

Running A Texas Instruments Microcontroller Using MATLAB Simulink

Part 1 : Introduction

Today, most of control systems are designed and applied by using digital technology and microcontrollers since they are flexible, reprogrammable, small sized, low energy consumption and can be watched and controlled over a computer. There are many types of microcontrollers and Digital Signal Processing (DSP) Kits are also microcontroller applications which have a wide usage area (audio and video processing, various control systems).

I'm going to explain how to program a TI DSP kit using MATLAB Simulink on this guide and I'll use Texas Instruments C2000 family F28335 'Delfino' Experimenter Kit as reference on steps. Although you can program your DSP using assembly language or C/C++ since it is a microcontroller, sometimes using simulink might be a better solution for your program. In simulink you can visually design your system and follow your system inputs and outputs, also you can real time control your system over simulink by creating your own GUI in MATLAB.

Note: Do not Plug your device until CCS installation is completed

Part 2 : Installation

Requirements:

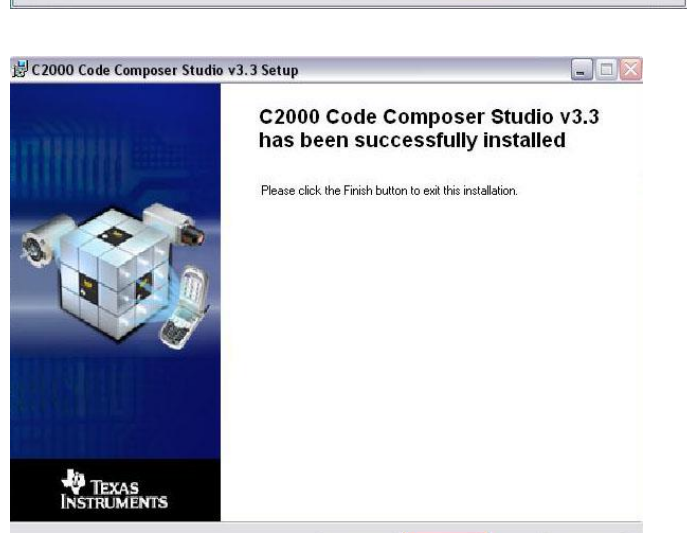
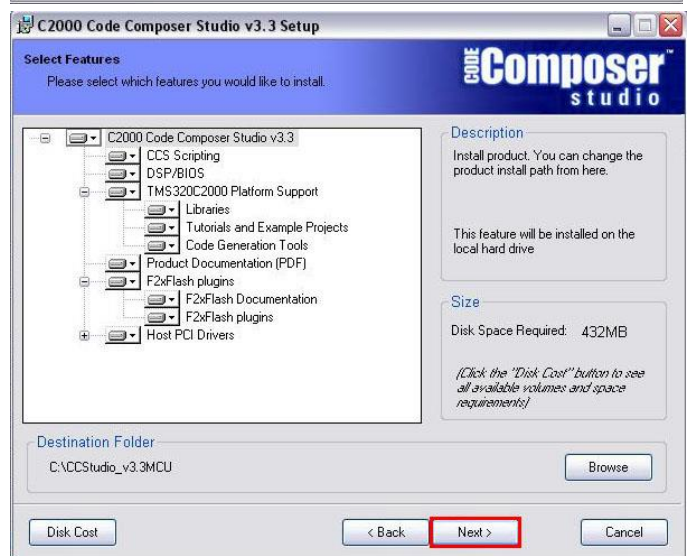
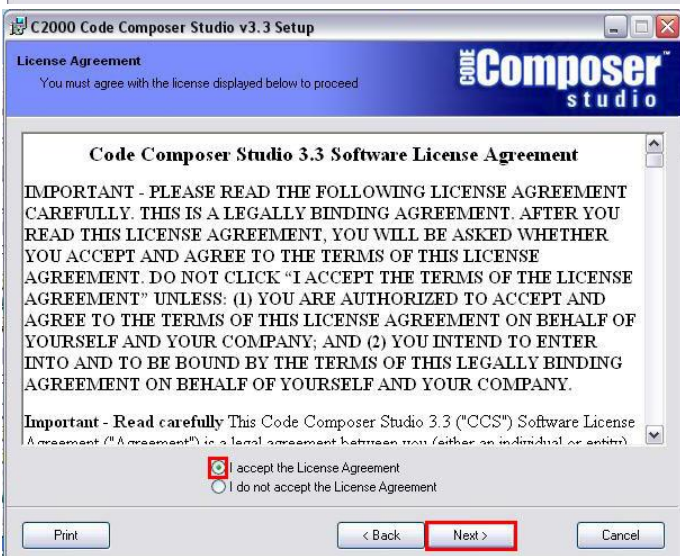
- Windows XP or better operating system
- .NET Framework 2.0 or better for MATLAB installation (you can download it from <http://update.microsoft.com>)
- MATLAB 2011a or higher version (If you already have 64bit version of MATLAB, you'll also need to install 32bit version of MATLAB, 64Bit version will not work correctly with CCS)
- Code Composer Studio (CCS) v3.3
- FLASH API (compatible with your processor)

