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# Developing Audio Products with Cortex-M3/NuttX/C++11

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### Agenda

- Product outline
- Typical software development
- Porting NuttX to MCU
- Power management and fast ELF loading
- C++11 and standard library
- Debugging with apps
- adb support and testing with adb
- Demo videos



### **Product Outline**



ICD-UX560



- microSDHC and microSDXC support
- Focus and wide mic mode
- Digital Pitch Control

ICD-SX2000





- LPCM recording (up to 96k/24bit)
- FLAC/LPCM playback (up to 192k/24bit)
- Wireless control with REC Remote

NW-WS410





- Water proof (salt water)
- Ambient sound mode
- Up to 12h of battery life



# Hardware Comparison



Model name	ICD-UX560	ICD-SX2000	NW-WS410
Public release RTM*	2015/10 2015/09	2016/01 2015/12	2016/02 2015/11
CPU package	TQFP	WLP	WLP
eMMC	4GB, 8GB	, 8GB 16GB	
SD card	microSDHC microSDXC	microSDHC microSDXC	-
Audio CODEC	DA7213	DA7211x2 + CXD3774GF	CS47L01
Display	OLED 128x128	STN LCD 128x128	-
Serial Flash	-	Winbond 2MB	-
NFC	-	CXD2249GG (HCI)	-
Bluetooth	-	CSR8811 (HCI)	-
FM Tuner	Si4708	-	-



# **Typical Software Development**



Product models	Android based	Linux based	RTOS based
CPU	ARM Cortex-A series w/ MMU	ARM Cortex-A series w/ MMU	ARM Cortex-M series w/o MMU
Clock	1GHz -	500MHz -	100MHz –
Memory	mDDR2 512MB -	mDDR 64MB -	SRAM 128KB –
SPI Flash	Not used	Not used	Normally used
Toolchain	arm gcc (Google provides)	arm gcc (SoC vendor provides)	Provided by MCU vendor
BSP (Board Support Package)	Provided by SoC vendor	Provided by SoC vendor	Provided by MCU vendor
Programming Language	Java + native (C/C++)	C/C++	C (C++)
Debug commands	Can load dynamically	Can load dynamically	Need to link statically
Debug tools	adb, gdb + gdb server	gdb + gdb server	Commercial ICE

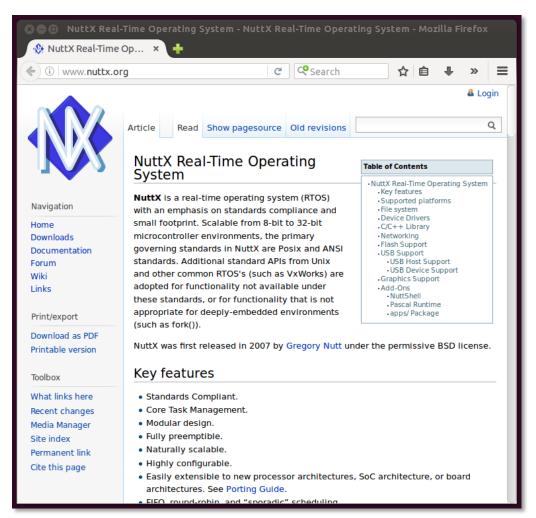


### Why we chose NuttX

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#### From http://www.nuttx.org/

- POSIX and libc are supported
  - Can reuse existing software
  - Can reduce training costs
- ELF\* is supported
  - Can divide into small apps
- Driver framework is supported
  - Helps us implement drivers
- Has Linux-like configuration system
  - Helps us develop multiple products
- Many MCUs and boards are supported
  - Helps us port NuttX to new MCU
- BSD license is available



### **Technical Challenges**

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- Porting NuttX to MCU
- How to use open tools such as openocd
- Need to consider small RAM size
- How to reuse existing software
- How to apply modern software development





Open On-Chip Debugger
Free and Open On-Chip Debugging, In-System Programming and Boundary-Scan Testing

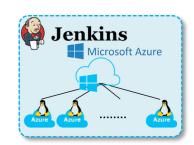
http://openocd.org/







http://www.stroustrup.com/4th.html



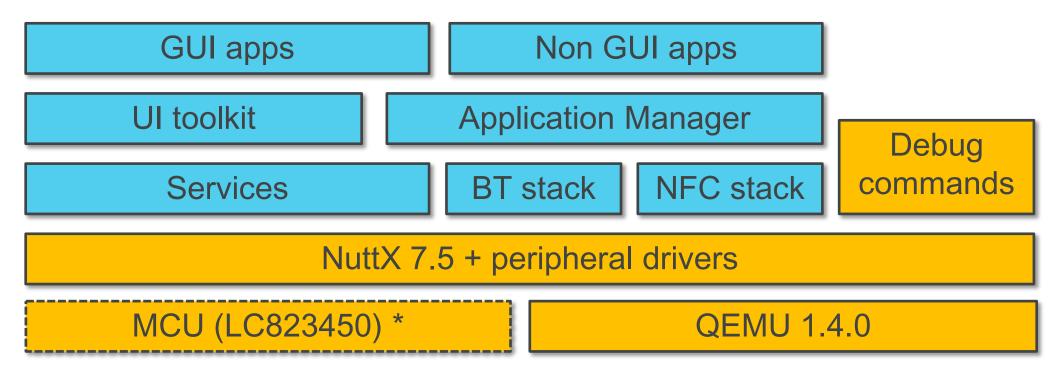


https://github.com



### Software Stack and tools





\*MCU is not a part of software stack.

