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Porting uIP1.0 to LPC1700

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1. Introduction

The Ethernet block of LPC1700 contains a full featured 10/100 Mbps Ethernet MAC designed to provide optimized performance through the use of DMA hardware acceleration. Features include a generous suite of control registers, half or full duplex operation, flow control, control frames, hardware acceleration for transmit retry, receive packet filtering and wake-up on LAN activity. Automatic frame transmission and reception with Scatter-Gather DMA off-loads many operations from the CPU.

The uIP TCP/IP stack is an extremely small implementation of the TCP/IP protocol suite intended for embedded systems running low-end 8 or 16-bit microcontrollers. The code size and RAM requirements of uIP is an order of magnitude smaller than other generic TCP/IP stacks today. It can only handle a single network interface and contains the IP, ICMP, UDP and TCP protocols.

This application note describes the steps and details of porting the uIP TCP/IP stack (latest version is 1.0) to LPC1700. As a demo, a simple web server is implemented and tested on KEIL MCB1700 board.

Based on this document, users can easily port uIP to other NXP MCU with Ethernet block.

2. Porting uIP

2.1 Overview

There is no need to make any changes to the actual uIP TCP/IP code, but a device driver for the target's network device (Ethernet controller/serial port/whatever) has to be written. The actual system integration part (i.e., the main control loop, which should call the uIP functions when data arrives and when the periodical timer expires) also has to be done.

2.2 Porting description

2.2.1 Preparation

The uIP can be downloaded from its official website: http://www.nxp.com/redirect/sics.se/uip. Read the reference manual to understand the file structure, work flow and especially the main control loop.
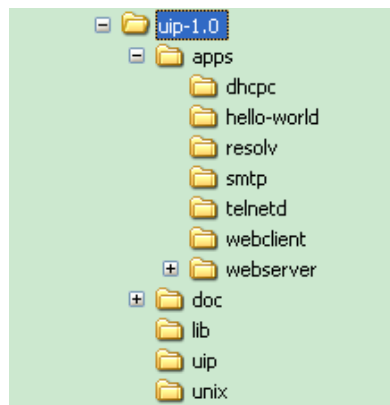
Fig 1.   File structure of uIP

It is also useful to be familiar with the LPC Ethernet and Timer blocks by reading the appropriate sections of the LPC1700 user manual. The latest user manual can be downloaded from the NXP website:
http://www.standardics.nxp.com/support/documents/microcontrollers/.

2.2.2 Modify porting directory and files

1. Modify the directory name of "**unix**" to "**main**".

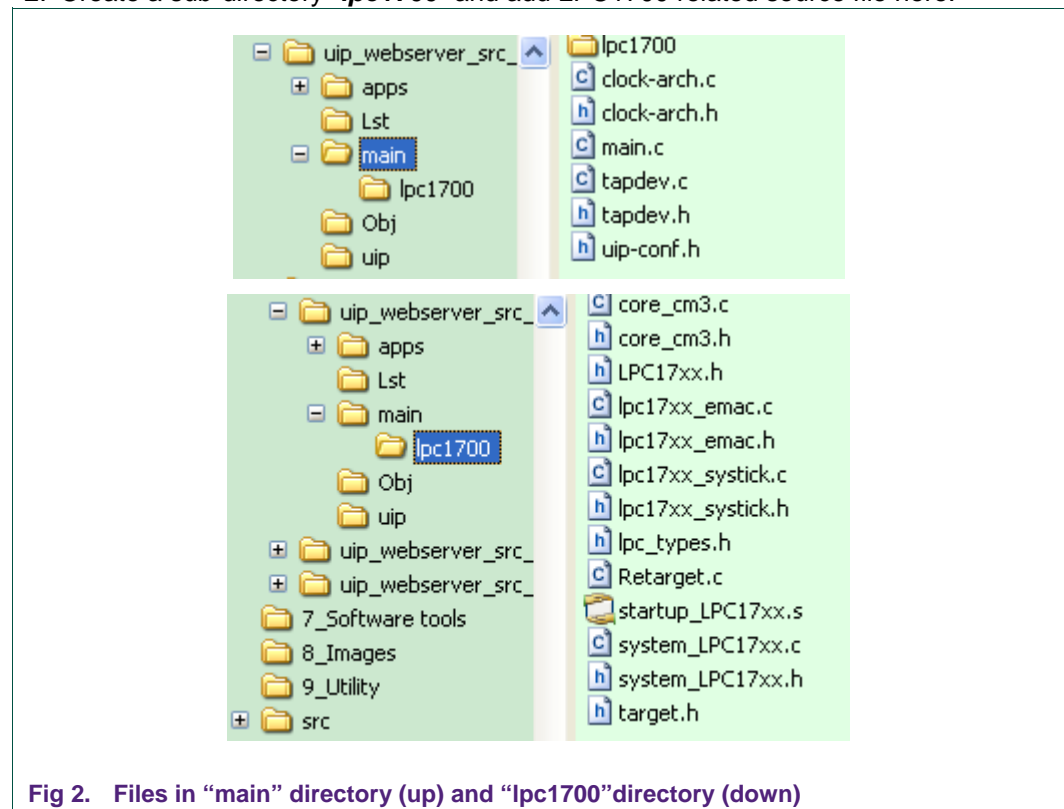2. Create a sub-directory "**lpc1700**" and add LPC1700 related source file here.

