Practice 3: Introduction to Vxwork 7 environment

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1. Objectives

This practice is an introduction to Vxwork 7 SDK environment. This system will be used in the curse: '***Real Time and embedded systems / Concurrent and real time systems***. The topics introduced during this session are the following:

- Installation of Micosoft Visual code.
- Installation of QEMU software.
- Installation of compillers LLVM-14.06
- Installation of Vxworks 7 SDK for windows.
- Installation of Visual code plugin for VxWorks.
- Running an example.

2. Materials

The materials needed for this practice are the following:

- Laptop with Windows operating system (from students or the labs).
- All the software provided in moodle for approach #3.

3. Installing Microsoft Visual Code

Figure 1 shows a top view of the Microsoft visual studio. Download executable file from moodle or the official web site and install it.

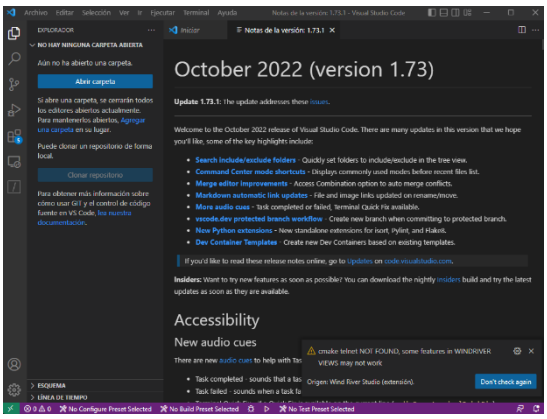

Figure 1. Microsoft Visual Code

[1] More information can be found at https://code.visualstudio.com/download

4. Installing QEMU software

This is an open source machine emulator used by vxwork to run its kernel with the corresponding application code. You can obtain the installer from moodle or from the corresponding web page:

https://www.qemu.org/

Follow all the screen instructions an install the executable file in your laptop.

5. Installing the LLVM compillers.

This is a set of compillers used con Vxworks 7 SDK to compile the application with the kernel. You can obtain the installer from moodle.

Follow all the instructions in the screen and select the option to introduce the path for all users.

6. Installing the plugin for Visual Studio Code.

Visual Studio (VS) Code is an extensible integrated development environment (IDE) that is ideal for developing software for embedded systems. With Visual Code you can:

- Code, develop and debug single and multithreaded user space applications for VxWorks and Wind River Linux.
- Create downloadable kernel modules for use with VxWorks.
- Create Real Time Process (RTP) executable applications for VxWorks.
- Debug applications locally with a Wind River software development kit (SDK)
- Launch virtual QEMU sessions to aide in debugging and development.

Student must read a guide pdf provide in moodle to know all the details about this framework. The Wind River Studio Extension for VS Code provides support for developing user space applications and kernel modules with the Wind River Linux and VxWorks SDKs.

You can add the Wind River Studio extension to VS Code directly from the Visual Studio Marketplace. In extension bottom from visual code, search ‘Wind River Studio ’ and install it.

