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OVERVIEW

1.1 Introduction

This is a handbook for ARC labs which is a part of ARC university courses. The handbook is written to help students who attend the ARC university course and anyone who is interested in DesignWare® ARC® processors to get started in DesignWare® ARC® processors development. It describes all the basic elements of ARC labs and how to finish the labs with step-by-step approach.

This handbook can be used as a Lab teaching material for ARC university courses at undergraduate or graduate level with majors in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, or for professional engineers.

This handbook includes 12 labs (more labs are added in the future), which is classified into 3 levels:

- *Level 1: ARC basic*

The labs in this level covers the basic topics about DesignWare® ARC® processors, for example, the installation and usage of hardware and software tools, software or hardware development kits, hello world, interrupts, internal timers, and so on.

- *Level 2: ARC advance*

The labs in this level covers the advanced topics about DesignWare® ARC® processors, for example, Real-Time Operating System(RTOS), customized linkage, basic applicaitons, ARC DSP feature, and so on.

- *Level 3: ARC exploration*

The labs in this level covers some complex applications about DesignWare® ARC® processors, for example, Internet of Thinggs (IoT) application, embedded machine learning, and so on.

Most of the labs are based on the [embARC Open Software Platform \(OSP\)](#) which is an open software platform to facilitate the development of embedded systems based on DesignWare® ARC® processors.

It is designed to provide a unified platform for DesignWare® ARC® processors users by defining consistent and simple software interfaces to the processor and peripherals together with ports of several well known FOSS embedded software stacks to DesignWare® ARC® processors.

For more details about embARC OSP, see [online docs](#)

1.2 Supported Hardware Platform

The following hardware platforms are supported in this handbook.

- [ARC EM Starter Kit](#)
- [ARC IoT Development Kit](#)

You can click the above links to get the board's data sheet and user manual as a reference.

1.3 Reference

Item	Name
1	ARC EM Databook
2	MetaWare docs
3	ARC EM Starter Kit User Guide
4	ARC GNU docs

GETTING STARTED

Use this guide to get started with your ARC labs development.

2.1 Software Requirement

- **ARC Development Tools** Select **MetaWare Toolkit** or **ARC GNU Toolchain** from the following list according to your requirement.
 - MetaWare Toolkit
 - * **Premium MetaWare Development Toolkit (2018.06)** The DesignWare ARC MetaWare Development Toolkit builds upon a 25-year legacy of industry-leading compiler and debugger products. It is a complete solution that contains all the components needed to support the development, debugging, and tuning of embedded applications for the DesignWare ARC processors.
 - * **DesignWare ARC MetaWare Toolkit Lite (2018.06)** A demonstration or evaluation version of the MetaWare Development Toolkit is available for free from the Synopsys website. MetaWare Lite is a functioning demonstration of the MetaWare Development Toolkit with restrictions such as code-size limit of 32 Kilobytes and no runtime library sources. It is available for Microsoft Windows only.
 - ARC GNU Toolchain
 - * **Open Source ARC GNU IDE (2018.03)** The ARC GNU Toolchain offers all of the benefits of open source tools such as complete source code and a large install base. The ARC GNU IDE Installer consists of Eclipse IDE with **ARC GNU plugin for Eclipse**, **ARC GNU prebuilt toolchain**, and **OpenOCD for ARC**
- **Digilent Adept Software** for Digilent JTAG-USB cable driver. All the supported boards are equipped with on board USB-JTAG debugger. One USB cable is required and external debugger is not required.
- **Tera Term** or **PuTTY** for serial terminal connection, 115200 baud, 8 bits data, 1 stop bit, and no parity (115200-8-N-1) by default.

Note: If using embARC with GNU toolchain on Windows, install **Zadig** to replace FTDI driver with WinUSB driver. See [How to Use OpenOCD on Windows](#) for more information. If you want too switch back to Metaware toolchain, make sure you switch back the usb-jtag driver from WinUSB to FTDI driver.

2.2 Install Software Tools

2.2.1 Install Metaware Toolkit

Installing MetaWare Development Toolkit (2017.09).

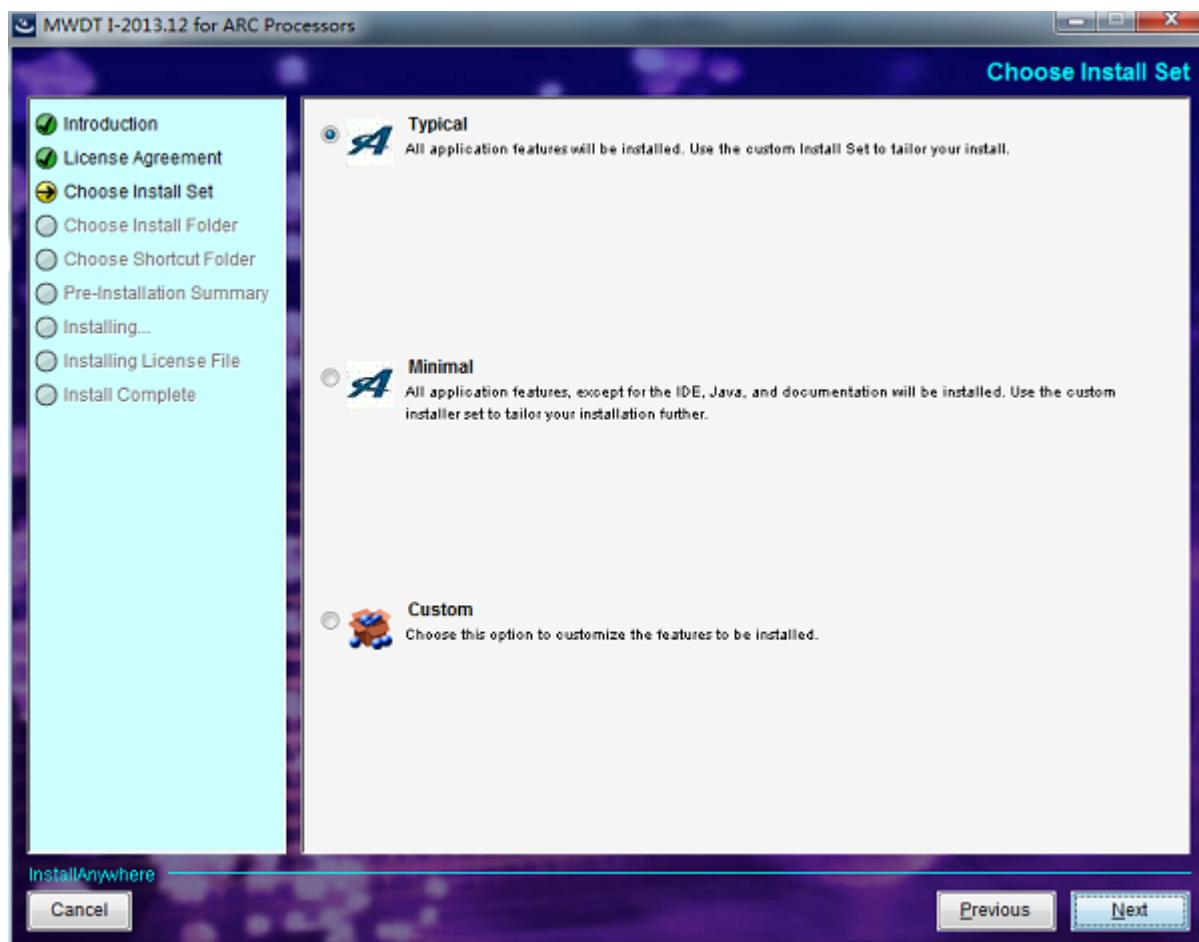
1. Double click the `mw_dekit_arc_i_2017_09_win_install.exe` and click **Next**.



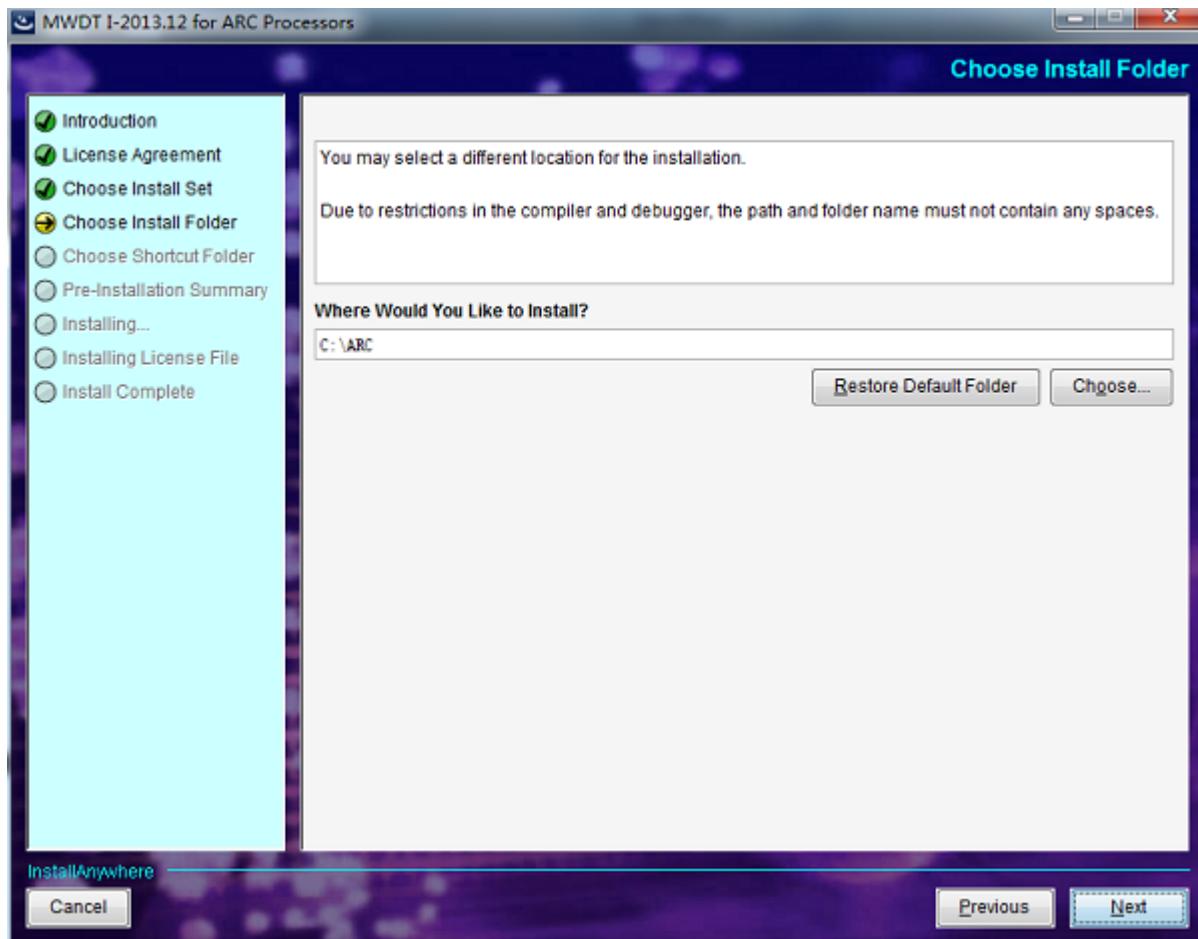
2. Select I accept and click **Next**.



3. Select Typical installation and click **Next**.

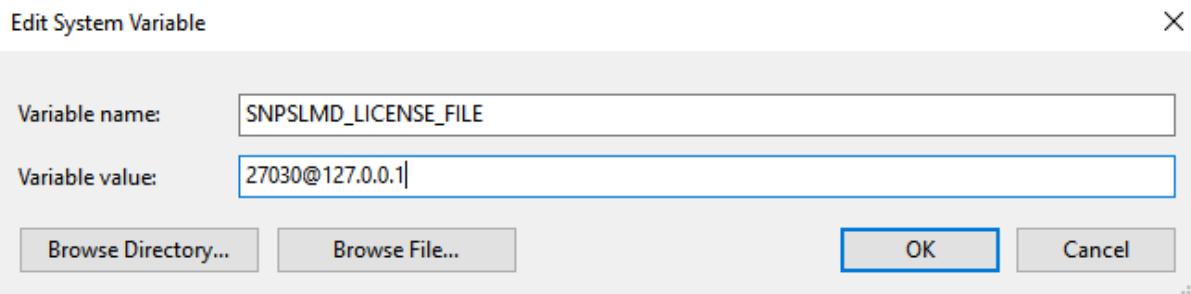


4. Set the install path (make sure you use English letters without any space) and click **Next** until the installation is complete.



5. Set the license file (SNPSLMD_LICENSE_FILE) for MetaWare Development Toolkit. It can be a real file containing license or a license server.

- For Windows, go to **Computer > Properties > Advanced > Environment Variables > System Variables > New.**



- For Linux, add SNPSLMD_LICENSE_FILE into your system variables.

6. Test the MetaWare Development Toolkit and the license

At the command prompt, compile and link in one step.

For example, find the queens.c in the demos folder of MetaWare Development Toolkit installation directory.

```
# On Windows
cd C:\ARC\MetaWare\arc\demos
ccac queens.c
```

If you get the following message without any error, then the MetaWare Development Toolkit is successfully installed.

```
MetaWare C Compiler N-2017.09 (build 005)           Serial 1-799999.  
(c) Copyright 1987-2017, Synopsys, Inc.  
MetaWare ARC Assembler N-2017.09 (build 005)  
(c) Copyright 1996-2017, Synopsys, Inc.  
MetaWare Linker (ELF/ARCompact) N-2017.09 (build 005)  
(c) Copyright 1995-2017, Synopsys, Inc.
```

2.2.2 Install ARC GNU Toolchain

Click (<https://github.com/foss-for-synopsys-dwc-arc-processors/toolchain/releases>) to get the latest version of ARC GNU toolchain.

To use and install ARC GNU toolchain, see (<http://embarc.org/toolchain/ide/index.html>).

It is recommended to install ARC GNU toolchain in the path (windows: C:\\arc_gnu\\, linux: ~/arc_gnu/) and add arc_gnu/bin into \$PATH variable.

2.2.3 Install embARC OSP

The embARC OSP source code is hosted in a GitHub repository that supports cloning through git. There are scripts in this repo that you are need to set up your development environment, and Git is used to get this repo. If you do not have Git installed, see the beginning of the OS-specific instructions below for help.

Using Git to clone the repository anonymously

```
# On Windows  
cd %userprofile%  
# On Linux  
cd ~  
  
git clone https://github.com/foss-for-synopsys-dwc-arc-processors/embarc_osp.git  
→embarc_osp
```

You have successfully checked out a copy of the source code to your local machine.

2.2.4 Install ARC labs code

The source codes of ARC labs are assumed to work with embARC OSP. You need to use git to clone or download the ARC labs to the root folder of embARC OSP. If the download is successful, the following folder structure is displayed:

```
cd path/to/embarc_osp  
git clone https://github.com/foss-for-synopsys-dwc-arc-processors/arc_labs.git arc_  
→labs
```

```
embarc_osp  
└── arc  
└── board  
└── device  
└── doc  
└── example  
└── arc_labs  
└── inc  
└── library  
└── middleware  
└── options  
└── os
```

2.3 Final Check

Check the following items and set development environment.

- Make sure the paths of the above required tools for the MetaWare toolkit and ARC GNU toolchain are added to the system variable **PATH** in your environment variables.
- It is recommended to install ARC GNU IDE to default location. Otherwise, you need to make additional changes as described.
 - If running and debugging embARC applications using **arc-elf32-gdb** and **OpenOCD for ARC**, make sure the path of **OpenOCD** is added to the **PATH** in your environment variables and modify **OPENOCD_SCRIPT_ROOT variable** in `<embARC>/options/toolchain/toolchain_gnu.mk` to your **OpenOCD** root path.
 - If running GNU program with using the GNU toolchain on Linux, modify the **OpenOCD** configuration file as Linux format with LF line terminators. **dos2unix** can be used to convert it.

Note: Check the version of your toolchain. The embARC OSP software build system is makefile-based. *make/gmake* is provided in the MetaWare toolkit (*gmake*) and ARC GNU toolchain (*make*)

3.1 Overview

3.2 Labs

3.2.1 Level 1 Labs

How to use ARC IDE

MetaWare ToolKit

Purpose

- To learn the MetaWare Development Toolkit
- To get familiar with the basic usage of the MetaWare Development Toolkit
- To get familiar with the features and usage of the MetaWare Debugger (mdb)

Equipment

The following hardware and software tools are required:

- PC host
- MetaWare Development Toolkit
- nSIM simulator or ARC board (EM Starter Kit / IoT Development Kit)
- `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab1_core_test`

Content

- Create a C project using the MetaWare Development Toolkit
- Import the code `CoreTest.c`
- Configure compilation options to compile, and generate executable files.
- Start the debugger of MetaWare Development Toolkit and enter debug mode.

From the different angles of C language and assembly language, use the functions of setting breakpoint, single step execution, full speed execution, etc., combined with observing PC address, register status, global variable status and Profiling performance to analyze the debug target program.

Principles

Use the MetaWare Development Toolkit to create projects and load code. In the engineering unit, configure the compile option to compilation code, debug and analyze the compiled executable file.

Routine code CoreTest.c:

```
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
// This small demo program finds the data point that is the
// minimal distance from x and y [here arbitrarily defined to be (4, 5)]
//
// #define/undefine '_DEBUG' precompiler variable to obtain
// desired functionality. Including _DEBUG will bring in the
// I/O library to print results of the search.
//
// For purposes of simplicity, the data points used in the computations
// are hardcoded into the POINTX and POINTY constant values below
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

#ifndef _DEBUG
#include "stdio.h"
#endif

#define POINTX {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}
#define POINTY {2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20}
#define POINTS 10

#define GetError(x, y, Px, Py) \
    ( (x-Px)*(x-Px) + (y-Py)*(y-Py) )

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    int pPointX[] = POINTX;
    int pPointY[] = POINTY;

    int x, y;
    int index, error, minindex, minerror;

    x = 4;
    y = 5;

    minerror = GetError(x, y, pPointX[0], pPointY[0]);
    minindex = 0;

    for(index = 1; index < POINTS; index++) {
        error = GetError(x, y, pPointX[index], pPointY[index]);

        if (error < minerror) {
            minerror = error;
            minindex = index;
        }
    }

#ifndef _DEBUG
    printf("minindex = %d, minerror = %d.\n", minindex, minerror);
    printf("The point is (%d, %d).\n", pPointX[minindex], pPointY[minindex]);
    getchar();
#endif

    return 0;
}
```

Steps

- Establishing a project

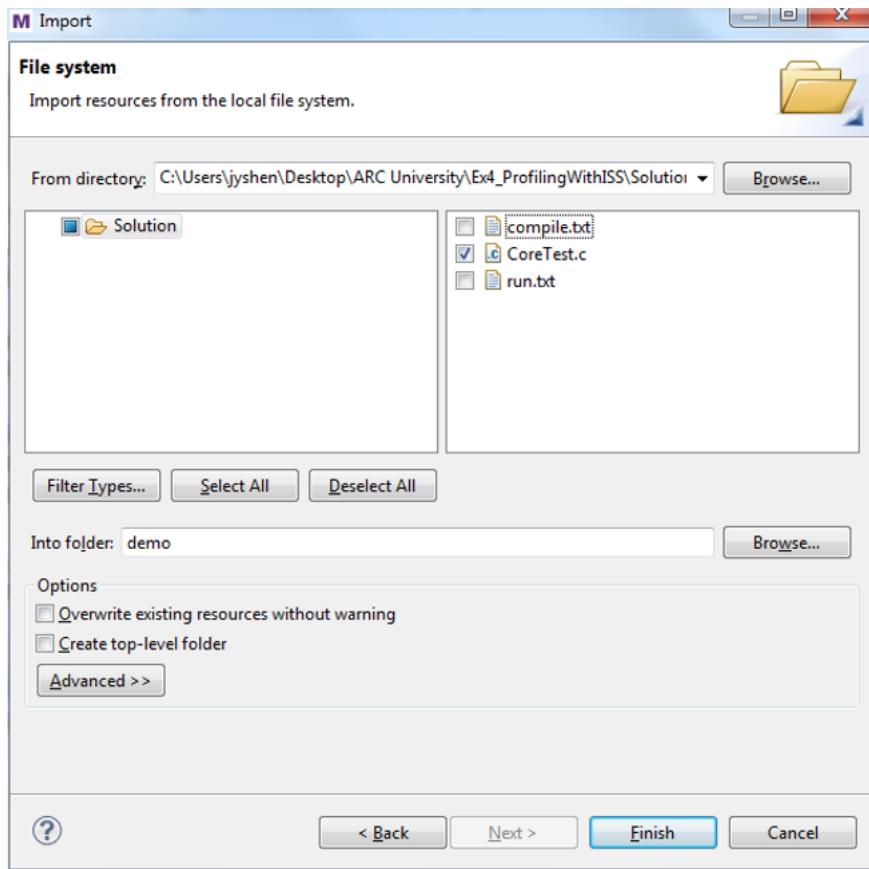
Open the MetaWare Development Toolkit, create an empty project called `demo`, and select the ARC EM series processor, as shown below (figure 1).



- Import the code file `CoreTest.c` to the project `demo`.

In the Project Explorer on the left side of the MetaWare Development Toolkit main interface, click the icon `demo` and select Import from the pop-up menu.

At this point, a dialog called Import appears, select the File System item in the General tab, and then click next. As shown in the figure below, add the file directory where the source code `CoreTest.c` is located. The dialog box will automatically display the name of the directory and the file name of the file contained in the directory. Select the file to be added, `CoreTest.c`, and click Finish to complete the entire import process (figure 2).



After the import is complete, you can see the code file `CoreTest.c` you just added in the Project Explorer on the left side of the MetaWare Development Toolkit main interface.

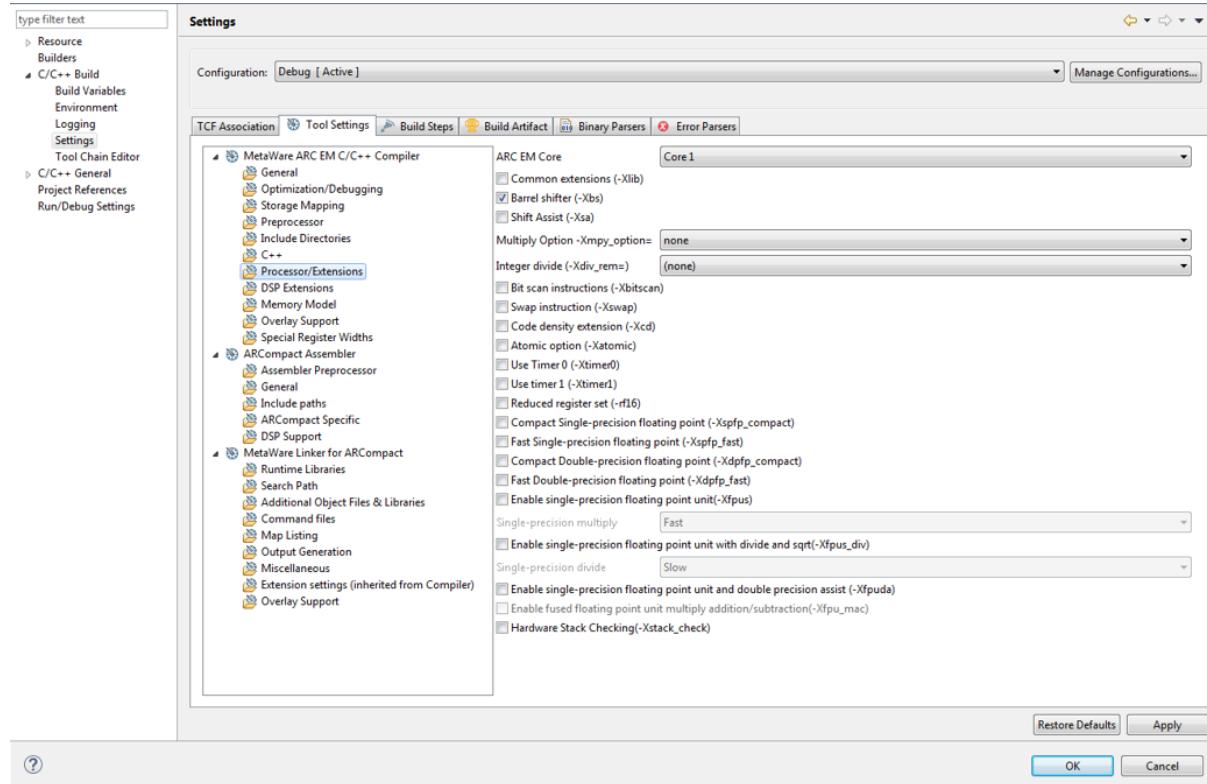
3. Set compilation options

Right click on the current project demo and select Properties in the popup tab. Click C/C++ Build, settings, Tool Settings to open the compile option settings page, as shown below (figure 3).



