Lab 1: Device Drivers and MMIO

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Note on Gitlab Submissions

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(e.g. 642teamA or 642team00, but not teamA, team-A, team00, group01, _team01 etc.)

If you already have a group with a different name, please login to gitlab, go to Groups \rightarrow Settings. This will let you change your group name to the above format. DO NOT change the group-path.

1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The goal of this lab is to gain experience interacting with Memory Mapped IO (MMIO) by interfacing with embedded peripheral devices, as well as gaining experience working with timer interrupts. During the first part of this lab, you will implement the supporting software required for the UART peripheral for the Raspberry Pi, as well as configure the built-in timer. You will use this timer to measure performance and see the results of optimizing ARM assembly code. In the second part of the lab, you will implement a driver for the I2C peripheral, and the ADS1015 Analog-to-Digital converter that is off-chip on your breakout board. During this lab you will implement the supporting software required for UART and I2C peripherals for the Raspberry Pi. Finally, you will use this driver to implement a simple clap (impulse) detector that flashes the green LED on the Raspberry Pi every time a clap is heard using a simple cyclic executive architecture. Make sure to read through the lab handout and tips carefully before beginning.

1.2 Grading

Start this lab early to give yourself ample time to debug. All code submitted code must compile and execute properly to receive full credit. Portions of this lab will also be critical components for future labs. A significant portion of the lab is devoted to style, documentation and following proper submission protocol.

uart.c	15pts
timer.c	10pts
assembly optimization and timing	15pts
i2c.c	15pts
ads1015.c	15pts
kernel.c (Clap detection)	20pts
style, documentation, following submission protocols	10pts

1.3 Doxygen

Doxygen is a framework that allows you to automatically generate documentation from comments and markup tags inserted directly into the source. This style of embedding documentation in source is often used in industry. We will be using doxygen for code documentation for this course moving forward. The doxygen manual is available here if unfamiliar with it:http://www.stack.nl/~dimitri/doxygen/manual/index.html Examples of doxygen comments in the code can be found in all of our handouts. Steps for setup and use of Doxygen are below:

```
Installation in the VM:
$ sudo apt-get install doxygen
```

Generating documentation:

\$ make doc

If the above command runs successfully, then you should have a /doc directory with an index.html file. View it locally in a browser to see the documentation created from the code you wrote. When running this command, a file called doxygen.warn should have been created in the directory you ran make doc. Open this file to inspect any warnings. If there are any documentation warnings in the file about code you have written, then fix them. The TAs will check this file and take off style points if there are any warnings in this file. Please see the TA written code in 3491ibk/ for example doxygen code documentation.

1.4 Starter Code

You will need to merge the new started code into your existing gitlab repository.

Updating Your Repository

Refer to the *getting updates* section of gitlab.pdf.

Compiling and running

We've added a new flag to your Makefile that allows you to specify the loading of a user program:

```
make PROJECT=<directory of program> gdb
```

The above command does the following:

- Compiles your kernel (specified by the PROJECT flag)
- Start gdb, and load both the kernel and user ELF files into the Raspi's memory.

You can then debug and run your program like the previous labs. For example, to load your kernel with the optimization program, run:

```
make PROJECT=kernel_optimization gdb
```

Once in GDB, don't forget to set breakpoints or type continue to launch the program.

2 MMIO on the Raspberry Pi

Before we can configure the UART and I2C, we must understand the MMIO layout on the Raspberry Pi.

2.1 BCM2835 SoC Memory Map

All MMIO on the Pi begins at 0x3F000000. Depending on the peripheral you are accessing, the offset from this address changes. In the BCM2835.pdf datasheet, all MMIO addresses given are in virtual address form. For example, on page 9 of the BCM2835.pdf datasheet, the AUXENB register is listed at address 0x7E215004. Accessing this address directly will not work. When running bare metal, the MMU (Memory Management Unit) that does Virtual to Physical address translation is turned off. So we must convert this virtual address to a physical one. Again, for the Raspberry Pi 2, all MMIO on the Pi begins at 0x3F000000. So the physical address of the AUXENB register would be 0x3F000000 + 0x00215004 = 0x3F215004. You basically just replace the upper byte of the address with 0x3F. Include BCM2836.h (located in 3491ibk/include/BCM2836.h), and use MMIO_BASE_PHYSICAL to avoid ugly MMIO addressing bugs by writing code like the following:

```
#include <BCM2836.h>
#include <kstdint.h>

#define AUXENB_REG (volatile uint32_t *)(MMIO_BASE_PHYSICAL + 0x215004)
```

NOTE: Remember volatile is used when accessing MMIO because peripherals can change register values outside of the normal sequential control flow.

