

# STMicroelectronics: Cortex™-M7 Tutorial STM32 F7

Orm KEIL Discovery evaluation board using ARM® Keil® MDK 5 toolkit

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## **Introduction:**

The latest version of this document is here: <a href="www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt\_280.asp">www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt\_280.asp</a>

The purpose of this lab is to introduce you to the STMicroelectronics Cortex<sup>TM</sup>-M7 processor using the ARM<sup>®</sup> Keil<sup>TM</sup> MDK toolkit featuring the IDE µVision®. We will use the Serial Wire Viewer (SWV) and the on-board ST-Link V2 Debug Adapter.

Keil MDK supports and has examples for most ST ARM processors. See www.keil.com/st.

**Linux:** Cortex-A processors running Linux, Android and no OS are supported by ARM DS-5<sup>™</sup>. www.arm.com/ds5.

Keil MDK-Lite™ is a free evaluation version that limits code size to 32 Kbytes. Nearly all Keil examples will compile within this 32K limit. MDK is free for STM32 F0/L0 Cortex-M0 processors. See www.keil.com/st or contact Keil Sales.

## Why Use Keil MDK? MDK provides these features particularly suited for Cortex-M processor users:

- μVision IDE with Integrated Debugger, Flash programmer and the ARM® Compiler toolchain. MDK is turn-key "out-of-the-box".
- 2. ARM Compiler 5 and ARM Compiler 6 (LLVM) are included. GCC support.
- 3. **STM32CubeMX** compatible.
- 4. **Keil Middleware:** Network, USB, Flash File and Graphics.
- 5. NEW! Event Recorder for Keil Middleware, RTX and User programs.
- 6. MISRA C/C++ support using PC-Lint. www.gimpel.com
- 7. Serial Wire Viewer data trace and ETM instruction trace capability included.
- 8. **NEW!** Power Measurement with Keil ULINK*plus*: www.keil.com/ulinkplus
- 9. Compiler Safety Certification Kit: www.keil.com/safety/
- 10. NEW! Run-Time System for Functional Safety Applications: FuSa RTS www.keil.com/fusa-rts
- 11. TÜV certified. ISO 26262 ASIL D, IEC62304 Class C, IEC 61508 SIL 3, EN50128 SIL 4
- 12. Keil RTX is included with MDK. RTX has a BSD or Apache 2.0 license and source code is provided.
- www.keil.com/RTX and https://github.com/ARM-software/CMSIS\_5
- 13. Two RTX Kernel Awareness windows. They are updated in real-time. NEW! FreeRTOS is now supported.
- 14. Keil Technical Support is included for one year and is easily renewable. This helps you get your project completed.
- 15. Affordable perpetual and term licensing. Contact Keil sales for pricing, options and current special offers.

#### This document details these features:

- 1. Serial Wire Viewer (SWV) data trace using ST-Link V2. Real-time tracing updated while the program is running.
- 2. Real-time Read and Write to memory locations for Watch, Memory and Peripherals windows. These are nonintrusive to your program. No CPU cycles are stolen. No instrumentation code is added to your source files.
- 3. Six Hardware Breakpoints (they can be set/unset on-the-fly) and four Watchpoints (also known as Access Breaks).
- 4. RTX Viewer: a kernel awareness program for the Keil RTX RTOS that updates while your program is running.
- 5. A DSP example program using ARM CMSIS-DSP libraries. www.arm.com/cmsis
- ETM instruction trace including Performance Analysis, Code Coverage and a Hard Fault error demonstration.
- 7. Create a project with STM32CubeMX, Keil Software Packs, MDK Middleware or ST Standard Peripheral Libraries.

## **Serial Wire Viewer (SWV):**

Serial Wire Viewer (SWV) displays PC Samples, Exceptions (including interrupts), data reads and writes, ITM (printf), CPU counters and timestamps. This information comes from the ARM CoreSight™ debug module integrated into STM32 CPU. Memory contents and variable values are displayed in real-time and these can be modified on-the-fly.

## Embedded Trace Macrocell (ETM): (includes Code Coverage (gcov) and Performance Analysis)

1. ETM records and displays all instructions that were executed. This is very useful for debugging program flow problems such as "going into the weeds" and "how did I get here?" ETM requires a ULINKpro.





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## Notes on using this document:

- 1. The necessary example source files are available here: www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt\_280.asp
- 2. MDK 5.17 and Software Pack STM32F7xx\_DFP 2.3.0 were used in the exercises in this document.
- 3. The ST-Link V2 interfaces very well with Keil  $\mu$ Vision and its performance is quite good including SWV.

## 1) Keil Evaluation Software: MDK 5

**MDK 5** uses Software Packs to distribute processor specific software, examples and middleware. MDK 5 Core is first installed and you then download the Software Packs you require from the web. They can also be imported manually. You no longer need to wait for the next version of MDK or install patches to get the latest processor specific files.

STM32CubeMX provides software in MDK 5 format consistent with Software Packs. Keil Middleware supports STM32F7.

#### This document uses MDK 5.25 or later.

#### Summary of Keil software installation: This is a three step process:

- A. Download and install the MDK Core file. This is done in Step 2 below.
- B. Download and install the appropriate Software Pack for the processor you are using. This is done on the next page.
- C. In addition, you need to download and install the examples used in this tutorial. See the next page:

## 2) Keil MDK Core Software Download and Installation:

- 1. Download MDK Core from the Keil website. www.keil.com/mdk5/install
- Download MDK-Core
- 2. Install MDK into the default folder. You can install into any folder, but this lab uses the default C:\Keil\_v5
- 3. We recommend you use the default folders for this tutorial. We will use C:\MDK\ for the examples.
- 4. If you install MDK or the examples into different folders, you will have to adjust for the folder location differences.
- 4. You do not need any debug adapters: just the Discovery board, a USB cable and MDK 5 installed on your PC.
- 5. For the ETM examples, you will need a ULINKpro and a board with a 20 pin CoreSight ETM connector.

## **MDK Licensing:**

- 1. You can use the evaluation version (MDK-Lite) for this lab. No license is needed.
- 2. You can obtain a one-time free 7 day license in File/License Management. If you are eligible, this button is visible:
- This gives you access to the Keil Middleware as well as unlimited code size compilation. Contact Keil sales to extend this license for evaluation purposes.

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## 3) The on-board ST-Link V2 Debug Adapter:

The on-board ST-Link V2 is used exclusively in this lab except for the ETM exercises. Instructions on configuring and testing the ST-Link V2 are on page 7. The Discovery board has no external debug adapter connector.

You connect to the on-board ST-Link V2 with a USB cable connected to CN14 and to your PC which also powers the board.

ETM Examples: An STM32756G-EVAL board with a ULINKpro is used or similar with the 20 pin ETM connector.

- **4) Example Programs:** These are obtained as described on the next page (page 4).
- 5) Getting Started MDK 5: Obtain this useful book here: www.keil.com/mdk5/.

#### 6) STMicoelectronics evaluation boards:

This tutorial supports two STM32F7 boards:

- 1. **STM32F746G-Discovery:** As pictured on the front page. This tutorial uses this board except for the ETM exercises. Blinky and Middleware examples are provided.
- 2. **STM32756G\_EVAL:** This is used only in the ETM examples in this tutorial. Blinky and Middleware examples are provided. This has a 20 pin connector for ULINK*pro*. ETM has 4 bit signal + a clock + JTAG/SWD signals.

## 7) µVision Software Pack and Examples Download and Install Process:

1) Start µVision and open Pack Installer: (after the first MDK install is complete and if you are connected to the Internet, μVision and Software Packs will automatically startup. Otherwise, follow Steps 1 and 2 below)

- Connect your computer to the Internet. This is normally needed to download the Software Packs.
- Start µVision by clicking on its desktop icon.
- Open the Pack Installer by clicking on its icon: A Pack Installer Welcome screen will open. Read and close it. 3.
- This window opens up: Select the Boards tab. Type discovery in the Search box to filter the listings:
- Select STM32F746G-Discovery as shown here: You can also select individual processors under the Devices tab.
- Note: "ONLINE" is displayed at the bottom right. If "OFFLINE" is displayed, connect to the Internet.

TIP: If there are no entries shown because you were not connected to the Internet when Pack Installer opened, select Packs/Check for Updates or to refresh once you have connected to the Internet.



#### 2) Install The STM32F7 Software Pack:

- 1. Click on the Packs tab. Initially, the Software Pack ARM::CMSIS is installed by default.
- Select Keil::STM32F7xx\_DFP as shown above and click on Install. The latest Pack will download and install to C:\Keil v5\ARM\Pack\Keil\ST\ by default. This download can take two to four minutes.
- Its status will then be indicated by the "Up to date" icon: | w Up to date



#### 3) Install the Blinky MDK 5 Example:

- Select STM32F746G-Discovery in the Boards tab.
- Select the Examples tab:
- Select CMSIS-RTOS Blinky Discovery:
- 5. Select Copy 💠 Copy
- The Copy Example window below opens up: Select Use Pack Folder Structure: Unselect Launch µVision:

Type in C:\ as shown to the right: Click OK to copy into C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STM32F746G Discovery\. If you are using the STM32756G EVAL board, select it.

TIP: The default directory for copied examples the first time you install MDK is C:\Users\<user>\Documents. For simplicity, we will use the default directory of C:\MDK\ in this tutorial. You can use any directory you prefer.

- 8. Close the Packs Installer. Open it any time by clicking on its icon.
- 9. If a window states the Software Packs have changed, select Yes.



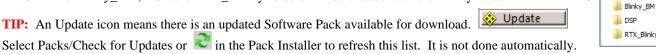
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#### 4) Install the Blinky BM, RTX Blinky and DSP Examples from Keil.com:

- 1. Obtain the example software zip file from www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt\_280.asp.
  - Extract this into the directory C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STM32F746G\_Discovery\
- The Blinky BM, DSP and RTX Blinky folders will be created with the Blinky folder:



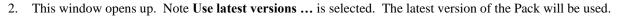
TIP: If you look in the directory C:\Keil v5\ARM\Pack\Keil\STM32F7xx DFP\2.1.0\MDK\Boards\ST\, you will find examples for two ST boards. This is a read-only version for backup purposes. Use only the projects you copied over from the Examples tab in the Pack Installer window to the directory you chose. In this tutorial we are using C:\MDK.

## 8) Software Pack Version Selection and Manage Run-Time Environment:

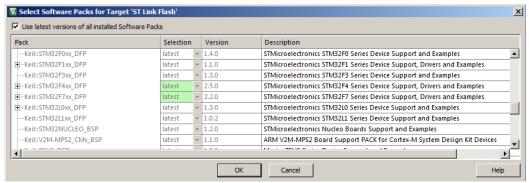
#### **Select Software Pack Version:**

This  $\mu$ Vision utility provides the ability to choose various software pack versions installed in your computer. You can select the versions you want to use.

1. Open the Select Software Pack by clicking on its icon:







4. Expand the header Keil::STM32F7xx\_DFP. Note the various versions visible. You may see different versions.

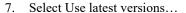
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5. Select excluded and see the options as shown:

6. If you wanted to use V 2.1.0, you would select fixed and then select the check box opposite 2.1.0.



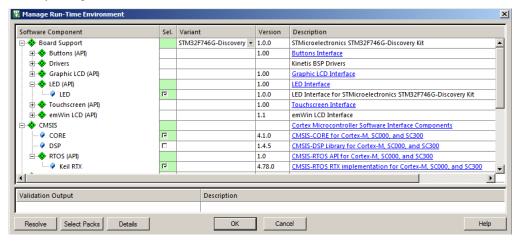
8. Close this window.

#### Select Software Packs for Target 'ST Link Flash' Use latest versions of all installed Software Packs Version -2.4.0 -2.2.0 ΓZ -1.0.7 ....Keil::STM32F7xx DFP ₹ 2.2.0 fixed ΓV ..2.2.0 2.2.0-RC1 -2.1.0 ...Keil::STM32L0xx DFP excluded -Keil::STM32L1xx\_DFP excluded •

#### **Manage Run-Time Environment:**

Select Project/Open Project. Open the project:
 C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STM32F746G\_Discovery\Blinky\_BM\Blinky.uvprojx.

- 2. Click on the Manage RTE icon: The next window opens: This includes the board support package (BSP), Keil Middleware, selected open source software, RTX and CMSIS drivers for various peripherals.
- 3. Expand various headers and note the selections you can make. A selection made here will automatically insert the appropriate source files into your project.
- 4. Do not make any changes. Click Cancel to close this window.



## There are three main methods to create your own µVision projects:

- STM32Cube. This configures your processor and exports a μVision project in MDK 5 format. See Page 28. STRM32CubeMX can be downloaded from www.st.com/stm32cubemx/
- 2) **Standard Peripheral Libraries** from ST. STM32CubeF7. Contains extensive examples and source code for Keil MDK 5. These libraries are also available from <a href="https://www.st.com/stm32cubemx/">www.st.com/stm32cubemx/</a>
- 3) **µVision Software Packs, examples and Keil Middleware**. A Software Pack includes examples and files that you can use. See Page 21 and www.keil.com/pack/doc/STM32Cube/General/html/index.html

**ELF/DWARF:** The ARM compiler produces a .axf file which is ELF/DWARF compliant. μVision can load similar compiler output such as from GCC with all debug information visible. You can also use GCC as your compiler of choice in μVision.

## **9) CoreSight Definitions:** *It is useful to have a basic understanding of these terms:*

Cortex-M0 and Cortex-M0+ have only features 1) through 3) plus 11 and 12 implemented. Cortex-M3, Cortex-M4 and Cortex-M7 can have all features listed implemented. MTB is normally found on Cortex-M0+. It is possible some processors have all features except ETM Instruction trace and the trace port. Consult your specific STMicroelectronics datasheet to determine its feature set.

- 1. JTAG: Provides access to the CoreSight debugging module located on the Cortex processor. It uses 4 to 5 pins.
- 2. **SWD:** Serial Wire Debug is a two pin alternative to JTAG and has about the same capabilities except Boundary Scan is not possible. SWD is referenced as SW in the μVision Cortex-M Target Driver Setup. See page 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> picture. The SWJ box must be selected in ULINK2/ME or ULINK*pro*. Serial Wire Viewer (SWV) must use SWD because the JTAG signal TDIO shares the same pin as SWO. The SWV data normally comes out the SWO pin.
- 3. JTAG and SWD are functionally equivalent. The signals and protocols are not directly compatible.
- 4. **DAP:** Debug Access Port. This is a component of the ARM CoreSight debugging module that is accessed via the JTAG or SWD port. One of the features of the DAP are the memory read and write accesses which provide on-the-fly memory accesses without the need for processor core intervention. μVision uses the DAP to update memory, watch and RTOS kernel awareness windows in real-time while the processor is running. You can also modify variable values on the fly. No CPU cycles are used, the program can be running and no source code stubs are needed. You do not need to configure or activate DAP. μVision configures DAP when you select a function that uses it. Do not confuse this with CMSIS-DAP which is an on-board debug adapter standard.
- 5. **SWV:** Serial Wire Viewer: A trace capability providing display of reads, writes, exceptions, PC Samples and printf.
- 6. **SWO:** Serial Wire Output: SWV frames usually come out this one pin output. It shares the JTAG signal TDIO.
- 7. **Trace Port:** A 4 bit port that ULINK*pro* uses to collect ETM frames and optionally SWV (rather than SWO pin).
- 8. **ITM:** Instrumentation Trace Macrocell: As used by μVision, ITM is thirty-two 32 bit memory addresses (Port 0 through 31) that when written to, will be output on either the SWO or Trace Port. This is useful for printf type operations. μVision uses Port 0 for printf and Port 31 for the RTOS Event Viewer. The data can be saved to a file.
- 9. **ETM:** Embedded Trace Macrocell: Displays all the executed instructions. The ULINK*pro* provides ETM. ETM requires a special 20 pin CoreSight connector. ETM also provides Code Coverage and Performance Analysis.
- 10. **ETB:** Embedded Trace Buffer: A small amount of internal RAM used as an ETM trace buffer. This trace does not need a specialized debug adapter such as a ULINK*pro*. ETB runs as fast as the processor and is especially useful for very fast Cortex-A processors. Not all processors have ETB. See your specific datasheet.
- 11. **MTB:** Micro Trace Buffer. A portion of the device internal RAM is used for an instruction trace buffer. Only on Cortex-M0+ processors. STM32 Cortex-M4 and Cortex-M7 processors provide ETM trace instead.
- 12. **Hardware Breakpoints:** The Cortex-M0+ has 2 breakpoints. The Cortex-M3, M4 and M7 have 6. These can be set/unset on-the-fly without stopping the processor. They are no skid: they do not execute the instruction they are set on when a match occurs.
- 13. **WatchPoints:** Both the Cortex-M0, M0+, Cortex-M3, Cortex-M4 and Cortex-M7 can have 2 Watchpoints. These are conditional breakpoints. They stop the program when a specified value is read and/or written to a specified address or variable.

