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# 1 INTRODUCTION

In this project, we have implemented a program that performs fundamental linked-list operations for different lengths of inputs based on system tick interrupt for ARM Cortex M0+ using the Assembly Language. The source code template of the term project includes initialization of necessary functions and we have filled them according to system needs with our theoretical microprocessor systems and data structures knowledge.

## 2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

- ARM Cortex M0+ Microprocessor
- Keil  $\mu$ Vision IDE v5

### 2.1 Initialization

The assembly project that is created with Keil  $\mu$ Vision IDE v5 needs configuration in startup file and microprocessor specifications to provide proper working mechanism.

Assembly handler functions are initialized in startup file automatically by IDE but for our project, System Tick Handler must be placed in main function. To handle this condition, we have commented out initialization of the handler from the startup file. Then, we have exported our handler from our code and imported it in reset handler that is placed in startup file as can be seen in Figure 1.

```
1 ; Reset_Handler
2
3
4 Reset_Handler PROC
5     EXPORT Reset_Handler [WEAK]
6     IMPORT SystemInit
7     IMPORT __main
8     IMPORT SysTick_Handler
9
10    LDR R0, =SystemInit
11    BLX R0
12    LDR R0, =__main
13    BX R0
14 ENDF
```

Figure 1: System Tick Handler Configuration

In the project requirements, our central processor unit working frequency given as **64MHz**. In our IDE, processor frequency can be set using Flash configurations menu as seen in Figure 2.

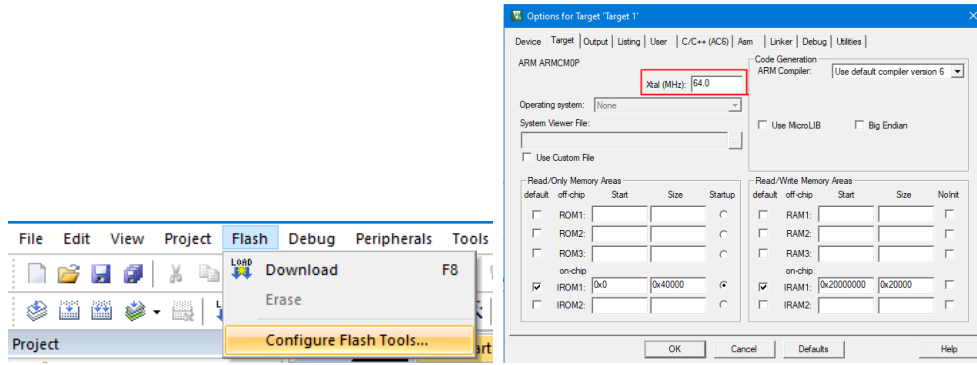


Figure 2: CPU Frequency Configuration

## 2.2 Main

Main is the base function of the program. Some setup and initialization operations are handled in this function and it checks program status for termination.

The function calls the `Clear_Alloc` function to reset the area that will be allocated and calls the `Clear_ErrorLogs` function to reset the area that will be used to write error logs. Also, it performs several initialization functions using `Init_GlobVars` and `SysTick_Init` that are used to initialize global variables and system tick, respectively. The last and the most considerable task of this function is checking whether the program has finished or not. It controls the `Program_Status` variable in an infinite loop to get status of the program. If it is equal to 2, that means the program has finished then, the function goes to the `Stop` label to finish the program. The implementation is shown below in Figure 3.

```

135  __main                FUNCTION
136                      EXPORT __main
137                      BL      Clear_Alloc ; Call Clear Allocation Function.
138                      BL      Clear_ErrorLogs ; Call Clear ErrorLogs Function.
139                      BL      Init_GlobVars ; Call Initiate Global Variable Function.
140                      BL      SysTick_Init ; Call Initialize System Tick Timer Function.
141                      LDR R0, =PROGRAM_STATUS ; Load Program Status Variable Addresses.
142  LOOP                  LDR R1, [R0] ; Load Program Status Variable.
143                      CMP     R1, #2 ; Check If Program finished.
144                      BNE LOOP ; Go to loop If program do not finish.
145  STOP                  B      STOP ; Infinite loop.
146                      ENDFUNC

```

Figure 3: Implementation of Main Function

## 2.3 SysTick\_Handler

This function is one of the most significant functions. Since it evaluates the given input data and its flag afterwards, leads the program according to the input and returns errors if there are any of them.

First of all, this function increases the Tick\_Count by one since; the program calls this function in certain periods whose number is equal to Tick\_Count. The second operation in this function is getting input data and input data flag from the input data area and input flag area, respectively. After these operations, the function starts to evaluate the input data and input flag. It checks the flag of the input, and according to the result, it calls Insert, Remove, or LinkedList2Array functions. Furthermore, according to the results of these functions, SysTick\_Handler calls the WriteErrorLog function if necessary. After all these operations, the function increments the index of the input data. Finally, it checks if the last input data has been read already or not. If it has been read then, the function calls the SysTick\_Stop function else, returns. Also, the implementation is demonstrated below in Figure 4 and Figure 5.

```
157 SysTick_Handler      FUNCTION
158 ;//----- <<< USER CODE BEGIN System Tick Handler >>>
159 ↪ -----
160                               EXPORT SysTick_Handler
161                               PUSH {LR} ; Push LR to stack to preserve
162                               LDR R3, =TICK_COUNT ; Address of Tick_Count -> R3
163                               LDR R4, [R3] ; Tick_Count -> R4
164                               ADDS R4, R4, #1 ; Tick_Count += 1
165                               STR R4, [R3] ; Store new Tick_Count to address of the Tick_Count
166                               LDR R3, =INDEX_INPUT_DS ; Address of INDEX_INPUT_DS -> R3
167                               LDR R3, [R3] ; INDEX_INPUT_DS -> R3
168                               LSLS R3, R3, #2 ; Multiply R3 with 4
169                               LDR R4, =IN_DATA ; Starting address of the Input Data -> R4
170                               LDR R4, [R4, R3] ; Move forward in input data area as index * 4 in bytes
171                               ↪ and get the next input data
172                               LDR R5, =IN_DATA_FLAG ; Starting address of the Input Data Flag -> R5
173                               LDR R5, [R5, R3] ; Move forward in input data flag area as index * 4 in
174                               ↪ bytes and get the next input data flag
175                               MOVN R0, R4 ; Set input data address in R0 as send parameter
176                               PUSH {R0} ; Push input data to stack
177                               CMP R5, #0 ; Check if operation is remove
178                               BEQ REMOVELABEL ; If yes go to REMOVELABEL
179                               B COMPARE1 ; Else go to next if statement
```

Figure 4: Implementation of SysTick\_Handler Function

```

177 REMOVELABEL
178
179     BL    Remove ; Go to Remove operation
180     MOVs R1, R0 ; Fill R1 with input data to send error
181     MOVs R2, #0 ; Fill R2 with 0 which is operation flag of remove operation
182     B      CHECK_ERROR ; Check if there is any error
183
184 COMPARE1
185
186     CMP R5, #1 ; Check if operation is insert
187     BEQ INSERTLABEL ; If yes go to INSERTLABEL
188     B      COMPARE2 ; Else go to next if statement
189
190 INSERTLABEL
191
192     BL    Insert ; Go to Insert operation
193     MOVs R1, R0 ; Fill R1 with input data to send error
194     MOVs R2, #1 ; Fill R2 with 1 which is operation flag of insert operation
195     B      CHECK_ERROR ; Check if there is any error
196
197 COMPARE2
198
199     CMP R5, #2 ; Check if operation is linked list to array
200     BEQ LIST2ARR ; If yes go to LIST2ARR
201     B      OP_NOT_FOUND ; Else go to not found statement
202
203 LIST2ARR
204
205     BL    LinkedList2Arr ; Go to linked list to array operation
206     MOVs R1, R0 ; Fill R1 with input data to send error
207     MOVs R2, #2 ; Fill R2 with 2 which is operation flag of linked list to
    ↪ array operation
208
209 CHECK_ERROR
210
211     POP {R3} ; Pop input data from stack and put it to R3
212     CMP R0, #0 ; Check if the operations return an error
213     BEQ INCINDEX_INPUT ; If not then go to increasing input data index
    ↪ function
214     B      WRITE_ERROR ; Else go to error write function
215
216 OP_NOT_FOUND
217
218     MOVs R1, #6 ; Fill R1 with 6 which means operation not found in error
    ↪ codes table
219     MOVs R2, R5 ; Fill R2 with operation code
220     POP {R3} ; Pop LR and Return
221
222 WRITE_ERROR
223
224     LDR R0, =INDEX_INPUT_DS ; Assign R0 to index input address
225     LDR R0, [R0] ; Assign R0 to index input value
226     BL    WriteErrorLog ; Go to error writing function
227
228 INCINDEX_INPUT
229
230     LDR R3, =INDEX_INPUT_DS ; Get input index address in R3
231     LDR R4, [R3] ; Get input index value in R4
232     ADDS R4, R4, #1 ; Incremenet input index value by one
233     STR R4, [R3] ; Store updated input index value
234     LDR R3, =END_IN_DATA ; Get the end point of the input data
235     LDR R5, =IN_DATA ; Get the starting point of the input data
236     SUBS R3, R3, R5 ; Get their difference
237     LSRS R3, R3, #2 ; Divide it by 4 to get rid of address size
238     CMP R3, R4 ; Check if result is equal to current index of input
    ↪ data set
239     BNE handler_stop ; If no, go to handler stop
240     BL SysTick_Stop ; Else, go to systick stop
241
242 handler_stop
243
244     POP {PC} ; Return
245
246 ;//----- <<< USER CODE END System Tick Handler >>>
    ↪ -----
247
248     ENDFUNC

```

Figure 5: Implementation of SysTick\_Handler Function

## 2.4 SysTick\_Init

In this assignment, we are expected to handle all operations within the interrupt function and also period of the system tick timer interrupt is given as **946  $\mu$ s**. In microprocessors, there is a memory area that is responsible for system tick interrupt properties such as enable, clock source. Programmers who use system tick interrupt must manipulate related bits according to system needs.

System timer was constructed on some fundamental principles that are directly dependent to reload value, processor frequency also interrupt system consist of counter, reload value, system clock and flags. In each system clock, mechanism decrements the counter value by 1 until it reaches to 0. If the counter value reaches to 0, mechanism sets the count flag as 1 and it triggers system interrupt. Then, it loads the counter with reload value and thus, the process repeats itself. Therefore, the period of the system tick interrupt directly dependent to CPU frequency that adjusts speed of the decrement operation and reload value that sets total time (how many clock required). For given CPU frequency and interrupt period, the formula for the **reload value** is given in Equation 1.

$$Reload\ Value = (T_{interrupt} * F_{CPU}) - 1$$

Equation 1: Formula for Reload Value

Our system works with **64 MHz** CPU clock frequency and required interrupt period is given us as **946  $\mu$ s**. After plugging these values into formula, we found reload value as **60543**.

Table 1: ARM Cortex M0+ System Tick Registers and Their Addresses

Address	Description
0xE000E010	System Tick Control and Status Register
0xE000E014	System Tick Reload Value Register
0xE000E018	System Tick Current Value Register

In ARM Cortex M0+ microprocessors, current value, reload value and control registers can be manipulated using addresses that are given in Table 1. In SysTick\_Init function, we have performed memory operations on these addresses using values that are calculated above. We store reload value as 60543 in 0xE000E014, current value as 0 in 0xE000E018 and control flag as 0x111 in 0xE000E010 respectively. The control flags determines system enable, clock source, tick interrupt as seen in Table 2 . In our program, we have to enable counter, interrupt and we have to use clock of the CPU. Thus, we have set all flags as 1.



At the end of the program, we have to update program status. We set it with 1, it means that timer is started.

Table 2: Control Flags

Flag	Description	Value
Clock Source	Chooses Clock Source	1
Tick Interrupt	Enables System Tick Interrupt	1
Enable	Enables Counting Mechanism	1

Our implementation is given below as Figure 6.

```

232 SysTick_Init      FUNCTION
233 ;//----- <<< USER CODE BEGIN System Tick Timer Initialize >>>
↪ -----
234                     LDR R0, =0xE000E010 ; it takes system tick control memory address
235                     LDR R1, =60543 ; keeps reload value
236                     STR R1, [R0, #4] ; stores reload value into memory
237                     MOVS R1, #0 ; keeps current value as 0
238                     STR R1, [R0, #8] ; stores current value into memory
239                     MOVS R1, #7 ; sets flags as 1 (enable, tickint, clksource)
240                     STR R1, [R0] ; stores flags in proper memory address
241                     MOVS R0, #1 ; keeps program status value as 1 (timer started)
242                     LDR R1, =PROGRAM_STATUS ; takes address of program status variable
243                     STR R0, [R1] ; writes 1 to program status
244                     BX LR ; branches with link register
245 ;//----- <<< USER CODE END System Tick Timer Initialize >>>
↪ -----
246                     ENDFUNC

```

Figure 6: Implementation of SysTick\_Init Function

## 2.5 SysTick\_Stop

The main purpose of this function is preparing the program for termination by manipulating program status and system tick interrupt mechanism.

We have already mentioned the system tick registers and their purposes in SysTick\_Init subsection. To stop system tick interrupt, we have to set tickint and enable flags of the register as 0. Tickint flag disables interrupt trigger mechanism and enable flag prevents counting respect to CPU clock. Thus, we have stored #4 (100) in system tick control and status register that's address given as 0xE000E010. After disabling system tick interrupt, we have read address of the PROGRAM\_STATUS variable and we have stored #2 value that refers to "All data operations finished." in this register.

At the end of the this function, program stops system tick interrupt and exits from loop that is located in main function. Finally, it branches to STOP label continuously and it waits for the program to be terminated by an user.

Our SysTick\_Stop function implementation is given below as Figure 7.

```

251 SysTick_Stop      FUNCTION
252                 LDR R0, =0xE000E010 ; it takes system tick control memory address
253                 MOVS R1, #4 ; sets flags as 100 (enable=0, tickint=0, clksource=1)
254                 STR R1, [R0] ; stores flags in proper memory address
255                 MOVS R0, #2 ; keeps program status value as 2 (All data operations
↪ finished.)
256                 LDR R1, =PROGRAM_STATUS ; takes address of program status
↪ variable
257                 STR R0, [R1] ; writes 2 to program status
258                 BX LR ; branches with link register
259                 ENDFUNC

```

Figure 7: Implementation of SysTick\_Stop Function

## 2.6 Clear\_Alloc

In this function, we clear the allocation table to get rid of undesirable values in the memory space. Firstly, we have created a loop to iterate all of the allocation table. For each step, we check index of current position. If we are not at the end, we set 0 to that table-space and increase our for loop index. If our index is equal to the allocation table size, we branch with link register. As can be seen in Figure 8, the implementation of the Clear\_Alloc is given below.

```

264 Clear_Alloc      FUNCTION
265                 MOVS R0, #0 ;Set R0: i = 0
266                 MOVS R3, #0 ; Set R3 as 0
267                 LDR R1, =AT_SIZE ; get Allocation Table size
268                 LDR R2, =_AT_Start ; get Allocation Table's address
269                 B COMPARECLEAR ; branch to compareclear label
270 LOOPCLEAR
271                 STR R3, [R2,R0] ; clear the allocation table's R2th address's R0th index
272                 ADDS R0, R0, #4 ; increase the index counter
273 COMPARECLEAR
274                 CMP R0, R1 ; compare index and allocation table size
275                 BNE LOOPCLEAR ; if not equal branch to LOOPCLEAR label
276                 BX LR ; returns
277                 ENDFUNC

```

Figure 8: Implementation of Clear\_Alloc Function

## 2.7 Clear\_ErrorLogs

In this function, we are expected to clear error logs array that is defined globally.