Note: CCS v3.3 is not distributed or supplied by Texas Instruments anymore, however you can ask for a download link from 'request_ccsv3@list.ti.com' if you have a licensed product. If you are using a C2000 family product, you can download 32K limited version of ccs v3.3 from http://software-dl.ti.com/dsp/dsp_registered_sw/sdo_ccstudio/CCSV3/Free/C2000_Code_Composer_Studio_v3.3.83.19_limited.zip. You must download correct Flash Api version for your processor from TI website, Flash Api for F28335 can be downloaded from here: <http://www.ti.com/tool/sprc539>

Code composer studio 4x and 5x versions are available on TI website but unfortunately MATLAB supports only CCS v3.3 for now. MATLAB might have support CCS v4 or v5 with 2012a or 2012b release but you need ccs v3.3 until then.

Installing Code Composer Studio v3.3

- !!!WARNING!!! You'll need administrator rights to accomplish setup
- Follow installation instructions if you have a CCS v3.3 CD with your product.
- If you don't have a CD and downloaded 32K limited edition then;
- Unzip archived files to a folder.
- Right click on Setup.exe file and choose Run As Administrator
- Follow the installing steps



- You can choose typical or custom installation in install options, typical install will do it but I suggest to choose custom and make sure everything is selected.
- You may encounter with warning messages during installation, just ignore them and continue installation. Especially if you are Windows 7 or Vista user, you'll see an error message at the end of installation, it's about XDS 560 emulator drivers, since I was working with XDS100 I just ignored them and everything went well. If you are XDS 560 user, you can ignore them again and reinstall xds560 drivers later.
- Finish the installation.

Installing MATLAB 32bit

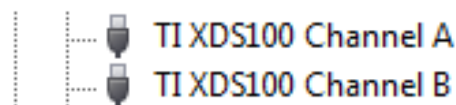
- You can install MATLAB 32bit edition from your CD or install directory. 32bit setup can be found in (%Matlab setup directory%\bin\win32\setup.exe)

Installing Flash Api

- Be sure you are downloaded the right version of Flash Api for your processor
- Extract the archive file
- Setup with default options, follow installation steps and finish installation.