tools: gcc-arm-none-eabi-4\_8-2014q1, openocd-0.9.0-dev



### LC823450 Features



- ARM Cortex-M3 dual core
- 32bit fixed point, dual-MAC original DSP
- Internal SRAM (1656KB) for ARM and DSP
- I2S I/F with 16/24/32bit, MAX 192kHz (2chx2)
- Hard wired audio functions
  - MP3 encoder and decoder, EQ (6-band equalizer), etc.
- Integrated analog functions
  - Low-power Class D HP amplifier, system PLL
  - Dedicated audio PLL, ADC
- Various interfaces
  - USB2.0 HS device / host (not OTG), eMMC, SD card, SPI, I2C, etc.
- ARM and DSP clock max frequency
  - 160MHz at 1.2V
  - 100MHz at 1.0V



ON Semiconductor LC823450

From http://www.onsemi.com/PowerSolutions/product.do?id=LC823450

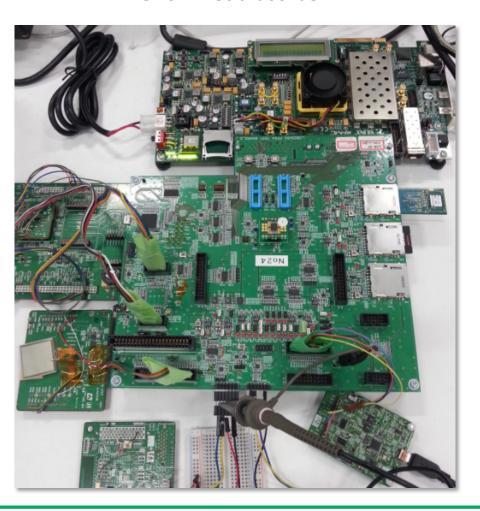


### Porting NuttX to MCU

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#### Xilinx VC707 + sub boards

- Started with LC823450 FPGA
  - FPGA code was provided by ON Semiconductor
  - Ported NuttX-7.4 first, then merged 7.5
  - Cortex-M3 (20MHz), NVIC, Timer, UART, GPIO
  - eMMC, SD, DMA, SPI, LCD
  - I2C, I2S, Audio Buffer, Audio CODEC
  - RTC, ADC, USB
  - SPI-Flash, Bluetooth, DSP
- After LC823450 ES arrived
  - Test MAX CPU clock with PLL
  - Test eMMC boot
  - Implement power management
  - Implement suspend & resume





### OpenOCD

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#### openocd is running on Linux host

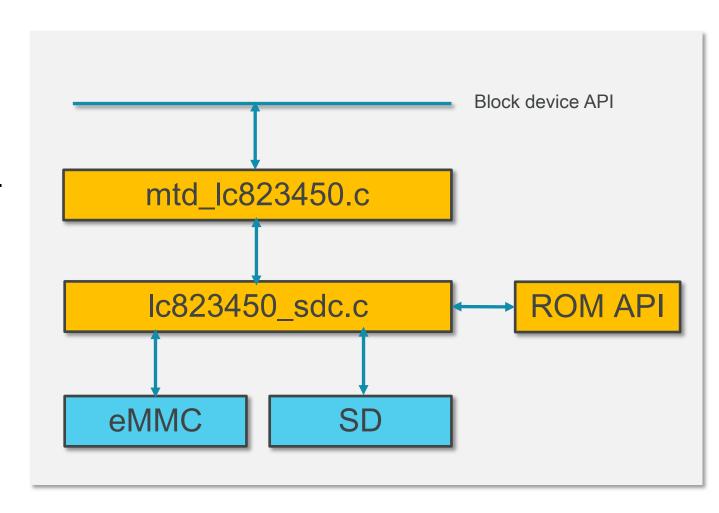
- The very first step
  - Need to prepare before porting NuttX
- Version 0.9.0-dev
  - SWD (Serial Wire Debug) supported
  - With FTDI FT232H board
- Prepare startup scripts
  - Cortex-M sysreset
  - Be careful with adaptor clock
- Load the program to SRAM
- Load to SPI-Flash
  - Implement SPI-Flash driver

```
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sudo ~/bin/openocd -s ./tcl -f ./tcl/board/lc823450_sony.cfg -c init -c "reset halt"
Open On-Chip Debugger 0.9.0-dev-dirty (2016-08-15-12:00)
Licensed under GNU GPL v2
       http://openocd.sourceforge.net/doc/doxygen/bugs.html
cortex_m reset_config sysresetreq
Info : lc823450.cpu: hardware has 6 breakpoints, 4 watchpoints
 arget halted due to debug-request, current mode: Thread
PSR: 0x01000000 pc: 0x02200474 msp: 0x020779a8
x40080124: 00000000
dapter speed: 6000 kHz
                                      openocd
                                     USB
                                       FT232H
                                   SWD
                                     _C823450
```



### eMMC/SD driver

- Implement as a block device
- Call ROM APIs
  - identifycard, readsector, writesector, etc.
  - instead of using eMMC driver in NuttX
- Use fixed partitions
  - due to ROM code restrictions
- Use DMA
  - to reduce CPU load
- Work with hotplug driver
  - i.e. SD card detection
  - newly introduced