Insight into why this translation occurs as we have stated previously can be gathered by studying page 5 of the BCM2835.pdf datasheet. On this page, the memory map on the left represents the shared virtual memory layout between the GPU and ARM CPU. The memory map in the center represents the physical memory layout seen by an ARM CPU. The memory map on the far right represents the virtual memory layout of a given ARM CPU if we were going to use the ARM MMU. Starting with the memory map on the left, we see that I/O Peripherals (just another name for MMIO) is addressed virtually at 0x7E000000. Trying to access this address directly would be a problem since our given ARM CPU only has access to the 2 memory maps in the center and on the right depending on if the ARM MMU is on or off. The memory map on the left is only visible to the GPU (remember the GPU is king!).

Depending on if the ARM MMU is on or off, we would use either the memory map on the far right or in the center. For this course **we will not be using the MMU**. We ignore the map on the right and use the one in the center. Now we see that I/O Peripherals are mapped to the physical address 0x20000000 for the ARM CPU. The process of using 0x3F000000 as the base instead is found by substituting in the physical address of GPU peripherals from page 3 of the BCM2836.pdf datasheet for the 0x20000000 in the BCM2835.pdf datasheet. This is because the Pi 2 uses the BCM2836 SoC and not the BCM2835 SoC. Overall, the MMIO environment between the 2 chips is essentially the same except for this main difference.

2.2 Using GPIO on the Raspberry Pi

The GPIO layout begins on page 89 of the BCM2835.pdf datasheet. The MMIO base offset for GPIO is 0x7E200000, which is 0x3F200000 on the RPi 2. Each of the GPIO pins has multiple functions. This is best illustrated in the table on pages 102 to 103. Each GPIO pin has different functions it can serve as from ALTO to ALT5. The GPIO pin numbers in the far left column of the table correspond to the following GPIO pin layout on the header which our breakout board is attached to:

Pin#	NAME		NAME	Pin#
01	3.3v DC Power		DC Power 5v	02
03	GPIO02 (SDA1, I2C)	00	DC Power 5v	04
05	GPIO03 (SCL1, I2C)	00	Ground	06
07	GPIO04 (GPIO_GCLK)	00	(TXD0) GPIO14	08
09	Ground	00	(RXD0) GPIO15	10
11	GPIO17 (GPIO_GEN0)	00	(GPIO_GEN1) GPIO18	12
13	GPIO27 (GPIO_GEN2)	00	Ground	14
15	GPIO22 (GPIO_GEN3)	00	(GPIO_GEN4) GPIO23	16
17	3.3v DC Power	00	(GPIO_GEN5) GPIO24	18
19	GPIO10 (SPI_MOSI)		Ground	20
21	GPIO09 (SPI_MISO)		(GPIO_GEN6) GPIO25	22
23	GPIO11 (SPI_CLK)		(SPI_CE0_N) GPIO08	24
25	Ground	00	(SPI_CE1_N) GPIO07	26
27	ID_SD (I2C ID EEPROM)	000	(I ² C ID EEPROM) ID_SC	28
29	GPIO05	00	Ground	30
31	GPIO06	00	GPIO12	32
33	GPIO13	00	Ground	34
35	GPIO19	00	GPIO16	36
37	GPIO26	00	GPIO20	38
39	Ground	00	GPIO21	40

The breakout board wires the correct GPIO pins to the right peripherals, but you must configure the correct GPIO pins to breakout the desired functions (ALTO to ALT5) for the right GPIO pins when using UART and I2C. To make this easier on you, the TAs have implemented a GPIO library for you to use when setting up UART and I2C. This code exists in 349libk/include/gpio.h and 349libk/src/gpio.c. To help you understand this library, we will walk through an example of how to configure GPIO on the Raspberry Pi with UART.

