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**Steganography for Ultibo Bare Metal  
with Debug using QEMU  
adding Cryptography  
Using Crypto &  
APICrypto from the Ultibo RTL  
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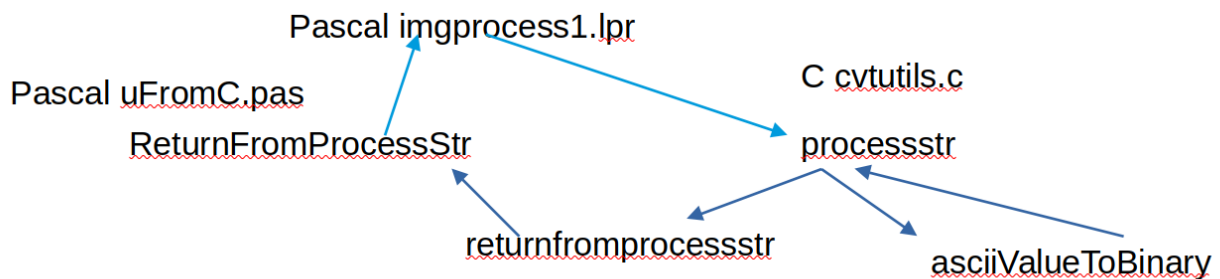
Several arrays are need to perfrom the next phase of the process.

type

MODR = array[0..255,0..255] of word;                      pixel mod 2  
MODRPtr = ^MODR;  
XORR = array[0..255,0..255] of word;                      XOR (pixel mod 2) with (LSB

**ProcessStrResult)**

XORRPtr = ^XORR;  
TLSB = array[0..255,0..255] of word;  
TLSBPtr = ^TLSB;  
Lsb = array[0..31] of byte;  
lsbPtr = ^Lsb;  
Buffer = String[255];  
BufPtr = ^Buffer;



uFPGA now returns the string with the call to **processstr('Now we are engaged in a great ci');**

**ProcessStrResult String** For 32 char passed the return string is 32 \* 8 which 256 char. Out of every 8 the LSB is the value that will be used to XOR.

01001110011011110111011100100000011101110110010100100000011000010111001001100101  
00100000011001010110111001100111011000010110011101100101011001000010000001101001  
01101110001000000110000100100000011001110111001001100101011000010111010000100000  
0110001101101001

0 01001110 1 01101111 2 01110111 3 00100000 4 01110111 5 01100101 6 00100000 7 01100001  
8 01110010 9 01100101 10 00100000 11 01100101 12 01101110 13 01100111 14 01100001 15

01100111 16 01100101 17 01100100 18 00100000 19 01101001 20 01101110 21 00100000 22  
 01100001 23 00100000 24 01100111 25 01110010 26 01100101 27 01100001 28 01110100 29  
 00100000 30 01100011 31 01101001

**0 0, 1 1,2 1,3 0..29 0,30 1 31 1 in the image below**

```

0 01001110 1 01101111 2 01110111 3 00100000 4 01110111 5 01100101 6 00100000 7 01100001 8 01110010 9 01100101 10 0
0100000 11 01100101 12 01101110 13 01100111 14 01100001 15 01100111 16 01100101 17 01100100 18 00100000 19 0110100
1 20 01101110 21 00100000 22 01100001 23 00100000 24 01100111 25 01110010 26 01100101 27 01100001 28 01110100 29 0
0100000 30 01100011 31 01101001 010011100110111101110111001000000110111011001010010000001100001011100100110010100

```

**The array bb holds the LSB of every 8. 8 16 24 32 .. 48 the first is the LSB and next value is what is placed in bb byte array.**

**8 0 0, 16 1 1, 24 1 1...232 0 0, 240 0 0, 248 1 1 in the image below**

```

8 0 0 16 1 1 24 1 1 32 0 0 40 1 1 48 1 1 56 0 0 64 1 1 72 0 0 80 1 1 88 0 0 96 1 1 104 0 0 112 1 1 120 1 1 128 1 1
136 1 1 144 0 0 152 0 0 160 1 1 168 0 0 176 0 0 184 1 1 192 0 0 200 1 1 208 0 0 216 1 1 224 1 1 232 0 0 240 0 0 2
48 1 1

```

**Next the pixel of the image need to be reviewed to determine if the LSB is 0 or 1. The image below the first is col row (pixel mod 2), XOR 0 (pixel mod 2) pixel.**

```

0 0 0 0 41668
1 0 0 0 41414
2 0 1 1 40859
3 0 0 0 41564
4 0 1 1 41683
5 0 1 1 41215
6 0 1 1 40709
7 0 1 1 40173
8 0 1 1 40011
9 0 1 1 41485
10 0 0 0 39552
11 0 0 0 39898
12 0 0 0 39994
13 0 1 1 39331
14 0 1 1 39765

```

Next the pixel of the image need to be reviewed to determine if the LSB is 0 or 1. The image below the first is col row (pixel mod 2), XOR 1 (pixel mod 2) pixel.