## 10) Installing ST-Link V2 USB Drivers: (this is not necessary if the test below passes)

ST-Link V2 USB drivers initially must be installed manually. Windows may attempt to install them but this might not work.

Installing the ST-Link USB Drivers: This step normally needs to be done just once!

- 1. Do not have the Discovery board USB port connected to your PC at this time.
- 2. The USB drivers must be installed manually by executing stlink\_winusb\_install.bat. This file is found in C:\Keil\_v5\ARM\STLink\USBDriver\. Double-click on this file. The drivers will install.
- 3. Plug in the Discovery board to USB CN14. The USB drivers will now finish installing in the normal fashion.

**Upgrading the ST-Link V2 Firmware:** The ST-Link V2 firmware updater utility ST-LinkUpgrade.exe is located here: C:\Keil\_v5\ARM\STLink\. It is a good idea to upgrade the ST-Link firmware. Find this file and double click on it. It is easy to use. It will check and report the current firmware version. Version V2.J24.M10 is the current version supplied with MDK 5.16. If you experience trouble especially with Serial Wire Viewer (SWV), update to the latest drivers and firmware.

## 11) Testing the ST-Link V2 Connection: (Optional)

- 1. Start μVision if it is not already running. Select Project/Open Project.
- 2. Connect the Discovery board to your PC with a USB cable as shown on the first page of this tutorial.
- 3. If the ST-Link USB drivers are installed correctly, you should hear the usual USB connected dual-tone. If not, you might have to install the drivers manually. See the directions above.
- 4. Two red LEDs will light:LD7 and LD2 (PWR)
- 5. Select the Blinky project C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STMF32F4-Discovery\Blinky.uvprojx. (or to any project)
- 6. Select STM32F407 Flash as shown here:

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  7. Select Target Options or ALT-F7 and select the Debug tab:

  Select STM32F407 Flash as shown here:
- 8. Click on Settings: and the window below opens up: If an IDCODE and Device name is displayed, ST-Link is working. You can continue with the tutorial on the next page. Click OK twice to return to the μVision main menu.
- 9. A number in the SN: box means µVision is connected to the ST-Link adapter.
- 10. If nothing or an error is displayed in this SW Device box, this *must* be corrected before you can continue. See the instructions above: Installing the ST-Link USB Drivers:
- 11. Once you see a proper display, your ST-Link USB drivers are installed properly. Click OK twice to exit the Target Options windows and continue to the next page.

**TIP:** To refresh the SW Device box, in the Port: box select JTAG and then select SW again. You can also exit then re-enter this window. ST-Link V2 does not support the JTAG mode.



#### **LED LD7 indication:**

LED is blinking RED: the start of USB enumeration with the PC is taking place but not yet completed.

LED is RED: communication between the PC and ST-LINK/V2 is established (end of enumeration). μVision is not connected to ST-Link (i.e. in Debug mode).

LED is GREEN: μVision is connected in Debug mode and the last communication was successful.

LED is blinking GREEN/RED: data is actively being exchanged between the target and  $\mu$ Vision.

LED is off, except for a brief RED flash while entering Debug mode and a brief flash when clicking on RUN happens when the SWV trace is enabled in  $\mu$ Vision.

No Led: ST-LINK/V2 communication with the target or µVision has failed. Cycle the board power to restart.

## 12) Blinky example program using the STM32F7 Discovery board:

We will connect a Keil MDK development system using real target hardware using the built-in ST-Link V2 debug adapter.

- 1. Start μVision by clicking on its desktop icon. Connect your PC to the board with a USB cable to CN14.
- 2. Select Project/Open Project. Open C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STM32F746G\_Discovery\Blinky\_BM\Blinky.uvprojx
- 3. By default, the ST-Link is selected. If this is the first time you have run µVision and the Discovery board, you might have to install the USB drivers. See the configuration instructions on the previous page.
- 4. Compile the source files by clicking on the Rebuild icon. You can also use the Build icon beside it.
- 5. Program the STM32 flash by clicking on the Load icon: Progress will be indicated in the Output Window.
- 6. Enter Debug mode by clicking on the Debug icon. Select OK if the Evaluation Mode box appears.

  Note: You only need to use the Load icon to download to FLASH and not for RAM operation if it is chosen.
- 7. Click on the RUN icon. Note: you stop the program with the STOP icon.

The LED LD1 on the STM32F7 Discovery board will blink. Press the blue USER button and it will blink slower.

Now you know how to compile a program, program it into the STM32 processor Flash, run it and stop it!

Note: The board will start Blinky stand-alone. Blinky is now permanently programmed in the Flash until reprogrammed.

## 13) Hardware Breakpoints:

The STM32F7 has six hardware breakpoints that can be set or unset on the fly while the program is running.

- 1. With Blinky running, in the Blinky.c window, click on a darker grey block in the left margin on a line in main() in the while loop. Between around lines 57 through 61 will suffice.
- 2. A red circle will appear and the program will stop.
- 3. Note the breakpoint is displayed in both the disassembly and source windows as shown below:
- 4. You can set a breakpoint in either the Disassembly or Source windows as long there is a gray rectangle indicating the existence of an assembly instruction at that point.
- 5. Every time you click on the RUN icon the program will run until the breakpoint is again encountered.
- 6. You can also click on Single Step (Step In) , Step Over and Step Out

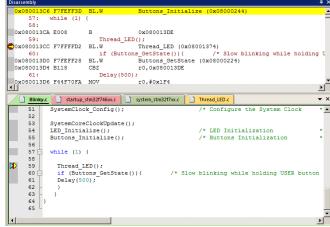
TIP: To single step (Step In) by assembly instruction, click on the Disassembly window to bring it into focus. To step by a C source line, bring any source window into focus.

**TIP:** A hardware breakpoint does not execute the instruction it is set to. ARM CoreSight breakpoints are no-skid. Your instructions in Flash are not substituted or modified. These are rather important features for efficient software development.

Remove all breakpoints when you are done for the next exercise by clicking on them again.

**TIP:** You can delete the breakpoints by clicking on them or selecting Debug/Breakpoints (or Ctrl-B) and selecting Kill All. Click on Close to return.

**TIP:** You can view the breakpoints set by selecting Debug/Breakpoints or Ctrl-B.



## 14) Call Stack + Locals Window:

#### **Local Variables:**

The Call Stack and Local windows are incorporated into one integrated window. Whenever the program is stopped, the Call Stack + Locals window will display call stack contents as well as any local variables belonging to the active function.

If possible, the values of the local variables will be displayed and if not the message <not in scope> will be displayed. The Call + Stack window presence or visibility can be toggled by selecting View/Call Stack window.

- 1. Run and Stop Blinky . Click on the Call Stack + Locals tab.
- 2. You will probably be stopped in the Delay() function as shown here in the Call Stack + Locals window:

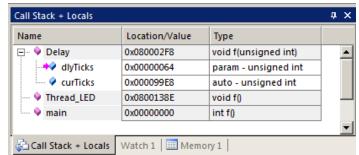
The contents of the local variables are displayed as well as names of active functions. Each function name will be displayed as it is called from the function before it or from an interrupt or exception.

When a function exits, it is removed from the list.

The first called function is at the bottom of this table.

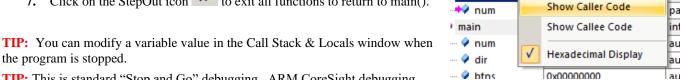
This table is active only when the program is stopped.





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- 4. Note the function different functions displayed as you step through them. If you get trapped in the Delay function, use Step Out or Ctrl-F11 to exit it faster.
- 5. Click numerous times on Step In and see other functions.
- 6. Right click on a function name and try the Show Callee Code and Show Caller Code options as shown here:
- 7. Click on the StepOut icon to exit all functions to return to main().



TIP: This is standard "Stop and Go" debugging. ARM CoreSight debugging black technology can do much better than this. You can display global or static variables updated in real-time while the program is running. No additions or changes to your code are required. Update while the program is running is not possible with local variables because they are usually stored in a CPU register. They must be converted to global or static variables so they always remain in scope.

If you have a ULINK*pro* and ETM trace, you can see a record of all the instructions executed. The Disassembly and Source windows show your code in the order it was written. The ETM trace shows it in the order it was actually executed. ETM additionally provides Code Coverage, Performance Analysis and Execution Profiling.

Changing a local variable to a static or global normally means it is moved from a CPU register to RAM. CoreSight can view RAM but not CPU registers when the program is running.

## Call Stack:

The list of stacked functions is displayed when the program is stopped as you have seen. This is useful when you need to know which functions have been called and what return data is stored on the stack.

**TIP:** You can modify a local variable value when the program is stopped.

**TIP:** You can access the Hardware Breakpoint table by clicking on Debug/Breakpoints or Ctrl-B. This is also where Watchpoints (also called Access Points) are configured. You can temporarily disable entries in this table.

Selecting Debug/Kill All Breakpoints deletes Breakpoints but not Watchpoints.

## 15) Watch and Memory Windows and how to use them:

The Watch and Memory windows will display updated variable values in real-time. It does this through the ARM CoreSight debugging technology that is part of Cortex-M processors. It is also possible to modify values into the Memory window.

#### Watch window:

**Add a global variable:** Recall the Watch and Memory windows can't see local variables unless stopped in their function. Make local variables static or global to make them visible in a watch or Memory window.

- 2. In Blinky,c, declare a global variable (I called it counter) near line 20 like this: unsigned int counter = 0;
- 3. Add the statements counter++; and if (counter > 0x10) counter = 0; as shown here near line 60:
- 4. Select File/Save All or click ...
- 5. Click on Rebuild.
- 6. Enter Debug mode. 🔍 Click on RUN 🖳 You can set Watch and Memory windows while the program is runs.
- 7. In Blinky.c, right click on the variable **counter** and select Add counter to ... and select Watch 1. Watch 1 will open if needed and counter will be displayed as shown here:

  Watch 1

  Watch 1
- 8. counter will increment until 0x10 in real-time.
- 9. Note some values of counter will be missed because the watch and Memory windows are updated periodically. Press the Blue User button to demonstrate this.

TIP: Enter SystemCoreClock and this displays the CPU clock frequency.

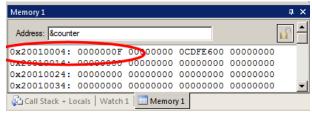
TIP: You can also block counter, click and hold and drag it into a Watch or Memory window.

TIP: Make sure View/Periodic Window Update is selected.

10. You can also enter a variable manually by double-clicking under Name or pressing F2 and using copy and paste or typing the variable. Use the View/Symbols window to enter a variable fully qualified.

#### **Memory window:**

- 1. Right-click on counter and similarly enter it into the Memory 1 window.
- 2. Note the value of **counter** is displaying its address in Memory 1 as if it is a pointer. This is useful to see what address a pointer is pointing to but this not what we want to see at this time.
- 3. Add an ampersand "&" in front of the variable name and press Enter. The physical address is shown (0x2001\_0004).
- 4. Right click in the memory window and select Unsigned/Int.
- 5. The data contents of counter is now displayed as a 32 bit value.
- 6. Both the Watch and Memory windows are updated in real-time without stealing CPU cycles.
- You can modify counter in the Memory window with a right-click with the mouse cursor over the data field and select Modify Memory.



counter++;

if (counter > 0x10) counter = 0;

unsigned int

unsigned int

if (Buttons GetState()) {

61

62

Value

Call Stack + Locals | Watch 1 | Memory 1 |

216000000

SystemCoreClock

<Enter expression:

counter

**TIP:** To view variables and their location use the Symbol window. Select View/Symbol Window while in Debug mode.

#### **How It Works:**

 $\mu$ Vision uses ARM CoreSight technology to read or write memory locations without stealing any CPU cycles. This is nearly always non-intrusive and does not impact the program execution timings. Remember the Cortex-M4 is a Harvard architecture. This means it has separate instruction and data buses. While the CPU is fetching instructions at full speed, there is plenty of time for the CoreSight debug module to read or write values without stealing any CPU cycles.

This can be slightly intrusive in the unlikely event the CPU and  $\mu$ Vision reads or writes to the same memory location at exactly the same time. Then the CPU will be stalled for one clock cycle. In practice, this cycle stealing never happens.

## 16) View Variables Graphically with the Logic Analyzer (LA):

We will display the global variable counter you created earlier in the Logic Analyzer. No code stubs in the user code will be used. This uses the Serial Wire Viewer (SWV) and therefore does not steal CPU cycles.

1. Stop the processor and exit Debug mode.

## **Configure Serial Wire Viewer (SWV):**

- 2. Select Target Options No or ALT-F7 and select the Debug tab. Select Settings; on the right side of this window. Confirm SW is selected. SW selection is mandatory for SWV. ST-Link uses only SW. Select the Trace tab.
- 3. In the Trace tab, select Trace Enable. Unselect Periodic and select EXCTRC. Set Core Clock: to 216 MHz. Everything else is set as shown here:
- Click OK once to return to the Debug tab. 4.
- Click OK return to the main menu. Enter debug mode.

## **Configure the Logic Analyzer:**

## 1. Open View/Analysis Windows and select Logic Analyzer or select the LA window on the toolbar.

**TIP:** You can configure the LA while the program is running.

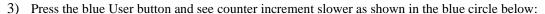
- Click on the Blinky.c tab. Right click on counter and select Add counter to... and then select Logic Analyzer. You can also Drag and Drop or enter it manually.
- 3. In the Logic Analyzer window, click on the Select box and the LA Setup window appears as shown here:
- With counter selected, set Display Range Max: to 0x15 as shown here:
- Click on Close.

**Run the Program:** Note: The LA can be configured while the program is running.

- 1) Click on Run. Electric Click on Zoom Out until Grid is about 1 second.
- 2) The variable counter will increment to 0x10 (decimal 16) and then is set to 0.

TIP: If you do not see a waveform, exit and re-enter Debug mode to refresh the LA. You might also have to repower the Discovery board. Confirm the Core Clock: value is correct.

TIP: You can show up to 4 variables in the Logic Analyzer. These variables must be global, static or raw addresses such as \*((unsigned long \*)0x20000000).



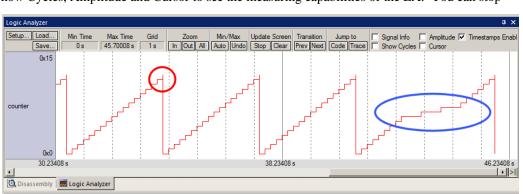
Select Signal Info, Show Cycles, Amplitude and Cursor to see the measuring capabilities of the LA. You can stop

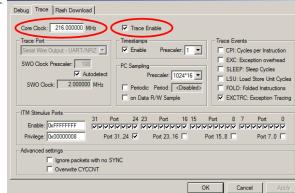
the LA by clicking on the Stop icon in the Update Screen box.

