

Advanced Lab: IoT Development

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Greetings, IoT Developer Hero!

Your company is about to release a new IoT product, but the engineer before you has been called away.

Your task is to finish this device. You will need to debug it, remotely update it, connect it to your home server, and demonstrate it to your boss, all in one 3 hour class!

But not to worry, we will show you the techniques you will need to be an IoT hero here and in the future!

The Product

- A morse code edge device as part of an IoT product to support the severely handicapped
- This device must be able to connect with a local target, communicate with peers, and communicate with a remote server

The Challenge

No edge device!

• You have no edge device yet, so you need to simulate the hardware with a custom device driver

• No board!

- You have no board yet, so you need to develop and validate the application using QEMU
- The Kernel Module has bugs!
 - You will need your skills to debug the kernel module
- The Application has bugs!
 - You will need your skills to debug the application

Topics Covered

- Building on the Yocto Project Beginning Class
 - Layers, images, targets, modularity, debugging support
- Advanced Topics
 - PRserver, sysfs and GPIO, non-blocking I/O
- Kernel Space
 - Custom device drivers, parameter passing, sysfs, kernel timers, debugging techniques
- Application Space
 - Custom applications, sysfs access, non-blocking character I/O, application timers, socket servers and clients, debugging techniques
- Board Bring-up
 - Connecting an edge device to the board

Topics Not Covered (for sake of brevity)

• Security

- Encryption on the line
- Permission control at Sever
- Permission control at Target

Network Configuration

- Firewalls
- Proxies
- Discovery
- GUI Tools
 - Eclipse

Activity One

Preparing the Projects

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Yocto Project Dev Day Lab Setup

- You will be given information on how to log into your personal virtual host.
- The virtual host's resources can be found here:
 - Yocto Project: "/scratch/yocto/sources/poky"
 - Downloads: "/scratch/yocto/downloads"
 - Sstate-cache: "/scratch/yocto/sstate-cache"
 - Sources: "/scratch/yocto/sources"
- You will be using SSH to communicate with your virtual server, to reduce the overhead that graphical systems like VNC would require

Class setup

- Your host use the network to communicate with your virtual host over three SSH connections
- You will communicate with your QEMU target using two serial connections



Morseapp System Block Diagram



Build your QEMU project

• Prepare your QEMU project (for part 1)

```
$ cd /scratch/working
$ . /scratch/yocto/sources/poky/oe-init-build-env build-gemux86
$ vi conf/bblayers.conf
# add to conf/bblayers.conf to BBLAYERS:
  /scratch/yocto/sources/ypdd-adv-layer \
$ vi conf/local.conf
# add to local.conf:
SSTATE DIR = "/scratch/yocto/sstate-cache"
DL DIR = "/scratch/yocto/downloads"
IMAGE INSTALL append = " gdbserver morseapp morsemod openssh"
EXTRA IMAGEDEPENDS append = " gdb-cross-i586 "
INHIBIT PACKAGE STRIP pn-linux-yocto = "1"
INHIBIT PACKAGE STRIP pn-morsemod = "1"
```

\$ bitbake core-image-base

Activity Two

Advanced Topics

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Advanced Topic: PR Service

- PR = Package Revision
- A package feed manager which is compatible with existing package manager applications like RPM/smart, Debian/apt and opkg.
- Attempting to maintain these values in the metadata is error prone, inaccurate and causes problems for people submitting recipes
- Example:
 - bash-3.2-r0.armv5l.rpm
 - bash-3.2-r1.armv5l.rpm

Advanced Topic: PR Service

- Insures that that versions increase in a linear fashion and there are a number of version components that facilitate this, namely in order of decreasing priority PE, PV and PR (epoch, version and revision).
- Enable with this option:

- More information can he found here:
 - https://wiki.yoctoproject.org/wiki/PR_Service

Advanced Topic: GPIO and sysfs

- The "sysfs" virtual file system is a service that provides access from user space to managed kernel resources.
- The GPIO port access is such a service that the Linux kernel provides, and all of the boards in the class support this.
- The GPIO sysfs interface allows simple echo statements to expose ports and set their direction and value.
- To instantiate a GPIO pin in the file system, you simply:

\$ cd to "/sys/class/GPIO"

- \$ echo \$PORT > export
- \$ cd gpio\${PORT}
- \$ echo "in" > direction (or) echo "out" > direction
- \$ cat value (or) echo \$VALUE > value
- For the QEMU simulator, we are going to use a custom kernel module to instantiate GPIO ports to simulate the hardware

Advanced Topic: Non-Blocking I/O

- For our application, we need to weave together asynchronous and time critical data from the GPIO hardware, the client-server socket, and the user's keyboard commands
- The C standard I/O libraries are built around line control, which is blocking in nature. We get around this by:
 - Changing STDIN to not wait for EOL
 - Changing STDOUT to not wait for EOL
 - Fork the application into a child that blocks on getchar(), and passes received characters over a pipe to the main thread
 - A side effect is that unexpected exits can leave the console in this nonstandard state, needing a manual "reset" command
- The socket interface is normally blocking, but this is easy to reconfigure
- The GPIO sysfs interface is by nature non-blocking, at least for the process that opens and thus reserves the channel

Advanced Topic: Updating without Rebooting

- While performing a full rebuild and re-burning boot media is the cleanest and safest model for updates, it is not a timely method when you need a quick and focused debug and deploy cycle.
- The easiest method to get updated content into the target is to use scp from SSH. Most of the images come with SSH already included, and for images like "core-image-base" you only need to append "openssh".
- In this class, as a shameless shortcut you will see that we used the morseapp's recipe to create a script that is inserted into the target file system that can be called to perform the pull scp for you. This recipe leverages the bitbake environment information to locate the desired generated content from their sometimes arcane positions in the tree.
- You can also push the recipe's generated packages (e.g. binary rpm files) to the target for more complex content installing.
- In this class we will try only reboot the QEMU a few times (for the kernel module's sake).