Firstly, we have created a for loop to iterate all of the error logs area. For each step, we check index of current position. If we are not at the end, we set 0 to that error log space and increase our for loop index. If our index is equal to the error log area size, we branch with link register. The code of the Clear\_ErrorLogs in Figure 9 is given below.

```
282 Clear_ErrorLogs      FUNCTION
283                     MOVs R0, #0 ;Set R0: i = 0
284                     MOVs R3, #0 ; Set R3 as 0
285                     LDR R1, =LOG_ARRAY_SIZE ; get log array size
286                     LDR R2, =_LOG_Start ; get log array's address
287                     B      COMPAREERCLEAR ; branch to compareerclear label
288 LOOPERCLEAR
289                     STR R3, [R2,R0] ; clear the log array's R2th address's R0th index
290                     ADDS R0, R0, #4 ; increase the index counter
291 COMPAREERCLEAR
292                     CMP      R0, R1 ; compare index and log array size
293                     BNE      LOOPERCLEAR ; if not equal branch to LOOPERCLEAR label
294                     BX      LR ; returns
295                     ENDFUNC
```

Figure 9: Implementation of Clear\_ErrorLogs Function

## 2.8 Init\_GlobVars

In this function, we are expected to initialize all global variables with **#0**. It was one of the simplest functions in the project. We simply loaded R1 register with the address of the global variables and then we stored **#0** to these addresses for each of TICK\_COUNT, FIRST\_ELEMENT, INDEX\_INPUT\_DS, INDEX\_ERROR\_LOG, PROGRAM\_STATUS variables. As can be seen in Figure 10, the implementation of the Init\_GlobVars is given below.

```

300 Init_GlobVars      FUNCTION
301                     MOVs R0, #0
302                     LDR R1, =TICK_COUNT ;TICK_COUNT is initialized with #0
303                     STR R0, [R1]
304                     LDR R1, =FIRST_ELEMENT ;FIRST_ELEMENT is initialized with #0
305                     STR R0, [R1]
306                     LDR R1, =INDEX_INPUT_DS ;INDEX_INPUT_DS is initialized with #0
307                     STR R0, [R1]
308                     LDR R1, =INDEX_ERROR_LOG ;INDEX_ERROR_LOG is initialized with #0
309                     STR R0, [R1]
310                     LDR R1, =PROGRAM_STATUS ;PROGRAM_STATUS is initialized with #0
311                     STR R0, [R1]
312                     BX LR ;branch with link register
313                     ENDFUNC

```

Figure 10: Implementation of Init\_GlobVars Function

## 2.9 Malloc

In this function, we are expected to search allocation table that is given as global variable to find a place that points unused memory address in DATA\_MEM and apply proper allocation procedures such as writing 1 to allocated bit. Each bit of the allocation table refers to a node that has 8 byte size and it means that each word of the allocation table can use for 32 different linked-list node allocation. Also the principles are visualized in Figure 11.

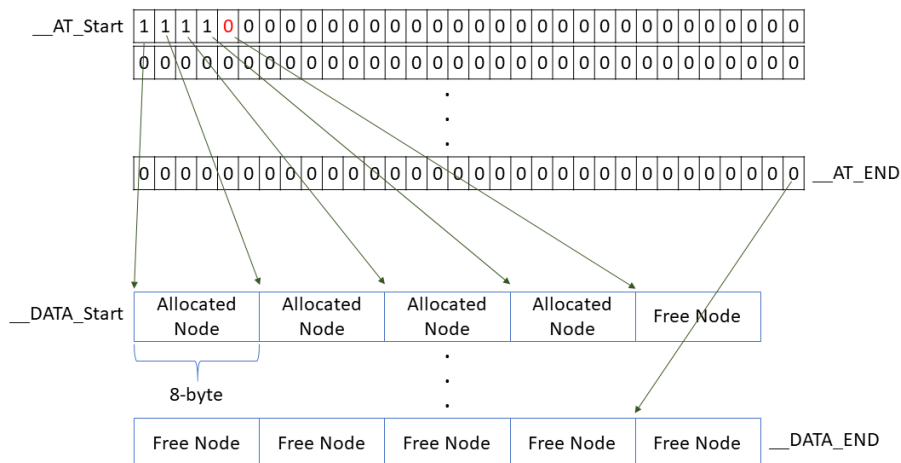


Figure 11: Visualization of Node Allocation Principles

Malloc function is constructed on two nested for loops that are used for search operation. These loops allow us to divide our problem into sub-problems. In the parent for loop, we have iterated on **each word** (4-byte) of allocation table that's size is given as AT\_SIZE and in the inner loop we have iterated on **each bit** of the word. In the inner-loop, we have to check value of the each bit and we have solved this problem using mask value that is 1. In each iteration, we perform AND operation using our mask value and identify current bit shows allocated node or not according to Equation 2. At the end of the iteration, we shift our mask value to left by one to provide a code structure that checks each bit of the word separately. After the mask operation if the the result value is 0, it means that value of the current bit is 0 that indicates current bit is free. After finding the empty node, program allocates bit using OR operation that writes 1, its mechanism is given in Equation 3, to current bit and directly branches to FOUND label.

$$01010001110 \cdot 00000100000 = 00000000000$$

$$01010101110 \cdot 00000100000 = 00000100000$$

Equation 2: Mask Operation Using AND

$$01010001110 + 00000100000 = 01010101110$$

Equation 3: Mask Operation Using OR

After the iteration on allocation table, two cases can be occurred that are finding or not finding a free space. To check these conditions, we have used labels and we have placed not found instructions between for loop and found label. By this way, we determine which condition appeared. If program exits for loop without branch operation, it means that there is not any free space and program returns 0 that indicates linked-list is full. If program finds a free node, then it must reach the corresponding node address. To perform these operation, firstly we have to determine index of the allocated node. As we stated in previous paragraph, we used two nested for loops. The parent for loop gives us index of the word that is called as *i* and inner loop gives us the position of the node in this word that is called as *j*. Therefore, we have performed  $i * 32 + j$  operation to find index of the related node. After this operation, we have added index value to \_DATA\_Start address by multiplying with 8 (each node contains 8 bytes) and we have returned this address value. Our assembly implementation is given below as Figure 12.

```

320 Malloc                                FUNCTION
321 ;//----- <<< USER CODE BEGIN System Tick Handler >>> -----
322     MOVs R4, #0 ; initializes i with 0
323     LDR R6, =AT_SIZE ; takes size of the allocation table
324     LDR R7, =_AT_Start ; takes start address of the allocation table
325     B      COMPARESEARCH ; branches to compare label
326 SEARCH
327     LDR R5, [R7,R4] ; takes current word (32-bit) to R5
328     MOVs R2, #0 ; initializes j with 0
329     MOVs R3, #1 ; creates mask value with 1
330     B      COMPAREWORD ; branches to compare word
331 LOOPWORD
332     MOVs R1, R3 ; movs mask value to R1
333     ANDs R1, R5, R1 ; masks current word with 1 (checks first bit)
334     CMP R1, #0 ; compares masked value with 0
335     BNE NOTFOUND ; if it is not 0, it means that current bit is not empty
336     ORRS R5, R5, R3 ; if it free area, it allocates current bit with OR
    ↪ operation
337     STR R5, [R7,R4] ; stores allocated word to memory
338     B      FOUND ; branches to found label
339 NOTFOUND
340     ADDs R2, R2, #1 ; increments j with 1
341     LSLs R3, R3, #1 ; shifts mask value with 1
342 COMPAREWORD
343     CMP R2, #32 ; compares j with 32
344     BNE LOOPWORD ; if not equal, it continues to
    ↪ iterating
345     ADDs R4, R4, #4 ; increments i with 4 byte
346 COMPARESEARCH
347     CMP R4, R6 ; compares i with allocation table size
348     BNE SEARCH ; if not equal, branches to search
    ↪ word
349     MOVs R0, #0 ; meaning that the linked list is full.
350     B end_Malloc ; branches to end of the function
351 FOUND
352     LSLs R4, R4, #3 ; it shifts index number with word number*32
353     ADDs R4, R4, R2 ; it adds j value to index number
354     LDR R6, =_DATA_Start ; takes data start address
355     LSLs R4, R4, #3 ; it multiplies index value with 8 (each node is 8 byte)
356     ADDs R6, R4 ; it reaches to allocates node
357     MOVs R0, R6 ; returns allocated node address
358 end_Malloc
359     BX LR ; branches with link register
360 ;//----- <<< USER CODE END System Tick Handler >>> -----
    ↪ -----
361                                     ENDFUNC

```

Figure 12: Implementation of Malloc Function

## 2.10 Free

This function is expected to mark as unused the given location, allocated and marked as used by the Malloc function earlier, in the allocation table. It is known that the allocation table consists of lines that has 32-bit data. So, the location of a node can be defined with a line number and a bit number in the allocation table. The main idea of this function is to analyze the given address and finding its exact location in the allocation table as lines and bits.

First of all we need to find the exact order of the given node. Dividing the distance between `__DATA_Start`, and address of the given node in the memory by 8, the size of a node in terms of bytes, gives the order of that node. When the order is divided by 32 which is size of a line, exact line number of that node can be found. Also, when multiplication of line number and size of a line (32-bit) subtracted from the order, exact bit of the node can be found. For example, if the order of a node is 42, dividing 42 by 32 gives 1 which is line number of that node. Also, subtraction 32 from 42 gives 10 which is bit number of that node. The key point here is word numbers and bit numbers are 0 indexed.

Secondly, we need to change the exact bit to zero in the allocation table. To manage that, we get the address of that line by adding multiplication of the line number with 4 (4-byte) to `__AT_Start`. Then, we have the data of the line that should be changed. To set the exact bit as 0, we created a number with 32-bits that consists of 1's except the least significant bit. Afterward, we have placed the 0 bit to the required position through circular shifting and its example given in Example 4. Then, doing "AND" operation between the line and shifted data marked the right bit as 0 as expected as given in Equation 5. Later on, the result of this operation is stored in the allocation table as an updated line.

$$...11111111110 \ggg 32 - j(bitNumber) = ...11111011111$$

Equation 4: Circular Shift Operation Example

$$10100111010 \cdot 11111011111 = 10100011010$$

Equation 5: Mask Operation Using AND

At the end of all these operations, the bit that points to a given address location is marked as 0, which means it is an unused memory space. So in the next allocation operations that memory space will be shown as free. You can see the implementation below in Figure 13.

```

366 Free                                FUNCTION
367 ;//----- <<< USER CODE BEGIN Free Function >>> -----
368         LDR R6, =_DATA_Start ; Starting address of the data -> R6
369         MOVS R3, R0 ; Input data -> R3
370         SUBS R3, R3, R6 ; Get difference between given node and start address
371         LSRS R3, R3, #3 ; Divide difference by 8 to find order of the given
        ↪ address
372         MOVS R4, R3 ; Copy order to R4
373         LSRS R5, R3, #5 ; Divide the order by 32 to get line number
374         LSLS R3, R5, #5 ; Multiply line number with 32
375         SUBS R4, R4, R3 ; Get bit number in the line by subtracting 32 times line
        ↪ number from exact order number
376         LDR R7, =_AT_Start ; Starting address of the Allocation Table -> R7
377         LSLS R5, R5, #2 ; Multiply line with 4
378         LDR R2, =0xFFFFFFFF ; Create 1111 1111 1111 1110 number
379         MOVS R6, #32 ; Assign 32 to R6
380         SUBS R4, R6, R4 ; 32 - bit number
381         RORS R2, R2, R4 ; Do circular shift for 32 - bit number times
382         LDR R3, [R7, R5] ; Store current line data to R3
383         ANDS R3, R3, R2 ; Current line data && updated lien data
384         STR R3, [R7, R5]; Store new line data to allocation in allocation table
385         BX LR ; Return
386 ;//----- <<< USER CODE END Free Function >>> -----
387         ENDFUNC

```

Figure 13: Implementation of Free Function

## 2.11 Insert

Insert function is in charge of adding a new data to corresponding location in the linked list. To achieve that our general algorithm has 3 steps as in below:

1. Allocate a new node with the given data parameter
2. Search for the correct order for the new node
3. Connect new node in a suitable location in the linked list

Nevertheless, there are several cases we need to think about while inserting a new data to the linked list. Thus, we had to control each of these cases one by one throughout the code flow. These cases are insert into empty linked list, insert as first element, insert as intermediate element and insert as last node of the linked list.



### 2.11.1 Insert into Empty Linked List

To check that whether the current linked list empty or not, we get value of the global **FIRST\_ELEMENT** variable. **FIRST\_ELEMENT** keeps the address of the first node in the linked list like a head pointer and if the linked list is empty its value is 0 to represent NULL in high level programming languages. So, we loaded the value of head pointer to a register. Then, we compared the value of loaded register with 0 to check whether the linked list is empty or not. If it is not equal to 0, code branches to **is\_not\_empty** label which will be explained in below cases. If it is 0, that means the linked list is empty, so we should add the new node as the first node of the linked list and we should also change the value of **FIRST\_ELEMENT** by the address of the new node.

