

1. Objective

You'll understand the following concepts at the ARM assembly language level through this final project that implements memory/time-related C standard library functions in Thumb-2

- CPU operating modes: user and supervisor modes
- System-call and interrupt handling procedures
- C to assembler argument passing (APCS: ARM Procedure Call Standard)
- Stack operations
- Buddy memory allocation

This document is quite soon as the final project spec. becomes available to you.

2. Project Overview

Using the Thumb-2 assembly language, you will implement several functions of the C standard library that will be invoked from the driver.c. See Table 1. These functions must be code in the Thumb 2 assembly language. Some functions can be implemented in stdlib.s running in the unprivileged thread mode (=user mode), whereas the others need to be implemented as supervisor calls, (i.e., in the handler mode =

supervisor mode). For more details, log in one of the CSS Linux servers and type from the Linux shell: `man 3 function` where function is either bzero, strcpy, malloc, free, signal, or alarm

Table 1: C standard lib functions to be implemented in the final project

C standard lib functions	In stdlib.s *1	Supervisor *2
<code>bzero(void *s, size_t n)</code> writes n zeroed bytes to the setring s. If n is zero, bzero() does nothing.	Yes	
<code>strcpy(char *dst, const char *src, size_t len)</code> copies at most len characters from src into dst. It returns dst.	Yes	
<code>malloc(size_t size)</code> allocates size bytes of memory and returns a pointer to the allocated memory. If successful, it returns a pointer to allocated memory. Otherwise, it returns a NULL pointer.		Yes
<code>free(void *ptr)</code> Deallocates the memory allocation pointed to by ptr. If ptr is a NULL pointer, no operation is performed. If successful, it returns a pointer to allocated memory. Otherwise, it returns a NULL pointer.		Yes
<code>void (*signal(int sig, void (*func)(int))) (int);</code> Invokes the func procedure upon receipt of a signal. Our implementation focuses only on SIGALRM, (whose system call number is 14.)		Yes
<code>unsigned alarm(unsigned seconds)</code> sets a timer to deliver the signal SIGALRM to the calling process after the specified number of seconds. It returns the amount of time left on the timer from a previous call to alarm(). If no alarm is currently set, the return value		Yes

is 0.

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*1: To be implemented in `stdlib.c` in the unprivileged thread mode

*2: To be passed as an SVC to `SVC_Handler` in the privileged handler mode

The `driver.c` we use is `tests` all the above six `stdlib` functions. Please note that `printf()` in the code will be replaced by our assembly implementation, because we won't implement the `printf()` standard function.



Program to test your implementation

```
#include <strings.h> //
#include <stdlib.h> // malloc, free
#include <signal.h> // signal
#include <unistd.h> // alarm
#include <stdio.h> // printf
```

```
int* alarmed;
```

```
void sig_handler1( int signum ) {
    *alarmed = 2;
}
```

```
void sig_handler2( int signum ) {
    *alarmed = 3;
}
```

```
int main( ) {
    char stringA[40] = "0123456789ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ";
    char stringB[40];
```

```
    bzero( stringB, 40 );
    strncpy( stringB, stringA, 40 );
    bzero( stringA, 40 );
    printf( "%s\n", stringA );
    printf( "%s\n", stringB );
```

```
    void* mem1 = malloc( 1024 );
    void* mem2 = malloc( 1024 );
    void* mem3 = malloc( 8192 );
    void* mem4 = malloc( 4096 );
    void* mem5 = malloc( 512 );
    void* mem6 = malloc( 1024 );
    void* mem7 = malloc( 512 );
```

```
    free( mem6 );
    free( mem5 );
    free( mem1 );
    free( mem7 );
    free( mem2 );
```

```
    void* mem8 = malloc( 4096 );
```

```
    free( mem4 );
    free( mem3 );
    free( mem8 );
```

```
    alarmed = (int *)malloc( 4 );
    *alarmed = 1;
    printf( "%d\n", *alarmed);
```

```
    signal( SIGALRM, sig_handler1 );
    alarm( 2 );
    while ( *alarmed != 2 ) {
        void* mem9 = malloc( 4 );
```

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```

free( mem9 );
}
printf( "%d\n", *alarmed);

signal( SIGALRM, sig_handler2 );

```

```

alarm( 3 );
while ( *alarmed != 3 ) {
void* mem9 = malloc( 4 );
free( mem9 );
}
printf( "%d\n", *alarm

return 0;
}

```

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This driver program and deallocating memory space and thereafter sets the sig_handler1() function on receiving the first timer interrupt (in 2 seconds) and sig_ahndler2() function second timer interrupt (in 3 seconds).

3. System Overview and Execution Sequence

3.1. Memory overview

This project maps all code to 0x0000.0000 – 0x1FFF.FFFF in the ARM's usual ROM space (as the Keil C compiler/ARM assembler does) and defines a heap space; user and SVC stacks; memory control block (MCB) to manage the heap space; and all the SVC-related parameters over 0x2000.1000 – 0x2000.7FFF in the ARM's usual SDRAM space. See table 2.

Table 2: Memory overview

Address	Size (hex)	Size (B)	Usage
0x400F.E600 – 0x400F.F028	0x0000.0A28	2.6KB	uDMA registers (memory mapped IO)
0x2000.7C00 – 0x2000.7FFF	0x0000.0400	4KB	uDMA memory map (ch 30)
0x2000.7B80 – 0x2000.7BFF	0x0000.0080	128B	System variables used by timer.s
0x2000.7B00 – 0x2000.7B7F	0x0000.0080	128B	System call table used by svc.s
0x2000.6C00 – 0x2000.7AFF	0x0000.0F00	3.8KB	Not used for now
0x2000.6800 – 0x2000.6BFF	0x0000.0400	1KB	Memory control block to manage in heap.s
0x2000.6000 – 0x2000.67FF	0x0000.0800	2KB	Not used for now.
0x2000.5800 – 0x2000.5FFF	0x0000.0800	2KB	SVC (handler) stack: used by all the others
0x2000.5000 – 0x2000.57FF	0x0000.0800	2KB	User (thread) stack: used by driver.c stdlib.s
0x2000.1000 – 0x2000.4FFF	0x0000.4000	16KB	Heap space controlled by malloc/free
0x2000.0000 – 0x2000.0FFF	0x0000.1000	4KB	Keil C compiler-reserved global data
0x0000.0000 – 0x1FFF.FFFF	0x2000.0000	512M B	ROM Space: all code mapped to this space

Since we compile driver.c together with our assembly programs, the Keil C compiler automatically reserves driver.c-related global data to some space within 0x2000.0000 – 0x2000.0FFF, which makes it difficult for us to start Master Stack Pointer (MSP) exactly at 0x2000.6000 toward the lower address as well as to start Process Stack Pointer (PSP) at 0x2000.5800. So it is sufficient to map MSP and PSP around 0x2000.6000 and 0x2000.5800 respectively. For the purpose of this memory allocation, you should declare the space as shown in listing 2:

```

Heap_Size EQU 0x00005
AREA HEAP, NOINIT, READWRITE, ALIGN=3
__heap_base
Heap_Mem SPACE Heap_Size
__heap_limit

Handler_Stack_Size EQU 0x0000100
Thread_Stack_Size EQU 0x0000100
AREA STACK, NOINIT, READWRITE, ALIGN=3
Thread_Stack_Mem SPACE Thread_Stack_Size
__initial_user_sp
Handler_Stack_Mem SPACE Handler_Stack_Size
__initial_sp

```

Listing 2: Memory space definition in Thumb-2

3.2. Initialization, system call, and interrupt sequences

- (1) **Initialization:** the ARM processor reads the first 8 bytes to set MSP and the next 8 bytes to jump to the Reset_Handler routine (as you studied in the class). You don't have to change the original vector table. Reset_Handler initializes all the data structures you've developed and finally calls __main with listing 3.

Listing 3: The last two instructions in Reset_Handler (startup_TM4C129.s)

```

LDR R0, =__main
BX R0

```

These last two statements are from the original startup_TM4C129.s. Then, the main() function in driver.c is invoked.

- (2) **System calls:** whenever main() calls any of stdlib functions including bzero, strncpy, malloc, free, signal, and alarm, the control needs to move to strlib.s. In other words, you need to define these function protocols in strlib.s, as shown in listing 4:

Listing 4: The framework of stdlib.s

```

AREA |.text|, CODE, READONLY, ALIGN=2
THUMB
EXPORT _bzero

_bzero
    ; Implement the body of bzero( )
    MOV pc, lr ; Return to main( )
EXPORT _strncpy

_strncpy
    ; Implement the body of strncpy( )
    MOV pc, lr ; Return to main( )
EXPORT _malloc

_malloc
    ; Invoke the SVC_Handler routine in startup_TM4C129.s
    MOV pc, lr ; Return to main( )
EXPORT _free

_free
    ; Invoke the SVC_Handler routine in startup_TM4C129.s
    MOV pc, lr ; Return to main( )
EXPORT _signal

_signal

```

```

; Invoke the SVC_Handler routine in startup_TM4C129.s
MOV pc, lr ; Return to main( )
EXPORT _alarm

_alarm

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MOV pc, lr ; Return to main( )
EXPORT _alarm

```

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Among these six stdlib functions, you'll implement the entire logic of `bzero()` and `strncpy()` as they may be executed in the user mode. However, the other four functions must be handled as a system call. You will implement the `SVC_Handler` in `startup_TM4C129.s`. Based on the Linux system call convention, the system call number. Arguments to a system call should follow ARM P, as summarized in table 3.



Table 3: System Call Parameters

System Call Name	R7	R0	R1
alarm	1	arg0: seconds	
signal	2	arg0: sig	arg1: func
malloc	3	arg0: size	
free	4	arg0: ptr	

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`SVC_Handler` must invoke `_systemcall_table_jump` in `svc.s`. This in turn means you must prepare the `svc.s` file to implement `_systemcall_table_jump`. This function initializes the system call table in `_systemcall_table_init` as shown in Table 4.

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Table 4: System Call Jump Table

Memory address	System Calls	Jump destination
0x2000.7B10	#4: <code>free()</code>	<code>_kfree</code> in <code>heap.s</code>
0x2000.7B0C	#3: <code>malloc()</code>	<code>_kalloc</code> in <code>heap.s</code>
0x2000.7B08	#2: <code>signal()</code>	<code>_signal_handler</code> in <code>timer.s</code>
0x2000.7B04	#1: <code>alarm()</code>	<code>_timer_start</code> in <code>timer.s</code>
0x2000.7B00	#0	Reserved

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Each table entry records the routine to jump. For this purpose, `svc.s` needs to import the addresses of these routines, using the code snippet shown in listing 5:

Listing 5: Entry points to kernel functions imported in `svc.s`