Advanced Topic: Morse Code

Timing

- The "dit" (\cdot) is one time unit long (1/2 second in this implementation)
- The "dah" (–) is three time units long
- The space between dits and dahs is one time unit long
- The space between letters is three time units long
- The space between words is seven time units long
- In this class's implementation, anything shorter that 3/4 second will be a dit, and anything longer will be a dah

• Facts about Morse Code

- Professionals can process more that 40 words per minute
- Several morse code readers have been developed for the handicapped, for example using breath control into air tubes
- Morse code together with the telegraph network was the internet of its day, and ran empires



Activity Three

Debugging the Kernel Module

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Morsemod features

- Morsemod Sysfs files
 - "key" : the virtual key input port
 - "led" : the virtual LED output port
 - "simkey" : the backdoor port

Simkey

- echo '<' > simkey (turn on the broadcast mode)
- echo '>' > simkey (turn off the broadcast mode)
- echo '[' > simkey (turn on the loopback mode)
- echo ']' > simkey (turn off the loopback mode)
- cat simkey returns the inner state: "K=0 L=1 B=1 LP=0"
- The "loopback" will echo the Key value to the LED value
- The "broadcast" mode will repeat a pre-recorded morse message

Debugging the Kernel Module

- We are now going to use KGDB to test and debug the kernel module
- We will show that when encountering an error, it is important to always check dmesg first before going to a debugger
- We will be using KGDBoS to debug the kernel over the serial port
- We will in fact need to set up QEMU with two serial ports, (a) one for the user console and (b) one for the secondary port for the KGDB access
- You should have three (3) windows open: build, target console and remote GDB.
- QEMU has a very powerful backend JTAG-like debugging facility; we will skip that in this demonstration to show techniques that would carry over to a physical target

Interlude – Magic Numbers

 When you assign serial ports in QEMU, they are automatically mapped to ttyS0, ttyS1, and so forth

```
$ runqemu qemux86 nographic \
  qemuparams="-serial telnet:localhost:2345,server \
  -serial tcp:localhost:2346,server,nowait"
```

 That is why when we start the KGDBoC service we will specify ttyS1, because your telnet session already took ttyS0

\$ telnet localhost 2345
echo ttyS1 > /sys/module/kgdboc/parameters/kgdboc

• Note that different arches sometimes have different port names, For example, qemuarm uses ttyAMA0. You may need to consult the device tree to see what was instantiated.

Debugging with KGDB – error inserting module

• Build Window: Start the QEMU session with two serial ports

```
$ runqemu qemux86 nographic \
  qemuparams="-serial telnet:localhost:2345,server \
  -serial tcp:localhost:2346,server,nowait"
```

(Note: to stop QEMU, ctrl-c in the Build Window)

Console Window: Start a user console, insert the module, and it fails!

\$ telnet localhost 2345
qemux86 login: root
root@qemux86:~# modprobe morsemod
<Error!>

What happened? First look at dmesg or scrollback!

```
# dmesg tail
...
52 sysfs_warn_dup+0x7a/0x90()
sysfs: cannot create duplicate filename '/kernel/morse-mod/key'
Modules linked in: morse_mod(O+) uvesafb...
```

Debugging the kernel module – fix #1

- Bug -- we tried to create the 'key' file twice.. whoops! (trying to use the debugger on this will end up taking twice as long or worse..)
- Let's debug this:

\$ cd .../ypdd-adv-layer/recipes-ypdd-adv/morsemod/morsemod-2014.10.0
\$ vi morsemod.c

Look for __ATTR (the structure that holds the sysfs file info)

```
static struct kobj_attribute simkey_attribute =
    ___ATTR(key, 0666, simkey_show, simkey_store);
...
static struct kobj_attribute led_attribute =
    ___ATTR(led, 0666, b_show, b_store);
static struct kobj_attribute key_attribute =
    ___ATTR(key, 0666, b_show, b_store);
```

Whoops, we defined 'key' twice, top one should be 'simkey'!

```
__ATTR(key, 0666, simkey_show, simkey_store);
ATTR(simkey, 0666, simkey show, simkey store);
```

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Debug the kernel module – try again

Build Window: Boot, try it again (see above)

```
$ bitbake core-image-base
$ runqemu qemux86 nographic qemuparams="-serial \
telnet:localhost:2345,server \
-serial tcp:localhost:2346,server,nowait"
```

Console Window: load module and see if it works...

\$ telnet localhost 2345
qemux86 login: root
root@qemux86:~# modprobe morsemod
root@qemux86:~# cd /sys/kernel/morsemod
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=0 B=0 LP=0

Debug the kernel module – test loopback

Let's see if it can remember the key and led values

```
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '1' > key
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=1 L=0 B=0 LP=0
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '0' > key
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=0 B=0 LP=0
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '1' > led
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=1 B=0 LP=0
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '0' > led
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=0 B=0 LP=0
```

Let's see if we can enable loopback...

```
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '[' > simkey
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=0 B=0 LP=1
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '1' > key
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=1 L=1 B=0 LP=1
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '0' > key
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=0 B=0 LP=1
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo ']' > simkey
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=0 B=0 LP=0
```

Debug the kernel module – Bug #2 : broadcast

Let's try enabling the demo broadcast message...

```
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '<' > simkey
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=0 B=1 LP=0
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# while true ; do cat key ; sleep 1 ; done
0
0
0
0
^C
```

• It doesn't seem to be working. Time to try to debug the module!

