

Target setup guide for the ESP32S3 (ESP32S3-Touch-LCD-2.8C)

Before you Begin

Before starting with the setup guide, we recommend the following to get familiar with CGI-Studio:

- Explore CGI-Studio
Read the [Quick Start Guide](#).
- Learn to create SceneComposer Solutions
The documentation provides instructions on how to create simple SceneComposer solutions. To access SceneComposer navigate to:
`<cgi-studio-installation-path>\bin\SceneComposer\SceneComposer.exe`
- Generate Assets for Simulation and Target Environments
You can find guidance on generating assets from solutions (binary files containing solution information for the player) for both simulation and target environments in the [documentation](#).

With this knowledge you should be fit to complete this guide.

Setup

Template Scenes

When using a template scene as the base for development, the `surfaceFormat` inside the `RenderTarget` needs to be set to `SurfaceFormatRGB565`.

IDE

To compile a `CourierSampleApp` Example for the target ESP IDF needs to be installed within Visual Studio Code: [Getting Started with VS Code IDE - ESP32 - — ESP-IDF Programming Guide v4.3.1 documentation](#)

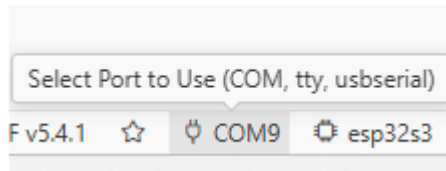
Device Connection to host PC

The ESP32S3-Touch-LCD-2.8C target from waveshare has two USB-C ports. For flashing connect the one labeled "UART" to the host PC.

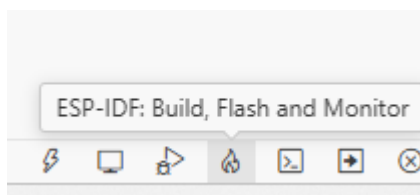
Compile and flash

Inside *cgi_studio_apps\References\ESP-IDF* a example project can be found. Open this project within Visual Studio code

It might be necessary to adjust the selected COM port. For this click the *COM<current port number>* on the bottom task bar and select one of the available com ports:



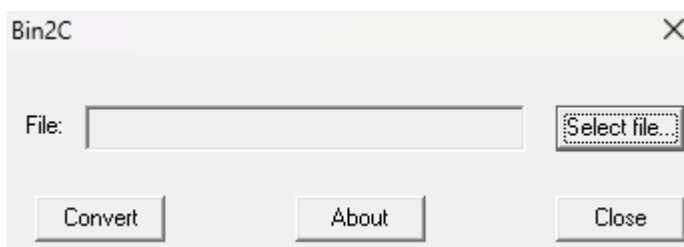
To compile and flash the target press the *ESP-IDF: Build, Flash and Monitor* on the bottom Task bar.



After compilation and flashing an example project can be seen on the display of the ESP32S3.

Replacing the Asset File

The current setup requires the Asset binary file to be converted to a C Array that can be placed directly within the code. For converting the binaries bin2c from segger can be used:



This program generates a file with a C array inside. This array needs to be copied into the following file:

cgi_studio_courier_apps\src\CourierSampleAppLight\AppPlatform\Target_FreeRTOS_XTENSA\Solution.c

The array needs to look like the following: *const unsigned char _ac2D_Basic*. Inside the *AppEnvironment.cpp* file of the same directory this array is referenced:

```
extern const unsigned char _ac2D_Basic[1130352UL + 1];  
#define ASSET_START _ac2D_Basic
```

When updating the *Solution.c* make sure that the size of the array is the same inside *Solution.c* and in *AppEnvironment.cpp*

After the array has been replaced the project can be recompiled and flashed like described in the previous step.

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