

Renesas RA Family

GUIX Hello World for EK-RA8D1 MIPI LCD Display

Introduction

This application note describes the process of creating a simple two-screen GUI using Azure RTOS GUIX Studio for the EK-RA8D1 kit. This application demonstrates how easily a user can create and configure a new application using the Renesas Flexible Software Package (FSP).

The Renesas Flexible Software Package includes Azure RTOS ThreadX® real-time operating system, the Azure RTOS GUIX library and hardware drivers are unified under a single robust software package. This powerful suite of tools provides a comprehensive integrated framework for rapid development of complex embedded applications.

Required Resources

Development tools and software

- e² studio IDE Version: 2023-10 (23.10.0) or greater
- Renesas Flexible Software Package (FSP) v5.1.0 or greater
- Azure RTOS GUIX Studio V6.3.0.1 or greater

Hardware

- Renesas EK-RA8D1 kit (RA8D1 MCU Group)
- Renesas EK-RA8D1's "SW1" switches setting.
 - Switch #6 for GLCDC set "ON", switch #7 for SDRAM set "ON" and all the other switches set "OFF".

Reference

- RA Flexible Software Package Documentation Release v5.1.0
- Azure RTOS GUIX and GUIX Studio v6.3.0.1
- Renesas RA8D1 Group User's Manual Rev.1.1.0
- EK-RA8D1-v1.0 Schematics

Provided Software Files

- A Source.zip folder that has 2 touch_gt911 and SEGGER_RTT folders and 4 *.c with 2 *.h files inside
- hal_entry.c, system_thread_entry.c, touch_thread_entry.c, windows_handler.c, system_thread_entry.h, common_utils.h

Purpose

This document will guide you through the setup of an Azure RTOS GUIX touch screen interface Hello World application in e² studio. This document will show how to configure the drivers and library included with the FSP. The instructions in this document will allow you to set up the MIPI Display Controller, the touch screen driver, and semaphores to communicate with application tasks. It also shows the steps necessary to create a simple GUI interface using the Azure RTOS GUIX Studio editor. In addition, this app note will also cover project setup along with basic debugging operations. When it is running, the application will respond to touchscreen actions, presenting a basic graphical user interface (GUI).

Intended Audience

The intended audience is users who want to design GUI applications.

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1. Downloading and Installing Tools

1.1 Overview

In this section you will copy materials to your PC and install the required software: e² studio v2023-10.0 with FSP v5.1.0, and Azure RTOS GUIX studio v6.3.0.1.

1.2 Procedural Steps

1. If you already have e² studio v2023-10 with FSP v5.1.0 or later installed, you can skip this step. Otherwise, you can download it from <https://www.renesas.com/us/en/software-tool/flexible-software-package-fsp>. Detailed installation instructions for the e² studio and the FSP are available on the Renesas website <https://www.renesas.com/fsp>. Review the release notes for e² studio to ensure that the e² studio version supports the selected FSP version. The starting version of the installer includes all features of the RA MCUs.
2. You can get Azure RTOS GUIX Studio v6.3.0.1 or greater from this [link](#). You should see the window in the next step on the web browser.
Note: Microsoft Store must be working on your PC to install Azure RTOS GUIX studio.
3. Click **Install Button** and New window popup. Click **Open Microsoft Store**.

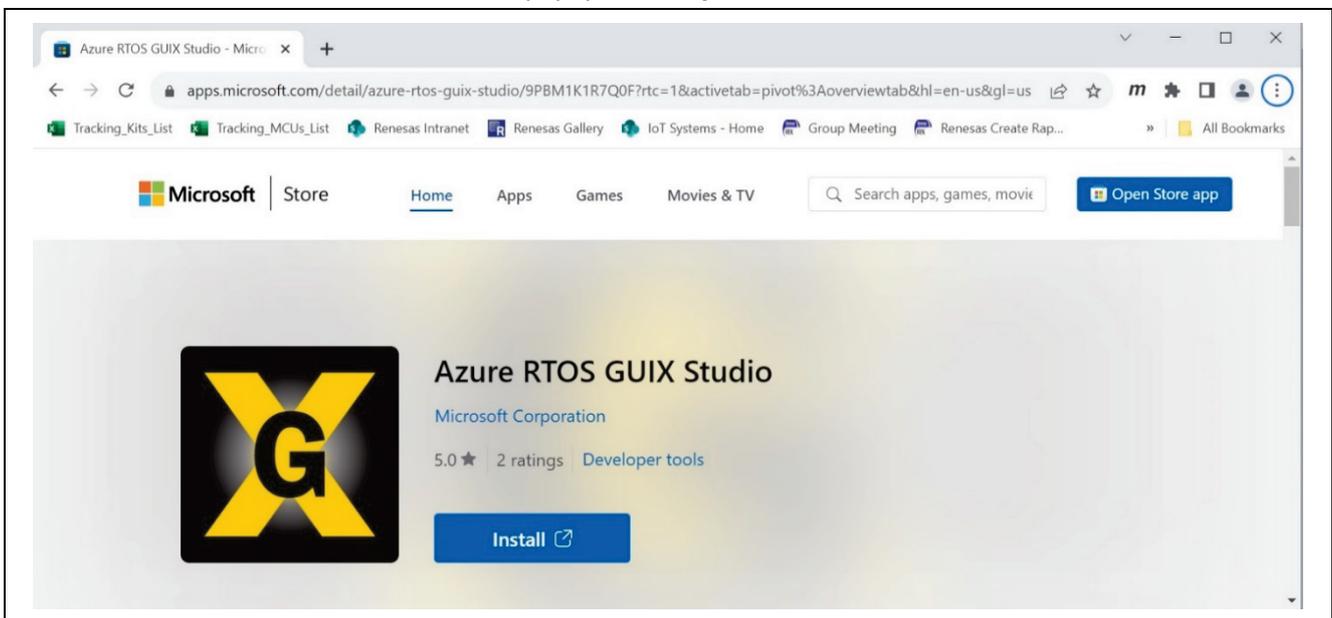


Figure 1. Get Azure RTOS GUIX Studio

4. Click **Open Microsoft store** to continue installing Azure RTOS GUIX Studio.

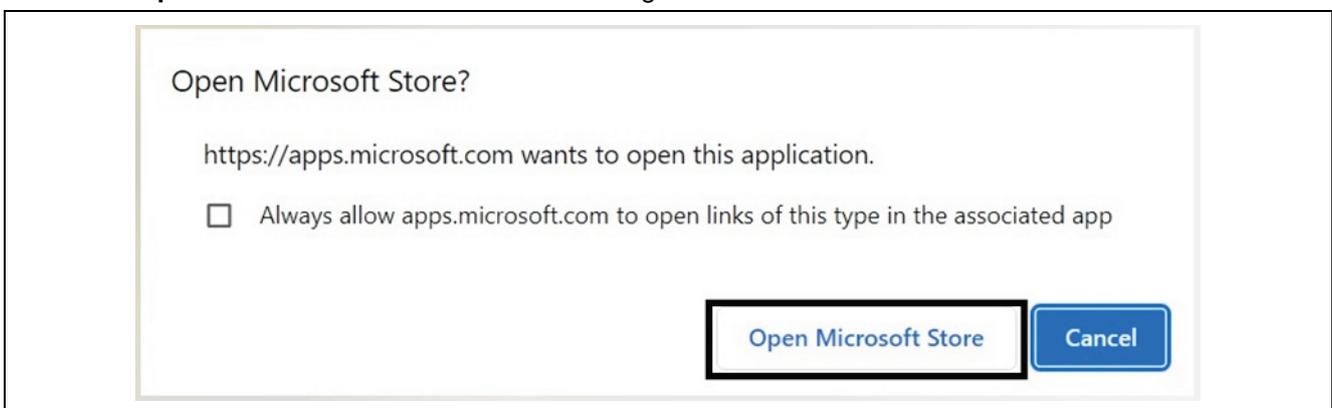


Figure 2. Open Microsoft Store

5. Click **Open** to open the “Azure RTOS GUIX Studio” App.

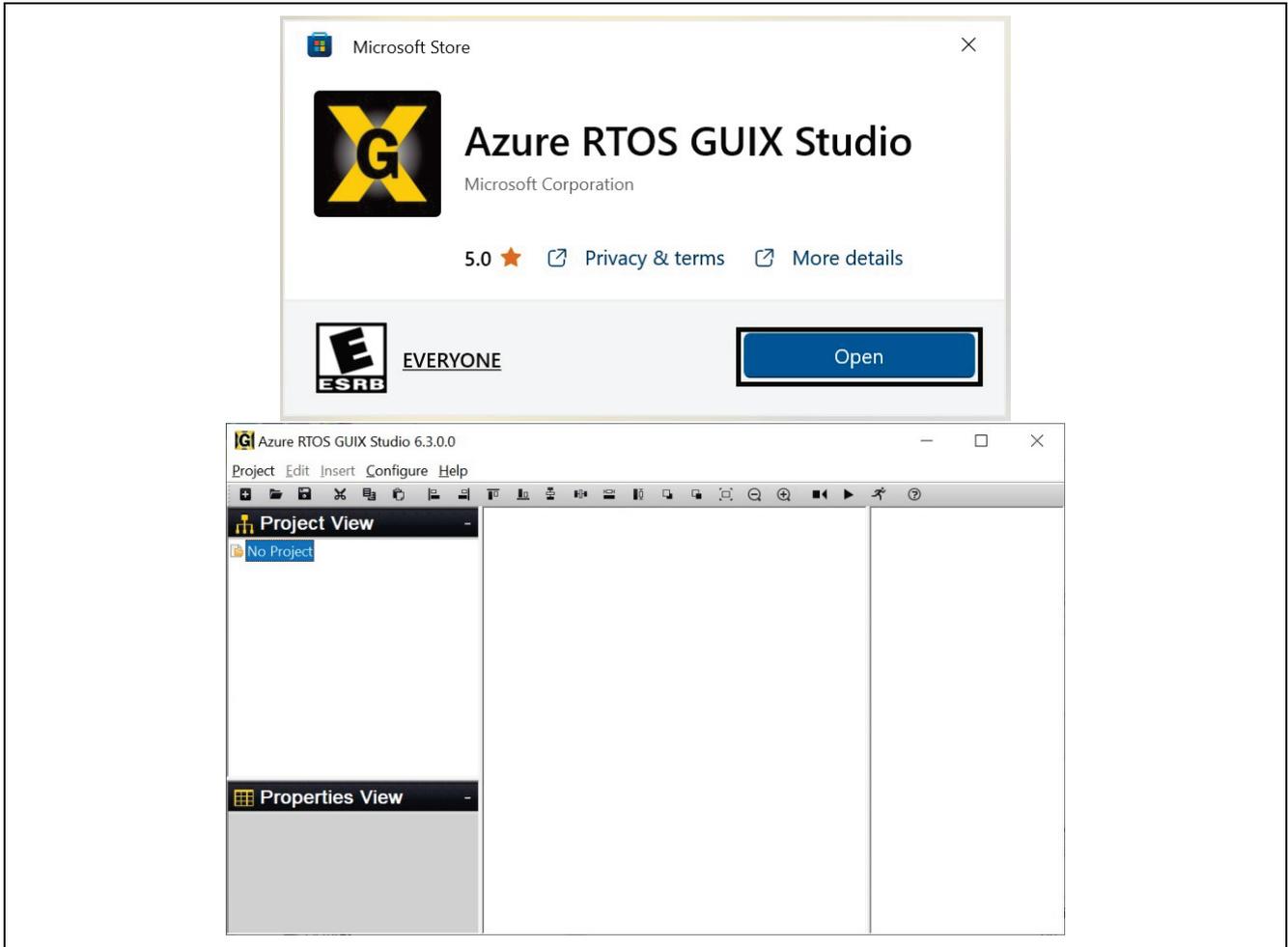


Figure 3. Click Open to start “Azure RTOS GUIX Studio”.

2. Create Application Note Project and Enabled Backlight

2.1 Overview

In this section, you will create a project to which you will add pre-written source code and integrate it with a pre-created Azure RTOS GUIX studio project.

2.2 Procedural Steps

1. Create a new **Renesas RA C/C++ project**. Name it **mipi_ek_ra8d1_guix_hello_world**.

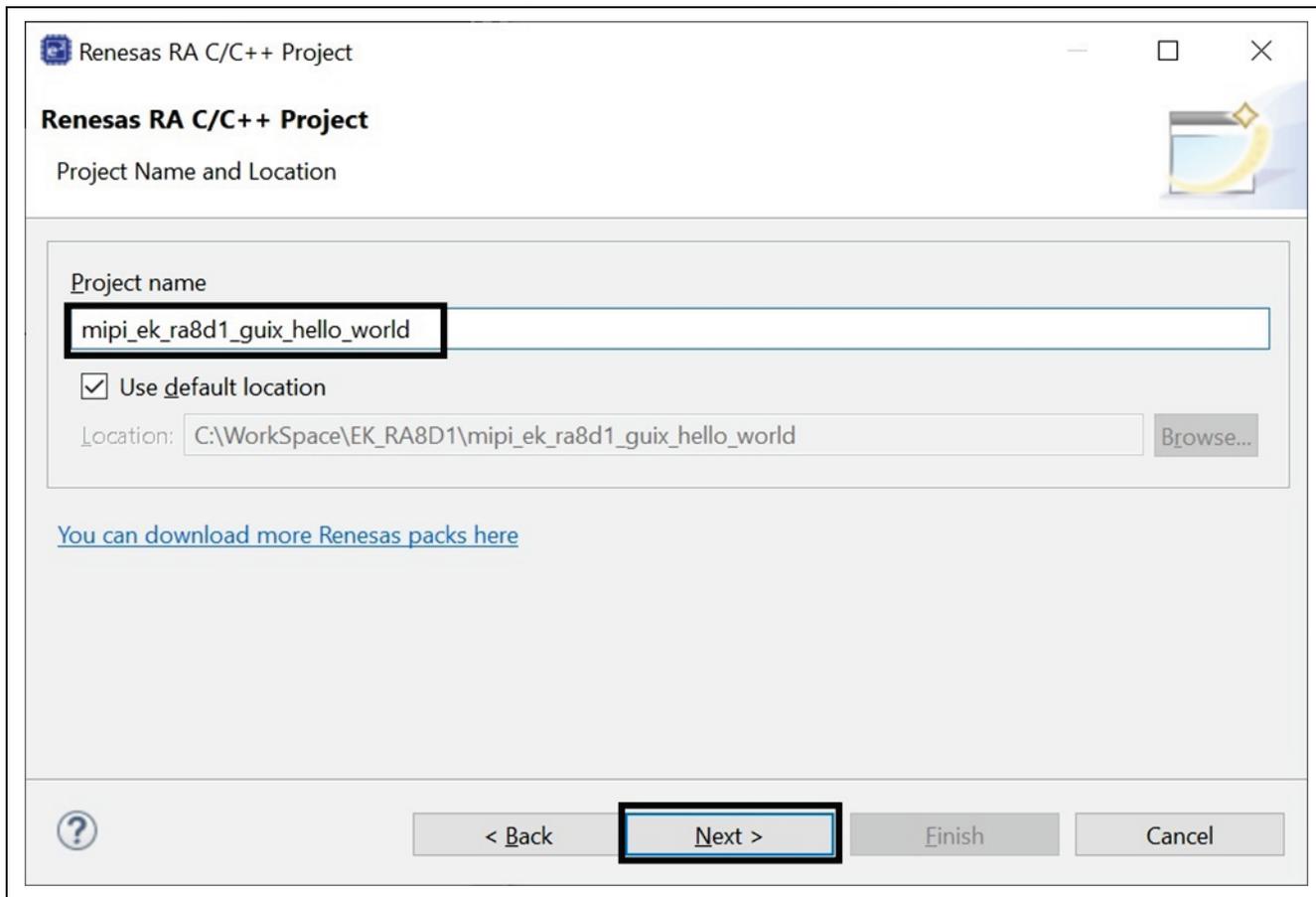


Figure 4. Create New Project

2. Select and set board to EK-RA8D1.

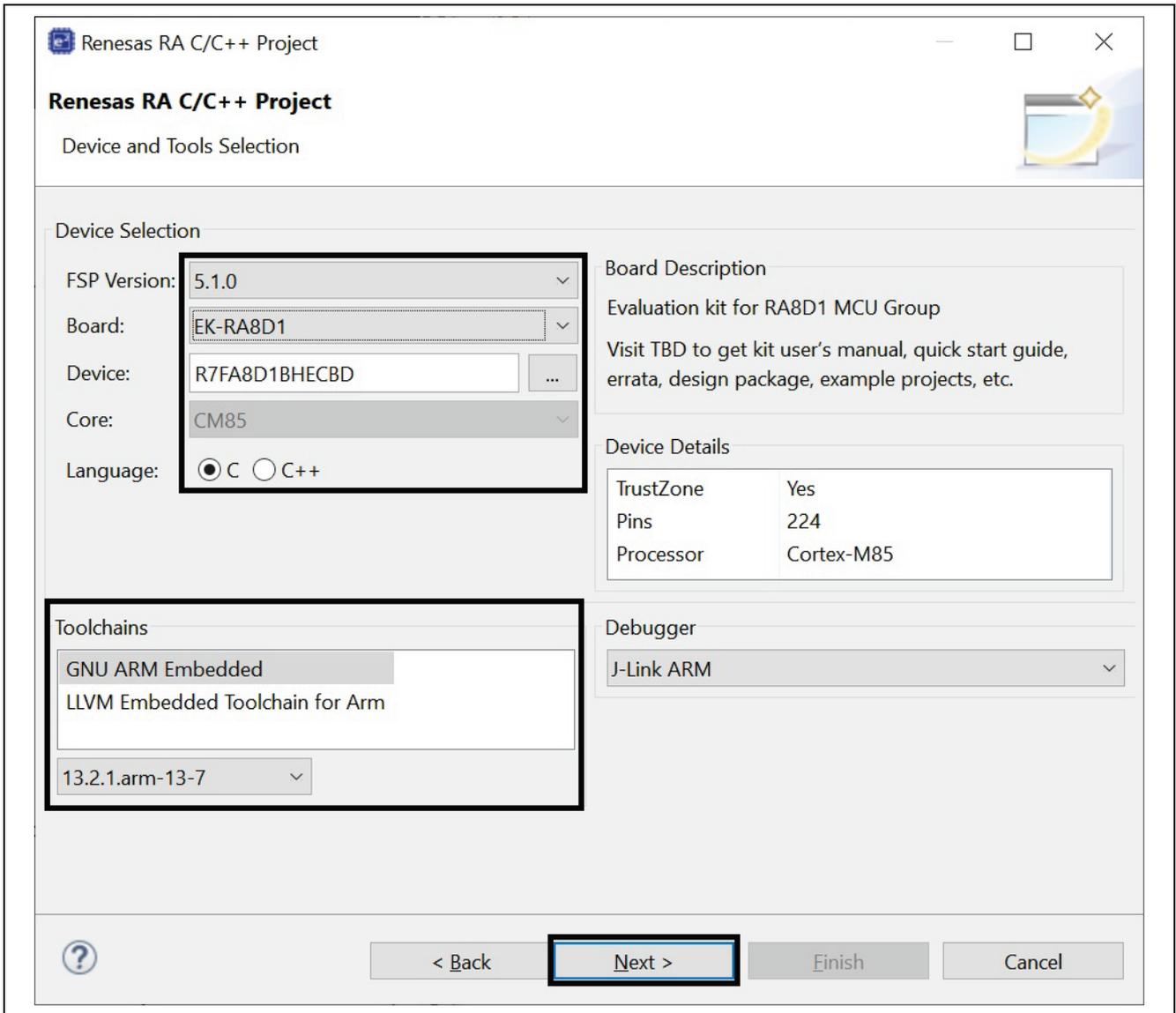


Figure 5. Select and Set board to EK-RA8D1

3. Select **Flat (Non-TrustZone)** and **Executable with Azure RTOS ThreadX (v6.2.1+FSP.5.1.0)**.

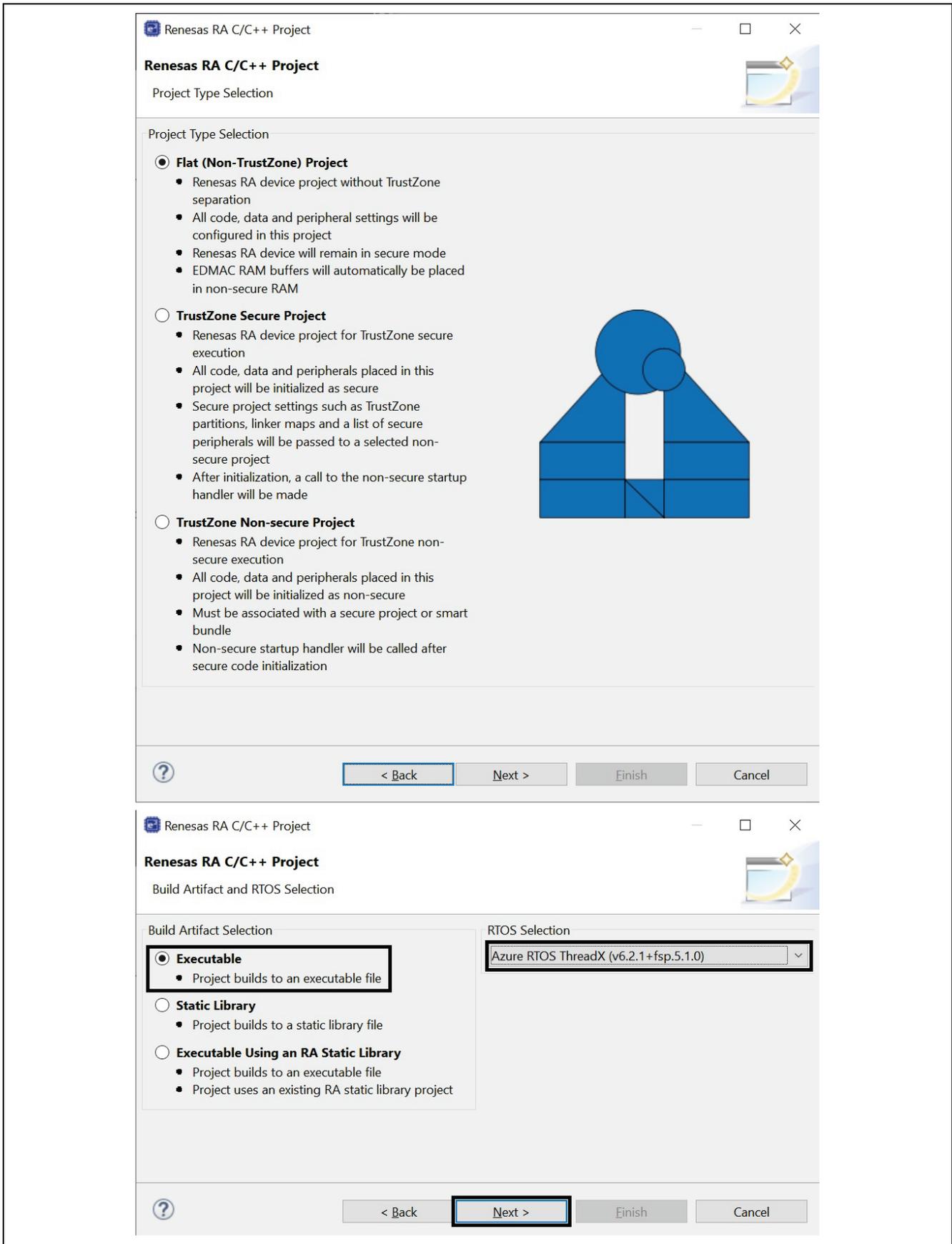


Figure 6. Select Azure RTOS ThreadX

4. Use **Azure RTOS ThreadX – Minimal** template.

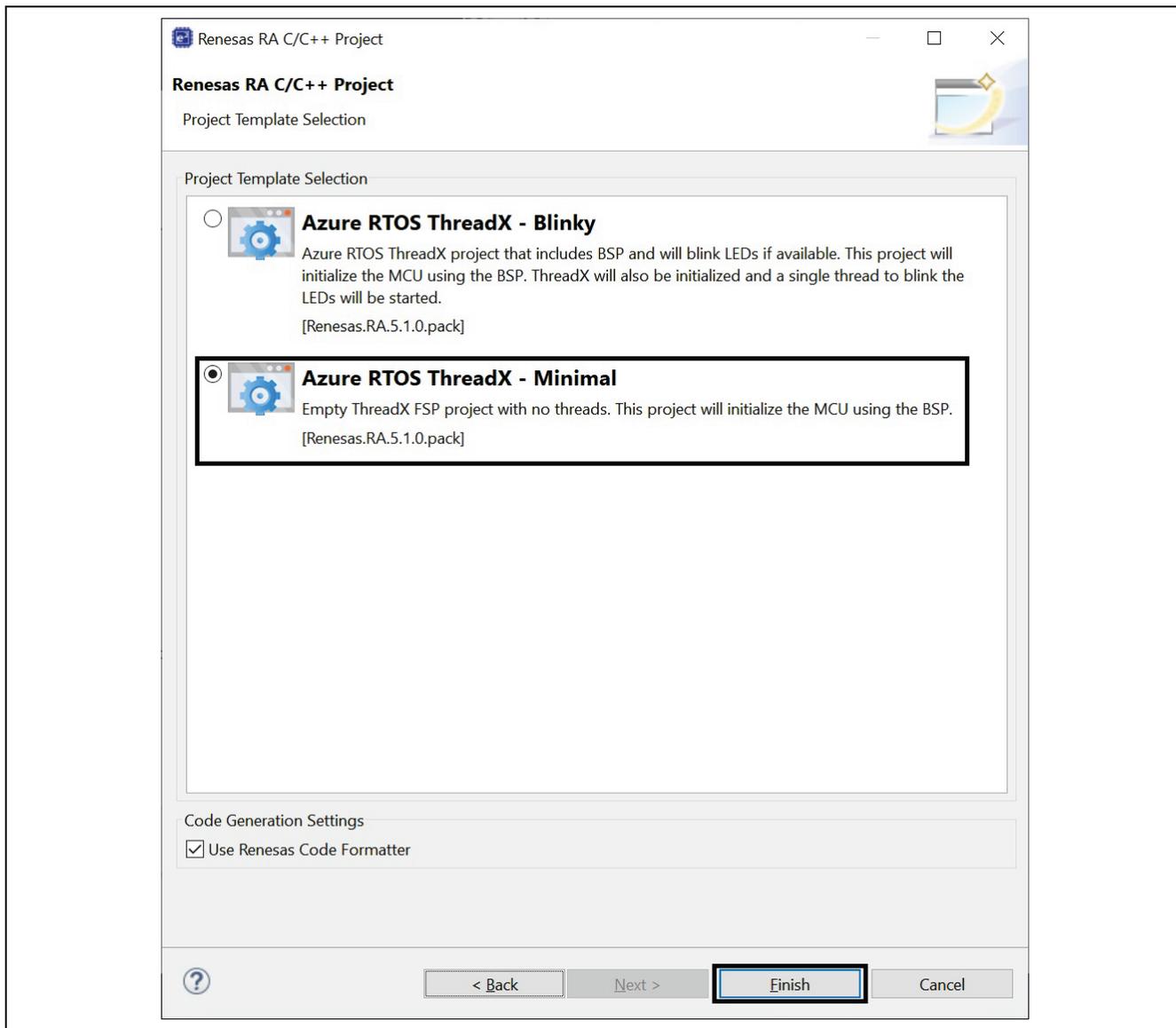


Figure 7. Select Minimal Template

- Open the project configuration, by double clicking the **configuration.xml**  **configuration.xml** file and changing the e² studio view to FSP Configuration. Go to the **BSP** tab and select the **Properties** tab. Here, change **Main stack size (bytes)** and **Heap size (bytes)** to **0x2000**.

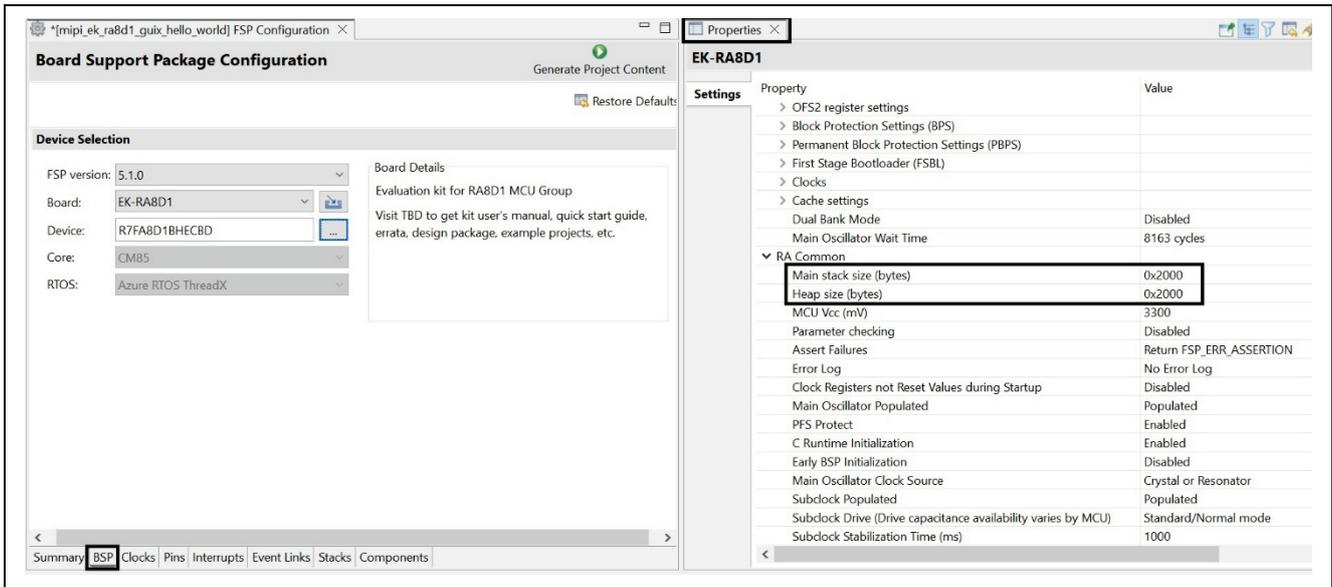


Figure 8. Change Heap Size

- Click the **Clocks** tab and set the **LCDCLK** Source Input to **PLL1P**.