5) Note counter briefly reaches 0x11 since the test is after the increment.

6) When you are ready to continue, start the Update Screen.

- 7) Stop the CPU. Stop the CPU.
- Click on Close.





## 17) Watchpoints: Conditional Breakpoints: This does not need or use Serial Wire Viewer:

Recall STM32 processors have 6 hardware breakpoints. These breakpoints can be set on-the-fly without stopping the CPU. The STM32 also have four Watchpoints. Watchpoints can be thought of as conditional breakpoints. The Logic Analyzer uses the same comparators as Watchpoints in its operations and they must be shared. This means in µVision you must have two variables free in the Logic Analyzer to use Watchpoints. Watchpoints are also referred to as Access Breakpoints.

- 1. Use the same Blinky configuration as the previous page. Stop the program if necessary. Stay in debug mode.
- 2. We will use the global variable counter you created in Blinky.c to explore Watchpoints.
- 3. The SWV Trace does not need to be configured for Watchpoints. However, we will use it in this exercise.
- 4. The variable **counter** should be still entered in the Logic Analyzer from the last exercise on the previous page.
- 5. Select Debug in the main μVision window and select Breakpoints or press Ctrl-B.
- 6. Select both the Read and Write Access. In the Expression box enter: "counter = = 0x5" without the quotes.
- 7. Click on Define and it will be accepted as shown here: Click on Close.
- 8. Enter the **counter** to the Watch 1 window if it is not already listed.
- 9. Open Debug/Debug Settings and select the Trace tab. Check "on Data R/W sample" and uncheck EXTRC.
- 10. Click on OK twice. Open the Trace Records window.
- 11. Double click in the Trace Records to clear it.
- 12. Click on RUN.
- 13. You will see **counter** change in the Logic Analyzer as well as in the Watch window.
- 14. When **counter** equals 0x5, the Watchpoint will stop the program.
- 15. Note the data writes in the Trace Records window shown below. 0x5 is in the last Data column. Plus the address the data written to and the PC of the write instruction. This is with the ST-Link. A ULINK2 will show the same window. A ULINK*pro* or a J-Link (black case) will show a slightly different display.

Ovf Num Address

20000000H

20000000H

200000000

Data

00000002H

00000003H

00000005H

- 16. There are other types of expressions you can enter and are detailed in the Help button in the Breakpoints window. Not all are currently implemented in μVision.
- 17. To repeat this exercise, click on RUN.
- 18. When you are finished, stop the program, click on Debug and select Breakpoints (or Ctrl-B) and Kill the Watchpoint.
- 19. Leave Debug mode.

TIP: You cannot set Watchpoints on-the-fly while the program is running like you can with hardware breakpoints.

Type

Data Write

Data Write

Data Write

TIP: To edit a Watchpoint, double-click on it in the Breakpoints window and its information will be dropped down into the

configuration area. Clicking on Define will create another Watchpoint. You should delete the old one by highlighting it and click on Kill Selected or try the next TIP:

**TIP:** The checkbox beside the expression allows you to temporarily unselect or disable a Watchpoint without deleting it.

**TIP:** Raw addresses can also be entered into the Logic Analyzer. An example is: \*((unsigned long \*)0x20000000)

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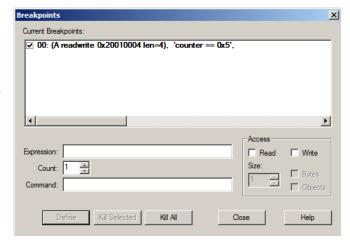
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Shown above right is the Logic Analyzer window displaying the variable counter trigger point of 0x5. This is three runs.



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08000292H

Cycles

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## 18) ITM (Instrumentation Trace Macrocell): ITM uses Serial Wire Viewer:

ITM Port 0 is available for a *printf* type of instrumentation that requires minimal user code. After the write to the ITM port, zero CPU cycles are required to get the data out of the processor and into  $\mu$ Vision for display in its Debug (printf) Viewer window. This exercise uses the Blinky\_BM project.

- 1. Stop the program if it is running and exit Debug mode.
- 2. Use the same Blinky\_BM project we have been using. SWV must be configured.
- 3. Add this code to Blinky.c. A good place is near line 19, just after the #include "LED.h".

```
#define ITM_Port8(n) (*((volatile unsigned char *)(0xE0000000+4*n)))
```

4. In the main function in Blinky.c after the second Delay(200); near line 72, enter these lines:

- 5. Select File/Save All or click 🗐. Rebuild the source files 🕮
- 6. Open Select Target Options or ALT-F7 and select the Debug tab, and then the Trace tab.
- 7. The Serial Wire Viewer should be still configured. Use 216 MHz for the Core Clock.
- 8. Select ITM Port 0. ITM Stimulus Port "0" enables the Debug (prinftf) Viewer.
- 9. Click OK twice to return to the main μVision menu. Enter Debug mode ...
- 10. Click on View/Serial Windows and select Debug (printf) Viewer and click on RUN
- 11. In the Debug (printf) Viewer you will see the ASCII of counter display:
- 12. As counter is incremented its ASCII character is displayed.

**TIP:** You can easily save ITM information to a file. For information see www.keil.com/support/man/docs/uv4/uv4\_cm\_itmlog.htm

#### **Trace Records**

- 1. Open the Trace Records if not already open. Double click on it to clear it.
- 2. You will see a window such as the one below with ITM and Exception frames.
- 3. Right click inside the Trace Records window and unselect Exceptions to filter these out.

## How does this work?

You can see the ITM writes and Data writes (value being displayed in the LA).

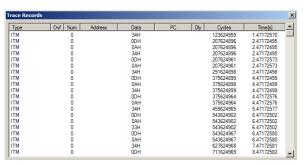
- 1. ITM 0 frames (Num column) are our ASCII characters from counter with carriage return (0D) and line feed (0A) as displayed the Data column.
- 2. All these are timestamped in both CPU cycles and time in seconds.
- 3. When you are done, stop the processor and exit Debug mode.

#### **ITM Notes**

The writes to ITM Stimulus Port 0 are intrusive and are usually one cycle. It takes no CPU cycles to get the data out the processor and to your PC via the Serial Wire Output (SWO) pin.

**TIP:** It is important to select as few options in the Trace configuration as possible to avoid overloading the SWO pin. Enter only those features that you really need.

**TIP:** ITM\_SendChar is a useful function you can use to send ITM characters. It is found in the header core.CM7.h.



Build Output 📴 Debug (printf) Viewer

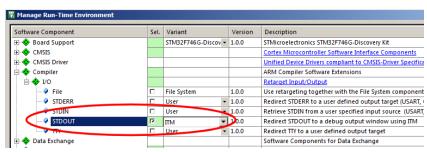
## 19) printf with ITM (Instrumentation Trace Macrocell): ITM uses Serial Wire Viewer:

It is easy to incorporate printf using ITM and the µVision utility Manage Runtime Environment.

- 1. Stop the program if it is running 

   and exit Debug mode. 

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- 2. Comment out all six C source lines you entered in Blinky on the previous page. They are not needed here.
- 3. Open the Manage Run-Time Environment utility. This window opens:
- 4. Expand Compiler...I/O as shown.
- Select STDOUT and ITM:
- 6. All the blocks should be green. If not, click on the Resolve button.
- 7. Click OK to close this window.
- 8. The file retarget\_io.c will be added to your project in the project window under the Compiler group.



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counter equals: counter equals:

counter equals:

- 9. In Blinky.c, near line 63 just after the if (counter>.... Line, add this line: printf("counter equals: %d\n", counter);
- 10. Select File/Save All or click
- 12. Enter Debug mode . Click on RUN
- 13. The values of counter is displayed as seen here:

TIP: You can easily save ITM information to a file. See <a href="https://www.keil.com/support/man/docs/uv4/uv4">www.keil.com/support/man/docs/uv4/uv4</a> cm itmlog.htm

## Obtaining a character typed into the Debug printf Viewer window:

It is possible for your program to do this with the function ITM\_ReceiveChar found in core.CM7.h.

See https://www.keil.com/pack/doc/CMSIS/Core/html/group i t m debug gr.html.

A working example can be found in the File System Demo in Keil Middleware. Download this using the pack installer utility.

#### **Read-Only Source Files:**

Some files in the Project window will have a yellow key on them: This means they are read-only. This is to help unintentional changes to these source files. This can cause difficult to solve problems. Most of these files will not need any modification.

If you need to modify one, you can use Windows Explorer to modify its permission.

- 1. Double click on the file to open it in the Sources window.
- 2. Right click on its source tab and select Open Containing folder.
- 3. Explorer will open with the file selected.
- 4. Right click on the file and select Properties.
- 5. Unselect Read-only and click OK. You are now able to change the file in the µVision editor.
- 6. It is a good idea to make the file read-only when you are finished modifications.

Super TIP: µVision icon meanings are found here: www.keil.com/support/man/docs/uv4/uv4 ca filegrp att.htm

## 20) RTX\_Blinky Example Program with Keil RTX RTOS: A Stepper Motor example

Keil provides RTX, a full feature RTOS. RTX is included as part of Keil MDK including source. This example explores the RTX RTOS project. MDK will work with any RTOS. An RTOS is just a set of C functions that gets compiled with your project. RTX comes with a BSD type license and source code is provided with all versions of MDK.

**NOTE:** RTX\_Blinky supplied with this document is an RTX\_Blinky that has fours threads simulating a stepper motor and blinks one LED.

You must have copied RTX\_Blinky to C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STM32F746G\_Discovery as described on page 4.

- 1. With µVision in Edit mode (not in debug mode): Select Project/Open Project.
- 2. Open the file C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STM32F746G Discovery\Blinky.uvprojx.
- 3. This project is pre-configured for the ST-Link V2 debug adapter.
- 4. Compile the source files by clicking on the Rebuild icon. They will compile with no errors or warnings.
- 5. To program the Flash manually, click on the Load icon. A progress bar will be at the bottom left.
- 6. Enter the Debug mode by clicking on the debug icon and click on the RUN icon.
- 7. The green LED LD1 will be toggled by Thread 1 (phaseA).
- Click on STOP

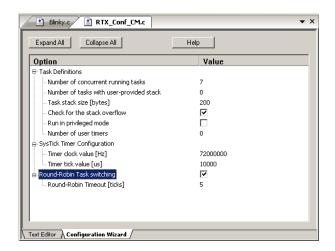
We will explore the operation of RTX with the Kernel Awareness windows.

#### The Configuration Wizard for RTX:

- 1. Click on the RTX\_Conf\_CM.c source file tab as shown below on the left. You can open it with File/Open if needed.
- 2. Click on the Configuration Wizard tab at the bottom and your view will change to the Configuration Wizard.
- 3. Open up the individual directories to show the various configuration items available.
- 4. See how easy it is to modify these settings here as opposed to finding and changing entries in the source code.
- 5. Changing an attribute in one tab changes it in the other automatically. You should save a modified window.
- 6. You can create Configuration Wizards for any source file with the scripting language as used in the Text Editor.
- 7. This scripting language is shown below in the Text Editor as comments starting such as a </h> or <i>. See <a href="https://www.keil.com/support/man/docs/uv4/uv4\_ut\_configwizard.htm">www.keil.com/support/man/docs/uv4/uv4\_ut\_configwizard.htm</a> for instructions.

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  RTX_Conf_CM.c
 N81 #ifndef OS TICK
                                                •
                                10000
 082
      #define OS TICK
 083 #endif
 084
 086
     // <e>Round-Robin Task switching
 087
 088
     // <i> Enable Round-Robin Task switching
     #ifndef OS ROBIN
 089
      #define OS_ROBIN
 090
 091
      #endif
 092
 093
           <o>Round-Robin Timeout [ticks] <1-1</pre>
 094
           <i>> Define how long a task will exe
 095
           <i>Default: 5
     #ifndef OS ROBINTOUT
 096
       #define OS ROBINTOUT
 097
      #endif
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```

**Text Editor: Source Code** 



**Configuration Wizard** 

## 21) RTX Kernel Awareness using Serial Wire Viewer (SWV):

Users often want to know the number of the current operating task and the status of the other tasks. This information is usually stored in a structure or memory area by the RTOS. Keil provides a Task Aware window for RTX. Other RTOS companies also provide awareness plug-ins for uVision.

1. Run RTX\_Blinky by clicking on the Run icon.



Round Robin Timeout: Default Thread Stack Size

255 os\_idle\_de 6 clock

phaseE

phaseC

phaseA main

Thread Stack Overflow Check Thread Usage

vailable: 6. Used: 6

Normal Normal

0v0100

2. Open Debug/OS Support and select System and Thread Viewer and the window on the right opens up. You might have to grab the window and move it into the center of the screen. These values are updated in real-time using the same read write technology as used in the Watch and Memory windows.

Important TIP: View/Periodic Window Update must be selected!

3. Open Debug/OS Support and select Event Viewer. There is probably no data displayed because SWV is not configured.

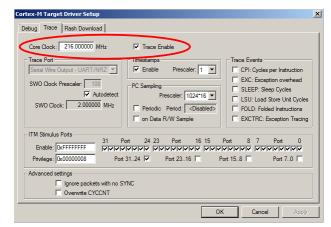
## RTX Viewer: Configuring Serial Wire Viewer (SWV):

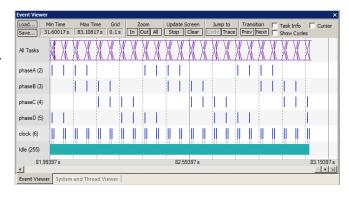
We must activate Serial Wire Viewer to get the Event Viewer working.

1. Stop the CPU 
and exit debug mode.



- Click on the Target Options icon next to the target box. Select the Debug tab.
- Click the Settings box next to ST-Link Debugger. 3.
- In the Debug window, make sure Port: is set to SW and not JTAG. SWV works only with SW mode.
- Click on the Trace tab to open the Trace window. 5.
- Set Core Clock: to 216 MHz. 6.
- 7. Select Trace Enable.
- Unselect the Periodic and EXCTRC boxes as shown:
- ITM Stimulus Port 31 must be checked. This is the method the RTX Viewer gets the kernel awareness information out to be displayed in the Event Viewer. It is slightly intrusive.
- 10. Click on OK twice to return to µVision. The Serial Wire Viewer is now configured!
- 11. Enter Debug mode and click on RUN
- 12. Select "Tasks and System" tab: the display is updated.
- 13. Click on the Event Viewer tab.
- 14. This window displays task events in a graphical format as shown in the RTX Kernel window below. You probably have to change the Range to about 0.1 sec by clicking on the Zoom ALL and + and - icons.
- 15. You can use the cursor settings to determine various timings of the Threads. You can select Stop Update Screen without stopping the CPU.





TIP: If Event Viewer doesn't work, open up the Trace Records and confirm there are good ITM 31 frames present. Is Core Clock correct? This project is running at 216 MHz.

The data is updated while the program is running. No instrumentation code needs to be inserted into your source. You will find this feature very useful! Remember, RTX with source code is included with all versions of MDK.

TIP: You can use a ULINK2, ULINK-ME, ULINKpro, ST-Link V2 or J-Link for these RTX Kernel Awareness windows.

## 22) Logic Analyzer Window: View variables real-time in a graphical format:

 $\mu$ Vision has a graphical Logic Analyzer window. Up to four variables can be displayed in real-time using the Serial Wire Viewer in the STM32. RTX Blinky uses four tasks to create the waveforms. We will graph these four waveforms.

- 1. Leave the program running.
- 2. Four global variables unsigned int phasea through unsigned int phased are in Blinky.c as shown here:
- 3. Each of four threads phasea through phaseD represents one phase of a stepping motor driver. This is phasea and is the one that toggles the LED LD1.
- 4. Note the variable phasea being switched. You can examine the other three threads.
- 5. We will enter these for global variables into the Logic Analyzer for examination.

