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(ii) integrating QNX Runtime Component object code programs, libraries and utilities with files the developers have generated using their QNX Momentics Tools in order to define the system’s operational constraints, to tailor its functionality and, if equipped with a graphical user interface, to create its appearance, in order to meet the Target System’s design requirements.

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