### File Systems

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df & mount on ICD-SX2000

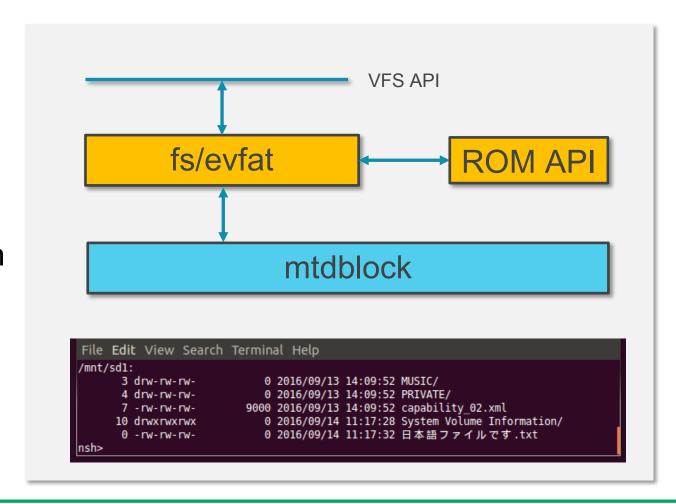
- Using NuttX file systems
  - procfs for debugging, wake\_lock, etc.
  - vfat for program files, properties, database
- Add eVFAT
  - Provided by ON Semiconductor
  - FAT32, exFAT supported
  - IC recorder specific APIs supported
  - Cache control supported
- Others
  - Add read only option
  - Add remount option

```
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nsh> df
 Block
        Number
 Size
        Blocks
                   Used Available Mounted on
 16384
          4349
                             3558 /cache
 16384
          8188
                             8182 /db
 16384
          1022
                             1015 /etc
 16384
          1022
                             1018 /log
 32768
        471232
                           470806 /mnt/sd0
131072
        486992
                           486989 /mnt/sdl
                                0 /proc
 16384
          4093
                   1024
                             3069 /system
nsh> mount
 /cache type vfat (rw)
 /db type vfat (rw)
 /etc type vfat (ro)
 /log type vfat (rw)
  /mnt/sd0 type evfat (rw)
  /mnt/sdl type evfat (rw)
  /proc type procfs (rw)
 /system type vfat (ro)
```



### eVFAT

- Implement using NuttX VFS\* APIs
- Call ROM APIs
  - mount, open, read, write, Iseek, ..., etc
- Add new IOCTLs
  - divide, ...
- Add UTF-8 from/to UTF-16 conversion
- Use a dedicated stack like IRQ
  - Because some APIs need more stacks





### **Audio Support**

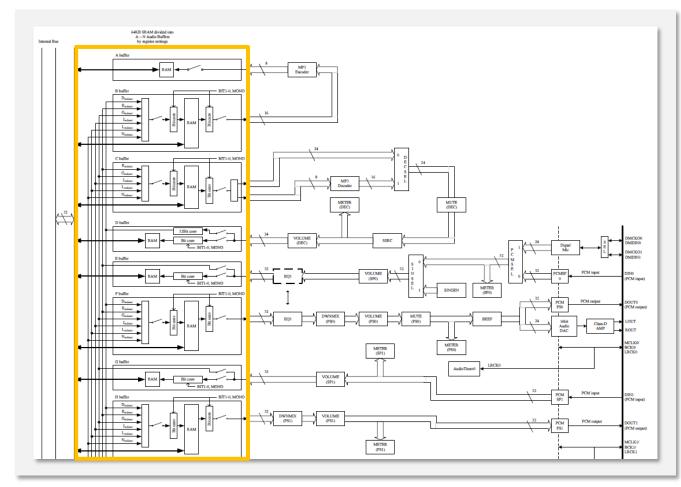
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#### Features

- H/W MP3 encoder and decoder
- H/W Audio Buffer (64KB)
- Beep generator
- Mute & volume control
- In DSP
  - Decoders (WMA, AAC, FLAC, etc)
  - Audio signal processing

#### Implementation

- NuttX has an audio subsystem
- Technically possible to use existing features
- But we decided to develop new APIs like alsa-lib
- Non-blocking API



From LC823450-D.PDF



### Audio Playback Example (AAC,...)

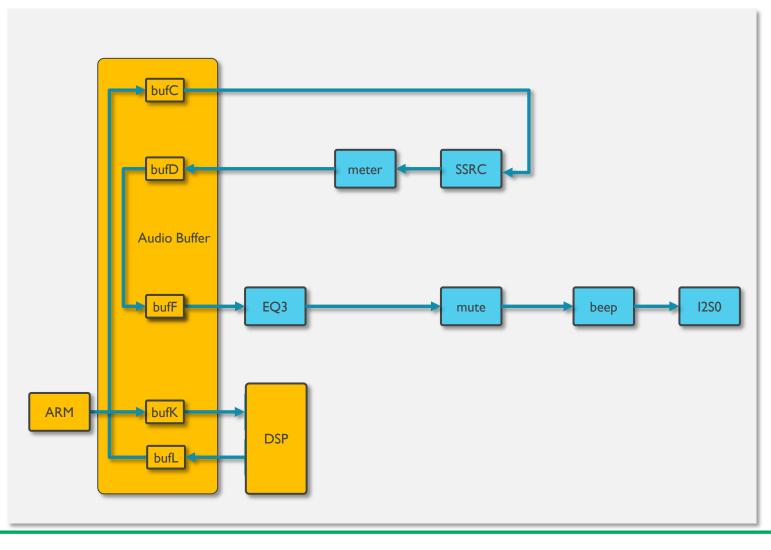
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#### Cortex-M3