In current perspective , select Optimization/Debugging to set the compiler optimization and debugging level. For example, set the optimization level to turn off optimization, and set the debugging level to load all debugging information.

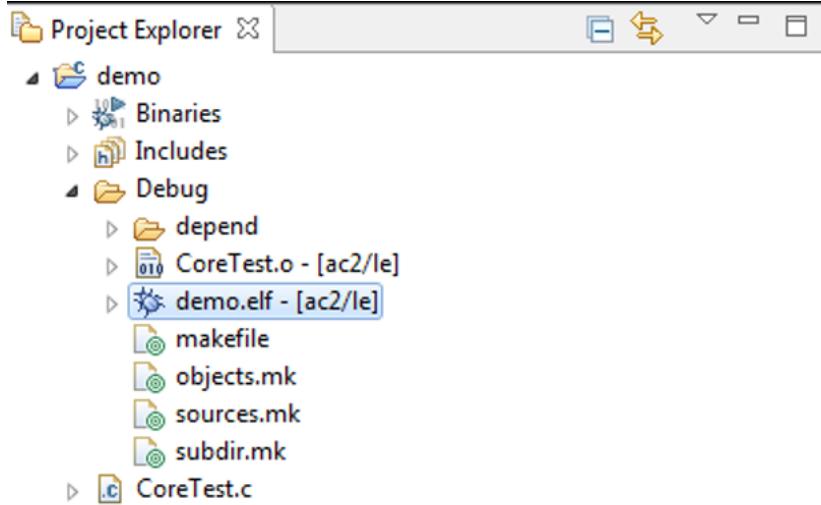
Select Processor/Extensions on the current interface to set the compiler options to match the target processor hardware properties, such as processor versions, extended instructions supporting shift, multiplication, floating-point operations, etc. and Timer0/1 extension in the core. Figure below indicates that this target processor supports normal extended instructions (figure 4).



Finally select MetaWare ARC EM C/C++ and check the compiler/assembler and linker options in the All options column on the right. Then click OK to close the Properties dialog.

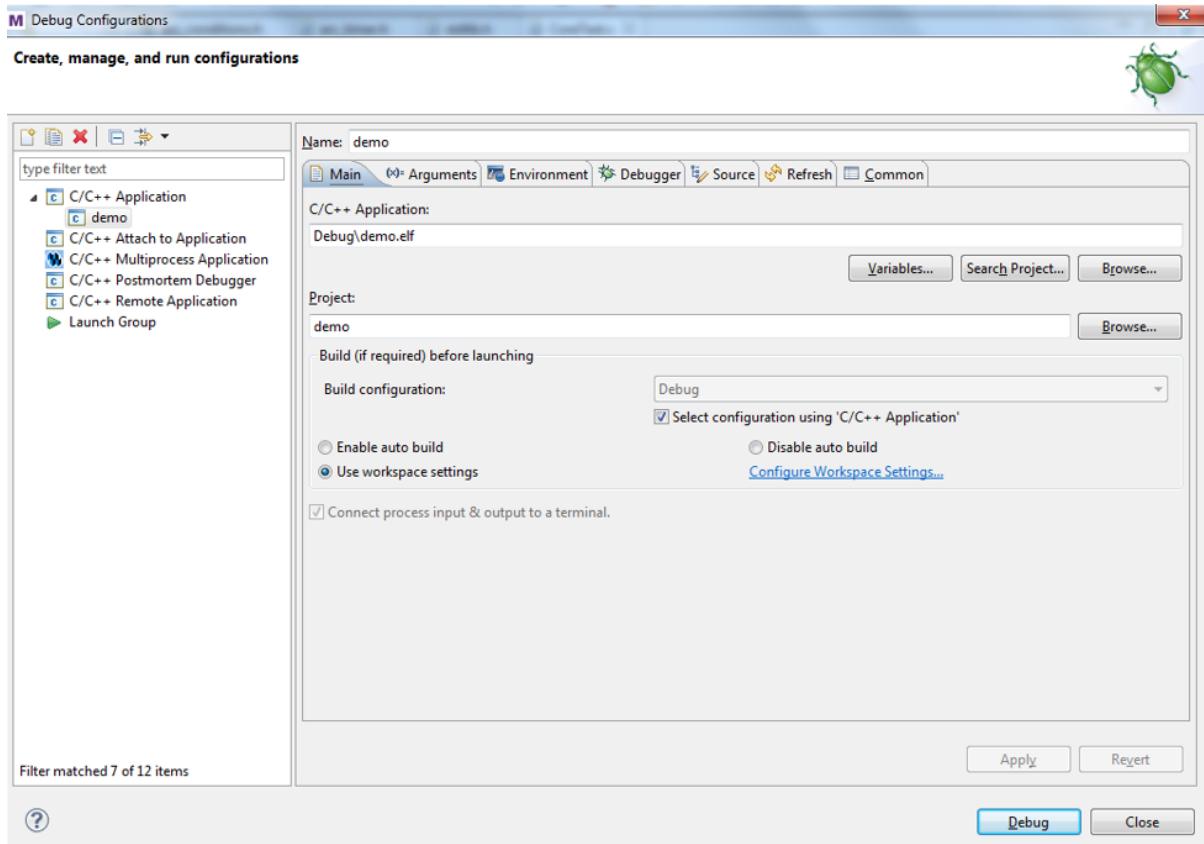
4. Compile project demo

Select Build Project from the Project drop-down menu in the MetaWare Development Toolkit main menu or click the icon  . In the middle of the MetaWare Development Toolkit main interface, select the Console tab to view the logs during compilation. When the message ‘Finished building target: demo.elf’ appears, the compilation is successful, and the compiled executable file demo.elf can be seen in the Project Explorer on the left side of the MetaWare Development Toolkit main interface, as shown in the following figure (figure 5).



5. Set debug options

Select Debug Configurations from the Run drop-down menu in the MetaWare Development Toolkit main menu. Then double-click on C/C++ Application or click on New icon to navigate to a dialog similar to the one below (figure 6).



Click Debugger tab on the right, generally no changes are needed, proceed to check the contents of the Debugger Options and click Debug to enter the debugging interface.

6. Debug executable file demo.elf

First, select the needed debug window from the drop-down menu of Debugger icon in the toolbar of the debugger perspective, such as source code window, assembly code window, register window, global variable window, breakpoint window, function window, etc., as shown in the following figure (figure 7).

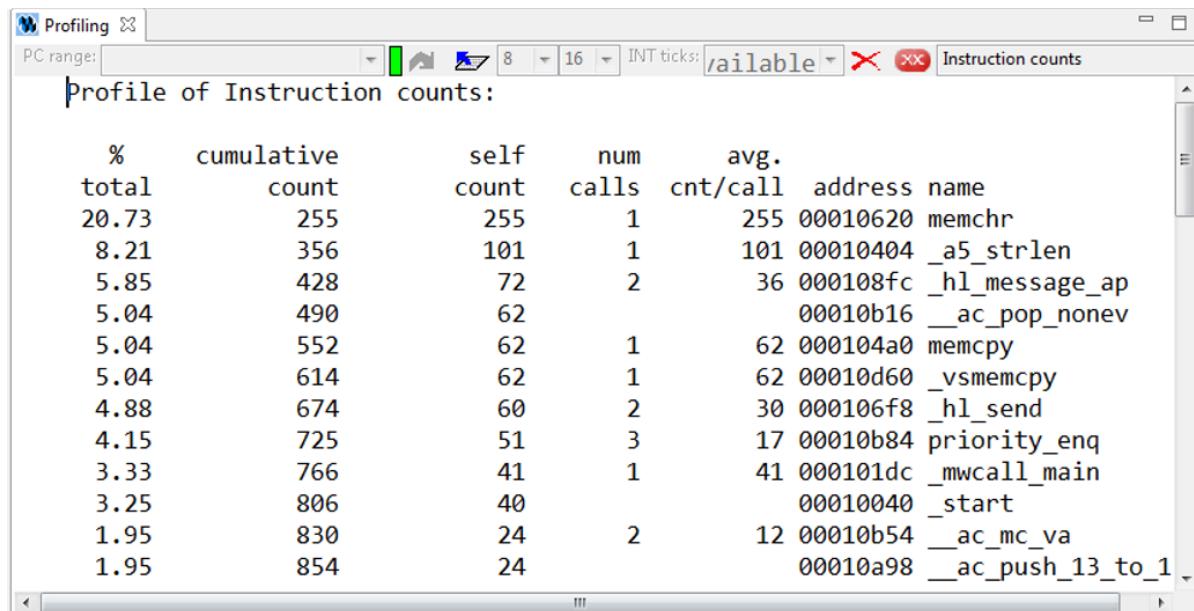


In the C source code window, right-click the code line number on the left side of the window, select Toggle Breakpoint in the pop-up menu or double-click the line number to set a breakpoint on the current line. In the assembly code window, double-click a line of code to set a breakpoint on the current line.

Once the breakpoint is set, click the icon to run the program. After that, the program will run directly to the nearest breakpoint. At this point, you can observe the current program execution and the relevant status information of the processor through the various windows called in the previous step. If you want to know more about the details of program execution and the instruction behavior of the processor, you can use the following three execution commands | | to perform single-step debugging. The icon can choose to step through a C language statement or an assembly instruction to match the status information of each window. It's very convenient for program debugging. If you want to end the current debugging process, click the icon . And if you want to return to the main MetaWare Development Toolkit page, click C/C++ in the upper right corner icon .

7. Code performance analysis using the debugger

Based on the previous project demo, open the Compile Options dialog in step 3 and set the Optimization Level to -O0 in the Optimization/Debugging column. Then click to recompile the project, then click to enter the debugging interface. Click Debugger in the main menu of the debugging interface, select Disassembly in the pop-up drop-down menu, open the disassembly code window, and you can see that the program is paused at the entrance of the main() function. In the same way, select Profiling in the Debugger drop-down menu, open the performance analysis window and click the icon in the window, as shown below (figure 8).



The Profiling window displays the number of executed instructions of the program with each function in current debug window. From left to right, the total number of executions of function instructions in the total number of executions of the entire program instruction, the total number of executions of the accumulated instructions, the total number of executions of the functions, the number of times the function is called, the number of including functions, the address of the function, and the name of the function. Through the relationship between the instruction information and the function in the Profiling window, it is very convenient to analyze the program efficiency and find the shortcoming of the program performance.

Let's take this project as an example to continue our introducion for the use of the Profiling window. At this point, the program is paused at the entrance of the main() function and the Profiling window opens as shown above. The main() function is the primary object of performance analysis optimization. At this time, the content displayed in the Profiling window is actually some function information initialized by the processor before the main() function is executed. Click the icon in the Profiling window to clear the current information. If you click the icon again, nothing will be displayed, And it indicate that the cleaning is successful. Then, set a breakpoint at the last statement of the main() function (either C statement or assembly statement), and click the icon in the toolbar above the debug interface to let the program execute to the breakpoint. Next, click on the icon in the Profiling window again, and only the information related to the main() function will be displayed, as shown below. Therefore, flexible setting of breakpoints, combined with the clear function, can perform performance analysis on the concerned blocks (figure 9).



It can be seen that the multiplication library function `_mw_mpy_32x32y32` in the `main()` function is called 20 times, and a total of 2064 instructions are executed, while the `main()` function itself executes only 326 instructions, and the `memcpy` function executes 86 instructions. It can be seen that the implementation of the multiplication function of the program consumes a large number of instructions, and a large number of instructions means that the processor will spend many computation cycles to perform multiplication operations. Therefore, multiplication is the hotspot for the example program. So to get better performance, first step to consider is how you can use fewer instructions and implement multiplication more efficiently.

Exercises

How can I implement multiplication more efficiently with fewer instructions? Apply this method to the project demo of the fifth part, analyze it with the debugger's Profiling function, observe the total number of instructions consumed by the `main` function, and compare it with the previous Profiling result of Figure 8.

GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors

Purpose

- Learn the GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors
- Familiar with the GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors
- Familiar with the functions and usage of the GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors debugger

Equipment

The following hardware and software tools are required:

- PC host
- GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors
- nSIM simulator or ARC board (EM Starter Kit / IoT Development Kit)
- `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab1_core_test`

Content

- Create a C project using GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors
- Import the routine code `CoreTest.c`
- Configure compilation options to compile, and generate executable files.
- Start the GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors debugger to enter the debug mode

From the C language and assembly language different perspectives, use set breakpoints, single-step execution, full-speed execution and other functions, combined with observation of PC address, register status, global variable status and Profiling Performance analysis window, analysis of the debug target program.

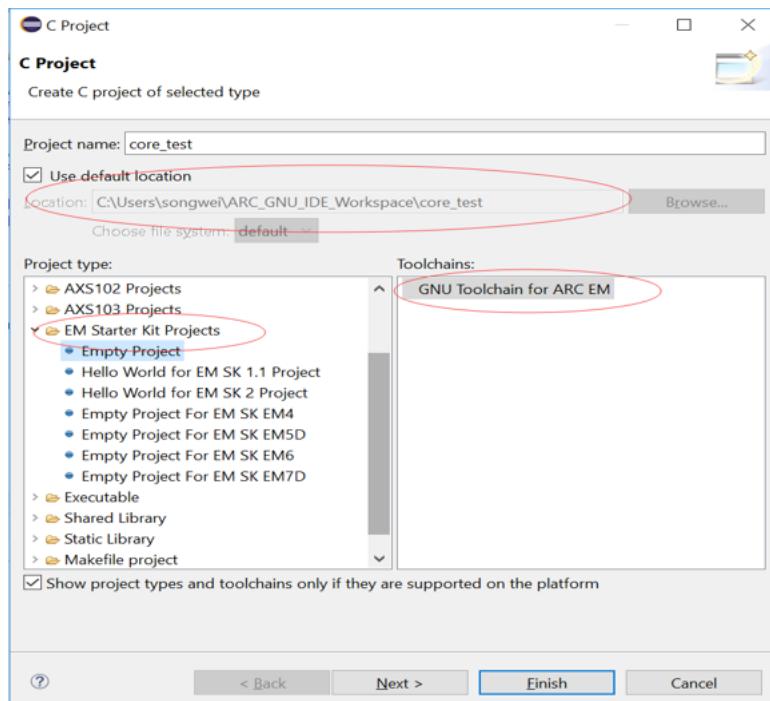
Principles

Use the GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors integrated development environment to create projects and load routine code. In the engineering unit, configure the compile option compilation routine code to debug and analyze the compiled executable file.

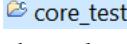
Steps

1. Establishing a project

Open the GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors, create an empty project called `core_test`, and select the ARC EM series processor, as shown below (figure 10).



2. Import the code file `CoreTest.c` to the project demo

Right click on the icon  in the Project Explorer on the left side of the GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors main interface, then select Import from the popup menu.

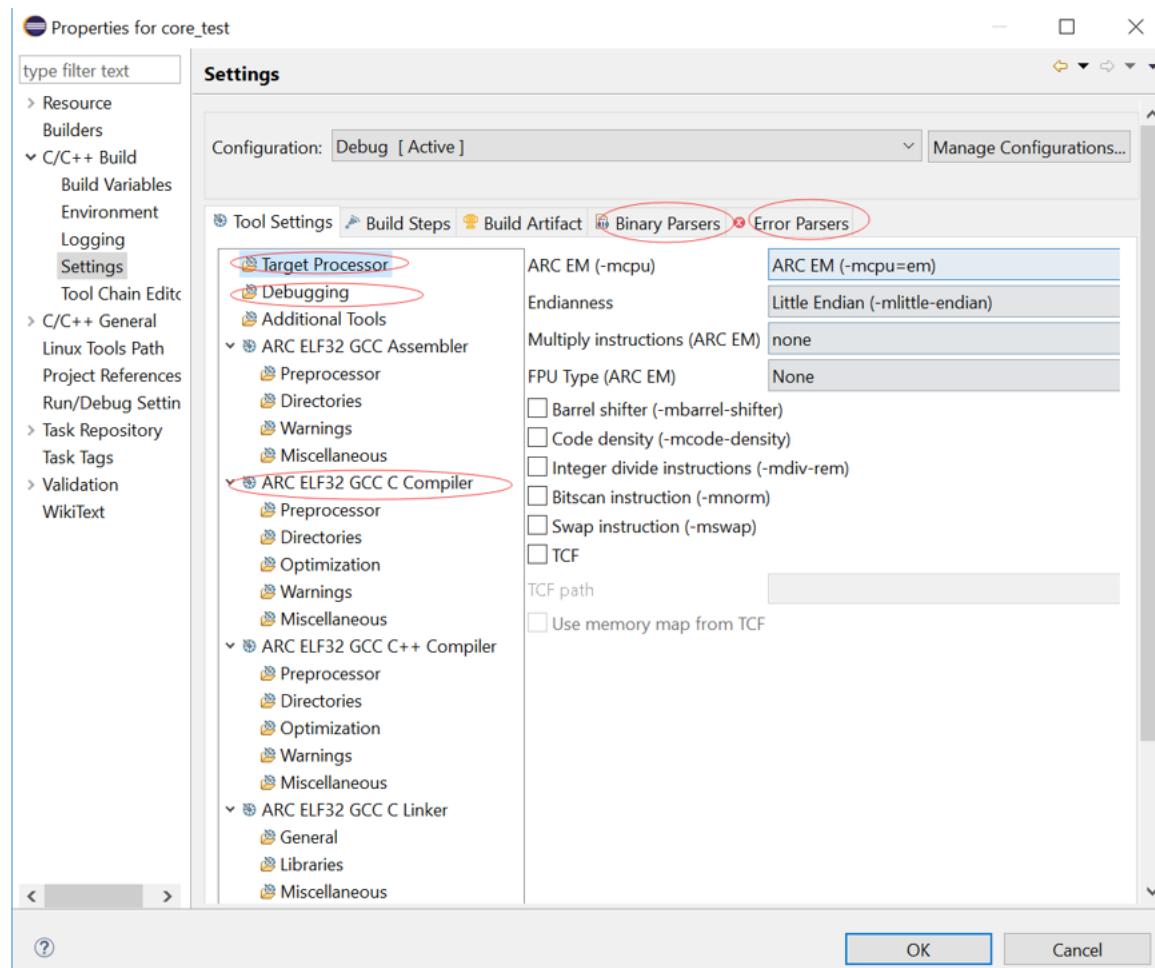
At this point, a dialog window called Import appears, select the File System item in the General tab, and then click next. As shown in the figure below (figure 11), add the file directory where the source code `CoreTest.c` is located. The dialog box will automatically display the name of the directory and the file name of the file contained in the directory. Select the file to be added, `CoreTest.c`, and click Finish to complete the entire import process.



After the import is complete, you can see the code file CoreTest.c that you just added in the Project Explorer on the left side of the GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors main interface.

3. Set compilation options

Right click on the current project core_test and select Properties in the popup tab. Click C/C++ Build, settings, Tool Settings to open the compile option settings page, as shown below (figure 12).



In the current interface, select Debugging to set the compiler optimization and debugging level. For example, set the optimization level to off optimization, and the debugging level is to load all debugging information.

Select Processor in the current interface to set the compile options corresponding to the target processor hardware attributes, such as the version of the processor, whether to support extended instructions such as shift, multiplication, floating-point operations, etc., whether to include Timer0/1.

In step 1, we have already built the project using the engineering template of EMSK, so the corresponding necessary options have been set by default. If there is no special requirement, check the setting compile options in the All options column on the right. Then click OK to close the Properties dialog.

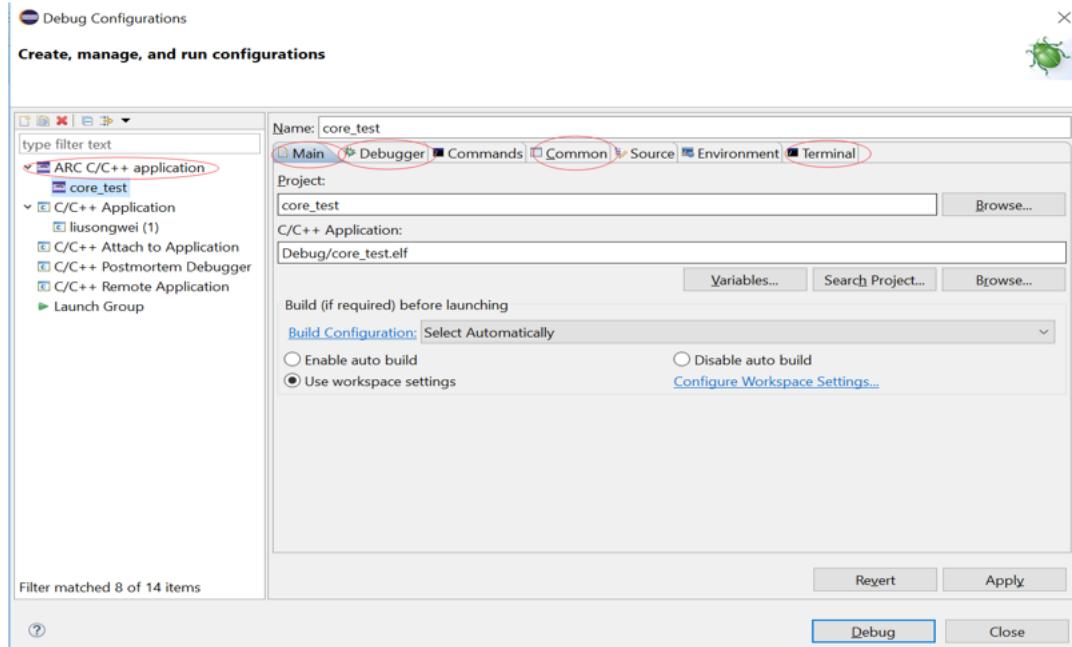
4. Compile the project core_test**

Select Build Project from the Project drop-down menu in the GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors main menu or click the icon . In the middle of the GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors main interface, select the Console tab to view the logs during the compilation process. When the message 'Finished building target: Core_test.elf' appears, the compilation is successful, and the compiled executable file Core_test.elf can be seen in the Project Explorer on the left side of the main interface of the GNU Toolchain for ARC Processors, as shown in the following figure (figure 13).



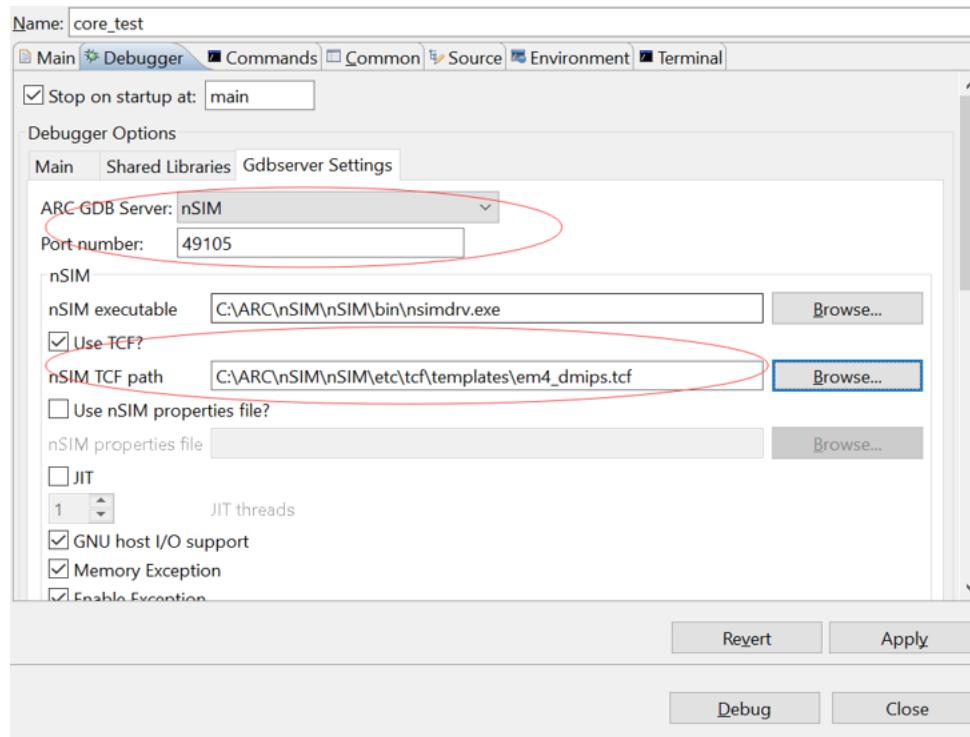
5. Set debugger options

Select Debug Configurations from the Run drop-down menu in the toolbar. Then double-click on C/C++ Application or click on New to get a dialog similar to the one below (figure 14).