Debug the kernel module – Bug #2 : broadcast

- Production image usually lack debug capabilities (stripped symbols, no included debug sources, etc.) In the Yocto Project, debug information is separate from the runtime in most cases. It is packaged into '-dbg' labeled packages.
- By creating a companion debug capable filesystem, you can use remote (cross) debugging to debug a production filesystem.
- Debug Window: Construct a debug-fs
 - Extract 'dbg' packages (rpm in this example), user space and kernel
 - Add the production filesystem components

```
$ rm -rf debugfs ; mkdir debugfs ; cd debugfs
$ for pkg in ../tmp/deploy/rpm/*/*-dbg* ; do
    ../tmp/sysroots/x86_64-linux/usr/lib/rpm/rpm2cpio $pkg | cpio -i ; done
$ ../tmp/sysroots/x86_64-linux/usr/lib/rpm/rpm2cpio \
    ../tmp/deploy/rpm/*/kernel-dev* | cpio -i
$ tar xvfj ../tmp/deploy/images/qemuarm/core-image-base-qemuarm.tar.bz2
$ cd ..
```

Magic Numbers

• The script that gathers the user space debug RPM files assumes that you have only one arch.

```
$ for pkg in ../tmp/deploy/rpm/*/*-dbg* ; do
    ../tmp/sysroots/x86_64-linux/usr/lib/rpm/rpm2cpio $pkg | cpio -i ; done
```

- If you can built multiple archs, then you need to explicitly select the ones you need else you may end up with the wrong content.
- For this example where you have both qemux86 and qemuarm built, for qemux86 you will only want the RPMs from "all", "i586", and "qemux86".

```
$ ls tmp/deploy/rpm/
all armv5te i586 qemuarm qemux86
$
```

Find the Kernel Source Substitution

- We need to derive the path to the kernel source
 - This is a little tricky, in that the path is subject to change since it contains build stamp information. The easiest way of doing this is simply to inspect the vmlinux on the host.
 - Do an objdump, and search for a file directory entry (there should be some near the top). These are what GDB uses to look up the paths for the corresponding file entries.

\$ objdump --dwarf boot/vmlinux-3.14.26ltsi-yocto-standard | less

. . .

The Directory Table:

<projdir>/tmp/work/qemux86-poky-linux-gnueabi/linux-yocto/3.14.24+gitAUTOINC+a2...47-r0/linux/arch/arm/include/asm<projdir>/tmp/work/qemux86-poky-linux-gnueabi/linux-yocto/3.14.24+gitAUTOINC+a2...47-r0/linux/arch/arm/kernel ...

• The common ancestor in the example above is:

<projdir>/tmp/work/qemux86-poky-linux-gnueabi/linux-yocto/3.14.24+gitAUTOINC+a2...47-r0/linux

• Remember this path for the GDB substitution step next

• Note: if you do not issue the substitute-path, the system will attempt to resolve on the local machine and the path specified. This -will- work in many cases, as the user will still have their project available. But where they don't, it will fail.

KGDBoC - Start

Console Window: enable KGDBoC

echo ttyS1 > /sys/module/kgdboc/parameters/kgdboc
echo g > /proc/sysrq-trigger
(system will stall and drop into KDB on the `ttyS1' serial port)

(See: https://www.kernel.org/doc/htmldocs/kgdb/EnableKGDB.html)

- Debug Window: Connect to the remote kernel (KGDBoS)
 - Use kernel source substitution path from previous page

```
$ ./tmp/sysroots/x86 64-linux/usr/bin/i586-poky-linux/i586-poky-linux-gdb
(qdb) set sysroot debugfs
(qdb) set substitute-path /usr/src/debug debugfs/usr/src/debug
(qdb) set substitute-path <projdir>/tmp/work/gemux86-poky-linux-gnueabi/linux-yocto/
3.14.24+gitAUTOINC+a2...47-r0/linux debugfs/usr/src/kernel
(qdb) file debuqfs/boot/vmlinux-3.14.26ltsi-yocto-standard
Reading symbols from
/scratch/working/build-qemuarm/debugfs/boot/vmlinux-3.14.26ltsi-yocto-standard...done.
(gdb) target remote localhost:2346
Remote debugging using localhost:2346
kgdb breakpoint ()
     at
/scratch/working/build-gemuarm/tmp/work/gemux86-poky-linux/linux-yocto/...
1043
                wmb(); /* Sync point after breakpoint */
(gdb)
```

KGDBoC - Connect

Debug Window: Load into GDB the kernel module

```
(qdb) monitor lsmod
Module
                        Size modstruct
                                           Used by
                                           0 (Live) 0xbf05a000 [ ]
morsemod
                        4896 0xbf05a778
nfsd
                      292794 0xbf0395b0
                                          11 (Live) 0xbf000000 [ ]
(gdb) add-symbol-file \
   debugfs/lib/modules/3.14.26ltsi-vocto-standard/extra/morsemod.ko 0xbf05a000
add symbol table from file
"debuqfs/lib/modules/3.14.26ltsi-yocto-standard/extra/morsemod.ko" at
         text addr = 0xd081a000
(y or n) y
Reading symbols from
/scratch/working/build-gemuarm/debugfs/lib/modules/3.14.26ltsi-yocto-standard/extra/
morsemod.ko... (no debugging symbols found) ... done.
(qdb)
```

 When broadcast mode is enabled what we're trying to do is iterate over the 'message_str' value using the message_index, so set the break point at the top of the: "if (broadcast == 1)"

```
(gdb) break morsemod.c:68
(gdb) c
```

KGDBoC - walking

Console Window:

root@qemux86:~# cd /sys/kernel/morsemod root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '<' > simkey

Debug Window:

```
Use 'n' to walk through the code flow
NOTE: You likely can't inspect variables (might be a bug in qdb?)
But if you disassemble you'll see something like:
(disassemble /m)
73
                       message index++;
    0xd081a0ea <+90>: add
                             $0x1, %ebx
                              %ebx,0xd081a7c0
    0xd081a0f7 <+103>: mov
So the value is in the location pointed to by 0xd081a7c0:
(gdb) print *(int*)0xd081a7c0
Eventually you see:
74
                        if (message index <= strlen(message str)) {</pre>
(qdb)
75
                            message index=0;
Wait, the message index keeps getting set back to 0! We should be checking if
it -overflows-, not -underflows-!
```

KGDBoC – fix bug #2

Change the code to be

- if (message_index <= strlen(message_str)) {
+ if (message index >= strlen(message str)) {

Rebuild ...