2.3 UART GPIO Example

We will now walk through how to configure the GPIO for UART to help explain how the GPIO library works. Look at kernel/include/uart.h. Notice the GPIO pin numbers for the RX and TX lines of UART. We need to configure these pins to enable UART.

```
/** @brief GPIO UART RX pin */
#define RX_PIN 15
/** @brief GPIO UART TX pin */
#define TX_PIN 14
```

Before we configure the pins to the right function according to the table on page 102 of the BCM2835.pdf datasheet, we must handle the pull-up/down resistor on each GPIO pin with the GPIO library. Pull-up/down resistors are commonly used with microcontrollers (MCUs). Sparkfun has a great tutorial on what these are here:

https://learn.sparkfun.com/tutorials/pull-up-resistors

NOTE: You **disable** pull-up/down resistors for data lines like RX and TX since they are data lines and should only be read when driven.

```
// configure GPIO pullups
gpio_set_pull(RX_PIN, GPIO_PULL_DISABLE);
gpio_set_pull(TX_PIN, GPIO_PULL_DISABLE);
```

Now we use the GPIO library to configure the pins for the correct functions listed in the GPIO table page 102 of the BCM2835.pdf datasheet:

```
// set GPIO pins to correct function on pg 102 of BCM2835 peripherals
gpio_config(RX_PIN, GPIO_FUN_ALT5);
gpio_config(TX_PIN, GPIO_FUN_ALT5);
```

After this point, the UART interface on the Pi is now available on the GPIO pins we configured! You will need to do this for the I2C interface pins we have defined for you in kernel/include/i2c.h when initializing I2C in this lab.

3 UART

First we will implement UART. This will allow us to debug with ftditerm.py using print statements. Review the lecture notes about UART if any of the terminology used in this section is confusing. We will be implementing a polled UART interface.

3.1 ftditerm.py

ftditerm.py is a serial console. A serial console is used often in embedded systems for debugging and as a user interface to an embedded system. Most embedded systems don't have a keyboard or mouse, so UART is used as a method of communicating character bytes to a serial console in order to display text almost like a terminal. We will use ftditerm.py as our serial console when communicating with the Raspberry Pi. In Lab0 you ran the following command:

```
$ sudo ftditerm.py -b 115200
```

Now that we are implementing UART, you can dive deeper into the parameters of this command. The -b flag specifies the baud rate for the serial console (which is 115200 for this case). Then ftditerm.py searches for the FTDI minimodule you have connected and starts a serial console on the port the FTDI minimodule is attached to. If you get an error trying to setup a serial console, then you probably have not connected the FTDI minimodule to your computer via the USB cable.

3.2 UART in the BCM2835 datasheet

For implementing UART, you will find pages 9 - 19 of the BCM2835.pdf datasheet very useful. Most of the information you will need is in those pages.

NOTE: YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CHECK THE DATASHEET ERRATA BEFORE YOU CODE ANYTHING! it is quite common for datasheets to have incorrect information on them. As an embedded designer, you should always check the datasheet errata before implementing any code based off the datasheet alone. The errata for the BCM2835.pdf datasheet can be found here:

http://elinux.org/BCM2835_datasheet_errata

3.3 The UART Interface

When implementing UART, you will use the predefined interface found in kernel/include/uart.h. This file has the function definitions and descriptions of what you must do. Your UART implementation should be in kernel/src/uart.c. They are listed here for reference:

```
* Obrief initializes UART to 115200 baud in 8-bit mode
 */
void uart_init(void);
/**
 * @brief closes UART
 */
void uart_close(void);
 * Obrief sends a byte over UART
 * Oparam byte the byte to send
 */
void uart_put_byte(uint8_t byte);
/**
 * Obrief reads a byte over UART
 * Oreturn the byte received
 */
uint8_t uart_get_byte(void);
```

3.4 UART Tips

To help you out, here are a few tips to guide your implementation:

- 1. The AUXENB register is used to enable access to the MMIO peripherals of UART. This should be the first thing you do in uart_init().
- 2. For the equation on page 11 of the BCM2835.pdf datasheet, the system_clock_freq is 250MHz.
- 3. The AUX_MU_IER_REG register should be set to 0. You should not enable interrupts for UART (we will do this in lab 2 with the ARM timer instead).
- 4. In the AUX_MU_IIR_REG register, you only care about the bits pertaining to clearing the FIFOs.
- 5. The base virtual address for UART MMIO is 0x7E215040.

