

**eIQ: Transfer Learning Using
IMX RT1060 / IMX RT1050 EVK
– Without Camera**

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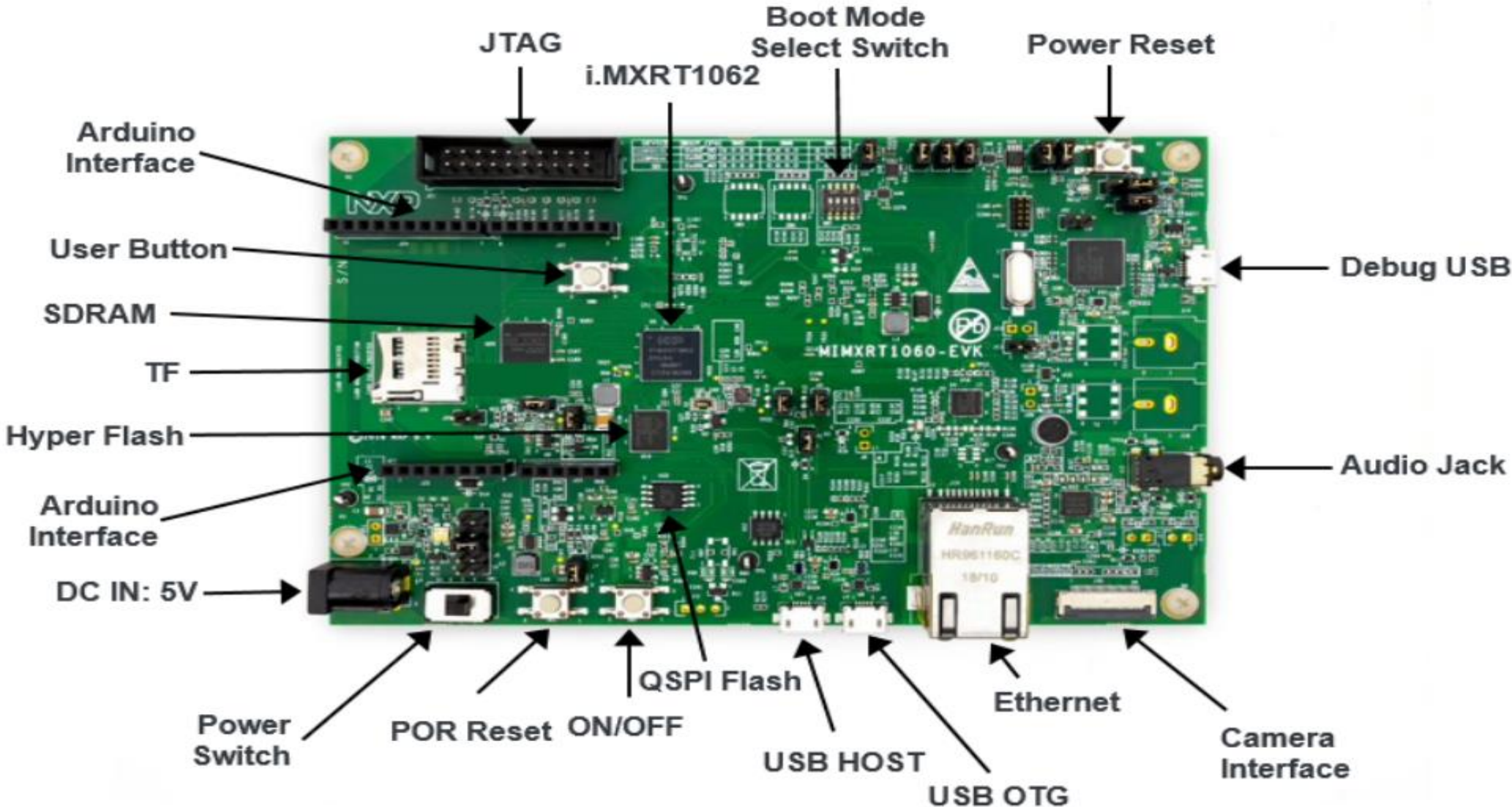
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Lab Overview:

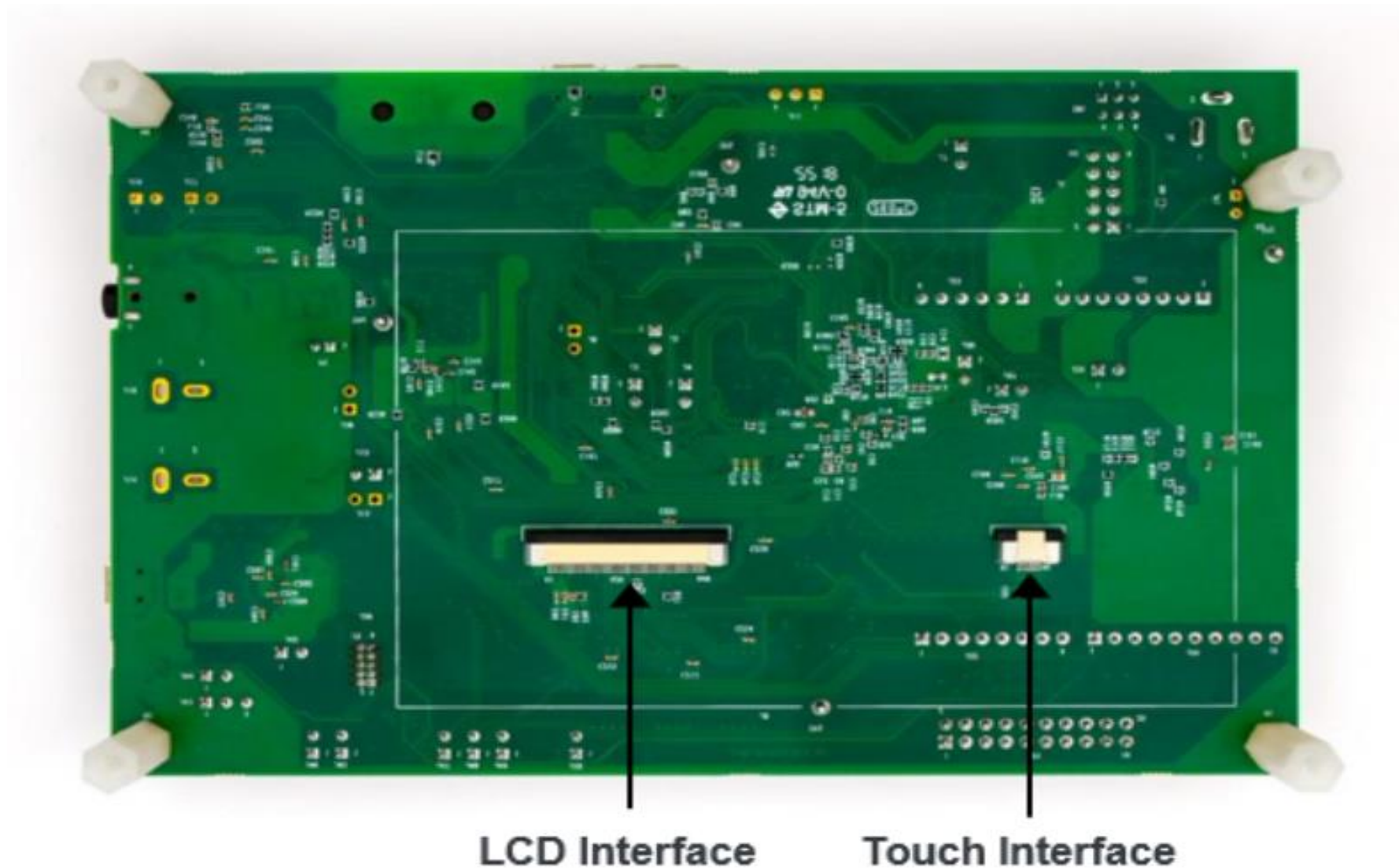
- This lab will cover how to take an existing TensorFlow image classification model, and re-train it to categorize images of flowers. This is known as transfer learning. This updated model will then be converted into a TensorFlow Lite file. By using that file with the TensorFlow Lite inference engine that is part of NXP's eIQ package, the model can be run on an i.MX RT embedded device.
- This lab is used without a camera + LCD, but the flower image will need to be converted to a C array and loaded at compile time.
- This lab is written for the RT1060-EVK. It can also be used with the RT1050-EVKB and RT1064-EVK with minor modifications. Also note that the RT1060-EVK and RT1064-EVK come with a camera sensor. The RT1050-EVKB does not come with a camera sensor. In all cases the LCD must be purchased separately.

IMX RT1060-EVK

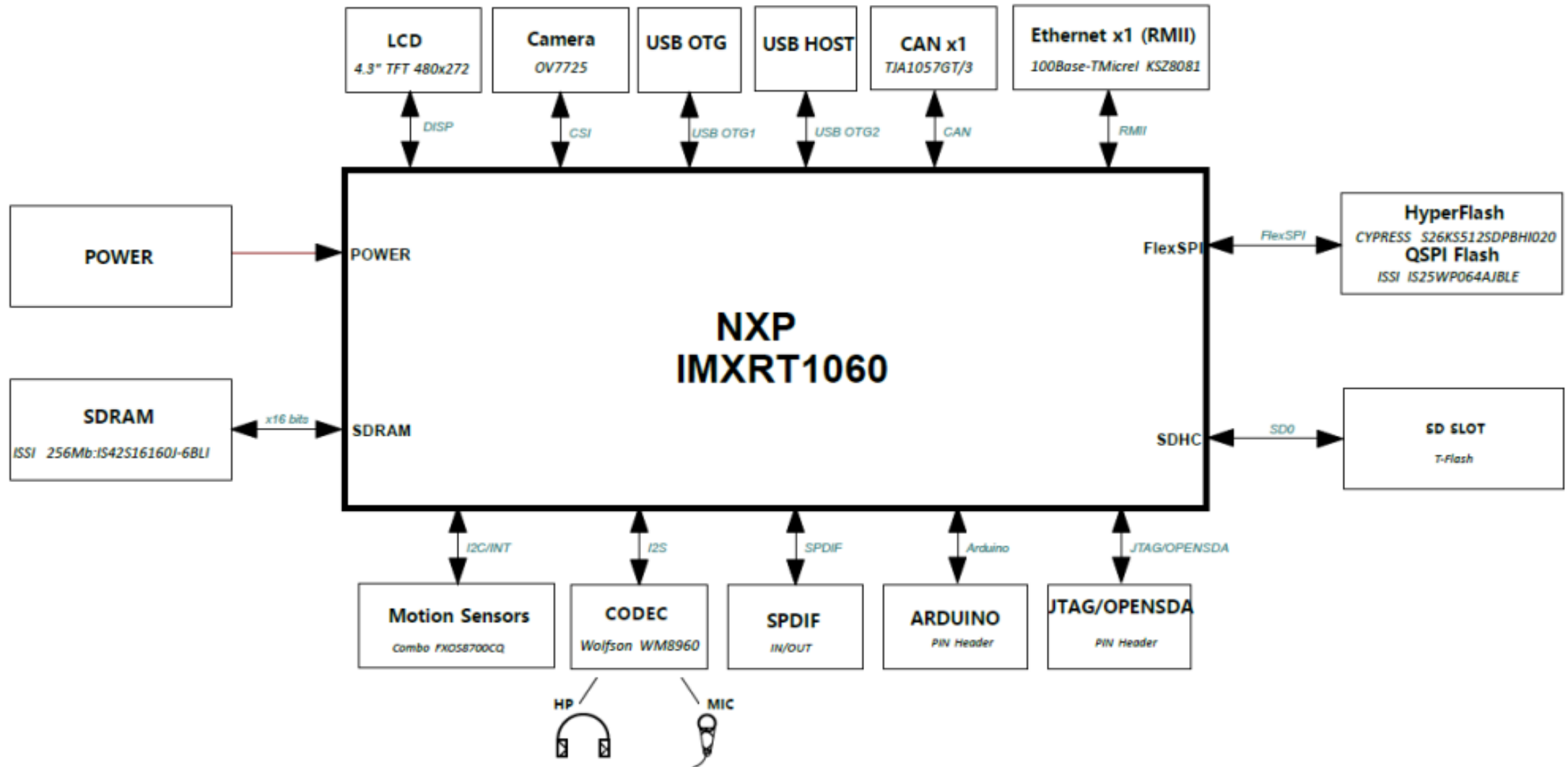
Overview of the MIMXRT1060 EVK board (Front side):



Overview of the MIMXRT1060 EVK board (Back side):



Block diagram:



Board Features:

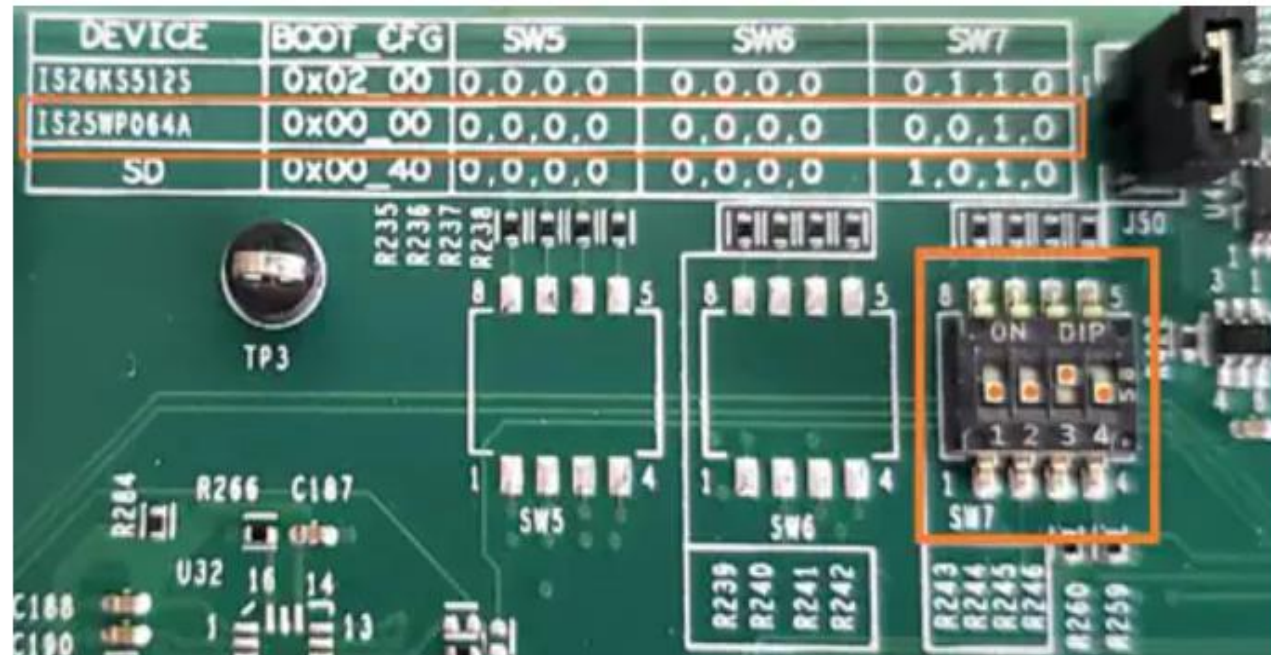
Processor	NXP Processor	MIMXRT10 6 2DVL6A
DRAM Memory	SDRAM 256 Mbit, 166 MHz	IS42S16160J-6BLI
DCDC	MPS	MP2144GJ
LDO	UNION	UM1550S-18 UM1750S-00
Mass Storage	TF Card Slot	
	64 Mbit Quad SPI flash	
	512 Mbit Hyper flash	
Display Interface	LCD connector	
Ethernet	10/100 Mbit/s Ethernet connector. PHY chip: KSZ8081RNB	
USB	USB 2.0 OTG connector	
	USB 2.0 host connector	

