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AN721: USBXpress™ Device Configuration and Programming Guide

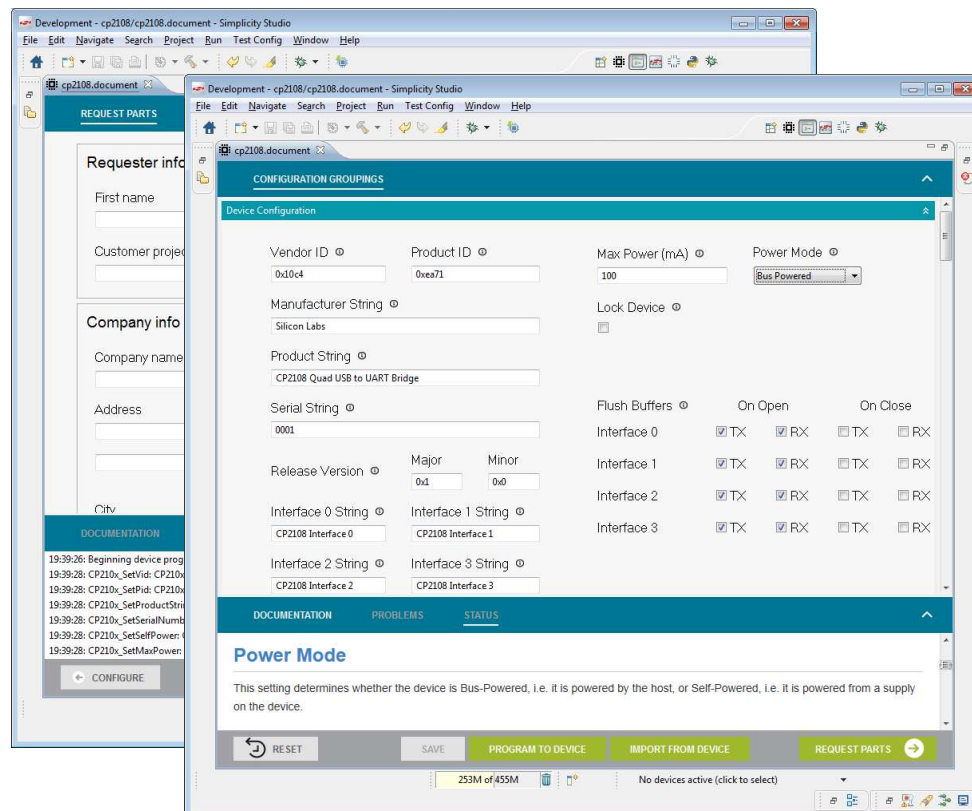
Silicon Labs offers several USBXpress single-chip connectivity bridge solutions to support USB-to-serial protocols, as well as specialized bridges for the human interface device (HID) class and USB audio applications.

Each of these devices has many user-customizable options which can determine the device's behavior, from how the device will appear to the host machine, to specialized device options such as interface and pin configurations

This document discusses how to configure the options available on these devices using the tools provided with Simplicity Studio. Simplicity Studio can be downloaded from the Silicon Labs website: <http://www.silabs.com/simplicity>. This document also covers the steps necessary required to perform production programming as well as how to order pre-programmed parts from Silicon Labs with a desired configuration.

KEY POINTS

- Use Xpress Configurator in Simplicity Studio to configure the USBXpress device.
- Obtain a unique Product ID from Silicon Labs or USB.org.
- Order pre-programmed parts from Silicon Labs, or perform production programming with the provided Standalone Manufacturing Tools.



1. Introduction

This document explains the steps required to customize a USBXpress device. It is intended for developers creating products based on the CP210x/CP211x/CP2130 USB Bridge Controllers. It contains information about obtaining a Vendor ID (VID) and Product ID (PID) for a CP210x/CP211x/CP2130 product and describes the steps necessary for customizing the device descriptors. Refer to <http://www.silabs.com/interface> for the latest revisions of this document and other application notes related to the CP210x/CP211x/CP2130 device families.

1.1 USB Vendor IDs and Product IDs

Each device on a USB bus must have a unique Vendor ID (VID), Product ID (PID), and serial number combination. This ID system uniquely identifies the different devices on the bus to avoid conflicts. The PC matches the VID/PID of the device to that of installed drivers (if needed) to be used for the USB device. The VID/PID must be unique in that each USB device with the same VID/PID will use the same driver, and it is strongly recommended to make the PID unique to a particular design.

Vendor IDs are owned by the vendor company and assigned by the USB Implementers Forum (USB-IF) only. The owner of a particular Vendor ID then owns all possible Product IDs under this Vendor ID. Details about obtaining a unique VID can be found at <http://www.usb.org/developers/vendor>.

It is also possible to utilize the Silicon Labs VID with a unique PID. The default Silicon Labs VID is 0x10C4 and the default Silicon Labs PID is dependent on the device. To request a unique PID for your CP210x/CP211x/CP2130-based product, visit <http://www.silabs.com/RequestPID>.

Note: Customization of the USB strings is optional, but is strongly recommended. A unique VID/PID combination will prevent the driver from conflicting with any other USB driver.

1.2 USB Logos and Certification Testing

USB is a widely used peripheral. The USB Implementers Forum, Inc. (USB-IF) has introduced trademark-protected logos for use with qualified USB products. To use the logo, USB products are required to meet the standards of the USB Implementers Forum. For a product to have compliance and/or certification implies that the USB product has been tested by the USB-IF to meet the specification. Each type of USB product requires specific testing to be listed on the Integrators List. This is important not only to OEMs but to consumers because products tested and certified by the USB-IF are assured to work together. Compliance testing exists to help manufacturers measure how well their products match the respective USB specification. If a product has passed USB-IF compliance testing, the company can use the USB logo on the products.

To obtain the right to license the USB-IF logo, register the product's VID and PID with USB-IF and submit the product to the USB-IF Compliance Program. USB-IF Compliance Program details are available at <http://www.usb.org/developers/compliance>.

Once the product is certified, it can be added to the USB-IF Integrators List, and the “Certified USB” logo can be used on the product.

2. Basic Device Customization

Each family of devices has slightly different requirements for configuration. The CP210x devices require a Virtual Com Port driver, provided by Silicon Labs, to be installed on the host machine before they can be detected and programmed. The CP2130 devices similarly require a separate USB-to-SPI driver. The CP211x devices do not require drivers since they are HID class devices, which are natively supported by most operating systems. The next three sections describe the recommended steps for customizing the device based on the family.

2.1 Customizing the CP210x Non-HID USB Devices

The steps to customize the CP210x USBXpress devices are as follows:

1. Request a unique PID from Silicon Labs for your new product design: <http://www.silabs.com/RequestPID>, or obtain a VID/PID from usb.org.
2. Download the VCP driver appropriate for your operating system here: <http://www.silabs.com/products/mcu/pages/usbtouartbridgevcpdrivers.aspx>. The stock VCP driver from the website should match the default VID and PID on the CP210x device. The VCP driver must be installed with matching VID and PID to communicate to the device.
3. Use [3.1 Xpress Configurator](#) to change the descriptors in the programmable memory of the device.
4. (USBXpress Driver Users Only): If the desired driver is USBXpress, it can be download here: <http://www.silabs.com/usbexpress>. This driver allows direct access using Silicon Labs API commands to control the device, rather than having to operate on the device as if it were a COM port. This driver, by default, does not match the default VID/PID of the CP210x devices. In order to use this driver, the devices or driver (or both) must be customized to have a matching VID/PID combination. See the tables at the end of this section for the default driver and device VID/PIDs.
5. Use the USB Driver Customization Wizard and instructions in AN220SW and AN220: *USB Driver Customization* <http://www.silabs.com/products/Interface/Pages/interface-application-notes.aspx> to update the driver for the new PID and any other descriptors that have been changed from Step 3.
6. (Microsoft Windows Only): The customized driver is eligible for WHQL re-seller submissions to certify the driver. These submissions do not have the high cost and testing requirements of an original driver submission. To certify a customized WinUSB driver, register at the WinQual site: (<https://sysdev.microsoft.com>) to obtain a WinQual account with your company. Internet Explorer is the only web browser that can be used with the WHQL web site. A Verisign ID is needed to register an account (instructions for obtaining one are available at the Microsoft web site: <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/hardware/hh801887?ppud=4>). The correct Verisign ID is the CodeSigner Standard: <http://www.verisign.com/code-signing/microsoft-authenticode/index.html?sl=header>.
7. (Microsoft Windows Only): After obtaining a WinQual account, notify the Silicon Labs support team (<http://www.silabs.com/contact-support>) (click on "Open a support request") to be added as a registered Reseller. Provide the driver type (CP2130 WinUSB) and version (e.g., 1.0) when requesting Reseller status.
8. (Microsoft Windows Only): Silicon Labs will add your company as a registered reseller. Your company must complete the provided directions to finish the recertification process.

Note: For further detailed instructions on Microsoft's submission process for recertification for a customized driver, please view application note AN807: *Recertifying a Customized Windows HCK Driver Package*, here: <http://www.silabs.com/products/Interface/Pages/interface-application-notes.aspx>.

The CP210x family of devices provides communication from USB to UART. These devices require drivers on the host machine in order to interface with the device. Silicon Labs provides two sets of drivers to interface with the device:

1. Virtual COM Port (VCP) Drivers (<http://www.silabs.com/vcpdrivers>) — This driver allows the device to appear to the PC's application software as a COM port.
2. USBXpress Drivers (<http://www.silabs.com/usbexpress>) — This driver provides a proprietary API in order for applications to communicate to the device without appearing as a COM port.

Only one driver can be associated with a particular device at a time. Drivers are associated with devices based on matching VID and PID combinations. The VCP drivers must generally be installed on a machine if interfacing with or configuring a CP210x device that is programmed with factory default settings. This is required since the VCP drivers, by default, match the default VID and PID combination of CP210x devices.

In order to use a particular driver with a device, either the driver or the device must be customized so that the VID/PID combination matches on both the device and the driver. For example, if a device is to be used with the default USBXpress driver, its VID and PID must be changed to 0x10C4 and 0xEA61, respectively, since these are the defaults for the USBXpress driver.

The tables below show the default VID and PID values for the device and drivers. To establish communication with the driver, the VID and PID of the device must match the driver. Notice that the default CP210x device VID and PID match the default VCP driver VID and PID numbers.

Table 2.1. Default Device VID/PID Settings

Device	Default VID	Default PID
CP2101-CP2104	0x10C4	0xEA60
CP2105	0x10C4	0xEA70
CP2108	0x10C4	0xEA71

Table 2.2. Default VCP Driver VID/PID Settings

Device	Default VID	Default PID
CP2101-CP2104	0x10C4	0xEA60
CP2105	0x10C4	0xEA70
CP2108	0x10C4	0xEA71

Table 2.3. Default USBXpress Driver VID/PID Settings

Device	Default VID	Default PID
CP2101-CP2104	0x10C4	0xEA61

Note: CP2105 and CP2108 device can be used with the USBXpress driver, but these devices must be added by customizing the driver using *AN220: USB Driver Customization Software*, found here: <http://www.silabs.com/products/Interface/Pages/interface-application-notes.aspx>

2.2 Customizing the CP211x HID USB Devices

The following are the steps to follow to customize CP211x HID USBXpress devices to ensure a unique VID/PID combination:

1. Request a unique PID from Silicon Labs for a new design: <http://www.silabs.com/RequestPID>.
2. Use [3.1 Xpress Configurator](#) (or [3.2 CP21xx Device Customization Software](#) for CP2114 devices) to change the descriptors in the firmware of the device.

