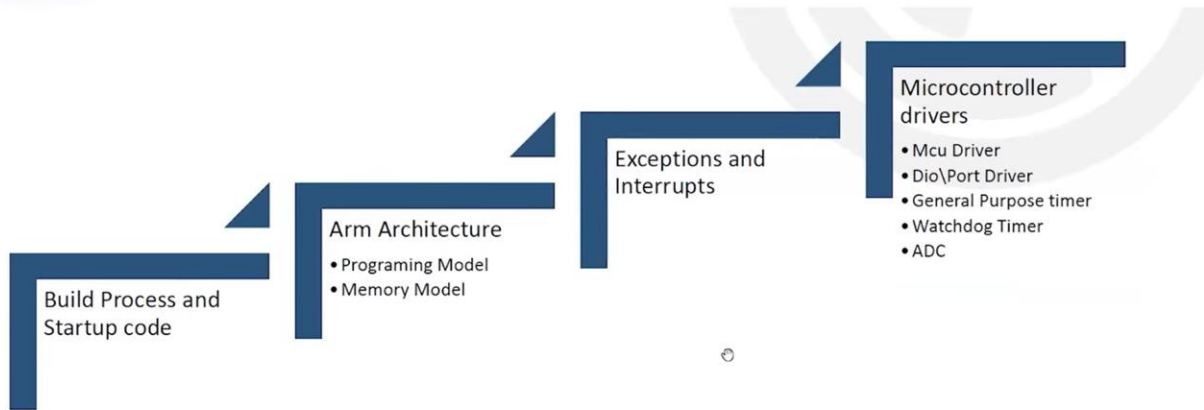


# Course Roadmap



## What is ARM?

- Advanced RISC Machine
- low-power processor
- low interrupt latency
- low-cost debug.



## ARM INSTRUCTION SET VS. THUMB INSTRUCTION SET

- Thumb instructions are each 16 bits long, and have a corresponding 32-bit ARM instruction that has the same effect on the processor model.
- On execution, 16-bit Thumb instructions are transparently decompressed to full 32-bit ARM instructions in real time, without performance loss.
- Thumb code is typically 65% of the size of ARM code.
- The availability of both 16-bit Thumb and 32-bit ARM instruction sets gives designers the flexibility to emphasize performance or code size on a subroutine level, according to the requirements of their applications.
  - For example, critical loops for applications such as fast interrupts and DSP algorithms can be coded using the full ARM instruction set then linked with Thumb code.

ARMv7-M only supports execution of Thumb instructions.

## ARMV7 ARCHITECTURE PROFILES.



### CORTEX-A

The application profile for systems supporting the ARM and Thumb instruction sets, and requiring virtual address support in the memory management model.



### CORTEX-R

The real-time profile for systems supporting the ARM and Thumb instruction sets, and requiring physical address only support in the memory management model



### CORTEX-M

The micro controller profile for systems supporting only the Thumb instruction set, and where overall size and deterministic operation for an implementation are more important than absolute performance.

## CORTEX-M ARCHITECTURE

Cortex-M	ARMv6-M	Cortex-M0 <sup>[12]</sup>	Microcontroller profile, most Thumb + some Thumb-2, <sup>[13]</sup> hardware multiply instruction (optional small), optional system timer, optional bit-banding memory
		Cortex-M0+ <sup>[14]</sup>	Microcontroller profile, most Thumb + some Thumb-2, <sup>[13]</sup> hardware multiply instruction (optional small), optional system timer, optional bit-banding memory
		Cortex-M1 <sup>[15]</sup>	Microcontroller profile, most Thumb + some Thumb-2, <sup>[13]</sup> hardware multiply instruction (optional small), OS option adds SVC / banked stack pointer, optional system timer, no bit-banding memory
	ARMv7-M	Cortex-M3 <sup>[18]</sup>	Microcontroller profile, Thumb / Thumb-2, hardware multiply and divide instructions, optional bit-banding memory
	ARMv7E-M	Cortex-M4 <sup>[16]</sup>	Microcontroller profile, Thumb / Thumb-2 / DSP / optional VFPv4-SP single-precision FPU, hardware multiply and divide instructions, optional bit-banding memory
		Cortex-M7 <sup>[20]</sup>	Microcontroller profile, Thumb / Thumb-2 / DSP / optional VFPv5 single and double precision FPU, hardware multiply and divide instructions
	ARMv8-M	Cortex-M23 <sup>[21]</sup>	Microcontroller profile, Thumb-1 (most), Thumb-2 (some), Divide, TrustZone
		Cortex-M33 <sup>[22]</sup>	Microcontroller profile, Thumb-1, Thumb-2, Saturated, DSP, Divide, FPU (SP), TrustZone, Co-processor
		Cortex-M35P <sup>[23]</sup>	Microcontroller profile, Thumb-1, Thumb-2, Saturated, DSP, Divide, FPU (SP), TrustZone, Co-processor

