

eIQ: CMSIS-NN Porting Guide for MCUs

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1 Document Overview

This document describes how to port eIQ CMSIS-NN examples found in the MCUXpresso SDK to a new MCU, such as the LPC55S69. It covers porting for both MCUXpresso IDE and IAR Embedded Workbench for ARM.

2 Considerations

Inferencing of a model can theoretically be done on almost any MCU, as the majority of operations simply consist of doing multiple and accumulate math calculations. There's no special hardware or module required to do inferencing. However high core clock speeds and fast memory can drastically reduce inference time. There also needs to be enough flash and RAM to store the model. It's these memory and performance constraints that will often be a limiting factor on which MCUs a particular model can be ported to and is very dependent on the particular model being used.

This document will cover porting eIQ for CMSIS-NN to the LPC55S69. The instructions in this document can be used to port eIQ for CMSIS-NN to other devices as well.

3 Prerequisites

The following items will be needed:

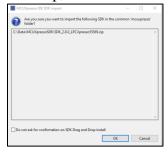
- a) MCUXpresso SDK for LPC55S69
- b) MCUXpresso SDK for RT1060 make sure to include the "eIQ" middleware option.
- c) MCUXpresso IDE if using MCUXpresso IDE
- d) MCUXpresso Config Tools if using IAR

4 MCUXpresso IDE Porting for CIFAR-10 Demo

4.1 Cloning a Project

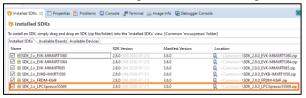
The first step is to create a new LPC55S69 project using the "Import SDK Example" feature in MCUXpresso IDE. The basic Hello World example will be used as a template to copy the eIQ CMSIS-NN source into.

- 1. Unzip both the LPC55S69 and the RT1060 SDK zip files into a directory path that does not contain spaces. The files inside will be used in later steps.
- 2. Open up MCUXpresso IDE and select a new workspace.
- 3. Install the LPC55S69 SDK into the "Installed SDKs" tab by dragging and dropping the zipped SDK_2.8.0_LPCXpresso55S69.zip file into the Installed SDKs window. This dialog box will come up, and click OK to continue the import

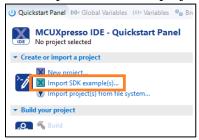




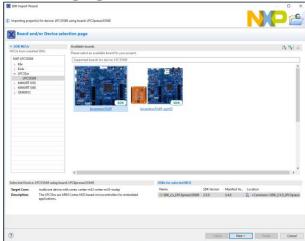
4. It will look something like the following when complete:



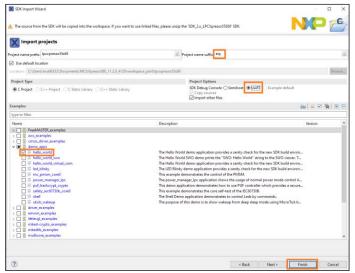
5. Next import the desired project. In the Quickstart Panel, select Import SDK examples(s)...



6. Select the lpcxpresso55s69 board and click on Next



7. Open up the **demo_apps** category and select the **hello_world** project. In the **Project name suffix** box, change it to **eiq** to make it unique. Change the **SDK Debug Console** to **UART**. Then click on **Finish**.

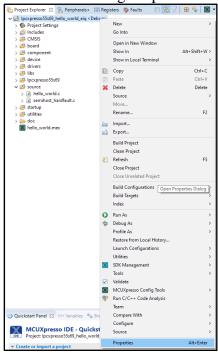


8. This will create a new project in your workspace that you can see in the project view



4.2 Source Files

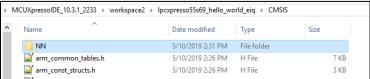
- 9. If not done already, unzip the RT1060 SDK. The eIQ source files will be used in the next steps.
- 10. In MCUXpresso IDE, open the directory location of the project by right click on the project name and selecting Properties.