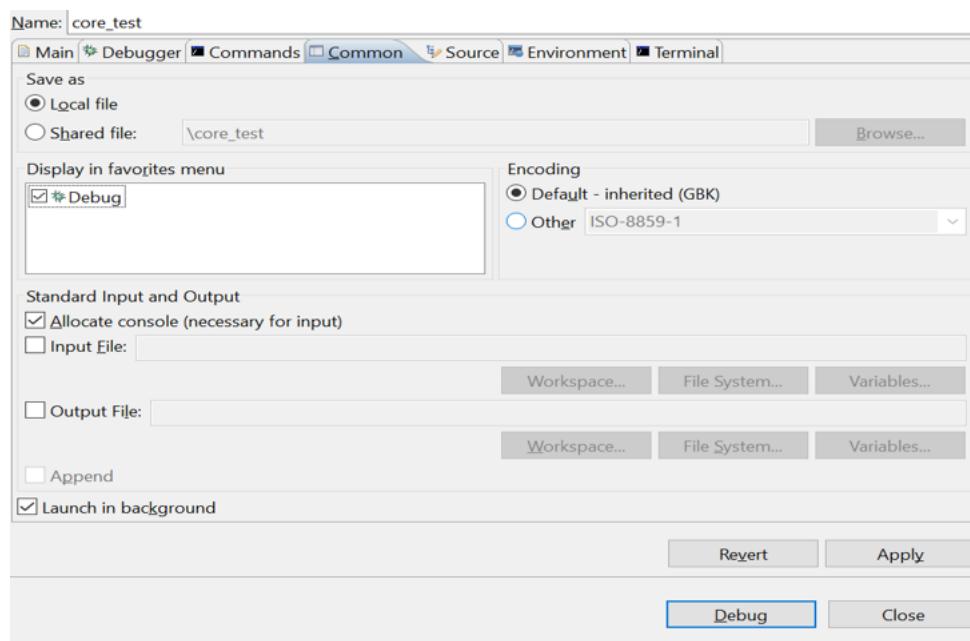
In the figure above, please check if the information in Main tab is correct. Since we use nSIM simulator to simulate EMSK, we need to modify the settings in tabs of Debugger, Common, and Terminal (this is because nSIM cannot be called directly in GNU IDE. Still need GDB Server for indirect calls). The specific settings are as follows:

- Set Debugger->Gdbserver Settings



As shown in the above figure (figure 15), ARC GDB Server should select nSIM. At this time, the port number default setting is 49105. It is important to check the Use TCF. Otherwise, the nSIM cannot work normally. The TCF boot file is under *nSIM/nSIM/etc/tcf/templates* (the default installation path). If you have downloaded the Metaware IDE, its own nSIM path is *C:/ARC/nSIM/nSIM/etc/tcf/templates*, and you can select a TCF file in this folder (depending on the version of the board you are simulating and the kernel model), as shown above.

- Pay attention to Debug in Common (figure 16)



- Terminal settings

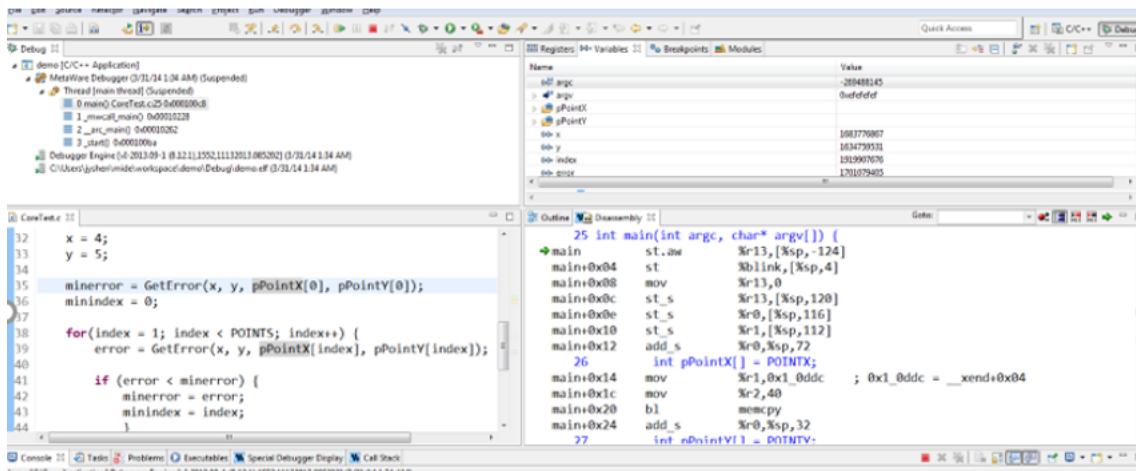
If you are using the EMSK, the terminal will automatically select the correct port number, and we are using the emulator without a port, so uncheck it, as show below (figure 17).



After all settings are complete, click Debug to enter the debugging perspective.

6. Debug executable file core_test.elf

First, select the needed debug window in the pull-down menu Debugger in the toolbar in this debugger view, such as source code window, assembly code window, register window, global variable window, breakpoint window, function window, etc., as shown in the following figure (figure 18).



In C source code window, right-click the code line number on the left side of the window, select Toggle Breakpoint in the pop-up menu or double-click the line number to set a breakpoint on the current line. In the assembly code window, double-click a line of code to set a breakpoint on the current line.

Once the breakpoint is set, click the icon to run the program. After that, the program will run directly to the nearest breakpoint. At this point, you can observe the current program execution and the relevant status information of the processor through the various windows called in the previous step. If you want to know more about the details of program execution and the instruction behavior of the processor, you can use the following three execution commands | | to perform single-step debugging. The icon can choose to step through a C language statement or an assembly instruction to match the status information of each window and it is very convenient for program debugging. If you want to end the current debugging process, click the icon . If you want to return to the IDE main page, click C/C++ in the upper right corner icon .

7. Code performance analysis using the debugger

Same as the code performance analysis method of MetaWare Development Toolkit. For details, please refer to the first part of Lab 1.

For the use of these two IDEs, you can refer to the Help documentation in the respective IDE, or you can view the on-line documentation provided by Synopsys.

How to use embARC OSP

Purpose

- To know what embARC OSP is
- To know how to run examples in embARC OSP
- To know how to debug the examples in embARC OSP
- To know how to write application code in embARC OSP

Equipment

The following hardware and software tools are required:

- PC host
- ARC GNU toolchain/MetaWare Development Toolkit
- ARC board (EM Starter Kit/IoT Development Kit)
- embARC OSP packages

The detailed software requirements of embARC OSP can be found [here](#)

Content

First, this document will give you a brief introduction of embARC OSP, and also show you how to get the package. Then, you will learn how to run the provided examples and debug. Finally, you will be presented the steps to create your own embARC applications.

Principles

1. IoT OS/Platform

In the field of Internet of Things (IoT), numerous devices are connected to form a complex network. Along with it, the programs within devices are becoming complex too. Many of them also require real-time responses. That urges a better way to manage tasks rather than running them in a main loop. One solution for this is to use IoT OS.

An IoT OS is an operating system that is designed to perform within the constraints that are particular to Internet of Things devices, including restrictions on memory, size, power and processing capacity. IoT operating systems are a type of embedded OS but by definition are designed to enable data transfer over the internet and more other features.

2. embARC OSP

The embARC Open Software Platform (OSP) is an open software platform to facilitate the development of embedded systems based on DesignWare® ARC® processors.

It is designed to provide a unified platform for DesignWare® ARC® processors users by defining consistent and simple software interfaces to the processor and peripherals, together with ports of several well known FOSS embedded software stacks to DesignWare® ARC® processors.

For more details, please refer embARC OSP on-line documentation

3. Other platforms

Besides embARC OSP, there are also other IoT platforms:

- Zephyr
- Amazon FreeRTOS

Steps

Get embARC OSP

- git

The embARC OSP source code is hosted in a [GitHub repository](#). There are scripts and such in this repo that you'll need to set up your development environment, and we'll be using Git to get this repo. If you don't have Git installed, see the beginning of the OS-specific instructions below for help.

We'll begin by using Git to clone the repository anonymously.

```
# On Windows
cd %userprofile%
# On Linux
cd ~

git clone https://github.com/foss-for-synopsys-dwc-arc-processors/embarc_osp.git
↳embarc_osp
```

Then you will have checked out a copy of the source code to your local machine.

- http download

You may also try to get the latest release of embark as a zip from the repository, see [release page](#).

Run the examples

The command line interface is the default interface to use embARC OSP. After getting the embARC OSP package, you need to open a **cmd** console in Winodws / a **terminal** in Linux and cd to the root of embARC osp.

Here, take the **blinky** as an example.

1. go to the **blinky** example folder

```
cd example\baremetal\blinky
```

2. connect your board to PC host, and open the UART terminal with putty/tera term/minicom

3. build and run it with command showing below, here ARC GNU toolchain is selected

```
# For EMSK 2.3
make TOOLCHAIN=gnu BOARD=emsk BD_VER=23 CUR_CORE=arcem11d run
# For EMSK 2.2
make TOOLCHAIN=gnu BOARD=emsk BD_VER=22 CUR_CORE=arcem7d run
# For IoTDK
make TOOLCHAIN=gnu BOARD=iotdk run
```

Note: for EMSK, please make sure the board version (BD_VER) and core configuration (CUR_CORE) match your hardware. You could press configure button (located above the letter "C" of the ARC logo) when bit 3 and

bit 4 of SW1 switch is off to run a self-test. By doing so, board infomation will be sent by uart and shown on your uart terminal.

4. Get the results

- For EMSK, you can see the on-board leds start to blink when the download is successful.
- For IoT DK, as it doesn't have usable leds except some status leds, you will see the output log from UART instead.

```
led out: ff, ff
led out: ff00, ff
led out: ff, ff
.....
```

Debug the examples

Still take the **blinky** as example, to debug it, you need to run the following commands:

```
# For emsk 2.3
make TOOLCHAIN=gnu BOARD=emsk BD_VER=23 CUR_CORE=arcem11d gui
# For emsk 2.2
make TOOLCHAIN=gnu BOARD=emsk BD_VER=22 CUR_CORE=arcem7d gui
# For IoT DK
make TOOLCHAIN=gnu BOARD=iotdk gui
```

For Metaware toolchain, the mdb (MetaWare debugger) is used and it's a GUI interface. You can refer the Metaware toolchain use manual for details.

For ARC GNU toolchain, the command line based gdb is used. You need to have some basic knowledge of gdb debug.

Create your own application

Here, it's your turn to create your own application in embARC OSP, taking a well-known simple `Hello World` as an example.

- Goals
 - Baremetal application based on embARC OSP
 - Hardware: EMSK 2.2 - ARC EM7D Configuration / IoT DK
 - Print “Hello world from embARC” through UART at 115200 bps
 - Use GNU toolchain to running and debugging in the command line

1. Create a folder named `hello_world` under `embarc/example/baremetal`.

2. Copy the makefile template `example/example.makefile` and `main.c.tpl` into `hello_world` folder and rename `example.makefile` to `makefile`, rename `main.c.tpl` to `main.c`.
3. Change the configurations in makefile according to your hardware configuration and application.
 - Change the application name: change the value of `APPL` to `helloworld`.
 - Change the board name: change the value of `BOARD` to `emsk` / `iotdk`. This option can also be given in cmd line. If not specified, the default value will be `emsk`
 - Change the board version: change the value of `BD_VER` to `22` (for `emsk`) or `10` (for `iotdk`). This option can also be given in cmd line. If not specified, the default value will be `22` for board `emsk`.
 - Change the core configuration: change the value of `CUR_CORE` to `arcem7d` This option can also be given in cmd line. If not specified, the default value will be `arcem7d` for board `emsk` and version `22`. For `iotdk`, `CUR_CORE` can be bypassed as `iotdk` only has one core configuration.
 - Change the embARC OSP root: change the value of `EMBARC_ROOT` to `../../../../EMBARC_ROOT` can be relative path or an absolute path.
 - Add the middleware that you need for this application: Change the value of `MID_SEL`.
 - The value of `MID_SEL` must be the folder name in `<embARC>/middleware`, such as `common` or `lwip`.
 - If using `lwip`, `ntshell`, `fatfs`, and `common`, set `MID_SEL` to `lwip ntshell fatfs common`.
 - Set it to `common` in the “HelloWorld” application.
 - Change your toolchain: change the value of `TOOLCHAIN` to `gnu`.
 - Update source folders and include folder settings.
 - Update the C code folder settings: change the value of `APPL_CSRC_DIR` to `..` `APPL_CSRC_DIR` is the C code relative path to the application folder
 - Update the assembly source-folder settings: change the value of `APPL_ASMSRC_DIR`.
 - Update the include-folders settings: change the value of `APPL_INC_DIR` which is the application include path to the application folder (-I).
 - If more than one directory is needed, use whitespace between the folder paths.
 - Set your application defined macros: Change the value of `APPL_DEFINES`.
 - For example, if define `APPLICATION=1`, set `APPL_DEFINES` to `-DAPPLICATION=1`.

Then makefile for `hello world` application will be like this

```
## embARC application makefile template ##
### You can copy this file to your application folder
### and rename it to makefile.
##

##
# Application name
##
APPL ?= helloworld

##
# Extended device list
##
EXT_DEV_LIST +=

# Optimization level
# Please refer to toolchain_xxx.mk for this option
OLEVEL ?= O2
```

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```
##  
# Current board and core (for emsk)  
##  
BOARD ?= emsk  
BD_VER ?= 22  
CUR_CORE ?= arcem7d  
  
##  
# Current board and core (for iotdk)  
BOARD ?= iotdk  
BD_VER ?= 10  
  
##  
# Debugging JTAG  
##  
JTAG ?= usb  
  
##  
# Toolchain  
##  
TOOLCHAIN ?= gnu  
  
##  
# Uncomment following options  
# if you want to set your own heap and stack size  
# Default settings see options.mk  
##  
#HEAPSZ ?= 8192  
#STACKSZ ?= 8192  
  
##  
# Uncomment following options  
# if you want to add your own library into link process  
# For example:  
# If you want link math lib for gnu toolchain,  
# you need to set the option to -lm  
##  
#APPL_LIBS ?=  
  
##  
# Root path of embARC  
##  
EMBARC_ROOT = ../../..  
  
##  
# Middleware  
##  
MID_SEL = common  
  
##  
# Application source path  
##  
APPL_CSRC_DIR = .  
APPL_ASMSRC_DIR = .  
  
##  
# Application include path  
##  
APPL_INC_DIR = .
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```

## 
# Application defines
##
APPL_DEFINES =
## 
# Include current project makefile
##
COMMON_COMPILE_PREREQUISITES += makefile

### Options above must be added before include options.mk ###
# Include key embARC build system makefile
override EMBARC_ROOT := $(strip $(subst \,/, $(EMBARC_ROOT)))
include $(EMBARC_ROOT)/options/options.mk

```

4. run

- Set your EMSK 2.2 hardware configuration to ARC EM7D (no need to set for iotdk), and connect it to your PC. Open PuTTY or Tera-term, and connect to the right COM port. Set the baudrate to **115200 bps**.
- Enter `make run` in the command line to run this application.

Exercises

Create your application which is different with **blinky** and **hello_world** in embARC OSP.

ARC features: timer and auxiliary registers

Purpose

- To know about builtin timer of ARC EM processor
- To learn how to program auxiliary registers to control the timer
- Read the count value of the timer, and implement a time clock by the timer

Equipment

The following hardware and software tools are required:

- PC host
- ARC GNU toolchain / MetaWare Development Toolkit
- ARC board (EM Starter Kit/IoT Development Kit)
- embARC OSP package
- `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab3_timer`

Content

Read the auxiliary registers of ARC EM to get the version and other setting information of the timer resource. As all ARC EM processors have **Timer0**, we use **Timer0** in this lab, and write the auxiliary registers to initialize, start and stop the timer. By reading the count value of the timer, we can calculate the execution time of a code block with the count value and the clock frequency.

Principles

Introduction of timer and auxiliary registers

Timers in ARC EM processor

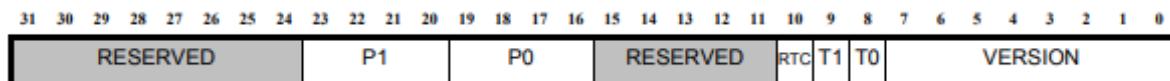
- Two 32-bits programmable timers **Timer0** and **Timer1**
- One 64-bits **RTC** (Real-Time Counter)

All the times are configurable, for example, there are four EM processor cores in **ARC EMSK1.1**, their configuration information are as follows.

Timer	EM4	EM4_16CR	EM4	EM4_16CR
HAS_TIMER0	1	1	1	1
HAS_TIMER1	1	0	1	0
RTC_OPTION	0	0	0	0

The auxiliary register Timer BCR holds the timer resource information of the processor core, the register address of **TIMER_BUILD** is *0x75*.

TIMER_BUILD



Once we know that an EM processor has a timer, we can get the timer's configuration information and control the timers by writing and reading the auxiliary register of that timer. For example, these are the related auxiliary registers for **Timer0**.

Auxiliary Register	Name	Permission	Description
0x21	COUNT0	RW	Processor timer 0 count value
0x22	CONTROL0	RW	Processor timer 0 control value
0x23	LIMIT0	RW	Processor timer 0 limit value

Program flow chart



Steps

Makefile configuration

There are two ways to configure the builtin timers.

First, configure by compiling command, for example:

```
make BOARD=iotdk BD_VER=10 CUR_CORE=arcem9d -j4 TOOLCHAIN=gnu run
```

Second, configure by modifying the makefile. The compiling command will be very simple, for example:

```
make -j4 run
```

Open the folder `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab3_timer`, and open the `makefile`, here is the default configuration.

```

# Application name
API := lab3_timer

##
# Current Board And Core
##
BOARD ?= iotdk
BD_VER ?= 10
CUR_CORE ?= arcem9d

```

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```
##  
# Set toolchain  
##  
TOOLCHAIN ?= gnu  
  
#  
# root dir of embARC  
#  
EMBARC_ROOT = ../../..  
  
MID_SEL = common  
  
# application source dirs  
APPL_CSRC_DIR = .  
APPL_ASMSRC_DIR = .  
  
# application include dirs  
APPL_INC_DIR = .
```

- Reconfigure **BOARD** and **CUR_CORE**, in this lab, we use the launch board *iotdk*

```
##  
# Current Board And Core  
##  
BOARD ?= iotdk  
BD_VER ?= 10  
CUR_CORE ?= arcem9d
```

- Reconfigure **TOOLCHAIN**, select the toolchain *gnu* or *metaware* you used

```
##  
# Set toolchain  
##  
TOOLCHAIN ?= gnu
```

- Reconfigure **EMBARC_ROOT**, make sure the relative path between *embARC OSP* root folder and the *timer* folder is correct.

```
#  
# root dir of embARC  
#  
EMBARC_ROOT = ../../..
```

Main code

Read auxiliary register **BCR_BUILD**

We can use the function `_arc_aux_read()` to read the auxiliary register for the builtin timer.

Read auxiliary register **TIMER_BUILD**. In the register **TIMER_BUILD** The lower 8 bits indicate the core version information, bit 9 for **Timer0**, bit 10 for **Timer1**, and bit 11 for **RTC**. Here is the code:

```
uint32_t bcr = _arc_aux_read(AUX_BCR_TIMERS);  
int timer0_flag=(bcr >> 8) & 1;  
int timer1_flag=(bcr >> 9) & 1;  
int RTC_flag=(bcr >> 10) & 1;
```

Read timer related auxiliary registers, for example, the **Timer0**. Here is the code:

```

EMBARC_PRINTF("Does this timer0 exist? YES\r\n");
/*Read auxiliary register configuration information*/
EMBARC_PRINTF("timer0's operating mode:0x%08x\r\n",_arc_aux_read(AUX_TIMER0_CTRL));
EMBARC_PRINTF("timer0's limit value :0x%08x\r\n",_arc_aux_read(AUX_TIMER0_LIMIT));
EMBARC_PRINTF("timer0's current cnt_number:0x%08x\r\n",_arc_aux_read(AUX_TIMER0_
↪CNT));

```

Stop-Set-Start the Timer0

We can use the function `_arc_aux_write()` to write the auxiliary register.

To control **Timer0** with the related auxiliary registers.

- **COUNT0**: write this register to set the initial value of **Timer0**. It will increase from the set value at anytime you write this register.
- **CONTROL0**: write this register to update the control modes of **Timer0**.
- **LIMIT0**: write this register to set the limit value of **Timer0**, the limit value is the value after which an interrupt or a reset must be generated.

In this lab, we should stop timer before setting and starting it, the function `timer_stop()` is already encapsulated in embARC OSP, you can use this function or directly write the register. And then set the timer work mode, enable interrupt or not and set the limit value. At last start the timer. Here is the code:

```

/* Stop it first since it might be enabled before */
_arc_aux_write(AUX_TIMER0_CTRL, 0);
_arc_aux_write(AUX_TIMER0_LIMIT,0);
_arc_aux_write(AUX_TIMER0_CNT, 0);
/* This is a example about timer0's timer function. */
uint32_t mode = TIMER_CTRL_NH; /*Timing without triggering interruption.*/
uint32_t val = MAX_COUNT;
_arc_aux_write(AUX_TIMER0_CNT, 0);
_arc_aux_write(AUX_TIMER0_LIMIT,val);
/* start the specific timer */
_arc_aux_write(AUX_TIMER0_CTRL,mode);

```

When the timer is running, we can read the count value of the timer, and calculate the execution time of a code block. Here is the code:

```

uint32_t start_cnt=_arc_aux_read(AUX_TIMER0_CNT);
/*
 * code block
 */
uint32_t end_cnt=_arc_aux_read(AUX_TIMER0_CNT);
uint32_t time=(end_cnt-start_cnt) / (BOARD_CPU_CLOCK/1000);

```

Compile and debug

- Compile and download

Open cmd under the folder `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab3_timer`, input the compile command as follow:

```
make -j4 run
```

Note: If your toolchain is metaware, you should use gmake. If you don't use core configuration specified in makefile, you need to pass all the make options to trigger make command

- Output

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```
embARC Build Time: Aug 22 2018, 15:32:54
Compiler Version: Metaware, 4.2.1 Compatible Clang 4.0.1 (branches/release_40)
Does this timer0 exist? YES
timer0's operating mode:0x00000003
timer0's limit value :0x00023280
timer0's current cnt_number:0x0000c236
```

