

ECEN 5803 Mastering Embedded System Architecture Project 1 Module 1

Question 1: Starting with the results from Lab_Exercise_1 in the Homework 2-Practical, create another Keil project, call it M1-String and replace the string copy and string capitalization assembly language functions with C functions written by your or your partner. Compile and run this project. Compare the memory usage between the assembly language function project and the C function project — which uses less memory?

Memory Usage for Assembly Code :

Section	Size (Bytes)
Code	1392
RO-data	436
RW-data	40
ZI-data	1632

Table 1: Memory usage of a assembly code

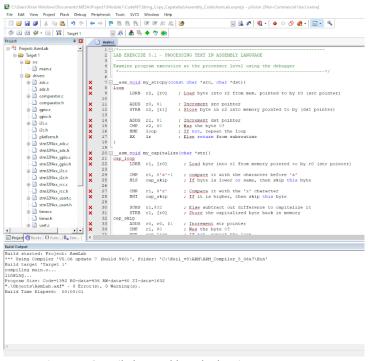


Figure 1 : Compiled Assembly code showing memory usage

Memory Usage for C Code :

Section	Size (Bytes)
Code	1408
RO-data	436
RW-data	40
ZI-data	1632

Table 2 : Memory usage of a C code



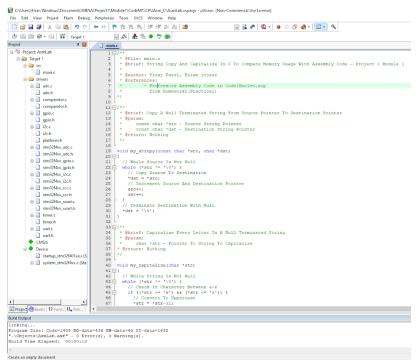


Figure 2: Compiled C code showing memory usage

• Size Analysis between Assembly and C Code:

Looking into the two screenshots with just <u>16 extra bytes</u> added in the code section, the assembly implementation code size is little less than the C implementation's. The three types of RO, RW, and ZI data memory sections remain unchanged between the two implementations.

This shows that while the assembly fundamental logic optimization concludes in a small space reduction, the overall data structures and constants are unchanged.

Question 2: Look at the .map file for this project. Explain the memory model of ARM Cortex-M4 with respect to the code memory, data memory, IRQ handlers and peripherals. Explain with the help of a diagram where required.

Basic Idea of ARM Cortex-M4 memory model

The ARM Cortex M4 is a processor core developed by ARM Holdings organisation for microcontroller use, notably in embedded systems. It features a Memory Model that is suited very well to meet the needs of high-performance, low power devices. Below is a high level overview of the memory model with respect to the mentioned aspects.

1. Code Memory (Flash):

 Code memory is a non-volatile and stores the program executable code. It retrieves and retain data even when the power is off.

2. Data Memory (RAM):

 Data memory is a volatile and stores data as well as variables that the program uses during execution run. It forgets its content when the power is turned off.



3. Interrupt Vector Table:

Interrupt vector table contains the addresses of Interrupt Service Routines (ISR) or IRQ
 Handlers. Each of these IRQ's corresponding to a specific interrupt or exception. It allows
 the processor to handle requests from peripherals efficiently.

4. Peripherals:

 Peripherals are the components like timers, communication ports like USART, and ADCs, enabling interaction with the outside world or performing certain tasks. They are used and controlled through memory mapped Special Function Registers(SFR).