Installing Device

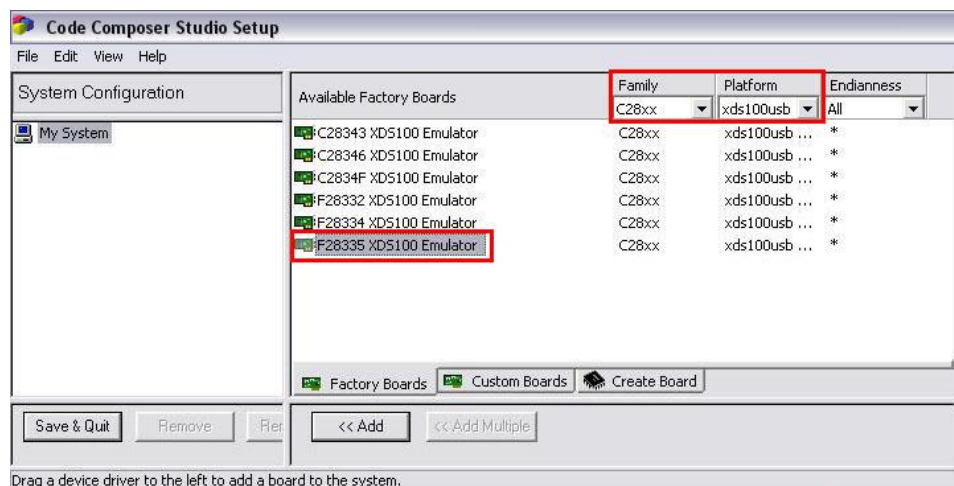
- Plug your device to your computer
- Wait for Windows to install device drivers.
- You'll see your device under device manager window as follow



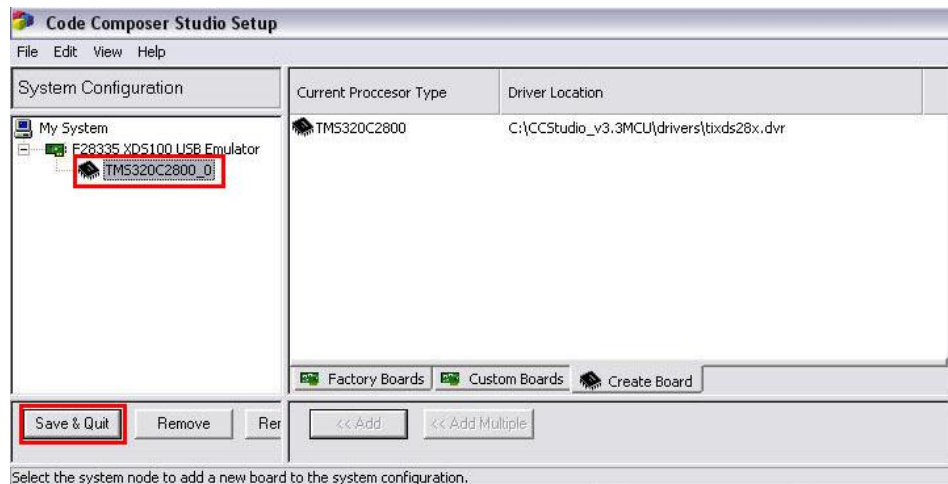
Part 3 : Configuring CCS and MATLAB

Configuring CCS v3.3

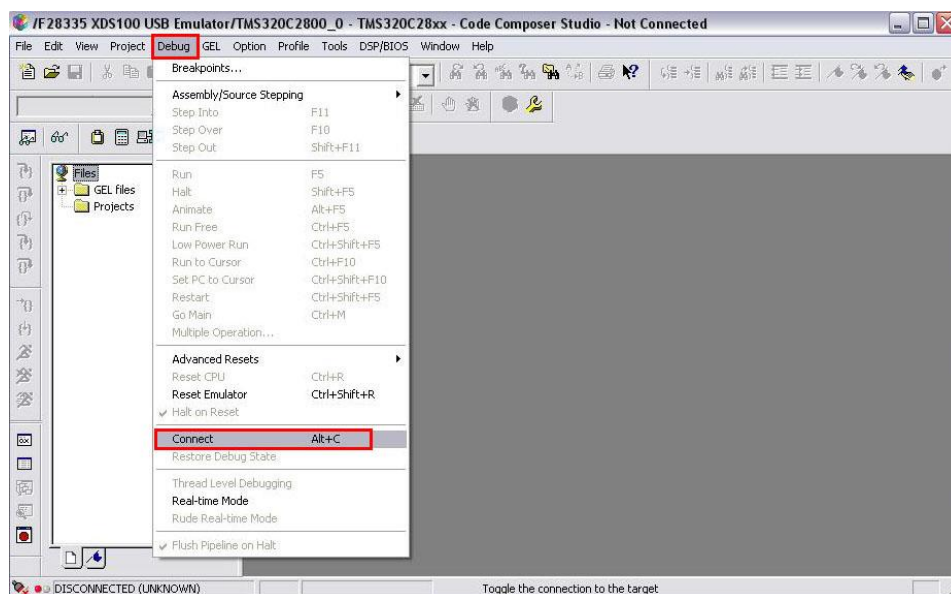
- Run 'Setup CCStudio v3.3'
- Using filters on middle panel, choose your emulator and processor (XDS100 F28335 for my situation)



