Lab-1 : Running ESP-S3-EYE Examples

Compilation and modification of color detection sample

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PREVIEW

In this lab you will compile the color detection sample, play a bit with it and then modify it to take an image and show a modified version of the image.

GOAL

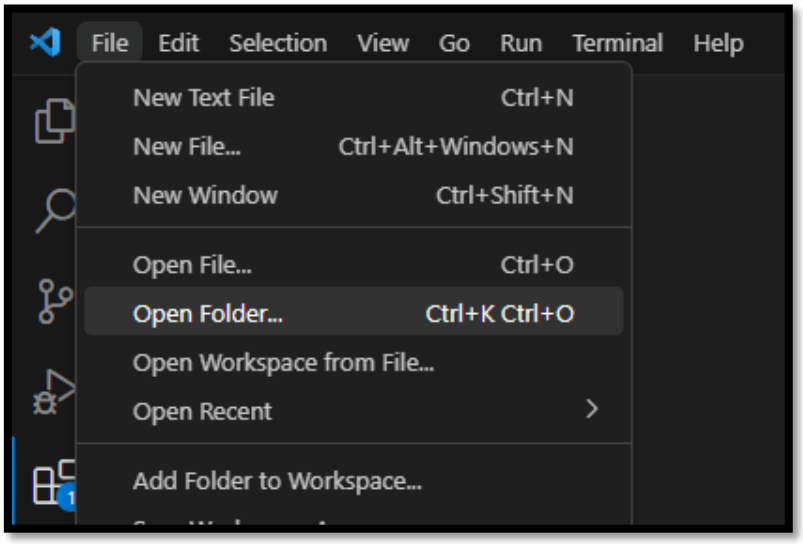
The goal of this labs is to get familiar with the ESP32-S3-EYE boards compilation and flashing process as well as the built in image format.

Reminder

Installing ESP-IDF and ESP-WHO

Opening the project

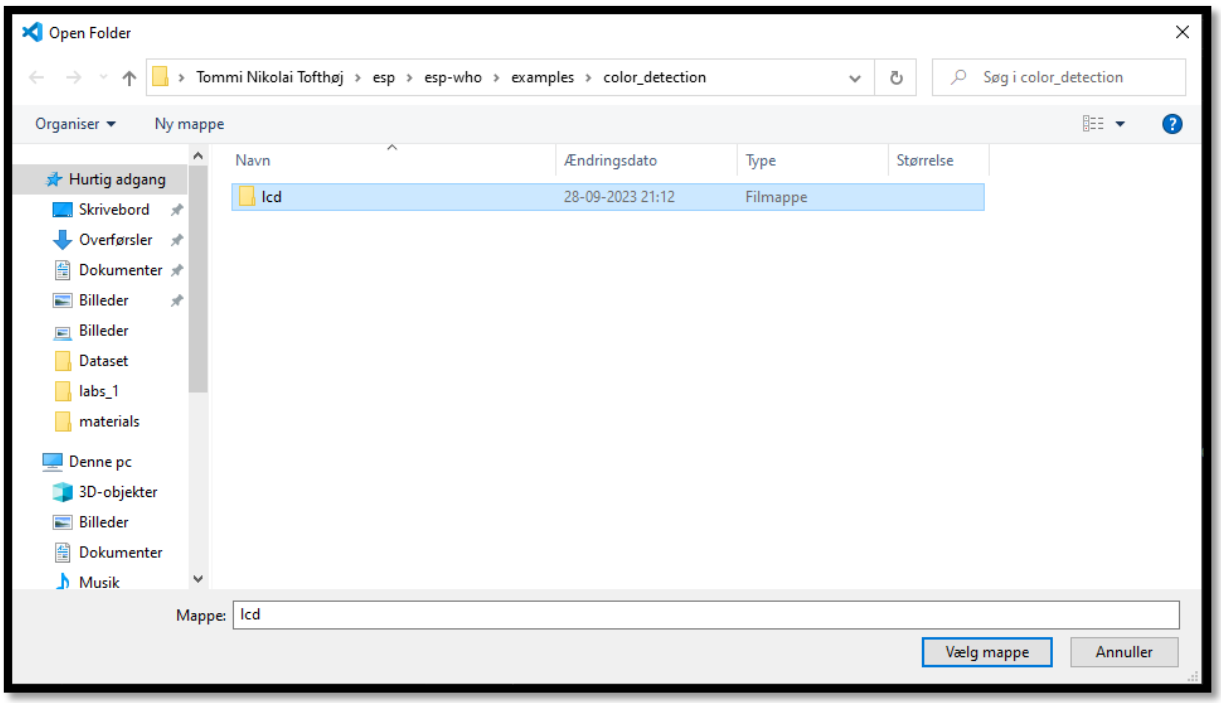
First open a new window of ***vscode***. Now select file and open folder.