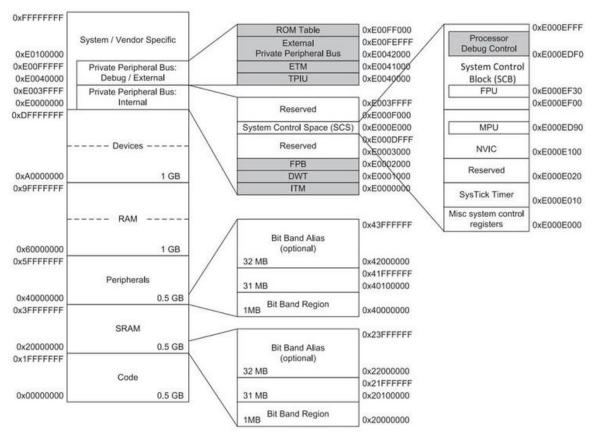


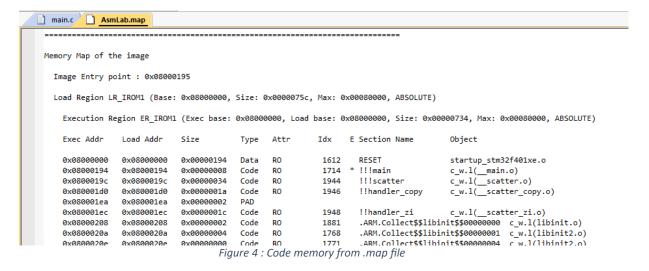
Figure 3: Memory Map Model From ARM Official Website

Our .map Analysis:

Code Memory:

The code memory in embedded systems is where the executable code is stored. For the ARM Cortex-M4, which, this means that code and data coexist in the same memory space. This specific memory, often known as flash memory, is non-volatile, meaning it retains its data even without power. According to our .map file as seen in figure 4, this memory region is designated as the Load Region LR_IROM1 with a base address of 0x08000000 and a size of 0x00000075c. Within this, the Execution Region ER_IROM1, where the code actually runs, has the same base address, and a slightly smaller size of 0x000000734. The maximum allowable size for this region is 0x00080000.





Data Memory:

The data memory in embedded systems is used to store variables and run-time data. Within the context of the Cortex-M4, this memory region is predominantly comprised of Random Access Memory (RAM). According to the .map file, the data memory region is denoted by the Execution Region RW_IRAM1. The base address for this region is 0x20000000. The size of RW_IRAM1, as specified in the .map file screenshot in figure 5, is 0x00000688. This memory also accommodates individual sections like .data for initialized variables and .bss for uninitialized ones. Additionally, dedicated sections for HEAP and STACK are present, which are integral for dynamic memory allocation and function call management respectively.

Exec Addr	Load Addr	Size	Type	Attr	Idx	E Section Name	0bject
0x20000000	0x08000734	0x0000001c	Data	RW	247	.data	gpio.o
0x2000001c	0x08000750	0x00000008	Data	RW	1479	.data	timer.o
0x20000024	0x08000758	0x00000004	Data	RW	1544	.data	uart.o
0x20000028	-	0x00000060	Zero	RW	1821	.bss	c_w.l(libspace.o)
0x20000088	-	0x00000200	Zero	RW	1611	HEAP	startup_stm32f401xe.o
0x20000288	-	0x00000400	Zero	RW	1610	STACK	startup_stm32f401xe.o

Figure 5 : data memory section from .map file

IRQ Handlers:

Interrupt Request (IRQ) handlers are responsible for dealing with events or signals from peripherals or internal system components that need immediate attention. In the context of the Cortex-M architecture, these handlers are typically part of the vector table at the beginning of the code memory. In the .map file for the STM32F401xE microcontroller, the IRQ handlers are functions designed to address specific system or peripheral events. Looking at .map file in screenshot below in figure 6, we can see that IRQ for each handers has been assigned a specific address. Many share the address 0x0800024f, suggesting they're aliased to a default function in the absence of specific implementations.





Figure 6: IRQ's from .map file

Peripherals:

Peripherals represent the various hardware components integrated into the microcontroller, such as GPIOs, UARTs, ADCs, and timers. The memory associated with peripherals is usually mapped to a specific region in memory and is often called the peripheral memory space. In our .map file of microcontroller projects, peripheral-related data doesn't have explicit sections named after the peripherals. Instead, they can be found in the symbol table with names resembling peripheral functions, in memory sections detailing memory-mapped I/O, or via cross-references linking object files to symbols. The absence of peripherals could be because they are not initialised or used in main.c code.