Fig 2. Files in "main" directory (up) and "lpc1700"directory (down)

2.2.3 Porting Timer driver

The timer library provides functions for setting, resetting and restarting timers, and for checking if a timer has expired.

Two timer functions must be implemented (prototypes are defined in header file "clock.h" in "**uip**" directory):

1. clock_time_t **clock_time**(void);

2. void **clock_init**(void);

Function **clock_time**() returns the current system clock time which is measured in system ticks.

Function **clock_init**() initializes the clock library and should be called from the main() function of the system.

The timer driver is implemented in file "clock-arch.h" and "clock-arch.c" (will eventually call timer functions in lpc17xx_systick.c). The files containing "arch" mean that are architecture specific implementations.

In this demo, LPC1700 SysTick Timer is used and fired every 10 milliseconds.

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2.2.4 Porting Ethernet driver

The Ethernet library provides functions for initializing Ethernet block, transmitting and receiving Ethernet frame in LPC1700.

Three Ethernet functions must be implemented which are defined in file "tapdev.h" (with some minor modifications compared with the original file):

1. void **tapdev_init**(void);

2. unsigned int **tapdev_read**(void *pPacket);

3. void **tapdev_send**(void *pPacket, unsigned int size);

Function **tapdev_init**() initializes the LPC1700 Ethernet block (including MAC and DMA controller) and PHY chip.

Function **tapdev_read**() receives an Ethernet frame from MAC/DMA controller.

Function **tapdev_send**() transmits an Ethernet frame to MAC/DMA controller.

2.2.4.1 Porting tapdev_init()

Function tapdev_init will eventually call Ethernet driver EMAC_Init (see lpc17xx_emac.c).

After reset, the Ethernet software driver needs to initialize the Ethernet block. During initialization the software needs to:

1. Remove the soft reset condition from the MAC

2. Configure the PHY via the MIIM interface of the MAC

3. Select RMII or MII mode

4. Configure the transmit and receive DMA engines, including the descriptor arrays

5. Configure the host registers (MAC1, MAC2, etc.) in the MAC

6. Enable the receive and transmit datapaths.

Depending on the PHY, the software needs to initialize registers in the PHY via the MII Management interface. The software can read and write PHY registers by programming the MCFG, MCMD, MADR registers of the MAC. The MIIM clock divider ranges from 4 to 28 which will result in a MIIM clock ranging from 0.6 MHz to 4.5 MHz if PCLK is set to 18 MHz. Although IEEE802.3u defines the clock to be no faster than 2.5 MHz, some PHYs may support the clock up to 12.5 MHz, for example DP83848.

For the physical address of DP83848 (PHY on KEIL MCB1700 board), since the PHYAD[0] pin has weak internal pull-up resistor and PHYAD[4:1] pins have weak internal pull-down resistors, the default setting for the PHY address is 00001 (0x1).

After initializing the receive descriptor and status arrays to receive frames from the Ethernet connection, both the receive DMA controller and receive datapath of the MAC need to be enabled. To prevent overflow in the receive DMA engine, the receive DMA engine should be enabled by setting the RxEnable bit in the Command register before enabling the receive datapath in the MAC by setting the RECEIVE ENABLE bit in the MAC1 register. See Fig 3.

```
            rx_descr_init();
            tx_descr_init();

            /* Enable receive and transmit mode of MAC Ethernet core */
            MAC_COMMAND  |= (CR_RX_EN | CR_TX_EN);
            MAC_MAC1     |= MAC1_REC_EN;

            return(TRUE);
```

Fig 3. Enable receive DMA controller and receive datapath of MAC

2.2.4.2 Porting tapdev_send()

Function tapdev_send will eventually call Ethernet driver EMAC_SendPacket (see lpc17xx_emac.c).