## ARM CORTEX-M PROCESSOR FAMILY



CORTEX-M0

- Uses the Armv6-M (only supports 16-bit thumb instructions)



CORTEX-M0+

- Uses the Armv7-M which supports the Thumb2 instruction set (16-bit + 32-bit instructions)



CORTEX-M3

- Richer instruction set
- architecture
- Harvard Architecture
- Write buffer
- Fewer Interrupt latency cycles



CORTEX-M4

- Capability for DSP

## MICROCONTROLLER BASED ON ARM CORTEXM4

### Analog Devices

CM400 Mixed-Signal Control Processors

### Microchip (Atmel)

- SAM 4L, 4N, 4S, 4C
- (one Cortex-M4F + one Cortex-M4),
- SAM 4E, D5, E5, G5
- CEC1302
- Nordic nRF52
- nuvoTon NuMicro M4 Family

### NXP (Freescale)

- Kinetis K, W2
  - LPC4000, LPC4300
- (one Cortex-M4F + one Cortex-M0)
- Kinetis K, V3, V4
  - Vybrid VF6 (one Cortex-A5 + one Cortex-M4F)
  - i.MX 6 SoloX
- (one Cortex-A9 + one Cortex-M4F)
- i.MX 7 Solo/Dual
- (one or two Cortex-A7 + one Cortex-M4F)

### Texas Instruments

- SimpleLink Wi-Fi CC32xx and CC32xxMOD

- LM4F, TM4C, MSP432, CC13x2R, CC1352P, CC26x2R
- OMAP 5

(two Cortex-A15s + two Cortex-M4)

- Sitara AM5700
- (one or two Cortex-A15s + two Cortex-M4s as image processing units + two Cortex-M4s as general purpose units)

### Cypress

- PSoC 6200 (one Cortex-M4F + one Cortex-M0+), FM4

### Infineon

- XMC4000

### Renesas

- Synergy S3, S5, S7

### Silicon Labs

- EFM32 Wonder

### ST

- STM32 F3, F4, L4, L4+, WB
- (one Cortex-M4F + one Cortex-M0+)

### Toshiba

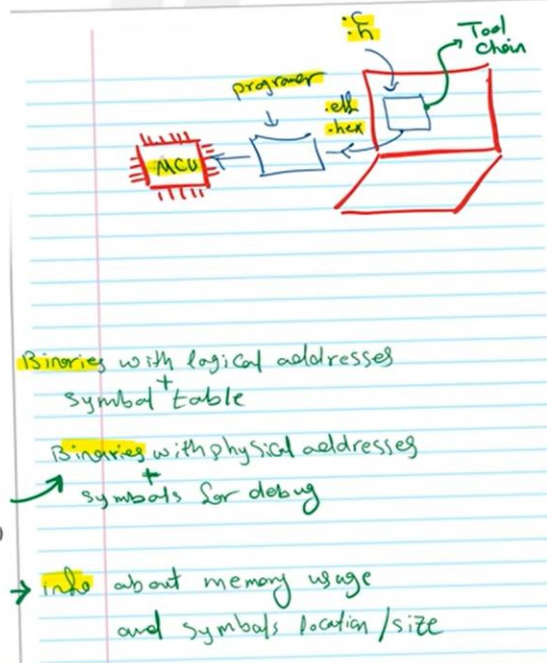
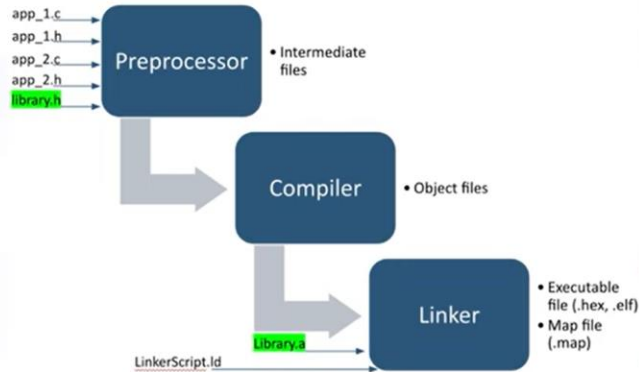
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# BUILD PROCESS

