

Lab 1

- ▬ In this lab we will write c code, startup code and linker script and use all binary utilities such as objdump ,nm , objcopy and readelf
- ▬ We will write code from scratch and send string to uart0 and uart0 will display it on board name : versatilepb(arm926ej-s).
- ▬ We will write the whole code and execute it with using arm none eabi tools without any IDE.
- ▬ Note: in this lab I already put the paths of arm and qemu in system variables in my computer

From specs we found :

Entry point of processor is : 0x10000

To activate UART0 you just write on UART0DR register (32bit).

And its address is :0x101f1000

Codes :

app.c

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E: > Embedded_system_oline_diploma > unit-3 embedded_c > lesson2 > C app.c > main(void)
1  #include "uart.h"
2  unsigned char string_buffer[100]="learn-in-depth:mohamed hashem";
3  unsigned char const string2_buffer[100]="hello";
4  void main(void){
5      Uart_send_string(string_buffer);
6  }
```

uart.h	<pre> C app.c U X C uart.h U X C uart.c U E: > Embedded_system_online_diploma > unit-3 embedded_c > lesson2 > C uart.h > Uart_send_string(unsigned char *) 1 #ifndef UART_H_ 2 #define UART_H_ 3 void Uart_send_string(unsigned char *p_tx_string); 4 5 6 #endif </pre>
uart.c	<pre> C app.c U X C uart.h U C uart.c U X E: > Embedded_system_online_diploma > unit-3 embedded_c > lesson2 > C uart.c > Uart_send_string(unsigned char *) 1 #include "uart.h" 2 #define UART0DR *((volatile unsigned int* const)((unsigned int*)0x101f1000)) 3 void Uart_send_string(unsigned char *p_tx_string){ 4 while(*p_tx_string != 0){ 5 UART0DR=(unsigned int)(*p_tx_string); 6 p_tx_string++; 7 } 8 9 } </pre>

Let's open git bash and use arm toolchain to get app.o and uart.o :

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Mohamed Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5 MINGW64 /e/Embedded_system_online_diploma/unit-3 embedded_c/lesson2 (main)
$ arm-none-eabi-gcc.exe -c -mcpu=arm926ej-s app.c -o app.o

Mohamed Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5 MINGW64 /e/Embedded_system_online_diploma/unit-3 embedded_c/lesson2 (main)
$ arm-none-eabi-gcc.exe -c -mcpu=arm926ej-s uart.c -o uart.o

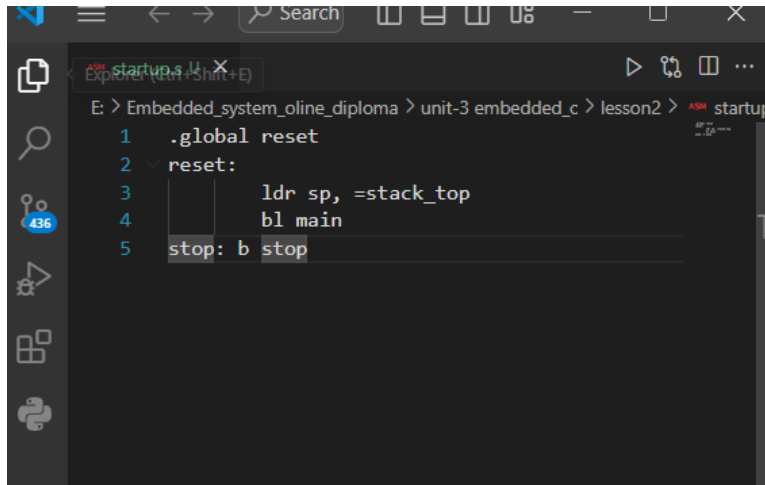
Mohamed Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5 MINGW64 /e/Embedded_system_online_diploma/unit-3 embedded_c/lesson2 (main)
$ |

```

Now let's write our startup...

Startup.s :

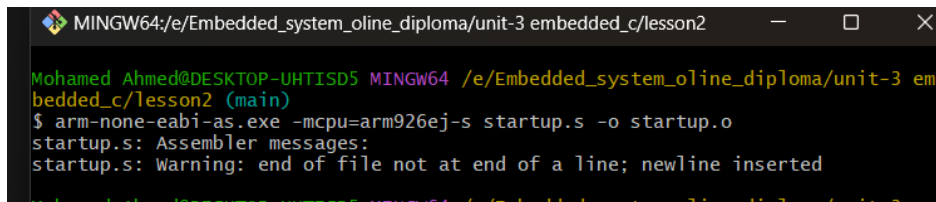
- ▮ we defined reset as global so we can access it when we write our linker script



The screenshot shows a code editor window with the file 'startup.s' open. The file path is 'E:\> Embedded_system_online_diploma > unit-3 embedded_c > lesson2 > startup.s'. The code contains five lines: 1. '.global reset', 2. 'reset:', 3. ' ldr sp, =stack_top', 4. ' bl main', and 5. 'stop: b stop'. The editor has a dark theme and a sidebar on the left with icons for Explorer, Search, Run and Debug, Extensions, and Python.

