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# **Debug Guide**

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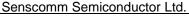
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# 1 Overview

This guide provides essential debugging techniques for common issues encountered during application development. It serves both as an instructional tool and a quick reference for troubleshooting.

## 1.1 Coverage

This document focuses on addressing specific types of issues:

- Core exception
- Assertion failure
- Stack overrun
- Memory leak

Additional problems such as deadlocks may arise; however, the tactics and tools discussed herein are applicable to these scenarios as well. For in-depth debugging, a JTAG debugger like AICE-MICRO in conjunction with OpenOCD is recommended. Detailed setup instructions are available in the SCM1612\_SDK\_Getting\_Started\_Guide.

# 1.2 Logging Mechanisms

The SCM1612 SDK provides two primary methods for logging via the UART console:

Function	Header file	Description
int printf (const char *format,)	include/stdio.h	<ul> <li>Directly sends a byte string to the UART port.</li> <li>Not suitable for ISR context as it relies on OS-dependent wait functions.</li> <li>Introduces significant runtime overhead.</li> <li>Excluded from core dumps (See section 1.3).</li> </ul>
Int printk (const char *format,)	Include/hal/console.h	<ul> <li>Outputs byte strings to a configurable internal console buffer.</li> </ul>



<ul> <li>Usable in both thread and ISR contexts.</li> <li>The `dmesg` CLI command displays the entire console buffer; subsequent calls clear the buffer.</li> <li>`dmesg start` enables real-time logging with minimal performance impact.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Included in core dumps (Refer to section 1.3).</li> </ul>

For effective troubleshooting, utilize printf or printk to isolate issues quickly, minimizing time and effort in subsequent steps.

# 1.3 Utilizing the 'ps' Command

The 'ps' command provides insights into the system's active tasks, helping identify potential issues related to task management and resource utilization.

## **Command Output:**

\$ ps						
PID	PR	STWM	S	%CPU+	TIME+ TASK	
1	3	480	Χ	2.3	0:00:01 init	(0x21bda0-0x21cd90, 0x21c85c)
2	0	966	R	78.7	0:00:45 idle	(0x20fc04-0x210c00, 0x210b1c)
3	5	199	В	18.9	0:00:10 ksofttimerd	(0x20f780-0x20fb70, 0x20fa9c)
4	3	683	В	0.0	0:00:00 knetd	(0x21d0b0-0x21dca0, 0x21db5c)
5	3	571	В	0.0	0:00:00 scm2020-wlan fast taskq	(0x21f710-0x220100, 0x21fffc)
7	3	303	В	0.0	0:00:00 rt_msg	(0x221600-0x221bf0, 0x221acc)
6	3	315	В	0.0	0:00:00 knet80211d/wlan0	(0x220d30-0x221320, 0x22121c)
8	7	48	В	0.0	0:00:00 ll	(0x2222e0-0x222550, 0x22244c)
\$						·

The command 'ps' shows information as described in the below table.

Column	Meaning	Description	
PID	Task identifier	Assigned by the OS.	
PR	Task priority	Refer to SCM1612_CMSIS-	
		FreeRTOS_API_Guide.	
STWM	Stack watermark	Indicating the minimum free stack	
		space observed.	
S	Task state	'X': Running	
		'R': Ready	



		'B': Blocked
		'S': Suspended
		'D': Deleted
		ʻl' : Invalid
%CPU+	Relative CPU utilization	CPU utilization in percentage
		(Relative)
TIME+	Absolute CPU time	CPU utilization in time
	consumed by the task.	(Absolute)
TASK	Task name	Given at creation
Stack	(Start-End, sp)	See below.

This information provides a snapshot of the current system state, helping to diagnose issues effectively.

The three hexadecimal numbers in parentheses represent the start address, end address, and last recorded stack pointer of the task's stack, respectively.

For instance, the 'init' task has its stack located from 0x21bda0 to 0x21cd90, with the last recorded stack pointer at 0x21c85c.

The 'STWM' (Stack Watermark) column reflects the smallest amount of free space (in units of uint32) that was available on the task's stack during its most resource-intensive operation. Lower values in this column suggest a higher risk of a stack overrun.

The term 'last recorded stack pointer' refers to the stack pointer value saved by the OS—FreeRTOS in this case—during context switches, such as between tasks or from a task to an interrupt. The 'ps' command displays this value, providing insights into the stack usage patterns of each task.

Although the 'last recorded stack pointer' does not provide a real-time stack pointer value, especially for a task currently running, it is instrumental in debugging. Analyzing the memory content of the last known state of the stack can reveal crucial information about the task's status before a switch or error occurred.

To further understand the stack's state at the time of the last context switch for the 'init' task, we can examine the memory as follows:



```
0x0021c880: 2800 0000 0000 0000 708e 0980 0800 0000 ( p
0x0021c890: d000 0000 0000 0000 082e 2200 .... .... ." ....
$
```

Note that the hexdump command will display the memory content as bytes, maintaining the byte order. In contrast, the read command presents the data in word units, each consisting of 32 bits. This format is particularly useful for understanding the structure of data as processed by the system.

Example output from the read command is as follows:

```
$ read 0x21c85c 16
[0x21c85c] 0x0010c74a
[0x21c860] 0x00000040
[0x21c864] 0x00000000
[0x21c868] 0xa5a5a5a5
[0x21c86c] 0x0010c80e
[0x21c870] 0x000000a5
[0x21c874] 0x0021bda0
[0x21c878] 0x0021cd90
[0x21c87c] 0x00222cf0
[0x21c880] 0x00000028
[0x21c884] 0x00000000
[0x21c888] 0x80098e70
[0x21c88c] 0x00000008
[0x21c890] 0x000000d0
[0x21c894] 0x00000000
[0x21c898] 0x00222e08
```

This output provides a clear view of how data is structured in the memory at specific addresses, which is critical for debugging and tracing issues in the system.

Understanding how to deduce a call flow from a stack dump involves analyzing such memory content to track back through the function calls that led to the current state, a process that will be elaborated on later in this document. This analysis helps identify the sequence of events or errors leading up to an exception or crash, thereby aiding in pinpointing the exact source of a problem.

# 1.4 Core dump

A core dump is generated automatically when a trap exception or an assertion failure occurs. It provides a detailed snapshot of the memory and processor state at the time of the exception, which is crucial for debugging. The core dump is output directly to the UART console, allowing developers to analyze the conditions that led to the failure.



### Example of a Core Dump:

```
WISE 2018.02+ riscv32-elf-gcc.gnu (2022-02-07_nds32le-elf-mculib-v5-86807094a2f) 10.3.0
[000361.560214] BOARD: SCM2010 QFN40 EVB V1.0
[000361.560368] VFS: filesystem devfs mounted onto /dev
[000361.562230] PINCTRL: pin controller scm2010, pinctrl registered
[000361.562440] GPIO: scm2010,pinctrl registered as /dev/gpio
[000361.562728] atcwdt: @0xf1300000, clk=32768
[000361.562936] WDT: atcwdt registered as /dev/watchdog
[000361.563279] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/cs request pin 11
[000361.563471] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/clk request pin 12
[000361.563636] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/mosi request pin 13
[000361.563808] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/miso request pin 14
[000361.563993] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/hold request pin 9
[000361.564173] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/wp request pin 10
[000361.564667] EFUSE: efuse-scm2010 registered as /dev/efuse
[000361.564799] trng version : 5e5e0010
[000361.564962] TRNG: trng registered as /dev/trng
[000361.565084] pke version : 0x5e5e0010
[000361.607174] Use fixed MAC address: 64.f9.47.f0.01.20
[000361.608169] 261 usec elapsed in downloading MAC FW.
[000362.902695] Wlan PM ctx init done
[000362.904031] UART: atcuart.0 registered as /dev/ttyS0
[000362.904346] CONSOLE: add /dev/ttyS0
[000362.904664] UART: atcuart.1 registered as /dev/ttyS1
[000362.904788] SOC: SCM2010
[000362.905306] Use fixed BLE public address: 01.02.03.04.05.06
[000362.907563] ble phy init 35
[000362.907711] PM feature : 0x1d
[000362.908487] PM LS : 6500+1120=7620
[000362.908655] PM SL : 6500+7100=13600
[000362.908817] PM DS : 11500+12800=24300
[000362.908990] PM HB : 1655000+60000=1715000
[000362.909248] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/txd request pin 22
[000362.909412] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/rxd request pin 21
[000377.371510] Unhandled Trap: Ilegal instruction (mcause = 0x2), mepc = 0xc0000000
[000377.379216] EPC:c0000000
[000377.381940] MSTATUS:00001880
[000377.385019] MXSTATUS:00000080
[000377.388188] MTVAL:00003003
[000377.391092] A0:c0000000 A1:00000000 A2:00000010 A3:00000001 A4:00000002 A5:ffffffff A6:00000008
A7:00210f37
[000377.401165] T0:8008e6f8 T1:001096f0 T2:00000000 T3:00210f2c T4:000001b0 T5:8008e71c T6:00000008
[000377.410197] S0:000000002 S1:0020d488 S2:fffffffff S3:00000001 S4:8010a220 S5:a5a5a5a5 S6:a5a5a5a5
S7:a5a5a5a5
[000377.420373] S8:a5a5a5a5 S9:a5a5a5a5 S10:a5a5a5a5 S11:a5a5a5a5
[000377.426377] FP:00000002 RA:8008e6fe
[000377.429989] sp:
             0021cb6c
[000377.432977] IRQ stack:
[000377.435443] base: 0021b590
[000377.438433]
          size: 00000800
[000377.441429] ERROR: Stack pointer is not within the interrupt stack
```



```
[000377.675603] 0021b8c0:
          [000377.693129]
      0021b900:
          [000377.789520] 0021ba60:
          [000377.929726] 0021bc60: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 0020c310 00203bf4 0020c9b8 80100c3a
[000377.938604] 0021bc80: 0020c310 00203bf4 0020c9b8 00000000 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 0021bd2c
[000377.947582] 0021bca0: 00000005 00000000 00000100 8010b5ec 0010d29c 0020f780 0020fb80 8008e8e8
[000377.956508] 0021bcc0: a5a5a5a5 8000bad4 0020fb80 00000084 a5a5a5a5 8000bad4 00000001 fffffffff
[000377.965486] 0021bce0: 80080020 0020d5f8 0020d5f8 8008eaa6 a5a5a5a5 0020fb80 0020f780 00000380
[000377.974475] 0021bd00: 80080020 0020d5f8 0020d5f8 0021cdc8 00000000 fffffffff 00222c20 0010a9c6
.
[000377.983442] 0021bd20: 80122218 00000000 e0871aa7 00215798 00000004 0020dea8 00223500 80100878
.
[000377.992394] 0021bd40: 000048e2 00203bf4 0010d8d4 00206ef4 00000009 0000000 0010b70e 0000001c
[000378.001283] 0021bd60: 167be6a8 00000000 002228e0 000002a0 00003d2a 00000009 00206ef4 0010d8d4
[000378.010177] 0021bd80: 00203bf4 000048e2 00000000 00000414 00000000 80001010 00000000 00000000
[000378.019024] sp:
        0021cbfc
[000378.022018] User stack:
[000378.024568]
      base: 0021bda0
[000378.027562]
      size: 00000ff0
[000378.030556] 0021cbe0: 002065d4 c0000000 0000002 ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 8008e6fe c0000000
[000378.039515] 0021cc00: 00000080 00003003 00206658 8008e6fe 8008e6f8 001096f0 00000000 00000002
[000378.057283] 0021cc40: 00210f37 ffffffff 00000001 8010a220 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5
[000378.066287] 0021cc60: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 00210f2c 000001b0 8008e71c 00000008 00001880
[000378.075244] 0021cc80: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8010a220 c0000000 ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 8008e742
[000378.084249] 0021cca0: ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 800981cc e2a0c53d 00210d70 0020d3f8 00210f37
[000378.128321] 0021cd40: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 80113eac 00210f20 800985b2
[000378.137367] 0021cd60: a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800985c6 a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800ff356
[000378.159763]
      PID
        PR
          STWM S
             TASK
[000378.167018]
       1
        3
          531 X
             init
                         (0x21bda0-0x21cd90, 0x21c6f8)
[000378.175996]
       2
        0
          958
            R
             idle
                         (0x20fc04-0x210c00, 0x210b1c)
[000378.184966]
        3
          683
           В
             knetd
                         (0x21d0b0-0x21dca0, 0x21db5c)
[000378.193936]
       3
        5
          199
            В
             ksofttimerd
                         (0x20f780-0x20fb70, 0x20fa9c)
        7
                        (0x2223f0-0x222660, 0x22255c)
[000378.202906]
       8
          48
           В
             u
                          (0x21f710-0x220100, 0x21fffc)
[000378.211871]
       5
        3
          571
            В
             scm2020-wlan fast taskq
[000378.220841]
                         (0x221600-0x221bf0, 0x221acc)
        3
          303
            В
             rt msa
             knet80211d/wlan0
                         (0x220d30-0x221320, 0x22121c)
[000378.229811]
          315 B
```



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A core dump is composed of several sections, each providing critical information about the system's state at the time of the failure. Below is an outline of the typical components of a core dump, presented in the order they typically appear:

#### 1.4.1 Console buffer content

At the beginning of a core dump, the console buffer content is flushed and displayed. This content provides a log of system activities leading up to the core dump, captured through the `printk` function if utilized as suggested for tracing call flows. This aids in the postmortem debugging process by offering insights into the events and system states prior to the failure.