#### Enter the Variables into the Logic Analyzer (LA):

- Click on the Blinky.c tab. Right click on phasea, select Add 'phasea' to... and finally select Logic Analyzer. Phasea will be added to the LA.
- 7. Repeat for **phaseb, phasec and phased.** These variables will be listed on the left side of the LA window as shown. Now we have to adjust the scaling.

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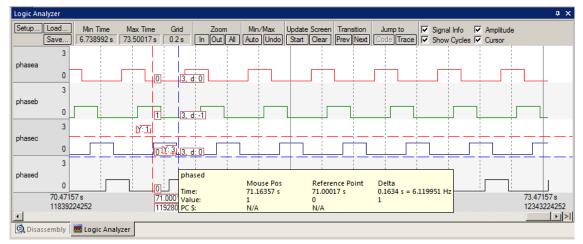
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**TIP:** If you can't get these variables entered into the LA, make sure the Trace Config is set correctly. The Serial Wire Viewer *must* be configured correctly in order to enter variables in the LA.

The Logic Analyzer can display static and global variables, structures and arrays.

It can't see locals: just make them static or global. To see peripheral registers read or write to them and enter them in the LA.

- 8. Click on the Setup icon and click on each of the four variables and set Max. in the Display Range: to 0x3.
- 9. Click on Close to go back to the LA window.
- 10. Using the All, OUT and In buttons set the range to 0.2 second or so. Move the scrolling bar to the far right if needed.



- 11. Select Signal Info and Show Cycles. Click to mark a place move the cursor to get timings. Place the cursor on one of the waveforms and get timing and other information as shown in the inserted box labeled phasec:
- 12. Click on Stop in Update Screen to stop (and start) the data collection.
- 13. Stop the CPU 8 and exit debug mode.

TIP: You can also enter these variables into the Watch and Memory windows to display and change them in real-time.

**TIP:** You can view signals that exist mathematically in a variable and not available for measuring in the outside world. This has proved to be very useful in debugging tricky problems.

unsigned int phasea=0;

unsigned int phaseb=0:

unsigned int phasec=0; unsigned int phased=0;

call common signal function

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Thread 1 'phaseA': Phase A output

sid phaseA (void const \*argument) {
for (;;) {
 osSignalWait(0x0001, osWaitForever);

func(tid phaseB);

LED Off(0);

RTX\_Conf\_CM.c startup\_stm32f746xx.s LED\_746G\_Discovery.c Abstract.txt clock.c =

## 23) DSP SINE example using ARM CMSIS-DSP Libraries:

ARM CMSIS-DSP libraries are offered for ARM Cortex-M series processors. DSP libraries are provided in MDK in C:\Keil\_v5\ARM\Pack\ARM\CMSIS. See <a href="https://www.arm.com/cmsis">www.arm.com/cmsis</a> for more information. CMSIS is an acronym for Cortex Microcontroller Software Interface Standard. CMSIS is an ARM standard.

This example creates a sine wave with noise added, and then the noise is filtered out. The waveform in each step is displayed in the Logic Analyzer using Serial Wire Viewer.

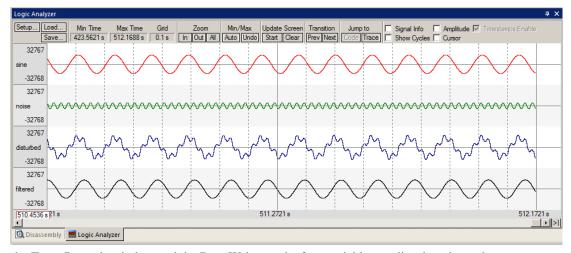
This example incorporates Keil RTX RTOS. RTX is available free with a BSD type license. RTX source code is provided.

- Open the project file sine: C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STM32F746G\_Discovery\DSP\sine.uvproj
- 2. Build the files. There will be no errors or warnings.
- 3. Enter Debug mode by clicking on the Debug icon. Select OK if the Evaluation Mode box appears.
- 4. Click on the RUN icon. Open the Logic Analyzer window.
- 5. Four waveforms will be displayed in the Logic Analyzer using the Serial Wire Viewer as shown below. Adjust Zoom Out for an appropriate display. Displayed are 4 global variables: sine, noise, disturbed and filtered.

TIP: If one variable shows no waveform, disable the ITM Stimulus Port 31 in the Trace Config window.

**TIP:** Serial Wire Viewer can be limited since all data comes out one pin. A Keil ULINK*pro* handles SWV information much better since it uses Manchester mode at a higher frequency than the ST-Link. Use of the 4 bit trace port is even better.

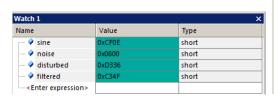
6. The project provided has Serial Wire Viewer configured and the Logic Analyzer loaded with the four variables.



- 7. Open the Trace Records window and the Data Writes to the four variables are listed as shown here:
- 8. Leave the program running.
- 9. Close the Trace Records window.

**TIP:** The ULINK*pro* trace display is different and the program must be stopped to update it.

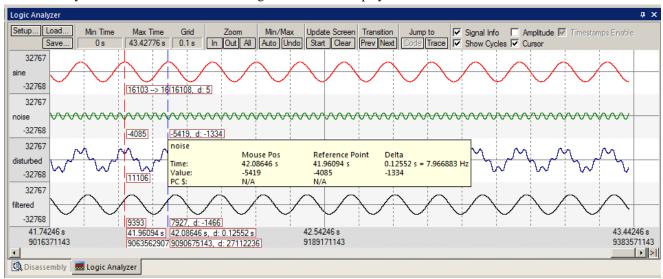
The Watch 1 window will display the four variables updating in real time as shown below:



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ata Write			2001001AH	F5AFH			133242735769	616.86451745	1
ata Write			2001001CH	1912H			133242744210	616.86455653	
ata Write			2001001EH	3E43H			133242756147	616.86461179	
ata Write			2001001EH	3D6CH			133243004800	616.86576296	
ata Write			2001001CH	1912H			133243016281	616.86581612	
Data Write			2001001AH	F06EH			133243026290	616.86586245	
Data Write			20010018H	2004H			133243035659	616.86590583	
Data Write			20010018H	1C83H			133243278664	616.86703085	
Data Write			2001001AH	ECB3H			133243288709	616.86707736	
Data Write			2001001CH	0936H			133243297110	616.86711625	
Data Write			2001001EH	3DEDH			133243309047	616.86717151	
Data Write			2001001EH	3CCFH			133243558444	616.86832613	
Data Write			2001001CH	0936H			133243569925	616.86837928	
Data Write			2001001AH	EADDH			133243579934	616.86842562	
Data Write			20010018H	18E6H			133243589303	616.86846900	
Data Write			20010018H	152FH			133243831552	616.86959052	
Data Write			2001001AH	EB17H			133243841597	616.86963702	
Data Write			2001001CH	0046H			133243849998	616.86967592	
Data Write			2001001EH	3C84H			133243861935	616.86973118	
Data Write			2001001EH	3B43H			133244110672	616.87088274	ľ

## Signal Timings in Logic Analyzer (LA):

- 1. In the LA window, select Signal Info, Show Cycles, Amplitude and Cursor.
- 2. Click on STOP in the Update Screen box. You could also stop the program but leave it running in this case.
- 3. Click somewhere in the LA to set a reference cursor line.
- 4. Note as you move the cursor various timing information is displayed as shown below:



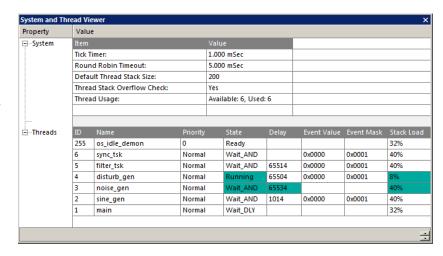
## **RTX Tasks and System:**

- 5. Click on Start in the Update Screen box to resume the collection of data.
- 6. Open Debug/OS Support and select System and Thread Viewer. A window similar to below opens up. You probably have to click on its header and drag it into the middle of the screen.
- 7. Set a breakpoint in four of the threads in DirtyFilter.c by clicking in the left margin on a grey area.
- 8. Click on Run and the program will stop at each thread in turn and the Thread Viewer window will be updated accordingly. Here, I set a breakpoint in the disturb\_gen thread:
- 9. Clearly, below you can see that disturb\_gen was running when the breakpoint was activated.
- 10. Remove the breakpoints. Click on them or enter Ctrl-B and select Kill All. Then click on Close.

**TIP:** You can set hardware breakpoints while the program is running.

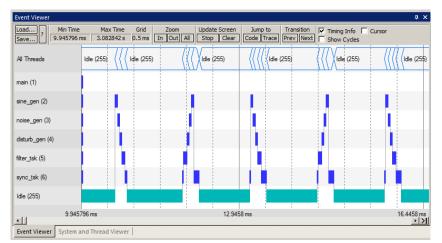
**TIP:** Recall this window uses the CoreSight DAP read and write technology to update this window. Serial Wire Viewer is not used and is not required to be activated for this window to display and be updated.

The Event Viewer does use SWV and this is demonstrated on the next page.



#### **Event Viewer:**

- 1. Stop the program. Click on Setup... in the Logic Analyzer. Select Kill All to remove all variables. This is necessary because the SWO pin will likely be overloaded when the Event Viewer is opened up. Inaccuracies might occur. If you like you can leave the LA loaded with the four variables to see what the Event Viewer will look like.
- 2. Select Debug/Debug Settings.
- 3. Click on the Trace tab.
- 4. Enable ITM Stimulus Port 31. Event Viewer uses Port 31 to collect its information.
- Click OK twice.
- 6. Click on RUN.
- 7. Open Debug/OS Support and select Event Viewer. The window here opens up:
- Note the main(1) thread. This screen is scrolled to the beginning after RESET. Main() runs only once.



**Important TIP:** If SWV trace fails to work after this change, exit Debug, cycle the board power and re-enter Debug mode.

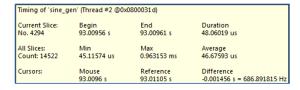
**TIP:** If Event Viewer is blank or erratic, or the LA variables are not displaying or blank: this is likely because the Serial Wire Output pin is overloaded and dropping trace frames. Solutions are to delete some or all of the variables in the Logic Analyzer to free up some bandwidth. Using a ULINK*pro* in either Manchester mode or using the 4 bit trace port will help.

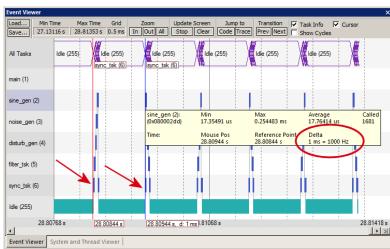
ULINK*pro* is much better with SWO bandwidth issues. These have been able to display both the Event and LA windows. ULINK*pro* uses the faster Manchester format than the slower UART mode that ST-Link, ULINK2 and J-Link uses.

ULINKpro can also use the 4 bit Trace Port for faster operation for SWV. The Trace Port is mandatory for ETM trace.

- 9. Note on the Y axis each of the 5 running tasks plus the idle daemon. Each bar is an active task and shows you what task is running, when and for how long.
- 10. Click Stop in the Update Screen box.
- 11. Click on Zoom In so three or four tasks are displayed.
- 12. Select Cursor. Position the cursor over one set of bars and click once. A red line is set at the first arrow:
- 13. Move your cursor to the right over the next set (where the second arrow is) and total time and difference are displayed.
- 14. Note, since you enabled Show Cycles, the total cycles and difference is also shown.
- 15. Hover your mouse on one of the threads blue block. It will turn yellow and display information about this event as shown below:

**TIP:** ITM Port 31enables sending the Event Viewer frames out the SWO port. Disabling this can save bandwidth on the SWO port if you are not using the Event Viewer.



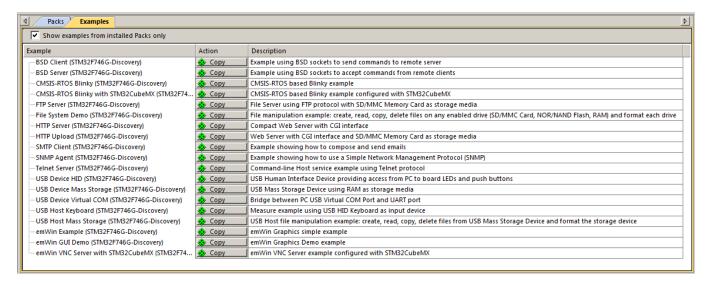


## 24) Keil Middleware: Network (TCP/IP), Flash File, USB, Graphics:

MDK Professional provides commercial grade middleware with extensive capabilities designed for demanding applications. See <a href="https://www.keil.com/mdk5/middleware/">www.keil.com/mdk5/middleware/</a> for more information.

Working examples are provided for various ST boards including STM32F746G-Discovery and STM32F756G-Eval. You can access and copy these examples using Pack Installer. Here is the listing for STM32F746G-Discovery:

This window is displayed by selecting STM32F746G-Discovery in the Boards tab:



#### License:

An MDK Pro license is needed for Keil Middleware. A 7 day one-time license is available in µVision under File/License Management. If you qualify, this button is displayed:

To obtain a temporary MDK Professional license for evaluation purposes, contact Keil sales as listed on the last page.

Instructions: Each example contains the file abstract.txt which provides instructions. These projects compile and run "out-of-the-box". If you have any questions regarding Keil Middleware operation during your evaluation phase, please contact Keil Technical Support as listed on the last page of this document.

#### **Configuring the examples:**

The Middleware examples make extensive use of the Configuration Wizard. This permits easy modifications to various settings with mouse clicks instead of digging through source code.

#### **Selecting the Middleware:**

Keil Middleware is selected using the Manage Run-Time Environment utility. This selects the various components you desire and place them into your project. Open the Manage Run-Time Environment utility

and this window is displayed:

#### **Help and Documentation:**

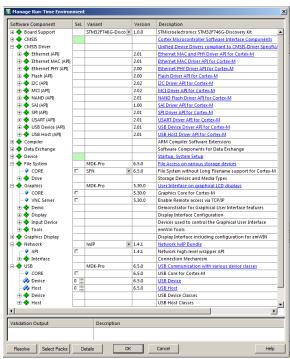
This is available both online and embedded in MDK:

www.keil.com/pack/doc/mw/General/html/index.html

and

C:\Keil\_v5\ARM\Pack\Keil\MDK-Middleware

In each of the projects is a file abstract.txt that provides basic instructions and a link to more details.



## 25) Creating your own MDK 5 project from scratch:

All examples provided by Keil are pre-configured. All you have to do is compile them. You can use them as a template for your own projects. However, we will start an example project from the beginning to illustrate how easy this process is. Once you have the new project configured; you can build, load and run a bare Blinky example. It will have an empty main() function so it does not do much. However, the processor startup sequences are present and you can easily add your own source code and/or files. You can use this process to create any new project, including one using an RTOS.

#### **Install the STM32 Software Pack for your processor:**

- Start µVision and leave in Edit mode. Do not be in Debug mode.
- 2. Pack Installer: The Pack for the STM32F7 processor must be installed. This has already been done on page 4.
- 3. You do not need to copy any examples over.

