



# MCUXpresso SDK Documentation

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This documentation contains information specific to the evkmimxrt1064 board.



# Chapter 1

## Middleware

### 1.1 Connectivity

#### 1.1.1 lwIP

**This is the NXP fork of the [lwIP networking stack](#).**

- For details about changes and additions made by NXP, see CHANGELOG.
- For details about the NXP porting layer, see *The NXP lwIP Port*.
- For usage and API of lwIP, use official documentation at <http://www.nongnu.org/lwip/>.

#### The NXP lwIP Port

Below is description of possible settings of the port layer and an overview of a few helper functions.

The best place for redefinition of any mentioned macro is `lwipopts.h`.

The declaration of every mentioned function is in `ethernetif.h`. Please check the doxygen comments of those functions before.

**Link state** Physical link state (up/down) and its speed and duplex must be read out from PHY over MDIO bus. Especially link information is useful for lwIP stack so it can for example send DHCP discovery immediately when a link becomes up.

To simplify this port layer offers a function `ethernetif_probe_link()` which reads those data from PHY and forwards them into lwIP stack.

In almost all examples this function is called every `ETH_LINK_POLLING_INTERVAL_MS` (1500ms) by a function `probe_link_cyclic()`.

By setting `ETH_LINK_POLLING_INTERVAL_MS` to 0 polling will be disabled. On FreeRTOS, `probe_link_cyclic()` will be then called on an interrupt generated by PHY. GPIO port and pin for the interrupt line must be set in the `ethernetifConfig` struct passed to `ethernetif_init()`. On bare metal interrupts are not supported right now.

**Rx task** To improve the reaction time of the app, reception of packets is done in a dedicated task. The rx task stack size can be set by `ETH_RX_TASK_STACK_SIZE` macro, its priority by `ETH_RX_TASK_PRIO`.

If you want to save memory you can set reception to be done in an interrupt by setting `ETH_DO_RX_IN_SEPARATE_TASK` macro to 0.

**Disabling Rx interrupt when out of buffers** If `ETH_DISABLE_RX_INT_WHEN_OUT_OF_BUFFERS` is set to 1, then when the port gets out of Rx buffers, Rx enet interrupt will be disabled for a particular controller. Everytime Rx buffer is freed, Rx interrupt will be enabled.

This prevents your app from never getting out of Rx interrupt when the network is flooded with traffic.

`ETH_DISABLE_RX_INT_WHEN_OUT_OF_BUFFERS` is by default turned on, on FreeRTOS and off on bare metal.

**Limit the number of packets read out from the driver at once on bare metal.** You may define macro `ETH_MAX_RX_PKTS_AT_ONCE` to limit the number of received packets read out from the driver at once.

In case of heavy Rx traffic, lowering this number improves the realtime behaviour of an app. Increasing improves Rx throughput.

Setting it to value  $< 1$  or not defining means “no limit”.

**Helper functions** If your application needs to wait for the link to become up you can use one of the following functions:

- `ethernetif_wait_linkup()`- Blocks until the link on the passed netif is not up.
- `ethernetif_wait_linkup_array()` - Blocks until the link on at least one netif from the passed list of netifs becomes up.

If your app needs to wait for the IPv4 address on a particular netif to become different than “ANY” address (255.255.255.255) function `ethernetif_wait_ipv4_valid()` does this.

## 1.2 MultiCore

### 1.2.1 Multicore SDK

Multicore Software Development Kit (MCSDK) is a Software Development Kit that provides comprehensive software support for NXP dual/multicore devices. The MCSDK is combined with the MCUXpresso SDK to make the software framework for easy development of multicore applications.

#### Multicore SDK (MCSDK) Release Notes

**Overview** These are the release notes for the NXP Multicore Software Development Kit (MCSDK) version 25.12.00.

This software package contains components for efficient work with multicore devices as well as for the multiprocessor communication.

## What is new

- [eRPC CHANGELOG](#)
- [RPMsg-Lite CHANGELOG](#)
- [MCMgr CHANGELOG](#)
- Supported evaluation boards (multicore examples):
  - LPCXpresso55S69
  - FRDM-K32L3A6
  - MIMXRT1170-EVKB
  - MIMXRT1160-EVK
  - MIMXRT1180-EVK
  - MCX-N5XX-EVK
  - MCX-N9XX-EVK
  - FRDM-MCXN947
  - MIMXRT700-EVK
  - KW47-EVK
  - KW47-LOC
  - FRDM-MCXW72
  - MCX-W72-EVK
  - FRDM-IMXRT1186
- Supported evaluation boards (multiprocessor examples):
  - LPCXpresso55S36
  - FRDM-K22F
  - FRDM-K32L2B
  - MIMXRT685-EVK
  - MIMXRT1170-EVKB
  - MIMXRT1180
  - FRDM-MCXN236
  - FRDM-MCXC242
  - FRDM-MCXC444
  - MCX-N9XX-EVK
  - FRDM-MCXN947
  - MIMXRT700-EVK
  - FRDM-IMXRT1186

**Development tools** The Multicore SDK (MCSDK) was compiled and tested with development tools referred in: [Development tools](#)

**Release contents** This table describes the release contents. Not all MCUXpresso SDK packages contain the whole set of these components.

Deliverable	Location
Multicore SDK location <MCSDK_dir>	<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/
Documentation	<MCSDK_dir>/mcuxsdk-doc/
Embedded Remote Procedure Call component	<MCSDK_dir>/erpc/
Multicore Manager component	<MCSDK_dir>/mcmgr/
RPMsg-Lite	<MCSDK_dir>/rpmsg_lite/
Multicore demo applications	<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/examples/multicore_examples/
Multiprocessor demo applications	<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/examples/multiprocessor_examples/

**Multicore SDK release overview** Together, the Multicore SDK (MCSDK) and the MCUXpresso SDK (SDK) form a framework for the development of software for NXP multicore devices. The MCSDK release consists of the following elementary software components for multicore:

- Embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC)
- Multicore Manager (MCMGR) - included just in SDK for multicore devices
- Remote Processor Messaging - Lite (RPMsg-Lite) - included just in SDK for multicore devices

The MCSDK is also accompanied with documentation and several multicore and multiprocessor demo applications.

**Demo applications** The multicore demo applications demonstrate the usage of the MCSDK software components on supported multicore development boards.

The following multicore demo applications are located together with other MCUXpresso SDK examples in

the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/examples/multicore\_examples subdirectories.

- erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_mu
- erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_mu\_rtos
- erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_rpmsg
- erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_rpmsg\_rtos
- erpc\_two\_way\_rpc\_rpmsg\_rtos
- freertos\_message\_buffers
- hello\_world
- multicore\_manager
- rpmsg\_lite\_pingpong
- rpmsg\_lite\_pingpong\_rtos
- rpmsg\_lite\_pingpong\_dsp
- rpmsg\_lite\_pingpong\_tzm

The eRPC multicore component can be leveraged for inter-processor communication and remote procedure calls between SoCs / development boards.

The following multiprocessor demo applications are located together with other MCUXpresso

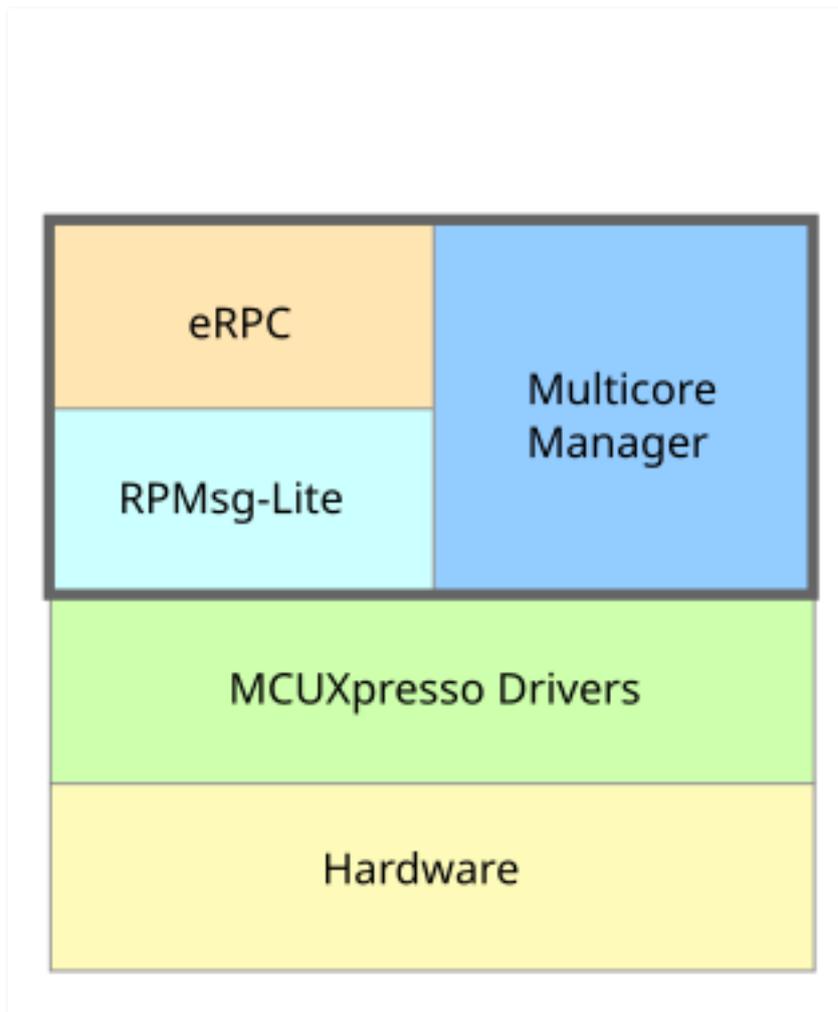
SDK examples in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/examples/multiprocessor\_examples subdirectories.

- erpc\_client\_matrix\_multiply\_spi
- erpc\_server\_matrix\_multiply\_spi
- erpc\_client\_matrix\_multiply\_uart
- erpc\_server\_matrix\_multiply\_uart
- erpc\_server\_dac\_adc
- erpc\_remote\_control

## Getting Started with Multicore SDK (MCSDK)

**Overview** Multicore Software Development Kit (MCSDK) is a Software Development Kit that provides comprehensive software support for NXP dual/multicore devices. The MCSDK is combined with the MCUXpresso SDK to make the software framework for easy development of multicore applications.

The following figure highlights the layers and main software components of the MCSDK.

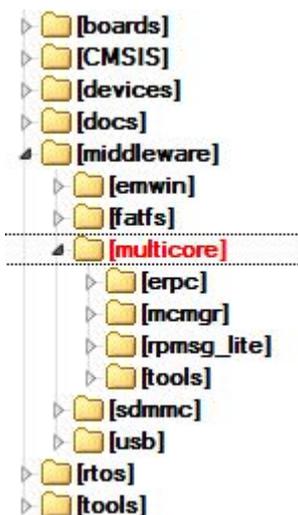


All the MCSDK-related files are located in <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/middleware/multicore folder.

For supported toolchain versions, see the *Multicore SDK v25.12.00 Release Notes* (document MCS-DKRN). For the latest version of this and other MCSDK documents, visit [www.nxp.com](http://www.nxp.com).

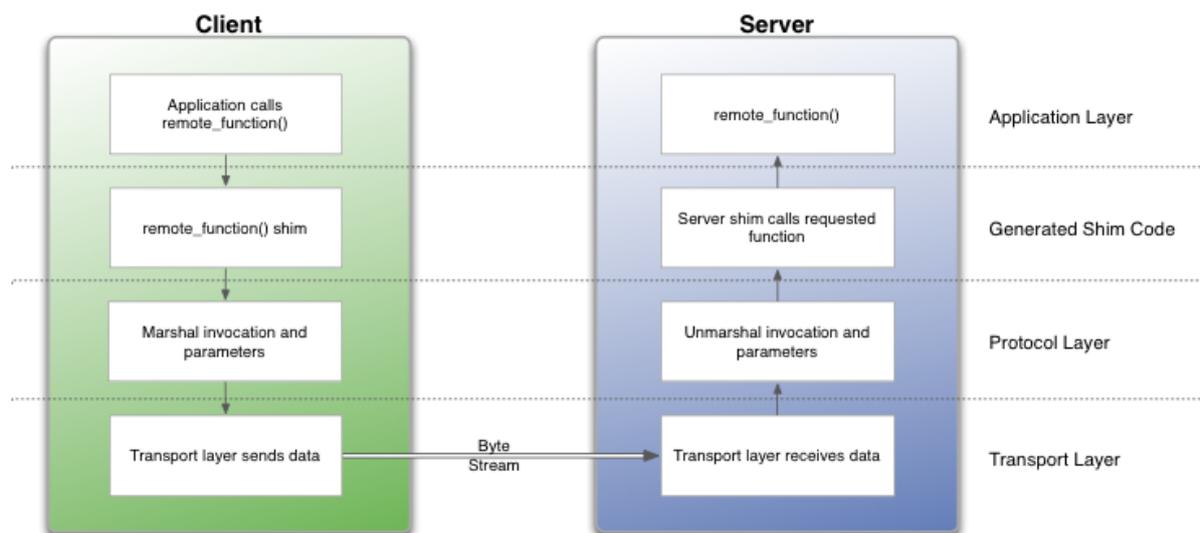
**Multicore SDK (MCSDK) components** The MCSDK consists of the following software components:

- **Embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC):** This component is a combination of a library and code generator tool that implements a transparent function call interface to remote services (running on a different core).
- **Multicore Manager (MCMGR):** This library maintains information about all cores and starts up secondary/auxiliary cores.
- **Remote Processor Messaging - Lite (RPMsg-Lite):** Inter-Processor Communication library.



**Embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC)** The Embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) is the RPC system created by NXP. The RPC is a mechanism used to invoke a software routine on a remote system via a simple local function call.

When a remote function is called by the client, the function’s parameters and an identifier for the called routine are marshaled (or serialized) into a stream of bytes. This byte stream is transported to the server through a communications channel (IPC, TPC/IP, UART, and so on). The server unmarshals the parameters, determines which function was invoked, and calls it. If the function returns a value, it is marshaled and sent back to the client.



RPC implementations typically use a combination of a tool (erpcgen) and IDL (interface definition language) file to generate source code to handle the details of marshaling a function’s parameters

and building the data stream.

**Main eRPC features:**

- Scalable from BareMetal to Linux OS - configurable memory and threading policies.
- Focus on embedded systems - intrinsic support for C, modular, and lightweight implementation.
- Abstracted transport interface - RMPmsg is the primary transport for multicore, UART, or SPI-based solutions can be used for multichip.

The eRPC library is located in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/middleware/multicore/erpc folder. For detailed information about the eRPC, see the documentation available in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/middleware/multicore/erpc/doc folder.

**Multicore Manager (MCMGR)** The Multicore Manager (MCMGR) software library provides a number of services for multicore systems.

The main MCMGR features:

- Maintains information about all cores in system.
- Secondary/auxiliary cores startup and shutdown.
- Remote core monitoring and event handling.

The MCMGR library is located in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/middleware/multicore/mcmgr folder. For detailed information about the MCMGR library, see the documentation available in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/middleware/multicore/mcmgr/doc folder.

**Remote Processor Messaging Lite (RMPmsg-Lite)** RMPmsg-Lite is a lightweight implementation of the RMPmsg protocol. The RMPmsg protocol defines a standardized binary interface used to communicate between multiple cores in a heterogeneous multicore system. Compared to the legacy OpenAMP implementation, RMPmsg-Lite offers a code size reduction, API simplification, and improved modularity.

The main RMPmsg protocol features:

- Shared memory interprocessor communication.
- Virtio-based messaging bus.
- Application-defined messages sent between endpoints.
- Portable to different environments/platforms.
- Available in upstream Linux OS.

The RMPmsg-Lite library is located in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/middleware/multicore/rmpmsg-lite folder. For detailed information about the RMPmsg-Lite, see the RMPmsg-Lite User’s Guide located in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/middleware/multicore/rmpmsg\_lite/doc folder.

**MCSDK demo applications** Multicore and multiprocessor example applications are stored together with other MCUXpresso SDK examples, in the dedicated multicore subfolder.

Location	Folder
Multicore example projects	<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/examples/multicore_examples/<application_name>/
Multiprocessor example projects	<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/examples/multiprocessor_examples/<application_name>/

See the *Getting Started with MCUXpresso SDK* (document MCUXSDKGSUG) and *Getting Started with MCUXpresso SDK for XXX Derivatives* documents for more information about the MCUXpresso SDK example folder structure and the location of individual files that form the example application projects. These documents also contain information about building, running, and debugging multicore demo applications in individual supported IDEs. Each example application also contains a readme file that describes the operation of the example and required setup steps.

**Inter-Processor Communication (IPC) levels** The MCSDK provides several mechanisms for Inter-Processor Communication (IPC). Particular ways and levels of IPC are described in this chapter.

### IPC using low-level drivers

The NXP multicore SoCs are equipped with peripheral modules dedicated for data exchange between individual cores. They deal with the Mailbox peripheral for LPC parts and the Messaging Unit (MU) peripheral for Kinetis and i.MX parts. The common attribute of both modules is the ability to provide a means of IPC, allowing multiple CPUs to share resources and communicate with each other in a simple manner.

The most lightweight method of IPC uses the MCUXpresso SDK low-level drivers for these peripherals. Using the Mailbox/MU driver API functions, it is possible to pass a value from core to core via the dedicated registers (could be a scalar or a pointer to shared memory) and also to trigger inter-core interrupts for notifications.

For details about individual driver API functions, see the MCUXpresso SDK API Reference Manual of the specific multicore device. The MCUXpresso SDK is accompanied with the RPMsg-Lite documentation that shows how to use this API in multicore applications.

### Messaging mechanism

On top of Mailbox/MU drivers, a messaging system can be implemented, allowing messages to send between multiple endpoints created on each of the CPUs. The RPMsg-Lite library of the MCSDK provides this ability and serves as the preferred MCUXpresso SDK messaging library. It implements ring buffers in shared memory for messages exchange without the need of a locking mechanism.

The RPMsg-Lite provides the abstraction layer and can be easily ported to different multicore platforms and environments (Operating Systems). The advantages of such a messaging system are ease of use (there is no need to study behavior of the used underlying hardware) and smooth application code portability between platforms due to unified messaging API.

However, this costs several kB of code and data memory. The MCUXpresso SDK is accompanied by the RPMsg-Lite documentation and several multicore examples. You can also obtain the latest RPMsg-Lite code from the GitHub account [github.com/nxp-mcuxpresso/rpmsg-lite](https://github.com/nxp-mcuxpresso/rpmsg-lite).

### Remote procedure calls

To facilitate the IPC even more and to allow the remote functions invocation, the remote procedure call mechanism can be implemented. The eRPC of the MCSDK serves for these purposes and allows the ability to invoke a software routine on a remote system via a simple local function call. Utilizing different transport layers, it is possible to communicate between individual cores of multicore SoCs (via RPMsg-Lite) or between separate processors (via SPI, UART, or TCP/IP). The eRPC is mostly applicable to the MPU parts with enough of memory resources like i.MX parts.

The eRPC library allows you to export existing C functions without having to change their prototypes (in most cases). It is accompanied by the code generator tool that generates the shim code for serialization and invocation based on the IDL file with definitions of data types and remote interfaces (API).

If the communicating peer is running as a Linux OS user-space application, the generated code can be either in C/C++ or Python.

Using the eRPC simplifies the access to services implemented on individual cores. This way, the following types of applications running on dedicated cores can be easily interfaced:

- Communication stacks (USB, Thread, Bluetooth Low Energy, Zigbee)
- Sensor aggregation/fusion applications
- Encryption algorithms
- Virtual peripherals

The eRPC is publicly available from the following GitHub account: [github.com/EmbeddedRPC/erpc](https://github.com/EmbeddedRPC/erpc). Also, the MCUXpresso SDK is accompanied by the eRPC code and several multicore and multiprocessor eRPC examples.

The mentioned IPC levels demonstrate the scalability of the Multicore SDK library. Based on application needs, different IPC techniques can be used. It depends on the complexity, required speed, memory resources, system design, and so on. The MCSDK brings users the possibility for quick and easy development of multicore and multiprocessor applications.

### **Changelog Multicore SDK**

All notable changes to this project will be documented in this file.

The format is based on [Keep a Changelog](#), and this project adheres to [Semantic Versioning](#).

#### **[25.12.00]**

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.14.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.14.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v5.0.2
  - RMsg-Lite v5.3.0

#### **[25.09.00]**

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.14.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.14.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v5.0.1
  - RMsg-Lite v5.2.1

#### **[25.06.00]**

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.14.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.14.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v5.0.0
  - RMsg-Lite v5.2.0

#### [25.03.00]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.13.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.13.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.7
  - RMsg-Lite v5.1.4

#### [24.12.00]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.13.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.13.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.6
  - RMsg-Lite v5.1.3

#### [2.16.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.13.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.13.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.5
  - RMsg-Lite v5.1.2

#### [2.15.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.12.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.12.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.5
  - RMsg-Lite v5.1.1

#### [2.14.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.11.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.11.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.4
  - RMsg-Lite v5.1.0

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- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.10.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.10.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.3
  - RPSMsg-Lite v5.0.0

### [2.13.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.10.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.10.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.3
  - RPSMsg-Lite v5.0.0

### [2.12.0\_imx93]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.9.1
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.9.1
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.2
  - RPSMsg-Lite v4.0.1

### [2.12.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.9.1
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.9.1
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.2
  - RPSMsg-Lite v4.0.0

### [2.11.1]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.9.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.9.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.1
  - RPSMsg-Lite v3.2.1

#### [2.11.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.9.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.9.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.1
  - RMsg-Lite v3.2.0

#### [2.10.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.8.1
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.8.1
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.1
  - RMsg-Lite v3.1.2

#### [2.9.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.8.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.8.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.1
  - RMsg-Lite v3.1.1

#### [2.8.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.7.4
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.7.4
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.0
  - RMsg-Lite v3.1.0

#### [2.7.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.7.3
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.7.3
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.1.0
  - RMsg-Lite v3.0.0

#### [2.6.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.7.2
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.7.2
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.0.3
  - RMsg-Lite v2.2.0

#### [2.5.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.7.1
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.7.1
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.0.2
  - RMsg-Lite v2.0.2

#### [2.4.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.7.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.7.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.0.1
  - RMsg-Lite v2.0.1

#### [2.3.1]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.6.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.6.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v4.0.0
  - RMsg-Lite v1.2.0

#### [2.3.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.5.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.5.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v3.0.0
  - RMsg-Lite v1.2.0

#### [2.2.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.4.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.4.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v2.0.1
  - RPSMsg-Lite v1.1.0

#### [2.1.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.3.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.3.0

#### [2.0.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.2.0
  - eRPC generator (erpcgen) v1.2.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v2.0.0
  - RPSMsg-Lite v1.0.0

#### [1.1.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.1.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v1.1.0
  - Open-AMP / RPSMsg based on SHA1 ID 44b5f3c0a6458f3cf80 rev01

#### [1.0.0]

- Multicore SDK component versions:
  - embedded Remote Procedure Call (eRPC) v1.0.0
  - Multicore Manager (MCMgr) v1.0.0
  - Open-AMP / RPSMsg based on SHA1 ID 44b5f3c0a6458f3cf80 rev00

## Multicore SDK Components

### RPSMSG-Lite

### MCUXpresso SDK : mcuxsdk-middleware-rpsmsg-lite

**Overview** This repository is for MCUXpresso SDK RPMSG-Lite middleware delivery and it contains RPMSG-Lite component officially provided in NXP MCUXpresso SDK. This repository is part of the MCUXpresso SDK overall delivery which is composed of several sub-repositories/projects. Navigate to the top/parent repository [mcuxsdk](#) for the complete delivery of MCUXpresso SDK to be able to build and run RPMSG-Lite examples that are based on mcux-sdk-middleware-rpmsg-lite component.

**Documentation** Overall details can be reviewed here: [MCUXpresso SDK Online Documentation](#)

Visit [RPMSG-Lite - Documentation](#) to review details on the contents in this sub-repo.

For Further API documentation, please look at [doxygen documentation](#)

**Setup** Instructions on how to install the MCUXpresso SDK provided from GitHub via west manifest [Getting Started with SDK - Detailed Installation Instructions](#)

**Contribution** We welcome and encourage the community to submit patches directly to the rpmsg-lite project placed on github. Contributing can be managed via pull-requests. Before a pull-request is created the code should be tested and properly formatted.

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**RPMSG-Lite** This documentation describes the RPMsg-Lite component, which is a lightweight implementation of the Remote Processor Messaging (RPMsg) protocol. The RPMsg protocol defines a standardized binary interface used to communicate between multiple cores in a heterogeneous multicore system.

Compared to the RPMsg implementation of the Open Asymmetric Multi Processing (OpenAMP) framework (<https://github.com/OpenAMP/open-amp>), the RPMsg-Lite offers a code size reduction, API simplification, and improved modularity. On smaller Cortex-M0+ based systems, it is recommended to use RPMsg-Lite.

The RPMsg-Lite is an open-source component developed by NXP Semiconductors and released under the BSD-compatible license.

For overview please read [RPMSG-Lite VirtIO Overview](#).

For RPMSG-Lite Design Considerations please read [RPMSG-Lite Design Considerations](#).

**Motivation to create RPMsg-Lite** There are multiple reasons why RPMsg-Lite was developed. One reason is the need for the small footprint of the RPMsg protocol-compatible communication component, another reason is the simplification of extensive API of OpenAMP RPMsg implementation.

RPMsg protocol was not documented, and its only definition was given by the Linux Kernel and legacy OpenAMP implementations. This has changed with [1] which is a standardization protocol allowing multiple different implementations to coexist and still be mutually compatible.

