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## Code Changes Snippets:

```
#include "main.h"
#include "usb_device.h"
#include "stm32f3xx_hal_uart.h"
```

## Results Terminal Snippets:

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## Evaluation Questions:

- In the Hello World task, why is `HAL_UART_Transmit()` placed inside the `while(1)` loop, and what could go wrong if it's placed outside?

### **Answer:**

It's placed inside while loop to repeatedly send the "Hello, World!" message forever — the code in `while(1)` is the program's main loop, so placing `HAL_UART_Transmit()` there causes continuous/transmitted output.

If we place it outside loop:

- It will run only once at startup (not continuously).
  - If called before `MX_USART1_UART_Init()` or before clocks/GPIO for USART are ready, `uart1` is uninitialized and the call can fail or cause undefined behavior.
  - Using `HAL_MAX_DELAY` in a blocking transmit before system/USB/RTOS init can hang startup (blocks indefinitely if TX never completes), preventing other initializations or watchdog servicing.
  - In RTOS/interrupt-driven systems, a blocking call outside the main loop can interfere with scheduler/interrupt startup.
  - Without delays or non-blocking APIs, moving it outside could either spam once at an unexpected time or produce no visible output if the receiver isn't ready.
- You used the command `screen /dev/ttyACM0 115200` in this lab. What is the purpose of this command, and what would happen if the baud rate specified does not match the one configured in STM32CubeMX?

### **Answer:**

**Purpose:** `screen /dev/ttyACM0 115200` opens a serial terminal on the host connected to the USB/serial device node `/dev/ttyACM0` and configures the host-side UART parameters (baud = 115200, default 8N1). It lets you view and send raw serial data to the STM32 over that port.

If the baud rate doesn't match the one configured in CubeMX (BaudRate = 115200):

- Output becomes garbled or unreadable (junk characters) because bit timing differs.
- You may see framing errors or lost/corrupted bytes; sometimes a few characters decode correctly, sometimes none.
- At large mismatches communication effectively fails (appears like no output).
- Small mismatches can produce intermittent errors rather than total failure.

- Mismatched parity/stop-bit settings produce similar corruption even with the same baud.