#### Example Console Buffer Output:

```
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[000361.560214] BOARD: SCM2010 QFN40 EVB V1.0
[000361.560368] VFS: filesystem devfs mounted onto /dev
[000361.562230] PINCTRL: pin controller scm2010,pinctrl registered
[000361.562440] GPIO: scm2010,pinctrl registered as /dev/gpio
[000361.562728] atcwdt: @0xf1300000, clk=32768
[000361.562936] WDT: atcwdt registered as /dev/watchdog
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[000361.563471] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/clk request pin 12
[000361.563636] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/mosi request pin 13
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[000362.908990] PM HB : 1655000+60000=1715000
[000362.909248] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/txd request pin 22
[000362.909412] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/rxd request pin 21
```

### 1.4.2 Reason of core dump

The reason for the core dump is explicitly detailed in the dump, indicating whether it resulted from a trap exception or an assertion failure. Specific error



descriptions, along with relevant codes from registers like `mcause` and `mepc`, are displayed to clarify the cause of the dump.

#### **Example Reason Output:**

```
[000377.371510] Unhandled Trap : Ilegal instruction (mcause = 0x2), mepc = 0xc00000000
```

#### 1.4.3 Dump of core registers

This section provides a comprehensive list of the General Purpose Registers (GPRs) and Control Status Registers (CSRs) at the time of the crash. This data is crucial for debugging as it helps recreate the state of the application at the point of failure.

#### Example Reason Output:

```
[000377.379216] EPC:c00000000
[000377.381940] MSTATUS:00001880
[000377.385019] MXSTATUS:00000080
[000377.38188] MTVAL:00003003
[000377.391092] A0:c0000000 A1:00000000 A2:00000010 A3:00000001 A4:00000002 A5:fffffffff A6:00000008
A7:00210f37
[000377.401165] T0:8008e6f8 T1:001096f0 T2:00000000 T3:00210f2c T4:000001b0 T5:8008e71c T6:00000008
[000377.410197] S0:00000002 S1:0020d488 S2:fffffffff S3:00000001 S4:8010a220 S5:a5a5a5a5 S6:a5a5a5a5
S7:a5a5a5a5
[000377.420373] S8:a5a5a5a5 S9:a5a5a5a5 S10:a5a5a5a5 S11:a5a5a5a5
[000377.426377] FP:000000002 RA:8008e6fe
```

## 1.4.4 Dump of Interrupt Stack

This segment contains the contents of the interrupt stack. Even if the stack pointer (sp) is not within the interrupt stack, its complete contents are dumped for thorough analysis.

### **Example Reason Output:**

```
[000377.429989] sp:
    0021cb6c
[000377.432977] IRQ stack:
[000377.435443] base: 0021b590
[000377.438433]
   size: 00000800
[000377.441429] ERROR: Stack pointer is not within the interrupt stack
```



```
[000377.535397]
             [000377.544160]
             0021b6e0:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.552923]
             0021b700:
                      0021b720:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
[000377.561686]
                                             00000000
                                                    00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000
                                                                            00000000
[000377.570448]
             0021b740:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000
                                                            0000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.579211]
             0021b760:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
                                             00000000
                                                    00000000
                                                            00000000
                                                                    00000000
[000377.587974]
             0021b780:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.596737]
             0021b7a0:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.605500]
             0021b7c0:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000
                                                            0000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.614263]
             0021b7e0:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.623026]
                             00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
             0021b800:
                      00000000
[000377.631789]
             0021b820:
                      [000377.640551]
             0021b840:
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                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
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                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.745706]
             0021b9c0:
                      [000377.754469]
             0021b9e0:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.763231]
             0021ba00:
                      00000000
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                                             00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000
             0021ba20:
                                                                            0000000
[000377.780757]
             0021ba40:
                      00000000
                             [000377.789520]
             0021ba60:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.798283]
             0021ba80:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.807046]
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
             0021baa0:
[000377.815809]
             0021bac0:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.824572]
             0021bae0:
[000377.833334]
                      00000000
                             0000000 00000000 0000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
             0021bb00:
[000377.842097]
             0021bb20:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000 0000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.850860]
             0021bb40:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.859623]
             0021bb60:
                      [000377.868386]
             0021bb80:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.877149]
             0021bba0:
                      00000000
                             [000377.885911]
             0021bbc0:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000
                                                            0000000
                                                                    00000000
                                                                            0000000
[000377.894674]
             0021bbe0:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000
                                                            00000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.903437]
             0021bc00:
                      00000000
                             00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000
                                                            0000000 00000000 00000000
[000377.912200] 0021bc20:
                      [000377.920963]
             0021bc40:
                      [000377.929726]
             0021bc60:
                      00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 0020c310 00203bf4 0020c9b8 80100c3a
[000377.938604]
             0021bc80:
                      0020c310 00203bf4 0020c9b8 00000000 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 0021bd2c
[000377.947587]
             0021bca0:
                      00000005 00000000 00000100 8010b5ec 0010d29c 0020f780 0020fb80 8008e8e8
[000377.956508]
             0021bcc0:
                      a5a5a5a5 8000bad4 0020fb80 00000084 a5a5a5a5 8000bad4 00000001 ffffffff
[000377.965486]
             0021bce0:
                      80080020 0020d5f8 0020d5f8 8008eaa6 a5a5a5a5 0020fb80 0020f780 00000380
[000377.974475]
             0021bd00:
                      80080020 0020d5f8 0020d5f8 0021cdc8 00000000 ffffffff 00222c20 0010a9c6
[000377.983442]
             0021bd20:
                      80122218 00000000 e0871aa7 00215798 00000004 0020dea8 00223500 80100878
[000377.992394]
             0021bd40: 000048e2 00203bf4 0010d8d4 00206ef4 00000009 0000000 0010b70e 0000001c
[000378.001283] 0021bd60: 167be6a8 00000000 002228e0 000002a0 00003d2a 00000009 00206ef4 0010d8d4
[000378.010177] 0021bd80: 00203bf4 000048e2 00000000 00000414 00000000 80001010 00000000 00000000
```

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# 1.4.5 Dump of User Stack

The user stack section includes detailed memory contents from the bottom of the stack up to the current stack pointer (sp). This information is particularly valuable for debugging as it likely contains the call flow and other critical data relevant at the time of the core dump.



#### **Example Reason Output:**

```
[000378.019024] sp:
[000378.022018] User stack:
[000378.024568]
          base: 0021bda0
[000378.027562]
          size: 00000ff0
.
| 000378.030556 | 0021cbe0: 002065d4 c0000000 00000002 ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 8008e6fe c0000000
[000378.039515] 0021cc00: 00000080 00003003 00206658 8008e6fe 8008e6f8 001096f0 00000000 000000002
[000378.057283] 0021cc40: 00210f37 ffffffff 00000001 8010a220 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5
[000378.066287] 0021cc60: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 00210f2c 000001b0 8008e71c 00000008 00001880
[000378.075244] 0021cc80: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8010a220 c0000000 ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 8008e742
[000378.084249] 0021cca0: ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 800981cc e2a0c53d 00210d70 0020d3f8 00210f37
[000378.128321] 0021cd40: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 80113eac 00210f20 800985b2
[000378.137367] 0021cd60: a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800985c6 a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800ff356
```

#### 1.4.6 List of Active Tasks

Finally, the list of active tasks provides a snapshot of all running and blocked tasks in the system, similar to the output of the ps command. This helps identify which tasks were active and how their stacks were being utilized at the time of the crash.

#### Example Task List:

```
[000378.159763] PID
                   PR STWM S TASK
[000378.167018]
                                                              (0x21bda0-0x21cd90, 0x21c6f8)
                     3
                         531 X
                                 init
                 1
                                                              (0x20fc04-0x210c00, 0x210b1c)
[000378.175996]
                         958 R
                                 idle
[000378.184966]
                                                              (0x21d0b0-0x21dca0, 0x21db5c)
                         683 B
                                 knetd
[000378.193936]
                                                              (0x20f780-0x20fb70, 0x20fa9c)
                 3
                         199 B
                                 ksofttimerd
[000378.202906]
                          48
                                 u
                                                              (0x2223f0-0x222660, 0x22255c)
[000378.211871]
                         571 B
                                 scm2020-wlan fast taskq
                                                              (0x21f710-0x220100, 0x21fffc)
[000378.220841]
                         303 B
                                 rt_msg
                                                              (0x221600-0x221bf0, 0x221acc)
[000378.229811]
                         315 B
                                 knet80211d/wlan0
                                                              (0x220d30-0x221320, 0x22121c)
```

In the event of a core dump when interactive CLI is unavailable, tools like a JTAG debugger can be used to further investigate the last stack contents of the active threads, offering deeper insights into the circumstances leading to the system failure.



#### 1.5 Use of Disassembler

Analyzing stack content from a core dump or from the output of the `hexdump` command necessitates disassembling the executable, referred to here as "wise", to understand the program's instruction flow.

There are two primary disassembled outputs relevant for debugging:

	Content	Note
wise.dis	This is the disassembled output of the "wise" executable.	Generation: Can be created using the command make wise.dis. Content: Includes only the executable code, excluding any instructions located in the ROM library.
wise_rom.dis	This contains the disassembled output of the ROM library.	Location: Available in /hal/soc/scm2010. Content: Includes only the instructions that are part of the ROM (Read-Only Memory).

(\*) The ROM library is a software library embedded in SCM1612's internal ROM, and it is crucial for operations that are frequently accessed or critical for performance.

#### **Example of wise.dis**

The beginning of `wise.dis` shows the assembly instructions for initializing the system and setting up the environment, crucial for the boot process:

```
wise: file format elf32-littleriscv
Disassembly of section .text.boot:
80080020 <_start>:
_start:
        /* Initialize global pointer */
        .option push
        .option norelax
        la gp, __global_pointer$
80080020:
                 8018b197
                                  auipc
                                         gp,0x8018b
                3e018193
                                          gp,gp,992 # 20b400 <__global_pointer$>
        .option pop
        /* Initialize stack pointer */
        la t0, _stack
80080028:
                8019c297
                                  auipc t0,0x8019c
8008002c:
                 d6828293
                                  addi
                                          t0,t0,-664 # 21bd90 <__stack_end>
        mv sp, t0
80080030:
                8116
                                                   sp,t0
```



```
/* Initialize FCSR */
         fscsr zero
#endif
         /* Disable all interrupts (i.e. timer, external) in mie */
        csrw mie, zero
80080032:
                 30401073
                                   csrw
                                            mie,zero
         /* Initial machine trap-vector Base. Use FreeRTOS trap function. */
        la t0, freertos_risc_v_trap_handler
80080036:
                                            t0.0x7ff80
                 7ff80297
                                   auipc
8008003a:
                 34a28293
                                            t0,t0,842 # 380 <__heapext2_end+0x5fdd0380>
                                   addi
        csrw mtvec, t0
8008003e:
                 30529073
                                            mtvec,t0
```

#### **Example of wise\_rom.dis**

`wise\_rom.dis` provides disassembled content of the ROM section, showing how built-in library functions are implemented:

```
wise_rom:
             file format elf32-littleriscv
Disassembly of section .rom.text:
00106000 <rom_version>:
 106000:01 00 00 00 01 00 00 00
00106008 <abort>:
 106008:00004317
                           auipc
 10600c:e2a302e7
                           jalr
                                    t0,-470(t1) # 109e32 <__riscv_save_0>
 106010:4505
                                    c.ĺi
                                             a0,1
 106012:00004097
                                    ra,0x4
 106016:04a080e7
                           jalr
                                    74(ra) # 10a05c <_exit>
0010601a <abs>:
 10601a:41f55793
                           srai
                                    a5, a0, 0x1f
 10601e:8d3d
                                    c.xor
                                             a0,a5
 106020:8d1d
                                    c.sub
                                             a0,a5
 106022:8082
00106024 <atoi>:
 106024:4581
                                             a1,0
 106026:4629
                                    c.li
                                             a2,10
 106028:00002317
                                    t1,0x2
                           auipc
 10602c: b8430067
                                    -1148(t1) # 107bac <strtol>
                           jr
 106030:0001
00106034 <bcopy>
 106034:86aa
                                    c.mv
                                             a3,a0
 106036:852e
                                    c.mv
                                             a0,a1
 106038:85b6
                                    c.mv
 10603a:00000317
                           auipc
                                    t1,0x0
 10603e:35630067
                                    854(t1) # 106390 <memmove>
00106044 <bzero>:
 106044:862e
                                             a2,a1
                                    c.mv
 106046:4581
                                    c.li
                                             a1,0
 106048:00000317
                                    t1.0x0
                           auipc
 10604c: 42430067
                                    1060(t1) # 10646c <memset>
 106050:0001
                                    c.nop
```

Any typical call flow will include both functions being built within wise-sdk and



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functions, i.e., instructions, that have already been put into ROM inside SCM1612, and they will be glued by jump tables, which is why it is difficult to provide a consolidated, easy-to-use debugging environment and/or tools to encompass loaded and pre-installed instructions and data all at once. To make things complicated even further, those jump tables are to be updated at run-time, e.g., to patch ROM library functions.

It is worth noting that an executable built as a standalone mode, in other words using scm1612s\_defconfig or derived one, will read instructions from three different locations in target memory space.

Memroy Location	Address Range	Note
ILM	0x00000000 - 0x00007fff	- 32KB
(Instruction Local Memory)	A	
XIP flash (*)	0x80080000 – 0x8013ffff	- 768KB
	or	or
	0x80080000 - 0x801fffff	- 1536KB
ROM	0x106000 - 0x153fff	- 312KB
	X	- Built-in in
		scm1612
		- Can be
	~ ( ) <sup>y</sup>	patched

#### (\*) Default location, two options for the size

Referring this address ranges will expedite analyzing stack content to find out the call flow because it becomes possible to focus only on addresses which are eligible for instructions.