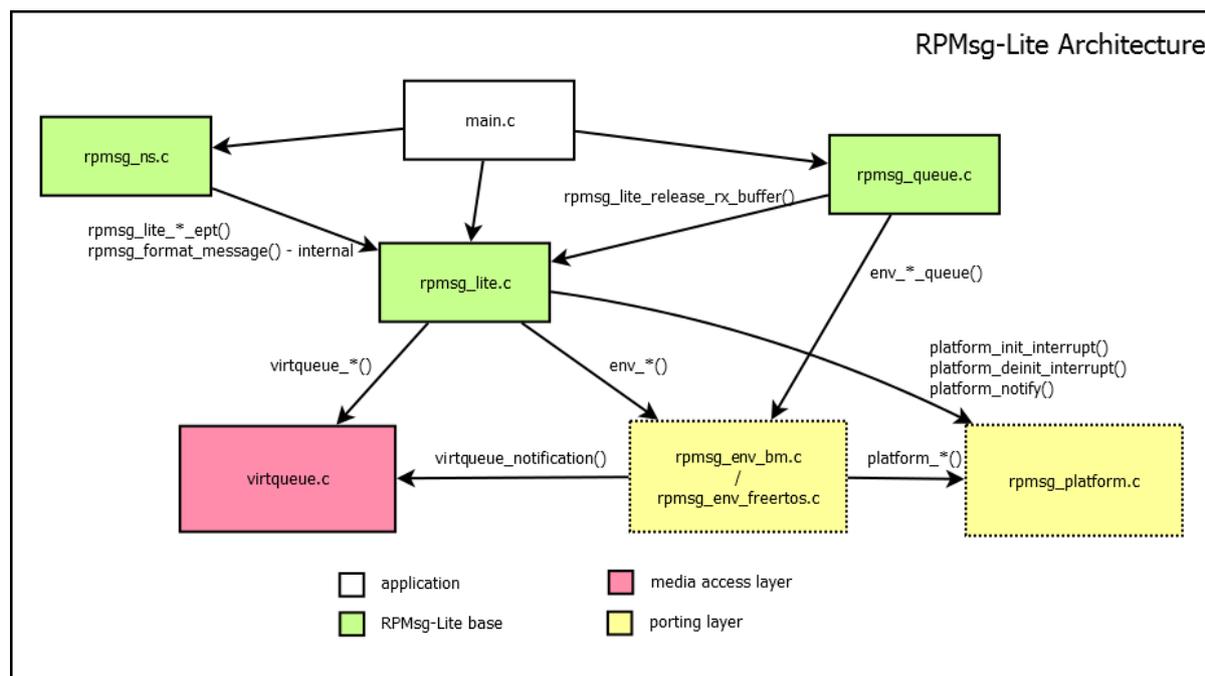
Small MCU-based systems often do not implement dynamic memory allocation. The creation of static API in RPMsg-Lite enables another reduction of resource usage. Not only does the dynamic allocation adds another 5 KB of code size, but also communication is slower and less deterministic, which is a property introduced by dynamic memory. The following table shows some rough comparison data between the OpenAMP RPMsg implementation and new RPMsg-Lite implementation:

Component / Configuration	Flash [B]	RAM [B]
OpenAMP RPMsg / Release (reference)	5547	456 + dynamic
RPMsg-Lite / Dynamic API, Release	3462	56 + dynamic
Relative Difference [%]	~62.4%	~12.3%
RPMsg-Lite / Static API (no malloc), Release	2926	352
Relative Difference [%]	~52.7%	~77.2%

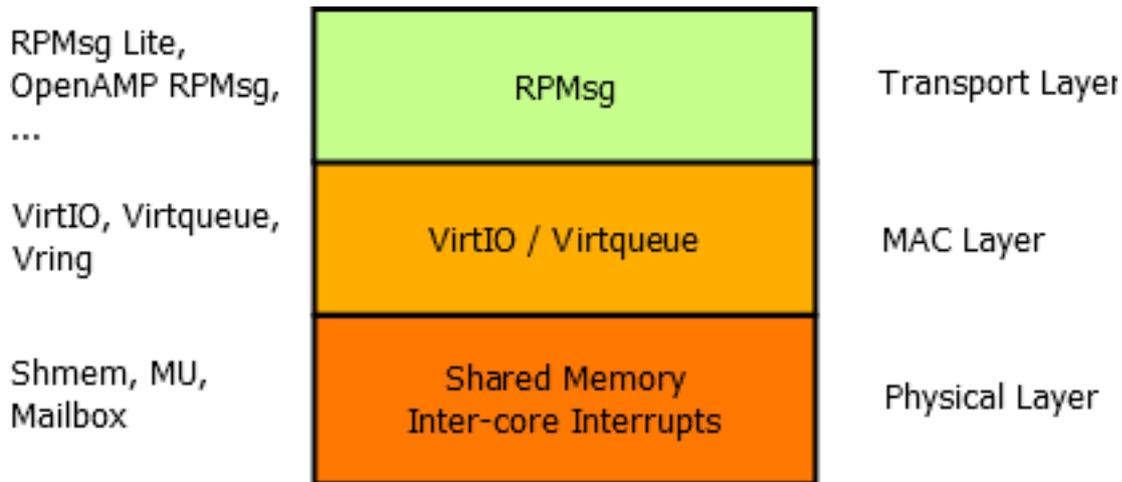
**Implementation** The implementation of RPMsg-Lite can be divided into three sub-components, from which two are optional. The core component is situated in `rpmsg_lite.c`. Two optional components are used to implement a blocking receive API (in `rpmsg_queue.c`) and dynamic “named” endpoint creation and deletion announcement service (in `rpmsg_ns.c`).

The actual “media access” layer is implemented in `virtqueue.c`, which is one of the few files shared with the OpenAMP implementation. This layer mainly defines the shared memory model, and internally defines used components such as `vring` or `virtqueue`.

The porting layer is split into two sub-layers: the environment layer and the platform layer. The first sublayer is to be implemented separately for each environment. (The bare metal environment already exists and is implemented in `rpmsg_env_bm.c`, and the FreeRTOS environment is implemented in `rpmsg_env_freertos.c` etc.) Only the source file, which matches the used environment, is included in the target application project. The second sublayer is implemented in `rpmsg_platform.c` and defines low-level functions for interrupt enabling, disabling, and triggering mainly. The situation is described in the following figure:



**RPMsg-Lite core sub-component** This subcomponent implements a blocking send API and callback-based receive API. The RPMsg protocol is part of the transport layer. This is realized by using so-called endpoints. Each endpoint can be assigned a different receive callback function. However, it is important to notice that the callback is executed in an interrupt environment in current design. Therefore, certain actions like memory allocation are discouraged to execute in the callback. The following figure shows the role of RPMsg in an ISO/OSI-like layered model:



**Queue sub-component (optional)** This subcomponent is optional and requires implementation of the `env_*_queue()` functions in the environment porting layer. It uses a blocking receive API, which is common in RTOS-environments. It supports both copy and nocopy blocking receive functions.

**Name Service sub-component (optional)** This subcomponent is a minimum implementation of the name service which is present in the Linux Kernel implementation of RPMMsg. It allows the communicating node both to send announcements about “named” endpoint (in other words, channel) creation or deletion and to receive these announcement taking any user-defined action in an application callback. The endpoint address used to receive name service announcements is arbitrarily fixed to be 53 (0x35).

**Usage** The application should put the `/rpmmsg_lite/lib/include` directory to the include path and in the application, include either the `rpmmsg_lite.h` header file, or optionally also include the `rpmmsg_queue.h` and/or `rpmmsg_ns.h` files. Both porting sublayers should be provided for you by NXP, but if you plan to use your own RTOS, all you need to do is to implement your own environment layer (in other words, `rpmmsg_env_myrtos.c`) and to include it in the project build.

The initialization of the stack is done by calling the `rpmmsg_lite_master_init()` on the master side and the `rpmmsg_lite_remote_init()` on the remote side. This initialization function must be called prior to any RPMMsg-Lite API call. After the init, it is wise to create a communication endpoint, otherwise communication is not possible. This can be done by calling the `rpmmsg_lite_create_ept()` function. It optionally accepts a last argument, where an internal context of the endpoint is created, just in case the `RL_USE_STATIC_API` option is set to 1. If not, the stack internally calls `env_alloc()` to allocate dynamic memory for it. In case a callback-based receiving is to be used, an ISR-callback is registered to each new endpoint with user-defined callback data pointer. If a blocking receive is desired (in case of RTOS environment), the `rpmmsg_queue_create()` function must be called before calling `rpmmsg_lite_create_ept()`. The queue handle is passed to the endpoint creation function as a callback data argument and the callback function is set to `rpmmsg_queue_rx_cb()`. Then, it is possible to use `rpmmsg_queue_receive()` function to listen on a queue object for incoming messages. The `rpmmsg_lite_send()` function is used to send messages to the other side.

The RPMMsg-Lite also implements no-copy mechanisms for both sending and receiving operations. These methods require specifics that have to be considered when used in an application.

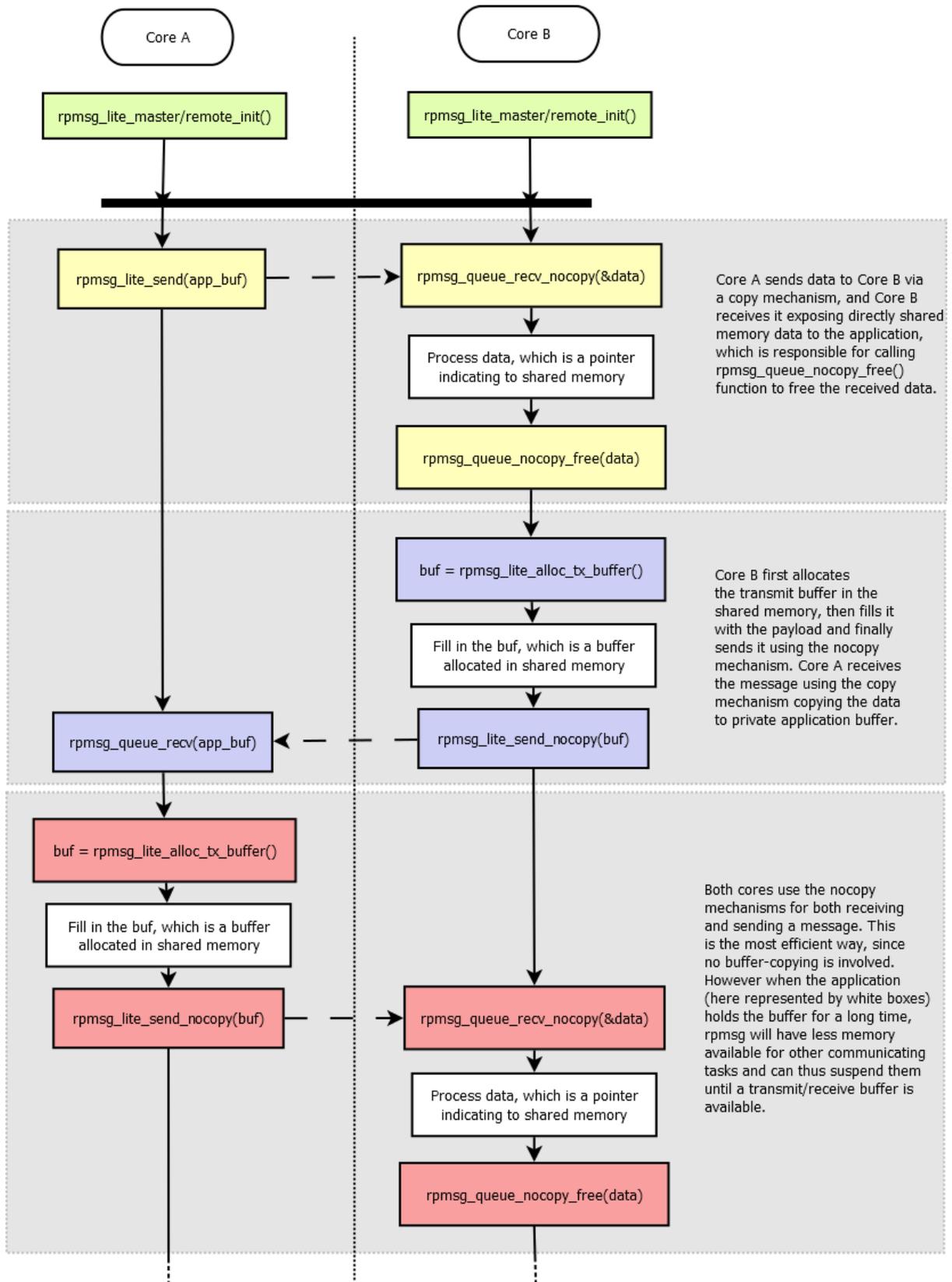
**no-copy-send mechanism:** This mechanism allows sending messages without the cost for copying data from the application buffer to the RPMMsg/virtio buffer in the shared memory. The sequence of no-copy sending steps to be performed is as follows:

- Call the `rpmsg_lite_alloc_tx_buffer()` function to get the virtio buffer and provide the buffer pointer to the application.
- Fill the data to be sent into the pre-allocated virtio buffer. Ensure that the filled data does not exceed the buffer size (provided as the `rpmsg_lite_alloc_tx_buffer()` size output parameter).
- Call the `rpmsg_lite_send_nocopy()` function to send the message to the destination endpoint. Consider the cache functionality and the virtio buffer alignment. See the `rpmsg_lite_send_nocopy()` function description below.

no-copy-receive mechanism: This mechanism allows reading messages without the cost for copying data from the virtio buffer in the shared memory to the application buffer. The sequence of no-copy receiving steps to be performed is as follows:

- Call the `rpmsg_queue_rcv_nocopy()` function to get the virtio buffer pointer to the received data.
- Read received data directly from the shared memory.
- Call the `rpmsg_queue_nocopy_free()` function to release the virtio buffer and to make it available for the next data transfer.

The user is responsible for destroying any RPMsg-Lite objects he has created in case of deinitialization. In order to do this, the function `rpmsg_queue_destroy()` is used to destroy a queue, `rpmsg_lite_destroy_ept()` is used to destroy an endpoint and finally, `rpmsg_lite_deinit()` is used to deinitialize the RPMsg-Lite intercore communication stack. Deinitialize all endpoints using a queue before deinitializing the queue. Otherwise, you are actively invalidating the used queue handle, which is not allowed. RPMsg-Lite does not check this internally, since its main aim is to be lightweight.



**Examples** RPMsg\_Lite multicore examples are part of NXP MCUXpressoSDK packages. Visit <https://mcuxpresso.nxp.com> to configure, build and download these packages. To get the board list with multicore support (RPMsg\_Lite included) use filtering based on Middleware and search for 'multicore' string. Once the selected package with the multicore middleware is downloaded,

see

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multicore_examples` for RPMsg\_Lite multicore examples with 'rpmmsg\_lite\_' name prefix.

Another way of getting NXP MCUXpressoSDK RPMsg\_Lite multicore examples is using the [mcuxsdk-manifests](#) Github repo. Follow the description how to use the West tool to clone and update the mcuxsdk-manifests repo in [readme section](#). Once done the armgcc rpmmsg\_lite examples can be found in

`mcuxsdk/examples/_<board_name>/multicore_examples`

You can use the evkmimxrt1170 as the board\_name for instance. Similar to MCUXpressoSDK packages the RPMsg\_Lite examples use the 'rpmmsg\_lite\_' name prefix.

## Notes

**Environment layers implementation** Several environment layers are provided in `lib/rpmmsg_lite/porting/environment` folder. Not all of them are fully tested however. Here is the list of environment layers that passed testing:

- `rpmmsg_env_bm.c`
- `rpmmsg_env_freertos.c`
- `rpmmsg_env_xos.c`
- `rpmmsg_env_threadx.c`

The rest of environment layers has been created and used in some experimental projects, it has been running well at the time of creation but due to the lack of unit testing there is no guarantee it is still fully functional.

**Shared memory configuration** It is important to correctly initialize/configure the shared memory for data exchange in the application. The shared memory must be accessible from both the master and the remote core and it needs to be configured as Non-Cacheable memory. Dedicated shared memory section in linker file is also a good practise, it is recommended to use linker files from MCUXpressoSDK packages for NXP devices based applications. It needs to be ensured no other application part/component is unintentionally accessing this part of memory.

**Configuration options** The RPMsg-Lite can be configured at the compile time. The default configuration is defined in the `rpmmsg_default_config.h` header file. This configuration can be customized by the user by including `rpmmsg_config.h` file with custom settings. The following table summarizes all possible RPMsg-Lite configuration options.

Config- uration option	De- fault value	Usage
RL_MS_PE (1)		Delay in milliseconds used in non-blocking API functions for polling.
RL_BUFFE (496)		Size of the buffer payload, it must be more than 1 byte, and has to be word align (including rpmsg header size 16 bytes), if not it will be aligned up
RL_BUFFE (2)		Number of the buffers, it must be power of two (2, 4, ...)
RL_API_H (1)		Zero-copy API functions enabled/disabled.
RL_USE_S' (0)		Static API functions (no dynamic allocation) enabled/disabled.
RL_USE_D (0)		Memory cache management of shared memory. Use in case of data cache is enabled for shared memory.
RL_CLEAF (0)		Clearing used buffers before returning back to the pool of free buffers enabled/disabled.
RL_USE_M (0)		When enabled IPC interrupts are managed by the Multicore Manager (IPC interrupts router), when disabled RPSMsg-Lite manages IPC interrupts by itself.
RL_USE_E (0)		When enabled the environment layer uses its own context. Required for some environments (QNX). The default value is 0 (no context, saves some RAM).
RL_DEBU( (0)		When enabled buffer pointers passed to <code>rpmsg_lite_send_nocopy()</code> and <code>rpmsg_lite_release_rx_buffer()</code> functions (enabled by <code>RL_API_HAS_ZEROCOPY</code> config) are checked to avoid passing invalid buffer pointer. The default value is 0 (disabled). Do not use in RPSMsg-Lite to Linux configuration.
RL_ALLO\ (0)		When enabled the opposite side is notified each time received buffers are consumed and put into the queue of available buffers. Enable this option in RPSMsg-Lite to Linux configuration to allow unblocking of the Linux blocking send. The default value is 0 (RPSMsg-Lite to RPSMsg-Lite communication).
RL_ALLO\ (0)		It allows to define custom shared memory configuration and replacing the shared memory related global settings from <code>rpmsg_config.h</code> . This is useful when multiple instances are running in parallel but different shared memory arrangement (vring size & alignment, buffers size & count) is required. The default value is 0 (all RPSMsg_Lite instances use the same shared memory arrangement as defined by common config macros).
RL_ASSER	see rpmsg	Assert implementation.

**How to format rpmsg-lite code** To format code, use the application developed by Google, named *clang-format*. This tool is part of the *llvm* project. Currently, the clang-format 10.0.0 version is used for rpmsg-lite. The set of style settings used for clang-format is defined in the `.clang-format` file, placed in a root of the rpmsg-lite directory where Python script `run_clang_format.py` can be executed. This script executes the application named *clang-format.exe*. You need to have the path of this application in the OS's environment path, or you need to change the script.

## References

[1] M. Novak, M. Cingel, **Lockless Shared Memory Based Multicore Communication Protocol** Copyright © 2016 Freescale Semiconductor, Inc. Copyright © 2016-2025 NXP

**Changelog RPSMSG-Lite** All notable changes to this project will be documented in this file. The format is based on [Keep a Changelog](#), and this project adheres to [Semantic Versioning](#).

## Unreleased

### Added

- Added i.MX93W parts support
- Added i.MX952 parts support
- Added mcxl14x parts support

### Changed

- Port `platform_get_custom_shmem_config` change return value from `uint32_t` to `int32_t` for error handling consistency.

### Fixed

- Updated unit tests code to allow correct GCOV code coverage measurement.
- Added missing `dsb` instructions into all ISRs for cm4/cm7 based platform layers.
- Fixed CERT EXP34-C by adding `__attribute__((noreturn))` to `RL_HANG(void)` function.
- **MISRA C-2012 Rule 14.3 compliance:** Simplified `RL_WORD_ALIGN_UP` and `RL_WORD_ALIGN_DOWN` macros to eliminate invariant controlling expression violations (CID 5011148)
  - Replaced ternary operator implementations with standard bitwise alignment idioms
  - Fixed hardcoded 4U constant in `RL_WORD_ALIGN_UP` to use `RL_WORD_SIZE` for better portability
- Fixed several MISRA compliance violations

## v5.3.0

### Added

- RT700 porting layer added support to send `rpmsg` messages between CM33\_0 <-> Hifi1 and CM33\_1 <-> Hifi4 cores.
- Add new platform macro `RL_PLATFORM_MAX_ISR_COUNT` this will set number of IRQ count per platform. This macro is then used in environment layers to set `isr_table` size where irq handles are registered. It size should match the bit length of `VQ_ID` so all combinations can fit into table.
- Unit tests updated to improve code coverage, new unit tests added covering static allocations in rtos environment layers.

### Fixed

- `virtio.h` removed `typedef uint8_t boolean` and in its place use standard C99 `bool` type to avoid potential type conflicts.
- `env_acquire_sync_lock()` and `env_release_sync_lock()` synchronization primitives removed
- Kconfig consolidation, when `RL_ALLOW_CUSTOM_SHMEM_CONFIG` enabled the `platform_get_custom_shmem_config()` function needs to be implemented in platform layer to provide custom shared memory configuration for RPMsg-Lite instance.

## v5.2.1

### Added

- Doc added RPMSG-Lite VirtIO Overview
- Doc added RPMSG-Lite Design Considerations
- Added frdmimxrt1186 unit testing

### Changed

- Remove limitation that `RL_BUFFER_SIZE` needs to be power of 2. It just has to be more than 16 bytes, e.g. 16 bytes of rpmsg header and payload size at least 1 byte and word aligned, if not it will be aligned up.

### Fixed

- Fixed CERT-C INT31-C violation in `platform_notify` function in `rpmsg_platform.c` for `imxrt700_m33`, `imxrt700_hifi4`, `imxrt700_hifi1` platforms

## v5.2.0

### Added

- Add MCXL20 porting layer and unit testing
- New utility macro `RL_CALCULATE_BUFFER_COUNT_DOWN_SAFE` to safely determine maximum buffer count within shared memory while preventing integer underflow.
- RT700 platform add support for MCMGR in DSPs

### Changed

- Change `rpmsg_platform.c` to support new MCMGR API
- Improved input validation in initialization functions to properly handle insufficient memory size conditions.
- Refactored repeated buffer count calculation pattern for better code maintainability.
- To make sure that remote has already registered IRQ there is required App level IPC mechanism to notify master about it

### Fixed

- Fixed `env_wait_for_link_up` function to handle timeout in link state checks for baremetal and qnx environment, `RL_BLOCK` mode can be used to wait indefinitely.
- Fixed CERT-C INT31-C violation by adding compile-time check to ensure `RL_PLATFORM_HIGHEST_LINK_ID` remains within safe range for 16-bit casting in virtqueue ID creation.
- Fixed CERT-C INT30-C violations by adding protection against unsigned integer underflow in shared memory calculations, specifically in `shmem_length - (uint32_t)RL_VRING_OVERHEAD` and `shmem_length - 2U * shmem_config.vring_size` expressions.
- Fixed CERT INT31-C violation in `platform_interrupt_disable()` and similar functions by replacing unsafe cast from `uint32_t` to `int32_t` with a return of 0 constant.

- Fixed unsigned integer underflow in `rpmsg_lite_alloc_tx_buffer()` where subtracting header size from buffer size could wrap around if buffer was too small, potentially leading to incorrect buffer sizing.
- Fixed CERT-C INT31-C violation in `rpmsg_lite.c` where `size` parameter was cast from `uint32_t` to `uint16_t` without proper validation.
  - Applied consistent masking approach to both `size` and `flags` parameters: `(uint16_t)(value & 0xFFFFU)`.
  - This fix prevents potential data loss when size values exceed 65535.
- Fixed CERT INT31-C violation in `env_memset` functions by explicitly converting `int32_t` values to unsigned char using bit masking. This prevents potential data loss or misinterpretation when passing values outside the unsigned char range (0-255) to the standard `memset()` function.
- Fixed CERT-C INT31-C violations in RPMsg-Lite environment porting: Added validation checks for signed-to-unsigned integer conversions to prevent data loss and misinterpretation.
  - `rpmsg_env_freertos.c`: Added validation before converting `int32_t` to `UBaseType_t`.
  - `rpmsg_env_qnx.c`: Fixed format string and added validation before assigning to `mqstat` fields.
  - `rpmsg_env_threadx.c`: Added validation to prevent integer overflow and negative values.
  - `rpmsg_env_xos.c`: Added range checking before casting to `uint16_t`.
  - `rpmsg_env_zephyr.c`: Added validation before passing values to `k_msgq_init`.
- Fixed a CERT INT31-C compliance issue in `env_get_current_queue_size()` function where an unsigned queue count was cast to a signed `int32_t` without proper validation, which could lead to lost or misinterpreted data if queue size exceeded `INT32_MAX`.
- Fixed CERT INT31-C violation in `rpmsg_platform.c` where `memcmp()` return value (signed int) was compared with unsigned constant without proper type handling.
- Fixed CERT INT31-C violation in `rpmsg_platform.c` where casting from `uint32_t` to `uint16_t` could potentially result in data loss. Changed length variable type from `uint16_t` to `uint32_t` to properly handle memory address differences without truncation.
- Fixed potential integer overflow in `env_sleep_msec()` function in ThreadX environment implementation by rearranging calculation order in the sleep duration formula.
- Fixed CERT-C INT31-C violation in RPMsg-Lite where bitwise NOT operations on integer constants were performed in signed integer context before being cast to unsigned. This could potentially lead to misinterpreted data on `imx943` platform.
- Added `RL_MAX_BUFFER_COUNT` (32768U) and `RL_MAX_VRING_ALIGN` (65536U) limit to ensure alignment values cannot contribute to integer overflow
- Fixed CERT INT31-C violation in `vring_need_event()`, added cast to `uint16_t` for each operand.

## v5.1.4 - 27-Mar-2025

### Added

- Add KW43B43 porting layer

### Changed

- Doxygen bump to version 1.9.6

### v5.1.3 - 13-Jan-2025

#### Added

- Memory cache management of shared memory. Enable with `#define RL_USE_DCACHE (1)` in `rpmsg_config.h` in case of data cache is used.
- Cmake/Kconfig support added.
- Porting layers for `imx95`, `imxrt700`, `mcmxw71x`, `mcmxw72x`, `kw47b42` added.

### v5.1.2 - 08-Jul-2024

#### Changed

- Zephyr-related changes.
- Minor Misra corrections.

### v5.1.1 - 19-Jan-2024

#### Added

- Test suite provided.
- Zephyr support added.

#### Changed

- Minor changes in platform and env. layers, minor test code updates.

### v5.1.0 - 02-Aug-2023

#### Added

- RPMsg-Lite: Added aarch64 support.

#### Changed

- RPMsg-Lite: Increased the queue size to  $(2 * RL\_BUFFER\_COUNT)$  to cover zero copy cases.
- Code formatting using LLVM16.

#### Fixed

- Resolved issues in ThreadX env. layer implementation.

### v5.0.0 - 19-Jan-2023

### Added

- Timeout parameter added to `rpmsg_lite_wait_for_link_up` API function.

### Changed

- Improved debug check buffers implementation - instead of checking the pointer fits into shared memory check the presence in the VirtIO ring descriptors list.
- `VRING_SIZE` is set based on number of used buffers now (as calculated in `vring_init`) - updated for all platforms that are not communicating to Linux `rpmsg` counterpart.

### Fixed

- Fixed wrong `RL_VRING_OVERHEAD` macro comment in `platform.h` files
- Misra corrections.

### v4.0.0 - 20-Jun-2022

#### Added

- Added support for custom shared memory arrangement per the `RPMsg_Lite` instance.
- Introduced new `rpmsg_lite_wait_for_link_up()` API function - this allows to avoid using busy loops in rtos environments, GitHub PR #21.

#### Changed

- Adjusted `rpmsg_lite_is_link_up()` to return `RL_TRUE/RL_FALSE`.

### v3.2.0 - 17-Jan-2022

#### Added

- Added support for i.MX8 MP multicore platform.

#### Changed

- Improved static allocations - allow OS-specific objects being allocated statically, GitHub PR #14.
- Aligned `rpmsg_env_xos.c` and some platform layers to latest static allocation support.

#### Fixed

- Minor Misra and typo corrections, GitHub PR #19, #20.

### v3.1.2 - 16-Jul-2021

### Added

- Addressed MISRA 21.6 rule violation in `rpmsg_env.h` (use SDK's `PRINTF` in MCUXpressoSDK examples, otherwise `stdio printf` is used).
- Added environment layers for XOS.
- Added support for i.MX RT500, i.MX RT1160 and i.MX RT1170 multicore platforms.