- Set up audio routing and buffers
- Set up external audio CODEC
- Load DSP code and boot
- Read a file on eMMC/SD
- Parse audio frame
- Write the frame to the Audio Buffer

#### DSP

- Decode the frame
- Do post process
- Write PCM data to the Audio Buffer





### Audio Recording example (MP3)

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#### Cortex-M3

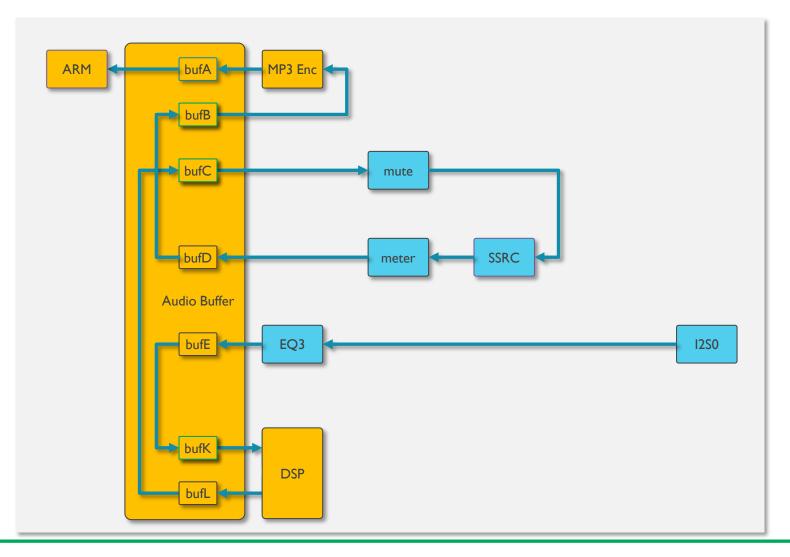
- Set up audio routing and buffers
- Set up external audio CODEC
- Load DSP code and boot
- Wait for the buffer to be filled
- Write the audio frame to a file

#### DSP

- Wait for the audio buffer from I2S
- Perform preprocessing of the frame
- Write to the Audio Buffer

#### MP3 Encoder

- Wait for the audio buffer from DSP
- Encode the PCM data
- Write to the Audio Buffer

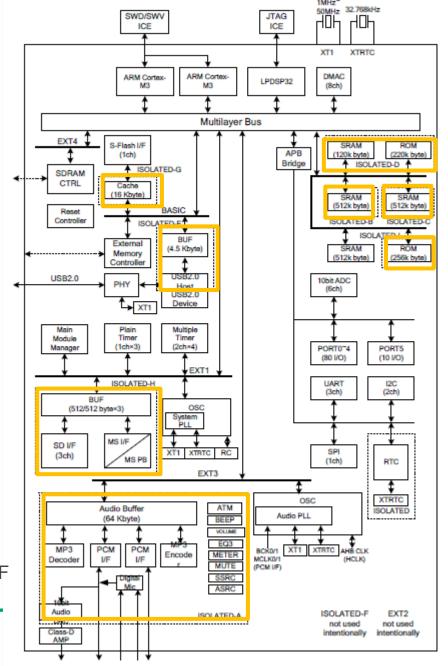




### Power Management

- Clock gating
  - Disable clocks for unused blocks
- Power gating
  - Disable power for unused blocks
  - ISOLATED-A : Audio
  - ISOLATED-B/C/D : SRAM
  - ISOLATED-E : USB Host
  - ISOLATED-G: SPI-Flash cache
- DVFS
- Suspend & Resume

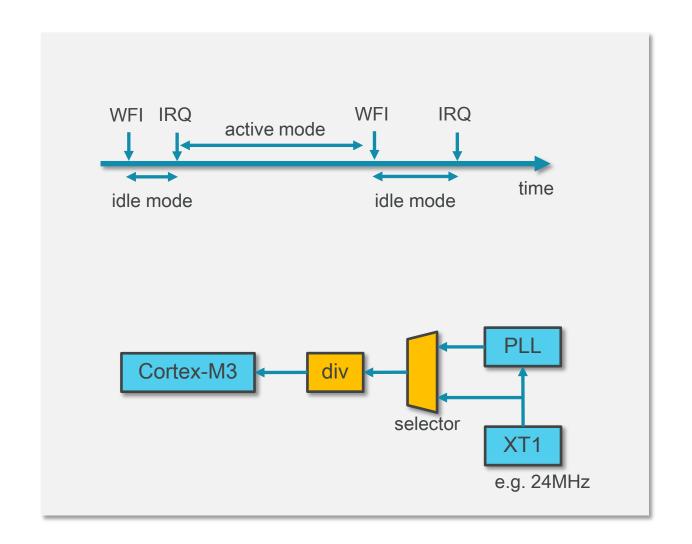
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# DVFS\* (1/2)