- (refer to previous steps for build and boot -- remember to regen the debugfs, slides 30-32)
- Restart the module ...

Console Window:

```
telnet localhost 2345
qemux86 login: root
root@qemux86:~# modprobe morsemod
root@qemux86:~# cd /sys/kernel/morsemod
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=0 B=0 LP=0
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '<' > simkey
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=1 L=0 B=1 LP=0
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# while true ; do cat key ; sleep 1 ; done
```
KGDBoC – Bug #3 : stopping broadcast

• Does it work yet...

root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# while true ; do cat key ; sleep 1 ; done
1
1
0
1
1
1
1
1
.
.
.

• Great, it works! Now turn it off...

^C
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '>' > simkey
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=0 B=1 LP=0
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# echo '>' > simkey
root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=0 B=1 LP=0

Cannot turn it off, new bug

KGDBoC - Reconnect

Console Window: Setup kgdb/gdb again ...

echo ttyS1 > /sys/module/kgdboc/parameters/kgdboc echo g > /proc/sysrq-trigger

Debug Window

```
$ ./tmp/sysroots/x86 64-linux/usr/bin/i586-poky-linux/i586-poky-linux-gdb
(qdb) set sysroot debuqfs
(qdb) set substitute-path /usr/src/debug debugfs/usr/src/debug
(gdb) set substitute-path <projdir>/tmp/work/qemux86-poky-linux-qnueabi/linux-yocto/
3.14.24+gitAUTOINC+a2...47-r0/linux debugfs/usr/src/kernel
(qdb) file debuqfs/boot/vmlinux-3.14.26ltsi-yocto-standard
Reading symbols from
/scratch/working/build-gemuarm/debugfs/boot/vmlinux-3.14.26ltsi-yocto-standard...done.
(qdb) file debuqfs/boot/vmlinux-3.14.26ltsi-yocto-standard
Reading symbols from
/scratch/working/build-gemuarm/debugfs/boot/vmlinux-3.14.26ltsi-yocto-standard...done.
(gdb) target remote localhost:2346
Remote debugging using localhost:2346
kgdb breakpoint ()
     at
/scratch/working/build-gemuarm/tmp/work/gemux86-poky-linux/linux-yocto/...
                wmb(); /* Sync point after breakpoint */
1043
(qdb)
```

KGDBoC – break in 'simkey_store'

... and monitor the module ...

```
(qdb) monitor lsmod
Module
                        Size modstruct
                                            Used by
morsemod
                        3973 0xd081a640
                                            0
                                               (Live) 0xd081a000 [ ]
nfsd
                      206660 0xd18f1160
                                           11 (Live) 0xd18c6000 [ ]
                                           1 (Live) 0xd0837000 [ ]
uvesafb
                       22894 0xd083baa0
(qdb) add-symbol-file
debugfs/lib/modules/3.14.26ltsi-yocto-standard/extra/morsemod.ko 0xd081a000
add symbol table from file
"debuqfs/lib/modules/3.14.26ltsi-yocto-standard/extra/morsemod.ko" at
         .text addr = 0xd081a000
(y or n) y
Reading symbols from
/scratch/working/build-gemuarm/debugfs/lib/modules/.../morsemod.ko...done.
(qdb)
```

 We know the bug is likely in 'simkey_store' because that is the routine that is called when the user attempt to write to the 'simkey' file to control behaviors

```
(gdb) break simkey_store
Breakpoint 1 at 0xd081a000: file
/scratch/working/build-qemuarm/tmp/work/qemux86-poky-linux/.../morsemod.c,
line 193.
(gdb) c
```

KGDBoC – stepping to bug

• Does it work yet... Console Window:

echo '>' > simkey

• Debug Window:

```
(gdb) list
(centered on the first line of the function...)
verify the input was processed correctly
(gdb) print buf[0]
$1 = 62 '>'
```

- Step through the code to where '>' is processed.
- Observe that due to optimization it skips over that line! Something must be wrong here!

KGDBoC - disassembly

 If you disassemble the code (disassemble /m), you'll see that both '<' and '>' are setting '1'

```
('<' == buf[0]) broadcast=1;
196
              if
   0xd081a008 <+8>:
                     movzbl (%ecx),%eax
   0xd081a00b <+11>:
                     mov %eax,%edx
   0xd081a00d <+13>:
                       and $0xfffffffd, %edx
   0xd081a010 <+16>:
                     cmp $0x3c,%d1
   0xd081a013 <+19>:
                     je 0xd081a040 <simkey store+64>
   0xd081a043 <+67>:
                     movl $0x1,0xd081a7c4
                else if ('>' == buf[0]) broadcast=1;
197
                else if ('[' == buf[0]) loopback=1;
198
   0xd081a015 <+21>:
                       cmp $0x5b,%al
   0xd081a017 <+23>: je 0xd081a060 <simkey_store+96>
   0xd081a063 <+99>: movl $0x1,0xd081a7c8
...pointed to by 0xd081a7c4
(gdb) print *(int *)0xd081a7c4
$2 = 1
```

KGDBoC – manually changing variables

 We can manually clear the value (note this has to be done -afterthe code sets it to 0)

```
(gdb)
kobj_attr_store (kobj=<optimized out>, attr=<optimized out>,
    buf=<optimized out>, count=2)
    at
/scratch/working/build-qemuarm/tmp/work/qemux86-poky-linux/.../kobject.c:776
776    }
(gdb) set *(int *)0xd081a7c4 = 0
(gdb) print *(int *)0xd081a7c4
$3 = 0
(gdb) c
```

Console Window:

```
(root@qemux86:/sys/kernel/morsemod# cat simkey
K=0 L=0 B=0 LP=0
```

OK we found the bug, go fix the code, retest the code

```
- else if ('>' == buf[0]) broadcast=1;
+ else if ('>' == buf[0]) broadcast=0;
```

Observe that it now passes all of the tests!

