***Intro to SoC Design Course***

**LAB 08**

**API and Final Application**

**Issue 1.0**

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# Introduction

## Lab overview

In previous labs, we used the CMSIS and developed drivers for the peripherals. In this lab, we will develop an API that has more generic and easy-to-use functions. Then, based on the API, we will develop a final game application: Snake.

The work in this lab includes:

### Software programming:

* Using the functions provided by software drivers and CMSIS, develop an API that provides more generic and easy-to-use functions for application development.

### Demonstrate the SoC:

* Develop a final application (such as the Snake game) to demonstrate the SoC
* Use sleep mode to reduce the power consumption of your application

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Figure 1: API and Application Development hierarchy

# Learning Objectives

* Modify reusable and easy to use APIs.
* Develop a single player snake game using C program which implements UART and timer interrupt handlers to control and display/ detect the snake’s coordinates.

# Requirements

This lab requires the following hardware and software:

* **Hardware:**
  + **Diligent BASYS 3** FPGA board connected to computer via **MicroUSB cable.** A constraints file for this board is also provided.
  + **VGA-compliant monitor** and **VGA cable** to connect your board
* **Software**
  + Xilinx Vivado
  + Keil uVision
  + TeraTerm

# Provided files

You will need the files from the previous labs along with the following files which are provided with this Lab:

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| **File name** | **Description** |
| core\_cm0.h | CMSIS Cortex-M0 core peripheral access layer header file |
| core\_cmFunc.h | CMSIS Cortex-M core function access header file |
| core\_cmInstr.h | CMSIS Cortex-M core instruction access header file |
| cm0dsasm.s | Includes interrupt vectors and other setup assembly code |
| main.c | Includes the main program and interrupt service routines |
| EDK\_CM0 | Defines the interrupt numbers and memory map etc. |

# Software

## API Development

### Create API file

Under the “Device” folder, create a head file called “API.h” and a C file called “API.c”.

Write the functions in “API.c” and include all the function calls in “API.h”.

Suggested functions are as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **API Functions** | **Description** |
| void SoC\_init(void) | SoC initialization |
| void rectangle(int x1,int y1,int x2,int y2, int color) | Draw a rectangle on the screen. |
| void clear\_screen (void) | Clean up the screen. |
| int read\_switch | Read the value of the 8-bit switches. |
| write\_LED | Write a value to the 8-bit LEDs. |
| void Display\_Int\_Times (void) | Display the number of interrupts that occurred using the 7-segment display. |
| void delay(int value) | Software delay program |
| char random (char min, char max) | A simple random generator based on system tick |

### Add the retarget file

The retarget file allows us to use print library functions such as “printf()”. To add the retarget file:

* Add the “retarget.c” file to the “Device” folder.
* Implement the retarget functions, for example:

|  |  |
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| **Retarget Functions** | **Description** |
| int KBHIT(void) | Wait for keyboard hit. |
| int fputc(int ch, FILE \*f) | Input characters |
| int fgetc(FILE \*f) | Output characters |
| unsigned char VGAPutc(unsigned char my\_ch) | Output characters to VGA |
| unsigned char UartPutc(unsigned char my\_ch) | Output characters to UART |
| unsigned char UartGetc(void) | Input characters from UART |

Example code:

//define UartPutc

unsigned char UartPutc(unsigned char my\_ch)

{

UART->DATA=my\_ch;

return (my\_ch);

}

//define fputc

int fputc(int ch, FILE \*f) {

return (UARTPutc(ch));

}

//use printf in main.c

printf("HelloWorld");

### File structure

The files can be organized as follows:

Core folder

Device folder

Application folder

core\_cm0.h

cm0dsasm.s

main.c

core\_cmFunc.h

core\_cmInstr.h

EDK\_CM0.h

edk\_driver.c

edk\_driver.h

edk\_api.c

edk\_api.h

retarget.c

## Application development

The following ideas can be used to program the Snake game:

### Application using polling

* Diagram

  Description automatically generatedMain program
  + Initialize the SoC.
  + Initialize the game.
  + Repeat the following:
    - Check if keyboard hits; if yes, then,
      * Update snake direction.
    - Move the snake.
    - Check if it hits the wall; if yes, then,
      * Game over
    - Delay for a short time.

### Application using interrupt (power saving)

* Main program
  + Initialize the SoC.
  + Initialize the game.
  + Enter the sleep-on-exit mode.
* Timer interrupt handler
  + Trigger the snake to move one step.
  + Detect if the target is reached or if the snake hits the wall.
* UART interrupt handler
  + Input the command from the keyboard.
  + Change the direction of the snake.

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**Interrupt-driven Mode**

### Example of the demo:

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**Demo Example**

# Extension work

## Extra tasks for this lab:

* Use a sampling energy meter (or other equipment) to measure the run-time power consumption of your game application.
* Optimize your code to reduce power consumption.
* Explore other games, such as TERIS, PACMAN, BREAK, TICTAC, etc.