The CP211x family does not require a driver because it is automatically recognized as part of the HID class, which most operating systems recognize with generic, native drivers. However, the CP211x does not appear as a standard HID device type such as a keyboard or mouse. Any CP211x PC application will need to use the specific CP211x HID specification to communicate with it. This low-level HID specification is documented and provided by Silicon Labs in the form of a DLL. Please see *AN433: CP2110/4 HID-to-UART API Specification* and *AN496: CP2112 HID USB-to-SMBus API Specification* for more information.

2.3 Customizing CP2130 USB-to-SPI Devices

Perform the following steps to customize the CP2130 USBXpress device:

1. Request a unique PID from Silicon Labs for your new product design: <http://www.silabs.com/RequestPID>, or obtain a VID/PID from <http://www.usb.org/>
2. Download the WinUSB driver appropriate for your operating system from here: <http://www.silabs.com/CP2130EK>. The stock WinUSB driver from the website should match the default VID and PID in the CP2130. The driver must be installed with matching VID and PID to communicate to the device.
3. Use [3.1 Xpress Configurator](#) to change the descriptors in the firmware of the device.
4. Modify a copy of the stock WinUSB driver hardware installation file (.inf) for the new PID and any other descriptors that have been changed from Step 3. Take care to verify that these customized drivers are completely correct, as none of the files in the driver package can change in any way once the driver has been certified. The strings contained in the .inf file affect what is displayed in the [Found New Hardware Wizard] dialogs, Device Manager, and the Registry. Any changes to the Windows® installation .inf files will require new Windows Hardware Quality Labs (WHQL) tests.
5. (Microsoft Windows Only): The customized driver is eligible for WHQL re-seller submissions to certify the driver. These submissions do not have the high cost and testing requirements of an original driver submission. To certify a customized WinUSB driver, register at the WinQual site: (<https://sysdev.microsoft.com>) to obtain a WinQual account with your company. Internet Explorer is the only web browser that can be used with the WHQL web site. A Verisign ID is needed to register an account (instructions for obtaining one are available at the Microsoft web site: <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/hardware/hh801887?ppud=4>. The correct Verisign ID is the CodeSigner Standard: <http://www.verisign.com/code-signing/microsoft-authenticode/index.html?sl=header>.
6. (Microsoft Windows Only): After obtaining a WinQual account, notify the Silicon Labs support team (<http://www.silabs.com/contact-support>) (click on "Open a support request") to be added as a registered Reseller. Provide the driver type (CP2130 WinUSB) and version (e.g., 1.0) when requesting Reseller status.
7. (Microsoft Windows Only): Silicon Labs will add your company as a registered reseller. Your company must complete the provided directions to finish the recertification process.

Note: For further detailed instructions on Microsoft's submission process for recertification for a customized driver, please view application note *AN807: Recertifying a Customized Windows HCK Driver Package*, here: <http://www.silabs.com/products/Interface/Pages/interface-application-notes.aspx>.

The CP2130 family of devices provides communication from USB to SPI. This requires a driver to interface to the device. In most cases, a generic USB driver, such as a Microsoft's WinUSB or the open source libUSB driver, can be used with the CP2130. All that is required is to generate a proper driver INF file that associates a CP2130 with a specific USB VID/PID with the generic USB driver. The CP2130 evaluation kit ships with a WinUSB driver and INF file that includes support for the default CP2130 VID/PID. In order to customize the CP2130, the user must install this stock driver in order for the CP21xx Customization Software to communicate with the device. Once the CP2130 has been customized and the VID and/or PID have changed, the user must customize the driver to recognize the new VID/PID.

The CP2130 data sheet lists WinUSB drivers for various Windows operating systems. The steps described below must be followed each time a new operating system is to be supported. If the driver has been certified for Windows 7 32-bit and it becomes necessary to support Windows 7 64-bit, then the driver must be recertified. The Microsoft certification process must be initiated again, and the reseller fee must be paid to Microsoft for the 64-bit version of the driver. Microsoft requires this certification process, which involves Windows hardware quality labs testing (WHQL). It certifies that the hardware or software has been tested by Microsoft to ensure compatibility. Device drivers that pass the WHQL tests are given a digitally-signed certification file, which prevents Windows from displaying a warning message that the driver has not been certified by Microsoft.

The tables below show the default VID and PID values for the device and drivers. To establish communication with the driver, the VID and PID of the device must match the driver. Notice that the default CP2130 device VID and PID match the default WinUSB driver VID and PID numbers.

Table 2.4. Default Device VID/PID Settings

Device	Default VID	Default PID
CP2130	0x10C4	0x87A0

Table 2.5. Default WinUSB Driver VID/PID Settings

Device	Default VID	Default PID
CP2130	0x10C4	0x87A0

3. Device Customization Software

Two utilities are provided by Silicon Labs to customize USBXpress devices: Xpress Configurator within Simplicity Studio, and the legacy CP21xx Device Customization Software, bundled with this application note. Simplicity Studio can be found and installed from <http://www.silabs.com/simplicity>.

Xpress Configurator supports all major operating systems through Simplicity Studio, and can program all USBXpress devices, except for the CP2114. CP2114 support will be added to Xpress Configurator in a future release.

The legacy CP21xx Device Customization Software is a Windows-only application, and is generally not recommended for devices other than the CP2114.

3.1 Xpress Configurator

Simplicity Studio supports device configuration through [Xpress Configurator]. For all USBXpress devices, device USB attributes can be configured:

- Vendor ID / Product ID
- Device Strings: Serial, Product, Manufacturer
- Release Version
- USB Power Mode

In addition, most devices have other options that can be configured:

- Modem Signals
- Special Functions
- GPIOs
- Interface Options

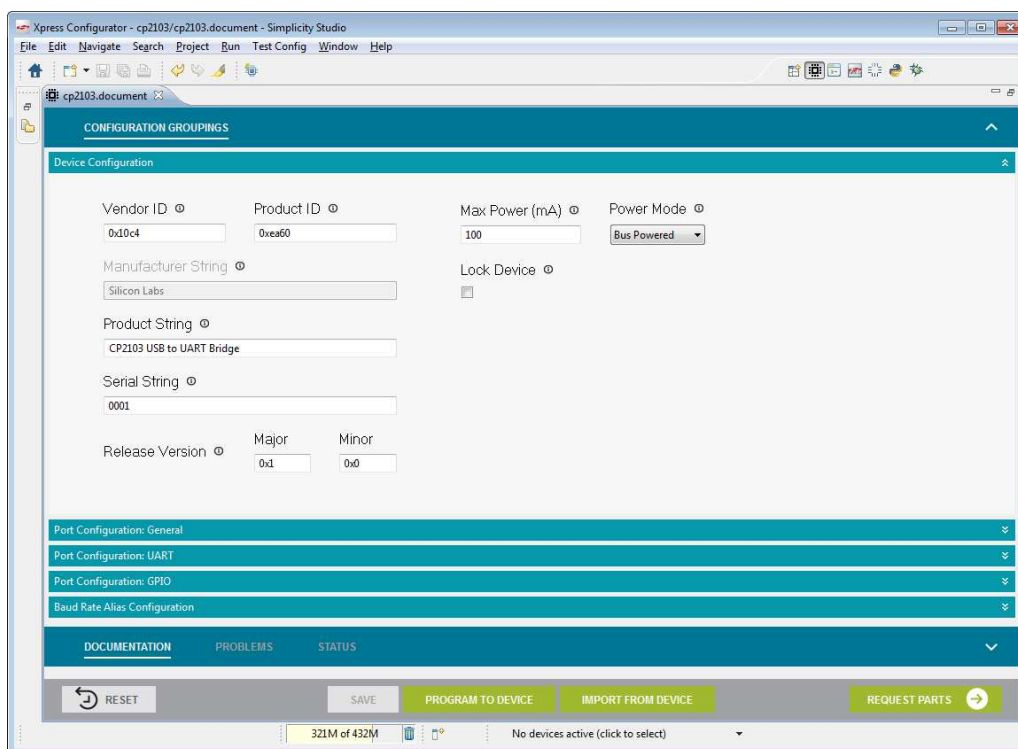


Figure 3.1. Xpress Configurator

The tool validates all changes to a configuration and alerts the user to any problems or potential issues with a configuration in a **[Problems]** list toward the bottom of the view. Once the user has developed a configuration that is valid, the user can download the configuration to a device by clicking **[Program to Device]**.

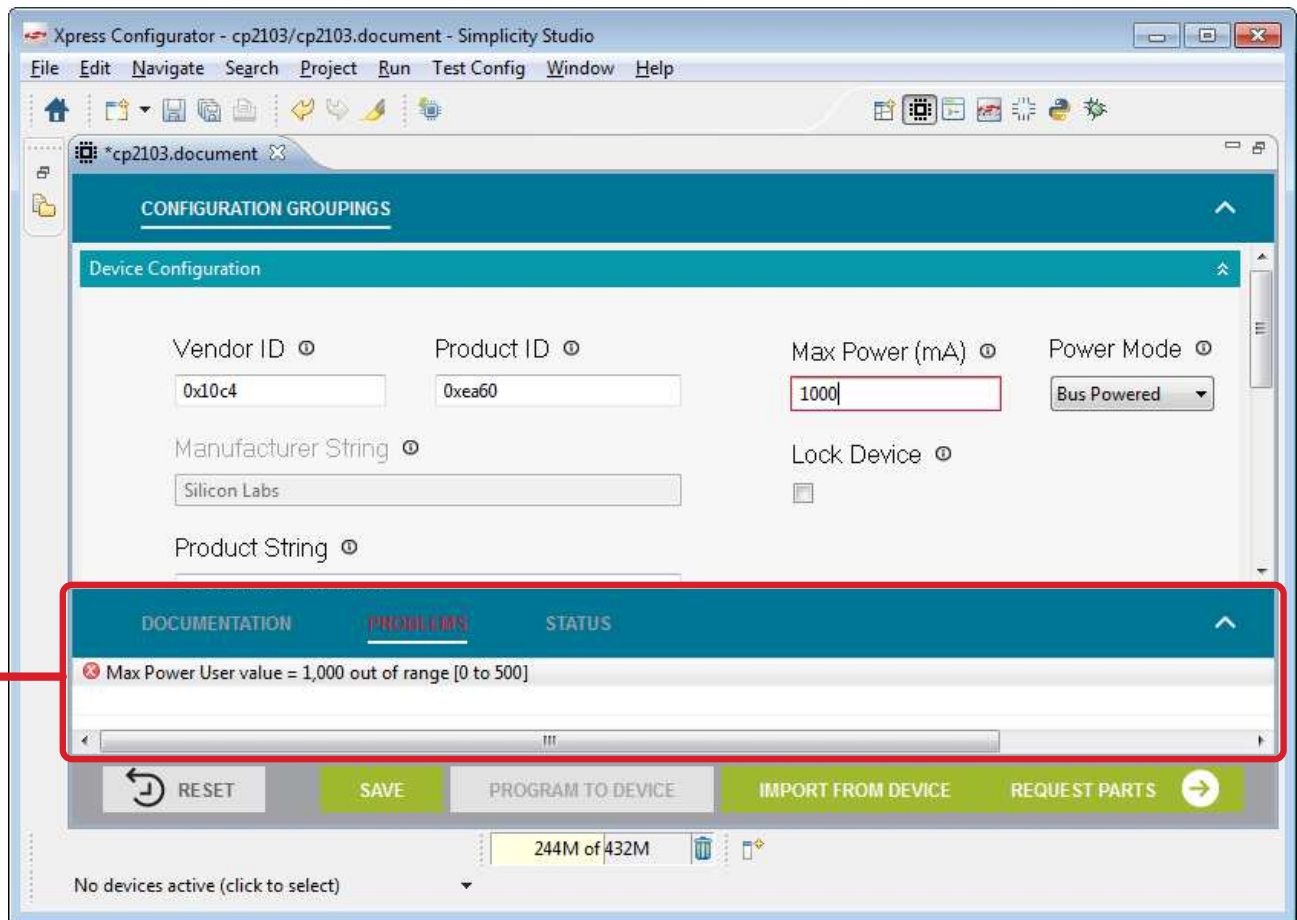


Figure 3.2. Xpress Configurator Problems View

The tool will also read back the configuration from the device to ensure that the requested values were programmed correctly. In some cases, such as if a device is locked, or if a device is one-time-programmable and has been programmed already, the user requested values will not be programmed to the device. In this case, the values that are stored on the device that do not match the requested values will be highlighted.