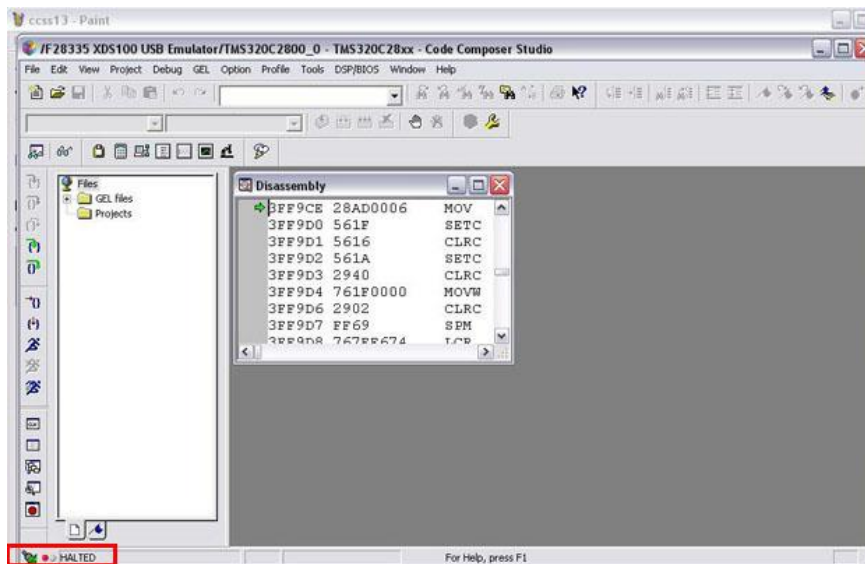
- Click add button on middle panel and add this device setup to your configuration. This settings defines your device and CCS will automatically try to identify your device through this setting on every run.
- Click “Save & Quit” to exit from this window. It will ask you if you want to run CCS v3.3 on exit, click yes and CCS v3.3 will run.



- To check if your software is installed correctly and hardware connected right, you can try your DSP kit through CCS v3.3
- From ‘Debug’ menu, choose ‘connect’

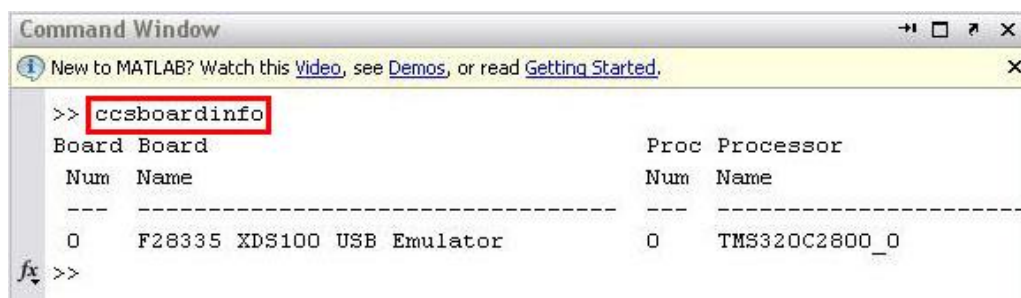


- CCS will connect to your device and stand by if everything is correct. You’ll see a screen like following.
- You can exit from program if there is no error.
- If you have any problem at this point, please check previous steps again because you can’t configure MATLAB unless CCS can identify and connect to your device.

