Embedded Target V6.08.00

Release Note

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1.   Operation Environment

This chapter describes the Embedded Target V6.08.00 operating environment.

1.1   Supported Operation Systems

The operating systems on which Embedded Target V6.08.00 operates are as follows:

- Microsoft® Windows® 10 (64-bit) (recommended)
- Microsoft Windows® 11 (64-bit)

1.2   Supported MATLAB® versions

The versions of MATLAB® supported by Embedded Target V6.08.00 are as follows:

R2018b, R2021b, R2022a, R2022b, R2023a, R2023b, R2024a, R2024b

1.3   Supported IDE versions

The IDE and its versions supported by Embedded Target V6.08.00 are as follows：

- CS+ V8.13.00
- e² studio 2024-10, 2025-01

1.4   Supported Toolchains

The versions of toolchains supported by Embedded Target V6.08.00 are as follows:

Device Family	Renesas	GNU Arm Embedded
RL78	Yes (CC-RL)	No
RX	Yes (CC-RX)	No
RA/ARM	No	Yes

1.5   Supported Devices

See below for devices supported by V6.08.00.

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2.   What is new in V6.08.00

This chapter describes the changes in Embedded Target V6.08.00.

1.   Added R2024b to the supported MATLAB® versions.

Also, R2021a is no longer supported.

2.   Added CS+ V8.13.00, e² studio 2024-10 and e² studio 2025-01 to supported IDE.

Also, CS+ V8.12.00, e² studio 2024-04 and e² studio 2024-07 are no longer supported.

3.   Point for caution

This chapter describes limitations and points to note when using Embedded Target.

3.1   Installing MATLAB® and Embedded Target

When MATLAB® and Embedded Target are installed on Windows 10, use other folders than "<system drive>: \Program Files" or "<system drive>:\Program Files (x86)" which is the target for the UAC (User Account Control). If they are installed in the target folder for the UAC, problems such that MEX cannot be built or setting of the MATLAB® path cannot be saved will occur and Embedded Target is not usable.

3.2   Using Embedded Target in other MATLAB® Versions

This package recommends MATLAB® R2018b, R2021b to R2024b. When Embedded Target is used in R2018, R2021b or earlier version and R2024b or later version, ask whether the version is supported or not.

3.3   Following defined code generation procedure

Inappropriate configurations can lead to abnormal operations during the PIL Simulation. For these cases, re-create the Simulink® Models to get default configuration defined by MATLAB®/Simulink® and follow the procedure defined procedure for Code Generation.

3.4   Character String Available for Paths or Block Names

Do not use 2-byte characters (e.g., Japanese), spaces, forward slashes, line feeds, and hyphens for a path where the Simulink® model has been stored or a block name required for code generation. If 2-byte characters (e.g., Japanese) are used for a block name for code generation, the character string of MATLAB® will be replaced. If hyphens or spaces are used for a block name, the subsequent character string will be omitted. A series of operations of Embedded Target is enabled but cannot be guaranteed.

3.5   Long path to code generation folder

Windows platform has a constraint about the length of path to files, directories. CS+/e^2 studio is also affected by this constraint. When the path to code generation folder, which contains the source code generated by embedded models, is stored in a long path, CS+/e^2 studio cannot build the project. In this case, use shorter path to code generation folder. Or save source files in the absolute path by setting "Yes" in [Property] page – [File Information] – [Save with absolute path], the [Property] page can be opened by right clicking on the source file and choosing Property item.

3.6   Handling of double-Type Data

In the Simulink® model, the double type is handled as 8-byte data. In CS+/e^2 studio, RX/RA handle the double type as 8-byte data as well as in the Simulink® model.

When you use the double type in RX, select [RX] for [Hardware Implementation] in the Configuration Parameters dialog box. Specify [Handles in double precision (-dbl_size=8) for the property of CS+/e^2 studio. Be sure to match the settings of the Configuration Parameters dialog box and the property of CS+/e^2 studio.

On the otherhands, RL78 do not support 8-byte data. Make sure that the setting in the Simulink® model did not contain 8-byte data. The miss-match of data size can cause failure in PIL simulation.

3.7   Handling of Endian

Little endian and big endian can be selected in RX. Since little endian is set for each tool by default, make the following settings when big endian is selected.

Select [Big Endian] for [Hardware Implementation]- [Byte ordering] in the Configuration Parameters dialog box.

Set [Big-endian data (-endian=big)] for the property of CS+/e^2 studio. Be sure to match the settings of the Configuration Parameters dialog box and the property of CS+/e^2 studio.

3.8   Selecting a Device in the Configuration Parameters Dialog Box

An error dialog box appears if correct information on the CS+/e^2 studio installation folder path has not been specified when a device is selected by clicking on the [Select Device Name] button in the Configuration Parameters dialog box or information on a device list is updated by clicking on the [Device List Update] button.
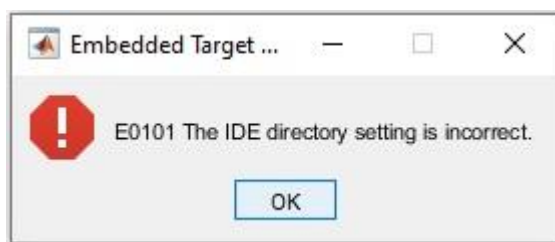
Figure 3-1. Error Dialog Box

When an information list of selectable devices is shown in the dialog box, information on the CS+/e² studio installation folder path must be correctly specified in [IDE install directory] because the device-dependent information file for the CS+/e² studio environment needs be referenced.

