

Real-Time Processor (R5)



Topics

- 1) How can we do hard real-time on the BYAI?
- 2) How can we get our code into the R5?
- 3) How can we use GPIO with the R5?

Hard Real-Time with BYAI: About the R5

Our Definitions of Realtime

- Hard Real-time
 - User requires..
 - "Guaranteed Services"
Mathematical/logical proof or exhaustive simulation required
 - Hard real-time is about..
- Soft Real-time
 - User only requires..

(statistical analysis)
 - "Best effort Services"
E.g.: Average # missed deadline < 2 per minute.
 - Soft real-time is about..

Motivation

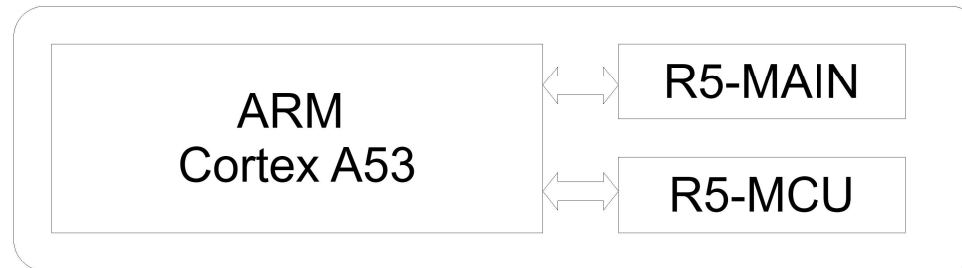
- Linux can do fine with soft real-time tasks
 - ~10s of ms accuracy/latency
- Hard real-time
 - Cannot use Linux:
 - ..
 - but, Linux gives us great software power!
 - Analyze system and
 - ..
 - from soft real-time and non-real-time
- Hard real-time task solution
 - Run hard real-time tasks on a processor without Linux
 - Use external processor (Arduino)
 - Use internal microcontroller (R5)

R5F Sub System

- The BeagleY-AI has a Texas Instruments AM67A SoC..
 - Powerful main processor:
Arm Cortex-A53 (quad-core, 1.4GHz)
 - 2 Dedicated real-time processors:
Arm Cortex-R5 (single-core, 800MHz)
 - 2 general purpose digital signal processors (DSPs):
C7x DSP (4-TOPS with Matrix Multiply Accelerator)
- We'll use:
 - ..
 - ..
GPIO for NeoPixel LED

R5

AM67A SoC



- R5 is useful for hard real-time interactions, such as:
 - deterministic latency to respond to GPIO event
 - .. GPIO and ..
(Ex: timing ultrasonic distance sensor readings)
 - .. (manual) protocol implementation:
UART, I2C, SPI, Neo-pixel 1-wire protocol, etc.
- Called the Cortex R5F Subsystem (R5FSS)
 - The *F* means it has a hardware floating point unit.

R5 Architecture

- 3 R5's:
 - Dedicated R5 core to manage boot, power modes
 - Available R5 for running custom code.
 - Available R5; able to access different GPIO pins.
- Each R5:
 - 32-bit ARM processors, 800MHz
 - 2-banks of fast (uncached) memory:
..
- Resources
 - Can share RAM banks with Linux
 - Each R5F allows access to different GPIO pins
 - Peripheral access (UART, etc)
 - And more! (interrupts, ...)

Interface to R5

- Linux's Remote Processor Framework
 - ..
 - called remoteproc
- (byai)\$ **ls /sys/class/remoteproc/**
 - remoteproc0 - DSP #1
 - remoteproc1 - DSP #2
 - remoteproc2 - R5 - MCU
 - remoteproc3 - R5 - WKUP
 - remoteproc4 - R5 - Main
- View status of processor by viewing its state file
(byai)\$ cat /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc3/state