#### Create a new Directory and a New Project:

- 1. Click on Project/New µVision Project...
- In the window that opens, shown here, go in: C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STM32F746G Discovery\
- Right click in this window and select New and create a new folder. I called it BlinkyNEW.
- Double click on BlinkyNew to open it or highlight it and select Open.
- In the File name: box, enter Blinky. Click on Save. 5.
- This creates the project Blinky.uvproj in C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STM32F746G\_Discovery\BlinkyNEW\.
- As soon as you click on Save, the next window opens:

#### Select the Device you are using:

Expand STMicroelectronics, then STM32F7 Series, then STM32F746, thenSTM32F746NG and then finally select STM32F746NHHx:

**TIP:** You must select the deepest lever of processor else this will not work correctly.

2. Click OK and the Manage Run Time window shown below bottom right opens.

#### **Select the CMSIS components you want:**

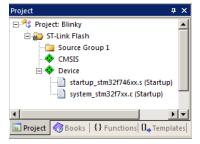
- Expand CMSIS and Device as shown below. Select Core and Startup as shown below. They will be highlighted in Green indicating no other files are needed. Click OK.
- Click on File/Save All or select the Save All icon:

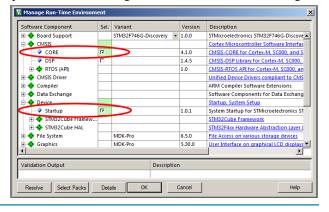


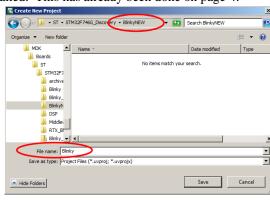
- The project Blinky.uvproj is now be changed to Blinky.uvprojx.
- You now have a new project list as shown on the bottom left below: The appropriate CMSIS files you selected have been automatically entered and configured.
- Note the Target Selector says Target 1. Highlight Target 1 in the Project window.
- Click once on it and change its name to ST-Link Flash and press Enter. The Target selector name will also change.

#### What has happened to this point:

You have created a blank µVision project using MDK 5 Software Packs. All you need to do now is add your own source files.







Device |

Device:

STMicroelectronics

STM32F746NGHx

± 1 STM32F745

± STM32F746BE ± STM32F746BG

± 4 STM32F746IE ± STM32F746IG

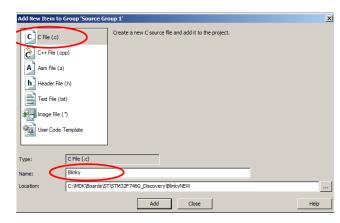
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STM32F7461 STM32F746VE

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#### Create a blank C Source File:

- Right click on Source Group 1 in the Project window and select
- 2. This window opens up:
- Highlight the upper left icon: C file (.c): 3.
- In the Name: field, enter Blinky. 4.
- 5. Click on Add to close this window.
- Click on File/Save All or
- Expand Source Group 1 in the Project window and Blinky.c will now display.
- It will also open in the Source window.

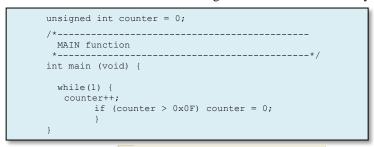


#### Add Some Code to Blinky.c:

Right click in Blinky.c and select Insert '#include file'



- 10. Select stm32f7xx.h and then repeat for RTE\_Components.h. These are added to Blinky.c.
- 11. In the blank portion of Blinky.c, add the C code below:
- 12. Click on File/Save All or
- 13. Build the files. There will be no errors or warnings if all was entered correctly.



Add Existing Files to Group 'Source Group 1'. No need to at this time. **TIP:** You can also add existing source files:

## Configure the Target St Link Flash: Please complete these instructions carefully to prevent unusual problems...

- 1. Select the Target Options icon . Select the **Target** tab.
- Select Use MicroLIB to optimize for smaller code size. Note the memory locations are entered for your convenience. 2.
- Select the Settings: icon. 3.
- JTAG here will not work with SWV. If your board is Select SW as shown here in the Port: box: connected to your PC, you must now see a valid IDCODE and Device Name in the SW Device box.
- 5. Click on OK *once* to go back to the Target Configuration window. Otherwise, fix the connection problem.
- Click on the Utilities tab. Select Settings and confirm the correct Flash algorithm as shown: Shown is the correct one for the STM32F7 series processor Programming Algorithm
- Click on OK twice to return to the main menu.
- Click on File/Save All or
- Build the files. There will be no errors or warnings if all was entered correctly. If there are, please fix them!

## The Next Step? Let us run your program and see what happens! Please turn the page....

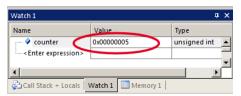
Device Type

Address Range 08000000H - 080FFFFFH

Device Size

#### **Running Your Program:**

- 1. Enter Debug mode by clicking on the Debug icon . Your program will be programmed into the ST Flash.
- 2. Click on the RUN icon. 🖳 Note: you stop the program with the STOP icon. 🤒
- 3. No LEDs will blink since there is no source to accomplish this task. You could add such code yourself.
- 4. Right click on counter in Blinky.c and select Add counter to ... and select Watch 1.
- 5. counter should be updating as shown here:
- 6. You can also set a breakpoint in Blinky.c and the program should stop at this point if it is running properly. If you do this, remove the breakpoint.
- 7. You should now be able to add your own source code to create a meaningful project.



#### Since we did not configure any clocks, the CPU is running at the default of 16 mHz.

**TIP:** The Watch 1 is updated periodically, not when a variable value changes. Since Blinky is running very fast without any time delays inserted, the values in Watch 1 will appear to jump and skip sequential values you know must exist.

**TIP:** If you want to save or send the project files to someone, you can delete the folder Flash to reduce file size. This folder and its contents are easily reconstructed with a Build.

## There are three main methods to create your own projects:

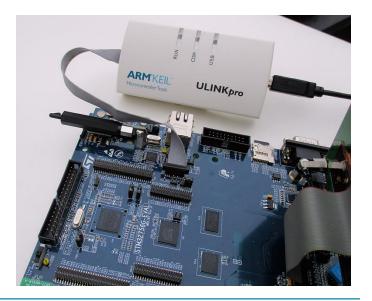
- 1) **STM32CubeMX.** This configures your processor and exports a μVision project in MDK 5 format. Using STM32CubeMX is the best way to configure your processor clocks.
- Standard Peripheral Libraries from ST. Examples and source code. If in MDK 4 format, it can be converted into MDK 5 format with μVision Migrate feature. In μVision: Project/Manage/Migrate to MDK
  - www.st.com/st-web-ui/static/active/en/resource/technical/document/user\_manual/DM00023896.pdf
- 3) Using μVision Software packs, examples and Keil Middleware. A Software pack includes many examples and header files that you can use. See www.keil.com/pack/doc/STM32Cube/General/html/index.html

For more information on creating your projects, see <a href="www.keil.com/pack/doc/STM32Cube/General/html/index.html">www.keil.com/pack/doc/STM32Cube/General/html/index.html</a>

An STM32756G\_EVAL board connected to a Keil ULINK*pro*.

Close up of the connection to the 20 pin CoreSight ETM/SWD/JTAG connector:





## 26) Creating your own RTX MDK 5 project from scratch:

The MDK Software Packs makes it easy to configure an RTX project. We will use RTX that is CMSIS-RTOS compliant.

Configuring RTX is easy in MDK 5. These steps use the same configuration as in the preceding Blinky example.

For RTX documentation see: www.keil.com/pack/doc/CMSIS/RTX/html/\_example\_r\_t\_x\_\_tutorial.html

1. Using the same example from the preceding pages, Stop the program and Exit Debug mode.

2. Select ST-Link Flash: ST-Link Flash

3. Open the Manage Run-Time Environment window:

4. Expand all the elements as shown here:

Select Keil RTX as shown and click OK.

- Appropriate RTX files will be added to your project. See the Project window under the CMSIS group.
- In Blinky.c, at the top, add this line: #include "cmsis\_os.h". You can also right-click inside Blinky.c and select Insert '#include' and select cmsis\_os.h.
- 8. Click on File/Save All or

#### **Configure RTX:**

- 1. In the Project window, expand the CMSIS group.
- 2. Double click on RTX\_Conf\_CM.c to open it.
- 3. Select the Configuration Wizard tab: Select Expand All.
- 4. The window is displayed here:
- 5. Set Timer clock value: to 16000000 as shown: (16 MHz)
- 6. Unselect User Timers. Use defaults for the other settings.

#### **Build and Run Your RTX Program:**

- 1. Click on File/Save All or
- 2. Build the files. 🕍 Program the Flash: 🙀 .
- 3. Enter Debug mode: (Q) Click on the RUN icon.
- 4. Select Debug/OS Support/System and Thread Viewer. The window below opens up.
- 5. You can see two threads: the main thread is the only one running. As you add more threads to create a real RTX program, these will automatically be added to this window.

#### RTX\_Conf\_CM.c system\_stm32f7xx.c Blinky.c Option Value Thread Configuration -Number of concurrent running user thread: 200 Default Thread stack size [bytes] -Main Thread stack size [bytes] 200 -Number of threads with user-provided stack size 0 Total stack size [bytes] for threads with user-provided stack size Stack overflow checking Stack usage watermark Processor mode for thread execution Privileged mode RTX Kernel Timer Tick Configuration -Use Cortex-M SysT RTOS Kernel Timer input clock frequency [Hz] 16000000 ---RTX Timer tick Inte System Configuration -Round-Robin Thread switching ₽ ---Round-Robin Timeout (ticks) -User Timers Jser Timers :nables user Timers Text Editor Configuration Wizard

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#### What you have to do now:

1. You must add the RTX framework into your code and create your threads to make this into a real RTX project configured to your needs. See the next page.

2. **Getting Started MDK 5:** Obtain this useful book here: <a href="www.keil.com/mdk5/">www.keil.com/mdk5/</a>. It has very useful information on

implementing and maintaining RTX.



## 27) Adding a Thread to your RTX\_Blinky:

We will create and activate a thread. We will add another global variable counter2 to give it something to do.

1. In Blinky.c, add this line near line 6: unsigned int counter2=0;

6 unsigned int counter2=0;

#### **Create the Thread job1:**

2. Add this code to be the thread **job1**:

osDelay(500) delays the program by 500 clock ticks to slow it down so we can see the values of counter and counter2 increment by 1.

```
8  void job1 (void const *argument) {
9  for (;;) {
10     counter2++;
11     if (counter2 > 0xf) counter2=0;
12     osDelay(500);
13  }
14 }
```

## Add osDelay to main():

3. Add this line just after the if statement near line 28:

## 28 osDelay(500);

#### **Define and Create the Thread:**

4. Define job1 near line 15 just before main():

5. Create the thread job1 near line 23 just before the while(1) loop:

15 osThreadDef(job1, osPriorityNormal, 1, 0);

23 osThreadCreate(osThread(job1), NULL);

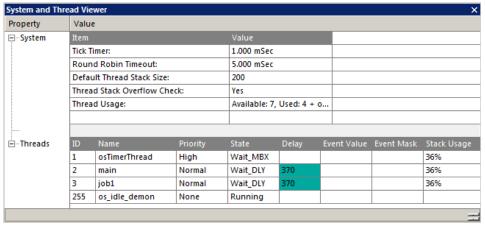
- 6. Click on File/Save All or
- 7. Build the files. There will be no errors or warnings. If there are, please fix them before continuing.

#### Run the Program and configure Watch 1 and see RTX running:

- 8. Enter Debug mode: Click on the RUN icon.
- 9. Right click on counter2 in Blinky.c and select Add counter2 to ... and select Watch 1.
- 10. Both counter and counter2 will increment but slower than before: The two osDelay(500) function calls each slow the program down by 500 msec. This makes it easier to watch these two global variables increment. OsDelay() is a function provided by RTX.



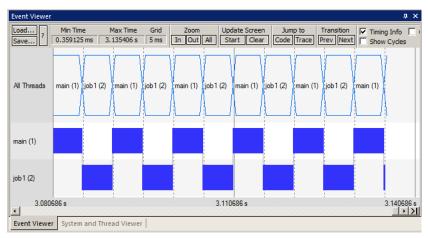
- 11. Open the System and Thread Viewer by selecting Debug/OS Support.
- 12. Note that job1 has now been added as a thread as shown below:
- 13. Note os\_idle\_demon is always labelled as Running. This is because the program spends most of its time here.
- 14. Set a breakpoint in job1 and the program will stop there and job1 is displayed as "Running" in the Viewer.
- 15. Set another breakpoint in the while(1) loop in main() and each time you click RUN, the program will change threads.
- 16. There are many attributes of RTX you can add. RTX help files are located here depending on your CMSIS version: C:/Keil\_v5/ARM/Pack/ARM/CMSIS/4.3.0/CMSIS/Documentation/RTX/html/index.html.



## 28) Using the Event Viewer to examine your RTX\_Blinky Timing:

We will demonstrate the utility of the Event Viewer.

- 1) Stop the program and Exit Debug mode.
- 2) In Blinky.c there are two lines osDelay(); . Comment both of these out. We will run the program really fast.
- 3) Open Select Target Options or ALT-F7 and select the Debug tab, and then the Trace tab.
- 4) Set Core Clock: to 216 MHz. Unselect EXCTRC: and Periodic. Leave everything at their default settings.
- 5) Click on OK twice to return to the main μVision menu.
- 6) Build the files. Enter Debug mode: Click on the RUN icon.
- 7) Open the Event Viewer by selecting Debug/OS Support and select Event Viewer. This window will open:
- 8) Adjust Zoom In and Out for a comfortable view.

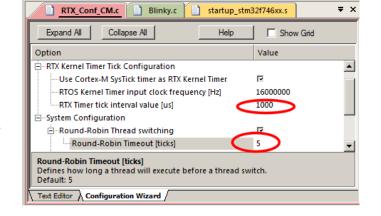


- 9) Hold your cursor over one of the blue blocks and an information window is displayed as shown below:
- 10) Note each thread duration is about 5 msec.

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#### What is Happening Here:

- 1) Open RTX\_Conf\_CM.c and select the Configuration Wizard tab as shown below:
- 2) The CPU speed is set to 16 MHz with a Timer tick value of 1000 us or 1 msec.
- Note Round Robin switching is selected with a tick timeout of 5 ticks.
- 4) The Thread timing is this 1 msec times 5 ticks = 5 msec.
- Every 5 msec the Thread is switched to the next one and these sequences are displayed in the Event Viewer.
- 6) It is quite easy to view how RTX is running to make sure it is performing as you designed.



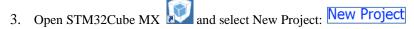
This concludes the lab exercises. Thank you!

## 29) Using STM32CubeMX to create a simple Blinky program:

Using STM32CubeMX to create your µVision project is a very good idea. It easily configures the multiplexed pins on your processor, calculate the clock settings and create a MDK 5 uvprojx using CMSIS to use as your starting point.

#### Download and Install STM32CubeMX:

- 1. Download and install STM32CubeMX from www.st.com. Search the web for STM32CubeMX.
- Download and install <u>STM32CubeF7</u> Embedded Software package for the STM32F7 series.



# STM32F7

## Create a new Project: select your processor and configure user LED Port PI pin 1 as GPIO:

- 1. In the Series box, select STM32F7 as shown here:
- 2. To the right, now select STM32F746NGHx as shown below:
- 3. Click OK. Wait for the Pinout window to display. It will have a graphic pinout diagram of your processor. The Pinout tab is selected.

	STM32F746IGTx	STM32F7x6	LQFP176	1024	320	0	140	
	STM22F716NEHx	STM32F7x6	TFBGA216	512	320	0	168	
1	STM32F746NGHx	STM32F7x6	TFBGA216	1024	320	0	168	
	STM32F740VETX	STM32F7x6	LQFP100	512	320	0	82	
	STM32F746VGTx	STM32F7x6	LQFP100	1024	320	0	82	

- 4. In the Discovery board, the green user LED LD1 is attached to Port I pin 1 as found from the schematics. We will select and configure this pin for GPIO out.
- 5. In the Find box, enter Pi1 or PI1. In the List box that opens, select PI1.
- The PI1 circle (or pad) will turn darker grey.
- Click on the circle PI1 and this menu selection opens: Select GPIO Output as shown here:



DCMI D8 FMC\_D25

GPIO\_EXTI1

The PI1 circle will turn green with a check as shown here indicating a successful configuration:

## Configure the Processor clocks: You set the CPU speed here. Default is 16 MHz.

- 1. Select the Clock Configuration tab: Clock Configuration
- Find the HCLK box and insert 216 and press Enter as shown here:
- A info window will display stating no solution exists.. Select Yes to find a solution. (Selection must change from HSI to PLLCLK)
- Note your final clock value is calculated backwards to obtain the various settings.