Navigate to the color detection sample usually found in:

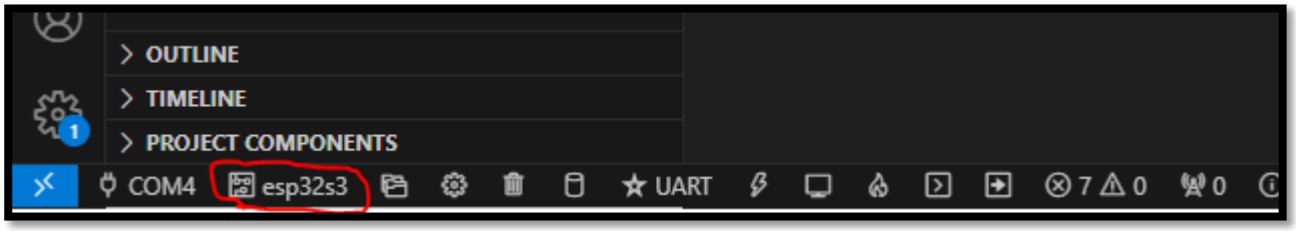
C:\Users\[your username]\esp\esp-who\examples\color_detection

Open the ***LCD folder*** as the project folder.

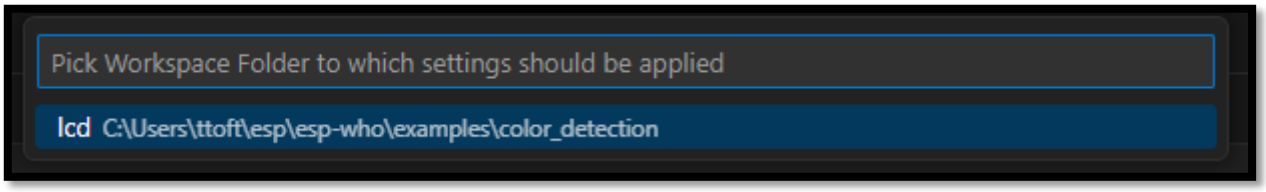


Setting up and compiling project

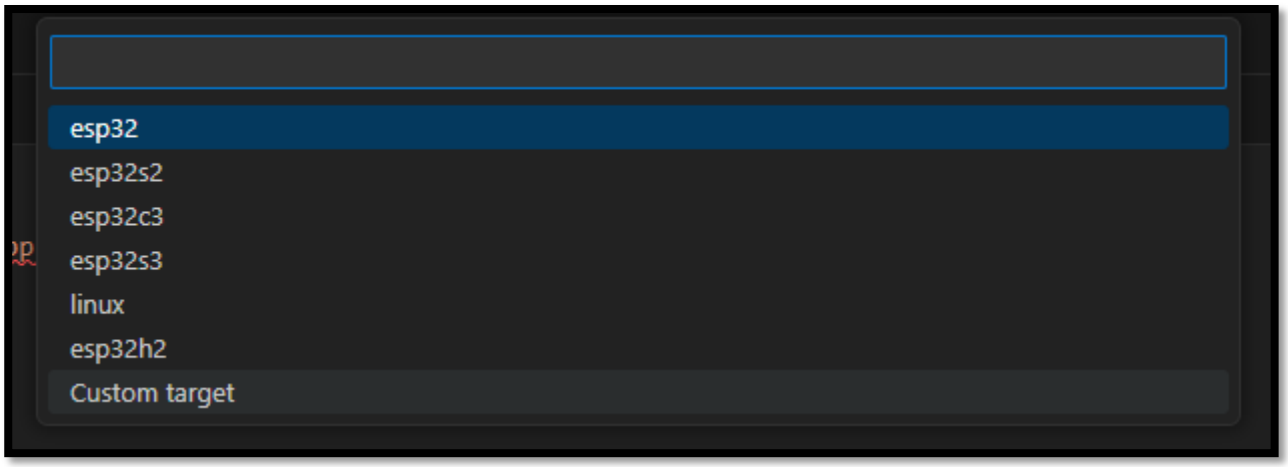
First you need to set the board used. Press this icon on the bottom bar.