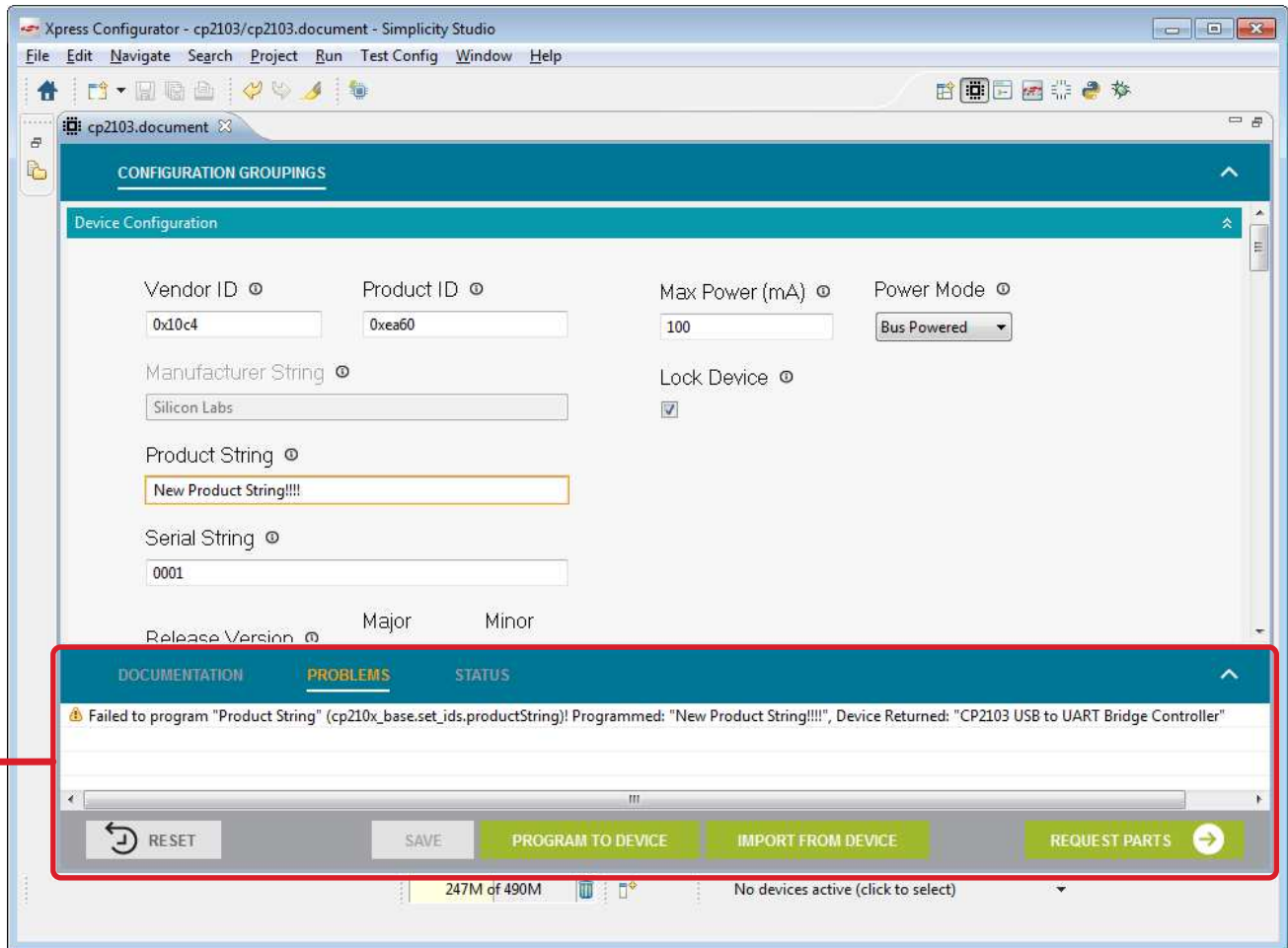


Figure 3.3. Xpress Configurator Programming Validation

The tool also includes data sheet-derived information about each configurable parameter. This information can be accessed by clicking on the small [i] buttons next to each parameter. The data sheet text will then appear in the documentation pane toward the bottom of the screen.

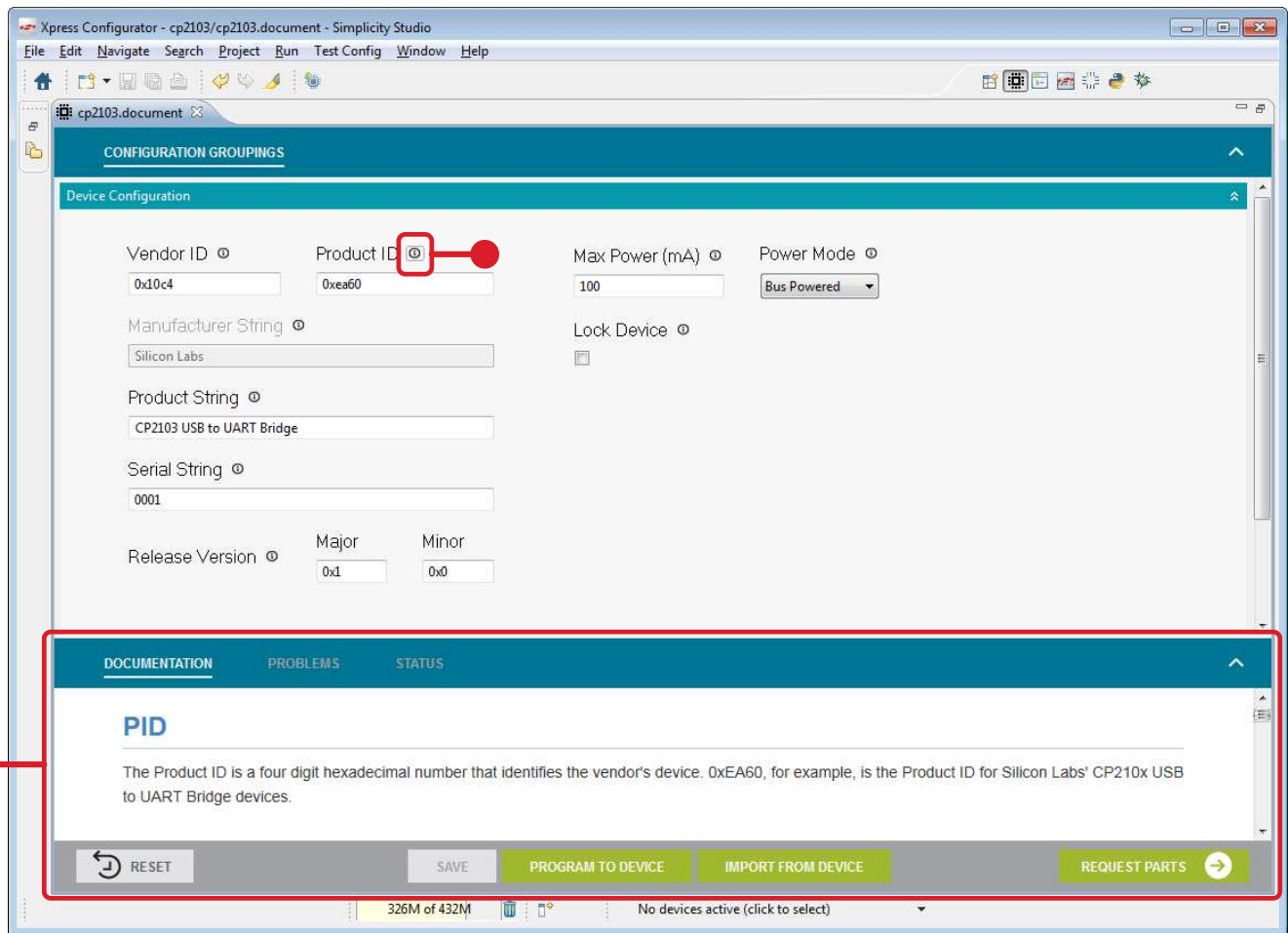


Figure 3.4. Xpress Configurator Parameter Documentation

Additionally, the tool provides real-time status updates during device programming and device importing in a **[Status]** pane near the bottom of the project view. These messages will often contain status information returned directly from the programming library.

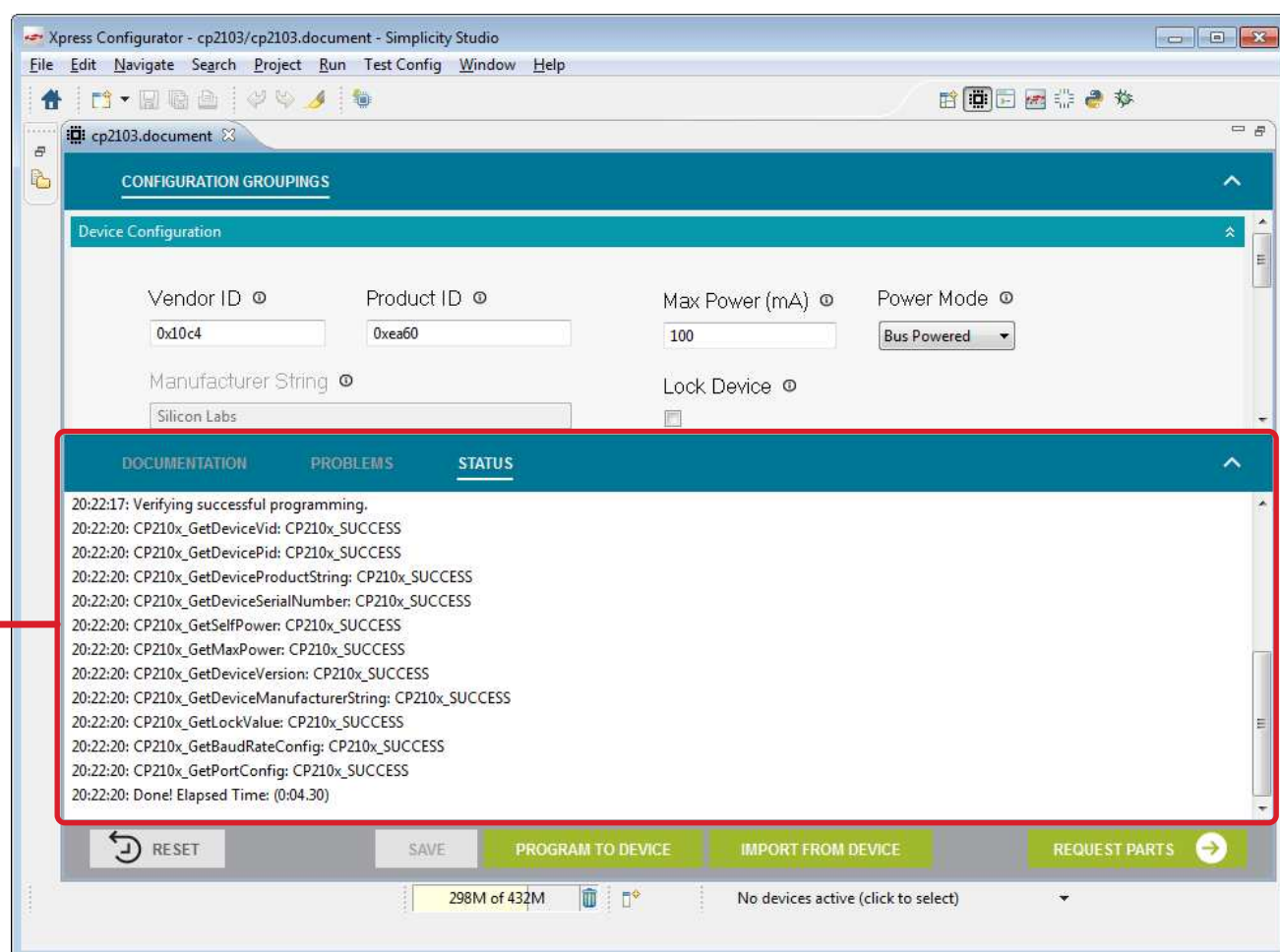


Figure 3.5. Xpress Configurator Status Updates

The descriptions of these status messages can be found within the corresponding programming API document for each device, found here: <http://www.silabs.com/products/Interface/Pages/interface-application-notes.aspx>.