### Fixed

- Fixed incorrect description of the `rpmsg_lite_get_endpoint_from_addr` function.

### Changed

- Updated `RL_BUFFER_COUNT` documentation (issue #10).
- Updated `imxrt600_hifi4` platform layer.

### v3.1.1 - 15-Jan-2021

#### Added

- Introduced `RL_ALLOW_CONSUMED_BUFFERS_NOTIFICATION` config option to allow opposite side notification sending each time received buffers are consumed and put into the queue of available buffers.
- Added environment layers for Threadx.
- Added support for i.MX8QM multicore platform.

#### Changed

- Several MISRA C-2012 violations addressed.

### v3.1.0 - 22-Jul-2020

#### Added

- Added support for several new multicore platforms.

#### Fixed

- MISRA C-2012 violations fixed (7.4).
- Fixed missing lock in `rpmsg_lite_rx_callback()` for QNX env.
- Correction of `rpmsg_lite_instance` structure members description.
- Address -Waddress-of-packed-member warnings in GCC9.

#### Changed

- Clang update to v10.0.0, code re-formatted.

### v3.0.0 - 20-Dec-2019

### Added

- Added support for several new multicore platforms.

### Fixed

- MISRA C-2012 violations fixed, incl. data types consolidation.
- Code formatted.

### v2.2.0 - 20-Mar-2019

#### Added

- Added configuration macro `RL_DEBUG_CHECK_BUFFERS`.
- Several MISRA violations fixed.
- Added environment layers for QNX and Zephyr.
- Allow environment context required for some environment (controlled by the `RL_USE_ENVIRONMENT_CONTEXT` configuration macro).
- Data types consolidation.

### v1.1.0 - 28-Apr-2017

#### Added

- Supporting i.MX6SX and i.MX7D MPU platforms.
- Supporting LPC5411x MCU platform.
- Baremetal and FreeRTOS support.
- Support of copy and zero-copy transfer.
- Support of static API (without dynamic allocations).

## Multicore Manager

### MCUXpresso SDK : `mcuxsdk-middleware-mcmgr` (Multicore Manager)

**Overview** This repository is for MCUXpresso SDK Multicore Manager middleware delivery and it contains Multicore Manager component officially provided in NXP MCUXpresso SDK. This repository is part of the MCUXpresso SDK overall delivery which is composed of several sub-repositories/projects. Navigate to the top/parent repository [mcuxsdk](#) for the complete delivery of MCUXpresso SDK to be able to build and run Multicore Manager examples that are based on `mcux-sdk-middleware-mcmgr` component.

**Documentation** Overall details can be reviewed here: [MCUXpresso SDK Online Documentation](#)

Visit [Multicore Manager - Documentation](#) to review details on the contents in this sub-repo.

For Further API documentation, please look at [doxygen documentation](#)

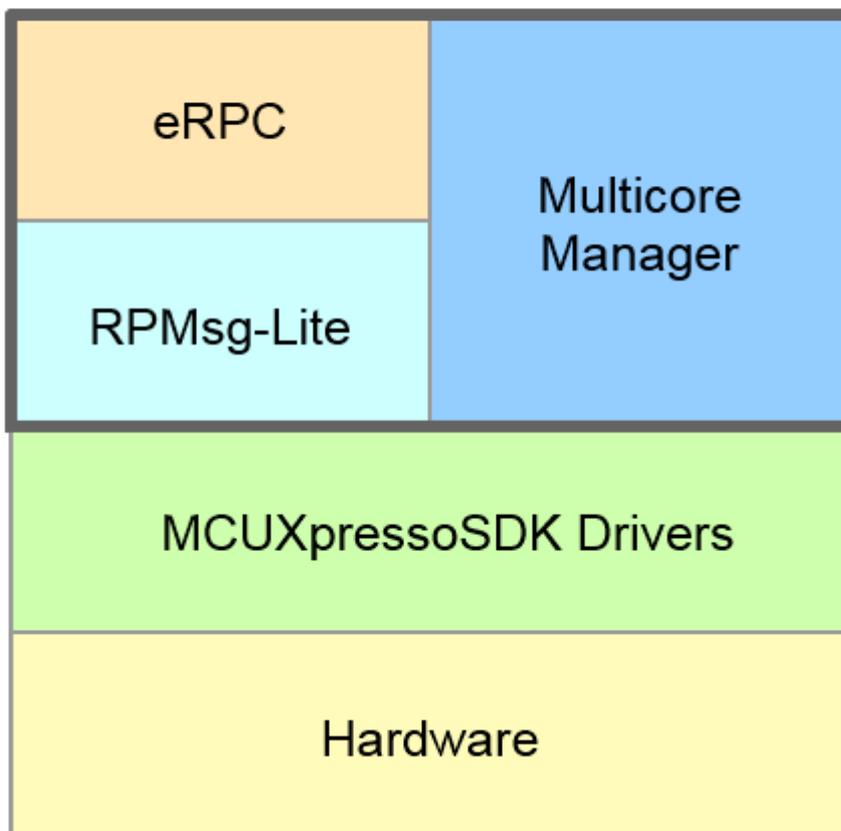
**Setup** Instructions on how to install the MCUXpresso SDK provided from GitHub via west manifest [Getting Started with SDK - Detailed Installation Instructions](#)

**Contribution** We welcome and encourage the community to submit patches directly to the mcmgr project placed on github. Contributing can be managed via pull-requests. Before a pull-request is created the code should be tested and properly formatted.

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**Multicore Manager (MCMGR)** The Multicore Manager (MCMGR) software library provides a number of services for multicore systems. This library is distributed as a part of the Multicore SDK (MCSDK). Together, the MCSDK and the MCUXpresso SDK (SDK) form a framework for development of software for NXP multicore devices.

The MCMGR component is located in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/middleware/multicore/mcmgr directory.



The Multicore Manager provides the following major functions:

- Maintains information about all cores in system.
- Secondary/auxiliary core(s) startup and shutdown.
- Remote core monitoring and event handling.

**Usage of the MCMGR software component** The main use case of MCMGR is the secondary/auxiliary core start. This functionality is performed by the public API function.

Example of MCMGR usage to start secondary core:

```
#include "mcmgr.h"

void main()
{
    /* Initialize MCMGR - low level multicore management library.
       Call this function as close to the reset entry as possible,
       (into the startup sequence) to allow CoreUp event triggering. */
    MCMGR_EarlyInit();

    /* Initialize MCMGR, install generic event handlers */
    MCMGR_Init();

    /* Boot secondary core application from the CORE1_BOOT_ADDRESS, pass "1" as startup data,
    ↪starting synchronously. */
    MCMGR_StartCore(kMCMGR_Core1, CORE1_BOOT_ADDRESS, 1, kMCMGR_Start_Synchronous);
    .
    .
    .
    /* Stop secondary core execution. */
    MCMGR_StopCore(kMCMGR_Core1);
}
```

Some platforms allow stopping and re-starting the secondary core application again, using the MCMGR\_StopCore / MCMGR\_StartCore API calls. It is necessary to ensure the initially loaded image is not corrupted before re-starting, especially if it deals with the RAM target. Cache coherence has to be considered/ensured as well.

It could also happen that the secondary core application stops running correctly and the primary core application does not know about that situation. Therefore, it is beneficial to implement a mechanism for core health monitoring. The *test\_heartbeat* unit test can serve as an example how to ensure that: secondary core could periodically send heartbeat signals to the primary core using MCMGR\_TriggerEvent() API to indicate that it is alive and functioning properly.

Another important MCMGR feature is the ability for remote core monitoring and handling of events such as reset, exception, and application events. Application-specific callback functions for events are registered by the MCMGR\_RegisterEvent() API. Triggering these events is done using the MCMGR\_TriggerEvent() API. mcmgr\_event\_type\_t enums all possible event types.

An example of MCMGR usage for remote core monitoring and event handling. Code for the primary side:

```
#include "mcmgr.h"

#define APP_RPMSG_READY_EVENT_DATA (1)
#define APP_NUMBER_OF_CORES (2)
#define APP_SECONDARY_CORE kMCMGR_Core1

/* Callback function registered via the MCMGR_RegisterEvent() and triggered by MCMGR_TriggerEvent()
↪called on the secondary core side */
void RPMsgRemoteReadyEventHandler(mcmgr_core_t coreNum, uint16_t eventData, void *context)
{
    uint16_t *data = &((uint16_t *)context)[coreNum];

    *data = eventData;
}

void main()
{
```

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```

uint16_t RPMsgRemoteReadyEventData[NUMBER_OF_CORES] = {0};

/* Initialize MCMGR - low level multicore management library.
   Call this function as close to the reset entry as possible,
   (into the startup sequence) to allow CoreUp event triggering. */
MCMGR_EarlyInit();

/* Initialize MCMGR, install generic event handlers */
MCMGR_Init();

/* Register the application event before starting the secondary core */
MCMGR_RegisterEvent(kMCMGR_RemoteApplicationEvent, RPMsgRemoteReadyEventHandler, (void*)
↳ RPMsgRemoteReadyEventData);

/* Boot secondary core application from the CORE1_BOOT_ADDRESS, pass rpmsg_lite_base address
↳ as startup data, starting synchronously. */
MCMGR_StartCore(APP_SECONDARY_CORE, CORE1_BOOT_ADDRESS, (uint32_t)rpmsg_lite_
↳ base, kMCMGR_Start_Synchronous);

/* Wait until the secondary core application signals the rpmsg remote has been initialized and is ready to
↳ communicate. */
while(APP_RPMSG_READY_EVENT_DATA != RPMsgRemoteReadyEventData[APP_SECONDARY_
↳ CORE]) {};
.
.
.
}

```

Code for the secondary side:

```

#include "mcmgr.h"

#define APP_RPMSG_READY_EVENT_DATA (1)

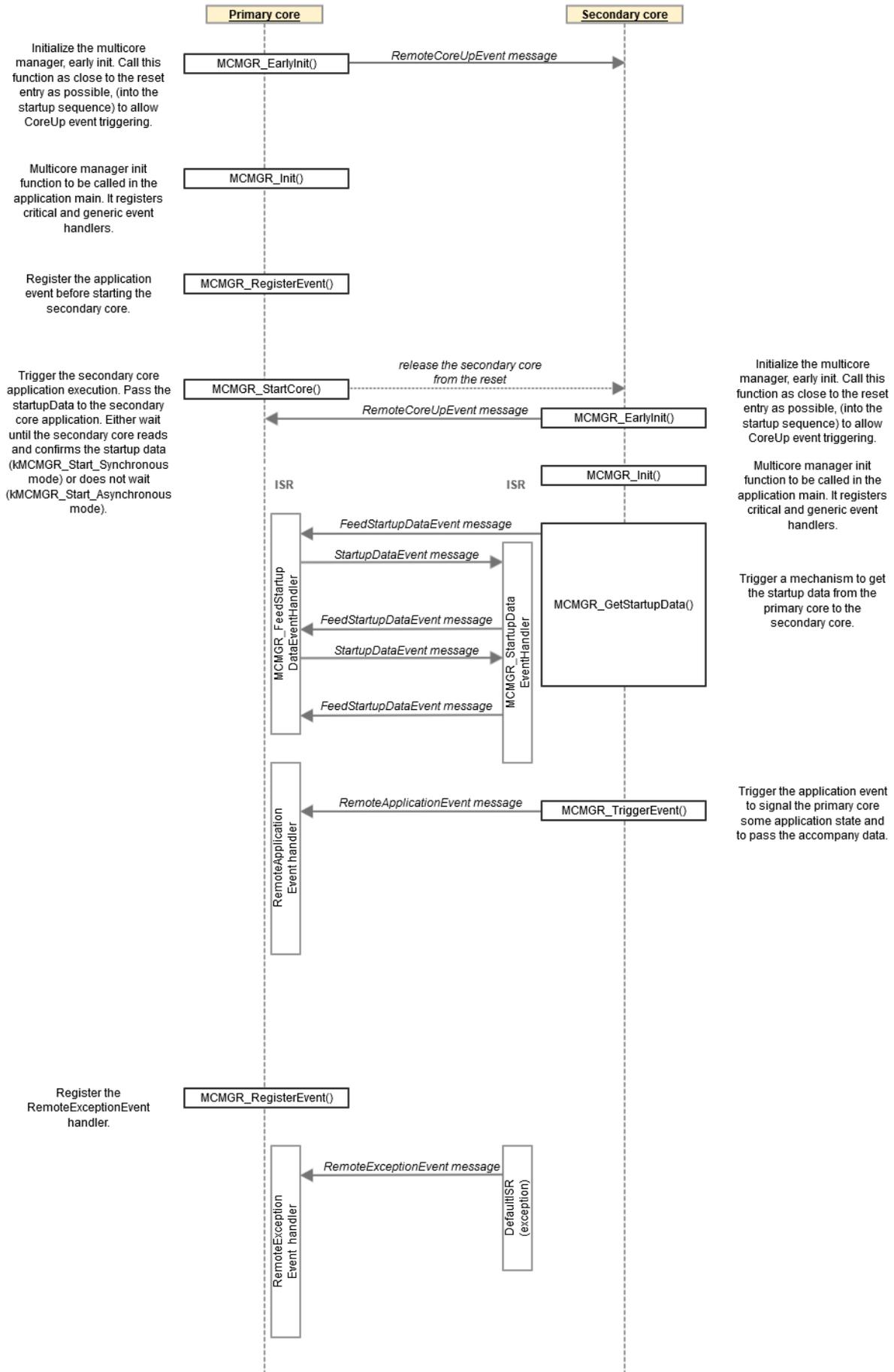
void main()
{
    /* Initialize MCMGR - low level multicore management library.
       Call this function as close to the reset entry as possible,
       (into the startup sequence) to allow CoreUp event triggering. */
    MCMGR_EarlyInit();

    /* Initialize MCMGR, install generic event handlers */
    MCMGR_Init();
    .
    .
    .

    /* Signal the to other core that we are ready by triggering the event and passing the APP_RPMSG_
    ↳ READY_EVENT_DATA */
    MCMGR_TriggerEvent(kMCMGR_Core0, kMCMGR_RemoteApplicationEvent, APP_RPMSG_
    ↳ READY_EVENT_DATA);
    .
    .
    .
}

```

**MCMGR Data Exchange Diagram** The following picture shows how the handshakes are supposed to work between the two cores in the MCMGR software.



**Changelog Multicore Manager** All notable changes to this project will be documented in this file.

The format is based on [Keep a Changelog](#), and this project adheres to [Semantic Versioning](#).

## Unreleased

### Added

- Added mcxl14x parts support

### Fixed

- Fix MISRA C-2012 Rule 20.8 violations.

## v5.0.2

### Added

- Added gcov options and configs to support mcmgr code coverage
- Added new test\_weak\_mu\_isr testcase for devices with MU peripheral
- Added new test\_heartbeat testcase showing heartbeat mechanism between primary and secondary cores using the MCMGR

## v5.0.1

### Added

- Added frdmimxrt1186 unit testing

### Changed

- [KW43] Rename core#1 reset control register

### Fixed

- Added CX flag into CMakeLists.txt to allow c++ build compatibility.
- Fix path to mcmgr headers directory in doxyfile

## v5.0.0

### Added

- Added MCMGR\_BUSY\_POLL\_COUNT macro to prevent infinite polling loops in MCMGR operations.
- Implemented timeout mechanism for all polling loops in MCMGR code.
- Added support to handle more than two cores. Breaking API change by adding parameter coreNum specifying core number in functions bellow.
  - MCMGR\_GetStartupData(uint32\_t \*startupData, mcmgr\_core\_t coreNum)

- MCMGR\_TriggerEvent(mcmgr\_event\_type\_t type, uint16\_t eventData, mcmgr\_core\_t coreNum)
- MCMGR\_TriggerEventForce(mcmgr\_event\_type\_t type, uint16\_t eventData, mcmgr\_core\_t coreNum)
- typedef void (\*mcmgr\_event\_callback\_t)(uint16\_t data, void \*context, mcmgr\_core\_t coreNum);

When registering the event with function MCMGR\_RegisterEvent() user now needs to provide callbackData pointer to array of elements per every core in system (see README.md for example). In case of systems with only two cores the coreNum in callback can be ignored as events can arrive only from one core. Please see Porting guide for more details: Porting-GuideTo\_v5.md

- Updated all porting files to support new MCMGR API.
- Added new platform specific include file mcmgr\_platform.h. It will contain common platform specific macros that can be then used in mcmgr and application. e.g. platform core count MCMGR\_CORECOUNT 4.
- Move all header files to new inc directory.
- Added new platform-specific include files inc/platform/<platform\_name>/mcmgr\_platform.h.

#### Added

- Add MCXL20 porting layer and unit testing

#### v4.1.7

#### Fixed

- mcmgr\_stop\_core\_internal() function now returns kStatus\_MCMGR\_NotImplemented status code instead of kStatus\_MCMGR\_Success when device does not support stop of secondary core. Ports affected: kw32w1, kw45b41, kw45b42, mcxw716, mcxw727.

#### [v4.1.6]

#### Added

- Multicore Manager moved to standalone repository.
- Add porting layers for imxrt700, mcmxw727, kw47b42.
- New MCMGR\_ProcessDeferredRxIsr() API added.

#### [v4.1.5]

#### Added

- Add notification into MCMGR\_EarlyInit and mcmgr\_early\_init\_internal functions to avoid using uninitialized data in their implementations.

#### [v4.1.4]

**Fixed**

- Avoid calling tx isr callbacks when respective Messaging Unit Transmit Interrupt Enable flag is not set in the CR/TCR register.
- Messaging Unit RX and status registers are cleared after the initialization.

**[v4.1.3]**

**Added**

- Add porting layers for imxrt1180.

**Fixed**

- mu\_isr() updated to avoid calling tx isr callbacks when respective Transmit Interrupt Enable flag is not set in the CR/TCR register.
- mcmgr\_mu\_internal.c code adaptation to new supported SoCs.

**[v4.1.2]**

**Fixed**

- Update mcmgr\_stop\_core\_internal() implementations to set core state to kMCMGR\_ResetCoreState.

**[v4.1.0]**

**Fixed**

- Code adjustments to address MISRA C-2012 Rules

**[v4.0.3]**

**Fixed**

- Documentation updated to describe handshaking in a graphic form.
- Minor code adjustments based on static analysis tool findings

**[v4.0.2]**

**Fixed**

- Align porting layers to the updated MCUXpressoSDK feature files.

**[v4.0.1]**

**Fixed**

- Code formatting, removed unused code

**[v4.0.0]**

**Added**

- Add new MCMGR\_TriggerEventForce() API.

**[v3.0.0]**

**Removed**

- Removed MCMGR\_LoadApp(), MCMGR\_MapAddress() and MCMGR\_SignalReady()

**Modified**

- Modified MCMGR\_GetStartupData()

**Added**

- Added MCMGR\_EarlyInit(), MCMGR\_RegisterEvent() and MCMGR\_TriggerEvent()
- Added the ability for remote core monitoring and event handling

**[v2.0.1]**

**Fixed**

- Updated to be Misra compliant.

**[v2.0.0]**

**Added**

- Support for lpcxpresso54114 board.

**[v1.1.0]**

**Fixed**

- Ported to KSDK 2.0.0.

**[v1.0.0]**

**Added**

- Initial release.

**eRPC**

MCUXpresso SDK : mcuxsdk-middleware-erpc

**Overview** This repository is for MCUXpresso SDK eRPC middleware delivery and it contains eRPC component officially provided in NXP MCUXpresso SDK. This repository is part of the MCUXpresso SDK overall delivery which is composed of several sub-repositories/projects. Navigate to the top/parent repository [mcuxsdk](#) for the complete delivery of MCUXpresso SDK to be able to build and run eRPC examples that are based on mcux-sdk-middleware-erpc component.

**Documentation** Overall details can be reviewed here: [MCUXpresso SDK Online Documentation](#)

Visit [eRPC - Documentation](#) to review details on the contents in this sub-repo.

**Setup** Instructions on how to install the MCUXpresso SDK provided from GitHub via west manifest [Getting Started with SDK - Detailed Installation Instructions](#)

**Contribution** We welcome and encourage the community to submit patches directly to the eRPC project placed on github. Contributing can be managed via pull-requests. Before a pull-request is created the code should be tested and properly formatted.

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## About

eRPC (Embedded RPC) is an open source Remote Procedure Call (RPC) system for multichip embedded systems and heterogeneous multicore SoCs.

Unlike other modern RPC systems, such as the excellent [Apache Thrift](#), eRPC distinguishes itself by being designed for tightly coupled systems, using plain C for remote functions, and having a small code size (<5kB). It is not intended for high performance distributed systems over a network.

eRPC does not force upon you any particular API style. It allows you to export existing C functions, without having to change their prototypes. (There are limits, of course.) And although the internal infrastructure is written in C++, most users will be able to use only the simple C setup APIs shown in the examples below.

A code generator tool called `erpcgen` is included. It accepts input IDL files, having an `.erpc` extension, that have definitions of your data types and remote interfaces, and generates the shim code that handles serialization and invocation. `erpcgen` can generate either C/C++ or Python code.

Example `.erpc` file:

```
// Define a data type.
enum LEDName { kRed, kGreen, kBlue }

// An interface is a logical grouping of functions.
interface IO {
    // Simple function declaration with an empty reply.
    set_led(LEDName whichLed, bool onOrOff) -> void
}
```

Client side usage:

```
void example_client(void) {
    erpc_transport_t transport;
    erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
    erpc_client_t client_manager;

    /* Init eRPC client infrastructure */
    transport = erpc_transport_cmsis_uart_init(Driver_USART0);
    message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_dynamic_init();
    client_manager = erpc_client_init(transport, message_buffer_factory);

    /* init eRPC client IO service */
    initIO_client(client_manager);

    // Now we can call the remote function to turn on the green LED.
    set_led(kGreen, true);

    /* deinit objects */
    deinitIO_client();
    erpc_client_deinit(client_manager);
    erpc_mbf_dynamic_deinit(message_buffer_factory);
}
```

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```

    erpc_transport_tcp_deinit(transport);
}

void example_client(void) {
    erpc_transport_t transport;
    erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
    erpc_client_t client_manager;

    /* Init eRPC client infrastructure */
    transport = erpc_transport_cmsis_uart_init(Driver_USART0);
    message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_dynamic_init();
    client_manager = erpc_client_init(transport, message_buffer_factory);

    /* scope for client service */
    {
        /* init eRPC client IO service */
        IO_client client(client_manager);

        // Now we can call the remote function to turn on the green LED.
        client.set_led(kGreen, true);
    }

    /* deinit objects */
    erpc_client_deinit(client_manager);
    erpc_mbf_dynamic_deinit(message_buffer_factory);
    erpc_transport_tcp_deinit(transport);
}

```

**Server side usage:**

```

// Implement the remote function.
void set_led(LEDName whichLed, bool onOrOff) {
    // implementation goes here
}

void example_server(void) {
    erpc_transport_t transport;
    erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
    erpc_server_t server;
    erpc_service_t service = create_IO_service();

    /* Init eRPC server infrastructure */
    transport = erpc_transport_cmsis_uart_init(Driver_USART0);
    message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_dynamic_init();
    server = erpc_server_init(transport, message_buffer_factory);

    /* add custom service implementation to the server */
    erpc_add_service_to_server(server, service);

    // Run the server.
    erpc_server_run();

    /* deinit objects */
    destroy_IO_service(service);
    erpc_server_deinit(server);
    erpc_mbf_dynamic_deinit(message_buffer_factory);
    erpc_transport_tcp_deinit(transport);
}

```

```

// Implement the remote function.
class IO : public IO_interface

```

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```

{
  /* eRPC call definition */
  void set_led(LEDName whichLed, bool onOrOff) override {
    // implementation goes here
  }
}

void example_server(void) {
  erpc_transport_t transport;
  erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
  erpc_server_t server;
  IO IOImpl;
  IO_service io(&IOImpl);

  /* Init eRPC server infrastructure */
  transport = erpc_transport_cmsis_uart_init(Driver_USART0);
  message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_dynamic_init();
  server = erpc_server_init(transport, message_buffer_factory);

  /* add custom service implementation to the server */
  erpc_add_service_to_server(server, &io);

  /* poll for requests */
  erpc_status_t err = server.run();

  /* deinit objects */
  erpc_server_deinit(server);
  erpc_mbf_dynamic_deinit(message_buffer_factory);
  erpc_transport_tcp_deinit(transport);
}

```

A number of transports are supported, and new transport classes are easy to write.

Supported transports can be found in *erpc/erpc\_c/transport* folder. E.g:

- CMSIS UART
- NXP Kinetis SPI and DSPI
- POSIX and Windows serial port
- TCP/IP (mostly for testing)
- NXP RPMsg-Lite / RPMsg TTY
- SPIdev Linux
- USB CDC
- NXP Messaging Unit

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## Releases [eRPC releases](#)

**Edge releases** Edge releases can be found on [eRPC CircleCI](#) webpage. Choose build of interest, then platform target and choose ARTIFACTS tab. Here you can find binary application from chosen build.

**Documentation** Documentation is in the [wiki](#) section.

[eRPC Infrastructure documentation](#)

**Examples** *Example IDL* is available in the *examples/* folder.

Plenty of eRPC multicore and multiprocessor examples can be also found in NXP MCUXpressoSDK packages. Visit <https://mcuxpresso.nxp.com> to configure, build and download these packages.

To get the board list with multicore support (eRPC included) use filtering based on Middleware and search for 'multicore' string. Once the selected package with the multicore middleware is downloaded, see

<MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/boards/<board\_name>/multicore\_examples for eRPC multicore examples (RPMsg\_Lite or Messaging Unit transports used) or

<MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/boards/<board\_name>/multiprocessor\_examples for eRPC multiprocessor examples (UART or SPI transports used).

eRPC examples use the 'erpc\_' name prefix.

Another way of getting NXP MCUXpressoSDK eRPC multicore and multiprocessor examples is using the [mcux-sdk](#) Github repo. Follow the description how to use the West tool to clone and update the mcuxsdk repo in [readme Overview section](#). Once done the armgcc eRPC examples can be found in

mcuxsdk/examples/<board\_name>/multicore\_examples or in

mcuxsdk/examples/<board\_name>/multiprocessor\_examples folders.

You can use the evkmimxrt1170 as the board\_name for instance. Similar to MCUXpressoSDK packages the eRPC examples use the 'erpc\_' name prefix.

**References** This section provides links to interesting erpc-based projects, articles, blogs or guides:

- [erpc \(EmbeddedRPC\) getting started notes](#)
- [ERPC Linux Local Environment Construction and Use](#)
- [The New Wio Terminal eRPC Firmware](#)

**Directories** *doc* - Documentation.

*doxygen* - Configuration and support files for running Doxygen over the eRPC C++ infrastructure and erpcgen code.

*erpc\_c* - Holds C/C++ infrastructure for eRPC. This is the code you will include in your application.

*erpc\_python* - Holds Python version of the eRPC infrastructure.

*erpcgen* - Holds source code for erpcgen and makefiles or project files to build erpcgen on Windows, Linux, and OS X.

*erpcsniffer* - Holds source code for erpcsniffer application.

*examples* - Several example IDL files.

*mk* - Contains common makefiles for building eRPC components.

*test* - Client/server tests. These tests verify the entire communications path from client to server and back.

*utilities* - Holds utilities which bring additional benefit to eRPC apps developers.

**Building and installing** These build instructions apply to host PCs and embedded Linux. For bare metal or RTOS embedded environments, you should copy the *erpc\_c* directory into your application sources.

#### **CMake and KConfig build:**

It builds a static library of the eRPC C/C++ infrastructure, the *erpcgen* executable, and optionally the unit tests and examples.

CMake is compatible with gcc and clang. On Windows local MingGW downloaded by *script* can be used.

#### **Make build:**

It builds a static library of the eRPC C/C++ infrastructure, the *erpcgen* executable, and optionally the unit tests.

The makefiles are compatible with gcc or clang on Linux, OS X, and Cygwin. A Windows build of *erpcgen* using Visual Studio is also available in the *erpcgen/VisualStudio\_v14* directory. There is also an Xcode project file in the *erpcgen* directory, which can be used to build *erpcgen* for OS X.

**Requirements** eRPC now support building **erpcgen**, **erpc\_lib**, **tests** and **C examples** using CMake.

Requirements when using CMake:

- **CMake** (minimal version 3.20.0)
- Generator - **Make**, **Ninja**, ...
- **C/C++ compiler** - **GCC**, **CLANG**, ...
- **Bison** - <https://www.gnu.org/software/bison/>
- **Flex** - <https://github.com/westes/flex/>

Requirements when using Make:

- **Make**
- **C/C++ compiler** - **GCC**, **CLANG**, ...
- **Bison** - <https://www.gnu.org/software/bison/>
- **Flex** - <https://github.com/westes/flex/>

**Windows** Related steps to build **erpcgen** using **Visual Studio** are described in *erpcgen/VisualStudio\_v14/readme\_erpcgen.txt*.

To install MinGW, Bison, Flex locally on Windows:

```
./install_dependencies.ps1
* ***

#### Linux

```bash
./install_dependencies.sh
```

Mandatory for case, when build for different architecture is needed

- **gcc-multilib**, **g++-multilib**

#### **Mac OS X**

```
./install_dependencies.sh
```

## Building

**CMake and KConfig** eRPC use CMake and KConfig to configurate and build eRPC related targets. KConfig can be edited by *prj.conf* or *menuconfig* when building.