11. Then go to the **Resource** category and by the **Location**, click on the arrow to open that location in Windows Explorer



12. In Windows Explorer, navigate to the **lpcxpresso55s69_hello_world_eiq** folder, and then the **CMSIS** folder. Then create a new folder inside the CMSIS folder named "**NN**". It will look like the following when complete:

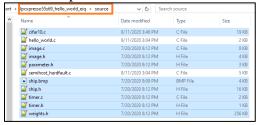


- 13. If not done already, unzip the RT1060 SDK. The eIQ source files will be used in the next steps.
- 14. Inside the RT1060 SDK go to \middleware\eiq\cmsis-nn\ Copy the "Source" and "Include" folders into the NN folder created in the previous step.
- 15. When finished it should look like the following:





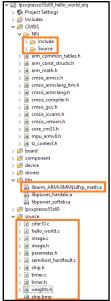
- 17. Then also take the files in \middleware\eiq\cmsis-nn\Examples\common\source and copy them into the same "Source" folder as well at cproject_location
 It will look like the following when complete:



18. Then inside the unzipped LPC55S69 SDK folder, copy the **libarm_ARMv8MMLldfsp_math.a** library file found at \SDK_2.8.0_LPCXpresso55S69\CMSIS\DSP\Lib\GCC and paste it into the "**libs**" folder that already exists at cproject_location>



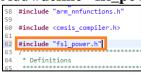
19. Back in the MCUXpresso IDE, click on the project name, and then hit F5 to refresh the file list. You should see the new files show up and look like the following:



- 20. Next, the code in **cifar10.c** needs to be updated to work with the LPC55S69. The biggest change will be that the RT1060 SDK demo includes camera and LCD support, which needs to be removed when running on other boards.
 - a. Remove or comment out the 3 camera and display header files includes at the top of the file near line 43:



b. Add #define "fsl_power.h" to the list of includes





c. Then remove the camera and LCD defines from lines 66 to 104

d. Then remove the LCD and camera defines, function prototypes, and variables from line 76 to 126:

e. Then remove the functions starting around line 200 to line 404 (after deleting the code from the previous steps). It starts at **APP_Rotate()** and goes all the way to **main()**:



```
396
397/2 static void APP_CSIFullBufferReady(camera_receiver_handle t "handle, 398 status_t status, void "userData)
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(if (s_newFrameShown) {
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407 * @brief Main function
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409 int main(void)
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f. Finally in main(), remove the code in main() that is after the function call to run_inference(), leaving the last closing bracket at the bottom. Remove lines 232 to 274:

- 21. Then the main function in cifar10.c will need to be updated for setting up the clock and board:
 - a. Open hello_world.c by double clicking on the file name
 - b. Copy the following lines from **hello_world.c** starting from about line 36 which sets up the clock and board hardware.

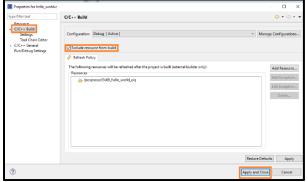
```
/* Init board hardware. */
/* set BOD VBAT level to 1.65V */
POWER_SetBodVbatLevel(kPOWER_BodVbatLevel1650mv, kPOWER_BodHystLevel50mv, false);
/* attach main clock divide to FLEXCOMM0 (debug console) */
CLOCK_AttachClk(BOARD_DEBUG_UART_CLK_ATTACH);

