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#### **Overview**



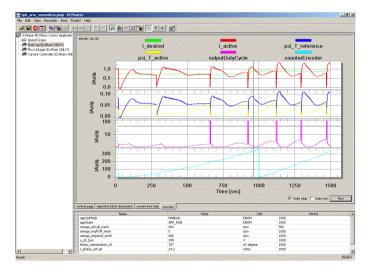
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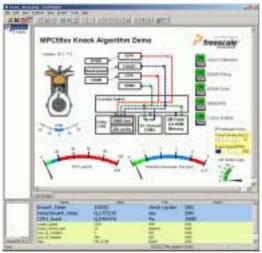


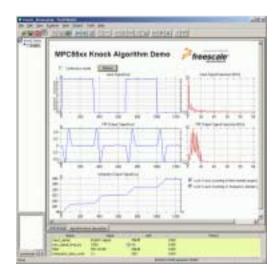
# What is FREE MASTER?

- ► Real-time Monitor
- ► Graphical Control Panel
- ▶ Demonstration Platform & Selling Tool













### as a Real-time Monitor

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## FREEMASTER as a Real-time Monitor

#### FreeMASTER as a Real-time Monitor

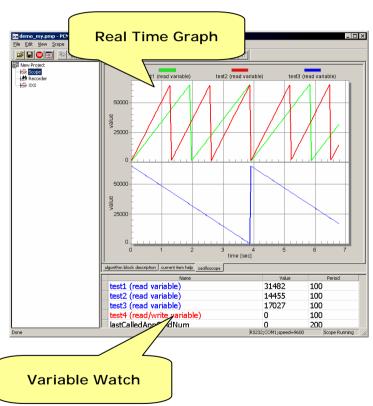
- Connects to an embedded application
  - SCI, UART
  - JTAG/EOnCE (56F8xxx only)
  - BDM (HCS08, HCS12 only)
  - CAN Calibration Protocol
  - Ethernet, TCP/IP
  - Any of the above remotely over the network
- Enables access to application memory
  - Parses ELF application executable file
  - Parses DWARF debugging information in the ELF file
  - Knows addresses of global and static C-variables
  - Knows variable sizes, structure types, array dimensions etc.



# FREE MASTER as a Real-time Monitor

#### FreeMASTER as a Real-time Monitor

- Displays the variable values in various formats:
  - Text, tabular grid
    - variable name
    - value as hex, dec or bin number
    - min, max values
    - number-to-text labels
  - Real-time waveforms
    - up to 8 variables simultaneously in an oscilloscope-like graph
  - High-speed recorded data
    - up to 8 variables in on-board memory transient recorder





# FREE MASTER as a Real-time Monitor

#### Additional features:

- Variable Transformations
  - Variable value can be transformed to the custom unit
  - Variable transformations may reference other variable values
  - Values are transformed back when writing a new value to the variable
- Application Commands
  - Command code and parameters are delivered to an application for arbitrary processing
  - After processed (asynchronously to a command delivery) the command result code is returned to the PC
- Ability to protect memory regions
  - Describing variables visible to FreeMASTER
  - Declaring variables as read-write to read-only for FreeMASTER
    - the access is guarded by the embedded-side driver



# FREEMASTER as a Real-time Monitor

## Highlights:

- FreeMASTER helps developers to debug or tune their applications
- Replaces debugger in situations when the processor core can not be simply stopped (e.g. motor control)
- Recorder may be used to visualize transitions in near 10-us resolution





# as a Graphical User Interface for the Embedded Application

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# FREEMASTER as a Graphical User Interface

### Using FreeMASTER as a Graphical Control Panel

- Variable Watch pane enables direct setting of the variable value
- Sending Application Commands from the application GUI
- Time-table stimulation of the variable value
- HTML Pages and Forms
  - JScript or VBScript
  - Push buttons
  - Images, indicators
  - Sounds, videos
  - Sliders, gauges and other 3<sup>rd</sup> party ActiveX controls





# **FREEMASTER** as a Graphical User Interface

### **Scripting in FreeMASTER**

- HTML pages are displayed directly in the FreeMASTER window
- HTML may contain scripts and ActiveX objects
  - FreeMASTER itself implements an invisible ActiveX object
  - Script accesses the FreeMASTER functionality through this object
    - Variable access
    - Stimulator access
    - Application Commands
    - Recorder Data



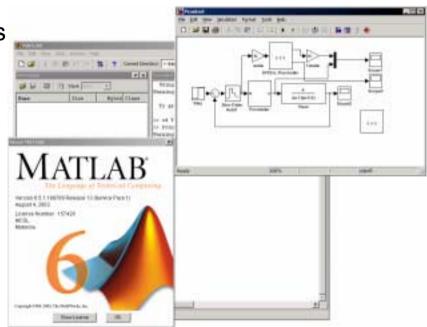
- HTML may host whole applications, for example Excel
  - Excel Visual Basic macros may access FreeMASTER as well



# FREE MASTER as a Graphical User Interface

### **Target-in-loop Simulations**

- FreeMASTER invisible ActiveX object is accessible also by external standalone applications
  - Standard C++ or VB applications
  - Excel & Visual Basic for Applications
  - Matlab, Simulink
- Target-in-loop Simulation
  - Matlab or Simulink engine lets embedded application to perform calculations







# as a Demonstration Platform & Selling Tool

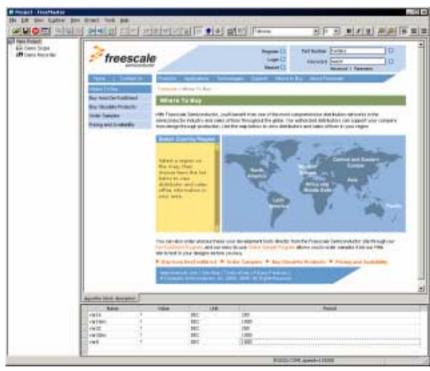
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### FreeMASTER helps Freescale Marketers to sell our work

- FreeMASTER project can visualize any detail of how the embedded application works
- HTML Pages embed text images, videos together with live application data
- FreeMASTER acts as a web-browser so it is possible to navigate to online shop directly without even leaving a FreeMASTER environment
- FreeMASTER helps Freescale customers to sell their work







#### FreeMASTER is Free!

- The FreeMASTER is freely available from the Freescale web
- License agreement prevents using FreeMASTER with processors from competition
- Free redistribution enables Freescale customers to pack FreeMASTER with their products

http://www.freescale.com/webapp/sps/site/prod\_summary.jsp?code=FREEMASTER





## **Version Control**

- ▶ Sep 7 2005: Draft version 0.1
  - created all new slides
- ► Sep 9 2008: Draft version 0.2
  - the right Freescale template applied