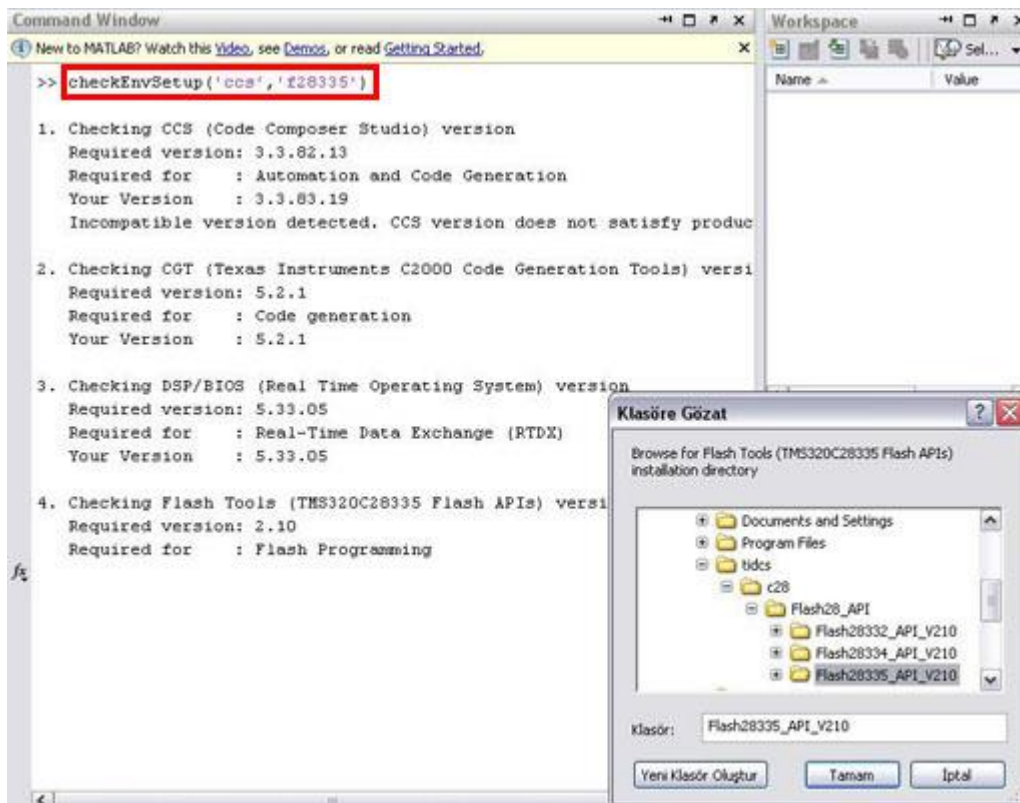


Configuring MATLAB

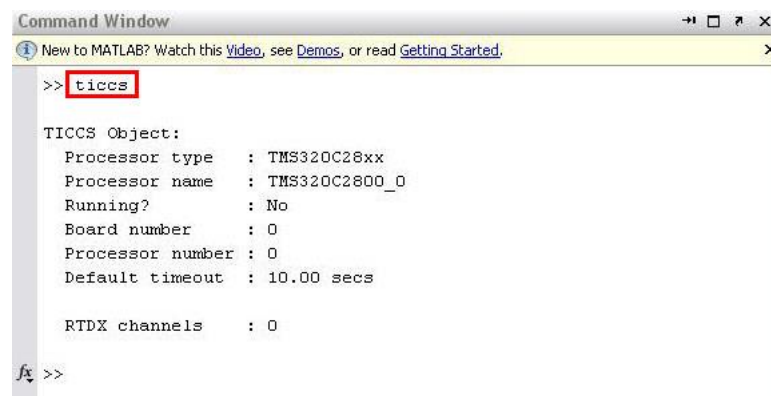
- Run MATLAB 2011a (or higher) 32Bit version. (Do not run 64 bit version, goto folder where you installed 32bit MATLAB and run matlab.exe from there, or make a shortcut to desktop for it)
- Firstly you need to check if matlab can communicate with ccs and your device, follow the steps to do that.
- Type “ccsboardinfo “ and enter on matlab command window, matlab will show a list of proccessors and boards connected to your computer.