BOARD_InitPins();
BOARD_InitBootClocks();
BOARD_InitDebugConsole();
```

- c. Overwrite the similar board setup code in cifar10.c near the beginning of main(void).
- d. main() in cifar10.c will look like the following when complete:



22. Finally, prevent the **hello_world.c** file from compiling by right clicking on that file and selecting **Properties**. In the dialog box that comes up, select the **C/C++ Build** category, and check the **Exclude resource from build** option. Then click **Apply and Close**.

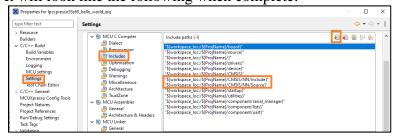


4.3 MCUXpresso IDE Project Settings

To get the project to properly compile, some changes to the project settings must be made in the IDE:

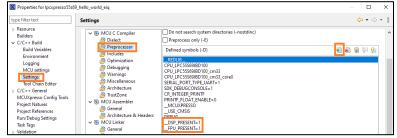
- 23. Open the Properties dialog box by right clicking on the project name and selecting Properties (like done in the previous section).
- 24. Add the include path for the CMSIS-NN files by going to the C/C++ Build->Settings category and then in Tool Settings tab, in MCU C Compiler->Includes, click on the Add button and add the following:
 - "\${workspace_loc:/\${ProjName}/CMSIS/NN/Source}"
 - "\${workspace_loc:/\${ProjName}/CMSIS/NN/Include}"

It will look like the following when complete:

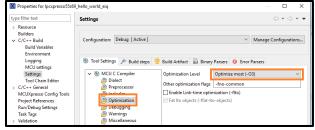




25. Then add __DSP_PRESENT=1 and __FPU_PRESENT=1 to the precompile options by using the Add button. Note the **two** underscore lines before each option.

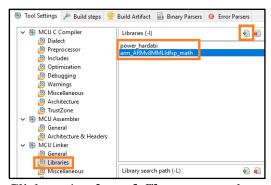


26. eIQ inference time is highly sensitive to code optimization settings. This can be adjusted in the Optimization category. Set to O3 for the highest optimization.



27. Then in the MCU Linker->Libraries category, add the math library by using the Add button to add:

$arm_ARMv8MMLldfsp_math$



- 28. Click on **Apply and Close** to save these settings and close the project options dialog box.
- 29. Build the project using the Quickstart Panel

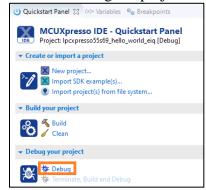


30. You may get some warning messages. This is due to a <u>CMSIS-NN bug</u>. These can be disabled by adding **-fno-strict-aliasing** to the compiler flag settings under **Miscellaneous** in the project settings.

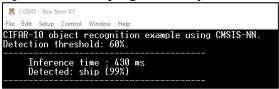




31. Flash and debug the project from the Quickstart Panel



32. Open a terminal program, and you will see it identify the ship image loaded in ship.h:



5 MCUXpresso IDE Porting for Keyword Spotting Demo

5.1 Create a C++ Project

The first step is to create a new project using the "New Project" wizard in MCUXpresso IDE. This new project will be used as a template to copy the eIQ source into.