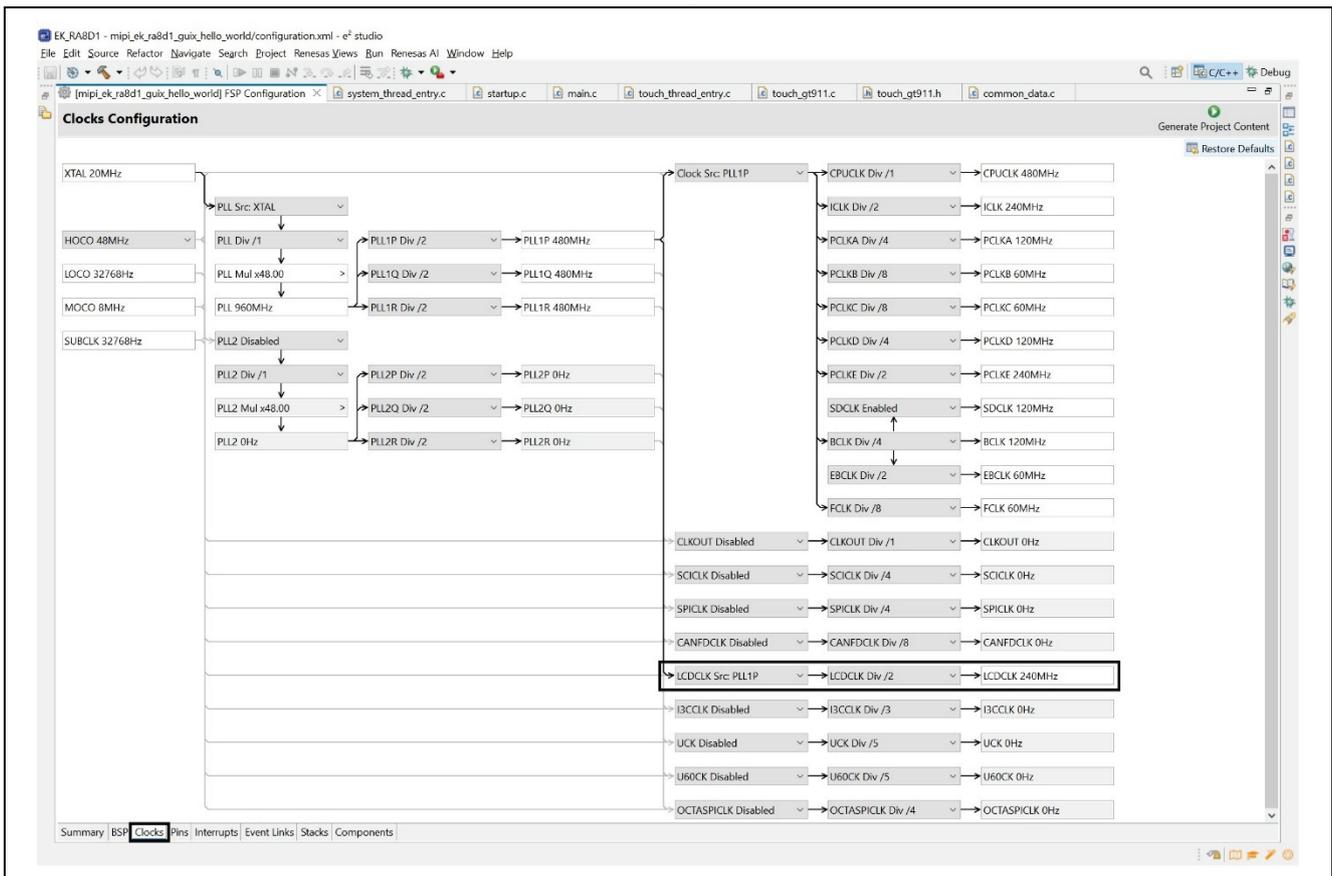


Figure 9. Enabling the LCD Clock to PLL1P

- Go to the **Stacks** tab to view the current project's threads and modules. Add a **New Thread** and name it as **System Thread** with the **Property** settings shown below.

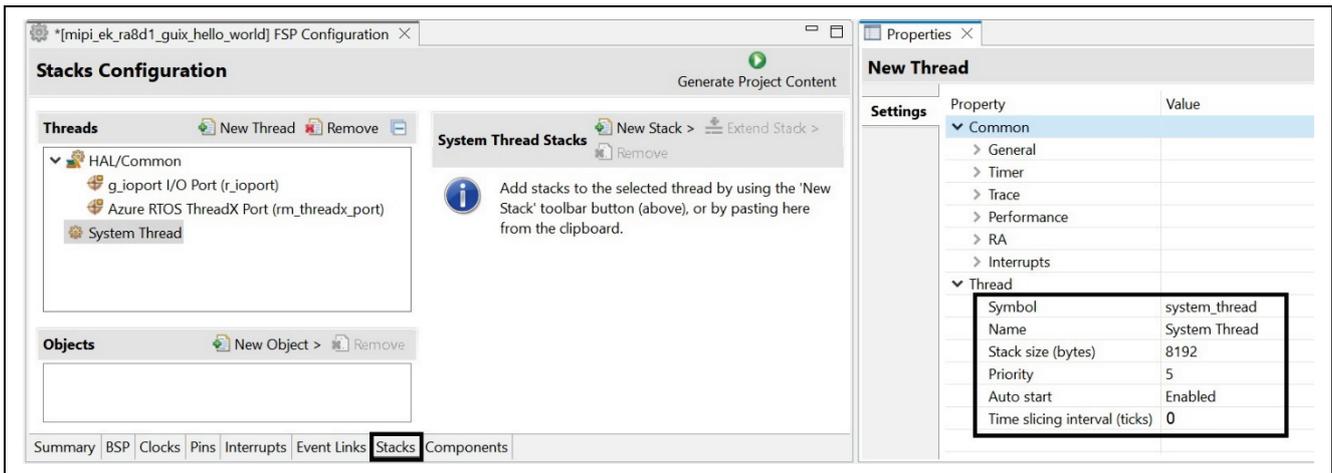


Figure 10. Add System Thread

- Make sure the System Thread is highlighted in the Threads window. Click **"New Stack"** and add **Graphics > Azure RTOS GUIX** to System thread.

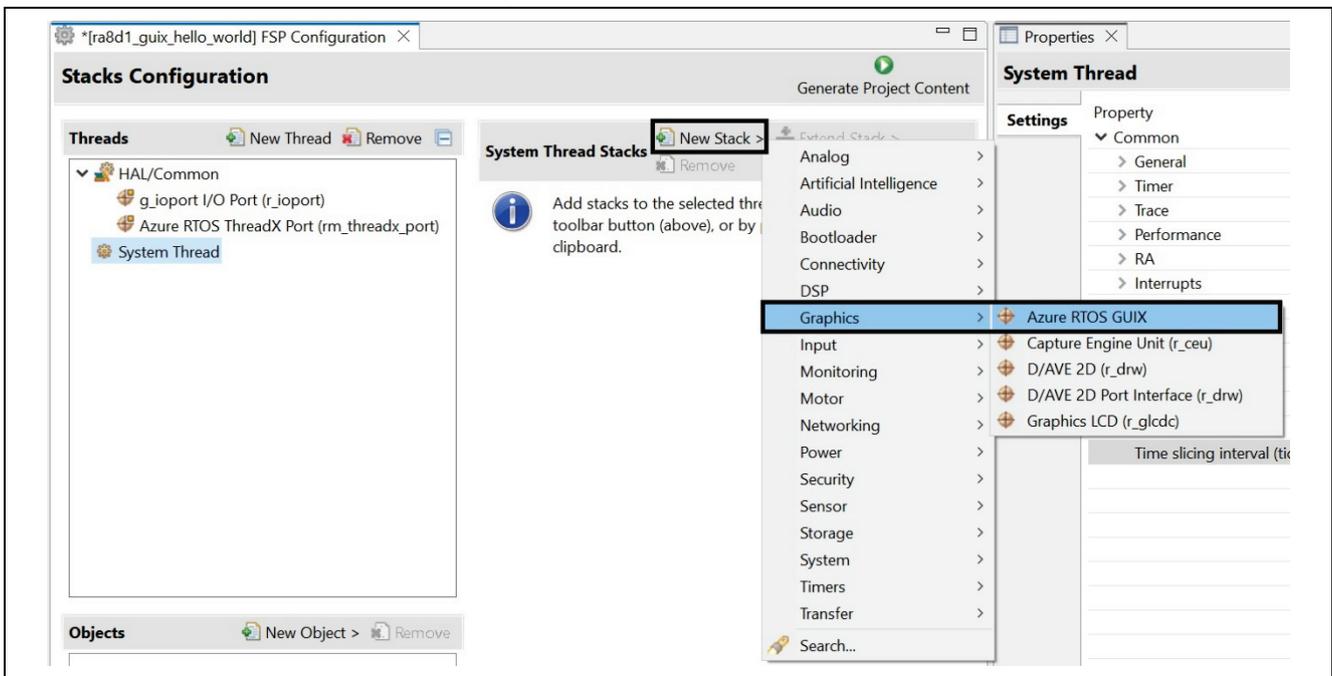


Figure 11. Add Azure RTOS GUIX

9. Settings properties for **Azure RTOS GUIX (rm_guix_port)** and **GLCDC Display**.

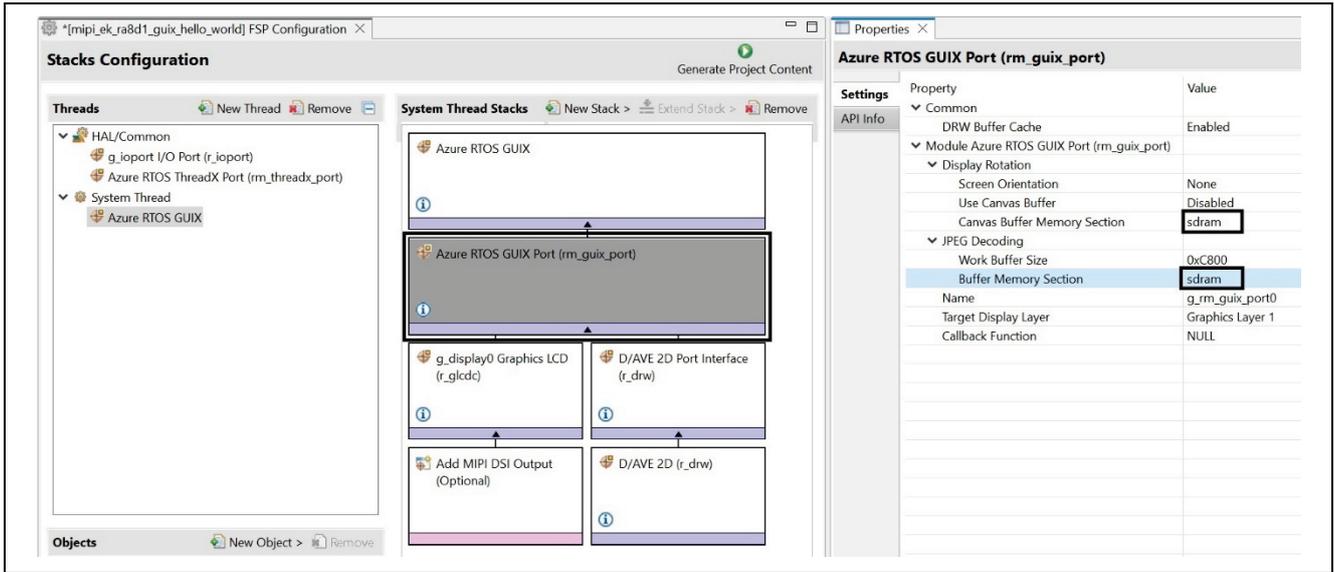


Figure 12. Setting and checking Properties for Hardware

10. Settings properties for **Graphics LCD**

The screenshot shows the Stacks Configuration tool with the 'System Thread Stacks' section expanded. The 'g_display0 Graphics LCD (r_glcdc)' component is highlighted. Below it, the Properties window for 'g_display Graphics LCD (r_glcdc)' is open, showing various settings. The 'Name' is 'g_display', 'Color format' is 'RGB888 (32-bit)', and 'Sync edge' is 'Rising edge'.

Property	Value	Property	Value
Common		Common	
Module g_display Graphics LCD (r_glcdc)		Module g_display Graphics LCD (r_glcdc)	
General		General	
Name	g_display	Interrupts	
Interrupts		Input	
Input		Output	
Graphics Layer 1		Timing	
General		Horizontal total cycles	559
Enabled	Yes	Horizontal active video cycles	480
Horizontal size	480	Horizontal back porch cycles	5
Vertical size	854	Horizontal sync signal cycles	2
Horizontal position	0	Horizontal sync signal polarity	Low active
Vertical position	0	Vertical total lines	894
Color format	RGB888 (32-bit)	Vertical active video lines	854
Line descending mode	Disabled	Vertical back porch lines	20
Background Color		Vertical sync signal lines	3
Framebuffer		Vertical sync signal polarity	Low active
Line Repeat		Data Enable Signal Polarity	High active
Fading		Sync edge	Rising edge
Graphics Layer 2		Format	
Output		Background	
CLUT		CLUT	
TCON		TCON	
Color Correction		Color Correction	
Dithering		Dithering	

Figure 13. Setting Properties for GLCDC DISPLAY

11. Add the MIPI DSI Output by clicking on the “Add” option attached to the r_glcdc stack, and fill out the settings properties for **MIPI Graphics LCD (r_mipi_dsi)** module based on the following image:
 Note: All the other settings are set to the default value for the LCD pixel 480x854 so the details are not shown here.

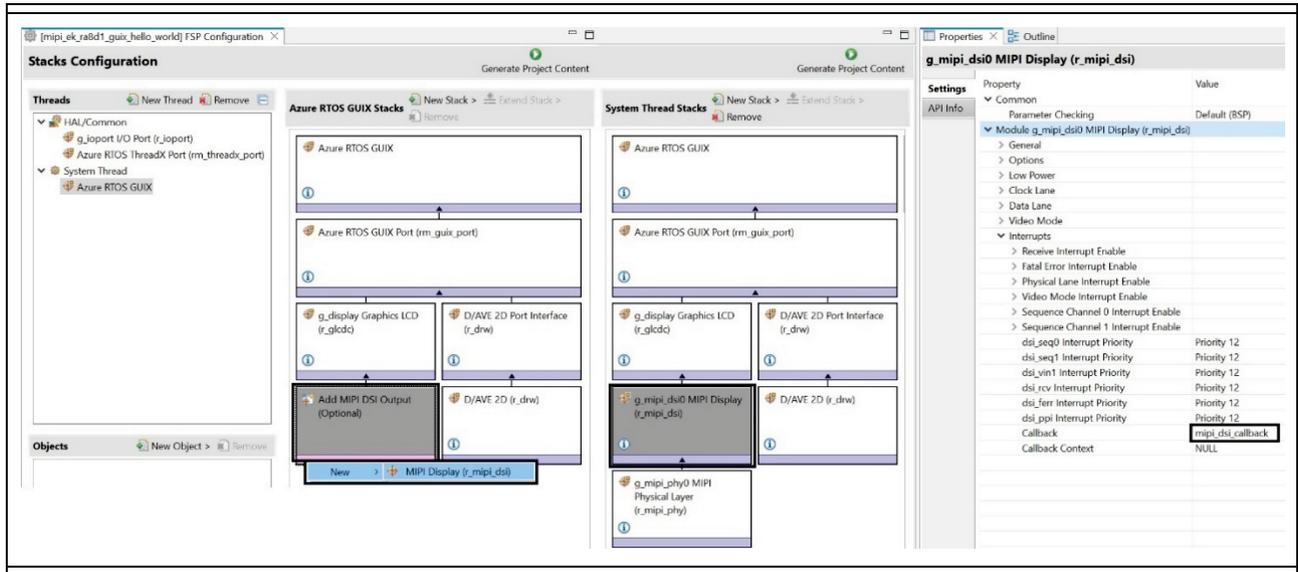


Figure 14. Adding and Setting Properties for MIPI Graphic LCD

12. Click “New Stack” and add **Timers > PWM Timer (r_gpt)**.

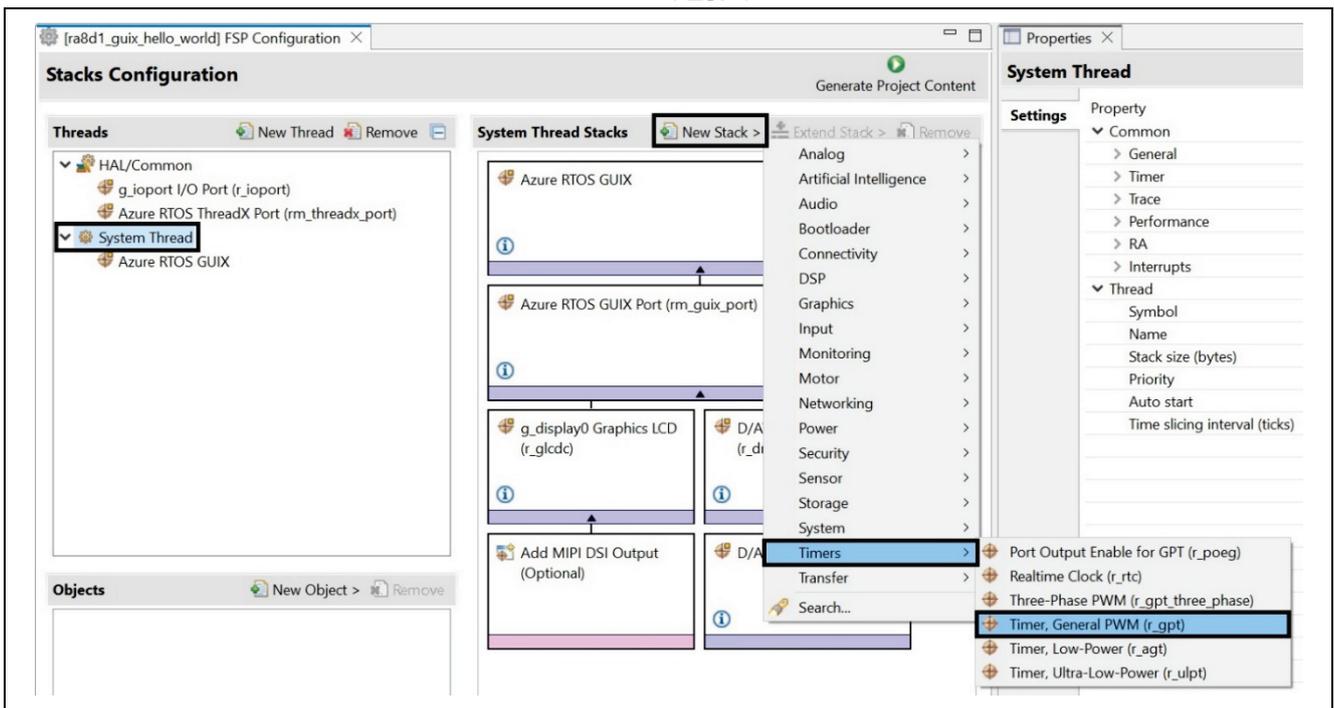


Figure 15. Add the Timer

13. Set the **Timer, General PWM (r_gpt)** module properties as shown below

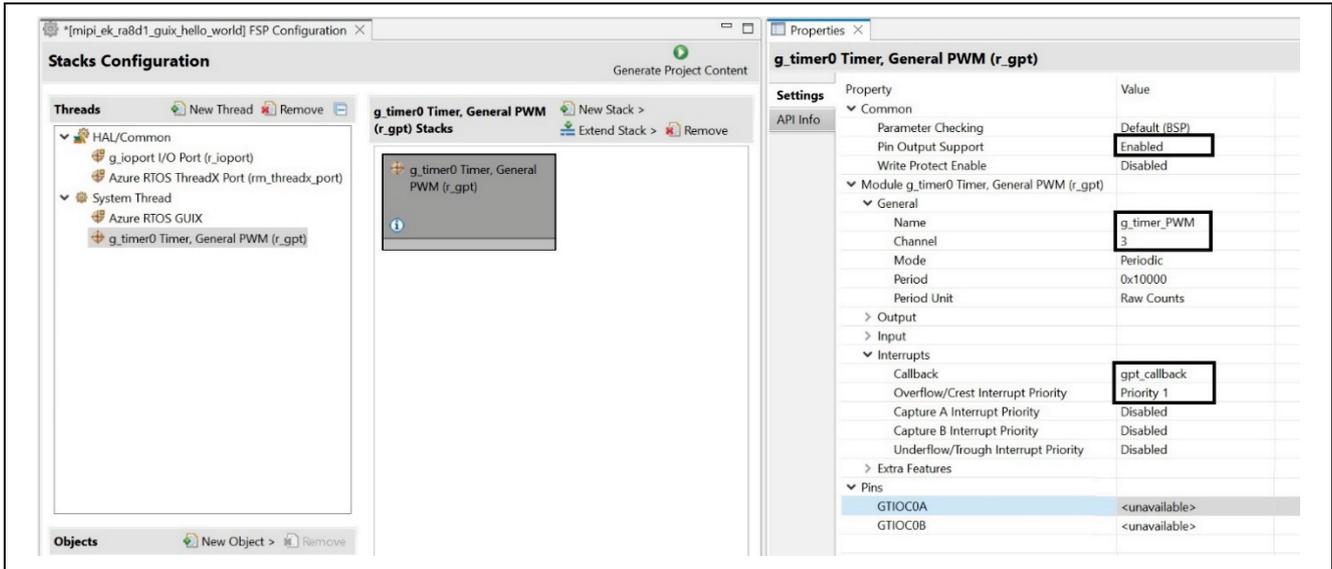


Figure 16. Settings Timer properties

14. Now we will set the output pins for the project. Navigate to the **Pins** tab. Configure pin **P404**, the **DISP_BLEN** signal of the LCD panel, and set the **Mode** to **Output mode (Initial High)**.

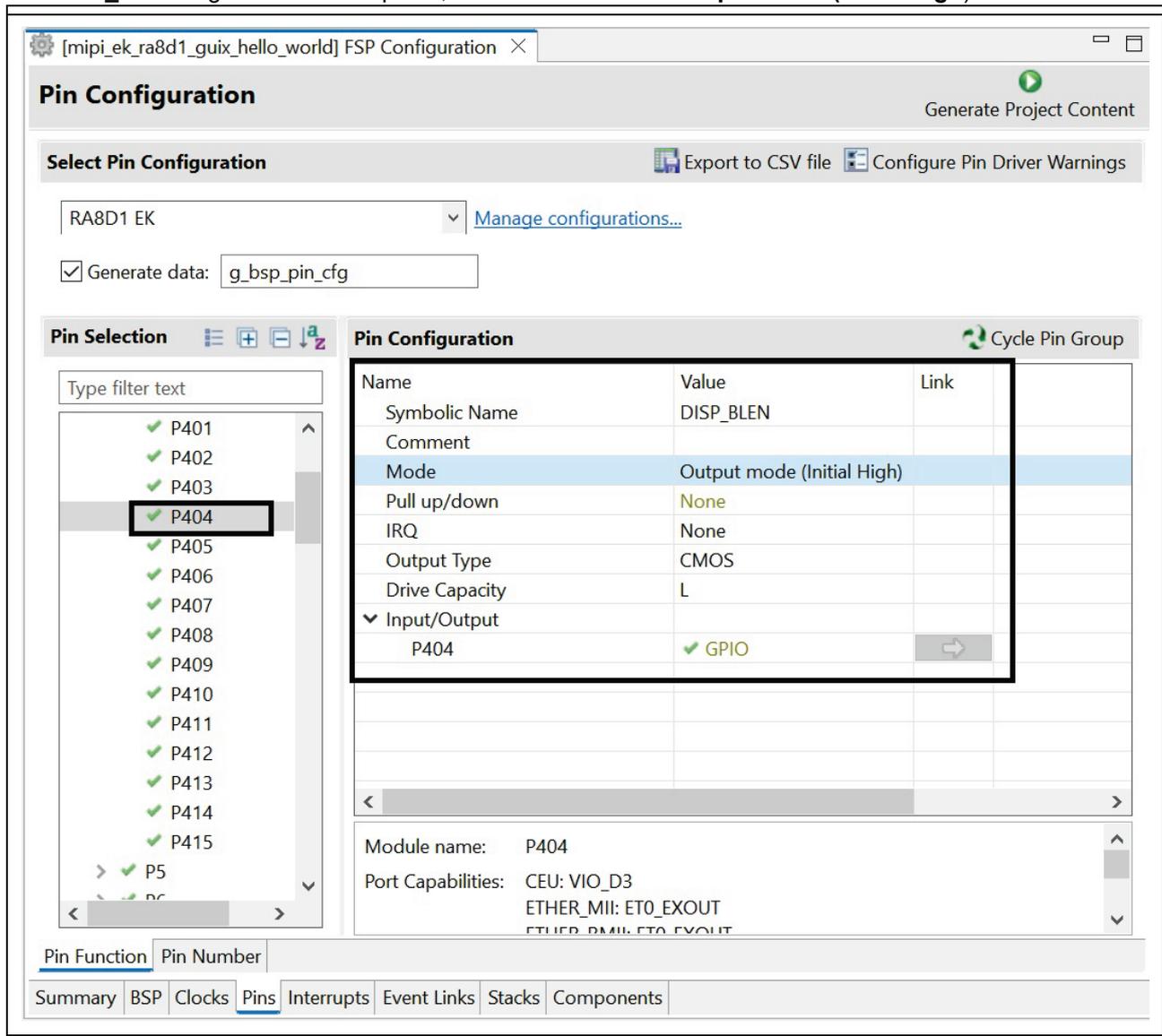


Figure 17. Settings pin P404 for DISP_BLEN

15. LCD_BLEN pin from the LCD panel will connect to DISP_BLEN pin P404 of the board RA8D1

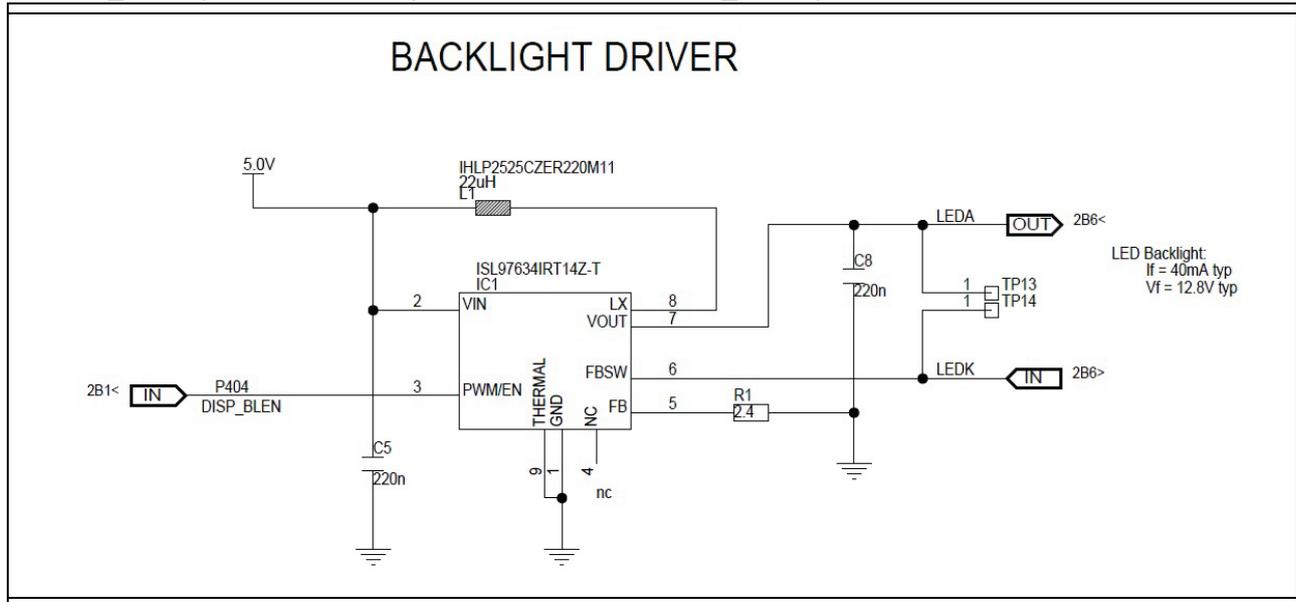


Figure 18. LCD_BLEN will connect to DISP_BLEN pin P404

16. Refer to “system_thread_entry.c” file in “Source.zip” folder for more information on what the system thread does. This function shown below controls the PWM output.

```

/* Initialize GPT module */
err = R_GPT_Open(&g_timer_PWM_ctrl, &g_timer_PWM_cfg);

/* Handle error */
handle_error(err, "*** R_GPT_Open API failed ** \r\n");

/* Enable GPT Timer */
err = R_GPT_Enable(&g_timer_PWM_ctrl);

/* Start GPT timer */
err = R_GPT_Start(&g_timer_PWM_ctrl);
    
```

Figure 19. gpt_timer_PWM function located in “system_thread_entry.c”

3. Add and Configure the gt911 Touch Driver

1. Click “New Thread” and name “Touch Thread” with setting as shown below.

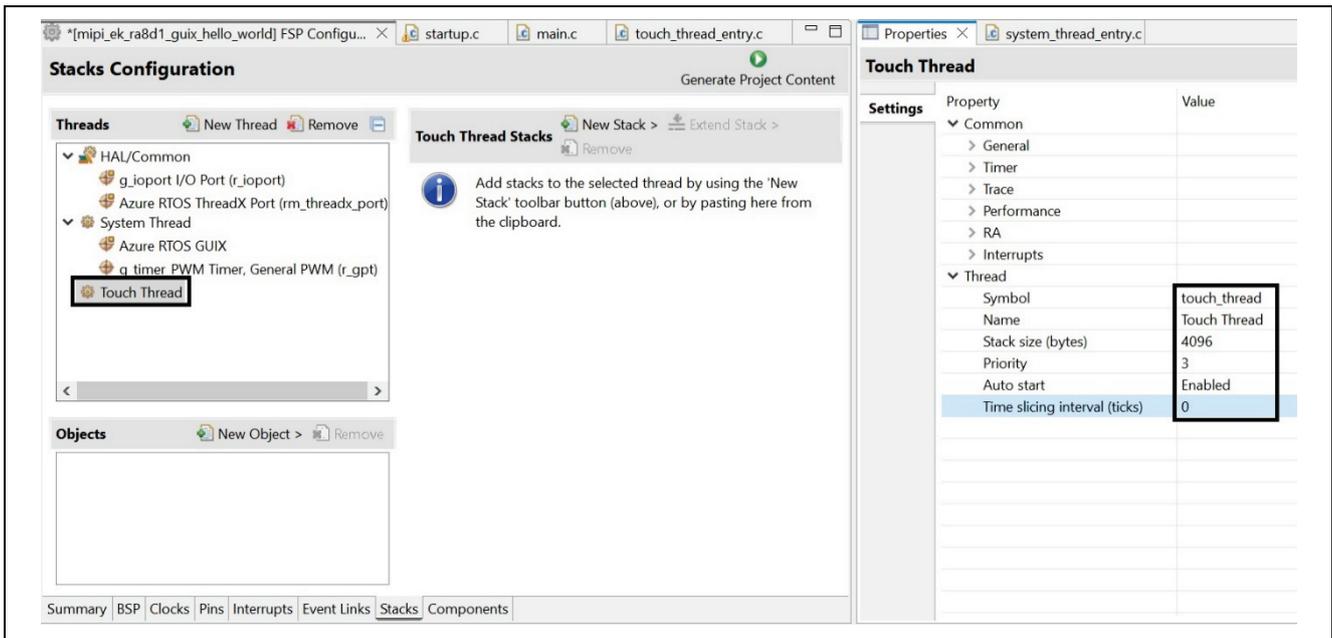


Figure 20. Add and Set Touch Thread Properties

2. From Threads window, select HAL/Common and click “New Stack” and add Input > External IRQ (r_icu) module.

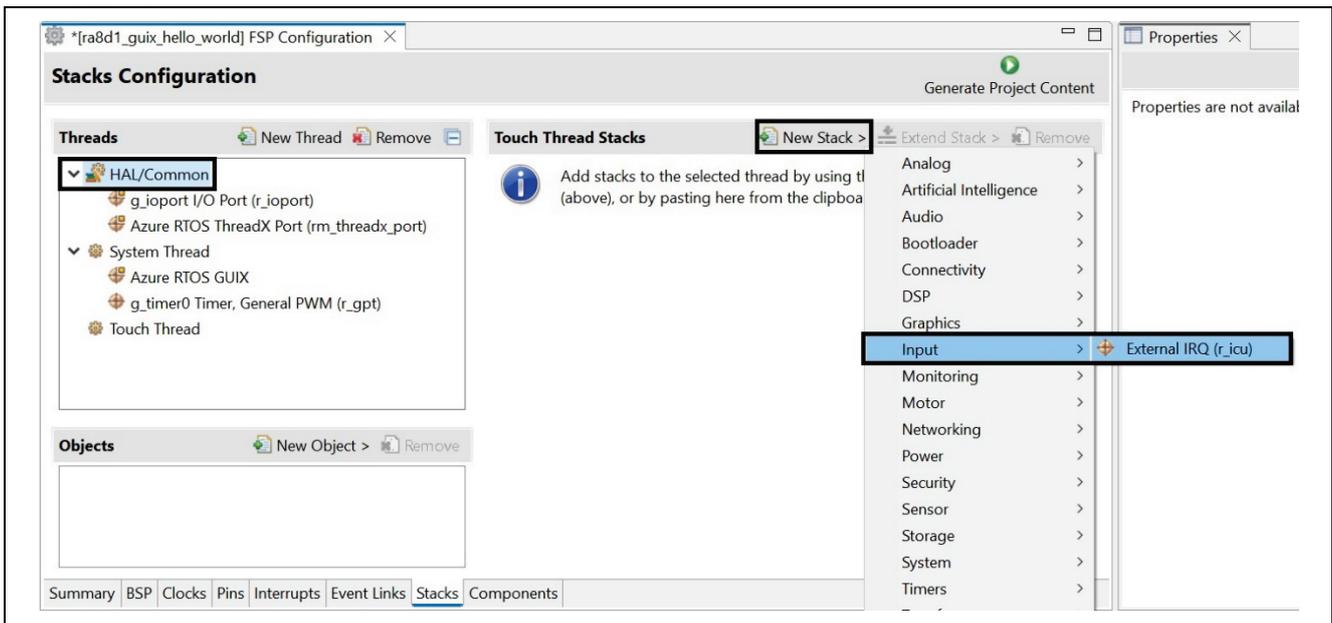


Figure 21. Add External IRQ

- Name the module “**g_int_gt911**” and change the default settings based on the properties illustrated in the following image. Click “arrow”  to go to the **Pins** tab automatically for setting pin P510.

