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**SystemView**  
SystemView is a real-time recording and visualization tool for embedded systems that reveals the true runtime behavior of an application, going far deeper than the system insights provided by debuggers. This is particularly effective when developing and working with complex embedded systems comprising multiple threads and interrupts. SystemView can ensure a system performs as designed, can track down inefficiencies, and find unintended interactions and resource conflicts.  
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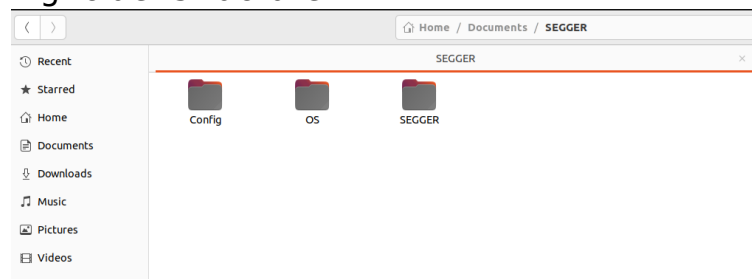
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Under "ThirdPartySource" Create the Following folder structure

```
ThirdPartySource
--> SEGGER
    ---> Config
    ---> OS
    ---> SEGGER
```



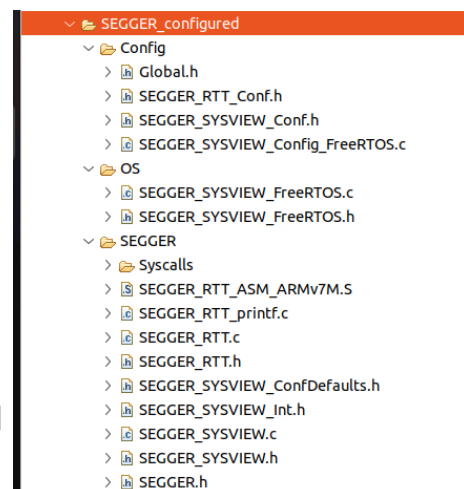
Specific Files are required to be copied into the folde from the downloaded source file folder from segger system viewer webpage.

All the shown files are copied from the donwloaded segger system viewer source file folder.

Once, copied to the workspace, we need to apply one patch to the files (changes).

Patch name is "FreeRTOSvsegger\_cm4.patch"

It includes the information on the code changes needed in the system viewer source files and it should pe applied very carefully.



Once done, we need to do further configurations in the workspace which include. -Aman Kanwar

- > Environment configuration
- > Include path settings

1 -> Include the file "SEGGER\_SYSVIEW\_FreeRTOS.h" at the end of file "FreeRTOSConfig.h"

This defines the macros for creating traceviewer events

```
119 #define xPortPendSVHandler PendSV_Handler
120 #define xPortSysTickHandler SysTick_Handler
121
122 #include "SEGGER_SYSVIEW_FreeRTOS.h"
123
124 #endif /* FREERTOS_CONFIG_H */
125
126
```

2 -> In "FreeRTOSConfig.h" include the following macro switches

```
#define INCLUDE_xTaskGetIdleTaskHandle
#define INCLUDE_pxTaskGetStackStart 1
```

```
81 #define INCLUDE_vTaskResumeAllSources 1
82 #define INCLUDE_vTaskSuspend 1
83 #define INCLUDE_vTaskDelayUntil 1
84 #define INCLUDE_vTaskDelay 1
85
86 #define INCLUDE_xTaskGetIdleTaskHandle 1
87 #define INCLUDE_pxTaskGetStackStart 1
```

3 -> We need to perform some Microcontroller and project specific settings in the workspace which involves the following changes needed to be done.

-> Mentioning of the MCU core type in "SEGGER\_SYSVIEW\_ConfDefaults.h"

```
120 #ifndef
121
122 #ifndef SEGGER_SYSVIEW_CORE
123 #define SEGGER_SYSVIEW_CORE SEGGER_SYSVIEW_CORE_CM3
124 #endif
125 #endif
126
```

-> System viewer buffer size configuration in "SEGGER\_SYSVIEW\_ConfDefaults.h"

```

/*
 * Define: SEGGER_SYSVIEW_RTT_BUFFER_SIZE
 *
 * Description
 * Number of bytes that SystemView uses for the RTT buffer.
 * Default
 * 1024
 */
#ifndef SEGGER_SYSVIEW_RTT_BUFFER_SIZE
#define SEGGER_SYSVIEW_RTT_BUFFER_SIZE (1024 * 4)
#endif

```

-> Application specific information in the "SEGGER\_SYSVIEW\_Config\_FreeRTOS.c"

```
62 *
63 *****
64 */
65 // The application name to be displayed in SystemViewer
66 #define SYSVIEW_APP_NAME "My FreeRTOS Application"
67
68 // The target device name
69 #define SYSVIEW_DEVICE_NAME "STM32F411VET Cortex-M4"
70
71 // Frequency of the timestamp. Must match SEGGER_SYSVIEW_GET_TIMESTAMP in SE
72 #define SYSVIEW_TIMESTAMP_FREQ (configCPU_CLOCK_HZ)
73
```

Once done, we need to enable the time stamp information to be dumped by our RTOS application the same is needed for monitoring of the events at specific time frames. Which then shows what event was configured at what stage.

In order for our STM32 board to monitor the time stamp information, we need to enable the same at the hardware level using the "Cycle Counter" of ARM M4F  
For more information refer to ARM website.

<https://developer.arm.com/documentation/ka001406/latest>

### Summary

Can the Cortex-M3 or Cortex-M4 processor measure the cycle count of its own activity?