- Type “checkEnvSetup” and enter on matlab command window. This command will check requirements for matlab and ccs communications and inform you if any extra software is required or missing.
Note: Matlab will ask you for Flash Api installation folder any time you run this command, this doesn't mean you installed it incorrectly, you just need to show the path. Be careful while showing the folder, it is not main install directory of Flash Api, you need to show folder that contains your proccessor's name in Flash Api directory.
- “checkEnvSetup” command is used with at least 2 parameters, first one is ccs version (ccs for v3.3, ccsv4 for v4x.) second one is proccessor model, just type the processor model as parameter. You can see my example on following figure.



- Lastly type “ticc” on matlab command window and enter. This will give you a information table about state of your device.



- If all steps above went without error and if you were able to see windows like on examples, this means MATLAB and CCS setup and configuration is correct and you can use simulink and make your models for your DSP kit.

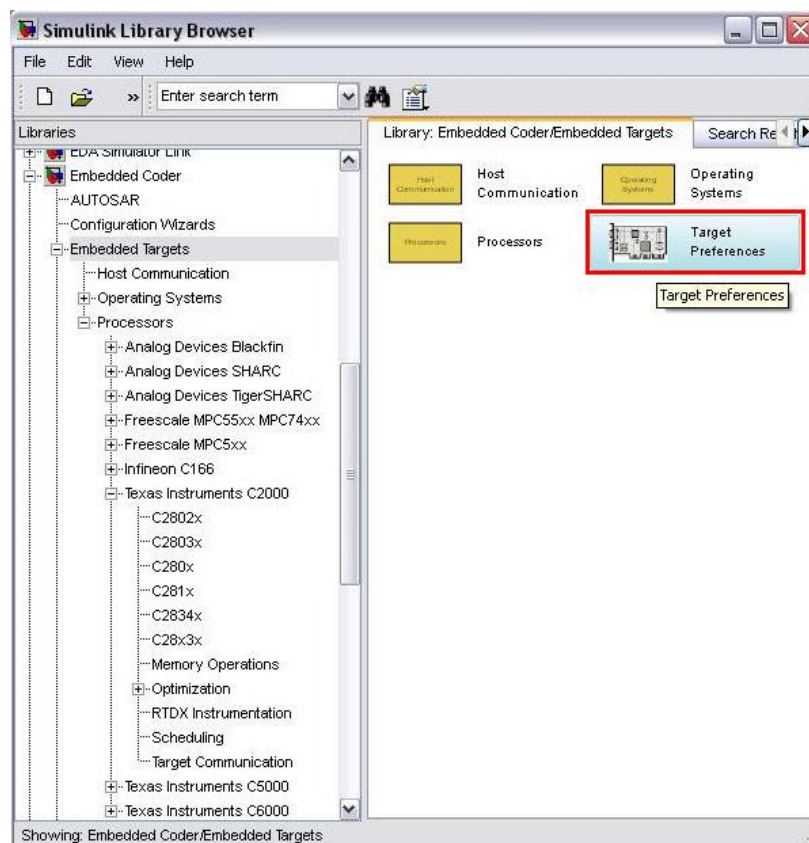
Part 4 : Preparations For Creating Simulink Model

If all above steps are completed then you are ready to create your own simulink model for TI DSP kit.

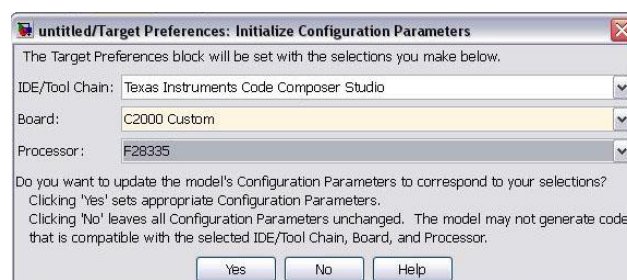
Open simulink library, create a new model file.