Fig 4 shows the transmit process (in the view of software only).
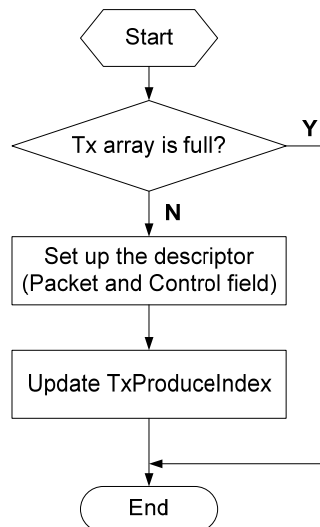
Fig 4. Flow chart of transmit process

Note: If the transmit datapath is enabled the Ethernet block will start transmitting the frame as soon as it detects the TxProduceIndex is not equal to TxConsumeIndex - both were zero after reset.

Fig 5 shows the implementation of function EMAC_SendPacket.

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```
BOOL_32 EMAC_SendPacket(void *pPacket, UNS_32 size)
{
    UNS_32  Index;
    UNS_32  IndexNext = EMAC->TxProduceIndex + 1;

    if(size == 0)
        return(TRUE);

    if(IndexNext > EMAC->TxDescriptorNumber)
        IndexNext = 0;

    if(IndexNext == EMAC->TxConsumeIndex)
        return(FALSE);

    Index = EMAC->TxProduceIndex;
    if (size > ETH_FRAG_SIZE)
        size = ETH_FRAG_SIZE;

    memcpy((unsigned int *)TX_BUF(Index),pPacket,size);
    TX_DESC_CTRL(Index) &= ~0x7ff;
    TX_DESC_CTRL(Index) |= (size - 1) & 0x7ff;

    EMAC->TxProduceIndex = IndexNext;

    return(TRUE);
}
```

Fig 5. Implementation of function EMAC_SendPacket()

2.2.4.3 Porting tapdev_read()

Function tapdev_read will eventually call Ethernet driver EMAC_ReadPacket (see lpc17xx_emac.c).

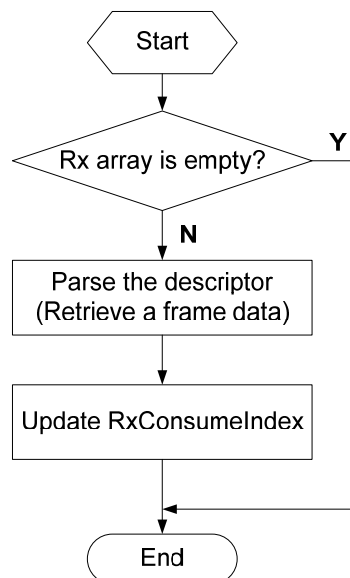Fig 6 shows the receive process (in the view of software).

Fig 6. Flow chart of receive process

Note: If the receive datapath is enabled the Ethernet block will continue to receive frames until the receive descriptor array is full.

Fig 7 shows the implementation of function EMAC_ReadPacket.

```
UNS_32 EMAC_ReadPacket(void * pPacket)
{
    UNS_32 Index = EMAC->RxConsumeIndex;
    UNS_32 size;

    if(Index == EMAC->RxProduceIndex)
        return(0);

    size = (RX_STAT_INFO(Index) & 0x7ff)+1;
    if (size > ETH_FRAG_SIZE)
        size = ETH_FRAG_SIZE;

    memcpy(pPacket,(unsigned int *)RX_BUF(Index),size);

    if(++Index > EMAC->RxDescriptorNumber)
        Index = 0;