# 1.6 Demo: How-to-Debug with SCM1612 SDK

#### 1.6.1 Overview

This section provides a step-by-step guide on how to utilize the "how-to-debug" demo application included in the SCM1612 SDK. This demo is designed to facilitate the understanding of various debugging techniques corresponding to common issues such as core exceptions, assertion failures, stack overruns, and memory leaks.



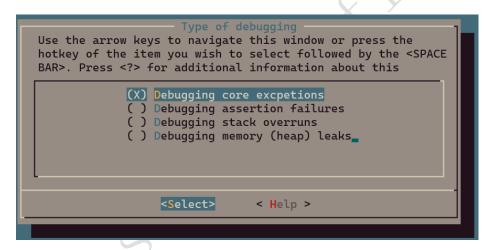
#### 1.6.2 Preparing the Demo Environment

1. Set Up Build Configuration

Start by configuring the build environment to use the "how-to-debug" demo as the main application:

- \$ make scm1612s\_defconfig
- \$ make menuconfig
- 2. Select the Demo Application
  - Navigate to `Applications -> How-to-debug demo` in the menu configuration.
  - Confirm the selection, exit the configuration menu, and save the changes.
- 3. Select the Debugging Scenario

Depending on the specific issue you want to demonstrate, select the appropriate debugging type under `Applications -> How-to-debug demo configuration -> Type of debugging`:



Selecting different options will be required per the following sections.

Option	Corresponding section
Debugging core exceptions	2 Core exception
Debugging assertion failures	3 Assertion failure
Debugging stack overruns	4 Stack overrun
Debugging memory (heap) leaks	5 Memory leak

Exit the menu and save the configuration.



## 1.6.3 Building the Demo

Build the executable binary: \$ make

 Note: Depending on the type of problem selected, you may encounter build errors. If this occurs, review the error message provided and adjust the configuration by enabling additional features as suggested.

# 1.6.4 Running the Demo

- Download and Run the Application:
  - Follow the instructions in the `SDK\_Getting\_Started\_Guide` to download and flash the `wise.mcuboot.bin` onto the scm1612 Evaluation Kit (EVK).
  - Observe the demo's behavior, which will showcase how the selected debugging issue manifests and can be diagnosed using the techniques described in this guide.



# 2 Core Exception

#### 2.1 Overview

Core exceptions in the SCM1612, which uses a RISC-V core, can arise from various issues identifiable through the `mcause` register. This register helps in diagnosing the exact cause of exceptions by providing specific exception codes.

## **Exception Codes and Descriptions**

Here is a summary of the common exception codes found in the mcause register, along with their meanings:

mcause[11:0]	Description
0	Instruction address misaligned
1	Instruction access fault
2	Illegal instruction
3	Breakpoint
4	Load address misaligned
5	Load access fault
6	Store/AMO address misaligned
7	Store/AMO access fault
8	Environment call from U-mode

The SCM1612 SDK includes a demo application specifically designed to demonstrate the handling of `Illegal instruction`, `Instruction access fault`, and `Breakpoint` exceptions. This is achieved through a CLI command called `jump\_to\_func`, which simulates jumping to specified instruction addresses that are crafted to trigger these exceptions.



## **How jump\_to\_func Works**

jump\_to\_func` is a straightforward CLI command that facilitates the simulation of core exceptions by allowing the user to jump to arbitrary instruction addresses. This command is particularly useful for educational and debugging purposes, as it can directly induce error conditions.

#### **Triggering Different Exceptions**

Here's how you can use `jump\_to\_func` to trigger specific exceptions by passing different, invalid addresses:

# 2.2 Illegal Instruction Exception

Passing 0xc0000000 to jump\_to\_func command will lead to 'Illegal instruction' exception.

```
$ jump_to_func
Usage: jump_to_func <address of the function in hex.>
$
$ jump_to_func 0xc0000000
WISE 2018.02+ riscv32-elf-gcc.gnu (2022-02-07_nds32le-elf-mculib-v5-86807094a2f) 10.3.0
[003086.625667] BOARD: SCM2010 QFN40 EVB V1.0
[003086.625827] VFS: filesystem devfs mounted onto /dev
[003086.627695] PINCTRL: pin controller scm2010,pinctrl registered
[003086.627906] GPIO: scm2010,pinctrl registered as /dev/gpio
[003086.628180] atcwdt: @0xf1300000, clk=32768
[003086.628394] WDT: atcwdt registered as /dev/watchdog
[003086.628747] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/cs request pin 11
```

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```
[003086.628947] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/clk request pin 12
[003086.629118] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/mosi request pin 13
[003086.629297] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/miso request pin 14
[003086.629488] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/hold request pin 9
[003086.629675] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/wp request pin 10
[003086.630177] EFUSE: efuse-scm2010 registered as /dev/efuse
[003086.630314] trng version : 5e5e0010
[003086.630484] TRNG: trng registered as /dev/trng
[003086.630612] pke version : 0x5e5e0010
[003086.672324] Use fixed MAC address: 64.f9.47.f0.01.20
[003086.673338] 264 usec elapsed in downloading MAC FW.
[003087.967932] Wlan PM ctx init done
[003087.969345] UART: atcuart.0 registered as /dev/ttyS0
[003087.969499] CONSOLE: add /dev/ttyS0
[003087.969953] UART: atcuart.1 registered as /dev/ttyS1
[003087.970085] SOC: SCM2010
[003087.970611] Use fixed BLE public address: 01.02.03.04.05.06
[003087.972878] ble phy init 35
[003087.973030] PM feature : 0x1d
[003087.973811] PM LS : 6500+1120=7620
[003087.973979] PM SL : 6500+7100=13600
[003087.974147] PM DS : 11500+12800=24300
[003087.974326] PM HB : 1655000+60000=1715000
[003087.974589] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/txd request pin 22
[003087.974759] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/rxd request pin 21
[002333.517925] Unhandled Trap : <mark>Ilegal instruction</mark> (mcause = 0x2), <mark>mepc = 0xc0000000</mark>
[002333.525639] EPC:c0000000
[002333.528363] MSTATUS:00001880
[002333.531442] MXSTATUS:00000080
[002333.534611] MTVAL:00003003
[002333.537515] A0:c0000000 A1:00000000 A2:00000010 A3:00000001 A4:00000002 A5:ffffffff A6:00000008
A7:00210f37
[002333.547596] T0:8008e6f8 T1:001096f0 T2:00000000 T3:00210f2c T4:000001b0 T5:8008e71c T6:00000008
[002333.556635] S0:00000002 S1:0020d488 S2:ffffffff S3:00000001 S4:8010a220 S5:a5a5a5a5 S6:a5a5a5a5
S7:a5a5a5a5
[002333.566817] S8:a5a5a5a5 S9:a5a5a5a5 S10:a5a5a5a5 S11:a5a5a5a5
[002333.572828] FP:00000002 RA:8008e6fe
[002333.576440] sp:
          0021cb6c
[002333.579428] IRQ stack:
[002333.581894] base: 0021b590
[002333.584884]
       size: 00000800
[002333.587880] ERROR: Stack pointer is not within the interrupt stack
[002333.830994] 0021b8e0:
           \lceil 002333.857302 \rceil \lceil 0021b940 \rceil \rceil \lceil 00000000 \rceil \rceil 00000000 \rceil 00000000 \rceil 00000000 \rceil 00000000 \rceil 00000000 \rceil
```



```
[002333.883610]
          [002333.892379]
          0021b9c0:
                0021b9e0:
                00000000
                      00000000 00000000
                                  Γ002333.901149
[002333.909918] 0021ba00:
                [002333.918687]
          0021ba20:
                00000000
                      00000000 00000000
                                  00000000 00000000
                                              00000000 00000000
                                                         00000000
[002333.927457]
          0021ba40:
                00000000
                      00000000 00000000
                                  00000000 00000000
                                              00000000 00000000 00000000
[002333.936226]
          0021ba60:
                00000000 00000000 00000000
[002333.944996] 0021ba80:
                      00000000
[002333.953765] 0021baa0:
                [002333.962534] 0021bac0:
                [002333.971304]
          0021bae0:
                [002333.980073] 0021bb00:
                Γ002333.9888421
          0021bb20:
                [002333.997612]
          0021bb40:
                00000000
                      00000000 00000000
                                  00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000 00000000
[002334.006381]
          0021bb60:
                [002334.015140]
          0021bb80:
                00000000
                      00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000 00000000
[002334.023904] 0021bba0:
                [002334.032668]
          0021bbc0:
                00000000
                      00000000 00000000
                                  00000000 00000000
                                             00000000 00000000 00000000
[002334.041432]
                00000000
                      0021bbe0:
[002334.050196]
                0021bc00:
[002334.058961] 0021bc20:
                [002334.067725]
          0021bc40:
[002334.076489] 0021bc60: 00000000 00000000 00000000 0020c310 00203bf4 0020c9b8 80100c3a
[002334.085369]
          0021bc80: 0020c310 00203bf4 0020c9b8 00000000 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 0021bd2c
[002334.094348] 0021bca0: 00000005 00000000 00000100 8010b5ec 0010d29c 0020f780 0020fb80 8008e8e8
[002334.103275]
          0021bcc0: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 0020fb80 00000084 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8000b660 00202bc8
[002334.112286]
          0021bce0:
                80080020 0020d5f8 0020d5f8 8008eaa6 a5a5a5a5 0020fb80 0020f780 00000380
[002334.121282]
          0021bd00: 80080020 0020d5f8 0020d5f8 0021cdc8 00000000 fffffffff 00222bb0 0010a9c6
          0021bd20: 80122218 0000002d 6e9c9552 00215798 00000004 0020dea8 00223090 80100878
[002334.130256]
[002334.139219] 0021bd40: 00361682 00203bf4 0010d8d4 00206ef4 00000009 00000000 0010b70e 0000001c
[002334.148125] 0021bd60: 8b145395 00000004 002224e0 000002a0 00360aca 00000009 00206ef4 0010d8d4
[002334.157047] 0021bd80: 00203bf4 00361682 00000000 00000414 00000000 80001010 00000000 00000000
[002334.165916] sp:
              0021cbfc
[002334.168909] User stack:
[002334.171460]
           base: 0021bda0
[002334.174453]
           size: 00000ff0
[002334.177447] 0021cbe0: 002065d4 c0000000 0000002 ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 8008e6fe c0000000
[002334.186418] 0021cc00: 00000080 00003003 00206658 8008e6fe 8008e6f8 001096f0 00000000 00000002
[002334.195335]
          [002334.204209]
          0021cc40: 00210f37 ffffffff 00000001 8010a220 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5
[002334.213225]
          0021cc60: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 00210f2c 000001b0 8008e71c 00000008 00001880
[002334.222194]
          0021cc80: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8010a220 c0000000 fffffffff 0020d488 00000002 8008e742
[002334.231211] 0021cca0: ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 800981cc 7095067b 00210d70 0020d3f8 00210f37
[002334.249017]
          [002334.275325] 0021cd40: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 80113eac 00210f20 800985b2
[002334.284378] 0021cd60: a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800985c6 a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800ff356
[002334.306791] PID
                STWM S
                      TASK
              PR
                                         (0x21bda0-0x21cd90, 0x21c6f8)
[002334.314053]
                 532 X
                      init
                                         (0x20fc04-0x210c00, 0x210b1c)
[002334.323036]
                 958
                      idle
[002334.332012]
                 683
                                         (0x21d0b0-0x21dca0, 0x21db5c)
              3
                      knetd
[002334.340989]
           3
                 199
                      ksofttimerd
                                         (0x20f780-0x20fb70,
                                                      0x20fa9c)
[002334.349966]
                 315
                      knet80211d/wlan0
                                         (0x220d30-0x221320, 0x22121c)
              3
                                         (0x221600-0x221bf0, 0x221acc)
[002334.358942]
              3
                 303
                   В
                      rt msa
                                         (0x2227b0-0x222a20, 0x22291c)
[002334.367915]
           8
                 48
                   В
                      11
[002334.376883]
              3
                 571 B
                      scm2020-wlan fast taskq
                                         (0x21f710-0x220100, 0x21fffc)
```

From the core dump, we can understand:

- 'Illegal instruction exception' occurred due to an access to an invalid address of 0xc0000000, and
- 'init' task was running when this exception occurred.



Examining the dumped user stack would reveal further information regarding the specific call flow that caused this exception.

Note that a stack grows from bottom to top, i.e., from higher address to lower address, which means that instruction addresses found at bottom correspond to beginning of the call flow.

```
[002334.165916] sp:
                0021cbfc
[002334.168909] User stack:
[002334.171460] base: 0021bda0
[002334.174453]
            size: 00000ff0
[002334.177447] 0021cbe0: 002065d4 c0000000 00000002 ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 8008e6fe c0000000
[002334.186418] 0021cc00: 00000080 00003003 00206658 8008e6fe 8008e6f8 001096f0 00000000 00000002
[002334.204209] 0021cc40: 00210f37 ffffffff 00000001 8010a220 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5
[002334.213225] 0021cc60: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 00210f2c 000001b0 8008e71c 00000008 00001880
[002334.222194] 0021cc80: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8010a220 c0000000 ffffffff 0020d488 00000002
[002334.231211] 0021cca0: ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 800981cc 7095067b 00210d70 0020d3f8 00210f37
[002334.275325] 0021cd40: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 80113eac 00210f20 800985b2
[002334.284378] 0021cd60: a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800985c6 a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800ff356
[002334.306791] PID PR STWM S
                        TASK
[002334.314053]
            1
               3
                  532 X
                        init
                                             (0x21bda0-0x21cd90, 0x21c6f8)
[002334.323036]
            2
               0
                  958 R
                        idle
                                             (0x20fc04-0x210c00, 0x210b1c)
[002334.332012]
                                             (0x21d0b0-0x21dca0, 0x21db5c)
                  683 B
                        knetd
[002334.340989]
                  199 B
                        ksofttimerd
                                             (0x20f780-0x20fb70, 0x20fa9c)
[002334.349966]
                  315 B
                        knet80211d/wlan0
                                             (0x220d30-0x221320, 0x22121c)
[002334.358942]
                                             (0x221600-0x221bf0, 0x221acc)
                        rt_msq
[002334.367915]
                   48 B
                                             (0x2227b0-0x222a20, 0x22291c)
                        11
                  571 B
[002334.376883]
                        scm2020-wlan fast taskq
                                             (0x21f710-0x220100, 0x21fffc)
```

Candidates of instruction addresses are highlighted above in accordance with the table shown in 1.5. In this specific case, there will be no ILM or ROM addresses involved because the whole call flow happened within XIP flash region.

Looking up wise.dis for these addresses will reveal the call flow up to the point of exception as follows.



