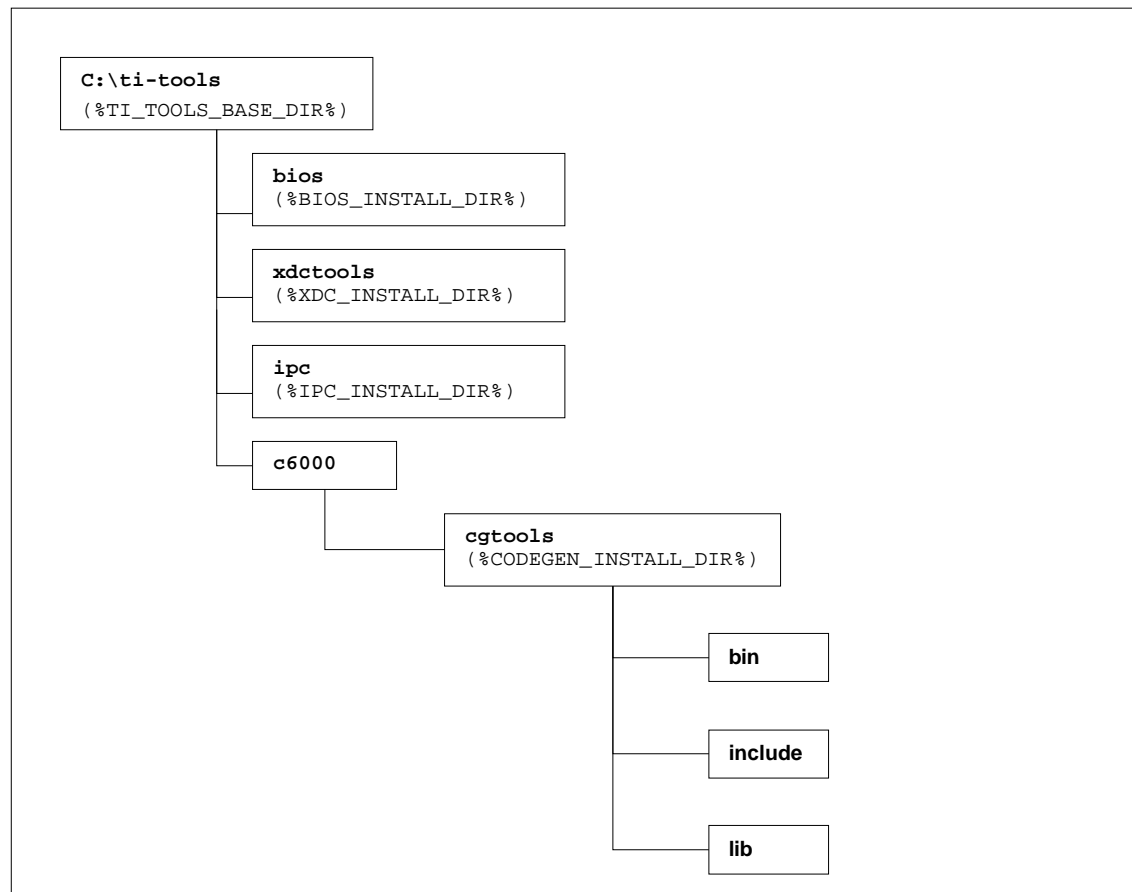


Figure 1: Expected directory structure on development host

- For the Windows development host, the build system shipped with DSP/BIOS™ LINK assumes that the standalone DSP/BIOS™ is installed in the 'ti-tools\' directory on the <ROOT-DRIVE> and CGTools is installed in the 'ti-tools\c6000\' directory on the <ROOT-DRIVE>. If this is not true, see the Section 6.2 below or edit the distribution files.
- To support multiple installations of DSP/BIOS with a single DSP/BIOS™ LINK DSP-side distribution file, a standard c:\ti-tools\bios directory is used for the BIOS installation. This can be a soft link or copy to the actual DSP/BIOS installation directory.