    EMAC->RxConsumeIndex = Index;

    return(size);
}
```

Fig 7.   Implementation of function EMAC_ReadPacket()

2.2.5 Main loop control

The main loop control is in the source file main.c. Before entering the main loop, all system functions and devices must be initialized, including LPC1700 vector interrupt controller, serial port (for debug), timer, Ethernet and HTTP server, etc. MAC and IP address should be also set here.

The uIP stack can be run either as a task in a multitasking system, or as the main program in a singletasking system. In both cases, the main control loop does two things repeatedly:

- Check if a packet has arrived from the network
- Check if a periodic timeout has occurred

2.3 Demo description

As a demo, we create a new uVision3 project and implement a web server based on uIP1.0.

Note: Function **snprintf**() is used in source file httpd-cgi.c but not implemented in old version of Keil RealView MDK. In this case, MicroLIB can not be used in the project. See Fig 8.
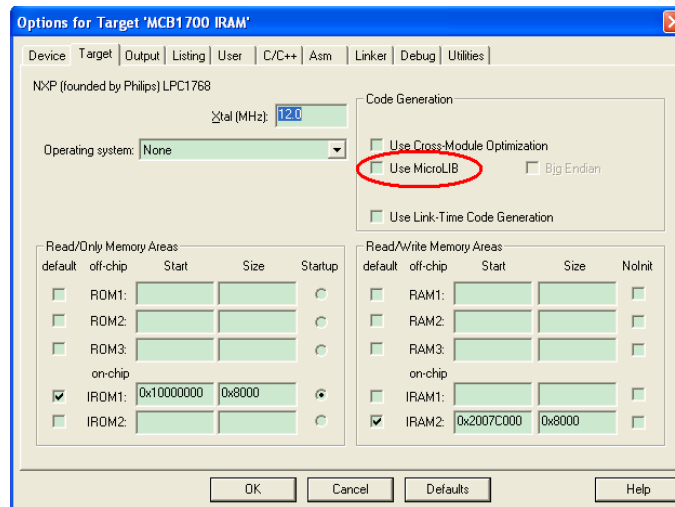
Fig 8. Project options without use of MicroLIB

Modify the IP configuration of your laptop to be in the same LAN with evaluation board.
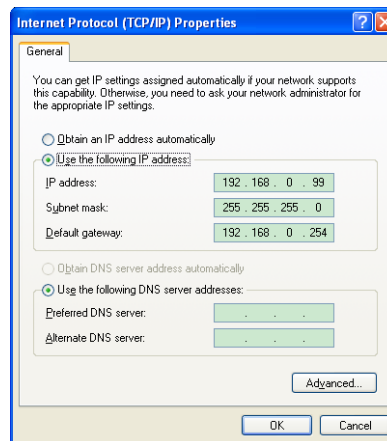

Fig 9. IP Configuration in laptop

