



Networking

Lecture 8



Networking

- OSI Network Stack
- Wi-Fi
- TCP/IP
- Raspberry Pi W
- Protocols



OSI Network Stack

Open Standard for Intercommunication



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Standardized Interfaces

7 layers, each one communicates with its counterpart



- **L1 hardware**, sends and receives data on the physical media
- **L2 hardware and driver** sends and receives data from a device that it is directly connected to
- **L3 driver** sends and receives data from devices not directly connected to using L2 from device to device
- **L4 driver** connects the applications to the networking stack
- **L5/L6** not used
- **L7** is the *application*



Wi-Fi

Wireless Network



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Wi-Fi

- Wireless Network
- *L2* (Data Link) Protocol
- Devices
 - **AP** - Access Point
 - acts as a hub or switch
 - handles authentication
 - **Device** - The device that connects to the network
- Frequencies
 - 2.4 GHz
 - 5 GHz





Wireless Network Connection

security

- **Open** - everyone receives all the communication
- **WEP** - all data is encrypted with the same key, everyone who knows the keys can read the data
- **WPA 1/2/3 (Personal)** - each **device** has a different encryption key shared with the **AP**
 - the **device** authenticates with the **AP** by using the network *passkey*
 - the **device** and the **AP** exchange a symmetric encryption key
- **WPA 1/2/3 Enterprise** - each **device** has a different encryption key shared with the **AP**
 - the **AP** provides a certificate to the **device** proving its authenticity
 - the **device** authenticates using username and password or a private key
 - the **device** and the **AP** exchange a symmetric encryption key



Integrated Network Device

the network device is integrated into the MCU

- a radio peripheral
 - knows how to emit and receive in 2.4 and 5 GHz
 - is controlled by software
 - can generate signals for Wi-Fi, BLE, 802.15.4, 6LoPAN, Thread
- it knows how to transmit and receive buffers (*L1*)
- some devices know *L2*





Discrete Network Device

the network device is connected into the MCU

- the MCU is connected to an external Wi-Fi/BLE device
- transport over UART, SPI or I2C
- most devices knows
 - *L3* - provides *socket*
 - *L4* - provides TCP/UDP *sockets*
 - *L7* - provides application functions (usually *HTTP* and *MQTT*)





TCP/IP Stack

Transport Control Protocol over Internet Protocol



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TCP/IP Stack



*the initial TCP/IP stack did not make any difference between the *Physical* and the *Data Link* layers



Data Link Layer

- very similar for Ethernet and Wi-Fi (HDLC)
- uses *Media Access Control (MAC)* addresses
- sends and receives *frames* from other devices directly connected to the same network





Network Layer

- Internet Protocol
 - uses *Internet Protocol* (IP) addresses
 - *IPv4* - 32 bits
 - *IPv6* - 128 bits
- sends and receives *packets* from other devices remotely





Transport Layer

- Two protocols
 - *Transport Control Protocol (TCP)* - stream of data, makes sure it gets to the destination
 - *User Datagram Protocol (UDP)* - *fire and forget*, best effort do deliver the packet
- uses *Ports* to identify the destination and source application
- sends and receives *packets*





Raspberry Pi Pico W



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Raspberry Pi Pico W

uses a discrete Wi-Fi chip

- Wi-Fi and BLE provided by CYW43439 made by *Infineon*
- connected over SPI/PIO
- Wi-Fi 4 (802.11n), 2.4 GHz
 - WPA 3
 - SoftAP (4 clients)
 - Device
- BLE 5.2
 - Central
 - Peripheral
 - Bluetooth Classic
- Provides *L2* - allows sending of *Ethernet* (MAC) frames





Tasks

tasks that run when using Wi-Fi





CYW43439 API

the embassy driver

1. Load the *firmware* into the `.data` section.

```
let fw = include_bytes!("./cyw43439_firmware/43439A0.bin");
let clm = include_bytes!("./cyw43439_firmware/43439A0_clm.bin");
```

2. Use PIO0 as SPI device

```
bind_interrupts!(struct Irqs {
    PIO0_IRQ_0 => InterruptHandler<PIO0>;
});

let pwr = Output::new(p.PIN_23, Level::Low);
let cs = Output::new(p.PIN_25, Level::High);
let mut pio = Pio::new(p.PIO0, Irqs);
let spi = PioSpi::new(
    &mut pio.common, pio.sm0, pio.irq0,
    cs, p.PIN_24, p.PIN_29, p.DMA_CH0
);
```



* drawing is not at scale, code and data are significantly greater than the interrupt vector



CYW43439 API

the embassy driver

3. Write a task for the Wi-Fi driver

```
#[embassy_executor::task]
async fn wifi_task(runner: cyw43::Runner<'static, Output<'static>, PioSpi<'static, PIO0, 0, DMA_CH0>>) -> ! {
    runner.run().await
}
```

4. Start the driver

```
1 static STATE: StaticCell<cyw43::State> = StaticCell::new();
2 let state = STATE.init(cyw43::State::new());
3 let (_net_device, mut control, runner) = cyw43::new(state, pwr, spi, fw).await;
4 unwrap!(spawner.spawn(wifi_task(runner)));
```

5. Init the device

```
1 control.init(clm).await;
2 control
3     .set_power_management(PowerManagementMode::PowerSave)
4     .await;
```



The first action of the *wifi* task is to write the firmware from *.data* to the CY43439 chip.