TIP: You can lock a value by right clicking on a box. This value will stay constant as you change other values.

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#### Inspect Pin Configuration Settings: You can modify the settings of the pin items you have set here.

- Select the Configuration tab: Configuration
- 2. Under the Systems column, select GPIO.
- Highlight GPIO: The bottom part opens: 3.
- Note the various items you can modify. 4.
- In User Label enter **LD1**. 5.
- Click OK to close this window.

## This window opens: × GPIO Search Signals Pin Name A Signal on Pin

## Save your Project:

- 1. In the main window, select File/Save Project or Ctrl-S.
- In the Project Name field, enter BlinkyCube (or whatever you prefer).
- In the Toolchain/IDE field, select MDK-ARM V5. Note the Project Location shows where the project is stored.
- Click on OK to save and close.

What you have so far: You have setup up GPIO Port I pin 1 to turn LD1 green LED on. The CPU speed is set to 216 MHz. Many other configuration items have been automatically set by STM32Cube for you. You can still modify them.

#### Generate µVision Project Code:

- 1. In the main STM32CubeMX menu, select Project/Settings. Confirm the Toolchain selected is MDK-AM V5.
- 2. Click on OK to close.
- 3. If you have μVision open to a previous version of this generated code, please close μVision now.
- 4. In the main STM32CubeMX menu, select Project/Generate Code. This will create the MDK 5 project files.
- 5. A progress bar will display. When it is finished this window will display: At this point, the μVison project exists.

Code Generation

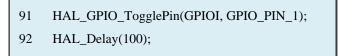
6. Select Open Project and μVision will be started and load Blinky.

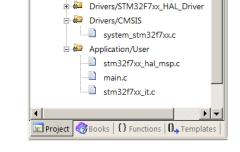
#### **Examine and Build the Project Files:**

- 1. Build the files. The Build Output window will show no errors or warnings.
- 2. In the Project window in μVision the file structure is displayed.
- 3. Expand the Application/User folder as shown below here:
- 4. Double click on main.c to open it. At this point, all you need to do is add your own source code. main.c has a main() function containing some calls to initialization files but an empty while(1) loop. There are sections created where you can enter your own source code.

#### Add Source Code to Blink LD1:

- 1. In main.c, in the while(1) loop near line 90 is a User Code section 3.
- 2. Add these two lines to near line 91:





🖨 <section-header> Application/MDK-ARM

startup\_stm32f746xx.s

The Code is successfully generated under C:/Cube\_Projects/Blinky

Blinky Configuration

CMSIS

Open Folder | Open Project

□ Project: Blinky

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3. Select File/Save All.

TIP: You can see where these functions are located by right clicking on the call and selecting Go To Definition:

Go To Definition Of 'HAL\_GPIO\_TogglePin'

## **Running your Program:**

- 1. Build the files. The Build Output window will show no errors or warnings. If there are, please fix them now.
- 2. Connect your PC to the board with a USB cable to CN14.
- 3. By default, the ST-Link Debugger is selected. Compile the source files by clicking on the Rebuild icon. You can also use the Build icon beside it.
- 4. Enter Debug mode by clicking on the Debug icon. Select OK if the Evaluation Mode box appears. The Flash will be programmed.
- 5. Click on the RUN icon.

The LED LD1 on the STM32F7 Discovery board will blink.
Congratulations – you have created your first program with STM32CubeMX!

USING Keil RTX RTOS: At this point, you can easily add RTX to this project. See page 25 and the MDK 5 Getting Started Guide.

## 30) Serial Wire Viewer (SWV) and how to use it:

1) Data Reads and Writes: (Note: Data Writes but not Reads are enabled in the current version of µVision).

You have already configured Serial Wire Viewer (SWV) on page 13 under RTX Viewer: Configuring the Serial Wire Viewer:

Now we will examine some of the features available to you. SWV works with  $\mu$ Vision and ST-Link V2, ULINK2/ME, ULINK*pro* or a Segger J-Link V6 or higher. SWV is included with MDK and no other equipment must be purchased.

Everything shown here is done without stealing any CPU cycles and is completely non-intrusive. Your program runs at full speed and needs no code stubs or instrumentation software added to your source code. Screens are shown using a ST-Link.

- 1. Use RTX\_Blinky5 from the previous exercise. Enter Debug mode and Run the program if not already running.
- Select View/Trace/Records or click on the Trace icon and select Records.
  - and select Records.



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- 3. The Trace Records window will open up as shown here:
- 4. The ITM frames are the data from the RTX Kernel Viewer which uses Port 31 as shown under Num. here:
- 5. To turn this off, select Debug/Debug Settings and click on the Trace tab. Unselect ITM Stimulus Port 31.

  TIP: Port 0 is used for Debug printf Viewer.

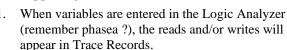
  Trace Records
- 6. Unselect EXCTRC and Periodic.
- 7. Select On Data R/W Sample.
- 8. Click on OK twice to return.

**TIP:** If the SWV trace fails to work properly after this change, exit Debug mode, cycle the power to the Discovery board and re-enter Debug mode.

- 9. Click on the RUN icon.
- 10. Double-click in Trace Records window to clear it.
- 11. Only Data Writes will appear now.

**TIP:** You could have right clicked on the Trace Records window to filter the ITM frames out. Unselecting a feature is better as it reduces SWO pin traffic and trace overflows.

## What is happening here?

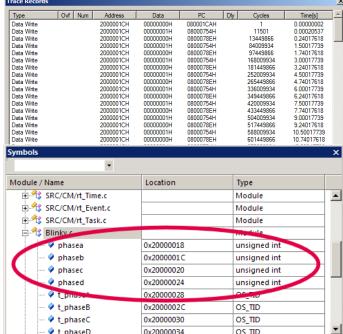


- 2. The Address column shows where the variable is.
- The Data column displays the data values written to phasea.
- 4. PC is the address of the instruction causing the writes. You activated it by selecting On Data R/W Sample in the Trace configuration window.
- 5. The Cycles and Time(s) columns are when these events happened.

**TIP:** You can have up to four variables in the Logic Analyzer and subsequently displayed in the Trace Records window. You must have all Watchpoints off.

**TIP:** If you select View/Symbol Window you can see where the addresses of the variables are located.

Ovf Num Data Time(s) 20000018H 06H FFH 0.08006680 0.50006512 0.50006874 02H 06H FFH 0.50007057 06H FFH 97450873 0.58006472 97451223 0.58006680 02H 168010940 .00006512 168011545 2000001CH 00000001H 168011698 .00006963 31 31 31 31 31 31 168015963 1.00009502 06H FFH ITM 168015963 1.00009502 06H FFH 181450873 1.08006472 181451223 08006680 252011032 252011650 ITM ITM 1.50006935 X



Note: You must have Browser Information selected in the Options for Target/Output tab to use the Symbol Browser.

**TIP:** ULINK*pro* and Segger J-Link adapters display the trace frames in a slightly different style trace window. The J-Link currently does not display Data reads or writes.

#### 2) Exceptions and Interrupts:

The STM32 family using the Cortex-M4 processor has many interrupts and it can be difficult to determine when they are being activated and how often. Serial Wire Viewer (SWV) on the STM32 family makes this task easy.

- Stop the RTX\_Blinky example program. Be in Debug mode. Open Debug/Debug Settings and select the Trace tab.
- Unselect On Data R/W Sample, PC Sample and ITM Ports 31 and 0. (this is to minimize overloading the SWO port) 2.
- Select EXCTRC as shown here: 3.
- Click OK twice. 4
- Double click on Trace Records to clear it. 5.
- Click RUN to start the program.

**TIP:** If the SWV trace fails to work properly after this change, exit and re-enter Debug mode.

You will see a window similar to the one below with Exceptions frames displayed.

#### .What Is Happening?

- 1. You can see two exceptions happening.
  - Entry: when the exception enters.
  - Exit: When it exits or returns.
  - **Return:** When all the exceptions have returned to the main program. This is useful to detect tail-chaining.
- Num 11 is SVCall from the RTX calls.
- 3. Num 15 is the Systick timer.
- In my example you can see one data write from the Logic Analyzer.
- Note everything is timestamped.
- The "X" in Ovf is an overflow and some data was lost. The "X" in Dly means the timestamps are delayed because too much information is being

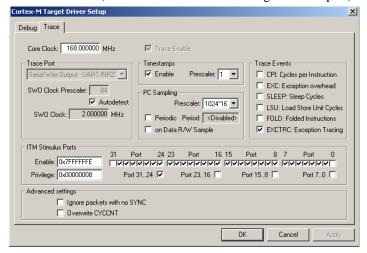
fed out the SWO pin. Always limit the SWV features to only those you really need.

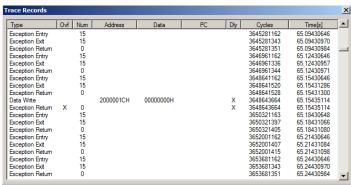
TIP: The SWO pin is one pin on the Cortex-M4 family processors that all SWV information is fed out. There are limitations on how much information we can feed out this one pin. These exceptions are happening at a very fast rate. µVision easily recovers gracefully from these overflows. Overflows are shown when they happen. Using a ULINK*pro* helps reduce overruns, especialy if the 4 bit Trace Port connection is used rather than the 1 bit SWO pin.

Trace	Exceptions								×	
		EXCTRC: Excep	otion Tracing	▼ Timestamps Enable						
Num	Name	Count $\nabla$	Total Time	Min Time In	Max Time In	Min Time Out	Max Time Out	First Time [s]	Last Time [s]	
15	SysTick	99845	143.108 ms	0 s	111.786 us	59.524 ns	93.722 ms	28.46194736	38.65088633	
11	SVCall	398	0 s					28.52330453	38.62842232	
93	OTG_HS	0	0 s							
92	OTG_HS_WKUP	0	0 s		System Se	rvice Call via SVC	instruction			
91	OTG_HS_EP1_IN	0	0 s							
90	OTG_HS_EP1_OUT	0	0 s							
89	I2C3_ER	0	0 s						-	

- 1. Select View/Trace/Exceptions or click on the Trace icon and select Exceptions.
- The next window opens up and more information about the exceptions is displayed as shown below:
- Note the number of times these have happened under Count. This is very useful information in case interrupts come too fast or slow. Click on Count to bring the most active exceptions to the top of the window.
- 4. ExtIRQ are the peripheral interrupts.
- You can clear this trace window by double-clicking on it.
- All this information is displayed in real-time and without stealing any CPU cycles or stubs in your code!

TIP: Num is the exception number: RESET is 1. External interrupts (ExtIRQ), which are normally attached to peripherals, start at Num 16. For example, Num 41 is also known as 41-16 = External IRQ 25. Num 16 = 16 - 16 = ExtIRQ 0.





#### 3) PC Samples:

Serial Wire Viewer can display a sampling of the program counter.

SWV can display at best every 64th instruction but usually every 16,384 is more common. It is best to keep this number as high as possible to avoid overloading the Serial Wire Output (SWO) pin. This is easily set in the Trace configuration.

Ovf Num

- Open Debug/Debug Settings and select the Trace tab.
- Unselect EXCTRC, On Data R/W Sample and select Periodic in the PC Sampling area. 2.

Type

PC Sample

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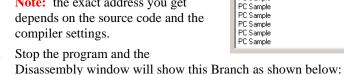
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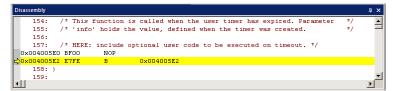
- Click on OK twice to return to the main screen. 3.
- Close the Exception Trace window and leave Trace Records open. Double-click to clear.
- Click on RUN and this window opens:
- Most of the PC Samples in the example shown are 0x0800\_055A which is a branch to itself in a loop forever routine.

Note: the exact address you get



Not all the PCs will be captured. Still, PC Samples can give you some idea of where your program is; especially if it is not caught in a tight loop like in this case.

- Set a breakpoint in one of the tasks.
- 10. Run the program and when the breakpoint is hit, you might see another address at the bottom of the Trace Records window. See the screen below:



Dly

0800055AH

080005544

0800055AH

DRODOSSAL

0800055AH

0800055AH

0800055AH

08000554E

0800055AH

0800055AH

08000554E

0800055AH

0800055AH

0800055AH

0800055AH

Cycles

16385

32769

49153

81921

98305

114689

131073

147457

163841

180225

196609

212993

245761

278529

311297

X

Time[s]

0.000000001

0.00009753

0.00019505

0.00029258

0.00039010

0.00048762

0.00058515

0.00068267

0.00078020

0.00087772

0.00097524

0.00107277

0.00117029

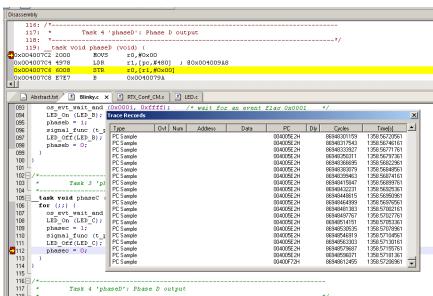
0.00126782

0.00146286 0.00156039

0.00165791

0.00185296

- 11. Scroll to the bottom of the Trace Records window and you might (probably not) see the correct PC value displayed. Usually, it will be a different PC depending on when the sampling took place.
- 12. To see all the instructions executed, you can use the ETM instruction trace with a ULINKpro.
- 13. Remove the breakpoint.
- 14. Stop the program.
- 15. Leave Debug mode.



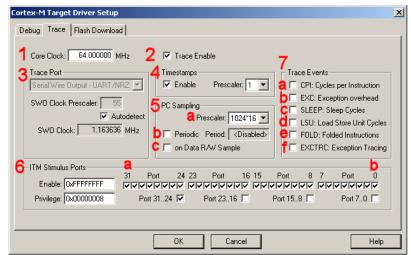
## 31) Serial Wire Viewer (SWV) Configuration window: (for reference)

The essential place to configure the trace is in the Trace tab as shown below. You cannot set SWV globally for µVision. You must configure SWV for every project and additionally for every target settings within a project you want to use SWV. This configuration information will be saved in the project. There are two ways to access this menu:

- A. In Edit mode: Select Target Options or ALT-F7 and select the Debug tab. Select Settings: on the right side of this window and then the Trace tab. Edit mode is selected by default when you start µVision.
- B. In Debug mode: Select Debug/Debug Settings and then select the Trace tab. Debug mode is selected with ...



- **Core Clock:** The CPU clock speed for SWV. The CPU speed can be found in your startup code or in Abstract.txt. It is usually called SYSCLK or Main Clock. This *must* be set correctly for all adapters except ULINKpro.
- Trace Enable: Enables SWV and ITM. It can only be changed in Edit mode. This does not affect the Watch and Memory window display updates.
- **Trace Port:** This is preset for ST-Link.
- **Timestamps:** Enables timestamps and selects the Prescaler. 1 is the default.
- **PC Sampling:** Samples the program counter:



- a. Prescaler 1024\*16 (the default) means every 16,384<sup>th</sup> PC is displayed. The rest are not collected.
- **b. Periodic:** Enables PC Sampling.
- c. On Data R/W Sample: Displays the address of the instruction that caused a data read or write of a variable listed in the Logic Analyzer. This is not connected with PC Sampling but rather with data tracing.
- 6) ITM Stimulus Ports: Enables the thirty-two 32 bit registers used to output data in a printf type statement to uVision. Port 31 (a) is used for the Keil RTX Viewer which is a real-time kernel awareness window. Port 0 (b) is used for the Debug (printf) Viewer. The rest are currently unused in µVision.
  - **Enable:** Displays a 32 bit hex number indicating which ports are enabled.
  - **Privilege:** Privilege is used by an RTOS to specify which ITM ports can be used by a user program.
- 7) Trace Events: Enables various CPU counters. All except EXCTRC are 8 bit counters. Each counter is cumulative and an event is created when this counter overflows every 256 cycles. These values are displayed in the Counter window. The event created when a counter wraps around is displayed in the Instruction Trace window.
  - CPI: Cycles per Instruction: The cumulative number of extra cycles used by each instruction beyond the first, one including any instruction fetch stalls.
  - Fold: Cumulative number of folded instructions. These results from a predicted branch instruction where unused instructions are removed (flushed) from the pipeline giving a zero cycle execution time.
  - **Sleep:** Cumulative number of cycles the CPU is in sleep mode. Uses FCLK for timing.
  - **EXC:** Cumulative cycles CPU spent in exception overhead not including total time spent processing the exception code. Includes stack operations and returns.
  - **LSU:** Cumulative number of cycles spent in load/store operations beyond the first cycle.
  - **EXCTRC:** Exception Trace. This is different than the other items in this section. This enables the display of exceptions in the Instruction Trace and Exception windows. It is not a counter. This is a very useful feature to display exception events and is often used in debugging.