### Answer

If the Data Watchpoint Trigger (DWT) is implemented, the Cortex-M3 or Cortex-M4 processor can measure elapsed cycles by reading the DWT\_CYCCNT register at the start and at the end of the time interval of interest, and calculating the difference in their values.

Alternatively, the processor can use its SysTick function to measure elapsed cycle counts.

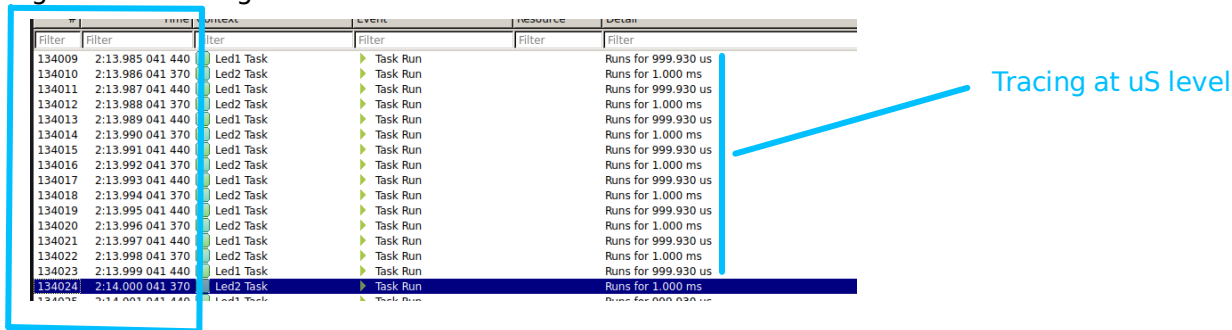
In short, DWT\_CYCCNT register of the ARM Cortex M3/4/4F processor will store the number of clock cycles since the processor was POR or started after reset.

The same can be used to note the number of cycles that have passed for any given logic or instuction execution.

- > Read the value fo Cycle Count R1
- > Execute the instruction
- > Read the values of Cycle Count R2

Cycles consumed in the instruction execution = R2 - R1  
 using the time interval of each cycle, we can calculate the time needed for that instruction to execute :)

Using the same we get the following



For ARM Cortex M3/4 based controllers, the given register is available at location 0xE0001000. This register addresses are managed by the ARM and the CMSIS is configuring the same.

<https://developer.arm.com/documentation/ddi0439/b/Data-Watchpoint-and-Trace-Unit/DWT-Programmers-Model>

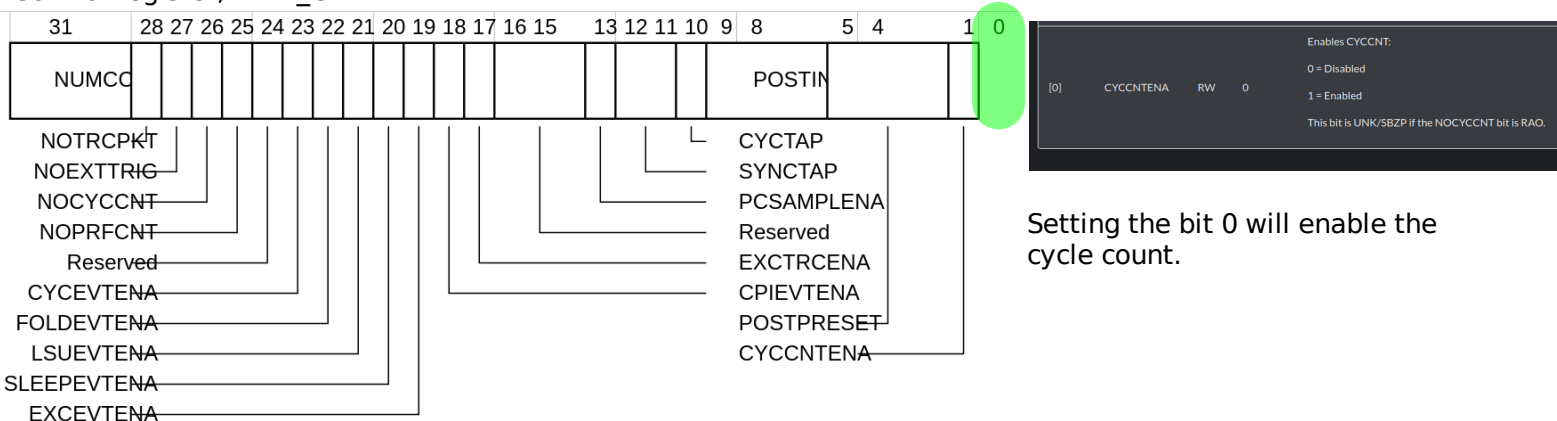
DWT Programmers Model

Table 9.1 lists the DWT registers. Depending on the implementation of your processor, some of these registers might not be present. Any register that is configured as not present reads as zero.

Address	Name	Type	Reset	Description
0xE0001000	DWT_CTRL	RW	See [1]	Control Register
0xE0001004	DWT_CYCCNT	RW	0x00000000	Cycle Count Register
0xE0001008	DWT_CPICNT	RW	-	CPI Count Register

These are mainly used for the tracing functionality, when it is enabled in the system/build.

Now, we can easlty set the required biy in register "DWT\_CYCCNT" by performing a simple pointer operation  
 Control register, DWT\_CTRL



```
#define DWT_CYCCNT ((volatile uint32_t *) 0xE0001000)
```

```
*DWT_CYCCNT = *DWT_CYCCNT | (1 << 0); or *DWT_CYCCNT |= (1 << 0);
```

in main.c, the same can be configured as shown in the main function.

