



LAB 1: *DISCOVERING* THE STM32 DISCOVERY

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This lab will serve as an introduction to the STM32F4 Discovery board. This is the prescribed board for the course. It will also expose them to the development environment Atollic TrueSTUDIO for ARM Lite (also based on the Eclipse IDE).

INTRODUCTION

Each pair of students will need to demonstrate the ability to write a simple C embedded program for a STM32 Discovery Board, compile the code and burn it to flash, stop/start execution of the program on the target platform, and ability to display and change data at certain memory addresses

MOTIVATION

The purpose of this lab is to introduce you to the STM32 Discovery and the Atollic TrueSTUDIO IDE. You will be using these extensively through the labs this year, as well as during the project.

STARTING OUT

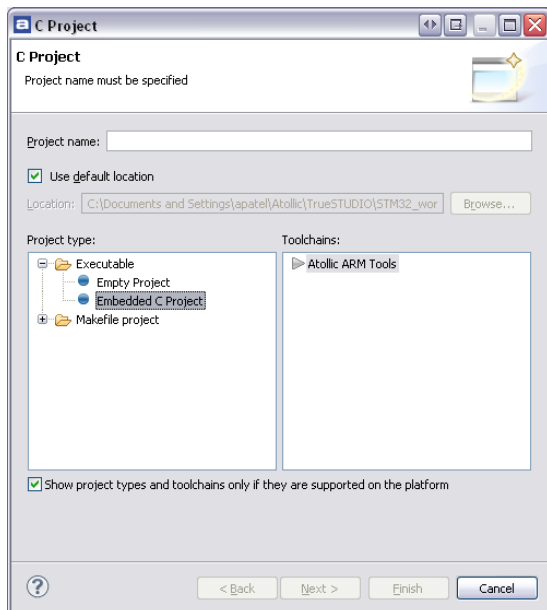
Start by getting the Windows XP virtual machine running.



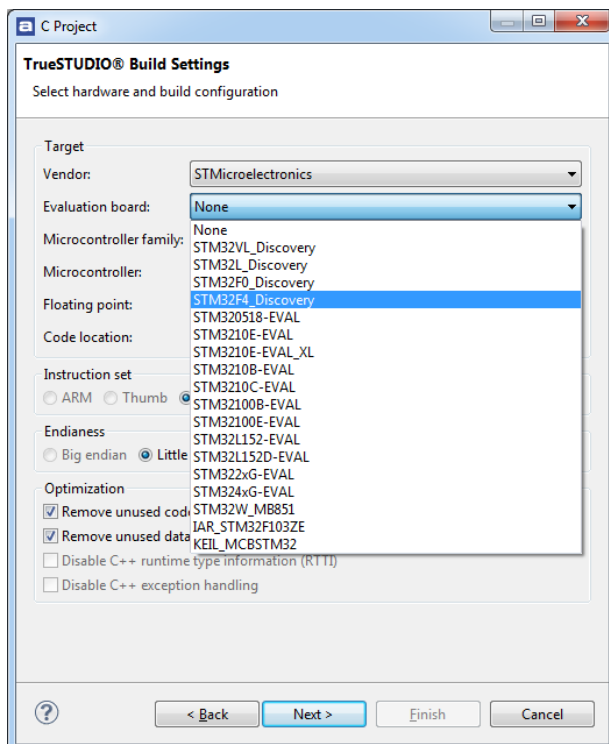
Next, start Atollic by clicking the desktop icon. Select the default workspace.

We will now create a new project.

Once Atollic is started, click File->New->C Project. The following screen should appear:

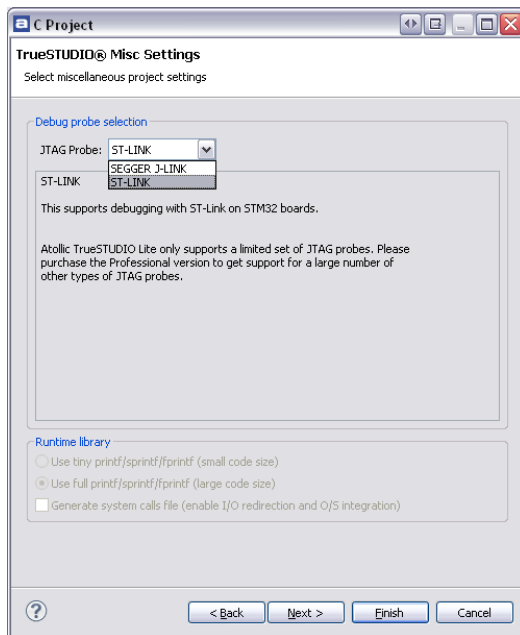


Call your project “Lab1” and make sure “Embedded C Project” is selected. Then click next. The following screen should appear:



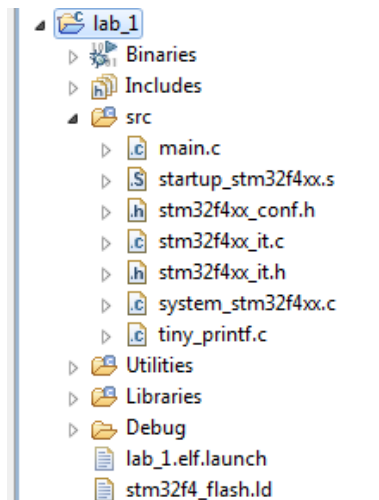
Click evaluation board, and select 'STM32F4_Discovery'. Click next.

In the next screen, under JTAG probe, select 'St-Link' as seen below:



Finally, click 'Next' and then 'Finish'. Your project has now been created.

In the Project Explorer, under 'lab1', navigate to the 'src' folder and open the 'main.c' file.

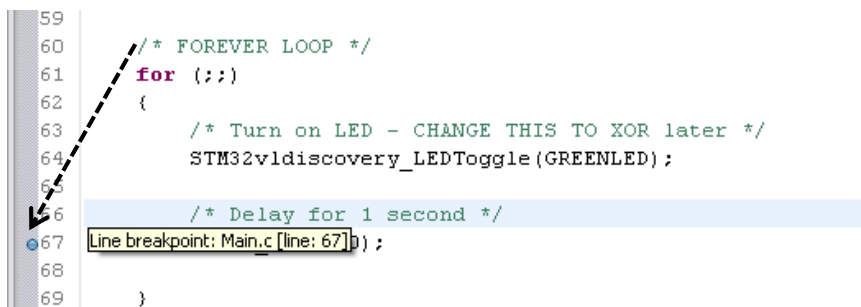


This file should contain some generic demo code, which is a bit messy. Open the main.c file provided on Vula, and replace its contents with those. The file should now be a bit leaner.

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We will now demonstrate the power of Atollic (and actually Eclipse) by doing some debugging. Inside the infinite loop, add a breakpoint next to the delay function call. A breakpoint will halt the program while it is executed and allows one to debug the software.

To add a breakpoint, double click next to the number line. This should add a small blue circle to the left of the number line:

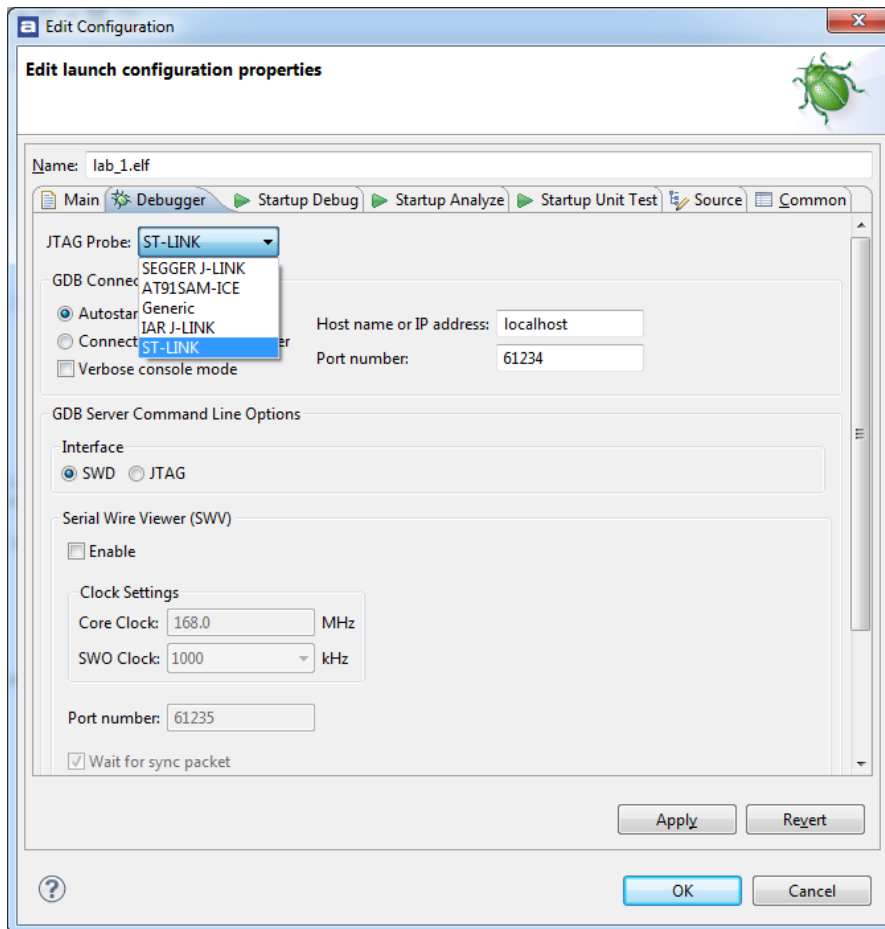


Now, build the project by right-clicking on the project in the Project Explorer and selecting 'Build'.

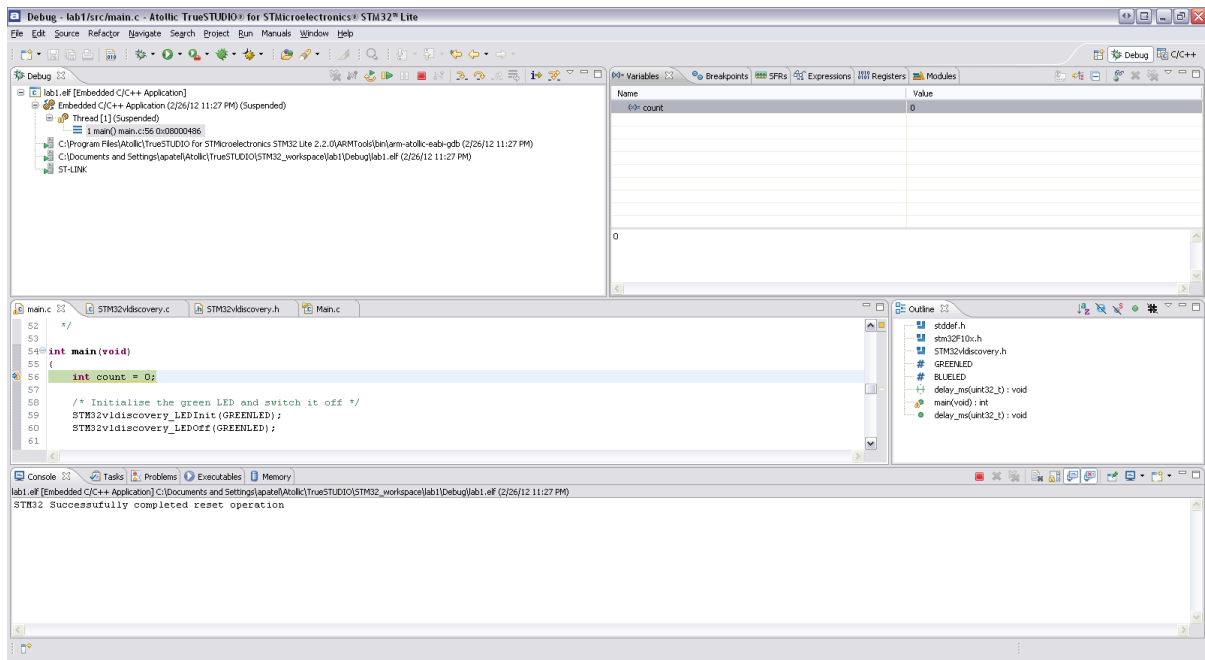
Let's debug the application. Click the green bug icon in the top of Atollic:



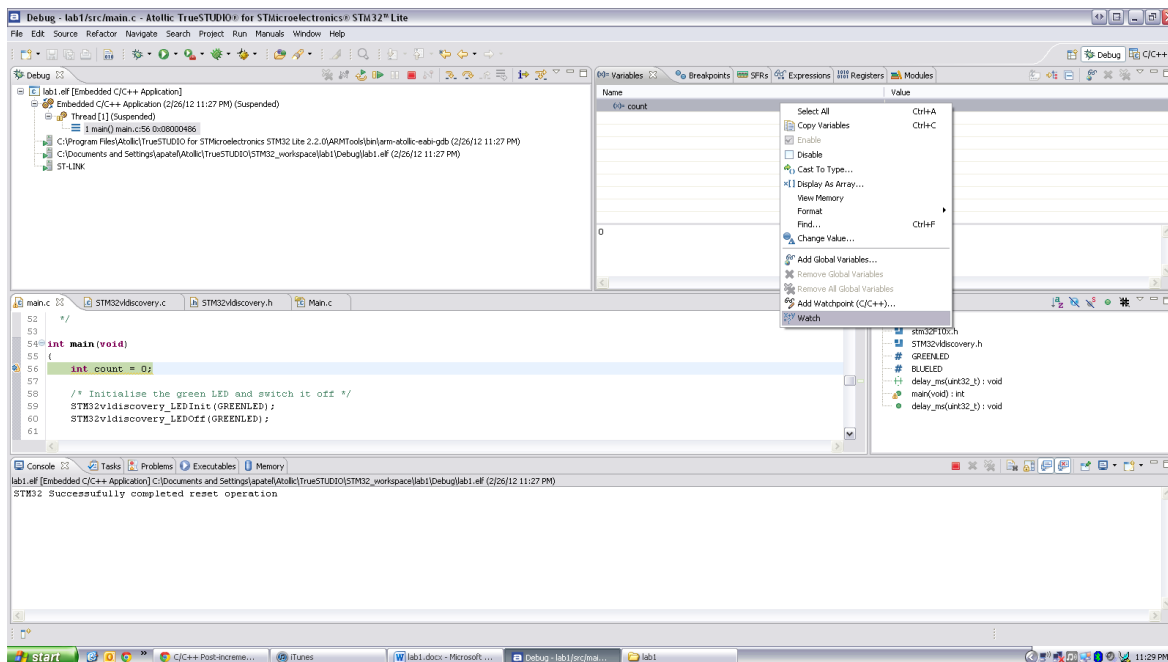
The debug configuration window should open up. Click the Debugger tab, and make sure that 'ST-Link' is selected under JTAG Probe, then click debug.



This should open the debug perspective. You should see the following screen:



To watch the value of 'count' being incremented, we need to 'watch' the variable. We do this by right clicking on count under the 'variables' tab and clicking 'watch':



This will ensure that we will be able to see the value of 'count' change during program execution. Let us now

run the program. Click the 'resume' button.



The program will run, but will stop at the breakpoint. In the variables window, you should see the value of 'count' has changed to 5. Clicking the resume button, will cause the program to run again, until reaching the break point. Click it several times, until the value of 'count' reaches 25 and demonstrate this to the tutor.

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EMBEDDED SOFTWARE

TASK 1

It's now time to start coding! First thing to do, is close the debugging perspective by clicking the stop button.

Next, remove the break point by double clicking on the blue circle. Click debug again, the code will be compiled and the debug perspective will be open. Click the 'reset' (Black) button on the Discovery board. The green LED should be flashing at ~1HZ.

Modify the code to make the blue led flash oppositely. In other words, change the code to enable the blue led to turn on when the green led is off and vice versa. The frequency of flashing should also be 1Hz.

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TASK 2

Now that you've demonstrated this, go back to the main.c. Click on the 'STM32vldiscovery_LEDInit' function and press F3. This should jump you to a few other functions which might be useful for the following task.

Jump back to your Main.c by pressing alt+left cursor. Now, modify the task 1 code to enable the flashing rate

to increase by 10Hz on each button press by the user. The rate should wrap at 50Hz.

Things to consider:

- Explore 'STM32vldiscovery.h', the library functions will make your life easier
- How you are going to handle switch debouncing?

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