TIP: Counters will increment while single stepping. This can provide some very useful information. You can read these counters with your program as they are memory mapped.

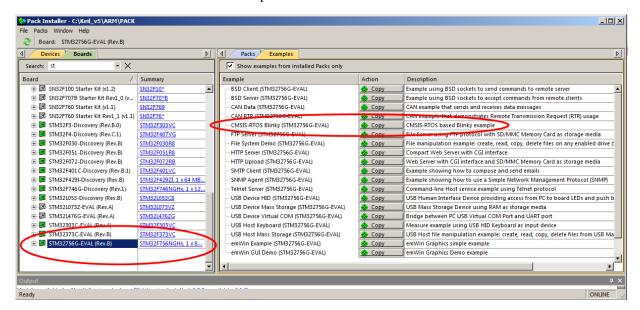
## 32) ETM Trace Examples:

These examples were run on the STM32756G-EVAL evaluation board. A ULINK*pro* debug adapter is required for ETM operation. You can use a ULINKpro on your own custom board with the addition of the 5 pins Trace Port (4 data + clock). Many STM32 processors have ETM. ETM is a separate CoreSight component for Serial Wire Viewer (SWV).

ETM provides serious debugging power as shown on the next few pages. It is worth the small added cost. Most STM32 processors are ETM equipped.

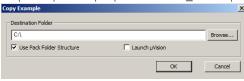
#### 1) Install STM32756G-EVAL Examples:

- 6. Connect your computer to the internet. This is normally needed to download the Software Pack examples.
- 7. Start μVision by clicking on its desktop icon.
- 8. Open the Pack Installer (PI) by clicking on its icon:
- 9. This window opens up: Under the Boards tab, in the Search box, type STM32756G-EVAL as shown below: This will filter the list under the Packs and Examples tabs.



- 10. **Note:** "ONLINE" is displayed at the bottom right. If "OFFLINE" is displayed, please connect to the Internet.
- 11. Packs/Check for Updates or 🛂 to refresh once you have connected to the Internet. It is not done automatically.
- 12. Select the Examples tab and note the many examples you can try. The middleware examples need a MDK license.
- 13. Beside CMSIS-RTOS Blinky (STM32756G-EVAL), click on Copy.
- 10. The Copy Example window below opens up: Select Use Pack Folder Structure: Unselect Launch µVision:
- 14. Type in C:\ as shown to the right: Click OK. Blinky will be copied to C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STM32756G\_EVAL\

**TIP:** The default directory for copied examples the first time you install MDK is C:\Users\<user>\Documents. For simplicity, we will use the default directory of C:\MDK\ in this tutorial. You can use any directory you prefer.



11. Close the Packs Installer. Open it any time by clicking on its icon.



**TIP:** An Update icon means there is an updated Software Pack available for download.



## 1) Configure and RUN ETM Trace for the Blinky Example:

## Connect ULINKpro and load the Blinky example:

- 1. Connect the ULINKpro to the STM3240G board using the 20 pin CN13 Trace connector. See below:
- 2. Start μVision by clicking on its desktop icon.
- 3. Select Project/Open Project. Open C:\MDK\Boards\ST\STM32756G\_EVAL\Blinky.uvprojx.

#### **Create a new Target Options configuration:**

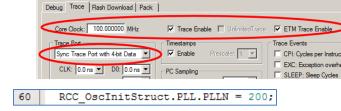
- 1. Select Project/Manage/Project Items:
- 4. Click on the Insert icon: Enter **ULINKpro Flash** (or whatever you want). Enter and then Close.
- 5. Select the Target Option you just created: ULINKpro Flash

## **Configure the ETM Trace:**

- 6. **ULINK***pro* Select Target Options or ALT-F7. Select the Debug tab. Select ULINK Pro Cortex Debugger as shown here:
- 7. Select Settings: on the right side of this window.
- 8. In the next window Confirm SW is selected and a valid ID Code and Device Name are displayed. If not, you *must* fix this before continuing.
- 9. Select the Trace tab.
- 10. In the Trace window, select Trace Enable as shown below. Set Core Clock: to 100 MHz.
- 11. In the Trace Port box, select Sync Trace Port with 4 bit Data as shown below:
- 12. Click OK twice to return to the main  $\mu$ Vision menu. ETM trace is now configured.
- 13. Select File/Save All.

#### Compile Blinky and Enter Debug Mode:

14. In Blinky near line 60 change PLLN to 200. This is to slow the CPU clock to 100 MHz.



Linker Debug Utilities

Initialization File

Use: ULINK Pro Cortex Debugger

✓ Load Application at Startup

- 15. Compile the source files by clicking on the Rebuild icon. You can also use the Build icon beside it.
- 16. Enter Debug mode by clicking on the Debug icon. The program will run to the first instruction in main().
- 17. DO NOT CLICK ON RUN YET !!!
- 18. Open the Data Trace window by clicking on the small arrow beside the Trace Windows icon.



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Settings

Run to main()

19. The Trace Data window will open and some frames will be displayed. These are explained on the next page.

## **TIP:** How to *Easily* Configure the STM32F7 Clocks:

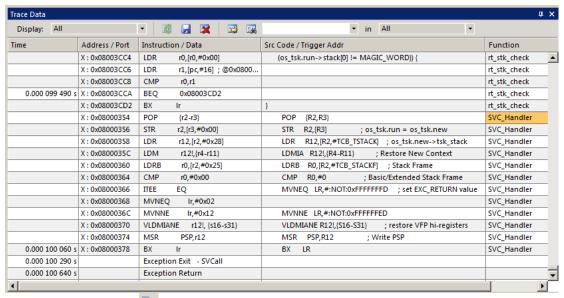
The smartest way is to utilize STM32CubeMX to determine the values to be used for a clock speed. Select the Clock Configuration tab after you have chosen your processor. This works backwards: select the final clock speed you desire in the HCLK box and press Enter. The various divider values will be calculated. You can also right-click on a box to force it to remain (lock) the same.

An STM32756G\_EVAL board connected to a Keil ULINK*pro* using the special CoreSight 20 pin ETM connector CN12:

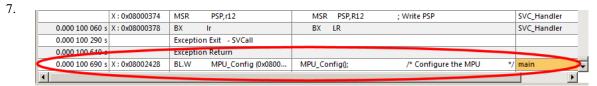


#### **Examine the Trace Data Window:**

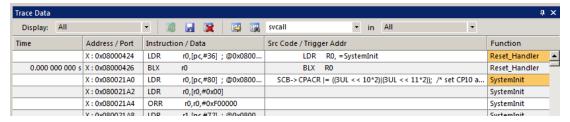
- 1. Examine the Instruction Trace window as shown below: This is a complete record of all the program flow since RESET until μVision halted the program at the start of main() since Run To main is selected in μVision.
- 2. The last two frames are actually SWV Exception frames and not instruction frames. Open the Exception Trace window and click on the Count column to bring SVCALL to the top. In my case, two exceptions were executed.
- 3. In this case, 100 060 s shows the last instruction to be executed. (BX lr). In the Register window the PC will display the location of the next instruction to be executed (0x0800 2428 in my case).
- 4. Features of The Trace Data window:
  - a. Address of the instruction with its mnemonic is shown with other information.
  - b. Any Serial Wire Viewer (SWV) events are displayed see the last two frames.
  - c. Source Code if available is displayed.
  - d. The function the instruction belongs to is displayed. The start of a sequence is in orange.
- 5. Click on an instruction frame and this will be displayed in the Disassembly and source windows.



6. Click on Single Step once. The instruction at 0x0800 2428 is executed as shown below: This is a BL.W instruction branching to the MPU\_Config function.



8. Scroll to the top of the Instruction Trace window to frame # 1. This is the first instruction executed after RESET.



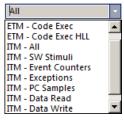
9. Note the RESET\_Handler at location 0x0800 0424. If you enter 0x0800 0000 in the Memory window, the second word is the initial PC. It will be 0x0800 0425. The least significant bit means this is aThumb2 instruction.

## Finding the Trace Frames you are looking for:

Capturing all the instructions executed is possible with ULINK*pro* but this might not be practical. It is not easy sorting through millions and billions of trace frames or records looking for the ones you want. You can use Find, Trace Triggering, Post Filtering or save everything to a file and search with a different application program such as a spreadsheet.

#### **Trace Filters:**

In the Trace Data window you can select various types of frames to be displayed. Open the Display: box and you can see the various options available as shown here: These filters are post collection. Future enhancements to  $\mu$ Vision will allow more precise filters to be selected.



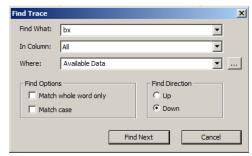
#### Find a Trace Record:

In the Find a Trace Record box enter bx as shown here:



Note you can select properties where you want to search in the "in" box. All is shown in the screen above

Select the Find a Trace Record icon and the Find Trace window screen opens as shown here: Click on Find Next and each time it will step through the Trace records highlighting each occurrence of the instruction bx.



**Trace Triggering:** coming soon for Cortex-M7 uVision has three trace triggers currently implemented: **TraceRun:** Starts ETM trace collection when encountered.

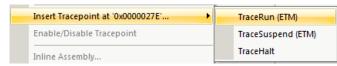
**TraceSuspend:** Stops ETM trace collection when encountered. TraceRun has to have been encountered for this to have an

effect.

These two commands have no effect on SWV or ITM. TraceRUN starts the ETM trace and TraceSuspend stops it.

TraceHalt: Stops ETM trace, SWV and ITM. Can be resumed only with a STOP/RUN sequence. TraceStart will not restart

this.



#### How it works:

When you set a TraceRun point in assembly language point, ULINK*pro* will start collecting trace records. When you set a TraceSuspend point, trace records collection will stop there. EVERYTHING in between these two times will be collected. This includes all instructions through any branches, exceptions and interrupts.

How to Set Trace Triggers:									
Coming Soon for Cortex-M7 Processors:									

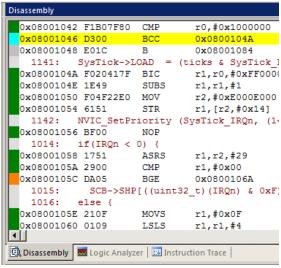
## **Code Coverage:**

- 10. Click on the RUN icon. After a second or so stop the program with the STOP icon.
- 11. Examine the Disassembly and Blinky.c windows. Scroll and notice different color blocks in the left margin:
- 12. This is Code Coverage provided by ETM trace. This indicates if an instruction has been executed or not.

Colour blocks indicate which assembly instructions have been executed.

- Green: this assembly instruction was executed.
  - 2. Gray: this assembly instruction was not executed.
  - 3. Orange: a Branch was always not taken.
- 4. Cyan: the Branch was always taken.
  - 5. Light Gray: there is no assembly instruction here.
- 6. RED: Breakpoint is set here.
  - 7. Next instruction to be executed.

In the window on the right you can easily see examples of each type of Code Coverage block and if they were executed or not and if branches were taken (or not).



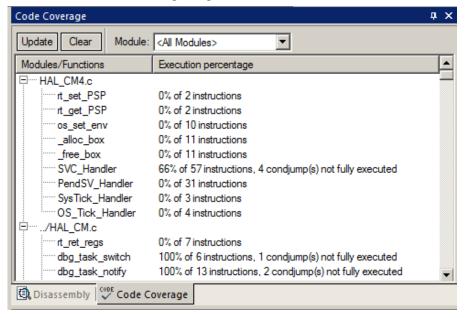
Why was the branch BCC always taken resulting in  $0x0800\_1048$  never being executed? Or why the branch BGE at  $0x800\_105C$  was never taken? You should devise tests to execute these instructions so you can test them.

Code Coverage tells what assembly instructions were executed. It is important to ensure all assembly code produced by the compiler is executed and tested. You do not want a bug or an unplanned circumstance to cause a sequence of untested instructions to be executed. The result could be catastrophic as unexecuted instructions cannot be tested. Some agencies such as the US FDA require Code Coverage for certification.

Good programming practice requires that these unexecuted instructions be identified and tested.

Code Coverage is captured by the ETM. Code Coverage is also available in the Keil Simulator.

A Code Coverage window is available as shown below. This window is available in View/Analysis/Code Coverage. Note your display may look different due to different compiler options.



## **Saving Code Coverage information:**

Code Coverage information is temporarily saved during a run and is displayed in various windows as already shown. It is possible to save this information in an ASCII file for use in other programs.

**TIP:** To get help on Code Coverage, type Coverage in the Command window and press the F1 key.

You can Save Code Coverage in two formats:

- 1. In a binary file that can be later loaded back into uVision. Use the command Coverage Save *filename*.
- 2. In an ASCII file. You can either copy and paste from the Command window or use the log command:
  - 1) log > c:\cc\test.txt ; send CC data to this file. The specified directory must exist.
  - 2) coverage asm ; you can also specify a module or function.
  - 3) log off ; turn the log function off.
- 1) Here is a partial display using the command coverage. This displays and optionally saves everything.

```
\\Blinky\HAL_CM4.c\rt_set_PSP - 0% (0 of 2 instructions executed)
\\Blinky\HAL_CM4.c\rt_get_PSP - 0% (0 of 2 instructions executed)
\\Blinky\HAL_CM4.c\os_set_env - 0% (0 of 10 instructions executed)
\\Blinky\HAL_CM4.c\alloc_box - 0% (0 of 11 instructions executed)
\\Blinky\HAL_CM4.c\free_box - 0% (0 of 11 instructions executed)
\\Blinky\HAL_CM4.c\SVC_Handler - 66% (38 of 57 instructions executed)
\\delta condjump(s) or IT-block(s) not fully executed
\\Blinky\HAL_CM4.c\PendSV_Handler - 0% (0 of 31 instructions executed)
\\Blinky\HAL_CM4.c\SysTick_Handler - 0% (0 of 3 instructions executed)
\\Blinky\HAL_CM4.c\OS_Tick_Handler - 0% (0 of 4 instructions executed)
\\Blinky\../HAL_CM.c\rt_ret_regs - 0% (0 of 7 instructions executed)
\\Blinky\../HAL_CM.c\rt_ret_regs - 0% (0 of 6 instructions executed)
\\Blinky\../HAL_CM.c\rt_ret_reds_switch - 100% (6 of 6 instructions executed)
\\Blinky\../HAL_CM.c\rt_ret_reds_switch - 100% (6 of 6 instructions executed)
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\\Blinky\../HAL_CM.c\rt_ret_reds_solutions executed)
```

The command coverage asm produces this listing (partial is shown):

```
EX | 0x080004D6 468D
                      VOM
                                    sp,r1
EX | 0x080004D8 4770
                      BX
                                    1r
\\Blinky\Blinky.c\ use no semihosting swi - 0% (0 of 1 instructions executed)
NE | 0x080004DA 4770
                    BX
\Blinky\Blinky.c\_fp_init - 100% (3 of 3 instructions executed)
EX | 0x0800443C fp init:
EX | 0x0800443C F04F7040 MOV
                                    r0, #0x3000000
     0x08004440 EEE10A10 VMSR
                                    FPSCR, r0
EX | 0x08004444 fplib config fpu vfp:
EX | 0x08004444 4770
                        ВX
                                    1r
```

3) The first column above describes the execution as follows:

```
NE Not Executed
FT Branch is fully taken
NT Branch is not taken
AT Branch is always taken.
EX Instruction was executed (at least once)
```

4) Shown here is an example using: coverage \Blinky\main details

If the log command is run, this will be saved/appended to the specified file.

coverage \Blinky\main details \\Blinky\Blinky.c\main - 92% (89 of 96 instructions executed) 3 condjump(s) or IT-bcock(s) not fully executed taken: 0x000002E0 D300 BCC 0x000002E4 0x00000304 not taken: 0x000002F2 DA07 BGE fully taken: 0x00000364 D102 BNE 0x0000036C taken: 0x0000036E DA01 0x00000374 >coverage \Blinky\main details COVERAGE

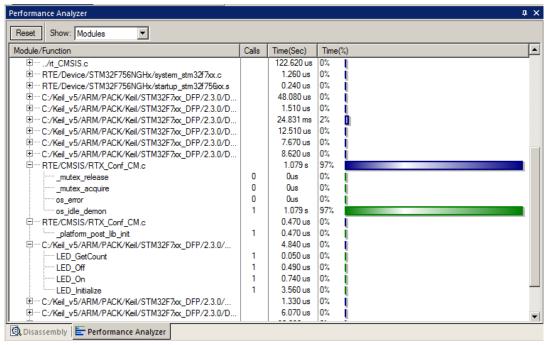
You can enter the command coverage with various options to see what is displayed.