- CP210x devices — AN978: *CP210x USB-to-UART API Specification*
- CP2110, CP2114 — AN433: *CP2110/4 HID-to-UART API Specification*
- CP2112 — AN496: *CP2112 HID USB-to-SMBus API Specification*
- CP2130 — AN792: *CP2130 Interface Specification*

Once a configuration has been finalized, the tool can also be used to generate output configurations for production program, or request pre-programmed parts from Silicon Labs.

Whenever the project is saved, a configuration file is generated, named `<project name>.configuration`. This file can be used in conjunction with the [4.1 Standalone Manufacturing Tools](#) to perform production programming of devices.

To order pre-programmed devices from Silicon Labs, click the **[Request Parts]** button in **[Xpress Configurator]** and fill out the required information. Then, click **[Confirm and Send]**.

The screenshot shows the 'Xpress Configurator - cp2103/cp2103.document - Simplicity Studio' window. The 'REQUEST PARTS' tab is active, displaying a form with two main sections: 'Requester info' and 'Company info'. The 'Requester info' section contains six input fields: 'First name', 'Last name', 'Requestor Email', 'Customer project name', 'Silicon Labs part' (with a dropdown menu showing 'CP2103'), and 'Estimated annual units'. The 'Company info' section contains one input field: 'Company name'. Below the form, there are three tabs: 'DOCUMENTATION', 'PROBLEMS', and 'STATUS'. At the bottom of the window, there are three buttons: 'CONFIGURE', 'SAVE', and 'CONFIRM AND SEND'. The status bar at the very bottom shows '286M of 432M' and 'No devices active (click to select)'.

Figure 3.6. Xpress Configurator Parts Request

3.1.1 Example Xpress Configurator Usage

The short example in this section illustrates how **[Xpress Configurator]** can be used to configure and program a USBXpress device. For this example, a CP2103 USB-to-UART Bridge will be used.

3.1.1.1 Step 1 — Connecting to the Device

Configuration of a device begins in [Xpress Configurator]. Connecting the board to Simplicity Studio causes a set of compatible apps to appear in the launcher window.

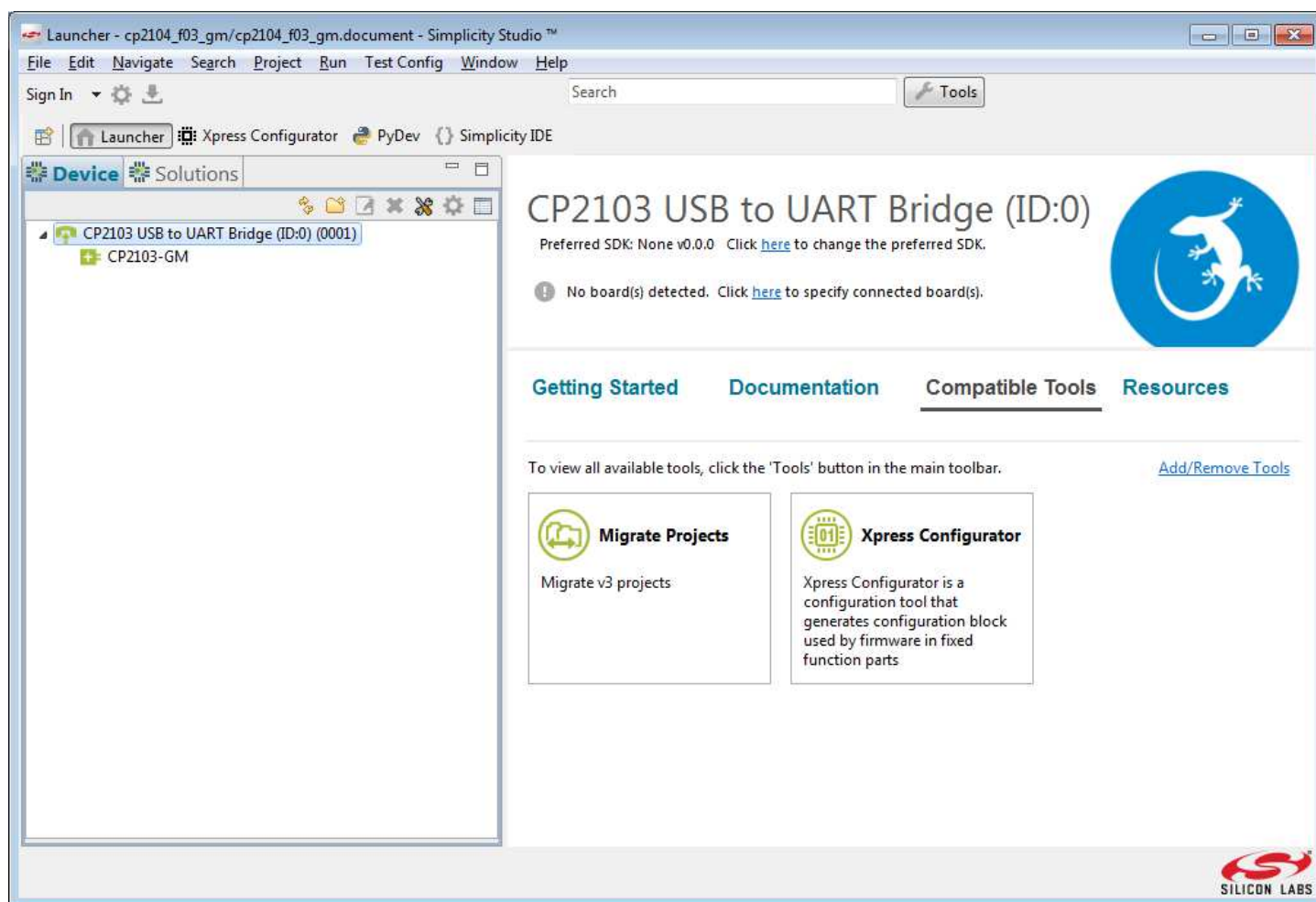


Figure 3.7. Simplicity Studio with a USBXpress Device Connected

Note: In order for Simplicity Studio to detect a CP210x or CP2130 device, a driver associated with the device's VID and PID must be installed on the host machine. See [2.1 Customizing the CP210x Non-HID USB Devices](#) and [2.3 Customizing CP2130 USB-to-SPI Devices](#) for more details.

3.1.1.2 Step 2 — Creating an Xpress Configurator Project

Click on **[Xpress Configurator]** in Simplicity Studio to open the configuration tool.

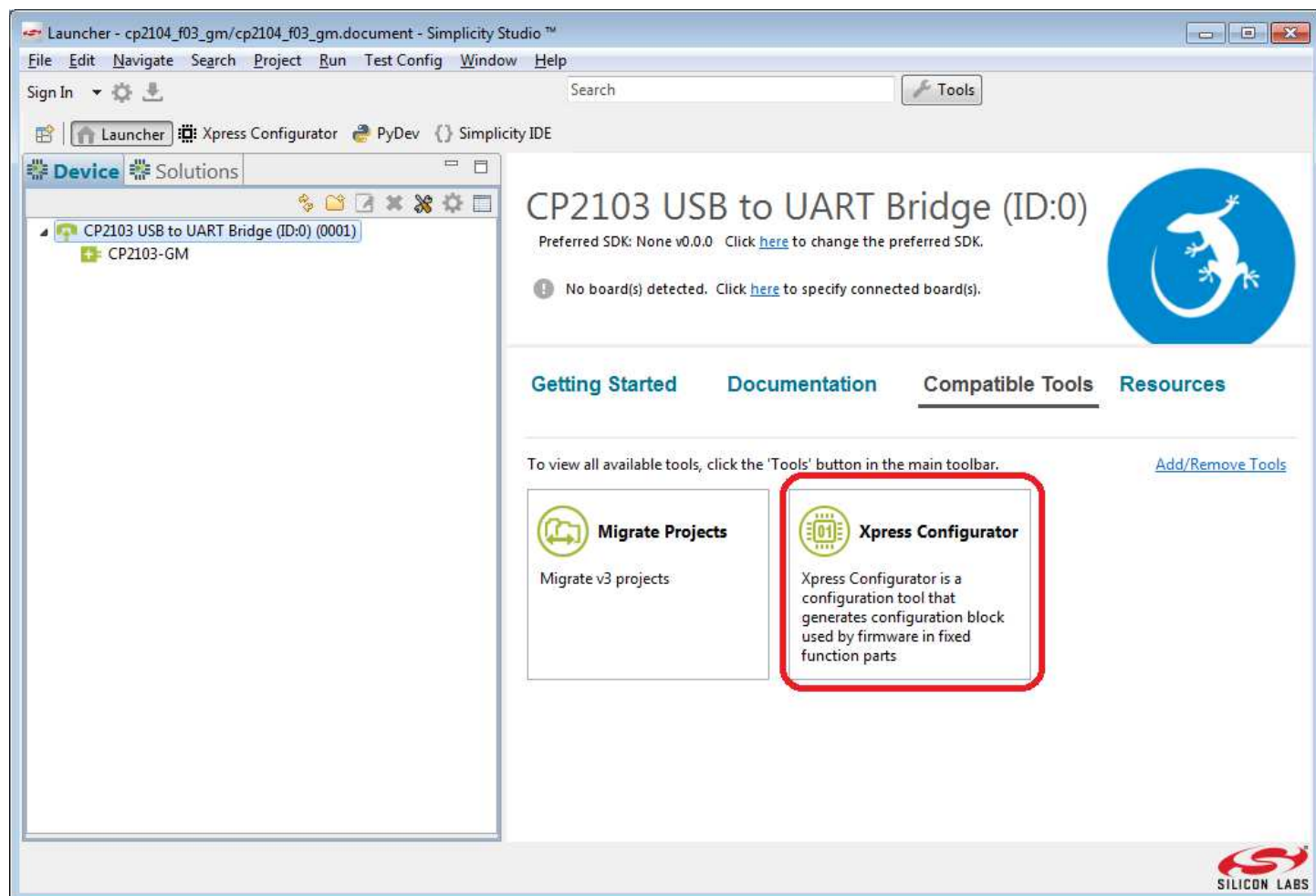


Figure 3.8. Launching Xpress Configurator

If this is the first time [Xpress Configurator] runs, a new project creation dialog box will appear. Otherwise, the last-opened project will automatically open. In this case, create a new project by clicking [File]>[New]>[Xpress Configurator Project].