Generate project, config and build. In *erpc/* execute:

```
cmake -B ./build # in erpc/build generate cmake project
cmake --build ./build --target menuconfig # Build menuconfig and configurate erpcgen, erpc_lib, tests and
↳examples
cmake --build ./build # Build all selected target from prj.conf/menuconfig
```

**\*\*CMake will use the system's default compilers and generator**

If you want to use Windows and locally installed MinGW, use *CMake preset* :

```
cmake --preset mingw64 # Generate project in ./build using mingw64's make and compilers
cmake --build ./build --target menuconfig # Build menuconfig and configurate erpcgen, erpc_lib, tests and
↳examples
cmake --build ./build # Build all selected target from prj.conf/menuconfig
```

**Make** To build the library and erpcgen, run from the repo root directory:

```
make
```

To install the library, erpcgen, and include files, run:

```
make install
```

You may need to sudo the make install.

By default this will install into */usr/local*. If you want to install elsewhere, set the *PREFIX* environment variable. Example for installing into */opt*:

```
make install PREFIX=/opt
```

List of top level Makefile targets:

- erpc: build the liberpc.a static library
- erpcgen: build the erpcgen tool
- erpcsniffer: build the sniffer tool
- test: build the unit tests under the *test* directory
- all: build all of the above
- install: install liberpc.a, erpcgen, and include files

eRPC code is validated with respect to the C++ 11 standard.

**Installing for Python** To install the Python infrastructure for eRPC see instructions in the *erpc python readme*.

### Known issues and limitations

- Static allocations controlled by the `ERPC_ALLOCATION_POLICY` config macro are not fully supported yet, i.e. not all erpc objects can be allocated statically now. It deals with the ongoing process and the full static allocations support will be added in the future.

**Code providing** Repository on Github contains two main branches: **main** and **develop**. Code is developed on **develop** branch. Release version is created via merging **develop** branch into **main** branch.

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### eRPC Getting Started

**Overview** This *Getting Started User Guide* shows software developers how to use Remote Procedure Calls (RPC) in embedded multicore microcontrollers (eRPC).

The eRPC documentation is located in the `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/erpc/doc` folder.

**Create an eRPC application** This section describes a generic way to create a client/server eRPC application:

1. **Design the eRPC application:** Decide which data types are sent between applications, and define functions that send/receive this data.
2. **Create the IDL file:** The IDL file contains information about data types and functions used in an eRPC application, and is written in the IDL language.
3. **Use the eRPC generator tool:** This tool takes an IDL file and generates the shim code for the client and the server-side applications.
4. **Create an eRPC application:**
  1. Create two projects, where one project is for the client side (primary core) and the other project is for the server side (secondary core).
  2. Add generated files for the client application to the client project, and add generated files for the server application to the server project.
  3. Add infrastructure files.
  4. Add user code for client and server applications.
  5. Set the client and server project options.
5. **Run the eRPC application:** Run both the server and the client applications. Make sure that the server has been run before the client request was sent.

A specific example follows in the next section.

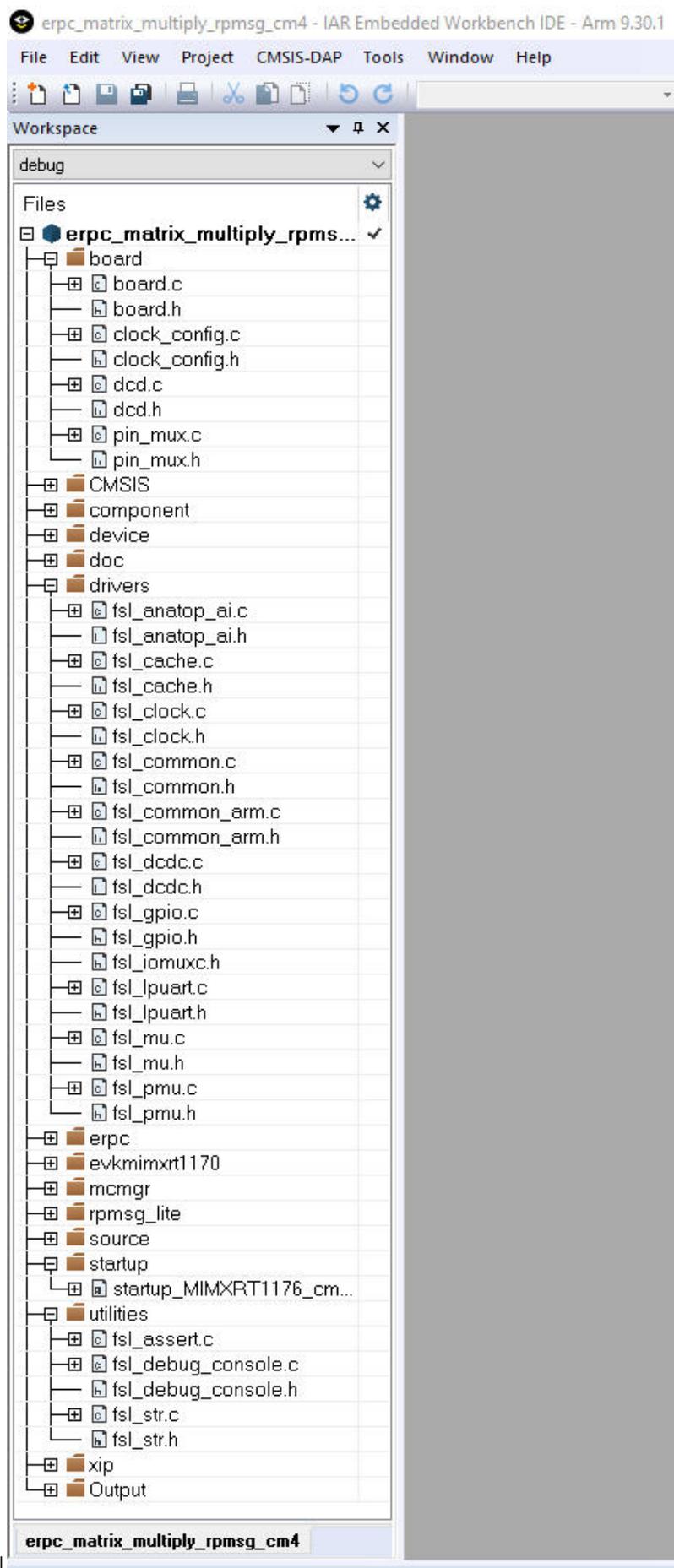
**Multicore server application** The “Matrix multiply” eRPC server project is located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_matrix_multiply_rpmsg/cm4/iar/`

The project files for the eRPC server have the `_cm4` suffix.

**Server project basic source files** The startup files, board-related settings, peripheral drivers, and utilities belong to the basic project source files and form the skeleton of all MCUXpresso SDK applications. These source files are located in:

- `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/devices/<device>`
- `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multicore_examples/<example_name>/`



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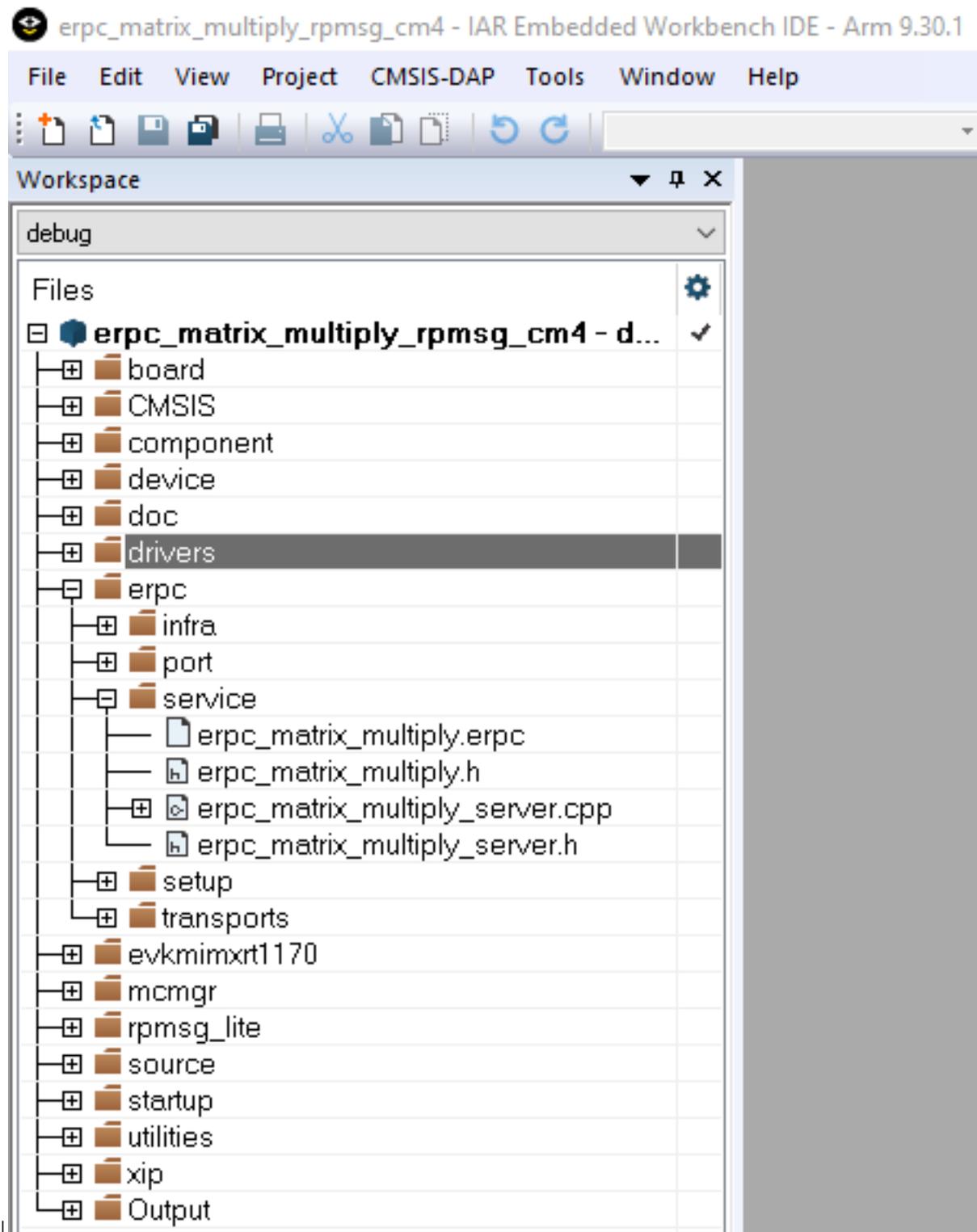
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**Server related generated files** The server-related generated files are:

- erpc\_\_matric\_\_multiply.h
- erpc\_\_matrix\_\_multiply\_\_server.h
- erpc\_\_matrix\_\_multiply\_\_server.cpp

The server-related generated files contain the shim code for functions and data types declared in the IDL file. These files also contain functions for the identification of client requested functions, data deserialization, calling requested function's implementations, and data serialization and return, if requested by the client. These shim code files can be found in the following folder:

<MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore\_examples/erpc\_common/erpc\_matrix\_multiply/s



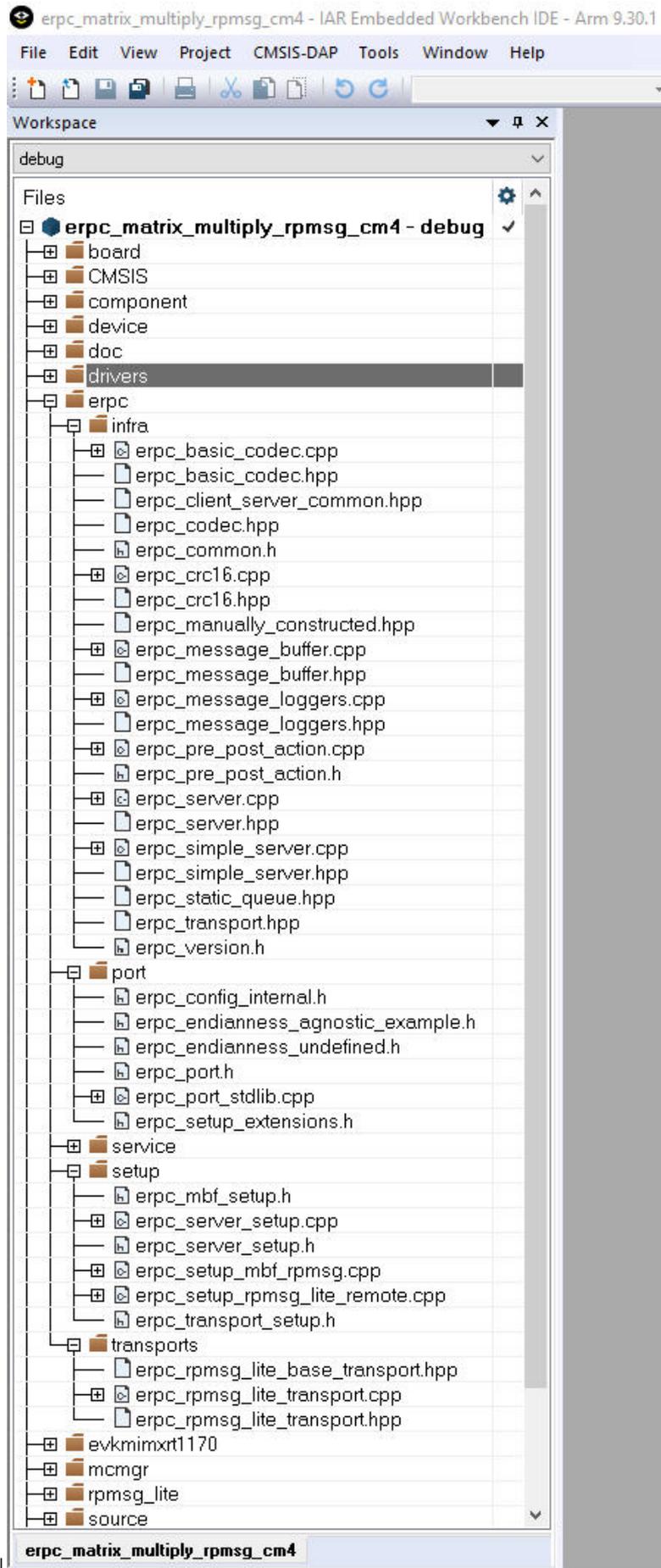
**Parent topic:** Multicore server application

**Server infrastructure files** The eRPC infrastructure files are located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/erpc/erpc_c`

The **erpc\_c** folder contains files for creating eRPC client and server applications in the C/C++ language. These files are distributed into subfolders.

- The **infra** subfolder contains C++ infrastructure code used to build server and client applications.
  - Four files, `erpc_server.hpp`, `erpc_server.cpp`, `erpc_simple_server.hpp`, and `erpc_simple_server.cpp`, are used for running the eRPC server on the server-side applications. The simple server is currently the only implementation of the server, and its role is to catch client requests, identify and call requested functions, and send data back when requested.
  - Three files (`erpc_codec.hpp`, `erpc_basic_codec.hpp`, and `erpc_basic_codec.cpp`) are used for codecs. Currently, the basic codec is the initial and only implementation of the codecs.
  - The `erpc_common.hpp` file is used for common eRPC definitions, typedefs, and enums.
  - The `erpc_manually_constructed.hpp` file is used for allocating static storage for the used objects.
  - Message buffer files are used for storing serialized data: `erpc_message_buffer.h` and `erpc_message_buffer.cpp`.
  - The `erpc_transport.h` file defines the abstract interface for transport layer.
- The **port** subfolder contains the eRPC porting layer to adapt to different environments.
  - `erpc_port.h` file contains definition of `erpc_malloc()` and `erpc_free()` functions.
  - `erpc_port_stdlib.cpp` file ensures adaptation to `stdlib`.
  - `erpc_config_internal.h` internal erpc configuration file.
- The **setup** subfolder contains a set of plain C APIs that wrap the C++ infrastructure, providing client and server init and deinit routines that greatly simplify eRPC usage in C-based projects. No knowledge of C++ is required to use these APIs.
  - The `erpc_server_setup.h` and `erpc_server_setup.cpp` files need to be added into the “Matrix multiply” example project to demonstrate the use of C-wrapped functions in this example.
  - The `erpc_transport_setup.h` and `erpc_setup_rpmsg_lite_remote.cpp` files need to be added into the project in order to allow the C-wrapped function for transport layer setup.
  - The `erpc_mbf_setup.h` and `erpc_setup_mbf_rpmsg.cpp` files need to be added into the project in order to allow message buffer factory usage.
- The **transports** subfolder contains transport classes for the different methods of communication supported by eRPC. Some transports are applicable only to host PCs, while others are applicable only to embedded or multicore systems. Most transports have corresponding client and server setup functions in the setup folder.
  - RPMsg-Lite is used as the transport layer for the communication between cores, `erpc_rpmsg_lite_base_transport.hpp`, `erpc_rpmsg_lite_transport.hpp`, and `erpc_rpmsg_lite_transport.cpp` files need to be added into the server project.



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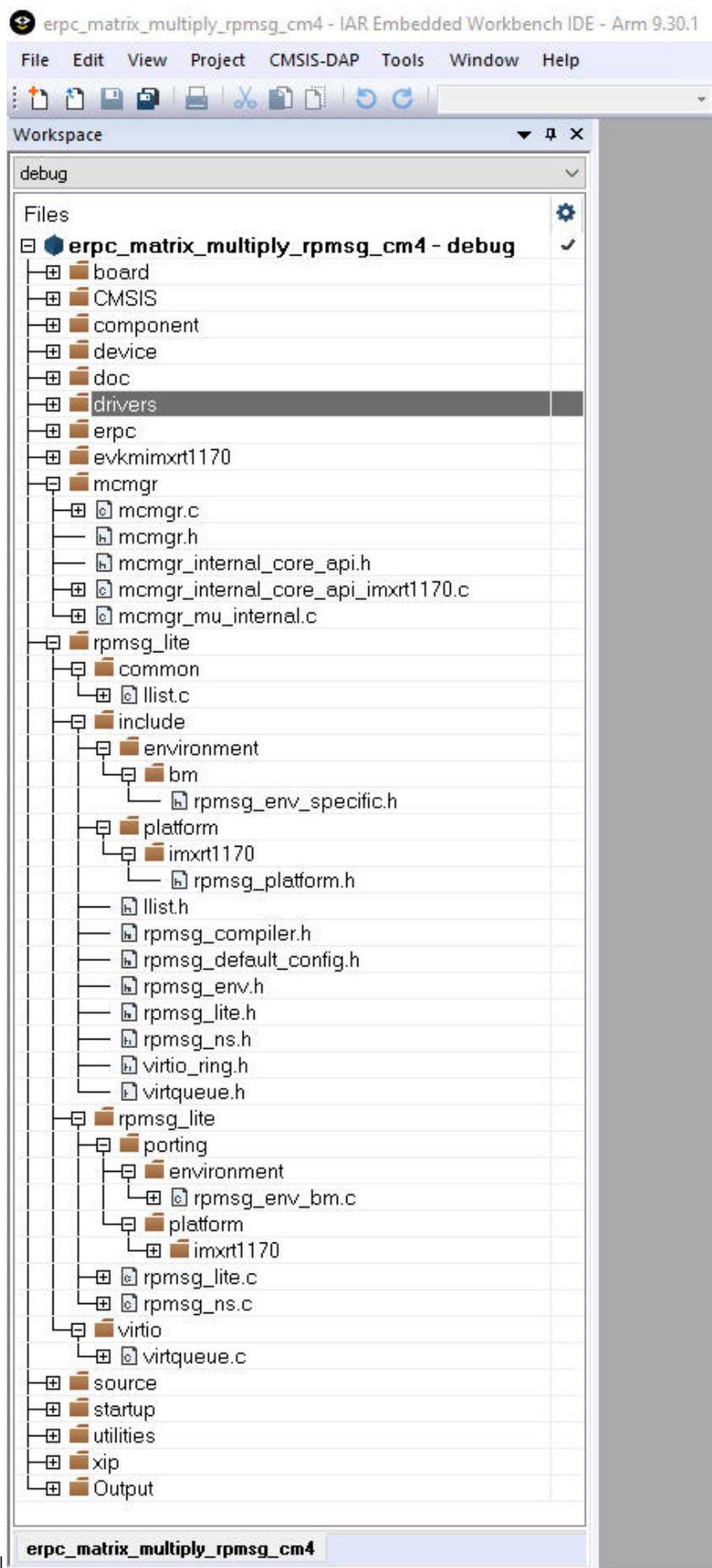
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**Server multicore infrastructure files** Because of the RPSMsg-Lite (transport layer), it is also necessary to include RPSMsg-Lite related files, which are in the following folder:

*<MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/middleware/multicore/rpsmsg\_lite/*

The multicore example applications also use the Multicore Manager software library to control the secondary core startup and shutdown. These source files are located in the following folder:

*<MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/middleware/multicore/mcmgr/*



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**Server user code** The server's user code is stored in the `main_core1.c` file, located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_matrix_multiply_rpmsg/cm4`

The `main_core1.c` file contains two functions:

- The **main()** function contains the code for the target board and eRPC server initialization. After the initialization, the matrix multiply service is added and the eRPC server waits for client's requests in the while loop.
- The **erpcMatrixMultiply()** function is the user implementation of the eRPC function defined in the IDL file.
- There is the possibility to write the application-specific eRPC error handler. The eRPC error handler of the matrix multiply application is implemented in the `erpc_error_handler.h` and `erpc_error_handler.cpp` files.

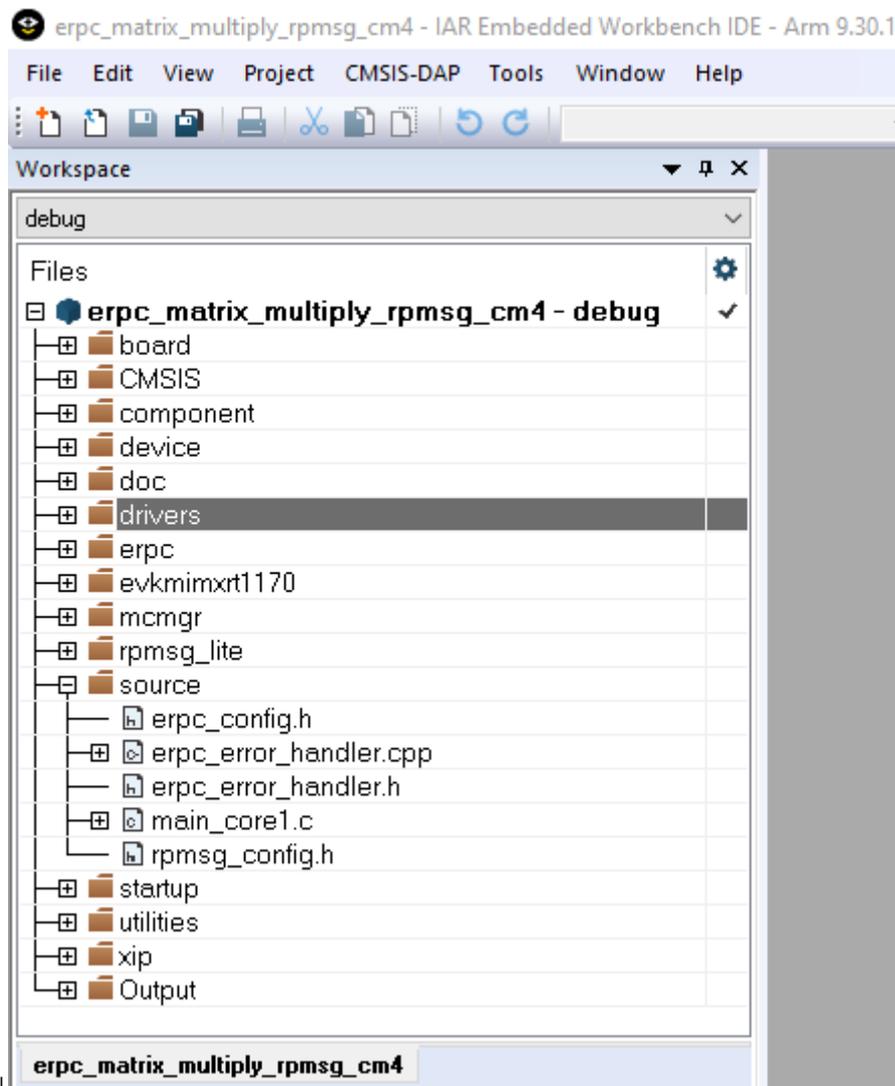
The eRPC-relevant code is captured in the following code snippet:

```

/* erpcMatrixMultiply function user implementation */
void erpcMatrixMultiply(const Matrix *matrix1, const Matrix *matrix2, Matrix *result_matrix)
{
    ...
}
int main()
{
    ...
    /* RPMsg-Lite transport layer initialization */
    erpc_transport_t transport;
    transport = erpc_transport_rpmsg_lite_remote_init(src, dst, (void*)startupData,
    ERPC_TRANSPORT_RPMSG_LITE_LINK_ID, SignalReady, NULL);
    ...
    /* MessageBufferFactory initialization */
    erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
    message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_rpmsg_init(transport);
    ...
    /* eRPC server side initialization */
    erpc_server_t server;
    server = erpc_server_init(transport, message_buffer_factory);
    ...
    /* Adding the service to the server */
    erpc_service_t service = create_MatrixMultiplyService_service();
    erpc_add_service_to_server(server, service);
    ...
    while (1)
    {
        /* Process eRPC requests */
        erpc_status_t status = erpc_server_poll(server);
        /* handle error status */
        if (status != kErpcStatus_Success)
        {
            /* print error description */
            erpc_error_handler(status, 0);
            ...
        }
        ...
    }
}

```

Except for the application main file, there are configuration files for the RPSMsg-Lite (`rpmsg_config.h`) and eRPC (`erpc_config.h`), located in the `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/ erpc_matrix_multiply_rpmsg` folder.