The diagram illustrates the memory layout and boot process of the RP2040. The memory is divided into two main sections: **Flash Storage** and **Code and Data**.

Flash Storage contains the following components:

- 0x000**: RP2040 Boot Loader *.boot_loader*
- 0x100**: Initial Stack Address
- 0x104**: Reset Handler
- 0x108**: NMI Handler
- 0x10c**: HardFault Handler
- 0x12c**: SVC Handler
- 0x138**: PendSV
- 0x13c**: SysTick Handler
- 0x140**: ISR 0
- 0x144**: ISR 1
- ...
- 0x1bc**: ISR 31
- 0x1c0**: Code *.text*
- Data *.rodata & .data***
- CYW43439 Firmware**

Code and Data contains the following components:

- Code**
- Data *.rodata & .data***
- CYW43439 Firmware**

The **Interrupt Vector *.vector_table*** is located in the Flash Storage section, spanning from 0x000 to 0x144.

The boot process is as follows:

- The boot loader starts at 0x000 and jumps to the Initial Stack Address at 0x100.
- The Reset Handler at 0x104 jumps to main.
- The NMI Handler at 0x108 jumps to the panic handler.
- The HardFault Handler at 0x10c jumps to the panic handler.
- The SVC Handler at 0x12c jumps to the panic handler.
- The PendSV handler at 0x138 jumps to the panic handler.
- The SysTick Handler at 0x13c jumps to the panic handler.
- The ISR 0 handler at 0x140 jumps to the panic handler.
- The ISR 1 handler at 0x144 jumps to the panic handler.
- The ISR 31 handler at 0x1bc jumps to the panic handler.
- The Code *.text* at 0x1c0 is the main code.
- The Data *.rodata & .data* is the main data.
- The CYW43439 Firmware is the main firmware.

The **CYW43439** module is shown with its internal components: Application, Presentation, Session, Transport, Network, Data Link, and Physical layers. It also includes a **WiFi** icon, **RX Buffer**, and **TX Buffer**.

The **SPI** is initialized when Wi-Fi is used, as indicated by the dashed arrow from the CYW43439 module to the SPI section.

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Wi-Fi AP Mode

Start an **AP** and allow other devices to connect.

Open Network (not a very good idea)

- network SSID
- channel number

```
control.start_ap_open("Network SSID", 5).await;
```

WPA network

- network SSID
- WPA password
- channel number

```
control.start_ap_wpa2("Network SSID", "WPA password", 5).await;
```



Wi-Fi Device Mode

Start an **device** and connect to a Wi-Fi network

Open Network (not a very good idea)

- network SSID

```
control.join_open("network SSID").await;
```

WPA network

- network SSID
- network password

```
match control.join_wpa2("network ssid", "network password").await {  
  Ok(_) => break,  
  Err(err) => {  
    info!("join failed with status={}", err.status);  
  }  
}
```



Embassy Net

a smol TCP/IP stack

- uses smoltcp, embedded (no_std) TCP/IP stack written in Rust
- L3: IPv4, IPv6, IGMPv4 (ping), 6LoWPAN
- L4: TCP and UDP
- L7: DHCPv4 and DNS





Embassy Net API

over smoltcp

1. Set how to obtain an IP address
 - self assigned
 - DHCP
2. Start the network stack
3. Use sockets to communicate



DHCP

Dynamic Host Control Protocol





Obtain a network address

self assigned or obtain one from a DHCP server

Self assigned

```
1 let config = embassy_net::Config::ipv4_static(embassy_net::StaticConfigV4 {  
2     address: Ipv4Cidr::new(Ipv4Address::new(192, 168, 69, 2), 24),  
3     dns_servers: vec![Ipv4Address::new(8, 8, 8, 8), Ipv4Address::new(1, 1, 1, 1)],  
4     gateway: Some(Ipv4Address::new(192, 168, 69, 1)),  
5 });
```

Dynamic Host Control Protocol (DHCP)

```
1 let config = Config::dhcpv4(Default::default());  
2  
3 // start the network stack  
4  
5 // Wait for DHCP  
6 info!("waiting for DHCP...");  
7 while !stack.is_config_up() {  
8     Timer::after_millis(100).await;  
9 }
```



Start the network stack

1. Write a network task

```
#[embassy_executor::task]
async fn net_task(stack: &'static Stack<cyw43::NetDriver<'static>>) -> ! {
    stack.run().await
}
```

2. Start the network stack

```
1  // chosen by fair dice roll. guaranteed to be random.
2  let seed = 0x0123_4567_89ab_cdef;
3
4  // Init network stack
5  static STACK: StaticCell<Stack<cyw43::NetDriver<'static>>> = StaticCell::new();
6  static RESOURCES: StaticCell<StackResources<2>> = StaticCell::new();
7  let stack = &*STACK.init(Stack::new(
8      net_device,
9      config,
10     RESOURCES.init(StackResources::<2>::new()),
11     seed,
12 ));
13
14 unwrap!(spawner.spawn(net_task(stack)));
```