After this, we need to initialize the SEGGER SYSVIEW and need to start the recordings for the same.

- > Single shot
- > Continuous recording over UART/JLINK

```

001  /* USER CODE BEGIN SysInit */
002
003  /* USER CODE END SysInit */
004
005  /* Initialize all configured peripherals */
006  MX_GPIO_Init();
007  /* USER CODE BEGIN 2 */
008  *DWT_CYCCNT |= (1 <= 0);
009
010  SEGGER_SYSVIEW_Conf();
011  SEGGER_SYSVIEW_Start();
012
013

```

The screenshot displays the STM32CubeIDE interface. On the left, the Project Explorer shows a project named 'RTOS\_test1' with a tree structure including 'Binaries', 'Includes', 'Core', 'Inc', 'Src', 'Startup', 'Drivers', 'ThirdPartySource', 'FreeRTOS', 'include', 'portable', 'SEGGER\_configured', 'croutine.c', 'event\_groups.c', 'list.c', 'queue.c', 'stream\_buffer.c', 'tasks.c', 'timers.c', 'CMakeLists.txt', 'manifest.yml', 'sbom.spdx', 'Debug', 'RTOS\_test1.ioc', 'RTOS\_test1.launch', 'STM32F411VETX\_FLASH.ld', 'STM32F411VETX\_RAM.ld', and 'ThirdPartySource.zip'. The 'Settings' dialog is open, showing the 'C/C++ Build' settings. The 'Tool Settings' tab is selected, and the 'MCU GCC Compiler' is chosen. The 'Include paths' section is expanded, and the 'Include paths (-I)' list is highlighted with a green box. The list contains several paths, including the project's 'include' and 'portable' directories, and the 'SEGGER\_configured' directory. The 'Apply and Close' button is highlighted in green.

After building.

```

CDT Build Console [RTOS_test1]
arm-none-eabi-gcc -I../Core/Src/system.c" -mcpu=cortex-m4 -std=gnu11 -g3 -DDEBUG -DUSE_HAL_DRIVER -DSTM32F411xE -c -I../Core/Inc -I"/home/aman/Documents/RTOS_test1" -o RTOS_test1.o
arm-none-eabi-gcc -I../Core/Src/system.c" -mcpu=cortex-m4 -std=gnu11 -g3 -DDEBUG -DUSE_HAL_DRIVER -DSTM32F411xE -c -I../Core/Inc -I"/home/aman/Documents/RTOS_test1" -o RTOS_test1.o
arm-none-eabi-gcc -o "RTOS_test1.elf" @objects.list -mcpu=cortex-m4 -T"/home/aman/Documents/RTOS_new/workspace/RTOS_test1/STM32F411VETX_FLASH.ld"
Finished building target: RTOS_test1.elf

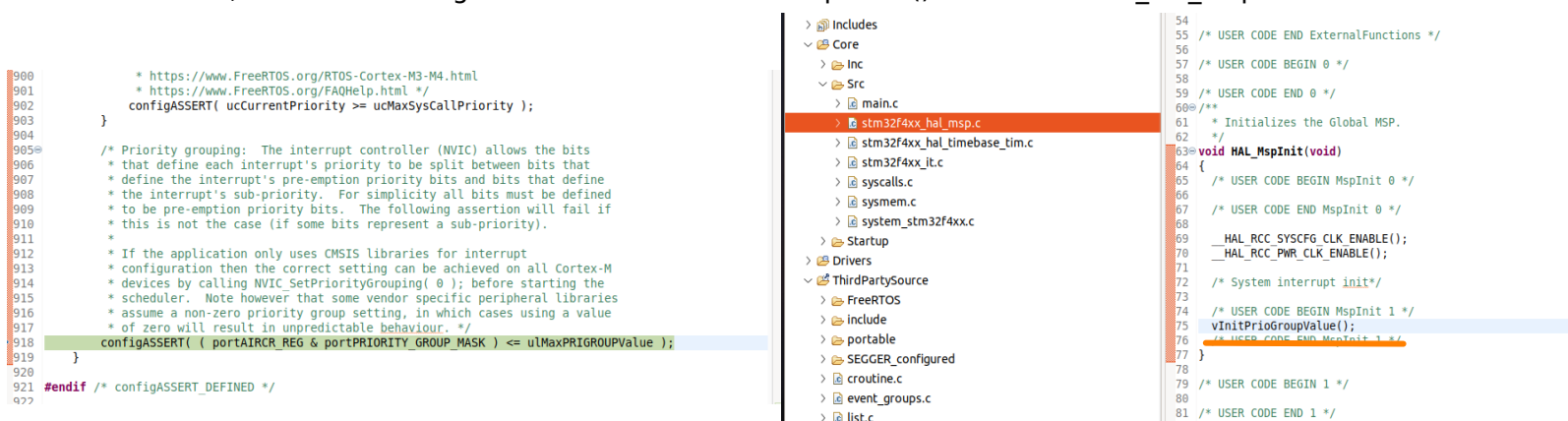
arm-none-eabi-size RTOS_test1.elf
arm-none-eabi-objdump -h -S RTOS_test1.elf > "RTOS_test1.list"
  text    data     bss     dec      hex filename
  24164    28      84612 108804 1a904 RTOS_test1.elf
Finished building: default.size.stdout

Finished building: RTOS_test1.list

23:00:45 Build Finished. 0 errors. 0 warnings. (took 1s.32ms)