0	0	0	1	41668
1	0	0	1	41414
2	0	1	0	40859
3	0	0	1	41564
4	0	1	0	41683
5	0	1	0	41215
6	0	1	0	40709
7	0	1	0	40173
8	0	1	0	40011
9	0	1	0	41485
10	0	0	1	39552
11	0	0	1	39898

Current Issues:

1. Conversion of RGB to gray scale using fcl-image fpimage.pp

This issue can be resolved by adding to WriteOptions := 'P GrayScale';

. This requires writing to the disk.img.

10-2-22 16:34:52 57612 GrayScale.png

```
clr.red:=round(clr.red*0.29900);
```

```
clr.blue:=round(clr.blue*0.11400);
```

```
clr.green:=round(clr.green*0.58700);
```

```
clr.green:=clr.red+clr.blue+clr.green;
```

```
clr.red:=clr.green;
```

```
clr.blue:=clr.green;
```

11-2-22 12:31:41 73068 GrayScale.png

This makes red, blue, and green all the same value. Which is what WriteOptions := 'P GrayScale'; did.

**Note: The size of GrayScale.png is 26.8%**



2 Need to determine how to return the results of calling `processstr(S1)`; back to `improcessing1`.

Ultibo has provided some ideas on this I just do not under the steps.

This project Goal: To learn steganography based on code

<https://github.com/TheAlgorithms/MATLAB-Octave/blob/master/algorithms/ImageProcessing/LSB%20based%20Image%20Steganography/steganography.m>

The file `steganography.m` RPi4B Octave only works by commenting some lines and creating bit string of the of the desired text to embed in the image.

This repo `git@github.com:develone/MATLAB-Octave.git`

which was forked from <https://github.com/TheAlgorithms/MATLAB-Octave>  
required minor modification to run on Raspberry Pi 4B 8Gb.

The following C program was written:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int asciiValueToBinary(int asciiInput)
{
    int res = 0, i = 1, rem;

    while (asciiInput > 0)
    {
        rem = asciiInput % 2;
        res = res + (i * rem);
        asciiInput = asciiInput / 2;
        i = i * 10;
    }
    //printf("%x\n",res);
    return(res);
}

void processstr(char *x) {
int i,l;
l=strlen(x);
int outstr[l];
//printf("C %d %s\n",l,x);
for(i=0;i<l;i++) {
    printf("%d %08d ",i,asciiValueToBinary(*x));
    //printf("%08d",asciiValueToBinary(*x));
    outstr[i]=asciiValueToBinary(*x);
    x++;
}
printf("\n");
for(i=0;i<l;i++) printf("%08d",outstr[i]);
printf("\n");
}
```

```

int main() {
    char *p;
    char a[]="Now we are engaged in a great ci";
    p = a;
    processstr(p);
return (0);
}

```

The methods void processstr(char \*x) & int asciiValueToBinary(int asciiInput) are found in a program cvtutils.c. The is compiled for usewith Ultibo using **./libuild.sh in Ultibo\_Projects/imgconv/QEMU**

gcc bitstring.c -o bitstring

```

./bitstring
0 01001110 1 01101111 2 01110111 3 00100000 4 01110111 5 01100101 6 00100000 7 01100001
8 01110010 9 01100101 10 00100000 11 01100101 12 01101110 13 01100111 14 01100001 15
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00100000 30 01100011 31 01101001
01001110011011110111011100100000011101110110010100100000011000010111001001100101
00100000011001010110111001100111011000010110011101100101011001000010000001101001
01101110001000000110000100100000011001110111001001100101011000010111010000100000
0110001101101001

```

This information is part of readme.md provided in the original repo.  
The encoding is done using the following steps:

1. Convert the image to greyscale
2. Resize the image if needed
3. Convert the message to its binary format
4. Initialize output image same as input image
5. Traverse through each pixel of the image and do the following:
  - Convert the pixel value to binary
  - Get the next bit of the message to be embedded
  - Create a variable temp

If the message bit and the LSB of the pixel are same, set temp = 0

If the message bit and the LSB of the pixel are different, set temp = 1

This setting of temp can be done by taking XOR of message bit and

the LSB of the pixel

Update the pixel of output image to input image pixel value + temp

Keep updating the output image till all the bits in the message are embedded

Finally, write the input as well as the output image to local system.

The decoding/decryption is done using the following steps:

1. Get the output image which was encoded earlier.
2. Input the length of the encoded message (character count).
3. Retrieve the LSBs of each pixel
4. Form a bit sequence from these LSBs
5. Arrange the bit sequence into a matrix of 8 rows and total\_message\_bits/8 columns  
(each column will represent a character of 8 bits, hence 8 rows)

- Convert the binary value to decimal
- Get the corresponding char from ascii

Finally, display the original message.

Now we are engaged in a great ci

octave

GNU Octave, version 6.2.0

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octave:1>steganographyhy

Input Image



Image with Hidden Data



1989.00, 173.346

octave:2> decrypt

Enter the length (character count) of the message you are looking for:  
Enter the length (character count) of the message you are looking for: 32  
The original message is: Now we are engaged in a great ci  
octave:3>

Testing using lena\_rgb\_256.png in input.png



octave:1>steganographyhy

Input Image



Image with Hidden Data



325.825, -27.3639