```

IMPORT _kfree
IMPORT _kalloc
IMPORT _signal_handler
IMPORT _timer_start

```

When called from `SVC_Handler`, `_system_call_table_jump` checks R7, (i.e., the system call#) and

refers to the corresponding jump table entry, and invokes the actual routine. The merit of using svc.c is to minimize your modifications onto startup_TM4C129.s.

- (3) **Interrupts:** This final project only handles SysTick interrupts. The SysTick timer gets started with _timer_start that was invoked when main() calls alarm(2). Note that SysTick timer can count down up to 1 second. Therefore, if main() calls alarm(2) or alarm(3), you'll get a SysTick interrupts at least twice or three times. Upon receiving a SysTick interrupt, the control jumps to SysTick_Handler in startup_TM4C129.s. The handler routine will invoke _timer_update in timer.s to decrement the timer, then call alarm(), to check if the count reached 0, and if so to stop the timer as well as by signal(SIG_ALRM, func).

3.3. Structure of your project
The software components of your final project are summarized in table 5.

Table 5: A summary of the components implemented in this final project

Source files	Functions to implement	Control[1:0]	Functions/routines to call
driver.c	main()	11 User/PSP * 1	→ bzero() → strncpy() → malloc() → free() → signal() → alarm()

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stdlib.s	bzero(): entirely implemented here strncpy(): entirely implemented here malloc(): invokes an SVC free(): invokes an SVC signal(): invokes an SVC alarm(): invokes an SVC	11 User/PSP * 1	→ SVC_Handler → SVC_Handler → SVC_Handler → SVC_Handler
startup_TM4C129.s	Reset_Handler SVC_Handler SysTick_Handler	00 PriThr/MSP * 2 00 Handler/MSP * 3 00 Handler/MSP * 3	→ _kinit → → _systemcall_table_init → _timer_init → __main → _systemcall_table_ju mp → _timer_update

svc.s	_syscall_table_init: see 3.2.(2) _syscall_table_jump: see 3.2.(2)	00 Handler/MSP * 3	→ _kalloc → _free → _signal_handler timer_start
timer.s	_timer_init: initializes SysTick here timer_update: see 3.2.(3) .(3) 3.2.(3)	00 Handler/MSP * 3	
heap.s	memory ctl dy allocation	00 Handler/MSP * 3	

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*1: running under the unprivileged thread mode, using process stack pointer

*2: running under the privileged thread mode, using master stack pointer

*3: running under the privileged handler mode, using master stack pointer

4. Buddy Memory Allocation and Test Scenario

The final project implements the buddy memory allocation in Thumb-2.

4.1. Algorithms

If you have already taken CSS430: Operating Systems, have your OS textbook in your hand and read Section 10.8.1 Buddy System. Since the CSS ordinary course sequence assumes CSS422 taken before CSS430, here is a copy of Section 10.8.1:

10.8.1 Buddy System

The buddy system allocates memory from a fixed-size segment consisting of physically contiguous pages. Memory is allocated from this segment using a power-of-2 allocator, which satisfies requests in units sized as a power of 2 (4 KB, 8 KB, 16 KB, and so forth). A request in units not appropriately sized is rounded up to the next highest power of 2. For example, a request for 11 KB is satisfied with a 16-KB segment.

Let's consider a simple example. Assume the size of a memory segment is initially 256 KB and the kernel requests 21 KB of memory. The segment is initially divided into two buddies—which we will call AL and AR—each 128 KB in size. One of these buddies is further divided into two 64-KB buddies—BL and BR. However, the next-highest power of 2 from 21 KB is 32 KB so either BL or BR is again divided into two

32-KB buddies, CL and CR. One of these buddies is used to satisfy the 21-KB request. This scheme is illustrated in Figure 10.26, where CL is the segment allocated to the 21-KB request. An advantage of the buddy system is how quickly adjacent buddies can be combined to form larger segments using a technique known as coalescing. In Figure 10.26, for example, when the kernel releases the CL unit it was allocated, the system can coalesce CL and CR into a 64-KB segment. This segment, BL, can in turn be coalesced with its buddy BR to form a 128-KB segment. Ultimately, we can end up with the original 256-KB segment.

The obvious drawback to the buddy system is that rounding up to the next highest power of 2 is very likely to cause fragmentation within allocated segments. For example, a 33-KB request can only be satisfied with a 64-KB segment. In fact, we cannot guarantee that less than 50 percent of the allocated

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unit will be wasted due to internal fragmentation. In the following section, we explore a memory allocation scheme where no space is lost due to fragmentation.



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Figure 10.26 Buddy system allocation.

4.2. Implementation over 0x20001000 – 0x20004FFF

As the memory range we use is 0x20001000 – 0x20004FFF, the entire contiguous size is 16KB. This space will be recursively divided into 2 subspaces of 8KB, each further divided into 2 pieces of 4KB, all the way to 32B. Therefore, one extreme allocates 16KB entirely at once, whereas the other extreme allocates 512 different spaces, each with 32 bytes. To address this finest case, (i.e., handling 512 spaces), we allocate a memory control block (MCB) for 512 entries, each with 2 bytes, in the 1KB space over 0x20006800 – 0x20006BFF. Each entry corresponds to a different 32-byte heap space. For instance, let MCB entries be defined as