```

After flashing and debugging, if the execution is stuck at the macro shown below. Then we need to set the priority group value. The same gets set in the main when vTaskStartScheduler() is called in main.c. However, we're calling the SEGGER\_SYSVIEW APIs few steps before. Hence, we need to configure the priority group values before these API calls. Hence, add the following function call "vInitPrioGroupValue()" in "stm32f4xx\_hal\_msp.c"



Once done, we can create the RTOS tasks in main.c as shown

## Task creation APIs

```

105 /* Initialize all configured peripherals */
106 MX_GPIO_Init();
107 /* USER CODE BEGIN 2 */
108 *DWT_CYCNT |= (1 << 0);
109
110 SEGGER_SYSVIEW_Conf();
111 SEGGER_SYSVIEW_Start();
112
113 xTaskCreate(&Task2, "Task2", 200, NULL, 2, NULL);
114 xTaskCreate(&Task1, "Task1", 200, NULL, 2, NULL);
115
116 vTaskStartScheduler();
117 /* USER CODE END 2 */
118
119 /* Infinite loop */
120 /* USER CODE BEGIN WHILE */
121 while (1)
122 {

```

## Task functions

```

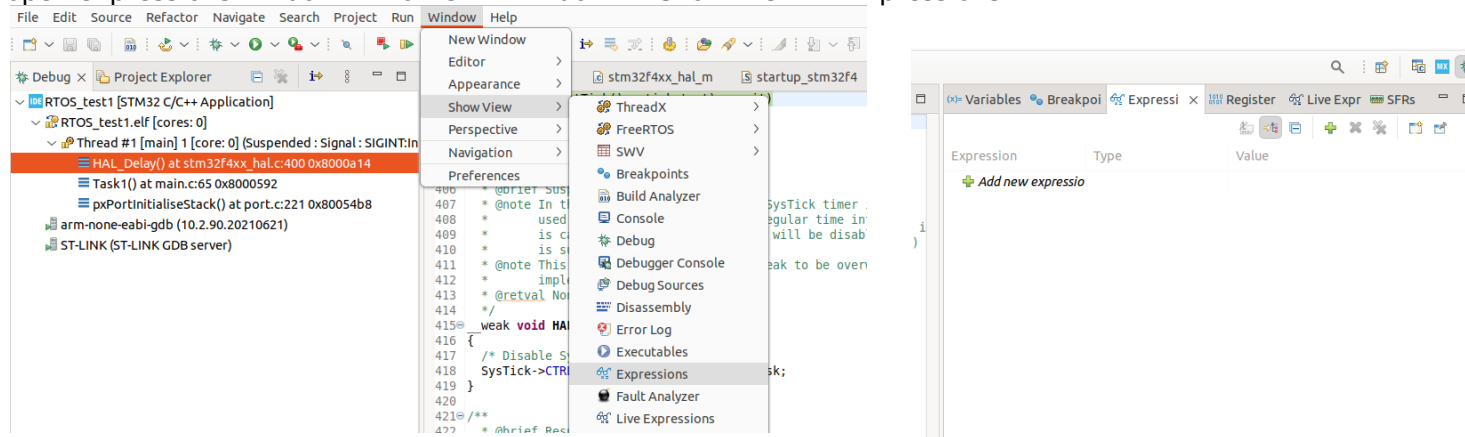
58 #define DWT_CYCNT ((volatile uint32_t *) 0xE0001000)
59
60 void Task1(void *ptr)
61 {
62     while(1)
63     {
64         HAL_GPIO_TogglePin(GPIOD, GPIO_PIN_14);
65         HAL_Delay(1000);
66     }
67 }
68
69 void Task2(void *ptr)
70 {
71     while(1)
72     {
73         HAL_Delay(200);
74         HAL_GPIO_TogglePin(GPIOD, GPIO_PIN_12);
75     }
76 }

```

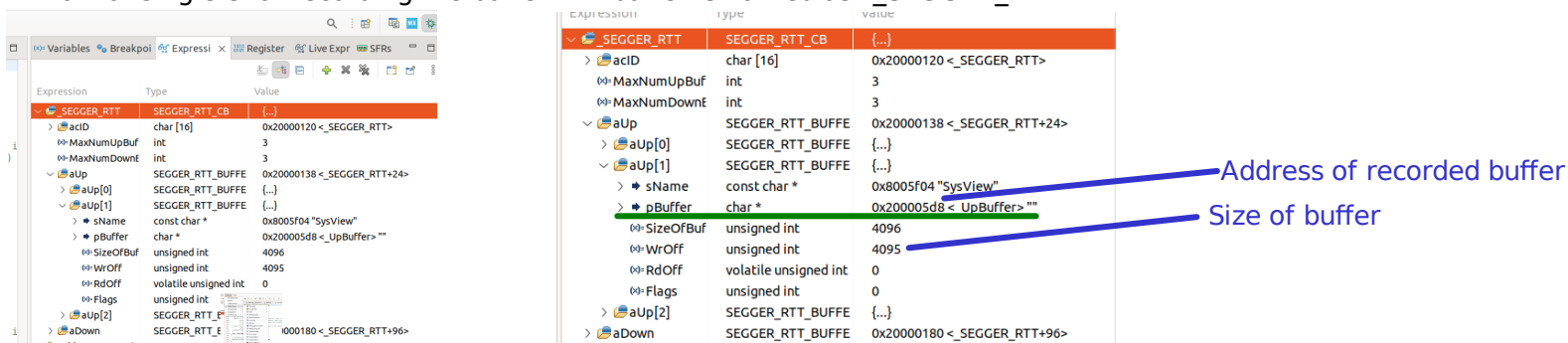
## Getting single shot recording for Segger Studio

In CubeMx IDE. -> Start the debugging and Hit Run for a while and then pause the execution.