```
octave:2> decrypt
```

Enter the length (character count) of the message you are looking for:

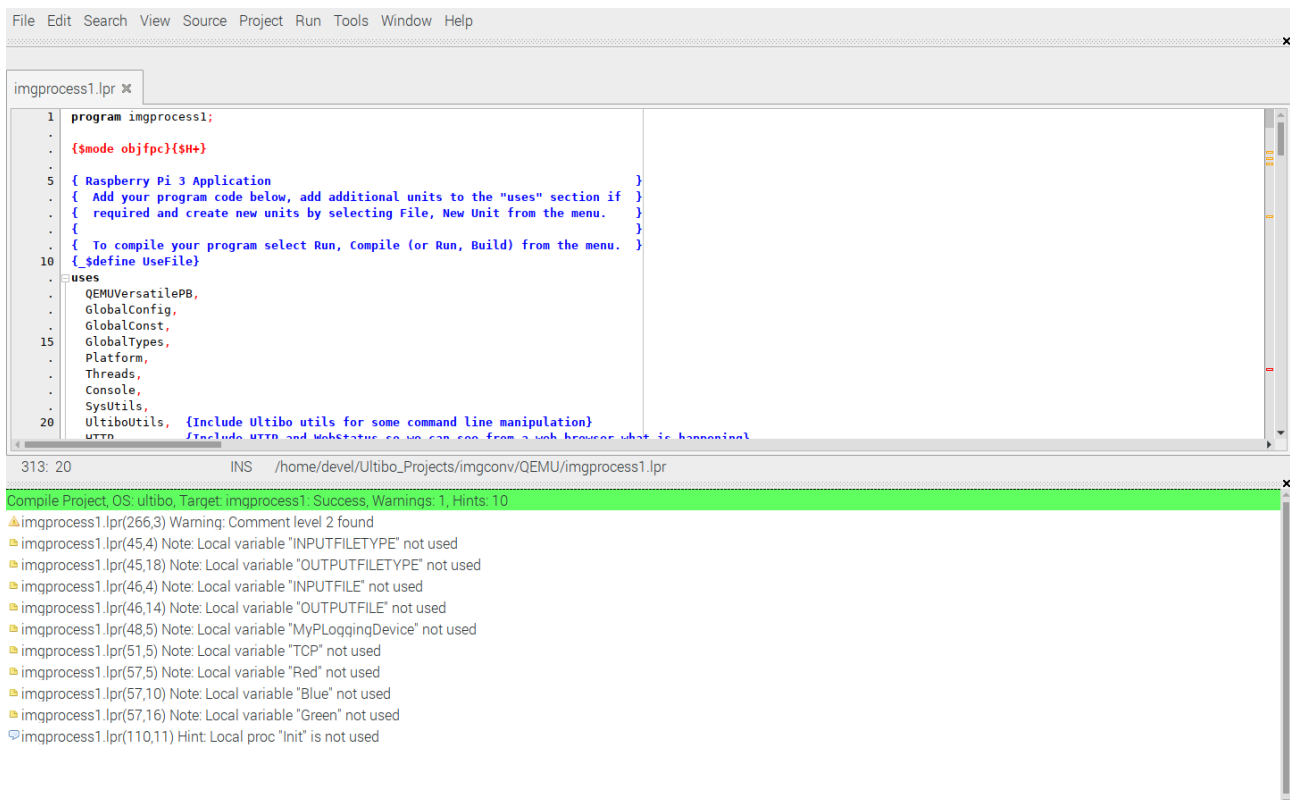
Enter the length (character count) of the message you are looking for: 32

The original message is: Now we are engaged in a great ci