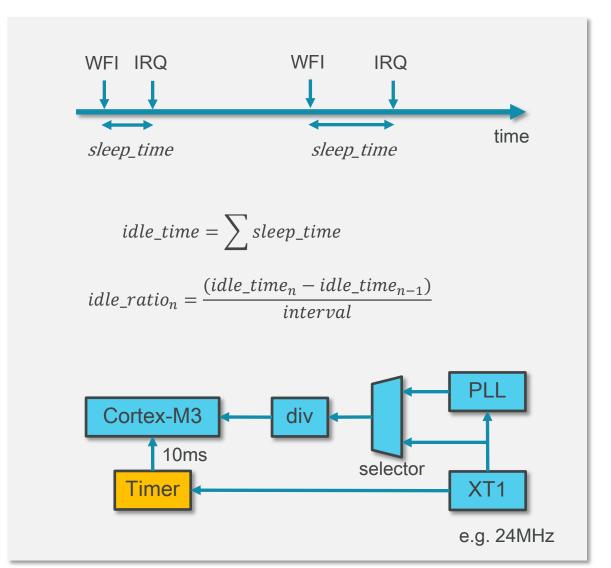
- Voltage control
  - 1.2V at 160MHz, 1.0V at 100MHz
- Clock control
  - CPU/DSP clock, AHB clock
- Clock table example
  - Active mode: 160M/80M/40M/24M
  - Idle mode: 24M/12M/6M/3M
- Autonomous control
  - Calculates the idle ratio
  - Controls divider and selector
- Boost the clock
  - when the keys are pressed
  - while loading applications





# **DVFS** (2/2)

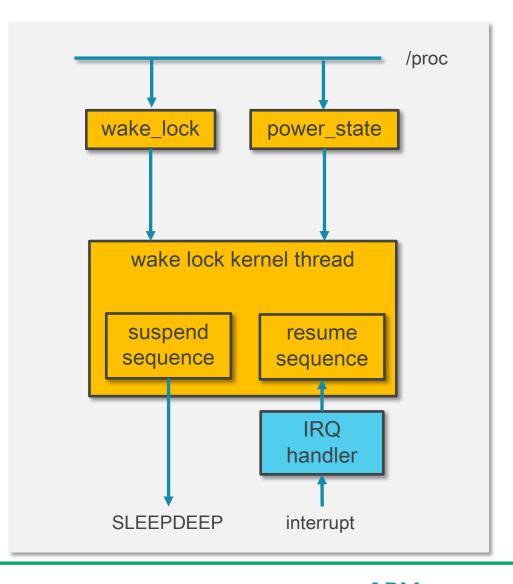
- NuttX has CPU load monitoring
  - To monitor each task load
  - But the load in IRQ handler is not considered
- Need more accurate idle time
  - With simple calculation
  - Accumulate sleep time in usec during WFI
  - Calculate the idle ratio
- Use an internal H/W timer for tick
  - Instead of SYSTICK in Cortex-M3
  - As the timer is not affected by clock change
  - Results in simple calculation





### Suspend & Resume

- Introduce wake\_lock
  - Provides APIs similar to those of Android kernel
  - If the power state is set to "mem" and no wake\_lock exists, enter to SLEEPDEEP mode
- Implementation
  - Use a kernel thread
  - Power down unused blocks
    - e.g. Audio, SD, etc...
    - USB Suspend must be considered
  - Set SLEEPDEEP flag in NVIC and issue WFI
  - Woken up by interrupt when the following are received
    - i.e. GPIO, RTC alarm, USB resume
  - Power on the blocks if needed
  - Synchronize the kernel time with RTC





### ELF\* support

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#### ps & free on ICD-SX2000

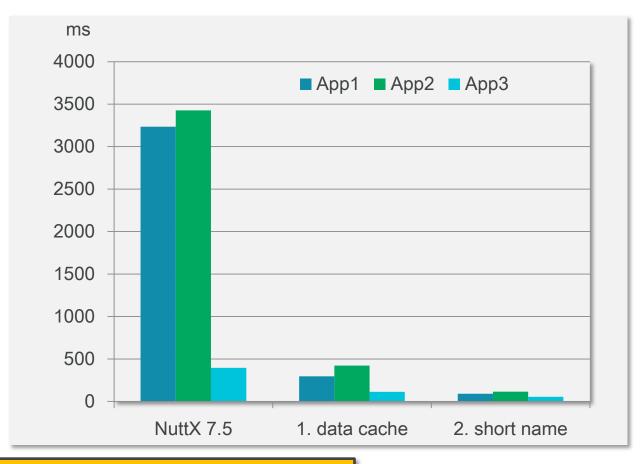
- Motivation
  - To overcome limited memory
  - More flexible than overlay
- Divide into small applications
  - e.g: Home, Settings, Play, Rec, ...etc.
- Can use separate debug commands
  - without linking them to the applications.
  - e.g: ps, free, ...

```
⊗ ■ ■ Terminal
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
     PPID PRI SCHD TYPE
                            NP STATE
                                          656
                                                 35%
                                                     Idle Task()
                               WAITSEM
                                         1144
                                                      hpwork()
                                          576
                                                      lpwork(
                               WAITSEM
                                                 12%
                                                      wlock(
                               WAITSIG
                                                      init()
                               WAITSEM
                                                      scsid()
                                                      /system/bin/system_serv()
         1 100 FIFO TASK
                                                      adbd()
         4 100 FIFO PTHREAD
                               WAITSEM
                                                     system server(20a1d00)
         4 100 FIFO PTHREAD
                                                      system server(20a2e80)
                               WAITSEM
                                                      /system/bin/headless re(20ab778)
                               WAITSEM
                                                     dispatch headless rec r(20ab67c)
                               WAITSEM
                                                      headless rec remote app(20adc00)
                               WAITSEM
                                                      headless rec remote app(20ae5a0)
                               WAITSEM
         4 100 FIFO PTHREAD
                                                      <pthread>(2014bec)
                               WAITSIG
                                                      <pthread>(201cb10)
                                         1376
                                                      <pthread>(201cafc)
                                                      <pthread>(201cb38)
         4 100 FIFO PTHREAD
                                         2536
                                                      <pthread>(201cb24)
                                                      /system/devel/ext1/home(20a7708)
        11 100 FIFO PTHREAD
                               WAITSEM
                                                      dispatch HomeApp(20a75d4)
                                                      HomeApp(21036e0)
        11 100 FIFO PTHREAD
                                                      HomeApp (2104880)
        11 100 FIFO PTHREAD
                               WAITSEM
         4 100 FIFO TASK
                                                      /system/xbin/toolbox(20bc145)
nsh> free
          : total
                       used
                                  free
                                              largest
                                                         ref(s)
GLOBAL
                       256640
                                  242160
                                              225856
                                                         1283
USREXT1 ]: 262144
                       36352
                                  225792
                                              225120
                                                         286
                                  131200
                                             131200
USREXT4 ]: 131216
INTSTACK : 2048
                                  1748
```