```
short mcb[512];
```

Then, $mcb[0]$ points to the heap space at 0x20001000, whereas $mcb[511]$ corresponds to 0x20004FE0. However, each $mcb[i]$ does not have to manage only 32 bytes. It can manage up to a contiguous 16KB space. Therefore, each $mcb[i]$ has the size information of a heap space it is currently managing. The size can be 32 bytes to 16KB and must be represented with 8 to 16 bits, in other words with $mcb[i]$'s bits #15 – #4. We also use $mcb[i]$'s LSB, (i.e., bit #0) to indicate if the given heap space is available (= 0) or in use (= 1). Table 6 shows each $mcb[i]$'s bit usage:

Table 6: each mcb entry's bit usage

bits	descriptions
#15 – #4	The heap size this mcb entry is currently managing
#3 – #1	Reserved
#0	0: available, 1: in use

Let's consider a simple memory allocation scenario where `main()` requests 4KB and thereafter 8KB heap spaces with `malloc(4096)` and `malloc(8192)`. Based on the buddy system algorithm, this scenario allocates 0x20001000 – 0x20001FFF for the first 4KB request and 0x20003000 – 0x20004FFF for the second 8KB request. Figure 1 shows this allocation. Only $mcb[0]$, $mcb[128]$, and $mcb[256]$ are used to

indicate in-use or available spaces. All the other mcb entries are not used yet.

Heap Address	Memory Availability	MCB	MCB Address	Contents
0x20001000 – 0x20001FFF	16KB in use	mcb[0]	0x20006800	4097 ₁₀ (0x1001)
0x20002000 – 0x20002FFF	4KB available	mcb[128]	0x20006900	4096 ₁₀ (0x1000)
0x20003000 – 0x20003FFF	16KB in use	mcb[256]	0x20006A00	8193 ₁₀ (0x2001)
0x20004000 – 0x20004FFF				



space and mcb contents

4.3. Implementation

For each implementation of `_kinit`, `_kalloc`, and `_kfree`, refer to figure 2 that illustrates how mcb entries are updated.

- (1) **_kinit:** The initialization must set 16384₁₀ (0x4000) into mcb[0] at 0x20006800-0x20006801, indicating that the entire 16KB space is available. All the other mcb entries from 0x20006802 to 0x20006BFE must be zero-initialized (step 1 in figure 2).
- (2) **_kalloc:** Your implementation must use recursions. When `_kalloc(size)` is called with a size requested, it should call a helper function, say `_ralloc`, recursively choosing the left half or the right half of the current range until the requested size fits in a halved range. For instance in figure 1, the first `malloc(4096)` call is relayed to `_kalloc(4096)` that then calls `_ralloc(4096, mcb[0], mcb[511])` or `_ralloc(4096, 20006800, 20006BFE)`. See step 2 in figure 2. The `_ralloc` call finds mcb[0] at 0x20006800 has 16384B available, halves it, and chooses the left half by calling itself with `_ralloc(4096, mcb[0], mcb[255])` or `_ralloc(4096, 20006800, 200069FE)`. At this time, make sure that the right half managed by mcb[256] at 0x20006A00 must be updated with 8192 as its available space (step 3). Since the range is still 8192 bytes > 4096 bytes, `_ralloc` chooses the left by calling itself with `_ralloc(4096, mcb[0], mcb[127])` or `_ralloc(4096, 20006800, 200068FE)`. Make sure that the right half managed by mcb[128] at 0x20006900 is updated to 4096. The left half in the range between mcb[0]-mcb[127] or 0x20006800-200068FF fits the requested size of 4096. Therefore, `_ralloc()` records 4097₁₀ (0x1001) into mcb[0] at 0x20006800-0x20006801. This is step 4 in figure 2.

The second `malloc(8192)` is handled as follows: `_kalloc(8192)` calls `_ralloc(8192, mcb[0], mcb[511])` or `_ralloc(8192, 20006800, 20006BFE)` as in step 5 that needs to choose the right half with `_ralloc(8192, 20006A00, 20006BFE)`, because mcb[0] at 0x20006800-0x20006801 has a value of 4097 indicating that the left half (20006800 – 200069FE) is in use. Since mcb[256] at 0x20006A00-0x20006A01 is available, `_ralloc` saves 8193 (0x2001) there (step 6).

- (3) **_kfree:** Your `_kfree` implementation must use recursions, too. The `_kfree(*ptr)` function calls a helper function, `_rfree(the corresponding mcb[])`. If `main()` calls `free(20001000)`, it is relayed to `_kfree(20001000)` that calls `_rfree(mcb[0])` or `_rfree(20006800)` to reset its bit #0 from in-use to available (step 7). Then, check its right buddy at mcb[128] (or 0x20006900). If its bit #0 is 0, indicating the availability, zero-reinitialize mcb[128] at 0x20006900 and make sure that mcb[0] at

0x20006800 shows an availability of 8192 bytes (step 8). Recursively check the buddy at higher layers. So, the next higher layer's buddy is mcb[256]-mcb[511] at 0x20006A00-0x20006BFE. Check mcb[256]'s contents, (at 0x20006A00-0x20006A01). In figure 2, the content is 8193 or

(0x2001), showing that 8KB is being occupied. Therefore, stop _kfree's recursive calls.



Figure 1: Memory allocation and deallocation steps, each updating mcb entries

4.4. Test Scenario

Looking back to listing 2, you are supposed to verify your Thumb-2 implementation of malloc() and free() with repeated allocations that allocate/deallocate mem1 – mem8 spaces. Figure 2 illustrates how the memory is allocated and deallocated when you run driver.c. Orange indicates allocated spaces and green indicates deallocated spaces.

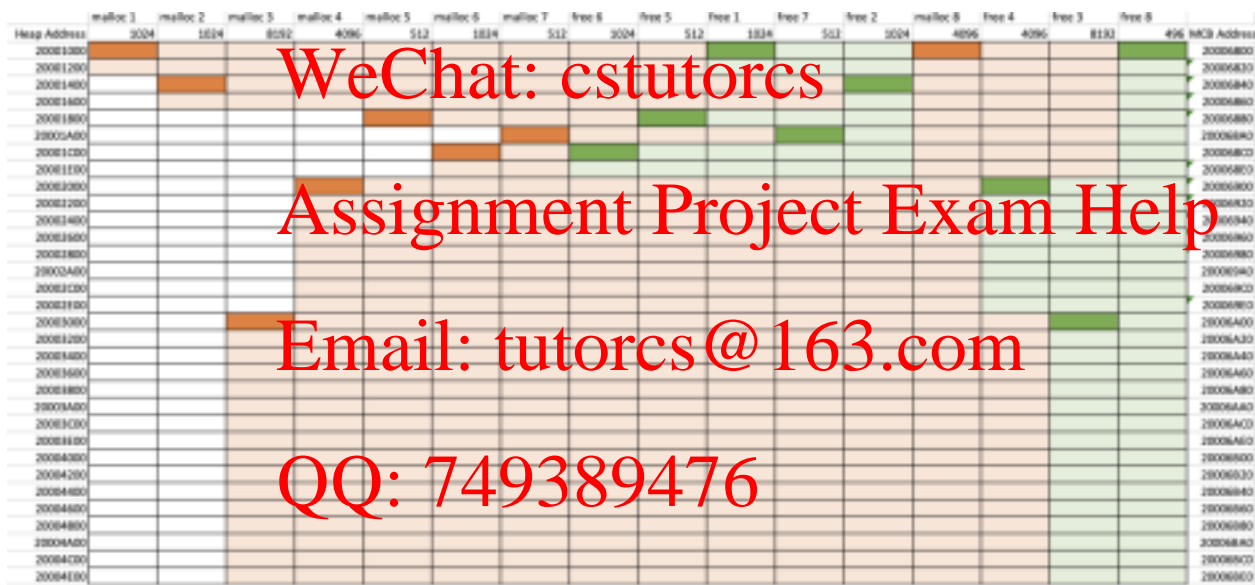


Figure 2: Test scenario and memory allocation

5. Signal and Alarm

The time management you will implement in your final project includes signal(sig, *func) and alarm(seconds). The parameters *func and seconds should be memorized in memory address at 0x20007B84 and 0x20007B80, as shown in table 7.

Table 7: Signal/alarm parameters to be stored in memory

Memory address	Parameters to store
0x2000.7B84	*func
0x2000.7B80	seconds

5.1. SysTick Initialization

The ARM system timer, SysTick's description can be found at:

<https://developer.arm.com/documentation/dui0552/a/cortex-m3-peripherals/system-timer--systick>

Table 8 is a copy of Table 4.32. System timer register summary on that URL. Among four SysTick registers, you will use the first three registers: (1) SysTick Control and Status Register, (2) SysTick Reload Value Register, and (3) SysTick Current Value Register.

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Table 8: A copy from Cortex-M3 Devices Generic User Guide URL's Table 4.32.



Address	Name	Access	Reset value	Description
0xE000E010	SYST_CSR	Read/Write	0	SysTick Control and Status Register
0xE000E014	SYST_RVR	Write	UNKNOWN	SysTick Reload Value Register
0xE000E018	SYST_CVR	Read/Write	UNKNOWN	SysTick Current Value Register
0xE000E01C	SYST_CALIB	Read/Write	0	SysTick Calibration Value Register

[a] See the register description for more information.

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Please click each register's hyperlink from table 4.32 to understand how the SysTick registers work.

For initialization in `_timer_init`:

(1) Make sure to stop SysTick:

Set SYST_CSR's Bit 2 (CLK_SRC) = 1, Bit 1 (INT_EN) = 0, Bit 0 (ENABLE) = 0

(2) Load the maximum value to SYST_RVR:

The value should be 0xFFFFFFFF which means MAX Value = $1/16\text{MHz} \times 16\text{M} = 1\text{ second}$

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5.2. Signal

The `signal(sig, *func)` function assumes only SIG_ALRM as the sig argument, while it accepts any address of *func (Keil C compiler automatically maps to memory). These sig and *func arguments must be relayed from `signal(sig, *func)` all the way to `_signal_handler` in `timer.s` as keeping sig in R0 and *func in R1 respectively (based on APCS, see table 3). If R0 is SIG_ALRM, (i.e., 14), save it in memory address at 0x20007B84. Return the previous value of 0x20007B84 to `main()` through R0.

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5.3. Alarm

The `alarm(seconds)` function relays this seconds argument in R0 from `main()` all the way to `_timer_start` in `timer.s`. Retrieve the previous value at 0x20007B80 that is recognized as the previous time value and returned to `main()` through R0, save the new seconds value to 0x20007B80, and start the SysTick timer.

(1) Retrieve the seconds parameter from memory address 0x20007B80, which is the previous time value and should be returned to `main()`.

(2) Save a new seconds parameter from `alarm()` to memory address 0x20007B80.

(3) Enable SysTick:

Set SYST_CSR's Bit 2 (CLK_SRC) = 1, Bit 1 (INT_EN) = 1, Bit 0 (ENABLE) = 1

(4) Clear SYST_CVR:

Set 0x00000000 in SYST_CVR.

5.4. SysTick Interrupt

A SysTick interrupt is caught at `SysTick_Handler` in `startup_TM4C129.s`. It is relayed to `_timer_update` in `timer.s`.

This is the same as HW7-Q4.

The timer_update() function reads the value at address 0x20007B80, decrements the value by 1 (second), checks the value, branches to _timer_update_done if the value hasn't reached 0, otherwise it needs to stop the timer and to invoke a user function whose address is maintained in 0x20007B84. To stop the timer, write "Bit 2 (CLK_SRC) = 1, Bit 1 (INT_EN) = 0, Bit 0 (ENABLE) = 0 to SYSTRSR. Don't forget to save back a decremented value into 0x20007B80.)

6. Implementation Steps and Missions

Since it is definitely hard to do everything in assembly code at once, the final project will take the following two steps. In the first step, distinguish the following three versions of driver.c program. They are all in the same directory → files → final project.



9: driver programs

Files you will work on	
driver.c	This is a complete C program that can be compiled with gcc and executable on Linux.
driver_cpg.c	This is a C program that should be used for testing your heap.c in step 1 toward your midpoint report. The difference from driver.c is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - malloc() and free() are renamed _malloc() and _free(), so that the compiler can use your own implementation of malloc() and free(). - printf() are included to verify your implementation. - alarm() and signal() are commented out as you will implement in step 2.
driver_keil.c	This is a C program that can be compiled with Keil C compiler and executable with your ARM/THUMB-2 assembly code. The difference from driver.c is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all stdlib functions bzero(), strncpy(), malloc(), free(), alarm(), and signal() are renamed _bzero(), _strncpy(), _malloc(), _free(), _alarm(), and _signal(), so that the compiler can use your own implementation.

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6.1. Step 1 toward the midpoint report (due on 2nd class date in week 8)

Step 1 intends to understand and develop the following two features:

- (1) The reset sequence from the assembly language level all the way to main() in C which calls back down to stdlib.s in the assembly language level.

startup_tm4c129.s → main() in driver.c → stdlib.s

Your actual work on Keil uVersion is summarized below in table 10.

Table 10: Keil uVersion work toward the midpoint report

Files you will work on	Tasks
startup_tm4c129.s	Revise the Reset_Handler routine as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up and switch PSP (Process Stack Pointer) - Call __main.

driver_keil.c	Comment out the two while-loops, so that main() can complete with your stdlib.s partial implementation.
stdlib.s	<p>Write a program that receives arguments from main(), based on APCS, and complete the entire implementation within stdlib.s.</p> <p>Write a program that receives arguments from main(), based on APCS, but does nothing by simply main().</p>