Firstly we allocated memory to add the new node to the linked list by our **Malloc()** function. Malloc function returns the empty address value from the allocation table or 0 if the allocation table is full. Thus, we checked the return value of the Malloc function. If it is 0, code branches to **ERROR1** label to set the error code as 1. If there is an empty space in the allocation table, we used this space for the new node by using the address value that is returned from the Malloc() function. Firstly, we set the data of this node to given data parameter of the Insert() function. Then, we set the next address of the new node as 0, because it is the both first and last node in the linked list as it is the only node in the linked list. After all of these operations, code branches to **SUCCESS** label to represent that insertion is completed successfully. Here is the implementation of insert into empty linked list case:

```
394 Insert FUNCTION
395     PUSH {LR} ;push LR to stack to protect its value
396     MOV R3, R0 ;mov the given data parameter to R3
397     LDR R1, =FIRST_ELEMENT ;R1 = address of the FIRST_ELEMENT global variable
398     LDR R2, [R1] ;R2 = address of the first node
399     CMP R2, #0 ;check if first node is null
400     BNE is_not_empty ;if it is not null go to is_not_empty label
401     PUSH {R1-R3} ;push {R1-R3} to stack to protect its value
402     BL Malloc ;go to Malloc label and return the address of the new node in R0
403     POP {R1-R3} ;pop {R1-R3} from stack with their old values
404     CMP R0, #0 ;check if R0 is #0
405     BEQ ERROR1 ;if it is 0 that means allocation table is full, so go to ERROR1 label
406     STR R3, [R0] ;new_node->data = R3 (R3 is given data parameter)
407     STR R0, [R1] ;FIRST_ELEMENT = address of the new node
408     MOVS R2, #0 ;R2 = 0
409     STR R2, [R0, #4] ;new_node->nextAddress = #0,because it is the only node in linked list
410     B success ;go to success label
```

Figure 14: Insert into Empty Linked List

### 2.11.2 Insert as First Element

In this case, the linked list is not empty, but the new coming node will be the new smallest value, new first element, in the linked list. To check whether this case occurs or not, we compared the given data parameter with the data of the first node. If the new data is greater than the data of the first node, code branches to **greater** label which will be explained in next cases. If they are equal, code branches to **ERROR2** label to set the error code as 2 for the **WriteErrorLog** function because that means the new data is already in the linked list. After these controls, the last possibility is that the new data is smaller than the first data in the linked list and we should add new data as the new first node in the linked list. To perform that, we allocated new space by our **Malloc()** function. The value of the empty space is returned by R0 register from **Malloc()** function. If the value is 0, that means there is no empty space in allocation table, so code branches to **ERROR1** label to set error code as 1 and to end **Insert()** function. If there is a suitable location in memory, we assigned the data parameter to data of the allocated node. After that, we assigned the address of the current **FIRST\_ELEMENT** to next address attribute of the new node, because the the new **FIRST\_ELEMENT** will be the new node as it contains the new smallest data in the linked list. As a last step, we changed the value of **FIRST\_ELEMENT** by the address of the new node. Finally, code branches to **success** label to represent that insertion operation is completed successfully. Here is the implementation of insert as first element case:

```

411 is_not_empty
412     LDR R5, [R1] ;R5 = address of the first node
413     LDR R5, [R5] ;R5 = first_node->data
414     CMP R3, R5 ;compare the given data parameter with data of first_node
415     BHI greater ;if the new data is greater than the data of first node go to
    ↪ greater label, else insert as first node
416     BEQ ERROR2 ;if they are equal that means the given data is already
    ↪ in linked list, go to ERROR2 label
417     PUSH {R1-R3} ;push {R1-R3} to stack to protect its value
418     BL Malloc ;go to Malloc label and return the address of the new
    ↪ node in R0
419     POP {R1-R3} ;pop {R1-R3} from stack with their old values
420     CMP R0, #0 ;check if R0 is #0
421     BEQ ERROR1 ;if it is 0 that means allocation table is full, so go to
    ↪ ERROR1 label
422     STR R3, [R0] ;new_node->data = R3 (R3 is given data parameter)
423     LDR R2, [R1] ;R2 = address of the first node
424     STR R2, [R0, #4] ;new_node's nextAddress is equal to address of first
    ↪ element
425     STR R0, [R1] ;FIRST_ELEMENT = address of the new node, because we
    ↪ inserted at start of the linked list
426     B success ;go to success label

```

Figure 15: Insert as First Element

### 2.11.3 Insert as Intermediate Element

In this case, the new coming data is bigger than the smallest data in the linked list, but we have to determine the correct order for it. To implement this case, we keep 2 registers like linked list pointers as tail and traverse registers. Traverse register keeps the address of the current node while searching and tail register always shows the previous node from the node that is pointed by traverse register. To determine the correct order for the new coming data, we implemented a while loop. In this loop, we compared the new coming data with the current node's data. If the new data is greater than current node's data, tail register is loaded with the value of traverse register and traverse register is loaded by the address of the next node in the linked list to continue search operation for the correct location. If the new data is equal to current node's data code branches to **ERROR2** label to set the error code as 2. Last possibility is that new data is smaller than current node's data and that means we found the correct order for insertion operation. To insert the new data into the linked list, we allocated space by our Malloc() function and set the data of the allocated node as given data parameter of Insert() function. As a final step, we set the next address attribute of the new allocated node as the value of traverse register and the value of next address attribute of the node which is pointed by tail register as the address of the new node to connect the node between the nodes which

are pointed by tail and traverse registers. After all of these operations, code branches to success label to represent that insertion operation is completed successfully. Here is the implementation of insert as intermediate element case:

```

427 greater
428         LDR R5, [R1] ;R5 = tail
429         LDR R6, [R5, #4] ;R6 = traverser
430 while_label
431         CMP R6, #0 ;check whether it reaches end of the linked list or not
432         BEQ insert_to_end ;if it reaches go to insert_to_end label
433         LDR R4, [R6] ;R4 = data of the node that is pointed by traverser
434         CMP R3, R4 ;compare the given data parameter with data of the current
         ↪ node
435         BEQ ERROR2 ;if they are equal that means the given data is already in
         ↪ linked list, go to ERROR2 label
436         BHI while_end ;if R3>R4, we need to continue to our search operation
437         PUSH {R3, R5, R6} ;push {R3, R5, R6} to stack to protect its
         ↪ value
438         BL Malloc ;go to Malloc label and return the address of the new
         ↪ node in R0
439         POP {R3, R5, R6} ;pop {R3, R5, R6} from stack with their old values
440         CMP R0, #0 ;check if R0 is #0
441         BEQ ERROR1 ;if it is 0 that means allocation table is full, so go to
         ↪ ERROR1 label
442         STR R3, [R0] ;new_node->data = new data (parameter)
443         STR R0, [R5, #4] ;tail->next = address of the new node
444         STR R6, [R0, #4] ;new_node->next = traverser
445         B success ;branch to success label
446 while_end
447         MOVS R5, R6 ;tail = traverser
448         LDR R6, [R6, #4] ;traverser = traverser->next
449         B while_label ;branch to start of the loop

```

Figure 16: Insert as Intermediate Element

#### 2.11.4 Insert as Last Element

Insertion to the end of the linked list is very similar to insertion as intermediate element which we explained above. In search operation to determine the correct position for the new data, we used tail and traverse registers and we simply slid these register to the end of the linked list. If the new data is bigger than all of the datas in the linked list, our search operation continues until the end of the linked list inside our while loop. To check whether we reach the end of the linked list or not, we compared the value of traverse register by #0, because the next address attribute of the last node in the linked list is #0 to represent NULL value in high level programming languages. If the correct location for the new coming data is the end of the linked list, we loaded next address attribute of

the node which is pointed by tail pointer as the address of the new node that keeps the data that will be inserted. We also loaded next address attribute of the new node as #0, because it is the new last element in the linked list. Here is the implementation of insert as last element case:

```

450 insert_to_end
451     PUSH {R3, R5} ;push {R3, R5} to stack to protect its value
452     BL Malloc ;go to Malloc label and return the address of the new node in
    ↪ R0
453     POP {R3, R5} ;pop {R3, R5} from stack with their old values
454     CMP R0, #0 ;check if R0 is #0
455     BEQ ERROR1 ;if it is 0 that means allocation table is full, so go to
    ↪ ERROR1 label
456     STR R3, [R0] ;new_node->data = new data (parameter)
457     STR R0, [R5, #4] ;tail->next = address of the new node
458     MOVS R7, #0 ;R7 = 0
459     STR R7, [R0, #4] ;new_node->next = #0, because it is the new last node in
    ↪ linked list
460     B success ;branch to success label
461 ERROR1
462     MOVS R0, #1 ;R0 = 1 (error code)
463     B end_insert ;branch to end_insert label
464 ERROR2
465     MOVS R0, #2 ;R0 = 2 (error code)
466     B end_insert ;branch to end_insert label
467 success
468     MOVS R0, #0 ;R0 = 0 (success)
469 end_insert
470     POP {PC} ;pop LR to pc from stack
471 ;//----- <<< USER CODE END Insert Function >>>
    ↪ -----
472     ENDFUNC

```

Figure 17: Insert as Last Element

## 2.12 Remove

Remove function is in charge of removing given data from the linked list. To achieve that our general algorithm has 3 steps as in below:

1. Search for the node the keeps the target data
2. Remove the node from the linked list
3. Deallocate the node from the allocation table

At the start of the remove function, firstly we checked whether the linked list is empty or not. To control this situation, we loaded a register by the value of the global

FIRST\_ELEMENT variable. Then, we compared the value of this register by **#0**. If they are equal that means the current linked list is empty, so code branches to **ERROR3** label to set the error code as 3.

If the linked is not empty, we search for the target node whose data is equal to data that will be removed. We have 2 different case in remove operation which are remove first element and remove other elements from the linked list.

### 2.12.1 Remove First Element

If our target data is kept at the first node of the linked list, our code branches to **REMOVEFIRST** label. In this label, we change the value of the FIRST\_ELEMENT global variable, because we removed the first element in this case and address of the first node is changed. After remove operation, our new first node is the second node in the linked list, so we stored the address of the second node in global FIRST\_ELEMENT variable. Finally, we call our **FREE** function by address of the removed node as a parameter to it.

### 2.12.2 Remove Other Elements

To remove elements other than the first element, firstly we searched the target data in the linked list. For search operation method we implemented is similar to one we used in insertion operation. We kept again 2 register, one of them is traverse register and the other one is tail register in a while loop. At the start of the loop, we compared the value of the data that will be removed by the data of the current node that is pointed by traverse register. If they are equal that means we found the node that will be removed, so code branched to **REMOVENODE** label. If they are not equal, tail register is loaded with the value in traverse register and the traverse register is loaded by next address attribute of the node that is pointed by traverse register. Another situation we have to check, the given data is not in the linked list and we controlled this case by comparing the value of the traverse register by **#0**. If it is equal to **#0**, that means the target data is not in the linked list. Thus code branches **ERROR4** label to set the error code as 4. In **REMOVENODE** label, the connection of the node that keeps the target data is destroyed. We made this by simply setting the next address attribute of the node that is pointed by tail register as next address attribute of the node that is pointed by traverse register. After we destroyed the connection of the node, we also deallocated the space for the deleted node from the allocation table by our **FREE** label. After all of these operations RO register is loaded by **#0** to represent that remove operation is completed successfully.

```

479 Remove                                FUNCTION
480 ;//----- <<< USER CODE BEGIN Remove Function >>>
481 ↪ -----
482                                     PUSH {LR} ;push LR to stack to protect its value
483                                     MOVs R1, R0 ;mov the given data parameter to R1
484                                     LDR R2, =FIRST_ELEMENT ;R2 is the address of FIRST_ELEMENT global
485                                     ↪ variable
486                                     LDR R3, =FIRST_ELEMENT ;R3 is the address of FIRST_ELEMENT global
487                                     ↪ variable
488                                     LDR R3, [R3] ;R3 = address of the first node
489                                     CMP R3, #0 ;check if R3 = 0 for empty linked list check
490                                     BEQ ERROR3 ;if linked list is empty branch to ERROR3 label
491                                     LDR R5, [R3] ;R5 = address of the first node
492                                     CMP R1, R5 ;compare the given data parameter with data of the first node
493                                     BEQ REMOVEFIRST ;if they are equal branch to REMOVEFIRST label to remove
494                                     ↪ the first node
495
496 FINDTARGET
497                                     CMP R3, #0 ;check if it reaches end of the linked list
498                                     BEQ ERROR4 ;if we reach end of the linked list that means the given is
499                                     ↪ not in linked list, so branch to ERROR4 label
500                                     LDR R4, [R3] ;R4 = data of the current node
501                                     CMP R1, R4 ;check if it is the target data
502                                     BEQ REMOVENODE ;if current data is equal to data that will be deleted,
503                                     ↪ branch to REMOVENODE label
504                                     MOVs R2, R3 ;R2 = R3 (current node)
505                                     LDR R3, [R3, #4] ;R3 = R3->next (R3 is the traverser to iterate over
506                                     ↪ linked list)
507                                     B FINDTARGET ;branch to FINDTARGET label to continue search
508                                     ↪ operation
509
510 REMOVEFIRST
511                                     LDR R6, [R3, #4] ;R6 is loaded with the address of the second node
512                                     LDR R7, =FIRST_ELEMENT ;R7 is the address of FIRST_ELEMENT global
513                                     ↪ variable
514                                     STR R6, [R7] ;FIRST_ELEMENT = R6 (address of the second node)
515                                     MOVs R0, R3 ;R0 = address of the deleted node
516                                     B CALLFREE ;branch to CALLFREE label
517
518 REMOVENODE
519                                     LDR R5, [R3, #4] ;R5 = address of the next node of deleted node
520                                     LDR R0, [R2, #4] ;R0 = address of the deleted node for Free operation
521                                     STR R5, [R2, #4] ;previous_node->next = deletednode->next
522
523 CALLFREE
524                                     BL Free ;branch to Free label
525                                     MOVs R0, #0 ;R0 = 3 (success)
526                                     B END_REMOVE ;branch to END_REMOVE label
527
528 ERROR3
529                                     MOVs R0, #3 ;R0 = 3 (error code)
530                                     B END_REMOVE ;branch to END_REMOVE label
531
532 ERROR4
533                                     MOVs R0, #4 ;R0 = 4 (error code)
534
535 END_REMOVE
536                                     POP {PC} ;pop LR to pc from stack
537                                     ENDFUNC

```

Figure 18: Implementation of Remove Function

## 2.13 LinkedList2Arr

In this function, we were expected to implement a function that can convert our linked list to an array.

Firstly, we had to check if our linked list is empty or not, for this we check if our linked list's head is null or not if it is null we branch to ERROR5 label. If our linked list is not empty, we continue with LOOPSTART label.

In the LOOPSTART label, we had to clear all space in the data array. By iterating each of the data addresses from the data array and storing 0 to each address, we have cleared the data array. If our data address is the end of the data array then we branch to L2ARR label to convert our linked list to an array.

In the L2ARR label, we firstly get the linked list's first element's address and we get data arrays address, after this we enter a for loop in this loop we first check if our node is null or not. If our node is null, we branch to L2ARR\_SUCCESS label; if not we execute the loop. Inside the loop, we get the data from the linked list and store that data to data array, to iterate data array we increment array address, and to iterate linked list we get the next node's address and store that in a register that is also our comparison register for our for loop. If the value of this register is null, we branch to L2ARR\_SUCCESS label. If we branch to L2ARR\_SUCCESS label, we set error\_code to 0.