- 6. Do not set DLAB access inside of the AUX_MU_LCR_REG register.
- 7. Ignore the AUX_MU_MCR_REG and AUX_MU_MSR_REG registers.
- 8. Ignore details about CTS and RTS in all UART MMIO registers.
- 9. The AUX_MU_BAUD register is where you should put your baud value after solving the equation on page 11 for baudrate_reg.

3.5 printk()

Once you have UART implemented, take a look at kernel/src/printk.c. This is a TA written file that imitates some of the functionality of the familiar printf() you know and love for debugging. This implementation of printk() depends on your UART implementation to output characters. This code is given to you for you to modify and customize for your own debugging purposes. Use it as a starting point to create your own debugging logger for your kernel. If your UART implementation works, then calling printk("hello world") in an infinite loop in kernel_main should show up in ftditerm while the serial console is running! You may wish to create an atomic version of the command (later) by disabling and enabling interrupts around its execution.

4 ARM timer

Next, you will implement timer functionality that you can use in the next section to profile code. For this part of the lab, you only need to implement two fuctions. timer_start() and timer_return(). The other functions in timer.c use interrupts and will be implemented in lab 2.

4.1 ARM Timer

By default, the 32-bit timer on the ARM is set to decrement, so we want to load the initial value of timer as 0xFFFFFFF (max time) and configure the timer to count down at a rate where we can see at least millisecond time granularity. As kernel_optimization/include/kernel.c file suggests, tic() will zero and start the timer while toc() will return the number of milliseconds that have elapsed since tic(). Make sure that your code doesn't run so long that the timer underflows. Since the timer value is decrementing, you will need to make necessary adjustments when returning the elapsed time. The description of the ARM timer starts on page 196 of the BCM2835.pdf datasheet. Again we use MMIO registers to configure the timer operations. The function definitions in kernel_optimization/include/tic_toc.h describe the interface you need to implement, which is in kernel_optimization/src/tic_toc.c.

```
/**
 * @brief Configures the arm timer to start running with the given frequency. The Timer
 * should run in 32 bit mode, with a prescaler of 1.
 */
void tic();

/**
 * @brief Called to check the value of the timer.
 *
 * @return time ticks that have elapsed since tic()
 */
uint32_t toc(void);
```

5 ARM Optimization

In the next part of the lab, we will apply your knowlege of assembly programing towards optimizing a simple assembly program. The goal in this case will be to decrease the length of time it takes to execute a section of the program.

5.1 Optimizing ARM Assembly

You can start out by running the kernel optimization part of the lab with:

```
$ sudo make PROJECT=kernel_optimization gdb
```

This will link in and test two assembly code files (optimize_me.S and unoptimized.S) that are located in the kernel_optimization/src/ directory. If you run the test kernel with your timer function, you will see that the two functions will have relatively similar system tick counts. Your goal is to modify kernel_optimization/src/optimize_me.S file to run faster (goal of about 3x faster) by applying optimization techniques mentioned in lectures. The two arrays resulting from two codes must be identical and we might test your new assembly code against an unknown test vector.

6 I2C

Inter-Integrated Circuit (I2C) is a serial protocol for two-wire interface to connect devices such as microcontrollers, I/O interfaces, A/D and D/A converters and other peripherals in embedded systems. It only uses two sperate wires called SCL (serial clock) and SDA (serial data). Unlike Serial Peripheral Interface (SPI) protocol, I2C can have more than one master to communicate with all devices on bus. Therefore, it maintains low pin count compared to other protocols. Virtually any number of slaves and masters can be connected onto two signal lines mentioned above. We will be implementing a I2C interface.

6.1 The I2C Interface

When implementing I2C, you will use the predefined interface found in kernel/src/i2c.h. This file has function definitions and descriptions of what you must do. The I2C implementation should be in kernel/include/i2c.c They are listed here for reference:

```
/**
 * Obrief initializes the I2C module
 * Oparam clk bus clock speed
void i2c_master_init(uint16_t clk);
/**
 * @brief writes to I2C device
 * @param buf pointer to output data buffer
 * Oparam len length of output data buffer in bytes
 * Oparam addr slave device address
 */
uint8_t i2c_master_write(uint8_t *buf, uint16_t len, uint8_t addr);
/**
 * Obrief reads from I2C device
 * Oparam buf pointer to input data buffer
 * Oparam len number of bytes to read
 * @param addr slave device address
uint8_t i2c_master_read(uint8_t *buf, uint16_t len, uint8_t addr);
```

6.2 I2C tips

- 1. The I2C documentation goes from page 28 to 37 in the BCM2835.pdf datasheet.
- 2. Data is always sent MSB first on the Raspberry Pi.
- 3. Remember to always check the errata!