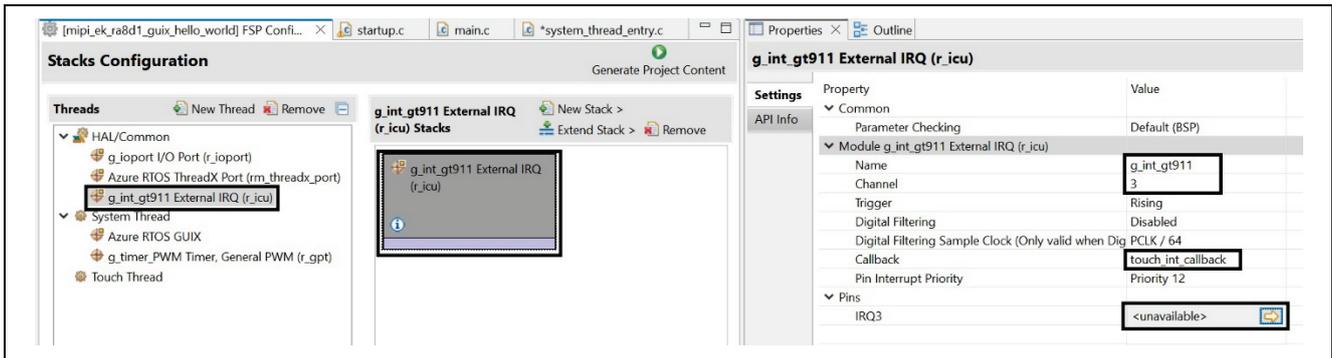


Figure 22. Setting External IRQ Properties

- Change the configuration pin **P510** for **DISP_INT** signal pin so the Operation Mode is **Custom** and the Input/Output of IRQ3 is **P510**.

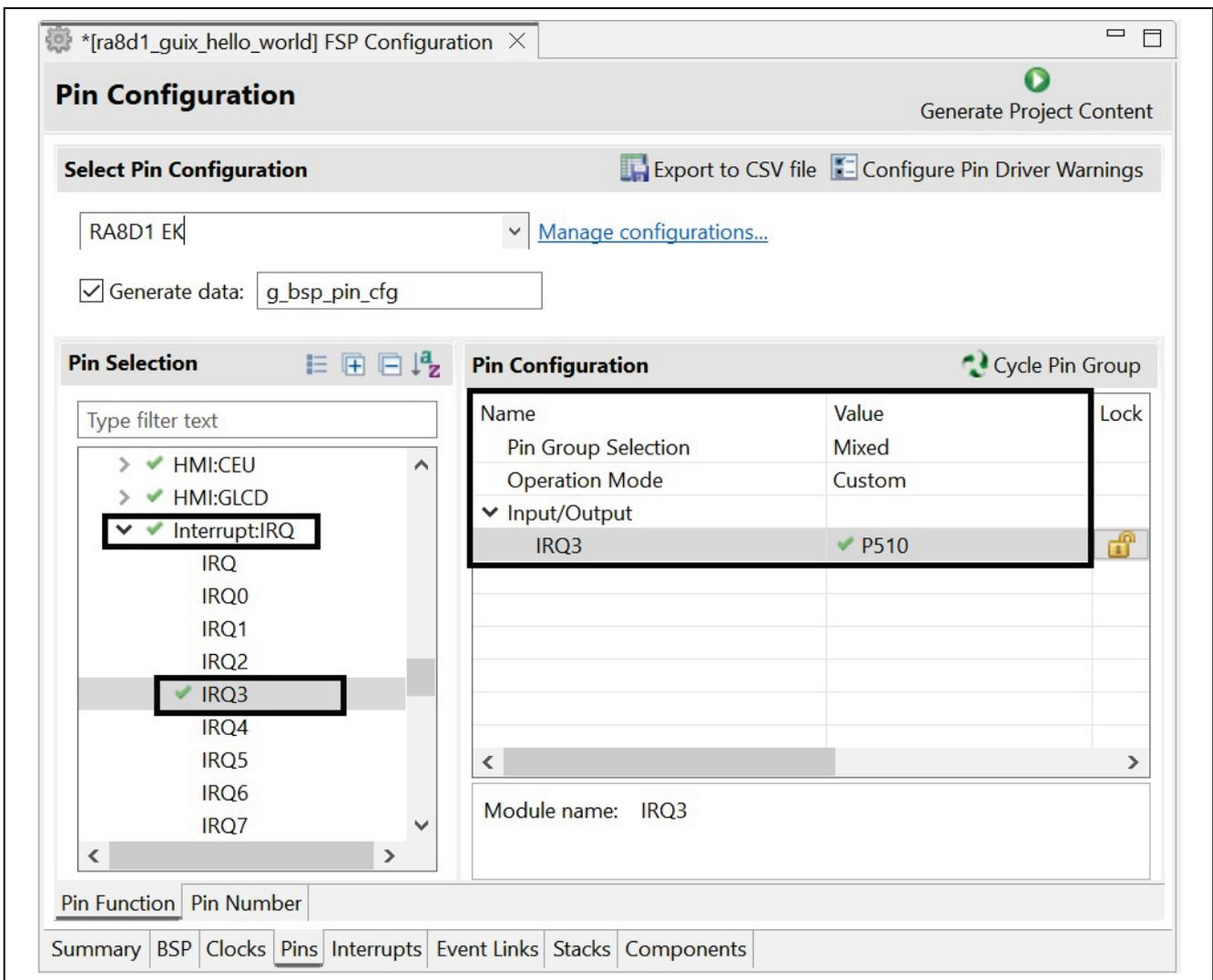


Figure 23. Configuration Pin P510 “IRQ3”

- Go back to the **Stacks** tab. From the Threads window, select HAL/Common and click **"New Stack"** and add the **Connectivity > I2C Master (r_iic_master)** module.

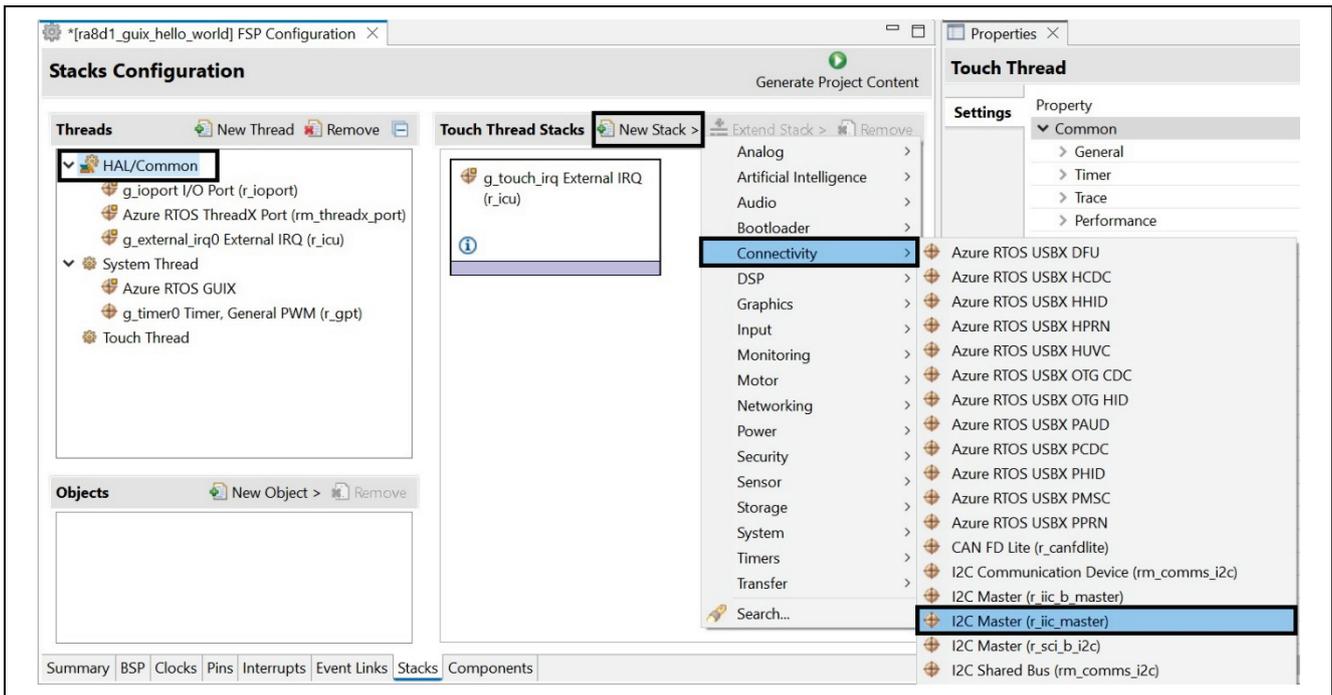


Figure 24. Add Touch I2C Master

- Name the module “**g_i2c_gt911**” and change the default settings based on the properties illustrated in the following image. Click the “arrow”  to go to the **Pins** tab automatically for setting pins **SCL1** and **SDA1**.

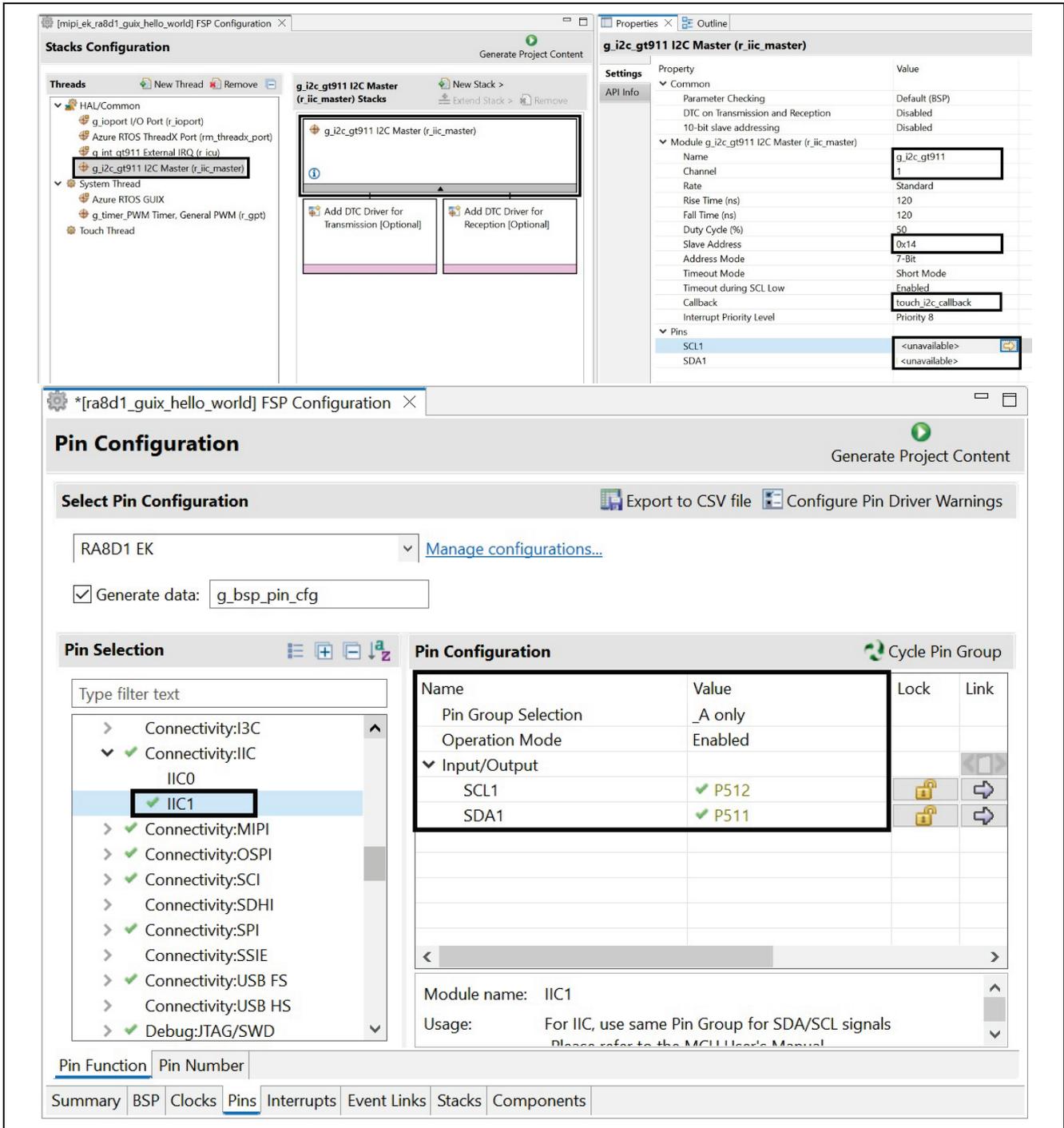


Figure 25. Name and Settings Properties

- Click **New Object** and add **Semaphore**. This semaphore will indicate when a gt911 touch interrupt occurs.

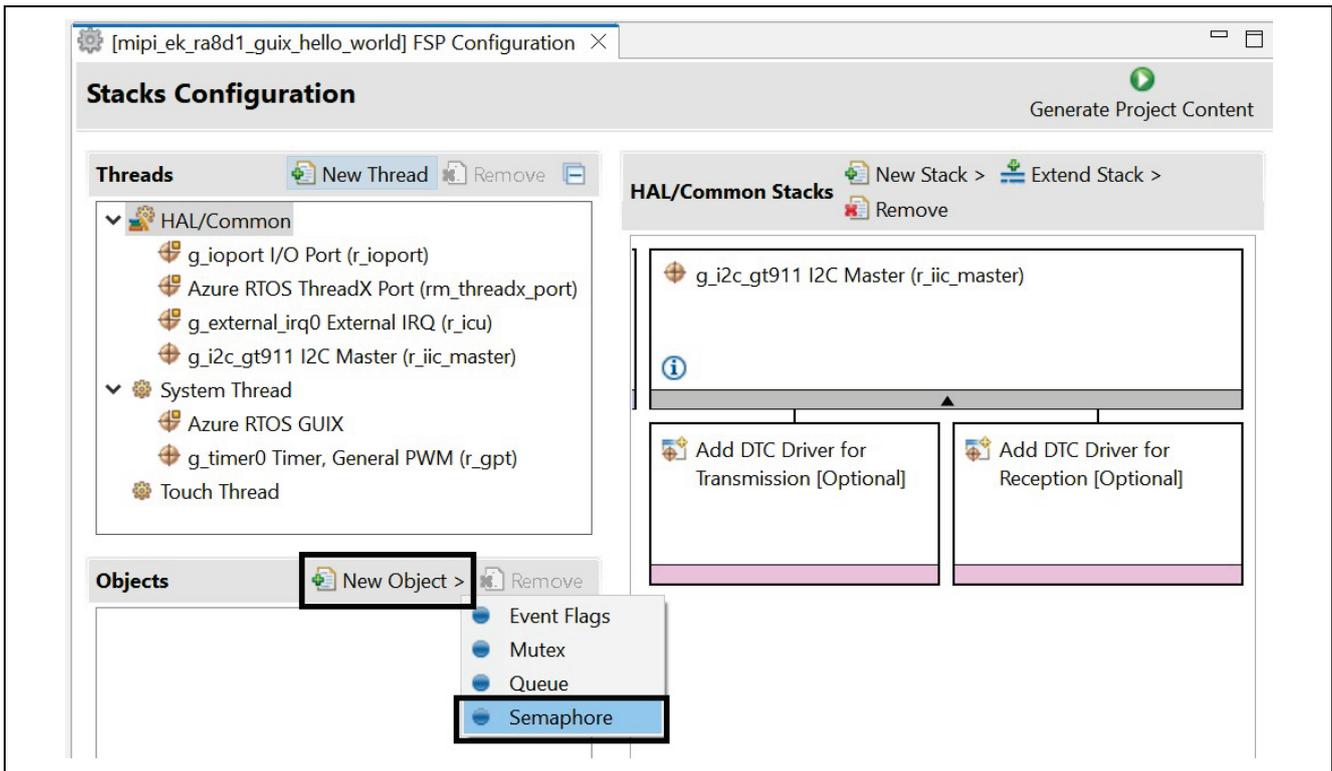


Figure 26. Add New Semaphore

- Name it **g_semaphore_gt911_irq** and set the following properties.

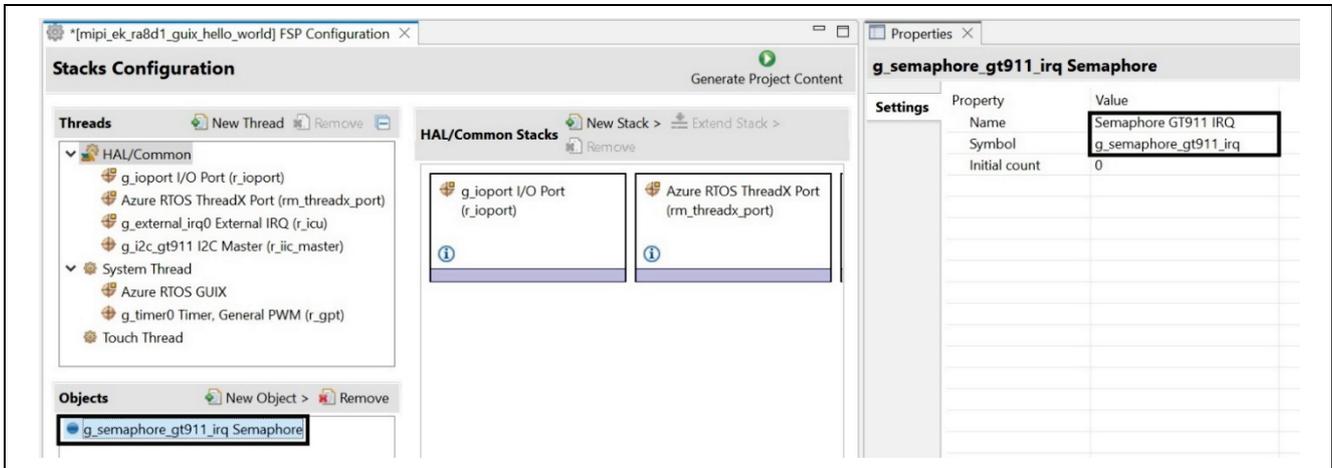


Figure 27. Add and Name Touch Semaphore

- Click **New Object** and add another **Semaphore**. This semaphore will be used for i2c timing control.