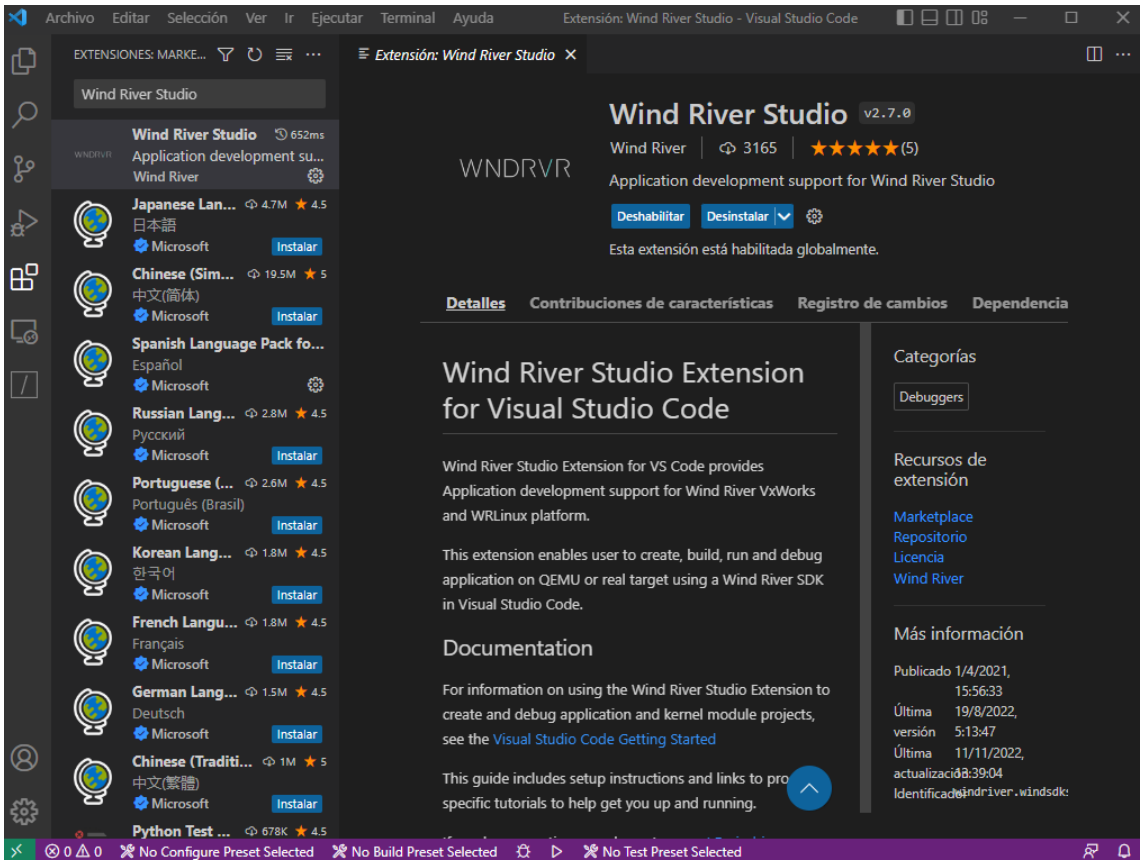

Figure 2. Wind River extension

7. Installing the Vxworks 7 SDK

Download the file `wrsdk-vxworks7-win-qemu-1.10.zip` from moodle, decompress and extract in a known folder in C root. For example: VxWorks7SDK

It needs a lot of time to decompress and move the folder, so don't worry about it.

8. Setting the plugin and run our first application.

The VS Code extension need some configuration to work. We are going to divide all the setting needed in the following steps:

✓ **Step 1**.In Wind River extension, in the resources windows, push on add and choose 'Add SDK'. Then choose 'Add SDK from Local SDK Folder' and search the folder created when you decompress the SDK zip file. Note: You can select other option to use the zip file directly.

✓ **Step 2**. Select the Target. Go to resources and select 'Add', then 'add target' and then qemu. Go to 'tool' folder in the sdk folder. Then go to qemu and shoose 'qemu-system-x86_64.exe'.

✓ **Step 3**. Create a new project from 'explorador' tab. Right click in 'projectos' and go to 'New WR application project'. Choose an RTP project. The classical hello world project.