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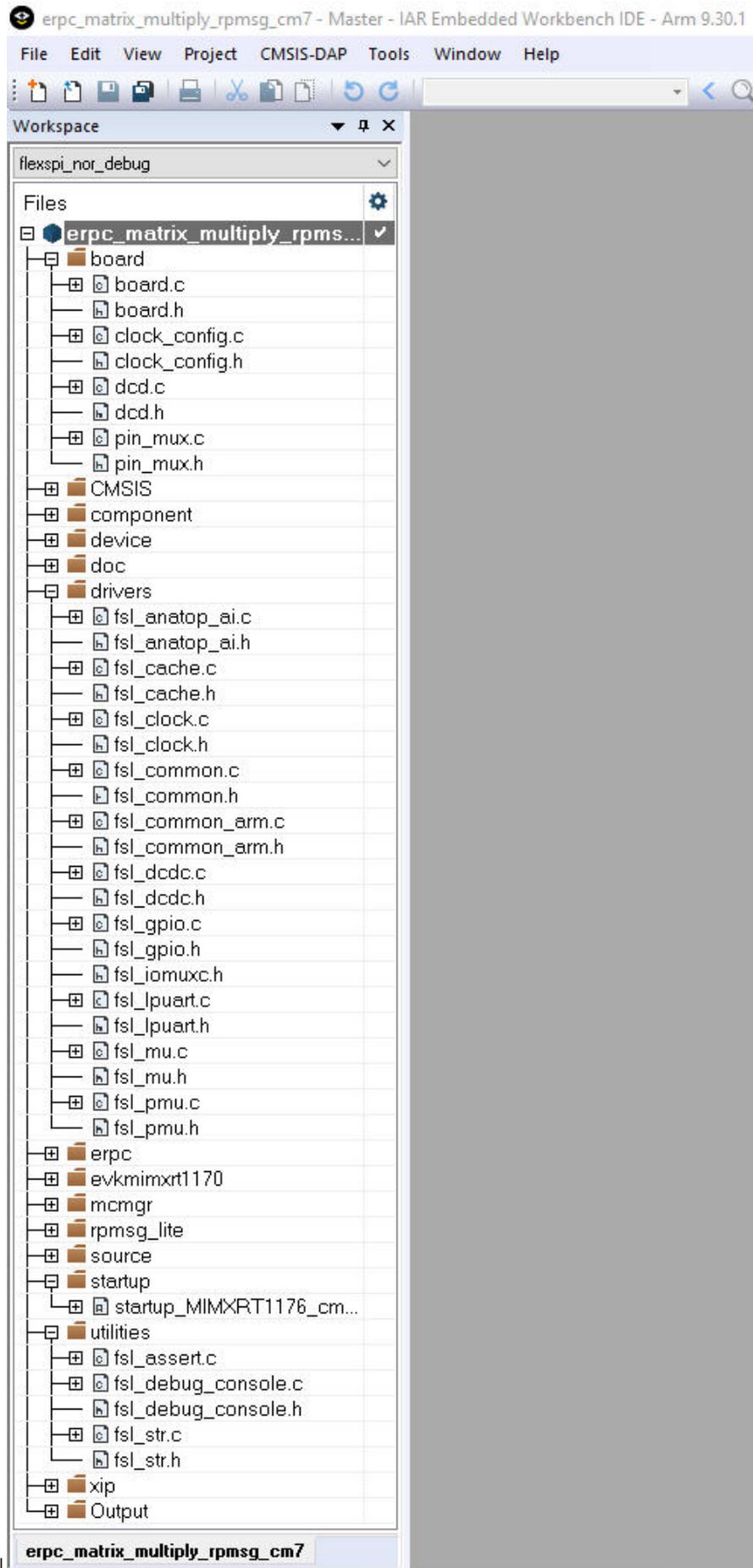
**Multicore client application** The “Matrix multiply” eRPC client project is located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_matrix_multiply_rpmsg/cm7/iar/`

Project files for the eRPC client have the `_cm7` suffix.

**Client project basic source files** The startup files, board-related settings, peripheral drivers, and utilities belong to the basic project source files and form the skeleton of all MCUXpresso SDK applications. These source files are located in the following folders:

- `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/devices/<device>`
- `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multicore_examples/<example_name>/`



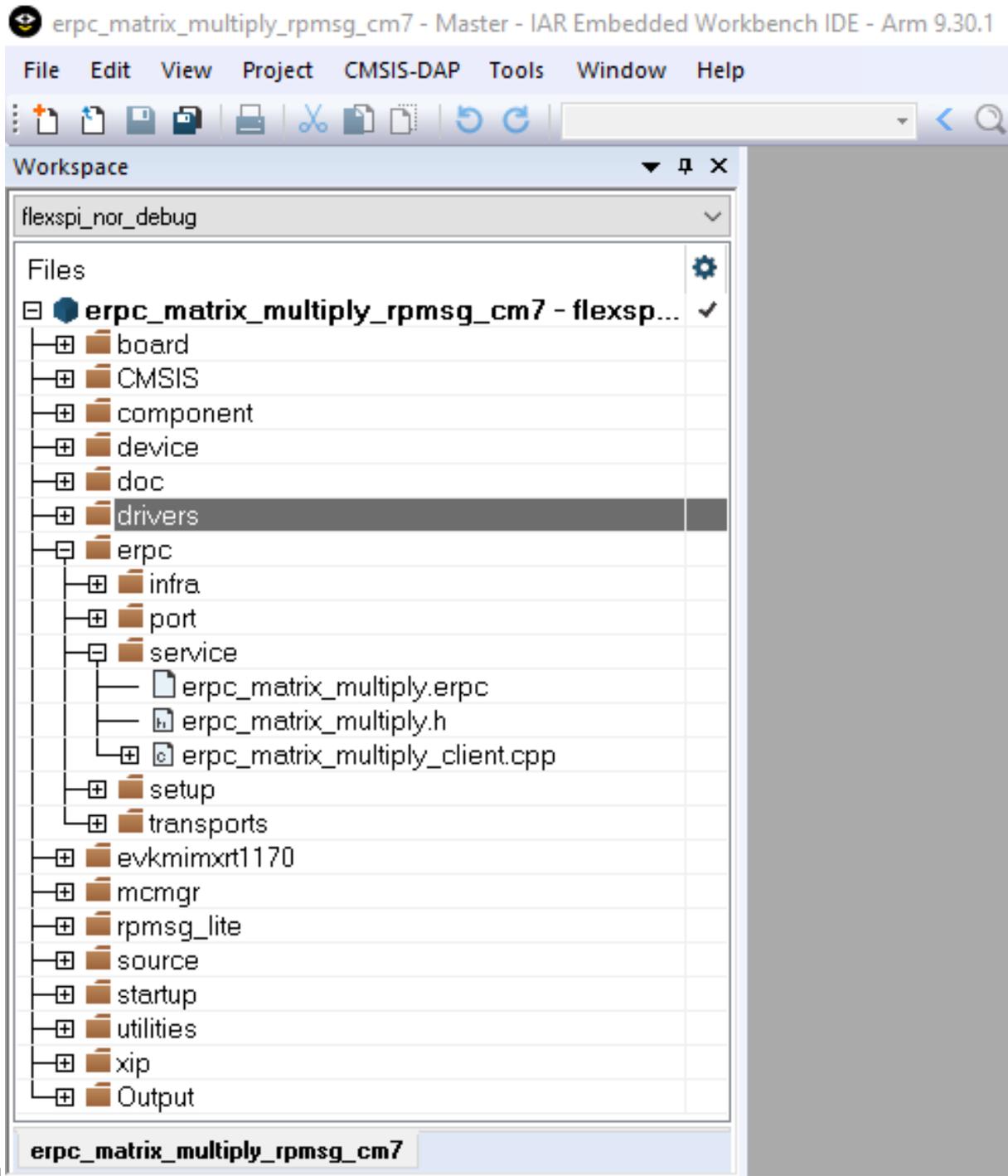
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**Client-related generated files** The client-related generated files are:

- erpc\_matrix\_multiply.h
- erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_client.cpp

These files contain the shim code for the functions and data types declared in the IDL file. These functions also call methods for codec initialization, data serialization, performing eRPC requests, and de-serializing outputs into expected data structures (if return values are expected). These shim code files can be found in the `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_common/erpc_matrix_multiply/service/` folder.



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**Client infrastructure files** The eRPC infrastructure files are located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/erpc/erpc_c`

The **erpc\_c** folder contains files for creating eRPC client and server applications in the C/C++ language. These files are distributed into subfolders.

- The **infra** subfolder contains C++ infrastructure code used to build server and client applications.

- Two files, `erpc_client_manager.h` and `erpc_client_manager.cpp`, are used for managing the client-side application. The main purpose of the client files is to create, perform, and release eRPC requests.
- Three files (`erpc_codec.hpp`, `erpc_basic_codec.hpp`, and `erpc_basic_codec.cpp`) are used for codecs. Currently, the basic codec is the initial and only implementation of the codecs.
- `erpc_common.h` file is used for common eRPC definitions, typedefs, and enums.
- `erpc_manually_constructed.hpp` file is used for allocating static storage for the used objects.
- Message buffer files are used for storing serialized data: `erpc_message_buffer.hpp` and `erpc_message_buffer.cpp`.
- `erpc_transport.hpp` file defines the abstract interface for transport layer.

The **port** subfolder contains the eRPC porting layer to adapt to different environments.

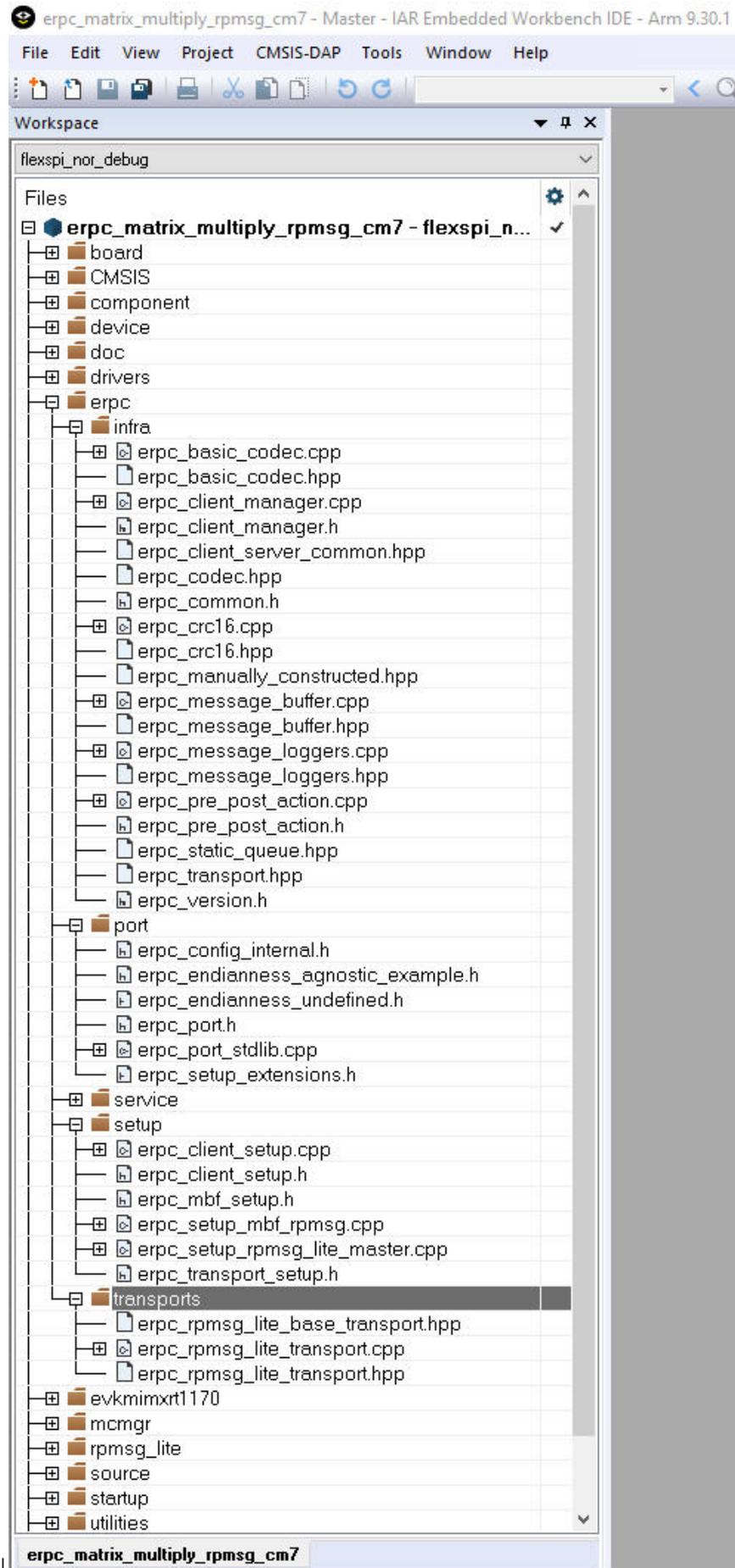
- `erpc_port.h` file contains definition of `erpc_malloc()` and `erpc_free()` functions.
- `erpc_port_stdlib.cpp` file ensures adaptation to `stdlib`.
- `erpc_config_internal.h` internal eRPC configuration file.

The **setup** subfolder contains a set of plain C APIs that wrap the C++ infrastructure, providing client and server init and deinit routines that greatly simplify eRPC usage in C-based projects. No knowledge of C++ is required to use these APIs.

- `erpc_client_setup.h` and `erpc_client_setup.cpp` files needs to be added into the “Matrix multiply” example project to demonstrate the use of C-wrapped functions in this example.
- `erpc_transport_setup.h` and `erpc_setup_rpmg_lite_master.cpp` files needs to be added into the project in order to allow C-wrapped function for transport layer setup.
- `erpc_mbf_setup.h` and `erpc_setup_mbf_rpmg.cpp` files needs to be added into the project in order to allow message buffer factory usage.

The **transports** subfolder contains transport classes for the different methods of communication supported by eRPC. Some transports are applicable only to host PCs, while others are applicable only to embedded or multicore systems. Most transports have corresponding client and server setup functions, in the setup folder.

- RPMsg-Lite is used as the transport layer for the communication between cores, `erpc_rpmg_lite_base_transport.hpp`, `erpc_rpmg_lite_transport.hpp`, and `erpc_rpmg_lite_transport.cpp` files needs to be added into the client project.



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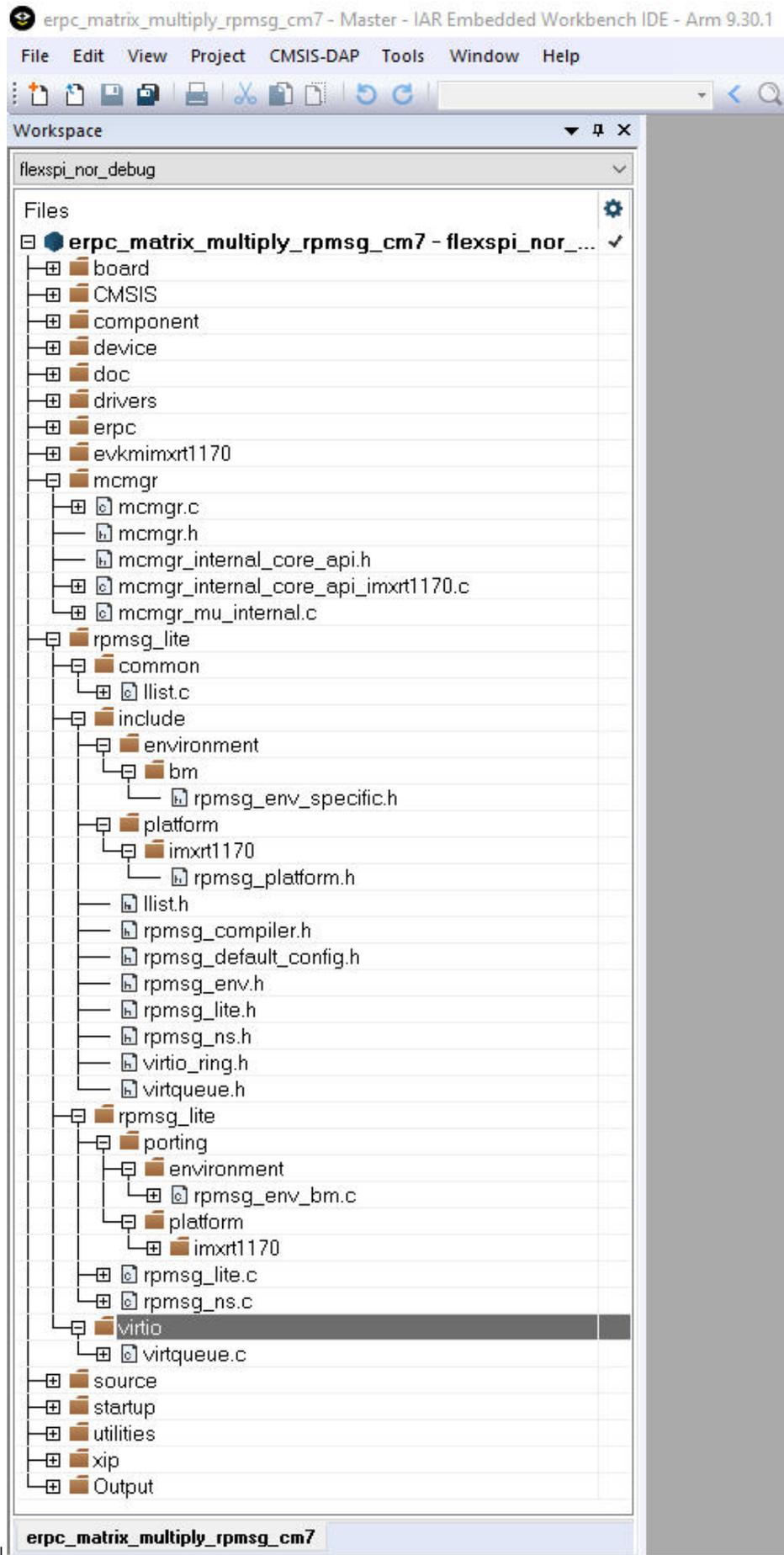
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**Client multicore infrastructure files** Because of the RPSMsg-Lite (transport layer), it is also necessary to include RPSMsg-Lite related files, which are in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/rpsmsg_lite/`

The multicore example applications also use the Multicore Manager software library to control the secondary core startup and shutdown. These source files are located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/mcmgr/`



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**Client user code** The client's user code is stored in the main\_core0.c file, located in the following folder:

<MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore\_example/erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_rpmsg/cm7

The main\_core0.c file contains the code for target board and eRPC initialization.

- After initialization, the secondary core is released from reset.
- When the secondary core is ready, the primary core initializes two matrix variables.
- The erpcMatrixMultiply eRPC function is called to issue the eRPC request and get the result.

It is possible to write the application-specific eRPC error handler. The eRPC error handler of the matrix multiply application is implemented in erpc\_error\_handler.h and erpc\_error\_handler.cpp files.

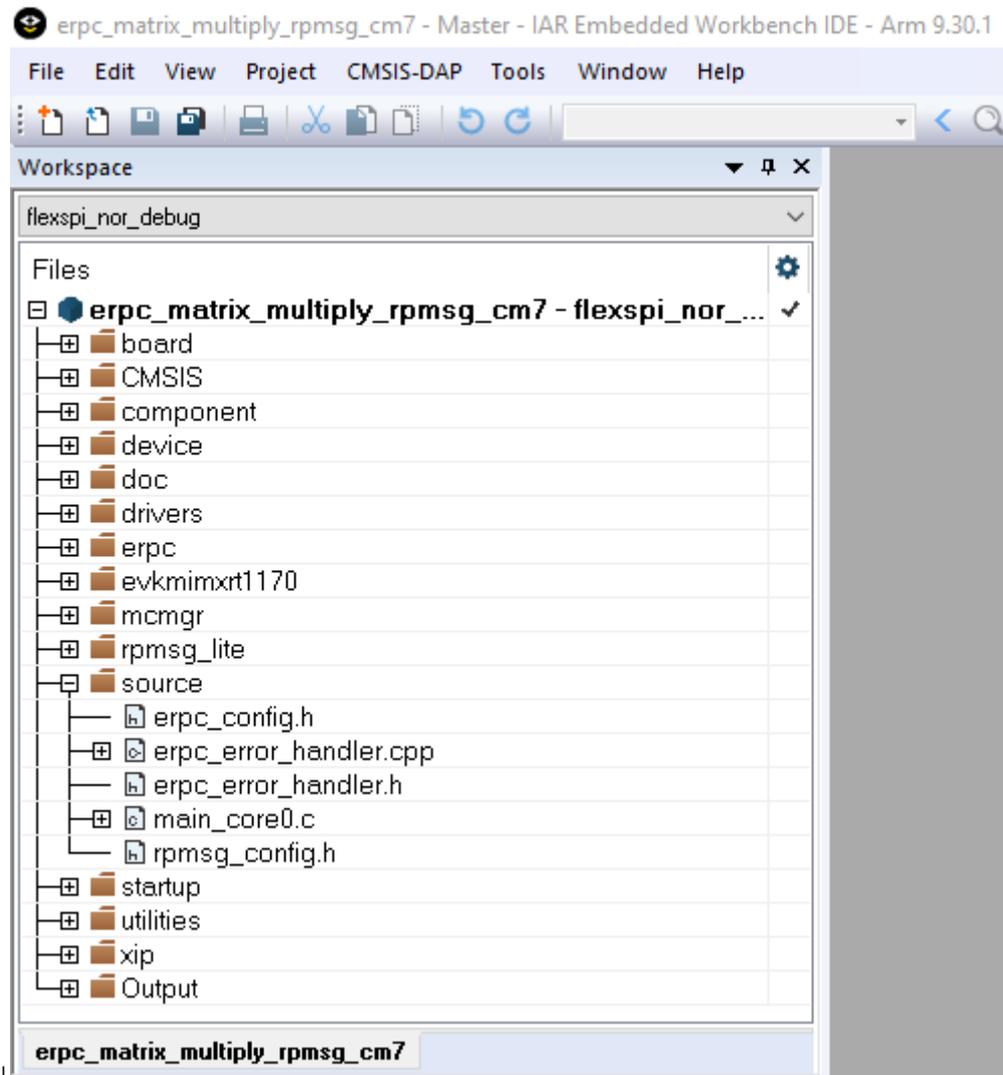
The matrix multiplication can be issued repeatedly, when pressing a software board button.

The eRPC-relevant code is captured in the following code snippet:

```
...
extern bool g_erpc_error_occurred;
...
/* Declare matrix arrays */
Matrix matrix1 = {0}, matrix2 = {0}, result_matrix = {0};
...
/* RPSMsg-Lite transport layer initialization */
erpc_transport_t transport;
transport = erpc_transport_rpmsg_lite_master_init(src, dst,
ERPC_TRANSPORT_RPMSG_LITE_LINK_ID);
...
/* MessageBufferFactory initialization */
erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_rpmsg_init(transport);
...
/* eRPC client side initialization */
erpc_client_t client;
client = erpc_client_init(transport, message_buffer_factory);
...
/* Set default error handler */
erpc_client_set_error_handler(client, erpc_error_handler);
...
while (1)
{
/* Invoke the erpcMatrixMultiply function */
erpcMatrixMultiply(matrix1, matrix2, result_matrix);
...
/* Check if some error occurred in eRPC */
if (g_erpc_error_occurred)
{
/* Exit program loop */
break;
}
...
}
```

Except for the application main file, there are configuration files for the RPSMsg-Lite (rpmsg\_config.h) and eRPC (erpc\_config.h), located in the following folder:

<MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore\_examples/erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_rpmsg



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**Multiprocessor server application** The “Matrix multiply” eRPC server project for multiprocessor applications is located in the `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multiprocessor_examples/erpc_server_matrix_multiply_<transport_layer>` folder.

Most of the multiprocessor application setup is the same as for the multicore application. The multiprocessor server application requires server-related generated files (server shim code), server infrastructure files, and the server user code. There is no need for server multicore infrastructure files (MCMGR and RPSMsg-Lite). The RPSMsg-Lite transport layer is replaced either by SPI or UART transports. The following table shows the required transport-related files per each transport type.

SPI	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/setup/erpc_setup_(d)spi_slave.cpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/erpc_(d)spi_slave_transport.hpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/erpc_(d)spi_slave_transport.cpp
UART	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/setup/erpc_setup_uart_cmsis.cpp

<eRPC base directory>/erpc\_c/transport/erpc\_uart\_cmsis\_transport.hpp

<eRPC base directory>/erpc\_c/transport/erpc\_uart\_cmsis\_transport.cpp

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**Server user code** The server's user code is stored in the main\_server.c file, located in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/boards/<board\_name>/multiprocessor\_examples/erpc\_server\_matrix\_multiply\_<transport\_layer>/ folder.

The eRPC-relevant code with UART as a transport is captured in the following code snippet:

```
/* erpcMatrixMultiply function user implementation */
void erpcMatrixMultiply(Matrix matrix1, Matrix matrix2, Matrix result_matrix)
{
    ...
}
int main()
{
    ...
    /* UART transport layer initialization, ERPC_DEMO_UART is the structure of CMSIS UART driver
    ↪operations */
    erpc_transport_t transport;
    transport = erpc_transport_cmsis_uart_init((void *)&ERPC_DEMO_UART);
    ...
    /* MessageBufferFactory initialization */
    erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
    message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_dynamic_init();
    ...
    /* eRPC server side initialization */
    erpc_server_t server;
    server = erpc_server_init(transport, message_buffer_factory);
    ...
    /* Adding the service to the server */
    erpc_service_t service = create_MatrixMultiplyService_service();
    erpc_add_service_to_server(server, service);
    ...
    while (1)
    {
        /* Process eRPC requests */
        erpc_status_t status = erpc_server_poll(server)
        /* handle error status */
        if (status != kErpcStatus_Success)
        {
            /* print error description */
            erpc_error_handler(status, 0);
            ...
        }
        ...
    }
}
```

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**Multiprocessor client application** The “Matrix multiply” eRPC client project for multiprocessor applications is located in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/boards/<board\_name>/multiprocessor\_examples/erpc\_client\_matrix\_multiply\_<transport\_layer>/iar/ folder.