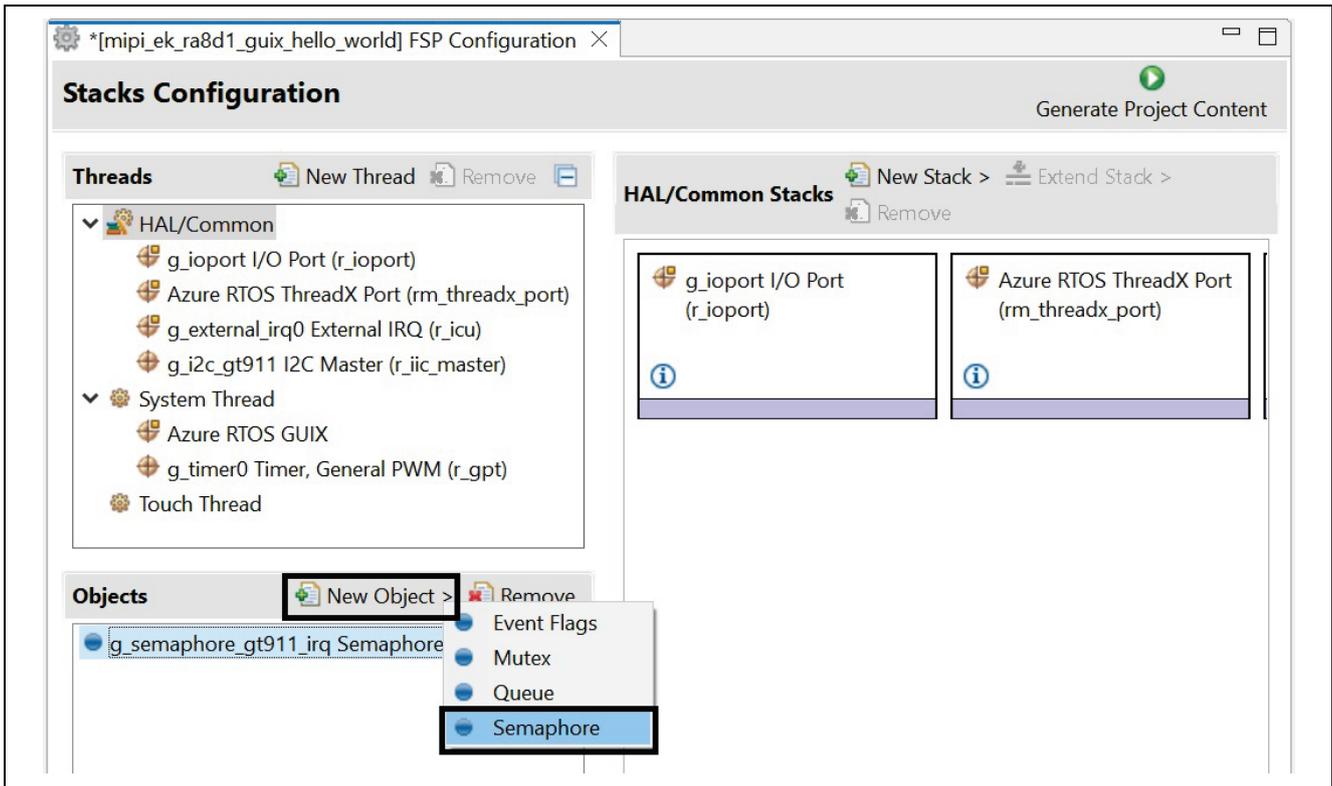


Figure 28. Add Another New Semaphore

10. Name it “**g_semaphore_gt911_i2c**” and set the following properties.

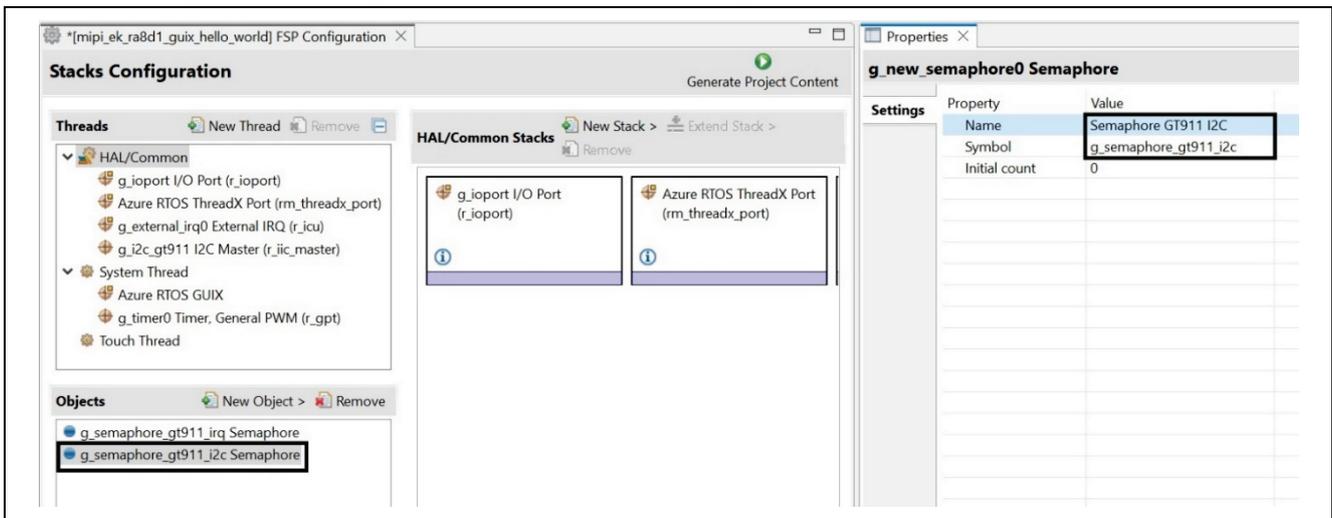


Figure 29. Add and Name I2C Semaphore

11. Click **New Object** and add **Event Flags**. This event flag will be used by the gt911 drivers.

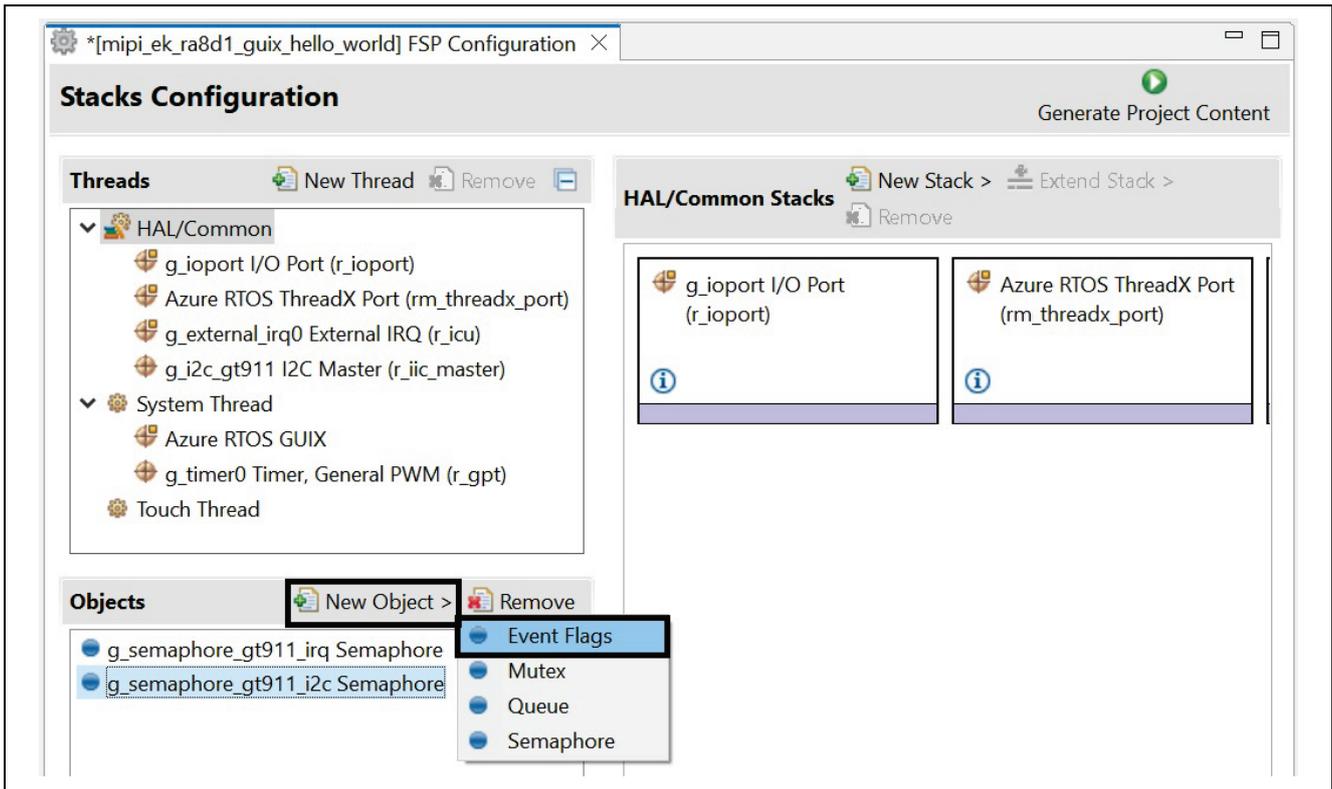


Figure 30. Add Event Flags

12. Name it “**g_event_flags_gt911**” and set the following properties as shown.

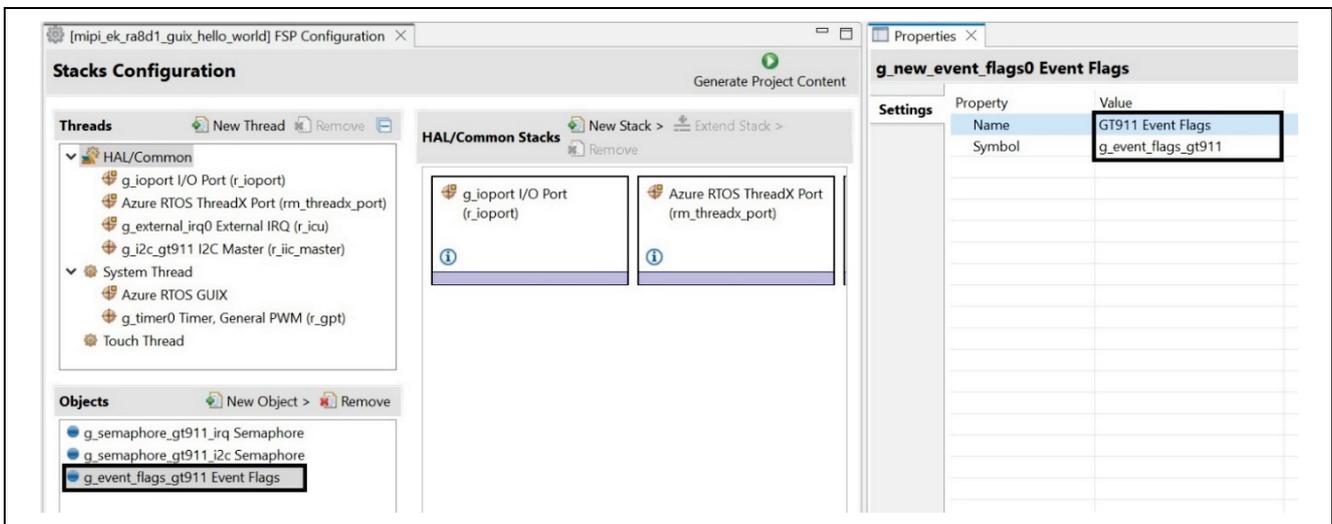


Figure 31. Name Event Flags and Setting Properties

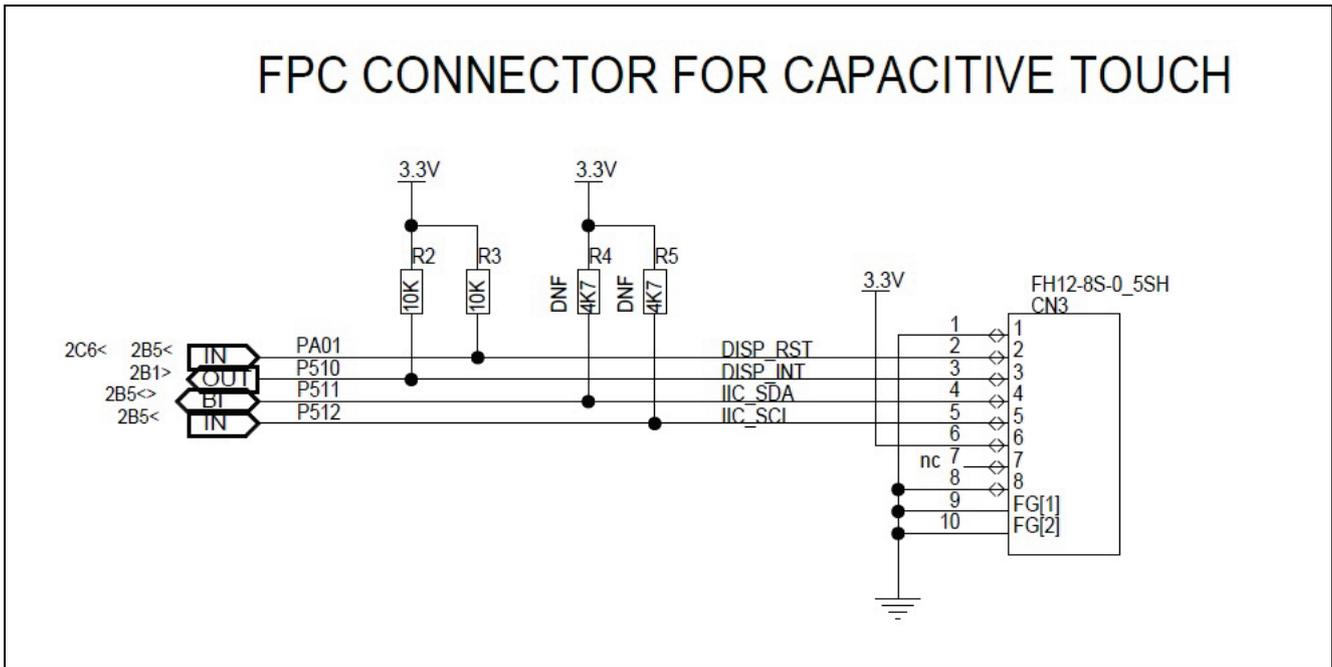


Figure 32. Touch Pins Connected on the MIPI LCD

The pins marked in Figure 32 are used for the touch panel controller on the MIPI LCD board:

- DISP_INT interrupt (P510) is used to trigger touch events.
- I2C channel 1 (P512, P511) is used to read and write data to the touch controller.
- Touch driver folder `touch_gt911` for touch function is inside the provided `Source` folder.
- PA01 is used to reset the MIPI LCD's touch controller.

13. Refer to the `touch_thread_entry.c` file in `Source.zip` for more information. The following code initializes the touch controller and process touch events.

```

/* New Thread entry function */
void touch_thread_entry(void)
{
    GX_EVENT gxe = {0};
    gxe.gx_event_type = GX_EVENT_PEN_UP;
    uint8_t status = 0;
    /* TODO: add your own code here */

    touch_gt911_ctrl_t gt911_ctrl;

    fsp_err_t err = FSP_SUCCESS;

    uint32_t gt911_err = 0;

    uint16_t gt911_fw_version = 0;

    UINT tx_err = TX_SUCCESS;

    #if USE_EVENT_FLAGS == 1
        ULONG actual_flags = 0;
    #endif

    err = R_TOUCH_GT911_Validate(&gt911_cfg, &gt911_err);

    if(FSP_SUCCESS != err)
    {
        __BKPT(0);
    }

    memset(&gt911_ctrl, 0, sizeof(touch_gt911_ctrl_t));

    err = R_TOUCH_GT911_Open(&gt911_ctrl, &gt911_cfg);

    if(FSP_SUCCESS != err)
    {
        __BKPT(0);
    }

    err = R_TOUCH_GT911_Reset(&gt911_ctrl);

    if(FSP_SUCCESS != err)
    {
        __BKPT(0);
    }

    #if 1
    err = R_TOUCH_GT911_VersionGet(&gt911_ctrl, &gt911_fw_version);

    if(FSP_SUCCESS != err)
    {
        __BKPT(0);
    }
    #endif

    while (FSP_SUCCESS == err)
    {
        #if USE_EVENT_FLAGS
            tx_err = tx_event_flags_get(&g_event_flags_gt911,
                                       TOUCH_GT911_INT,
                                       TX_OR_CLEAR,
                                       &actual_flags,
                                       TX_WAIT_FOREVER);
        #elif USE_SEMAPHORES == 1
            tx_err = tx_semaphore_get(&g_semaphore_gt911_irq, TX_WAIT_FOREVER);
        #endif

        if(TX_SUCCESS != tx_err)
        {
            err = FSP_ERR_INVALID_STATE;
            __BKPT(0);
        }

        #if USE_EVENT_FLAGS == 1
            if((actual_flags & TOUCH_GT911_INT) != TOUCH_GT911_INT)
            {
                continue;
            }
        #endif

        err = R_TOUCH_GT911_StatusGet(&gt911_ctrl, &status, true);

        if(status & GT911_BUFFER_READY)
        {
            gt911_touch_coords.touch_count = status & GT911_MASK_TOUCH_COUNT;
            err = R_TOUCH_GT911_PointsGet(&gt911_ctrl, &gt911_touch_coords);

            if(0 < gt911_touch_coords.touch_count && GX_EVENT_PEN_UP == gxe.gx_event_type)
            {
                /* Send only the TOUCH event of the first finger to the GUIX Model View Controller. */
                translate_touch_coordinates(&gt911_touch_coords.point[0], ORIENTATION_ROTATE_CW);

                gxe.gx_event_payload.gx_event_pointdata.gx_point_x = gt911_touch_coords.point[0].x;
                gxe.gx_event_payload.gx_event_pointdata.gx_point_y = gt911_touch_coords.point[0].y;
                gxe.gx_event_type = GX_EVENT_PEN_DOWN;
                gx_system_event_send(&gxe);
            }

            if ( 0U == gt911_touch_coords.touch_count && GX_EVENT_PEN_DOWN == gxe.gx_event_type)
            {
                gxe.gx_event_type = GX_EVENT_PEN_UP;
                gx_system_event_send(&gxe);
            }
            tx_thread_sleep (1);

            if(FSP_SUCCESS != err)
            {
                __BKPT(0);
            }
        }
    }

    err = R_TOUCH_GT911_Close(&gt911_ctrl);
}

```

Figure 33. Initializes the Touch Controller and Process Touch Events

14. From **Stacks Configuration**, click **“Generate Project Content”** to generate project content.

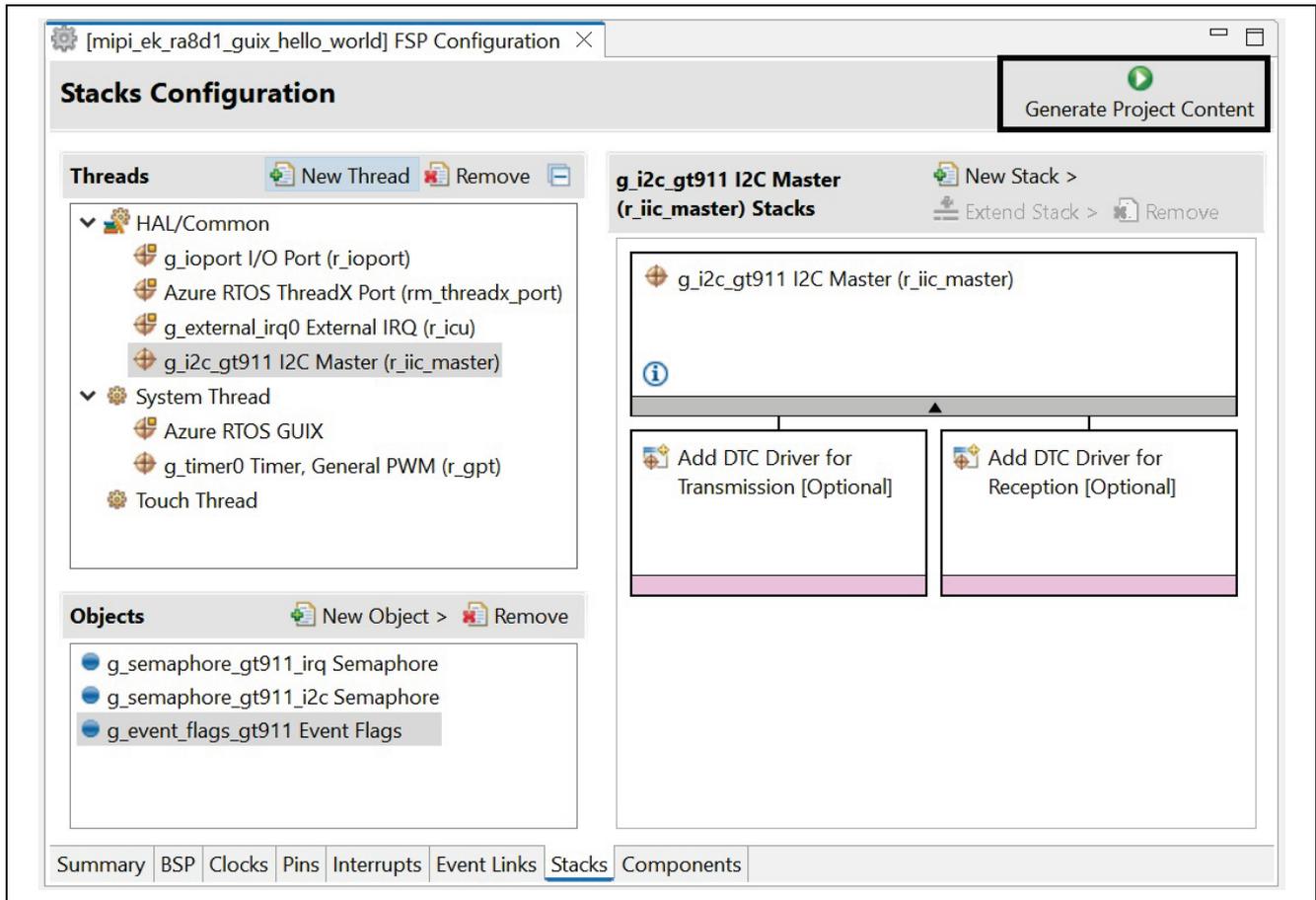


Figure 34. Generate Project Content

15. Unzip and open the provided folder `Source.zip`. Copy 6 files and 2 folders `SEGGER_RTT`, `touch_gt911` and paste into the folder `src` of your project **“mipi_ek_ra8d1_guix_hello_world”**. Select **“Yes”** if you are prompted to overwrite existing files.

`SEGGER_RTT` folder

- `touch_gt911` folder
- `common_utils.h`
- `hal_entry.c`
- `system_thread_entry.c`
- `system_thread_entry.h`
- `touch_thread_entry.c`
- `windows_handler.c`

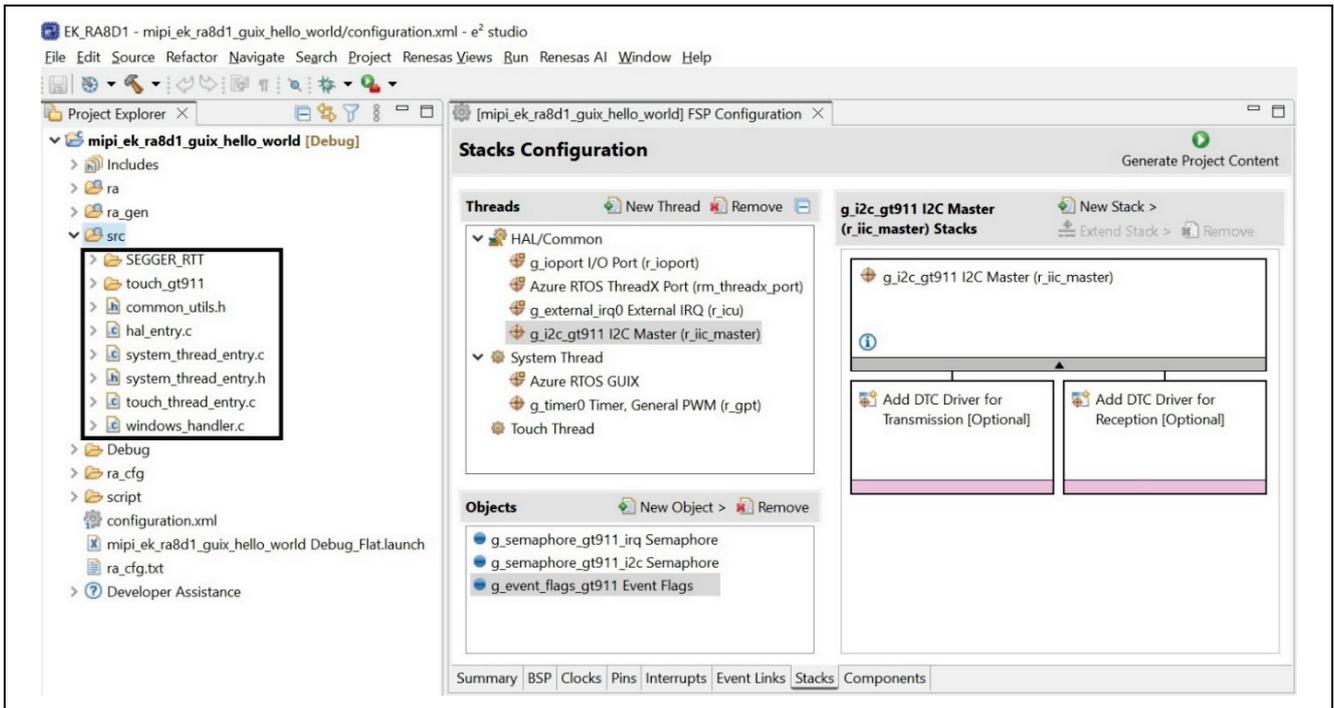


Figure 35. Copy All Folders and Files from Source.zip to the e² studio Project's src Folder

4. Create Folders in the “mpi_ek_ra8d1_guix_hello_world” Project for Azure RTOS GUIX Studio Project

1. Under folder `src`, right click to create a new folder and name it `guix_gen` following the image below, then click **Finish**. This folder will store the files that a GUIX Studio graphics application generates.

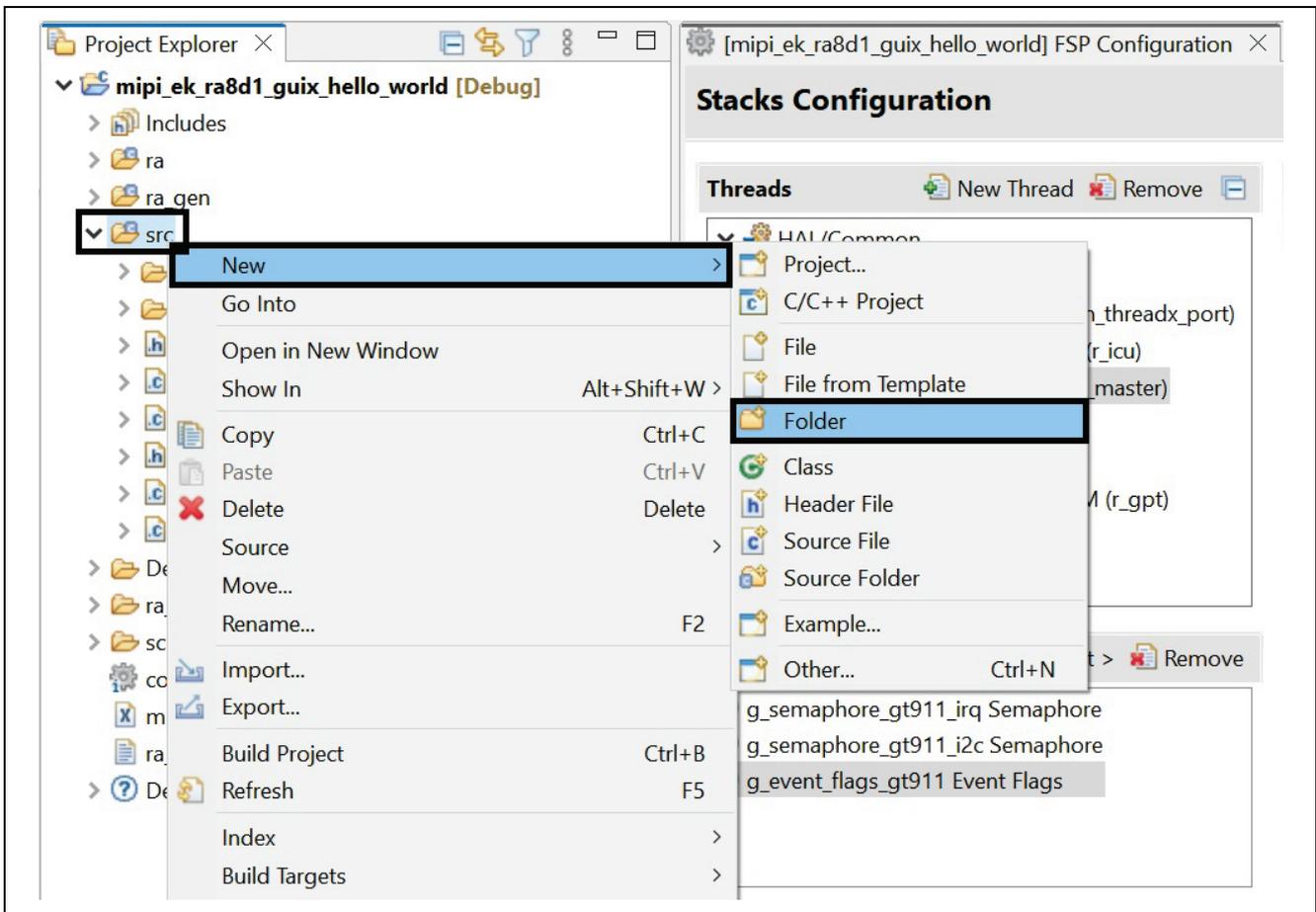


Figure 36. Create a New Folder Named “guix_gen”

2. Create a new folder at the topmost project level and name it `guix_studio` by following the image below. Click **Finish**. This folder will store the GUIX Studio project.

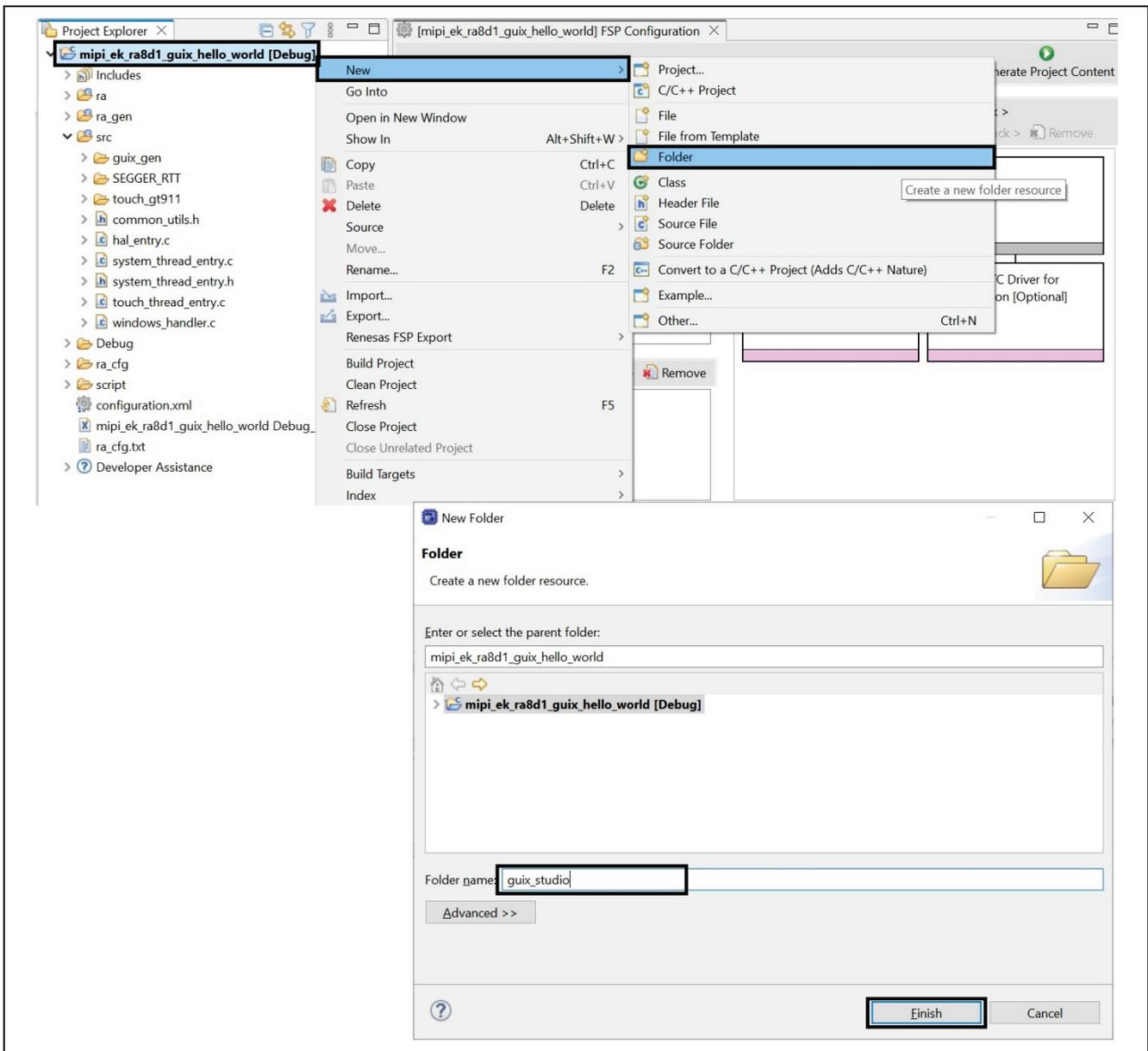


Figure 37. Create New Folder and Name “guix_studio”

- Under folder `guix_studio`, create a new folder and name `GNU`. Follow the image below, then click **Finish**.

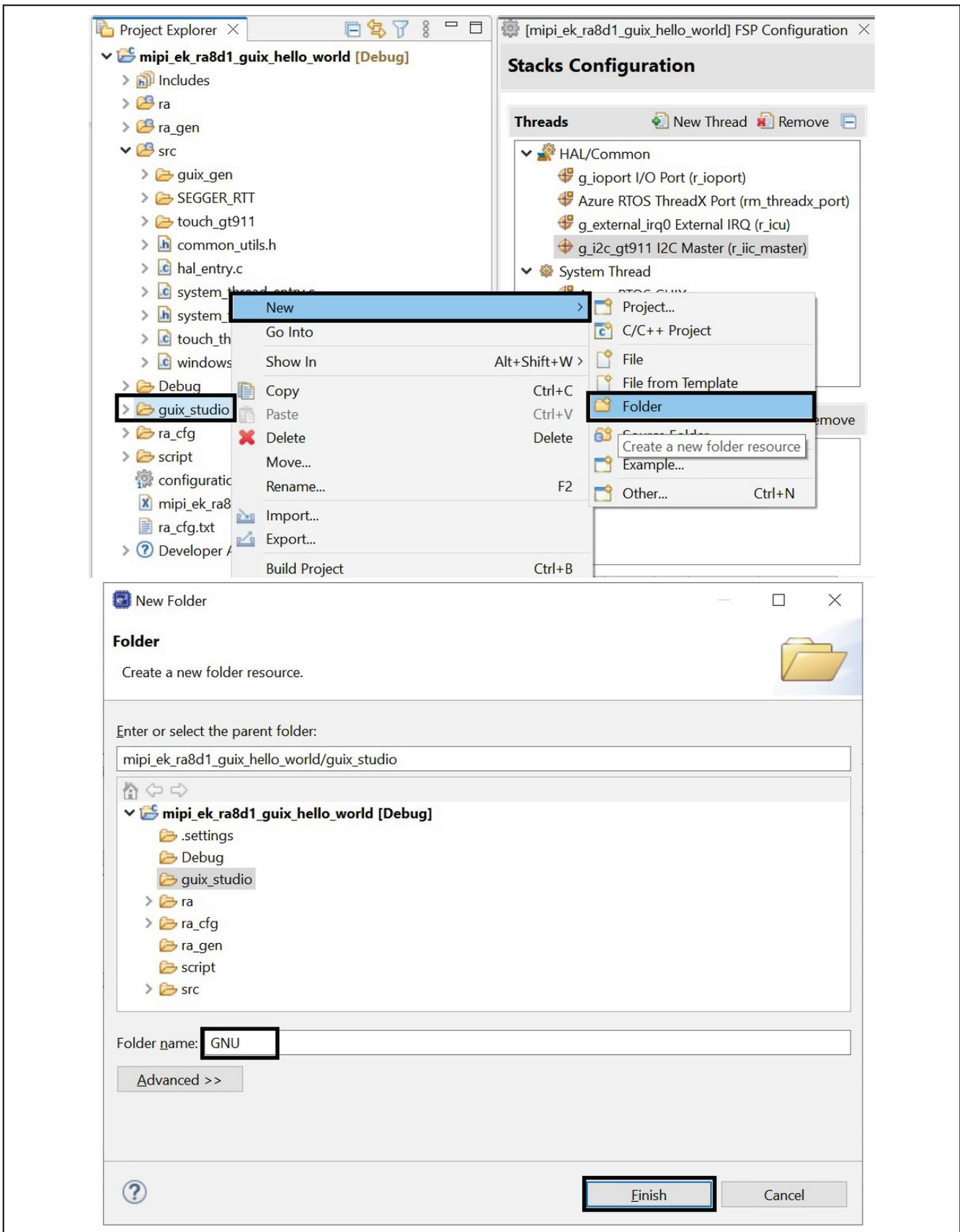


Figure 38. Create New Folder and Name “GNU”

4. After the sub-folder GNU is created, the folder structure should look like the image below.

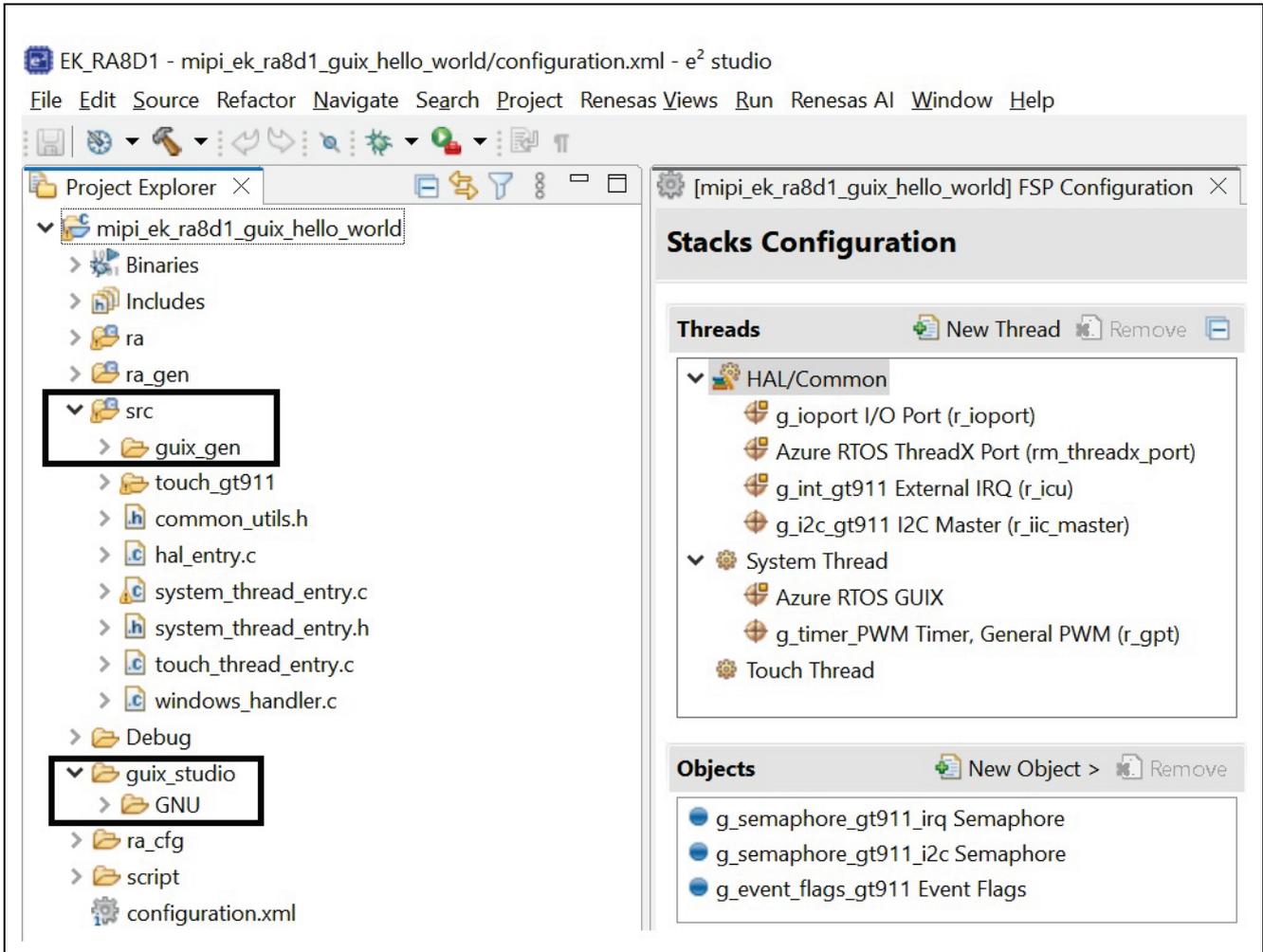


Figure 39. After Created All the Folders and it looks like above

5. Using Azure RTOS GUIX Studio create GUI Windows

1. Open Azure RTOS GUIX Studio v6.3.0.1 or greater.



Figure 40. GUIX Studio Icon

2. The following sub-steps will walk you through creating a new project named Hello World.
 - A. Select **Project**. From the drop-down list, select **New Project**.
 - B. Project Name: **Hello_World**.
 - C. Project Path: Browse to the location of the folder you created in e² studio, the **mipi_ek_ra8d1_guix_hello_world\guix_studio\GNU** as shown in the image below.
 - D. Click the **OK** button and then the **Save** button to confirm your selections.