6.2 Tools Directory Structure Layout (User-Defined)

The directory structure specified in Figure 1 is expected by the build system of DSP/BIOS™ LINK. If you install the tools to a different directory, you can define the

following environment variables on your desktop (My Computer -> Right Click -> Properties -> Advanced -> Environment Variables -> System Variables):

ENV variable name	Purpose	Example	Default
TI_TOOLS_BASE_DIR	Defines the base directory for the TI Tools. This should be defined only when your TI Tools are not under C:\ti_tools as the scripts and makefile expect. Refer to Figure 1 for more information.	c:\my_tools\ti_tools	C:\ti-tools
BIOS_INSTALL_DIR	Defines the base directory where the bios is located. This should be defined only when bios is not located under C:\ti-tools\bios or \$(TI_TOOLS_BASE_DIR)\bios	c:\my_tools\bios	C:\ti-tools\bios
XDC_INSTALL_DIR	Defines the base directory of XDC tools.	C:\xdctools	C:\ti-tools\bios\xdctools
CODEGEN_INSTALL_DIR	Defines the base directory (not the bin the directory) for your CGTools installation. This should be defined only when the CGTools are not located under C:\ti-tools\c6000\cgtools or \$(TI_TOOLS_BASE_DIR)\C6000\cgtools <i>Note: CGTOOLS_INSTALL_DIR is now obsolete and is no longer used by DSPLINK. Please use CODEGEN_INSTALL_DIR</i>	C:\C6000_v6.1.14	C:\ti-tools\C6000\cgtools
BASE_PERL	Defines the base directory (not the bin directory) for your Perl installation	C:\my_tools\Perl	C:\Perl
IPC_INSTALL_DIR	Defines the base directory of IPC tools.	C:\my_tools\ipc	C:\ti-tools\ipc

Alternatively, you can also modify the make system and the scripts contained in the release package. You may need to copy the directories to create the structure expected for compiling sources. Refer to section on “Understanding the MAKE System” in the User Guide for details.

7 Setting up Windows Workstation

The dsplink tarball can be extracted in any convenient location and the dsplink scripts will adapt to that location automatically (without any changes). For command line builds, one needs to run the dsplinkenv.bat for every new build window so that the DSPLINK path is set correctly.

ASSUMPTION: Dsplink build process for Wince assumes that an OS-design has been created and setup using Platform Builder. Please refer to your BSP guide or MSDN website on how to create an OS-Design.

8 Configuring CCS

8.1 DA8XX

To use CCS for debugging the DSP side application, you will need to configure CCS to use both ARM and DSP with the device.

- Q CCS can attach to only ARM in the beginning. It can attach to the DSP only after the ARM-side application releases it from reset through a call to `PROC_Start ()`.

C. WORKING ON TARGET PLATFORM

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9.1 Configure the DSP/BIOS LINK

The build configuration command must be executed to configure DSPLink for the various parameters such as platform, GPP OS, build configuration etc.

```
Dsplinkcfg.bat --platform=DA8XX --nodsp=1 --dspcfg_0=DA8XXGEMSHMEM --  
dspos_0=DSPBIOS6XX --gppos=WINCE --comps=ponslrmc
```

Q For details please refer user guide.

9.2 Build the DSP/BIOS LINK

The DSP/BIOS Link can be built using two different methods – command line or Platform Builder IDE. The command line builds involves editing a few BSP related files. The IDE build process is much more streamlined and simply involves adding and building a pre-existing Subproject (provided with DSP/BIOS Link installation) to your OS-Design.

9.2.1 Command Line Build

Following are the steps to build the DSP/BIOS Link using command line build system.

1. Set the environment variables as described in Section 5.1 OR Modify the distribution file to update the BASE_BUILDOS (Base directory for the GPP OS) and BASE_TOOLCHAIN (Base for tool chain)

```
notepad %DSPLINK%/make/WinCE/da8xx_wince6.0.mk  
notepad %DSPLINK%/make/DspBios/c674x_6.xx_windows.mk
```

2. Open your OS-design project for your DA8XX in Platform Builder.
Build the BSP.

Now go to **Build Menu -> Open Release Directory in build window**. This will start the DOS command window with WINCE environment set.

For GPP build, it is MANDATORY that command window be invoked this way else the builds will fail.

3. Set the environment

```
<dsplink_path>\etc\host\scripts\msdos\dsplinkenv.bat
```

4. Run the configuration command.

```
dsplinkcfg.bat --platform=DA8XX --nodsp=1 --  
dspcfg_0=DA8XXGEMSHMEM --dspos_0=DSPBIOS6XX --gppos=WINCE --  
comps=ponslrmc
```

5. Build the GPP sources and samples. One needs to build only one of the configurations – release or debug. Debug builds generate pdb files that can be used in debugging using platform builder; however debug builds affect performance. Release builds are optimized for speed and hence provide good performance but no debugging capability.