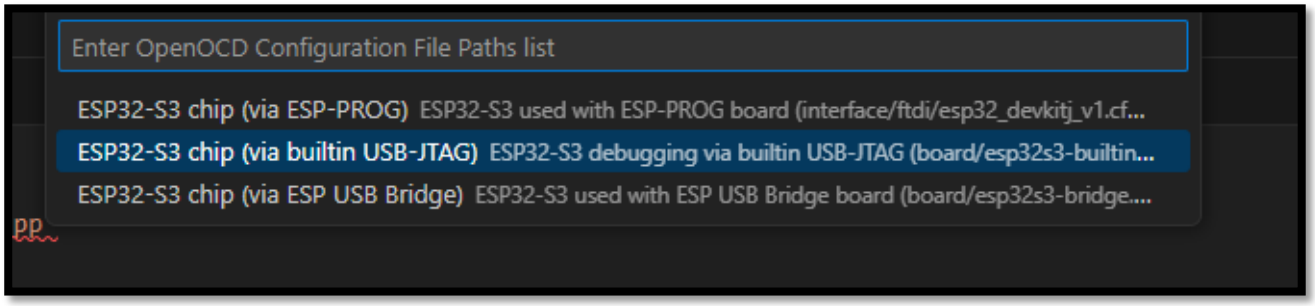


Select ***lcd***



Then select **esp32s3** → **ESP32-S3** chip (via builtin USB-JTAG)





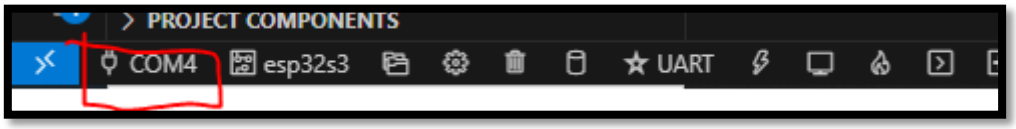
Now you can compile the code using the **bin** shaped icon

When the process is successful you should see this text

```
      .bss  size:    8768 bytes
Used Flash size :  619955 bytes
      .text     :  368511 bytes
      .rodata   :  251188 bytes
Total image size:  706174 bytes (.bin may be padded larger)
```

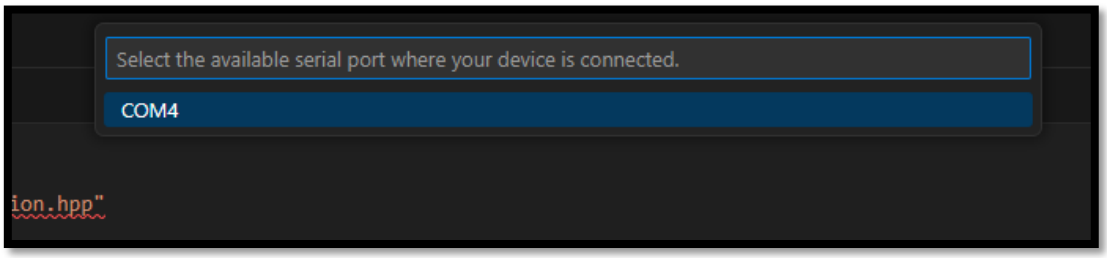
Setting com port and flashing board.

First you need to set the **COM** port. Press the first icon saying **COM** on the bar.

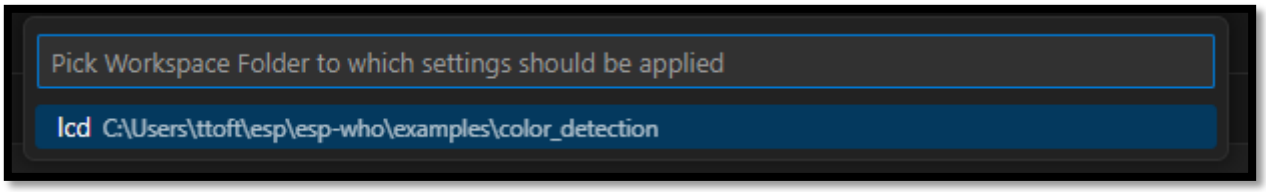


If you have connected the **ESP32** board a list of **COM** ports should show up (if you have multiple COM ports showing unplug the board and plug it in again to identify the correct port).