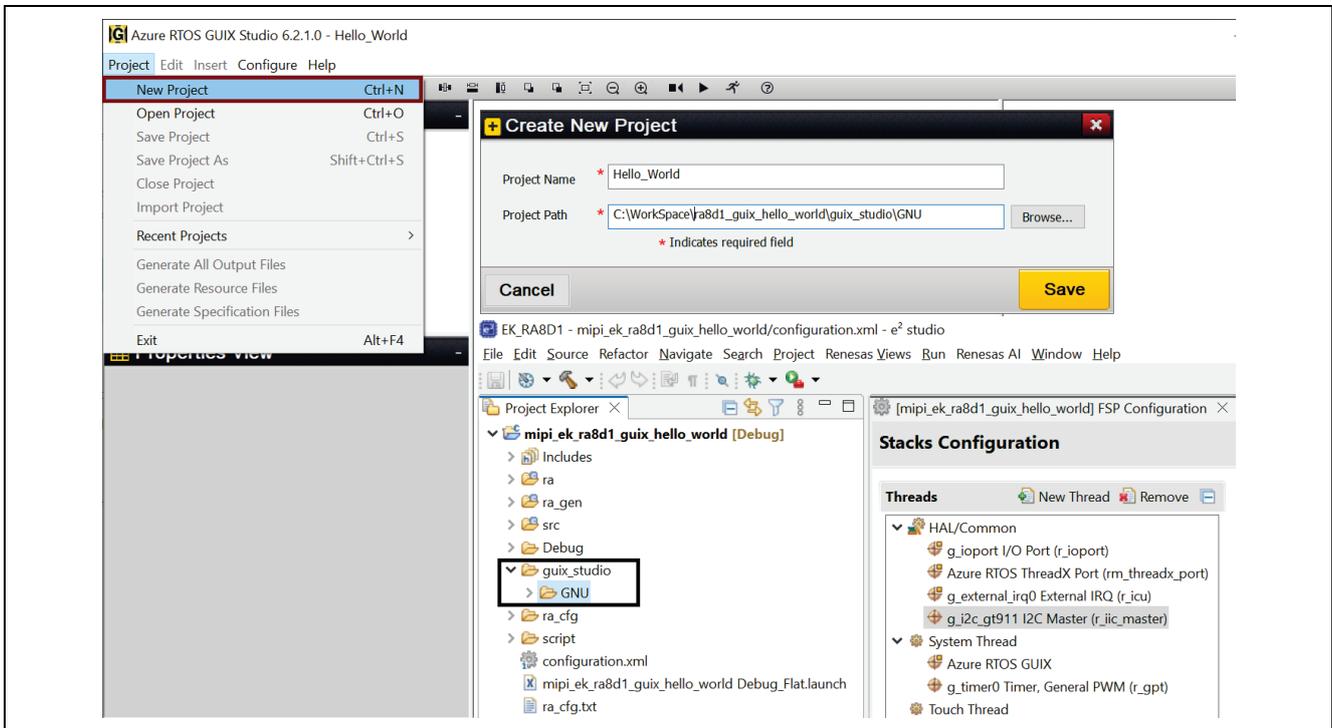


Figure 41. GUIX Studio Creates Hello World Project

3. A new **Configure Project** window will pop up and you need to set all the options as shown in **Figure 42**. Take care to also set the Advanced Settings. Finally, when your project settings match those reflected in the following image, click **Save**.

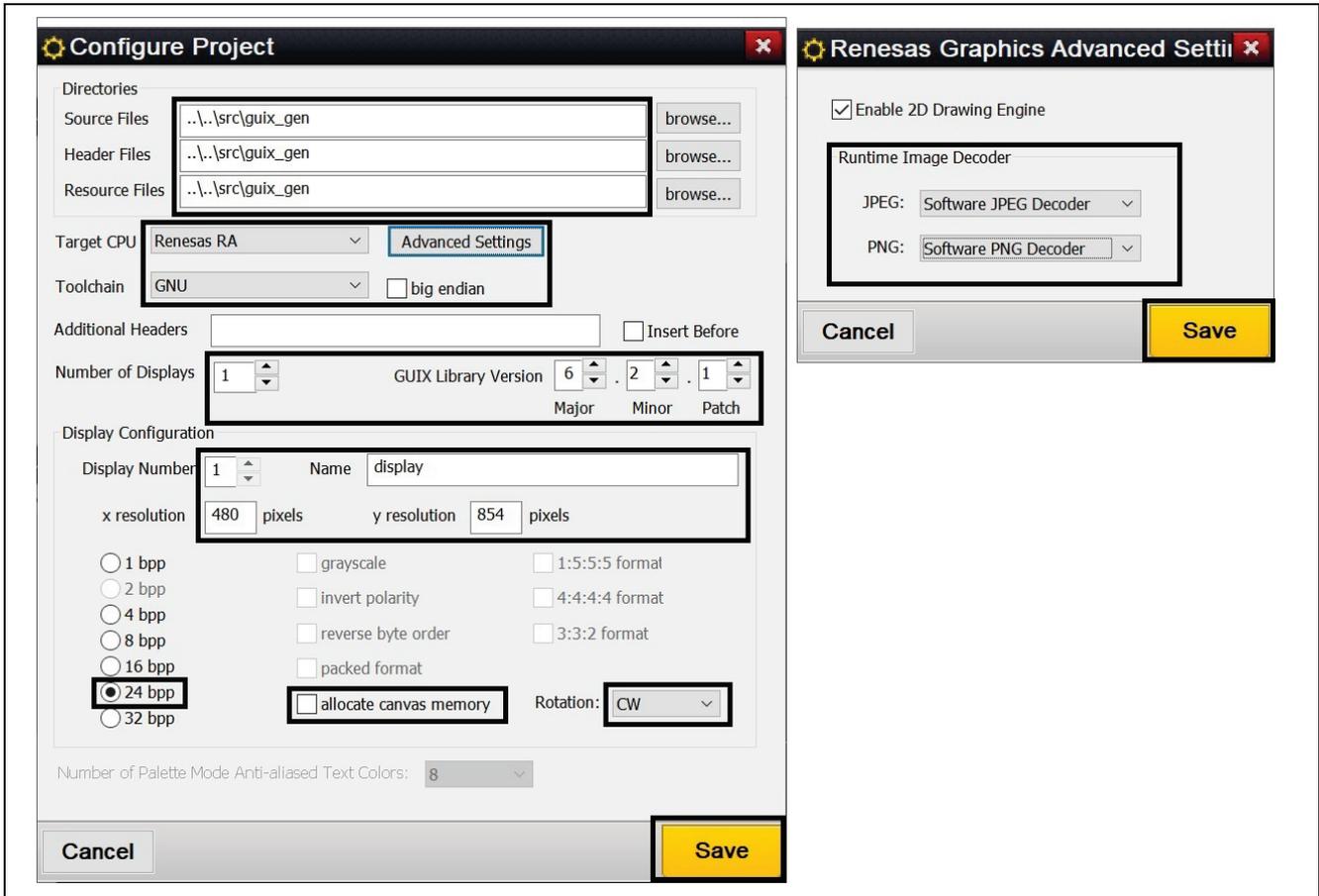


Figure 42. Configuration New Project “Hello World” with Advanced Settings

4. The default view of the New Project “Hello World” will look like the following image:

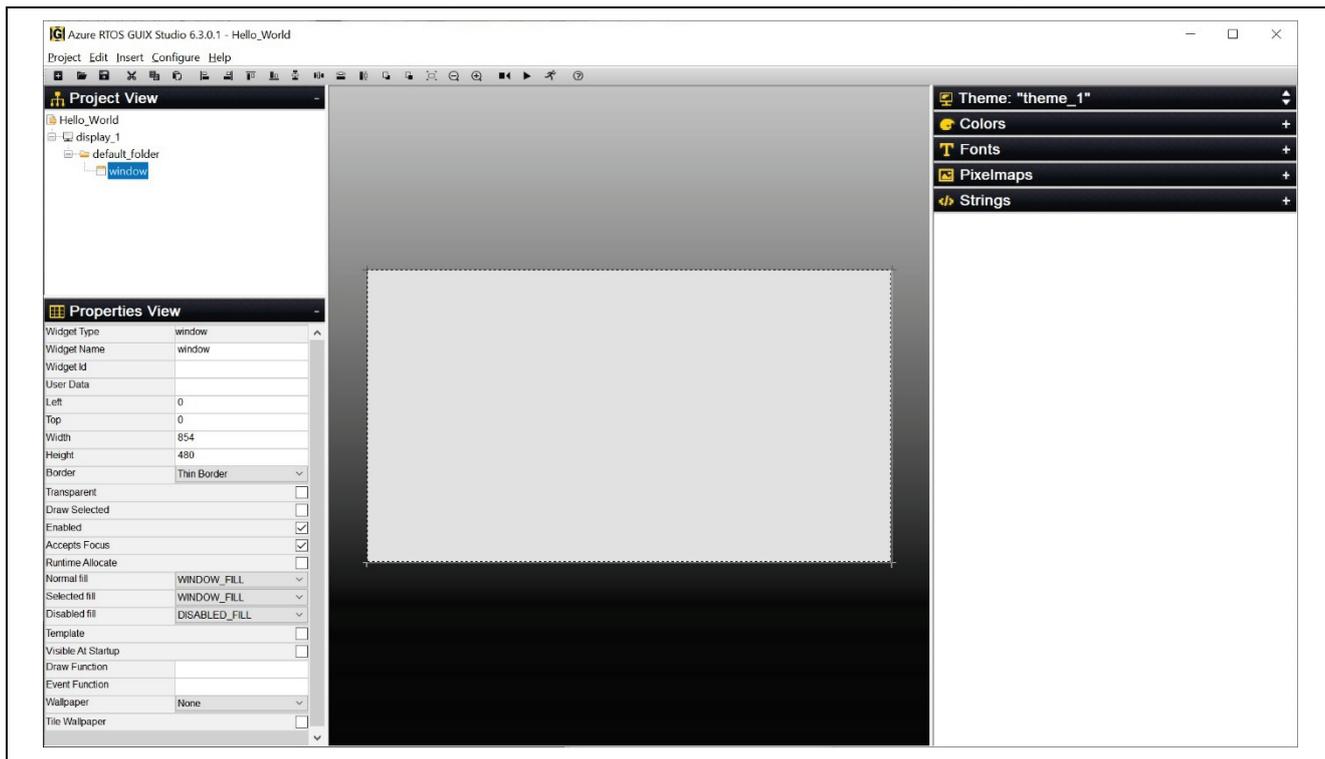


Figure 43. After Settings New Project “Hello World”

5. Select **Window1** in the **Project View**, and in the **Properties View** make sure the settings for Window1 match the following image.

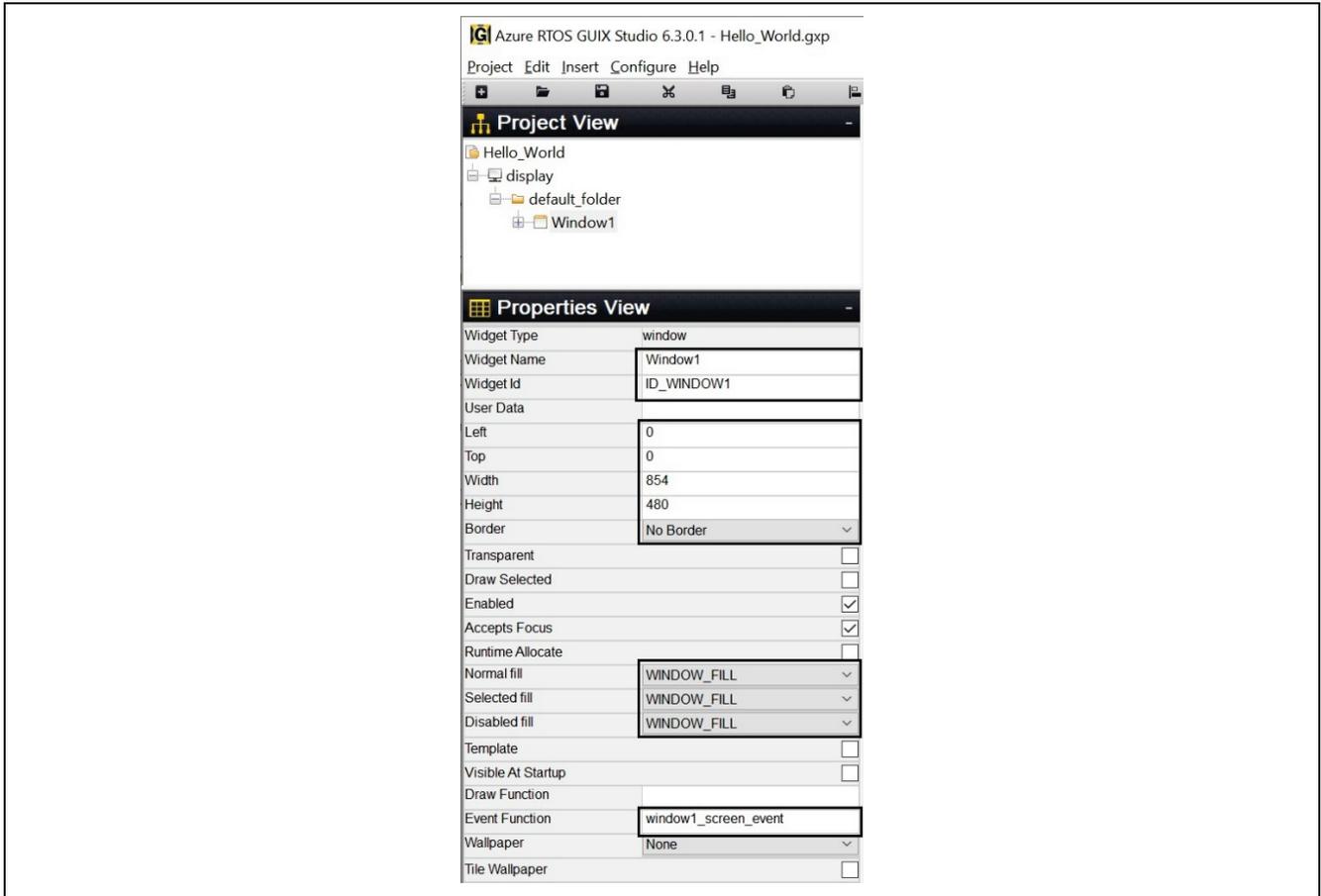


Figure 44. Properties View of Window1

6. To add String ID, click on **Strings**. Follow the images below.

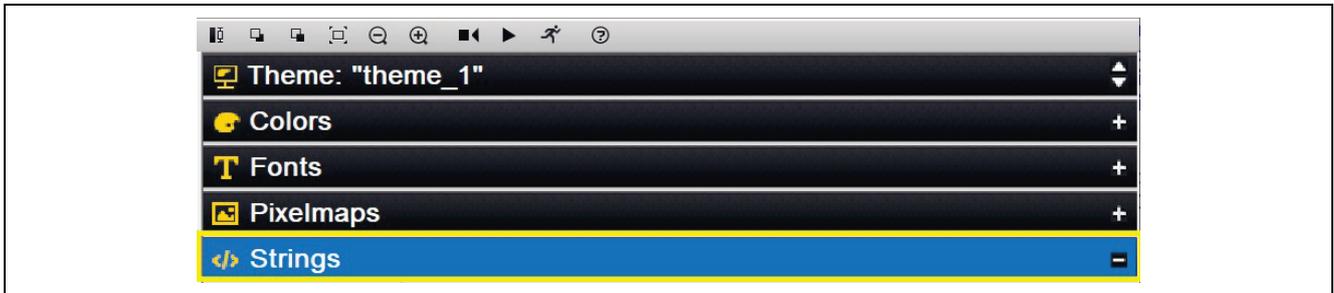


Figure 45. Strings

7. From the **Strings** dropdown, click **+ Add New String**.

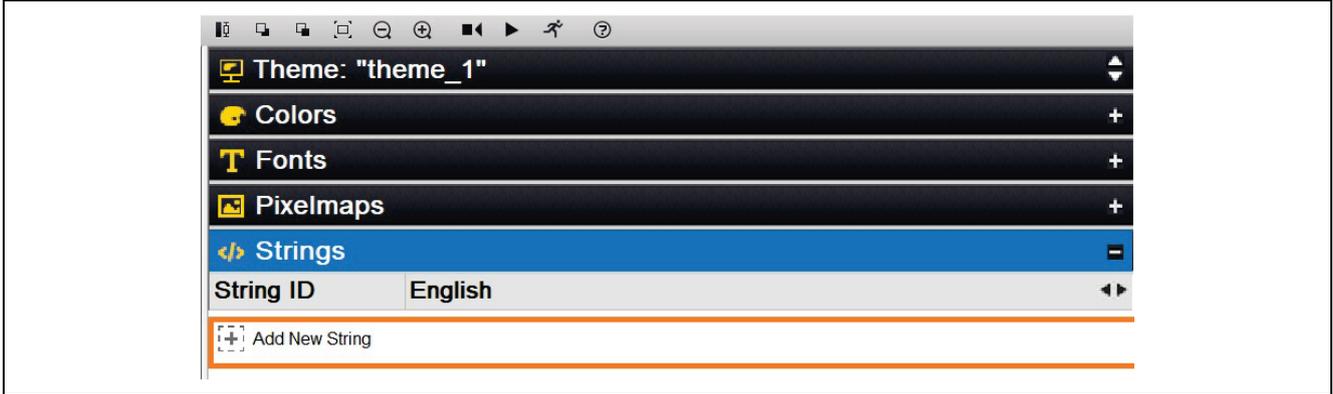


Figure 46. Add New String

8. New **String Table Editor** window will pop up. Click the **Add String** button.

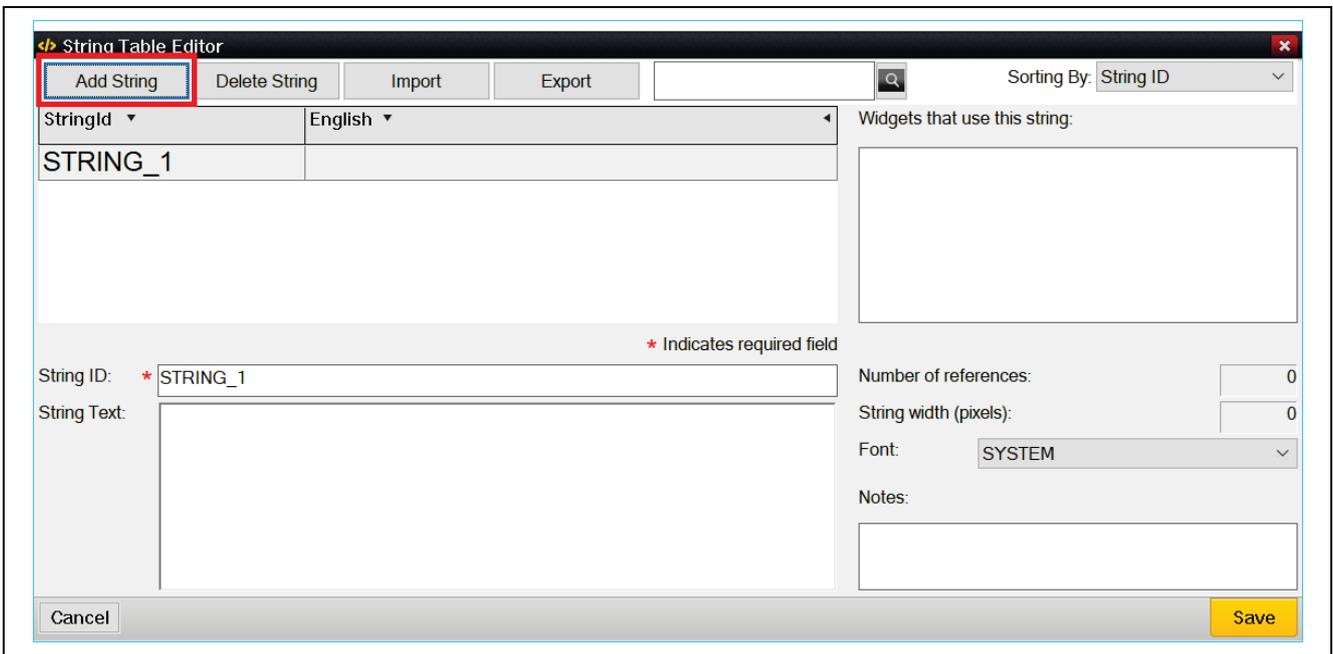


Figure 47. String Table Editor

9. Edit **String ID** and **String Text**.

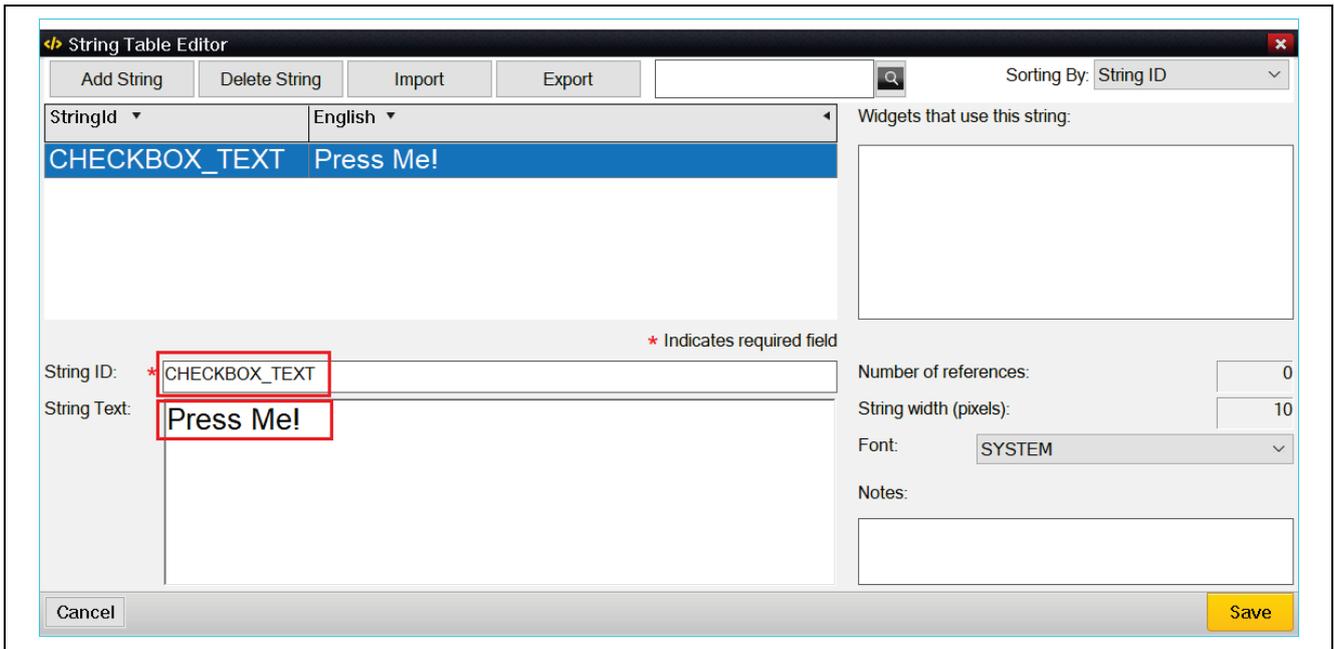


Figure 48. Edit String ID and String Text

10. Continue to click **Add String**, and edit each new entry's corresponding **String ID** and **String Text** until the table appears like **Figure 49**. Then click the **Save** button.