References:

- Arm Developer. (n.d.). Architectural Overview. Retrieved September 25, 2023, from https://developer.arm.com/documentation/den0001/latest/
- MikroE. (n.d.). Memory Organization. Retrieved September 25, 2023, from http://download.mikroe.com/documents/compilers/mikroc/arm/help/memory_organiz ation.htm



Question 3:

- 1. Testing Approximate square root with bisection method without Q16.16 format code with these inputs: 2, 4, 22, and 121.
- 2. Estimate the number of CPU cycles used for this calculation.
- 3. Auto-generate documentation using Doxygen. Provide either an HTML directory or PDF file documenting your codebase.
 - Testing input: 2 Result as seen in R0 register = 0x00000001

```
0x09000260 45RE CMF
50: BEQ dame
0x080000262 D000 BEQ
51: B loop_start
52:
53: dome
0x08000264 EVED B
5000000265 ESBENDOYO POP
56: BN LR
                                                                                                                                                r6,r7

;// If c == c_old, branch to done

0x08000266

;// Otherwise, loop back to start
                                                                                                                                               0x08000242
;// Move result into RO (return value)
rO.r6
;// Restore saved registers
(r4-r7,lr)
;// Return
                                3x08000268 EAL LR
56: BX LR
57: )
58:
59: int main(void)
0x0800026C 4770 BX
0x0800026E 0000 MOVS
177: LDR
                                                                                                                                         R0, =SystemInit
r0,[pc,#36] ; @0x08000298
                             177:
0x08000270 4809
done
MOV RO, R6
POP {R4-R7, LR}
BX LR
                                                                volatile int r, j = 0;
                                                              r = my_sqrt_int(0); // Should be 0
//printf("result = %d\n",r);
r = my_sqrt_int(25); // Should be 5
//printf("result = %d\n",r);
r = my_sqrt_int(13); // Should be 11
//printf("result = %d\n",r);
                                                                r = my_sqrt_int(2); // Adjusted the comment

//printf("result = %d\n",r);

r = my_sqrt_int(4); // Adjusted the comment

//printf("result = %d\n",r);

r = my_sqrt_int(22); // Adjusted the comment

//printf("result = %d\n",r);

r = my_sqrt_int(21); // Should be 11
```

Figure 7: Result of normal code output with input 2

Testing input: 4 Result as seen in R0 register = 0x00000002

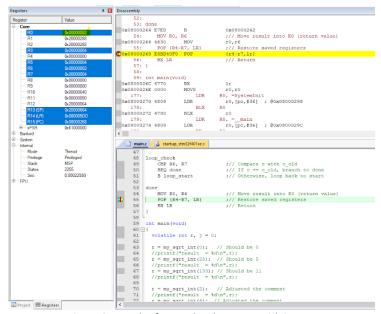


Figure 8: Result of normal code output with input 4



Testing input: 22
 Result as seen in R0 register = 0x00000004

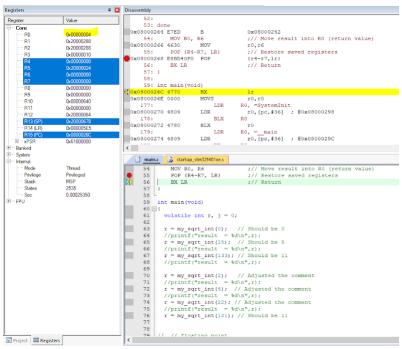


Figure 9 : Result of normal code output with input 22

Testing input: 121
Result as seen in R0 register = 0x0000000B

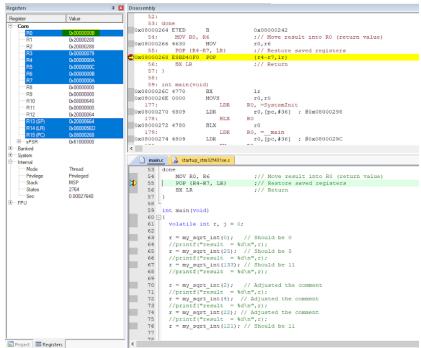


Figure 10: Result of normal code output with input 121



CPU Cycle

After going through the code computing CPU cycles for each instruction the final CPU cycle time can be computed as follows. Assuming that branching is not taken and I being number of iterations.