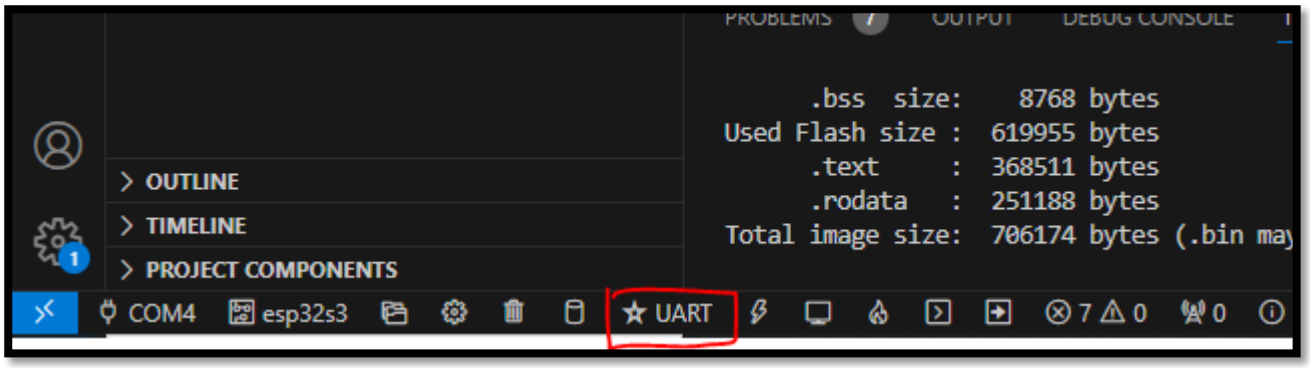
Select the correct comport (in my case COM 4).



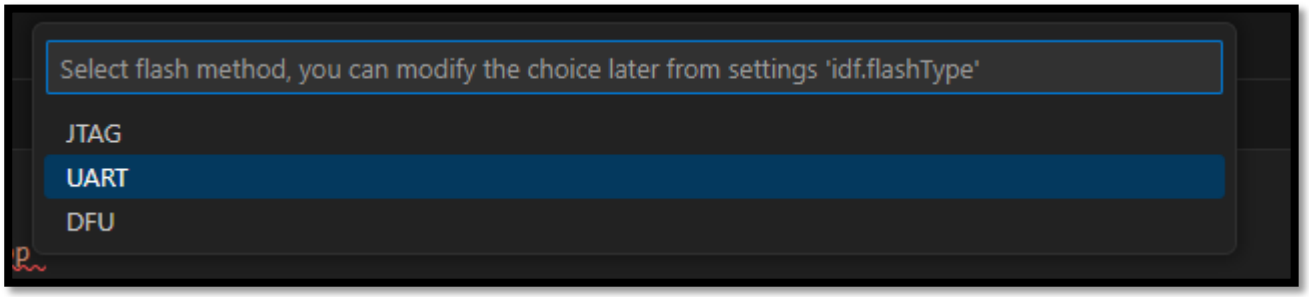
Then select the lcd workspace like earlier.



Now click the **star** to select the flashing method.