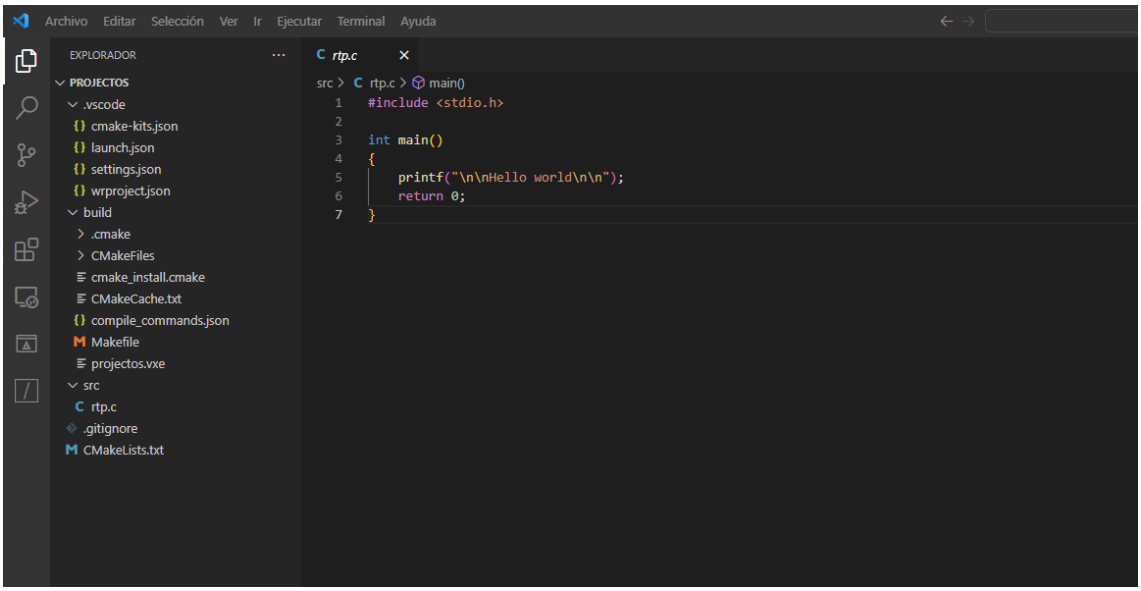

Figure 3 WR Project

Then choose 'Add WR Launch configuration', then 'dbg' and then the target that you previously created. This is all that we need to work with the sdk.

6. Working with the SDK

At this time, the SDK is ready to work. The first step is to build the project. Right click and go to 'Build WR application project'. If all is right, in the extension, in the application project appears a folder binary with a file called 'projectos.vxe'. This is the executable file to run in Vxworks.

Now we are going to run the compiled file:

1. Run the terminal with the kernel of Vxworks 7. Go to Resources and in 'Target connections' do a right click in your target and select 'Launch simulation'.

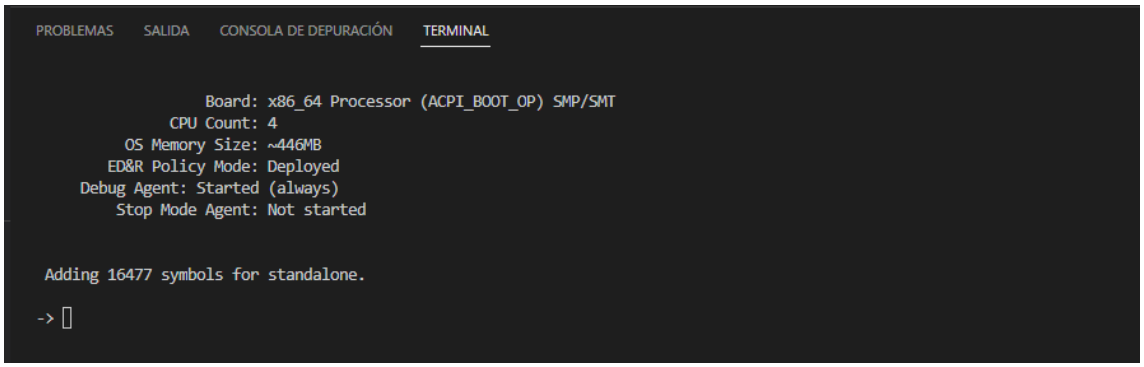

Figure 4 Running target

Then go to 'Ejecucion y depuracion' and select 'projectos.vxe_gbd_qemu_vxworks' and run it.

In main.c you can watch all your code and introduce any breakpoint to check it.

