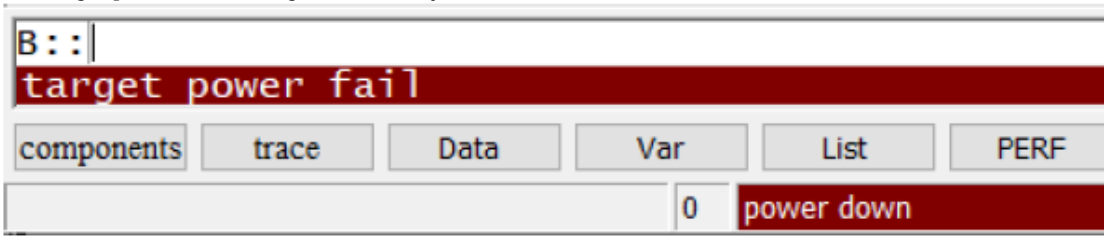
[Arm] SYStem.Up / SYStem.Mode Attach returns "target power fail"

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The "target power fail" message is essentially a connection failure indicator:



This error message means that no power has been detected on the reference voltage pin that can be found on

- Pin 1 (VTREF) for the ARM-20 connector
- Pin 1 (VREF DEBUG) for the MIPI-10/20/34 connectors
- Pin 14 (JTAG-VTREF) for the Mictor-38 connector (if used for debugging)
- Pin 5 (VTREF) for the TI-14 and TI-20 Compact connectors

Please refer to ARM JTAG Interface Specifications for more information about the pin mappings of the different connector types.

Check list:

- Check if the target is powered
- Check if the debug cable is properly connected to the target, especially when an adapter is used (bad wiring)
- Check if the debug cable is connected in the correct way or is connected to the right debug connector if multiple connectors are available on the target board
- Measure the power on the reference voltage pin: Power must be greater than 0.9V.
- Check the target schematics:
    - Is the reference voltage pin properly connected to the JTAG header?
    - Is the GND pin correctly connected?
- Cross-check with another debug cable if available.

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