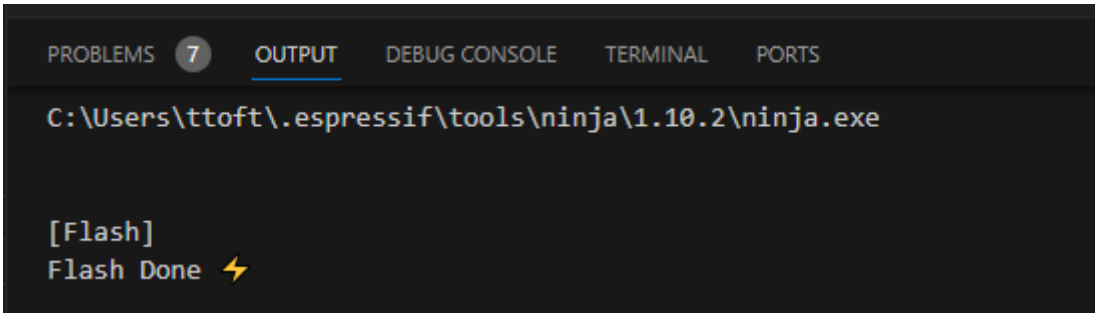


Select **UART**



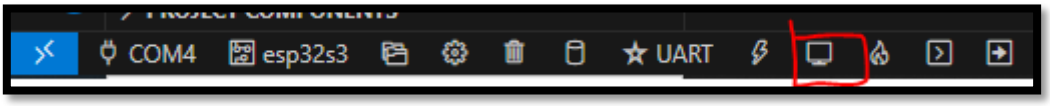
Now click the **lightning icon** to flash the compiled code onto the board.

It should show the process of erasing and writing to the flash storage on the board and then show this when it's finished.

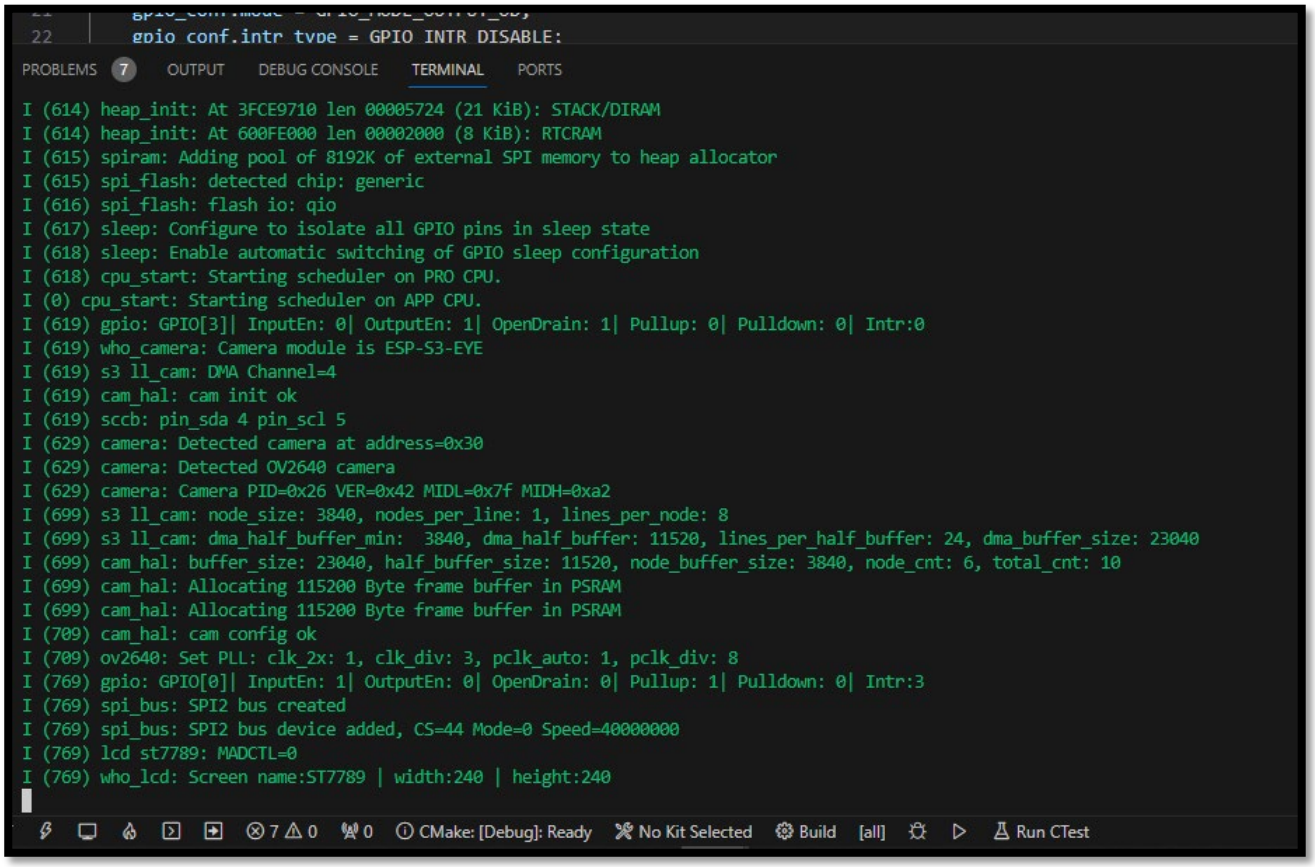


Monitoring the application

The ESP features is a very good logging system. This is basically all sent over serial communication and can be read with different serial communication programs. However the IDF has a built in monitoring function for this. Click the monitor icon on the toolbar.