- 1. Unzip both the LPC55S69 and the RT1060 SDK zip files into a directory path that does not contain spaces. The files inside will be used in later steps.
- 2. Open up MCUXpresso IDE and select a new workspace
- 3. Install the LPC55S69 SDK into the "Installed SDKs" tab by dragging and dropping the zipped SDK_2.8.0_LPCXpresso55S69.zip file into the Installed SDKs window. This dialog box will come up, and click OK to continue the import

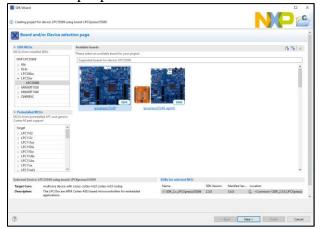




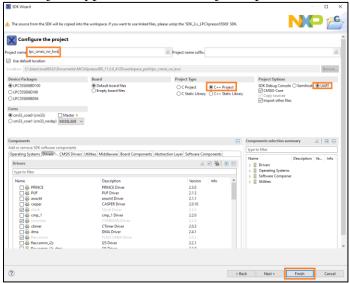
4. Next, create a new LPC55S69 project. In the Quickstart Panel, select New Project...



5. Select the lpcxpresso55s69 board and click on Next



6. Give it a unique project name like **lpc_cmsis_nn_kws**, then make sure to select **C++ Project** in the Project Type. Also, in the Project Options, select **UART**. Click on **Finish**.



7. This will create a new project in your workspace that you can see in the project view



5.2 Source Files

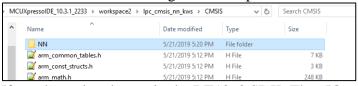
8. Once the project is created, open the project location by right click on the project name and selecting Properties.



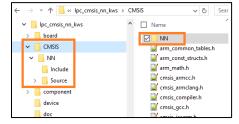
9. Then go to the **Resource** category and by the **Location**, click on the arrow to open that location in Windows Explorer



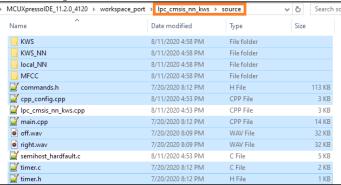
10. In Windows Explorer, navigate to the **lpc_cmsis_nn_kws** folder (or what is was named above), and then the **CMSIS** folder. Then create a new folder inside the CMSIS folder named "**NN**". It will look like the following when complete:



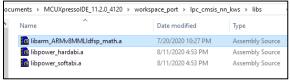
- 11. If not done already, unzip the RT1060 SDK. The eIQ source files will be used in the next steps.
- 12. Inside the RT1060 SDK go to \middleware\eiq\cmsis-nn\ and copy the Source and Include folders into the NN folder created in the previous step.
- 13. When finished it should look like the following:







16. Then inside the LPC55S69 SDK folder, copy the **libarm_ARMv8MMLldfsp_math.a** library file found at \SDK_2.8.0_LPCXpresso55S69\CMSIS\DSP\Lib\GCC and paste it into the "libs" folder that already exists at project location>



17. Back in the MCUXpresso IDE, click on the project name, and then hit F5 to refresh the file list. You should see the new files show up and look like the following:



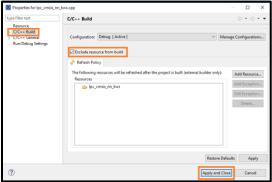


- 18. Next, the code in **main.cpp** needs to be updated to work with the LPC55S69.
 - a. Open **main.cpp** by double clicking on the file name
 - b. All the SAI and microphone code will need to be removed, as the inference will just be done on pre-recorded files. To simplify this process, delete everything in the file and then replace it all with the code below.