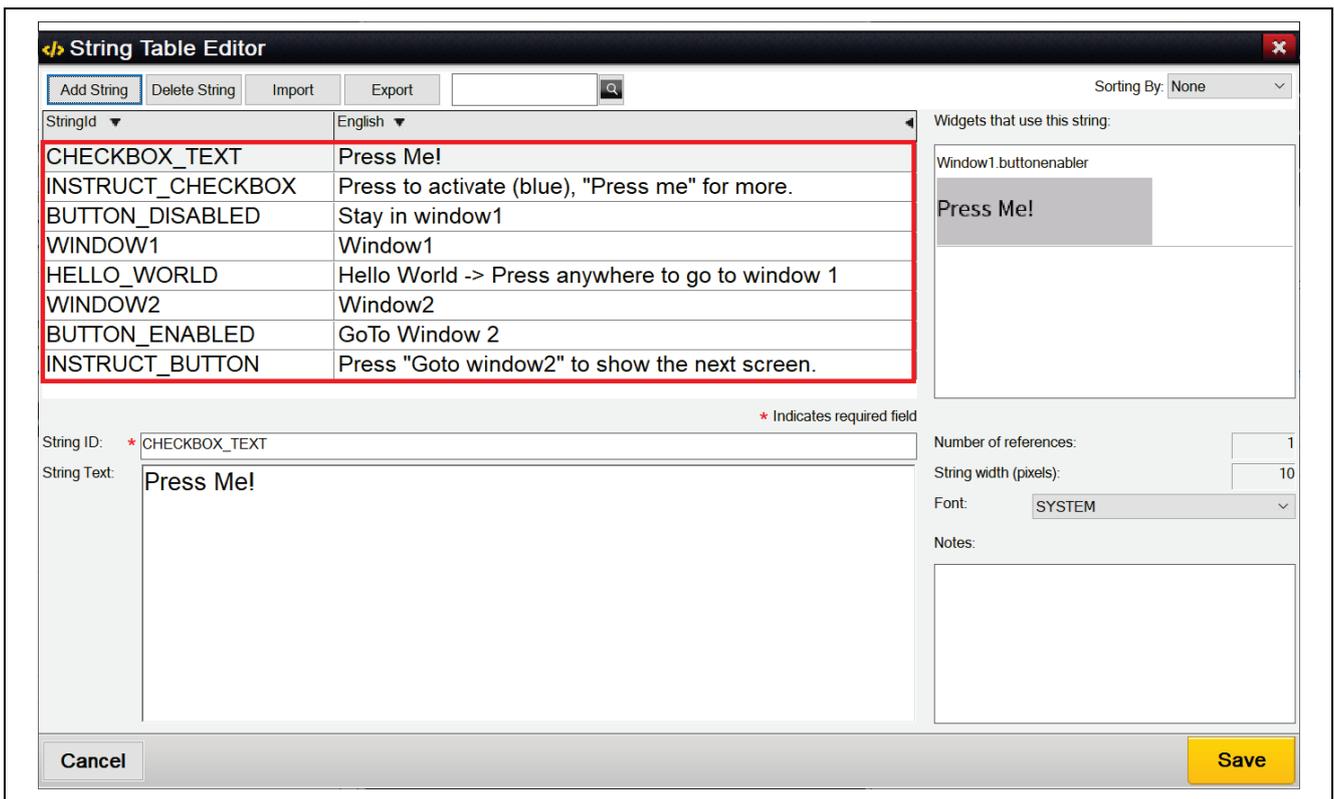


Figure 49. All Strings

11. Right-click on **Window1** in the **Project View** to insert a **Text Button** and follow **Figure 50**.

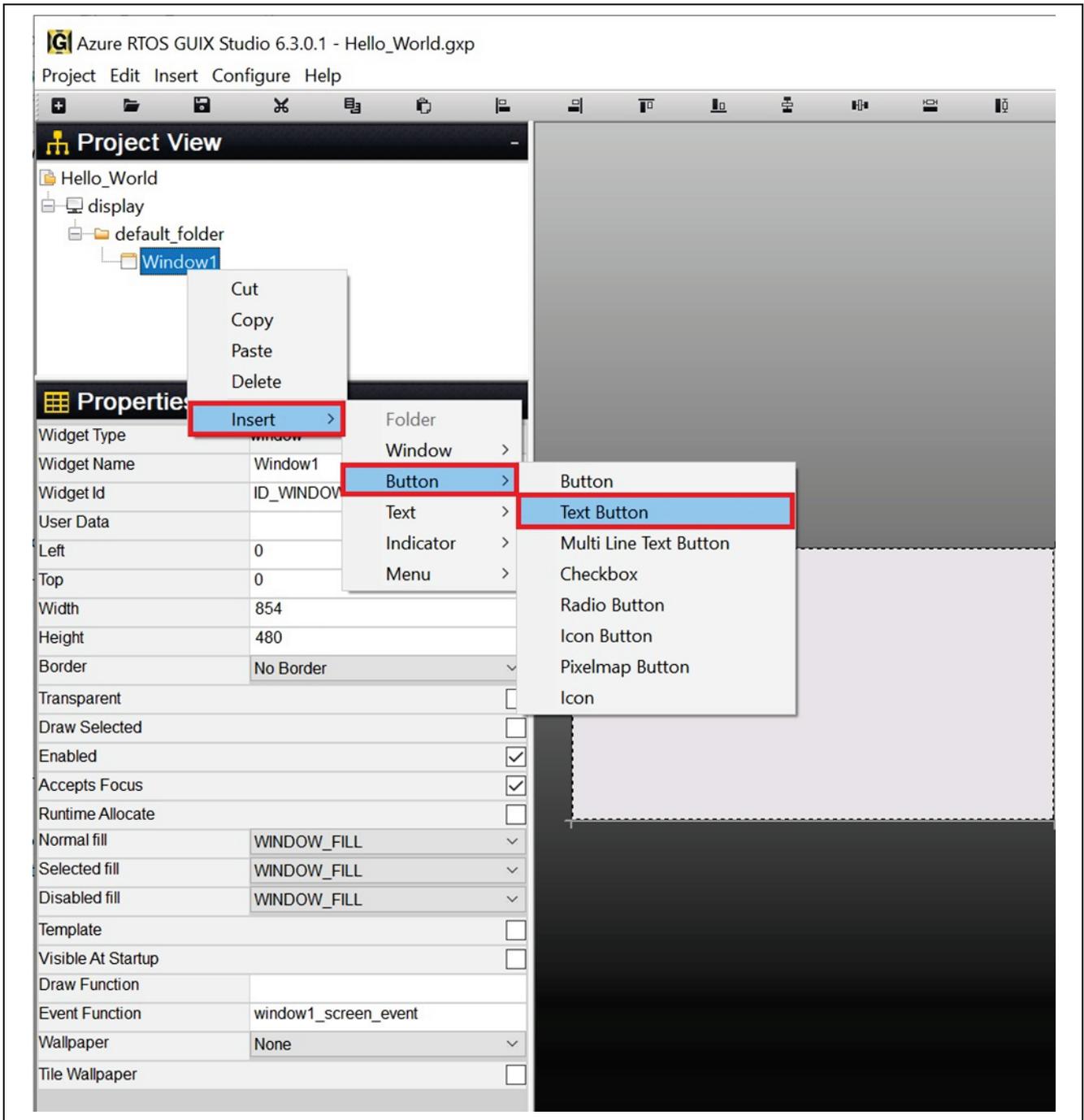


Figure 50. Insert Text Button

12. Set **Properties** View of “**text_button**”.

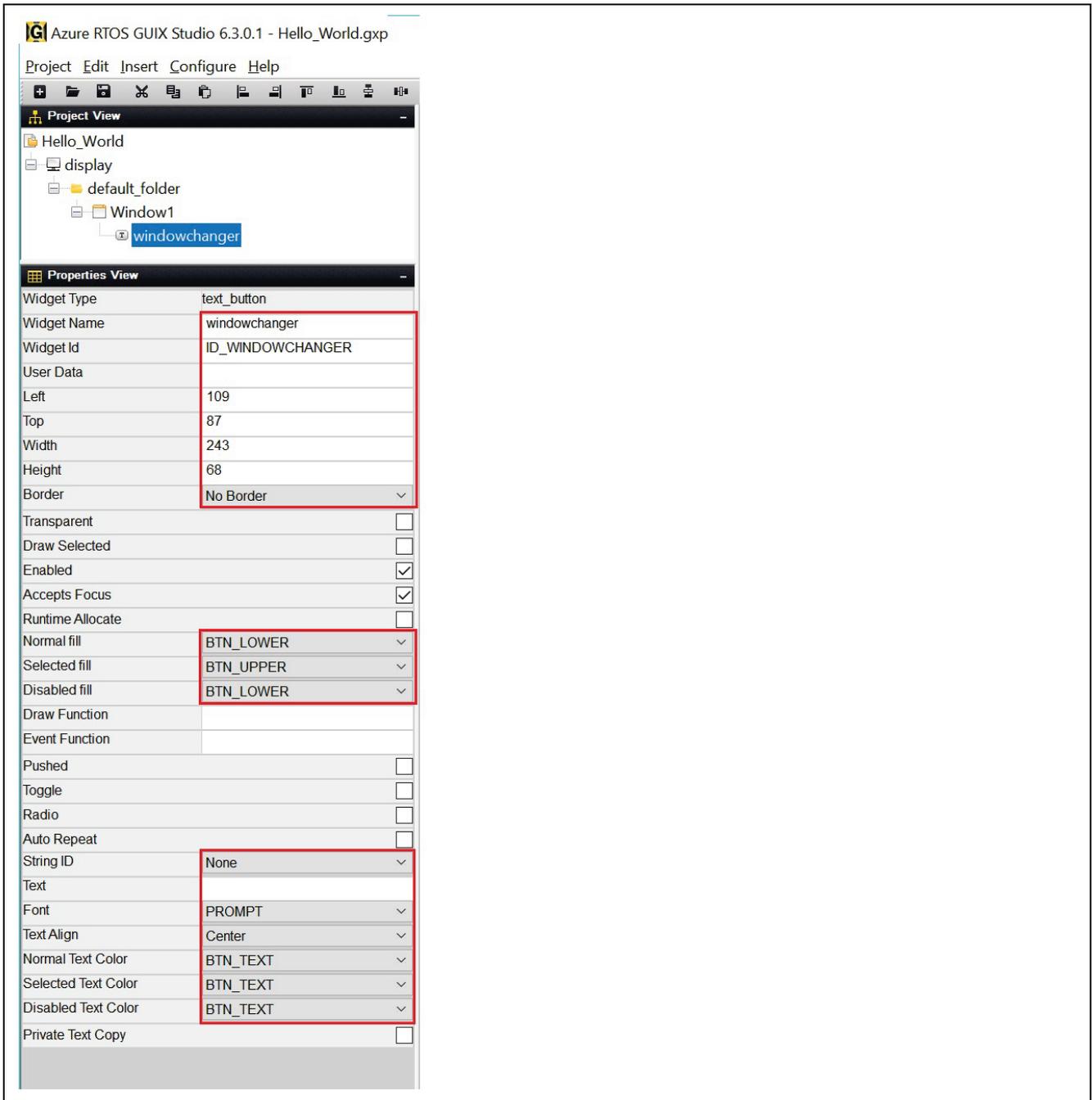


Figure 51. Properties View of text_button

13. Right-click **windowchanger** to insert a **Prompt** and follow **Figure 52**.

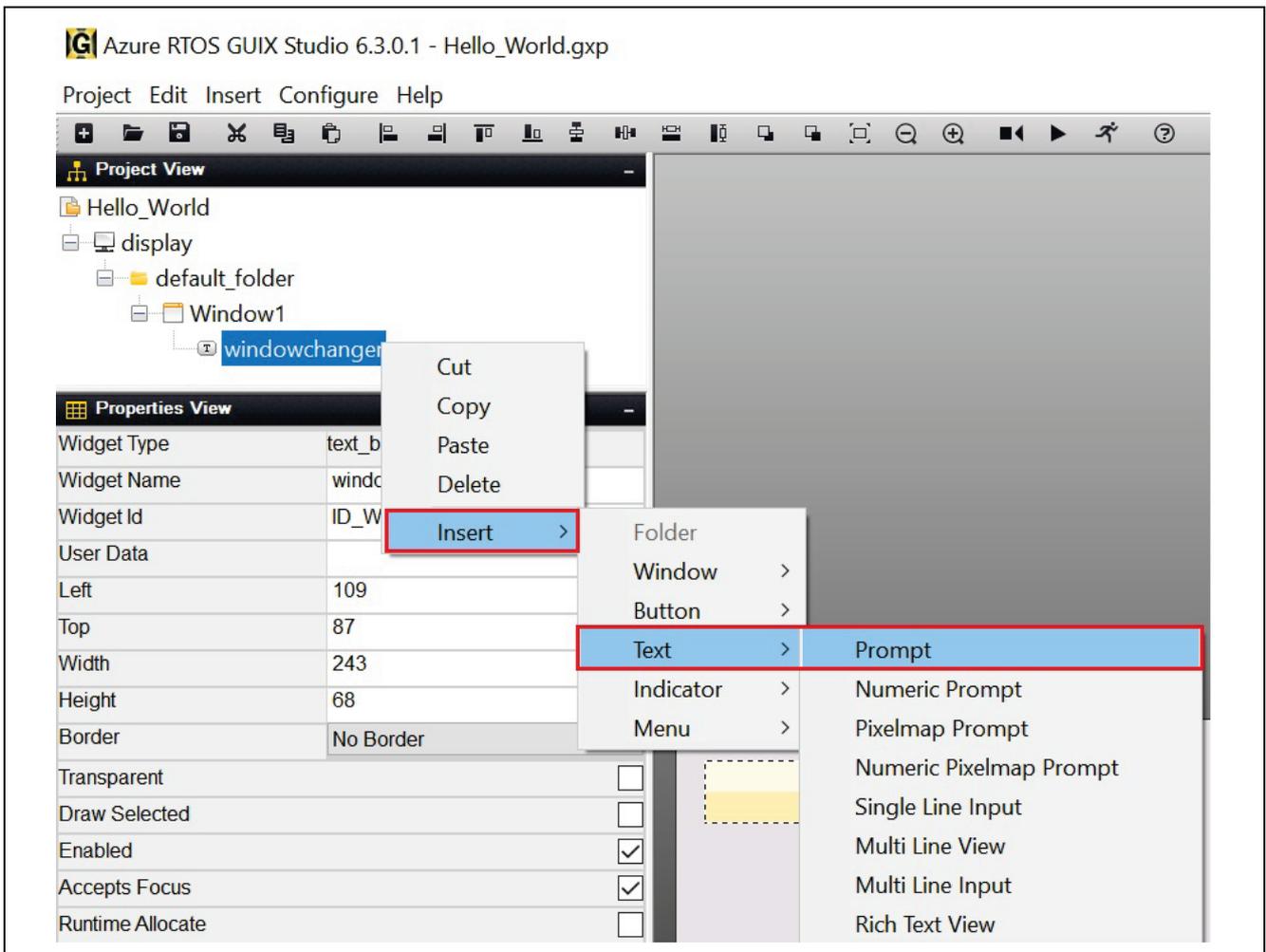


Figure 52. Insert Prompt

14. Set Properties View of prompt.

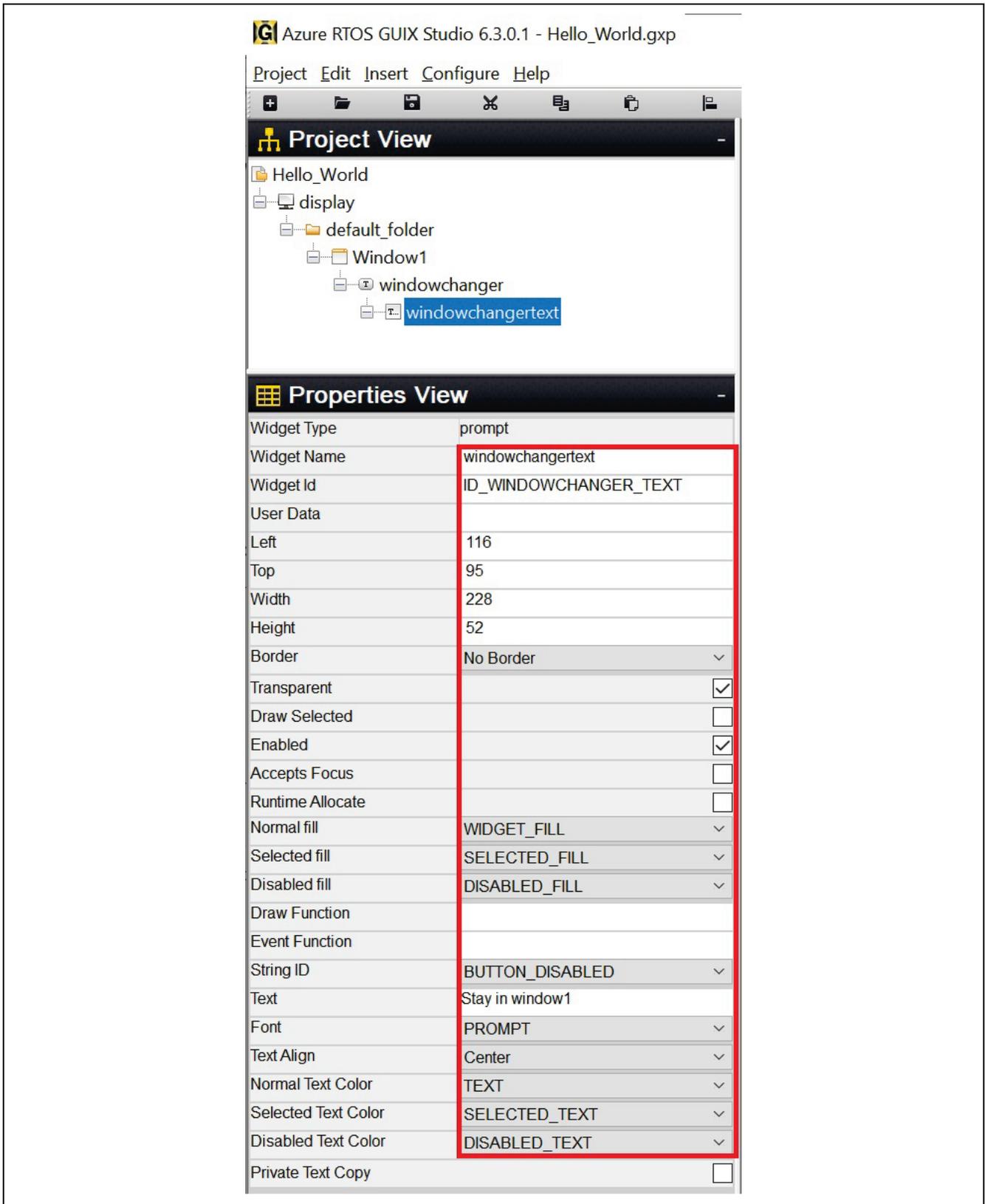


Figure 53. Properties View of Prompt

15. Insert new **Button**. Right-click on **windowchangertext** and follow **Figure 52**.

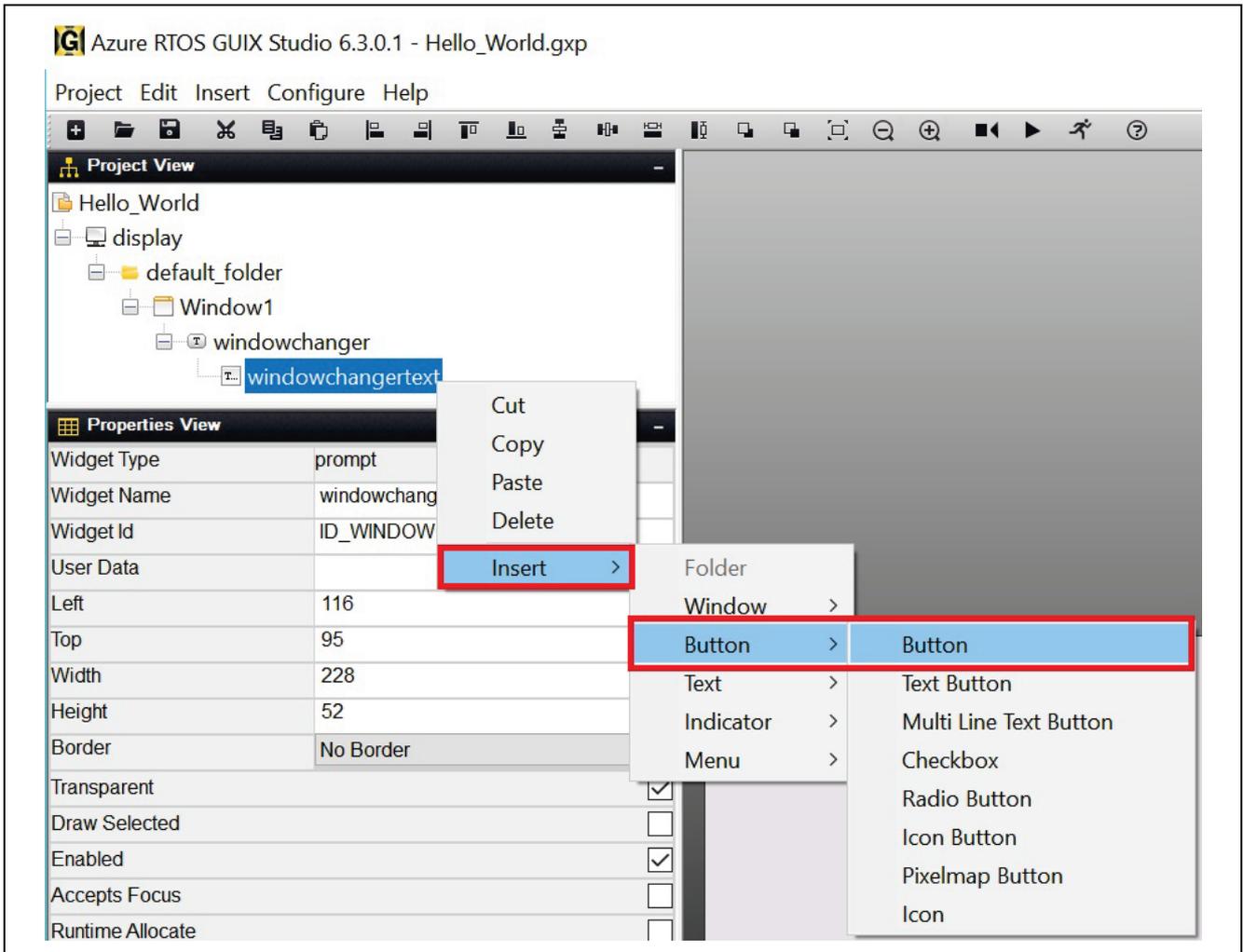


Figure 54. Insert Button

16. Set the **Properties view** of the **button**.

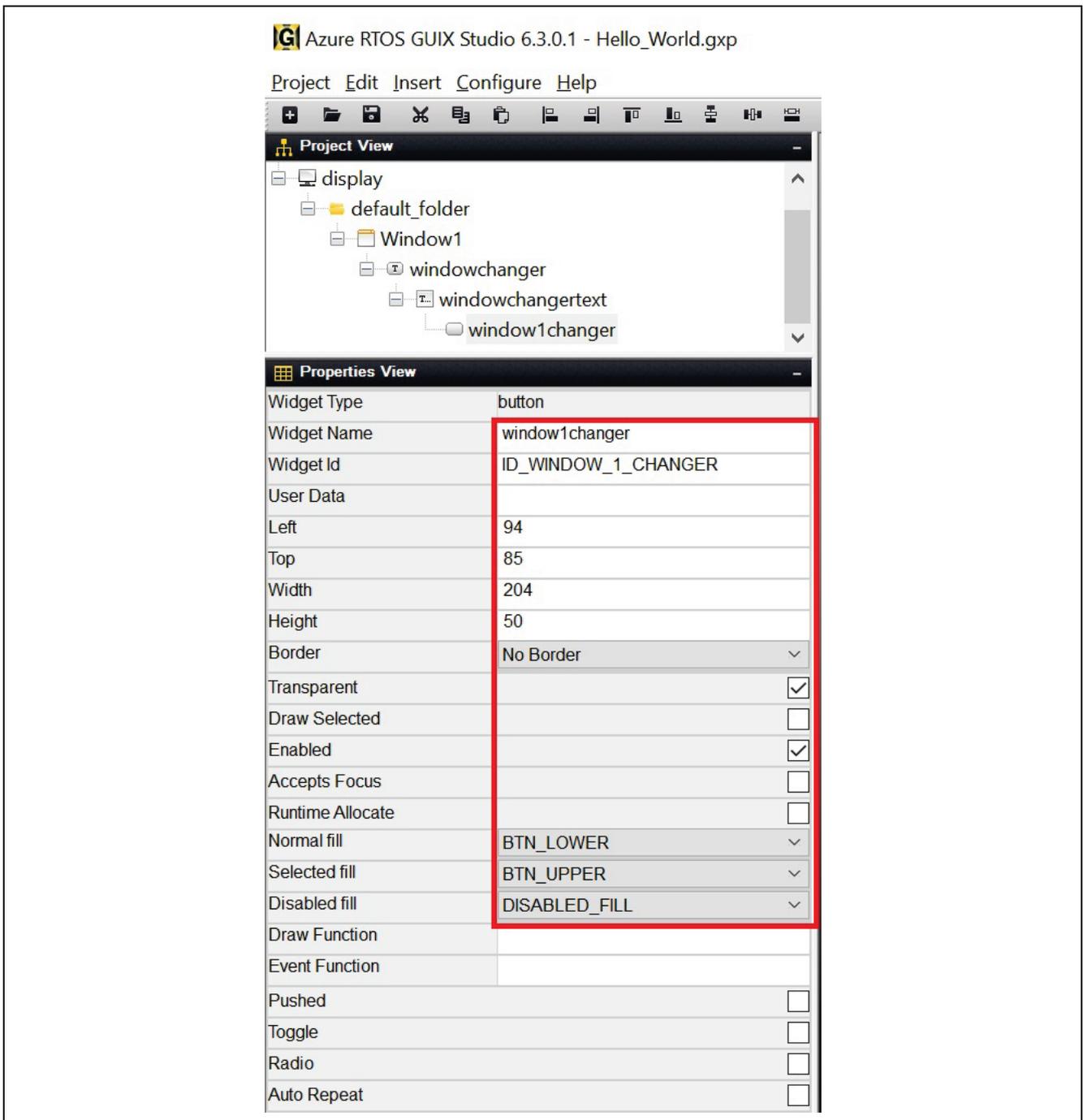


Figure 55. Properties view of the Button

17. Insert **Prompt**. Right click on **Window1** and follow **Figure 56**. Insert two times to get two prompts. **Prompt** and **Prompt1** will show up once you finish.