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1 .global reset
2 reset:
3     ldr sp, =stack_top
4     bl main
5 stop: b stop
```

Then we generate startup.o using assembler :



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the title 'MINGW64:/e/Embedded_system_online_diploma/unit-3 embedded_c/lesson2'. The user is 'Mohamed_Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5' and the shell is 'MINGW64'. The command executed is '\$ arm-none-eabi-as.exe -mcpu=arm926ej-s startup.s -o startup.o'. The output shows 'startup.s: Assembler messages:' followed by a warning: 'startup.s: Warning: end of file not at end of a line; newline inserted'.

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Mohamed_Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5 MINGW64 /e/Embedded_system_online_diploma/unit-3 em
bedded_c/lesson2 (main)
$ arm-none-eabi-as.exe -mcpu=arm926ej-s startup.s -o startup.o
startup.s: Assembler messages:
startup.s: Warning: end of file not at end of a line; newline inserted
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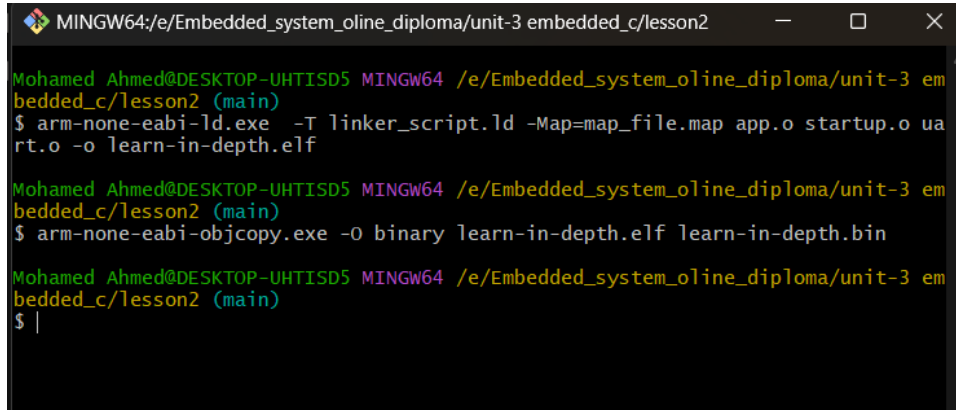
Linker script :

- in linker script we control all memory locations, memory sizes and starting point of our program and stack size.

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linker_script.ld U X
E: > Embedded_system_online_diploma > unit-3 embedded_c > lesson2 > linker_script.ld
1 ENTRY(reset)
2
3 MEMORY
4 {
5     mem(rwx) : ORIGIN = 0x00000000 , LENGTH = 64M
6 }
7 SECTIONS
8 {
9     . = 0x10000 ;
10    .startup . :
11    {
12        startup.o(.text)
13    } > mem
14    .text :
15    {
16        *(.text)
17    } > mem
18    .rodata :
19    {
20        *(.rodata)
21    } > mem
22    .data :
23    {
24        *(.data)
25    } > mem
26    .bss :
27    {
28        *(.bss) *(COMMON)
29    } > mem
30    . += 0x1000;
31    stack_top = . ;
32 }
```

Then we will link all object files app.o, startup.o and uart.o with linker script using linker and generate our .elf file and .map file .

Then generate binary code that will be burnt on board.

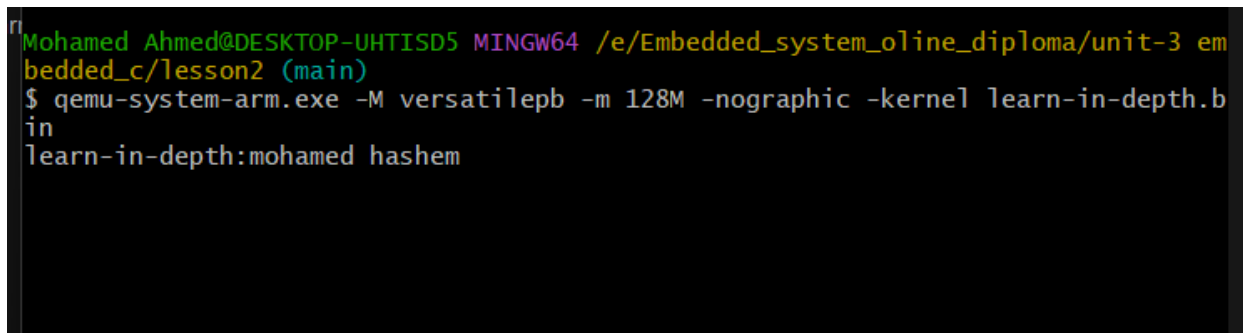
A terminal window titled 'MINGW64:/e/Embedded_system_online_diploma/unit-3 embedded_c/lesson2'. It shows three commands being executed in a shell. The first command is 'arm-none-eabi-ld.exe -T linker_script.ld -Map=map_file.map app.o startup.o uart.o -o learn-in-depth.elf'. The second command is 'arm-none-eabi-objcopy.exe -O binary learn-in-depth.elf learn-in-depth.bin'. The third command is a prompt '\$ |' with no output.