Coding for the R5

Sample Program

```
#define DELAY_TIME_uS    (250 * 1000)

// Device tree nodes for pin aliases
#define LED0_NODE DT_ALIAS(led0)
#define BTN0_NODE DT_ALIAS(btn0)

static const struct gpio_dt_spec led = GPIO_DT_SPEC_GET(LED0_NODE, gpios);
static const struct gpio_dt_spec btn = GPIO_DT_SPEC_GET(BTN0_NODE, gpios);

static void initialize_gpio(const struct gpio_dt_spec *pPin, int dir) {
    gpio_is_ready_dt(pPin);
    gpio_pin_configure_dt(pPin, dir);
}

int main(void) {
    printf("Hello World! %s\n");

    initialize_gpio(&led, GPIO_OUTPUT_ACTIVE);
    initialize_gpio(&btn, GPIO_INPUT);

    while (true) {
        gpio_pin_toggle_dt(&led);

        k_busy_wait(DELAY_TIME_uS);

        // Delay longer when button pressed
        if (gpio_pin_get_dt(&btn) == 0) {
            k_busy_wait(DELAY_TIME_uS);
        }
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Build Process

- Our R5 programs will use..
- Setup
 - Install the Zephyr SDK & Tools
SDK = ..
- On Host
 - Build project using CMake
Builds build/zephyr_mcu.elf
 - Copy to NFS
- On Target
 - Copy zephyr_mcu.elf to /lib/firmware
 - Load into R5:
echo zephyr_mcu.elf | sudo tee /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc2/firmware
echo start | sudo tee /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc2/state

GPIO with R5

Overview

- C code refers to pins by name.

// Device tree nodes for pin aliases

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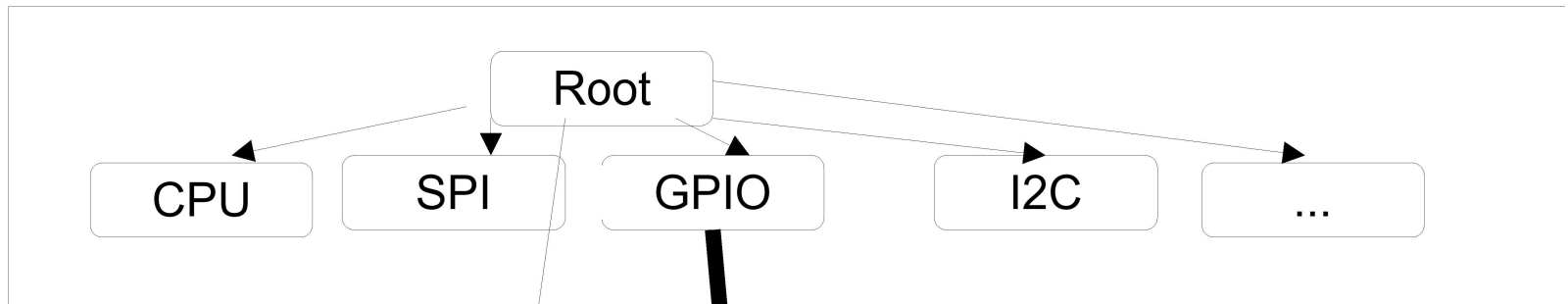
```
int main(void)
```

```
{  
    gpio_is_ready_dt(&led);  
    gpio_pin_configure_dt(&led, GPIO_OUTPUT_ACTIVE);  
  
    while (true) {  
        gpio_pin_toggle_dt(&led);  
        k_busy_wait(250 * 1000); //uS  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

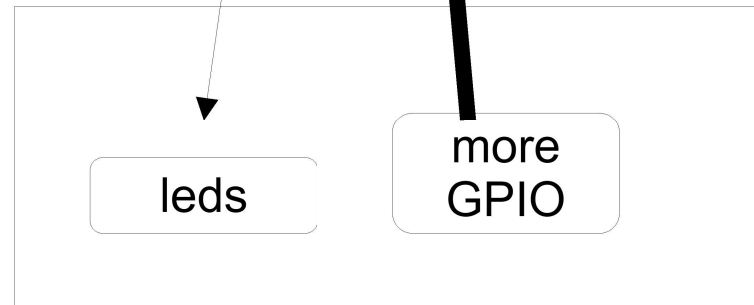
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Device Tree