After that open expressions window in Home -> Window -> Show View -> Expressions

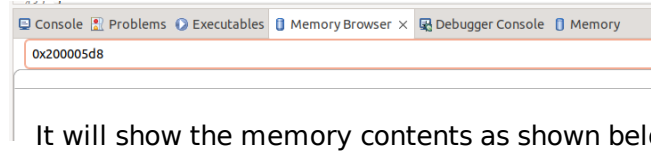
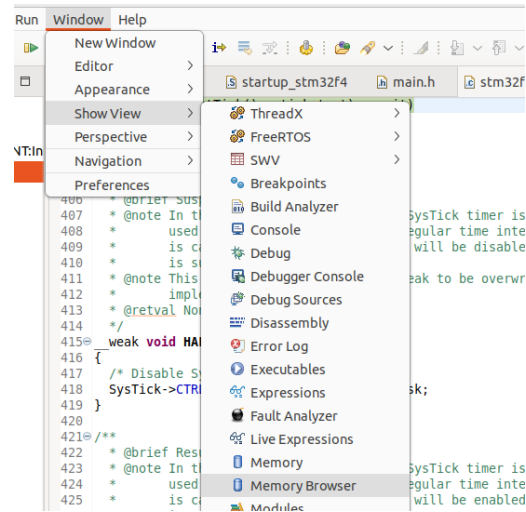


Click on Add new expression. Once we go through the Segger System View user guide section 3.13.2 it is mentioned that for single-shot recording the buffer RTT buffer is named as "\_SEGGER\_RTT"

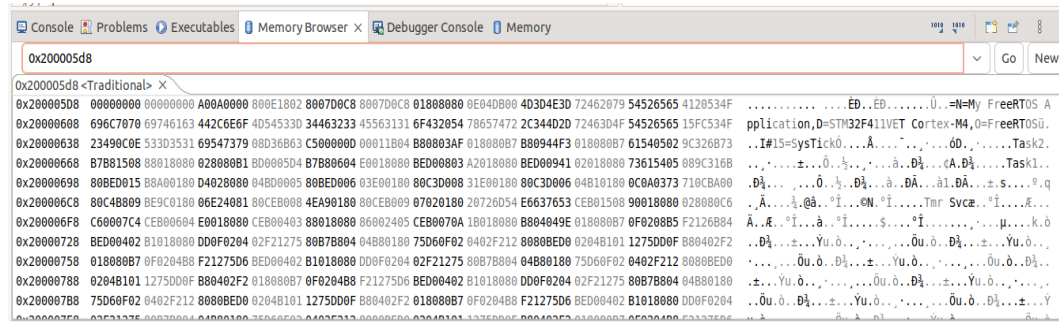




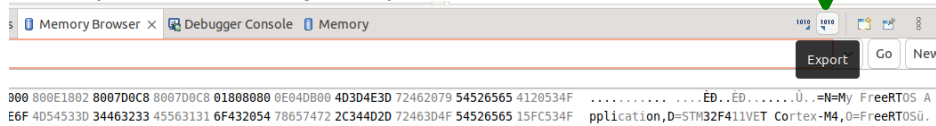
Now, copy the address of recorded buffer (pbuffer) in my case it is "0x200005d8" and open the memory browser window.



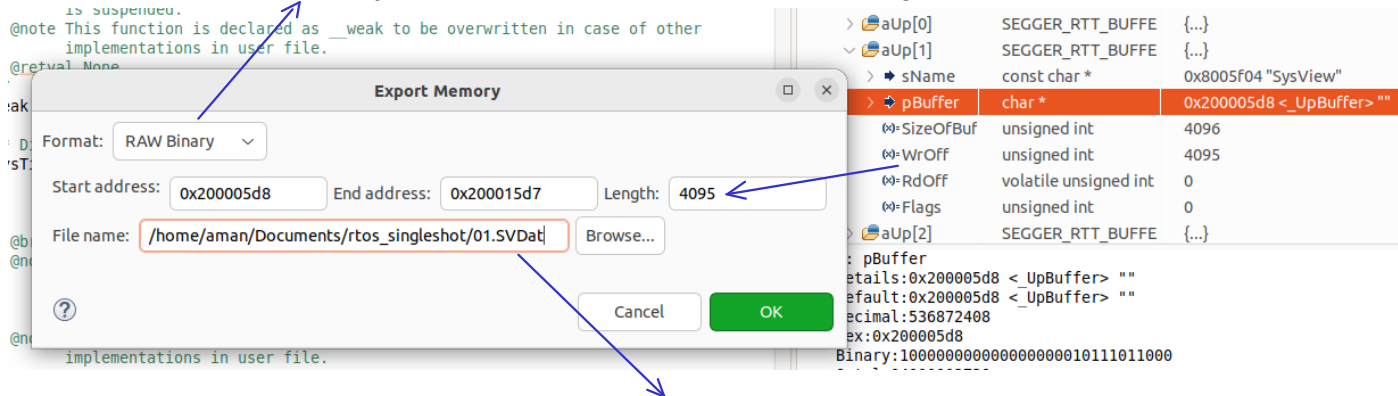
Paste and hit enter



Now we need to export the memory dump with a size equal to "WrOff" in my case it is 4095. We had set this buffer size before as (1024 \* 4) i.e 4k. Use the following option to export the memory dump.