Link and start debug in internal RAM, then type //192.168.0.100 in the address bar of the web browser. The main page of the uIP web server should now be visible.
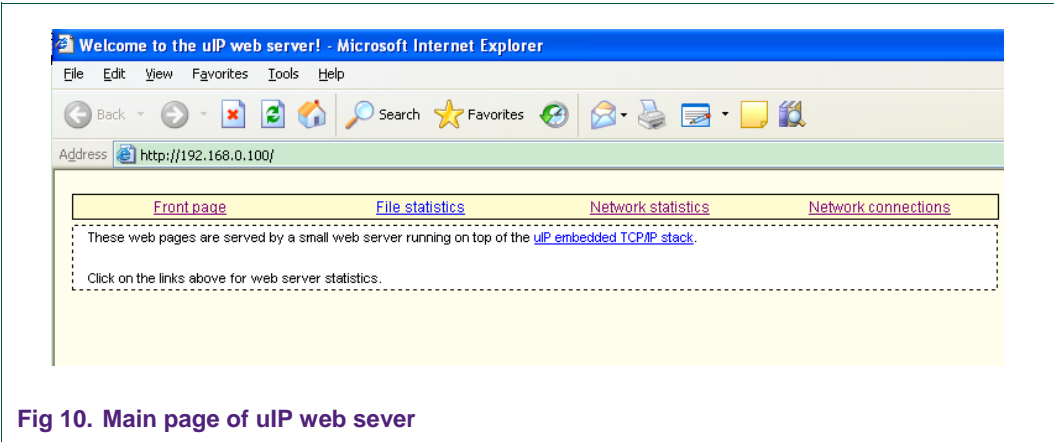
Fig 10. Main page of uIP web sever

Click the hyper-link "Network statistics", the current network statistics will be displayed:
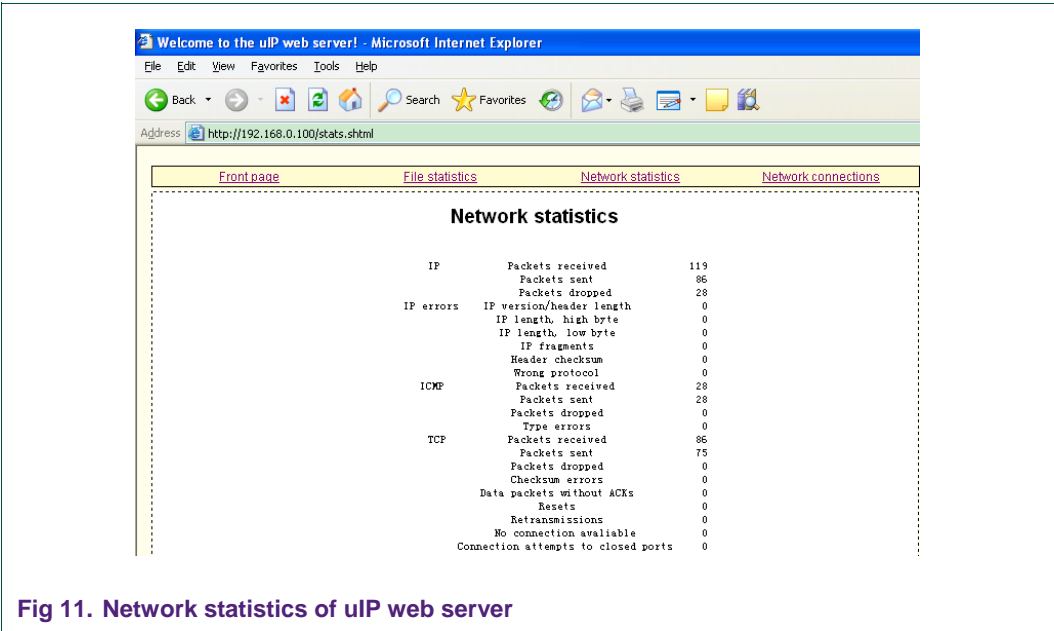

Fig 11. Network statistics of uIP web server

Click the hyper-link "Network connections", the current connections will be displayed:
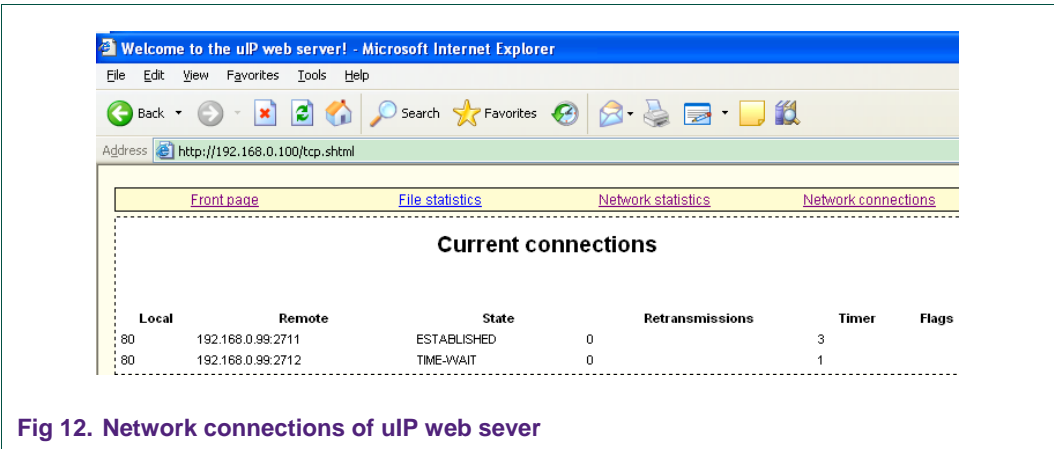

Fig 12. Network connections of uIP web sever

3. Conclusion

With the success of the Internet, the TCP/IP protocol suite has become a global standard for communication. For embedded systems, being able to run native TCP/IP makes it possible to connect the system directly to an intranet or even the global Internet. Embedded devices with full TCP/IP support will be first-class network citizens, thus being able to fully communicate with other hosts in the network.

Compared with other TCP/IP stack implementation, uIP consumes a lot less memory while still providing basic TCP/IP stack capabilities making it suitable for small memory footprint embedded devices like those in the LPC1700 series.

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