main_r5f
Device Tree



Project
Device Tree



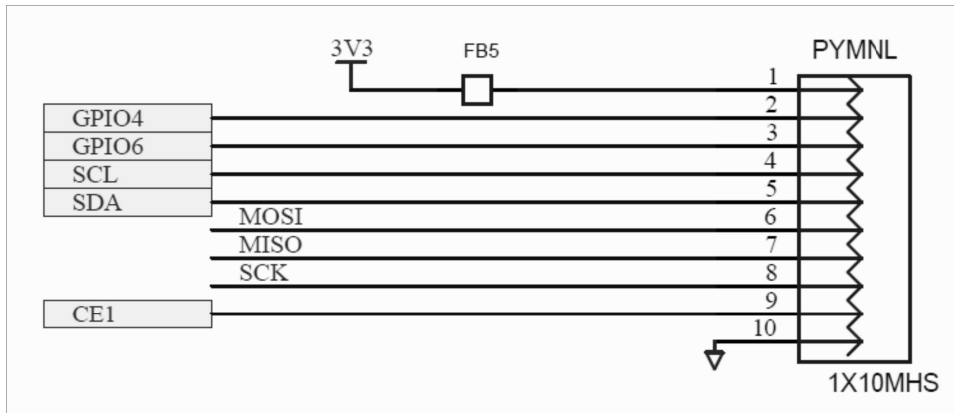
My
project's
device
tree
overlay.

```
3 / {
4     aliases {
5         | led0 = &mcu_led;
6     };
7
8     leds {
9         compatible = "gpio-leds";
10
11         mcu_led: led_gpio7 {
12             | gpios = <&mcu_gpio0 9 GPIO_ACTIVE_HIGH>;
13         };
14     };
15
16     pinctrl_mcu: pinctrl_mcu@4084000 {
17         compatible = "ti,k3-pinctrl";
18         reg = <0x04084000 0x88>;
19         status = "okay";
20     };
21 };
22
23 &pinctrl_mcu {
24     mcu_gpio0_led_btn_default: mcu_gpio0_led_btn_default {
25         | pinmux = <K3_PINMUX(0x0024, PIN_OUTPUT, MUX_MODE_7)>; /* (B3) GPIO7*/
26     };
27 };
28
29 &mcu_gpio0 {
30     pinctrl-0 = <&mcu_gpio0_led_btn_default>;
31     pinctrl-names = "default";
32     status = "okay";
33 };
```

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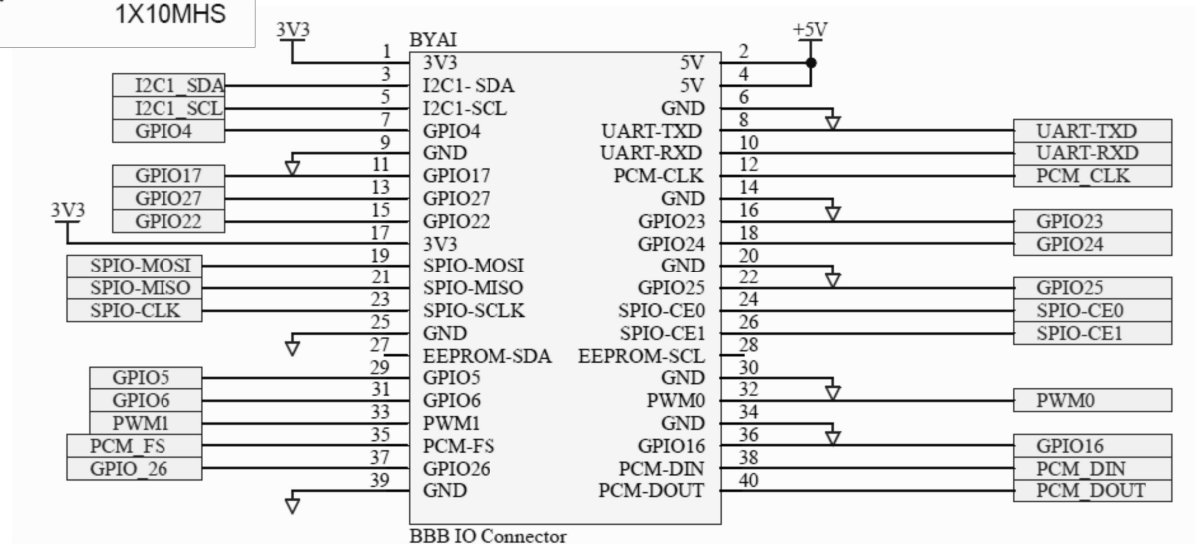
Demystifying GPIO