```
Does this timer1 exist? YES  
timer1's operating mode:0x00000000  
timer1's limit value :0x00000000  
timer1's current cnt_number:0x00000000
```

Does this RTC_timer exist? NO

The start_cnt number is:2
/***** TEST MODE START *****/

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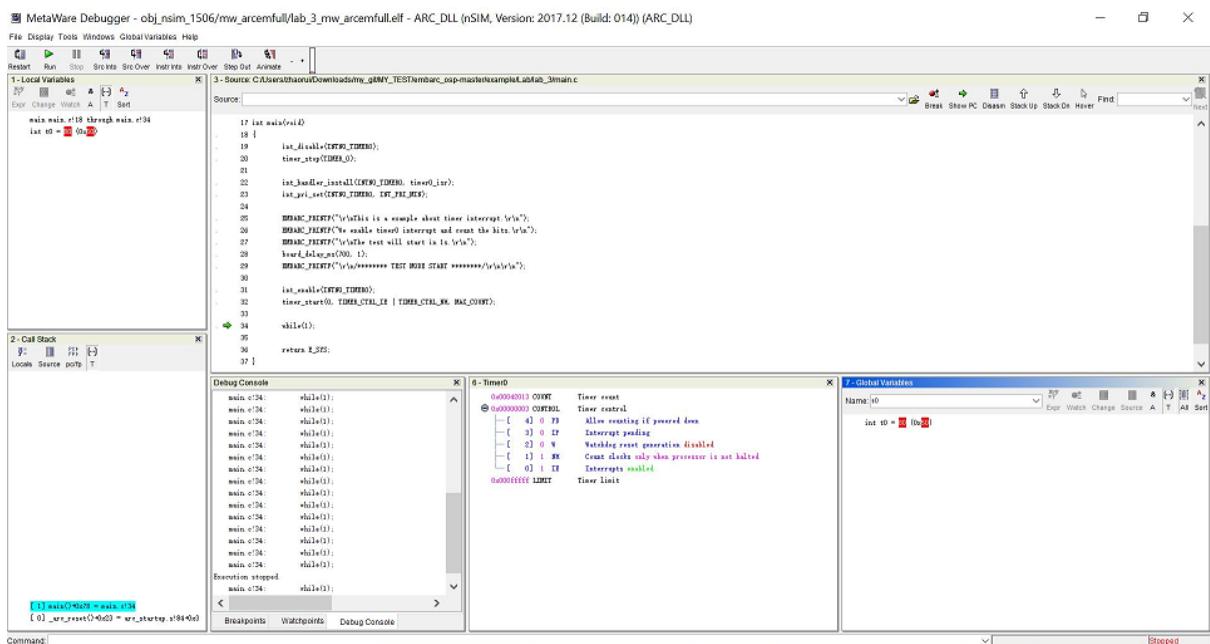
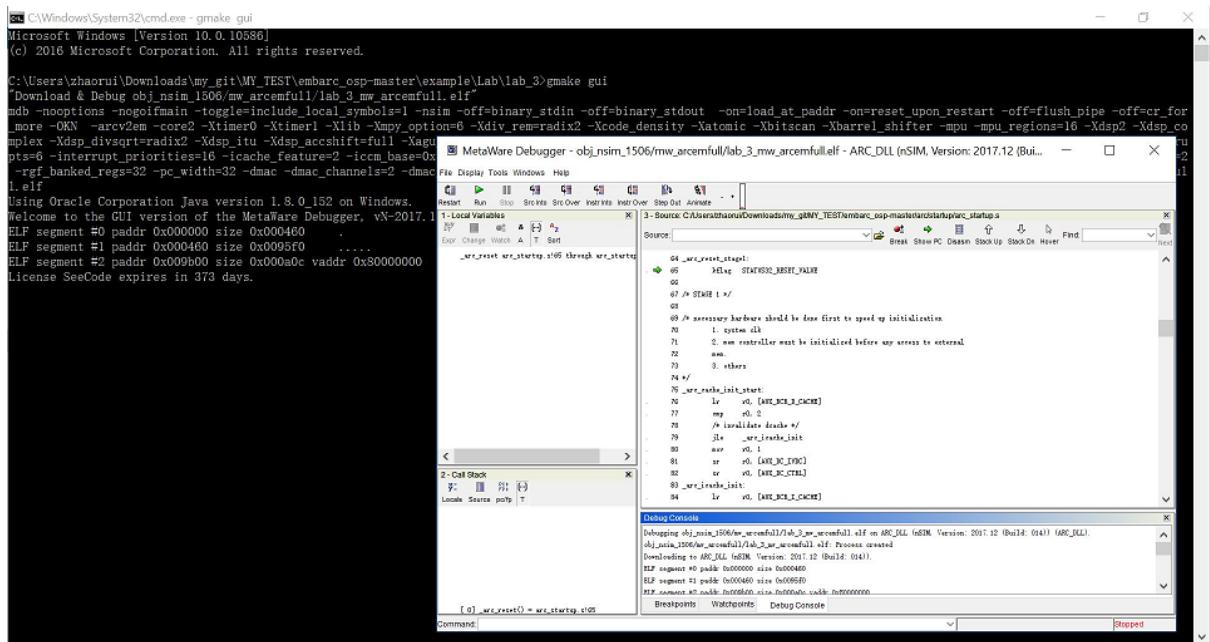
```
/***** TEST MODE END *****/  
The end_cnt number is:16785931  
The board cpu clock is:144000000
```

Total time of TEST CODE BLOCK operation:116

- Debug

Open cmd under the folder *embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab3_timer*, input the command as follow:

make gui



The debug view will pop up automatically, we can watch the variables and registers.

Exercises

In the debug view, observe and understand the contents of the interrupt vector table.

Note: Click the Memory button in the debug view Debugger drop-down menu to see the contents of the memory in real time.

ARC features: interrupts

Purpose

- To introduce the interrupt module in the ARC embedded processor
- To demonstrate how to use the interrupt and timer APIs already defined in the embARC processor in the program

Equipment

The following hardware and software tools are required:

- PC host
- ARC GNU toolchain/MetaWare Development Toolkit
- ARC board (EM Starter Kit/IoT Development Kit)
- embARC OSP package
- `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab4_interrupt`

Content

This lab and lab 3 are both introductions to the internal characteristics of the ARC processor. Lab 3 introduces the timer. This lab intends to introduce the interrupt of embARC through `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab4_interrupt` in the embARC OSP package. The two routines combined could give you a preliminary understanding of the ARC interrupt resources.

Principles

The ARC EM processor uses vector interrupts to handle interrupt events. When an interrupt occurs, the processor stops the execution of current program, and queries the corresponding interrupt vector in the predefined interrupt vector table based on the firing interrupt number. In other words, to find the entry address of the interrupt service routine(ISR). Then processor jumps to this address to execute the interrupt service routine. After ISR execution is completed, return to the interrupted program and complete the response of the interrupt event.

In embARC OSP, we use the `int_handler_install()` function to bind our interrupt function name to the interrupt vector of the corresponding interrupt.

Steps

Open and browse lab one

Go to `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab4_interrupt`, where there are two folders, `lab_4_1` and `lab_4_2`.

The `lab_4_1` is more basic compared to `lab_4_2`. So we first enter folder `lab_4_1`, in which the precise timing function is implemented through the timer interrupt.

Open `main.c` and browse the entire program.

```
#include "embARC.h"
#include "embARC_debug.h"

#define COUNT (BOARD_CPU_CLOCK/1000)
```

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```

volatile static int t0 = 0;
volatile static int second = 0;

/** arc timer 0 interrupt routine */
static void timer0_isr(void *ptr)
{
    timer_int_clear(TIMER_0);
    t0++;
}

/** arc timer 0 interrupt delay */
void timer0_delay_ms(int ms)
{
    t0 = 0;
    while(t0<ms);
}

/** main entry for testing arc fiq interrupt */
int main(void)
{
    int_disable(INTNO_TIMER0);
    timer_stop(TIMER_0);

    int_handler_install(INTNO_TIMER0, timer0_isr);
    int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER0, INT_PRI_MIN);

    EMBARC_PRINTF("\r\nThis is a example about timer interrupt.\r\n");
    EMBARC_PRINTF("\r\n***** TEST MODE START *****\r\n\r\n");

    int_enable(INTNO_TIMER0);
    timer_start(TIMER_0, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, COUNT);

    while(1)
    {
        timer0_delay_ms(1000);
        EMBARC_PRINTF("\r\n %ds.\r\n", second);
        second++;
    }
    return E_SYS;
}

```

Sub-module analysis lab one code

The code can be roughly divided into three parts: interrupt service function, main function, and delay function.

Let's analyze each one below:

- Interrupt service function:

```

static void timer0_isr(void *ptr)
{
    timer_int_clear(TIMER_0);
    t0++;
}

```

This code is a standard example of an interrupt service routine: enters the service function, clears the interrupt flag bit, and then performs the processing that needs to be done in the interrupt service function. Other interrupt service functions can also be written using this template.

In this function, we increment the count variable t0 by one.

- Main function

```
int main(void)
{
    int_disable(INTNO_TIMER0);
    timer_stop(TIMER_0);

    int_handler_install(INTNO_TIMER0, timer0_isr);
    int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER0, INT_PRI_MIN);

    EMBARC_PRINTF("\r\nThis is a example about timer interrupt.\r\n");
    EMBARC_PRINTF("\r\n***** TEST MODE START *****\r\n\r\n");

    int_enable(INTNO_TIMER0);
    timer_start(TIMER_0, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, COUNT);

    while(1)
    {
        timer0_delay_ms(1000);
        EMBARC_PRINTF("\r\n %ds.\r\n", second);
        second++;
    }
    return E_SYS;
}
```

The EMBARC_PRINTF function in this code is only used to send information to the computer, which can be ignored during analysis.

This code is divided into two parts: initialization and looping.

In the initialization section, we configure the timer and timer interrupts.

Unlike Lab 3, this code uses the embARC OSP API to program timer0. In fact, in essence, these two methods are the same. The API just encapsulates the read and write operations of the auxiliary registers for convenience.

First, in order to configure **Timer0** and its interrupts, we need to turn them off first. This work is done by the functions `int_disable` and `timer_stop`.

Then we configure the interrupt service function and priority for our interrupts. This work is done by the functions `int_handler_install` and `int_pri_set`.

Finally, after the interrupt configuration is complete, we need to enable the **Timer0** and interrupts that we previously turned off. This work is done by the functions `int_enable` and `timer_start`. The implementation of `timer_start` function is basically the same as the reading and writing of the auxiliary registers in lab_3. Source code for the APIs are in file arc_timer.c. One point to note at this step is the configuration of `timer_limit` (the last parameter of `timer_start`). We need to configure the interrupt time to 1ms , so we need to do a simple calculation (the formula is the expression after COUNT).

In this example, the indefinite loop helps to show reoccurrence of timer interrupts. We call our own delay function in the loop body to print the time per second.

Note: Since nSIM is only simulated by computer, there may be time inaccuracy when using this function. Interested students can use the EMSK to program the program in the development board. In this case, the time will be much higher than that in nSIM.

- Delay function

```
static void timer0_isr(void *ptr)
{
    t0 = 0;
    while(t0<ms);
}
```

This code is very simple and straight forward. When we enter the function, we clear the global variable t0. Since we have set the interrupt interval to 1ms in the above timer_start, we can assume that every time t0 is incremented, time has elapsed by 1ms.

Then, we wait till the while(t0<ms); statement goes false.

Lab one Labal phenomenon

After the lab one program is successfully downloaded, the serial output is as follows:

```
embARC Build Time: Mar 16 2018, 09:58:46
Compiler Version: Metaware, 4.2.1 Compatible Clang 4.0.1

This is an example about timer interrupt
/*****TEST MODE START*****/
0s

1s

2s

3s

4s

5s

...
```

Open and browse the lab two

We then enter lab_4_2, which mainly shows the working state of priority and interrupt nesting.

Open main.c and browse through the entire program.

```
#include "embARC.h"
#include "embARC_debug.h"

#define MAX_COUNT 0xfffffff

volatile static uint8_t timer_flag = 0;
volatile static uint8_t hits = 0;

volatile static uint8_t nesting_flag = 1;

/** arc timer 0 interrupt routine */
static void timer0_isr(void *ptr)
{
    timer_int_clear(TIMER_0);

    timer_flag = 0;

    board_delay_ms(10, 1);

    if(timer_flag)
    {
        EMBARC_PRINTF("Interrupt nesting!\r\n");
    }
    else
    {
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```

        EMBARC_PRINTF("Interrupt\r\n");
    }

    hits++;
}

/** arc timer 1 interrupt routine */
static void timer1_isr(void *ptr)
{
    timer_int_clear(TIMER_1);

    timer_flag = 1;
}

/** main entry for testing arc fiq interrupt */
int main(void)
{
    timer_stop(TIMER_0);
    timer_stop(TIMER_1);

    int_disable(INTNO_TIMER0);
    int_disable(INTNO_TIMER1);

    int_handler_install(INTNO_TIMER0, timer0_isr);
    int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER0, INT_PRI_MAX);

    int_handler_install(INTNO_TIMER1, timer1_isr);
    int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER1, INT_PRI_MIN);

    EMBARC_PRINTF("\r\nThe test will start in 1s.\r\n");
    EMBARC_PRINTF("\r\n***** TEST MODE START *****\r\n\r\n");

    int_enable(INTNO_TIMER0);
    int_enable(INTNO_TIMER1);

    timer_start(TIMER_0, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT);
    timer_start(TIMER_1, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT/100);

    while(1)
    {
        if((hits >= 5) && (nesting_flag == 1))
        {
            timer_stop(TIMER_0);
            timer_stop(TIMER_1);

            int_disable(INTNO_TIMER0);
            int_disable(INTNO_TIMER1);

            int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER0, INT_PRI_MIN);
            int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER1, INT_PRI_MAX);

            nesting_flag = 0;

            int_enable(INTNO_TIMER0);
            int_enable(INTNO_TIMER1);

            timer_start(TIMER_0, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT);
            timer_start(TIMER_1, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT/
            ↪100);
        }
        else if((hits >= 10) && (nesting_flag == 0))
    }
}

```

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```

{
    timer_stop(TIMER_0);
    timer_stop(TIMER_1);

    int_disable(INTNO_TIMER0);
    int_disable(INTNO_TIMER1);

    int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER0, INT_PRI_MAX);
    int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER1, INT_PRI_MIN);

    hits = 0;
    nesting_flag = 1;

    int_enable(INTNO_TIMER0);
    int_enable(INTNO_TIMER1);

    timer_start(TIMER_0, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT);
    timer_start(TIMER_1, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT/
    ↪100);
}
}

return E_SYS;
}

```

Sub-module analysis lab two code

Lab two seems complicated, but it is very simple. The code for Lab two only needs to be divided into two parts: the interrupt service routine and the main function.

- Interrupt service function

```

static void timer0_isr(void *ptr)
{
    timer_int_clear(TIMER_0);

    timer_flag = 0;

    board_delay_ms(10, 1);

    if(timer_flag)
    {
        EMBARC_PRINTF("Interrupt nesting!\r\n");
    }
    else
    {
        EMBARC_PRINTF("Interrupt\r\n");
    }

    hits++;
}

static void timer1_isr(void *ptr)
{
    timer_int_clear(TIMER_1);

    timer_flag = 1;
}

```

First, in order to analyze the code, we first ignore the extraneous parts (such as EMBARC_PRINTF, delay and hits in if).

In this case, we can find that for the interrupt service function timer0_isr, it is impossible to have the timer_flag of 1 only when it is itself. The only way to do this is to have another higher priority interrupt between timer_flag=0 and if statement set it.

Following this line of thought, let's look at timer1_isr again, and sure enough.

Regarding EMBARC_PRINTF, it is used to indicate the status.

Regarding the delay, its role is to lengthen this period of time, making nesting more likely.

Regarding hits, it will be mentioned in the main function module.

- main function

```
int main(void)
{
    timer_stop(TIMER_0);
    timer_stop(TIMER_1);

    int_disable(INTNO_TIMER0);
    int_disable(INTNO_TIMER1);

    int_handler_install(INTNO_TIMER0, timer0_isr);
    int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER0, INT_PRI_MAX);

    int_handler_install(INTNO_TIMER1, timer1_isr);
    int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER1, INT_PRI_MIN);

    EMBARC_PRINTF("\r\nThe test will start in 1s.\r\n");
    EMBARC_PRINTF("\r\n***** TEST MODE START *****\r\n\r\n");

    int_enable(INTNO_TIMER0);
    int_enable(INTNO_TIMER1);

    timer_start(TIMER_0, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT);
    timer_start(TIMER_1, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT/100);

    while(1)
    {
        if((hits >= 5) && (nesting_flag == 1))
        {
            timer_stop(TIMER_0);
            timer_stop(TIMER_1);

            int_disable(INTNO_TIMER0);
            int_disable(INTNO_TIMER1);

            int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER0, INT_PRI_MIN);
            int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER1, INT_PRI_MAX);

            nesting_flag = 0;

            int_enable(INTNO_TIMER0);
            int_enable(INTNO_TIMER1);

            timer_start(TIMER_0, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT);
            timer_start(TIMER_1, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT/100);
        }
        else if((hits >= 10) && (nesting_flag == 0))
        {
            timer_stop(TIMER_0);
            timer_stop(TIMER_1);

            int_disable(INTNO_TIMER0);
        }
    }
}
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```

int_disable(INTNO_TIMER1);

int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER0, INT_PRI_MAX);
int_pri_set(INTNO_TIMER1, INT_PRI_MIN);

hits = 0;
nesting_flag = 1;

int_enable(INTNO_TIMER0);
int_enable(INTNO_TIMER1);

timer_start(TIMER_0, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT);
timer_start(TIMER_1, TIMER_CTRL_IE | TIMER_CTRL_NH, MAX_COUNT/100);
}

}

return E_SYS;
}

```

The main function looks very long, but in fact a considerable part of it is repetitive (we can also build a small function to make the code look more concise).

In the first lab, we have already discussed the configuration of the timer and the creation of the interrupt, we will not repeat them here.

The main function is simple: when the interrupt of timer0 occurs 5 times, change the priority relationship of the two interrupts. The hits mentioned earlier are count variables in the above functions.

Lab two Labal phenomenon

The labal phenomenon of Lab two is shown in the figure.

“Interrupt nesting!” indicates that interrupt nesting has occurred, and “Interrupt” indicates that it has not occurred.

For a better understanding, let’s go back and look at the priority settings in the main function.

It is easy to see that when timer0 interrupt priority is low (INT_PRI_MAX is low priority, a lager numbes means a lower priority in ARC), timer1 interrupt can preempt timer0 interrupt; when timer0 interrupt priority is high, timer1 interrupt cannot interrupt/preempt its ISR execution.

To summarize, high-priority interrupts can interrupt low-priority interrupts, and low-priority interrupts can be preempted by high-priority interrupts.

```

embARC Build Time: Mar 16 2018, 09:58:46
Compiler Version: Metaware, 4.2.1 Compatible Clang 4.0.1

This test will start in 1s.

*****TEST MODE START*****

Interrupt nesting!
Interrupt nesting!
Interrupt nesting!
Interrupt nesting!
Interrupt nesting!
Interrupt nesting!
Interrupt
Interrupt
Interrupt
Interrupt
Interrupt
Interrupt nesting!
Interrupt nesting!

```

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```
Interrupt nesting!
Interrupt nesting!
Interrupt nesting!
Interrupt
Interrupt
Interrupt
```

Exercises

Try using an interrupt other than a timer to write a small program. (For example, try to implement a button controled LED using GPIO interrupt)

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A simple bootloader

Purpose

- Understand the memory map of ARC boards
- Understand the principles of bootloader and self-booting
- Understand the usage of shell commands in cmd
- Create a self-booting application

Equipment

The following hardware and software tools are required:

- PC host
- ARC GNU toolchain/MetaWare Development Toolkit
- ARC board (EM Starter kit/IoT Development Kit)
- SD card
- embARC OSP package
- example/baremetal/bootloader

Simple bootloader

This simple bootloader is designed to work as a secondary/simple bootloader for embARC, it will load `boot.hex` or `boot.bin` on SD Card and run that program. And this example itself can be used as ntshell application.

The following features are provided in this simple bootloader:

- Boot application from SD card
- File operations on SD card
- UART Y-modem protocol to update application
- Operations on ARC processors

Content

1. Build and run the example/baremetal/bootloader
2. Download the generated `bootloader.bin` into flash
3. Build a self-boot application and boot it from SD card
4. Use the ntshell commands

Principles

Memory Map of ARC board

EM Starter Kit

The available memory regions of EM Starter Kit are shown below.

Table 1: Memory Map of EM Starter Kit

Name	Start address	Size
on-chip ICCM	0x00000000	256/128 KB
on-chip DCCM	0x80000000	128 KB
on-board DDR RAM	0x10000000	128 MB

In this lab, the last 1 MB of DDR (starting from 0x17f00000) is reserved for the simple bootloader, other memory regions are available for application.

IoT Development Kit

The available memory regions of IoT Development Kit are shown below.

Table 2: Memory Map of IoT Development Kit

Name	Start address	Size
on-chip eflash	0x00000000	256 KB
external boot SPI flash	0x10000000	2 MB
on-chip ICCM	0x20000000	256 KB
on-chip SRAM	0x30000000	128 KB
on-chip DCCM	0x80000000	128 KB
on-chip XCCM	0xC0000000	32 KB
on-chip YCCM	0xE0000000	32 KB

In this lab, on-chip eflash and on-chip SRAM are reserved for the simple bootloader, CCMs are reserved for application.

Boot of ARC board

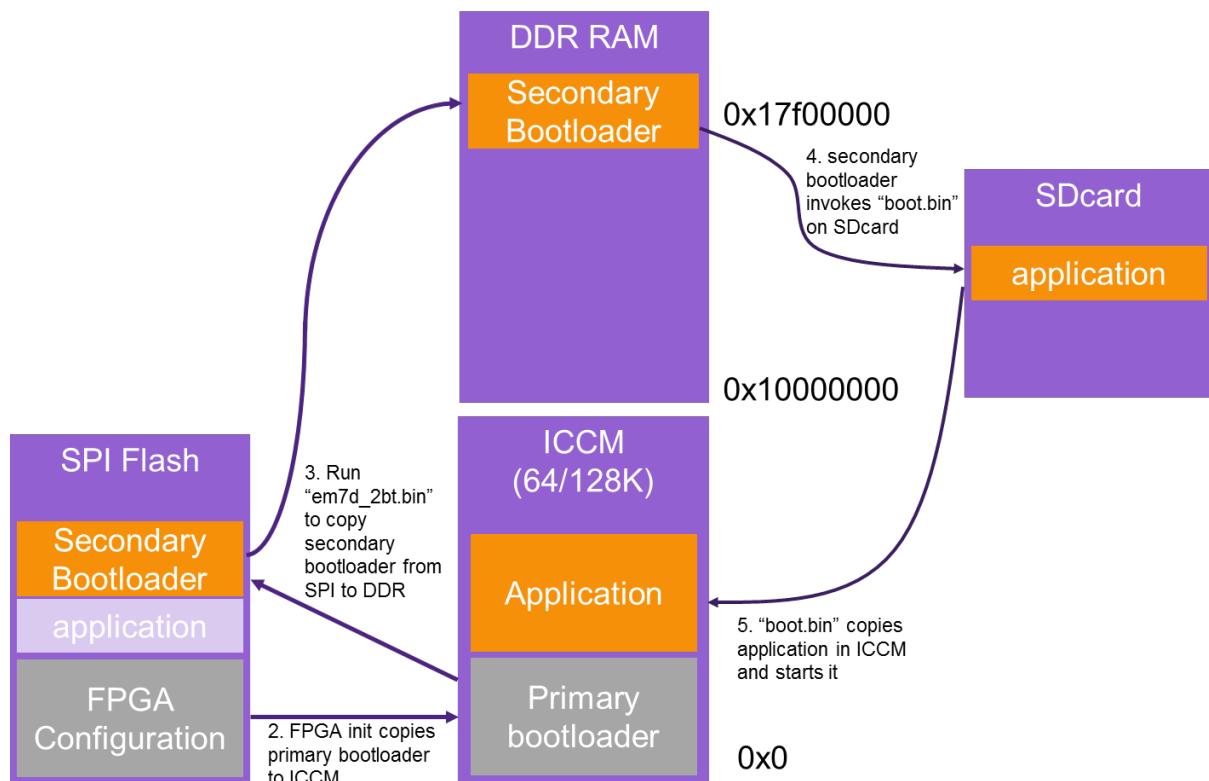
EM Starter Kit

EM Starter Kit uses a Xilinx SPARTAN-6 FPGA part which can be configured to run different members of the ARCv2 EM Processor family. It includes a SPI flash pre-programmed with four FPGA configurations of ARC EM cores.

When a “power on” or reset/configure is issued, the FPGA will auto-load one of the pre-installed FPGA configurations from SPI flash. After the FPGA configuration is loaded from the SPI flash, a simple primary bootloader is loaded in ICCM. Through the primary bootloader, an application can be loaded from SPI Flash into ICCM or external DDR memory.

Considering that the SPI Flash is used to store FPGA images, the secondary bootloader is designed based on the primary bootloader to load an application from an SD card since it can be read and written easily. The startup sequence is listed below:

1. Power on or reset event.
2. Load FPGA configuration from the SPI flash.
3. Run primary bootloader, which loads the secondary bootloader from the SPI Flash into main memory (DDR).
4. Run secondary bootloader from main memory to load application from the SD card into ICCM/DDR memory.
5. Run the application from ICCM/DDR memory.



IoT Development Kit

IoT Development Kit can boot from on-chip eflash and extern boot SPI flash, which is decided by the FWU switch of IOTDK. When this switch is set of “off”, the processor starts executing the program stored in on-chip eflash; When this switch is set of “on”, the processor starts executing the program stored in external boot SPI eflash. The simple bootloader can be written to both flash to load an application from the TF card. The startup sequence for IoT Development Kit is listed below:

1. Power on or reset event
2. Boot from on-chip eflash or extern boot SPI flash decided by the FWU switch
3. Run simple bootloader to load application from the TF card into ICCM.
4. Run the application from ICCM memory.

How to flash the ARC board

EM Starter Kit

- Generate a secondary bootloader binary file

```
$ cd <embarc_root>/example/baremetal/bootloader
$ gmake BOARD=emsk BD_VER=22 CUR_CORE=arcem7d TOOLCHAIN=mw bin
```

- **Program generated secondary bootloader binary file into SPIFlash**

- Insert SD card to your PC, and copy the binary file `obj_emsk_23-gnu_arcem7d/emsk_bootloader_gnu_arcem7d.bin` to SD card root folder, and rename it to `em7d_2bt.bin`
- Insert the SD card to EMSK Board, please choose the right core configuration, build and run the `<embARC>/example/baremetal/bootloader` example, then press any button to stop auto boot process, and enter to ntshell command mode.
- Then use ntshell command `spirw` to program the `em7d_2bt.bin` into spiflash.
 - * Firstly, run `spirw` to show help
 - * Secondly, run `spirw -i` to check SPIFlash ID, it should be **Device ID = ef4018**
 - * Thirdly, run `spirw -w em7d_2bt.bin 0x17f00000 0x17f00004` to program spiflash
 - * Check the output message to see if it was programmed successfully.