### Fast ELF loading

- Section data cache
  - Allocate a big heap to hold tables to reduce eMMC access.
  - Use unused SRAM areas, if possible
    - e.g. DSP program & work area
- 2. Symbol name replacement
  - Shorten symbols by hashing their names
  - Sort A-Z and do binary-search in find-by-name
  - Need to modify the build system



```
{"pthread_condattr_setclock", &pthread_condattr_setclock}, {"a895afc", &pthread_condattr_setclock},
```



### Developing with QEMU\*

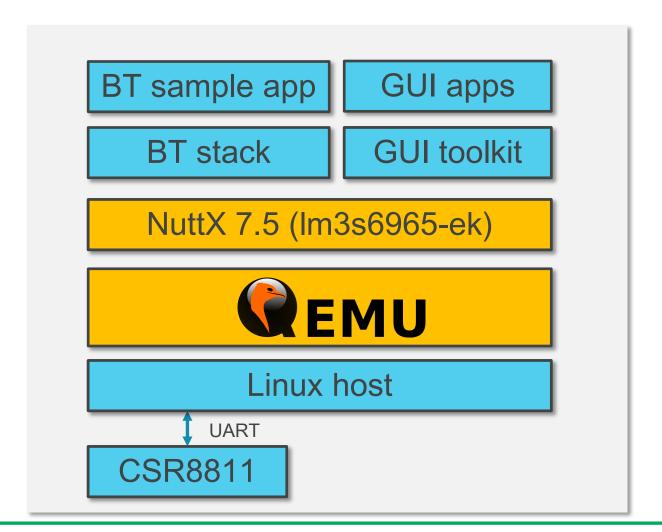
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#### Motivation

- To port the Bluetooth stack
- To port in-house GUI toolkit
- To develop applications

#### Implementation

- Start with 1.4.0
- Use TI Stellaris for QEMU hardware
- Use Im3s6965-ek for NuttX
- Increase SRAM size to 4MB
- Fix SD driver
- Fix NVIC issue







### C++11

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- Motivation
  - Improve productivity
  - Performance benefits
- Features
  - auto keyword
    - the compiler determines the type
  - Lambda expression to define function objects
  - New smart pointer
    - to avoid memory leaks
    - introduced std::unique\_ptr<> and std::shared ptr<>
  - Move semantics to optimize copying
    - introduced move constructor and assignment
    - introduced std::move()
  - override, final, nullptr, constexpr...

```
vector<vector<MyType>>::const_iterator it = v.begin();
   can be replaced with
   auto it = v.cbegin();
bool is_fuel_level_safe()
    return all_of(_tanks.begin(), _tanks.end(),
        [this](Tank& t) { return t.fuel_level() > _min_fuel_level; });
```

From http://cpprocks.com/9-reasons-to-start-using-c11/



# C++ Standard library



	libc++	libstdcxx	libstdc++	STLPort
Maintained by	C O M P I L E R INFRASTRUCTURE	APACHE	GNU	STLPort
C++11 support	Fully supported	Not supported	Fully supported	Not supported
License	MIT and UIUC (BSD-like)	Apache	GPLv3 (mainline) GPLv2 (ver 4.2)	Boris Fomitchev
Others	LLVM and Clang supported Newer codebase and easier to port	4.2.1 released in 2008/05	Tightly integrated with g++	5.2.1 released in 2008/10

From http://libcxx.llvm.org/



### Code size reduction

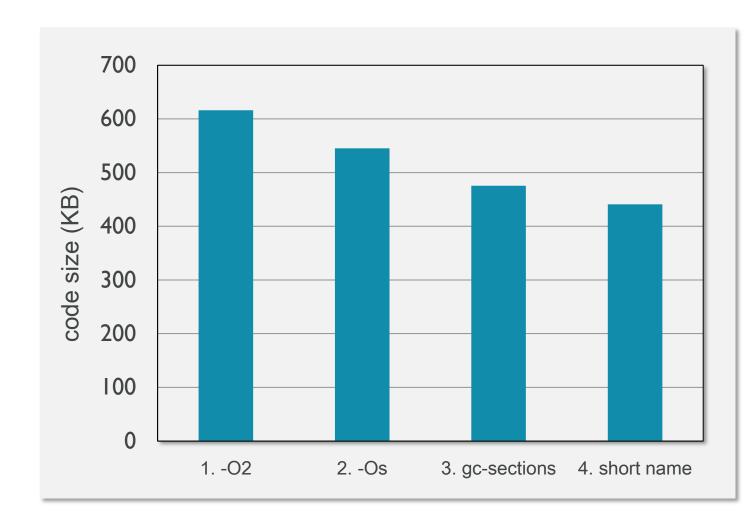
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#### Example

kernel and static libraries

#### Approaches

- 1. Started with '-O2'
- Plus Compile with '-Os'
- 3. Plus GC of unused sections at link
- 4. Plus Symbol name replacement



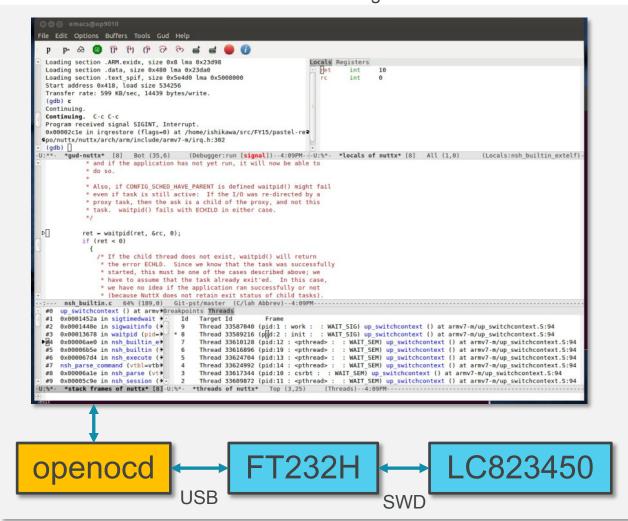


### Debugging with apps (1/2)

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#### emacs + arm-none-eabi-gdb-7.6

- openocd supports some OSes
  - Linux, FreeRTOS, ChibiOS, ...
  - The feature is very useful to debug deadlocks
  - Unfortunately NuttX is not supported
- Implementation\*
  - Similar to other RTOSes (e.g. ChibiOS)
  - Prepare symbol list to look up
    - i.e. g\_readytorun, g\_tasklisttable, ...
  - Implement update\_threads callback
  - Fix memory corruption in rtos.c





# Debugging with apps (2/2)

- Typical scenario
  - Crash occurs when testing
  - Crash logs are saved in RAM
  - Reboot by WDT
  - Save the logs to a file when booting
  - Pull the log with adb
  - Analyze the log with debug symbols