```
addi
                                       a1,a1,-288 # 80109214 <version_string>
800ff338:
           ee058593
                               auipc a0,0x22
addi a0,a0,-40 # 80121314 <boot_img_magic+0x4ec>
800ff33c:
           00022517
800ff340:
           fd850513
800ff344: 9802
                                   c.jalr a6
    /* Calls to main() if there is one, or weak main() declared above */
   main();
800ff346: fff8f097
                               auipc ra,0xfff8f
800ff34a:
           36c080e7
                               jalr
                                       876(ra) # 8008e6b2 <main>
   * coexist and switch between each other.
    */
   do {
       extern void cli_loop(void);
       cli_loop();
800ff34e: fff99097
                                      ra,0xfff99
                               auipc
800ff352: 266080e7
                                      614(ra) # 800985b4 <cli_loop>
                              jalr
   } while (0);
#else
   while (1) osDelay(pdMS_TO_TICKS(100));
#endif
   assert(0); /* should not come here */
                               auipc a7,0x80105
800ff356: 80105897
800ff35a:
           89e8a883
                               lw a7,-1890(a7) # 203bf4 <hal_assert_fail>
                               auipc a3,0x23
addi a3,a3,-126 # 801222e0 <__func__.0>
800ff35e:
           00023697
800ff362:
           f8268693
```

li a2,123

c.li

c.jalr a7

a1,0

auipc a0,0x23 addi a0,a0,-1556 # 80121d58 <\_\_func\_\_.3+0x174>

#### (800985c6)

800ff366:

800ff36a: 800ff36c:

800ff370:

800ff374:

07b00613

00023517

9ec50513

4581

9882

(800ff356)

```
void cli_loop(void)
800985b4: 80072317
                              auipc t1,0x80072
800985b8: 87e302e7
                              jalr t0,-1922(t1) # 109e32 <__riscv_save_0>
   cli_task(NULL);
800985bc: 4501
                                 c.li a0,0
800985be: 00000097
                              auipc ra,0x0
800985c2: fbe080e7
                             jalr
                                     -66(ra) # 8009857c <cli_task>
800985c6 <memfile_write>:
   size_t bytes_written;
   size_t size;
```

(800985b2)



```
80098584:
                                         s0,0x80179
                                         s0,s0,-1636 # 210f20 <input.0>
80098588:
            99c40413
                                 addi
8009858c:
                                 auipc
            0007c497
                                         s1,0x7c
80098590:
80098594:
            92048493
                                 addi
                                        s1,s1,-1760 # 80113eac <ptable+0xb8>
           10000613
                                 li a2,256
80098598: 85a2
                                  c.mv a1,s0
8009859a:
8009859c:
           8526
                                    c.mv a0,s1
                                auipc ra,0x0
jalr -750(ra) # 800982ae <cli_readline>
            00000097
800985a0: d12080e7
       if (len \leq 0)
800985a4:
           fea058e3
                                blez a0,80098594 <cli_task+0x18>
            continue;
       cli_run_command(input);
800985a8: 8522
                                    c.mv a0,s0
                                auipc ra,0x0
jalr -1332(ra) # 80098076 <cli_run_command>
800985ae: accue
800985ae: b7cd
800985aa:
            00000097
            acc080e7
                                jalr
800985b4 <cli_loop>:
#endif
```

#### (800981cc)

```
cmd_history[hindex(cmd_hindex++)] = str;
800981a8: c098
                                   c.sw a4,0(s1)
   if (cmd_history[index]) {
800981aa: d13d
                                   c.beqz a0,80098110 <cli_run_command+0x9a>
      free(cmd_history[index]);
800981ac: 80080097
800981b0: c14080e7
                               auipc ra,0x80080
                               jalr
                                       -1004(ra) # 117dc0 <os_free>
      cmd_history[index] = NULL;
800981b4: 00092023
800981b8: bfa1
                               sw zero,0(s2)
           bfa1
                                   c.j 80098110 <cli_run_command+0x9a>
   rc = cmd→handler(argc, argv);
800981ba: 00452f03
                               lw t5,4(a0)
   optind = 0;
800981be: 80170697
800981c2: 4206ab23
                               auipc a3,0x80170
                             sw zero,1078(a3) # 2085f4 <optind>
   rc = cmd→handler(argc, argv);
800981c6: 8522
                                   c.mv
                                           a0,s0
                                   c.addi4spn a1,sp,16
800981c8: 080c
800981ca: 9f02
800981cc: 842a
                                   c.jalr t5
                                           s0, a0
   if (rc == CMD_RET_USAGE) {
800981ce: 03251663
                               bne a0,s2,800981fa <cli_run_command+0x184>
       if (cmd→usage) {
800981d2:
          44cc
                                   c.lw a1,12(s1)
800981d4:
                                   c.beqz a1,800981ea <cli_run_command+0x174>
```

(8008e742)

```
8008e71c <do_jump_to_func>:
   func_to_jump g_func_to_jump;
   argc--, argv++;
   if (argc == 1) {
8008e71c:
          4709
                                c.li a4,2
8008e71e: 02e51763
                           bne a0,a4,8008e74c <do_jump_to_func+0x30>
{
8008e722: 8007b317
8008e726: 710302e7
                             auipc t1,0x8007b
                             jalr t0,1808(t1) # 109e32 <__riscv_save_0>
                                c.mv a5,a1
      g_func_to_jump = (func_to_jump)strtoul(argv[0], NULL, 16);
8008e72c: 43c8 c.lw a0,4(a5)
8008e72e: 4641
                               c.li a2,16
8008e730: 4581
8008e732: 80079097
                                c.li
                                       a1,0
                            auipc ra,0x80079
jalr 1480(ra) # 107cfa <strtoul>
8008e736: 5c8080e7
   } else {
      return CMD_RET_USAGE;
   jump_to_func(g_func_to_jump);
8008e73a: 00000097 auipc ra,0x0
                            jalr -74(ra) # 8008e6f0 <jump_to_func>
8008e73e: fb6080e7
   return CMD_RET_SUCCESS;
                               c.li a0,0
8008e742: 4501
8008e744: 8007b317
                           auipc t1,0x8007b
8008e748: 71230067
                            jr 1810(t1) # 109e56 <__riscv_restore_0>
      return CMD_RET_USAGE;
8008e74c: 557d
                                 c.li
                                        a0,-1
8008e74e: 8082
                                 c.ir ra
```

As a result, the reconstructed call flow is:

cli\_loop -> cli\_task -> cli\_run\_command -> cmd->handler -> jump\_to\_func

As can be seen from this example, an instruction address that appears from the stack dump will always correspond to the one following an instruction 'jalr', i.e., jump-and-link, or similar.

This is because 'jalr' will store a return address, i.e., address of the next instruction, in 'ra' register and 'ra' register will be saved to the stack by a preface of a destination.



```
void jump_to_func(func_to_jump func)
8008e6f0:
           8007b317
                              auipc
                                     t1,0x8007b
8008e6f4:
           742302e7
                              jalr
                                     t0,1858(t1) # 109e32 <__riscv_save_0>
8008e6f8:
                                 c.addi sp,-16
           1141
   (*func)();
8008e6fa:
                                  c.swsp a0,12(sp)
           c62a
8008e6fc:
           9502
                                  c.jalr a0
   printf("Jump to %p was successful.\n", func);
8008e6fe:
           45b2
                                 c.lwsp a1,12(sp)
8008e700:
           80174797
                              auipc a5,0x80174
8008e704:
           4d47a783
                              lw a5,1236(a5) # 202bd4 <os_printf>
8008e708: 0007d517
                              auipc a0,0x7d
8008e70c:
           da850513
                              addi a0,a0,-600 # 8010b4b0 <s_log_color+0xc4>
8008e710:
                                  c.jalr a5
          9782
8008e712:
           0141
                                  c.addi sp,16
8008e714:
           8007b317
                              auipc t1,0x8007b
8008e718:
           74230067
                              jr 1858(t1) # 109e56 <__riscv_restore_0>
```

(wise.dis)

```
00109e32 <<u>__riscv_save_0</u>>:
 109e32:
           1141
                                    c.addi sp,-16
 109e34:
            c04a
                                    c.swsp s2,0(sp)
 109e36:
            c226
                                    c.swsp s1,4(sp)
 109638
            c422
                                     c.swsp s0,8(sp)
 109e3a:
            c606
                                     c.swsp
                                             ra, 12(sp)
 109e3c:
            8282
                                    c.jr
```

(wise\_rom.dis)

## 2.3 Instruction Access Fault

Passing 0x12345678 to jump\_to\_func command will lead to 'Instruction access fault' exception.

```
WISE 2018.02+ (Apr 18 2024 - 10:40:27 -0700)
Exception demo.
$ jump_to_func
Usage: jump_to_func <address of the function in hex.>
$ jump_to_func 0x12345678
WISE 2018.02+ riscv32-elf-gcc.gnu (2022-02-07_nds32le-elf-mculib-v5-86807094a2f) 10.3.0 [000005.734989] BOARD: SCM2010 QFN40 EVB V1.0 [000005.735131] VFS: filesystem devfs mounted onto /dev
[000005.736982] PINCTRL: pin controller scm2010, pinctrl registered
[000005.737176] GPIO: scm2010,pinctrl registered as /dev/gpio
[000005.737429] atcwdt: @0xf1300000, clk=32768
[000005.737626] WDT: atcwdt registered as /dev/watchdog
[000005.737956] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/cs request pin 11
[000005.738139] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/clk request pin 12
[000005.738298] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/mosi request pin 13
[000005.738459] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/miso request pin 14
[000005.738634] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/hold request pin 9
[000005.738800] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/wp request pin 10
[000005.739284] EFUSE: efuse-scm2010 registered as /dev/efuse
[000005.739406] trng version : 5e5e0010
[000005.739558] TRNG: trng registered as /dev/trng
```



```
[000005.739665] pke version : 0x5e5e0010
[000005.781668] Use fixed MAC address: 64.f9.47.f0.01.20
[000005.782652] 260 usec elapsed in downloading MAC FW.
[000007.077060] Wlan PM ctx init done
[000007.078476] UART: atcuart.0 registered as /dev/ttyS0
[000007.078614] CONSOLE: add /dev/ttyS0
[000007.079001] UART: atcuart.1 registered as /dev/ttyS1
[000007.079112] SOC: SCM2010
[000007.079607] Use fixed BLE public address: 01.02.03.04.05.06
[000007.081854] ble phy init 35
[000007.081975] PM feature : 0x1d
[000007.082731] PM LS : 6500+1120=7620
[000007.082885] PM SL : 6500+7100=13600
[000007.083031] PM DS : 11500+12800=24300
[000007.083189] PM HB : 1655000+60000=1715000
[000007.083429] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/txd request pin 22
[000007.083576] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/rxd request pin 21
[000020.695688] Unhandled Trap : <mark>Instruction access fault</mark> (mcause = 0x1), <mark>mepc = 0x12345678</mark>
[000020.703912] EPC:12345678
[000020.706636] MSTATUS:00001880
[000020.709714] MXSTATUS:00000080
[000020.712884] MTVAL:12345678
[000020.715788] A0:12345678 A1:00000000 A2:00000010 A3:00000001 A4:00000002 A5:ffffffff A6:00000004
A7:00210f37
[000020.725855] T0:8008e6f8 T1:001096f0 T2:00000000 T3:00210f2c T4:000001b0 T5:8008e71c T6:00000008
[000020.734882] S0:00000002 S1:0020d488 S2:ffffffff S3:00000001 S4:8010a220 S5:a5a5a5a5 S6:a5a5a5a5
S7:a5a5a5a5
[000020.745053] S8:a5a5a5a5 S9:a5a5a5a5 S10:a5a5a5a5 S11:a5a5a5a5
[000020.751052] FP:00000002 RA:8008e6fe
[000020.754664] sp:
       0021cb6c
[000020.757652] IRQ stack:
[000020.760118]
     base: 0021b590
[000020.763108]
     size: 00000800
[000020.766104] ERROR: Stack pointer is not within the interrupt stack
[000020.947599] 0021b800:
        [000020.965115] 0021b840:
[000021.061397] 0021b9a0:
        [000021.078902] 0021b9e0:
```