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "COM3:115200baud - Tera Term VT". The window displays a series of SPI flash commands and their responses. Key parts of the log are highlighted with red boxes:

- Device ID:** Device ID = ef4018
- Writing:** ** Writing file em7d_2bt.bin; to address 0x17f00000 start at 0x17f00004
Erased 37 sectors from 0xd80000 to 0xda4ffff
- Writing SPI flash:** write 0xd8001c - 0xd8101c check_sum:57126
write 0xd8101c - 0xd8201c check_sum:ac3a2
write 0xd8201c - 0xd8301c check_sum:102aac
write 0xd8301c - 0xd8401c check_sum:1575b3
write 0xd8401c - 0xd8501c check_sum:1a91ea
write 0xd8201c - 0xd8301c check_sum:e1b904
write 0xda301c - 0xda401c check_sum:f43f00
write 0xda401c - 0xda470c check_sum:f5015c
Written 149260 bytes: header=28 and image from 0xd80000 to 0xda470b
- Boot image header:** head: 0x68656164
cpu: 0x0
start: 0xd8001c
size: 0x246f0
ram addr: 0x17f00000
start: 0x17f00004
checksum: 0xf5015c
- Success message:** Successfully programmed to spiflash
- Final command:** SPI Flash Command Done

- If programmed successfully, when the board is reset, make sure Bit 4 of the on-board DIP switch is ON to enable secondary bootloader run.
- If the SD card already contains the *boot.bin* in it, the bootloader will automatically load it from SD card, if not, it will enter to ntshell mode.
- You can goto the next step to generate the *boot.bin* for proper application you want to be auto-loaded in SD card.

```

COM22:115200baud - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help
Firmware Feb 22 2017, v2.3
Bootloader Feb 22 2017, v1.1
ARC EM7D, core configuration #1

ARC IDENTITY = 0x43
RF_BUILD = 0x2
TIMER_BUILD = 0x1010b05
ICCM_BUILD = 0xa05
DCCM_BUILD = 0x10905
I_CACHE_BUILD = 0x225105
D_CACHE_BUILD = 0x215105

SelfTest PASSED

Boot image has been found
    start = 0xd8001c
    size = 0x4030c
    ram addressss = 0x17f00000
    start address = 0x17f00004
    ↗ Bit 4 of DIP switch is off, then
    bootloader is not loaded and
    start to run

Reload cfg button pressed(C)
*****
**      Synopsys, Inc.      **
**      ARC EM Starter kit   **
**      **
**      Comprehensive software stacks **
**      available from embARC.org   **
**      **
*****  

Firmware Feb 22 2017, v2.3
Bootloader Feb 22 2017, v1.1
ARC EM7D, core configuration #1

ARC IDENTITY = 0x43
RF_BUILD = 0x2
TIMER_BUILD = 0x1010b05
ICCM_BUILD = 0xa05
DCCM_BUILD = 0x10905
I_CACHE_BUILD = 0x225105
D_CACHE_BUILD = 0x215105

SelfTest PASSED

Boot image has been found
    start = 0xd8001c
    size = 0x4030c
    ram addressss = 0x17f00000
    start address = 0x17f00004
    ↗ Bit 4 of DIP switch is on, then
    bootloader is loaded

Loading 262924 bytes from SPI: 0xd8001c to RAM: 0x17f00000 - completed
Starting application from RAM/flash
embARC Build Time: Mar 16 2017, 17:34 Secondary bootloader on spiflash
Compiler Version: ARC GNU, 6.2.1 20160824
FatFS initialized successfully!
boot.json open error. use default bootloader

Press any button on board to stop auto boot in 5 s
.....

```

- Generate boot.bin using any embARC example which ram start address should be 0x10000000 and use bootloader to run it

- Know Issues

- Boot rom of EMSK1.x is not able to load secondary bootloader on SPIFlash, you need a modified EMSK1.x mcs file to enable this function, please send request in forum about this mcs file.

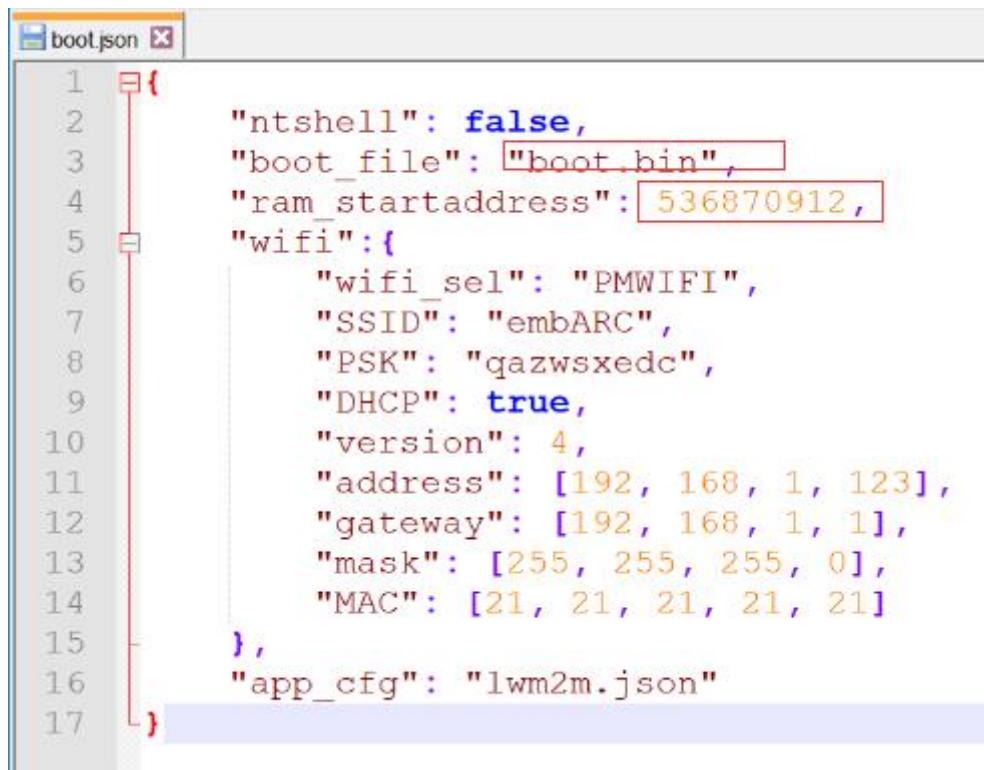
IoT Development Kit

- Generate a secondary bootloader binary file

```
$ cd <embarc_root>/example/baremetal/bootloader
$ gmake BOARD=iotdk BD_VER=10 CUR_CORE=arcem9d TOOLCHAIN=mw LOCATION=eflash bin
```

- Program generated secondary bootloader binary file into SPIFlash

- Insert SD card to your PC, and copy the binary file obj_iotdk_10/mw_arcem9d/simple_bootloader_mw_arcem9d.bin to SD card Root, and rename it to simple_bootloader.bin
- copy the file example/bootloader/boot.json to SD card root, and change the boot_file value to boot.bin, and change the ram_startaddress to 536870912(0x20000000).



- Insert the SD card to iotdk Board, build and run the <embARC>/example/baremetal/bootloader example, and enter to ntshell command mode.

```
$ cd <embarc_root>/example/baremetal/bootloader
$ gmake distclean
$ gmake BOARD=iotdk BD_VER=10 CUR_CORE=arcem9d TOOLCHAIN=mw run
```

- Then use ntshell command *flash* to program the **simple_bootloader.bin** into both flash.

- * Firstly, run *flash -h* to show help.
- * Secondly, run *flash -eflash simple_bootloader.bin* to program eflash.
- * Thirdly, run *flash -bootspi simple_bootloader.bin* to program bootspi flash.

- * Check the output message to see if it was programmed successfully.

```
VT COM11 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help

COM1>flash -h
Usage: flash [OPTION]...
Write bin file to flash(eflash or bootspi flash)
-h/H/? Show the help information
Examples:
  flash -eflash test.bin      Write bin file to eflash
  flash -bootspi test.bin     Write bin file to bootspi flash
  flash -h                   Show the help information
COM1>flash -eflash simple_bootloader.bin
COM1>flash -bootspi simple_bootloader.bin
COM1>
```

- If the SD card already contains the `boot.bin` and `boot.json` in it, the bootloader will automatically load it from SD card, if not, it will enter to ntshell mode.
 - You can goto the next step to generate the `boot.bin` for proper application you want to be auto-loaded in SD card.

- Generate `boot.bin` using any embARC example which ram start address should be `0x20000000` and use bootloader to run it

Exercises

- ## 1. Create and build a different self-boot embARC application

2. Use the ntshell commands
3. Use the UART-ymodem to load your application

3.2.2 Level 2 Labs

Compiler Optimizations

Part 1. Prerequisites

Before starting using ARC DSP the following prerequisites are required:

- Have MetaWare tools for Windows installed
https://www.synopsys.com/dw/ipdir.php?ds=sw_metaware
- Known how to create, edit, build and debug projects in MetaWare IDE
- Have IoT Development Kit board and Digilent USB drivers (Digilent Adept 2) installed and tested
<http://store.digilentinc.com/digilent-addept-2-download-only>
- IoT Development Kit board is EM9D based

The following needs to be tested before starting this lab:

- Connecting IoT Development Kit board to computer
- Connecting serial console (PuTTY) to IOTDK COM port (For information on how to do initial board setup and configuration please refer to *Getting Started* chapter of *ARC IOT Design Kit User Guide* that came along with IOTDK board).

Part 2. Lab Objectives

Use MetaWare compiler options to optimize regular C code employing DSP extensions. Try direct usage of DSP extensions through intrinsic.

Part 3. Lab principle and method

This section describes compiler options in MetaWare used in this lab.

To optimize code to use DSP extensions two sets of compiler options will be used throughout the lab, DSP Extensions options and optimization level.

DSP Extensions Options

We will use EMBARC OSP build system to build software. The details can be found in EMBARC OSP document page. Here is the example command. You can pass extra compiler/liner options by ADT_COPT/ADTLOPT.

```
gmake BOARD=emsk BD_VER=23 CUR_CORE=arcem9d TOOLCHAIN=mw gui  
ADT_COPT="-Hfxapi -Xdsp2" OLEVEL=O2
```

Options that are used in the lab are:

- `-Xdsp[1/2]:`
Enable DSP instructions
- `-Xdsp_complex, -Xdsp_divsqrt:`
Enable complex arithmetic DSP, divide & sqrt instructions

- `-Xdsp_ctrl[=up|convergent,noguard|guard, preshift|postshift]:`
Fine-tune the compiler's assumptions about the rounding, guard bit and fractional product shift behavior
- `-Hdsplib:` Link in the DSP library
For programming ARC fixed-point DSP in C and C++
Contains functions to carry out DSP algorithms such as filtering & transforms
- `-Hfxapi:` Use the Fixed Point API support library
Used with `-Xdsp`. Provides low level intrinsic support for EM DSP instructions.
Programs written using this API execute natively on an ARC EM processor with DSP extensions and can also be emulated on x86 Windows hosts.
- `-Xxy:` Specifies that XY memory is available
Used with `-Xdsp2`. Enables optimization for XY memory
- `-Xagu_small, -Xagu_medium, -Xagu_large:`
Enables AGU, and specifies its size. Note IOTDK has small AGU

Note: Because ARC cores are configurable, different cores can contain different extensions on hardware level. Thus options set for compiler should match underlying hardware. On the other hand if specific hardware feature is present in the core but compiler option is not set, it won't be used effectively, if used at all. IOTDK Core default options are presented in Appendix A.

Optimization level

MetaWare compiler has different optimization levels, which enables or disables various optimization techniques included in the compiler. You can pass the optimization option to gmake by “OLEVEL=O2”.

The lowest level is the default `-O0`, which does little optimization to the compiled assembly code and easy for debugging because in un-optimized assembly code all source code commands will have 1:1 representation. On the other hand `-O3` highest level optimization highly modifies output assembly code to make it small and fast, but harder for debugging since it's heavily optimized. Also, high level of optimization requires longer compilation time, which is costly in time for large projects where many compilation iterations are to be made.

Optimization for DSP extensions

A regular code without direct usage of DSP extensions can be optimized to use DSP extensions wherever compiler finds suitable to employ DSP extensions.

Checking options

Options are specified in the makefile or command line, as shown in the previous section.

Part 4. Optimizing code

An example code below contains a function called “test” which contains a for loop and a multiply accumulate operation done manually.

```
#include <stdio.h>

short test(short *a, short *b) {
    int i;

    long acc = 0;
    for(i = 0; i < 10; i++)
        acc += ( ((long)(*a++)) * *b++) << 1;

    return (short) (acc);
}

short a[] = {1,2,3,4,5, 6,7,8,9,10};
short b[] = {11,12,13,14,15, 16,17,18,19,20};

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {

    short c = test(a,b);

    printf("result=%d",c);

    return 0;
}
```

Step 1. Compiling without DSP extensions

Set optimization level “-O0”, and no DSP extensions (unchecked -Xdsp1, -Xdsp2).

After compilation open disassembly window and check assembly code for function “test”.

Below is the list options used when launching gmake:

```
OLEVEL=O0 ADT_COPT="-arcv2em -core1 -Xlib -Xtimer0 -Xtimer1"
```

You can use the following command to generate disassembly code:

```
elfdump -T -S <your_working_directory>/obj_iotdk_10/mw_arcem9d/
dsp_lab1_mw_arcem9d.elf
```

Notice assembly code in the disassembled output. See how many assembly instruction are used for each line, for example for loop spends several instruction to calculate loop variable value and check whether to stop.

```

29 short test(short *a, short *b) {
test      sub_s      %sp,%sp,16
test+0x02 st_s       %r0,[%sp,12]
test+0x04 st_s       %r1,[%sp,8]
32      long acc = 0;
test+0x06 mov_s      %r0,0
test+0x08 st_s       %r0,[%sp]
test+0x0a st_s       %r0,[%sp,4]
33      for(i = 0; i < 10; i++)
test+0x0c ld_s       %r0,[%sp,4]
33      for(i = 0; i < 10; i++)
test+0x0e cmp_s      %r0,9
test+0x10 bgt_s     0xdc = test+0x34 = basic.c!36
34      acc += ((long)(*a++)) * *b++ << 1;
test+0x12 ld_s       %r0,[%sp,12]
test+0x14 add_s     %r1,%r0,2
test+0x16 st_s       %r1,[%sp,12]
test+0x18 ldh_s.x   %r0,[%r0]
test+0x1a ld_s       %r1,[%sp,8]
test+0x1c add_s     %r2,%r1,2
test+0x1e st_s       %r2,[%sp,8]
test+0x20 ldh_s.x   %r1,[%r1]
test+0x22 mpy_s     %r0,%r0,%r1
test+0x24 asl_s     %r0,%r0
test+0x26 ld_s       %r1,[%sp]
test+0x28 add_s     %r0,%r0,%r1
test+0x2a st_s       %r0,[%sp]
test+0x2c ld_s       %r0,[%sp,4]
test+0x2e add_s     %r0,%r0,1
test+0x30 st_s       %r0,[%sp,4]
test+0x32 b_s        0xb4 = test+0x0c = basic.c!33

```

Step 2. Compiling without DSP extensions, with -O2

Compile with:

```
OLEVEL=O2 ADT_COPT="-arcv2em -core1 -Xlib -Xtimer0 -Xtimer1"
```

Adding optimization level -O2, optimizes out many of the instructions:

```

29 short test(short *a, short *b) {
test      mov_s      %r2,0
test+0x02 mov        %lp_count,10
test+0x06 lp         0xbe = test+0x16 = basic.c!36
34      acc += ((long)(*a++)) * *b++ << 1;
test+0x0a ldh.x.ab  %r3,[%r1,2]
test+0x0e ldh.x.ab  %r12,[%r0,2]
test+0x12 mpyw_s    %r3,%r3,%r12
test+0x14 add1_s    %r2,%r2,%r3
36      return (short) ((acc+0x8000)>>16);
test+0x16 add        %r0,%r2,0x8000
test+0x1e j_s.d     [%blink]
test+0x20 asr_s     %r0,%r0,16
.0+0x2c nop_s
47      return 0;
→main      j_s.d     [%blink] ; _mwcall_main+0x6e

```

In this code it is easy to find zero-delay loop (“lp” command) which acts as for loop. Note that multiply-accumulate is done with separate “mpyw_s” and “add1_s” instructions.

Step 3. Compiling with DSP extensions

Compile with:

```
OLEVEL=O3 ADT_COPT="-arcv2em -core1 -Xlib -Xtimer0 -Xtimer1 -Xdsp1"
```

Adding -Xdsp1 (optimization level changed to -O3) helps compiler to optimize away “mpyw_s” and “add1_s” instructions and replace them with hardware dual-16bit SIMD multiplication “vmpy2h”. Notice the loop count is now 5.

```
3: short test(short *a, short *b) {           %lp_count,5
13c: 244a7140          mov    %lp_count,5
140: 244a1000          mov    %r12,0
4:     int i;
5:
6:     long acc = 0;
7:     for(i = 0; i < 10; i++)
144: 20a80300          lp     0x15c = test+0x20
8:         acc += ( ((long)(*a++)) * *b++) << 1 ;
148: 11040402          ld.ab  %r2,[%r1,4]
14c: 10040403          ld.ab  %r3,[%r0,4]
150: 2b1c0084          vmpy2h %r4,%r3,%r2
154: 24141102          addl   %r2,%r12,%r4
158: 2214014c          addl   %r12,%r2,%r5
9:
10:    return (short) (acc);
15c: 7fe0               j_s.d  [%blink]
15e: 788e               sexh_s %r0,%r12
main:
13: short a[] = {1,2,3,4,5, 6,7,8,9,10};
14: short b[] = {11,12,13,14,15, 16,17,18,19,20};
15:
16: int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
```

Note: Assignment: Remove “<<1” from test function, see what changes in output instructions.

Appendix A.IOTDK Default Core Configurations

ARC_EM5D

This is an ARC EM core with 32 bits address space, 128 KB of code memory (ICCM) and 256 KB of data memory (DCCM).

```
-arcv2em -core1 -HL -Xcode_density -Xswap -Xnorm -Xmpy16 -Xmpy -Xmpyd  
-Xshift_assist -Xbarrel_shifter -Xdsp2 -Xdsp_complex -Xtimer0 -Xtimer1
```

ARC_EM7D

This is an ARC EM core with 32 bits address space, 256 KB of code memory (ICCM) and 128 KB of data memory (DCCM). Corresponding MetaWare compiler options for this configuration are:

```
-arcv2em -core2 -HL -Xcode_density -Xdiv_rem=radix2 -Xswap  
-Xbitscan -Xmpy_option=mpyd -Xshift_assist -Xbarrel_shifter  
-Xdsp2 -Xdsp_complex -Xdsp_divsqrt=radix2 -Xdsp_accshift=limited -Xtimer0  
-Xtimer1 -Xstack_check -Hccm -Xdmac
```

ARC_EM9D

This is an ARC EM core with 32 bits address space, 256 KB of code memory (ICCM) and 128 KB of data memory (DCCM). The corresponding MetaWare compiler options for this configuration are:

```
-arcv2em -core2 -Hrgf_banked_regs=32 -HL -Xcode_density  
-Xdiv_rem=radix2 -Xswap -Xbitscan -Xmpy_option=mpyd
```

```
-Xshift_assist -Xbarrel_shifter -Xdsp2 -Xdsp_complex
-Xdsp_divsqrt=radix2 -Xdsp_itu-Xdsp_accshift=full -Xagu_large
-Xxy -Xbitstream -Xfpus_div -Xfpu_mac -Xfpus_mpy_slow
-Xfpus_div_slow -Xtimer0 -Xtimer1 -Xstack_check -Hccm -Xdmac
```

ARC_EM11D Configuration

This is an ARC EM core with 32 bits address space, 64 KB of code memory (ICCM) and 64 KB of data memory (DCCM). Corresponding MetaWare compiler options for this configuration are:

```
-arcv2em -core2 -Hrgf_banked_regs=32 -HL -Xcode_density
-Xdiv_rem=radix2 -Xswap -Xbitscan -Xmpy_option=mpyd
-Xshift_assist -Xbarrel_shifter -Xdsp2 -Xdsp_complex -Xdsp_divsqrt=radix2
-Xdsp_itu -Xdsp_accshift=full -Xagu_large -Xxy -Xbitstream -Xfpus_div
-Xfpu_mac -Xfpuda -Xfpus_mpy_slow -Xfpus_div_slow -Xtimer0 -Xtimer1
-Xstack_check -Hccm -Xdmac
```

Programming ARC DSP Using FXAPI

Part 1. Prerequisites

Before starting using ARC DSP the following prerequisites are required:

- Have MetaWare tools for Windows installed
https://www.synopsys.com/dw/ipdir.php?ds=sw_metaware
- Knowledge as to how to create, edit, build and debug projects in MetaWare IDE
- Have IoT Development Kit board and Digilent USB drivers (Digilent Adept 2) installed and tested
<http://store.digilentinc.com/digilent-addept-2-download-only>
- IoT Development Kit is based on DSP-enabled core configuration EM9D

The following procedures need to be tested before this lab:

- Connecting IOTDK board to computer
- Connecting serial console (PuTTY) to IOTDK COM port (For information on how to do initial board setup and configuration please refer to *Getting Started* chapter of *ARC IOT Design Kit User Guide* that came along with IoT Development Kit board).

Part 2. Lab Objectives

Use FXAPI and compare program run speed with and without FXAPI, i.e. DSP extension usage.

Part 3. Lab principle and method

This lab uses complex number multiplication as an example where using just compiler optimization options cannot gain the same effect as calling DSP instructions manually through FXAPI.

In this lab two implementations of complex multiplication are shown with and without FXAPI.

Complex number multiplication

Multiplication of two complex numbers $a (R_a + I_a i)$ and $b (R_b + I_b i)$

Is done using formula:

$$ab = (R_a + I_a i)(R_b + I_b i) = (R_a R_b - I_a I_b) + (R_a I_b + R_b I_a)i$$

In this example multiplication and accumulation of two arrays of complex numbers will be measured as a way to demonstrate ARC DSP extension performance when used effectively.

The sum of element wise products of two arrays of complex numbers is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{result} = \sum_{i=0}^N a_i + b_i$$

where a and b are arrays of N complex numbers.

Implementation without DSP

In order to calculate element wise products of two arrays of complex numbers a struct can be defined that stores real and imaginary parts of the complex number, thus the calculation process receives an array of structures and works on it. The code is shown below:

```
typedef struct { short real; short imag; } complex_short;

complex_short short_complex_array_mult (complex_short *a, complex_short *b, int_
→size) {
    complex_short result = {0,0};
    int acci=0;
    int accr=0;

    for (int i=0; i < size; i++) {
        accr += (int) ( a[i].real * b[i].real );
        accr -= (int) ( a[i].imag * b[i].imag );

        acci += (int) ( a[i].real * b[i].imag );
        acci += (int) ( a[i].imag * b[i].real );
    }

    result.real = (short) accr;
    result.imag = (short) acci;

    return result;
}
```

The example keep real and imaginary values in variables of type “short”, while multiplication results are kept in “int” integer to avoid truncation. Final result is casted to short to return complex number as a result.

Implementation with FXAPI

FXAPI makes it possible to directly access complex number instructions (like MAC) available in ARC DSP Extensions. This is done through complex number type cq15_t, and various fx_* functions. Here fx_v2a40_cmac_cq15 FXAPI function is called which performs MAC of two cq15_t complex numbers.

```
cq15_t fx_complex_array_mult(cq15_t *a, cq15_t *b, int size) {
    v2accum40_t acc = { 0, 0 };
```

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```

for (int i=0; i < size; i++) {
    acc = fx_v2a40_cmac_cq15(acc, *a++, *b++);
}

return fx_cq15_cast_v2a40( acc );
}

```

As with previous implementation cq15_t is of similar size as short type thus multiplication result needs larger storage. Here 40b vector accumulator is used directly to store intermediate results of MAC, and is casted to cq15_t on return.

Using IoT Development Kit board for performance comparison

To compare performance of these two functions a simple IoT Development Kit application that performs complex array multiplication using either of the implementations above is created. The program initializes two arrays of complex numbers with random values and calls functions above in a loop (1 000 000-10 000 000 times) to make calculation delay measurable in seconds, this is done 8 times, and after each loop a LED on board is turned on. As a result LED line on the board looks like a “progress bar” showing the process of looped multiplications.

The main performance check loop is shown below, the outer loop runs 8 times (number of LEDs on LED strip) the inner loop makes “LOOPS/8” calls to complex multiplication function, LOOPS macro is configurable to change the total delay. The example below uses DSP types, and can be changed to use short-based struct type.