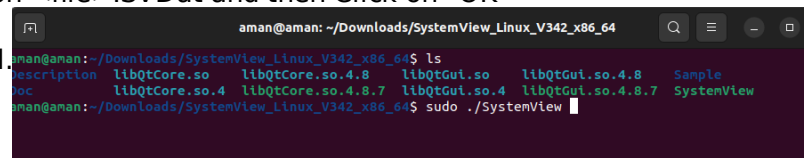


Make sure to select "RAW Binary" in Format section and Provide the length same as WrOff buffer

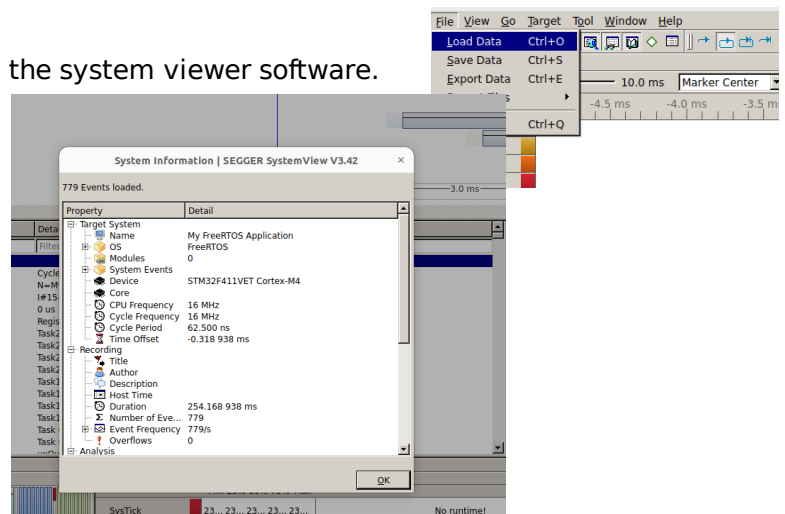
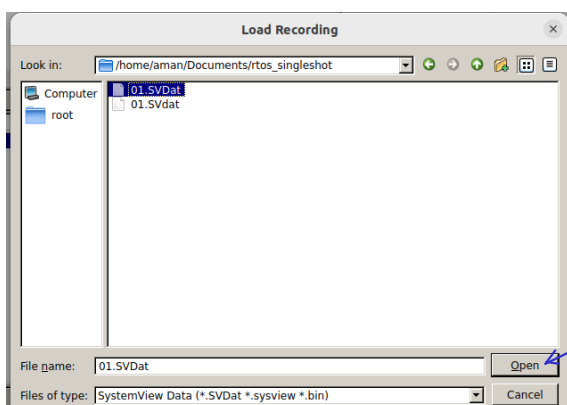


Make sure to save the file with extension <file>.SVdat and then Click on "OK"

Start "Segger System Viewer" via Terminal.