In the ERROR5 label, we just set our error\_code to 5 with loading 5 to R0 register. At the end of the function, we branch with link register to wherever we call the function. We can see our implementation at Figure 19.



```

527 LinkedList2Arr      FUNCTION
528 ;//----- <<< USER CODE BEGIN Linked List To Array >>>
↳ -----
529             LDR R0, =FIRST_ELEMENT ; get the first element's address's address
530             LDR R0, [R0] ; get first element's address
531             CMP R0, #0 ; if it is compare if it is null
532             BEQ ERROR5 ; if it is null linkedlist is empty then branch to error5
↳ label
533             MOVS R0, #0 ; set R0: i = 0
534             LDR R1, =ARRAY_MEM ; get start address of the array
535             LDR R2, =__ARRAY_END ; get end address of the array
536 LOOPSTART
537             CMP R1, R2 ; compare if our traversed address is end address
538             BEQ L2ARR ; if they are equal that means we cleared array succesfully
539             STR R0, [R1] ; clear each addresses value
540             ADDS R1, R1, #4 ; traverse the addresses
541             B          LOOPSTART ; branch to LOOPSTART label and loop all the array
542 L2ARR
543             LDR R0, =FIRST_ELEMENT ; get the head of the first element
544             LDR R0, [R0] ; get address of the first element
545             LDR R1, =ARRAY_MEM ; get the start address of the array
546 L2ARRLOOP
547             CMP R0, #0 ; compare if nodes address is null
548             BEQ L2ARR_SUCCESS ; branch to L2ARR_SUCCESS label
549             LDR R2, [R0] ; get the data from R0
550             STR R2, [R1] ; store the data to array
551             ADDS R1, R1, #4 ; increment array address
552             LDR R3, [R0, #4] ; get the next node's address to R3
553             MOVS R0, R3 ; MOV R3 to R0 to make comparison
554             B          L2ARRLOOP ; branch to L2ARRLOOP
555 ERROR5
556             MOVS R0, #5 ; if linkedlist is empty set error code to 5
557             B          END_L2ARR ; end Link list to array with errorcode 5
558 L2ARR_SUCCESS
559             MOVS R0, #0 ; if all operations are success error code is 0 which means
↳ no error
560 END_L2ARR
561             BX LR ; branches with link register
562 ;//----- <<< USER CODE END Linked List To Array >>>
↳ -----
563             ENDFUNC

```

Figure 19: Implementation of LinkedList2Arr Function

## 2.14 WriteErrorLog

In the WriteErrorLog function we just gather our necessary data and store them in the Error Log Array.

First of all, we take the log memory and error log index, we can observe how many errors occurred with error log index. With this information, we can easily find the last error log data and we can insert new error log to the end of the error log array. Before inserting any error log, we have to check if our error log array has any space or not because we use the memory sequential manner and we have a possibility that we can write an error log on top of our other data. We just control if we are at the end of the error log array and if we are at the end of it we just branch to end\_writelog label. After these controls, we get the current time with GetNow function and store all the data and current time to memory with the given format. And finally, we increase the error log index by 1 at the end of the function because we add a new error log. We can see our implementation at Figure 20

```
572 WriteErrorLog      FUNCTION
573                     PUSH {LR} ; Store LR to stack
574                     LDR R4, =LOG_MEM ; Get Start of Log memory area
575                     LDR R5, =INDEX_ERROR_LOG ; Get the address of the Index of error
576                     LDR R5, [R5] ; Get the value of the index of error
577                     MOVS R7, #12 ; Fill R7 with 12
578                     MULS R5, R7, R5 ; Multiply Index and 12 to get address address distance
579                     ADDS R5, R5, R4 ; Add distance and start address so, get the current
                    ↪ address
580                     LDR R7, =__LOG_END ; Get the address of end of the Log memory area
581                     CMP R7, R5 ; Check if reached end of the memory of error log
582                     BEQ      end_writelog ; If yes call end_writelog
583                     ; Else
584                     STRH R0, [R5] ; Store index which comes as parameter in the first 16-bit
585                     STRB R1, [R5, #2] ; Store error code which comes as parameter in next
                    ↪ 8-bit
586                     STRB R2, [R5, #3] ; Store operation which comes as parameter in next
                    ↪ 8-bit
587                     STR R3, [R5, #4] ; Store data which comes as parameter in next
                    ↪ 32-bit
588                     BL GetNow ; Call GetNow and get Current System Tick Timer working time
589                     STR R0, [R5, #8] ; Store it in next 32-bit
590                     LDR R5, =INDEX_ERROR_LOG ; Get the address of the Index of error
591                     LDR R6, [R5] ; Get the value of the index of error
592                     ADDS R6, R6, #1 ; Increase index by 1
593                     STR R6, [R5] ; Update index data
594 end_writelog
595                     POP {PC} ; Return
596                     ENDFUNC
```

Figure 20: Implementation of WriteErrorLog Function

## 2.15 GetNow

In the GetNow function, we have to calculate the time that passed until the function GetNow called.

Firstly, we have analyzed the working mechanism of the tick count. We increment tick count variable at the start of the interrupt handler function. Therefore to find the time that is passed until interrupt, we have to look for the period of system tick interrupt and tick count. Our system tick interrupt period is 946 microsecond, if we multiply this with tick count, we can find the elapsed time until the interrupt that we call the GetNow function.

$$Time_{Interrupt} = T_{sysTick} * TICK\_COUNT$$

Equation 6: Time Until Interrupt Call Formula

We also have to calculate the time passed from the beginning of the interrupt until the GetNow function executes. For this, we have to look for our reload value's and current value's relation. When we look at these variables, current value starts from reload value and decreases from that until it reaches to 0 and when the current value is 0, our tick count increases. Then we calculate the time that passes between beginning of the interrupt and GetNow execution based on this information. If we subtract current value from reload time + 1, we can find the number of clock cycles that we passed (reload + 1 - current). If we want to change this information to time, we can divide our calculated value by our clock frequency and find the time between beginning of interrupt and GetNow execution.

$$Time_{Interrupt-GetNow} = \frac{(Reload + 1 - Current)}{F\_CPU}$$

Equation 7: Time Between GetNow Function Call and Interrupt

Finally, to find the total time that passes between the system tick initialization and execution of GetNow function, we can add these two value and find our passed time.

$$Time = Time_{Interrupt} + Time_{Interrupt-GetNow}$$

$$Time = (T_{sysTick} * TICK\_COUNT) + \frac{(Reload + 1 - Current)}{F\_CPU}$$

Equation 8: GetNow Formula

In the implementation part, we get our tick count and our current value from their addresses. To calculate our equation, we set our reload value because our CPU frequency

was 64MHz we can easily divide our values with 6 times right shifting. Therefore using these information, we have implemented our GetNow function easily. We can see our implementation at Figure 21

```

641  GetNow                                FUNCTION
642  ;//----- <<< USER CODE BEGIN Get Now >>>
643  ↪ -----
644
645          ; getnow function is get_now = interrupt_period * tick_count +
        ↪ (reload+1-current)/F_cpu
        LDR R0, =TICK_COUNT                ; takes address of TICK_COUNT
        ↪ variable to R0 register
646        LDR R0, [R0]                      ; reads value of the tick
        ↪ count from address of the TICK_COUNT
647        LDR R1, =60544                    ; set R1 with (reload+1)
648        LDR R3, =0xE000E018              ; load address of the current value
        ↪ to R3 register
649        LDR R3, [R3]                      ; load current value from
        ↪ current_value address to R3 registere
650        SUBS R4, R1, R3                   ; subtract (current_value)
        ↪ from (reload + 1) and assign to R4 register
651        LSRS R4, #6                       ; divide (R4 register)
        ↪ (reload+1-current) by 64
652        LDR R2, =946                     ; set R2 with the Period Of
        ↪ the System Tick Timer Interrupt
653        MULS R2, R0, R2                   ; Multiply
        ↪ interrupt_period with tick_count
654        ADDS R0, R2, R4                   ; and calculate time
        ↪ interrupt_period * tick_count + (reload+1-current)/F_cpu
655        BX      LR; branches with link register
656  ;//----- <<< USER CODE END Get Now >>> -----
657        ENDFUNC

```

Figure 21: Implementation of GetNow Function

### 3 RESULTS

In this part of the project, we are trying out the given data by explaining in details and prepared general test case for special cases like error codes in Table 4, defined in problem description.

#### 3.1 The Initial Data

First of all, the ARM code of the given test data shown in Figure 22 is refers to the data and its flag like insert, delete and LinkedList2Arr operations. Also, the NUMBER\_OF\_AT is initialized with 20. The whole operations are done with respect to NUMBER\_OF\_AT constant value so the other constants like AT\_SIZE, DATA\_AREA\_SIZE, ARRAY\_SIZE and LOG\_ARRAY\_SIZE are created memory locations for the data areas like AT\_MEM, DATA\_MEM, ARRAY\_MEM, and LOG\_MEM, respectively. Therefore, the values of the memory locations for the given data is special. If the NUMBER\_OF\_AT constant is changed at the beginning of the program, the memory range changes.

```
21          AREA      IN_DATA_AREA, DATA, READONLY
22 IN_DATA          DCD      0x00, 0x01, 0x02, 0x03, 0x04, 0x05, 0x06, 0x06, 0x99, 0x07, 0x08,
↪ 0x08, 0x09, 0x10, 0x11, 0x12, 0x13, 0x14, 0x15, 0x16, 0x17, 0x18, 0x19, 0x20, 0x21, 0x22, 0x23, 0x24,
↪ 0x25, 0x26, 0x27, 0x28, 0x29, 0x30, 0x31, 0x32, 0x33, 0x34, 0x35, 0x35, 0x36, 0x37, 0x38, 0x39, 0x00
23 END_IN_DATA
24
25 ;@brief      This data contains operation flags of input dataset.
26 ;@note      0 -> Deletion operation, 1 -> Insertion
27 ;
28          AREA      IN_DATA_FLAG_AREA, DATA, READONLY
29 IN_DATA_FLAG    DCD      0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x00, 0x01, 0x01, 0x00, 0x01,
↪ 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01,
↪ 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x00, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x02
END_IN_DATA_FLAG
```

Figure 22: In ARM code, input dataset is defined in Data Area as readonly, initially.

As can be illustrated in Table 5, the given data is run step by step with operation, data, data flag and status. The Insert, Remove and LinkedList2Arr flags shown in Table 3 are used for operations and the error codes are used in Table 4 to check the operations' status. The detailed information for the steps are shown **Related Figure** column of the Table for each operation. Then, the result is shown in Table 6 for LinkedList to Array statement, which runs at the end of the program.

Table 3: Operation Flags

Flag Code	Operation
0	Remove the data from the linked list.
1	Insert the data to the linked list.
2	Transform the linked list to the array (The data will be ignored).

Table 4: Error Codes

Error Code	Operation	Explanation
0	All	Operations No error.
1	Insertion	There is no allocable area. (The linked list is full.)
2	Insertion	Same data is in the array. (Duplicated insertion operation.)
3	Deletion	The linked list is empty.
4	Deletion	The element is not found.
5	Linked List to Array	The linked list could not be transformed. (The linked list is empty.)
6	-	Operation is not found.

Table 5: The simulation of the given data and its flag corresponding the operation

Related Figure	#	Operation	Data Flag	Data(hex)	Status	Error Code
Figure 28	1	Insert	0x01	0x0010	No Error, 0x0010 is inserted	0
Figure 29	2	Insert	0x01	0x0020	No Error, 0x0020 is inserted	0
Figure 30	3	Insert	0x01	0x0015	No Error, 0x0015 is inserted	0
Figure 31	4	Insert	0x01	0x0065	No Error, 0x0065 is inserted	0
Figure 32	5	Insert	0x01	0x0025	No Error, 0x0025 is inserted	0
Figure 33	6	Insert	0x01	0x0001	No Error, 0x0001 is inserted	0
Figure 34	7	Remove	0x00	0x0001	No Error, 0x0001 is deleted	0
Figure 35	8	Remove	0x00	0x0012	Element is not found.	4
Figure 36	9	Remove	0x00	0x0065	No Error, 0x0065 is deleted	0
Figure 37	10	Remove	0x00	0x0025	No Error, 0x0025 is deleted	0
Figure 38	11	Insert	0x01	0x0085	No Error, 0x0085 is inserted	0
Figure 39	12	Insert	0x01	0x0046	No Error, 0x0046 is inserted	0
Figure 40	13	Remove	0x00	0x0010	No Error, 0x0010 is deleted	0
Figure 41	14	Linkedlist to Array	0x02	0x0000	No Error, Linkedlist shown as array	0

Table 6: The result of the simulation with respect to LinkedList2Arr in step 14 as shown in Figure 22

Index	Result
1	0x15
2	0x20
3	0x46
4	0x85

The main program is started but the breakpoint are kept due to observe the first initializations by the program definitions before branching operations like `Clear_Alloc`.

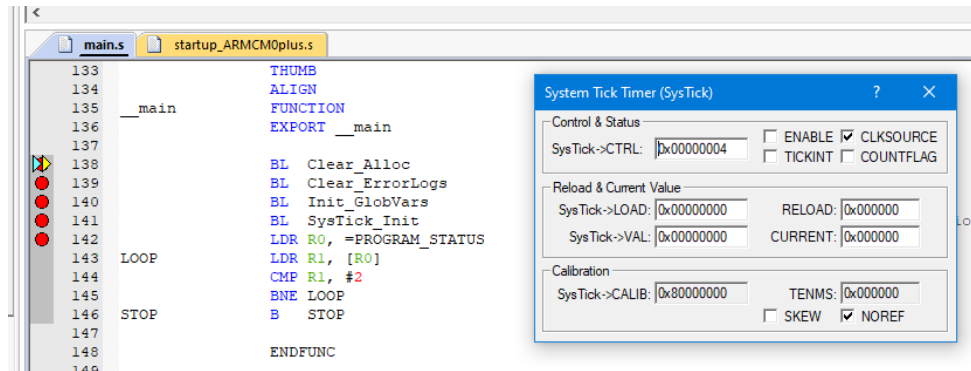


Figure 23: The System Tick Timer(SysTick) is not loaded and the main program is ready to branch **Clear\_Alloc**

Based on the `AT_SIZE` constant with regarding to `NUMBER_OF_AT`, in Figure 24, the `Clear_Alloc` function is cleared memory location from 0x20000004 to 0x20000050, inclusively.