Total Cycles = 11 (Setup) + [8 + (2 (for either Update A or B)) + 5]*i (i Iterations) + 8 (Clean-up)

References:

 Arm Developer. (n.d.). Cortex-M4 Instructions: Instruction Set Summary. Retrieved September 25, 2023, from https://developer.arm.com/documentation/ddi0439/b/Programmers-Model/Instruction-setsummary/Cortex-M4-instructions

Doxygen Documentation:

Refer the attached pdf auto generated from doxygen using "make pdf" command in latex folder. Path in Submission: Doxygen Documentation.

For HTML and Latex Refer to Code Project Folders.

Question 4: (Bonus Question)

- 1. Testing <u>Approximate square root with bisection method with Q16.16</u> format code with these inputs: 2.0, 4.0, 22.0, and 121.0.
- 2. Estimate the number of CPU cycles used for this calculation and also the size of the code in memory.
- 3. Auto-generate documentation using Doxygen. Provide either an HTML directory or PDF file documenting your codebase.
 - Testing input: 2.0
 Result as seen in R0 register = 0x00016A00(1.41 in Q16.16 format)

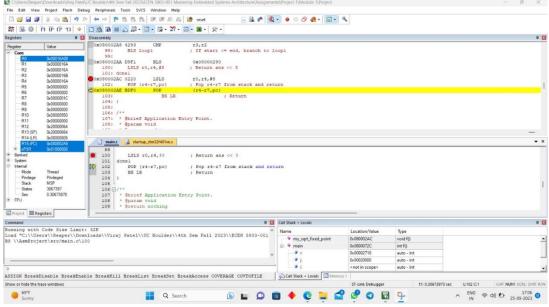


Figure 8: Bonus Lab output with input 2.0



Testing input: 4.0
 Result as seen in R0 register = 0x00020000 (2.0 in Q16.16 format)

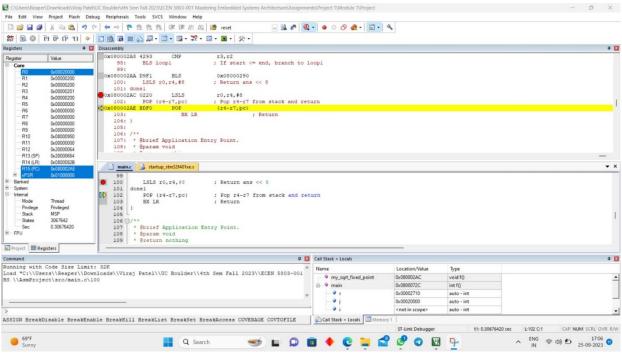


Figure 9: Bonus Lab output with input 4.0

Testing input: 22.0
 Result as seen in R0 register = 0x0004B000(4.68 in Q16.16 format)

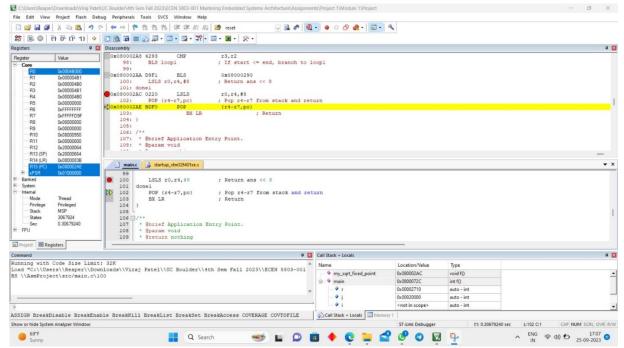


Figure 10: Bonus Lab output with input 22.0



Testing input: 121.0
 Result as seen in R0 register = 0x000B0000(11.0 in Q16.16 format

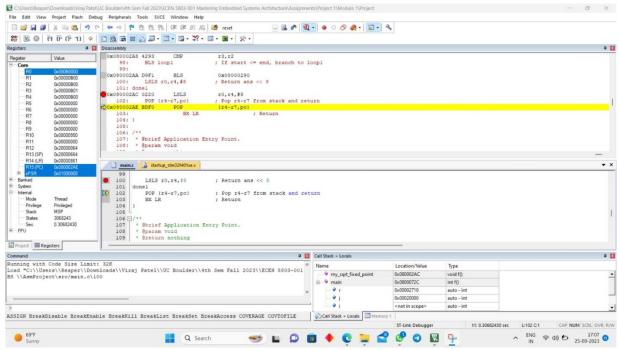


Figure 11: Bonus Lab output with input 121.0

• CPU Cycle

After going through the code computing CPU cycles for each instruction the final CPU cycle time can be computed as follows. Assuming that branching is not taken and I being number of iterations.