Testing I2C by itself is unfortunately difficult without a reference device to test against. In this case, the ADC is probably your best choice (its the only thing wired up to I2C). We also recommend looking at online resources for I2C on the Raspberry Pi if you are stuck. As always, feel free to reach out to the course staff if you get stuck.

7 ADC Driver

The ADC, or Analog to Digital Converter is used to convert analog sensor values to digital 1s and 0s. The ADC driver is a software peripheral that will enable polling of the light and sound sensors on your Raspberry Pi 2 breakout board. To communicate with the ADC, we will use the I2C interface you just wrote! This part of the lab will require looking through the ads1015.pdf datasheet of the ADC to understand how it works and how to communicate with it.

7.1 ADC Driver Interface

When implementing the ADC Driver, you will use the predefined interface found in kernel/include/ads1015.h. This file has function definitions and descriptions of what you must do. Your ADC driver implementation will go inside of kernel/src/ads1015.c. The function definitions are listed here for reference:

```
/**
 * @brief initialize ADS1015
 */
void adc_init(void);

/**
 * @brief read a value from the ADC
 *
 * @param channel 0 through 3
 * @return the value read from the ADC
 */
uint16_t adc_read(uint8_t channel);

#endif /* _ADC_DRIVER_H_ */
```

7.2 ADC Driver tips

1. ads1015.pdf datasheet describe the I2C setup for the ADC.

8 Clap Detector

Now we want you to show us that you can put all of the parts together. We will use I2C in our ADC driver to read the light and sound sensors and then use UART to display the raw sensor data in ftditerm. Finally, we will use this raw sensor data to detect when a clap or loud impulse occurs.

8.1 Requirements

- 1. Implement kernel_main that polls and prints sensor values for both light and sound.
- 2. Refer to rpi_ioboard.pdf to check how light and microphone sensors are connected to ADC.
- 3. kernel_main should prompt the user for a 0 or 1 to select which ADC channel(multiplexor mode) to listen to.
- 4. When the user enters a 0, you should print the value of the light sensor over UART and then prompt the user for another sensor to sample.
- 5. When the user enters a 1, you should sample the microphone sensor continuously until a clap occurs. After the clap, you should prompt the user for another sensor to sample.
- 6. Microphone sensor data processing is based of a peak-to-peak measurement.

Here is the output over ftditerm that we are expecting (verbatim):

\$ sudo make PROJECT=kernel gdb

```
Enter a sensor to sample: 0
Light: 940
Enter a sensor to sample: 0
Light: 941
Enter a sensor to sample: 1
Audio: 143
Audio: 151
... (some lines omitted)
Audio: 139
Audio: 1023
Clap Detected!
Enter a sensor to sample:
```

In our circuit, the audio signal is a voltage centered around half of the supply voltage (single ended) that swings up and down as the sound pressure changes. In order to estimate the intensity of the signal you will need to extract a feature that indicates how much energy or volume there is in the signal. One simple approach would be to measure the peak-to-peak intensity of the signal across a number of samples. When returning audio volume, make sure to sample for a significant number of samples (say 100 or 1000) and return the max minus the min as the peak-to-peak value. Experiment with the rate and number of samples to improve your ability to distinguish a clap from the background noise. Keep in mind that the CPU will operate at a different frequency when running from JTAG as opposed to without the debugger enabled.

9 Submission

To submit the checkpoint, use the tag lab1-part-a. To submit the final, use the tag lab1-submit. We do not have late days in this class, but you can turn in one redemption lab. Demos need to be shown to TAs before Friday after the deadline. Push documented and completed code to the Gitlab Repository. Make sure to read over the submission instructions at Gitlab.pdf for more details. You should always submit what you have done instead of submitting nothing.