In Keil uVersion, start a memory snap of stringA and stringB after an execution.

(2) A C-based implementation of the buddy memory allocation

Use driver_cpg.c that calls _malloc() and _free() in heap.c. You can also find heap_template.c in Canvas → files → final project folder. This is a template that hopefully makes it easy for you to implement the buddy memory allocation in C. Your C implementation must use a recursion. When you complete your C programs, rename this file “heap.c”. Table 11 summarizes your C implementation in step 1.

Table 11: Linux C programming work toward the midpoint report

Files you will work on	Tasks
driver_cpg.c	No need to change. But, if you like, you can include more printf or test statements.
heap.c	_malloc() and _free() in heap.c will internally call _kinit(), _kalloc(), and _kfree(). As mentioned in section 4.3, _kalloc() and _kfree() will use recursive _ralloc() and _rfree() helper functions. In your step 2, _kinit(), _kalloc(), _ralloc(), _kfree(), and _rfree() will be implemented in ARM/THUMB-2 in heap.s.

Compile and run with:

gcc *.c

a.out

Submission Items:

Please submit the following materials listed in table 12.

Table 12: Step-1 Submission

Materials	Remarks	Grade points (out of 25pts)
startup_tm4c129.s	From your Keil uVersion project	2pts
stdlib.s	From your Keil uVersion project	5pts
Two memory snapshots: stringA and stringB	From your Keil uVersion project	4pts
heap.c	From your Linux C program	10pts

a.out execution results	From your Linux C execution	4pts
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6.2. Step 2 toward the final report (due on 2nd class date in week 12, 13., final's week) After the midpoint report, the professor will disclose startup_tm4c129.s, stdlib.s, and heap.c. You may refer to and use them to continue working on the rest of your final project. Step 2 intends to complete all assembly components in ARM/T



: Step-2 Work Items

Files you will work	
startup_tm4c129.s	Correct the Reset_Handler routine if necessary, (based on the midpoint report feedback). Thereafter add subroutine calls such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - kinit: initialization in heap.s - timer_init: initialize timer in timer.s - _systemcall_table_init: initialization in svc.s (table 4 in section 3.2.(2)) Implement the following two routines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SVC_Handler: invoke system call table jump in svc.s SysTick_Handler: invoke timer update in timer.s
driver_keil.c	No more comment-out of the two while-loops. We entirely run driver_keil.c.
stdlib.s	<p>memcpy and strcpy:</p> <p>Correct them if necessary, (based on the midpoint report feedback).</p> <p>malloc, free, signal and alarm:</p> <p>Receive arguments from main (based on APCS and rely each call to SVC_Handler.</p>
svc.s	Refer to section 3.2.(2). Based on the system call # in R7, jump to the corresponding function through the system call jump table in table 4.
heap.s	Implement the following 5 routines, based on your C implementation in heap.c. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _kinit: mcb initialization _kalloc: the entry point to invoke the _ralloc recursive helper function _ralloc: a recursive helper function to allocate a space _kfree: the entry point to invoke the _rfree recursive helper function _rfree: a recursive helper function to free the space and merge the buddy space if possible
timer.s	Implement the following 4 routines, based on the specification in section 5. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> _timer_init: initialize SysTick. _timer_start: start SysTick. _timer_update: decrement seconds at 0x2000.7B80 and invokes *func at 0x2000.7B84. _signal_handler: register a user-provided *func at 0x2000.7B84.

Test all your assembly language implementation with driver_keil.c on Keil uVersion's debugger session. Take all memory snapshots of mcb addresses corresponding to mem1 – mem8 upon their allocation and

deallocation as well as mem9's contents that should change from 1 to 2 and from 2 to 3.

Submission Items:

Please submit the following materials listed in table 14.

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Table 14: Step-2 Submission

Materials	Remarks	Grade points (out of 75pts)
Your zipped Keil u project (35pts)	up_tm4c129.s (5pts) _Handler _Handler _ick_Handler	1pt 2pts 2pts
	er_keil.c	
	stdlib.s (6pts) _bzero() strncpy()	1pt 1pt

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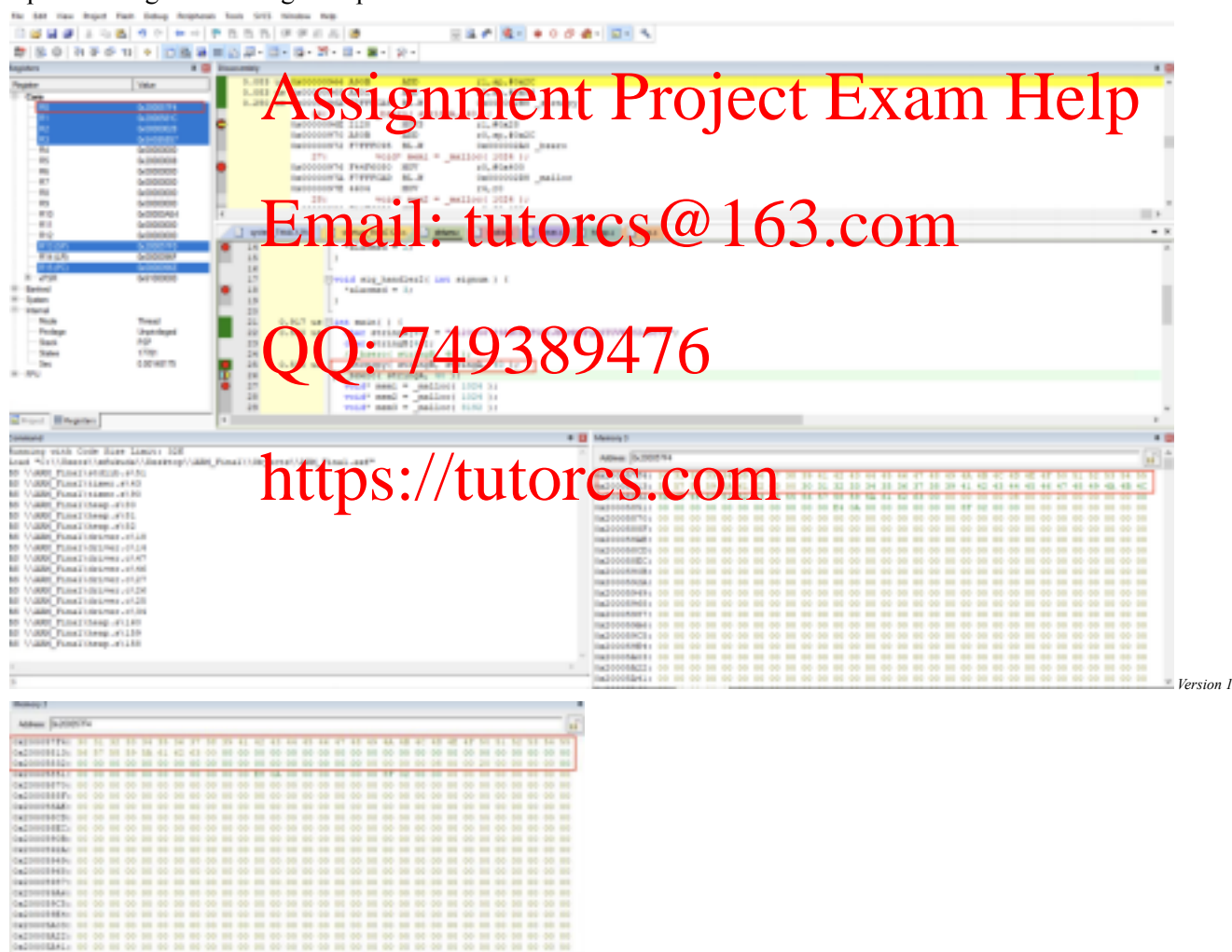
	_malloc() _free() alarm() signal()	1pt 1pt 1pt 1pt
	svc.s (3pts) syscall_table_init() syscall_table_jump()	1pt 2pts
	heap.s (16pts) kinit() kalloc() _ralloc() _kfree() _rfree()	2pts 1pt 6pts 1pt 6pts
	timer.s (5pts) _timer_init() _timer_start() _timer_update() _signal_handler()	1pt 1pts 2pts 1pts

Documentation (14pts)	A two-page summary of your implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Narratives - What you implemented - What was missing. - Any Diagrams (at least one) 	6pts 6pts 2pts
Extra credits (5pts) 	If you implemented additional functions in 1/THUMB-2, please write about them and highlight your narratives in our documentation.	

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6.3. Execution Snapshots

To clarify what you need to turn in execution results, sample snapshots from the key answer are given below. Don't reuse them. **Any reuse of these snapshots below will result in an academic misconduct.** (a) Midpoint report's stringA and stringB snapshots



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(b) Midpoint report's a.out's outputs