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
[36.280] Assertion failed: task: system server
[36.280] sp: 020f6800
[36.280] IRQ stack:
[36.280] base: 020060b0
[36.280] size: 00000800
[36.280] used: 00000134
[36.280] User stack:
[36.280] base: 020f6b08
[36.280] size: 00000ffc
 36.280] used: 00000a24
[36.280] DLTASKS
[36.280] name = /system/bin/system server, baseaddr = 0x20c0010
[36.280] name = /system/lib/librecmediarecorder.so, baseaddr = 0x20a4e30
[36.280] name = /system/lib/libqdbm.so, baseaddr = 0x20f0bc0
[36.280] name = /system/devel/ext1/usb connect app, baseaddr = 0x2100010
[36.280] == stack trace ==: sp = 0x20f67f0, base = 0x20f6b08
[36.280] addr = 0x0204ef08 (nuttx + 0x204ef08)
[36.280] addr = 0x02048a64 (nuttx + 0x2048a64)
[36.280] addr = 0x020f1390 (libqdbm.so + 0x7d0)
[36.280] addr = 0x020d49a2 (system server + 0x14992)
[36.280] addr = 0x020d4956 (system server + 0x14946)
[36.280] addr = 0x020d4974 (system server + 0x14964)
[36.280] addr = 0x020d443a (system server + 0x1442a)
[36.280] addr = 0x020cdbac (system_server + 0xdb9c)
0x0204ef08 in up assert at /home/hudson/workspace/workspace/nmobile10-release-ICX0455/TARGET BUILD TYPE/release/TARGET PRODUCT/icx0455/label
/Ubuntul2.04-FY15-ICX0455/out/target/product/icx0455/nuttx/out/sony-lc823450/icx0455/nuttx/arch/arm/src/armv7-m/up assert.c:556
0x02048a64 in mm free at /home/hudson/workspace/workspace/nmobile10-release-ICX0455/TARGET BUILD TYPE/release/TARGET PRODUCT/icx0455/label/U
buntu12.04-FY15-ICX0455/out/target/product/icx0455/nuttx/out/sony-lc823450/icx0455/nuttx/mm/mm_heap/mm_free.c:121 (discriminator 1)
0x020f1390 in qdbm munmap at /home/hudson/workspace/workspace/nmobile10-release-ICX0455/TARGET BUILD TYPE/release/TARGET PRODUCT/icx0455/la
bel/Ubuntu12.04-FY15-ICX0455/external/qdbm/myconf.c:288
0x020d49a2 in pst::recscanner::RecStoreProxy::CloseStore() at /home/hudson/workspace/workspace/nmobile10-release-ICX0455/TARGET BUILD TYPE/
elease/TARGET PRODUCT/icx0455/label/Ubuntu12.04-FY15-ICX0455/framework/mediascanner/src/recscanner/RecStoreProxy.cc:15
0x020d4956 in ~StoreClosure at /home/hudson/workspace/workspace/nmobile10-release-ICX0455/TARGET BUILD TYPE/release/TARGET PRODUCT/icx0455/
abel/Ubuntu12.04-FY15-ICX0455/framework/mediascanner/src/recscanner/RecScannerImpl.cc:113 (discriminator 1)
0x020d4974 in pst::recscanner::RecScannerImpl::Scan(pst::recscanner::ScanParams const&) at /home/hudson/workspace/workspace/nmobile10-releas
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0x020cdbac in pst::recservice::RecScanHandler::RecEnd(pst::core::IEventManager*, std::_ 1::vector<std::_ 1::basic_string<char, std::_ 1::cha
```



### adb\* support

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#### Motivation

- To test the system without proprietary tools
- To retrieve internal logs

#### Features

- push, pull and shell with a remote execution
- The feature is disabled at the factory before shipping

#### Implementation

- Start with the NuttX USB serial driver
  - composite version
- Change the USB descriptors
- Implement the protocols from scratch

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
$ adb devices
List of devices attached
ICD-SX2000
                device
$ adb shell hello
NuttShell (NSH) sony-lc823450/icx0453
nsh> hello
nsh: hello: command not found
$ adb push ./hello /system/xbin
28 KB/s (1524 bytes in 0.051s)
$ adb shell hello
NuttShell (NSH) sony-lc823450/icx0453
nsh> hello
Hello, World!!
nsh> exit
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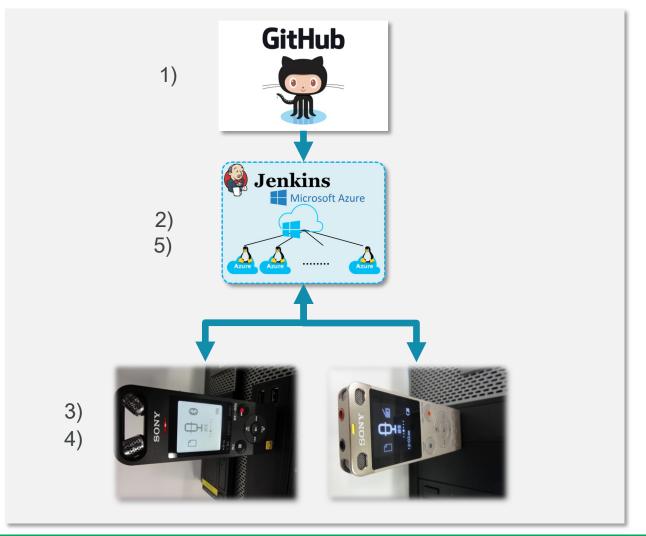


### Integration & testing with adb

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#### For development

- 1. Push codes and create a pull request
- Build the code
- 3. Deploy the software to each product
- 4. Test the products with adb
- Store the test results with Jenkins
- At factory
  - PCB\* tests are done with adb
  - After all tests pass, adb is disabled





### Automated Unit-testing with googletest

- Google Test
  - Google's C++ testing framework
  - Port to NuttX and libc++ environment
- Motivation
  - To find bugs early
  - To clarify interfaces between modules
  - To refactor code safely
  - To make sure code works correctly on new target boards
- Executing Test
  - Transfer and execute test cases with adb
  - Faster-cycle of developing and testing

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File Edit View Search Terminal Help
 make
 adb push HelloTest /system/bin
769 KB/s (207060 bytes in 0.262s)
S adb shell HelloTest
NuttShell (NSH) sony-lc823450/icx1282
nsh> HelloTest
Running main() from gmock_main.cc
=======] Running 2 tests from 1 test case.
 ----- 2 tests from HelloTest
        | HelloTest.get
     OK | HelloTest.get (0 ms)
 RUN
        1 HelloTest.set
     OK ] HelloTest.set (0 ms)
 ========] 2 tests from 1 test case ran. (1 ms total)
  PASSED | 2 tests.
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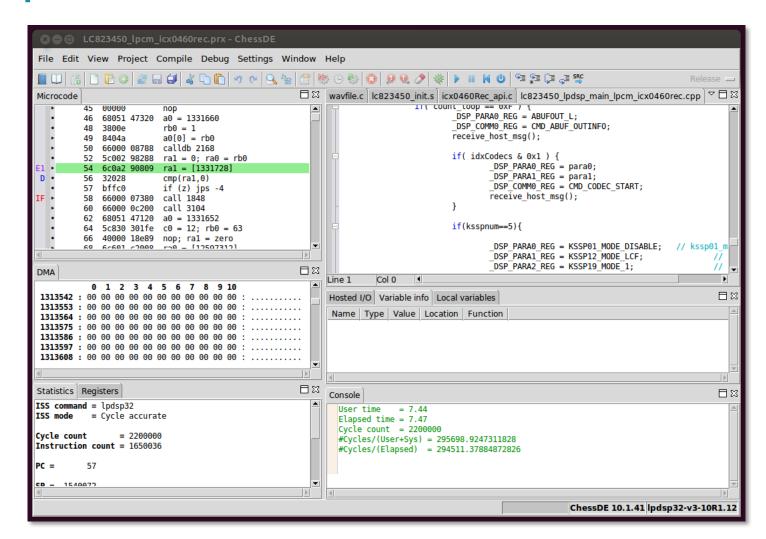


### DSP software development

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#### Procedure

- Develop code on the simulator
- Run the sample app on Cortex-M3 and wait for loading DSP code
- Load the DSP code via DSP-ICE then start the DSP
- Continue the app on Cortex-M3





### Demo videos



Video #1 : adb, fast ELF loading, DVFS

Video #2 : stress testing tool like Android monkey





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