```
octave:3>
```

The Lazarus IDE (Ultibo Edition) is used to create the "kernel.bin"





From the main menu Run/Compile. If no errors a green bar appers.

. Ultibo\_Projects/picoultibo.sh This sets the PATH

/home/devel/ultibo/core:/home/devel/qemu-6.1.0-rpios/bin:/home/devel/local/openocd/bin:/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/local/games:/usr/games

**./libuild.sh in Ultibo\_Projects/imgconv/QEMU**

cd Ultibo\_Projects/imgconv/QEMU

~/Ultibo\_Projects/imgconv/QEMU \$ ./startqemu.sh

Ultibo Core (Release: Beetroot Version: 2.1.279 Date: 5 January 2022)

```
Starting FPIImage Imgconv
Waiting for drive C:\
C:\ drive is ready

Local Address 10.0.2.15
TFTP Ready.
Completed setting up WebStatus & IP
Initing
Reader png
Writer png
img create & UsePalette false
Calling ReadImage ReadFile input.png
img reader is assigned
Height 256 Width 256
CBC1.StrKeyAsc Now we are engaged in a great ci
CBC1.StrKeyHex
4e6f772077652061726520656e676167656420696e2061206772656174206369
0 01001110 1 01101111 2 01101111 3 00100000 4 01101111 5 01100101 6 00100000 7 01100001 8 01110010 9 01100101 10 0
0100000 11 01100101 12 01101110 13 01100111 14 01100001 15 01100111 16 01100101 17 01100100 18 00100000 19 0110100
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0100000 30 01100011 31 01101001
01001110011011110111001000000111011101100101001000000110000101110010011001010010000001100101011001100110011101
100001011001110110010101100100001000000110100101101110001000000110000100100000011001110111001001100101011000010111
0100001000000110001101101001
Calling WriteImage WriteFile GrayScale.png P
WriteImage, options=P
Grayscale FALSE - Indexed FALSE - WordSized FALSE - UseAlpha FALSE
Options checked, now writing...
Transfer for GrayScale.png started.
Transfer for GrayScale.png complete.
```

While QEMU is running telnet, tftp and a webserver are provided.

~/Ultibo\_Projects/imgconv/QEMU \$ telnet xx.xx.xx.xx 5023

(Type HELP for a list of available commands)

>dir

Directory of C:\

```
28-7-21 18:41:54      53 Another File.txt
28-7-21 18:41:54      31 Test File.txt
28-7-21 18:41:54    <DIR>      www
10-1-22 12:25:18      24 testfile
10-1-22 23:54:30      24 junk
10-1-22 12:25:18      24 256com
5-2-22 17:32:46     65536 red
28-7-21 18:44:28      24 256decom
```

```

28-7-21 18:44:28      196730 lena_rgb_256.bmp
28-7-21 18:44:28      196730 MyBitmap.bmp
5-2-22 17:41:56       7848 test.j2k
5-2-22 17:32:48      65536 green
5-2-22 17:32:48      65536 blue
5-2-22 17:32:48      196730 test_wr.bmp
5-2-22 17:57:08      125663 lena_rgb_256.png
7-2-22 12:54:36      196662 lena_rgb_256_fpng.bmp
    15 file(s) 1117151 bytes
    1 dir(s)

```

```

C:\>logout
Goodbye!
Connection closed by foreign host.

```

```

~/Ultibo_Projects/imgconv/QEMU $ tftp xx.xx.xx.xx 5069
tftp> binary
tftp> get lena_rgb_256_fpng.bmp
Received 196662 bytes in 2.8 seconds
tftp> quit

```

<http://xx.xx.xx.xx:5080/status>

Ultibo Core (Release: Beetroot Version: 2.1.279 Date: 5 January 2022)		
General	General	
Platform		
Memory	Release Name:	Beetroot
Heap Blocks	Release Version:	2.1.279
CPU	Release Date:	5 January 2022
FPU		
GPU	Time (Local):	7-2-22 13:02:05
RTL	Time (UTC):	7-2-22 13:02:05
Clock		
Locale	Timezone:	UTC
Threading		
Thread List	Daylight Start:	None
Scheduler	Daylight Date:	N/A
Devices		
Drivers	Standard Start:	None
Handles	Standard Date:	N/A
USB		
PCI	Temperature (SoC):	0 degrees Celcius
MMC / SD / SDIO		
Network	Uptime:	0 days 00:07:46
Storage		
Filesystem		
Disk Cache		
Keyboard		
Mouse		
Touch		
Framebuffer		
Environment		
Page Tables		
Vector Tables		
IRQ / FIQ / SWI		
GPIQ		
Configuration		
Device Tree		

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