```
#include "board.h"
#include "fsl_debug_console.h"
#include "pin_mux.h"
#include "clock config.h"
#include "timer.h"
#include "kws_ds_cnn.h"
#include "commands.h"
#define DETECTION_TRESHOLD 55
void run_inference(KWS *kws, int16_t* buf, char output_class[12][8])
 int detection threshold = DETECTION TRESHOLD; //in percent
 kws->audio_buffer = buf;
 int start = 0;
 int end = 0;
 start = GetTimeInUS();
 kws->extract_features(); //extract mfcc features
 kws->classify(); //classify using dnn
 kws->average_predictions();
 end = GetTimeInUS():
 int max ind = kws->get top class(kws->output);
 if (kws->averaged_output[max_ind] > detection_threshold * 128 / 100)
                                  ----\r\n");
  PRINTF(" Inference time: %d ms\r\n", (end - start) / 1000);
  PRINTF(" Detected: %.10s (%d%%)\r\n", output_class[max_ind], ((int)kws->averaged_output[max_ind] * 100 / 128));
  PRINTF("
                                     ----\r\n\r\n");
int main(void)
 /* (recording win x frame shift) is the actual recording window size. */
 int recording_win = 49;
 /* Averaging window for smoothing out the output predictions. */
 int averaging_window_len = 1;
 /* Create new instance for static audio files with averaging window len = 1. */
 KWS_DS_CNN *kws = new KWS_DS_CNN(recording_win, averaging_window_len);
 char output_class[12][8] = {"Silence", "Unknown", "yes", "no", "up", "down", "left", "right", "on", "off", "stop", "go"};
 BOARD_InitBootPins();
 BOARD_InitBootClocks();
 BOARD_InitDebugConsole();
 InitTimer();
 PRINTF("Keyword spotting example using CMSIS-NN.\r\n");
 PRINTF("Detection threshold: %d%%\r\n", DETECTION_TRESHOLD);
 PRINTF("\r\nStatic data processing:\r\n");
 run_inference(kws, (int16_t *)OFF, output_class);
 run_inference(kws, (int16_t *)RIGHT, output_class);
 while(1)
 {}
}
```



19. Finally, prevent the **lpc_cmsis_nn_kws.cpp** file from compiling by right clicking on that file and selecting **Properties**. In the dialog box that comes up, select the **C/C++ Build** category, and check the **Exclude resource from build** option. Then click **Apply and Close**.



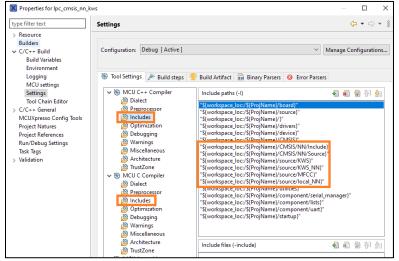
5.3 Compiler IDE Settings

To get the project to properly compile, some changes to the project settings must be made in the IDE:

- 20. Open the Properties dialog box by right clicking on the project name and selecting Properties (like done in the previous section).
- 21. The following settings will need to be updated for both the "MCU C++ Compiler" and the "MCU C Compiler"
- 22. Add the include path for the CMSIS-NN files by going to the C/C++ Build->Settings category and then in Tool Settings tab, in MCU C++ Compiler->Includes, click on the Add button and add the following:
 - "\${workspace_loc:/\${ProjName}/CMSIS/NN/Source}"
 - "\${workspace loc:/\${ProjName}/CMSIS/NN/Include}"
 - "\${workspace_loc:/\${ProjName}/source/KWS}"
 - "\${workspace_loc:/\${ProjName}/source/KWS_NN}"
 - "\${workspace_loc:/\${ProjName}/source/MFCC}"
 - "\${workspace_loc:/\${ProjName}/source/local_NN}"

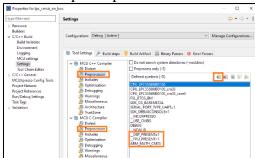
Do this for both the C++ and C compiler categories.

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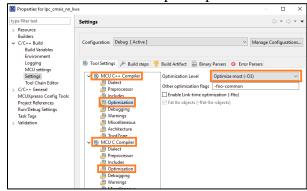




23. Then add __DSP_PRESENT=1 and __FPU_PRESENT=1 and ARM_MATH_CM33 to the precompile options by using the Add button. Note the two underscore lines before __DSP_PRESENT and __FPU_PRESENT. And remember that this is needed for both the C++ and C compiler options.

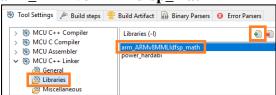


24. eIQ inference time is highly sensitive to code optimization settings. This can be adjusted in the **Optimization** category. Set to O3 for the highest optimization. Again, this needs to be done for both the C++ and C compiler options.