```

#include "fxarc.h"
#define LOOPS 10000000
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    unsigned int led_status = 0x40 ;
    DWCREG_PTR pctr =
        (DWCREG_PTR) (DWC_GPIO_0 | PERIPHERAL_BASE);
    DWCREG_PTR uart =
        (DWCREG_PTR) (DWC_UART_CONSOLE | PERIPHERAL_BASE);

    gpio_init(pctr);
    uart_initDevice(uart, UART_CFG_BAUDRATE_115200,
                    UART_CFG_DATA_8BITS,
                    UART_CFG_1STOP, UART_CFG_PARITY_NONE);

    cq15_t cq15_a[20] = {{0x2000,10},{0x100,20},{4,30}};
    cq15_t cq15_b[20] = {{0x2000,11},{0x100,21},{5,31}};
    cq15_t res;

    uart_print(uart, "*** Start ***\n\r");

    led_status = 0x7F;

    for (int i =0; i< 8; i++) {
        gpio_set_leds(pctr, led_status);
        for (int j = 1; j < LOOPS/8; j++ ) {
            res = fx_complex_array_mult(cq15_a, cq15_b, 2);
        };

        led_status = led_status >> 1;
    }

    gpio_set_leds(pctr, 0x01ff);
    uart_print(uart, "*** End ***\n\r");
    return 0;
}

```

Part 4. Test

To test the example below some modifications of the code will be required to make two loops with and without DSP. First you must re-build libraries for this particular configuration of IoT Development Kit:

```
buildlib my_dsp -tcf=<IOTDK tcf file> -bd . -f
```

IoT Development Kit tcf file can be found in https://github.com/foss-for-synopsys-dwc-arc-processors/embarc_osp/tree/feature/iotdk/board/iotdk/configs/10/tcf/arcem9d.tcf

Both examples are to be compiled with DSP extensions, with the following options set:

```
gmake BOARD=iotdk BD_VER=10 CUR_CORE=arcem9d TOOLCHAIN=mw gui  
ADT_COPT="-Hdsplib -Xdsp2 -tcf=./arcem9d.tcf -Xdsp_complex"  
ADTLOPT="-Hdsplib -Xdsp2 -tcf=./arcem9d.tcf -Hlib=./my_dsp"
```

With high optimization level functions using “short” type is compiled to use DSP MAC operation, enabling significant speedup.

```
158 complex_short short_complex_array_mult(complex_short *a, complex_short *b, int size) {  
short_complex_array_mult    mov_s          %r11,%r0  
163      for (int i=0; i < size; i++) {  
.1+0x02    brlt.d        %r3,1,0xe4 = .1+0x3c = cmplx_mul.c!164+0xe  
.1+0x06    mov_s          %r8,0  
.1+0x08    mov             %lp_count,%r3  
.1+0x0c    mov_s          %r9,0  
.1+0x0e    lp              0xe0 = .1+0x38 = cmplx_mul.c!164+0xa  
.1+0x12    ldh.x.ab     %r6,[%r2,4]  
.1+0x16    ldh.s.x     %r12,[%r1,2]  
168      acci += (int) ( a[i].imag * b[i].real );  
.1+0x18    mov             %accl,%r9  
.1+0x1c    ldh.x.ab     %r0,[%r1,4]  
.1+0x20    mac             0,%r12,%r6  
.1+0x24    ldh.x          %r3,[%r2,-2]  
167      acci += (int) ( a[i].real * b[i].imag );  
.1+0x28    mac             %r9,%r3,%r0  
165      accr -= (int) ( a[i].imag * b[i].imag );  
.1+0x2c    mpyw_s        %r12,%r12,%r3  
164      accr += (int) ( a[i].real * b[i].real );  
.1+0x2e    mpyw            %r0,%r6,%r0  
.1+0x32    add_s          %r0,%r0,%r8  
.1+0x34    sub             %r8,%r0,%r12  
.1+0x38    nop_s           
.1+0x3a    b_s             0xe6 = .1+0x3e = cmplx_mul.c!174  
.1+0x3c    mov_s          %r9,0  
174      return result;  
.1+0x3e    sth             %r8,[%r11]  
.1+0x42    j_s.d         [%blink]  
.1+0x44    sth             %r9,[%r11,2]
```

However, using FXAPI enables compiler to directly use complex MAC instruction “cmachfr”.

```
186 cq15_t fx_complex_aray_mult(cq15_t *a, cq15_t *b, int size) {  
fx_complex_aray_mult    mov_s          %r10,0  
189      for (int i=0; i < size; i++) {  
.0+0x02    setacc          0,%r10,0x201 ; 0x201 = uart_initDevice+0x01 = uart.c!32+0x1  
.0+0x0a    setacc          0,%r10,0x101 ; 0x101 = main+0x11 = cmplx_mul.c!59+0x11  
.0+0x12    brlt.d        %r3,1,0xbe = .0+0x2a = cmplx_mul.c!193  
.0+0x16    mov             %lp_count,%r3  
.0+0x1a    lp              0xbe = .0+0x2a = cmplx_mul.c!193  
190      acc = fx_v2a40_cmac_cq15(acc, *a++, *b++);  
.0+0x1e    ld.ab           %r3,[%r2,4]  
.0+0x22    ld.ab           %r12,[%r1,4]  
.0+0x26    cmachfr        0,%r12,%r3  
193      return fx_cq15_cast_v2a40( acc );  
.0+0x2a    getacc          %r1,0xf00 ; 0xf00 = __EH_FRAME_END+0x70  
.0+0x32    j_s.d         [%blink]  
.0+0x34    st s            %r1,%r0
```

ARC DSP Using DSP Library

Part 1. Prerequisites

Before starting using ARC DSP the following prerequisites are required:

- Have MetaWare tools for Windows installed

https://www.synopsys.com/dw/ipdir.php?ds=sw_metaware

- Knowledge as to how to create, edit, build and debug projects in MetaWare IDE
- Have ARC EM Starter Kit (IOTDK) board and Digilent USB drivers (Digilent Adept 2) installed and tested
<http://store.digilentinc.com/digilent-addept-2-download-only>
- IOTDK board configured with DSP-enabled core configuration EM9D

The following procedures need to be tested before starting this lab:

- Connecting IOTDK board to computer
- Configuring IOTDK board to use ARC core with DSP extensions (these labs use EM5D core configuration)
- Connecting serial console (PuTTY) to IOTDK COM port (For information on how to do initial board setup and configuration please refer to *Getting Started* chapter of *ARC IOT Design Kit User Guide* that came along with IOTDK board).

Part 2. Lab Objectives

Use DSP Library and compare program run speed with and without DSP library, i.e. DSP extension usage.

Part 3. Lab principle and method

This lab uses matrix multiplication as an example where DSP library helps to efficiently use DSP extensions with shorter code.

In this lab two implementations of matrix multiplication are shown: one piece of manually drafted plain code and one with the use of DSP library.

Matrix multiplication

Multiplication of two matrices A and B of sizes [M*N] and [N*K] respectively is done using the following formula:

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

Where i=0...(M-1) and j=0..(K-1) are row and column indexes of output matrix, with size [M*K].

Implementation without DSP

An implementation of matrix multiplication of two matrices containing “short” values is shown below. By convention matrices here are implemented as 1D arrays with row-first indexing, where element a_ik is indexed as a_{ik} . Build with the command:

```
gmake BOARD=iotdk BD_VER=10 CUR_CORE=arcem9d TOOLCHAIN=mw gui
ADT_COPT="-Hdsplib -Xdsp2 -tcf=./arcem9d.tcf -Xdsp_complex"
ADTLOPT="-Hdsplib -Xdsp2 -tcf=./arcem9d.tcf -Hlib=./my_DSP"
```

```
#include "embARC.h"
#include "embARC_debug.h"
#include <stdlib.h>

#define MATRIX_SIZE 20
#define MAX_NUM 1000
#define LOOPS 100000
```

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```

/*
 ****
 */

/* Matrix manipulation functions */

/* randomize matrix with values up to 'max_value' */
void rand_sq_mat(short x[][][MATRIX_SIZE], int SIZE, int max_value) ;

/* multiply two square matrices of same size*/
void mul_sq_mat(short x[][][MATRIX_SIZE], short y[][][MATRIX_SIZE], short z[][][MATRIX_SIZE], int size) ;

/* print square matrix through UART*/
void print_sq_mat(short x[][][MATRIX_SIZE], int SIZE);

/*
 ****
 */

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {

    short a[MATRIX_SIZE][MATRIX_SIZE];
    short b[MATRIX_SIZE][MATRIX_SIZE];
    short c[MATRIX_SIZE][MATRIX_SIZE];
    int n = MATRIX_SIZE;

    rand_sq_mat(a,n, MAX_NUM);
    rand_sq_mat(b,n, MAX_NUM);

    print_sq_mat(a,n);
    print_sq_mat(b,n);

    unsigned int led_status = 0x40 ;
    led_status = 0x7F;

    EMBARC_PRINTF("*** Start ***\n\r");

    for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
        for (int j = 1; j < LOOPS/8; j++) {
            mul_sq_mat(a,b,c,n);
        };
        led_write(led_status, BOARD_LED_MASK);
        led_status = led_status >> 1;
    }

    print_sq_mat(c,n);

    EMBARC_PRINTF("*** Exit ***\n\r");

    return 0;
}

void rand_sq_mat(short x[][][MATRIX_SIZE], int SIZE, int max_value) {
    for (int i=0;i<SIZE;i++) {
        for(int j=0;j<SIZE;j++) {
            x[i][j] = 1 + (rand() % max_value); //plus 1 to avoid zeros
        }
    }
}

void mul_sq_mat(short x[][][MATRIX_SIZE],short y[][][MATRIX_SIZE], short z[][][MATRIX_SIZE], int size) {

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```

for (int i=0; i<size; i++) {
    for(int j=0;j<size;j++) {
        z[i][j]=0;
        for(int k=0;k<size;k++) {
            z[i][j] += x[i][k]*y[k][j];
        }
    }
}

void print_sq_mat(short x[MATRIX_SIZE][MATRIX_SIZE], int SIZE){
    EMBARC_PRINTF("-----\n\r");

    for(int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++ ) {
        for(int i = 0; i < SIZE; i ++){
            EMBARC_PRINTF("%d\t", x[j][i]);
        }
        EMBARC_PRINTF ("\n\r");
    }

    EMBARC_PRINTF("-----\n\r");
}

```

Implementation with DSPLIB

DSP library contains matrix multiplication function so doing matrix multiplication using DSP library requires just initialization of matrix arrays (1D) and call to `dsp_mat_mult_q15`. The overall code is just 4 lines, as highlighted in the following code. Note that `dsplib.h` must be included, and matrix `a`, `b` and `c` must be declared as global variable. As the numbers are in q15 type, it is better to make elements of `a` and `b` between 32767 (~0.99) and 16384 (0.5), or 32768(-1) and 49152 (-0.5) so that the result in `c` is not round to zero. Note as IOTDK is configured to have small AGU, the DSP library routine is not significantly faster.

```

#include "embARC.h"
#include "embARC_debug.h"
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "dsplib.h"

#define MATRIX_SIZE 20
#define MAX_NUM 1000
#define LOOPS 100000

/* **** */
/* Matrix manipulation functions */

/* randomize matrix with values up to 'max_value' */
//void rand_sq_mat(short x[][][MATRIX_SIZE], int SIZE, int max_value) ;

/* multiply two square matrices of same size*/
void mul_sq_mat(short x[][][MATRIX_SIZE], short y[][][MATRIX_SIZE], short z[][][MATRIX_SIZE], int size) ;

/* print square matrix through UART*/
void print_sq_mat(short* x, int SIZE);

/* **** */
__xy q15_t a[MATRIX_SIZE*MATRIX_SIZE];
__xy q15_t b[MATRIX_SIZE*MATRIX_SIZE];

```

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```

__xy q15_t c[MATRIX_SIZE*MATRIX_SIZE];

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {

    int n =MATRIX_SIZE;
matrix_q15_t matA, matB, matC;

//rand_sq_mat(a,n, MAX_NUM);
//rand_sq_mat(b,n, MAX_NUM);
for (int i =0; i< MATRIX_SIZE*MATRIX_SIZE; i++) { a[i]=16384; }
for (int i =0; i< MATRIX_SIZE*MATRIX_SIZE; i++) { b[i]=16383; }

print_sq_mat(a,n);
print_sq_mat(b,n);

dsp_mat_init_q15(&matA, MATRIX_SIZE, MATRIX_SIZE, a);
dsp_mat_init_q15(&matB, MATRIX_SIZE, MATRIX_SIZE, b);
dsp_mat_init_q15(&matC, MATRIX_SIZE, MATRIX_SIZE, c);
dsp_status status;

unsigned int led_status = 0x40 ;
led_status = 0x7F;

EMBARC_PRINTF("*** Start ***\n\r");

for (int i =0; i< 8; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j < LOOPS/8; j++ ) {
        status = dsp_mat_mult_q15(&matA, &matB, &matC);
    };
    led_write(led_status, BOARD_LED_MASK);
    led_status = led_status >> 1;
}

if ( status == DSP_ERR_OK ) EMBARC_PRINTF("done\n");
else EMBARC_PRINTF("something wrong");
print_sq_mat(c,n);

EMBARC_PRINTF("*** Exit ***\n\r");

return 0;
}

//void rand_sq_mat(short x[][MATRIX_SIZE], int SIZE, int max_value) {
//    for (int i=0;i<SIZE;i++) {
//        for(int j=0;j<SIZE;j++) {
//            x[i][j] = 1 + (rand() % max_value); //plus 1 to avoid zeros
//        }
//    }
//}

//void mul_sq_mat(short x[][MATRIX_SIZE],short y[][MATRIX_SIZE], short z[] [MATRIX_
->SIZE], int size) {
//    for (int i=0; i<size; i++) {
//        for(int j=0;j<size;j++) {
//            z[i][j]=0;
//            for(int k=0;k<size;k++) {
//                z[i][j] += x[i][k]*y[k][j];
//            }
//        }
//    }
//}
```

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```

//      }
//  }

void print_sq_mat(short* x, int SIZE) {
    EMBARC_PRINTF("-----\n\r");
    for(int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {
        for(int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
            EMBARC_PRINTF("%d\t", x[i+j*SIZE]);
        }
        EMBARC_PRINTF("\n\r");
    }
    EMBARC_PRINTF("-----\n\r");
}

```

Note: Assignment 1: Use example in previous lab to create an IOTDK board application that uses LED strip as progress bar for large number of matrix multiplications with and without DSP library. Adjust number of loops made to achieve measurable delay.

Part 4. Test

To test the example below an example program that has two loops of matrix multiplications with and without DSP library needs to be created.

Both examples are to be compiled with DSP extensions, with the following options set:

```
-O2 -arcv2em -core1 -Xlib -Xtimer0 -Xtimer1 -Xdsp1 -Hdsplib
```

Note: Assignment 2: Run the example and compare computational delay with and without DSPLIB

Note: Note that DSPLIB is statically linked with the project when -Hdsplib is set, and as the DSPLIB itself is pre-compiled with certain level of optimization, changes of optimization option for example application code alone won't affect DSPLIB performance. Nevertheless, a function utilizing simple instructions on "short" type (even converted to MACs if possible) will be less efficient than one that directly uses DSPLIB.

A WiFi temperature monitor

ESPB266 WIFI module

Purpose

- Learn how to build a wireless sensor terminal based on the embARC_osp package
- Further familiarity with the use of the FreeRTOS operating system
- Learn about the use of the esp8266 module and AT command

Equipment

The following hardware and software tools are required:

- PC host
- ARC GNU toolchain/MetaWare Development Toolkit
- ARC board (EM Starter kit/IoT Development Kit)
- embARC OSP package
- `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab10_esp8266_wifi`

Content

This experiment is based on the embARC_osp package extension to support the popular esp8266 WIFI module, use the AT command to set the esp8266 to the server mode, and then use the PC or mobile phone under the same LAN to access its IP address, based on the TCP protocol to achieve static page display of the client.

Through this experiment, we will have a preliminary understanding of the use of the esp8266 WIFI module and the AT command.

Principles

Esp8266

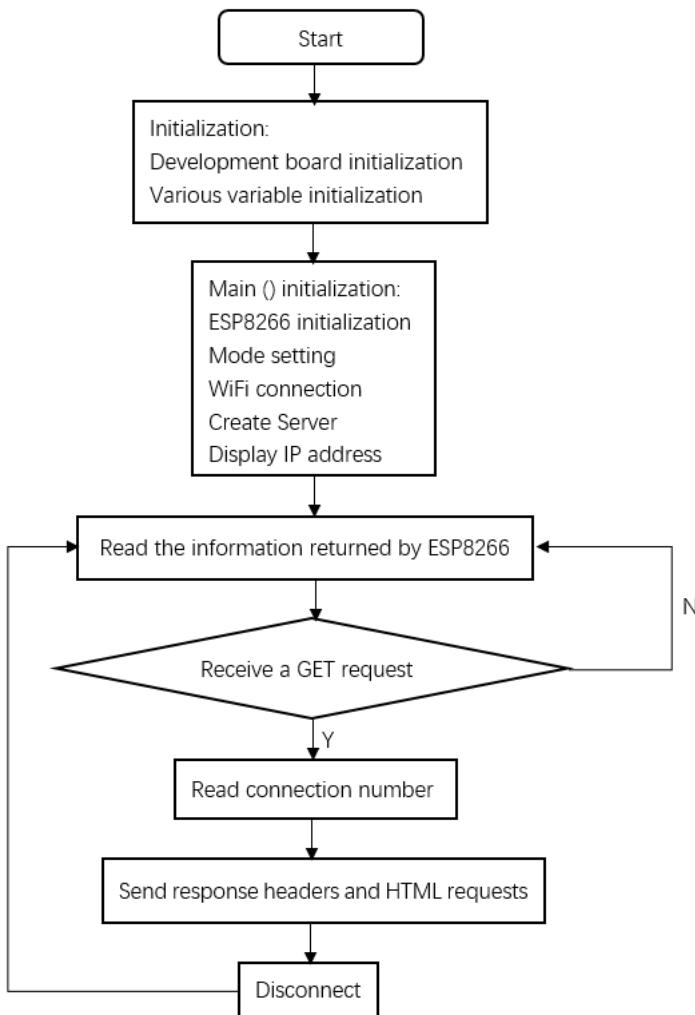
The ESP8266 is an ultra-low-power Wi-Fi chip with industry-leading package size and ultra-low power technology designed for mobile devices and IoT applications, connecting users' physical devices to Wi-Fi wireless On the network, Internet or LAN communication is implemented to implement networking functions.

The ESP8266 is available in a variety of encapsulation. The antenna supports the onboard PCB antenna, IPEX interface and stamp hole interface.

ESP8266 can be widely used in smart grid, intelligent transportation, smart furniture, handheld devices, industrial control and other fields.

Ai-Thinker company has developed several Wi-Fi modules with ESP8266 as its core(The Wi-Fi modules are shown below).



Program structure (as shown bellow)**Code** (as shown bellow)

```

#include "embARC.h"
#include "embARC_debug.h"

#include "board.h"
//#include "dev_uart.h"
#include "esp8266.h"

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

#define WIFI_SSID      "\"liu\""
#define WIFI_PWD       "\"12345678\""

static char http_get[] = "GET /";
static char http_IDP[] = "+IPD,";
static char http_html_header[] = "HTTP/1.x 200 OK\r\nContent-type: text/html\r\n\r\n";
static char http_html_body_1[] = "<html><head><title>ESP8266_AT_HttpServer</title></head><body><h1>Welcome to this Website</h1>";
static char http_html_body_2[] = "<p>This Website is used to test the AT command about HttpServer of ESP8266.</p></body></html>";
  
```

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```

int main(void)
{
    char *conn_buf;
    char scan_result[1024];

    //ESP8266 Init
    EMBARC_PRINTF("===== Init\u202a\u202b\n");

    ESP8266_DEFINE(esp8266);
    esp8266_init(esp8266, UART_BAUDRATE_115200);
    at_test(esp8266->p_at);
    board_delay_ms(100, 1);

    //Set Mode
    EMBARC_PRINTF("===== Set Mode\u202a\u202b\n");

    esp8266_wifi_mode_get(esp8266, false);
    board_delay_ms(100, 1);
    esp8266_wifi_mode_set(esp8266, 3, false);
    board_delay_ms(100, 1);

    //Connect WiFi
    EMBARC_PRINTF("===== Connect WiFi\u202a\u202b\n");

    do
    {
        esp8266_wifi_scan(esp8266, scan_result);
        EMBARC_PRINTF("Searching for WIFI %s ..... \n", WIFI_SSID);
        board_delay_ms(100, 1);
    }
    while (strstr(scan_result, WIFI_SSID) == NULL);

    EMBARC_PRINTF("WIFI %s found! Try to connect\n", WIFI_SSID);

    while(esp8266_wifi_connect(esp8266, WIFI_SSID, WIFI_PWD, false)!=AT_OK)
    {
        EMBARC_PRINTF("WIFI %s connect failed\n", WIFI_SSID);
        board_delay_ms(100, 1);
    }

    EMBARC_PRINTF("WIFI %s connect succeed\n", WIFI_SSID);

    //Creat Server
    EMBARC_PRINTF("===== Connect Server\u202a\u202b\n");

    esp8266_tcp_server_open(esp8266, 80);

    //Show IP
    EMBARC_PRINTF("===== Show IP\u202a\u202b\n");

    esp8266_address_get(esp8266);
    board_delay_ms(1000, 1);

    EMBARC_PRINTF("===== while\u202a\u202b\n");
}

```

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```

while (1)
{
    memset(scan_result, 0, sizeof(scan_result));
    at_read(esp8266->p_at, scan_result, 1000);
    board_delay_ms(200, 1);
    //EMBARC_PRINTF("Alive\n");

    if(strstr(scan_result, http_get) != NULL)
    {

        EMBARC_PRINTF("===== send_"
        =====\n");

        EMBARC_PRINTF("\nThe message is:\n%s\n", scan_result);

        conn_buf = strstr(scan_result, http_IDP) + 5;
        *(conn_buf+1) = 0;

        EMBARC_PRINTF("Send Start\n");
        board_delay_ms(10, 1);

        esp8266_connect_write(esp8266, http_html_header, conn_buf,
        ↪(sizeof(http_html_header)-1));
        board_delay_ms(100, 1);

        esp8266_connect_write(esp8266, http_html_body_1, conn_buf,
        ↪(sizeof(http_html_body_1)-1));
        board_delay_ms(300, 1);

        esp8266_connect_write(esp8266, http_html_body_2, conn_buf,
        ↪(sizeof(http_html_body_2)-1));
        board_delay_ms(300, 1);

        esp8266_CIPCLOSE(esp8266, conn_buf);

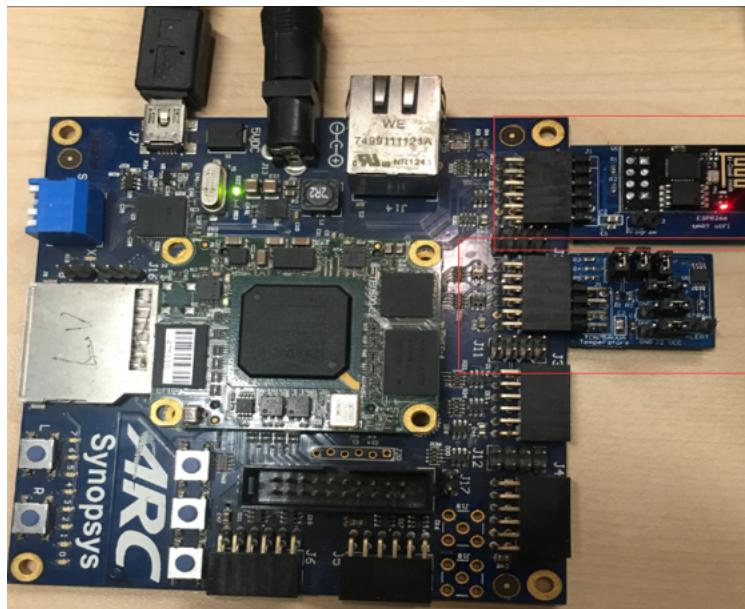
        EMBARC_PRINTF("Send Finish\n");
    }
}

return E_OK;
}

```

Steps

Hardware connection (as shown bellow)



Compile and download

Compile and download the program, after downloading successfully, you will see the relevant download information in the cmd window(shown bellow).

```
0x00000004 in ?? ()  
Loading section .init, size 0x1b0 lma 0x10000000  
Loading section .vector, size 0x400 lma 0x10000400  
Loading section .text, size 0x1446c lma 0x10000800  
Loading section .rodata, size 0x1cb4 lma 0x10014c6c  
Loading section .data, size 0xc2c lma 0x10016920  
Start address 0x10000004, load size 94972  
Transfer rate: 602 KB/sec, 9497 bytes/write.  
Continuing.
```