The make system for GPP side copies the dlls and exes to the %_TARGETPLATROOT%\target\%_TGTCPU%\%WINCEDEBUG%. Since it uses the %WINCEDEBUG% variable, there is no relation between the build configuration of your OS-design and dsplink. Thus you can have a release configuration for your OS-Design (BSP+Kernel) but still build and build a debug configuration for DSPLink.

```
cd %DSPLINK%/gpp/src
make -s release
make -s debug
or
make -s

cd $(DSPLINK)/gpp/src/samples
make -s release
make -s debug`
or
make -s
```

6. Build the DSP sources and samples

```
cd $(DSPLINK)/dsp/src
make -s release
make -s debug

cd $(DSPLINK)/dsp/src/samples
make -s release
make -s debug
```

7. Edit the platform.bib file for your BSP

```
notepad %_TARGETPLATROOT%\FILES\platform.bib
```

and add the following line at any convenient location. Make sure it is not inside any other IF flags.

```
dsplinkk.dll  $( _FLATRELEASEDIR )\dsplinkk.dll  NK SHK
```

8. Edit the platform.reg file for your BSP

```
notepad %_TARGETPLATROOT%\FILES\platform.reg
```

and add the following line at any convenient location. Make sure it is not inside any other IF flags.

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Drivers\BuiltIn\DSPLINK]

"Prefix"="DBL"

"Dll"="dsplinkk.dll"

"Index"=dword: 1
```

9. Now go back to your Platform Builder window and select "Build Current BSP and Subprojects" from the Build -> Advanced Build Commands" menu. The GPP dsplink dlls will now be included in your NK.bin image.

10. Follow the BSP instructions to connect to target, load the NK.bin image and boot-up. The GPP side dsplink.dll will be loaded automatically at boot-up time.

9.2.2 Build using Platform Builder IDE

Following are the steps to build the DSP/BIOS Link using Platform Builder build system.

1. Set the environment variables as described in Section 5.1 OR Modify the distribution file to update the BASE_BUILDOS (Base directory for the GPP OS) and BASE_TOOLCHAIN (Base for toolchain)

```
notepad %DSPLINK%/make/WinCE/DA8XX_wince6.0.mk
notepad %DSPLINK%/make/DspBios/c674x_6.xx_windows.mk
```

2. Open your OS-design project for your DA8XX in Platform Builder. Add the provided DspLink Sub-project to your OS-Design solution.

```
Go to Menu Project-> Add existing Subproject
Browse to the %DSPLINK%\etc\host\projects\WinCE\DSPLink.
Select DSPLink.pbxml.
This will add the subproject to your solution.
```

3. Add the Catalog Sysgen variable for DspLink

```
copy %DSPLINK%\etc\host\projects\WinCE\CATALOG\dsplink.PbcXml
%_WINCEROOT%\PLATFORM\<BSP>\Catalog.
Go to the Platform Builder IDE and refresh the Catalog View. You
should see a catalog item under Third Party. Enable it.
```

4. Add the Environment variable to configure the dsplink for your platform. The value of this variable is same as the list of arguments that are given to dsplinkcfg.bat

```
In the Solution Explorer view, right click on your project and
select properties. For the current configuration, go to
Configuration Properties->Environment. Add a new env. variable
CFG_DSPLINK_STR and set the value equal to the arguments that
need to be given to the dsplinkcfg.bat.
```

For DA8XX, the value would be: (See UserGuide for more details on the options specified here)