```
andromeda:C_Programs munehiro$ ./driver_cpg
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0123456789ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQRSTUVWXYZabc
```

```
mem1 = 20001000
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mem2 = 20001400
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```
mem3 = 20003000
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mem4 = 20002000
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mem5 = 20001800
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mem6 = 20001c00
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mem7 = 20001a00
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mem8 = 20001000
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andromeda:C_Programs m
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report's mem1 = malloc

(c) Final



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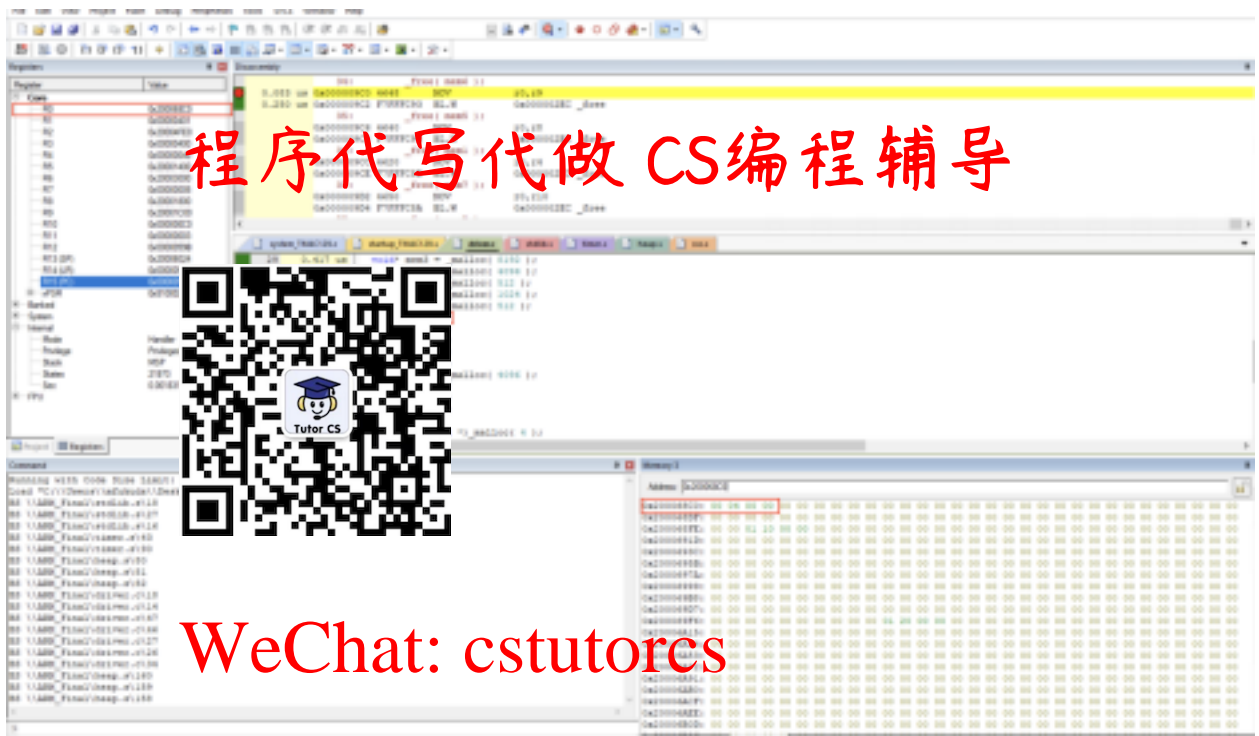
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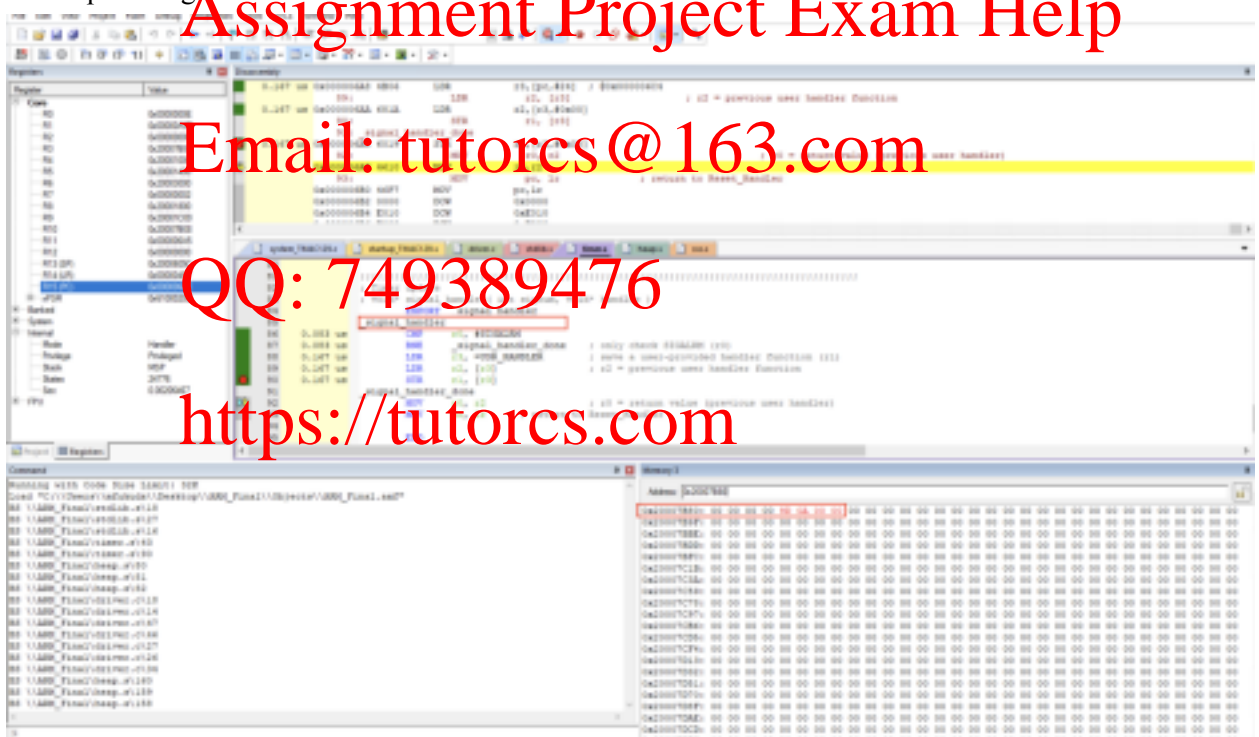
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(d) Final report's free(memo)