At this point, the serial port debugging tool will see the serial port feedback information, reflecting the process of the EMSK development board using the AT command to establish the http server(as shown bellow).

```
embARC Build Time: Mar 21 2018, 17:53:27  
Compiler Version: ARC GNU, 7.1.1 20170710  
===== Init =====  
[at_parser_init]56: obj->psio 0x1006ba30 -> 0x10057948  
  
.....  
OK" (9)  
===== Set Mode =====  
[at_send_cmd]117: at_out: "AT+CWMODE_CUR?  
" (16)  
  
.....  
OK" (24)  
===== Connect WiFi =====  
[at_send_cmd]117: at_out: "AT+CWLAP  
" (10)  
  
.....  
OK" (24)  
[at_send_cmd]117: at_out: "AT+CWJAP_CUR="liusongwei","632139751"
```

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```

.....
WIFI "liusongwei" connect succeed
===== Connect Server =====
[at_send_cmd]117: at_out: "AT+CIPMUX=1
" (13)

.....
OK" (26)
===== Show IP =====
[at_send_cmd]117: at_out: "AT+CIFSR
" (10)
[at_get_reply]137: "
AT+CIFSR
+CIFSR:STAIP,"192.168.137.81"
+CIFSR:STAMAC,"5c:cf:7f:0b:5c:d1"

OK" (83)
===== while =====
.....
===== send =====
.....
Send Start
Send Finish

```

Access server

It can be seen from the serial port feedback information in above *Compile and download* that the EMSK development board has successfully connected to the target WIFI through esp8266, and is set to the server mode by using the AT command, and the IP address of the server is given.

At this point, use a PC or mobile phone to connect to the same WIFI, open a browser, and enter the IP address 192.168.137.81 to see the static HTTP page.

Exercises

Referring to the experiment of MRF24G WIFI module, using esp8266 and TCN75 temperature sensor to build http server to make the page display the sensor temperature in real time.

BLE Communication

Purpose

- Familiar with the wireless communication in IoT
- Familiar with the usage of RN4020 BLE module on IoT Development Kit
- Learn to use the API of RN4020 driver in embARC OSP

Equipment

The following hardware and software tools are required:

- PC host
- ARC GNU toolchain/MetaWare Development Toolkit

- ARC board (IoT Development Kit)
- embARC OSP package
- `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab6_ble_rn4020`

Content

Complete the communication between smartphone and IoTDK board through RN4020 BLE module. First, setup RN4020 BLE module by using API of RN4020 driver. Then connect mobile phone and RN4020 by BLE, and check the data send by IoTDK in smartphone. Finally, send data from smartphone to IoTDK board, and print this data value in terminal.

Principles

RN4020 BLE module is controlled by the user through input/output lines (i.e., physical device pins) and an UART interface. The UART Interface supports ASCII commands to control/configure the RN4020 modules for any specific requirement based on the application.

Setup

Before connecting an RN4020 module to a smartphone device, users may need to set up the RN4020 module as follows.

1. Configure UART which connected to RN4020 with these parameters: **Baud rate - 115200, Data bits - 8, Parity - None, Stop bits - 1**
2. Set the **WAKE_SW** pin high to enter Command mode
3. Issue the command **SF, 1** to reset to the factory default configuration
4. Issue the command **SN, IoT DK** to set the device name to be “IoT DK”
5. Issue the command **SS, C000001** to enable support of the Device Information, Battery Service and User Defined Private Service
6. Issue the command **SR, 00002000** to set the RN4020 module as a server
7. Issue the command **PZ** to clear all settings of the private service and the private characteristics
8. Issue the command **PS, 11223344556677889900AABBCCDDEEFF** to set the UUID of user defined private service to be 0x11223344556677889900AABBCCDDEEFF
9. Issue the command **PC, 010203040506070809000A0B0C0D0E0F, 18, 06** to add private characteristic 0x010203040506070809000A0B0C0D0E0F to current private service. The property of this characteristic is 0x18 (writable and could notify) and has a maximum data size of 6bytes.
10. Issue the command **R, 1** to reboot the RN4020 module and to make the new settings effective
11. Issue the command **LS** to display the services

The source code using the API of RN4020 driver in embARC OSP as follows.

```
rn4020_setup(rn4020_ble);
rn4020_reset_to_factory(rn4020_ble);

/* Set device Name */
rn4020_set_dev_name(rn4020_ble, "IoT DK");

/* Set device services */
rn4020_set_services(rn4020_ble, RN4020_SERVICE_DEVICE_INFORMATION |
                    RN4020_SERVICE_BATTERY |
```

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        RN4020_SERVICE_USER_DEFINED);

rn4020_set_features(rn4020_ble, RN4020 FEATURE_SERVER_ONLY);
rn4020_clear_private(rn4020_ble);

/* Set private service UUID and private characteristic */
rn4020_set_prv_uuid(rn4020_ble, RN4020_PRV_SERV_HIGH_UUID, RN4020_PRV_SERV_LOW_
↪UUID);
rn4020_set_prv_char(rn4020_ble, RN4020_PRV_CHAR_HIGH_UUID, RN4020_PRV_CHAR_LOW_
↪UUID, 0x18, 0x06, RN4020_PRIVATE_CHAR_SEC_NONE);

/* Reboot RN4020 to make changes effective */
rn4020_reset(rn4020_ble);

rn4020_refresh_handle_uuid_table(rn4020_ble);

```

Advertise

Issue the command **A** to start advertisement. The source code using the API of RN4020 driver in embARC OSP as follows.

```
rn4020_advertise(rn4020_ble);
```

Send data

Issue the command **SUW, 2A19, value** to set the level of Battery. The source code using the API of RN4020 driver in embARC OSP as follows.

```

while (1) {

    rn4020_battery_set_level(rn4020_ble, battery--);

    board_delay_ms(1000, 0);
    if (battery < 30) {
        battery = 100;
    }
}

```

Note: About detailed usage of RN4020 BLE module, please refer to the document “RN4020 Bluetooth Low Energy Module User’s Guide”

Steps

Run project

Open the serial terminal emulator in PC (e.g. Tera Term), set as **115200 baud, 8 bits data, 1 stop bit and no parity**, connect to the IoT DK board.

Open cmd under the folder *embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab6_ble_rn4020*, input the command as follow

```
make run
```



Then you will see the output in the serial terminal

Connection

Open the BLE browser APP in smartphone (e.g. LightBlue in IOS), and scan for BLE peripherals, connect the “IoT DK” device. Then you will see the output in the serial terminal.



And the device information in BLE browser APP.

◀ Back Peripheral Clone

IoT DK

UUID: 4CF706AF-2D72-EC22-3E7C-E100A7B2C831

Connected

ADVERTISEMENT DATA Show

Device Information

Serial Number String >
001EC06BA93C

Hardware Revision String >
4.1

Firmware Revision String >
1.33BEC

Software Revision String >
1.33BEC

Manufacturer Name String >
Microchip

Model Number String >
RN4020

Info  Log

Communication

Read the data of Battery services in BLE browser APP. Check whether the data decreases gradually.

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for a BLE device named "IoT DK". The top navigation bar includes a back arrow, the device name "IoT DK", the current screen title "Battery Level", and a "Hex" option. Below the title, the device's UUID is listed as "UUID: 2A19" and its connection status as "Connected". A section titled "READ/NOTIFIED VALUES" contains two buttons: "Read again" and "Listen for notifications". Underneath these buttons is a "Cloud Connect" section with an information icon and a toggle switch. A red rectangular box highlights a list of six entries, each consisting of a hex value followed by a timestamp: 0x5F (14:48:41.259), 0x60 (14:48:40.179), 0x62 (14:48:39.099), 0x63 (14:48:37.869), 0x64 (14:48:36.699). Below this list is a "DESCRIPTORS" section with a circular icon. At the bottom of the screen are three tabs: "Info" (selected), "Log" (disabled), and another tab represented by a blue fist icon.

Write data in BLE browser APP. Check the received data in PC serial terminal.

The screenshot shows the IoT DK app interface. At the top, it displays the device's UUID: 0x01020304-0506-0708-... Hex. Below this, the status is shown as "Connected". The "NOTIFIED VALUES" section contains a button labeled "Listen for notifications". Under "Cloud Connect", there are two entries: "No value" and "No value". The "WRITTEN VALUES" section is highlighted with a red box around its header. It lists two entries: "0xDB9584" (timestamp 14:49:09.559) and "0xEB20" (timestamp 14:49:02.421). At the bottom, there are tabs for "Info" (selected), "Log", and a central icon. A large dashed box covers the bottom portion of the screen, displaying the text "embARC Build Time: Sep 20 2018, 09:55:07", "Compiler Version: Metaware, 4.2.1 Compatible Clang 4.0.1 (branches/release_40)", "rn4020 test application connected", and "write: 0x001B:EB20. write: 0x001B:DB9584.".

Exercises

Try to use the received data in IoT DK board, and do some control by using GPIO. (e.g. LED on/off)

Memory map and linker

Purpose

- To get familiar with memory layout in compilation process
- To learn how to use linker

Equipment

The following hardware and software tools are required:

- PC host
- ARC GNU toolchain/MetaWare Development Toolkit
- nSIM simulator
- `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab8_linker`

Content

Customize your program with **compiler pragmas**. At first, using “pragma code” to specify a new name of section in which the code of function reside. Then mapping this code section into specified memory location with linker. Finally, checking the location of this code section after build process.

Principles

By default, compiler-generated code is placed in the `.text` section. The default code section name can be overridden by using *code pragma*. After compilation, linker will automatically map all input sections from object files to output sections in executable files. If you want to customize the mapping, you can change the default linker mapping by invoking a user specific linker command file.

Steps

Create a project and overriding code section name

Open MetaWare IDE, create an empty C project called lab_linker and select ARC EM series processor. Then import the main.c and link.cmd files under `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab8_linker` directory into the project.

Open main.c file in MetaWare IDE, using “pragma code” to change the section in which function `modify` reside from `.text` to a new name “`modify_seg`”.

```
#pragma Code ("modify_seg")
void modify(int list[], int size) {
    int out, in, temp;

    for(out=0; out<size; out++)
        for(in=out+1; in<size; in++)
            if(list[out] > list[in]) {
                temp = list[in];
                list[in] = list[out];
                list[out] = temp;
            }
}
#pragma Code ()
```

Pragma code has two forms that must be used in pairs to bracket the affected function definitions:

```
#pragma code(Section_name)
/* ----- Affected function definitions go here ---- */
#pragma code() /* No parameters here */
```

Section_name is a constant string expression that denotes the name of the section

Note: About detailed usage of the compiler pragmas, please refer to the document “MetaWare C/C++ Programmer’s Guide for the ccac Compiler”

Edit the linker command file

Open the link.cmd file, there are two parts, one is for memory blocks location, the other is for sections mapping. Add one new block named “MyBlock” in MEMORY, the start address is 0x00002000, and the size is 32KB. Then add one new GROUP in SECTIONS, and mapping section “modify_seg” into MyBlock.

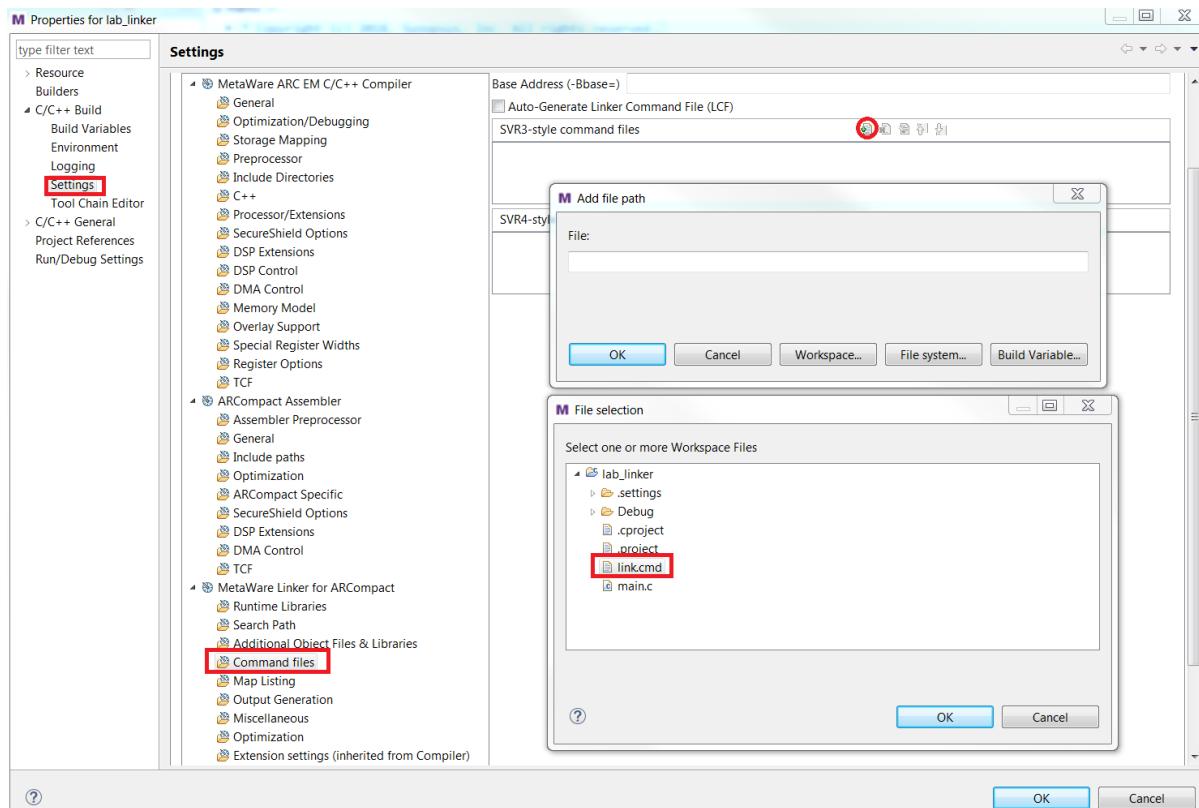
```
MEMORY {
    // Note: overlap of code and data spaces is not recommended since it makes
    //        Address validity checking impossible with the debugger and simulator
    MyBlock: ORIGIN = 0x00002000, LENGTH = 32K
    MEMORY_BLOCK1: ORIGIN = 0x0010000, LENGTH = 64K
    MEMORY_BLOCK2: ORIGIN = 0x0020000, LENGTH = 128K
}

SECTIONS {
    GROUP: {
        modify_seg: {}
    }>MyBlock
....
```

Note: About format and syntax of the linker command file, please refer to the document “MetaWare ELF Linker and Utilities User’s Guide”

Add the linker command file into the project

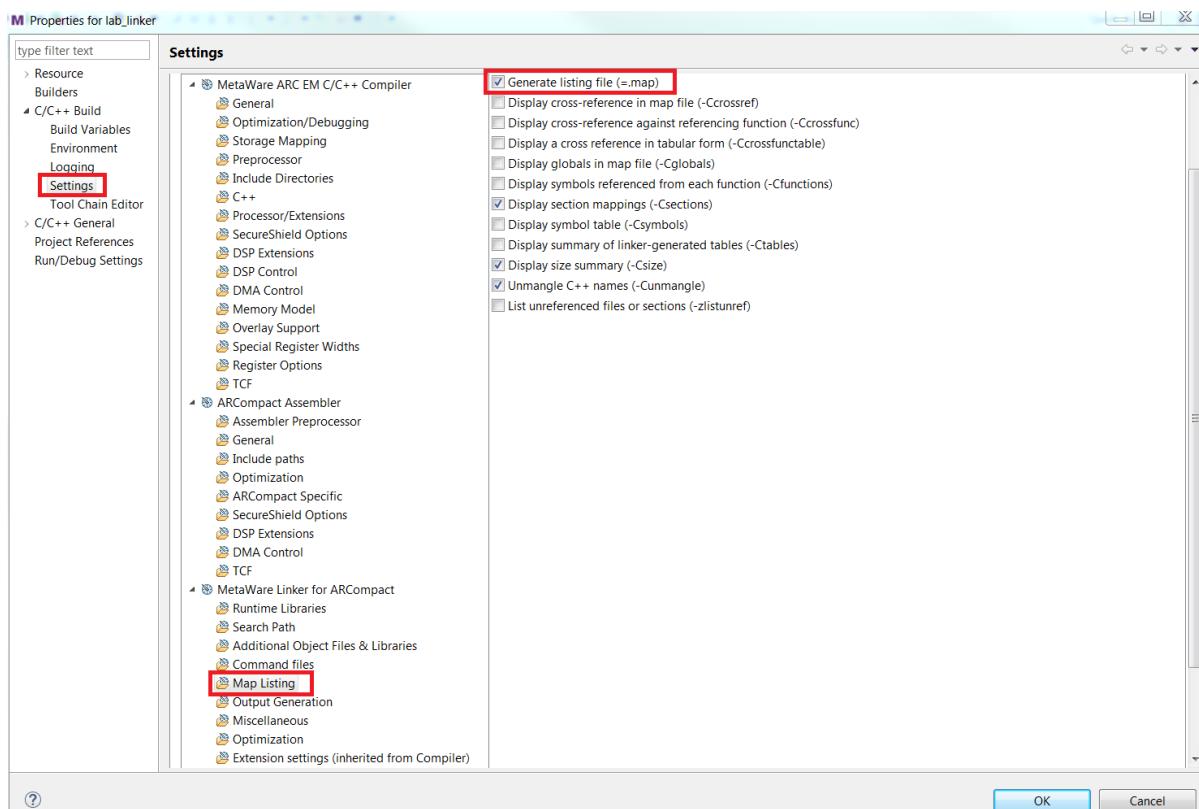
Right click the current project lab_linker and select Properties in the popup tab. Click C/C++ build >> settings >> Tool Settings to open the linker option settings page.



In current page, select Command files to add linker.cmd file into this project.

Check the result

In linker option settings page, select Map listing to check Generate listing file(=.map)



Build the lab_linker project, then open the lab_linker.map file under Debug directory.

SECTION SUMMARY

OUTPUT/ INPUT SECTION	TYPE	START ADDRESS	END ADDRESS	LENGTH
modify_seg				
	text	00002000	00002039	0000003a
.fini	text	00010000	00010005	00000006
.init	text	00010008	0001000d	00000006
.text	text	00010010	0001013d	0000012e
.vectors	text	00010140	0001017f	00000040
.sdata	bss	00020000	0001ffff	00000000
.data	data	00020000	0002001f	00000020
.stack	bss	00020020	0003001f	00010000

In this file, search SECTIONS SUMMARY, then you can check the size and location of *modify_seg* section, it resides in *MyBlock*, same as you set in the linker cmd file.

Exercises

Try to check the memory mapping info of *modify_seg* section by using elfdump tool.

How to use FreeRTOS

Purpose

- To learn how to implement tasks in FreeRTOS operating system
- To learn how to register tasks in FreeRTOS
- To get familiar with inter-task communication of FreeRTOS

Equipment

The following hardware and software tools are required:

- PC host
- ARC GNU toolchain/MetaWare Development Toolkit
- ARC board (EM Starter kit/IoT Development Kit)
- embARC OSP package
- [embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab9_freertos](#)

Content

This lab utilizes FreeRTOS v9.0.0, and will create 3 tasks based on embARC_osp. You should apply inter-task communicating methods such as semaphore and message queue in order to get running LEDs. We should go through basic functions of FreeRTOS first.

Principles

Background

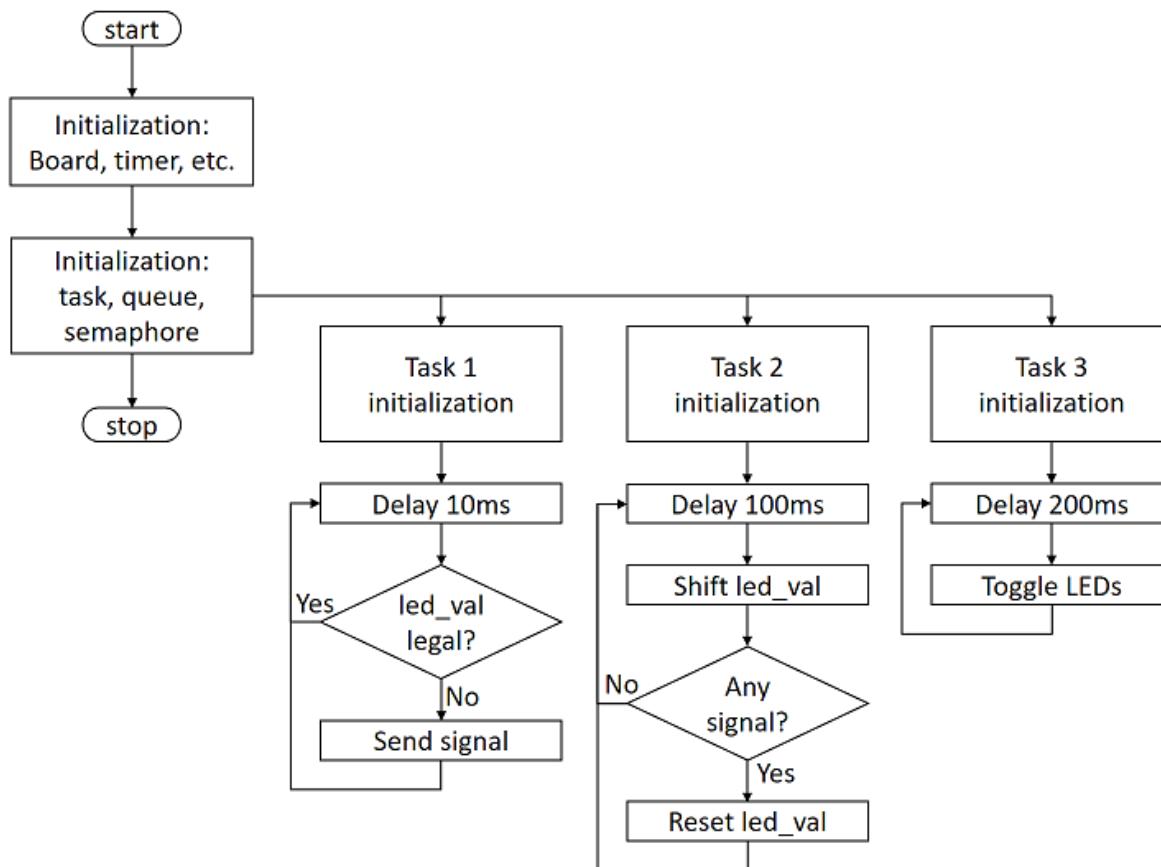
A Real Time Operating System (RTOS) is an operating system intended to serve real-time applications that process data in within a predefined time period.

With more resources on modern micro processors, the cost to run RTOS is become increasingly neglectable. RTOS also provides event-driven mode for better utilization of CPU with efficiency. Among RTOSs for micro processors, FreeRTOS stands out as a free for use, opensourced RTOS with complete documents. These are the reasons of why we choose to learn FreeRTOS in this lab.

Design

This lab implements a running LED program with 3 tasks using FreeRTOS. Despite using 3 tasks is an overkill for a running LED, but it's beneficial for the understanding of FreeRTOS itself and inter-task communication as well.