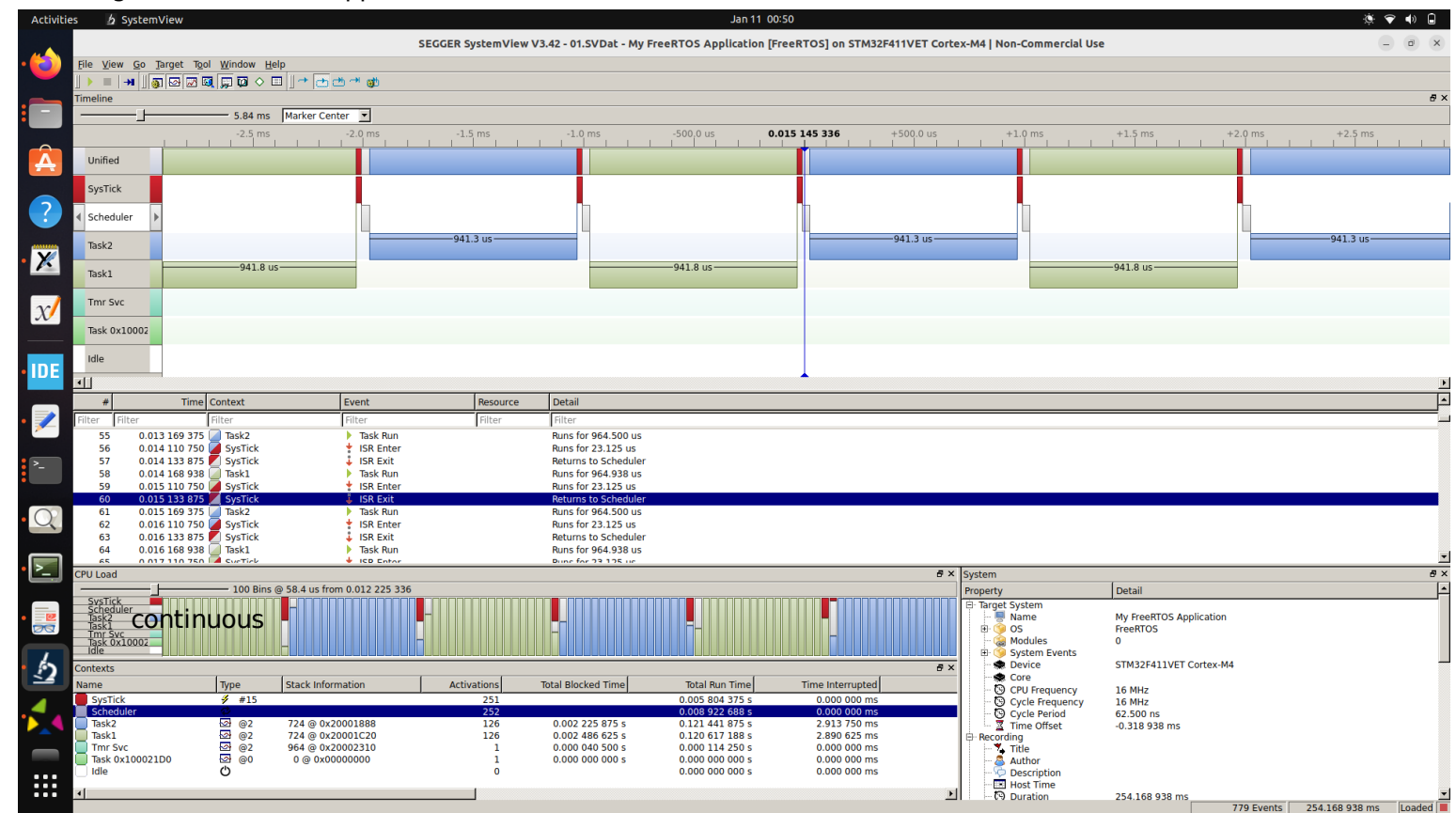


Once opened, open the single shot recoding data file in the system viewer software.

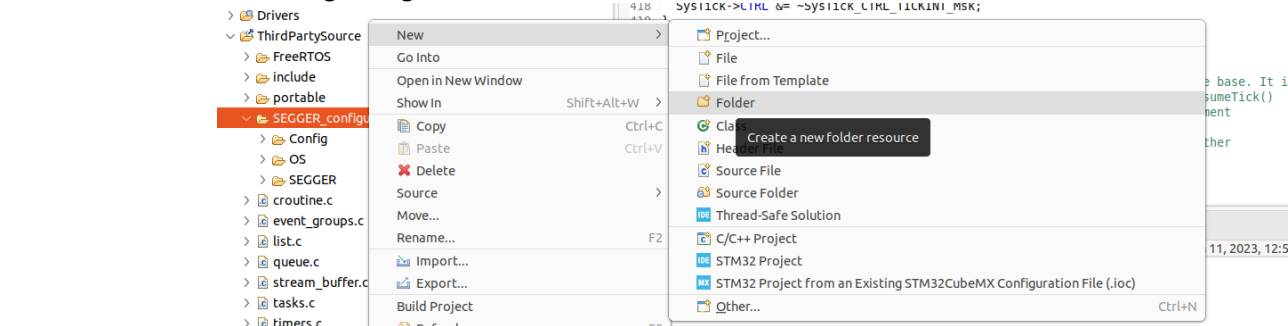


Following runtime for our application will be shown on the screen.

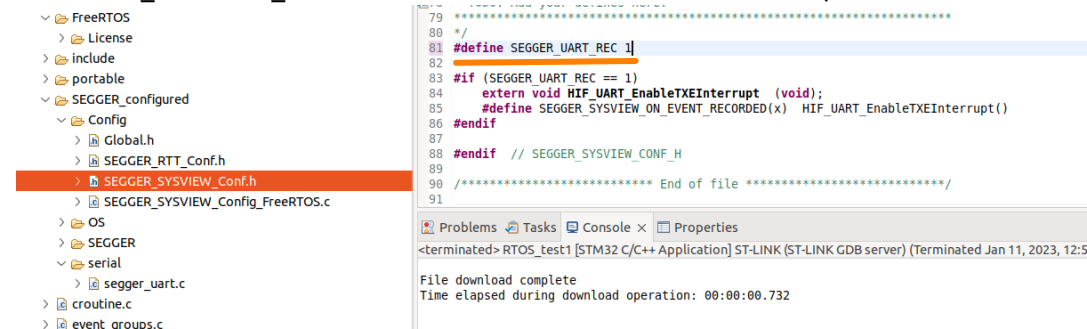
-Aman Kanwar



For continuous recording using UART. Create a new "serial" folder under SEGGER folder

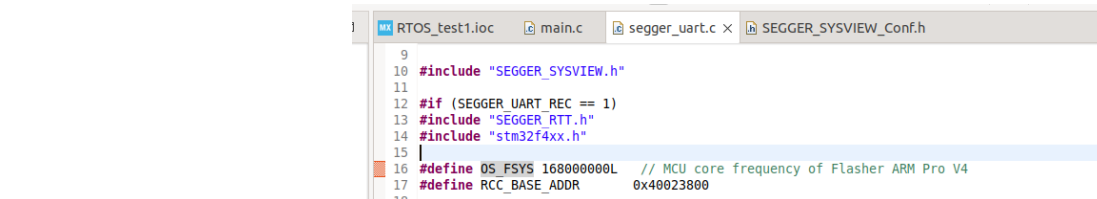


Once created, add the file "segger\_uart.c" in the folder and set the "SEGGER\_UART\_REC" macro as 1 in file SEGGER\_SYSVIEW\_Conf.h. Also we need to include the build path for the same.