GNU ARM TOOL CHAIN

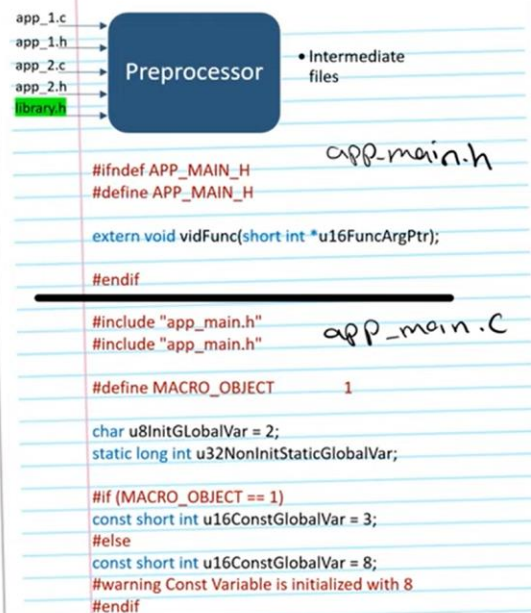
# COMPILATION PROCESS OVERVIEW



## PREPROCESSOR

The preprocessor performs a series of textual transformations on its input. These happen before all other processing.

- Merge continued line '\'
- Replace comments with single space
- '#' and '##' operators
- Inclusion of header files
- Macro Expansion
- Conditions (#if, #elif, #ifdef, #ifndef, #endif)
- Diagnostics (#error, #warning)





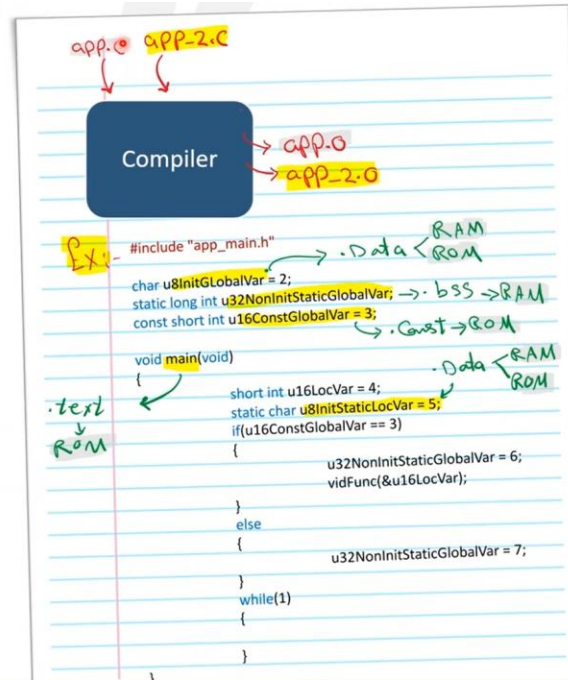
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## Flash