The flow chart of the program is shown below:



Realization

The code of system is shown below, including various Initialization and time delay tasks.

```
#include "embARC.h"
#include "embARC_debug.h"
#include <stdlib.h>
```

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```

static void task1(void *par);
static void task2(void *par);
static void task3(void *par);

#define TSK_PRIOR_1          (configMAX_PRIORITIES-1)
#define TSK_PRIOR_2          (configMAX_PRIORITIES-2)
#define TSK_PRIOR_3          (configMAX_PRIORITIES-3)

// Semaphores
static SemaphoreHandle_t sem1_id;

// Queues
static QueueHandle_t dtql1_id;

// Task IDs
static TaskHandle_t task1_handle = NULL;
static TaskHandle_t task2_handle = NULL;
static TaskHandle_t task3_handle = NULL;

int main(void)
{
    vTaskSuspendAll();

    // Create Tasks
    if (xTaskCreate(task1, "task1", 128, (void *)1, TSK_PRIOR_1, &task1_
→handle) != pdPASS) {
        /*!< FreeRTOS xTaskCreate() API function */
        EMBARC_PRINTF("Create task1 Failed\r\n");
        return -1;
    } else {
        EMBARC_PRINTF("Create task1 Successfully\r\n");
    }

    if (xTaskCreate(task2, "task2", 128, (void *)2, TSK_PRIOR_2, &task2_
→handle) != pdPASS) {
        /*!< FreeRTOS xTaskCreate() API function */
        EMBARC_PRINTF("Create task2 Failed\r\n");
        return -1;
    } else {
        EMBARC_PRINTF("Create task2 Successfully\r\n");
    }

    if (xTaskCreate(task3, "task3", 128, (void *)3, TSK_PRIOR_3, &task3_
→handle) != pdPASS) {
        /*!< FreeRTOS xTaskCreate() API function */
        EMBARC_PRINTF("Create task3 Failed\r\n");
        return -1;
    } else {
        EMBARC_PRINTF("Create task3 Successfully\r\n");
    }

    // Create Semaphores
    sem1_id = xSemaphoreCreateBinary();
    xSemaphoreGive(sem1_id);

    // Create Queues
    dtql1_id = xQueueCreate(8, sizeof(uint32_t));

    xTaskResumeAll();
    vTaskSuspend(NULL);
}

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```

        return 0;
    }

static void task1(void *par)
{
    uint32_t led_val = 0;

    static portTickType xLastWakeTime;
    const portTickType xFrequency = pdMS_TO_TICKS(10);

    // Use current time to init xLastWakeTime, mind the difference with
    →vTaskDelay()
    xLastWakeTime = xTaskGetTickCount();

    while (1) {
        /* call Freertos system function for 10ms delay */
        vTaskDelayUntil( &xLastWakeTime, xFrequency );

        //####Insert code here####
    }
}

static void task2(void *par)
{
    uint32_t led_val = 0x0001;

    static portTickType xLastWakeTime;
    const portTickType xFrequency = pdMS_TO_TICKS(100);

    // Use current time to init xLastWakeTime, mind the difference with
    →vTaskDelay()
    xLastWakeTime = xTaskGetTickCount();

    while (1) {
        /* call Freertos system function for 100ms delay */
        vTaskDelayUntil( &xLastWakeTime, xFrequency );

        //####Insert code here####
    }
}

static void task3(void *par)
{
    uint32_t led_val = 0;

    static portTickType xLastWakeTime;
    const portTickType xFrequency = pdMS_TO_TICKS(200);

    // Use current time to init xLastWakeTime, mind the difference with
    →vTaskDelay()
    xLastWakeTime = xTaskGetTickCount();

    while (1) {
        /* call Freertos system function for 100ms delay */
        vTaskDelayUntil( &xLastWakeTime, xFrequency );

        //####Insert code here####
    }
}

```

Steps

Build and run the incompletely completed code

the code is at `embarc_osp/arc_labs/labs/lab9_freertos`, use an uart terminal console and run the code, you will see a message from program like the one shown below:

```
embARC Build Time: Mar 9 2018, 17:57:50
Compiler Version: Metaware, 4.2.1 Compatible Clang 4.0.1 (branches/release_40)
Create task1 Successfully
Create task2 Successfully
Create task3 Successfully
```

This message implies that three tasks are working correctly.

Implement task 3

It is required for task 3 to retrieve new value from the queue and assign the value to `led_val`. The LED controls are already implemented in previous labs, so the only new function to learn is `xQueueReceive()`. This is a FreeRTOS API to pop and read an item from queue. Please take reference from FreeRTOS documents and complete the code for this task. (An example is in ‘complete’ folder)

Implement task 1

It is required for task 1 to check if value from queue is legal. If not, a reset signal is needed to be sent.

Two new functions might be helpful for this task: `xSemaphoreGive()` for release a signal and `xQueuePeek()` for read item but not pop from a queue. Please take reference from FreeRTOS documents and complete the code for this task. (An example is in ‘complete’ folder)

Do notice the difference between `xQueueReceive()` and `xQueuePeek()`.

Implement task 2

There are two different works for task 2 to complete: to shift `led_val` and queue it, and to reset both `led_val` and queue when illegal `led_val` is detected.

Three functions can be helpful: `xQueueSend()`, `xSemaphoreTake()`, `xQueueReset()`. Please take reference from FreeRTOS documents and complete the code for this task. (An example is in ‘complete’ folder)

Build and run the completed code

Build the completed program and debug it to fulfill all requirements. (8-digit running LEDs are used in example code)

Exercises

The problem of philosophers having meal:

Five philosophers sitting at a round dining table. Suppose they are either thinking or eating, but they can't do these two things at same time. So each time when they are having food, they stop thinking and vice versa. There are five forks on the table for eating noodle, each fork is placed between two adjacent philosophers. It's hard to eat noodle with one fork, so all philosophers need two forks in order to eat.

Please write a program with proper console output to simulate this process.

3.2.3 Level 3 Labs

AWS IoT Smarthome

Purpose

- Show the smart home solution based on ARC and AWS IoT Cloud
- Learn how to use the AWS IoT Cloud
- Learn how to use the EMSK Board peripheral modules and on-board resources

Equipment

Required Hardware

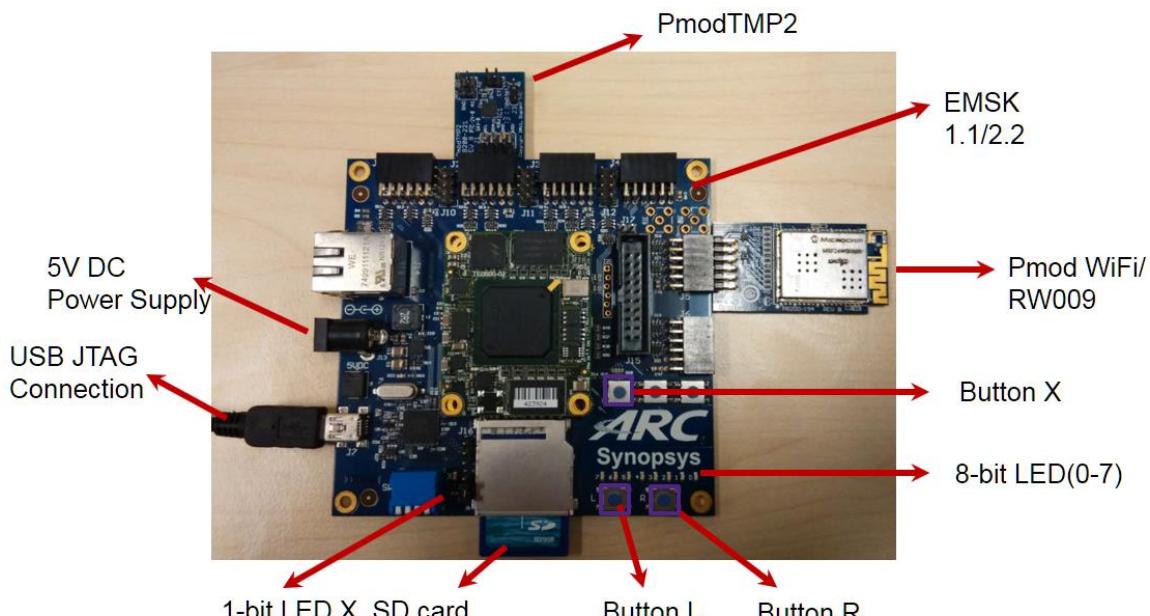
- [DesignWare ARC EM Starter Kit (EMSK)]
- [Digilent PMOD WiFi (MRF24WG0MA)]
- [Digilent PMOD TMP2]
- SD Card
- WiFi Hotspot (default SSID:**embARC**, Password:**qazwsxedc**, WPA/WPA2 encrypted)

Required Software

- Metaware or ARC GNU Toolset
- Serial port terminal (e.g. putty, tera-term or minicom)

Hardware Connection (EMSK Board)

- Connect PMOD WiFi to J5, connect PMOD TMP2 to J2.



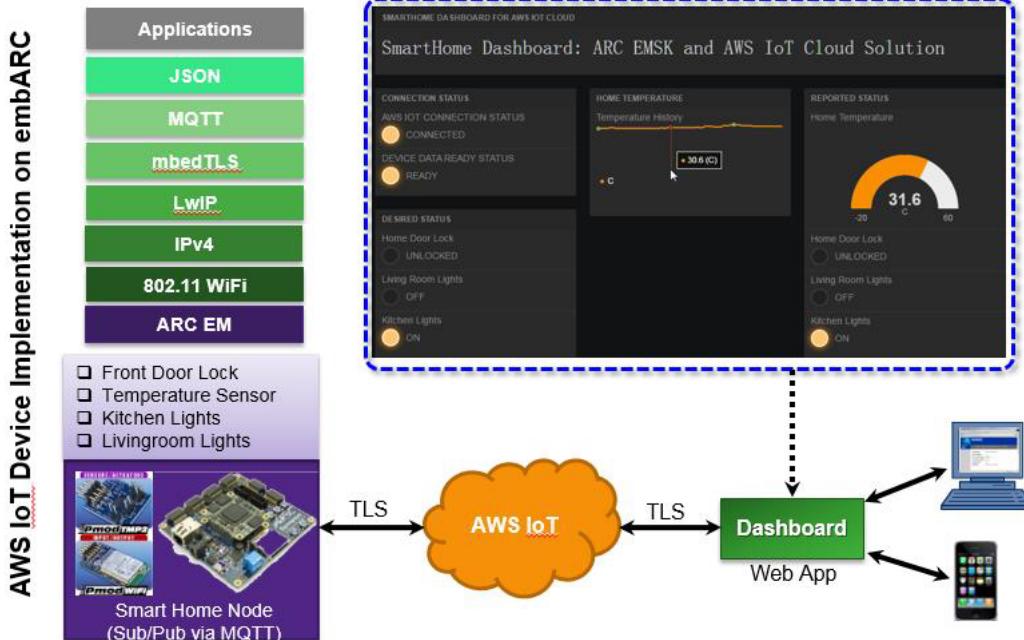
- Required hardware: EMSK 1.1/2.2, PmodTMP2, PmodWiFi, SDCard
- USB UART can be connected to PC for interoperation using NT-Shell.

- Configure your hardware with proper core configuration.
- The hardware resources are described as per the table below.

Hardware Resources	Represent
BUTTON R	Livingroom Lights Control
LED 0-1	Livingroom Lights Status (On or Off)
BUTTON L	Kitchen Lights Control
LED 2-3	Kitchen Lights Status (On or Off)
BUTTON X	Front Door Lock Control
LED 4-5	Front Door Lock Status (On or Off)
LED 7	WiFi connection status (On for connected, Off for not)
LED X	Node working status (toggling in 2s period if working well)
PMOD TMP2	Temperature Sensor
PMOD WiFi	Provide WiFi Connection

Content

This lab provides instructions on how to establish connection between the EMSK and Amazon Web Services Internet of Things (AWS IoT) cloud with a simulated smart home application. With the help of AWS IoT as a intermediate cloud platform, devices can securely interact with cloud applications and other devices. AWS IoT also supports Message Queue Telemetry Transport (MQTT) and provides authentication and end-to-end encryption.



This application is designed to show how to connect only 1 EMSK and AWS IoT Cloud using embARC. The connection between EMSK and AWS IoT Cloud is secured by TLS.

Principles

This lab demonstrates the smart home solution based on EMSK by establishing the connection between EMSK Board and AWS IoT Cloud. The AWS IoT Device C SDK for the embedded platform has been optimized and ported for embARC.

In this lab application, the peripheral modules and onboard resources of EMSK board are used to simulate the objects which are controlled and monitored in smart home scenario. The AWS IoT Cloud is used as the Cloud host and control platform that communicate with the EMSK Board using MQTT protocol. A HTML5 Web APP is designed to provide a dash board in order to monitor and control smart home nodes.

Steps

Creating and setting smart home node

1. Create an AWS account in [here]. Amazon offers various account levels, including a free tier for AWS IoT.
2. Login AWS console and choose AWS IoT.



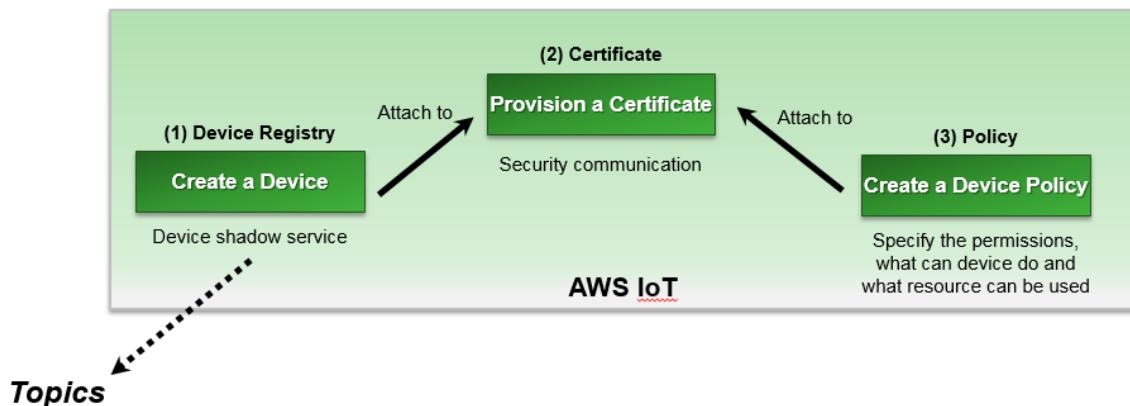
3. Choose an appropriate IoT server in the top right corner of the AWS IoT console page.

Internet of Things
AWS IoT
Connect Devices to the Cloud

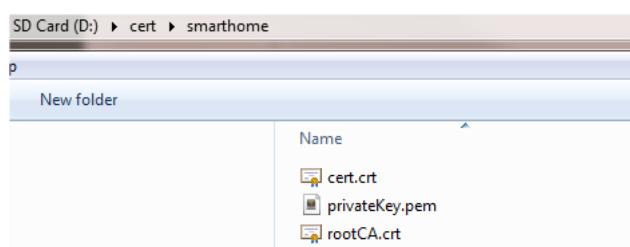
- | US East (N. Virginia)
- US West (N. California)
- US West (Oregon)
- EU (Ireland)
- EU (Frankfurt)
- Asia Pacific (Tokyo)
- Asia Pacific (Seoul)
- Asia Pacific (Singapore)
- Asia Pacific (Sydney)
- South America (São Paulo)

4. Create your smart home node in the thing registry and generate X.509 certificate for the node. Create an AWS IoT policy. Then attach your smart home node and policy to the X.509 certificate.

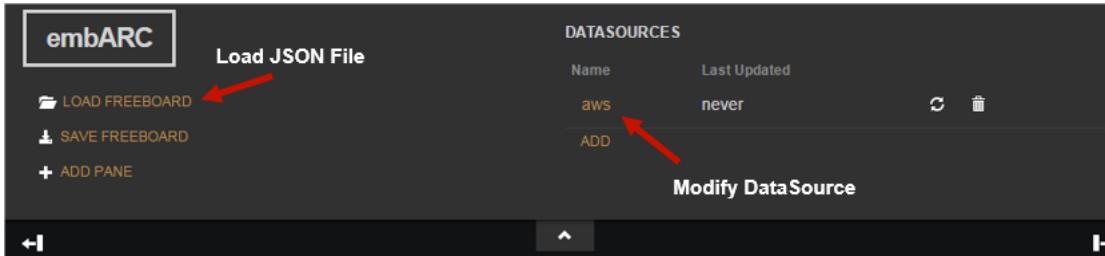
Note: for more details [Using a Smart Home Iot Application with EMSK]



5. Download the root CA certificate from [here]. Rename it *rootCA.crt*. Copy the certificate files *cert.crt*, *privateKey.pem* and *rootCA.crt* to folder *cert/smarthome*. Insert the SD card to your PC, and copy the certificate folder cert to the SD Card root.



6. Open the [Web App] in a web browser and load the configuration file dashboard-smarthomesinglething.json obtained from [embARC/example/freertos/iot/aws/smarthome_demo]. The dashboard can be loaded automatically



7. Click “ADD” to go to DATASOURCE page and fill up the forms.

- TYPE: Choose AWS IoT.
- NAME: Name is aws.

DATASOURCE

Receive data from an MQTT server.

TYPE	AWS IoT
NAME	aws
AWS IOT ENDPOINT	input_your_own_endpoint
Your AWS account-specific AWS IoT endpoint. You can use the AWS IoT CLI describe-endpoint command to find this endpoint	
REGION	input_your_own_region
The AWS region of your AWS account	
CLIENT ID	
MQTT client ID should be unique for every device	
ACCESS KEY	input_your_own_accesskey
Access Key of AWS IAM	
SECRET KEY	input_your_own_secretKey
Secret Key of AWS IAM	
THINGS	Thing SmartHome
ADD	
AWS IoT Thing Name of the Shadow this device is associated with	
SAVE CANCEL	

- AWS IOT ENDPOINT: Go to AWS IoT console and click your smart home node “SmartHome”. Copy the content XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.iot.us-east-1.amazonaws.com in REST API endpoint to AWS IOT ENDPOINT.

The screenshot shows the AWS IoT Resources page. On the left, there's a list of resources: 'Smart Home' (selected), '9ce7e d7884 6nh ACTIV E'. At the top, a red box highlights the 'AWS IOT ENDPOINT' section. To its right, another red box highlights the 'REST API endpoint' details, which include:

- Name: SmartHome
- REST API endpoint: t-1.amazonaws.com/things/SmartHome/shadow
- MQTT topic: Saws/things/SmartHome/shadow/update
- Last update: No state
- Attributes: None
- Linked certificates: None

- REGION: Copy the AWS region of your smart home node in REST API endpoint to REGION. For example, <https://XXXXXXXXXXXXXX.iot.us-east1.amazonaws.com/things/SmartHome/shadow>. REGION is us-east-1.
- CLIENT ID: Leave it blank as default.
- ACCESS KEY and SECRET KEY: Go to AWS Services page and click "IAM".

The screenshot shows the AWS Services page. The 'IAM' link is highlighted with a red box. Other services listed include: History, All AWS Services, Inspector, Certificate Manager, Console Home, Compute, Storage & Content Delivery, Database, Networking, Developer Tools, Management Tools, Security & Identity, Analytics, Internet of Things, Mobile Services, Application Services, Enterprise Applications, Game Development.

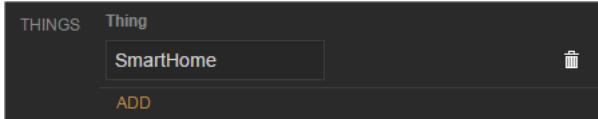
Go to User page and click “Create New Users”. Enter User Names “AWSIoTUser”. Then download user security credentials, Access Key ID and Secret Access Key. Copy Access Key ID to ACCESS KEY and Secret Access Key to SECRET KEY.

The screenshot shows the IAM User creation process. It includes four numbered steps:

- (1) IAM service selected.
- (2) User creation form with 'Enter User Names:' field containing '1. AWSIoTUser'.
- (3) Confirmation message: 'Your 1 User(s) have been created successfully. This is the last time these User security credentials will be available for download. You can manage and recreate these credentials any time.' A red arrow points from this message to the download link below.
- (4) User details page showing 'Managed Policies' attached to the user, including 'AWSIoTDataAccess' policy.

Go to User page and click “AWSIoTUser”. Click “Attach Policy” to attach “AWSIoTDataAccess” to “AWSIoTUser”.

- g) THINGS: AWS IoT thing name “SmartHome”.



- h) Click “Save” to finish the setting.

Building and running AWS IoT smart home example

1. The AWS IoT thing SDK for C has been ported to embARC. Check the above steps in order for your IoT application to work smoothly. Go to *embARC/example/freertos/iot/aws/smarthome_demo*. Modify `aws_iot_config.h` to match your AWS IoT configuration. The macro **AWS_IOT_MQTT_HOST** can be copied from the REST API endpoint in AWS IoT console. For example, `https://XXXXXXXXXXXXXX.iot.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/things/SmartHome/shadow`. **AWS_IOT_MQTT_HOST** should be `XXXXXXXXXXXXXX.iot.us-east-1.amazonaws.com`.

```
// Get from console
// =====
#define AWS_IOT_MQTT_HOST      "XXXXXXXXXXXXXX.iot.us-east-1.amazonaws.com" ///< Custom
#define AWS_IOT_MQTT_PORT       8883 ///< default port for MQTT/S
#define AWS_IOT_MQTT_CLIENT_ID  "csdk-SH" ///< MQTT client ID should be unique for every device
#define AWS_IOT_MY_THING_NAME   "SmartHome" ///< Thing Name of the Shadow this device connects to
#define AWS_IOT_ROOT_CA_FILENAME "rootCA.crt" ///< Root CA file name
#define AWS_IOT_CERTIFICATE_FILENAME "cert.crt" ///< device signed certificate file name
#define AWS_IOT_PRIVATE_KEY_FILENAME "privateKey.pem" ///< Device private key filename
// =====
```

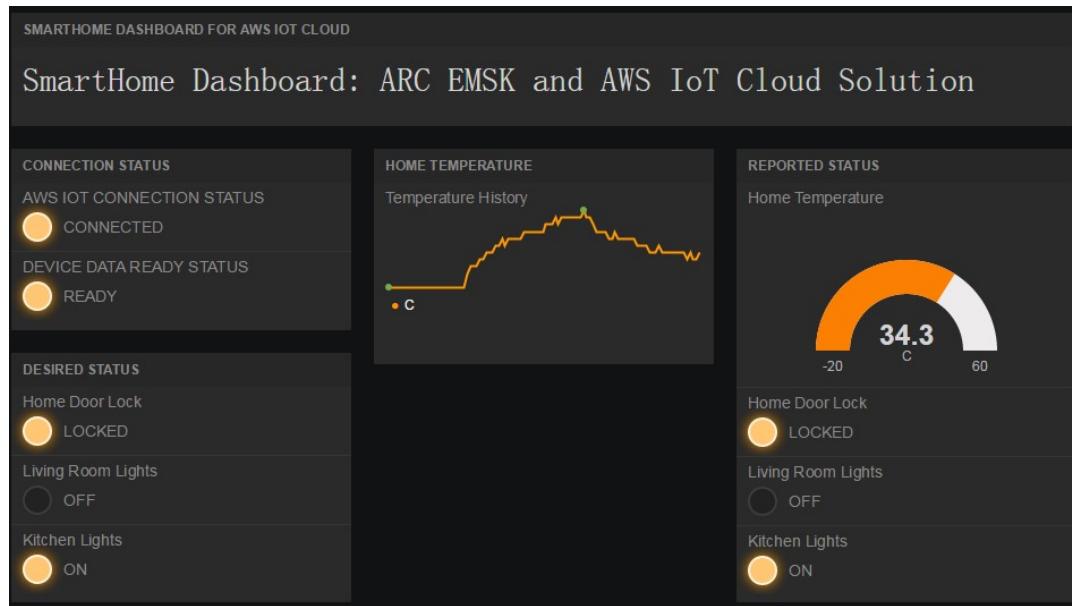
2. Use USB cable to connect the EMSK board. Set the baud rate of the terminal emulator to 115200.
3. Insert the SD Card into the EMSK board SD Card slot. Run the AWS IoT application using JTAG. Go to *embARC/example/freertos/iot/aws/smarthome_demo* in command line, input the compile command as follow:

```
make TOOLCHAIN=gnu BD_VER=22 CUR_CORE=arcem7d run
```

4. FreeRTOS-based runtime environment can be loaded automatically. Wait for WiFi initialization and connection establishment (30 seconds or less) until the “WiFi connected” message is shown in the terminal emulator. “Network is ok” will be shown after the certificate files cert.crt, privateKey.pem and rootCA.crt are validated. The information in “reported”: {} is the state of the EMSK-based smart home node. “Updated Accepted !!” means the connection works between the smart home node and AWS IoT cloud.

```
Shadow Init
Shadow Connect
FrontDoor is open
Turn off Kitchenlights
Turn off LivingRoomLights
Update Shadow: {"state":{"reported":{"temperature":29.6, "DoorLocked":false, "KitchenLights":false, "LivingRoomLights":false}}, "clientToken":"csdk-SH-0"}
*****
Delta - FrontDoor state changed to 1
FrontDoor is locked
Delta - KitchenLights light state changed to 1
Turn on KitchenLights
Update Accepted !!
Update Shadow: {"state":{"reported":{"temperature":29.6, "DoorLocked":true, "KitchenLights":true, "LivingRoomLights":false}}, "clientToken":"csdk-SH-1"}
*****
Update Accepted !!
Update Shadow: {"state":{"reported":{"temperature":29.6, "DoorLocked":true, "KitchenLights":true, "LivingRoomLights":false}}, "clientToken":"csdk-SH-2"}
*****
```

4. Interact using EMSK and Dashboard. You can press the button L/R/X to see the led changes on board and also on dashboard web app. You can also click the lights of DESIRED STATUS pane on the dashboard app, and see the led changes on board and dashboard web app.



Exercises

This application is designed to show how to connect only 1 EMSK and AWS IoT Cloud using embARC. Try to add more nodes and implement a Multi-nodes AWS IoT Smarthome Demo.

Note: Related demo codes you can find [\[here\]](#)

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