```
[000021.183979] 0021bb60:
              [000021.254040] 0021bc60: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 0020c310 00203bf4 0020c9b8 80100c3a
[000021.262914] 0021bc80: 0020c310 00203bf4 0020c9b8 00000000 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 0021bd2c
[000021.271887] 0021bca0: 00000005 00000000 00000100 8010b5ec 0010d29c 0020f780 0020fb80 8008e8e8
.
[000021.280807] 0021bcc0: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 0020fb80 00000084 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8000b660 00202bc8
[000021.289807] 0021bce0: 80080020 0020d5f8 0020d5f8 8008eaa6 a5a5a5a5 0020fb80 0020f780 00000380
.
[000021.298791] 0021bd00: 80080020 0020d5f8 0020d5f8 0021cdc8 00000000 ffffffff 00222f60 0010a9c6
[000021.307753] 0021bd20: 80122218 00000000 0bf04f4c 00215798 00000004 0020dea8 002225d0 80100878
000021.316694] 0021bd40: 00004590 00203bf4 0010d8d4 00206ef4 00000009 0000000 0010b70e 0000001c
[000021.325578] 0021bd60: 013975b9 00000000 00222490 000002a0 000039d8 00000009 00206ef4 0010d8d4
[000021.334472] 0021bd80: 00203bf4 00004590 00000000 00000414 00000000 80001010 00000000 00000000
[000021.343319] sp:
            0021cbfc
[000021.346312] User stack:
[000021.348863]
         base: 0021bda0
[000021.351856]
         size: 00000ff0
[000021.354850] 0021cbe0: 002065d4 12345678 00000001 ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 8008e6fe 12345678
[000021.363809] 0021cc00: 00000080 12345678 00206658 8008e6fe 8008e6f8 001096f0 00000000 00000002
[000021.372735] 0021cc20: 0020d488 12345678 00000000 00000010 00000001 00000002 ffffffff 00000004
[000021.381597] 0021cc40: 00210f37 ffffffff 00000001 8010a220 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5
.
[000021.390601] 0021cc60: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 00210f2c 000001b0 8008e71c 00000008 00001880
[000021.399559] 0021cc80: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8010a220 12345678 ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 8008e742
.
[000021.408563] 0021cca0: ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 800981cc 0e085bef 00210d70 0020d3f8 00210f37
[000021.452614] 0021cd40: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 80113eac 00210f20 800985b2
.
[000021.461655] 0021cd60: a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800985c6 a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800ff356
[000021.484043] PID PR STWM S TASK
                                    (0x21bda0-0x21cd90, 0x21c6f8)
[000021.491295]
              532 X
            3
                   init
         1
                                   (0x20fc04-0x210c00, 0x210b1c)
[000021.500266]
              966 R
                   idle
            0
                                   (0x21d0b0-0x21dca0, 0x21db5c)
(0x20f780-0x20fb70, 0x20fa9c)
(0x221600-0x221bf0, 0x221acc)
[000021.509233]
          4
              683 B
            3
                   knetd
[000021.518199]
          3
            5
              199 B
                   ksofttimerd
[000021.527165]
              303 B
                   rt_msg
                   knet80211d/wlan0
[000021.536132]
              315 B
                                    (0x220d30-0x221320, 0x22121c)
                                   (0x222b60-0x222dd0, 0x222ccc)
[000021.545098]
               48 B
                   u
[000021.554060]
              571 B
                   scm2020-wlan fast taskq
                                     (0x21f710-0x220100, 0x21fffc)
```

# 2.4 Breakpoint Exception

Passing an address corresponding to 'ebreak' instruction, in this case 0x422, to jump\_to\_func command will lead to 'Breakpoint' exception.

```
WISE 2018.02+ (Apr 18 2024 - 10:40:27 -0700)
Exception demo.
$
$
$ jump_to_func
Usage: jump_to_func <address of the function in hex.>
$
```



```
$ jump_to_func 0x422
WISE 2018.02+ riscv32-elf-gcc.gnu (2022-02-07_nds32le-elf-mculib-v5-86807094a2f) 10.3.0
[000005.734989] BOARD: SCM2010 QFN40 EVB V1.0
[000005.735131] VFS: filesystem devfs mounted onto /dev
[000005.736982] PINCTRL: pin controller scm2010, pinctrl registered
[000005.737176] GPIO: scm2010,pinctrl registered as /dev/gpio
[000005.737444] atcwdt: @0xf1300000, clk=32768
[000005.737641] WDT: atcwdt registered as /dev/watchdog
[000005.737971] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/cs request pin 11
[000005.738154] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/clk request pin 12
[000005.738313] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/mosi request pin 13
[000005.738474] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/miso request pin 14
[000005.738649] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/hold request pin 9
[000005.738815] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/wp request pin 10
[000005.739299] EFUSE: efuse-scm2010 registered as /dev/efuse
[000005.739421] trng version : 5e5e0010
[000005.739573] TRNG: trng registered as /dev/trng
[000005.739680] pke version : 0x5e5e0010
[000005.781669] Use fixed MAC address: 64.f9.47.f0.01.20
[000005.782653] 260 usec elapsed in downloading MAC FW.
[000007.077076] Wlan PM ctx init done
[000007.078632] CONSOLE: add /dev/ttyS0
[000007.079019] UART: atcuart.1 registered as /dev/ttyS1
[000007.079130] SOC: SCM2010
[000007.079625] Use fixed BLE public address: 01.02.03.04.05.06
[000007.081873] ble phy init 35
[000007.081994] PM feature : 0x1d
[000007.082750] PM LS : 6500+1120=7620
[000007.082904] PM SL : 6500+7100=13600
[000007.083050] PM DS : 11500+12800=24300
[000007.083207] PM HB : 1655000+60000=1715000
[000007.083447] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/txd request pin 22
[000007.083594] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/rxd request pin 21
[000092.145991] Unhandled Trap : <mark>Breakpoint (ebreak)</mark> (mcause = 0x3), <mark>mepc = 0x422</mark>
[000092.153305] EPC:00000422
[000092.156030] MSTATUS:00001880
[000092.159108] MXSTATUS:00000080
[000092.162277] MTVAL:00000000
[000092.165182] A0:00000422 A1:00000000 A2:00000010 A3:00000001 A4:00000002 A5:ffffffff A6:00000004
A7:00210f32
[000092.175223] T0:8008e6f8 T1:001096f0 T2:00000000 T3:00210f2c T4:000001b0 T5:8008e71c T6:00000008
[000092.184250] S0:00000002 S1:0020d488 S2:fffffffff S3:00000001 S4:8010a220 S5:a5a5a5a5 S6:a5a5a5a5
S7:a5a5a5a5
[000092.194421] S8:a5a5a5a5 S9:a5a5a5a5 S10:a5a5a5a5 S11:a5a5a5a5
[000092.200420] FP:00000002 RA:8008e6fe
[000092.204032] sp:
             0021cb6c
[000092.207020] IRQ stack:
[000092.209485]
         base: 0021b590
[000092.212476]
          size: 00000800
[000092.215472] ERROR: Stack pointer is not within the interrupt stack
```



```
[000092.703486] 0021bc60: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 0020c310 00203bf4 0020c9b8 80100c3a
.
[000092.712359] 0021bc80: 0020c310 00203bf4 0020c9b8 00000000 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a021bd2c
[000092.721332] 0021bca0: 00000005 00000000 00000100 8010b5ec 0010d29c 0020f780 0020fb80 8008e8e8
000092.730253] 0021bcc0: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 0020fb80 00000084 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8000b660 00202bc8
[000092.739252] 0021bce0: 80080020 0020d5f8 0020d5f8 8008eaa6 a5a5a5a5 0020fb80 0020f780 00000380
[000092.748236] 0021bd00: 80080020 0020d5f8 0020d5f8 0021cdc8 00000000 fffffffff 00222f60 0010a9c6
[000092.757198] 0021bd20: 80122218 00000000 36a53b6d 00215798 00000004 0020dea8 002225d0 80100878
[000092.766144] 0021bd40: 00015caa 00203bf4 0010d8d4 00206ef4 00000009 0000000 0010b70e 0000001c
[000092.775033] 0021bd60: 057bb479 00000000 00222490 000002a0 000150f2 00000009 00206ef4 0010d8d4
[000092.783932] 0021bd80: 00203bf4 00015caa 00000000 00000414 00000000 80001010 00000000 00000000
[000092.792785] sp:
         0021cbfc
[000092.795778] User stack:
Γ000092.7983281
       base: 0021bda0
       size: 00000ff0
[000092.801322]
.
[000092.804316] 0021cbe0: 002065d4 00000422 00000003 ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 8008e6fe 00000422
[000092.813222] 0021cc00: 00000080 00000000 00206658 8008e6fe 8008e6f8 001096f0 00000000 000000002
[000092.822111] 0021cc20: 0020d488 00000422 00000000 00000010 00000001 00000002 ffffffff 00000004
[000092.830948] 0021cc40: 00210f32 ffffffff 00000001 8010a220 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5
[000092.839952] 0021cc60: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 00210f2c 000001b0 8008e71c 00000008 00001880
[000092.848909] 0021cc80: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8010a220 00000422 ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 8008e742
[000092.857887] 0021cca0: ffffffff 0020d488 00000002 800981cc 389ecf69 00210d70 0020d3f8 00210f32
[000092.901944] 0021cd40: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 80113eac 00210f20 800985b2
[000092.910985] 0021cd60: a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800985c6 a5a5a5a5 0020d5fc 00202c04 800ff356
[000092.933368] PID
        PR
          STWM S
              TASK
[000092.940620]
                          (0x21bda0-0x21cd90, 0x21c6f8)
       1
         3
          532 X
              init
[000092.949592]
       2
         0
          966
            R
              idle
                          (0x20fc04-0x210c00, 0x210b1c)
[000092.958557]
       4
         3
          683 B
              knetd
                          (0x21d0b0-0x21dca0, 0x21db5c)
[000092.967518]
       3
         5
          199
            В
              ksofttimerd
                          (0x20f780-0x20fb70, 0x20fa9c)
[000092.976479]
       7
          303 B
              rt_msq
                          (0x221600-0x221bf0, 0x221acc)
[000092.985440]
       6
         3
          315
            В
              knet80211d/wlan0
                          (0x220d30-0x221320, 0x22121c)
[000092.994401]
       8
           48 B
                          (0x222b60-0x222dd0, 0x222ccc)
              u
[000093.003357]
          571 B
              scm2020-wlan fast taskq
                           (0x21f710-0x220100, 0x21fffc)
```



# 3 Assertion Failure

#### 3.1 Overview

Assertion failures are critical for identifying exact points of malfunction, which aids both in debugging and troubleshooting within operational environments.

#### **Purpose of Assertions**

Assertions provide a structured way to pinpoint and articulate specific failures. They serve as a direct indicator that a predefined condition has failed, facilitating early detection and remediation of potential bugs.

#### **Implementing Assertions**

To employ assertions:

- 1. Include the header <assert.h> in your code.
- 2. Specify the condition that you expect to be true.

Example usage of assertions is provided below. This technique ensures timely recognition of problems, helping to avoid more complex issues that may arise if initial errors are overlooked.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <assert.h>
#include <cli.h>
#include <hal/rom.h>

#if ASSERT_VERBOSITY == 0
#error "Need to set ASSERT_VERBOSITY as non-zero for this demo."
#endif

int debug_assertion(void)
{
    printf("Assertion demo.\n");
    return 0;
}

/* Simple assertion to check divide-by-zero.
*/

void check_divide_by_zero(int divisor)
{
    assert(divisor ≠ 0);
}
```

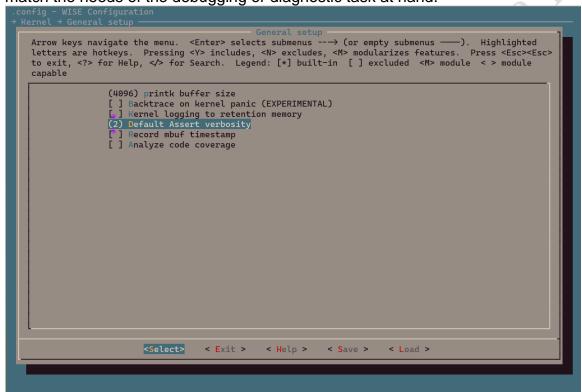


## **Configuring Assertion Verbosity**

The verbosity of assertion messages can be set to one of three levels, allowing developers to choose the amount of detail provided during failure handling. This setting is adjustable during the build configuration process as follows:

Navigate to: `Kernel -> General Setup -> Default`

By configuring the verbosity level, developers can tailor the assert output to match the needs of the debugging or diagnostic task at hand.



Assert Verbosity	Display condition of assertion	Display function name and line number	Impact on memory footprint
2 (Default)	Υ	Υ	High (**)
1	Υ	N	Low
0 (*)	N	N	None

- (\*) Setting verbosity to 0 completely disables all assertions, which is not recommended in general.
- (\*\*) It is because potentially lengthy function names will be included in the executable binary.



### 3.2 Assertion failure from the demo

How to use assertion in an application will be demonstrated by running the demo application. Refer to 1.6 to build and run how-to-debug demo for this purpose.