Total Cycles = 12 (Setup) + [9 + 1 (cond_less_equal if branched) + 3]*i (i Iterations) + 6 (Clean-up)

Memory Usage for Bonus Lab Code :

Section	Size (Bytes)
Code	1948
RO-data	436
RW-data	36
ZI-data	1636

Doxygen Documentation :

Refer the attached pdf auto generated from doxygen using "make pdf" command in latex folder. Path in Submission: Doxygen Documentation (Folder) For HTML and Latex Refer to Code Project Folders.



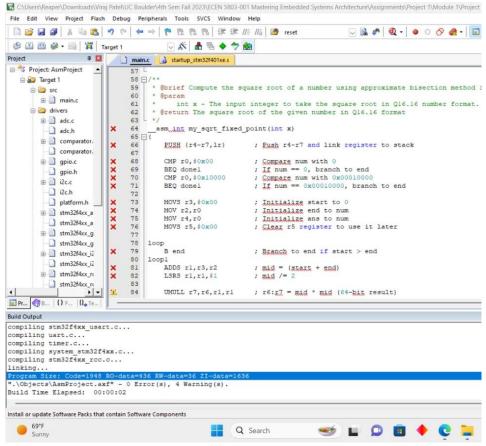


Figure 12: Bonus Lab Size of Memory

References:

 Arm Developer. (n.d.). Cortex-M4 Instructions: Instruction Set Summary. Retrieved September 25, 2023, from https://developer.arm.com/documentation/ddi0439/b/Programmers-Model/Instruction-setsummary/Cortex-M4-instructions



Code:

Square Root approximation:

```
/**
* @file main.c
^{\star} @brief Square Root Approximation using Integer Approach - Project 1 Module 1
* @author Viraj Patel, Kiran jojare
* @see <a href="https://developer.arm.com/documentation/ddi0439/b/Programmers-Model/Instruction-set-
summary/Cortex-M4-instructions?lang=en">ARM Cortex-M4 Instructions</a>
 * @see PDF obtained from professor "Approximate Square Root Bisection Method"
// include standard header files
#include <string.h>
#include <assert.h>
\star @brief Compute the integer square root of a number using approximate bisection method.
      int x - The input integer to take the square root.
^{\star} @return The integer square root of the given number.
 asm int my sqrt int(int x)
                           ; Save registers that will be used in the subroutine
    PUSH {R4-R8, LR}
   MOV R4, #0
LDR R5, =0x4000
                           ; Initialize a = 0
                           ; Initialize b = 2^16
                           ; Initialize c = -1
   MOV R6, #-1
              MOV R8, #0
                                      ; Initialize done = 0
loop start
                           ; c_old <- c
   MOV R7, R6
    ADD R6, R4, R5
                           ; R\overline{6} = a + b
    ASR R6, R6, #1
                          ; c < - (a+b)/2
                          ; R3 = c*c
   MUL R3, R6, R6
   CMP R3, R0
                           ; Compare c*c with x
   BEQ done
                           ; If c*c == x, branch to done
                          ; If c*c < x, branch to update_a
; Otherwise, branch to update_b
   BLT update a
   B update b
update a
   MOV R4, R6
                          ; a <- c
    B loop check
                                                       ; jump to loop check
update b
   MOV R5, R6
                           ; b <- c
    B loop check
                           ; jump to loop check
loop check
    CMP R6, R7
                           ; Compare c with c_old
    BEQ done
                           ; If c == c_old, branch to done
               CMP R8, #1
                                      ; Compare done with 1
                                       ; If done == 1, branch to done
               BEQ done
                           ; Otherwise, loop back to start
   B loop start
done
   MOV RO, R6
                          ; Move result into R0 (return value)
   POP {R4-R8, LR}
                           ; Restore saved registers
   BX LR
                           ; Return
^{\star} @brief Compute the square root of a number using approximate bisection method in Q16.16 number
 * @param
       int x - The input integer to take the square root in Q16.16 number format.
 ^{\star} @return The square root of the given number in Q16.16 format
 * /
 asm int my sqrt fixed point(int x)
    PUSH \{r4-r7, lr\}
                          ; Push r4-r7 and link register to stack
    CMP r0, #0x00
                          ; Compare num with 0
                          ; If num == 0, branch to end
    BEQ done1
```



```
CMP r0,#0x10000 ; Compare num with 0x00010000
                         ; If num == 0x00010000, branch to end
   BEO done1
   MOVS r3,#0x00
                         ; Initialize start to 0
                          ; Initialize end to num
   MOV r2,r0
   MOV r4,r0
                          ; Initialize ans to num
   MOVS r5, #0x00
                         ; Clear r5 register to use it later
loop
   B end
                          ; Branch to end if start > end
loop1
   ADDS r1, r3, r2
                         ; mid = (start + end)
   LSRS r1, r1, #1
                          ; mid /= 2
                         ; r6:r7 = mid * mid
   UMULL r7,r6,r1,r1
   SUBS r7, r0, r7
                          ; Subtract result from num
   SBCS r6, r5, r6
                         ; Subtract with carry the result from 0
   BCC cond_less_equal ; If unsigned lower or same, branch to cond_less_equal
   ADDS r3, r1, #1
                         ; start = mid + 1
   MOV r4,r1
                          ; ans = mid
   B loop
cond less equal
    SUBS r2, r1, #1
                         : end = mid - 1
end
    CMP r3,r2
                          ; Compare start with end
   BLS loop1
                          ; If start <= end, branch to loop1
   LSLS r0, r4, #8
                          ; Return ans << 8
done1
                         ; Pop r4-r7 from stack and return
   POP {r4-r7,pc}
               BX LR
                                     ; Return
}
* @brief Application Entry Point.
* @param void
* @return nothing
*/
int main (void)
       volatile int r, j = 0;
       // Assert that my\_sqrt\_int returns the correct value for each test input
       r = my_sqrt_int(0);
       assert(r == 0); // assert that the square root of 0 is 0
       r = my_sqrt_int(25);
       assert(r == 5); // assert that the square root of 25 is 5
       r = my_sqrt_int(133);
       assert(r == 11); // assert that the square root of 133 is 11
       // Testing requested from lab exercise question
       // 3. Test your code with these inputs: 2, 4, 22, and 121. Record the results
       r = my_sqrt_int(2);
       assert(r == 1); // assert that the square root of 2 is 1
       r = my\_sqrt\_int(4);
assert(r == 2); // assert that the square root of 4 is 2
       r = my\_sqrt\_int(22);
assert(r == 4); // assert that the square root of 22 is 4
       r = my_sqrt_int(121);
       assert(r == 11); // assert that the square root of 121 is 11
       // Iterate from 0 to 9999 and compute square root of 'i' using 'my sqrt int', then accumulate
the results in 'j'.
       for (int i = 0; i < 10000; i++) {
                      r = my_sqrt_int(i);
                      j += r;
       // Assert that the accumulated result 'j' is 661650\,
```



```
assert(j == 661650);

// Testing requested from bonus lab exercise question
// 1. Test your code with these inputs: 2.0, 4.0, 22.0, and 121.0. Record the results
r = my_sqrt_fixed_point(0x00020000); // 2.0 in Q16.16 format
assert(r == 0x00016a00); // assert that square root of 2.0 is 1.41 in Q16.16 format

r = my_sqrt_fixed_point(0x00040000); // 4.0 in Q16.16 format
assert(r == 0x00020000); // assert that square root of 4.0 is 2.0 in Q16.16 format

r = my_sqrt_fixed_point(0x00160000); // 22.0 in Q16.16 format
assert(r == 0x0004b000); // assert that square root of 22.0 is 4.68 in Q16.16 format

r = my_sqrt_fixed_point(0x00790000); // 121.0 in Q16.16 format
assert(r == 0x000b0000); // assert that square root of 121.0 is 11.0 in Q16.16 format
// Code execution ends here
while(1);
```