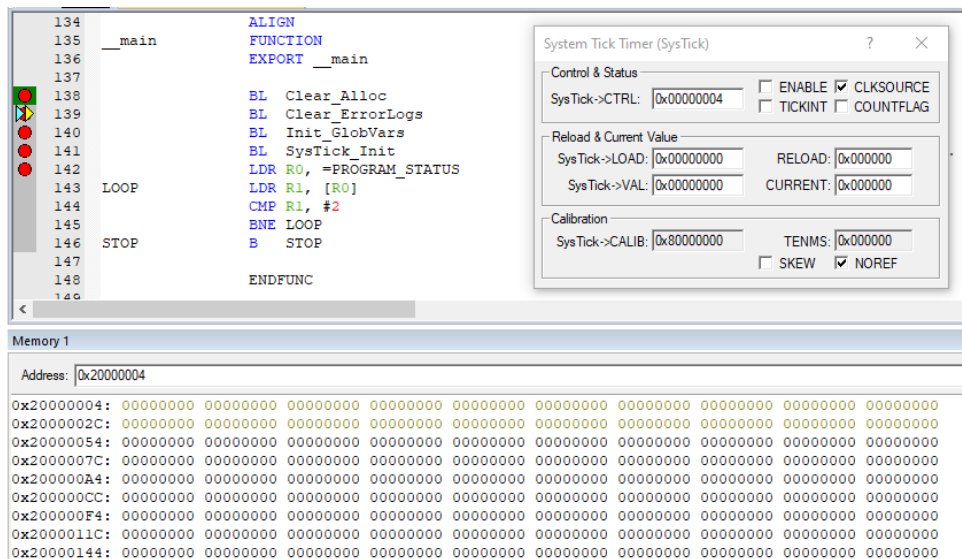


Figure 24: After returning the **Clear\_Alloc** function, the allocation table is cleared shown in Memory 1 with 0x20000004 location.

After operating the `Clear_ErrorLogs` function, in Figure 25, the memory locations from 0x20000A54 to 0x20002850, inclusively, memory location is cleared due not to flow garbage values.

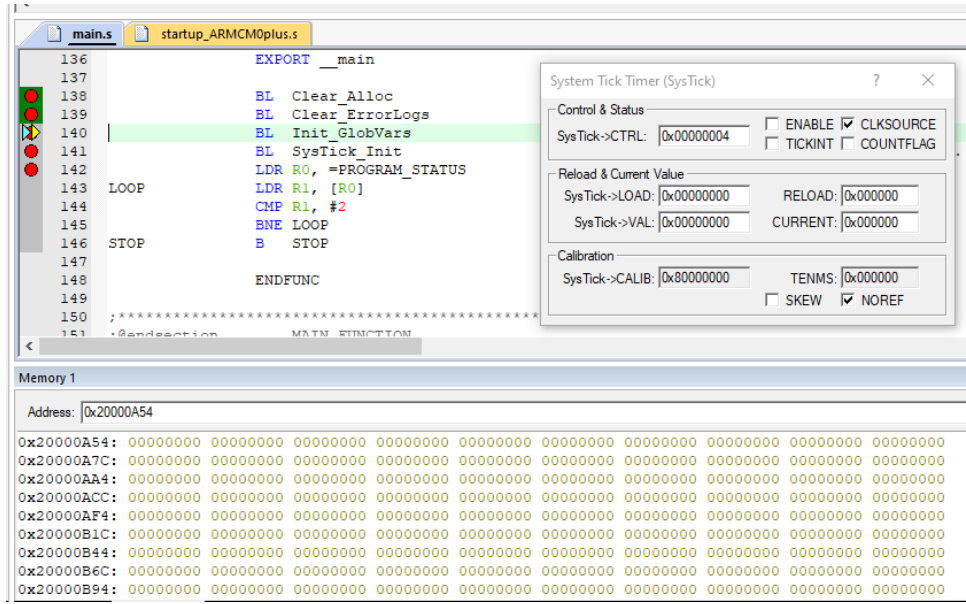


Figure 25: The error logs are cleared shown in Memory 1, starting address from 0x20000A54

As can be seen in Figure 26, memory locations 0x20003C54 for TICK\_COUNT, 0x20003C58 for FIRST\_ELEMENT, 0x20003C5C for INDEX\_INPUT\_DS, 0x20003C60 for INDEX\_ERROR\_LOG, 0x20003C64 for PROGRAM\_STATUS is set to zero by using **Init\_GlobVars** function.

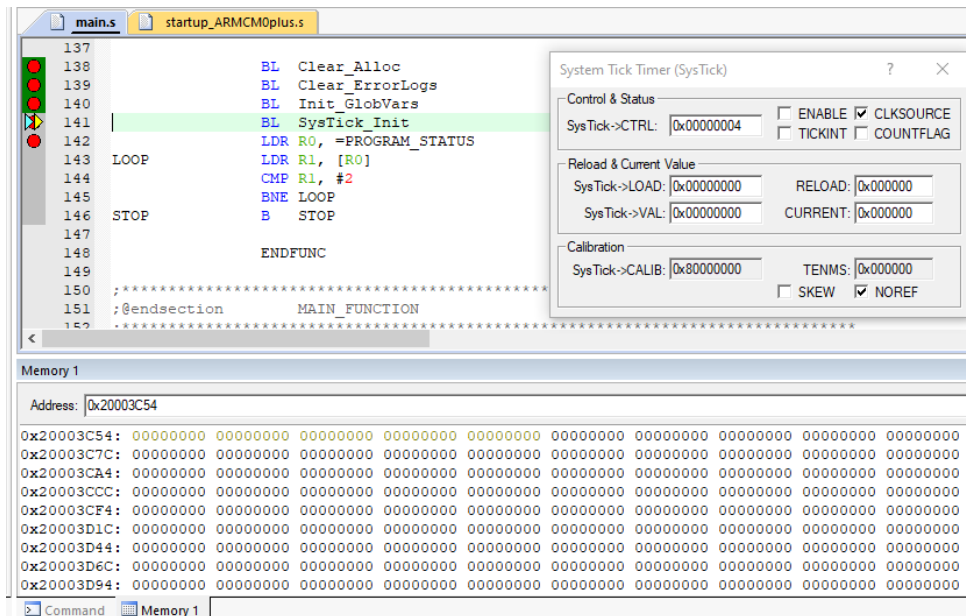


Figure 26: The global initializations are set to zero for TICK\_COUNT, FIRST\_ELEMENT, INDEX\_INPUT\_DS, INDEX\_ERROR\_LOG, PROGRAM\_STATUS with memory locations like 0x20003C54, 0x20003C58, 0x20003C5C, 0x20003C60, 0x20003C64, respectively



Now, the **Clear\_Alloc**, **Clear\_ErrorLogs** and **Init\_GlobVars** functions did not start the System Tick Interrupt Service Routine. As can be seen in Figure 27, therefore, the SysTick\_Init function is called to start System Tick Timer(SysTick) with regard to the given 946 microseconds, which is the Period of System Tick Interrupt. Also, the PROGRAM\_STATUS is updated as 1 to indicate the timer started.

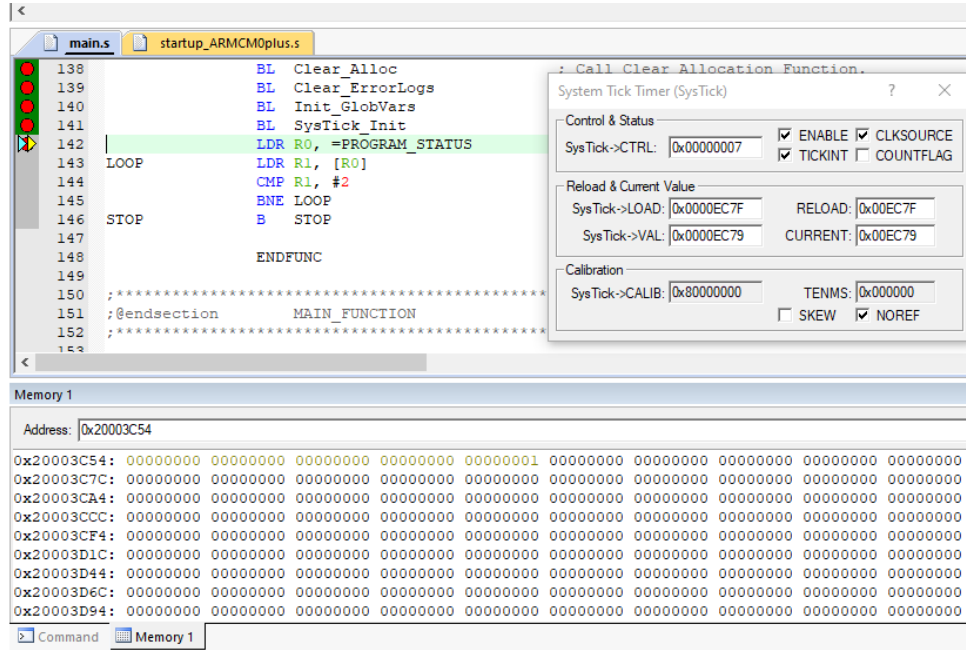


Figure 27: The SysTick is initialized ENABLE, TICKINT and CLKSOURCE flags and Reload Value with respect to the given period value as 946 microseconds

As can be seen in Figure 28-42, the 'main.s' file is run in debug mode and the break-points are dedicated for each operation, yellow color refers to next run is selected function. Also, the Memory1 is related with Allocation Table from 0x20000004 to 0x20000050 by tag in the upside as 'Allocation Table until 0x20000050', and the memory is read as hex like 0x0000001E. On the other hand, the memory range from 0x20000054 to 0x20000A50 shows the hex formatted result that run by LinkedList2Arr function. The Memory2 is related with Error Logs range from 0x20000A54 to 0x..., and the first two byte like 07 00 is read as 0x0007 for index value, next one byte like 0x04 refers to ErrorCode and the next one byte like 0x00 refers to Operation Flag. Also, the next 32 bits(4 byte) like 12 00 00 00, reading as 0x00000012 for observing to the current data. The last 32 bits(4 byte) like 92 1D 00 00, reading as 0x00001D92 for the current working time in microseconds. Moreover, the Memory3 on right side refers to the Linkedlist memory beginning from 0x020002854 to 0x..., and the first 4 byte of the given data for data and the second 4 byte of the given data for the next address. The last memory called as Memory 4 shows 0x20003C54 for TICK\_COUNT, 0x20003C58 for FIRST\_ELEMENT, 0x20003C5C

for INDEX\_INPUT\_DS, 0x20003C60 for INDEX\_ERROR\_LOG and 0x20003C64 for PROGRAM\_STATUS. Also, the System Tick Timer is shown in each iteration.

In Figure 28, the 0x10 data is inserted shown in LinkedList Memory. Also, the memory is allocated, there is no error, PROGRAM\_STATUS is preserved the status, TICK.INT and INDEX\_INPUT\_DS increased by one and the head pointer as FIRST\_ELEMENT is changed from 0(Null Pointer) to the address 0x20002854.

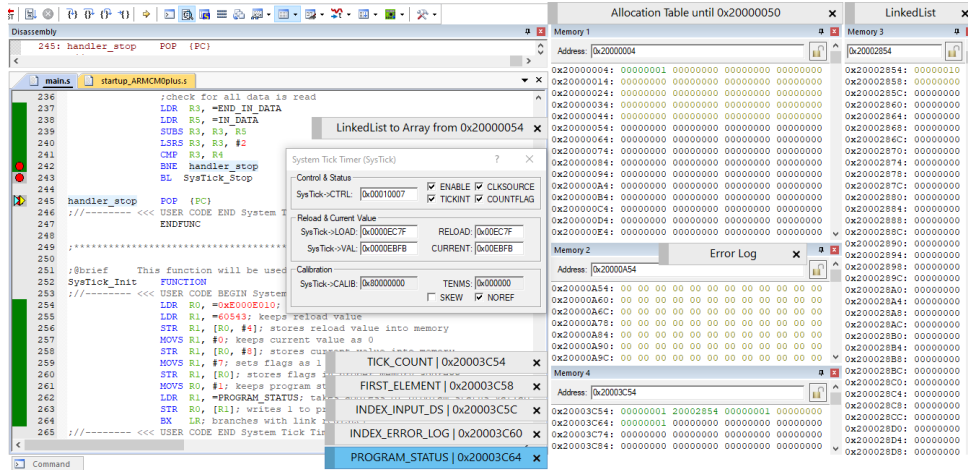


Figure 28: The memory allocated, and then the 0x10 is inserted by updating the FIRST\_ELEMENT, TICK.INT and INDEX\_INPUT\_DS.

As can be seen in Figure 29, the 0x20 is inserted after allocating the data area and the next pointer of the first node is connected to the 0x20's address. Also, There is no error, PROGRAM\_STATUS and FIRST\_ELEMENT have preserved their status, TICK.INT and INDEX\_INPUT\_DS increased by one.

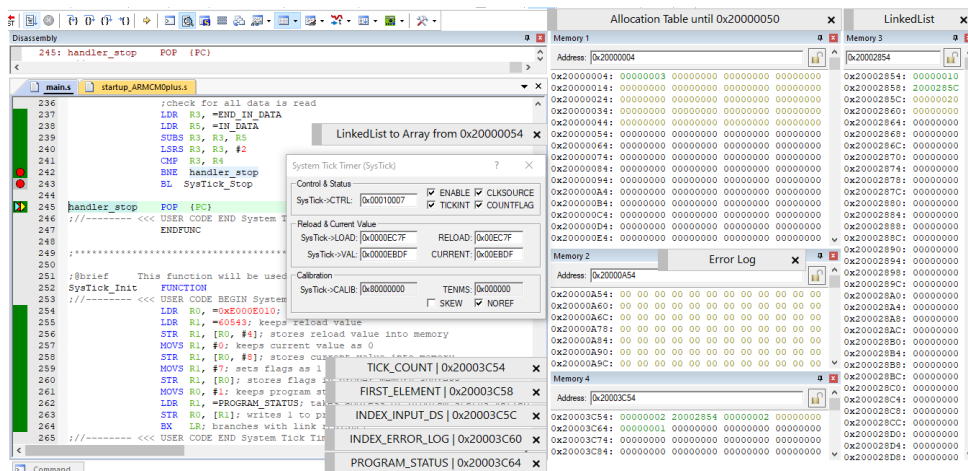


Figure 29: The 0x20 is inserted and the next pointer of the first data is connected to the 0x20's address

In Figure 30, the memory allocated for the insert operation and the 0x15 is inserted

between 0x10 and 0x20 to make sortable. In the insert operation, the next node of the first node is connected to current node's address and the current node's next address shows the address of last node's having data 0x20. Also, There is no error, PROGRAM\_STATUS and FIRST\_ELEMENT have preserved their status, TICK\_INT and INDEX.INPUT\_DS increased by one.

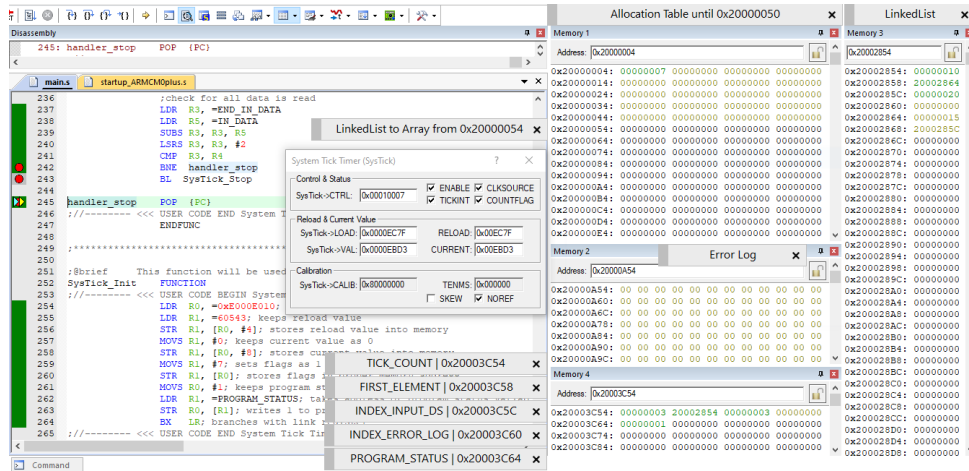


Figure 30: The 0x15 is inserted between 0x10 and 0x20.