The first thing to work with a TI DSP, you need to define your DSP kit to model file.

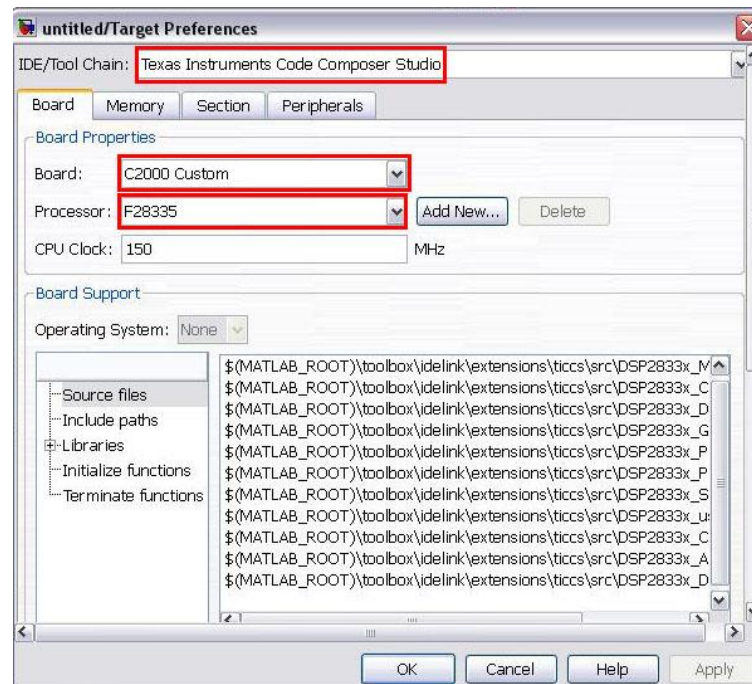
- Go to “Embedded Coder”, find “Embedded Targets” get “Target Preferences” to your workspace



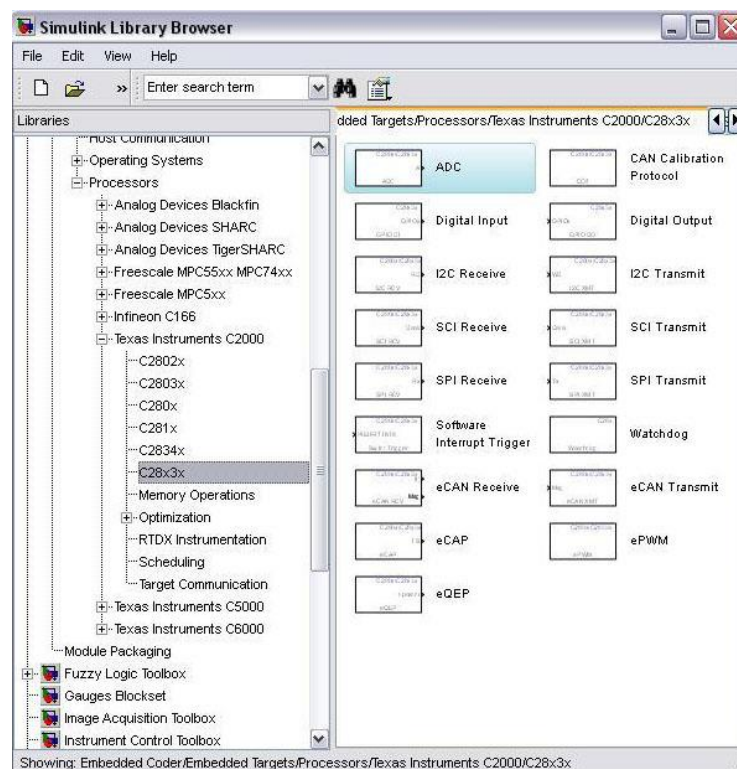
- It will ask you for preferences of your DSP Kit, define them.



- You can also change them from workspace later



- You can find specific devices that your controller contain in “Embedded Coder”/ “Embedded Targets” / “Processors” / “Your Processor”



Now you can prepare your simulink model and apply on your kit.