Most of the multiprocessor application setup is the same as for the multicore application. The multiprocessor server application requires client-related generated files (server shim code),

client infrastructure files, and the client user code. There is no need for client multicore infrastructure files (MCMGR and RMPMsg-Lite). The RMPMsg-Lite transport layer is replaced either by SPI or UART transports. The following table shows the required transport-related files per each transport type.

SPI	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/setup/erpc_setup_(d)spi_master.cpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/ erpc_(d)spi_master_transport.hpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/ erpc_(d)spi_master_transport.cpp
UART	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/setup/erpc_setup_uart_cmsis.cpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/erpc_uart_cmsis_transport.hpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/erpc_uart_cmsis_transport.cpp

**Client user code** The client's user code is stored in the `main_client.c` file, located in the `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multiprocessor_examples/erpc_client_matrix_multiply_<transport_layer>/` folder.

The eRPC-relevant code with UART as a transport is captured in the following code snippet:

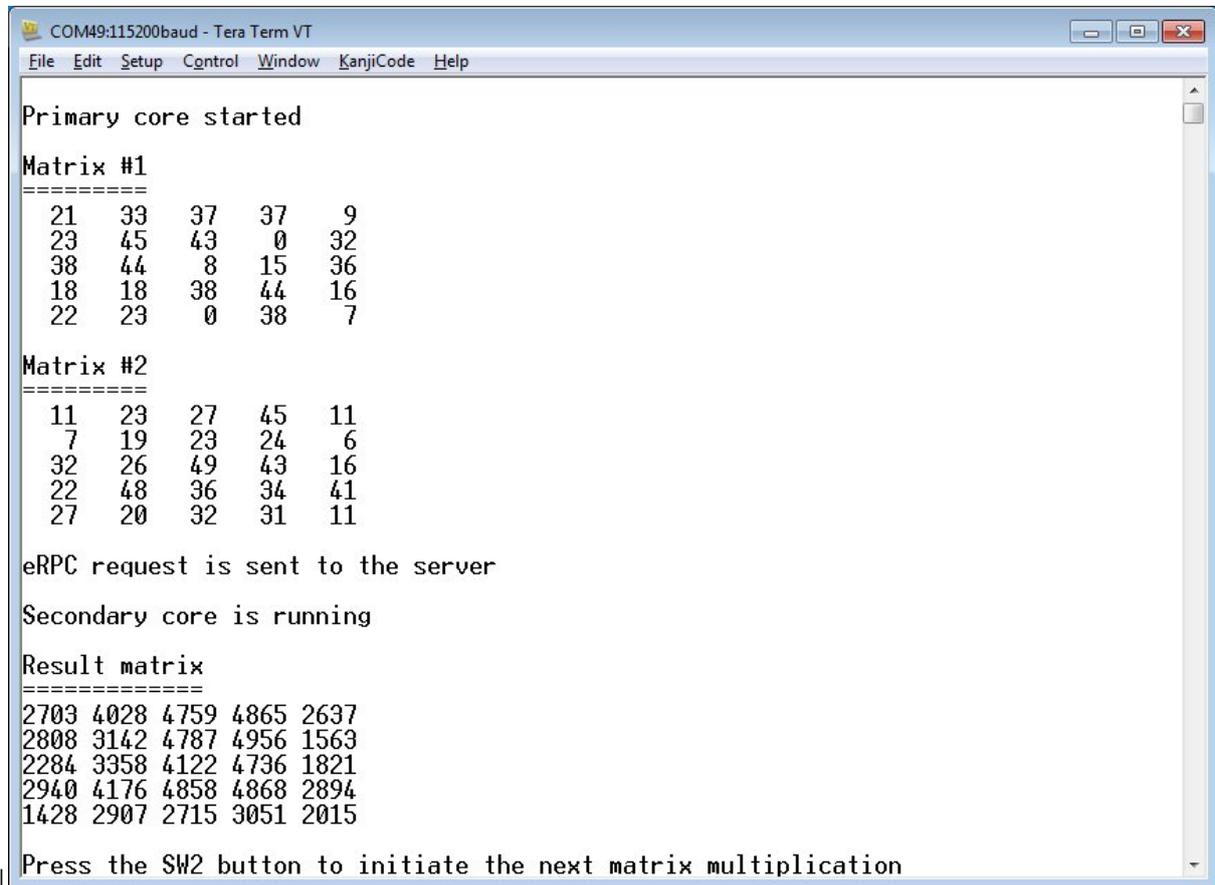
```
...
extern bool g_erpc_error_occurred;
...
/* Declare matrix arrays */
Matrix matrix1 = {0}, matrix2 = {0}, result_matrix = {0};
...
/* UART transport layer initialization, ERPC_DEMO_UART is the structure of CMSIS UART driver
↳operations */
erpc_transport_t transport;
transport = erpc_transport_cmsis_uart_init((void *)&ERPC_DEMO_UART);
...
/* MessageBufferFactory initialization */
erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_dynamic_init();
...
/* eRPC client side initialization */
erpc_client_t client;
client = erpc_client_init(transport,message_buffer_factory);
...
/* Set default error handler */
erpc_client_set_error_handler(client, erpc_error_handler);
...
while (1)
{
/* Invoke the erpcMatrixMultiply function */
erpcMatrixMultiply(matrix1, matrix2, result_matrix);
...
/* Check if some error occurred in eRPC */
if (g_erpc_error_occurred)
{
/* Exit program loop */
break;
}
...
}
```

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**Running the eRPC application** Follow the instructions in *Getting Started with MCUXpresso SDK* (document MCUXSDKGSUG) (located in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/docs folder), to load both the primary and the secondary core images into the on-chip memory, and then effectively debug the dual-core application. After the application is running, the serial console should look like:



```

COM49:115200baud - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window KanjiCode Help
Primary core started
Matrix #1
=====
 21  33  37  37   9
 23  45  43   0  32
 38  44   8  15  36
 18  18  38  44  16
 22  23   0  38   7
Matrix #2
=====
 11  23  27  45  11
  7  19  23  24   6
 32  26  49  43  16
 22  48  36  34  41
 27  20  32  31  11
eRPC request is sent to the server
Secondary core is running
Result matrix
=====
2703 4028 4759 4865 2637
2808 3142 4787 4956 1563
2284 3358 4122 4736 1821
2940 4176 4858 4868 2894
1428 2907 2715 3051 2015
Press the SW2 button to initiate the next matrix multiplication

```

For multiprocessor applications that are running between PC and the target evaluation board or between two boards, follow the instructions in the accompanied example readme files that provide details about the proper board setup and the PC side setup (Python).

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**eRPC example** This section shows how to create an example eRPC application called “Matrix multiply”, which implements one eRPC function (matrix multiply) with two function parameters (two matrices). The client-side application calls this eRPC function, and the server side performs the multiplication of received matrices. The server side then returns the result.

For example, use the NXP MIMXRT1170-EVK board as the target dual-core platform, and the IAR Embedded Workbench for ARM (EWARM) as the target IDE for developing the eRPC example.

- The primary core (CM7) runs the eRPC client.
- The secondary core (CM4) runs the eRPC server.
- RMsg-Lite (Remote Processor Messaging Lite) is used as the eRPC transport layer.

The “Matrix multiply” application can be also run in the multi-processor setup. In other words, the eRPC client running on one SoC communicates with the eRPC server that runs on another SoC, utilizing different transport channels. It is possible to run the board-to-PC example (PC as the eRPC server and a board as the eRPC client, and vice versa) and also the board-to-board example. These multiprocessor examples are prepared for selected boards only.

| Multicore application source and project files | `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore/`  
 | Multiprocessor application source and project files | `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multi`  
`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multiprocessor_examples/erpc_server_matrix_multiply_<tr`  
 | |eRPC source files| `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/erpc/|` | RMsg-Lite  
 source files | `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/rpmsg_lite/|`

**Designing the eRPC application** The matrix multiply application is based on calling single eRPC function that takes 2 two-dimensional arrays as input and returns matrix multiplication results as another 2 two-dimensional array. The IDL file syntax supports arrays with the dimension length set by the number only (in the current eRPC implementation). Because of this, a variable is declared in the IDL dedicated to store information about matrix dimension length, and to allow easy maintenance of the user and server code.

For a simple use of the two-dimensional array, the alias name (new type definition) for this data type has is declared in the IDL. Declaring this alias name ensures that the same data type can be used across the client and server applications.

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**Creating the IDL file** The created IDL file is located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_common/erpc_matrix_multiply/`

The created IDL file contains the following code:

```
program erpc_matrix_multiply
/*! This const defines the matrix size. The value has to be the same as the
Matrix array dimension. Do not forget to re-generate the erpc code once the
matrix size is changed in the erpc file */
const int32 matrix_size = 5;
/*! This is the matrix array type. The dimension has to be the same as the
matrix size const. Do not forget to re-generate the erpc code once the
matrix size is changed in the erpc file */
type Matrix = int32[matrix_size][matrix_size];
interface MatrixMultiplyService {
erpcMatrixMultiply(in Matrix matrix1, in Matrix matrix2, out Matrix result_matrix) ->
void
}
```

Details:

- The IDL file starts with the program name (*erpc\_matrix\_multiply*), and this program name is used in the naming of all generated outputs.
- The declaration and definition of the constant variable named *matrix\_size* follows next. The *matrix\_size* variable is used for passing information about the length of matrix dimensions to the client/server user code.
- The alias name for the two-dimensional array type (*Matrix*) is declared.
- The interface group *MatrixMultiplyService* is located at the end of the IDL file. This interface group contains only one function declaration *erpcMatrixMultiply*.
- As shown above, the function’s declaration contains three parameters of *Matrix* type: *matrix1* and *matrix2* are input parameters, while *result\_matrix* is the output parameter. Additionally, the returned data type is declared as *void*.

When writing the IDL file, the following order of items is recommended:

1. Program name at the top of the IDL file.
2. New data types and constants declarations.
3. Declarations of interfaces and functions at the end of the IDL file.

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**Using the eRPC generator tool** | Windows OS | `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/tools/erpcgen/Linux_x64`  
| Linux OS | `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/tools/erpcgen/Linux_x86`  
`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/tools/erpcgen/Linux_x86`  
| | Mac OS | `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/tools/erpcgen/Mac` |

The files for the “Matrix multiply” example are pre-generated and already a part of the application projects. The following section describes how they have been created.

- The easiest way to create the shim code is to copy the erpcgen application to the same folder where the IDL file (\*.erpc) is located; then run the following command:

```
erpcgen <IDL_file>.erpc
```

- In the “Matrix multiply” example, the command should look like:

```
erpcgen erpc_matrix_multiply.erpc
```

Additionally, another method to create the shim code is to execute the eRPC application using input commands:

- “-?”/”—help” – Shows supported commands.
- “-o <filePath>”/”—output<filePath>” – Sets the output directory.

For example,

```
<path_to_erpcgen>/erpcgen -o <path_to_output>  
<path_to_IDL>/<IDL_file_name>.erpc
```

For the “Matrix multiply” example, when the command is executed from the default erpcgen location, it looks like:

```
erpcgen -o
```

```
../../../../boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_common/erpc_matrix_multiply/service  
../../../../boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_common/erpc_matrix_multiply/service/erpc_matrix_mu
```

In both cases, the following four files are generated into the `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_common/erpc_matrix_multiply/service` folder:

- erpc\_matrix\_multiply.h
- erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_client.cpp
- erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_server.h
- erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_server.cpp

For multiprocessor examples, the eRPC file and pre-generated files can be found in the `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multiprocessor_examples/erpc_common/erpc_matrix_multiply/service` folder.

**For Linux OS users:**

- Do not forget to set the permissions for the eRPC generator application.
- Run the application as `./erpcgen...` instead of as `erpcgen ....`

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**Create an eRPC application** This section describes a generic way to create a client/server eRPC application:

1. **Design the eRPC application:** Decide which data types are sent between applications, and define functions that send/receive this data.
2. **Create the IDL file:** The IDL file contains information about data types and functions used in an eRPC application, and is written in the IDL language.
3. **Use the eRPC generator tool:** This tool takes an IDL file and generates the shim code for the client and the server-side applications.
4. **Create an eRPC application:**
  1. Create two projects, where one project is for the client side (primary core) and the other project is for the server side (secondary core).
  2. Add generated files for the client application to the client project, and add generated files for the server application to the server project.
  3. Add infrastructure files.
  4. Add user code for client and server applications.
  5. Set the client and server project options.
5. **Run the eRPC application:** Run both the server and the client applications. Make sure that the server has been run before the client request was sent.

A specific example follows in the next section.

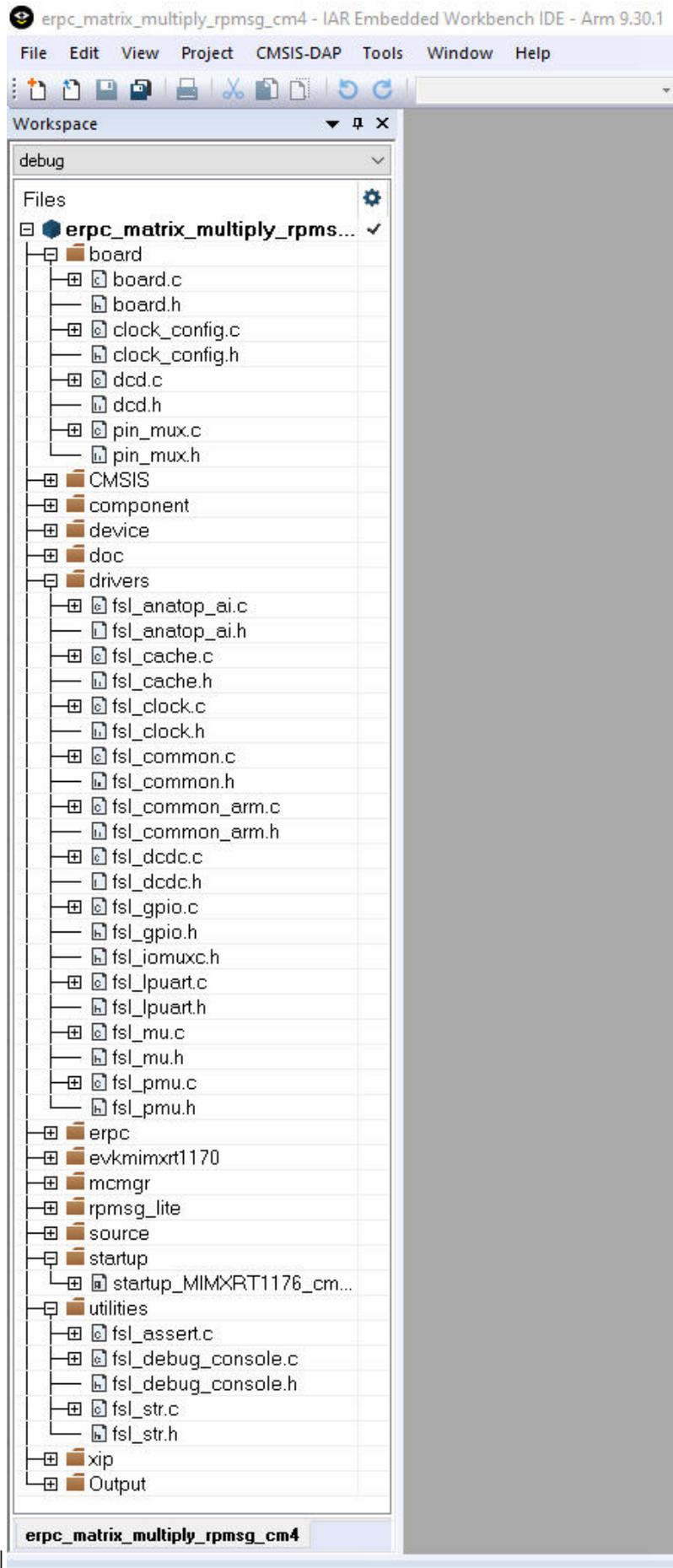
**Multicore server application** The “Matrix multiply” eRPC server project is located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_matrix_multiply_rpmcg/cm4/iar/`

The project files for the eRPC server have the `_cm4` suffix.

**Server project basic source files** The startup files, board-related settings, peripheral drivers, and utilities belong to the basic project source files and form the skeleton of all MCUXpresso SDK applications. These source files are located in:

- `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/devices/<device>`
- `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multicore_examples/<example_name>/`



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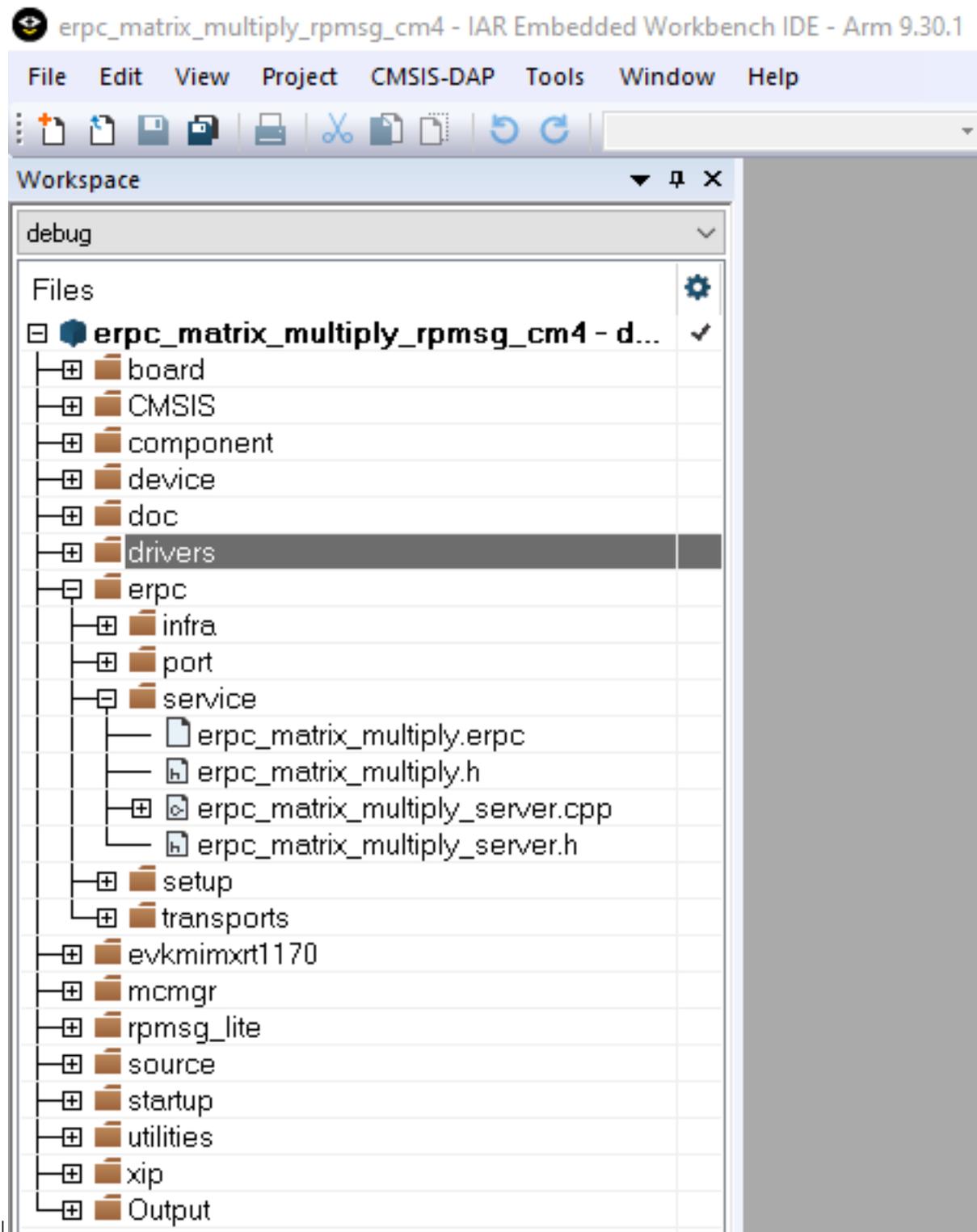
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**Server related generated files** The server-related generated files are:

- erpc\_\_matric\_\_multiply.h
- erpc\_\_matrix\_\_multiply\_\_server.h
- erpc\_\_matrix\_\_multiply\_\_server.cpp

The server-related generated files contain the shim code for functions and data types declared in the IDL file. These files also contain functions for the identification of client requested functions, data deserialization, calling requested function's implementations, and data serialization and return, if requested by the client. These shim code files can be found in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_common/erpc_matrix_multiply/`



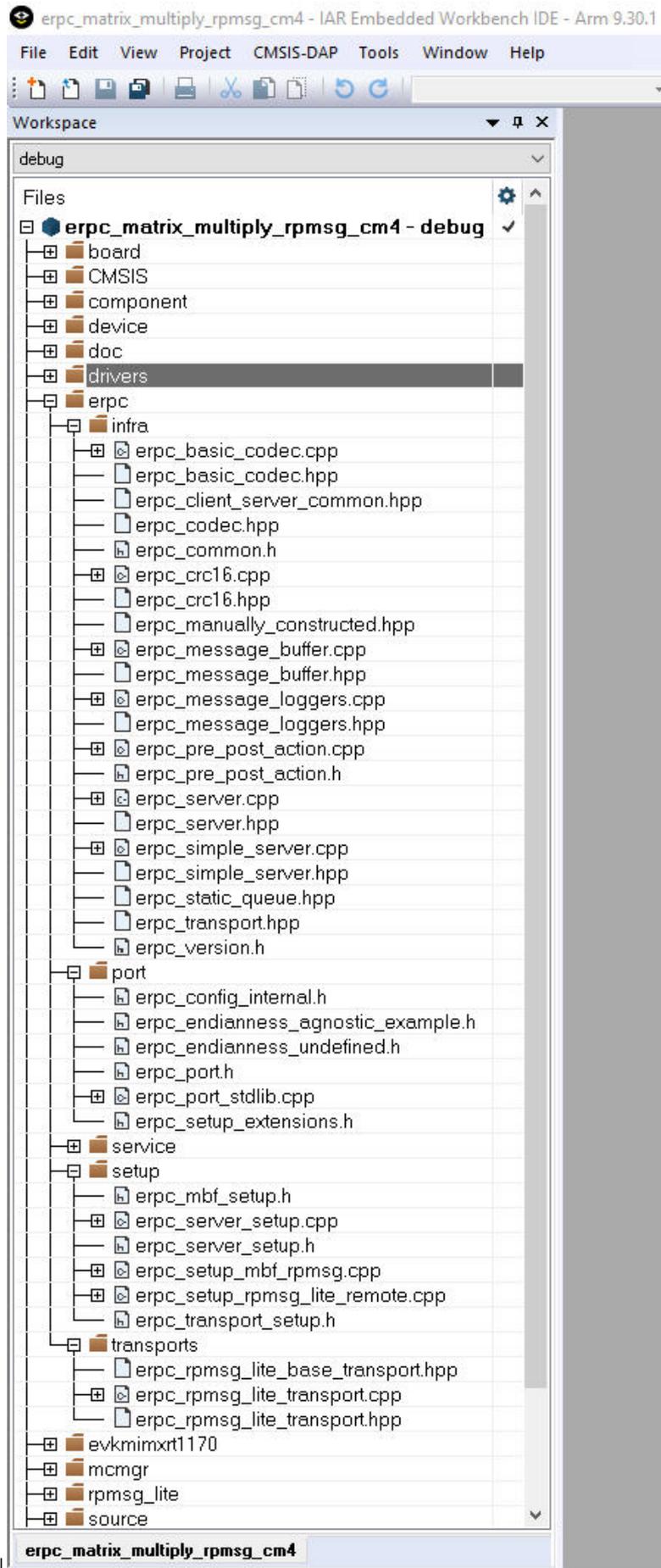
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**Server infrastructure files** The eRPC infrastructure files are located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/erpc/erpc_c`

The **erpc\_c** folder contains files for creating eRPC client and server applications in the C/C++ language. These files are distributed into subfolders.

- The **infra** subfolder contains C++ infrastructure code used to build server and client applications.
  - Four files, `erpc_server.hpp`, `erpc_server.cpp`, `erpc_simple_server.hpp`, and `erpc_simple_server.cpp`, are used for running the eRPC server on the server-side applications. The simple server is currently the only implementation of the server, and its role is to catch client requests, identify and call requested functions, and send data back when requested.
  - Three files (`erpc_codec.hpp`, `erpc_basic_codec.hpp`, and `erpc_basic_codec.cpp`) are used for codecs. Currently, the basic codec is the initial and only implementation of the codecs.
  - The `erpc_common.hpp` file is used for common eRPC definitions, typedefs, and enums.
  - The `erpc_manually_constructed.hpp` file is used for allocating static storage for the used objects.
  - Message buffer files are used for storing serialized data: `erpc_message_buffer.h` and `erpc_message_buffer.cpp`.
  - The `erpc_transport.h` file defines the abstract interface for transport layer.
- The **port** subfolder contains the eRPC porting layer to adapt to different environments.
  - `erpc_port.h` file contains definition of `erpc_malloc()` and `erpc_free()` functions.
  - `erpc_port_stdlib.cpp` file ensures adaptation to `stdlib`.
  - `erpc_config_internal.h` internal erpc configuration file.
- The **setup** subfolder contains a set of plain C APIs that wrap the C++ infrastructure, providing client and server init and deinit routines that greatly simplify eRPC usage in C-based projects. No knowledge of C++ is required to use these APIs.
  - The `erpc_server_setup.h` and `erpc_server_setup.cpp` files need to be added into the “Matrix multiply” example project to demonstrate the use of C-wrapped functions in this example.
  - The `erpc_transport_setup.h` and `erpc_setup_rpmsg_lite_remote.cpp` files need to be added into the project in order to allow the C-wrapped function for transport layer setup.
  - The `erpc_mbf_setup.h` and `erpc_setup_mbf_rpmsg.cpp` files need to be added into the project in order to allow message buffer factory usage.
- The **transports** subfolder contains transport classes for the different methods of communication supported by eRPC. Some transports are applicable only to host PCs, while others are applicable only to embedded or multicore systems. Most transports have corresponding client and server setup functions in the setup folder.
  - RPMsg-Lite is used as the transport layer for the communication between cores, `erpc_rpmsg_lite_base_transport.hpp`, `erpc_rpmsg_lite_transport.hpp`, and `erpc_rpmsg_lite_transport.cpp` files need to be added into the server project.



