

# Compiling and running the Cortex-M Test

## Step 1: Toolchain

**\*\*To download the basic toolchains needed\*\***

1. Run `sudo apt-get update`
2. `sudo apt-get install -y apt-utils build-essential git curl wget jq iproute2 iputils-ping host  
htop python-is-python3 python3-dev python3-pip openssh-server qemu-user  
qemu-system-arm gcc-arm-none-eabi`

## Step 2: Sample code file for Compilation

### **flash.s**

```
.thumb
.thumb_func
.global _start
_start:
stacktop: .word 0x20001000
.word reset
.word hang
```

```
.thumb_func
reset:
    bl notmain
    b hang
```

```
.thumb_func
hang:  b .
```

```
.thumb_func
.globl PUT32
PUT32:
    str r1,[r0]
    bx lr
```

### **notmain.c**

```
void PUT32 ( unsigned int, unsigned int );
#define UART0BASE 0x4000C000
int notmain ( void )
{
    unsigned int rx;
    for(rx=0;rx<8;rx++)
```

```

{
    PUT32(UART0BASE+0x00,0x30+(rx&7));
}
return(0);
}

```

## flash.ld

```
ENTRY(_start)
```

## MEMORY

```

{
    rom : ORIGIN = 0x00000000, LENGTH = 0x1000
    ram : ORIGIN = 0x20000000, LENGTH = 0x1000
}

```

## SECTIONS

```

{
    .text : { *(.text*) } > rom
    .rodata : { *(.rodata*) } > rom
    .bss : { *(.bss*) } > ram
}

```

## Step 3: Steps for compiling sample code

### 1. Compilation with arm-none-eabi

```
Run: arm-none-eabi-as --warn --fatal-warnings -mcpu=cortex-m3
flash.s -o flash.o
```

- **-mcpu=cortex-m3**: This option specifies the target processor for which the assembly code is written.
- **arm-none-eabi-as** : assembler command for arm-none-eabi
- **flash.s** is an assembly language source file written for the ARM Cortex-M3 processor
- **flash.o** is the compiled file
- **--warn**: This option tells the assembler to generate warnings about questionable constructs
- **--fatal-warnings**: any warnings that are generated will be treated as errors, causing the assembly process to stop.

### 2. Run: arm-none-eabi-gcc -Wall -O2 -ffreestanding -mcpu=cortex-m3 -mthumb -c notmain.c -o notmain.o

- **-Wall**: This option enables all the compiler's warning messages.
- **-O2**: This is the optimization level set by GCC.

- **-ffreestanding**: identify the compilation as a freestanding environment where a standard library may not exist
  - **-mthumb**: This option tells the compiler to generate code for the Thumb instruction set, a more compact version of the ARM instruction set, balancing code density and performance.
  - **arm-none-eabi-gcc** : gcc compiler command for arm-none-eabi
3. Run: `arm-none-eabi-ld -nostdlib -nostartfiles -T flash.ld flash.o notmain.o -o notmain.elf`
- **arm-none-eabi-ld**: The linker for arm-none-eabi
  - **-nostdlib**: No standard libraries when linking
  - **-nostartfiles**: No startup files when linking
  - **-T flash.ld**: The linker script
4. Run: `arm-none-eabi-objdump -D notmain.elf > notmain.list`
- **arm-none-eabi-objdump**: This is the command that invokes the GNU Object Dump utility displaying various information about object files.
  - **-D**: tells objdump to disassemble all sections of the input file
  - **> notmain.list**: redirects the output of the objdump command to a file notmain.list instead of displaying it on the terminal.
5. Run: `arm-none-eabi-objcopy -O binary notmain.elf notmain.bin`
- **arm-none-eabi-objcopy**: copy and translate object files into other formats.
  - **-O binary**: -O specifies the output format.

## Step 4(Create a challenge GitHub repo):

1. Create a dojo.yml file:

### Sample:

id: example

//Challenge name

name: Example Dojo

description: |

This is an [example dojo](https://github.com/pwncollege/example-dojo).

Fork this repository, and create your own dojo!

type: example

//module name and challenge name

modules:

- id: main

name: main

description: The first module in this example dojo.

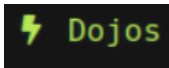
challenges:

- id: main
- name: main
- description: This is main.