```
--platform=--platform=DA8XX --nodsp=1 --dspcfg_0=DA8XXGEMSHMEM -
-dspos_0=DSPBIOS6XX --gppos=WINCE --comps=ponslrmc
```

5. Select **"Build Current BSP and Subprojects"** from the Build -> Advanced Build Commands" menu. The GPP dsplink dlls will now be included in your NK.bin image.

This step builds both the GPP and DSP side libraries plus the message sample application.

The build logs for dsplink are placed in

`%DSPLINK%\etc\host\projects\WinCE\DSPLink\Build.log`.

The script that is executed to build dsplink is placed at `%DSPLINK%\etc\host\projects\WinCE\DSPLink\prelink.bat`. The commands in this batch file are similar to those executed on the command line.

6. Follow the BSP instructions to connect to target, load the NK.bin image and boot-up. The GPP side dsplink.dll will be loaded automatically at boot-up time.

10 Running the sample applications

Seven sample applications are provided with DSP/BIOS™ LINK for the DA8XX platform. All the sample applications are described in detail in the user guide. This section describes the way to execute the sample applications.

The specific instructions have been shown below for few of the samples. However, similar instructions can be used for the other applications also.

The steps for execution of the samples are given below for execution with WinCE running on the GPP.

10.1 Copying files to target file system

The generated binaries on the GPP side and DSP side and the data files must be copied to the Flat Release directory.

The make system for the GPP side of DspLink copies the DLLs and EXEs to the target folder for your platform (%_TARGETPLATROOT%\target\%_TGTCPU%\%WINCEDEBUG%). When the run-time image is built using Platform Builder, these DLLs and EXEs are copied from the above folder to the Flat Release Directory for your OS-Design (%_FLATRELEASEDIR%). This is true for both command-line builds as well as the IDE Builds.

For the DSP-side binaries, the user needs to manually copy the binaries to the Flat Release Directory.

For Release Build

```
copy
%DSPLINK%\dsp\export\BIN\DspBios\DA8XX\DA8XXGEM_0\RELEASE\*.out
%_FLATRELEASEDIR%
```

For Debug Build

```
copy
%DSPLINK%\dsp\export\BIN\DspBios\DA8XX\DA8XXGEM_0\DEBUG\*.out
%_FLATRELEASEDIR%
```

10.2 Invoking the application

10.2.1 Message sample

```
# Open the target control window from the Platform Builder Menu -
Target -> Target Control Window
# run message sample

Windows CE> s messagegpp /Release/message.out <number of iterations>
<processor identifier>
```

- Q The sample can be executed for infinite iterations by specifying the number of iterations as 0.
- Q Argument processor identifier is optional, if it not provided assumed as default processor (zero).

e.g.

```
Windows CE> s messagegpp /Release/message.out 10000
```

10.2.2 Readwrite sample

```
# Open the target control window from the Platform Builder Menu -
Target -> Target Control Window
# run readwrite sample
```

```
Windows CE> s readwritegpp /Release/readwrite.out <DSP address> <buffer
size> <iterations> <processor identifier>
```

- Q The sample can be executed for infinite iterations by specifying the number of iterations as 0.
- Q Argument processor identifier is optional, if it not provided assumed as default processor (zero).

e.g.

```
Windows CE> s readwritegpp /Release/readwrite.out 2280587264 1024 10000
Windows CE> s readwritegpp /Release/readwrite.out 276791296 1024 10000
Windows CE> s readwritegpp /Release/readwrite.out 284180480 1024 10000
```

10.2.3 MPCSXFER sample

```
# Open the target control window from the Platform Builder Menu -
Target -> Target Control Window
# run mpcsxfer sample
```

```
Windows CE> s mpcsxfergpp /Release/mpcsxfer.out <buffer size>
<iterations> <processor identifier>
```

- Q The sample can be executed for infinite iterations by specifying the number of iterations as 0
- Q Argument processor identifier is optional, if it not provided assumed as default processor (zero).

e.g.

```
Windows CE> s mpcsxfergpp /Release/mpcsxfer.out 1024 10000
```

10.2.4 MP_LIST sample

```
# Open the target control window from the Platform Builder Menu -
Target -> Target Control Window
# run mp_list sample
```

```
Windows CE> s mplistgpp /Release/mpplist.out <iterations> <number of
elements> <processor identifier>
```

- Q Argument processor identifier is optional, if it not provided assumed as default processor (zero).

e.g.

```
Windows CE> s mplistgpp /Release/mplist.out 1000 20
```

10.2.5 MESSAGE_MULTI sample

```
# Open the target control window from the Platform Builder Menu -  
Target -> Target Control Window
```

```
# run message_multi sample
```

```
Windows CE> s messagemultigpp /Release/messagemulti.out <number of  
transfers> <Application instance number 1 -> MAX_APPS> <processor  
identifier>
```

Q Argument processor identifier is optional, if it not provided assumed as default processor (zero).

e.g.

```
Windows CE> s messagemultigpp messagemulti.out 10000 1
```

D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

None.