There will be a CLI command named 'divide'.

```
WISE 2018.02+ (Apr 19 2024 - 10:26:01 -0700)
Assertion demo.
$ help
                                 - Configure, start and stop DHCP server
- Divide an integer
dhcps
divide
                                - Divide an integer

- display kernel messages

- kernel heap status

- print command description and usage

- hexdump address size

- show/get history

- configure network interfaces
dmesg
heap
help
hexdump
history
ifconfig
                                 - A TCP, UDP, and SCTP network bandwidth measurement tool
- display irq information
- MCUBoot update agent
iperf3
irq
mcuboot_agent
mcuboot_confirm
                                 - MCUBoot confirm
 ncuboot_set_img
                                 - MCUBoot set image
mcuboot_version
                                 - MCUBoot version
                                 compare memorytest routines for net (lwIP/net80211/driver)
 петстр
                                 - Nullify ni for demo
- send ICMP ECHO_REQUEST to network hosts
nullify_ni
ping
                                  - CLI for PM API test
                                 - report the current process snapshot
- read -(d|b|s|l) address length
read
                                 - reboot <n>
reboot
                                 - reboot <n>
- set RTC calibration interval

- display FreeRTOS tasks

- display wise, compiler and linker version

- CLI commands for WIFI PM

- CLI for wifi API test

- write -(b|s|l) address value
rtc_cal
top
version
watcher
wifi
write
$ help divide
Usage: divide <dividend> <divisor>
Divide an integer
```

It is a very simple CLI command to perform an integer division as follows.



```
WISE 2018.02+ (Apr 19 2024 - 10:26:01 -0700)
Assertion demo.
$ help
                                - Configure, start and stop DHCP server
dhcps
                               - Configure, start and stop DHCP server
- Divide an integer
- display kernel messages
- kernel heap status
- print command description and usage
- hexdump address size
- show/get history
- configure network interfaces
- A TCP, UDP, and SCTP network bandwidth measurement tool
- display irg information
divide
dmesq
heap
help
hexdump
history
ifconfig
iperf3
                                - display irq information
- MCUBoot update agent
irq
mcuboot_agent
ncuboot_confirm
                                - MCUBoot confirm
                                - MCUBoot set image
 cuboot_set_img
                                - MCUBoot version
 cuboot_version
                                - compare memory
- test routines for net (lwIP/net80211/driver)
 петстр
nullify_ni
                                 - Nullify ni for demo
                                - send ICMP ECHO_REQUEST to network hosts
ping
 om
                                - CLI for PM API test
                                report the current process snapshotread -(d|b|s|l) address length
ps
read
reboot
                                - reboot <n>
                               - reboot <n>
- set RTC calibration interval
- display FreeRTOS tasks
- display wise, compiler and linker version
- CLI commands for WIFI PM
- CLI for wifi API test
- write -(b|s|l) address value
rtc_cal
top
version
watcher
wifi
write
$ help divide
Usage: divide <dividend> <divisor>
Divide an integer
$ divide 100 10
Quotient is 10.
```

We can see it throw an assertion failure when we pass 0 as a divisor.

```
$ divide 100 0
WISE 2018.02+ riscv32-elf-gcc.gnu (2022-02-07_nds32le-elf-mculib-v5-86807094a2f) 10.3.0
[000005.735229] BOARD: SCM2010 QFN40 EVB V1.0
[000005.735371] VFS: filesystem devfs mounted onto /dev
[000005.737228] PINCTRL: pin controller scm2010, pinctrl registered
[000005.737428] GPIO: scm2010,pinctrl registered as /dev/gpio
[000005.737676] atcwdt: @0xf1300000, clk=32768
[000005.737873] WDT: atcwdt registered as /dev/watchdog
[000005.738206] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/cs request pin 11
[000005.738391] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/clk request pin 12
[000005.738543] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/mosi request pin 13
[000005.738705] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/miso request pin 14
[000005.738879] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/hold request pin 9
[000005.739045] PINCTRL: atcspi200-xip/wp request pin 10
[000005.739537] EFUSE: efuse-scm2010 registered as /dev/efuse
[000005.739664] trng version : 5e5e0010
[000005.739817] TRNG: trng registered as /dev/trng
[000005.739922] pke version : 0x5e5e0010
[000005.781866] Use fixed MAC address: 64.f9.47.f0.01.20
[000005.782856] 263 usec elapsed in downloading MAC FW.
[000007.077269] Wlan PM ctx init done
[000007.078721] UART: atcuart.0 registered as /dev/ttyS0
[000007.078854] CONSOLE: add /dev/ttyS0
[000007.079249] UART: atcuart.1 registered as /dev/ttyS1
[000007.079362] SOC: SCM2010
[000007.079852] Use fixed BLE public address: 01.02.03.04.05.06
```



```
[000007.082093] ble phy init 35
[000007.082216] PM feature : 0x1d
[000007.082975] PM LS : 6500+1120=7620
[000007.083125] PM SL : 6500+7100=13600
[000007.083273] PM DS : 11500+12800=24300
[000007.083429] PM HB : 1655000+60000=1715000
[000007.083677] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/txd request pin 22
[000007.083829] PINCTRL: atcuart.0/rxd request pin 21
000336.345105] BUG: assertion(divisor != 0), check_divide_by_zero() at 36
[000336.351793] sp:
                  0021cc10
[000336.354780] IRQ stack:
[000336.357243]
             base: 0021b5b0
[000336.360236]
              size: 00000800
[000336.363230] User stack:
[000336.365779]
              base: 0021bdc0
[000336.368772]
              size: 00000ff0
[000336.371767] 0021cc00: 0021cc10 00203be8 00000800 8008f094 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a a5a5a5a 0aa5a5a5
[000336.380772] 0021cc20: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8010a2c8 00000001 0000004b 00001880 0021cdd0 0021ce04
[000336.389719] 0021cc40: 00000001 00000000 00000003 00000003 0014d210 0021bdc0 80100000 0021cdb0
[000336.398597] 0021cc60: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8010a2c8 00000001 ffffffff 8008e7d8 8010b558 8008f0dc
[000336.407617] 0021cc80: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 00206f34 0020f1c0 ffffffff 8008e7d8 8010b558 80088df0
[000336.416653] 0021cca0: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 8010b57c 00000024 ffffffff 00000064 00000000 8008e7d8
[000336.425610] 0021ccc0: ffffffff 0020d408 00000003 80098278 ca2ca324 00210d88 0020d3f8 00210f44
[000336.469719] 0021cd60: a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 a5a5a5a5 80113f84 00210f38 8009865e
[000336.478765] 0021cd80:
                     a5a5a5a5 0020d60c 00202c04 80098672 a5a5a5a5 0020d60c 00202c04 800ff402
[000336.498464] PID
                 PR
                     STWM S
                            TASK
[000336.505721]
              1
                  3
                     532 X
                            init
                                                   (0x21bdc0-0x21cdb0, 0x21c79c)
[000336.514696]
                  0
                     964 R
                            idle
                                                    (0x20fc1c-0x210c10, 0x210b2c)
                                                    (0x21d0d0-0x21dcc0, 0x21db7c)
[000336.523662]
                     683 B
                            knetd
                  3
                                                    (0x20f798-0x20fb90, 0x20fabc)
[000336.532629]
                     193 B
                            ksofttimerd
              3
                  5
                            rt_msg
                                                    (0x221620-0x221c10, 0x221aec)
[000336.541595]
                     303
                  3
[000336.550561]
                            knet80211d/wlan0
                                                    (0x220d50-0x221340, 0x22123c)
                     315 B
[000336.559527]
              8
                     48
                            u
                                                    (0x222ba0-0x222e10, 0x222d0c)
[000336.568489]
                     571 B
                            scm2020-wlan fast taskq
                                                    (0x21f730-0x220120, 0x22001c)
```

Last console buffer content, an user stack content and information of active tasks will also be shown. Refer to 1.4 for details.

Figuring out the call flow which led to this particular assertion can also be done by analyzing the dumped user stack content with wise.dis and wise\_rom.dis, if applicable, as illustrated in 2.2.



## 4 Stack Overrun

#### 4.1 Overview

Stack overrun involves the unintentional modification of stack memory which can occur due to various causes, such as improper pointer handling, task racing for the same data, incorrect data structure sizing, or erroneous memory deallocation. This issue may manifest in multiple symptoms, including system crashes, operational hangs, heap memory leaks, assertion failures, or performance degradation. Resolving such problems typically requires considerable time and a strategic approach using various debugging tools and techniques. This document focuses specifically on stack overrun as a primary example of stack corruption.

Stack overrun occurs when a task or interrupt service routine excessively utilizes its allocated stack memory, exceeding its boundaries. This can be equated to the oversight of enforcing stack size limits during operations.

Despite its potential severity, a stack overrun might not immediately result in a crash, hang, or assertion failure, as illustrated in the subsequent example.

### 4.2 Demonstration of Stack Overrun

Stack overrun in an application will be demonstrated by running the demo application. Refer to 1.6 to build and run how-to-debug demo for this purpose.



There will be a CLI command named 'print\_string'.

```
WISE 2018.02+ (Apr 19 2024 - 10:26:01 -0700)
Stack overflow demo.
$ help
                              - Configure, start and stop DHCP server
- display kernel messages
- kernel heap status
- print command description and usage
dhcps
dmesg
heap
help

    hexdump address size
    show/get history

hexdump
history
                              - configure network interfaces
ifconfig

    A TCP, UDP, and SCTP network bandwidth measurement tool
    display irq information
    MCUBoot update agent

iperf3
irq
mcuboot_agent
mcuboot_confirm
                              - MCUBoot confirm
mcuboot_set_img
                               - MCUBoot set image
mcuboot_version
                               - MCUBoot version
                               compare memorytest routines for net (lwIP/net80211/driver)
тетстр
net
ping
                               - send ICMP ECHO_REQUEST to network hosts
pm
print_string
                               - CLI for PM API test
                               - Print a string
                               - report the current process snapshot
- read -(d|b|s|l) address length
read
                               - reboot <n>
reboot
                              set RTC calibration intervaldisplay FreeRTOS tasks
rtc_cal
top
                              - display FreekIOS tasks
- display wise, compiler and linker version
- CLI commands for WIFI PM
- CLI for wifi API test
- write -(b|s|l) address value
version
watcher
wifi
write
$
help print_string
Usage: print_string <string you want to print>
Print a string
```

It is a very simple CLI command to print a given string to UART console as follows.

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```
WISE 2018.02+ (Apr 19 2024 - 10:26:01 -0700)
Stack overflow demo.
$ help
dhcps
                                 - Configure, start and stop DHCP server
                                - display kernel messages
- kernel heap status
dmesg
help
                                 - print command description and usage
                                 - hexdump address size
hexdump

    show/get history

history

    configure network interfaces
    A TCP, UDP, and SCTP network bandwidth measurement tool
    display irq information

ifconfig
iperf3
irq
mcuboot_agent
                                 - MCUBoot update agent
                                - MCUBoot confirm
mcuboot_confirm
                                - MCUBoot set image
- MCUBoot version
mcuboot_set_img
mcuboot_version
                                - compare memory
- test routines for net (lwIP/net80211/driver)
- send ICMP ECHO_REQUEST to network hosts
- CLI for PM API test
memcmp
net
ping
                                - Print a string
- report the current process snapshot
- read -(d|b|s|l) address length
print_string
read
                                 - reboot <n>
reboot
                                - reboot <n>
- set RTC calibration interval
- display FreeRTOS tasks
- display wise, compiler and linker version
- CLI commands for WIFI PM
- CLI for wifi API test
- write -(b|s|l) address value
rtc_cal
top
version
watcher
wifi
write
f
    help print_string
Usage: print_string <string you want to print>
Print a string
$ print_string hello
What you want is " hello "
$
```

But this demo app is a contrived one which has a significant error in its essence by the design.

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```
/* Stack overflow happens in 'init' thread, a.k.a. CLI thread.
static int print_string(const char *whatuwant)
   char str[4*2048]; /* Oops! */
    /* Clear the content.
   memset(str, '0', sizeof(str)); /* Oops! */
    sprintf(str, "What you want is \" %s \"\n", whatuwant);
    printf(str);
   return 0;
int do_print_string(int argc, char *argv[])
    const char *str_to_print;
    argc--, argv++;
    if (argc == 1) {
        str_to_print = argv[0];
       print_string(str_to_print);
       return CMD_RET_USAGE;
    return CMD_RET_SUCCESS;
CMD(print_string, do_print_string,
    "Print a string"
    "print_string <string you want to print>"
```

As you can see above, the function, print\_string, uses too much space from its caller's stack, in this case 'init' task's stack, for its use.

As a result, although it looks like the whole system keeps working fine without any issue, the stack of 'init' task has been overrun.

We could verify it by 2 different ways.

The first method is to run 'ps' command and check STWM values.



```
WISE 2018.02+ (Apr 19 2024 - 10:26:01 -0700)
Stack overflow demo.
$ help
dhcps
                       - Configure, start and stop DHCP server
                       - display kernel messages
- kernel heap status
dmesq
heap
help
                       - print command description and usage
                       - hexdump address size
hexdump
                       show/get historyconfigure network interfaces
history
ifconfig
                       - A TCP, UDP, and SCTP network bandwidth measurement tool
- display irq information
- MCUBoot update agent
iperf3
irq
mcuboot_agent
                       - MCUBoot confirm
mcuboot_confirm
mcuboot_set_img
                       - MCUBoot set image
                       - MCUBoot version
mcuboot_version
                       - compare memory
тетстр
                       - test routines for net (lwIP/net80211/driver)
net
                        - send ICMP ECHO_REQUEST to network hosts
ping
                       - CLI for PM API test
orint_string
                       - Print a string
                       - report the current process snapshot
read
                       - read -(d|b|s|l) address length
reboot
                       - reboot <n>
                       - set RTC calibration interval
rtc_cal
                       - display FreeRTOS tasks
top
version
                       - display wise, compiler and linker version
- CLI commands for WIFI PM
 vatcher
wifi
                       - CLI for wifi API test
write
                        - write -(b|s|l) address value
$ help print_string
Usage: print_string <string you want to print>
Print a string
$ print_string hello
What you want is " hello "
       PR STWM S %CPU+
 PID
                                   TIME+
                                           TASK
                                                                                (0x21bda0-0x21cd90, 0x21c85c)
             0 X
                                 0:00:01 init
                        0.1
             966 R
   2 3 4 6 8
                                0:13:09 idle
0:03:38 ksofttimerd
                       78.2
                                                                                (0x20fc04-0x210c00, 0x210b1c)
                                                                                (0x20f780-0x20fb70, 0x20fa9c)
(0x21d0b0-0x21dca0, 0x21db5c)
             199
                  В
                        21.6
             683 B
                        0.0
                                0:00:00 knetd
                                                                                (0x220d30-0x221320, 0x22121c)
             315 B
                        0.0
                                0:00:00 knet80211d/wlan0
                                                                                (0x222b60-0x222dd0, 0x222ccc)
(0x21f710-0x220100, 0x21fffc)
             48 B
                                0:00:00 ll
0:00:00 scm2020-wlan fast taskq
                        0.0
                        0.0
             571 B
                                                                                (0x221600-0x221bf0, 0x221acc)
                         0.0
                                 0:00:00 rt_msg
```

STWM, i.e., stack watermark, of the init task is shown now as 0, which means that at some point there became zero free space left in the stack.