- How do we know what to put into a device tree?
 - On schematic, identify pin:



CE1 is PYMNL-Pin 9
Maps to SPI0-CE1

SPI0-CE1 maps to
hat-pin 26



Zen Hat Pinout

Zen Hat Pinout											
Exposed Header	Hat Use		Use	Name	Connector		Name	Use		Hat Use	Exposed Header
GPIO Header				3v3	1	2	5v				
GPIO Header	Accelerometer, ADC, Audio		I2C1 - SDA	GPIO2	3	4	5v				LED Strip
GPIO Header	Accelerometer, ADC, Audio		I2C1 - SCL	GPIO3	5	6	GND			UART Header	UART Header
GPIO Header		X		GPIO4	7	8	GPIO14	UART - TXD	X	UART - TXD	UART Header
GPIO Header				GND	9	10	GPIO15	UART - RXD	X	UART - RXD	UART Header
	Rotary Encoder - EQEP0_B			GPIO17	11	12	GPIO18	PCM - CLK		Audio - BCLK	
	LCD - DC			GPIO27	13	14	GND				LED Strip
	LCD - RST			GPIO22	15	16	GPIO23		X	NeoPixel Data Out (R5 GPIO)	LED Strip
				3v3	17	18	GPIO24			Encoder Push-button (R5 GPIO)	
GPIO Header	LCD - DIN		SPI0 - MOSI	GPIO10	19	20	GND				
GPIO Header		X?	SPI0 - MISO	GPIO9	21	22	GPIO25			LED	
GPIO Header	LCD - CLK		SPI0 - SCLK	GPIO11	23	24	GPIO8	SPI0 - CE0		LCD - CS	
				GND	25	26	GPIO7	SPI0 - CE1	X		GPIO Header
	<only I2C, but prefer I2C1>		EEPROM - SDA	GPIO0	27	28	GPIO1	EEPROM-SCL		<only I2C, but prefer I2C1>	
	Joystick Push-button			GPIO5	29	30	GND				
GPIO Header		X		GPIO6	31	32	GPIO12	PWM0		LED Emitter	
	LCD - Backlight (BL)		PWM1	GPIO13	33	34	GND				
	Audio - WCLK		PCM - FS	GPIO19	35	36	GPIO16			Rotary Encoder - EQEP0_A	
	Audio - Reset			GPIO26	37	38	GPIO20	PCM - DIN		Audio - DIN	
				GND	39	40	GPIO21	PCM - DOUT		Audio - DOUT	
		X	Available GPIO								

Checkout info on Hat Pin

- Use website to investigate a hat pin
<https://pinout.beagleboard.io/>



BeagleY-AI Pinout

3v3 Power	1	2	5v Power
GPIO 2 (I2C1 SDA)	3	4	5v Power
GPIO 3 (I2C1 SCL)	5	6	Ground
GPIO 4	7	8	GPIO 14 (UART TX)
Ground	9	10	GPIO 15 (UART RX)
GPIO 17	11	12	GPIO 18 (PCM CLK)
GPIO 27	13	14	Ground
GPIO 22	15	16	GPIO 23
3v3 Power	17	18	GPIO 24
GPIO 10 (SPI0 MOSI)	19	20	Ground
GPIO 9 (SPI0 MISO)	21	22	GPIO 25
GPIO 11 (SPI0 SCLK)	23	24	GPIO 8 (SPI0 CE0)
Ground	25	26	GPIO 7 (SPI0 CE1)
GPIO 0 (EEPROM SDA)	27	28	GPIO 1 (EEPROM SCL)
GPIO 5	29	30	Ground
GPIO 6	31	32	GPIO 12 (PWM0)
GPIO 13 (PWM1)	33	34	Ground
GPIO 19 (PCM FS)	35	36	GPIO 16
GPIO 26	37	38	GPIO 20 (PCM DIN)
Ground	39	40	GPIO 21 (PCM DOUT)