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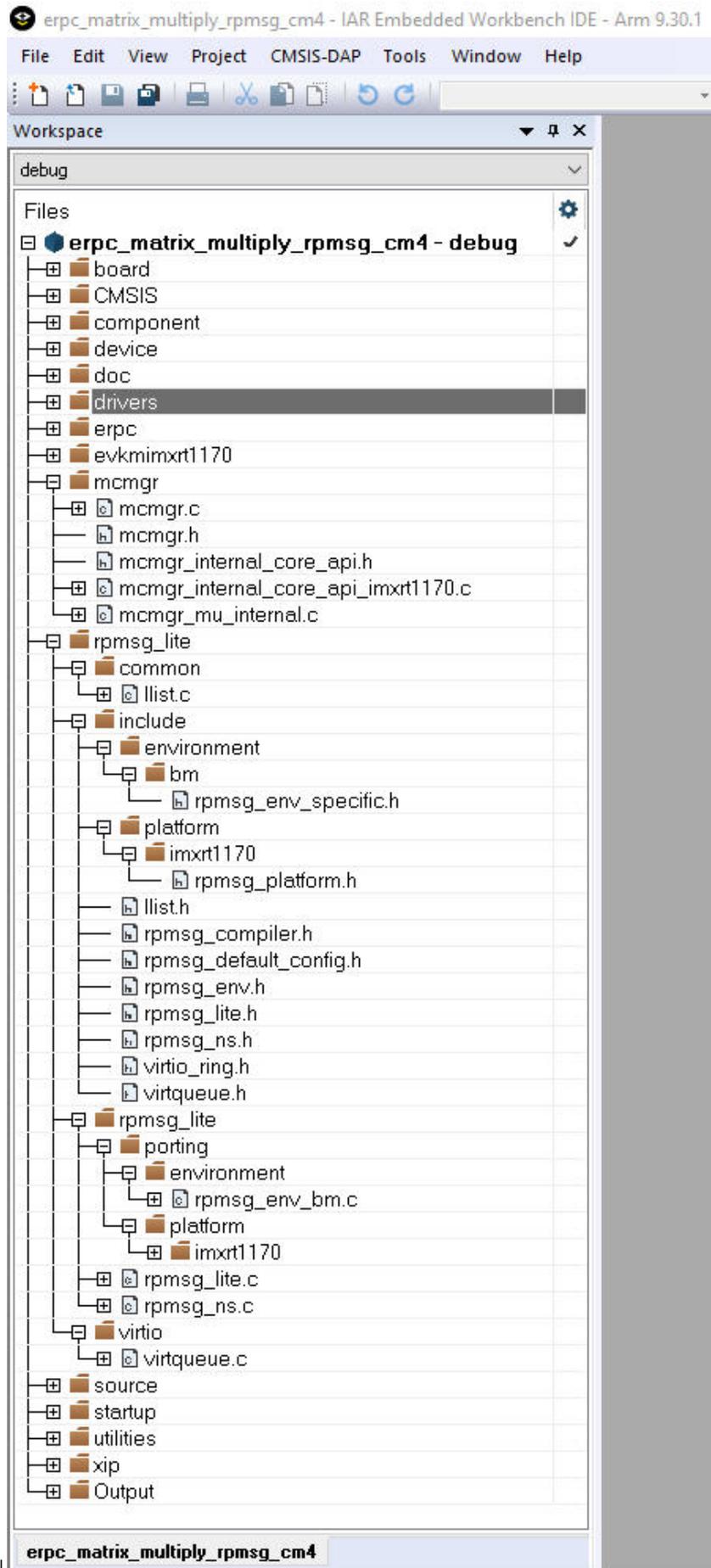
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**Server multicore infrastructure files** Because of the RPLite (transport layer), it is also necessary to include RPLite related files, which are in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/rplite/`

The multicore example applications also use the Multicore Manager software library to control the secondary core startup and shutdown. These source files are located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/mcmgr/`



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**Server user code** The server's user code is stored in the `main_core1.c` file, located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_matrix_multiply_rpmsg/cm4`

The `main_core1.c` file contains two functions:

- The **main()** function contains the code for the target board and eRPC server initialization. After the initialization, the matrix multiply service is added and the eRPC server waits for client's requests in the while loop.
- The **erpcMatrixMultiply()** function is the user implementation of the eRPC function defined in the IDL file.
- There is the possibility to write the application-specific eRPC error handler. The eRPC error handler of the matrix multiply application is implemented in the `erpc_error_handler.h` and `erpc_error_handler.cpp` files.

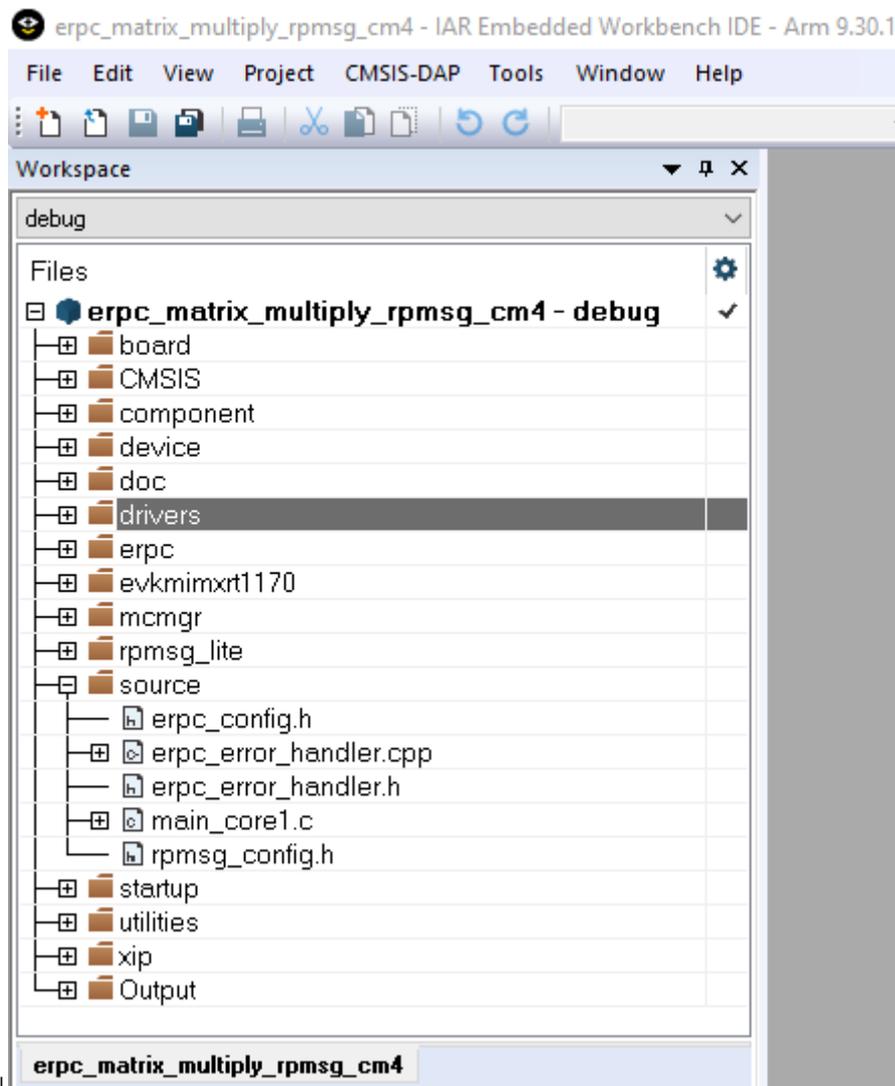
The eRPC-relevant code is captured in the following code snippet:

```

/* erpcMatrixMultiply function user implementation */
void erpcMatrixMultiply(const Matrix *matrix1, const Matrix *matrix2, Matrix *result_matrix)
{
    ...
}
int main()
{
    ...
    /* RPMsg-Lite transport layer initialization */
    erpc_transport_t transport;
    transport = erpc_transport_rpmsg_lite_remote_init(src, dst, (void*)startupData,
    ERPC_TRANSPORT_RPMSG_LITE_LINK_ID, SignalReady, NULL);
    ...
    /* MessageBufferFactory initialization */
    erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
    message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_rpmsg_init(transport);
    ...
    /* eRPC server side initialization */
    erpc_server_t server;
    server = erpc_server_init(transport, message_buffer_factory);
    ...
    /* Adding the service to the server */
    erpc_service_t service = create_MatrixMultiplyService_service();
    erpc_add_service_to_server(server, service);
    ...
    while (1)
    {
        /* Process eRPC requests */
        erpc_status_t status = erpc_server_poll(server);
        /* handle error status */
        if (status != kErpcStatus_Success)
        {
            /* print error description */
            erpc_error_handler(status, 0);
            ...
        }
        ...
    }
}

```

Except for the application main file, there are configuration files for the RMsg-Lite (`rpmsg_config.h`) and eRPC (`erpc_config.h`), located in the `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/ erpc_matrix_multiply_rpmsg` folder.



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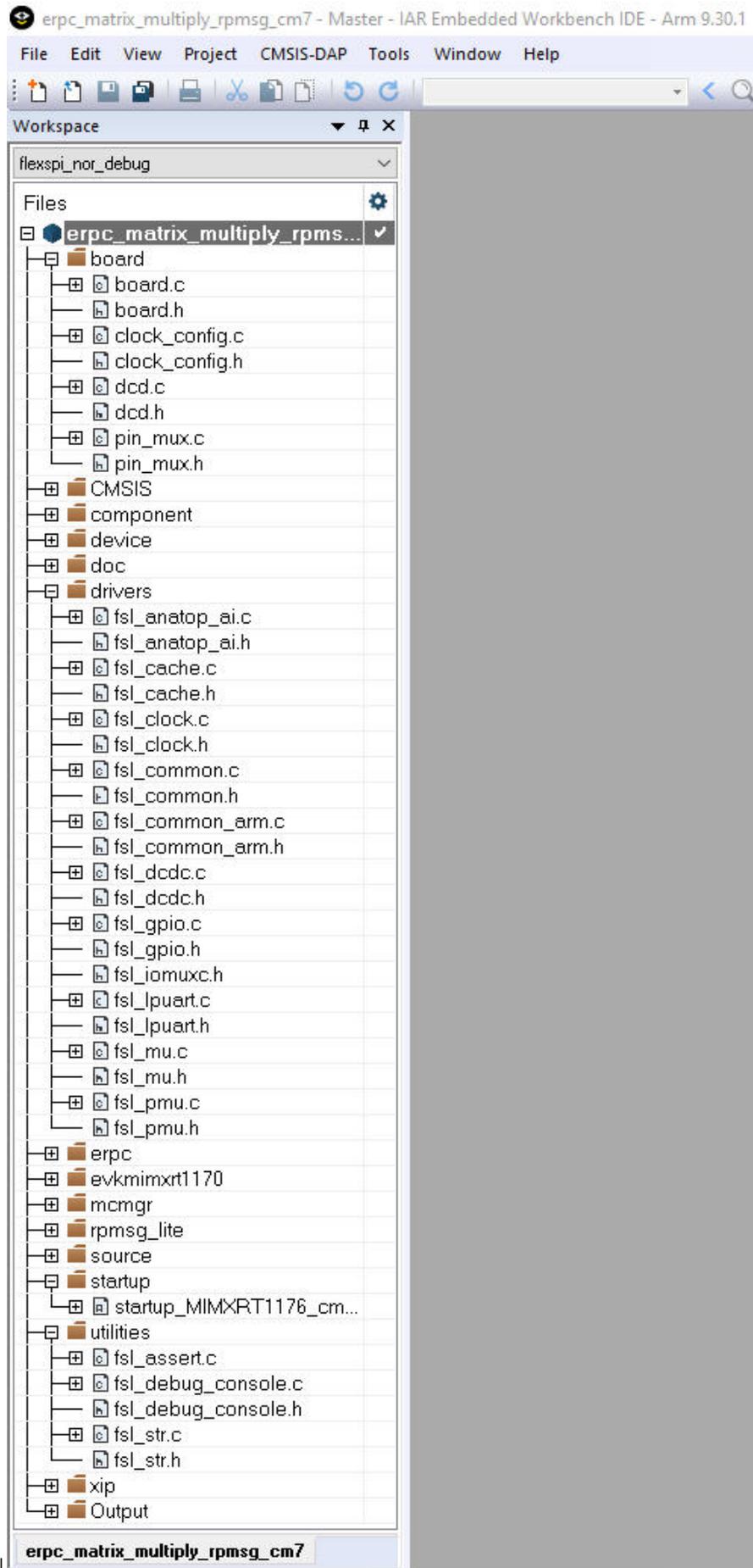
**Multicore client application** The “Matrix multiply” eRPC client project is located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_matrix_multiply_rpmsg/cm7/iar/`

Project files for the eRPC client have the `_cm7` suffix.

**Client project basic source files** The startup files, board-related settings, peripheral drivers, and utilities belong to the basic project source files and form the skeleton of all MCUXpresso SDK applications. These source files are located in the following folders:

- `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/devices/<device>`
- `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multicore_examples/<example_name>/`



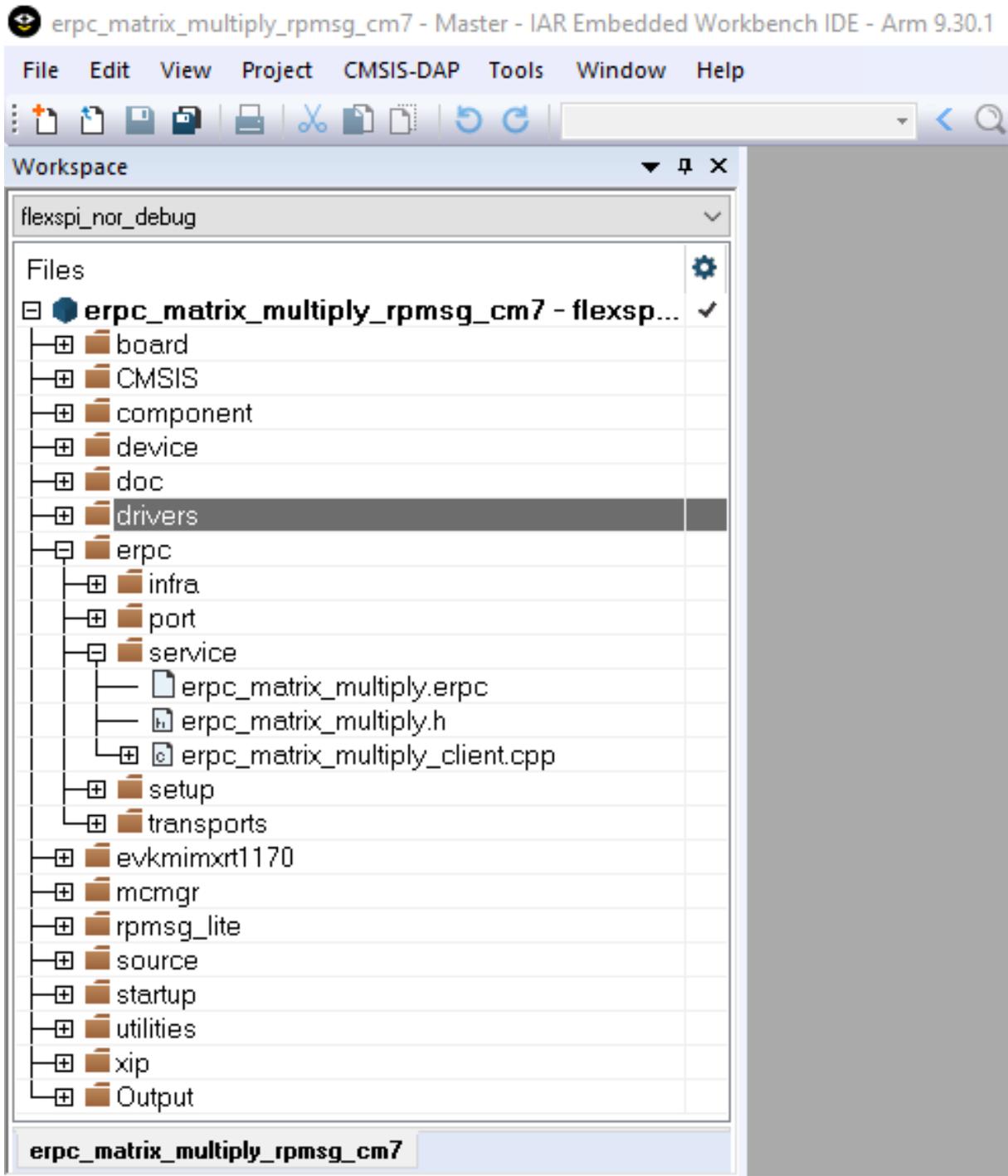
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**Client-related generated files** The client-related generated files are:

- erpc\_matrix\_multiply.h
- erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_client.cpp

These files contain the shim code for the functions and data types declared in the IDL file. These functions also call methods for codec initialization, data serialization, performing eRPC requests, and de-serializing outputs into expected data structures (if return values are expected). These shim code files can be found in the `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore_examples/erpc_common/erpc_matrix_multiply/service/` folder.



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**Client infrastructure files** The eRPC infrastructure files are located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/erpc/erpc_c`

The **erpc\_c** folder contains files for creating eRPC client and server applications in the C/C++ language. These files are distributed into subfolders.

- The **infra** subfolder contains C++ infrastructure code used to build server and client applications.

- Two files, `erpc_client_manager.h` and `erpc_client_manager.cpp`, are used for managing the client-side application. The main purpose of the client files is to create, perform, and release eRPC requests.
- Three files (`erpc_codec.hpp`, `erpc_basic_codec.hpp`, and `erpc_basic_codec.cpp`) are used for codecs. Currently, the basic codec is the initial and only implementation of the codecs.
- `erpc_common.h` file is used for common eRPC definitions, typedefs, and enums.
- `erpc_manually_constructed.hpp` file is used for allocating static storage for the used objects.
- Message buffer files are used for storing serialized data: `erpc_message_buffer.hpp` and `erpc_message_buffer.cpp`.
- `erpc_transport.hpp` file defines the abstract interface for transport layer.

The **port** subfolder contains the eRPC porting layer to adapt to different environments.

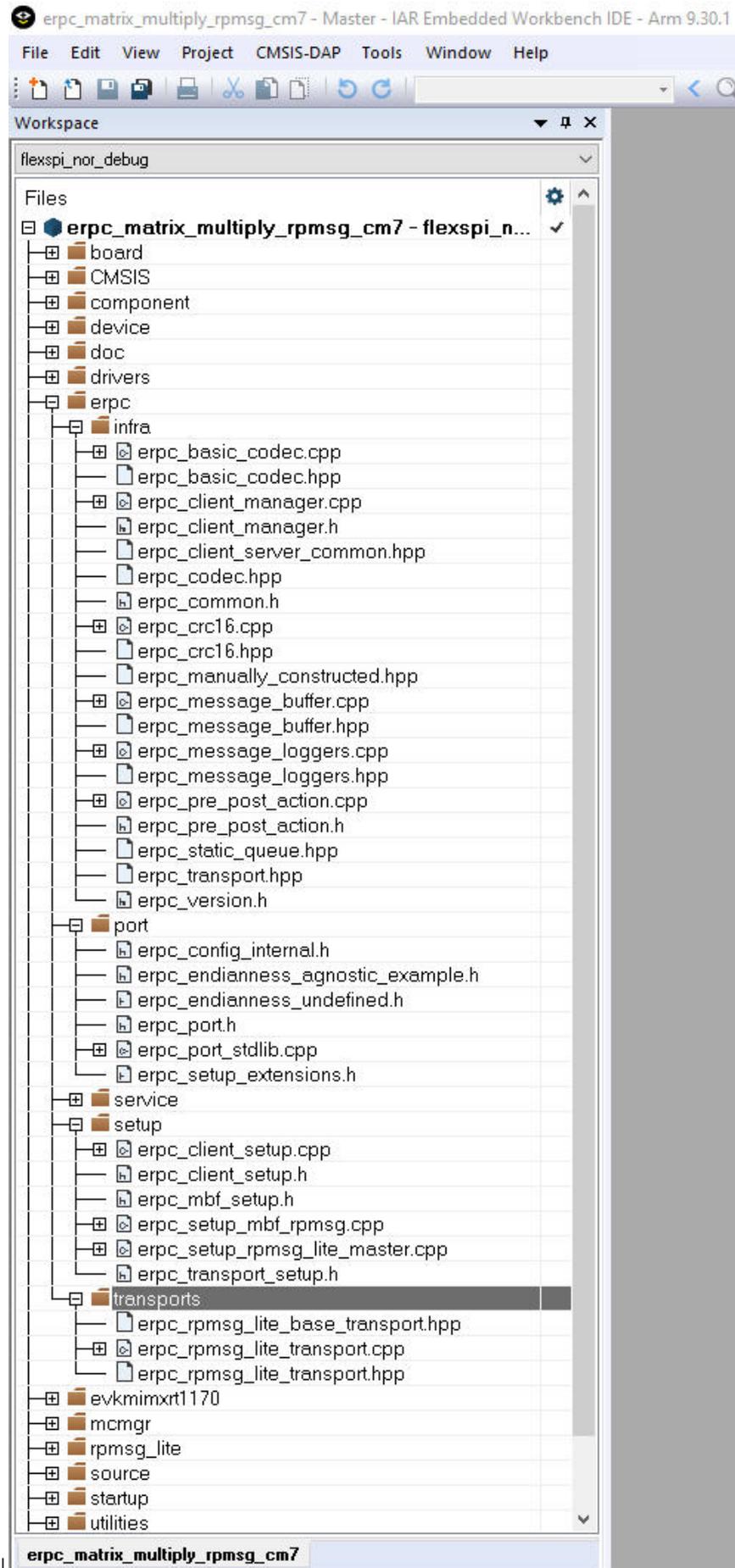
- `erpc_port.h` file contains definition of `erpc_malloc()` and `erpc_free()` functions.
- `erpc_port_stdlib.cpp` file ensures adaptation to `stdlib`.
- `erpc_config_internal.h` internal eRPC configuration file.

The **setup** subfolder contains a set of plain C APIs that wrap the C++ infrastructure, providing client and server init and deinit routines that greatly simplify eRPC usage in C-based projects. No knowledge of C++ is required to use these APIs.

- `erpc_client_setup.h` and `erpc_client_setup.cpp` files needs to be added into the “Matrix multiply” example project to demonstrate the use of C-wrapped functions in this example.
- `erpc_transport_setup.h` and `erpc_setup_rpmsg_lite_master.cpp` files needs to be added into the project in order to allow C-wrapped function for transport layer setup.
- `erpc_mbf_setup.h` and `erpc_setup_mbf_rpmsg.cpp` files needs to be added into the project in order to allow message buffer factory usage.

The **transports** subfolder contains transport classes for the different methods of communication supported by eRPC. Some transports are applicable only to host PCs, while others are applicable only to embedded or multicore systems. Most transports have corresponding client and server setup functions, in the setup folder.

- RPMsg-Lite is used as the transport layer for the communication between cores, `erpc_rpmsg_lite_base_transport.hpp`, `erpc_rpmsg_lite_transport.hpp`, and `erpc_rpmsg_lite_transport.cpp` files needs to be added into the client project.



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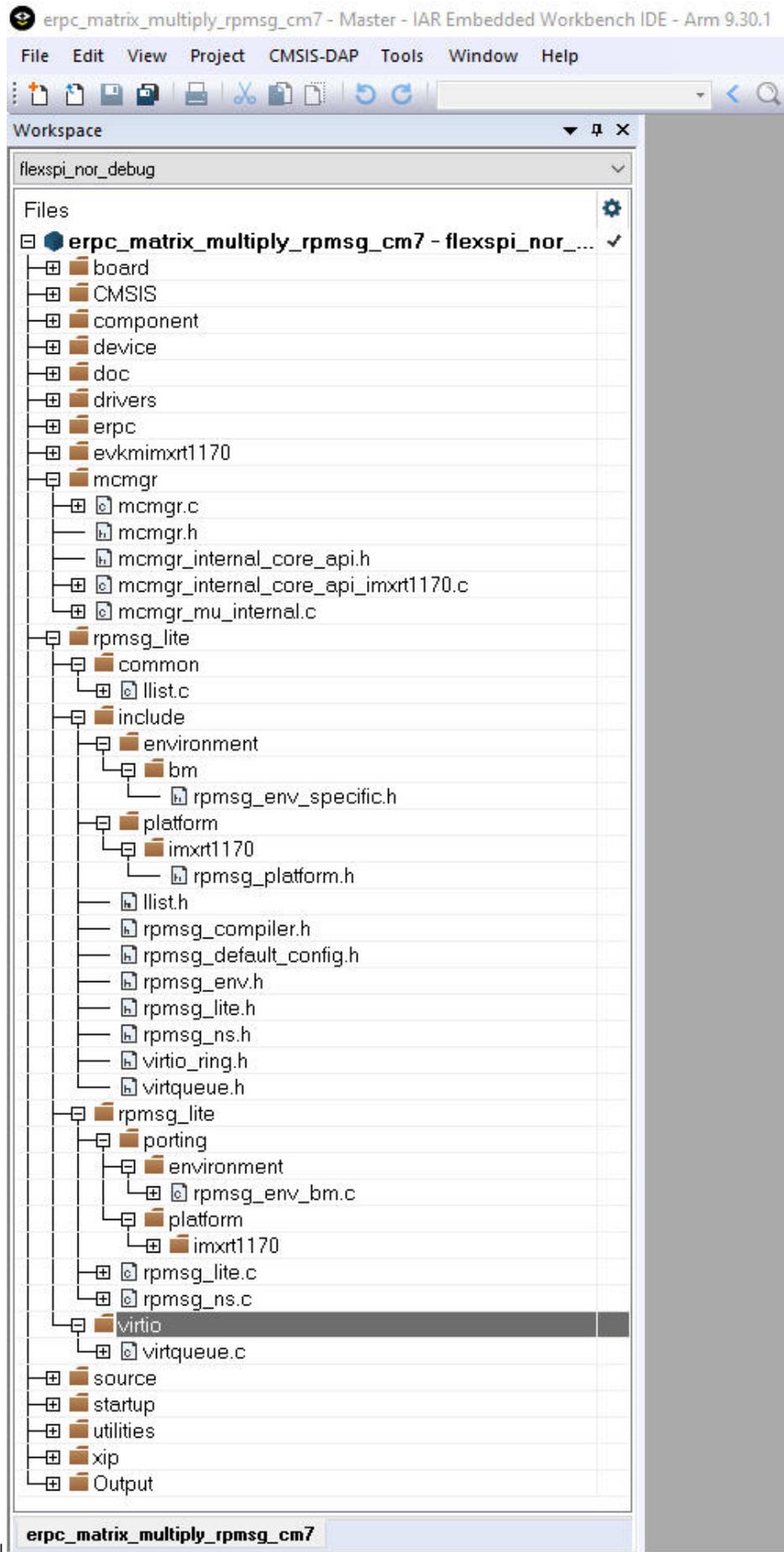
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**Client multicore infrastructure files** Because of the RPSMsg-Lite (transport layer), it is also necessary to include RPSMsg-Lite related files, which are in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/rpsmsg_lite/`

The multicore example applications also use the Multicore Manager software library to control the secondary core startup and shutdown. These source files are located in the following folder:

`<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/middleware/multicore/mcmgr/`



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**Client user code** The client's user code is stored in the main\_core0.c file, located in the following folder:

<MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore\_example/erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_rpmsg/cm7

The main\_core0.c file contains the code for target board and eRPC initialization.

- After initialization, the secondary core is released from reset.
- When the secondary core is ready, the primary core initializes two matrix variables.
- The erpcMatrixMultiply eRPC function is called to issue the eRPC request and get the result.

It is possible to write the application-specific eRPC error handler. The eRPC error handler of the matrix multiply application is implemented in erpc\_error\_handler.h and erpc\_error\_handler.cpp files.