Query an IP address using DNS

IP address for a domain

- sockets use IP addresses
- to talk to a server, the IP of the server has to be obtained

```
1  let dns = DnsSocket::new(stack);
2  match dns.get_host_by_name("www.example.com", AddrType::IPv4) {
3      Ok(ip) => info!("Ip is {:?}", ip),
4      Err(e) => warn!("failed to retrieve address {:?}", e)
5  }
```




TCP Server Socket

listening for one single connection

smoltcp can only listen and accept one client

```
1  let mut rx_buffer = [0; 4096];
2  let mut tx_buffer = [0; 4096];
3
4  loop {
5      let mut socket = TcpSocket::new(stack, &mut rx_buffer, &mut tx_buffer);
6      socket.set_timeout(Some(Duration::from_secs(10)));
7
8      info!("Listening on TCP:1234...");
9      if let Err(e) = socket.accept(1234).await {
10         warn!("accept error: {:?}", e);
11         continue;
12     }
13
14     info!("Received connection from {:?}", socket.remote_endpoint());
15
16     // handle the connection
17 }
```



TCP Client Socket

connecting to a server

```
1  let mut rx_buffer = [0; 4096];
2  let mut tx_buffer = [0; 4096];
3
4  loop {
5      let mut socket = TcpSocket::new(stack, &mut rx_buffer, &mut tx_buffer);
6      socket.set_timeout(Some(Duration::from_secs(10)));
7
8      info!("Connecting to TCP 1.2.3.5:1234...");
9      if let Err(e) = socket.connect(IpEndpoint::new(IpAddress::v4(1,2,3,5), 1234)).await {
10         warn!("accept error: {:?}", e);
11         continue;
12     }
13
14     info!("Connected to {:?}", socket.remote_endpoint());
15
16     // handle the connection
17 }
```



Read from a TCP Socket

read bytes

```
1  let mut buf = [0u8; 4096];
2
3  let n = match socket.read(&mut buf).await {
4      Ok(0) => {
5          warn!("read EOF");
6          break;
7      }
8      Ok(n) => n,
9      Err(e) => {
10         warn!("read error: {:?}", e);
11         break;
12     }
13 };
14
15 // display bytes as a UTF-8 string
16 info!("rxd {}", from_utf8(&buf[..n]).unwrap());
```



Write to a TCP Socket

write bytes

```
1  let buf = [0u8; 4096];
2
3  // write n bytes to buf
4
5  match socket.write_all(&buf[..n]).await {
6      Ok(()) => {
7          /* write was successful */
8      }
9      Err(e) => {
10         warn!("write error: {:?}", e);
11         break;
12     }
13 };
```



Listen for UDP Packets

```
1  let mut rx_buffer = [0; 4096];
2  let mut rx_metadata_buffer = [PacketMetadata::EMPTY; 3];
3  let mut tx_buffer = [0; 4096];
4  let mut tx_metadata_buffer = [PacketMetadata::EMPTY; 3];
5
6  let mut buf = [0u8; 4096];
7
8  let mut socket = UdpSocket::new(
9      stack, &mut rx_buffer, &mut rx_metadata_buffer, &mut tx_buffer, &mut tx_metadata_buffer
10 );
11
12 // listen for UDP packet on port 1234
13 if let Err(e) = socket.bind(1234) {
14     warn!("bind error {:?}", e);
15     break;
16 }
17
18 loop {
19     match socket.recv_from(&mut buf) {
20         Ok((n, endpoint)) => {
21             info!("Received from {:?}: {:?}", endpoint, buf[..n]);
22         }
23     }
24 }
```



Send UDP Packets

```
1  let mut rx_buffer = [0; 4096];
2  let mut rx_metadata_buffer = [PacketMetadata::EMPTY; 3];
3  let mut tx_buffer = [0; 4096];
4  let mut tx_metadata_buffer = [PacketMetadata::EMPTY; 3];
5
6  let mut buf = [0u8; 4096];
7
8  let mut socket = UdpSocket::new(
9      stack, &mut rx_buffer, &mut rx_metadata_buffer, &mut tx_buffer, &mut tx_metadata_buffer
10 );
11
12 info!("Sending to UDP 1.2.3.5:1234...");
13 match socket.send_to(&buf, IpEndpoint::new(IpAddress::v4(1,2,3,5), 1234)) {
14     Ok(()) => {
15         /* send successful */
16     }
17     Err(e) => {
18         warn!("send error: {:?}", e);
19     }
20 }
```



Protocols



Libraries

that provide protocols

- **MQTT** - *MQ Telemetry Transport*
 - publish/subscribe
 - minimq
- **CoAP** - *Constrained Application Protocol*
 - simplified binary HTTP
 - coap_lite



Conclusion

we talked about

- OSI Network Stack
- Wi-Fi
- TCP/IP
- Raspberry Pi W
- Protocols