As can be seen in Figure 31, the 0x65 data value is inserted at the end of the linked list after allocating the memory. Therefore, the end data was 0x20 to update as 0x65 and the next address of the 0x20 is connected to 0x65's address. Notice that the next address of the 0x65's address is NULL Pointer(0x0). Also, There is no error, PROGRAM\_STATUS and FIRST\_ELEMENT have preserved their status, TICK\_INT and INDEX.INPUT\_DS increased by one.

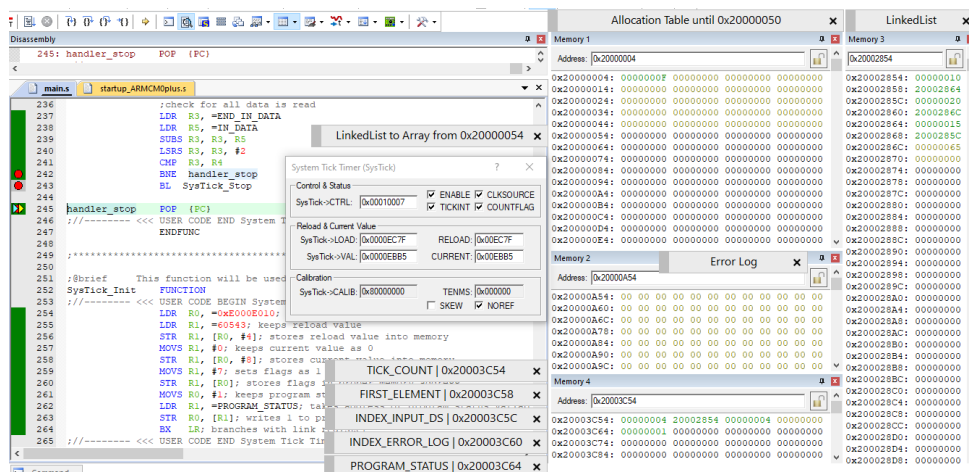


Figure 31: The data 0x65 is inserted at the end of the linked list

In Figure 32, The 0x25 is inserted between 0x20 and 0x65 after allocation memory space for 0x25. The operation is the next address of the 0x20 is set to the 0x25's address

and the next address of the 0x25 shows the 0x65's address. Also, There is no error, PROGRAM\_STATUS and FIRST\_ELEMENT have preserved their status, TICK\_INT and INDEX\_INPUT\_DS increased by one.

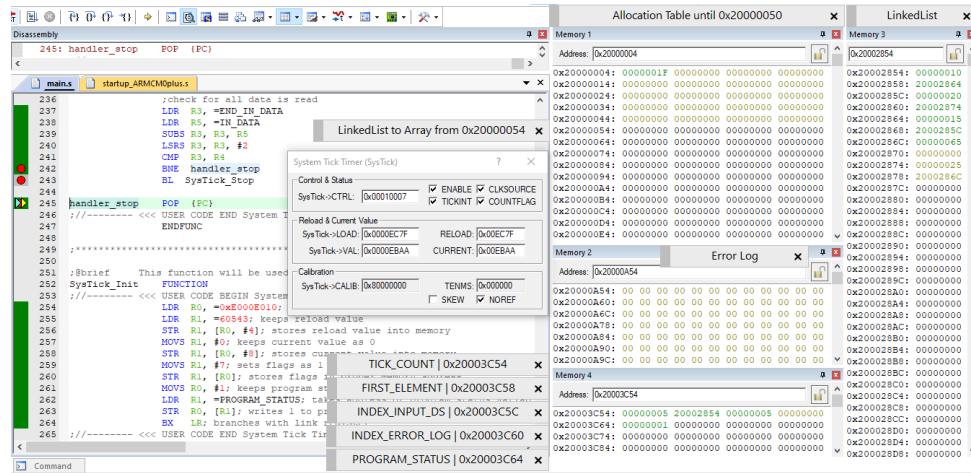


Figure 32: The 0x25 is inserted between 0x20 and 0x65

In Figure 33, the 0x01 is inserted as a first element of the linked list after allocating the space. The operation is changing the first node's address as 0x01's address so the FIRST\_ELEMENT is updated. Also, the next address of the 0x01's address shows the 0x10's address. There is no error, PROGRAM\_STATUS preserved its status and TICK\_INT and INDEX\_INPUT\_DS increased by one.

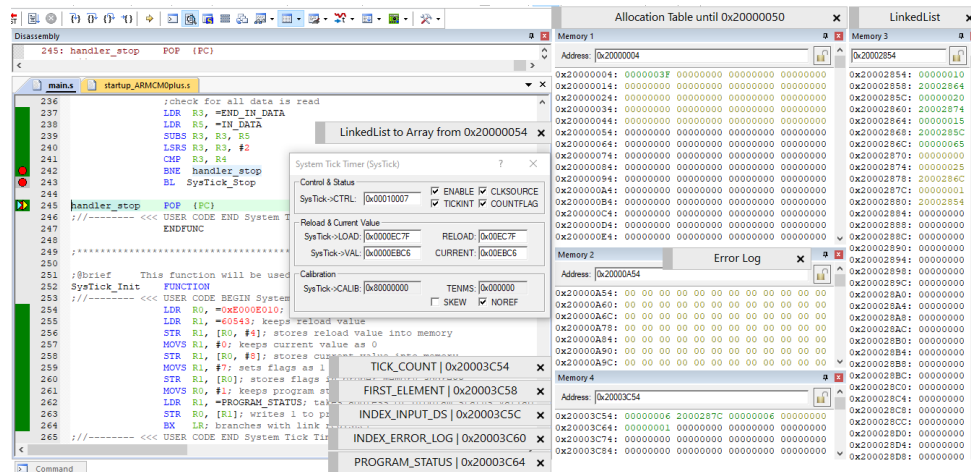


Figure 33: The head pointer is changed to 0x01 by inserting the new smallest element.

As can be illustrated in Figure 34, the remove operation for the 0x01 is done with free the space on the allocation table. Also, the head pointer is changed back to the 0x10's address. Therefore, the FIRST\_ELEMENT is updated. There is no error, PROGRAM\_STATUS preserved its status and TICK\_INT and INDEX\_INPUT\_DS increased by one.



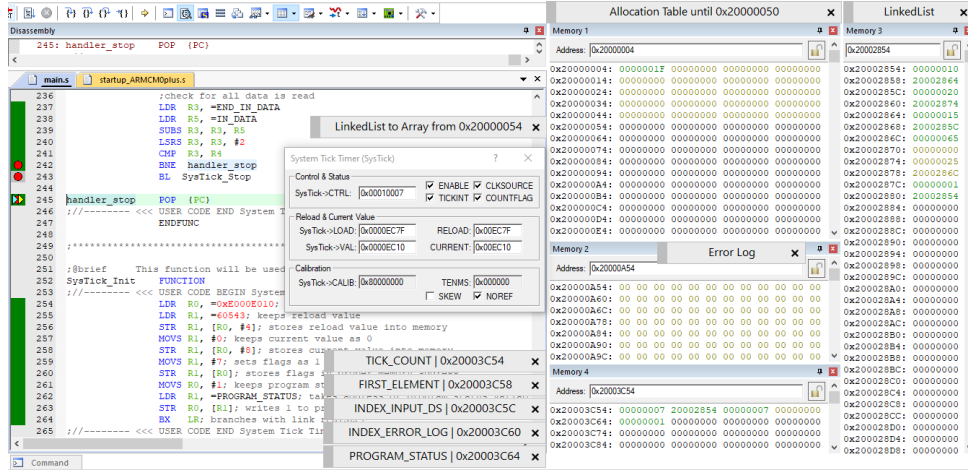


Figure 34: The 0x01 is removed from the linked list

The deletion of the 0x12 element, in Figure 35, is occurred as an error like 'The element is not found'. Therefore, error logs memory writes the status of the TICK\_COUNT, Error Code as 4, Operation Flag as 0x00 for deletion, the Current Data and the current timestamp in microseconds. Also, the **INDEX\_ERROR\_LOG**, **TICK\_INT** and **INDEX\_INPUT\_DS** is increased by one, and the **PROGRAM\_STATUS** preserved its status.

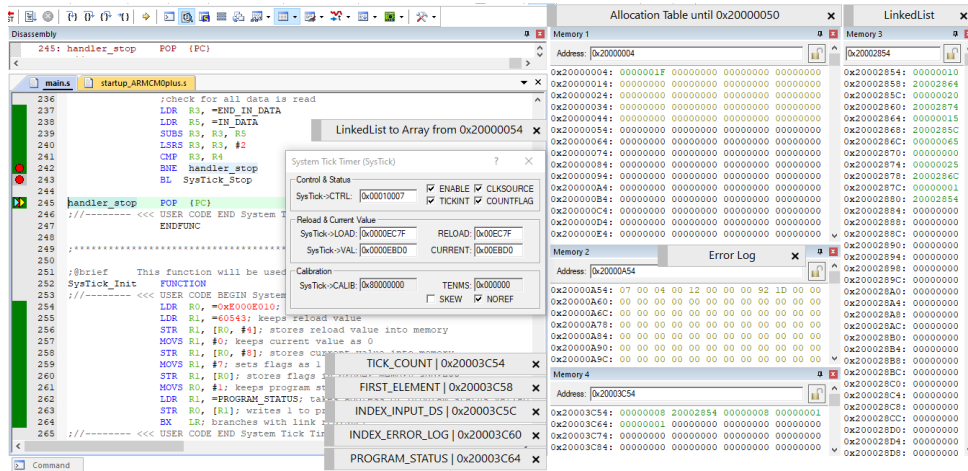


Figure 35: The 0x12 is not found on the linked list for delete operation so the error occurs with error code 4, meaning 'Element is not Found'

As can be seen in Figure 36, The 0x65 is deleted from the linked list and the allocated area for 0x65 is deallocated. Therefore, the 0x65 was the end value and the second last value's address is set to the null pointer(0x0). Also, the error does not occur, **PROGRAM\_STATUS** and **FIRST\_ELEMENT** have preserved their status, **TICK\_INT** and **INDEX\_INPUT\_DS** increased by one.

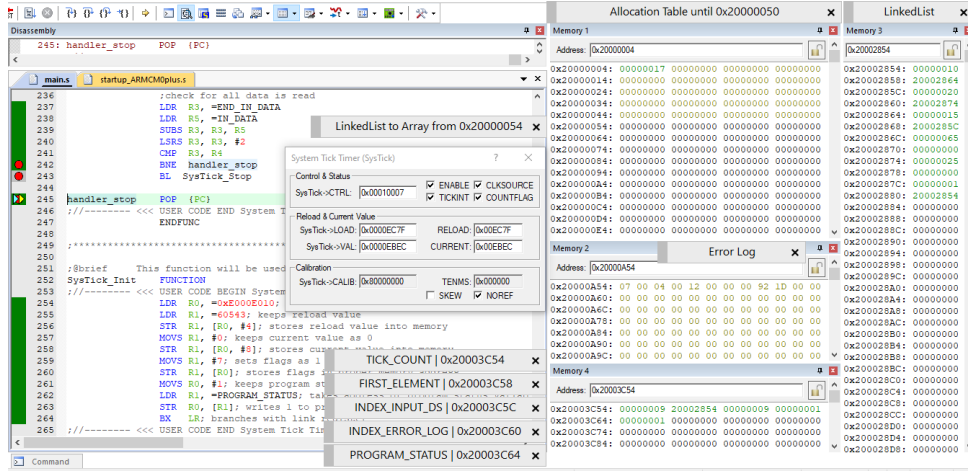


Figure 36: The 0x65 is deleted without error.

The 0x25 set as last address in the previous step, in Figure 37, is deleted from the linked list without getting error and the memory space is free with its address from the corresponding bit in the allocation table. Therefore, the next address of previous node of the 0x25 is set as null pointer(0x0). Also, the error does not occur, PROGRAM\_STATUS and FIRST\_ELEMENT have preserved their status, TICK\_INT and INDEX\_INPUT\_DS increased by one.

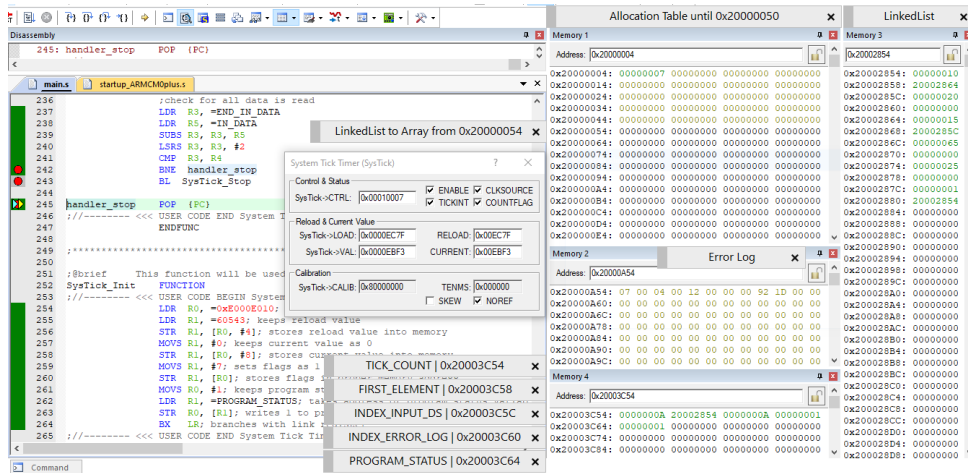


Figure 37: The 0x25 is deleted, accurately.

As can be seen in Figure 38, the 0x85 is correctly inserted at the end of the linked list after allocating a memory space for 0x85. Also, the last element was 0x25 and its next address is changed with the address of the recently created 0x85's address. Moreover, the next address is set to the null pointer(0x00). The error does not appear, PROGRAM\_STATUS and FIRST\_ELEMENT have preserved their status, TICK\_INT and INDEX\_INPUT\_DS increased by one.