Now the board reboots and you can see the logs in the **Terminal**



If you click the flame icon to the right of the monitor icon it will automatically build, flash and then monitor the application combining all three steps.

Using the color detection sample

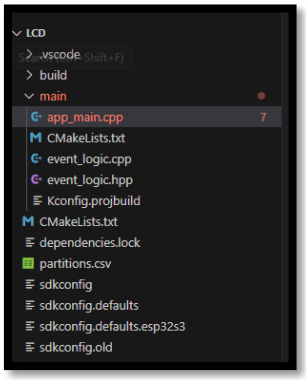
This sample tries to find large blobs of the same color and you can modify the size of the blobs. The full documentation can be found here.

https://github.com/espressif/esp-who/tree/master/examples/color_detection

Now you can explore the functionality for a while.

Modifying the color detection sample

Open the ***app_main.cpp*** file in the main folder




```cpp
#include "who_camera.h"
#include "who_color_detection.hpp"
#include "who_lcd.h"
#include "who_button.h"
#include "event_logic.hpp"
#include "who_adc_button.h"


static QueueHandle_t xQueueAIFrame = NULL;
static QueueHandle_t xQueueLCDFrame = NULL;
static QueueHandle_t xQueueADCKeyState = NULL;
static QueueHandle_t xQueueGPIOKeyState = NULL;
static QueueHandle_t xQueueEventLogic = NULL;
static button_adc_config_t buttons[4] = {{1, 2800, 3000}, {2, 2250, 2450}, {3, 300, 500}, {4, 850, 1050}};

#define GPIO_BOOT GPIO_NUM_0

extern "C" void app_main()
{
    gpio_config_t gpio_conf;
    gpio_conf.mode = GPIO_MODE_OUTPUT_OD;
    gpio_conf.intr_type = GPIO_INTR_DISABLE;
    gpio_conf.pin_bit_mask = 1LL << GPIO_NUM_3;
    gpio_config(&gpio_conf);

    xQueueAIFrame = xQueueCreate(2, sizeof(camera_fb_t *));
    xQueueLCDFrame = xQueueCreate(2, sizeof(camera_fb_t *));
    xQueueADCKeyState = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(int));
    xQueueGPIOKeyState = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(int));
    xQueueEventLogic = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(int));

    register_camera(PIXFORMAT_RGB565, FRAMESIZE_240X240, 2, xQueueAIFrame);
    register_adc_button(buttons, 4, xQueueADCKeyState);
    register_button(GPIO_NUM_0, xQueueGPIOKeyState);
    register_event(xQueueADCKeyState, xQueueGPIOKeyState, xQueueEventLogic);
    register_color_detection(xQueueAIFrame, xQueueEventLogic, NULL, xQueueLCDFrame, false);
    register_lcd(xQueueLCDFrame, NULL, true);

}
```

This code sets up some things and then it uses some functions to start 5 main processes.

register_camera: starts the camera process and gives it a **Freertos** queue to output the framebuffer pointer to the next three functions register the buttons and setup event logic for the buttons.

register_color_detection: starts the color detection process which also draws the boxes on the frame which is then fed to another **Freertos** queue.

register_lcd: sets up the lcd and shows the frame.

For our modified sample we will mainly focus on the camera and lcd part.