Be aware that we can't rely on the last recorded stack pointer, in this case 0x21c85c, for the purpose of detecting a stack overrun. As you can see, it still legitimately resides inside the original stack space, i.e., between 0x21bda0 and 0x21cd90.

It is because the function's suffix will still return the space of the stack and perform pop operation.

Secondly, we could directly examine the memory region around the specific stack's top, in this case 0x21bda0.



```
$ print_string hello
What you want is " hello "
           STWM S %CPU+
                                    TIME+
                                 0:00:01 init
                                                                                  (0x21bda0-0x21cd90, 0x21c85c)
             958
                        89.3
                                 0:30:40 idle
                                                                                  (0x20fc04-0x210c00, 0x210b1c)
                        10.6
              183
                                 0:03:38 ksofttimerd
                                                                                  (0x20f780-0x20fb70, 0x20fa9c)
                                                                                 (0x21d0b0-0x21dca0, 0x21db5c)
(0x22dd30-0x221320, 0x22121c)
(0x222b60-0x222dd0, 0x221cc)
(0x21f710-0x220100, 0x21fffc)
(0x221600-0x221bf0, 0x221acc)
             683
                                 0:00:00 knetd
              315
                  В
                                 0:00:00 knet80211d/wlap@
              48
                                 0:00:00 11
                                 0:00:00 scm2020-wlan fast taskq
              571
                                 0:00:00 rt_msg
$ hexdump 0x21bd60 256
0x0021bd60: f89f bb7b 0300 0000 9024 2200
                                                    a002 0000
0x0021bd70: 0700 0000 0000 0000
                                       6200 0000
                                                    7a02 0000
0x0021bd80: d025 2200 e026 2200
0x0021bd90: 3030 3030 3030
0x0021bda0: 3030 3030 3030 3030
                                       0100 0000
                                                    f803 0000
                                       3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
                                                                   00000000000000000
                                       3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
                                                                   00000000000000000
0x0021bdb0: 3030 3030
                           3030 3030
                                       3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
                                                                   0000000000000000
0x0021bdc0: 3030 3030
                                                                   0000000000000000
                           3030 3030
                                       3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
                                                                   0000000000000000
0x0021bdd0: 3030 3030
                           3030 3030
                                       3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
0x0021bde0: 3030 3030
                                                                   00000000000000000
                           3030 3030
                                       3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
0x0021bdf0: 3030 3030
                                                                   00000000000000000
                           3030 3030
                                       3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
0x0021be00: 3030 3030
                                                                   00000000000000000
                           3030 3030
                                        3030 3030
                                                     3030 3030
0x0021be10: 3030 3030
                                                                   00000000000000000
                           3030 3030
                                       3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
0x0021be20: 3030 3030
                           3030 3030
                                       3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
                                                                   0000000000000000
0x0021be30: 3030 3030
                           3030 3030
                                       3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
                                                                   0000000000000000
0x0021be40: 3030 3030
                                       3030 3030
                                                                   0000000000000000
                           3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
0x0021be50: 3030 3030 3030 3030
                                       3030 3030
                                                    3030 3030
                                                                   0000000000000000
```

It can be proven that the stack has been overrun.

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It is noteworthy that a stack memory will be filled with a specific pattern of bytes, '0xa5', during creation of the corresponding task.

This fact can be illustrated by looking at the upper boundary of an intact stack.





```
$ print_string hello
 hat you want is " hello "
          STWM S
                    %CPU+
                                TIME+
                      0.0
                              0:00:01 init
                                                                         (0x21bda0-0x21cd90, 0x21c85c)
            958
                     89.3
                              0:30:40 idle
                                                                         (0x20fc04-0x210c00, 0x210b1c)
                     10.6
            183
                 В
                              0:03:38 ksofttimerd
                                                                         (0x20f780-0x20fb70, 0x20fa9c)
                                                                         <u>(0x21d0b0</u>-0x21dca0, 0x21db5c)
(0x220d30-0x221320, 0x22121c)
            683 B
                      0.0
                              0:00:00 knetd
            315
                В
                      0.0
                              0:00:00 knet80211d/wlan0
                                                                         (0x222b60-0x222dd0, 0x222ccc)
(0x21f710-0x220100, 0x21fffc)
(0x221600-0x221bf0, 0x221acc)
             48
                В
                      0.0
                              0:00:00 11
                      0.0
                              0:00:00 scm2020-wlan fast taskq
            571
                 В
                              0:00:00 rt_msg
                      0.0
$ hexdump 0x21bd60 256
0x0021bd60: f89f bb7b 0300 0000 9024 2200 a002 0000
                                                                     $"
0x0021bd70: 0700 0000
                       0000 0000
                                   6200 0000
                                               7a02 0000
                                                             %" &"
0x0021bd80: d025 2200
                       e026 2200
                                   0100 0000
                                               f803 0000
0x0021bd90: 3030 3030
                        3030 3030
                                   3030 3030
                                               3030 3030
                                                            00000000000000000
0x0021bda0: 3030 3030
                        3030 3030
                                   3030 3030
                                               3030 3030
                                                            0000000000000000
0x0021bdb0: 3030 3030
                        3030 3030
                                   3030 3039
                                               3030
                                                    3030
                                                            0000000000000000
0x0021bdc0: 3030 3030
                                   3030 3030
                                                            0000000000000000
                        3030 3030
                                               3030 3030
0x0021bdd0: 3030
                 3030
                        3030 3030
                                   3030/3030
                                               3030
                                                            0000000000000000
0x0021bde0: 3030 3030
                        3030 3030
                                   3030 3030
                                               3030 3030
                                                            00000000000000000
0x0021bdf0: 3030 3030
                        3030 3030
                                   3030 3030
                                               3030
                                                    3030
                                                            0000000000000000
0x0021be00: 3030 3030
                        3030 3030
                                   3030 3030
                                               3030 3030
                                                            0000000000000000
0x0021be10: 3030 3030
                        3030 3030
                                   3030 3030
                                               3030 3030
                                                            0000000000000000
0x0021be20: 3030 3030
                        3030 3030
                                   3030 3030
                                               3030 3030
                                                            00000000000000000
0x0021be30: 3030 3030
                        3030 3030
                                   3030 3030
                                               3030 3030
                                                            00000000000000000
0x0021be40: 3030 3030 /3030 3030
                                   3030 3030
                                               3030 3030
                                                            00000000000000000
0x0021be50: 3030 3030
                       3030 3030
                                   3030 3030
                                              3030 3030
                                                            00000000000000000
$ hexdump 0x21d0a0 128
0x0021d0b0: a5a5 a5a5
                       a5a5 a5a5
                                   a5a5 a5a5
                                              a5a5 a5a5
0x0021d0c0: a5a5 a5a5
                       a5a5 a5a5
                                   a5a5 a5a5
                                             a5a5 a5a5
0x0021d0d0: a5a5 a5a5
                                               a5a5 a5a5
                        a5a5 a5a5
                                   a5a5 a5a5
0x0021d0e0: a5a5 a5a5
                       a5a5 a5a5
                                   a5a5 a5a5 a5a5 a5a5
0x0021d0f0: a5a5 a5a5
                       a5a5 a5a5
                                   a5a5 a5a5
0x0021d100: a5a5 a5a5
                       a5a5 a5a5
                                   a5a5 a5a5
                                             a5a5 a5a5
0x0021d110: a5a5 a5a5 a5a5 a5a5
                                   a5a5 a5a5 a5a5 a5a5
```

Therefore, seeing any data different from 0xa5 at the upper boundary of a stack proves there has been overrun.

In this example, as mentioned earlier, the whole system goes on without any noticeable defect. It allows us to access CLI commands to investigate further. But if there were an immediate crash, hang-up, or assertion failure after which we can't access interactive CLI any longer, we would need to use alternative methods to move forward such as connecting JTAG debugger to dump the relevant stack memory.



# **5 Memory Leak**

### 5.1 Overview

scm1612 SDK provides the following functions to allow user applications to allocate and free memory blocks from a dynamic memory pool, i.e., heap.

Function (*)	Header	Description		
( )	file	•		
void *malloc(size_t sz)	<stdlib.h></stdlib.h>	<ul> <li>Allocate a memory block of sz bytes and return its starting address</li> <li>If 0 is passed as a size, NULL will be returned.</li> </ul>		
void *zalloc(size_t sz)	<stdlib.h></stdlib.h>	<ul> <li>Allocate a memory block of sz bytes and return its starting address</li> <li>If 0 is passed as a size, NULL will be returned.</li> <li>If successful, content of the newly allocated block will be cleared to 0 before being returned.</li> </ul>		
void *calloc(size_t n, size_t sz)	<stdlib.h></stdlib.h>	<ul> <li>Allocate a memory block of n * sz bytes and return its starting address</li> <li>If 0 is passed as a size, NULL will be returned.</li> </ul>		
void free(void *p)	<stdlib.h></stdlib.h>	<ul> <li>Return a previously         allocated memory block         starting at p to the system         heap.</li> <li>If p is NULL, do nothing.</li> </ul>		

While a user application is supposed to be written with care not to fail to free any dynamic memory that has been used and is no longer needed, scm1612 SDK provides a CLI command, 'heap', to help ensure it.



CLI	Config	Purpose	Description
heap	- Command line interface -> Miscellaneous utilities> heap command - Enabled as default	- Understand overall usage of heap - Detect heap memory leakage over time	Shows:  - Current usage of heap - Maximum usage of heap since boot - Free, i.e., available space in heap - Total size of heap space
heap check (*)	- Command line interface -> Miscellaneous utilities -> heap command - Kernel -> FreeRTOS kernel -> Memory -> Debug enabled malloc/free	- Detect any overrun of boundaries of dynamically allocated memory blocks	- Examines every allocated memory block in the system to see if there is overrun of boundaries Specifically checks a head canary pattern, 0xcafe1234, and a tail canary pattern, 0xdeaf5678, of each allocated block Displays details regarding the corrupted block, if the check fails.
heap list (**)	- Command line interface -> Miscellaneous utilities -> heap command - Kernel -> FreeRTOS kernel -> Memory ->	- List all memory blocks currently allocated from the heap - Identify blocks that are not recliamed,	Shows:  - Index of the block - Name of the owner task - Name of the function that allocated the block, if available - Starting address of the block



Debug enabled malloc/fro - Kernel -> FreeRTC kernel ->	and/or over time	- Size of the block
Memory Record	>	_
memory		
allocated		. ()
function		

- (\*) 'heap check' command might be yet another way to detect stack overrun described in 4 for dynamically allocated stacks.
- (\*\*) Name of the function is available only when a function directly calls malloc or its variant. If a function calls kmalloc or its variant, 'heap list' will display 'km-XXXXXXXX' where 0xXXXXXXXX indicates an address of the next instruction, i.e., the return address, of the jump to kmalloc, by which the context of the caller can be deduced with look-up to wise.dis and/or wise\_rom.dis.

  If a memory block is allocated from a function bult into the internal ROM of scm1612, the corresponding entry will show 'ro-XXXXXXXX' where 0xXXXXXXXX indicates a return address of the specific malloc call.

An example of running these commands is shown below.

```
WISE 2018.02+ (Apr 21 2024 - 14:12:16 -0700)
Heap leak demo.
Current:
                     31680 B
Maximum:
                     32272 B
                    270416 B
Free:
Total:
                    302096 B
$ heap check
Okay.
  heap list
   0] (none)
                                   ro-8008ef02
                                                    address
                                                             21de80 size
                                                                           4096
                                   ro-8008ef10
                                                    address
                                                              21eec0 size
      (none)
                                                                           132
   2] init
                                   _if_alloc
                                                   address
                                                             21ef80 size
   3] init
                                   ro-0010a484
                                                    address
                                                             21f160 size
                                                                           132
   4] init
                                   ro-8008ef02
                                                   address
                                                             21f220 size
                                                                           3072
                                   ro-8008ef10
                                                   address
   51 init
                                                             21fe60 size
                                                                           132
                                                             21ff20 size
   61 init
                                   km-0010f152
                                                   address
                                                                            48
                                                   address
                                                             21ff90 size
   71
      init
                                   ro-00117e48
                                                                            10
   8] init
                                   km-800906b6
                                                   address
                                                             21ffd0 size
                                                                            2Ц
   91
      init
                                   km-800906b6
                                                    address
                                                             220020 size
  101 init
                                   km-0010f152
                                                    address
                                                              220070 size
                                                                            48
  11] init
                                   ro-00117e48
                                                    address
                                                             2200e0 size
  12] init
                                   km-80093656
                                                    address
                                                              220130 size
  13] init
                                   km-800891ec
                                                    address
                                                             220190 size
                                                              220360 size
  14] init
                                   spi_create_defa address
  15] init
                                   km-0010f152
                                                    address
                                                             2203b0 size
                                    Senscomm Semiconductor Ltd.
```