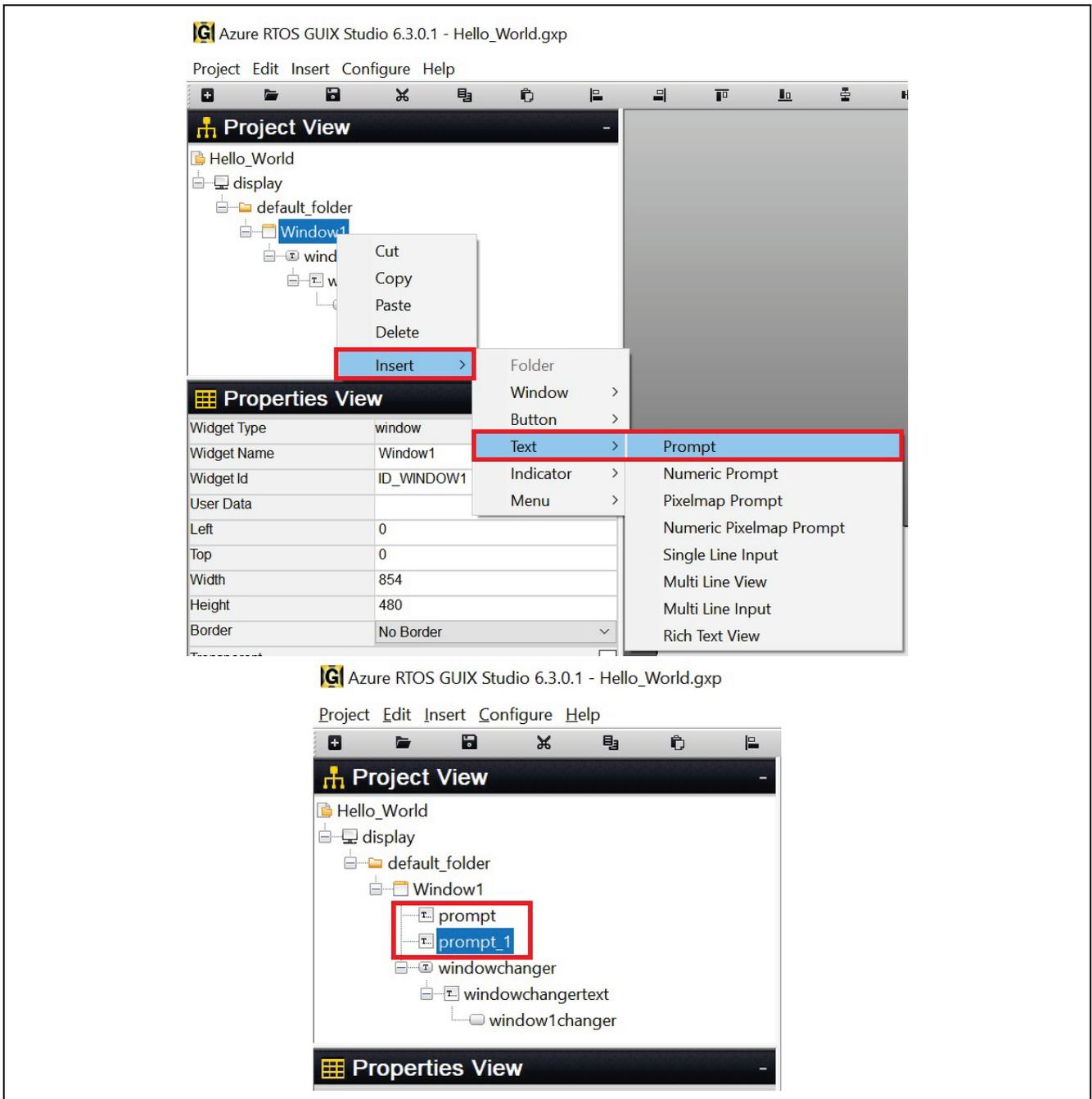


Figure 57. Insert Prompts

18. Set the **Properties View** of **Prompt**.

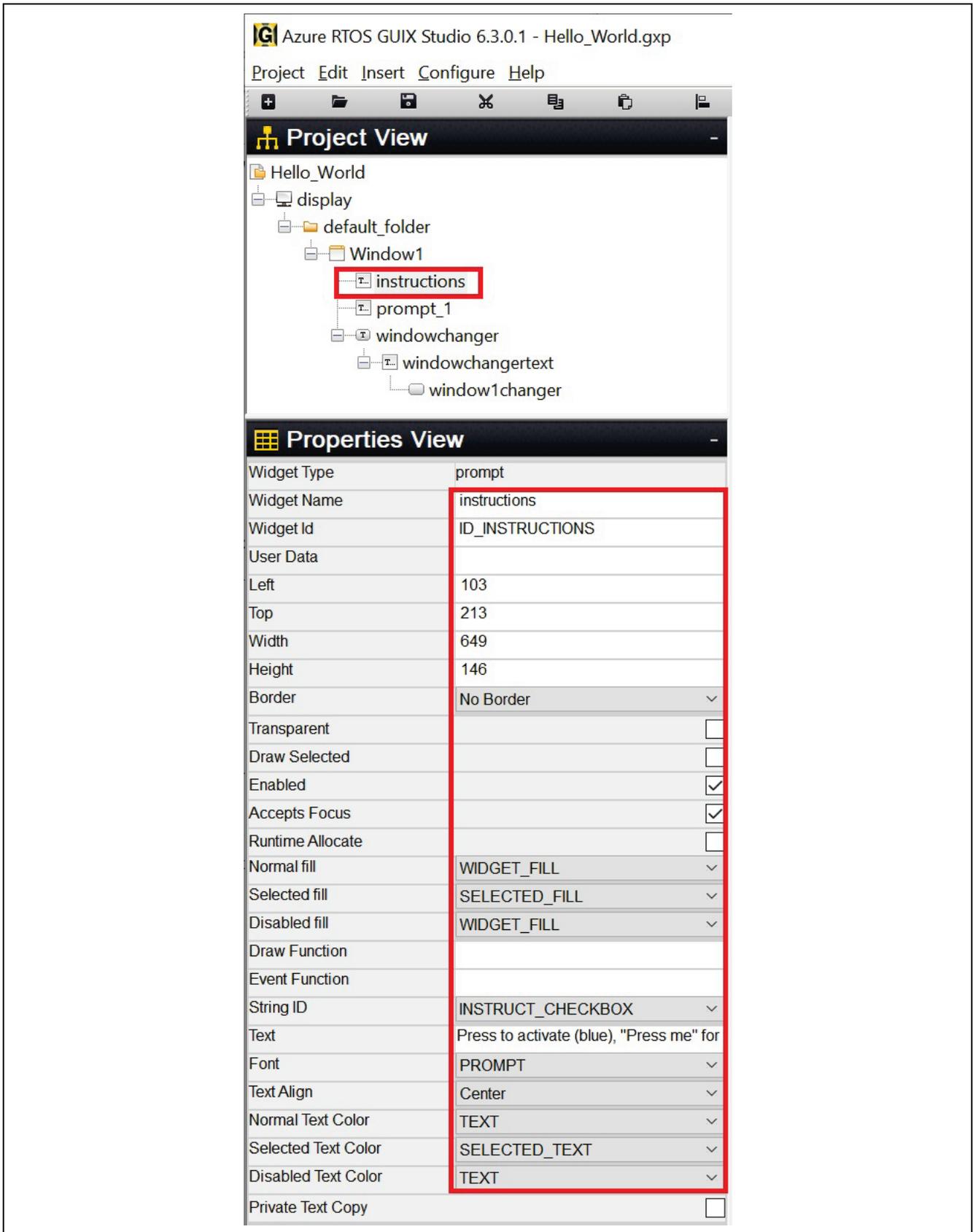


Figure 58. Properties View of Prompt

19. Set the **Properties View** of **Prompt1**.

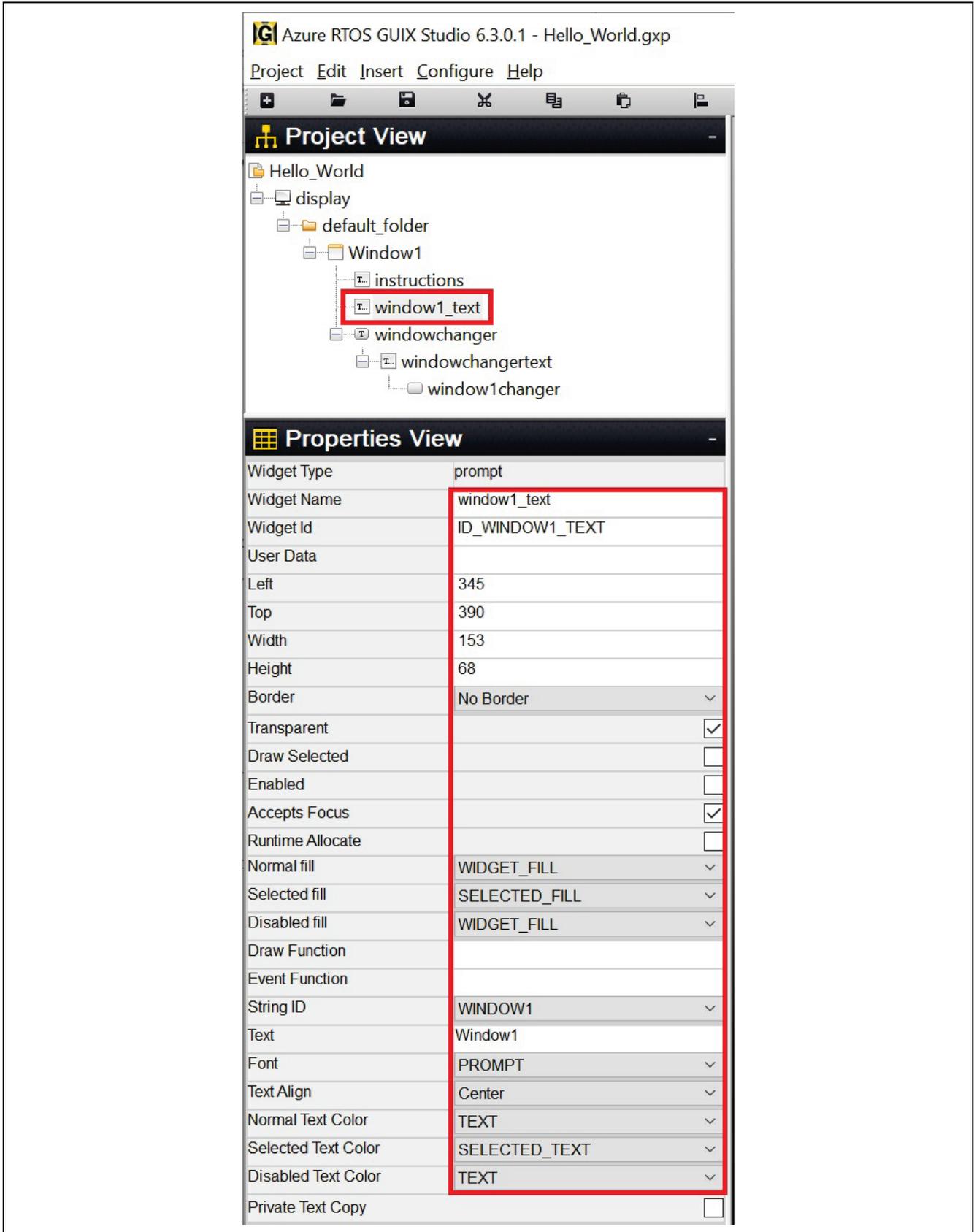


Figure 59. Properties View for Prompt1

20. Click **Insert > Button > Checkbox**. Right click on **Window1** and follow **Figure 59**.

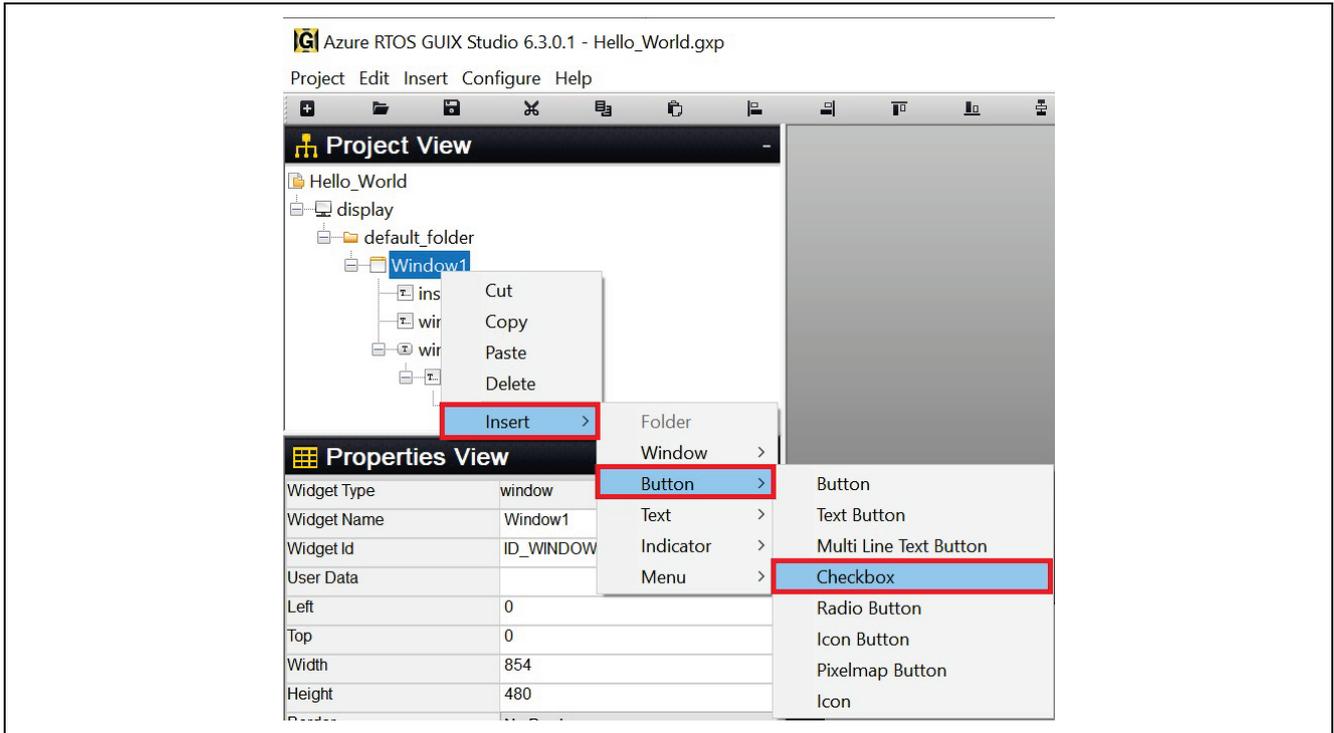


Figure 60. Insert Button Checkbox

21. Setting **Properties View** of **Button Checkbox**.

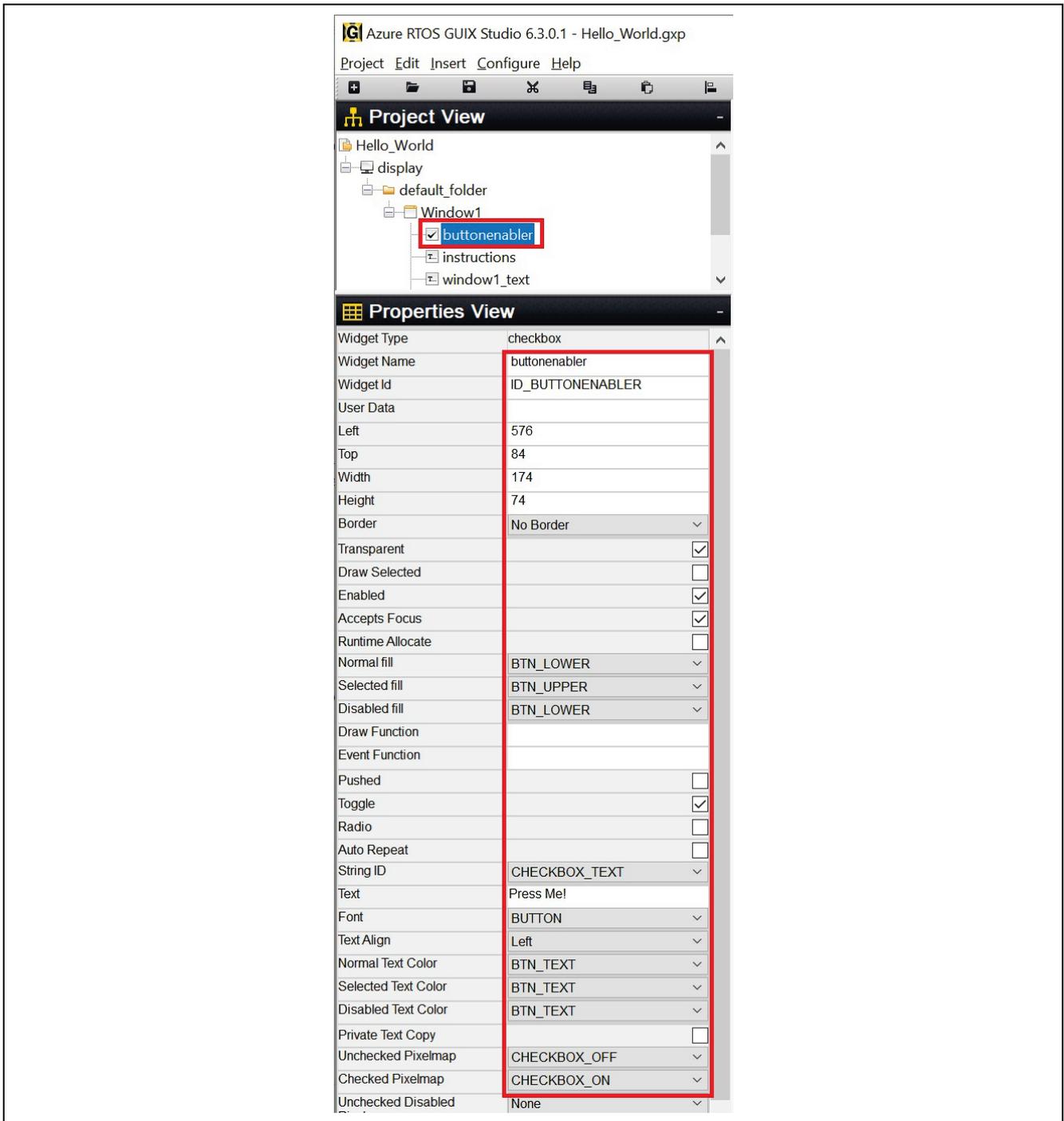


Figure 61. Setting Button Checkbox Properties

22. After you finished creating **Window1**, it should be like the image below.

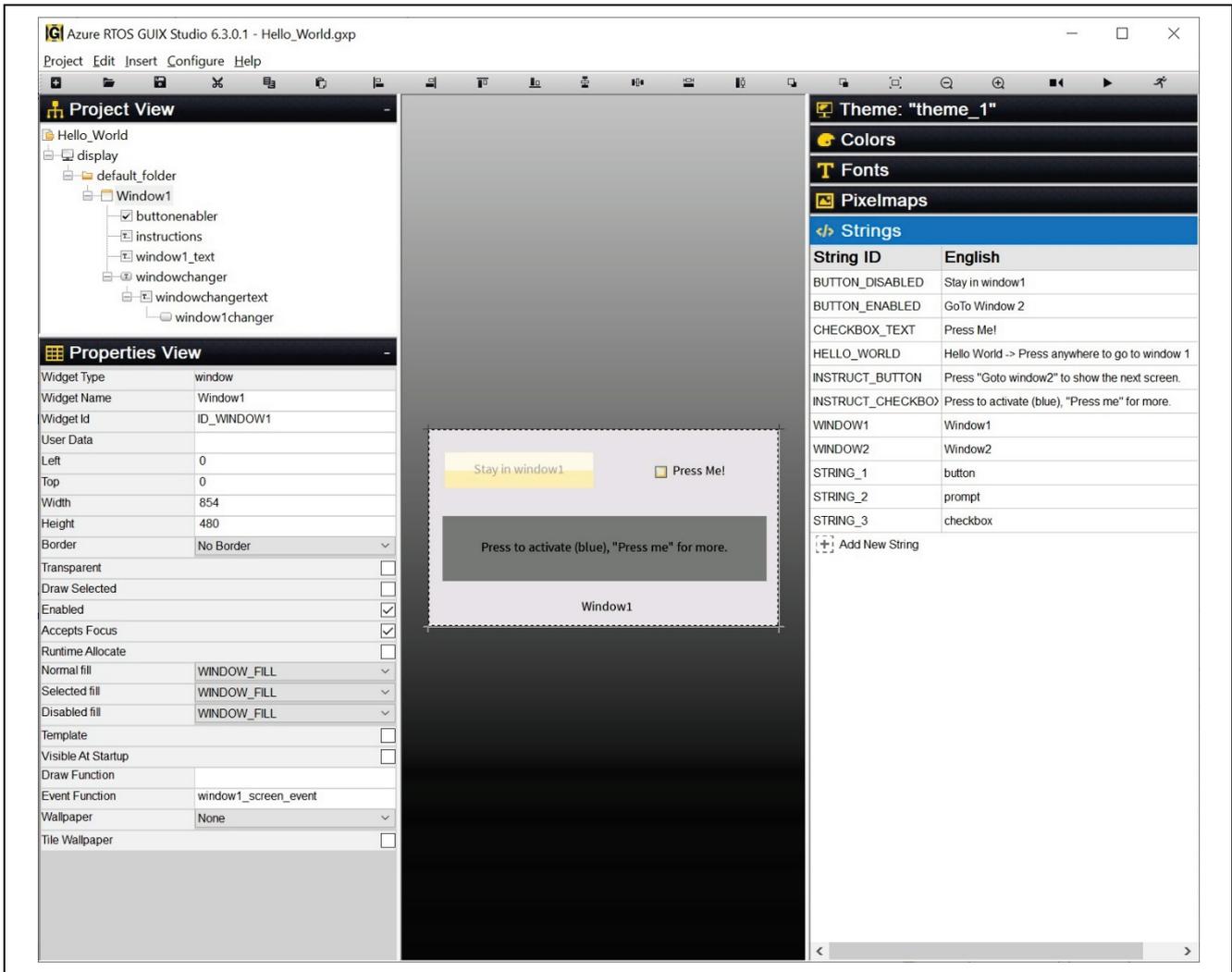


Figure 62. Window1 Created

23. Add another window to the GUIX Studio project. Right click on **default_folder** in the **Project View** and click **Insert > Window > Window** as shown in **Figure 63**.

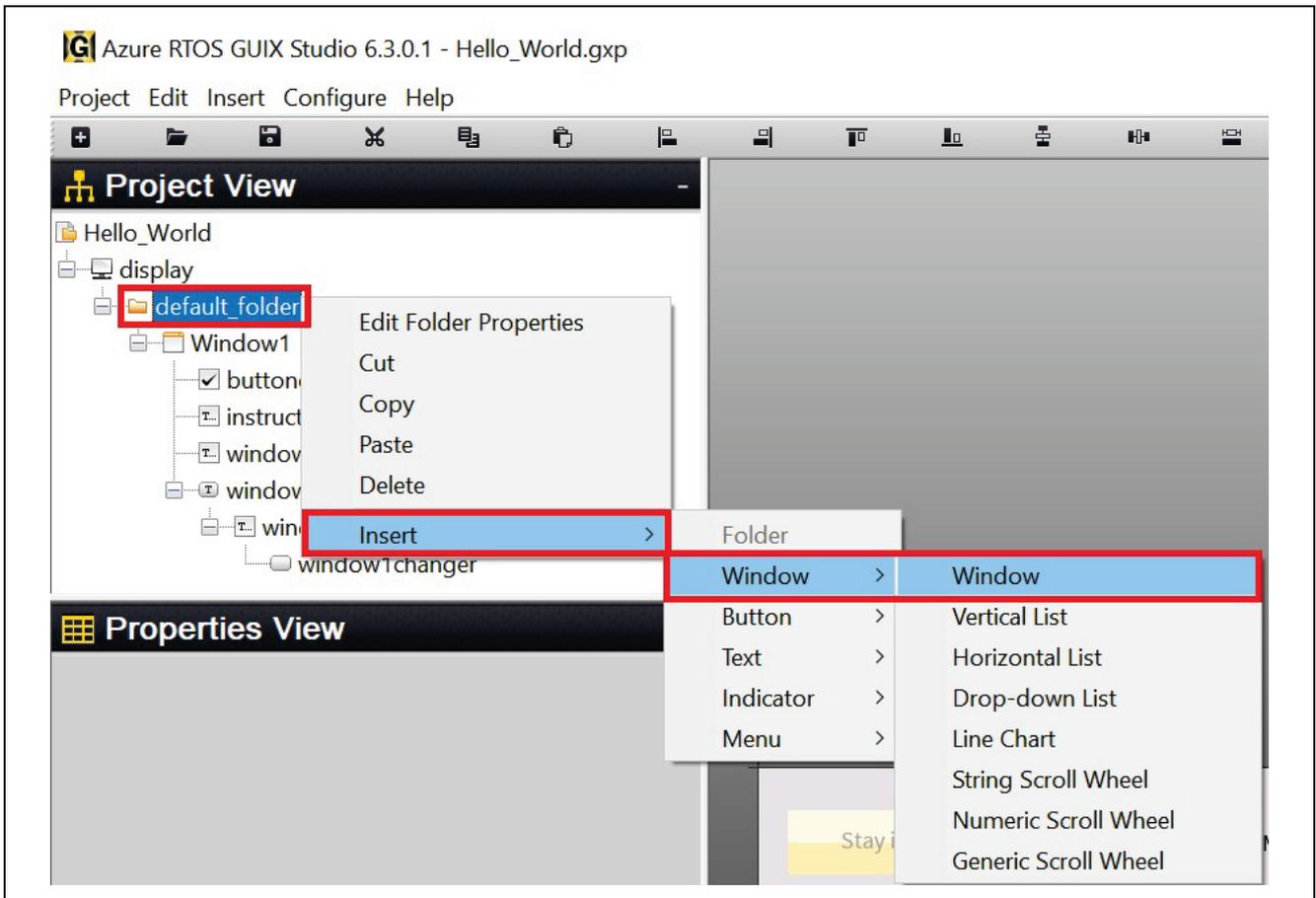


Figure 63. Insert Window2

24. Setting the **Properties View** of **Window2**.

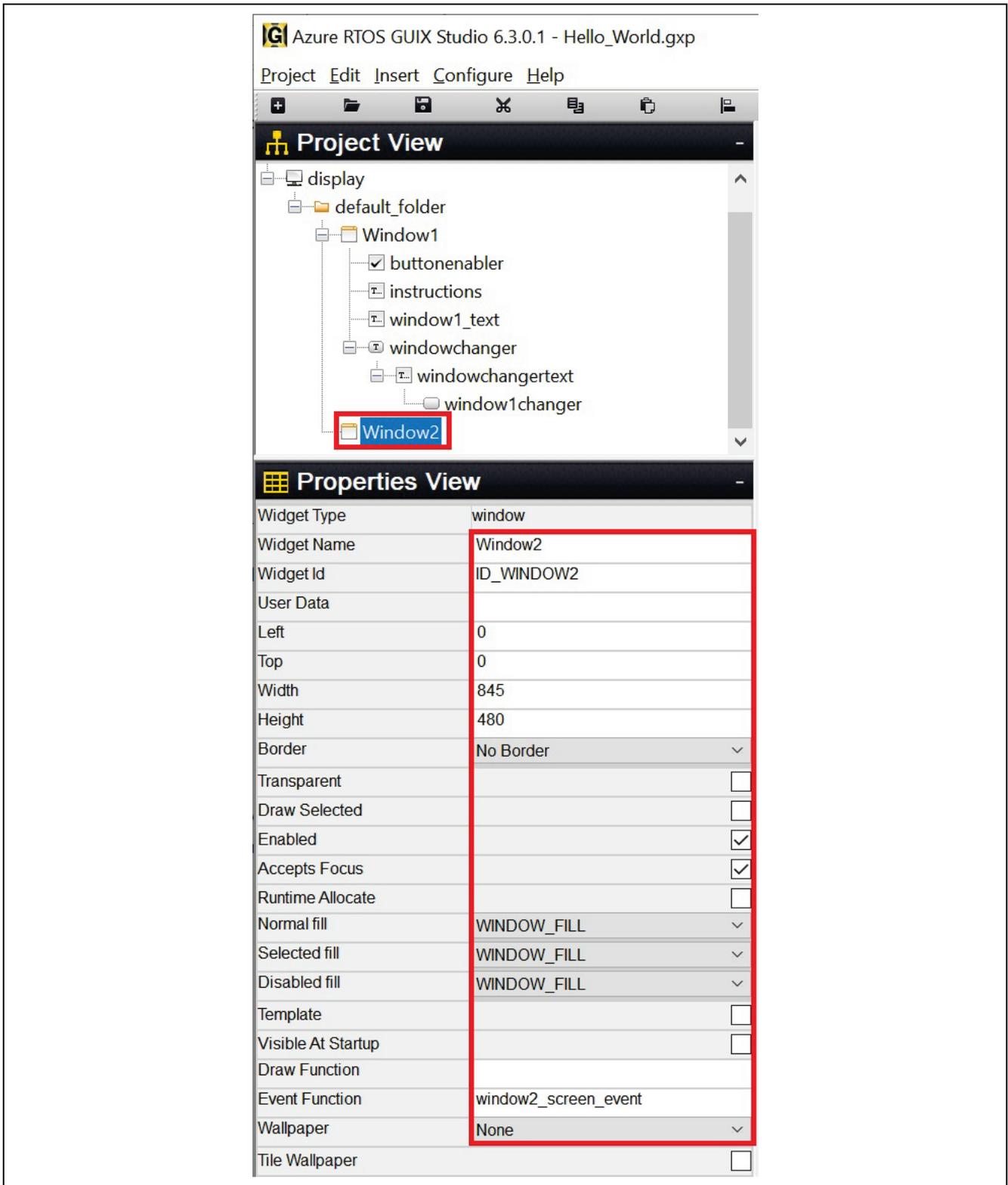


Figure 64. Setting Properties of Window2

25. Insert **Prompt** for Window2. Right click from Window2. Right click on Window2 in the **Project View**, then click **Insert > Text > Prompt** as shown in **Figure 65**.

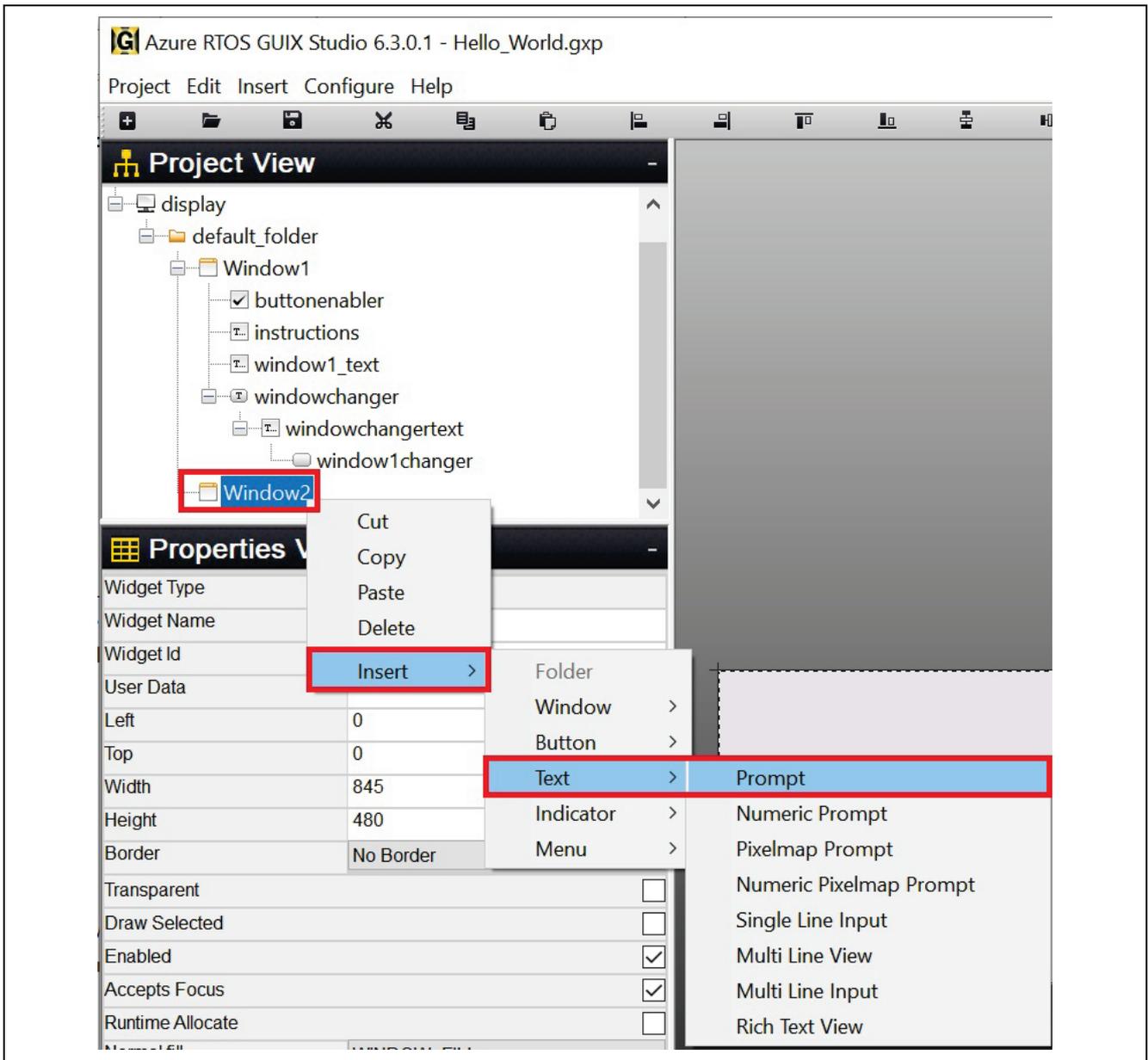


Figure 65. Insert Prompt for Window2

26. Setting **Properties View** of Prompt.

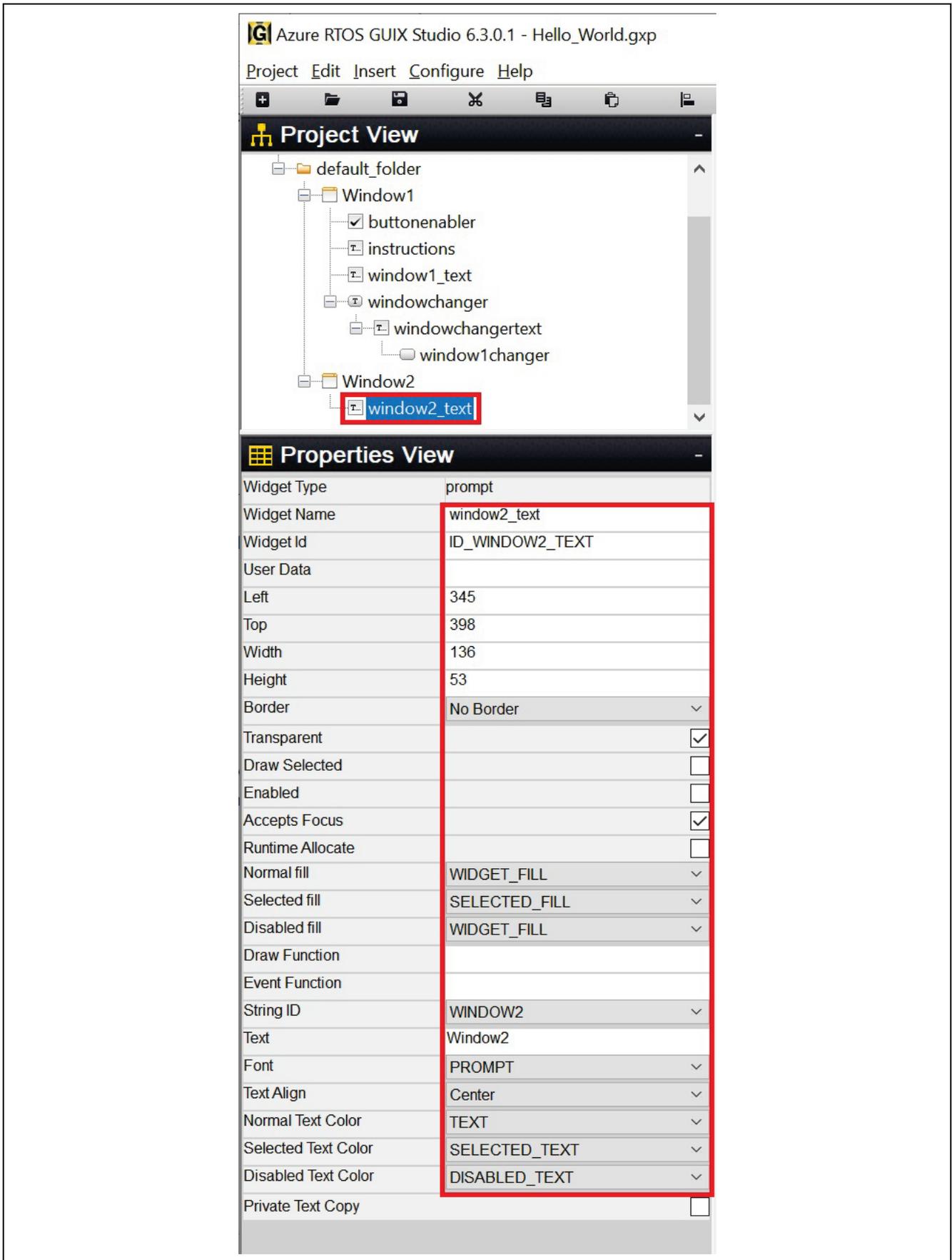


Figure 66. Setting Properties of window2_text

27. Insert **text_button** for window2. Right click on Window2 then click **Insert > Button > Text Button** following **Figure 67**.