The first step is the feed the framebuffer pointer directly to the lcd from the camera. We do this by setting **xQueueAIFrame** to be **xQueueLCDFrame** instead. We can also comment out the **register_color_detection** and button functions now.

```
#include "who_camera.h"
#include "who_color_detection.hpp"
#include "who_lcd.h"
#include "who_button.h"
#include "event_logic.hpp"
#include "who_adc_button.h"


//static QueueHandle_t xQueueAIFrame = NULL;
static QueueHandle_t xQueueLCDFrame = NULL;
//static QueueHandle_t xQueueADCKeyState = NULL;
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//static QueueHandle_t xQueueEventLogic = NULL;
//static button_adc_config_t buttons[4] = {{1, 2800, 3000}, {2, 2250, 2450}, {3, 300, 500}, {4, 850, 1050}};

#define GPIO_BOOT GPIO_NUM_0

extern "C" void app_main()
{
    gpio_config_t gpio_conf;
    gpio_conf.mode = GPIO_MODE_OUTPUT_OD;
    gpio_conf.intr_type = GPIO_INTR_DISABLE;
    gpio_conf.pin_bit_mask = 1LL << GPIO_NUM_3;
    gpio_config(&gpio_conf);

    //xQueueAIFrame = xQueueCreate(2, sizeof(camera_fb_t *));
    xQueueLCDFrame = xQueueCreate(2, sizeof(camera_fb_t *));
    //xQueueADCKeyState = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(int));
    //xQueueGPIOKeyState = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(int));
    //xQueueEventLogic = xQueueCreate(1, sizeof(int));

    register_camera(PIXFORMAT_RGB565, FRAMESIZE_240X240, 2, xQueueLCDFrame);
    //register_adc_button(buttons, 4, xQueueADCKeyState);
    //register_button(GPIO_NUM_0, xQueueGPIOKeyState);
    //register_event(xQueueADCKeyState, xQueueGPIOKeyState, xQueueEventLogic);
    //register_color_detection(xQueueAIFrame, xQueueEventLogic, NULL, xQueueLCDFrame, false);
    register_lcd(xQueueLCDFrame, NULL, true);

}

```

Now you can build flash and monitor and you should see that the image is just shown directly on the screen.

For the next step we need to create a new module. Go into:

C:\Users\[your username]\esp\esp-who\components\modules

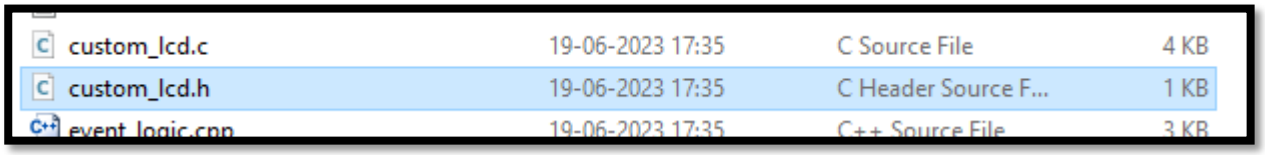
Make a new folder called **custom_lcd**

Copy **who_lcd.h** and **who_lcd.c** into our the new folder and rename them to **custom_lcd.h** and **custom_lcd.c**

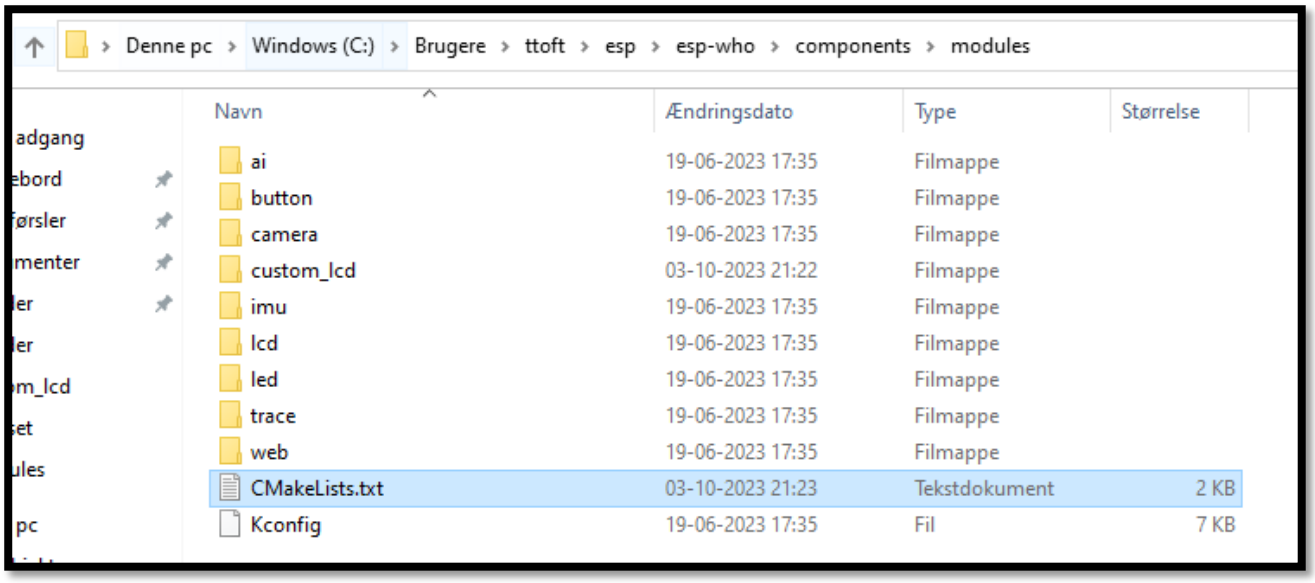
The files are usually found at:

C:\Users\[your username]\esp\esp-who\components\modules\lcd

Rename them to custom_lcd.c and custom_lcd.h

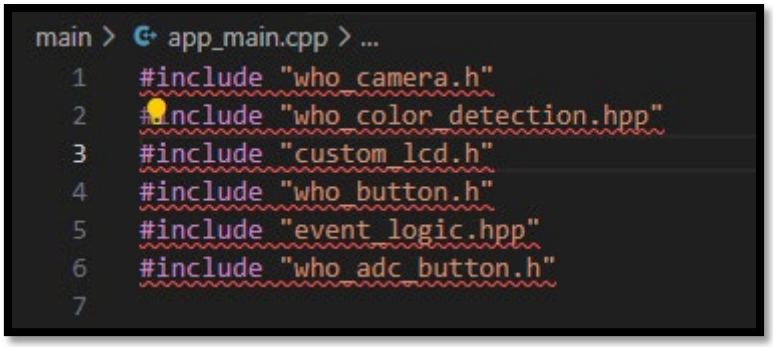


Now in the modules folder we need to edit the **CMakeList.txt**



We need to add the two lines

Now replace the #include “who_lcd.h” line with #include “custom_lcd.h” in app_main.cpp



Now you should still be able to build, flash and monitor without any issues.

For the next part you can have a look around in custom_lcd.c, try to understand the different functions.

Now your task is to modify the image in some way before showing it on the LCD. The image format is RGB565 this means that the images have the following bit order from most significant to least significant:

G2 G1 G0 R4 R3 R2 R1 R0 B4 B3 B2 B1 B0 G5 G4 G3

It is important to rename the function **register_lcd** to **register_custom_lcd** both in the **.c** and the **.h** and the **app_main.cpp** file.

On the next page you will see sample code to modify all of the pixels to have at least 5/6 of the max value for green.

```c
#include "custom_lcd.h"
#include "esp_camera.h"
#include <string.h>
#include "logo_en_240x240_lcd.h"

static const char *TAG = "who_lcd";

static scr_driver_t g_lcd;
static scr_info_t g_lcd_info;

static QueueHandle_t xQueueFrameI = NULL;
static QueueHandle_t xQueueFrameO = NULL;
static bool gReturnFB = true;

static void task_process_handler(void *arg)
{
    camera_fb_t *frame = NULL;
    while (true)
    {
        if (xQueueReceive(xQueueFrameI, &frame, portMAX_DELAY))
        {
            for (unsigned int y = 0; y < frame->height; y++)
            {
                for (unsigned int x = 0; x < frame->width; x++)
                {
                    ((uint16_t*)frame->buf)[y * frame->width + x] = ((uint16_t*)frame->buf)[y * frame->width + x] | 0b1110000000000011;
                }

            }

            g_lcd.draw_bitmap(0, 0, frame->width, frame->height, (uint16_t*)frame->buf);

            if (xQueueFrameO)
            {
                xQueueSend(xQueueFrameO, &frame, portMAX_DELAY);
            }
            else if (gReturnFB)
            {
                esp_camera_fb_return(frame);
            }
            else
            {
                free(frame);
            }
        }
    }
}

esp_err_t register_custom_lcd(const QueueHandle_t frame_i, const QueueHandle_t frame_o, const bool return_fb)
{
    spi_config_t bus_conf = {
```