Audio Connector	3.5 mm audio stereo headphone jack
	Board-mounted microphone
	Left and right speaker out connectors
	S/PDIF interface (unpopulated)
Power Connector	5 V DC-jack
Debug Connector	JTAG 20-pin connector (SWD by default)
	OpenSDA with DAP-Link
Sensor	FXOS8700CQ: 6-Axis Ecompass (3-Axis Mag, 3-Axis Accel) (Some boards are unpopulated)
Camera	CMOS sensor interface
CAN	CAN bus connector
User Interface Button	ON/OFF, POR Reset, Reset, USER button
LED Indicator	Power Status, Reset, OpenSDA, USER LED
Expansion Port	Arduino interface
PCB	3.937 inch x 5.9055 inch (10 cm x 15 cm), 4-layer board

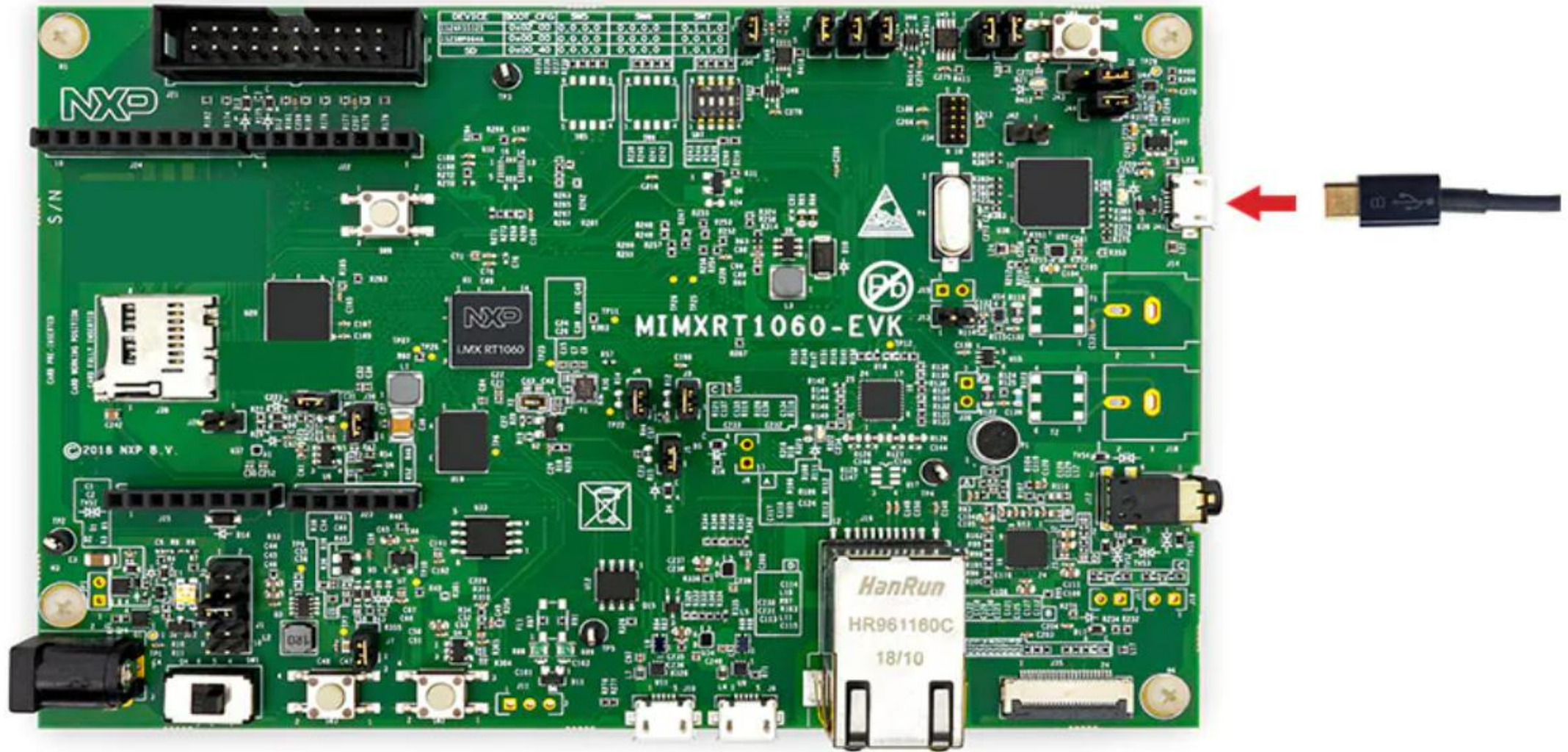
Configure Boot Mode:

The device has four boot modes (one is reserved for NXP use). The boot mode is selected based on the binary value stored in the internal BOOT_MODE register. Switch SW7 is used to select the boot mode on the MIMXRT1060-EVK / EVKB / MIMXRT1064-EVK board.

To boot from the QSPI flash, make sure SW7 is set to 0010.

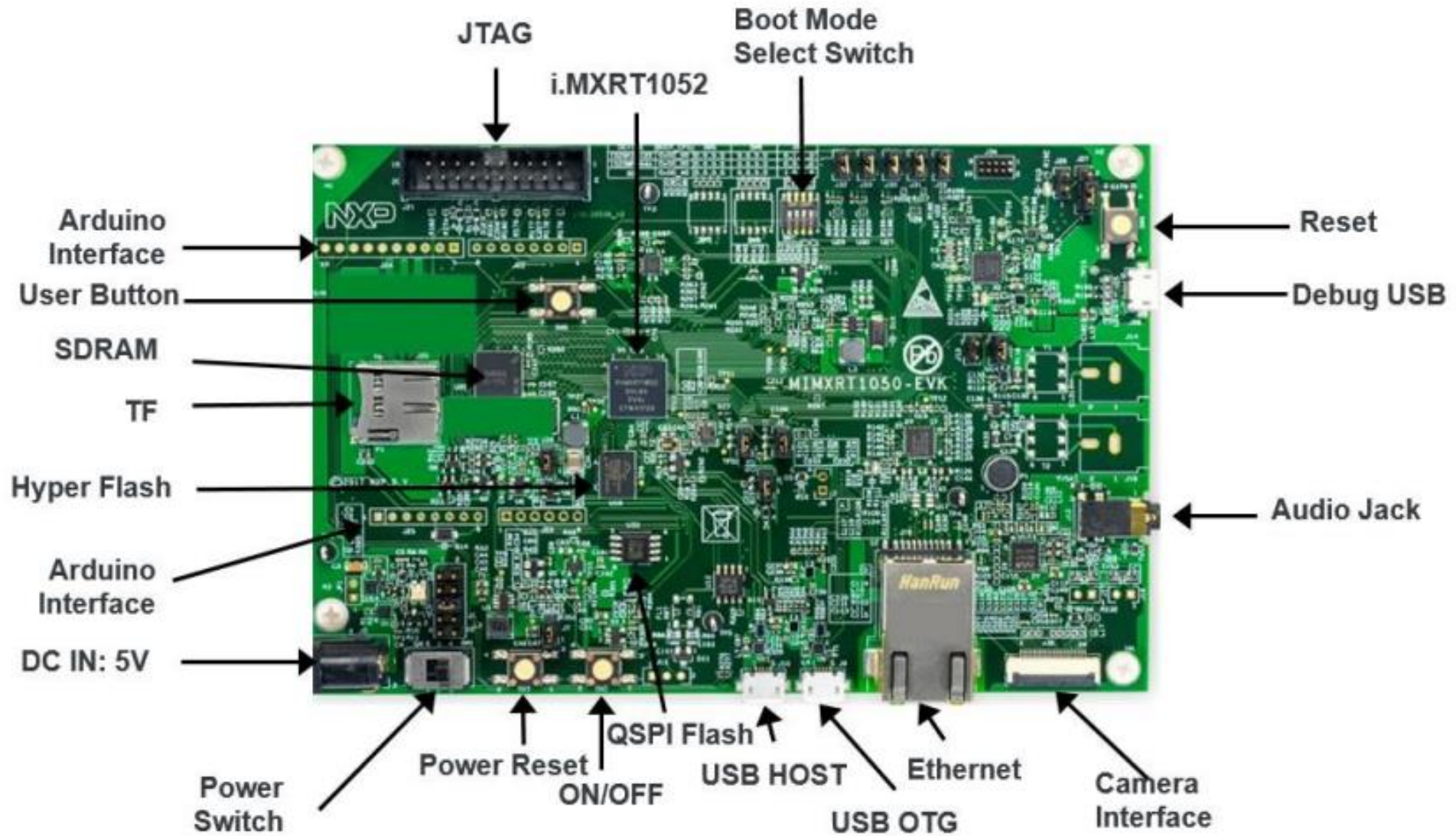


Attach USB Cable:

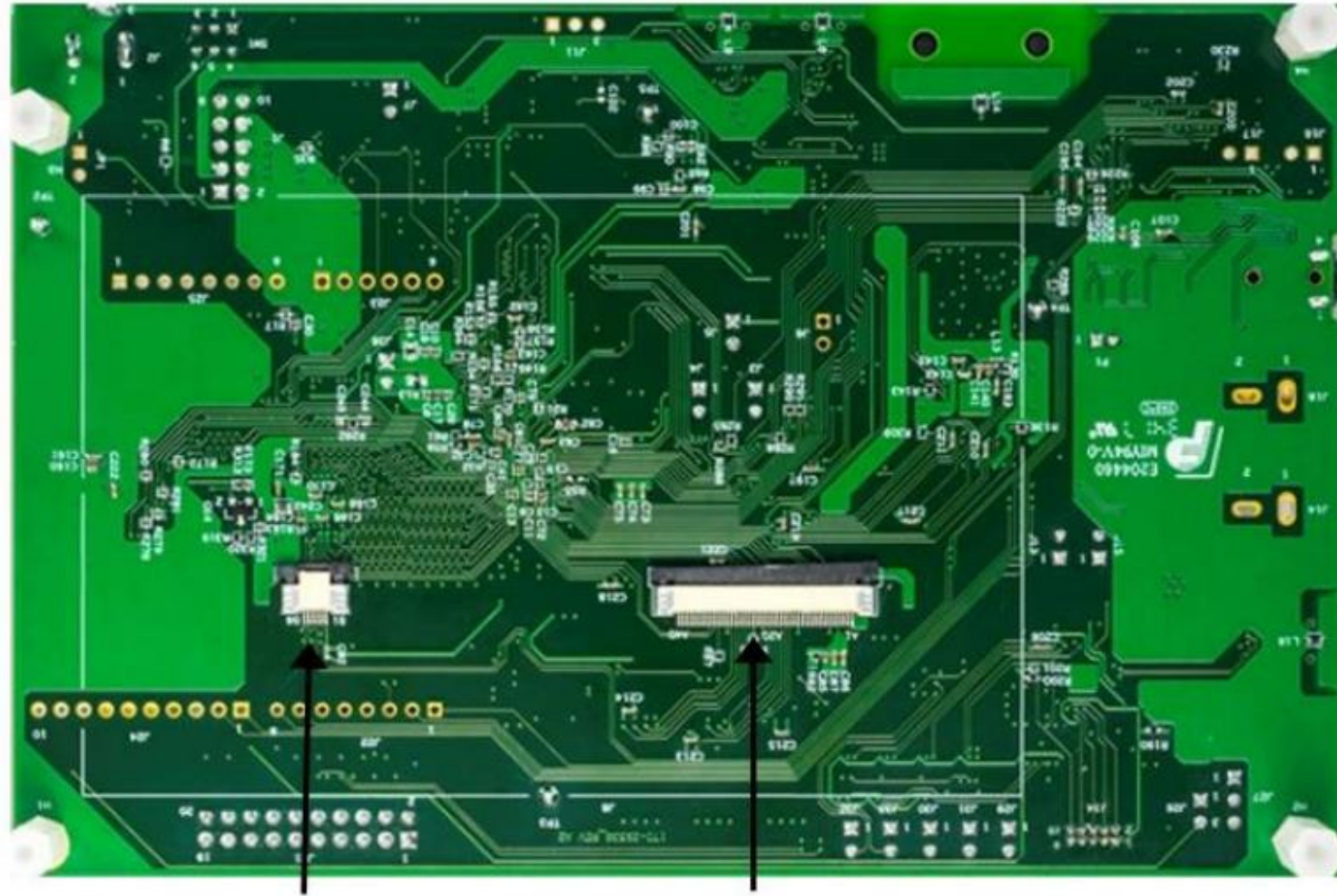


IMX RT1050-EVK

Overview of the MIMXRT1050 EVK board (Front side):



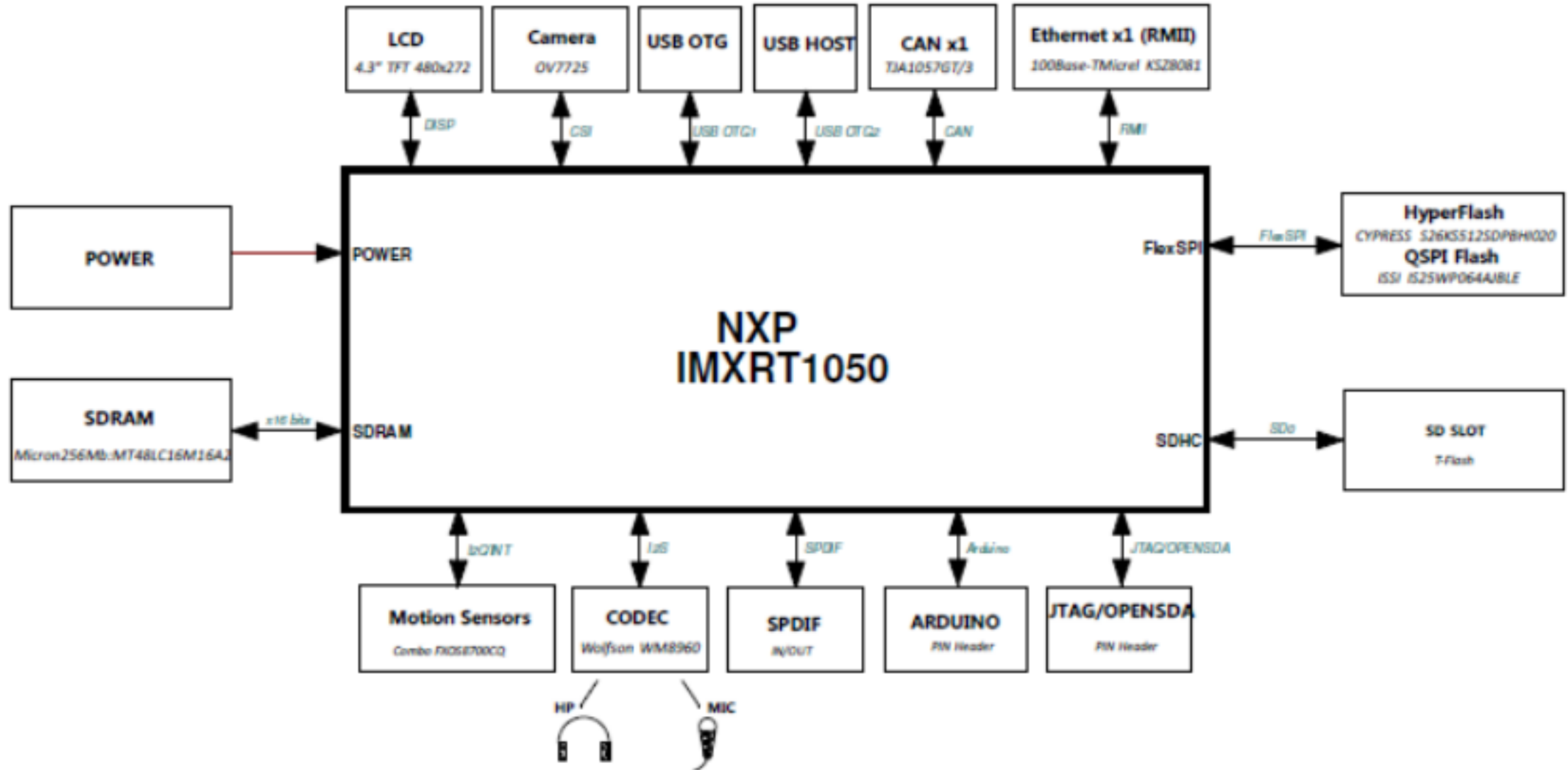
Overview of the MIMXRT1050 EVK board (Back side):



Touch Interface

LCD Interface

Block diagram:



Board Features:

Processor	NXP Processor	MIMXRT1052DVL6A(A0 silicon) MIMXRT1052DVL6B(A1 silicon)
DRAM Memory	SDRAM 256 Mb, 166MHz	MT48LC16M16A2B4-6AIT: G
DCDC	MPS	MP2144GJ
LDO	UNION	UM1550S-18 UM1750S-00
Mass Storage	TF Card Slot	
	64 Mbit Quad SPI Flash	
	512 Mbit Hyper Flash	
Display Interface	LCD Connector	
Ethernet	10/100 Mbit/s Ethernet Connector. PHY Chip: KSZ8081RNB	
USB	USB 2.0 OTG Connector	
	USB 2.0 Host Connector	

Audio Connector	3.5 mm Audio Stereo Headphone Jack
	Board-Mounted Microphone
	Left & Right Speaker Out Connectors
	SPDIF Interface(unpopulated)
Power Connector	5V DC-Jack
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Led Indicator	Power Status, Reset, OpenSDA, USER LED
Expansion Port	Arduino Interface
PCB	3.937-inch x 5.9055-inch (10cm x 15cm), 4-layer board

Configure Boot Mode:

- The device has four boot modes (one is reserved for NXP use). The boot mode is selected based on the binary value stored in the internal BOOT_MODE register. Switch (SW7-3 & SW7-4) is used to select the boot mode on the MIMXRT1050 EVK Board.
- Enable Hyper Flash Boot mode to see the output in TeraTerm.

SW7-1	SW7-2	SW7-3	SW7-4	Boot Device
OFF	ON	ON	OFF	Hyper Flash
OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	QSPI Flash
ON	OFF	ON	OFF	SD Card

Software and Hardware Installation

MCUXpresso

Install the MCUXpresso IDE:

- Install the latest version of MCUXpresso IDE
- Use the link:

https://www.nxp.com/design/software/development-software/mcuxpresso-software-and-tools-/mcuxpresso-integrated-development-environment-ide:MCUXpresso-IDE?tab=Design_Tools_Tab

- It will ask you to log in to NXP. If you don't have an account in NXP, create one and proceed.



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Overview

The MCUXpresso IDE brings developers an easy-to-use Eclipse-based development environment for NXP® MCUs based on Arm® Cortex®-M cores, including its general purpose crossover and wireless - enabled MCUs. The MCUXpresso IDE offers advanced editing, compiling, and debugging features with the addition of MCU-specific debugging views, code trace and profiling, multicore debugging, and integrated configuration tools. The MCUXpresso IDE debug connections support

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Features

- A complimentary, unlimited code size, easy-to-use IDE
- Advanced editing, compiling and editing with syntax coloring, MCU-specific debugging views, code trace and profiling
- Use built-in SDK selection tool, or drag and drop pre-built packages made with SDK Builder
- Ubuntu 18.04 LTS / 20.04.2 LTS, Github project development support



Tera Term

Install Tera Term:

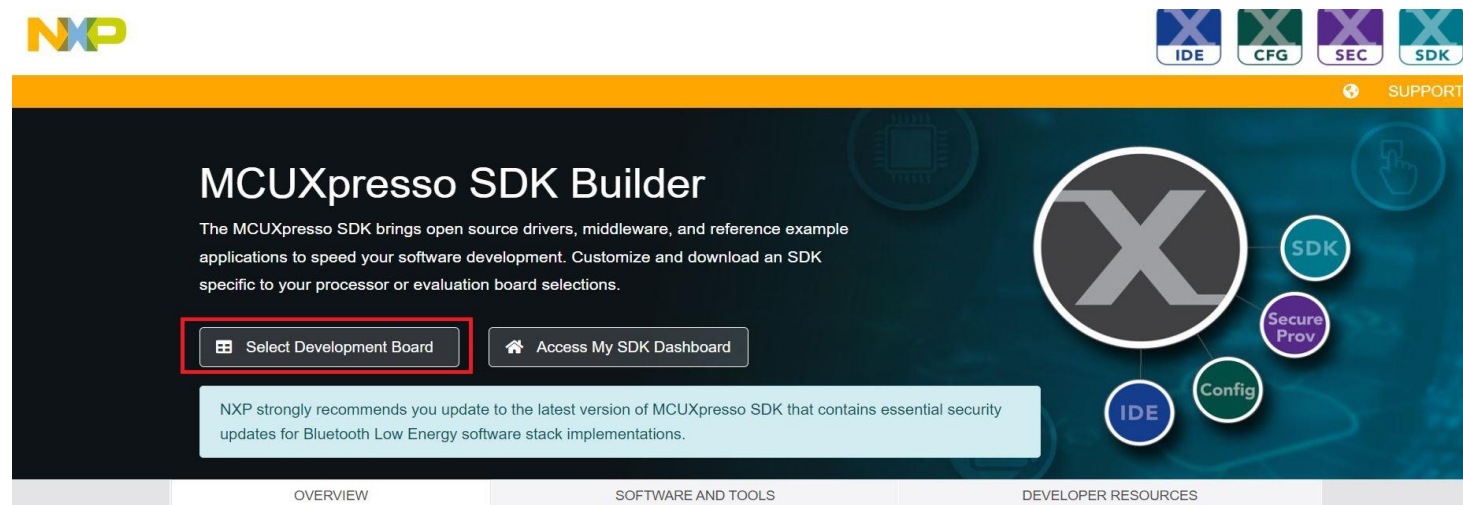
- Tera Term is the terminal emulator for Microsoft Windows, that supports serial port, telnet and SSH connections.
- Among many other features it also has built-in Macro scripting language.
- Tera Term is often used to automate tasks related to remote connections initiated from PC.
- Install the latest version of Tera Term
- Use the link:

<https://ttssh2.osdn.jp/index.html.en>

MCUXpresso SDK

Install the MCUXpresso SDK:

- The MCUXpresso SDK is complimentary and includes full source code under a permissive open-source license for all hardware abstraction and peripheral driver software.
- Download MCUXpresso SDK 2.6.2 version for i.MXRT1060 (or) SDK 2.6.0 version for i.MXRT1050 . It includes the eIQ software platform and demos:
- Use the link: <https://mcuxpresso.nxp.com/en/welcome>
- Click on select development board



- Select boards>i.MX> and your board name(EVK-MIMXRT1060 or EVK-MIMXRT1050)

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 - K32W
 - Kinetis
 - LPC
 - MW
 - PN76
 - QN
 - dsc
 - i.MX

▼ i.MX
EVK-MCIMX7ULP (MCIMX7U5xxxxx)
EVK-MIMX8DXL (MIMX8DL1xxxFZ)
EVK-MIMX8MM (MIMX8MM6xxxLZ)
EVK-MIMX8MN (MIMX8MN6xxxJZ)
EVK-MIMX8MNDDR3L (MIMX8MN6xxxJZ)
EVK-MIMX8MP (MIMX8ML8xxxLZ)
EVK-MIMX8MQ (MIMX8MQ6xxxJZ)
EVK-MIMXRT1010 (MIMXRT1011xxxxx)
EVK-MIMXRT1015 (MIMXRT1015xxxxx)
EVK-MIMXRT1020 (MIMXRT1021xxxxx)
EVK-MIMXRT1060 (MIMXRT1062xxxxA)
EVK-MIMXRT1064 (MIMXRT1064xxxxA)
EVK-MIMXRT595 (MIMXRT595S)
EVK-MIMXRT685 (MIMXRT685S)
EVKB-IMXRT1050 (MIMXRT1052xxxxB)

- It leads to select board details in right most corner of the page. There click on version tab
- For IMXRT1060: Select 2.6.2 version
- For IMXRT1050: Select 2.6.0 version
- After that, click on build MCUXpresso SDK.

Selection Details

EVKB-IMXRT1050
NXP.com
i.MX RT1050 Evaluation Kit

Build MCUXpresso SDK v2.11.0




2.8.6	2020-11-23
2.8.5	2020-11-02
↳ If Keil MDK support is required we recommend using v2.8.2	
2.8.4	2020-10-20
2.8.2	2020-08-19
2.8.0	2020-07-21
2.7.0	2019-12-19
2.6.1	2019-07-03
2.6.0	2019-06-14
2.5.1	2019-04-05

- Then select you Host OS and click on select all icon which will select all the software components related to that board.
- After that go to bottom of the page and click on download SDK

Generate a downloadable SDK archive for use with desktop MCUXpresso Tools.

Developer Environment Settings

Selections here will impact files and examples projects included in the SDK and Generated Projects

Host OS   

Toolchain / IDE    



SDK Version 2.6.0 (released 2019-06-14)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	eIQ	Middleware	eIQ machine learning SDK containing: - ARM CMSIS-NN library ... (more)	CMSIS DSP Library

- This will build the required SDK and after building we will be able to download it.




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 SDK_2.6.0_EVK-MIMXRT1060 Build Date: 2022-02-17, Board: EVK-MIMXRT1060 OS: Windows , Toolchain: All Toolchains Components: Cypress WICED WiFi Stack, JPEG library, FreeMASTER, PMSP Motor Control Software, SDMMC Stack, FreeRTOS, CMSIS DSP Library, LittleFS, AWS IoT Core, emWin, eIQ, USB Host, Device, OTG Stack, lwIP, Fatfs, BLDC Motor Control Software, QCA WiFi Stack, ACIM Motor Control Software, mbedTLS, IEC60730B Safety Library, MCU Boot, Nxp iot sensing sdk SDK Version: 2.6.0 (2019-06-14)	    <input type="button" value="Update Available"/>
 SDK_2.6.0_EVKB-IMXRT1050 Build Date: 2022-02-17, Board: EVKB-IMXRT1050 OS: Windows , Toolchain: All Toolchains Components: Cypress WICED WiFi Stack, JPEG library, Nghttp2 HTTP/2 C Library, PMSP Motor Control Software, SDMMC Stack, FreeRTOS, CMSIS DSP Library, LittleFS, AWS IoT Core, emWin, eIQ, USB Host, Device, OTG Stack, lwIP, Fatfs, BLDC Motor Control Software, QCA WiFi Stack, cJSON, ACIM Motor Control Software, mbedTLS, IEC60730B Safety Library, Secure Element Host Library, MCU Boot, PicoHTTPParser, Nxp iot sensing sdk, Azure IoT SDK Version: 2.6.0 (2019-06-14)	    <input type="button" value="Update Available"/>



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-  [Download SDK Archive \(146 MB\)](#)
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-  [Download Standalone Example Project](#)

Online Documentation

-  [View SDK API Reference Manual](#)
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MCUXpresso Config Tools

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TensorFlow

Install TensorFlow:

- TensorFlow makes it easy to create machine learning models for desktop, mobile, web, and cloud
- TensorFlow provides a collection of workflows to develop and train models using Python or JavaScript, and to easily deploy in the cloud, on-prem, in the browser, or on-device no matter what language you use.
- Download and install Python latest version. The 64-bit edition is required.
- Use the link:

<https://www.python.org/downloads/>

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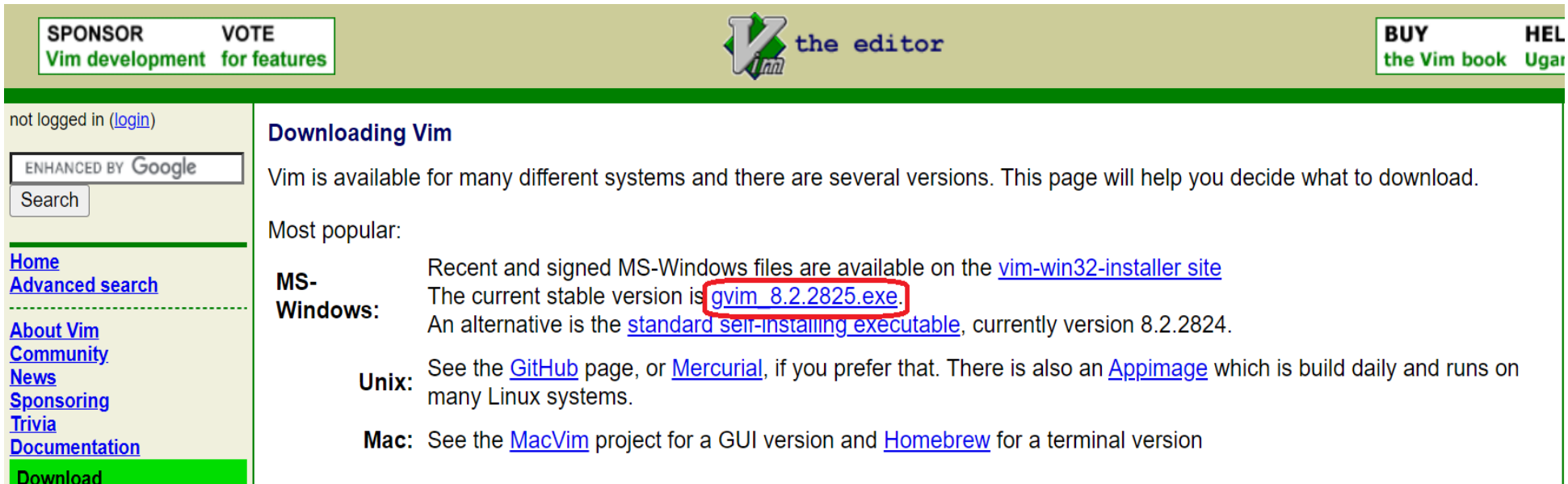
- Verify that the python command corresponds to Python 3.x. Type the Command in command prompt :

py -V

```
C:\Users\priya>py -V  
Python 3.10.2
```

- Update the python installer tools. Type the command in command prompt:
py -m pip install -U pip
py -m pip install -U setuptools
- Install the latest version Tensorflow libraries and support for python. Type the command in command prompt:
py -m pip install tensorflow

- Install other useful python packages. Type the command in command prompt:
py -m pip install tensorflow-datasets
py -m pip install numpy scipy matplotlib ipython jupyter pandas sympy nose
py -m pip install opencv-python
py -m pip install PILLOW
py -m pip install netron
- If on Windows, install latest Vim using the link: <https://www.vim.org/download.php#pc>. There is a binary convertor programmed named xxd.exe located inside that package that will be needed.



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Downloading Vim

Vim is available for many different systems and there are several versions. This page will help you decide what to download.

Most popular:

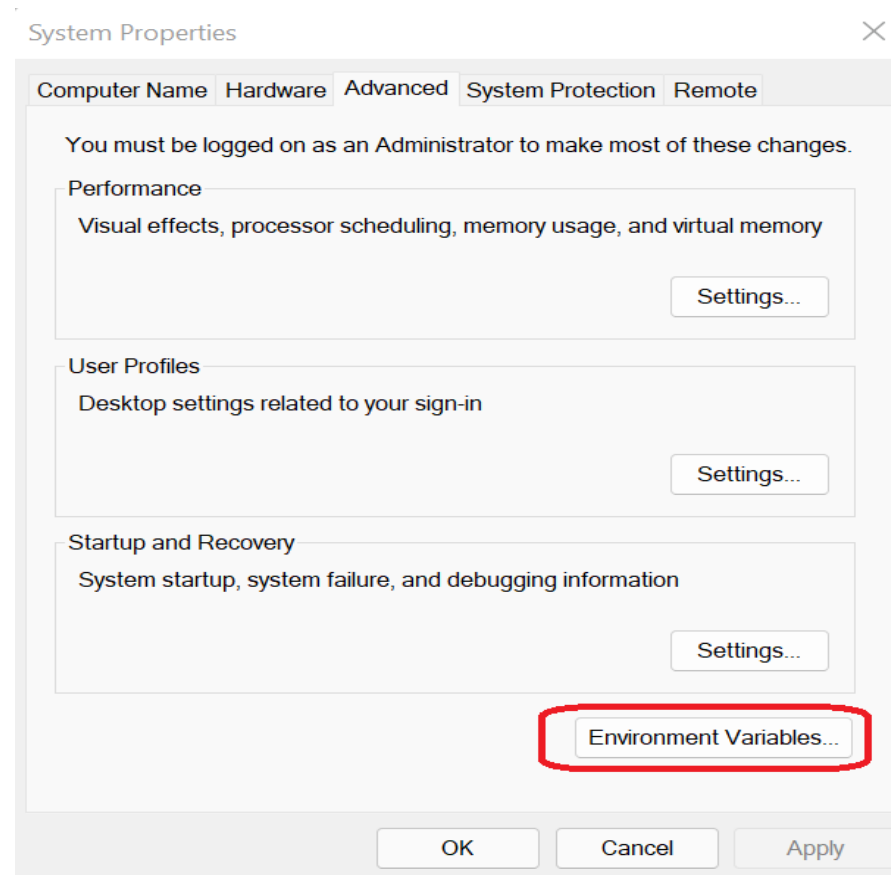
MS-Windows: Recent and signed MS-Windows files are available on the [vim-win32-installer site](#). The current stable version is **gvim_8.2.2825.exe**. An alternative is the [standard self-installing executable](#), currently version 8.2.2824.

Unix: See the [GitHub](#) page, or [Mercurial](#), if you prefer that. There is also an [Appimage](#) which is build daily and runs on many Linux systems.

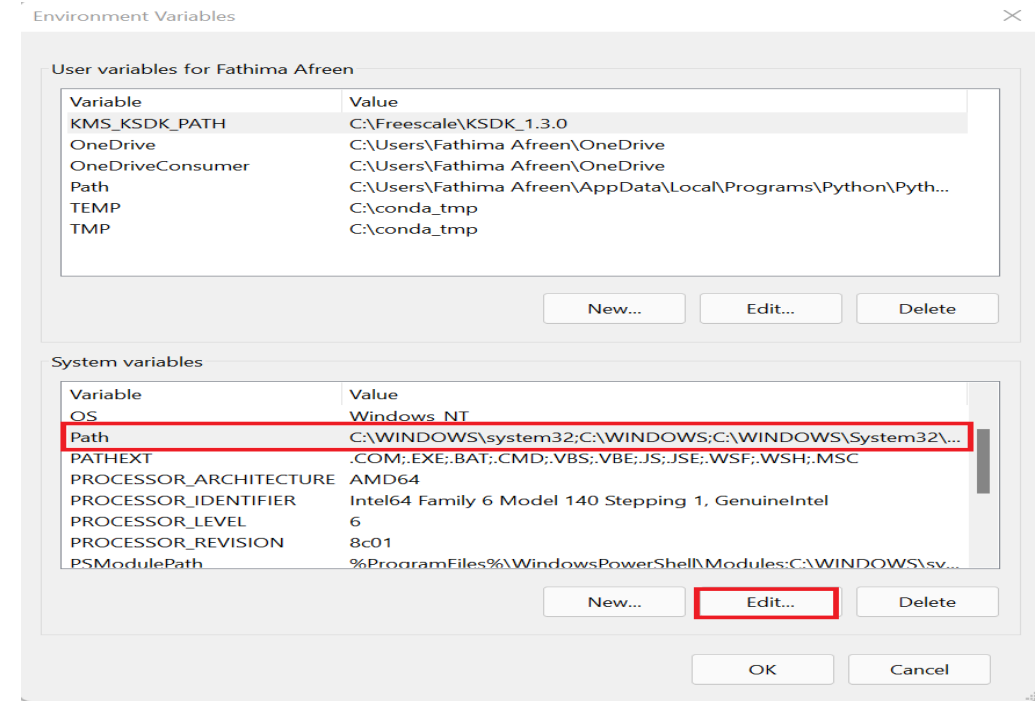
Mac: See the [MacVim](#) project for a GUI version and [Homebrew](#) for a terminal version

- If on Windows, add the following directories to your executable PATH if they are not already. Steps to add path is:

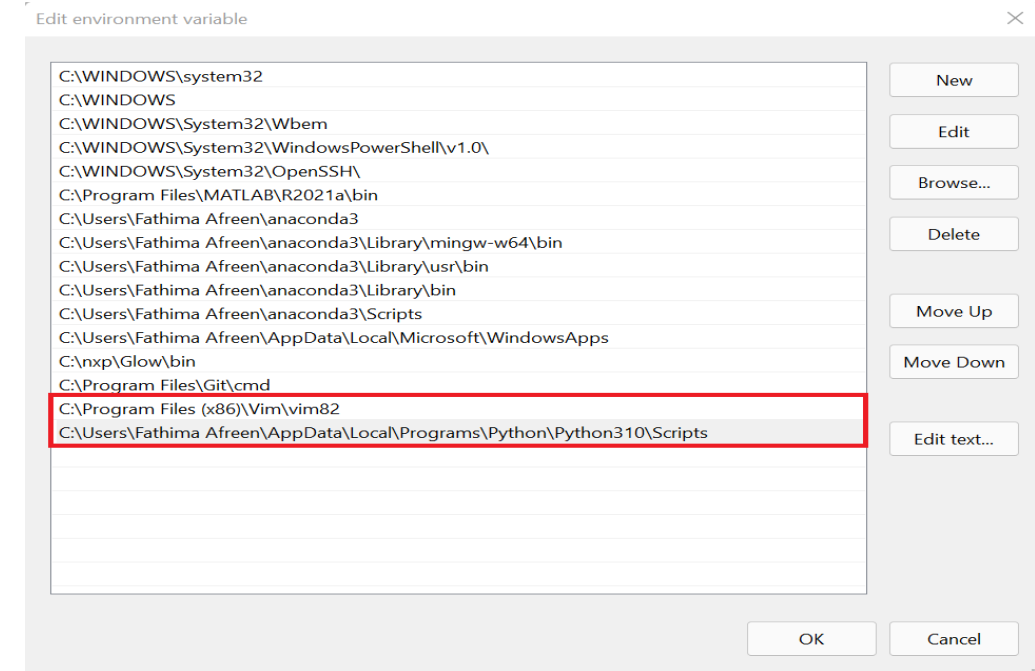
Go to system properties>Environment Variables



Under System Variables, select path and edit.



Add path as:
<python_install_directory>/scripts
<vim_install_directory>



Lab Scripts Installation

- The python scripts that will be used to retrain an already existing model will be downloaded via Git.
- Experiment: We'll be retraining the model to recognize photos of flowers and categorize them into different types(5 category)- daisy, dandelion, roses, sunflowers and tulips
- The new flower data that the model will be retrained on also will be download.
- Steps are:
 1. Install Git: <https://git-scm.com/downloads>



2. Open a command prompt, and in a directory of your choosing, download the tutorial repository with git:

git clone https://github.com/googlecode/flower_photos

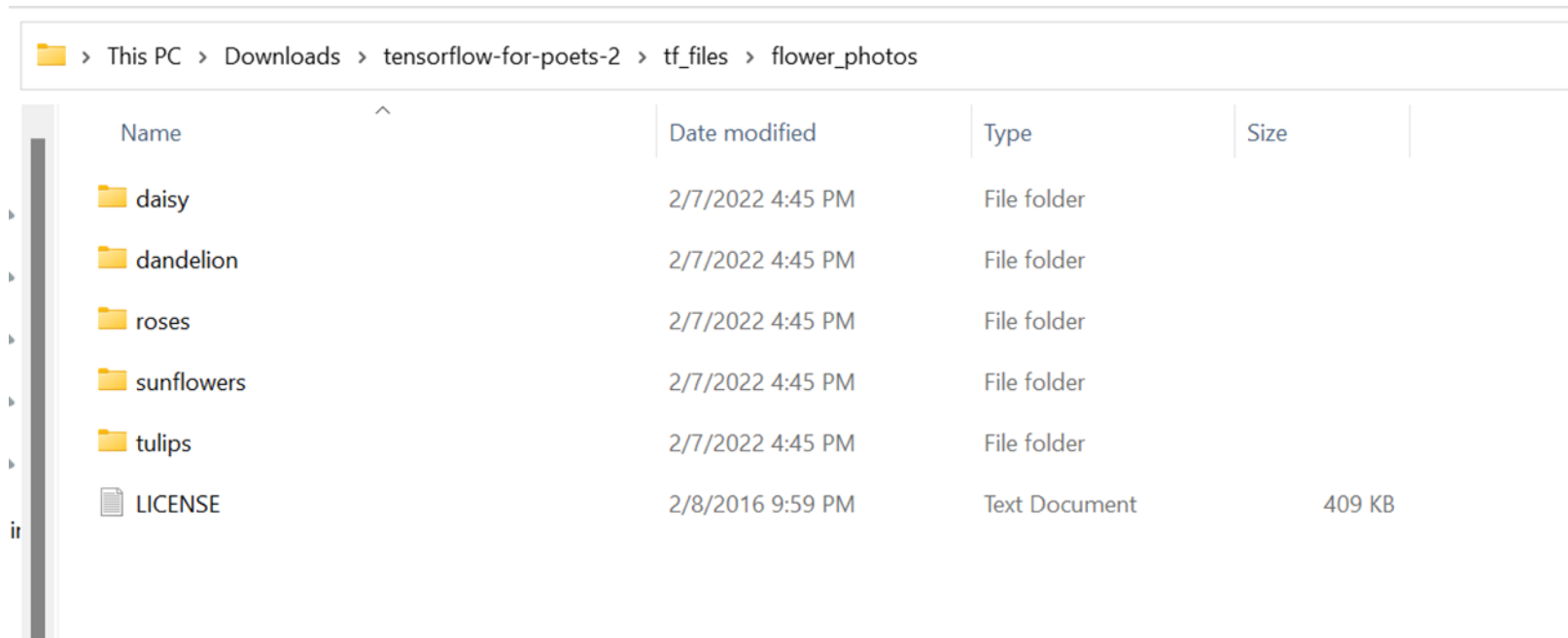
3. Download a set of Creative Commons licensed flowers images that have already been categorized into 5 different classes:

http://download.tensorflow.org/example_images/flower_photos.tgz

4. Unzip that file which will create a “flower_photos” directory:

- a. If on Windows, you may need to install 7-zip or Winzip to unzip the .tgz file.
- b. If on Linux, use: tar -xvzf flower_photos.tgz

- Place the “flower_photos” directory inside the “tf_files” directory that is in the tensorflow-for-poets-2 repo downloaded in the first step. It should look like the following when done:



Retrain Existing Model

- For this lab we will retrain an already existing model with new data. This is called transfer learning. The structure of the model has already been setup for image classification, so the goal is to retrain one layer to classify new images with new custom labels. This greatly shortens the amount of time it will take to train the model. Once retrained, the model can be converted to TensorFlow Lite format and ran on the i.MXRT device. The following steps are based on this Google CodeLabs tutorial: TensorFlow for Poets

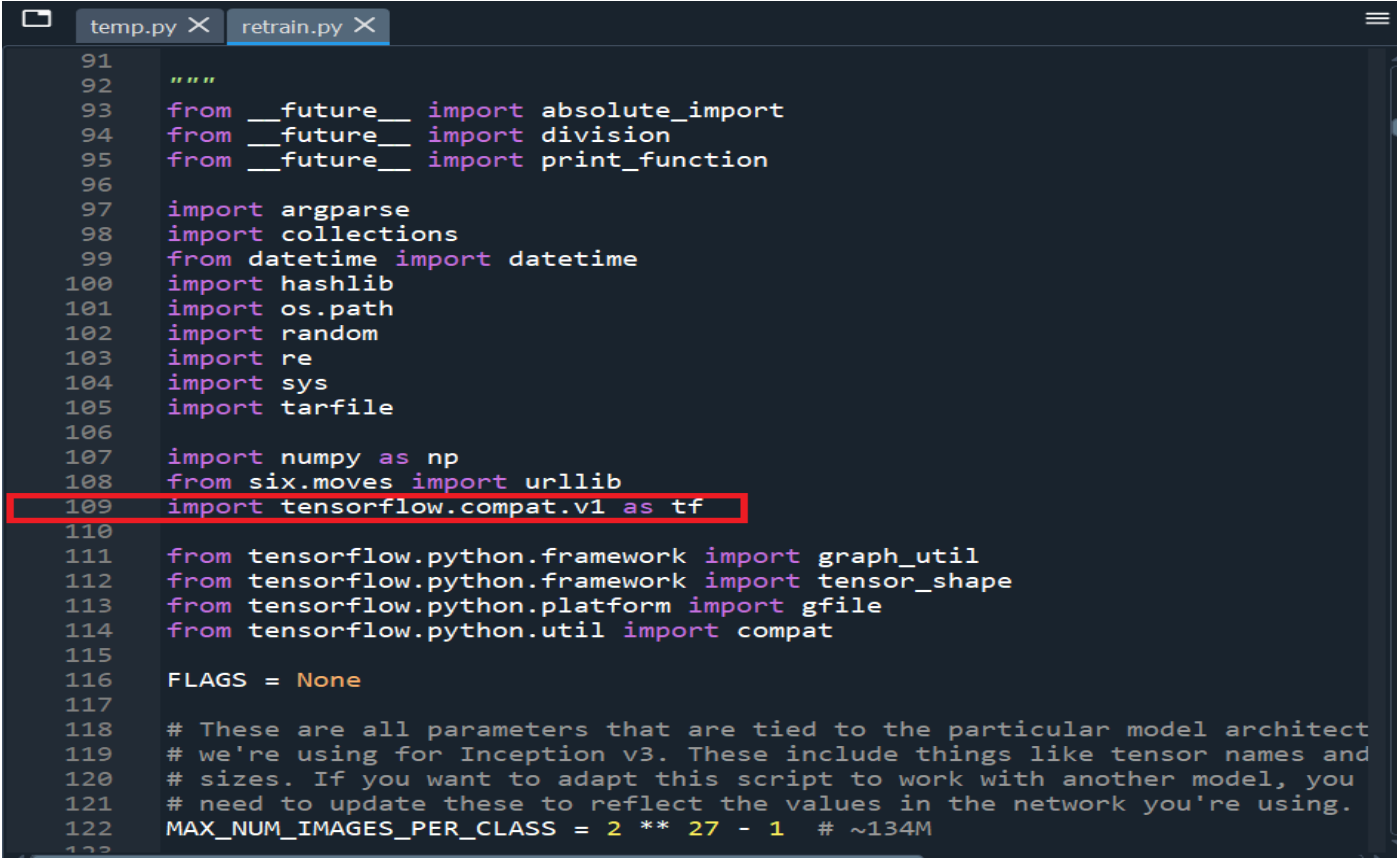
<https://codelabs.developers.google.com/codelabs/tensorflow-forpoets/index.html/>

- 1. Open a command prompt and go to the directory that was created by cloning the git repository in the last section. It should be something like this:

```
cd C:\eiq\tensorflow-for-poets-2
```

2. The model being used is called MobileNet.

Open retrain.py file changed 109 line i.e, earlier it was import tensorflow as tf we changed it to import tensorflow.compat.v1 as tf. The image after changing is shown below.



```
91
92     """
93     from __future__ import absolute_import
94     from __future__ import division
95     from __future__ import print_function
96
97     import argparse
98     import collections
99     from datetime import datetime
100    import hashlib
101    import os.path
102    import random
103    import re
104    import sys
105    import tarfile
106
107    import numpy as np
108    from six.moves import urllib
109    import tensorflow.compat.v1 as tf
110
111    from tensorflow.python.framework import graph_util
112    from tensorflow.python.framework import tensor_shape
113    from tensorflow.python.platform import gfile
114    from tensorflow.python.util import compat
115
116    FLAGS = None
117
118    # These are all parameters that are tied to the particular model architect
119    # we're using for Inception v3. These include things like tensor names and
120    # sizes. If you want to adapt this script to work with another model, you
121    # need to update these to reflect the values in the network you're using.
122    MAX_NUM_IMAGES_PER_CLASS = 2 ** 27 - 1 # ~134M
```

We will retrain this model for 128x128 pixel images using a python script found inside the tutorial folder. Navigate to the main root directory and run the following command.

This should be one long continuous line like in the image below:

```
C:\Data\eiQ\lab\tensorflow-for-poets-2>python -m scripts.retrain --bottleneck_dir=tf_files/bottlenecks --how_many_traini
ng_steps=500 --model_dir=tf_files/models --summaries_dir=tf_files/training_summaries/mobilenet_0.25_128 --output_graph=t
f_files/retrained_graph.pb --output_labels=tf_files/retrained_labels.txt --architecture=mobilenet_0.25_128 --image_dir=t
f_files/flower_photos
```

```
python -m scripts.retrain  
--bottleneck_dir=tf_files/bottlenecks  
--how_many_training_steps=500  
--model_dir=tf_files/models/  
--summaries_dir=tf_files/training_summaries/mobilenet_0.25_128  
--output_graph=tf_files/retrained_graph.pb  
--output_labels=tf_files/retrained_labels.txt  
--architecture=mobilenet_0.25_128  
--image_dir=tf_files/flower_photos
```

3. This will take several minutes to run. While waiting, here's an explanation for the arguments in the command you just ran:

--bottleneck_dir=tf_files/bottlenecks

Directory to store cached data information

--how_many_training_steps=500

of iterations. The more iterations the longer the training takes, but the more accurate the model will likely be

--model_dir=tf_files/models/

Directory location to download the pre-existing model

--summaries_dir=tf_files/training_summaries/mobilenet_0.25_128

Output directory for data files used by an optional analysis program called TensorBoard

--output_graph=tf_files/retrained_graph.pb

Name of the retrained model in Protocol Buffer (pb) format.

--output_labels=tf_files/retrained_labels.txt

Text file with the labels for the model (determined by the names of the sub-directories of the training data)

--architecture=mobilenet_0.25_128

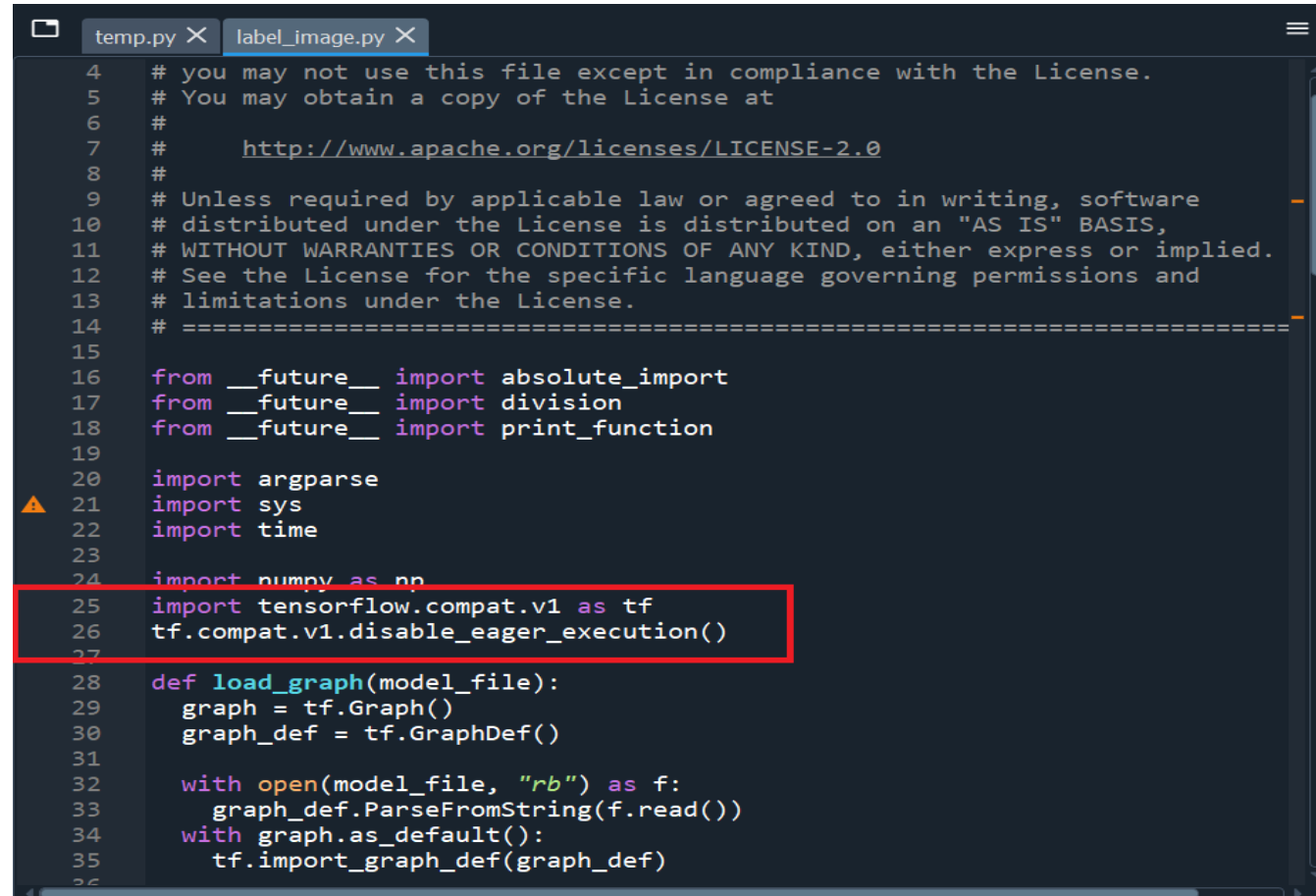
The particular type of Mobilenet model to use as a starting point

--image_dir=tf_files/flower_photos

Location of the data to train the model on. Each sub-directory is a label classifying those images

4. Once finished, look inside the tf_files directory. You should have a model file named retrained_graph.pb. This is the newly trained model.

5. You can test this model file against flower images using the label_image python script. Open label_image python script and change import tensorflow as tf to import tensorflow.compat.v1 as tf, tf.compat.v1.disable_eager_execution () at line 25 and 26. See below figures for reference.



```
temp.py X label_image.py X
4 # you may not use this file except in compliance with the License.
5 # You may obtain a copy of the License at
6 #
7 # http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0
8 #
9 # Unless required by applicable law or agreed to in writing, software
10 # distributed under the License is distributed on an "AS IS" BASIS,
11 # WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND, either express or implied.
12 # See the License for the specific language governing permissions and
13 # limitations under the License.
14 # =====
15
16 from __future__ import absolute_import
17 from __future__ import division
18 from __future__ import print_function
19
20 import argparse
21 import sys
22 import time
23
24 import numpy as np
25 import tensorflow.compat.v1 as tf
26 tf.compat.v1.disable_eager_execution()
27
28 def load_graph(model_file):
29     graph = tf.Graph()
30     graph_def = tf.GraphDef()
31
32     with open(model_file, "rb") as f:
33         graph_def.ParseFromString(f.read())
34     with graph.as_default():
35         tf.import_graph_def(graph_def)
```

- From the main directory, call a script to use the new graph and have it analyze a daisy image with the following command as one long continuous line:

```
python -m scripts.label_image
```

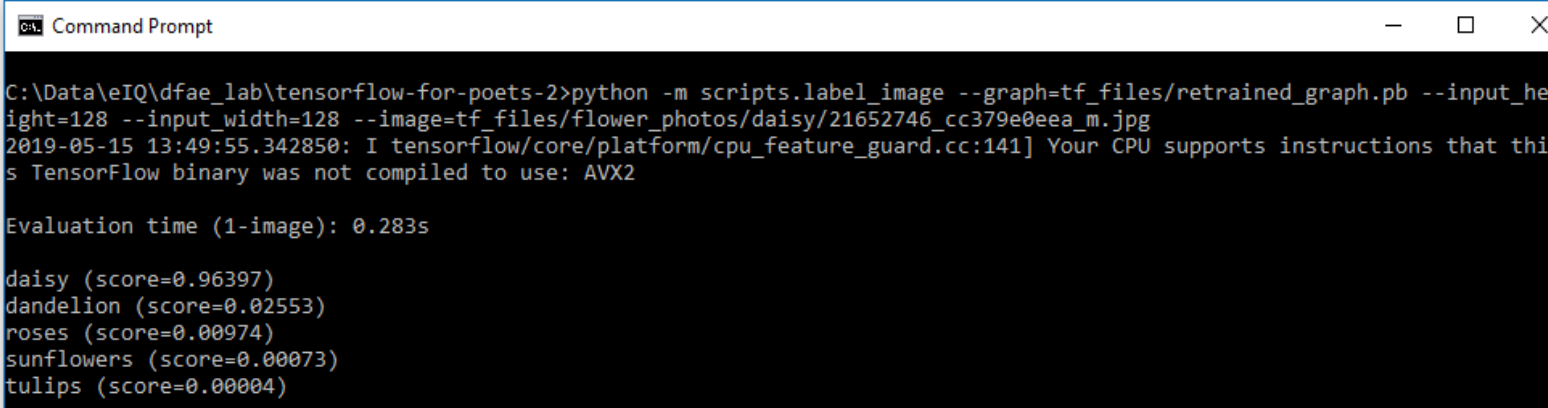
```
--graph=tf_files/retrained_graph.pb
```

```
--input_height=128
```

```
--input_width=128
```

```
--image=tf_files/flower_photos/daisy/21652746_cc379e0eea_m.jpg
```

6. It should respond back that that photo is of a daisy. The confidence level may vary slightly as the model training will be slightly different each time. If you see a low confidence level (<.80) for identifying that image as a daisy, try running the retraining script again.



```
Command Prompt
C:\Data\eiQ\dfae_lab\tensorflow-for-poets-2>python -m scripts.label_image --graph=tf_files/retrained_graph.pb --input_height=128 --input_width=128 --image=tf_files/flower_photos/daisy/21652746_cc379e0eea_m.jpg
2019-05-15 13:49:55.342850: I tensorflow/core/platform/cpu_feature_guard.cc:141] Your CPU supports instructions that this TensorFlow binary was not compiled to use: AVX2

Evaluation time (1-image): 0.283s

daisy (score=0.96397)
dandelion (score=0.02553)
roses (score=0.00974)
sunflowers (score=0.00073)
tulips (score=0.00004)
```

Convert Model and Data

Now that the retrained model is running on your laptop, the next step is to use a TensorFlow utility named `tflite_convert` to convert that model into a file that can be loaded onto an embedded device like the i.MXRT1060/1050.

Convert TensorFlow model:

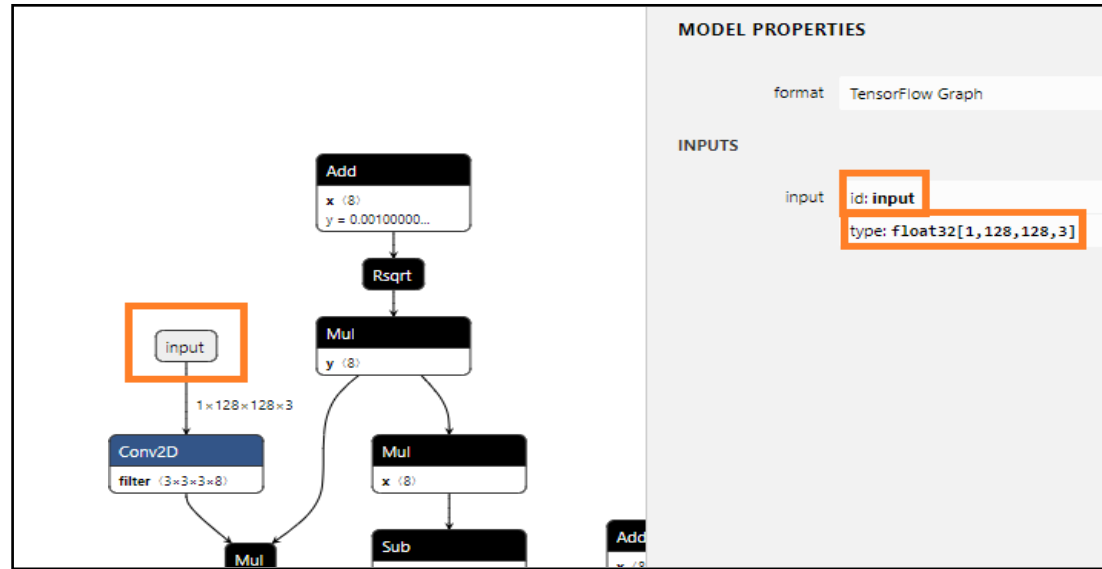
Convert the `.pb` model file into a format that can be imported into the RT1060 project with **`tflite_convert`**.

1. The first and last layer names need to be read from the TensorFlow `.pb` model file, which will be used later in the conversion process. This can be done with a neural network visualization tool called Netron.

- a. Use Netron by using the following command on a `.pb` file:

```
netron tf_files\retrained_graph.pb
```

- b. While the command is running, open up a web browser and navigate to `http://localhost:8080` and click on the first and last nodes to get the layer names and the input shape.

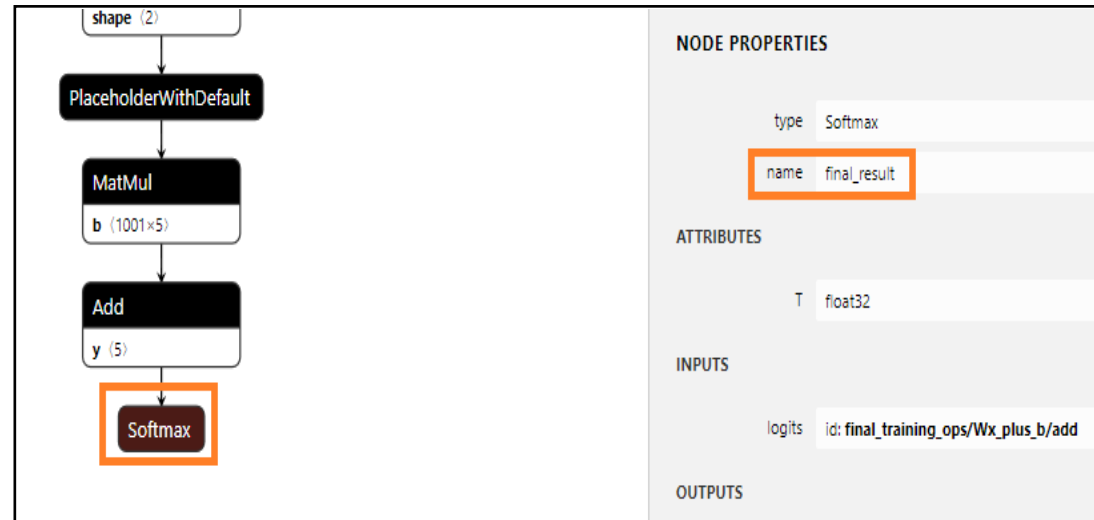


MODEL PROPERTIES

format TensorFlow Graph

INPUTS

input id: **input**
type: float32[1,128,128,3]



NODE PROPERTIES

type Softmax

name **final_result**

ATTRIBUTES

T float32

INPUTS

logits id: final_training_ops/Wx_plus_b/add

OUTPUTS

c. After reading the labels, go back to the terminal window and hit Ctrl+c to stop the server and return to the command prompt

2. Use `tflite_convert` to transform the model file into a `.tflite` file. There are options available to quantize and optimize the model during this step, but they seem to significantly decrease the accuracy of the converted model. The following options keep the accuracy about the same as the full model. Type in the command as one long continuous line like below:

```
tflite_convert  
--graph_def_file=tf_files/retrained_graph.pb  
--output_file=tf_files/retrained_graph.tflite  
--input_shape=1,128,128,3  
--input_array=input  
--output_array=final_result  
--inference_type=FLOAT  
--input_data_type=FLOAT  
--enable_v1_converter
```

Here is what each of those arguments determine:

--graph_def_file=tf_files/retrained_graph.pb

Name of the TensorFlow model to convert

--output_file=tf_files/retrained_graph.tflite

Name of the converted tflite file

--input_shape=1,128,128,3

This model takes in a 128 x 128 image that has 3 color channels

--input_array=input

Name of the first layer of the model

--output_array=final_result

Name of the last layer of the model

--inference_type=FLOAT

Model uses floating (instead of 8-bit quantized) inference

--input_data_type=FLOAT

Model uses floating (instead of 8-bit quantized) input

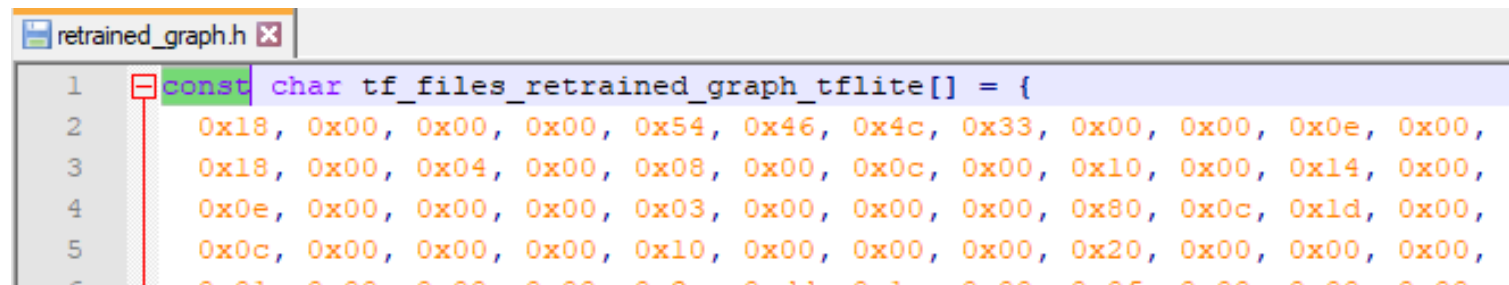
3. You may get a warning about AXV2 instructions not being supported. You can ignore this warning.

4. Inside the `tf_files` directory you should see a new file named **`retrained_graph.tflite`**

5. Use the `xxd` utility to convert the `.tflite` binary file into a C array that can be imported into an embedded project. Do not run this command in Powershell as it will cause compilation issues later. Run it in a standard command prompt:

```
xxd -i tf_files/retrained_graph.tflite > tf_files/retrained_graph.h
```

6. The generated header file may need to be modified slightly to define it as a `const`. Open up the file and, if necessary, change “unsigned char” to “const char”. Also make note of the array name as it will be used in the next section.



```
retrained_graph.h x
```

```
1 const char tf_files_retrained_graph_tflite[] = {
2     0x18, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x54, 0x46, 0x4c, 0x33, 0x00, 0x00, 0x0e, 0x00,
3     0x18, 0x00, 0x04, 0x00, 0x08, 0x00, 0x0c, 0x00, 0x10, 0x00, 0x14, 0x00,
4     0x0e, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x80, 0x0c, 0x1d, 0x00,
5     0x0c, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x10, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x20, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
```

7. The following files should now be in the tf_files directory:

```
C:\Data\IQ\lab\tensorflow-for-poets-2>dir tf_files
Volume in drive C is OSDisk
Volume Serial Number is 264B-1211

Directory of C:\Data\IQ\lab\tensorflow-for-poets-2\tf_files

08/20/2019  01:54 PM    <DIR>          .
08/20/2019  01:54 PM    <DIR>          ..
08/20/2019  01:32 PM             0 .empty
08/20/2019  01:39 PM    <DIR>          bottlenecks
08/20/2019  01:35 PM    <DIR>          flower_photos
08/20/2019  01:38 PM    <DIR>          models
08/20/2019  01:54 PM           11,900,817 retrained_graph.h
08/20/2019  01:40 PM           2,020,051 retrained_graph.pb
08/20/2019  01:46 PM           1,904,112 retrained_graph.tflite
08/20/2019  01:40 PM              40 retrained_labels.txt
08/20/2019  01:38 PM    <DIR>          training_summaries
                    5 File(s)      15,825,020 bytes
                    6 Dir(s)  429,096,202,240 bytes free

C:\Data\IQ\lab\tensorflow-for-poets-2>
```

Image Data Conversion – No Camera Only:

Now that the model has been converted, an image also needs to be converted into a C array. The Label Image example in eIQ takes in 24-bit BMP image files, so will convert one of the images in the dataset to a BMP file and then convert that into a C array.

8. Convert one of the JPEG flower image files into a 24-bit BMP file. Preferably pick an image that was labeled already using the `label_image` python script so that result can be compared to the result on the RT1060. In this case we'll pick the file **`tf_files/flower_photos/daisy/21652746_cc379e0eea_m.jpg`**.

Save the new .bmp file as `daisy.bmp`

- In Linux use:

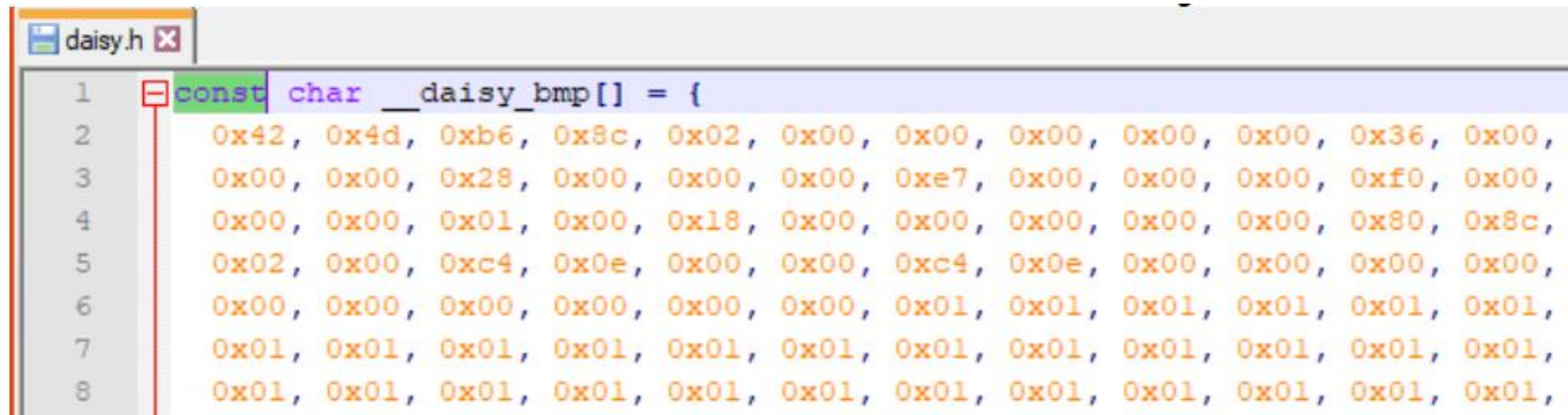
```
convert      tf_files/flower_photos/daisy/21652746_cc379e0eea_m.jpg      -type  
truecolor tf_files/daisy.bmp
```

- In Windows use a paint program like MS Paint.

9. After converting the .jpg file to a .BMP file, use the xxd program to convert it to a C array. Do not run this command in Powershell as it will cause compilation issues later. Run it in a standard command prompt:

xxd -i daisy.bmp > daisy.h

10. Open the generated header file and, if necessary, change the array type from “unsigned char” to “const char” and make note of the array name, as that name will be used in the next section:



```
daisy.h x
1  const char __daisy_bmp[] = {
2      0x42, 0x4d, 0xb6, 0x8c, 0x02, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x36, 0x00,
3      0x00, 0x00, 0x28, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xe7, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xf0, 0x00,
4      0x00, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0x18, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x80, 0x8c,
5      0x02, 0x00, 0xc4, 0x0e, 0x00, 0x00, 0xc4, 0x0e, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
6      0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01,
7      0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01,
8      0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01,
```

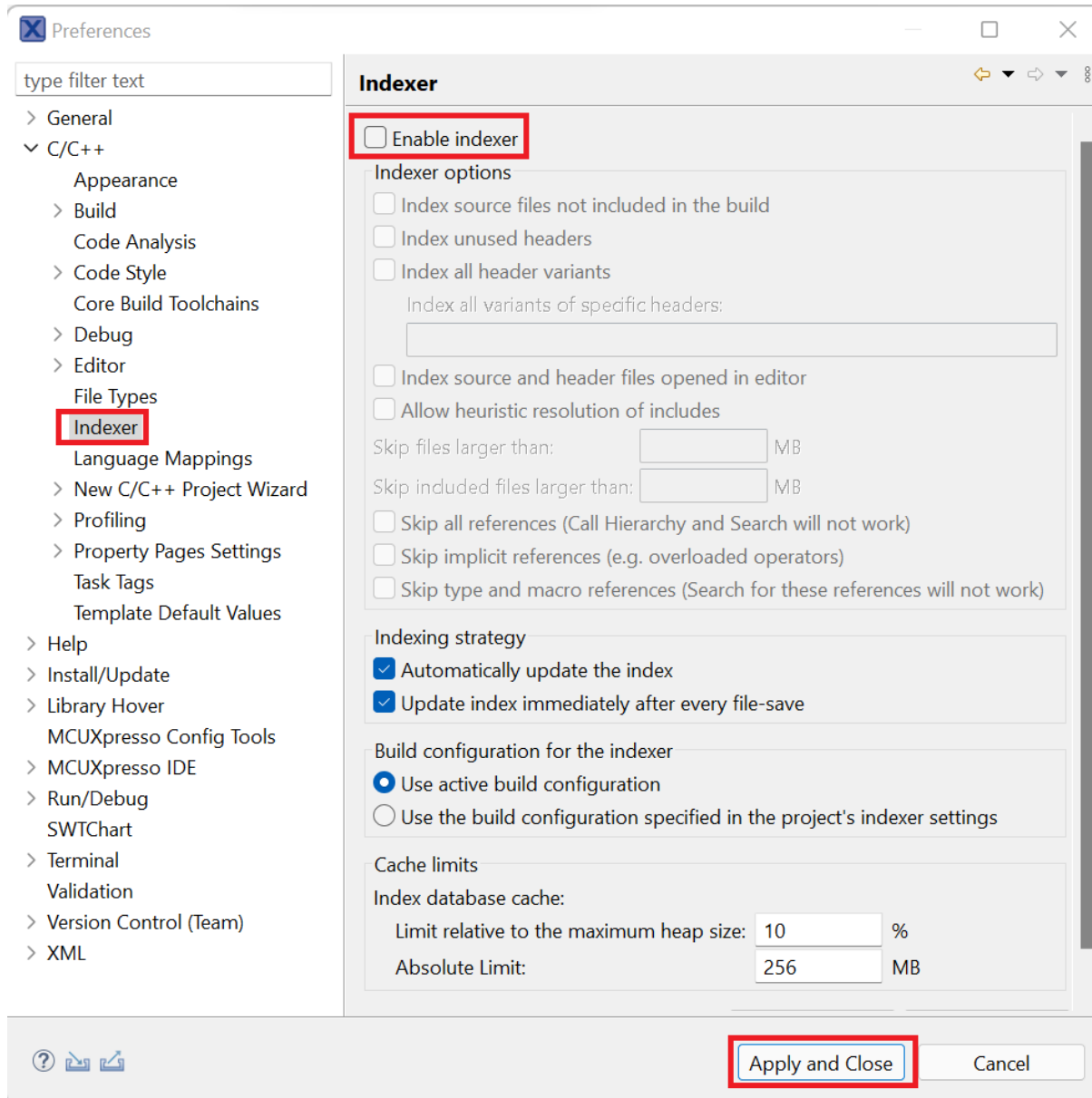

Run Demo

- The final step is to take the Label Image example and modify it to use the retrained model with the new image.

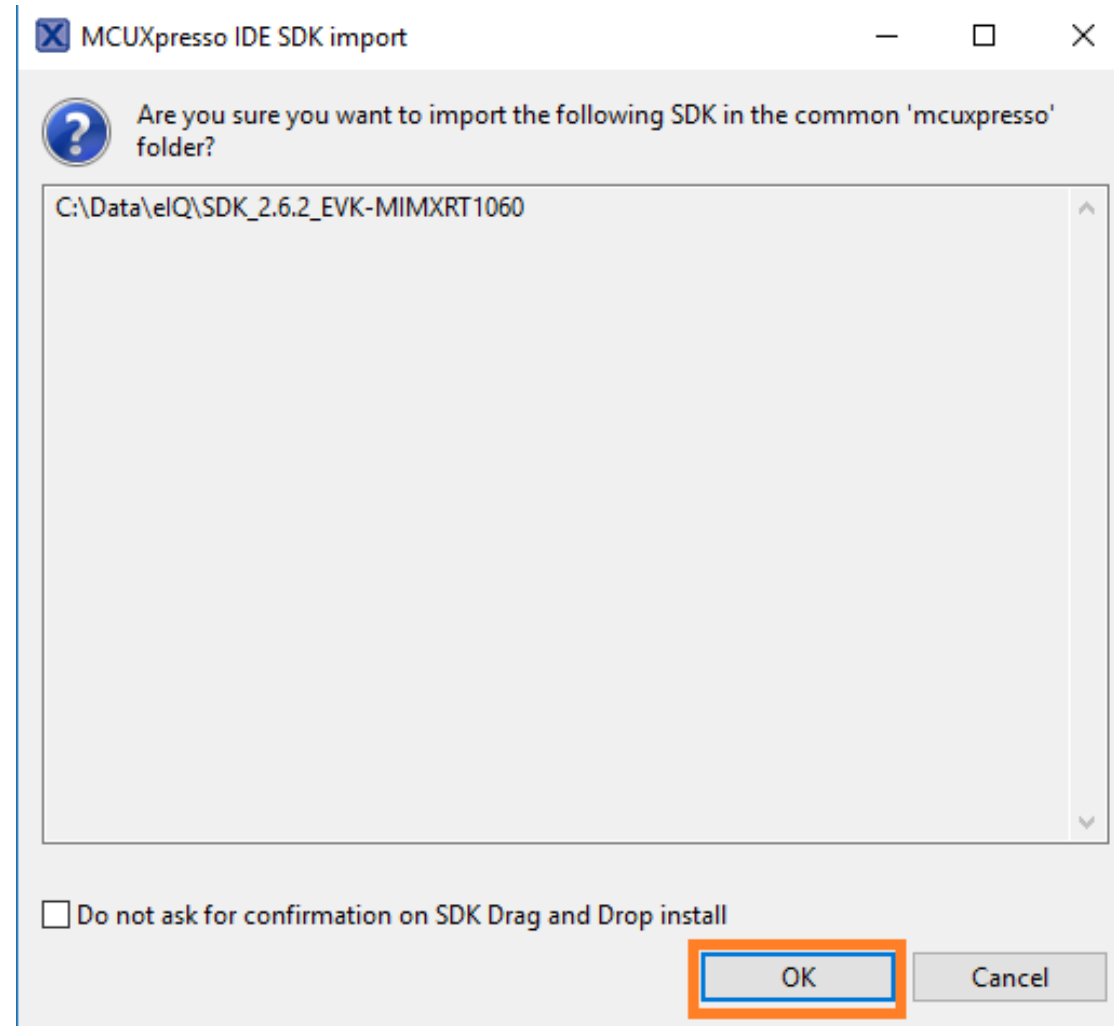
Copy and Create Files:

1. Open MCUXpresso IDE and select a workspace location in an empty directory.
2. Because of the large size of the model file, the indexer settings need to be changed by going to **Window->Preferences** from the menu bar. In the dialog box that comes up, go to the **C/C++->Indexer** category and uncheck **Enable Indexer**. Then click on **Apply and Close**.

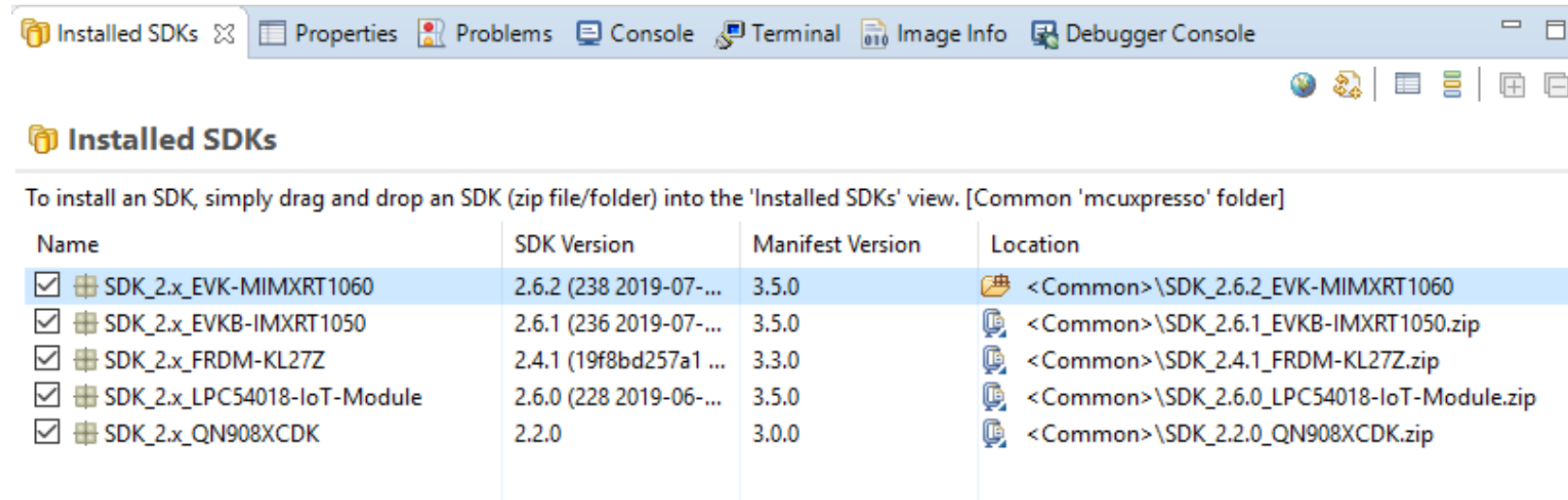
See image in next page for reference.



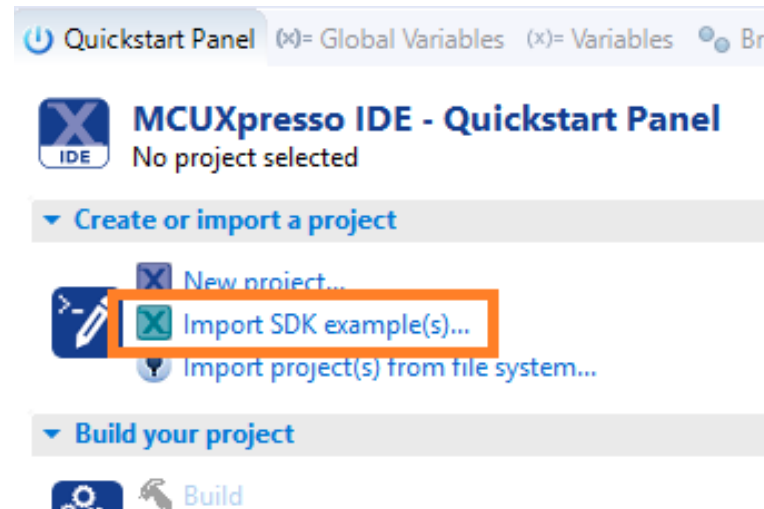
3. Drag-and-drop the unzipped SDK folder into the Installed SDKs window. It should have updated files as described in the first section. You will get the following pop-up, so hit OK.



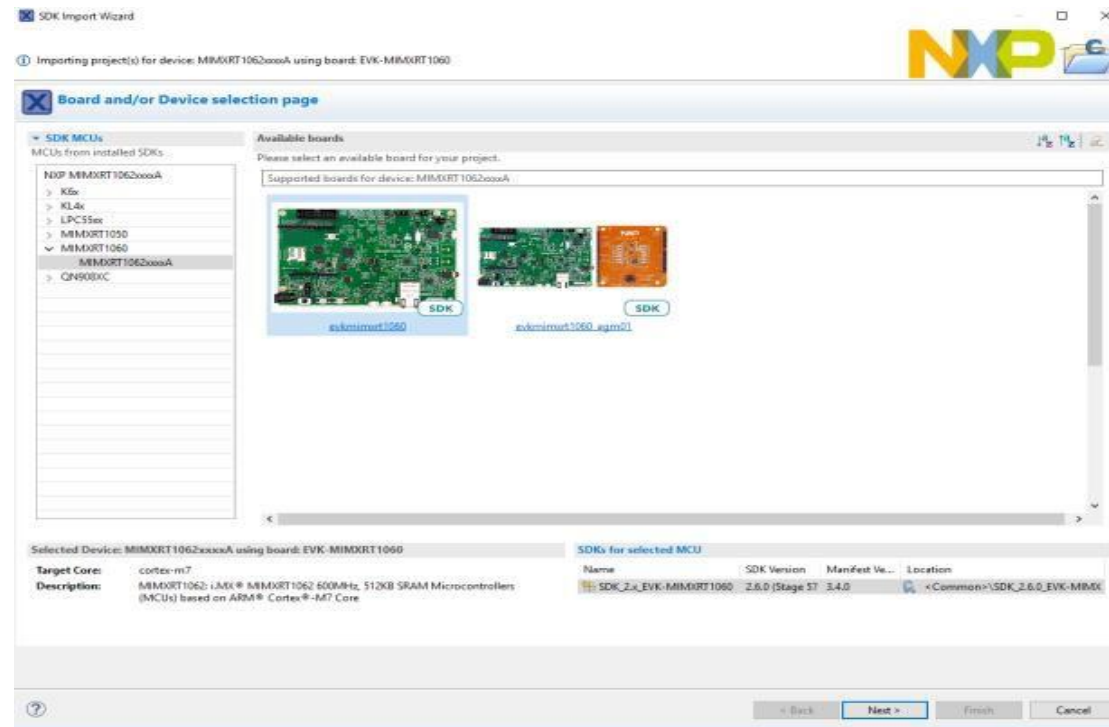
4. Once imported, the Installed SDK window will look something like this



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



6. Select the evkmimxrt1060 board and click on Next



7. Then expand the **eiq_examples** folder and select **tensorflow_lite_label_image**. Also select **UART** for the SDK Debug Console. Then click on Finish to select that project.



You have selected '1' project to import: 'evkmimxrt1060_tensorflow_lite_label_image'

Import projects

Project name prefix: Project name suffix:

Use default location

Location:

Project Type

C Project
 C++ Project
 C Static Library
 C++ Static Library

Project Options

SDK Debug Console
 Semihost
 UART
 Example default

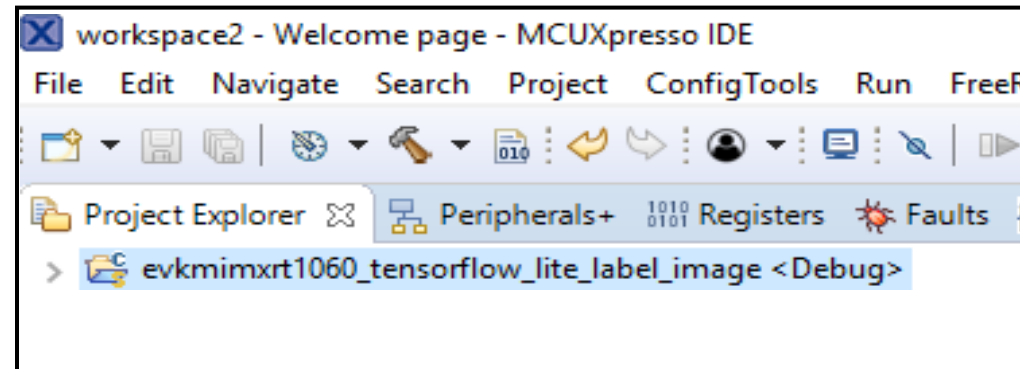
Copy sources
 Import other files

Examples

type to filter

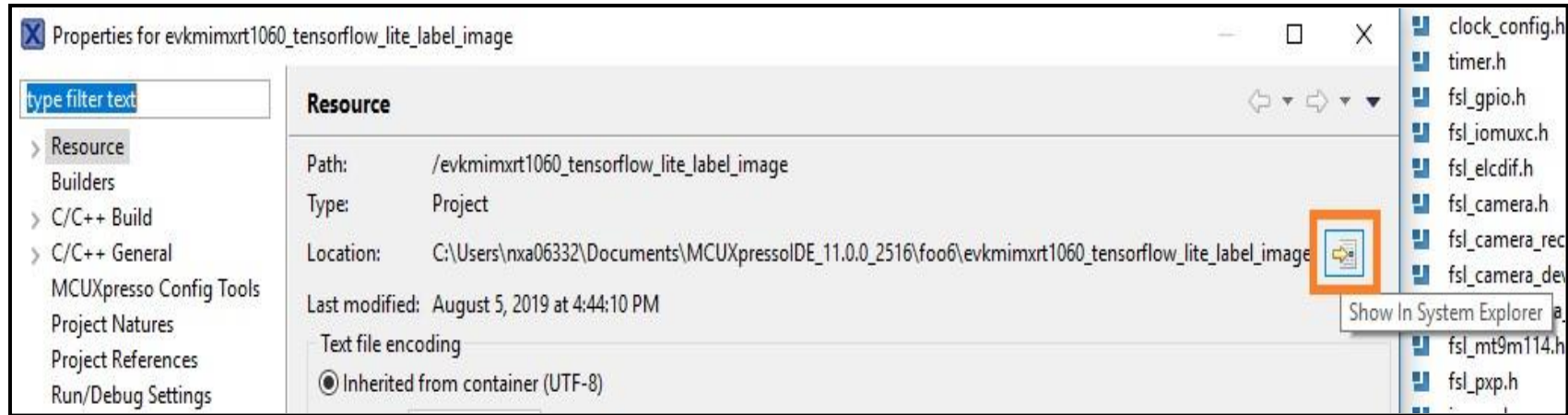
Name	Description	Version
> <input type="checkbox"/> FreeMASTER_examples		
> <input type="checkbox"/> aws_examples		
> <input type="checkbox"/> bootloader_examples		
> <input type="checkbox"/> cmsis_driver_examples		
> <input type="checkbox"/> demo_apps		
> <input type="checkbox"/> driver_examples		
▼ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> eiq_examples		
<input type="checkbox"/> cmsis_nn_cifar10	CIFAR-10 example for CMSIS-NN	
<input type="checkbox"/> cmsis_nn_kws	Keyword spotting example for CMSIS-NN	
<input type="checkbox"/> tensorflow_lite_cifar10	CIFAR-10 example for TensorFlow Lite	
<input type="checkbox"/> tensorflow_lite_kws	Keyword spotting example for TensorFlow Lite	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tensorflow_lite_label_image	Label image example for TensorFlow Lite	
<input type="checkbox"/> tensorflow_lite_l1b	TensorFlow Lite library	
> <input type="checkbox"/> emwin_examples		
> <input type="checkbox"/> fatfs_examples		
> <input type="checkbox"/> littlefs_examples		
> <input type="checkbox"/> lwip_examples		
> <input type="checkbox"/> mbedtls_examples		
> <input type="checkbox"/> rtos_examples		

8. It will look like the following when imported into the Project Explorer window:



9. Now we need to import the retrained model file that was generated in the last section into this project.

10. Find the directory location that this example was copied to by right clicking on the project name and select Properties. In the dialog box that comes up, click on the icon to open up that directory inside Windows explorer:



11. Go to the “**source**” directory inside the **evkmimxrt1060_tensorflow_lite_label_image** folder that you just opened. It should be something like:

C:\Users\nxp_training\Documents\MCUXpressoIDE_11.0.0_2516\workspace\evkmimxrt1060_tensorflow_lite_label_image\source

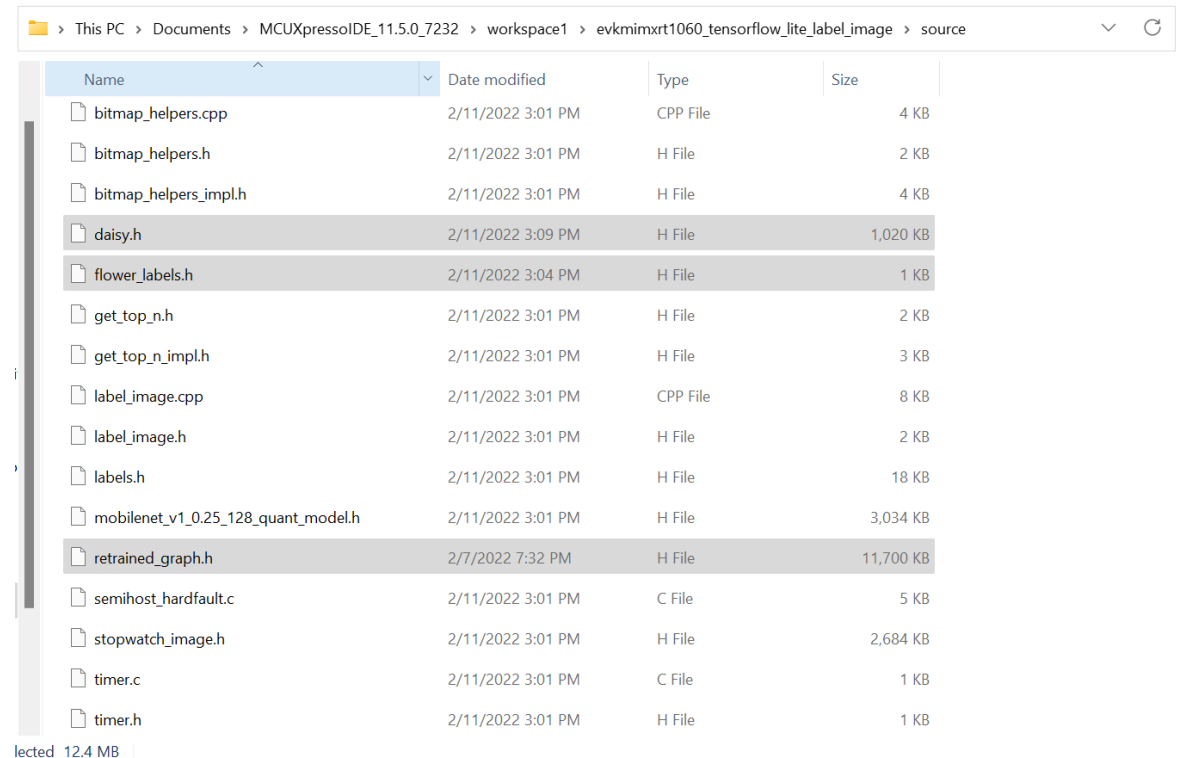
12. Inside that source directory, copy the `retrained_graph.h` file generated in the previous section.

13. If not using the camera, also copy the `daisy.h` file generated from previous section.

14. In that same directory, create a new header file named `flower_labels.h` and put in the following text, which will define the labels used to classify the flower images. This new file will be used to provide the classification labels instead of the `labels.h` file that was used by the default example. The file should look exactly like the following:

```
std::string labels_txt = R"(daisy  
dandelion  
roses  
sunflowers  
tulips  
)";
```

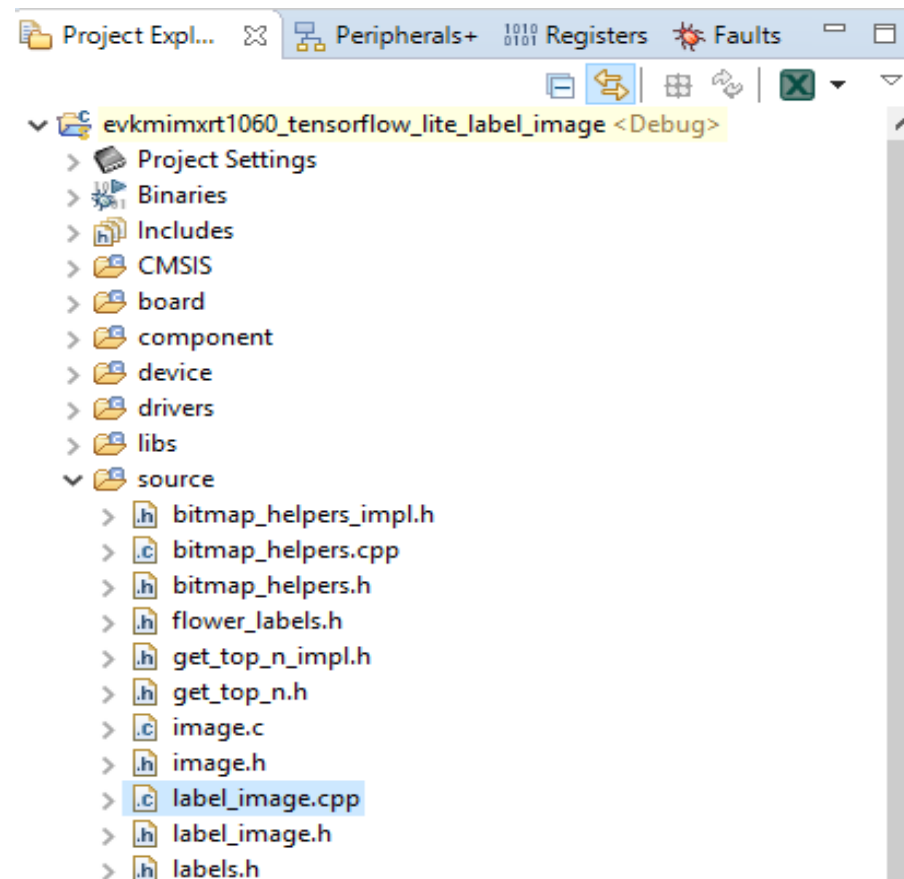
15. Directory should look like the beside image when finished:



Modify Source Code:

Now edit the source files to include these new files

16. Double click on the label_image.cpp file under the “source” folder in the Project View to open it.



17. Starting on line 34, comment out original #includes for the image, model, and label files. Then add new #includes to bring in the new image, model, and label files that were copied in. It should look like the following when finished:

```
label_image.cpp
25 #include "tensorflow/contrib/lite/kernels/register.h"
26 #include "tensorflow/contrib/lite/model.h"
27 #include "tensorflow/contrib/lite/optional_debug_tools.h"
28 #include "tensorflow/contrib/lite/string_util.h"
29
30 #include "label_image.h"
31 #include "bitmap_helpers.h"
32 #include "get_top_n.h"
33
34 // #include "stopwatch_image.h"
35 // #include "mobilenet_v1_0.25_128_quant_model.h"
36 // #include "labels.h"
37
38 #include "daisy.h"
39 #include "retrained_graph.h"
40 #include "flower_labels.h"
41
42 #define LOG(x) std::cout
43
44 namespace tflite {
45 namespace label_image {
```

18. At around line 70, comment out the API call to load the default model, and replace it with the new model name and model length from the header file. It may be a slightly different name than the one listed below:

```
62     result->emplace_back();
63 }
64 return kTfLiteOk;
65 }
66
67 void RunInference(Settings* s) {
68     std::unique_ptr<tflite::FlatBufferModel> model;
69     std::unique_ptr<tflite::Interpreter> interpreter;
70     //model = tflite::FlatBufferModel::BuildFromBuffer(mobilenet_model, mobilenet_model_len);
71     model = tflite::FlatBufferModel::BuildFromBuffer(tf_files_retrained_graph_tflite, tf_files_retrained_graph_tflite_len);
72     if (!model) {
73         LOG(FATAL) << "Failed to load model\r\n";
74         return;
75     }
```

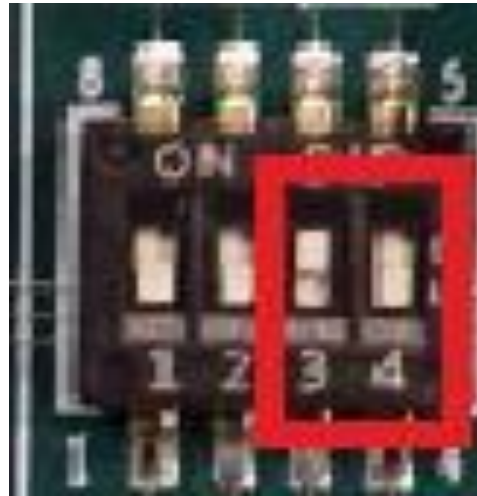
19. At around line 103, change the image height and width to 128 if they are not already, and then update the image buffer name and image length with the new image. The names may be a slightly different name than the one listed below and should match the array name and array length names in the daisy.h file:

```
label_image.cpp
92  int t_size = interpreter->tensors_size();
93  for (int i = 0; i < t_size; i++) {
94      if (interpreter->tensor(i)->name)
95          LOG(INFO) << i << ": " << interpreter->tensor(i)->name << ", "
96              << interpreter->tensor(i)->bytes << ", "
97              << interpreter->tensor(i)->type << ", "
98              << interpreter->tensor(i)->params.scale << ", "
99              << interpreter->tensor(i)->params.zero_point << "\r\n";
100  }
101  }
102
103  int image_width = 128;
104  int image_height = 128;
105  int image_channels = 3;
106  uint8_t* in = read_bmp(daisy_bmp, daisy_bmp_len, &image_width, &image_height,
107                      &image_channels, s);
108
109  int input = interpreter->inputs()[0];
110  if (s->verbose) LOG(INFO) << "input: " << input << "\r\n";
111
```

Run Example:

20. If using the i.MXRT1064 board, make the changes outlined in the following document: <https://community.nxp.com/docs/DOC-344225>. If using the i.MXRT1050 or i.MXRT1060 boards, this step is not needed.

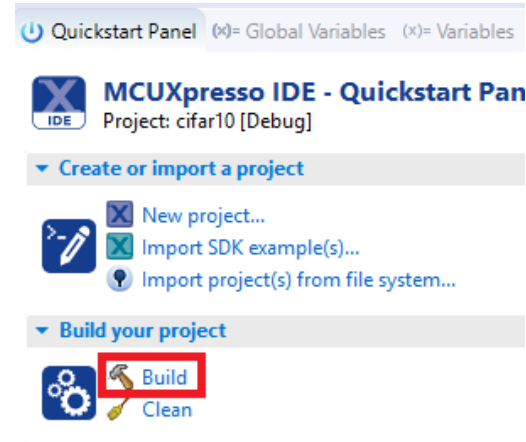
21. On the i.MXRT1060 board, change SW7 to configure the board to boot from the flash. SW7 should be OFF-OFF-ON-OFF(as shown below). For i.MXRT1050 board SW7 should be OFF-ON-ON-OFF.



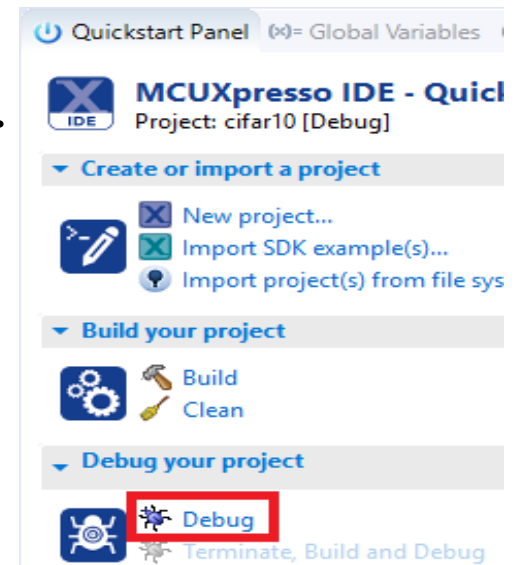
22. Plug the micro-B USB cable into the board at J41.

23. Open TeraTerm or other terminal program, and connect to the COM port that the board enumerated as. Use 115200 baud, 1 stop bit, no parity.

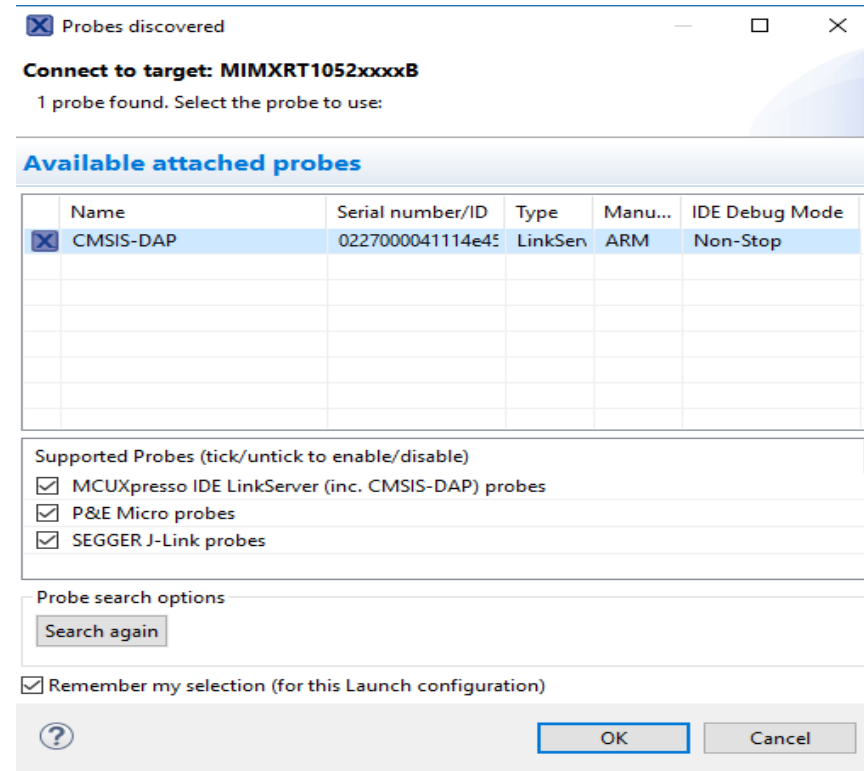
24. Build the project by clicking on “Build” in the Quickstart Panel.



25. Debug the project by clicking on “Debug” in the Quickstart Panel.



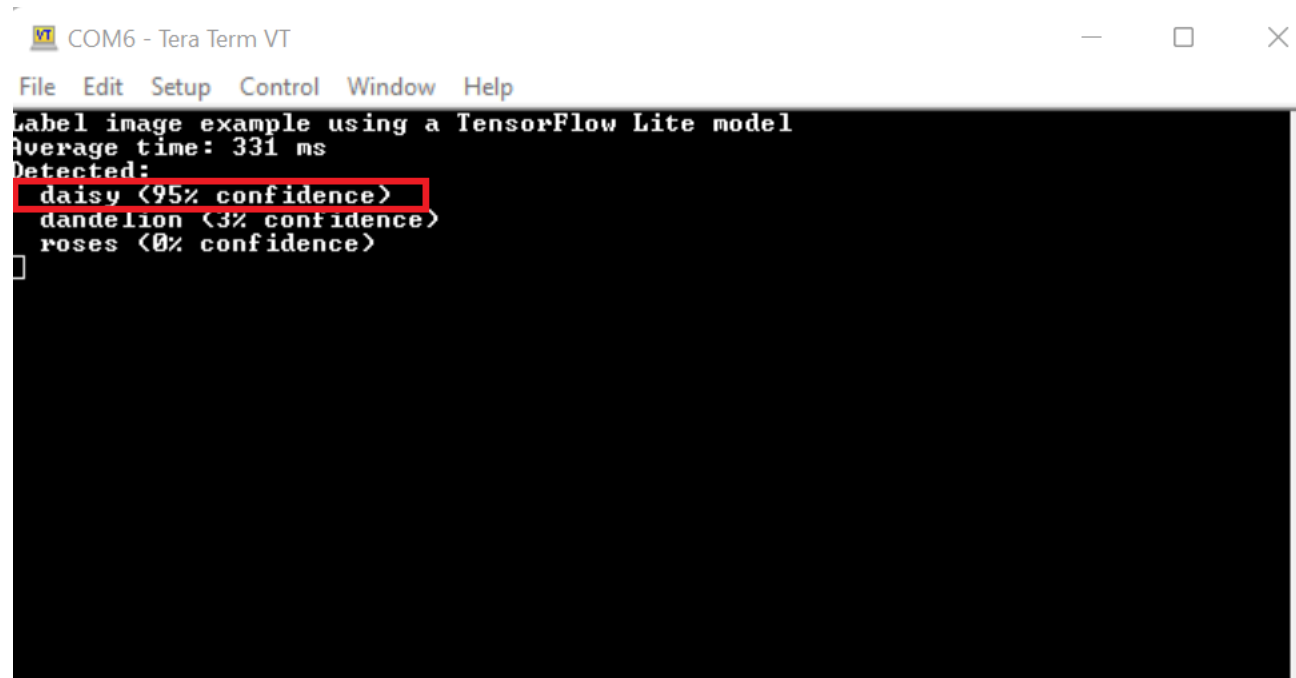
26. It will ask what interface to use. Select CMSIS-DAP.



27. The debugger will download the firmware and open up the debug view. Click on the Resume button to start running.



28. You should see the output on the console:



Conclusion:

- This lab demonstrated how to use the **tflite_convert** utility convert a TensorFlow model into a format that can be imported and ran on an embedded system using the eIQ software platform.
- The particular model was used to classify flower images. However, the model can also be trained on new types of images by retraining it. Just add a new directory name and example images of that classification to the flower_photos directory, and new images can be recognized by this model.
- Other types of TensorFlow models can be converted with this same process as well. By enabling machine learning in embedded systems, there's a wide world of opportunity for new applications.