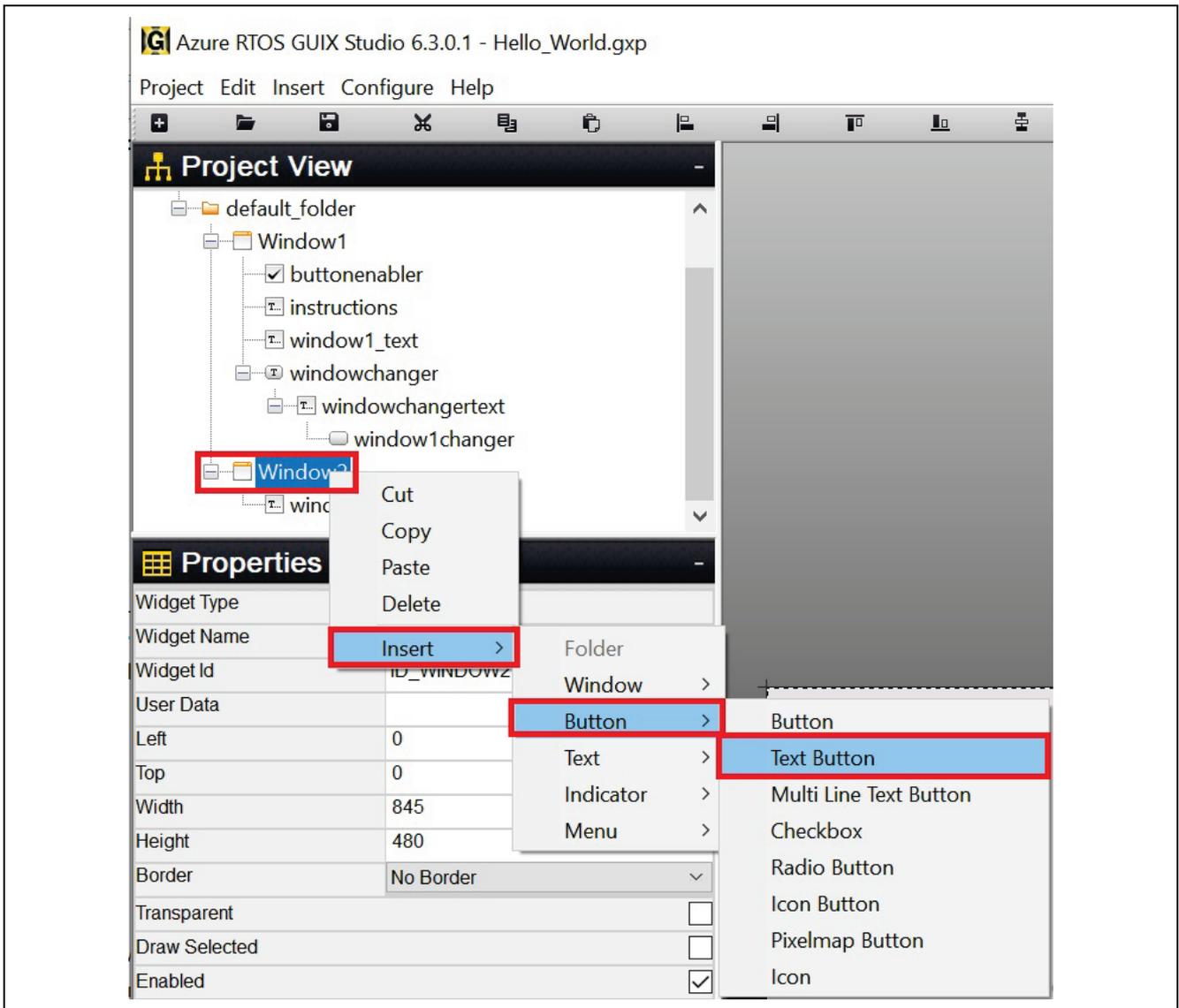


Figure 67. Insert text_button for Window2

28. Set the **Properties View** of **text_button** as shown in **Figure 68**.

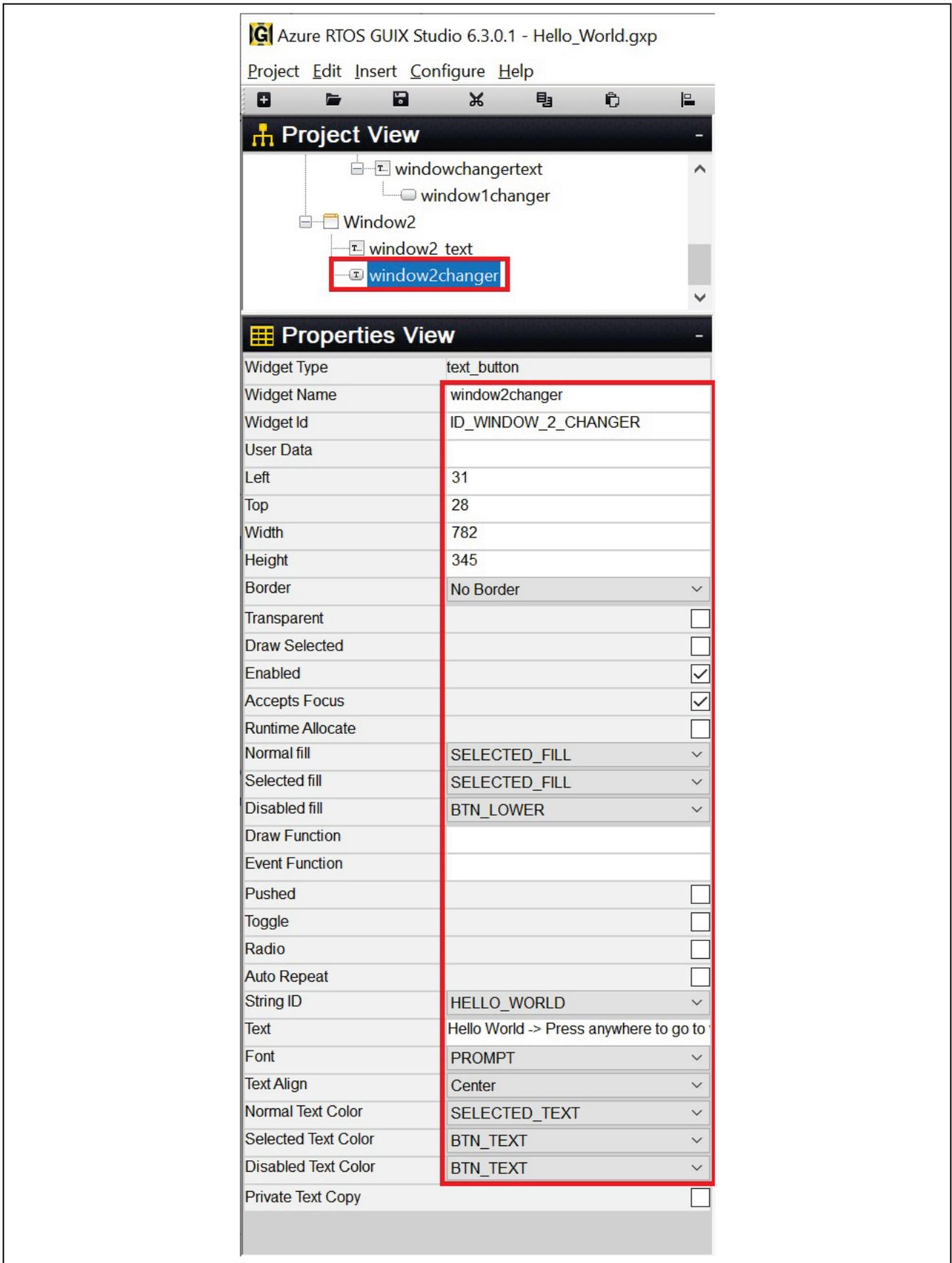


Figure 68. Setting Properties of text_button

29. After completing inserting and configuration, window2 looks like **Figure 69**.

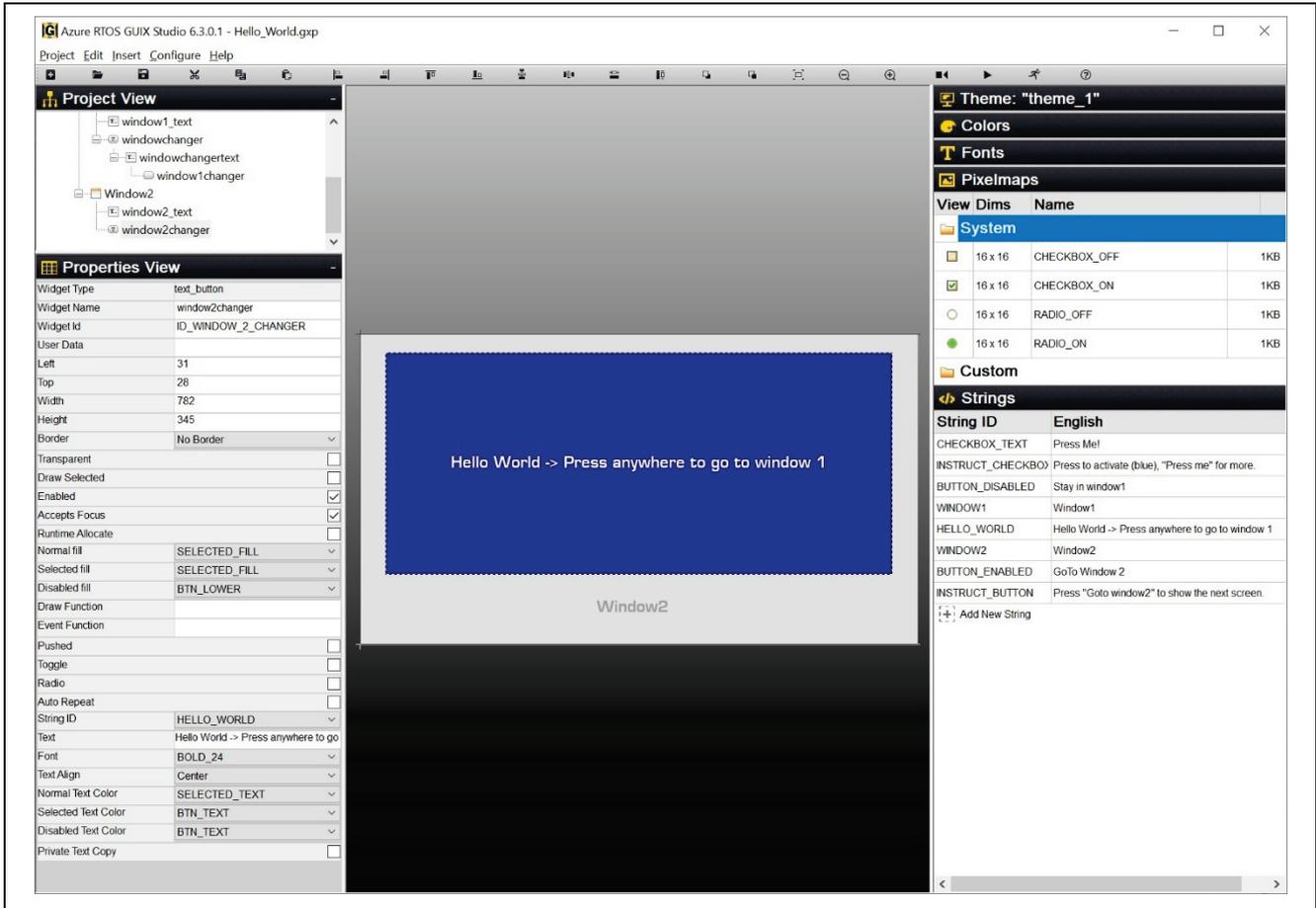


Figure 69. Window2

30. Click on drop-down list **Pixelmaps**, double-click on “**CHECKBOX_OFF**” and a new window will pop up. Uncheck **Compress Output** then click **Save**. Do the same for **CHECKBOX_ON**.

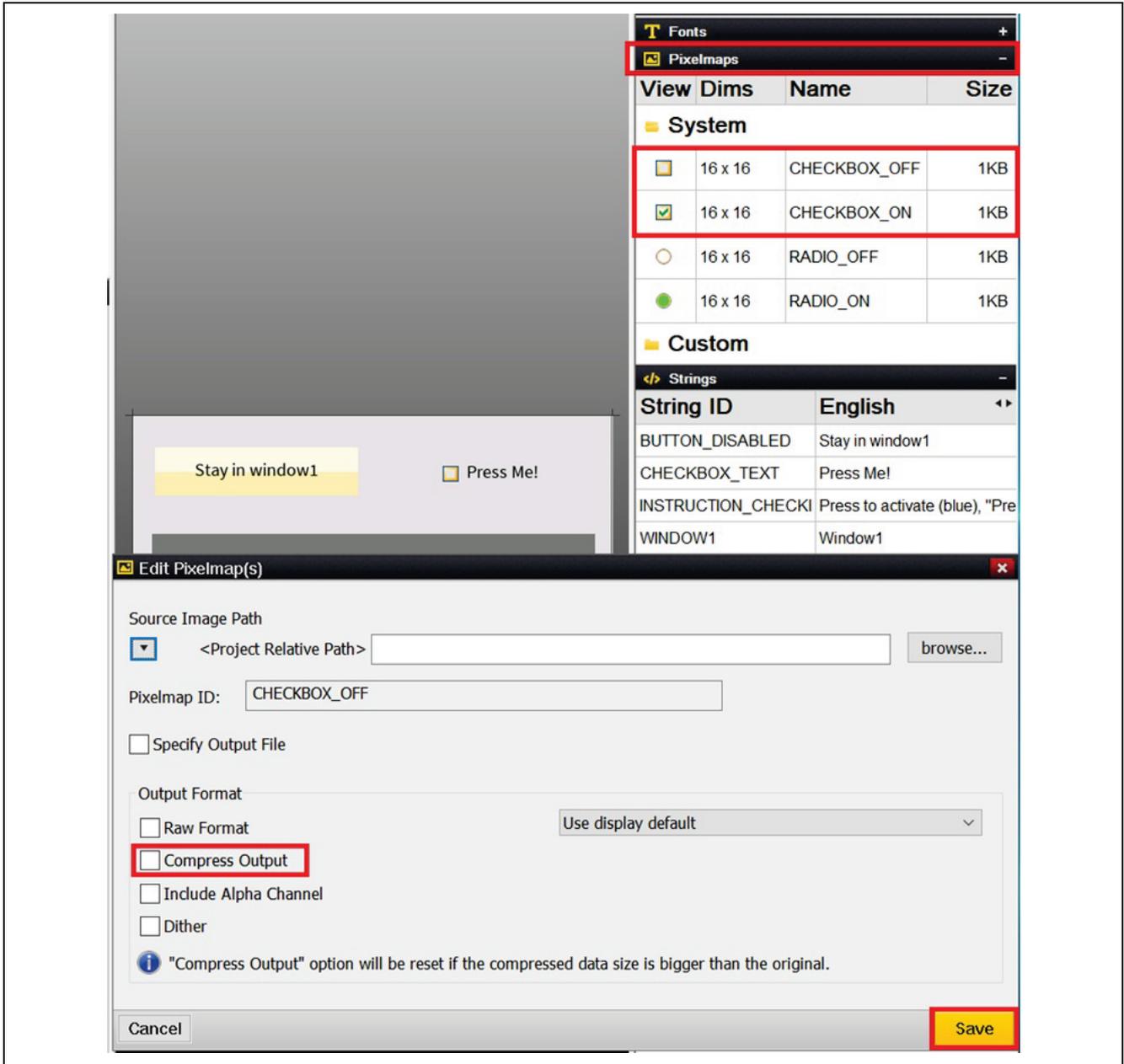


Figure 70. Set Up Pixelmap

31. Now you can click on the **Project** drop down list, **Save Project**, and **Generate All Output Files**. You completed the process of creating and exporting GUIX Hello World into the project.

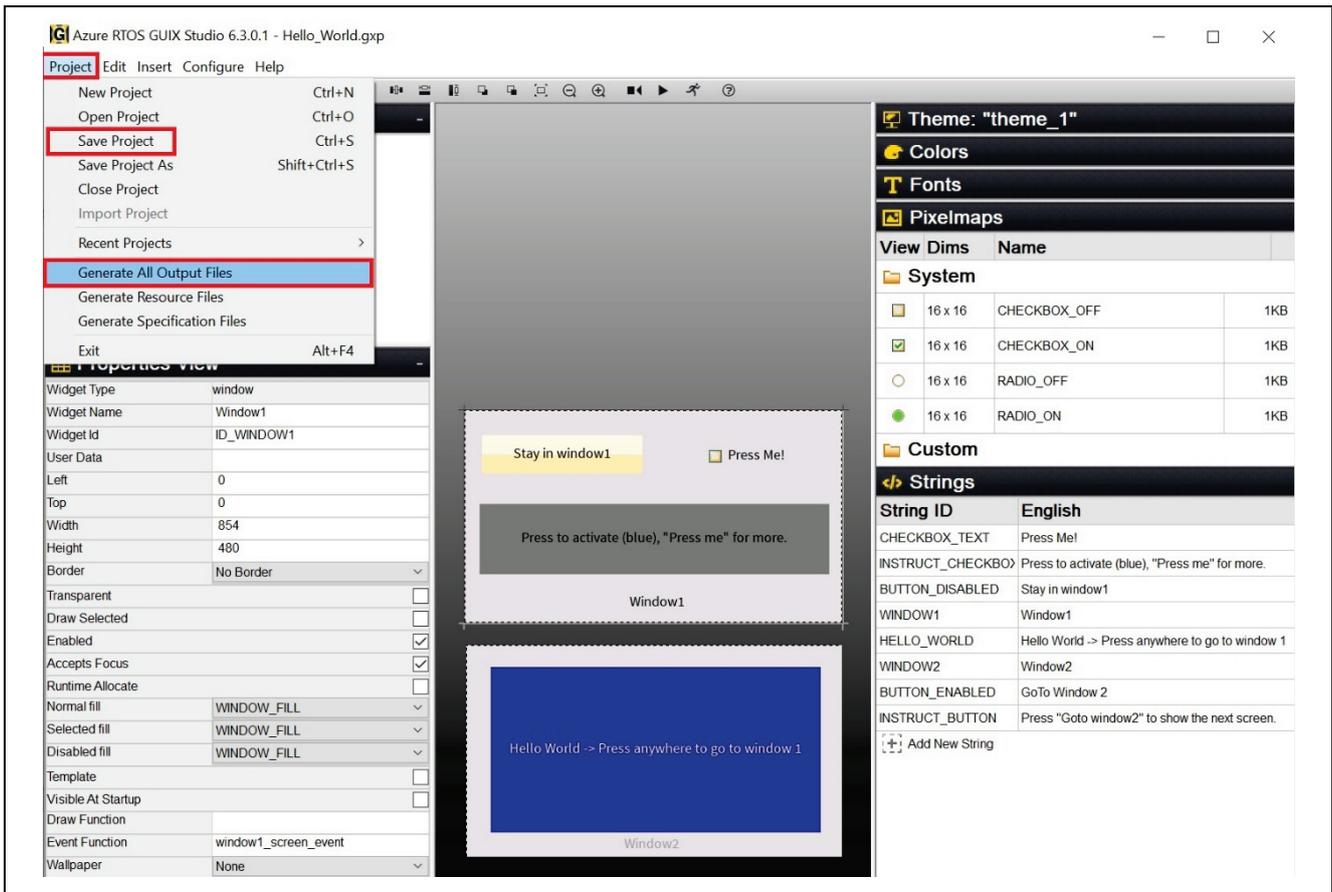


Figure 71. Save and Generate Project

32. Make sure the project is active and click to build the project. It may take a long time to finish building an Azure RTOS/GUIX project on your PC. Project **ra8d1_guix_hello_world** should be built with no errors or warnings.

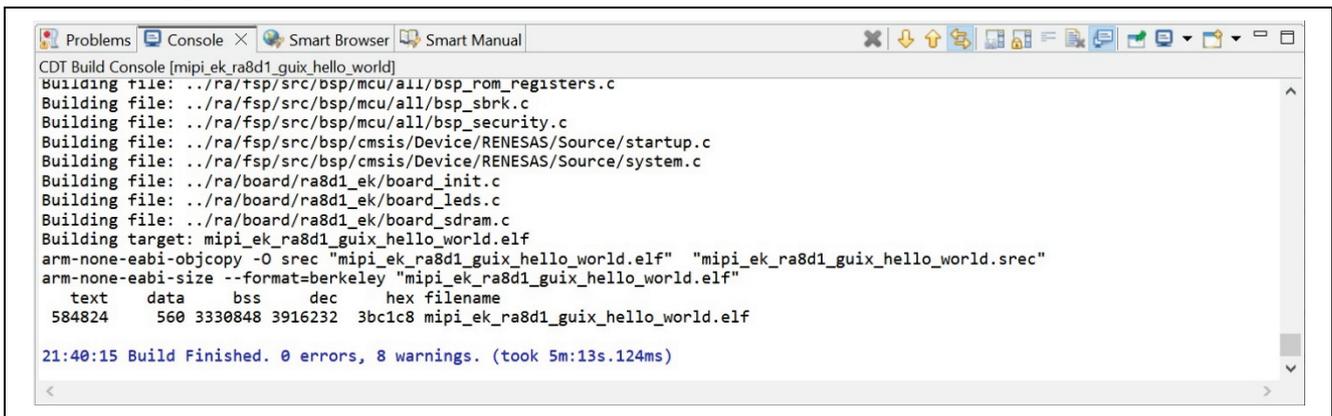


Figure 72. Built The Code

33. Using the Micro USB cable, connect to J10 on EK-RA8D1 board and the other end to your PC. Download and run the “`mipi_ek_ra8d1_guix_hello_world`” project.

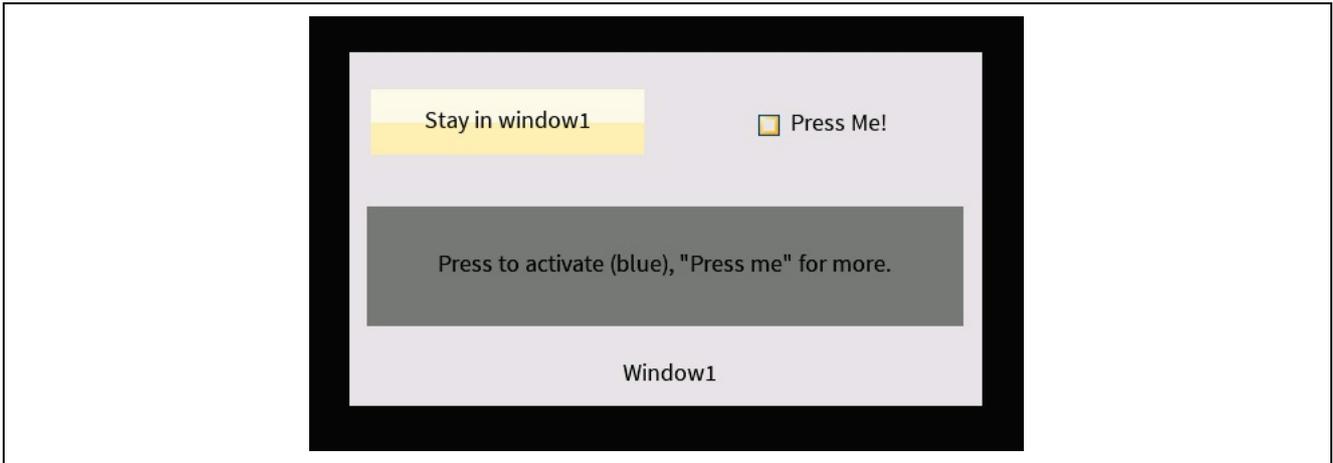


Figure 73. Window1 Display

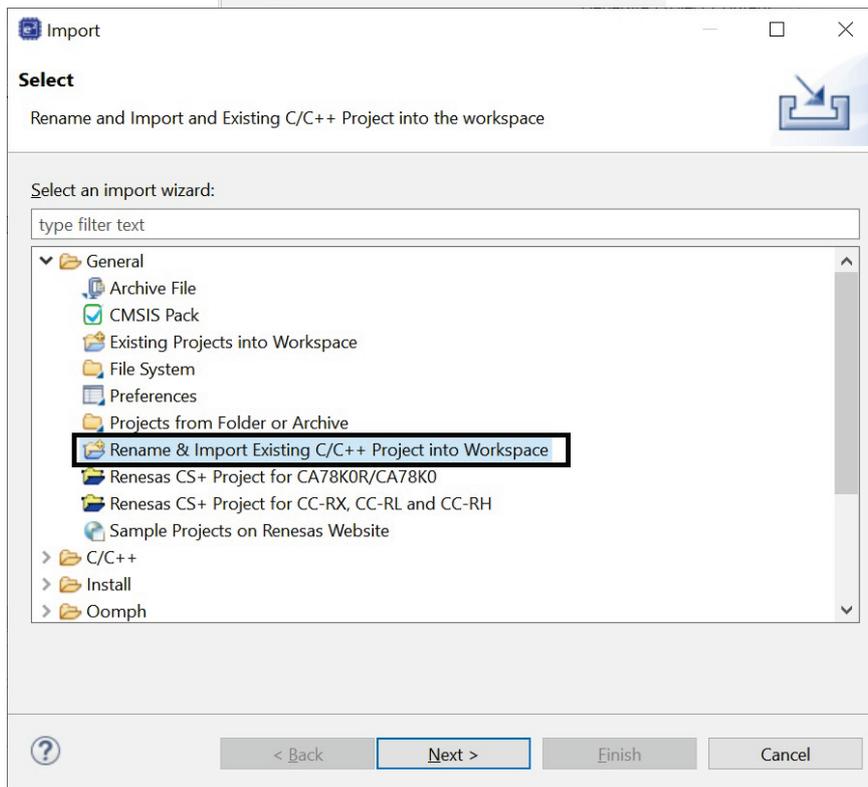
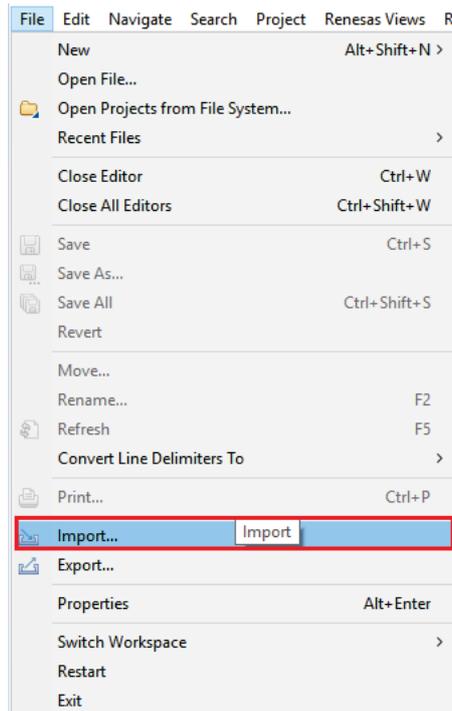
6. Overview of Fully Functional Project

6.1 Overview

In this section, you will import and run the complete “`mipi_ek_ra8d1_guix_hello_world`” project. You can enable or disable the check box function. The text on the button, which is “Stay in window1” or “Go to Window 2”, will be updated. Once you press the button, the screen will change from window1 to window2. Follow the text message on the screen; you can change from window2 back to window1.

6.2 Procedural Steps

1. You can try the provided project “`mipi_ek_ra8d1_guix_hello_world`” for the full function application. Use the **Rename & Import Existing C/C++ Project into Workspace** feature of the **Import** menu to do so since you already had a project with the same in the workspace.



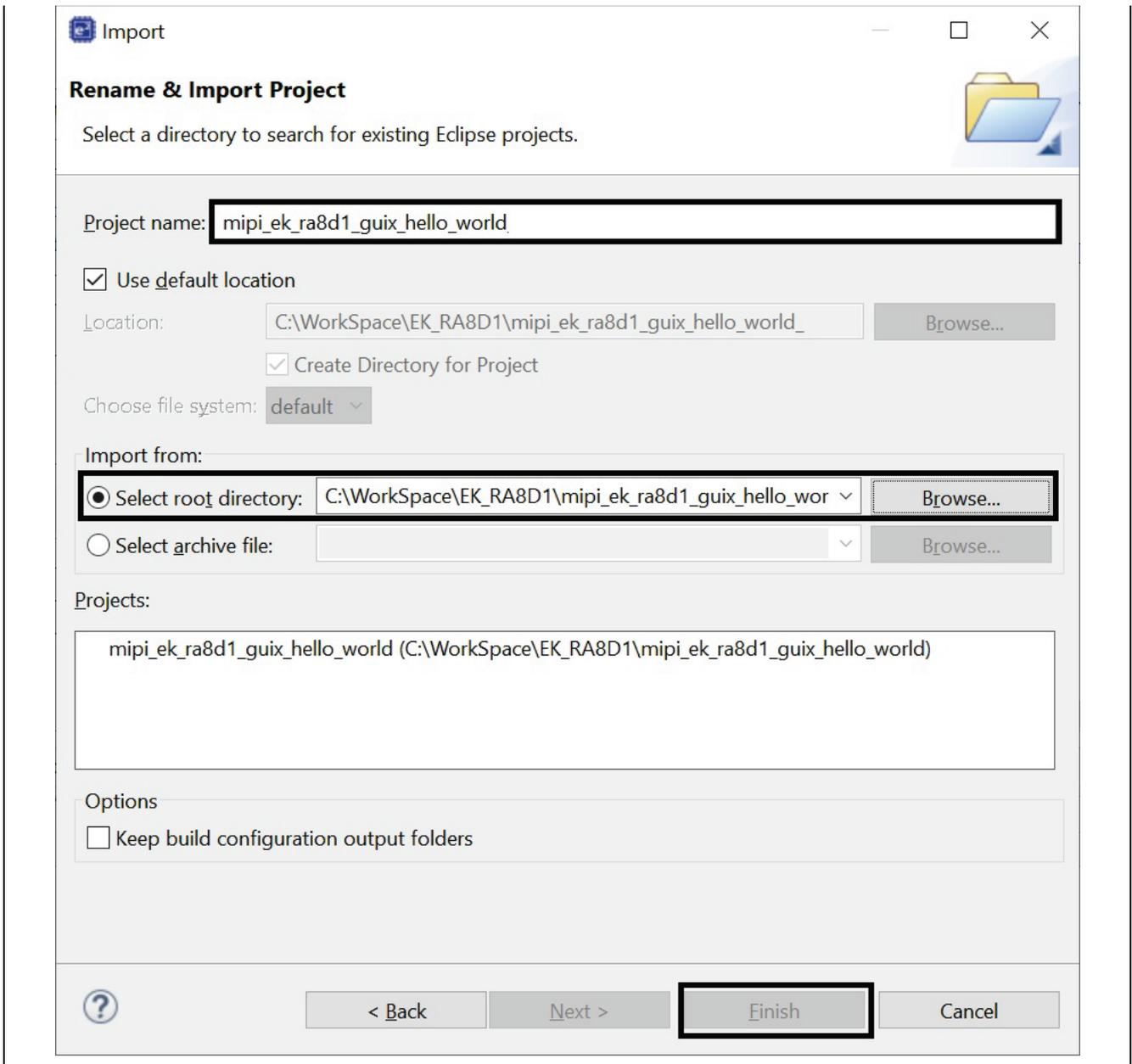


Figure 74. Import Existing Project

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5. Clock signals

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