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Code:

```
String Capitalize and Copy (C Code):
* @file: main.c
* @brief: String Copy And Capitalize In C To Compare Memory Usage With Assembly Code - Project 1
Module 1
* @author: Viraj Patel, Kiran jojare
* @references:
         - Professors Assembly Code in CodelNucleo.zip
          from Homework2(Practical)
* @brief: Copy A Null Terminated String From Source Pointer To Destination Pointer
      const char *src - Source String Pointer
const char *dst - Destination String Pointer
 * @return: Nothing
void my strcpy(const char *src, char *dst)
       // While Source Is Not Null
       while (*src != '\0') {
               // Copy Source To Destination
*dst = *src;
               // Increment Source And Destination Pointer
               src++;
               dst++;
       // Terminate Destination With Null
       *dst = '\0';
* @brief: Capitalize Every Letter In A Null Terminated String
      char *str - Pointer To String To Capitalize
* @return: Nothing
void my capitalize(char *str)
       // While String Is Not Null
while (*str != '\0') {
               // Check If Character Between a-z
               if ((*str >= 'a') && (*str <= 'z')) {
                      // Convert To Uppercase
                      *str = *str-32;
               // Increment String Pointer
               str++;
       }
int main(void)
{
       const char a[] = "Hello world!";
       char b[20];
       my strcpy(a, b);
       my capitalize(b);
       while (1);
}
```



Code:

```
String Capitalize and Copy (Assembly Code):
LAB EXERCISE 5.1 - PROCESSING TEXT IN ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE
 _____
Examine program execution at the processor level using the debugger
 * @file: main.c
 ^{\star} @brief: String Copy And Capitalize In Assembly - Project 1 Module 1
* @author: Viraj Patel, Kiran jojare
 * @references:
        - Professors Assembly Code in CodelNucleo.zip
          from Homework2(Practical)
/**
 * @brief: Copy A Null Terminated String From Source Pointer To Destination Pointer
     const char *src - Source String Pointer
      char *dst - Destination String Pointer
 * @return: Nothing
 asm void my strcpy(const char *src, char *dst){
loop
     LDRB r2, [r0]
                    ; Load byte into r2 from mem. pointed to by r0 (src pointer)
     ADDS r0, #1 ; Increment src pointer
STRB r2, [r1] ; Store byte in r2 into memory pointed to by (dst pointer)
     ADDS r1, #1
                     ; Increment dst pointer
     CMP r2, #0 ; Was the byte u:
BNE loop ; If not, repeat the loop
RX lr ; Else return from subroutine
}
 * @brief: Capitalize Lowercase Letters In A Null Terminated String
 * @param:
      char *str - String Pointer
 * @return: Nothing
 asm void my capitalize(char *str) {
cap loop
     LDRB r1, [r0]
                       ; Load byte into r1 from memory pointed to by r0 (str pointer)
     CMP
         r1, #'a'-1 ; compare it with the character before 'a'
     BLS cap_skip
                      ; If byte is lower or same, then skip this byte
                    ; Compare it with the 'z' character
     CMP r1, #'z'
     BHI
         cap_skip
                       ; If it is higher, then skip this byte
     SUBS r1,#32
                      ; Else subtract out difference to capitalize it
     STRB r1, [r0]
                      ; Store the capitalized byte back in memory
cap skip
     ADDS r0, r0, #1 ; Increment str pointer
     CMP
          r1, #0
                       ; Was the byte 0?
     EMP r1, #0 ; Was the byte 0?

BNE cap_loop ; If not, repeat the loop
     BX lr
                      ; Else return from subroutine
/*-----
MAIN function
int main(void){
      const char a[] = "Hello world!";
  char b[20];
 my strcpy(a, b);
 my_capitalize(b);
 while (1);
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```