3.9 Overwriting Model Files

When a Subsystem block is the target of code generation and a test environment is generated in the model window, the contents of the model file are overwritten. Save the model file as another name after generating a test environment or generate a test environment using the "ecpils_build" command in the MATLAB® command window. The "ecpils_build" command does not overwrite the original model file because it generates a test environment using the copied model file.

3.10 Insufficient Memory Capacity of the Model Selection Device

If a build error occurs in CS+/e² studio or an error occurs in downloading to the debug tool, the memory size of the device in use will be insufficient. Select a device with larger memory size.

3.11 Memory Area for PIL Simulation Used in the Model Target Program

Embedded Target sends and receives a part of data for PIL simulation in the target program. Currently, 3000-byte memory for storing the data for PIL simulation is reserved in the target program by default. Since the sizes of blocks for code generation and data for inputting or outputting the model are required, if 3000-byte memory is insufficient/too big or memory size must be controlled, modify the value of "3000" of "Buffer Size" option that has been defined in "Embedded Target Options".

In generally, the RL78 series has the hardware factor quite small compare with RX series. Some big/complicated models can not be built and executed PIL in RL78 series due to lack of RAM size. The lower limit on the size of the target RAM area used by the tool during PILS execution is about: "768 byte + using memory size of user's model-block".

3.12 Setting Breakpoints

When the execution time is measured in algorithm verification, Embedded Target automatically sets breakpoints. Users are prohibited to delete or newly set the breakpoint because it may cause an abnormal operation in PIL simulation. In particular, the execution time cannot be correctly measured. In such a case, terminate MATLAB® and CS+/e² studio and regenerate the test environment.

Remarks   Breakpoints that have been automatically set by Embedded Target are automatically deleted after PIL simulation ends.
If the execution time is not measured, Embedded Target does not set breakpoints.

3.13 Synchronizing Data Communications

During PIL simulation, it is prohibited to set a breakpoint or step, start and stop a program in the CS+/e² studio side after simulation is paused in the Simulink® side. If such an operation is performed in the CS+/e² studio side, PIL simulation will operate abnormally. In such a case, terminate MATLAB® and CS+/e² studio and regenerate the test environment.

3.14 Reading a Model Created by the Previous Embedded Target

In the current version of Embedded Target, when a model file that has been created in the old Embedded Target version is opened, the following warning message may be output in the MATLAB® command window.

This is because the specifications of items selected in the Configuration Parameters dialog box were changed. After the model file is overwritten in the environment for this version, that message will not appear, and you need not take any measures for the warning.

Warning: <model name>, <line number> line: Value '<String1>' and parameter '<Parameter>' are conflicted.

3.15 PIL Simulation Error

During PIL simulation, if an error occurs in the target that operates on CS+/e² studio, the following MATLAB® error dialog box may be output. For the error, some reasons will be considered. For example, when PIL simulation is run, if the size of data sent from the target on CS+/e² studio to MATLAB® exceeds that of the communications buffer, communications will be disabled. In this case, modify the value of "3000" of "Buffer Size" option that has been defined in
"Embedded Target Options".

3.16 Problem of PIL Simulation due to Generation of Resets

During PIL simulation, a problem may occur for PIL simulation due to generation of reset signals. Stop the WDT or mask the reset signals in [Debug Tool Settings] – [Mask for Input Signal] of the CS+/e² studio debug tool.

3.17 Execution Time Measurement Result

There is the range of time measurement in the debug tool of CS+/e² studio. If the execution time for Embedded Target is shorter than the minimum measurement time of the debug tool of CS+/e² studio, the measurement result will be 0 ns.

3.18 Running Embedded Target in the Same Folder

On running Embedded Target by placing the Subsystem model and the reference or top-level model in the same folder, when the reference or top-level model is executed after building the Subsystem, delete the old working folder slprj, and then start simulation.

3.19 Model for Handling Complex Data

Embedded Target does not support code generation in the MATLAB®/Simulink® model (Subsystem) which handles complex data.

3.20 Insufficient memory buffer area of MATLAB®

In an error happens during code generation, MATLAB® cannot acquire enough memory buffers for operation due to the limitation of the size assigned for MATLAB® application on Windows platform. In such a case, type "help memory" on MATLAB® command window, and follow the instructions.

3.21 Failure in CS+/e² studio initialization

In some cases, if CS+/e² studio can't perform actions regarding build and download Load Module, re-generate the test environment.

3.22 Insufficient linking libraries during code generation of PIL Simulation

In some cases, during code generation of PIL Simulation, the MEX compiler can't compile generated source code generated by MATLAB® due to mismatch of rtIOStream built-in libraries in MATLAB®, remove them and re-generate test environment again.