## Performance Analysis (PA):

Performance Analysis tells you how much time was spent in each function. The data can be provided by either the SWV PC Samples or the ETM. If provided by the SWV, the results will be statistical and more accuracy is improved with longer runs. Small loops could be entirely missed. ETM provides complete Performance Analysis. Keil provides only ETM PA.

Keil provides Performance Analysis with the  $\mu$ Vision simulator or with ETM and the ULINK*pro*. SWV PA is not offered. The number of total calls made as well as the total time spent in each function is displayed. A graphical display is generated for a quick reference. If you are optimizing for speed, work first on those functions taking the longest time to execute.

- 1. Use the same setup as used with Code Coverage.
- 2. Select View/Analysis Windows/Performance Analysis. A window similar to the one below will open up.
- 3. Exit Debug mode and immediately re-enter it. This clears the PA window and resets the STM32 and reruns it to main() as before. Or select the Reset icon in the PA window to clear it. Run the program for a short time.
- 4. Expand some of the module names as shown below.
- 5. Note the execution information that has been collected in this initial short run. Both times and number of calls is displayed.
- 6. We can tell that most of the time at this point in the program has been spent in the os\_idle-demon.



- 7. Click on the RUN icon.
- 8. Note the display changes in real-time while the program Blinky is running. There is no need to stop the processor to collect the information. No code stubs are needed in your source files.
- 9. Select Functions from the pull down box as shown here and notice the difference.
- 10. Exit and re-enter Debug mode again and click on RUN. Note the different data set displayed.
- 11. When you are done, exit Debug mode.

TIP: You can also click on the RESET icon but the processor will stay at the initial PC and will not run to main(). You can type **g**, **main** in the Command window to accomplish this.

Functions

Modules

## **Execution Profiling:**

Execution Profiling is used to display how much time a C source line took to execute and how many times it was called. This information is provided by the ETM trace. It is possible to group source lines (called collapse) to get combined times and number of calls. This is called Outlining. The  $\mu$ Vision simulator also provides Execution Profiling.

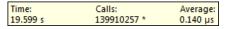
**Execution Profiling** 

Memory Map..

Inline Assembly...

Function Editor (Open Ini File)...

- 1. Enter Debug mode.
- 2. Select Debug/Execution Profiling/Show Time.
- 3. In the left margin of the disassembly and C source windows will display various time values.
- 4. Click on RUN
- 5. The times will start to fill up as shown below right:
- 6. Click inside the yellow margin of Blinky.c to refresh it.
- 7. This is done in real-time and without stealing CPU cycles.
- 8. Hover the cursor over a time and ands more information appears as in the yellow box here:



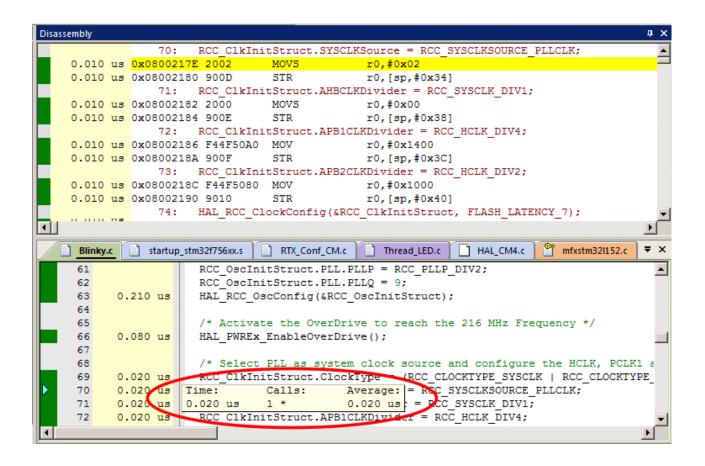
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**Show Time** 

Show Calls

Reset Information

Recall you can also select Show Calls and this information rather than the execution times will be displayed in the margin.



## **In-the-Weeds Example:** A ULINKpro is needed for ETM Instruction Trace:

Some of the hardest problems to solve are those when a crash has occurred and you have no clue what caused this. You only know that it happened and the stack is corrupted or provides no useful clues. Modern programs tend to be asynchronous with interrupts and RTOS task switching plus unexpected and spurious events. Having a recording of the program flow is useful especially when a problem occurs and the consequences are not immediately visible. Another problem is detecting race conditions and determining how to fix them. ETM trace handles these problems and others easily and is not hard to use.

If a Hard Fault occurs, the CPU will end up at the address specified in the Hard Fault vector located at 0x0800 042E. This address points to the Hard Fault handler. This is usually a branch to itself and this Branch instruction will run forever. The trace buffer will save millions of the same branch instructions. This is not useful. We need to stop the CPU at this point.

This exception vector is found in the file startup\_stm32f756xx.s. If we set a breakpoint by clicking on the Hard Fault handler and run the program: at the next Hard Fault event the CPU will jump to the Hard Fault handler (in this case located at 0x0800 042E as shown to the right) and stop.

221: MemManage Handler\

BusFault Handler

223:

224:

225:

PROC

ENDP

В

EXPORT

MemManage Handler

HardFault Handler (0x0800042E)

[WEAK]

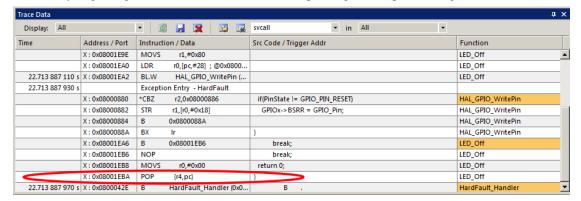
The CPU and also the trace collection will stop. The trace buffer will be visible and extremely useful to investigate and determine the cause of the crash.

- Open the Blinky example and enter Debug mode.
   Open the Trace Data window.
- 2. Locate the Hard Fault vector near line 223 in the disassembly window or in startup\_stm32f756xx.s near line 219.
- 3. Set a breakpoint at this point. A red circle will appear as shown above.

TIP: An alternative to setting a breakpoint on the Hard fault vector: www.keil.com/support/docs/3782.htm

- 4. In Thread LED.c, set another breakpoint on call to LED Off(led num); near line 29.
- 5. Click on Step Into to enter the function LED\_Off. You can verify this in the Call Stack and Locals window.
- 6. In the Registers window, set R14(LR) to 0x0. This will guarantee a Hard Fault on the next return.
- 7. Clear the Trace Data window for clarification purposes.
- 8. Click on RUN and immediately the program will stop on the Hard Fault exception branch instruction.
- 9. Examine the Trace Data window and you find a POP plus everything else that was previously executed.
- 10. Double click on the POP instruction and this will be displayed in the Disassembly window.

**TIP:** The addresses you get might be different than these ones depending on compiler settings.



- 11. The Branch at the Hard Fault does not show in the trace window because a hardware breakpoint does not execute the instruction it is set to. It is therefore not recorded in the trace buffer. Click Step Into and it will be executed as and displayed as shown above.
- 12. The frames above the POP are a record of all previous instructions executed and tells you the complete program flow from when you clicked RUN to when the event that caused the Hard Fault occurred.
- 13. Instruction Trace is very useful for locating difficult bugs. This is a contrived example but it is clear to see the usefulness of ETM. See the next page for a list of uses ETM and SWV can be.

## 33) Serial Wire Viewer and ETM Trace Summary:

#### Serial Wire Viewer can see:

- Global variables.
- Static variables.
- Structures.
- Peripheral registers just read or write to them.
- Can't see local variables. (just make them global or static).
- Can't see DMA transfers DMA bypasses CPU and SWV by definition.

## Serial Wire Viewer displays in various ways:

- PC Samples.
- Data reads and writes.
- Exception and interrupt events.
- CPU counters.
- Timestamps.

#### **ETM Trace is good for:**

- Trace adds significant power to debugging efforts. Tells where the program has been.
- A recorded history of the program execution in the order it happened as opposed to the way the program was written.
- Trace can often find nasty problems very quickly. Weeks or months can be replaced by minutes.
- Especially where the bug occurs a long time before the consequences are seen.
- Or where the state of the system disappears with a change in scope(s).

#### These are the types of problems that can be found with a quality ETM trace:

- Pointer problems. Illegal instructions and data aborts (such as misaligned writes).
- Code overwrites writes to Flash, unexpected writes to peripheral registers (SFRs), a corrupted stack. How did I get here?
- Out of bounds data. Uninitialized variables and arrays.
- Stack overflows. What causes the stack to grow bigger than it should?
- Runaway programs: your program has gone off into the weeds and you need to know what instruction caused this. Is
  very tough to find these problems without a trace. ETM trace is best for this.
- Communication protocol and timing issues. System timing problems.
- ETM facilitates Code Coverage, Performance Analysis and program flow debugging and analysis.

For information on Instruction Trace (ETM) please visit www.keil.com/st for other labs discussing ETM.

## 34) Document Resources: See www.keil.com/st

#### **Books:**

- 1. **NEW!** Getting Started MDK 5: Obtain this free book here: www.keil.com/mdk5/.
- 2. There is a good selection of books available on Keil.com: <a href="www.keil.com/books/armbooks.asp">www.keil.com/books/armbooks.asp</a>
- 3. and on Arm.com: www.arm.com/resources/education/textbooks
- 4. µVision contains a window titled Books. Many documents including data sheets are located there.
- 5. A list of Arm CPUs is located at: <a href="https://www.arm.com/products/silicon-ip-cpu">https://www.arm.com/products/silicon-ip-cpu</a>
- 6. The Definitive Guide to the ARM Cortex-M0/M0+ by Joseph Yiu. Search the web for retailers.
- 7. The Definitive Guide to the ARM Cortex-M3/M4 by Joseph Yiu. Search the web for retailers.
- 8. Embedded Systems: Introduction to Arm Cortex-M Microcontrollers (3 volumes) by Jonathan Valvano.

## Application Notes: www.keil.com/appnotes

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- 10. Segger emWin GUIBuilder with μVision<sup>TM</sup> <u>www.keil.com/appnotes/files/apnt 234.pdf</u>
- 11. Porting mbed Project to Keil MDK<sup>TM</sup> www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt 207.asp
- 12. MDK-ARM<sup>TM</sup> Compiler Optimizations www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt\_202.asp
- 13. Using µVision with CodeSourcery GNU <a href="https://www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt-199.asp">www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt-199.asp</a>
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- 15. RTX CMSIS-RTX www.keil.com/demo/eval/rtx.htm and www.arm.com/cmsis
- 16. Barrier Instructions http://infocenter.arm.com/help/topic/com.arm.doc.dai0321a/index.html
- 17. Lazy Stacking on the Cortex-M4: <a href="https://www.arm.com">www.arm.com</a> and search for DAI0298A
- 18. Cortex Debug Connectors: <a href="www.arm.com">www.arm.com</a> and search for cortex\_debug\_connectors.pdf
- 19. Sending ITM printf to external Windows applications: <a href="www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt-240.asp">www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt-240.asp</a>
- 20. NEW! Migrating Cortex-M3/M4 to Cortex-M7 processors: www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt 270.asp
- 21. **NEW!** ARMv8-M Architecture Technical Overview https://community.arm.com/docs/DOC-10896
- 22. **NEW!** Determining Cortex-M CPU Frequency using SWV www.keil.com/appnotes/docs/apnt 297.asp
- 23. Arm GCC: https://developer.arm.com/open-source/gnu-toolchain/gnu-rm/downloads

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- 1. NEW! CMSIS Standards: https://github.com/ARM-software/CMSIS\_5 and www.keil.com/cmsis/
- 2. CMSIS Documents: www.keil.com/pack/doc/CMSIS/General/html
- 3. Forums: www.keil.com/forum http://community.arm.com/groups/tools/content https://developer.arm.com/
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- 5. <u>mbed</u>™: <u>http://mbed.org</u>

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## 35) Keil Products and Contact Information:

## **Keil Microcontroller Development Kit (MDK-ARM™)**

- MDK-Lite™ (Evaluation version) 32K Code and Data Limit \$0
- Free MDK for STM32 F0/L0
- MDK- ST: for STM32L0 and STM32F0: www.keil.com/st\$0
- New MDK-ARM-Essential™ For all Cortex-M series processors unlimited code limit
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- New MDK-Professional™ MiddleWare Level 2. For details: www.keil.com/mdk5/version520.

For the latest details see: <a href="https://www.keil.com/mdk5/selector/">www.keil.com/mdk5/selector/</a>

Keil Middleware includes Network, USB, Graphics and File System. www.keil.com/mdk5/middleware/

#### **USB-JTAG** adapter (for Flash programming too)

- ULINK2 (ULINK2 and ME SWV only no ETM)
   ULINK-ME Equivalent to a ULINK2.
- New ULINKplus- Cortex-Mx High performance SWV & power measurement.
- **ULINK***pro* SWV & ETM trace. Fast Flash programming speed. Also works with DS-5.
- **SULINK***pro* **D** SWV & no ETM. Fast Flash programming speed. Also works with DS-5.
  - For special promotional or quantity pricing and offers, please contact Keil Sales.
  - In USA and Canada, 1-800-348-8051. sales.us@keil.com
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RTOS: Keil RTX RTOS is now provided as part of CMSIS 5: New https://github.com/ARM-software/CMSIS\_5

**DSP:** Keil provides free DSP libraries with source code for Cortex-M processors.

Call Keil Sales for details on current pricing, specials and quantity discounts. Sales can also provide advice about the various tools options available to you. They will help you find various labs and appnotes that are useful.

All products include Technical Support for 1 year. This is easily renewed.

Call Keil Sales for special university pricing. Go to <a href="www.arm.com/university">www.arm.com/university</a> to view various programs and resources.

MDK supports all STM32 Cortex-M0, M3, M4 and M7 processors. Keil supports many other ST processors including 8051, ARM7, ARM9<sup>™</sup> and ST10 processors. See the Keil Device Database<sup>®</sup> on www.keil.com/dd.

For Linux, Android, other OSs and no OS support on ST Cortex-A processors such as SPEAr, see DS-5 www.arm.com/ds5



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