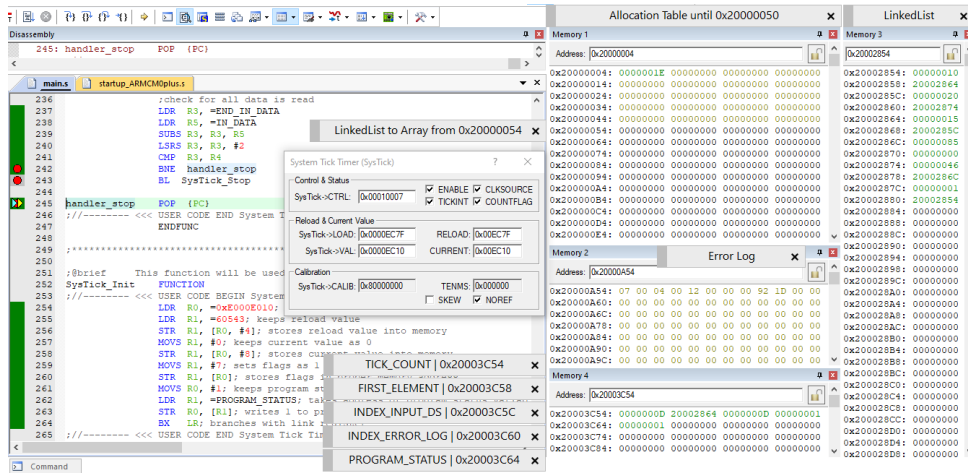


Figure 40: The 0x10 is deleted without getting an error.

The end operation is to observe the data on the linked list. As can be seen in Figure 41, the `LinkedList2Arr` function is called to clean the memory and write the data starting from 0x20000054 with hex formatted. Therefore, the error is not occurred, `PROGRAM_STATUS` is kept its status, `TICK_INT` and `INDEX_INPUT_DS` increased by one.

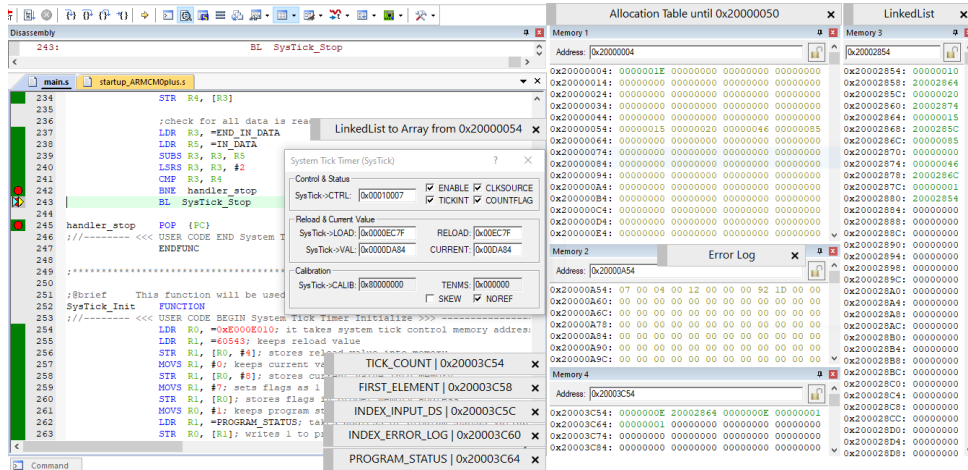


Figure 41: The linked list is cleared and printed as an array on the Memory1 from 0x20000054

At the end of the branch of the `SysTick_Handler`, in Figure 42, the `SysTick_Stop` is called. Therefore, the timer is stopped and the `PROGRAM_STATUS` is updated as 2, meaning that 'All data operations finished.'



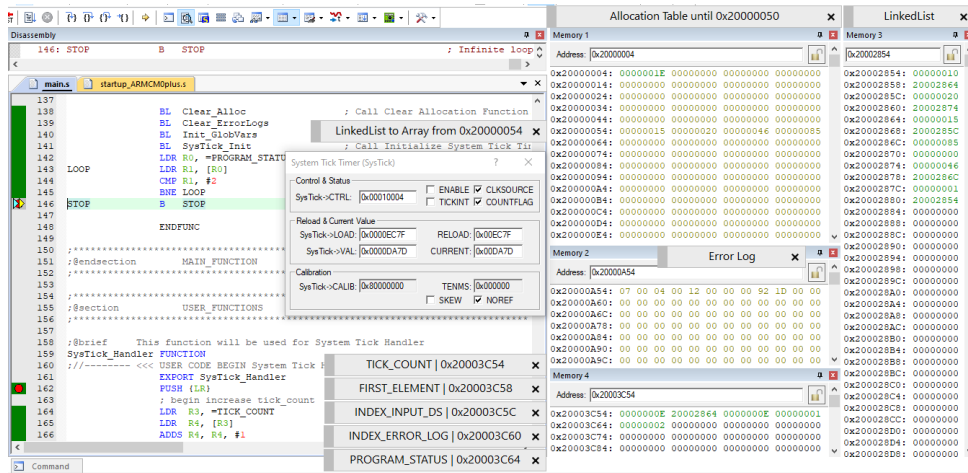


Figure 42: The program runs correctly and the status updated as 2, meaning that 'All data operations finished.'

## 3.2 The Prepared Data

The ARM codes about the prepared data in Figure 48, and its flag in Figure 49 at the Appendix section. The workflow of the prepared data is listed step by step in Table 7

Table 7: The simulation of the prepared data

#	Operation	Data Flag	Data(hex)	Status	Error Code
1	Remove	0x00	0x0001	The linked list is empty	3
2	LinkedList2Arr	0x02	0x0001	The Linked list could not be transformed.	5
3	No operation	0x25	0x0013	Operation is not found	6
4	Insertion	0x01	0x0003	No Error.	0
5	Remove	0x00	0x0002	Element is not found.	4
6	Insertion	0x01	0x0002	No Error.	0
7	Remove	0x00	0x0002	No Error.	0
8	Insertion	0x01	0x0003	Same data is in the array	2
9	No operation	0x03	0x0025	Operation is not found	6
10	Remove	0x00	0x0003	No Error.	0
11	Remove	0x00	0x0001	The linked list is empty	3
12	LinkedList2Arr	0x02	0x0000	The Linked list could not be transformed.	5
13	No operation	0x49	0x0036	Operation is not found	6
14	Insertion	0x01	0xFFFF	No Error.	0
15	Insertion	0x01	0xFFFE	No Error.	0
16	Insertion	0x01	0xFFFF	No Error.	0
17	Insertion	0x01	0xFFFE	No Error.	0
18	Insertion	0x01	0x00FF	No Error.	0
19	Insertion	0x01	0x00FE	No Error.	0
20	Insertion	0x01	0x000F	No Error.	0
21	Insertion	0x01	0x000E	No Error.	0
22-35	Insertion	0x01	0x0000 to 0x000D	No Error.	0
36	Insertion	0x01	0x000E	Same data is in the array	2
37	Insertion	0x01	0x000F	Same data is in the array	2
38-275	Insertion	0x01	0x0010 to 0x00FD	No Error.	0
276	Insertion	0x01	0x00FE	Same data is in the array	2
277	Insertion	0x01	0x00FF	Same data is in the array	2
278-657	Insertion	0x01	0x0100 to 0x027B	No Error.	0
658-722	Insertion	0x01	0x027C to 0x02BB	There is no allocable area.	1
723	LinkedList2Arr	0x02	0x0000	No Error.	0
724	Insertion	0x01	0xFFFF	Same data is in the array	2
725	LinkedList2Arr	0x02	0x0000	No Error.	0
726	Remove	0x00	0x0258	No Error.	0
727	Remove	0x00	0x01F4	No Error.	0
728	Remove	0x00	0x0190	No Error.	0
729	Remove	0x00	0x012C	No Error.	0
730	Remove	0x00	0x022B	No Error.	0
731	Remove	0x00	0x00C8	No Error.	0
732	Remove	0x00	0x0064	No Error.	0
733	Remove	0x00	0x0032	No Error.	0
734	Remove	0x00	0x1313	Element is not found.	4
735	Remove	0x00	0x027B	No Error.	0
736	LinkedList2Arr	0x02	0x0000	No Error.	0
737	Insertion	0x01	0xEF EF	No Error.	0
738	Insertion	0x01	0xAB CD	No Error.	0
739	Insertion	0x01	0xBC DE	No Error.	0
740	Insertion	0x01	0xCDEF	No Error.	0
741	Insertion	0x01	0x4747	No Error.	0
742	Insertion	0x01	0x1111	No Error.	0
743	Insertion	0x01	0x1233	No Error.	0
744	Insertion	0x01	0x1233	Same data is in the array	2
745	Insertion	0x01	0x4747	Same data is in the array	2
746	LinkedList2Arr	0x02	0x0000	No Error.	0

As can be seen in Figure 43, the memory location between 0x20000004 and 0x20000050, inclusively is used to keep track of the allocation table. Then, the memory range between 0x20000054 and 0x20000A50, inclusively is used to observe the data filled by using the LinkedList2Arr function.

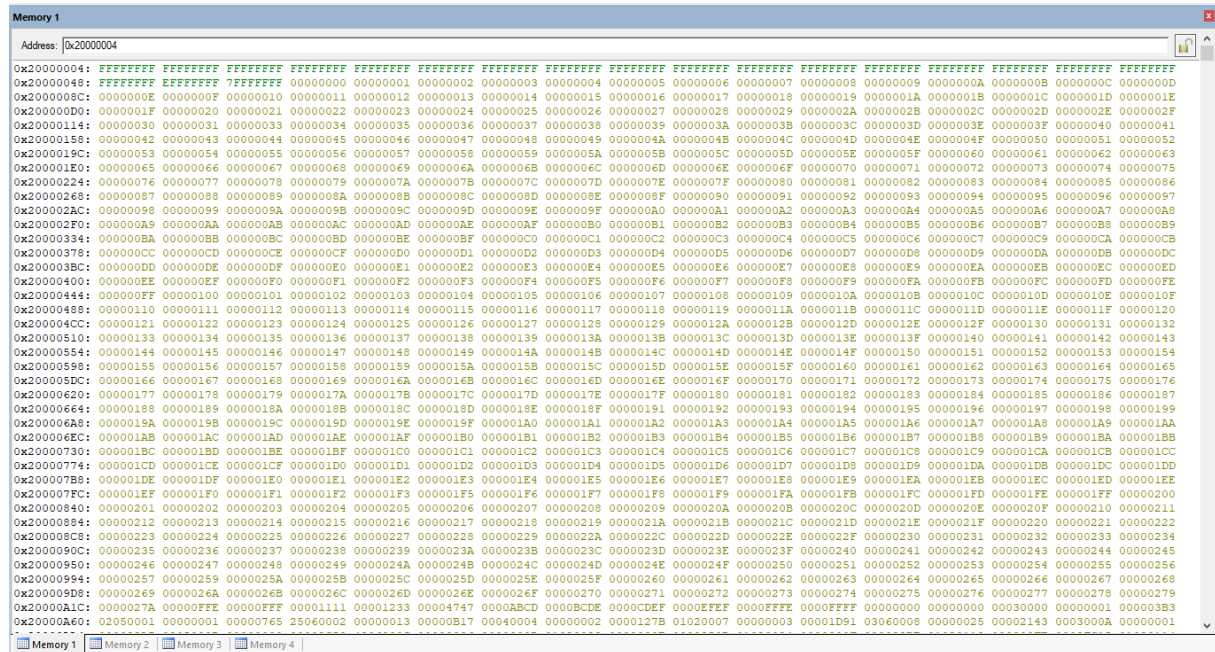


Figure 43: The allocation table and the data is shown for the result of the prepared workflow

In Figure 44, the Error Log Memory is shown in memory range between 0x20000A54 and 0x20002850, inclusively.