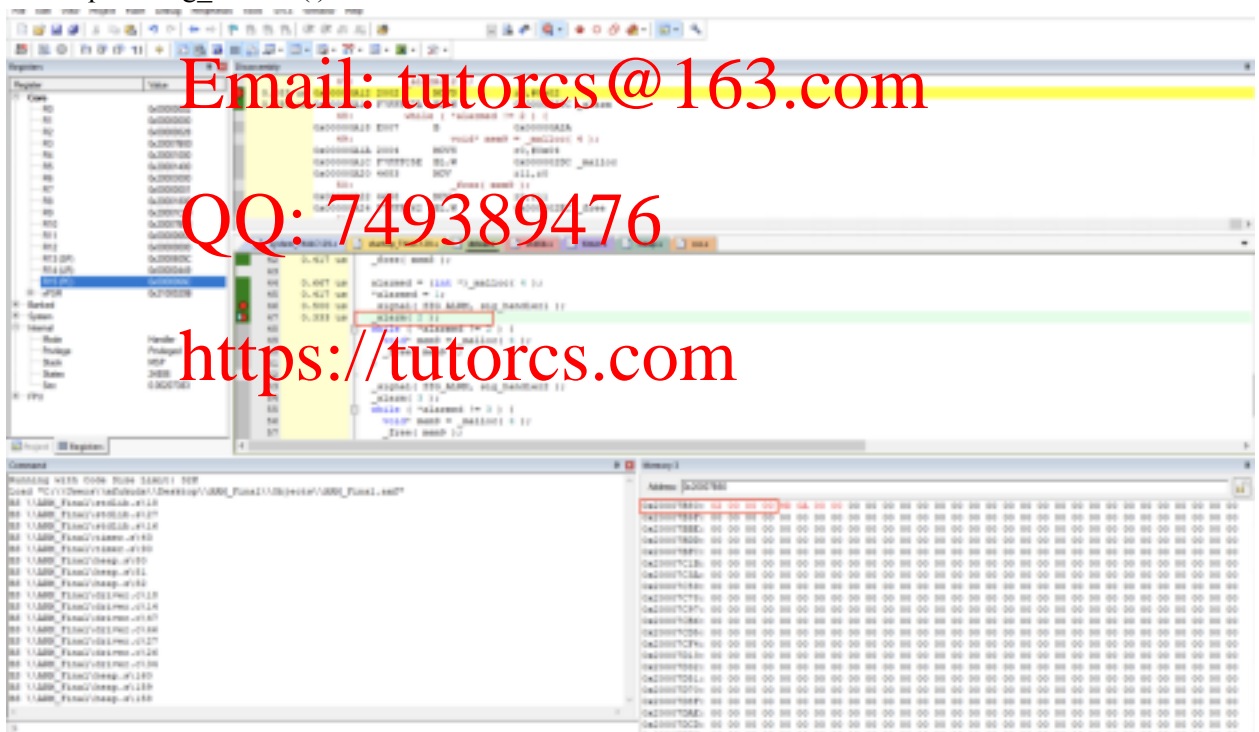
(e) Final report's signal



(f) Final report's alarm



(g) Final report's sig_handler()



7. Final notes

- (1) Follow the final project specification.
 - a. Use the memory spaces exactly specified in this document.
 - b. Use the function and routine names specified in this document.
 - c. Attach the execution results as specified in this document (see tables 12 and 14).
- (2) Start your implementation early and keep up your plan.