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MINGW64:/e/Embedded_system_online_diploma/unit-3 embedded_c/lesson2
Mohamed_Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5 MINGW64 /e/Embedded_system_online_diploma/unit-3 em
bedded_c/lesson2 (main)
$ arm-none-eabi-ld.exe -T linker_script.ld -Map=map_file.map app.o startup.o ua
rt.o -o learn-in-depth.elf

Mohamed_Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5 MINGW64 /e/Embedded_system_online_diploma/unit-3 em
bedded_c/lesson2 (main)
$ arm-none-eabi-objcopy.exe -O binary learn-in-depth.elf learn-in-depth.bin

Mohamed_Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5 MINGW64 /e/Embedded_system_online_diploma/unit-3 em
bedded_c/lesson2 (main)
$ |
```

Now we will call qemu emulator to run the code on the board and see the expected output : learn-in-depth: mohamed hashem

A terminal window showing the execution of the qemu-system-arm emulator. The command 'qemu-system-arm.exe -M versatilepb -m 128M -nographic -kernel learn-in-depth.bin' is entered, and the output 'learn-in-depth:mohamed hashem' is displayed.

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Mohamed_Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5 MINGW64 /e/Embedded_system_online_diploma/unit-3 em
bedded_c/lesson2 (main)
$ qemu-system-arm.exe -M versatilepb -m 128M -nographic -kernel learn-in-depth.b
in
learn-in-depth:mohamed hashem
```

Lets use some binary utilities to differentiate between different stages of code :

- ▬ objdump -h to show header sections

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Mohamed_Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5 MINGW64 /e/Embedded_system_oline_diploma/unit-3 em
bedded_c/lesson2 (main)
$ arm-none-eabi-objdump.exe -h startup.o

startup.o:      file format elf32-littlearm

Sections:
Idx Name          Size      VMA           LMA           File off  Algn
 0 .text          00000010  00000000  00000000  00000034  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, RELOC, READONLY, CODE
 1 .data          00000000  00000000  00000000  00000044  2**0
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
 2 .bss           00000000  00000000  00000000  00000044  2**0
   ALLOC
 3 .ARM.attributes 00000022  00000000  00000000  00000044  2**0
   CONTENTS, READONLY

```

- ▬ objdump -D to disassemble the code in details

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$ arm-none-eabi-objdump.exe -D app.o

app.o:      file format elf32-littlearm

Disassembly of section .text:

00000000 <main>:
 0: e92d4800      push    {fp, lr}
 4: e28db004      add     fp, sp, #4
 8: e59f0008      ldr     r0, [pc, #8] ; 18 <main+0x18>
 c: ebfffffe      bl      0 <Uart_send_string>
10: e1a00000      nop
14: e8bd8800      pop     {fp, pc}
18: 00000000      andeq   r0, r0, r0

Disassembly of section .data:

00000000 <string_buffer>:
 0: 7261656c      rsbvc   r6, r1, #108, 10 ; 0x1b000000
 4: 6e692d6e      cdpvs   13, 6, cr2, cr9, cr14, {3}
 8: 7065642d      rsbvc   r6, r5, sp, lsr #8

```

- ▬ nm to show symbols with it's address

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MINGW64/e/Embedded_system_oline_diploma/unit-3 embedded_c/lesson2
Mohamed_Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5 MINGW64 /e/Embedded_system_oline_dipl
bedded_c/lesson2 (main)
$ arm-none-eabi-nm.exe app.o learn-in-depth.elf

app.o:
00000000 T main
00000000 D string_buffer
00000000 R string2_buffer
00000000 U Uart_send_string

learn-in-depth.elf:
00010010 T main
00010000 T reset
00011148 D stack_top
00010008 t stop
000100e4 D string_buffer
00010080 R string2_buffer
0001002c T Uart_send_string

Mohamed_Ahmed@DESKTOP-UHTISD5 MINGW64 /e/Embedded_system_oline_dipl
bedded_c/lesson2 (main)

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