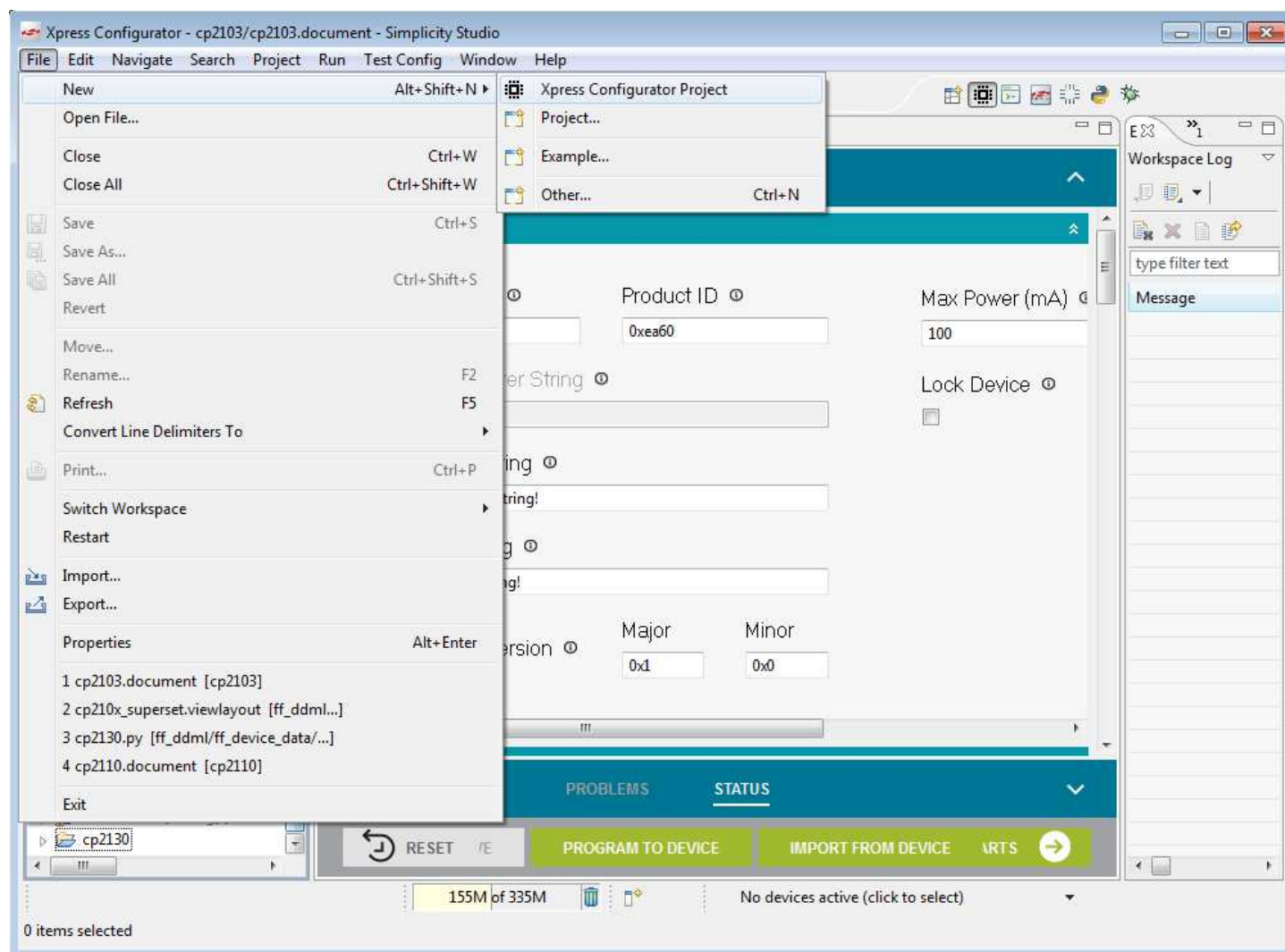


Figure 3.9. Creating a New Xpress Configurator Project

The dialog box that appears will allow the user to select the USBXpress device and name the new project.

3.1.1.3 Step 3 — Device Configuration

A new project will generally be divided into two main configuration areas: **[Device Configuration]**, which contains all available USB and interface-specific options, and **[Port Configuration]**, which contains all options relating to the behavior of the device's port pins. Depending on the device, additional configuration categories may be available.

For this example, enter a custom **[Product String]** and **[Serial String]** in the **[Device Configuration]** section. This will change how the device appears to the host machine whenever it is connected.

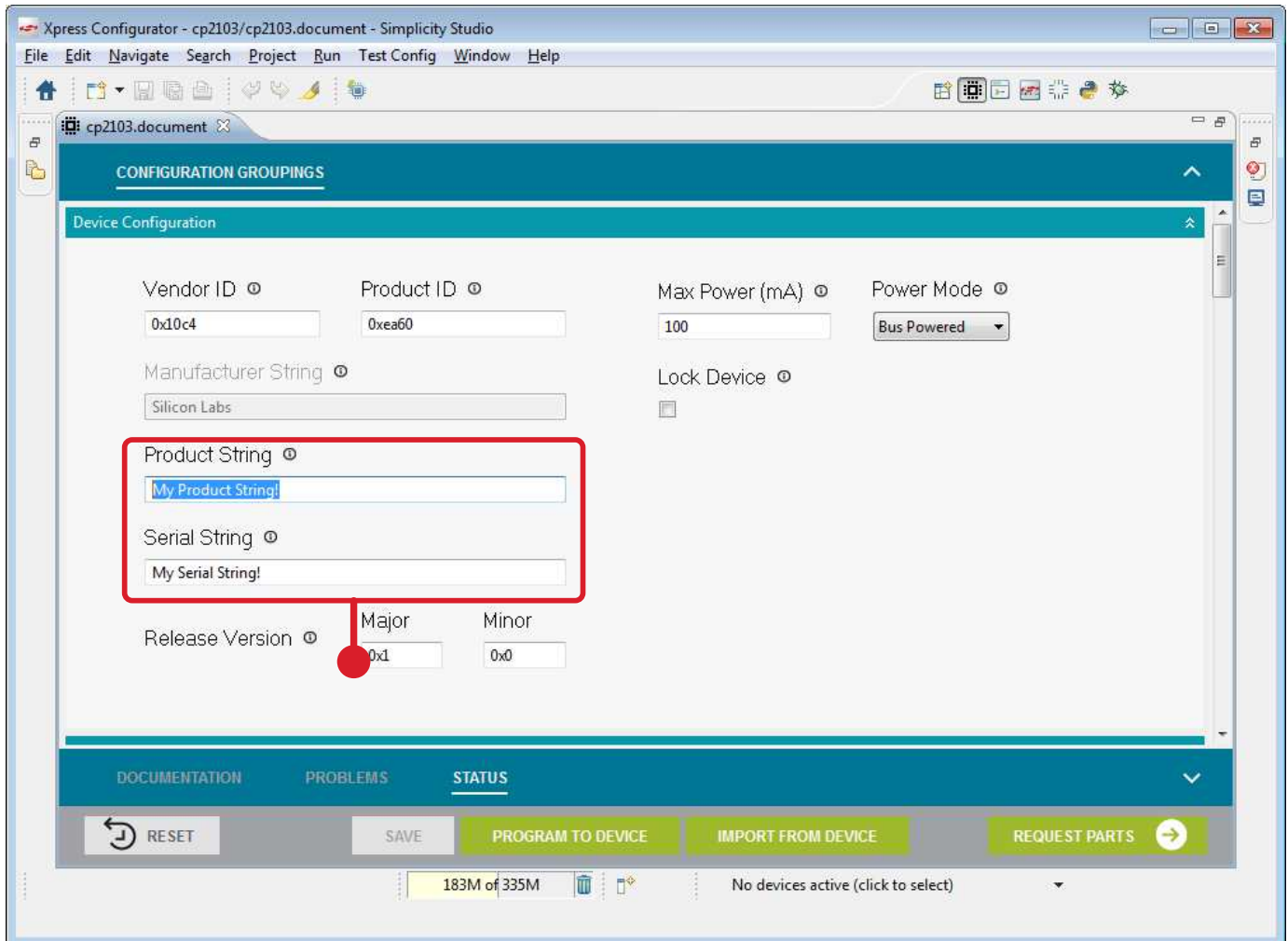


Figure 3.10. Product String and Serial String Customization

Additionally, scroll to the **[Port Configuration: GPIO]** section and change GPIO.2 and GPIO.3 **[Reset Latch]** values to "Low". On the CP2103-EK, this will turn on LEDs DS2 and DS3. Also, configure the **[Latch Control]** option for GPIO.0 and GPIO.1 to TX Toggle and RX Toggle, respectively. This will cause the Transmit and Receive LEDs on the CP2103-EK to blink when the device is transmitting or receiving data over UART.

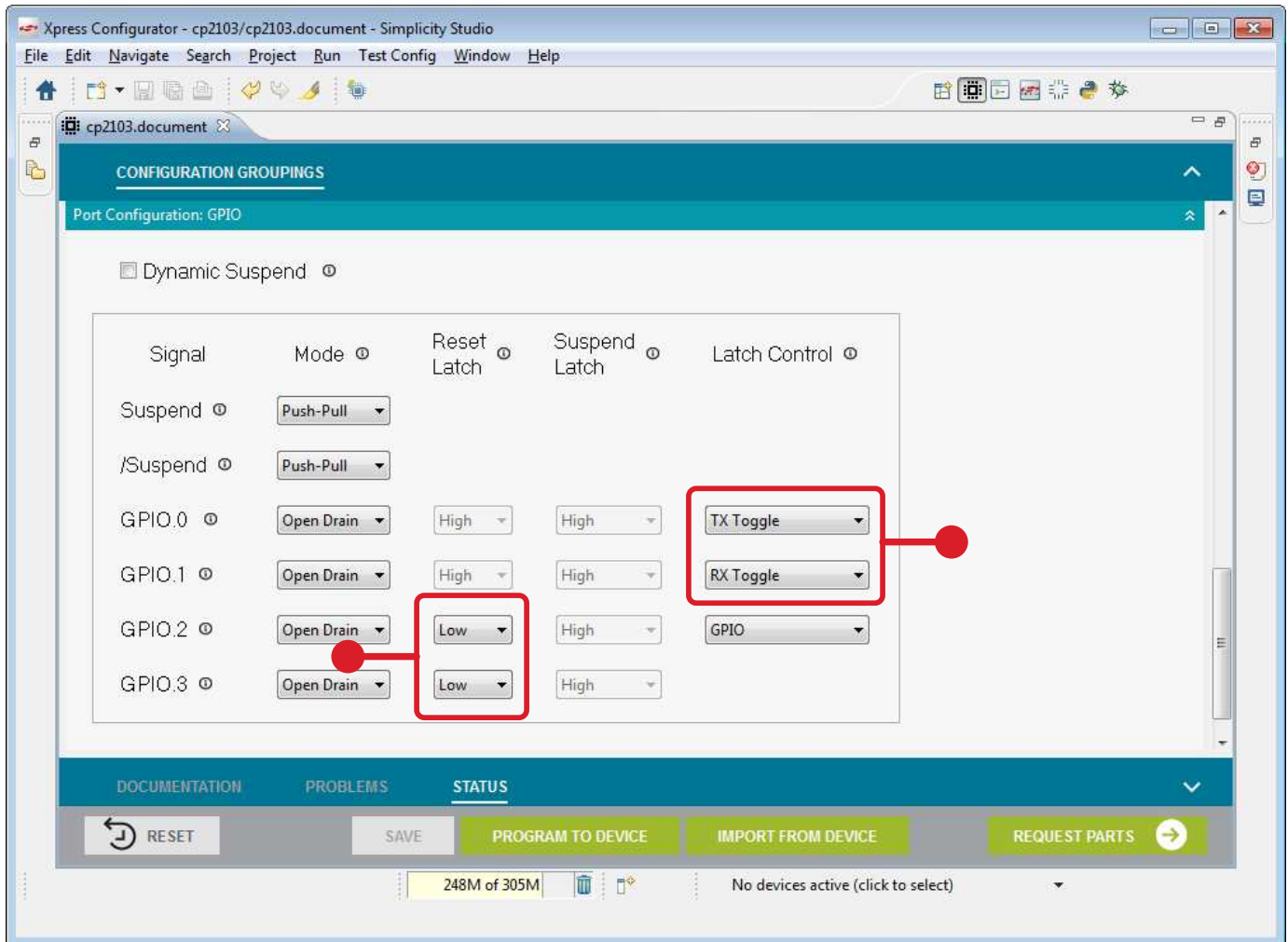


Figure 3.11. GPIO Customization

3.1.1.4 Step 4 — Programming the Device

If no problems appear in the **[Problems]** list, the device can now be programmed. This can be accomplished by clicking **[Program To Device]**.