[ 16] init	ro-0011	'e48 address	220420 size	e 11	
[ 17] init	km-0010-		220420 Size		
[ 18] init	ro-0011		2204d0 size		
[ 19] init	km-80090		220510 size		
[ 20] init	km-80089	lec address	220560 size	4696	
[ 21] init	km-80089	lec address	2217f0 size	640	
[ 22] init	km-0010e	66c address	221ab0 size	120	
[ 23] init	ro-0010	:052 address	221b60 size	2560	
[ 24] init	ro-0010		2225a0 size	124	
[ 25] init	_if_allo		222650 size		
[ 26] init	_if_allo		222830 size		
[ 27] init	km-0010		223190 size		
[ 28] init	ro-0010		223240 size		
[ 29] init	ro-0010		223880 size		
[ 30] init	ro-0011k		223930 size		_ Y
[ 31] init	ro-0011		223970 size		
[ 32] init [ 33] init	ro-0011' ro-8008		2239b0 size		• . ( )
[ 34] init	ro-80086		224210 size		
[ 35] init	scm2020_				
[ 36] init	_if_allo		224450 size		X
[ 37] init	_if_allo		224630 size		
[ 38] init	ro-0011		224680 size		
[ 39] init	ifa allo		2246c0 size		<b>\</b>
[ 40] init	ro-0011		224780 size		
[ 41] init	ifa_allo	c address	2247c0 size		1
[ 42] init	_if_allo	c address	2250c0 size	428	
[ 43] init	_if_allo	c address	2252a0 size	16	
[ 44] init	km-8010	37a address	224880 size	252	
[ 45] init	km-0010		2249b0 size		
[ 46] init	km-8010		224d20 size		
[ 47] init	km-0010		224e50 size		
[ 48] init	ro-0011		224ec0 size		
[ 49] init	ro-0011				
[ 50] init	ro-0010a		224a60 size		
[ 51] init [ 52] init	ro-00103 ro-00100		224b70 size 2252f0 size		
[ 52] init [ 53] init	ro-00100		224f00 size		
[ 54] ll	km-80096		224c80 size		
[ 55] init	km-80090		224fb0 size		
[ 56] init	ro-0010a		2255b0 size		
[ 57] init	ro-0010a		225740 size		
[ 58] init	km-80090		225000 size		
[ 59] init	ro-0011	'9a0 address	225050 size	16	
[ 60] init	ro-0011	9a0 address	2258d0 size	e 16	
[ 61] init	ro-0011	9a0 address	225920 size	e 16	
[ 62] init	ro-0011	e48 address	225970 size	5	
[ 63] init	ro-0011		2259b0 size		
[ 64] init	ro-0011	e48 address	2259f0 size	e 10	
\$					
\$					
\$					

### 5.2 Memory leak from the demo

Memory leak in an application will be demonstrated by running the demo application. Refer to 1.6 to build and run how-to-debug demo for this purpose. Besides what has been described in 1.6, there are 2 more adjustments to be done to build the demo application for the purpose of this section.

 Select Kernel -> FreeRTOS kernel -> Memory option -> Debug enabled malloc/free.



- Select Kernel -> FreeRTOS kernel -> Memory option -> Record memory allocated function.
- (\*) Unselect Command line interface -> Command history.
- (\*) Enabling command history will use additional heap memory, which will make this discussion obfuscated unnecessarily.

There will be a group of CLI commands, 'save\_string', 'purge\_string', and 'list string'.

```
WISE 2018.02+ (Apr 21 2024 - 14:12:16 -0700)
Heap leak demo.
$ help
dhcps
dmesg
                                - Configure, start and stop DHCP server
- display kernel messages
                                 - kernel heap status
                                - print command description and usage
- hexdump address size
- show/get history
- configure network interfaces
 help
 hexdump
history
 ifconfig
                                - A TCP, UDP, and SCTP network bandwidth measurement tool
- display irg information
- List saved string(s)
 iperf3
irq
list_string
mcuboot_agent
                                    MCUBoot update agent
                                 - MCUBoot confirm
- MCUBoot set image
mcuboot_confirm
 mcuboot set ima
 mcuboot_version
                                    MCUBoot version
                                    compare memory
test routines for net (lwIP/net80211/driver)
send ICMP ECHO_REQUEST to network hosts
 memcmp
 net
ping
                                    CLI for PM API test
                                    report the current process snapshot
purge_string
read
                                    Purge a string read -(d|b|s|l) address length
                                    reboot <n>
set RTC calibration interval
reboot
 rtc_cal
                                 - Save a string
- display FreeRTOS tasks
 save_string
top
version
                                - display wise, compiler and linker version
- CLI commands for WIFI PM
- CLI for wifi API test
- write -(b|s|l) address value
 watcher
wifi
write
$ help save_string
Usage: save_string <string you want to save>
Save a string
thelp purge_string
Usage: purge_string <index returned from save_string>
Purge a string
$ help list_string
Usage: list_string (<index>)
List saved string(s)
```

The commands are described in the below table, which is followed by an example of running them.

Command	Description	Notes
save_string	<ul> <li>Saves a string literal into an</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Up to 10 strings</li> </ul>
	array.	can be saved.



	<ul> <li>Returns an index of the array where the string has been stored.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Any excessive string will be discarded.</li> </ul>
purge_string	<ul> <li>Removes a string literal corresponding to the given index from the array and reclaim the associated memory.</li> </ul>	
list_string	<ul> <li>List content of the string array.</li> </ul>	. 7

```
WISE 2018.02+ (Apr 22 2024 - 11:20:31 -0700)
    Heap leak demo.
   $
$ help
                                                             - Configure, start and stop DHCP server
- display kernel messages
- kernel heap status
- print command description and usage
- hexdump address size
- show/get history
- configure network interfaces
- A TCP, UDP, and SCTP network bandwidth measurement tool
- display irq information
- List saved string(s)
- MCUBoot update agent
    dhcps
   dmesg
   heap
   help
    hexdump
   history
ifconfig
     iperf3
   irq
list_string
mcuboot_agent
mcuboot_confirm
                                                             - List saved string(s)
- McUBoot update agent
- McUBoot confirm
- McUBoot set image
- McUBoot version
- compare memory
- test routines for net (lwIP/net80211/driver)
- send ICMP ECHO_REQUEST to network hosts
- CLI for PM API test
- CLI for PM debug
- report the current process snapshot
- Purge a string
     mcuboot_set_img
     mcuboot_version
    memcmp
     net
   ping
   pm
pmp
   purge_string
read
reboot
                                                               - Purge a string
- read -(d|b|s|l) address length
                                                                      reboot <n>
                                                               - reboot <n>
- set RTC calibration interval
- Save a string
- display FreeRTOS tasks
- display wise, compiler and linker version
- CLI commands for WIFI PM
- CLI for wifi API test
- write -(b|s|l) address value
      rtc_cal
     save_string
   top
version
   watcher
    wifi
   write
 write

$
$ list_string
$
$ save_string hello
Saved hello to 0.
$ save_string hello1
Saved hello1 to 1.
$ save_string hello2
Saved hello2 to 2.
$
 $
$ list_string
[00] hello
[01] hello1
[02] hello2
         purge_string \theta
$ |
$ list_string
[01] hello1
[02] hello2
$ |
```



The demo application has an intentionally planted bug, which will incur heap memory leak when we try to save more than the maximum number, ten in this case, of strings.

```
/* Demonstrate how to use the 'heap list' command.
   */

static char *saved_string[10] = {0,};

static int save_string(const char *whatusave)
{
   char *str;
   int i;

   str = zalloc(strlen(whatusave) + 1);
   strncpy(str, whatusave, strlen(whatusave));

   for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
      if (saved_string[i] == NULL) {
         saved_string[i] = str;
         break;
    }
}

if (i == 10) {
   /* Oops, we forgot to free str.
   */
   return -1;
}

return i;
}</pre>
```

How this error would be detected by using 'heap' CLI command will be illustrated.

Firstly, we can see there will be no leak from the heap unless we reach the maximum number of strings to save.



```
WISE 2018.02+ (Apr 22 2024 - 12:32:26 -0700)
Heap leak demo.
$ heap
Current:
                                            31568 B
34640 B
  Maximum:
                                           270480 B
302048 B
Total:
$ save_string hello
Saved hello to 0.
$ save_string hello1
Saved hello1 to 1.
$ save_string hello2
Saved hello2 to 2.
$ save_string hello3
Saved hello3 to 3.
$
$ list_string
[00] hello
[01] hello1
[02] hello2
[03] hello3
$ heap
 Current:
                                             31824 B
                                           34640 B
270224 B
  Maximum:
Free:
Total:
                                           302048 B
   purge_string 0
purge_string 1
purge_string 2
   purge_string 3
$ list_string
$
$ heap
Current:
                                             31568 B
 Maximum:
Free:
Total:
                                          270480 B
302048 B
```

But the above-mentioned error takes effect once we reach the maximum number of strings to save as below.

```
$ list_string
$ heap
                       31568 B
Current:
                       34640 B
Maximum:
                      270480 B
Free:
Total:
                      302048 B
$ save_string hello
Saved hello to 0.
$ save_string hello1
Saved hello1 to 1.
$ save_string hello2
Saved hello2 to 2.
$ save_string hello3
Saved hello3 to 3.
$ save_string hello4
Saved hello4 to 4.
$ save_string hello5
Saved hello5 to 5.
$ save_string hello6
```



```
Saved hello6 to 6.
$ save_string hello7
Saved hello7 to 7.
$ save_string hello8
Saved hello8 to 8.
$ save_string hello9
Saved hellog to 9.
$ save_string hello10
Couldn't save hello10 because there is no empty slot.
$ save_string hello11
Couldn't save hello11 because there is no empty slot.
$ save_string hello12
Couldn't save hello12 because there is no empty slot.
$ save_string hello13
Couldn't save hello13 because there is no empty slot.
$ list_string
[00] hello
[01] hello1
[02] hello2
[03] hello3
[04] hello4
[05] hello5
[06] hello6
[07] hello7
[08] hello8
[09] hello9
$ heap
                     32464 B
Current:
                     34640 B
Maximum:
Free:
                    269584 B
Total:
                    302048 B
$ purge_string 0
$ purge_string 1
$ purge_string 2
$ purge_string 3
$ purge_string 4
 purge_string 5
 purge_string 6
 purge_string 7
 purge_string 8
 purge_string 9
$ list_string
$ heap
Current:
                     31824 R
                     34640 B
Maximum:
Free:
                    270224 B
Total:
                    302048 B
```

Because all 10 stored strings were purged in the above example, the usage of the heap must be same. But above result shows otherwise because we failed to free 4 strings that could not be stored, again due to the bug we mentioned above.

Comparing the available space in heap can indicate that there is some memory leak as shown above. But it is not saying anything about any further details.

To list all the memory blocks outstanding in the system will help us understand what is going on. 'heap list' command comes into play for this reason.



hean	list				
	(none)	ro-8008f122	address	21deb0 size	4096
	(none)	ro-8008f130	address	21eef0 size	
	init	_if_alloc	address	21efb0 size	
	init	ro-0010a484	address	21f190 size	
	init	ro-8008f122	address	21f250 size	
_	init	ro-8008f130	address	21fe90 size	
	init init	km-0010f152 ro-00117e48	address address	21ff50 size 21ffc0 size	
	init	km-800908d0	address	220000 size	
_	init	km-800908d0	address	220050 size	A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR
_	init	km-0010f152	address	2200a0 size	
11]	init	ro-00117e48	address	220110 size	14
	init	km-80093c10	address	220160 size	
	init	km-80089214	address	2201c0 size	
_	init	spi_create_defa		220390 siz	
	init	km-0010f152	address	2203e0 size	
	init init	ro-00117e48 km-0010f152	address address	220450 size 220490 size	
_	init	ro-00117e48	address	220500 size	
_	init	km-800908d0	address	220540 size	
_	init	km-80089214	address	220590 size	
	init	km-80089214	address	221820 size	
22]	init	km-0010e66c	address	221ae0 size	120
	init	ro-0010c052	address	221b90 size	
_	init	ro-0010c060	address	2225d0 size	
	init	_if_alloc	address	222680 size	
	init init	_if_alloc km-0010e66c	address address	222860 size 2231c0 size	
	init	ro-0010c052	address	223270 size	
	init	ro-0010c060	address	2238b0 size	
	init	ro-0011beaa	address	223960 size	
	init	ro-0011beb8	address	2239a0 size	
32]	init	ro-00117d74	address	2239e0 size	480
	init	ro-8008f122	address	223c00 size	
	init	ro-8008f130	address	224240 size	
_	init	scm2020_init_pm	\	224300 siz	
	init init	_if_alloc _if_alloc	address address	224480 size 224660 size	
_	init	ro-00117d74	address	2246b0 size	
_	init	ifa_alloc	address	2246f0 size	
_	init	km-801079f4	address	2247b0 size	
41]	init	km-0010f152	address	2248e0 size	· 48
42]	init	_if_alloc	address	2250f0 size	428
	init	_if_alloc	address	2252d0 size	
_	init	ro-00117d74	address	225320 size	
	init init	ifa_alloc	address	225360 size	
= =	init	ro-00117e48 ro-0010a484	address address	224950 size 224990 size	
_	init	km-801079f4	address	225d60 size	
_	init	km-0010f152	address	225e90 size	
_	init	ro-00117e48	address	225f00 size	
51]	init	ro-0010a484	address	224aa0 size	212
	init	ro-0010c052	address	224bb0 size	
	init	ro-0010c060	address	224e70 size	
54]		km-800908d0	address	224f20 size	
	init	km-800908d0	address	224f70 size	
	init init	ro-0010a484 ro-0010a484	address address	225420 size 2255b0 size	
	init	km-800908d0	address	224fc0 size	
	init	ro-001179a0	address	225010 size	
= =	init	ro-001179a0	address	225060 size	
	init	ro-001179a0	address	225740 size	
	init	save_string	address	225a10 size	<mark>. 8</mark>
	init	save_string	address	225a50 size	
	init	save_string	address	225a90 size	
65]	init	save_string	address	225ad0 size	<mark>. 8</mark>



4 memory blocks are found to be outstanding, i.e., not reclaimed, where they should have been so.

While this example may look too contrived, using 'heap' and 'heap list' commands will greatly help resolve much harder memory leak issues.