### .vect

-vector table

### .ROMData

-initial value of .data symbols

### .rodata \ .const

-constant global variables  
-strings assigned to pointers

### .text

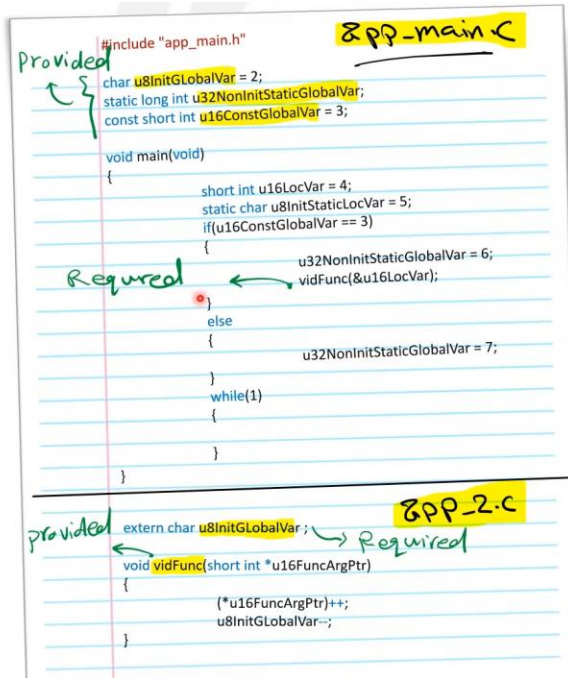
-Instruction

## OBJECT FILES AND SYMBOL TABLE

- An object file is machine code (binary) that has info allows the linker to work.
- The info contains

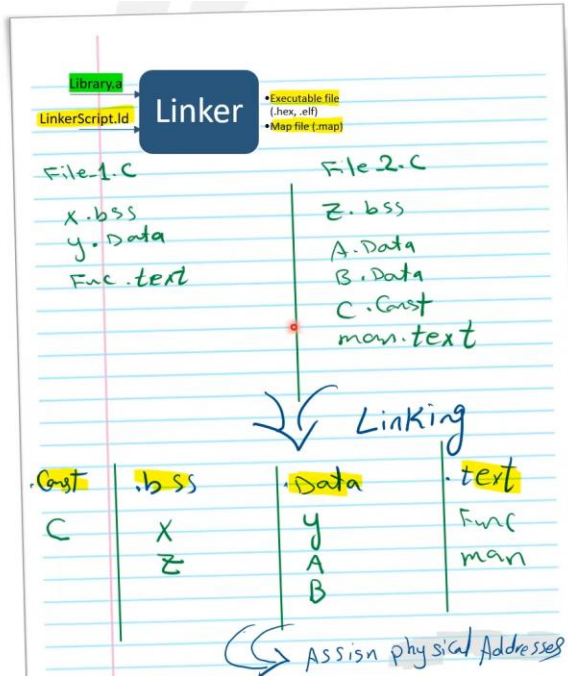
Symbols (Provided \ Required).

- Name and value (if exist)
- Which memory section located in
- Logical address (Offset from the start of section)
- Size
- Line number (for debugging purpose)