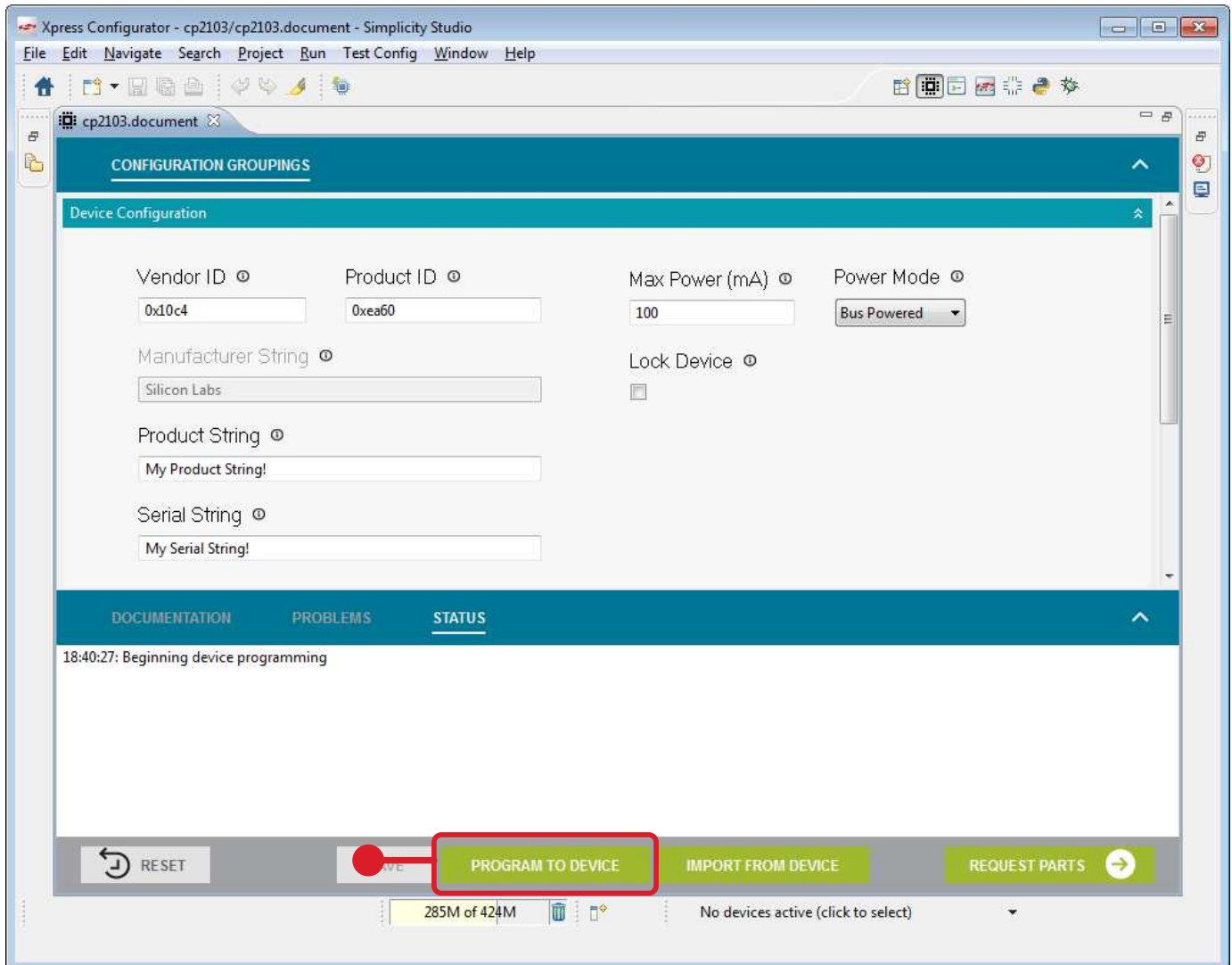


Figure 3.12. Programming Device

During programming, the **[Status]** list will update in real-time, providing feedback during the programming process.

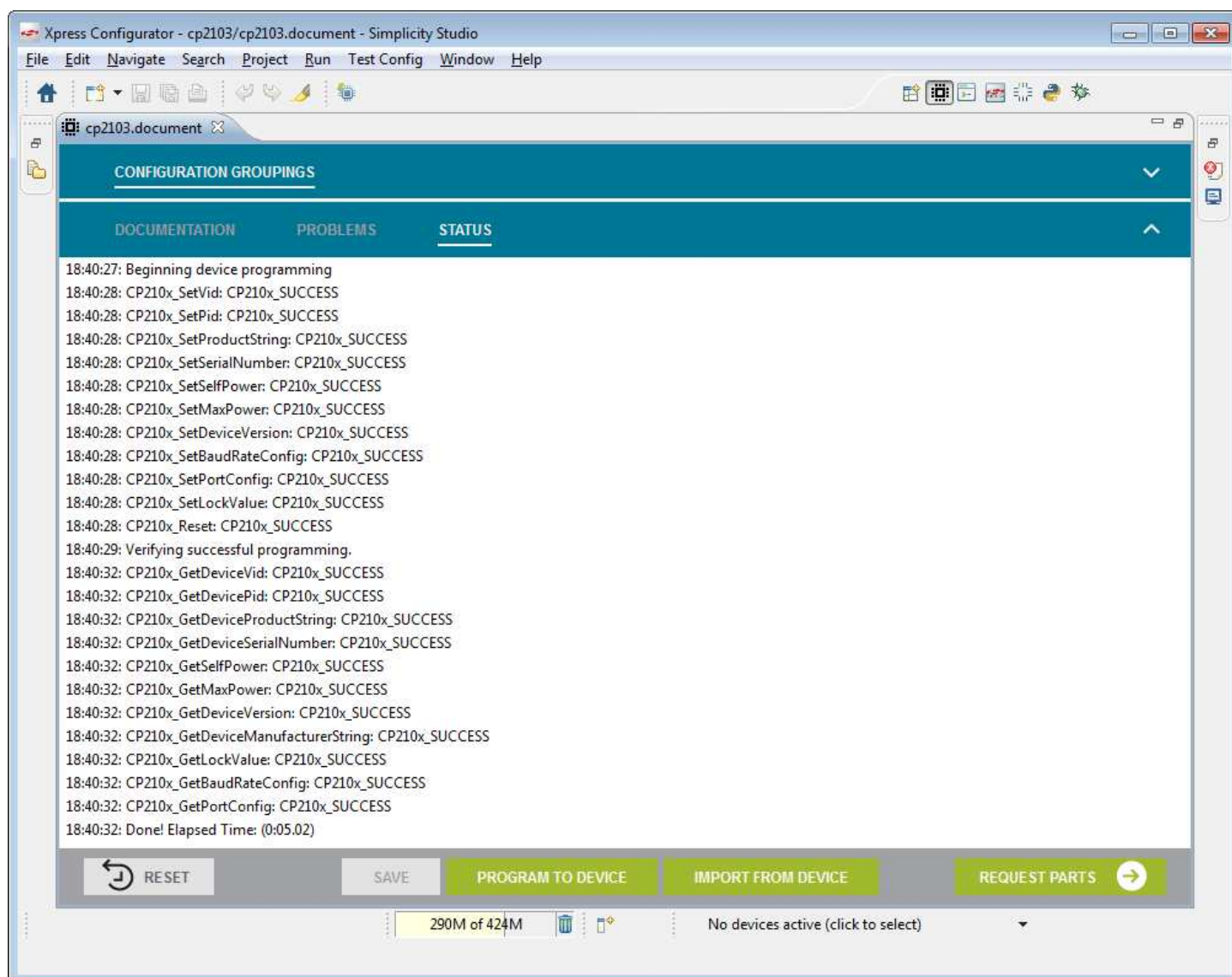


Figure 3.13. Status Updates

3.1.1.5 Step 5 — Testing the Configuration

Once the device is programmed, the device is automatically verified to make sure the requested settings were applied. If the device returns different settings than requested, errors will be displayed. If no errors are displayed, the device can then be tested to confirm that the correct behavior is observed. Several utilities can help with this. USB attributes can be confirmed through programs such as USB View for Windows.

In the figure below, the selected device has been programmed with the product string "My Product String!" and the serial string "My Serial String!". Selecting the device in USB View confirms that these settings have been programmed successfully and have been received by the host machine.

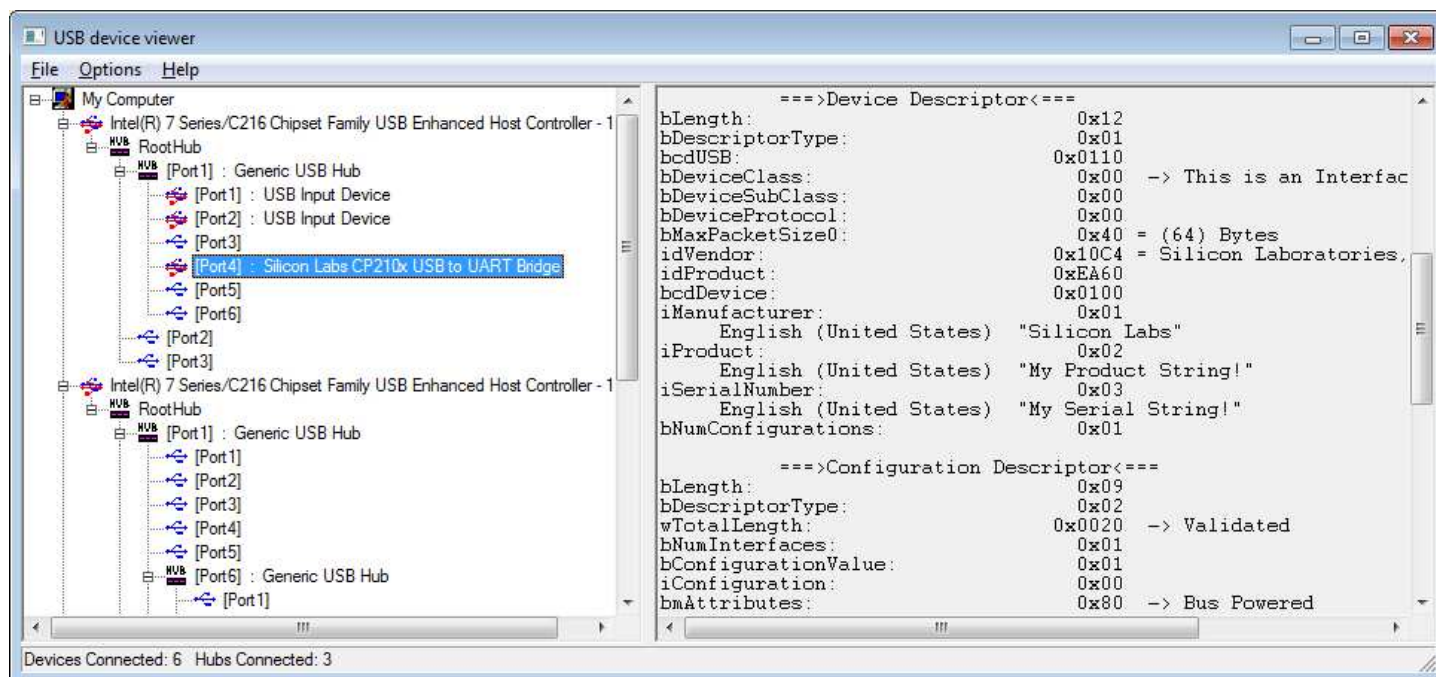


Figure 3.14. Device Properties Verification with USB View

Other programs can be used to verify other aspects of the device's behavior. For USB-to-UART USBXpress devices with an associated Virtual Com Port driver, serial terminal programs such as Hyperterminal can be used to test UART behavior. For other devices, the example applications distributed with their respective software packages can be used.