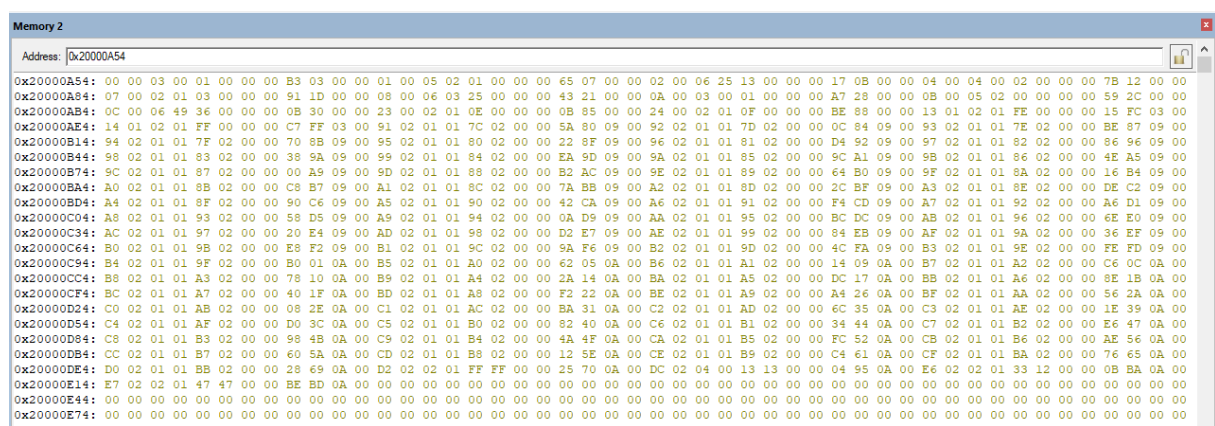
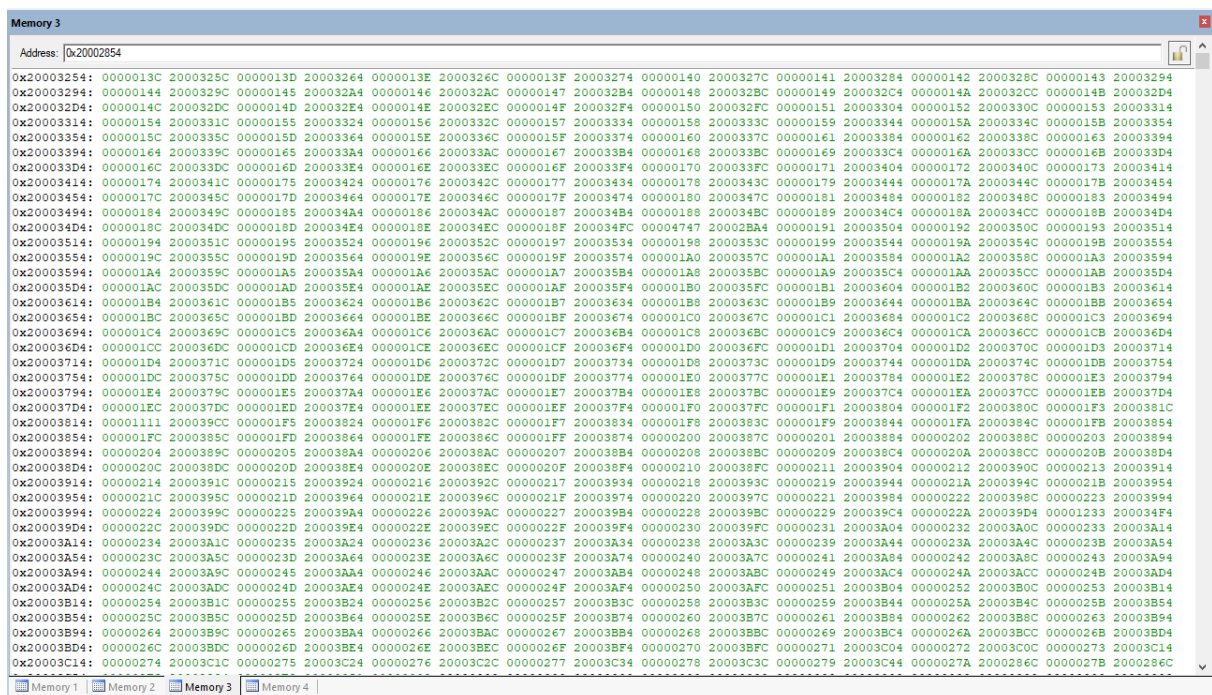
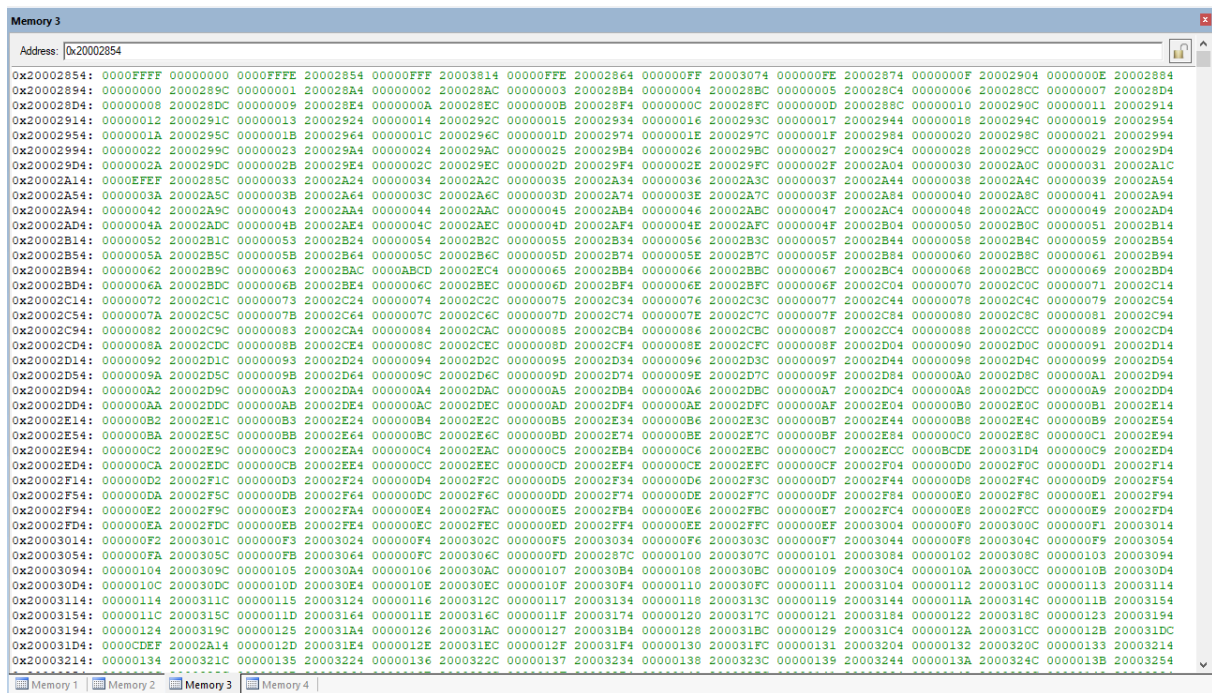


Figure 44: The Error Log Memory is shown for the end of the program

In Figure 45, 46, the Linked List Memory is shown at the end of the program.



In Figure 47, the memory locations like 0x20003C54 for TICK\_COUNT, 0x20003C58 for FIRST\_ELEMENT, 0x20003C5C for INDEX\_INPUT\_DS, 0x20003C60 for INDEX\_ERROR\_LOG, 0x20003C64 for PROGRAM\_STATUS is shown at the end of the program.

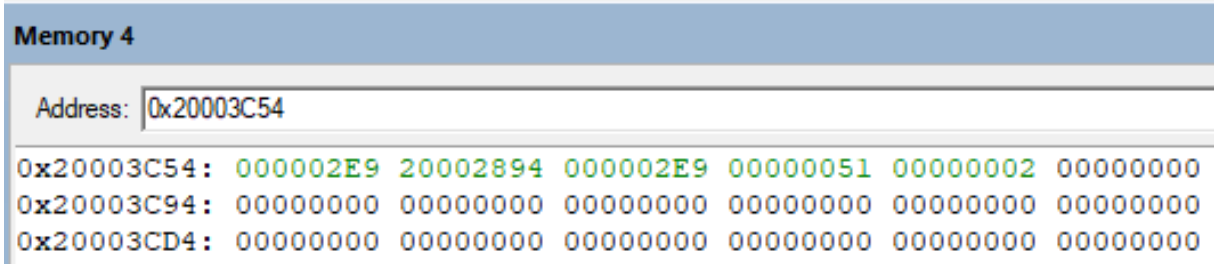


Figure 47: TICK\_COUNT, FIRST\_ELEMENT, INDEX\_INPUT\_DS, INDEX\_ERROR\_LOG and PROGRAM\_STATUS is shown

## 4 DISCUSSION

### 4.1 SysTick\_Handler

This function stands for evaluating input and leading the program according to the input. So, we had to create a decision mechanism and we decided to build this structure with if statements. However, this structure was strait for us because there were too many cases such as inserting, removing, list to an array, and errors. To control all of them we composed a structure that consists of many "if" and "else if" statements. These statements are formed with "CMP" instructions.

This function was a very instructive practice of decision mechanisms. The most significant acquisition of this implementation was the training of complex judgment statements.

### 4.2 SysTick\_Init & SysTick\_Stop

In these functions, we were expected to manipulate system tick interrupt of the our microprocessor. We thought that most critical point of the project is providing correct interrupt period to the circuit.

All of us know the mechanism behind of the System Tick but to be sure, we have listened the recitation that includes system tick interrupt subject again. Thanks to lesson, we have consolidated our knowledge, we have written the interrupt formula for our case and we have found our reload value. After this point, implementation phase of the functions was very simple and straightforward. Especially, implementing SysTick\_Stop function only needs few changes on SysTick\_Init.

In this part, the most difficult point was testing the correction of the interrupt period that is given by the system but we have handled this problem using GetNow function and we are happy to see that it works correctly. We thought that it was a crucial point of the microprocessor systems and we have learned it well.

### 4.3 Clear\_Alloc & Clear\_ErrorLogs

In this function there is not much to say. Because both Allocation Table and Error Logs are arrays, we just had to iterate each data space and clear them. Therefore, we easily come up with some loop mechanisms for each of these functions.

### 4.4 Init\_GlobVars

Init\_GlobVars function is responsible for initializing global variables. Thus, implementation of this function is not challenging for us when it is compared with other functions. We loaded addresses of every global variable to a register, then store **#0** to these addresses one by one.

### 4.5 Malloc

In this function, we were expected to write a malloc function that is similar to its use in the C programming language. Actually, this function consist of two separate parts that are searching&allocation and returning node address. The crucial point of implementing this function was understanding the structure and logic of the allocation table. At the point of memory optimization, using 1 bit to determine allocation condition of the node is most proper way but in implementation phase, it needs more effort that is required to make the program work. As an computer engineer, our priority is implementing most efficient algorithm. After our analyzes, we have determined that reaching each word for single time and performing mask operations on same register provides most optimal solution for our problem. Then, we have determined the principles of our searching mechanism that checks each bit using mask register. Based on the knowledge we have learned in the lesson, we have controlled each bit of the word using AND operation and while allocating space, we have used OR operation.

In this part of the project, we had the opportunity to use our theoretical knowledge that we learned in the classroom such as mask operations, memory addressing. Also, we have experienced implementation and key point of 'malloc' that is a function we use frequently in other programming languages. Therefore, it was a great opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge into real microprocessor system.

### 4.6 Free

This function has some complex calculations to find the exact location of the given address in the allocation table. Differences between node size and allocation table size caused this problem. We had to use various shifting like left shift, right shift, and circular



shift. These operations are used instead of mode and dividing operations to figure out the mentioned problem. Also, to assign 0 to an exact bit of 32-bit data was not an easy operation. We solved that problem with an "and" operation. Moreover, data consist of full 1's except the least significant bit that is 0, is used in that operation.

## 4.7 Insert

Main responsibility of this function is inserting a new value into the linked list, but there were various situations we need to control to construct a robust subroutine. To provide that, we handled insertion operation in different ways according to current state of the linked list, correct order of the new data that will be inserted into the linked list. Our algorithm is mainly to search for the correct position for the new coming data. We implemented this idea by using tail-traverser registers like pointers in C programming language to manage insertion. The reason why we have used 2 register as tail and traverser is that traverser is for compare operations between the current node's data and the new coming data to determine the correct location and the tail is for connection operation of new coming node into the linked list. Tail register provides that retain the address of node which will be the previous node of the new coming node, because we do not have any chance to return the previous node in our linked list structure (it is not a doubly linked list). We performed insertion operation based on the order of the new coming node. We treated differently for insertion at first order, intermediate orders and the last order because of the nature of the linked list. We also fulfilled the error handling in this subroutine. We checked whether the given data is already in the linked list or not, because our linked list has set property and we also set specific error code for this error type.

## 4.8 Remove

Remove function is expected to delete the given data from the linked list. To implement it, our algorithm is based on search for target data in the linked list, destroy the connections of the target from the linked list and deallocate the memory of the deleted node. After implementation of insertion operation, it is easier to implement remove function, because we used the same tail-traverser logic for search operation in this function. After we found the target node, we destroyed the connections of the deleted node and construct a new connection between the previous and next nodes of the deleted node to protect the chain structure of the linked list. After destruction of the node, we deallocate the space of deleted node from the allocation table to use it for further allocations. We also carried out error handling in case of linked list is empty or the given data is not in the linked list and set corresponding error codes for each of these error types.

## 4.9 **LinkedList2Arr**

In this function we had to create a linked list to array converter. The main problem in this function is extracting all data from linked list one by one and assign them to data array. To achieve this functionality we have to create a loop that can do both operations. At the same time we have to control if our linked list is empty or not. In the early stage of implementation we just implemented linked list to array converter loop. After some debugging and brainstorm, we created a mechanism that can control if our linked list is empty or not. We implemented this mechanism above from our conversion loop. After creating all of the functionality we had to add error handling mechanisms to our function, therefore we add a control system for empty linked list and when we control it if it is empty we create an error code for empty linked list. If our linked list is not empty and our operations run successfully we created an error code 0 (which means no error).

## 4.10 **WriteErrorLog**

WriteErrorLog function is expected to write error logs in to the error log array. To implement it we just gather all the data and store them at the end of the array. The main problem was if we have so much more errors in the program than we can store we have to manage those errors. Because we do not have space for those errors we just block the function before storing more data. If we continued to store more data we would lose other data from the memory because our arrays and linked list are consecutively placed into the memory.

## 4.11 **GetNow**

In this function, the main problem was creating the equation of the current time. In the beginning, we did not know how to create a function that gets the current time. We studied the how the system tick timer works and how the tick count increased and each one of us come up with different ideas to create this equation, but at the end, we merged all of our ideas in one base and created a proper equation for getting the current time. When we created our equation properly, there is no obstacle for implementing this equation in the GetNow function. To observe close results when compared to simulation time made us proud.



## 5 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have constructed a sorted set linked list data structure with various functionalities which are allocation-deallocation, insertion, remove and error handling by using Assembly language. We had also faced with challenging problems during the implementation of the expected data structure especially in memory management and edge cases. Memory management and grasping the structure of the allocation table was complicated for us, but once we brainstormed with all of group members we have figured out the structure of allocation table and memory operations. We also had to check edge cases particularly in insert-remove operations to construct a robust program. We have benefited from our data structure knowledge frequently at this point. Besides all of these, we are familiar with core elements of Assembly language and memory management. We have deeper knowledge about the background of a computer program, how to allocate-deallocate memory, which operations are performed by a computer during the run-time of a program. To sum up, this project is a really important facility to experience what we have learned during the lecture and to apply our knowledge about data structures and high level programming languages to Assembly language which make us more well-informed in background of a computer program as computer engineers.

## 6 APPENDIX

	AREA	IN_DATA_AREA, DATA, READONLY
IN_DATA	DCD	0x0001, 0x0001, 0x0013, 0x0003, 0x0002, 0x0002, 0x0002, 0x0003, 0x0025, 0x0003, 0x0001, 0x0000
	DCD	0x0036, 0xFFFF, 0xFFFE, 0xFFFE, 0xFFFE, 0xFFFE, 0xFFFE, 0xFFFE, 0x000E
	DCD	0x0000, 0x0001, 0x0002, 0x0003, 0x0004, 0x0005, 0x0006, 0x0007, 0x0008, 0x0009, 0x000A, 0x000B, 0x000C, 0x000D, 0x000E, 0x000F
	DCD	0x0010, 0x0011, 0x0012, 0x0013, 0x0014, 0x0015, 0x0016, 0x0017, 0x0018, 0x0019, 0x001A, 0x001B, 0x001C, 0x001D, 0x001E, 0x001F
	DCD	0x0020, 0x0021, 0x0022, 0x0023, 0x0024, 0x0025, 0x0026, 0x0027, 0x0028, 0x0029, 0x002A, 0x002B, 0x002C, 0x002D, 0x002E, 0x002F
	DCD	0x0030, 0x0031, 0x0032, 0x0033, 0x0034, 0x0035, 0x0036, 0x0037, 0x0038, 0x0039, 0x003A, 0x003B, 0x003C, 0x003D, 0x003E, 0x003F
	DCD	0x0040, 0x0041, 0x0042, 0x0043, 0x0044, 0x0045, 0x0046, 0x0047, 0x0048, 0x0049, 0x004A, 0x004B, 0x004C, 0x004D, 0x004E, 0x004F
	DCD	0x0050, 0x0051, 0x0052, 0x0053, 0x0054, 0x0055, 0x0056, 0x0057, 0x0058, 0x0059, 0x005A, 0x005B, 0x005C, 0x005D, 0x005E, 0x005F
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	DCD	0x00B0, 0x00B1, 0x00B2, 0x00B3, 0x00B4, 0x00B5, 0x00B6, 0x00B7, 0x00B8, 0x00B9, 0x00BA, 0x00BB, 0x00BC, 0x00BD, 0x00BE, 0x00BF
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Figure 48: Prepared Data for Test