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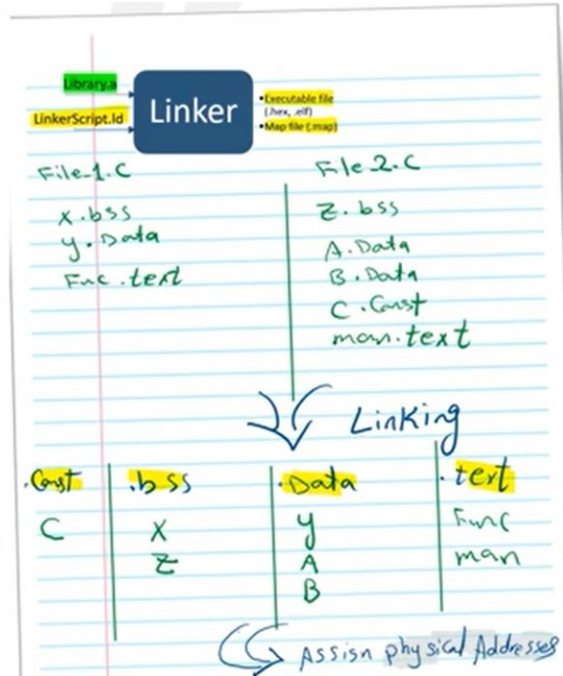
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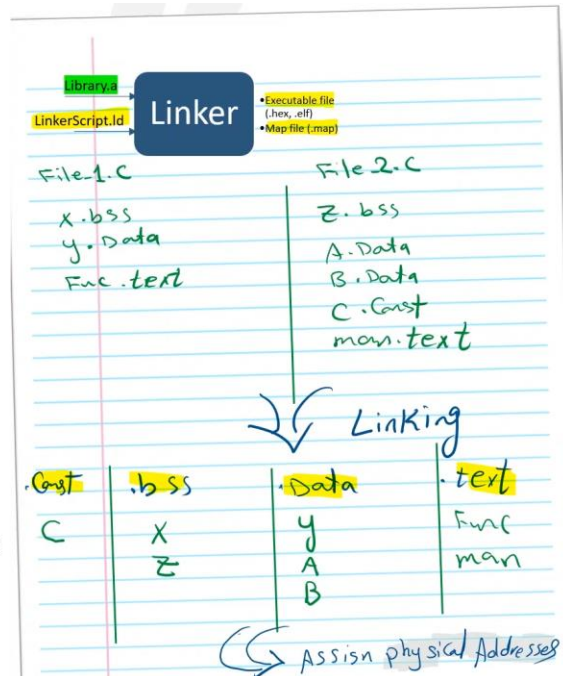
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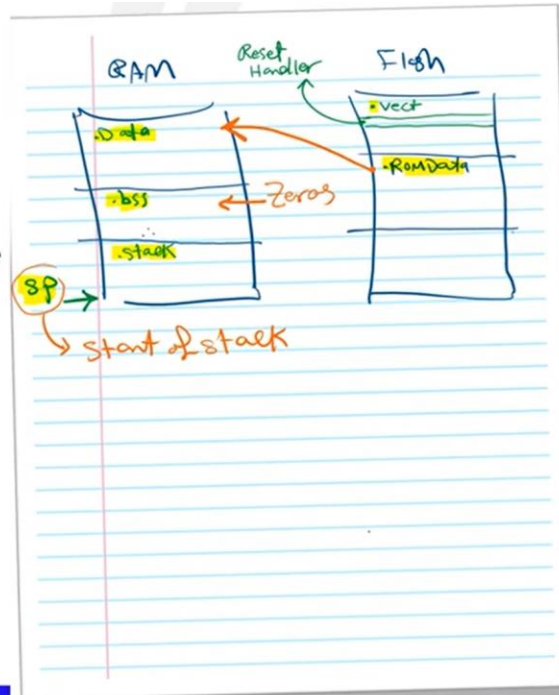
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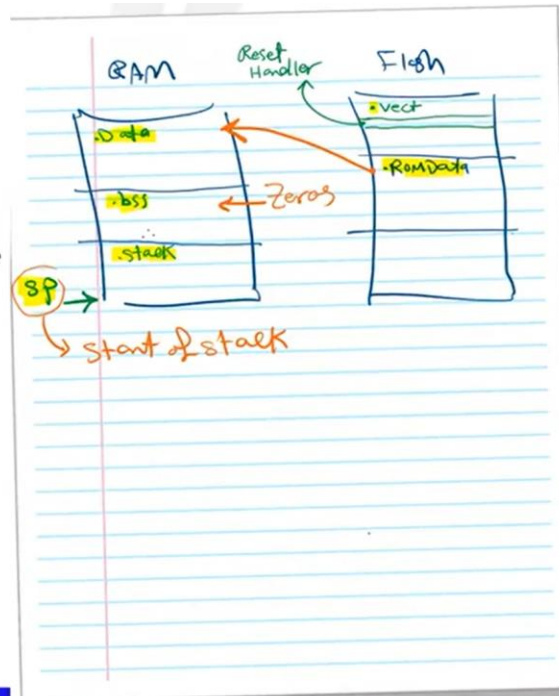
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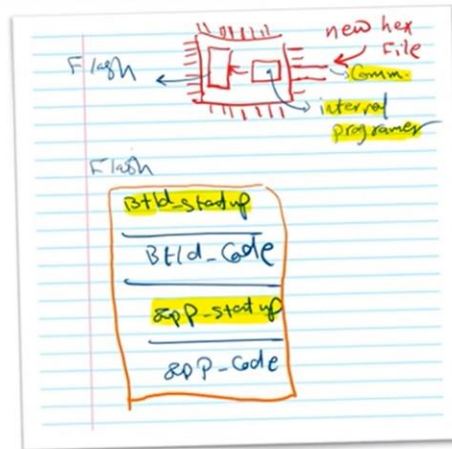


## STARTUP CODE VS BOOTLOADER



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### BOOTLOADER

Separate Program performs application code update through Communication Protocol