Activity Four

Preparing the Application

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Exercising the morseapp Application

- We will exercise the morseapp features one step at a time
- This will allow us to verify each feature as we build up to the full functionality
- This will also provide you with the templates to easily fork and build your own new features
- These are the morseapp components:
 - morse_app: set up the non-blocking I/O, configure the interface, provide the basic talk modes
 - morse_gpio: manage the GPIO sysfs interface
 - morse_codec: manage the morse/text translation
 - morse_server: manage the morseapp local/remote server
 - morse_client: manage the morseapp client

Run the morseapp Applicaton

Start morseapp first time

/usr/bin/morseapp

Or re-fetch and start morseapp after a rebuild

/opt/upload_morseapp.sh
<enter your host password>
./morseapp

• How? The shameless hack in bb file! Bitbake knows where the content is, so you can let it do the work. For the sake of this class's setup, you will need to insert your special port number into the scp command using "-P portnum"

```
do_install() {
    ...
    # shameless hacking: add helper upload scripts
    mkdir -p ${D}/opt
    export ipaddr=`ifconfig eth0 | grep "inet addr" | sed -e "s/.*inet addr://" -e "s/ .*//"`
    echo "scp -P portnum $USER@$ipaddr:${D}/usr/bin/morseapp ." > ${D}/opt/upload_morseapp.sh
    echo "scp -P portnum $USER@$ipaddr:`ls ${TOPDIR}/tmp/work/*/morsemod/0.1-r0/morsemod.ko` ." > ${D}/opt/upload_morsemod.sh
    echo "insmod morsemod.ko; echo 8 > /sys/kernel/morsemod/simkey" > ${D}/opt/broadcast_morsemod.sh
    chmod +x ${D}/opt/upload_morsemod.sh
    chmod +x ${D}/opt/upload_morsemod.sh
}
```

Step by Step: the morseapp Application (1)

- Set the input device as the simulator with commands "1,5,m"
- The "loopback" mode will echo changed values from the morsemod 'device'

```
[ Loopback : device keys are echoed back to the device LED ]
Type '#' to quit
```

```
Device Key: [*]
```

 The "talk morse code" mode will support a morse conversation between the app and the 'device', with backdoor keys for morsemod

```
[ Talk Morse code ]
Type the '.' period key to toggle your 'key'
 * a 'dit' is about 1/2 seconds
 * a 'dah' is about 1 1/2 seconds (three 'dits')
 * a letter space is about 1/2 seconds
 * a word space is about 1 1/2 seconds
Type these keys for the simulated device
 '/' : toggle the device's key
 '<' : broadcast mode on
 '>' : broadcast mode off
Type '#' to quit
UserKey: [*] | DeviceKey: [*] || SIM: KEY LED
```

Step by Step: the morseapp Application (2)

 The "talk text" mode will support a text-over-morse conversation between the app and the 'device'

- Hit the "<" to remotely start the broadcast mode
- Observe that there are dits but no dahs coming in and that cannot be right - time to bring out the debugger!
- Quit the application with "#" and 'q'

Using GDB - Setup

 Let's step into the program and see how to configure the debugging

Console Window:

root@qemux86:~# gdbserver /dev/ttyS1 morseapp
Process morseapp created; pid = 458
Remote debugging using /dev/ttyS1

Debug Window:

./tmp/sysroots/x86_64-linux/usr/bin/i586-poky-linux/i586-poky-linux-gdb

```
(gdb) set sysroot debugfs
(gdb) set substitute-path /usr/src/debug debugfs/usr/src/debug
(gdb) file debugfs/usr/bin/morseapp
Reading symbols from
/scratch/working/build-qemuarm/debugfs/usr/bin/morseapp...Reading symbols
from /scratch/working/build-qemuarm/debugfs/usr/bin/.debug/morseapp...done.
done.
(gdb) target remote localhost:2346
Reading symbols from debugfs/lib/ld-linux.so.2...Reading symbols from
/scratch/working/build-qemuarm/debugfs/lib/.debug/ld-2.19.so...done.
done.
Loaded symbols for debugfs/lib/ld-linux.so.2
0x4d872d00 in _start () from debugfs/lib/ld-linux.so.2
(gdb)
```

Using GDB - running

- The application was started in the halted position, so let's let it run (note if you see references or failed to load messages for linux-gate.so.1, that's a virtual library that the kernel sets up for syscalls - there is nothing to load)
- Debug Window:

(gdb) c

- In the console follow the steps to enable Talk Text w/ Broadcast (1,5,m,4,>)
 - Use (ctrl-c) to signal the application and debugger with a SIGINT

```
Program received signal SIGINT, Interrupt.
0x4d9381fb in __nanosleep_nocancel () at ../sysdeps/unix/syscall-template.S:81
81 T_PSEUDO (SYSCALL_SYMBOL, SYSCALL_NAME, SYSCALL_NARGS)
(gdb) bt
#0 0x4d9381fb in __nanosleep_nocancel ()
at ../sysdeps/unix/syscall-template.S:81
#1 0x4d968273 in usleep (useconds=useconds@entry=50000)
at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/usleep.c:32
#2 0x080494ec in talk_text () at morse_app.c:263
#3 0x08049de9 in parent (p=p@entry=0xbffffd18, child_pid=460)
at morse_app.c:524
#4 0x08048d68 in main () at morse_app.c:457
```

Using GDB - stepping with 'finishing'

 Lets take a look at talk_text (use 'finish' to complete the current function and return to the caller)

```
(qdb) finish
Run till exit from #0 0x4d9381fb in nanosleep nocancel ()
     at .../sysdeps/unix/syscall-template.S:81
usleep (useconds=useconds@entry=50000)
     at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/usleep.c:33
33
(adb) finish
Run till exit from #0 usleep (useconds=useconds@entry=50000)
     at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/usleep.c:33
0x080494ec in talk text () at morse app.c:263
263
                        usleep(50000);
Value returned is $1 = 0
(qdb) finish
Run till exit from #0 0x4d9381fb in nanosleep nocancel ()
     at .../sysdeps/unix/syscall-template.S:81
usleep (useconds=useconds@entry=50000)
     at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/usleep.c:33
33
(adb) finish
Run till exit from #0 usleep (useconds=useconds@entry=50000)
     at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/usleep.c:33
0x080494ec in talk text () at morse app.c:263
263
                        usleep(50000);
Value returned is \$1 = 0
```

Using GDB - stepping with 'next'

- We can step the program with 'next'
 - Note since the code is optimized stepping is out of order!
 - We can also use 'until' to step until the next line of code.

```
(gdb) n
263 usleep(50000);
(gdb) until
227 strcpy(disp_outTextStr,outTextStr);

Also using 'bt' to get a look at the function back trace:
(gdb) bt
#0 talk_text () at morse_app.c:227
#1 0x08049de9 in parent (p=p@entry=0xbffffd18, child_pid=460)
at morse_app.c:524
#2 0x08048d68 in main () at morse_app.c:457
```

Lets set a break point on 'scan_morse_in()'

(gdb) break scan_morse_in Breakpoint 1 at 0x8049f90: file morse_codec.c, line 145.

Using GDB - continuing to the bug

Continue execution until we hit that function

 You can see around 159 and 161 where the * and - are put into the buffer... lets break on the *...

```
(qdb) break 159
(gdb) clear scan morse in
(qdb) c
Breakpoint 2, scan morse in () at morse codec.c:159
159
                                 strcat(inMorseBuf,"*");
(qdb) list
154
                         lowcnt++;
155
156
                /* parse the 1->0 transition */
157
                if ((1 == lastkey) \&\& (0 == key)) {
158
                         if (highcnt <= dit max cnt)
159
                                 strcat(inMorseBuf,"*");
160
                         else
161
                                 strcat(inMorseBuf,"*");
162
                         highcnt=0;
163
                }
```

Using GDB – finding the bug

 Ok, the problem is that we are returning dits for both short and long signals, and the fix is simple

157	if ((1 == lastkey) && (0 == key)) {
158	<pre>if (highcnt <= dit_max_cnt)</pre>
159	<pre>strcat(inMorseBuf,"*");</pre>
160	else
<mark>-</mark> 161	<pre>strcat(inMorseBuf,"*");</pre>
+ 161	<pre>strcat(inMorseBuf,"-");</pre>
162	highcnt=0;
163	}

You can now fix and rebuild

Using GDB - extra credit

• BTW, we can inspect the variables...

(gdb) print lastkey \$6 = 1 '\001' (gdb) print key \$7 = <optimized out> (gdb) print highcnt \$8 = 30

- Note the "optimized out', tricks like what we did in the kernel may be needed here... otherwise we can watch the code flow and determine the likely values!
- Note if you are ever looking at a file and are not sure where the source is, use 'info source'

```
(gdb) info source
Current source file is morse_codec.c
Compilation directory is /usr/src/debug/morseapp/2014.10.0-r0
Located in
/scratch/working/build-qemuarm/debugfs/usr/src/debug/morseapp/2014.10.0-r0/morse_codec.c
Contains 247 lines.
Source language is c.
Compiled with DWARF 2 debugging format.
Does not include preprocessor macro info.
```

Using GDB - extra credit

- You can do the same debugging process as above, but instead of using a serial console, use TCP/IP if your device supports it.
- Simply replace the /dev/ttyS1 with the address and port of the GDB client.

Console

```
root@qemux86:~# gdbserver 192.168.7.1:2345 morseapp
Process morseapp created; pid = 456
Listening on port 2345
```

Debug - Server connect such as:

target remote 192.168.7.2:2345

Step by Step: the morseapp Application (3)

 The working "talk text" mode will support a text-over-morse conversation between the app and the 'device'



 The "talk local server" mode will support simple morse code queries to a local server



Step by Step: the morseapp Application (4)

• Test the server/client functionality

Setup the Server/Client test connection, using the default address "localhost"

- In one shell, start the test server with the "s" command
- In a second shell, start the test client with the "t" command
- Observe the passing of test strings between these components

• Run the full server/client functionality

Setup the Server/Client test connection, using the default address "localhost"

- In one shell, start the morseapp server with the "7" command
- In a second shell, start the client with the "6" command
- Use the "/" key to insert morse code clicks, observe the server replies
- It should work like the "local server" but this time over a local socket

Step by Step: the morseapp Application (5)

Connect to the class remote server

- Set the class's remote server address in the configuration page ("1" > "7") and start the client again
- It should work like the "local server" but this time over a remote socket

Activity Five

Prototyping the IoT Edge Device

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Building a Prototype Edge Device

- This next section describes how you can build your own prototype device, using a breadboard and a target's GPIO pins
- There are three target examples included:
 - Beaglebone Black
 - Minnowboard MAX
 - Wand Board Quad

Morseapp System Block Diagram



Notes about GPIO (1)

- Double check that the GPIO pins you wish to use are actually available (e.g. BeagleBone GPIO_20), Here is the test:
 - \$ cd /sys/class/gpio
 - \$ export pin=20
 - \$ echo \$pin > export
 - \$ cd gpio\${pin}
 - \$ echo out > direction
 - \$ echo 1 > value
 - \$ cat value

If the value does not equal 1, then the pin is not fully enabled

- Make sure that the voltages applied match the accepted range, as most boards use 3.3v for their pins.
 - The WandBoard has only +5v available on the header yet requires 3.3v for its inputs. You can use a voltage regulator from the 5 volts, but in this case since we are using low current we can simply use a voltage divider resistor network to get the +3.3v reference.

Notes about GPIO (2)

- Be aware that some GPIO pins can only drive or pull a low amount of current
 - The Minnowboard Max is an example. In this case use can use a simple FJN3302R Transistor (with bias resistors 10K,10K) to provide the extra pull down current we need for the LED.
- The extension modules from the board vendors can be your inspiration for your own circuits
 - Most board vendors in this space publish the detailed schematics of both the boards and the many available I/O devices that they provide, which can provide examples on how exactly to properly design your own interfaces

BeagleBone Black: GPIO Layout

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DGND	1	2	DGND	
VDD_3V3	3	4	VDD_3V3	+ 3.3V
VDD_5V	5	6	VDD_5V	200300
SYS_5V	7	8	SYS_5V	
PWR_BUT	9	10	SYS_RESETN	
GPIO_30	11	12	GPIO_60	KEY
GPIO_31	13	14	GPIO_40	
GPIO_48	15	16	GPIO_51	
GPIO_4	17	18	GPIO_5	
I2C2_SCL	19	20	I2C2_SDA	
GPIO_3	21	22	GPIO_2	
GPIO_49	23	24	GPIO_15	
GPIO_117	25	26	GPIO_14	
GPIO_125	27	28	GPIO_123	
GPIO_121	29	30	GPIO_122	
GPIO_120	31	32	VDD_ADC	
AIN4	33	34	GNDA_ADC	
AIN6	35	36	AIN5	
AIN2	37	38	AIN3	
AINO	39	40	AIN1	
GPIO_20	41	42	GPIO_7	LED
DGND	43	44	DGND	
DGND	45	46	DGND	GND

Note: GPIO_20 at least is not actually free



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Schematic: Beaglebone Black



220 ohm=red,red,brown 4.7K=yellow,violet,orange

Sample Breadboard Layout: Beaglebone Black



220 ohm=red,red,brown 4.7K=yellow,violet,orange

Minnowboard Max: GPIO Layout

 http://www.elinux.org/Minnowboard:MinnowMax#Low_Speed_Expan sion_.28Top.29
 ← Power Connector

					Z		
			Linux	Linux			
Description	Name	Pin	GPIO	GPIO	Pin	Name	Description
			#	#			
Ground	Gnd	1]		2	Gnd	Ground
+5V Power	VCC	3]		4	+3V3	+ 3.3V Power
SPI Chip Select 1	GPIO_SPI_CS#	5	220	225	6	GPIO_UART1_TXD	UART Transmit
Master In / Slave Out	GPIO_SPI_MISO	7	221	224	8	GPIO_UART1_RXD	UART Receive
Master Out / Slave In	GPIO_SPI_MOSI	9	222	227	10	GPIO_UART1_CTS	CTS / GPIO
SPI Clock	GPIO_SPI_CLK	11	223	226	12	GPIO_UART1_RTS	RTS / GPIO
Clock / GPIO	GPI0_I2C_SCL (I2C #5)	13	243	216	14	GPIO_I2S_CLK	Clock / GPIO
Data / GPIO	GPIO_I2C_SDA (I2C #5)	15	242	217	16	GPIO_I2S_FRM	Frame / GPIO
UART Transmit / GPIO	GPIO_UART2_TXD	17	229	219	18	GPIO_I2S_DO	Data Out / GPIO
UART Receive / GPIO	GPIO_UART2_RXD	19	228	218	20	GPIO_I2S_DI	Data In / GPIO
GPIO / Wakeup	LED GPIO_S5_0	21	82	248	22	GPIO_PWM0	PWM / GPIO
GPIO / Wakeup	GPIO_S5_1	23	83	249	24	GPIO_PWM1	PWM / GPIO
GPIO / Wakeup	KEY GPIO_S5_4	25	84	208	26	GPIO_IBL_8254	Timer / GPIO

Note: The pins 21, 23, and 25 are the free GPIO pins.

Schematic: Minnowboard Max



220 ohm=red,red,brown 4.7K=yellow,violet,orange

Sample Breadboard Layout: Minnowboard Max



220 ohm=red,red,brown 4.7K=yellow,violet,orange

WandBoard : GPIO Layout

http://wiki.wandboard.org/index.php/External_gpios

iMX6 GPIO (bank, number)	sysfs name	JP-4 pin	MorseApp
+5 V		2	+5 V
GPIO(3, 11)	gpio75	4	
GPIO(3, 27)	gpio91	6	LED
GPIO(3, 26)	gpio90	14	
GPIO(6, 31)	gpio191	8	
GPIO(3, 8)	gpio72	16	
GPIO(1, 24)	gpio24	10	KEY
GPIO(4, 5)	gpio101	18	
GPIO(7, 8)	gpio200	12	
GND		20	GND





Note: use 20 gauge solid core wire for temporary jumping, but soldering to a male-male 0.05 header that you plug in is the recommend connection method for breadboarding.

Schematic: WandBoard Quad



220 ohm=red,red,brown 4.7K=yellow,violet,orange 1.2K=brown,red,orange 2.4K=red,yellow,orange

Sample Breadboard Layout: Wandboard Quad

220 ohm=red,red,brown 4.7K=yellow,violet,orange 1.2K=brown,red,orange 2.4K=red,yellow,orange
Activity Eight

• Extra Credit

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Extra Credit Exercises - 1

Add punctuation

• There are morse codes for many punctuation marks. Add them to the application's codec (see for example "wikipedia").

• Changing the 'dit' time reference

- Add code to the kernel module to allow user configuration of the broadcast mode timing (e.g. make it go faster)?
- Add code to the application to also allow configuration of the morse code timing translation, and also pass that setting to the kernel module?

Pushing updates instead of pulling

 Modify the morseapp recipe to generate a script that pushes instead of pulls updated content to the target. Note that while the default root password makes it easier, each restart of QEMU results in a different SSH signature.

Extra Credit Exercises - 2

- Setting the timers to account for delays
 - The timers in the morseapp scan the keypad input port every 1/20 second, but what the code is really doing is adding a 1/20 delay after all the loop's code (like printf and socket I/O)

How would you re-write the code such that it accounts for the time loss, and anticipates the proper delay to stay on track? How would you collect and present those statistics for monitoring?