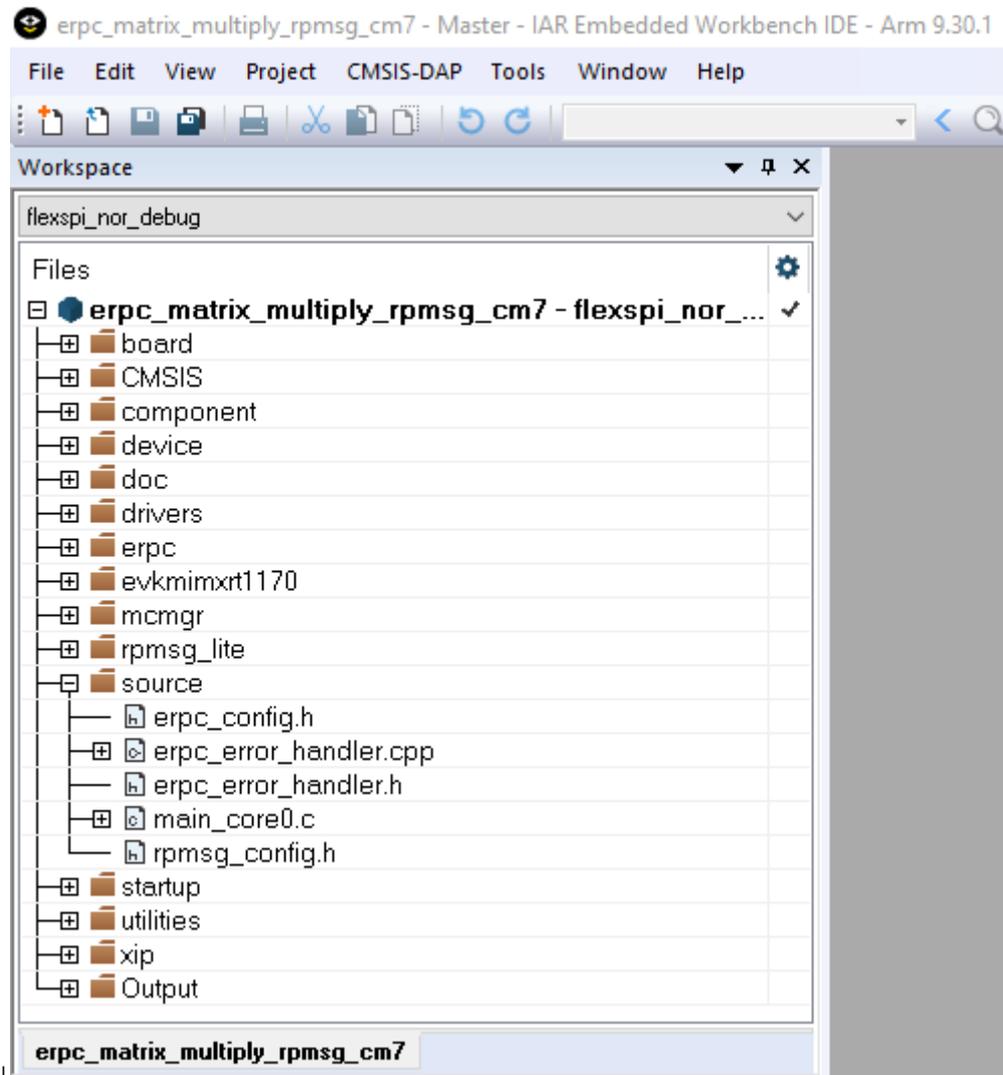
The matrix multiplication can be issued repeatedly, when pressing a software board button.

The eRPC-relevant code is captured in the following code snippet:

```
...
extern bool g_erpc_error_occurred;
...
/* Declare matrix arrays */
Matrix matrix1 = {0}, matrix2 = {0}, result_matrix = {0};
...
/* RPSMsg-Lite transport layer initialization */
erpc_transport_t transport;
transport = erpc_transport_rpmsg_lite_master_init(src, dst,
ERPC_TRANSPORT_RPMSG_LITE_LINK_ID);
...
/* MessageBufferFactory initialization */
erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_rpmsg_init(transport);
...
/* eRPC client side initialization */
erpc_client_t client;
client = erpc_client_init(transport, message_buffer_factory);
...
/* Set default error handler */
erpc_client_set_error_handler(client, erpc_error_handler);
...
while (1)
{
/* Invoke the erpcMatrixMultiply function */
erpcMatrixMultiply(matrix1, matrix2, result_matrix);
...
/* Check if some error occurred in eRPC */
if (g_erpc_error_occurred)
{
/* Exit program loop */
break;
}
...
}
```

Except for the application main file, there are configuration files for the RPSMsg-Lite (rpmsg\_config.h) and eRPC (erpc\_config.h), located in the following folder:

<MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/boards/evkmimxrt1170/multicore\_examples/erpc\_matrix\_multiply\_rpmsg



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**Multiprocessor server application** The “Matrix multiply” eRPC server project for multiprocessor applications is located in the `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multiprocessor_examples/erpc_server_matrix_multiply_<transport_layer>` folder.

Most of the multiprocessor application setup is the same as for the multicore application. The multiprocessor server application requires server-related generated files (server shim code), server infrastructure files, and the server user code. There is no need for server multicore infrastructure files (MCMGR and RPSMsg-Lite). The RPSMsg-Lite transport layer is replaced either by SPI or UART transports. The following table shows the required transport-related files per each transport type.

SPI	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/setup/erpc_setup_(d)spi_slave.cpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/erpc_(d)spi_slave_transport.hpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/erpc_(d)spi_slave_transport.cpp
UART	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/setup/erpc_setup_uart_cmsis.cpp

<eRPC base directory>/erpc\_c/transport/erpc\_uart\_cmsis\_transport.hpp

<eRPC base directory>/erpc\_c/transport/erpc\_uart\_cmsis\_transport.cpp

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**Server user code** The server's user code is stored in the main\_server.c file, located in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/boards/<board\_name>/multiprocessor\_examples/erpc\_server\_matrix\_multiply\_<transport\_layer>/ folder.

The eRPC-relevant code with UART as a transport is captured in the following code snippet:

```
/* erpcMatrixMultiply function user implementation */
void erpcMatrixMultiply(Matrix matrix1, Matrix matrix2, Matrix result_matrix)
{
    ...
}
int main()
{
    ...
    /* UART transport layer initialization, ERPC_DEMO_UART is the structure of CMSIS UART driver
    ↪operations */
    erpc_transport_t transport;
    transport = erpc_transport_cmsis_uart_init((void *)&ERPC_DEMO_UART);
    ...
    /* MessageBufferFactory initialization */
    erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
    message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_dynamic_init();
    ...
    /* eRPC server side initialization */
    erpc_server_t server;
    server = erpc_server_init(transport, message_buffer_factory);
    ...
    /* Adding the service to the server */
    erpc_service_t service = create_MatrixMultiplyService_service();
    erpc_add_service_to_server(server, service);
    ...
    while (1)
    {
        /* Process eRPC requests */
        erpc_status_t status = erpc_server_poll(server)
        /* handle error status */
        if (status != kErpcStatus_Success)
        {
            /* print error description */
            erpc_error_handler(status, 0);
            ...
        }
        ...
    }
}
```

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**Multiprocessor client application** The “Matrix multiply” eRPC client project for multiprocessor applications is located in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/boards/<board\_name>/multiprocessor\_examples/erpc\_client\_matrix\_multiply\_<transport\_layer>/iar/ folder.

Most of the multiprocessor application setup is the same as for the multicore application. The multiprocessor server application requires client-related generated files (server shim code),

client infrastructure files, and the client user code. There is no need for client multicore infrastructure files (MCMGR and RMPMsg-Lite). The RMPMsg-Lite transport layer is replaced either by SPI or UART transports. The following table shows the required transport-related files per each transport type.

SPI	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/setup/erpc_setup_(d)spi_master.cpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/ erpc_(d)spi_master_transport.hpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/ erpc_(d)spi_master_transport.cpp
UART	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/setup/erpc_setup_uart_cmsis.cpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/erpc_uart_cmsis_transport.hpp
	<eRPC base directory>/erpc_c/transports/erpc_uart_cmsis_transport.cpp

**Client user code** The client's user code is stored in the `main_client.c` file, located in the `<MCUXpressoSDK_install_dir>/boards/<board_name>/multiprocessor_examples/erpc_client_matrix_multiply_<transport_layer>/` folder.

The eRPC-relevant code with UART as a transport is captured in the following code snippet:

```
...
extern bool g_erpc_error_occurred;
...
/* Declare matrix arrays */
Matrix matrix1 = {0}, matrix2 = {0}, result_matrix = {0};
...
/* UART transport layer initialization, ERPC_DEMO_UART is the structure of CMSIS UART driver
↳operations */
erpc_transport_t transport;
transport = erpc_transport_cmsis_uart_init((void *)&ERPC_DEMO_UART);
...
/* MessageBufferFactory initialization */
erpc_mbf_t message_buffer_factory;
message_buffer_factory = erpc_mbf_dynamic_init();
...
/* eRPC client side initialization */
erpc_client_t client;
client = erpc_client_init(transport,message_buffer_factory);
...
/* Set default error handler */
erpc_client_set_error_handler(client, erpc_error_handler);
...
while (1)
{
/* Invoke the erpcMatrixMultiply function */
erpcMatrixMultiply(matrix1, matrix2, result_matrix);
...
/* Check if some error occurred in eRPC */
if (g_erpc_error_occurred)
{
/* Exit program loop */
break;
}
...
}
```

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**Running the eRPC application** Follow the instructions in *Getting Started with MCUXpresso SDK* (document MCUXSDKGSUG) (located in the <MCUXpressoSDK\_install\_dir>/docs folder), to load both the primary and the secondary core images into the on-chip memory, and then effectively debug the dual-core application. After the application is running, the serial console should look like:

```

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File Edit Setup Control Window KanjiCode Help
Primary core started
Matrix #1
=====
 21  33  37  37   9
 23  45  43   0  32
 38  44   8  15  36
 18  18  38  44  16
 22  23   0  38   7
Matrix #2
=====
 11  23  27  45  11
  7  19  23  24   6
 32  26  49  43  16
 22  48  36  34  41
 27  20  32  31  11
eRPC request is sent to the server
Secondary core is running
Result matrix
=====
2703 4028 4759 4865 2637
2808 3142 4787 4956 1563
2284 3358 4122 4736 1821
2940 4176 4858 4868 2894
1428 2907 2715 3051 2015
Press the SW2 button to initiate the next matrix multiplication

```

For multiprocessor applications that are running between PC and the target evaluation board or between two boards, follow the instructions in the accompanied example readme files that provide details about the proper board setup and the PC side setup (Python).

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**Other uses for an eRPC implementation** The eRPC implementation is generic, and its use is not limited to just embedded applications. When creating an eRPC application outside the embedded world, the same principles apply. For example, this manual can be used to create an eRPC application for a PC running the Linux operating system. Based on the used type of transport medium, existing transport layers can be used, or new transport layers can be implemented.

For more information and erpc updates see the [github.com/EmbeddedRPC](https://github.com/EmbeddedRPC).

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**Changelog eRPC** All notable changes to this project will be documented in this file.

The format is based on [Keep a Changelog](#), and this project adheres to [Semantic Versioning](#).

## Unreleased

### Added

### Updated

- eRPC Zephyr module port updated for Zephyr version 4.4

### Fixed

- Python code of the eRPC infrastructure was updated to match the proper python code style, add type annotations and improve readability.
- eRPC: Several MISRA violations addressed.

## 1.14.0

### Added

- Added Cmake/Kconfig support.
- Made java code jdk11 compliant, GitHub PR #432.
- Added imxrt1186 support into mu transport layer.
- erpcgen: Added assert for listType before usage, GitHub PR #406.

### Fixed

- eRPC: Sources reformatted.
- erpc: Fixed typo in semaphore get (mutex -> semaphore), and write it can fail in case of timeout, GitHub PR #446.
- erpc: Free the arbitrated client token from client manager, GitHub PR #444.
- erpc: Fixed Makefile, install the erpc\_simple\_server header, GitHub PR #447.
- erpc\_python: Fixed possible AttributeError and OSError on calling TCPTransport.close(), GitHub PR #438.
- Examples and tests consolidated.

### 1.13.0

#### Added

- erpc: Add BSD-3 license to endianness agnostic files, GitHub PR #417.
- eRPC: Add new Zephyr-related transports (zephyr\_uart, zephyr\_mbox).
- eRPC: Add new Zephyr-related examples.

#### Fixed

- eRPC,erpcgen: Fixing/improving markdown files, GitHub PR #395.
- eRPC: Fix Python client TCPTransports not being able to close, GitHub PR #390.
- eRPC,erpcgen: Align switch brackets, GitHub PR #396.
- erpc: Fix zephyr uart transport, GitHub PR #410.
- erpc: UART ZEPHYR Transport stop to work after a few transactions when using USB-CDC resolved, GitHub PR #420.

#### Removed

- eRPC,erpcgen: Remove cstbool library, GitHub PR #403.

### 1.12.0

#### Added

- eRPC: Add dynamic/static option for transport init, GitHub PR #361.
- eRPC,erpcgen: Winsock2 support, GitHub PR #365.
- eRPC,erpcgen: Feature/support multiple clients, GitHub PR #271.
- eRPC,erpcgen: Feature/buffer head - Framed transport header data stored in Message-Buffer, GitHub PR #378.
- eRPC,erpcgen: Add experimental Java support.

## Fixed

- eRPC: Fix receive error value for spidev, GitHub PR #363.
- eRPC: UartTransport::init adaptation to changed driver.
- eRPC: Fix typo in assert, GitHub PR #371.
- eRPC,erpcgen: Move enums to enum classes, GitHub PR #379.
- eRPC: Fixed rpmsg tty transport to work with serial transport, GitHub PR #373.

## 1.11.0

### Fixed

- eRPC: Makefiles update, GitHub PR #301.
- eRPC: Resolving warnings in Python, GitHub PR #325.
- eRPC: Python3.8 is not ready for usage of typing.Any type, GitHub PR #325.
- eRPC: Improved codec function to use reference instead of address, GitHub PR #324.
- eRPC: Fix NULL check for pending client creation, GitHub PR #341.
- eRPC: Replace sprintf with snprintf, GitHub PR #343.
- eRPC: Use MU\_SendMsg blocking call in MU transport.
- eRPC: New LPSPI and LPI2C transport layers.
- eRPC: Freeing static objects, GitHub PR #353.
- eRPC: Fixed casting in deinit functions, GitHub PR #354.
- eRPC: Align LIBUSBSIO.GetNumPorts API use with libusbsio python module v. 2.1.11.
- erpcgen: Renamed temp variable to more generic one, GitHub PR #321.
- erpcgen: Add check that string read is not more than max length, GitHub PR #328.
- erpcgen: Move to g++ in pytest, GitHub PR #335.
- erpcgen: Use build=release for make, GitHub PR #334.
- erpcgen: Removed boost dependency, GitHub PR #346.
- erpcgen: Mingw support, GitHub PR #344.
- erpcgen: VS build update, GitHub PR #347.
- erpcgen: Modified name for common types macro scope, GitHub PR #337.
- erpcgen: Fixed memcpy for template, GitHub PR #352.
- eRPC,erpcgen: Change default build target to release + adding artefacts, GitHub PR #334.
- eRPC,erpcgen: Remove redundant includes, GitHub PR #338.
- eRPC,erpcgen: Many minor code improvements, GitHub PR #323.

## 1.10.0

### Fixed

- eRPC: MU transport layer switched to blocking MU\_SendMsg() API use.

### 1.10.0

#### Added

- eRPC: Add TCP\_NODELAY option to python, GitHub PR #298.

#### Fixed

- eRPC: MUPtransport adaptation to new supported SoCs.
- eRPC: Simplifying CI with installing dependencies using shell script, GitHub PR #267.
- eRPC: Using event for waiting for sock connection in TCP python server, formatting python code, C specific includes, GitHub PR #269.
- eRPC: Endianness agnostic update, GitHub PR #276.
- eRPC: Assertion added for functions which are returning status on freeing memory, GitHub PR #277.
- eRPC: Fixed closing arbitrator server in unit tests, GitHub PR #293.
- eRPC: Makefile updated to reflect the correct header names, GitHub PR #295.
- eRPC: Compare value length to used length() in reading data from message buffer, GitHub PR #297.
- eRPC: Replace EXPECT\_TRUE with EXPECT\_EQ in unit tests, GitHub PR #318.
- eRPC: Adapt rpmsg\_lite based transports to changed rpmsg\_lite\_wait\_for\_link\_up() API parameters.
- eRPC, erpcgen: Better distinguish which file can and cannot be linked by C linker, GitHub PR #266.
- eRPC, erpcgen: Stop checking if pointer is NULL before sending it to the erpc\_free function, GitHub PR #275.
- eRPC, erpcgen: Changed api to count with more interfaces, GitHub PR #304.
- erpcgen: Check before reading from heap the buffer boundaries, GitHub PR #287.
- erpcgen: Several fixes for tests and CI, GitHub PR #289.
- erpcgen: Refactoring erpcgen code, GitHub PR #302.
- erpcgen: Fixed assigning const value to enum, GitHub PR #309.
- erpcgen: Enable runTesttest\_enumErrorCode\_allDirection, serialize enums as int32 instead of uint32.

### 1.9.1

#### Fixed

- eRPC: Construct the USB CDC transport, rather than a client, GitHub PR #220.
- eRPC: Fix premature import of package, causing failure when attempting installation of Python library in a clean environment, GitHub PR #38, #226.
- eRPC: Improve python detection in make, GitHub PR #225.
- eRPC: Fix several warnings with deprecated call in pytest, GitHub PR #227.
- eRPC: Fix freeing union members when only default need be freed, GitHub PR #228.
- eRPC: Fix making test under Linux, GitHub PR #229.

- eRPC: Assert costumizing, GitHub PR #148.
- eRPC: Fix corrupt clientList bug in TransportArbitrator, GitHub PR #199.
- eRPC: Fix build issue when invoking g++ with -Wno-error=free-nonheap-object, GitHub PR #233.
- eRPC: Fix inout cases, GitHub PR #237.
- eRPC: Remove ERPC\_PRE\_POST\_ACTION dependency on return type, GitHub PR #238.
- eRPC: Adding NULL to ptr when codec function failed, fixing memcpy when fail is present during deserialization, GitHub PR #253.
- eRPC: MessageBuffer usage improvement, GitHub PR #258.
- eRPC: Get rid for serial and enum34 dependency (enum34 is in python3 since 3.4 (from 2014)), GitHub PR #247.
- eRPC: Several MISRA violations addressed.
- eRPC: Fix timeout for Freertos semaphore, GitHub PR #251.
- eRPC: Use of rpmsg\_lite\_wait\_for\_link\_up() in rpmsg\_lite based transports, GitHub PR #223.
- eRPC: Fix codec nullptr dereferencing, GitHub PR #264.
- erpcgen: Fix two syntax errors in erpcgen Python output related to non-encapsulated unions, improved test for union, GitHub PR #206, #224.
- erpcgen: Fix serialization of list/binary types, GitHub PR #240.
- erpcgen: Fix empty list parsing, GitHub PR #72.
- erpcgen: Fix templates for malloc errors, GitHub PR #110.
- erpcgen: Get rid of encapsulated union declarations in global scale, improve enum usage in unions, GitHub PR #249, #250.
- erpcgen: Fix compile error:UniqueIdChecker.cpp:156:104:'sort' was not declared, GitHub PR #265.

## 1.9.0

### Added

- eRPC: Allow used LIBUSBSIO device index being specified from the Python command line argument.

### Fixed

- eRPC: Improving template usage, GitHub PR #153.
- eRPC: run\_clang\_format.py cleanup, GitHub PR #177.
- eRPC: Build TCP transport setup code into liberpc, GitHub PR #179.
- eRPC: Fix multiple definitions of g\_client error, GitHub PR #180.
- eRPC: Fix memset past end of buffer in erpc\_setup\_mbf\_static.cpp, GitHub PR #184.
- eRPC: Fix deprecated error with newer pytest version, GitHub PR #203.
- eRPC, erpcgen: Static allocation support and usage of rpmsg static FreeRTOSs related API, GitHub PR #168, #169.
- erpcgen: Remove redundant module imports in erpcgen, GitHub PR #196.

## 1.8.1

### Added

- eRPC: New i2c\_slave\_transport transport introduced.

### Fixed

- eRPC: Fix misra erpc c, GitHub PR #158.
- eRPC: Allow conditional compilation of message\_loggers and pre\_post\_action.
- eRPC: (D)SPI slave transports updated to avoid busy loops in rtos environments.
- erpcgen: Re-implement EnumMember::hasValue(), GitHub PR #159.
- erpcgen: Fixing several misra issues in shim code, erpcgen and unit tests updated, GitHub PR #156.
- erpcgen: Fix bison file, GitHub PR #156.

## 1.8.0

### Added

- eRPC: Support win32 thread, GitHub PR #108.
- eRPC: Add mbed support for malloc() and free(), GitHub PR #92.
- eRPC: Introduced pre and post callbacks for eRPC call, GitHub PR #131.
- eRPC: Introduced new USB CDC transport.
- eRPC: Introduced new Linux spidev-based transport.
- eRPC: Added formatting extension for VSC, GitHub PR #134.
- erpcgen: Introduce ustring type for unsigned char and force cast to char\*, GitHub PR #125.

### Fixed

- eRPC: Update makefile.
- eRPC: Fixed warnings and error with using MessageLoggers, GitHub PR #127.
- eRPC: Extend error msg for python server service handle function, GitHub PR #132.
- eRPC: Update CMSIS UART transport layer to avoid busy loops in rtos environments, introduce semaphores.
- eRPC: SPI transport update to allow usage without handshaking GPIO.
- eRPC: Native \_WIN32 erpc serial transport and threading.
- eRPC: Arbitrator deadlock fix, TCP transport updated, TCP setup functions introduced, GitHub PR #121.
- eRPC: Update of matrix\_multiply.py example: Add -serial and -baud argument, GitHub PR #137.
- eRPC: Update of .clang-format, GitHub PR #140.
- eRPC: Update of erpc\_framed\_transport.cpp: return error if received message has zero length, GitHub PR #141.

- eRPC, erpcgen: Fixed error messages produced by -Wall -Wextra -Wshadow -pedantic-errors compiler flags, GitHub PR #136, #139.
- eRPC, erpcgen: Core re-formatted using Clang version 10.
- erpcgen: Enable deallocation in server shim code when callback/function pointer used as out parameter in IDL.
- erpcgen: Removed '\$' character from generated symbol name in '\_\$union' suffix, GitHub PR #103.
- erpcgen: Resolved mismatch between C++ and Python for callback index type, GitHub PR #111.
- erpcgen: Python generator improvements, GitHub PR #100, #118.
- erpcgen: Fixed error messages produced by -Wall -Wextra -Wshadow -pedantic-errors compiler flags, GitHub PR #136.

#### 1.7.4

##### Added

- eRPC: Support MU transport unit testing.
- eRPC: Adding mbed os support.

##### Fixed

- eRPC: Unit test code updated to handle service add and remove operations.
- eRPC: Several MISRA issues in rpmsg-based transports addressed.
- eRPC: Fixed Linux/TCP acceptance tests in release target.
- eRPC: Minor documentation updates, code formatting.
- erpcgen: Whitespace removed from C common header template.

#### 1.7.3

##### Fixed

- eRPC: Improved the test\_callbacks logic to be more understandable and to allow requested callback execution on the server side.
- eRPC: TransportArbitrator::prepareClientReceive modified to avoid incorrect return value type.
- eRPC: The ClientManager and the ArbitratedClientManager updated to avoid performing client requests when the previous serialization phase fails.
- erpcgen: Generate the shim code for destroy of statically allocated services.

#### 1.7.2

##### Added

- eRPC: Add missing doxygen comments for transports.

### Fixed

- eRPC: Improved support of const types.
- eRPC: Fixed Mac build.
- eRPC: Fixed serializing python list.
- eRPC: Documentation update.

### 1.7.1

### Fixed

- eRPC: Fixed semaphore in static message buffer factory.
- erpcgen: Fixed MU received error flag.
- erpcgen: Fixed tcp transport.

### 1.7.0

### Added

- eRPC: List names are based on their types. Names are more deterministic.
- eRPC: Service objects are as a default created as global static objects.
- eRPC: Added missing doxygen comments.
- eRPC: Added support for 64bit numbers.
- eRPC: Added support of program language specific annotations.

### Fixed

- eRPC: Improved code size of generated code.
- eRPC: Generating crc value is optional.
- eRPC: Fixed CMSIS Uart driver. Removed dependency on KSDK.
- eRPC: Forbid users use reserved words.
- eRPC: Removed outByref for function parameters.
- eRPC: Optimized code style of callback functions.

### 1.6.0

### Added

- eRPC: Added @nullable support for scalar types.

### Fixed

- eRPC: Improved code size of generated code.
- eRPC: Improved eRPC nested calls.
- eRPC: Improved eRPC list length variable serialization.

## 1.5.0

### Added

- eRPC: Added support for unions type non-wrapped by structure.
- eRPC: Added callbacks support.
- eRPC: Added support @external annotation for functions.
- eRPC: Added support @name annotation.
- eRPC: Added Messaging Unit transport layer.
- eRPC: Added RPMSG Lite RTOS TTY transport layer.
- eRPC: Added version verification and IDL version verification between eRPC code and eRPC generated shim code.
- eRPC: Added support of shared memory pointer.
- eRPC: Added annotation to forbid generating const keyword for function parameters.
- eRPC: Added python matrix multiply example.
- eRPC: Added nested call support.
- eRPC: Added struct member “byref” option support.
- eRPC: Added support of forward declarations of structures
- eRPC: Added Python RPMsg Multiendpoint kernel module support
- eRPC: Added eRPC sniffer tool

## 1.4.0

### Added

- eRPC: New RPMsg-Lite Zero Copy (RPMsgZC) transport layer.

### Fixed

- eRPC: win\_flex\_bison.zip for windows updated.
- eRPC: Use one codec (instead of inCodec outCodec).

## [1.3.0]

### Added

- eRPC: New annotation types introduced (@length, @max\_length, ...).
- eRPC: Support for running both erpc client and erpc server on one side.
- eRPC: New transport layers for (LP)UART, (D)SPI.
- eRPC: Error handling support.

## [1.2.0]

**Added**

- eRPC source directory organization changed.
- Many eRPC improvements.

**[1.1.0]**

**Added**

- Multicore SDK 1.1.0 ported to KSDK 2.0.0.

**[1.0.0]**

**Added**

- Initial Release

# Chapter 2

## RTOS

### 2.1 FreeRTOS

#### 2.1.1 FreeRTOS kernel

Open source RTOS kernel for small devices.

[FreeRTOS kernel for MCUXpresso SDK Readme](#)

[FreeRTOS kernel for MCUXpresso SDK ChangeLog](#)

[FreeRTOS kernel Readme](#)

#### 2.1.2 FreeRTOS drivers

This is set of NXP provided FreeRTOS reentrant bus drivers.

#### 2.1.3 backoffalgorithm

Algorithm for calculating exponential backoff with jitter for network retry attempts.

[Readme](#)

#### 2.1.4 corehttp

C language HTTP client library designed for embedded platforms.

#### 2.1.5 corejson

JSON parser.

## Readme

### 2.1.6 **coremqtt**

MQTT publish/subscribe messaging library.

### 2.1.7 **corepkcs11**

PKCS #11 key management library.

## Readme

### 2.1.8 **freertos-plus-tcp**

Open source RTOS FreeRTOS Plus TCP.

## Readme