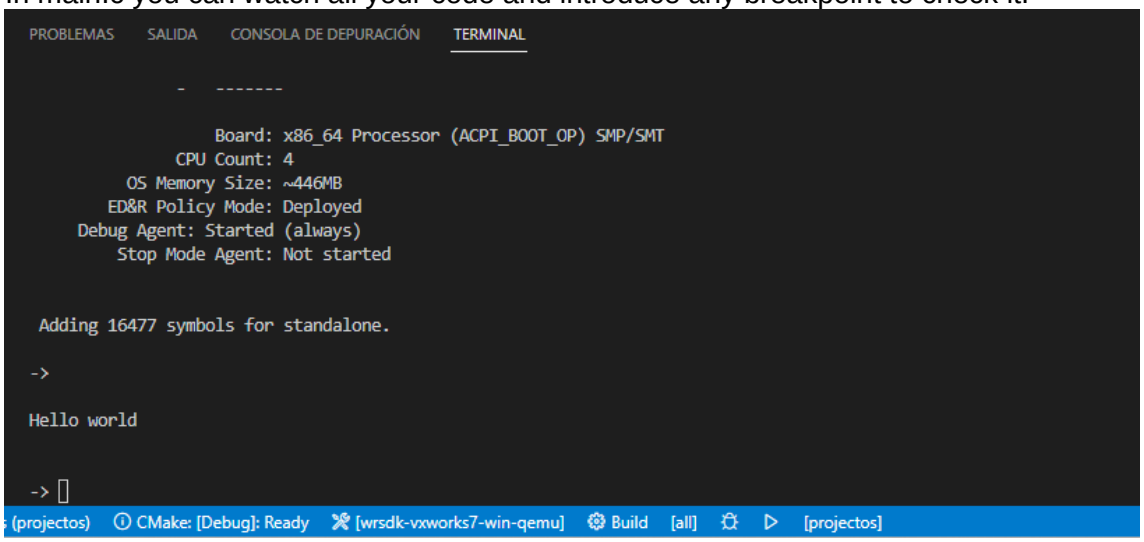

Figure 5 RTP application running

Exercises

1. Modify the rtp.c file and execute the following code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <sched.h>

void* a(void* ptr) {
    for (int i=0; i< 10; i++){
        printf("1");
        printf("2");
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        printf("3");
        printf("4");
    }
    return NULL;
}

void* b(void* ptr) {
    for (int i=0; i< 10; i++){
        printf("a");
        printf("b");
        printf("c");
        printf("d");
    }
    return NULL;
}

void* c(void* ptr) {
    for (int i=0; i< 10; i++){
        printf("5");
        printf("6");
        printf("7");
        printf("8");
    }
    return NULL;
}

int main() {
    pthread_attr_t attr1, attr2, attr3;

    pthread_attr_init(&attr1);
    pthread_attr_init(&attr2);
    pthread_attr_init(&attr3);

    pthread_t t1, t2, t3;

    int rVal = pthread_attr_setschedpolicy(&attr1, SCHED_RR);
    if (rVal != 0) {
    // Failed to set the desired scheduler policy.
    perror("pthread_attr_setschedpolicy(&attr1, SCHED_RR)");
    exit(1);
    }
    pthread_create(&t1, &attr1, a, NULL);

    pthread_attr_setschedpolicy(&attr2, SCHED_RR);
    pthread_create(&t2, &attr2, b, NULL);

    pthread_attr_setschedpolicy(&attr3, SCHED_RR);
    pthread_create(&t3, &attr3, c, NULL);

    pthread_join(t1, NULL);
    pthread_join(t2, NULL);
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    pthread_join(t3, NULL);

    pthread_exit(0);
    return 0;
}
```

   a. Check and explain the outputs.
2. Introduce semaphores to obtain the outputs related to this situations:
   a. 2 tasks in round robin with priorities 40 and other with priority 50 in FIFO. Run and explain if something changes and why (if necessary).
   b. 3 tasks in Round-Robin and only tasks a and b print its values. (Use semaphores, all the tasks must be created).
3. Create a project to emulate the Reader and writers problem explained in slides 57-64. Use 5 readers and 3 writers in round-robin with the same priorities. Choose the best solution for this problems and explain it.

Homework

Search information about the following topics related to the practice:

1. Reader and writer problem.
2. Dinner's philosopher problem.

Evaluation

The evaluation of this practice is done taking into account the performance observed during the practice sessions in the laboratory (it means attention, participation, care of laboratory material, involvement in the right development of the actual session and so on) and a ***practice report*** about the following topics:

- ✓ Results of exercises 1 to 3.
- ✓ Results of the homework: all the information obtained at home for exercise 4 (see homework).

This ***report*** should be delivered by Moodle.