MCU	GPIO	SoC Pin	1-WIRE	I2C	5v Power	Ground	GPCLK*	JTAG*	
			PWM	3v3 Power	UART	SPI	DPI*	PCM	SDIO*

Browse pinouts for HATs, pHATs and add-ons »

GPIO 7 (SPI Chip Select 1)

Alt0	Alt2	Alt7
WKUP_UART0_RXD	MCU_SPI0_CS2	MCU_GPIO0_9

- Physical/Board pin 26
- GPIO/BCM pin 7
- SoC pin B3

PAD Config Register

- We know we are working with Ball Number B3
 - Look it up in processor data sheet:
<https://www.ti.com/lit/ds/symlink/am67a.pdf>

BALL NUMBER [1]	BALL NAME [2] PADCONFIG Register [15] PADCONFIG Address [16]	SIGNAL NAME [3]
B3	WKUP_UART0_RXD PADCONFIG MCU_PADCONFIG9 0x04084024	WKUP_UART0_RXD
		MCU_SPI0_CS2
		MCU_GPIO0_9

- Tells us:
 - ..
(MCU_PADCONFIG9)
 - Configuration reg addr = 0x04084024

Config Register Offset

- Given the config register address,
we actually need..
 - The pin's config register offset is bottom 13 bits of the address:

```
#define K3_PINMUX(offset, value, mux_mode) (((offset) & 0x1fff) | ((value) < 0x100000000 ? (value) : (value <> 0x100000000)))
```

- So offset for address 0x04084024

..

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```

Configuration Confession

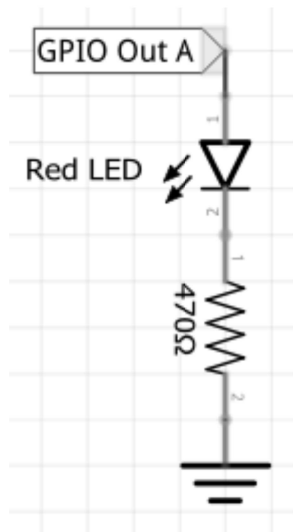
- This investigation is (likely?) correct; however, the configuration is not yet working for MCU GPIO!
 - A work-around is to execute the GPIO command in Linux to set configuration:
`gpiochip0 9=1`
 - This causes Linux to setup the configuration in the way we need it for the R5.



Example Blinky

Wire up

- Let's have R5 flash a custom wired LED
 - Wire this circuit



Process: Build

- Build on host

```
cmake -S . -B build -DBOARD=beagle_ai/j722s/mcu_r5f0_0
cd build
make
cd ..
```
- Copy to NFS

```
mkdir -p ~/cmpt433/public/r5/
cp build/zephyr/zephyr.elf ~/cmpt433/public/r5/zephyr_mcu.elf
```

Process: Install

- Copy firmware from NFS to firmware folder
`sudo cp /mnt/remote/r5/zephyr_mcu.elf /lib/firmware/`
- Start code
`echo zephyr_mcu.elf | sudo tee
/sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc2/firmware
echo start | sudo tee /sys/class/remoteproc/remoteproc2/state`
- Work-around for GPIO Config
`gpioset gpiochip0 9=1`

Summary

- Use R5 to meet hard real-time deadlines for RT tasks
- Process
 - Develop on host
 - Compile on host, install on Target
- GPIO for R5
 - Use of device trees
 - Finding pin info:
 - Use circuit diagram to find pin.
 - Use BeagleY-AI pinout for ball number.
 - Use AM67a Datasheet for register info.
 - Configure in device tree.