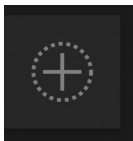
2. Create a directory folder
3. Store notmain.bin and notmain.list the directory folder
4. Push to GitHub

### Step 5(Adding & Running the challenges):

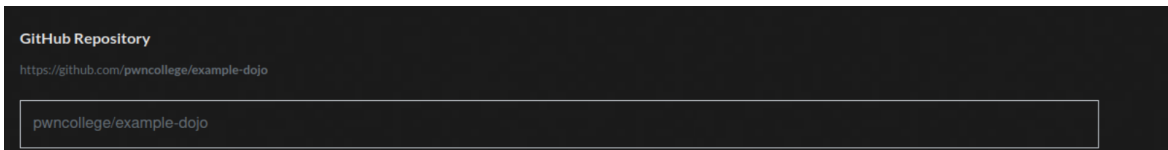
1. Go to <http://pwniot.cacti.academy/>
2. Login as admin (username: admin password: admin)
3. Click Dojos



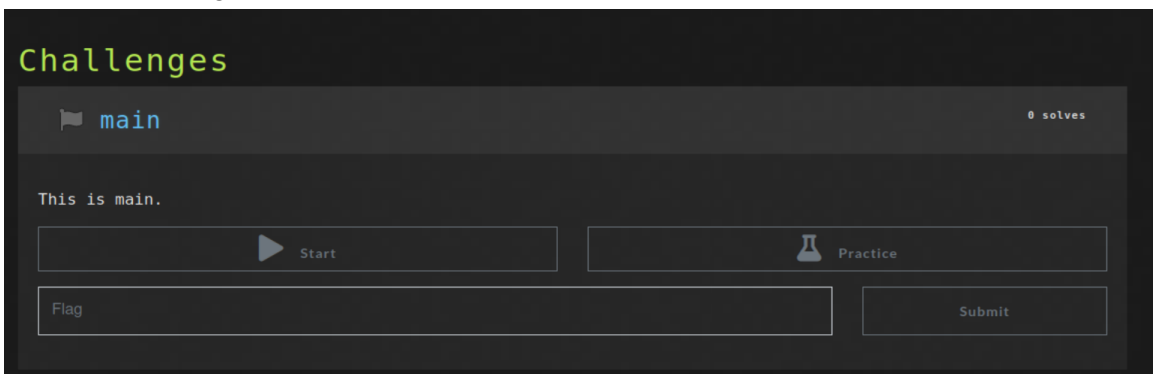
4. Click the (+) button



5. Add your github repo

A dark rectangular form with a light gray border. At the top, it says "GitHub Repository" and "https://github.com/pwncollege/example-doj". Below this is a text input field containing "pwncollege/example-doj".

6. Click the corresponding challenges and modules
7. Start the challenge

A dark rectangular interface for a challenge. At the top, it says "Challenges" in green. Below that, a header bar shows a flag icon, the name "main", and "0 solves". The main area contains the text "This is main." Below this are two buttons: "Start" with a play icon and "Practice" with a flask icon. At the bottom, there is a "Flag" input field and a "Submit" button.

8. Go to Workspace(Vscode) or Desktop(VM). Pick the one you prefer
9. Run `cd /challenge`
10. Do `ls` to see a list of challenges
11. Run the challenge using: `qemu-system-arm -M lm3s811evb -m 8K -nographic -kernel notmain.bin`

- **qemu-system-arm**: This is the QEMU emulator for ARM processors
- **-M lm3s811evb**: -M specifies the machine type to emulate. Machine types can be found here(<https://wiki.qemu.org/Documentation/Platforms/ARM>)
- **-m 8K**: -m sets the amount of memory that the virtual machine will have. 8K means 8 kilobytes of RAM
- **-nographic**: This option tells QEMU to not use graphical output for the emulation.
- **-kernel**: The -kernel option is used to specify the binary image that will be used as the kernel.

12. Check the corresponding output

Ex:

```
hacker@main-main:/challenge$ qemu-system-arm -M lm3s811evb -m 8K -nographic -kernel notmain.bin
01234567
```

Sample RISC-V Challenge Repo:

<https://github.com/AnUnknownStranger/cm4>