• Accessing the GPIO on the kernel side

- The sysfs interface provides a basic interface to the GPIO ports. How could moving that access to the kernel side with your own kernel module help your product?
- What functionality would you move from the application into the kernel module (e.g. dit/dah timing)?
- Would a char block device be better that sysfs?

Extra Credit Exercises - 3

- Finish Peer Mode
 - You can easily use this infrastructure to do peer-to-peer communication without a central server
 - When the Client starts in peer mode, it should start its own server listening, and poll to see if the peer's server has yet started
 - The client's main loop would be to send any pending traffic, see if anything came in for its server, and of course check the user input.
 - When the client exits, it then must also stop its server.
 - If the client times out sending to the peer server, then it should close.
 - See if you can find the implementation, complete the missing steps, and start conversing across the room in morse code.



Questions and Answers

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Thank you for your participation!



Appendix: Beaglebone Black Setup at Home

 Here is how you can build your project for Beaglebone Black

```
$ export INSTALL_DIR=`pwd`
$ git clone -b daisy git://git.yoctoproject.org/poky
$ source poky/oe-init-build-env `pwd`/beagle
$ echo 'BBLAYERS += "/path/to/ypdd-adv-layer"' >> conf/bblayers.conf
$ echo 'MACHINE = "beaglebone"' >> conf/local.conf
$ echo 'IMAGE_INSTALL_append = " gdbserver morseapp morsemod openssl"' >> conf/local.conf
$ echo 'EXTRA_IMAGEDEPENDS_append = " gdb-cross"' >> conf/local.conf
$ bitbake core-image-base
```

Appendix: Minnowboard Max Setup at Home

 Here is how you can build your project for Minnowboard Max

```
$ export INSTALL_DIR=`pwd`
$ git clone -b daisy git://git.yoctoproject.org/poky
$ git clone -b daisy git://git.yoctoproject.org/meta-intel
$ source poky/oe-init-build-env `pwd`/minnow
$ echo 'BBLAYERS += "$INSTALL_DIR/source/meta-intel"' >> conf/bblayers.conf
$ echo 'BBLAYERS += "/path/to/ypdd-adv-layer"' >> conf/bblayers.conf
$ echo 'BBLAYERS += "intel-corei7-64"' >> conf/local.conf
$ echo 'IMAGE_INSTALL_append = " gdbserver morseapp morsemod openssl"' >> conf/local.conf
$ echo 'EXTRA_IMAGEDEPENDS_append = " gdb-cross"' >> conf/local.conf
$ bitbake core-image-base
```

Appendix: WandBoard Setup at Home

Here is how you can build your project for WandBoard

```
$ mkdir ~/bin
$ curl http://commondatastorage.googleapis.com/git-repo-downloads/repo > ~/bin/repo
$ chmod a+x ~/bin/repo
Create the BSP directory download all of the metadata for the BSP layers
$ PATH=${PATH}:~/bin
$ mkdir fsl-community-bsp
 cd fsl-community-bsp
$
 repo init -u https://github.com/Freescale/fsl-community-bsp-platform -b daisy
Ş
 repo sync
Ş
 . ./setup-environment build
Ş
 echo 'BBLAYERS += "/path/to/ypdd-adv-layer"' >> conf/bblayers.conf
Ş
 echo 'MACHINE = "wandboard-quad"' >> conf/local.conf
Ş
 echo 'IMAGE INSTALL append = " qdbserver morseapp morsemod openssl"' >> conf/local.conf
Ş
 echo 'EXTRA IMAGEDEPENDS append = " qdb-cross"' >> conf/local.conf
Ş
 echo 'ACCEPT FSL EULA = "1"' >> conf/local.conf
$
$
$ bitbake core-image-base
```

Appendix: Parts List Order Information

• Here is sample ordering information for the breadboard parts. These are all very common and can be obtained from most any source.

Part	Sample Ordering Link
Basic Breadboard	https://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Product_10001_10001_21554521
220 ohm resistor	https://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Product_10001_10001_6907001
1.2K resistor	https://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Product_10001_10001_6908811
2.4K resistor	https://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Product_10001_10001_6909531
4.7 K resistor	https://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Product_10001_10001_6910241
LED, green	https://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Product_10001_10001_3340861
FJN3302R,TRANSISTOR NPN with 10K bias resistors, TO-92	http://www.digikey.com/product-detail/en/FJN3302RTA/FJN3302RTACT-ND/4213840
Switch N.O. suitable for breadboard	https://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Product_10001_10001_1499481
Jumpers Pin-to-Pin (BeagleBone)	https://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Product_10001_10001_1263421
Jumpers Socket-to-Pin (MinnowMax)	https://www.jameco.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/Product_10001_10001_22145631

Appendix: Useful Links

- KObjects / sysfs
 - http://lwn.net/Articles/266722/
 - http://www.crashcourse.ca/wiki/index.php/Kernel_sysfs
 - http://www.ug.it.usyd.edu.au/~vnik5287/sysctl.pdf
 - http://www.linux.org/threads/sysfs-and-configfs.4956/
 - http://www.signal11.us/oss/udev/
 - http://www.cs.fsu.edu/~baker/devices/lxr/http/source/linux/samples/kobject/kobject-example.c
 - http://www.cs.fsu.edu/~baker/devices/lxr/http/source/linux/samples/kobject/kset-example.c#L214
- Wandboard
 - http://www.wandboard.org/index.php/51-20131028-wandboard-gpio-hands-on
- Beaglebone SD formatting
 - http://eewiki.net/display/linuxonarm/BeagleBone+Black#BeagleBoneBlack-SetupmicroSD/SDcard
 - https://www.yoctoproject.org/downloads/bsps/daisy16/beaglebone
- Parent/child for non-blocking getch
 - http://www.albany.edu/~csi402/pdfs/handout_15.2.pdf
- Sockets
 - http://www.tenouk.com/Module40c.html
 - http://stackoverflow.com/questions/10619952/how-to-completely-destroy-a-socket-connection-in-c