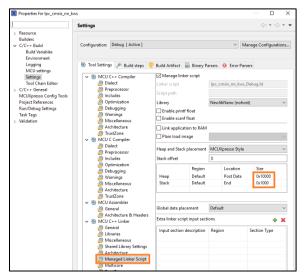
25. Then in the MCU Linker->Libraries category, add the math library by using the Add button to add:

arm_ARMv8MMLldfsp_math

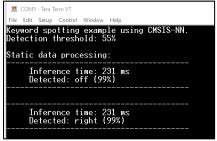


26. In the **Managed Linker Script** category, adjust the heap and stack sizes to be 0x10000 and 0x1000 respectively.





- 27. Click on Apply and Close to save these settings and close the project options dialog box.
- 28. Build and debug as usual, and on the terminal, you will see it correctly identify the pre-recorded voice samples found in commands.h:

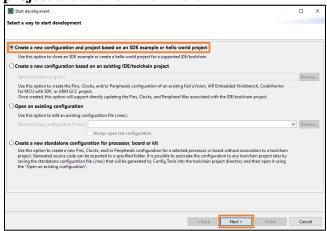




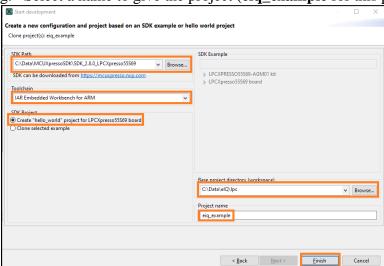
6 IAR Porting

6.1 Cloning a Project

- 1. Extract the LPC55S69 SDK by unzipping the .zip file if not done already.
- 2. Open up MCUXpresso Config Tools
- 3. The following dialog box will pop up. If it does not, you can also go to File->New to open the dialog box. Click on **Create a new configuration based on an SDK example or hello world project** and then click on Next.



- 4. On the next screen, there are several items to configure before clicking on Finish:
 - c. Select the path to the LPC55S69 SDK unzipped earlier
 - d. Select the toolchain (IAR in this case)
 - e. Select to create a **hello_world** project
 - f. Select a directory to put this new project into
 - g. Select a name to give the project (eiq_example for this particular example)



5. A new project will be created in the directory you specified.

6.2 Copying Source Files

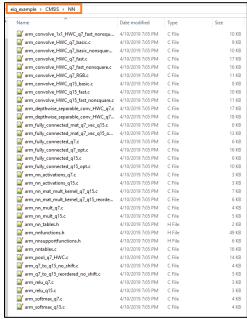
6. With the project opened, the next steps are to copy in the CMSIS-NN files and example code into the project directory, and then import those files into IAR.



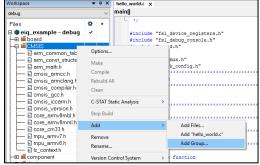
7. Go to the project directory created in the last section (ie C:\Data\eIQ\lpc\eiq_example), and inside the CMSIS folder, add a new folder named NN.



- 8. Inside the unzipped RT1060 SDK go to \middleware\eiq\cmsis-nn\Source. Inside each subdirectory copy and paste the .c and .h files into the NN folder created in the previous step.
- 9. Do the same for the files in the \middleware\eiq\cmsis-nn\Include folder so that they are also included in the NN folder.
- 10. When finished it should look like the following:



- 11. Open IAR and open the new project created in the last section by going to File->Open Workspace and navigating to the directory to open the .eww file
- 12. Add a new group in the project view by right clicking on the CMSIS-NN folder and going to Add->Add Group..

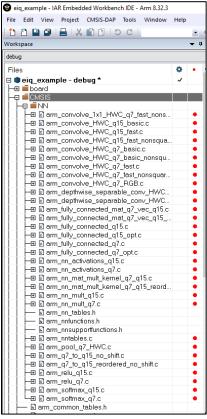


13. In the dialog box that appears, make the group name NN and click on OK

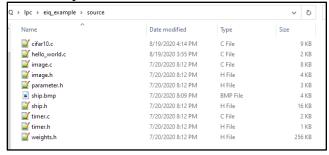




14. Now drag-and-drop all the files in the ct_location>\CMSIS\NN folder into the NN group that was just created in IAR. It will look like the following when complete:

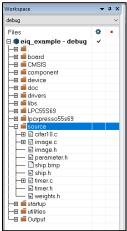


- 15. With the CMSIS-NN library files added, the next step is to copy in the CMSIS-NN CIFAR10 example.
- 17. Then also take the files in \middleware\eiq\cmsis-nn\Examples\common\source and copy them into the same "Source" folder as well at project_location>. It will look like the following when complete:





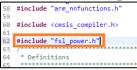
18. Next, drag-and-drop the files from the last step into the group named **source** in the project view. It should look like the following when complete:



- 33. Next, the code in **cifar10.c** needs to be updated to work with the LPC55S69. The biggest change will be that the RT1060 has camera and LCD support, which needs to be removed when running on other boards.
 - a. Remove or comment out the 3 camera and display header files includes at the top of the file near line 43:

```
42
430//#include "display_support.h"
44 //#include "camera_support.h"
45 //#include "fsl_pxp.h"
```

b. Add #define "fsl_power.h" to the list of includes



c. Then remove the camera and LCD defines from lines 66 to 104

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d. Then remove the LCD and camera defines, function prototypes, and variables from line 76 to 126:

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e. Then remove the LCD and camera functions starting around line 200 to line 404 (after deleting the code from the previous steps). It starts at **APP_Rotate()** and goes all the way to **main()**:



f. Finally in main(), remove the code in main() that is after the function call to run_inference(), leaving the last closing bracket at the bottom. Remove lines 232 to 274:

- 34. Then the main function in cifar10.c will need to be updated for setting up the clock and board:
 - e. Open **hello_world.c** by double clicking on the file name
 - f. Copy the following lines from **hello_world.c** starting from about line 36 which sets up the clock and board hardware.

```
/* Init board hardware. */
/* set BOD VBAT level to 1.65V */
POWER_SetBodVbatLevel(kPOWER_BodVbatLevel1650mv, kPOWER_BodHystLevel50mv, false);
/* attach main clock divide to FLEXCOMM0 (debug console) */
CLOCK_AttachClk(BOARD_DEBUG_UART_CLK_ATTACH);

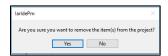
BOARD_InitPins();
BOARD_InitBootClocks();
BOARD_InitDebugConsole();
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- g. Overwrite the similar board setup code in **cifar10.c** near the beginning of **main(void)**.
- h. main() in cifar10.c will look like the following when complete:



19. Finally, remove the **hello_world.c** from the IAR project by right clicking on that file and selecting **Remove**. IAR will pop up a dialog asking if you are sure, so click on Yes to remove the file.





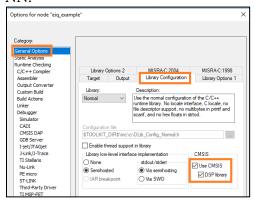
6.3 IAR Compiler Settings

The final section is to adjust the IAR project settings.

20. Right click on the project name and select Options

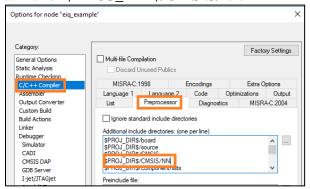


21. In the **General Options** category, in **Library Configuration** tab, check "**Use CMSIS**" and check "**DSP Library**". This adds CMSIS math support to the project which is used by CMSIS-NN.

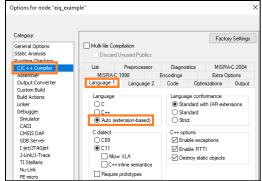




22. The NN directory that was created must be added to the include directory list. In the C/C++ Compiler category, go the Preprocessor tab and in the Additional include directories box, add a line for \$PROJ DIR\$/CMSIS/NN

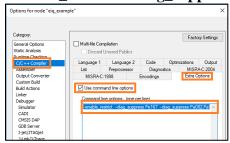


23. Also in the C/C++ Compiler category, in the Language 1 tab in the Language box, select Auto

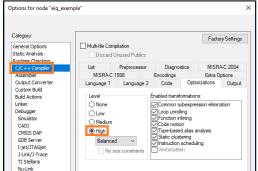


24. Also in the C/C++ Compiler category, in the Extra Options tab, check "Use command line options" and add the following text. This is not needed for CIFAR-10 demo but would be needed if using the KWS demo. (Note the double dashes before each option)

--enable_restrict --diag_suppress Pe167 --diag_suppress Pa082,Pa050



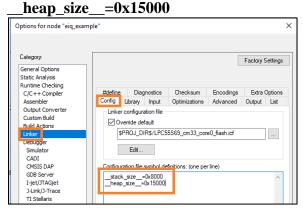
25. eIQ inference time is highly sensitive to code optimization settings. This can be adjusted in the C/C++ Compiler category in the **Optimizations** tab. Set to **High** for the highest optimization.



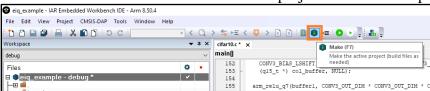


26. In the **Linker** category, under the **Config** tab, add the following to the linker options (double underscore on both sides of the stack_size and heap_size. This increases the default stack size, as otherwise it will run out of stack space:

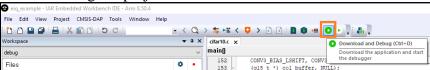
_stack_size__=0x8000



- 27. Click on OK to save these settings.
- 28. Then click on the Make button to build the project. It should compile without errors.



- 29. Connect a USB cable to the board and open a terminal program and connect to the COM port that the LPC board enumerated as.
- 30. Run and debug the project as normal.



31. You should see the following output on the terminal:

