TUTORIAL: S32DS APEX VISUAL GRAPH TOOL

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Prerequisite for tutorial

- Knowing the S32V234 SoC
- Have an understanding of the APEX architecture and APEX Core Framework(ACF)
 - Refer UG-10267-03-14-ACF_User_Guide.pdf to learn about ACF
 - Path:

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· Be familiar with the Vision SDK software



Agenda

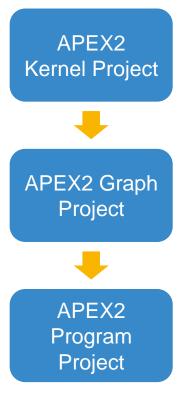
- Tutorial overview
- Make an APEX Graph (project)
- Make an APEX Program (project)
- Make a Linux application project



WHAT ARE 3 OPTIONS AVAILABLE IN APEX GRAPH TOOL?

- APEX2 Graph Project
- APEX2 Kernel Project
- APEX2 Program Project

- APEX2 Kernel Project:
 - Kernel project is useful to define user function that works as one of the building blocks of vision pipeline
- APEX2 Graph Project:
 - Here, user can define the vision pipeline using multiple kernels
 - Vision SDK provides a broad library of built-in kernels
 - Moreover, user can build custom kernels using APEX2 Kernel Project.
 - The graph minimizes the data transfer between host and APEX, by launching multiple kernels with single data transfer. In short takes advantages of pipelining and data localization.
- APEX2 Program Project:
 - This project actually generates a source code for an APEX application
 - Once vision pipeline is ready, user can
 - Use multiple graphs to create complete APEX program flow (useful in case of dependencies between graphs)
 - Map different graphs to different APEX engines (useful if user want to run multiple graphs in parallel)
 - Choose from different image buffers (useful to transfer data between host and APEX)
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Tutorial Overview:

- 1. We will make an APEX graph using APEX2 Graph Project option
 - -Just to make it simple we will use the kernels available in Vision SDK
 - Vision SDK provides many built-in Kernels readily available for user development.
 - -User may use the APEX2 Kernel Project option to create a brand new kernel as well
- 2. Moving forward, we will use the graph built above and make an APEX2 program project
 - As described previously, using the program project we will specify the image buffer type, select APEX engine and generate the source code for APEX engines.
- 3. Lastly, we will use this source code into our Linux application program to accelerate the performance using APEX engines.

Complete application will take a .png image, upscale and downscale it using APEX engines and return processed images



MAKE AN APEXGRAPH

First of all we will make an APEX graph using Vision SDK kernels



Make an APEX2 Graph Project

- We will make a simple graph that
 - Grabs an image >> Up-scales and down-scales it by factor of 2 >> Returns processed images
- Make a new APEX2 graph project named : APEX_VGT_test_graph

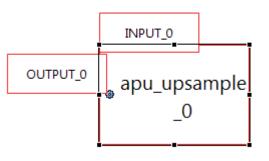
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Make a graph

- Let's start building a graph...
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 - Click in the workspace to drop the block and it will ask to select kernel for that block
 - Select built-in kernel: apu_upsample (sample_resizing kernels)

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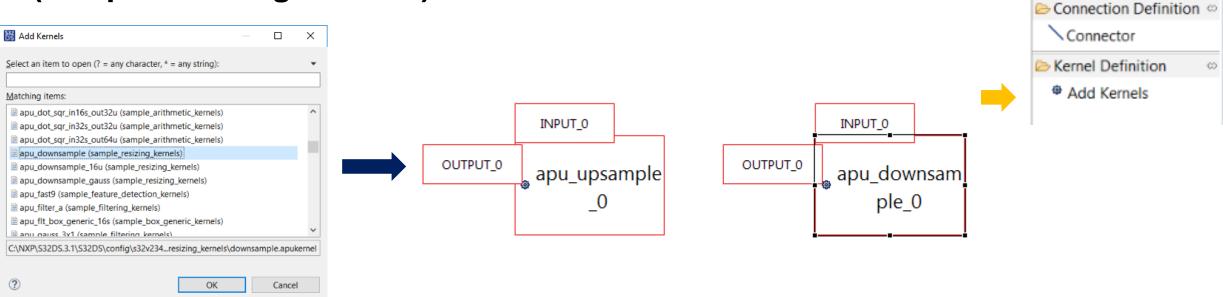
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Make a graph

 Similarly, create a block for kernel: apu_downsample (sample_resizing_kernels)





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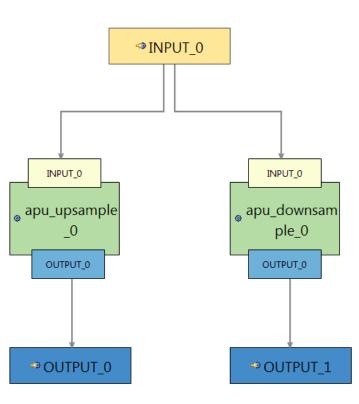
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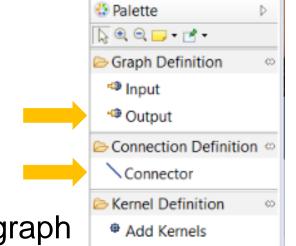
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Select Output block and include it into the graph

• Using **Connector**, connect graph blocks to create the following graph







- You do **not** need to configure any properties for the graph!
- APEX Core Framework (ACF) will take care of this!

-e.g. ACF extracts Image size description from image buffer automatically

• It is a generic graph and can be used in any application without any application specific modification such as image size description.



Change the Block Name

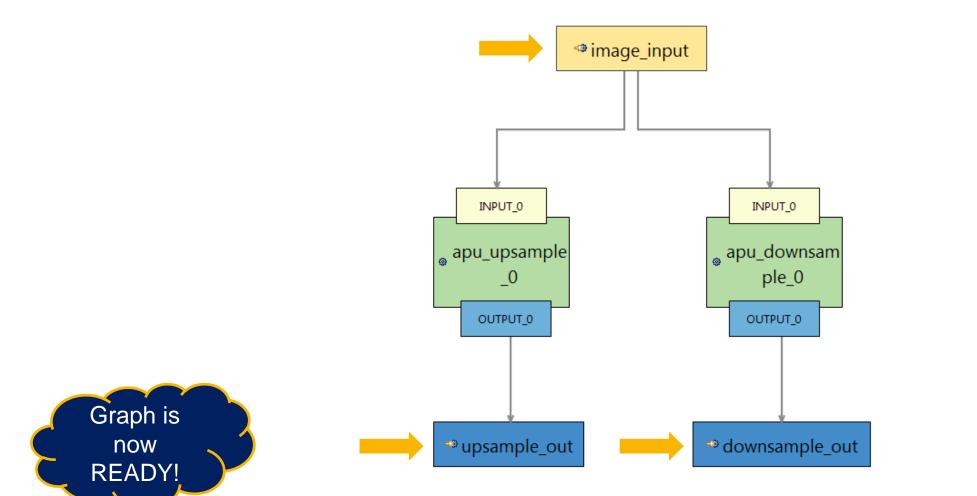
- For better readability, user may want to change the block names
- Select a **Block** from the graph and look at the **Properties** window (on your left)
- Change the Name here, try changing the INPUT block

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Change the Block Name

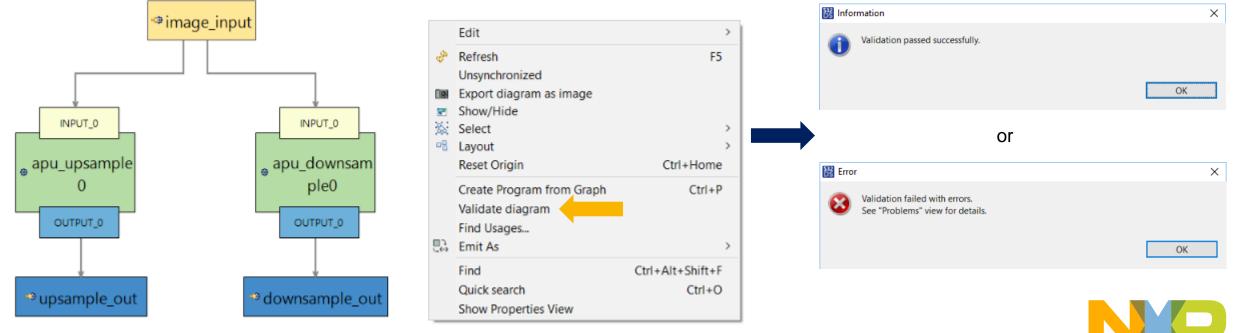
- · Let's do the same for both OUTPUT blocks
- Now graph should look like this...





Validate graph for correctness

- Save the graph
- Right Click anywhere in the white part of the graph
- Validate graph
 - -You will see a pop-up window showing status of validation.



Validation Error

- Error will be indicated by red cross on the block and description can be seen in the **Problems view**
- Since there are no parameters to configure, there are only two type of errors
 - Missing connections
 - Duplicate names
- Block color will remain white in case of errors
- Correct the error, Save the graph and try to Validate again



MAKE AN APEX PROGRAM

Once APEX graph is ready, we will use this graph to make an APEX program. Here, we will map this graph to one of the APEX engines, define the image buffers and generate source code.



Make a Linux application project with APEX program project

- We will make a program project but it requires interaction with Linux application project
- So, we will make a Linux application project
 - the program project will be created automatically

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- 2. Type the project name: APEX_VGT_test_application
- 3. Select project type as shown
- 4. Hit Next

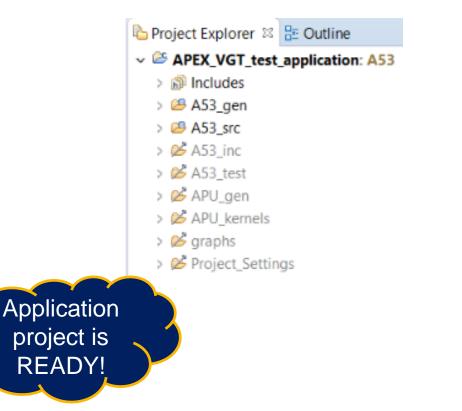
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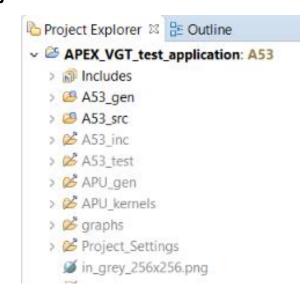
Make a Linux application project with APEX program project

 We can now see the project in the Project Explorer



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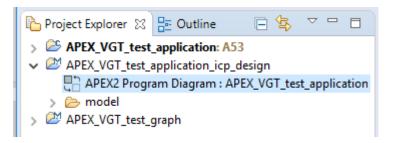
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We will stop here with application project and get back to "configure block properties"

Make an APEX2 Program Project

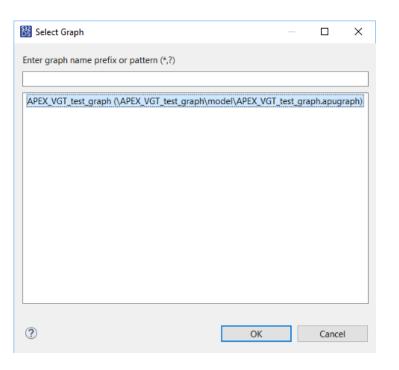
- · We will now make a program project and specify
 - graph we want to use and its mapping on specific APEX engine
 - -image buffer type
- Open the APEX2 Program Diagram



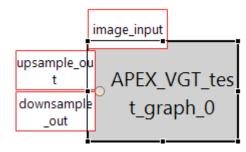


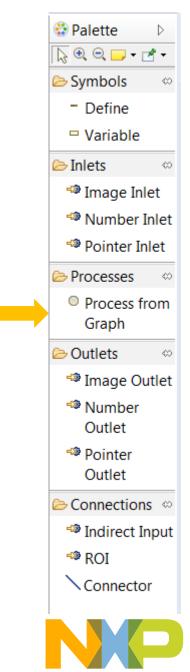
Make an APEX program

- From the **Palette** window (right side of the S32DS window):
 - Select Process from Graph block
 - Click in the workspace to drop the block and it will ask to select graph available in the current workspace
 - Select "APEX_VGT_test_graph" that we just created



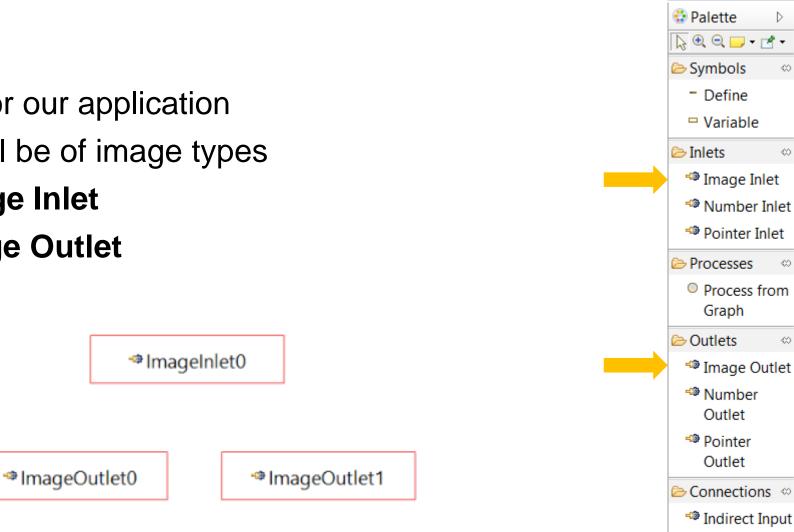






Make a program graph

- We will use a .png image for our application
- So, our input and output will be of image types
- Select and create one Image Inlet
- Select and create two Image Outlet



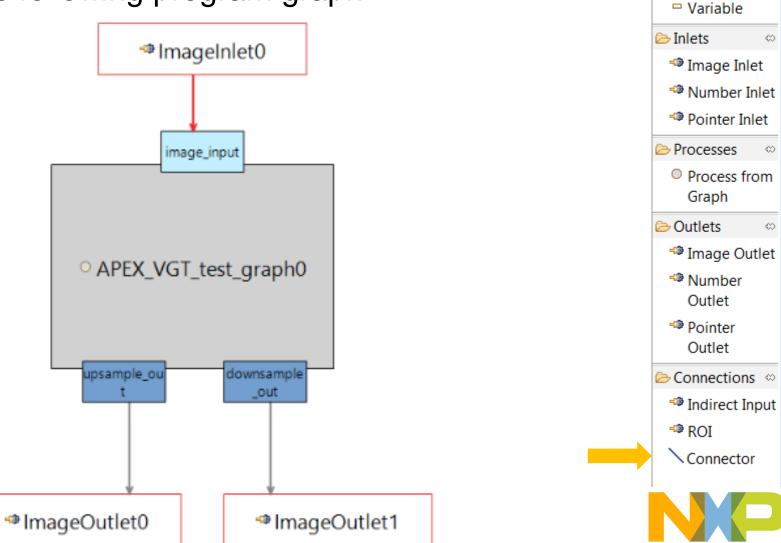
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Make a program graph

Connect blocks to create the following program graph



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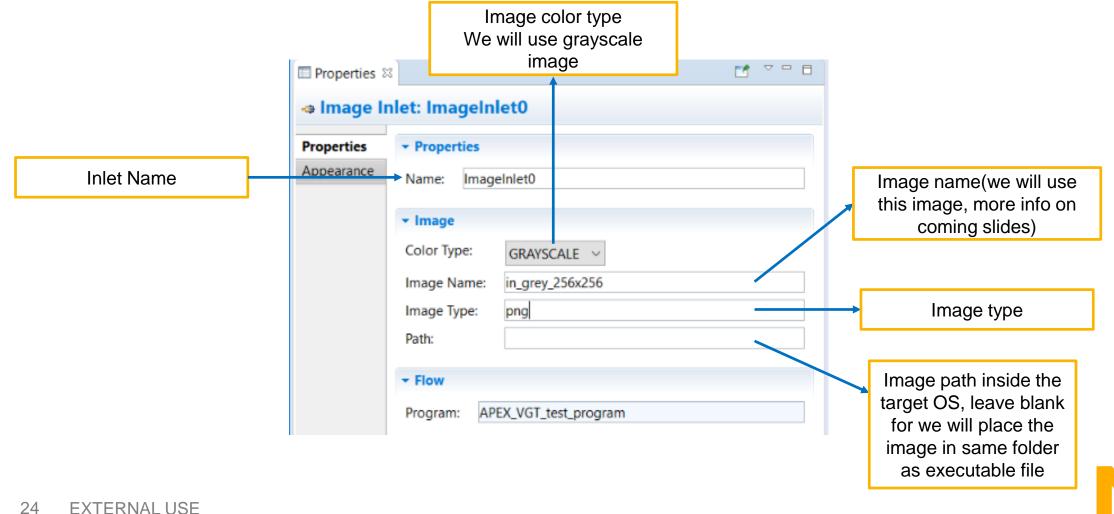
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- Now we have Linux application project ready. We will get back to configuring block properties of program project
- Select the **ImageInlet0** block
- Look at (open if not visible) the properties window

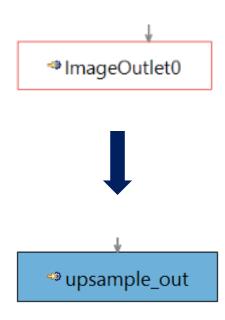
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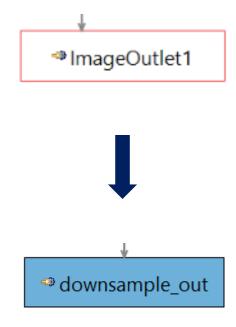
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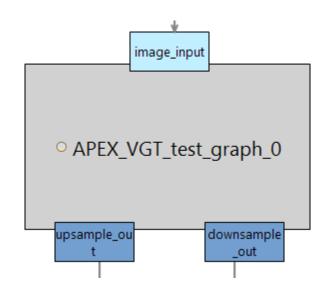


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- Now, we will select on which APEX we want to run our graph
- Select APEX_VGT_test_graph_0 block



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- You do not need to configure the image_input properties
 - But, if you want to optimize graph performance, you can hand-tune chunk size of the input. (See APEX documents for more information)
 - Otherwise, leave chunk size to "zero" and ACF will decide chunk size automatically

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- We will now specify the output image buffers size
- Select upsample_out and downsample_out of APEX_VGT_test_graph_0 block
- Modify its properties as shown below

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now READY!

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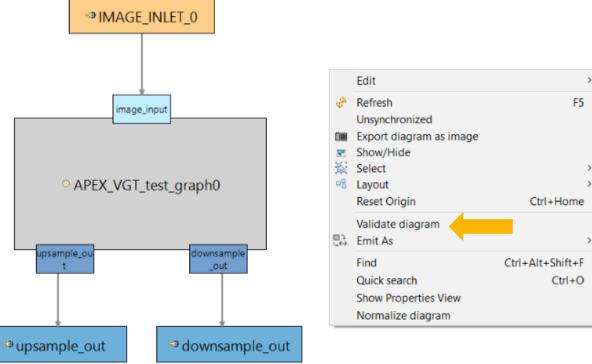
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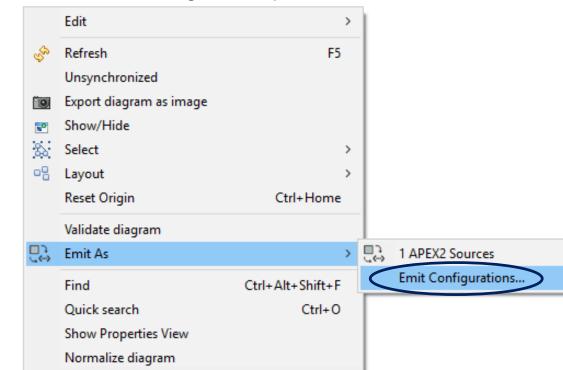
Validate graph for correctness

- Save the graph
- Right Click anywhere in the white part of the graph window
- Validate graph
- Validation errors are reported and can be taken care of in a same way as explained before



Select the destination of autogenerated source code 1 of 3

- By default all source code will be generated inside the APEX program project itself
- We can reconfigure the destination of source code to any other open projects.
 - -We will use this feature and generate the source code in Linux application project.







Select the destination of autogenerated source code 2 of 3

- Define a new configuration and specify where we want to generate our source code.
 - 1. Change the configuration as shown in the picture
 - 2. Click on Apply to save the changes

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Select the destination of autogenerated source code

• Edit some more configuration

- 3. Go to Common tab.
- 4. Select the \APEX_VGT_test_application\.launches folder under "Shared files" option here.
- 5. Apply the settings and Hit Emit button to generate a source code at the designated location

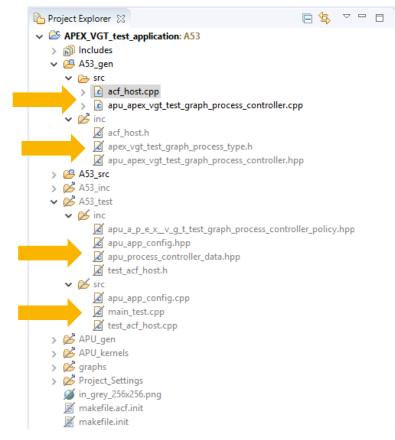
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Emit the source code

- Auto generated code can be seen inside the project folder
 - Note: If you can not see source code, please right click on the project and click on **Refresh** from the menu.





LINUX APPLICATION PROJECT FOR APEX

Once APEX code is ready, we will now build our Linux application



Application Code for APEX

- Basic, auto generated, application code template for APEX can be found in A53_test/src/test_acf_host.cpp
- ACF_APP_CALL() inside the A53/src/main.cpp is just a place holder.
- User should copy/add/change code inside the A53_gen/acf_host.cpp and A53/src/main.cpp according to his/her application needs or structure
- User should use build config TEST_A53 for this tutorial example, and during early APEX graph development. Later, once host code is developed and added to A53_gen/acf_host.cpp, the user should switch to build config A53. If you build A53 without the host code, the project may build and execute on target without error, but the application will not be run.
 - -Note: In this tutorial we will not change default structure as it is not necessary



Application code for APEX: Compile

- In this tutorial, we do not need to add/change any default code
- Go to C/C++ perspective and compile the application for TEST_A53





Execute your APEX_VGT_test_application.elf binary

on the target!

Connect and Observe

- Do not forget to copy *in_grey_256x256.png* to the same directory where you copied binary
- Run the application

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- You can find 2 new image files generated in the same directory
 - One will be doubled the size of the original image and the
 - other will be half the size of the original image





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