3.1.2 Troubleshooting Common Problems

This section describes common errors and problems that may occur when using Xpress Configurator. For errors other than these, or if the solutions given do not resolve the issue, please contact Silicon Labs customer support at <http://www.silabs.com/support/Pages/default.aspx>.

3.1.2.1 Settings Failed to Program Correctly

This error applies to all USBXpress devices.

Error

After programming the device, the **[Status]** pane indicates programming and verification succeeded, but the **[Problems]** view indicates that many fields failed to program.

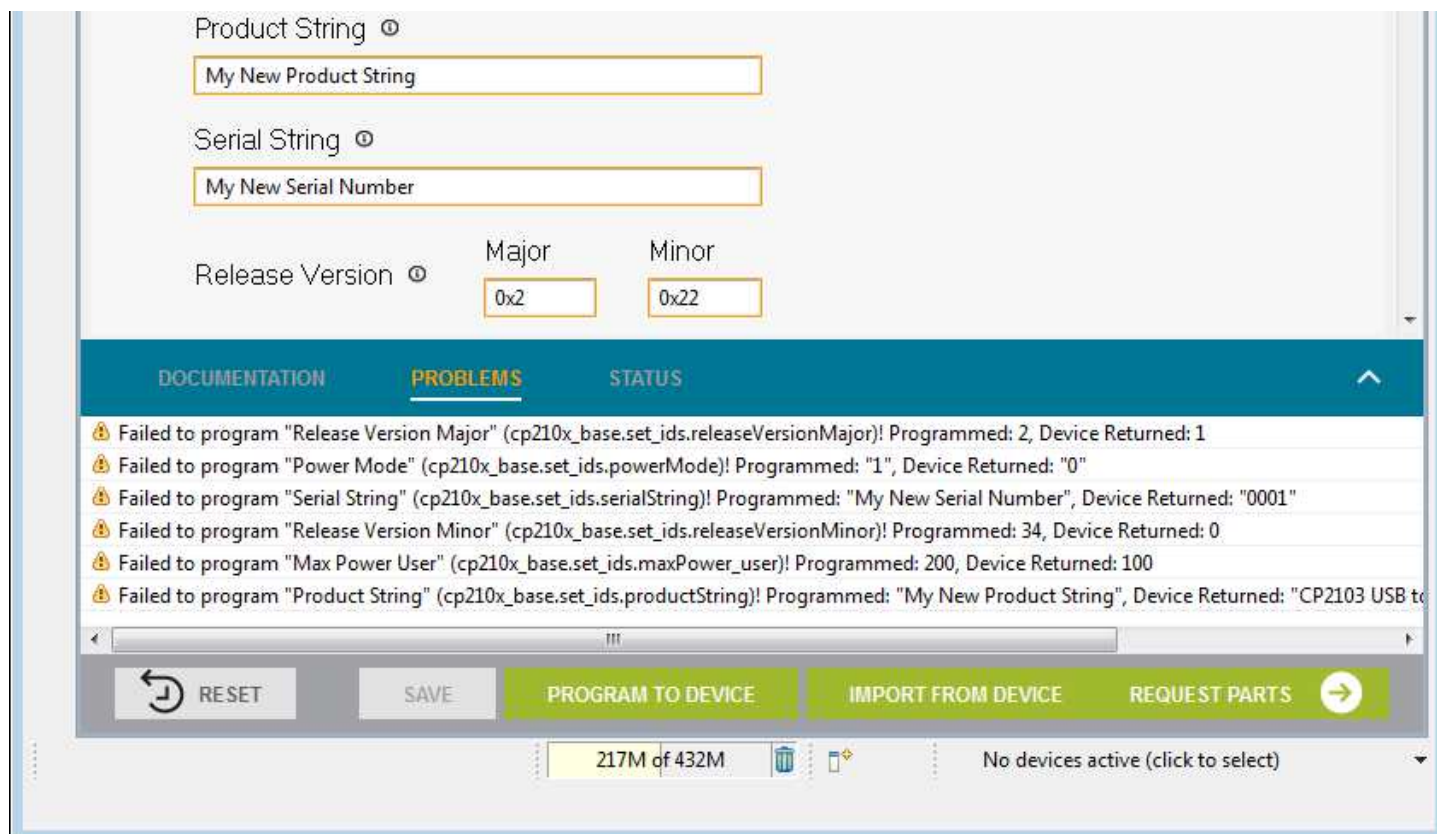


Figure 3.15. Settings Failed to Program

Problem

This error is most often the result of programming fields on a one-time programmable device that have already been programmed once before. This can also result if the device has been locked. This behavior is expected in these circumstances.

Solution

If this is a one-time programmable device, or a device that has been locked, a new device will need to be obtained in order to program the desired settings.

3.1.2.2 Device Not Found After Programming

The following issue applies only to CP210x devices: CP2101, CP2102, CP2102N, CP2103, CP2104, CP2105, CP2108, CP2109

Error

During device programming, the programming portion succeeds, while the verification fails with an error message `CP210x_DEVICE_NOT_FOUND`. Subsequent attempts to program the device or import settings from the device fail.

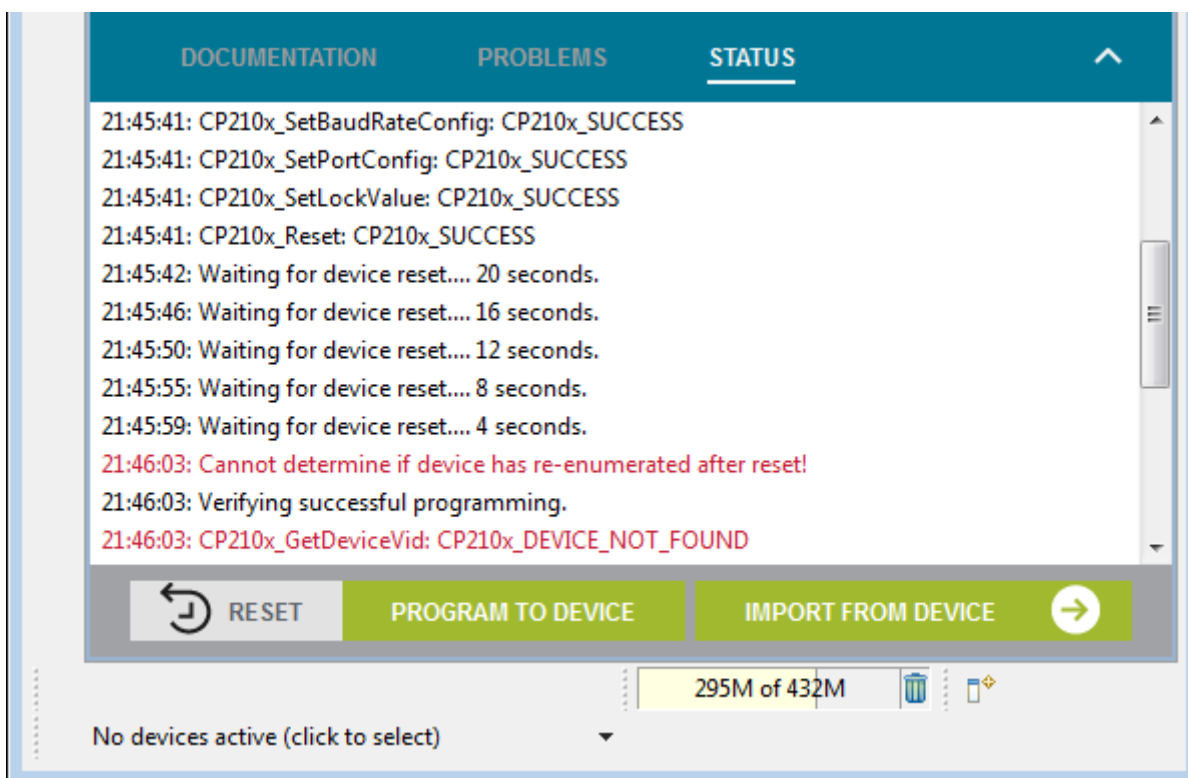


Figure 3.16. Device Not Found After Programming

Problem

This is often caused when the device's Vendor ID (VID) or Product ID (PID) are changed, but there is no driver associated with this VID/PID combination installed on the host machine. This occurs because USB drivers associate with USB devices based on the VID/PID of the device, and the device to be programmed must be detected by a driver before it can be programmed.

Solution

Customize and install a driver for this device that matches the programmed VID/PID combination.

3.1.2.3 Device Unresponsive

The following issue applies only to one-time programmable devices: CP2104, CP2105, CP2109, CP2110, CP2112, CP2114, CP2130

Error

During device programming, programming pauses without status updates for several seconds, then the error message `No response received from the device!` is displayed in the **[Status]** pane. Subsequent attempts to program the device or import settings from the device fail.