3.23 Confirming Information Provided by MathWorks

Embedded Target uses the structure of PIL for MATLAB®/Simulink® and Embedded Coder. Accordingly, use Embedded Target after confirming information (help, release notes, etc.) provided by the MathWorks, Inc.

3.24 Using RA series with e² studio

The RA series can only support e² studio version 2023-01 and 2023-04 and do not support for CS+ IDE. It does not function properly when using e² studio version 2023-07. Also, using CS+ IDE may cause error when creating project.

3.25 Using other FSP and GCC ARM Embedded version when creating RA project on e² studio

When creating project for RA device family on e² studio, there is a case that version of FSP or GCC ARM Embedded is difference with the packages included with e² studio. If the default version of FSP and GCC ARM Embedded do not correct, the project creation will be failed. To specify the correct version, modify the value of "FSP Version" or "GCC ARM Embedded Version" in "Embedded Target Options".

3.26 Length of model name and block name

If the Simulink model's name and block name are long, an error may occur when building by e² studio.

When converting model:

  • Embedded Target creates macro name: + "_" + (Defined in the file "ECPILS_block_no.h")

  • Converted model's name: _multicore

  • MATLAB Code Generation creates the function name: _multicore + "_" +

Length of Function name has limited characters (default is 31). So, if _multicore + "_" + larger than limited characters, the string _multicore will be striped a part.

This can lead to the error if string _multicore is stripped become. Because, at that time, the macro and function name are the same.

There is a solution to fix this issue:

  • Solution : Change the maximum function name length by parameter MaxIdLength of the model.

      Execute the following command from the MATLAB command window.

         ">>" indicates a command prompt and "[Enter]" indicates the Enter key input.

      Example:

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>> set_param([Model name], 'MaxIdLength', [Value])[Enter]
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      Remark: Refer to https://www.mathworks.com/help/rtw/ref/maximum-identifier-length.html

4. Restrictions

This chapter explains the restrictions of Embedded Target V6.08.00 version.

4.1 Running PIL simulation on Subsystem block targets with Big Endian setting can produce an error on MATLAB® R2021b or higher

The original release of MATLAB® R2016a version has a bug in PIL Simulation on Big Endian devices. Therefore, this issue affects to the RX Big Endian usage. MathWorks announced the bug information and workaround solution. Follow the link to get information:
http://www.mathworks.com/support/bugreports/1404465

4.2 Running PIL simulation on Subsystem block targets with Big Endian setting can cause transit/receive error on MATLAB® R2021b and higher
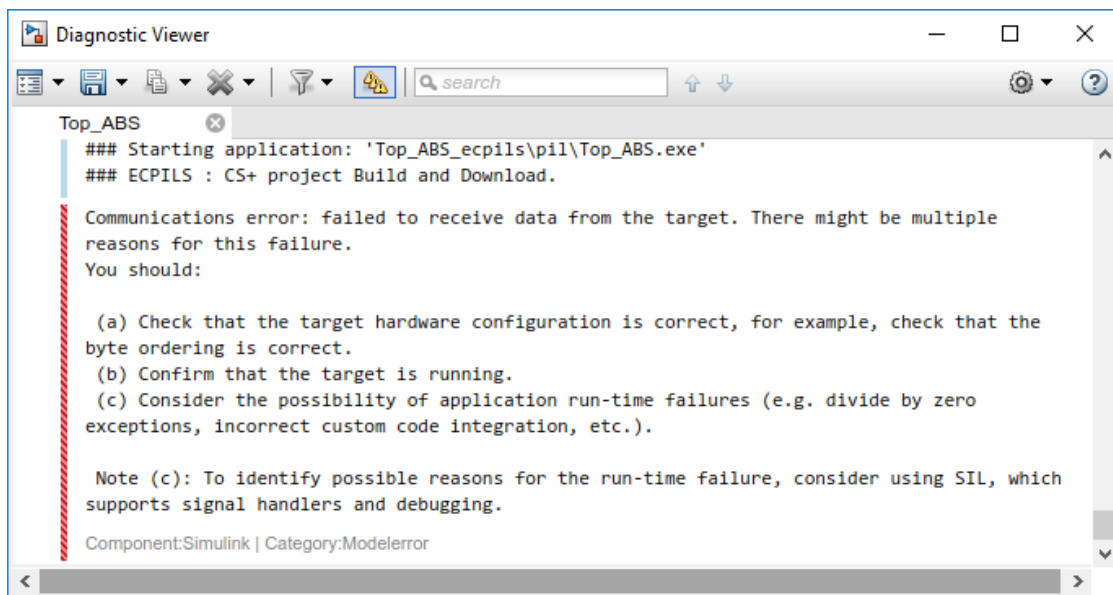
Figure 4-1. Error messages occur during PIL Simulation

4.3 Cannot support measuring execution time

Embedded Target V6.08.00 does not support "Measure execution time" feature in these cases:

When IDE target is "CS+" and Debug tool is "EZ Emulator".

When IDE target is "CS+" or "e² studio" and Debug tool is "COM Port"

When IDE target is "e² studio" and Debug tool is "Simulator".

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5. Clock signals

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