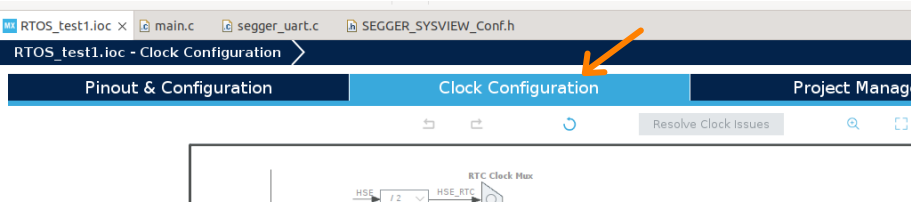


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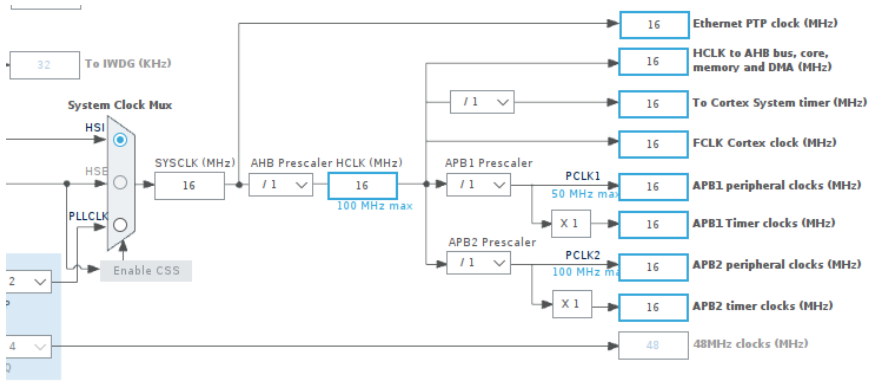
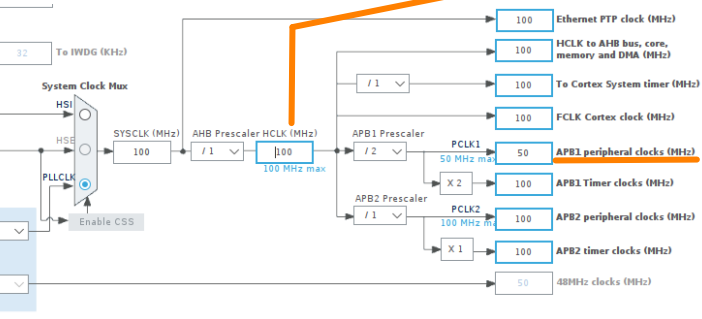
Now, we need to change a few configurations in the "segger\_uart.c" file depending on the MCU we're using. For my STM32F411VET controller. Some NVIC and clock related settings we need to set in the CubeMX configuration tool.



Double click on the CubeMx configuration file.  
to open the configuration tool of CubeMx.  
Once opened, open the clock configuration tab.



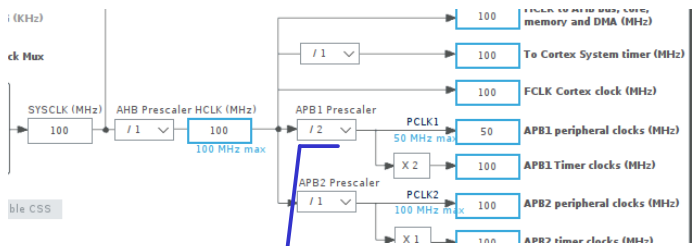
Check for the Max AHB HCLK available.  
For my STM32F411VET it is mentioned as  
100 MHz.  
So, setting set the value of 100 MHz for AHB clock.



One thing to note here is the APB1 clock value which is 50 MHz in my case.

-> Open the file "segger\_uart.c" and add the "OS\_FSYS" value based on Max available "HCLK" value 100 MHz in my case

```
5 File : HIF_UART.c
6 Purpose : Terminal control for Flasher using USART1 on PA9/PA10
7 ----- END-OF-HEADER -----*/
8
9
10 #include "SEGGER_SYSVIEW.h"
11
12 #if (SEGGER_UART_REC == 1)
13 #include "SEGGER_RTT.h"
14 #include "stm32f4xx.h"
15
16 #define OS_FSYS 100000000L // MCU core frequency of Flasher ARM Pro V4
17 #define RCC_BASE_ADDR 0x40023800
18
19 #define OFF_AHB1ENR 0x30 // AHB1 peripheral clock enable register
20 #define OFF_APB1ENR 0x40 // APB1 peripheral clock enable register
```



-> Next set the APB1 prescaler value as per the clock configuration settings for our MCU

```
47 #define OFF_CR2 0x10 // Control register 2
48 #define OFF_CR3 0x14 // Control register 3
49
50
51 #define UART_BASECLK OS_FSYS / 2 // USART2 runs on APB1 clock
52 #define GPIO_BASE_ADDR GPIOA_BASE_ADDR
53 #define USART_BASE_ADDR USART2_BASE_ADDR
54 #define GPIO_UART_TX_BIT 2 // USART2 TX: Pin pa2
55 #define GPIO_UART_RX_BIT 3 // USART2 RX: Pin pa3
56 #define USART_TX_PIN GPIOA_PIN2
57 #define USART_RX_PIN GPIOA_PIN3
```

Once done, add the following initialization in main.c inside the main function in order to configure the baud rate for the uart based continuous recording and comment the SEGGER\_SYSVIEW\_Start() call.

```
105 /* Initialize all configured peripherals */
106 MX_GPIO_Init();
107 /* USER CODE BEGIN 2 */
108 *DWT_CYCNT |= (1 << 0);
109
110 SEGGER_SYSVIEW_Conf();
111 SEGGER_UART_Init(500000);
112 // SEGGER_SYSVIEW_Start();
113
114 xTaskCreate(&Task2, "Task2", 200, NULL, 2, NULL);
```