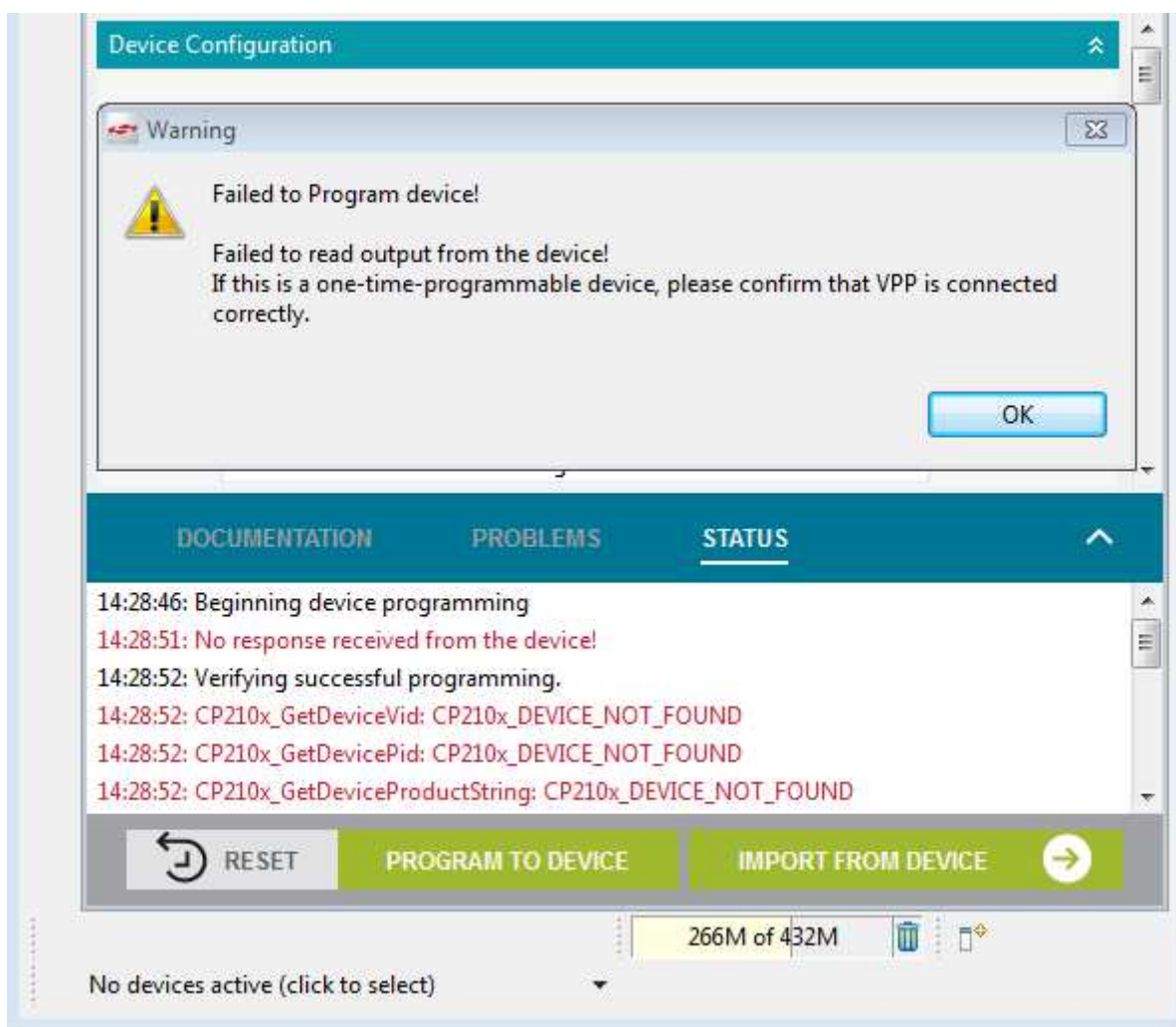


Figure 3.17. Device Unresponsive

Problem

This is often caused when the VPP pin on the device is connected incorrectly. For one-time programmable devices, this pin generally requires a capacitor connected between the pin and ground for in-system programming. Connecting this pin directly to ground or VDD, or omitting this capacitor, will cause programming to fail in this manner.

Solution

Check VPP and make sure that it is connected according to the device's datasheet. Additionally, once VPP is connected properly, the device may need to be reset.

3.1.2.4 Functions not supported

The following issue applies to all USBXpress devices.

Error

During device programming, one or all of the status messages return the error `CP210x_FUNCTION_NOT_SUPPORTED`, or an equivalent.

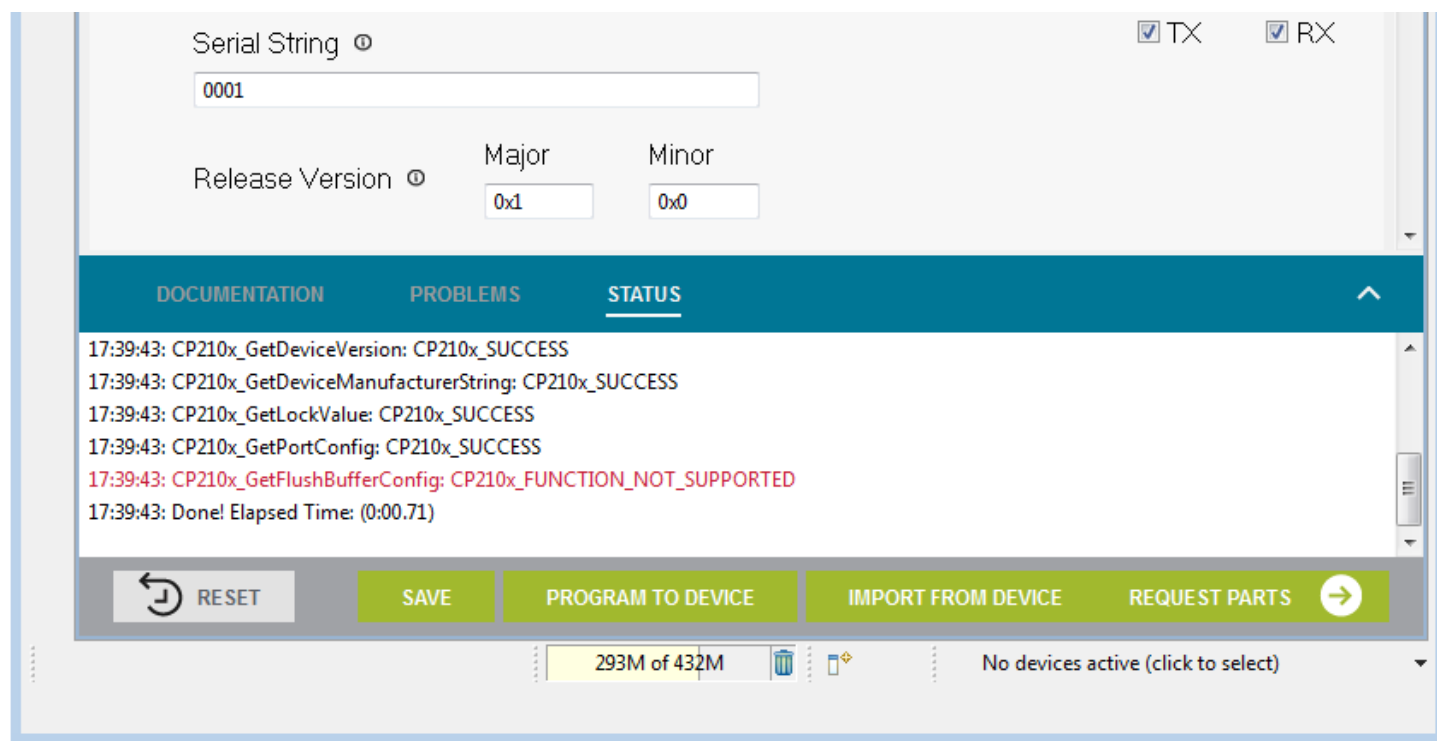


Figure 3.18. Function Not Supported

Problem

This is most often caused by attempting to program a device with a configuration for a different part number, e.g. programming a CP2103 with a CP2104 project, since capabilities vary from part to part. This can also occur if using old revisions of a particular part that did not implement a particular capability.

Solution

Ensure the project used to configure the device matches the device's part number. If the device and project match, but an error is still generated, check the revision of the device being programmed. If it is an older revision, this error can be ignored.

3.2 CP21xx Device Customization Software

The descriptors and other configurable options of the devices in the CP2114 family are modifiable using the Windows program CP21xx Device Customization Software.exe [Figure 3.19 Device Customization Software General Overview on page 24](#). The software program automatically recognizes the device that is plugged into the PC.

When the CP21xxCustomizationUtility.exe is launched, the program searches the Windows registry for any CP21xx devices attached to the PC. The full path information for all of the devices found is inserted into the “Select Device” drop-down list, and the first device is selected automatically. This CP21xxCustomizationUtility.exe program is included in the software zip file in this application note. The descriptions of how to use the program is described in more detail in the following sections for the different families of devices. Be aware that one-time programmable (OTP) devices can only be changed once. The program can access the fields but will not be able to program them more than once.

The CP21xx Device Customization Software uses the Windows Host API functions implemented by all the DLL files for the different families of devices mentioned. The Host API functions give read/write access to the descriptors contained in programmable areas of a connected device. Another option is implementing a custom application using the host API with the DLL suited to the individual needs of a particular production environment. The descriptors can also be set in the factory at production time for large orders. Contact your Silicon Laboratories sales representative for details.

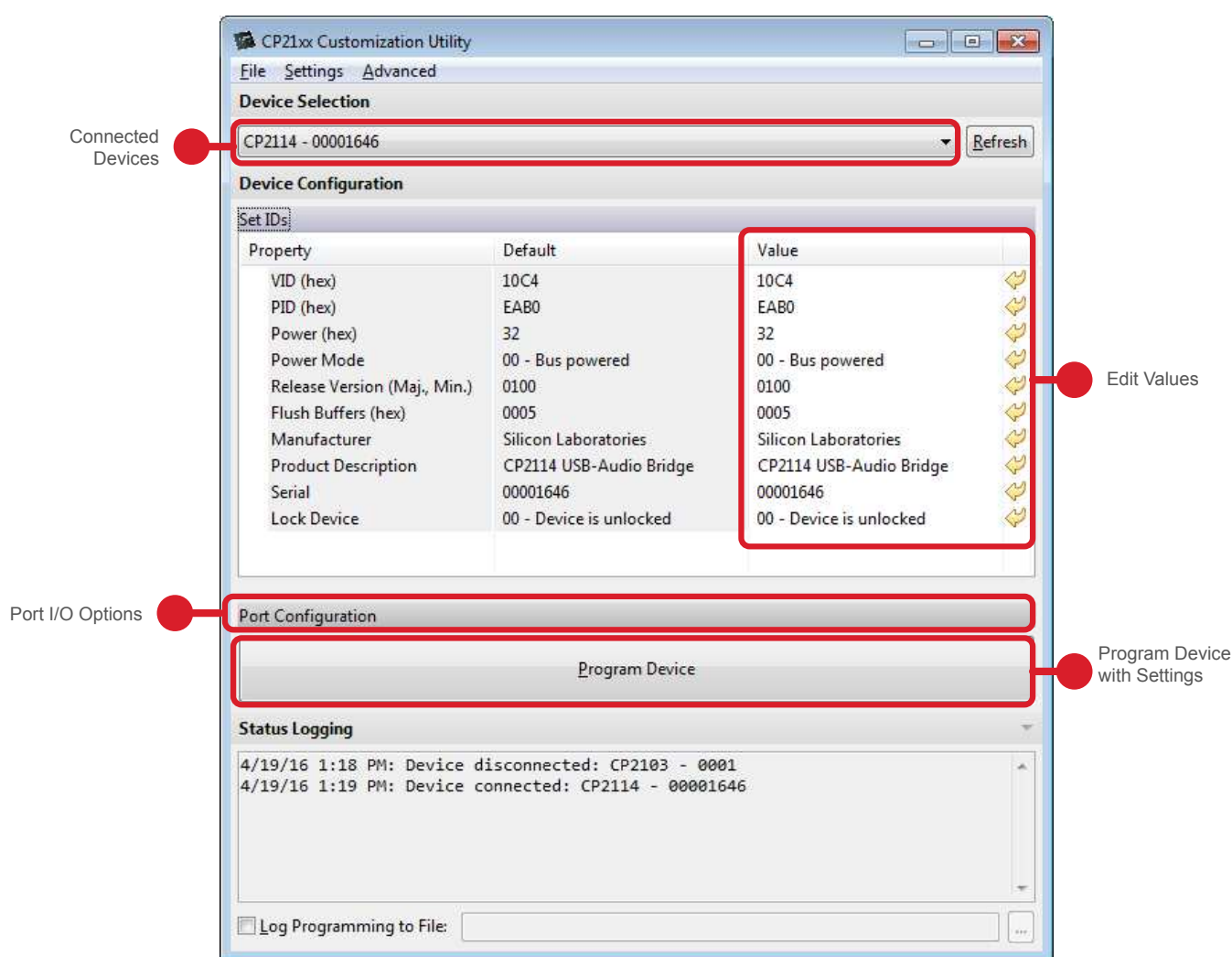


Figure 3.19. Device Customization Software General Overview

In the above example, there are two main sections that can be edited. The first one is the Set IDs section as shown, followed by the Port Configuration section, which is collapsed. Changes can be made in each of these sections and saved by clicking on the “Program Device” button. This will save the values into flash or one-time programmable memory. The Status Logging window updates and prints out all the transactions to verify the device has programmed correctly.