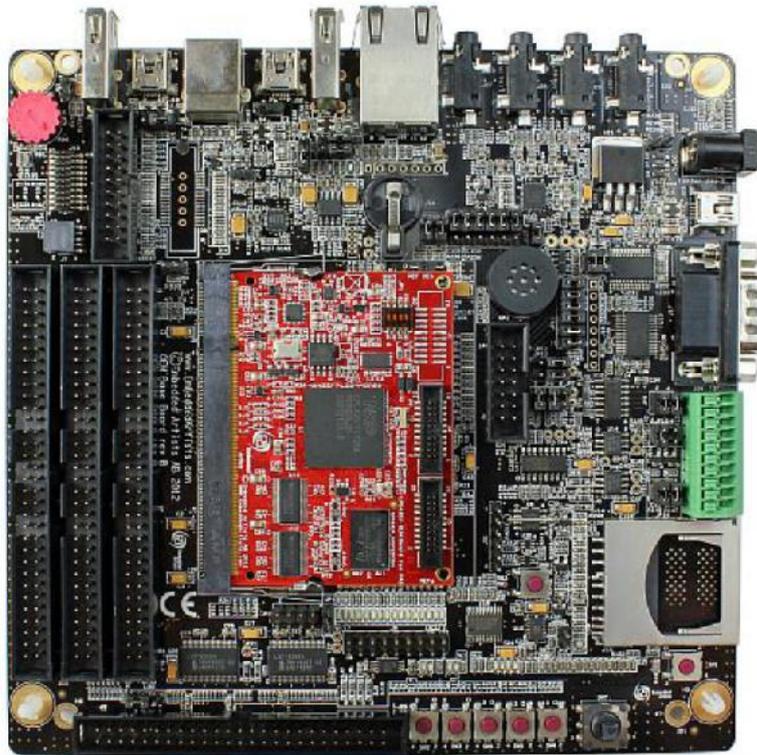


μTrace setup guide for Embedded Artists LPC4357 development board



About this document

This document will explain how to get up and running with the Lauterbach μ Trace unit and the Embedded Artists LPC4357 development board. The document goes with a zip file containing the examples and configuration scripts described herein.

Two examples are provided: one runs a simple loop on the Cortex-M4 core of the device; the other runs a similar program on the Cortex-M4 and a very simple loop on the Cortex-M0 core in the device.

Pre-Requisites

The Lauterbach TRACE32 software for μ Trace has been installed. It is assumed that this has been installed to the default location of `C:\T32_uTrace`. It will be referred to as `$T32SYS` in the rest of this document. No changes were made from the default jumper settings.

Setup Procedures

Unzip the archive `EA_LPC4357.zip` so that it over-writes files in the `$T32SYS` directory. You may wish to take a backup of this directory beforehand.

Connect the CombiProbe header to Socket A on the μ Trace.

Connect the CombiProbe header (using the MIPI34-MIPI20T adapter) to either Socket J1 on the SODIMM board (see Figure 1) or to socket J10 on the main board (see Figure 2). For systems using off-chip trace, it is recommended to use J1 on the SODIMM due to the shorter track lengths of the trace signals.

In tests here, the board was powered with a 5V external power supply connected to J24, not the mini USB connector at J25.

Power on the μ Trace and then power on the LPC4357 board.

Start the TRACE32 software and you should see something like Figure 3 below.

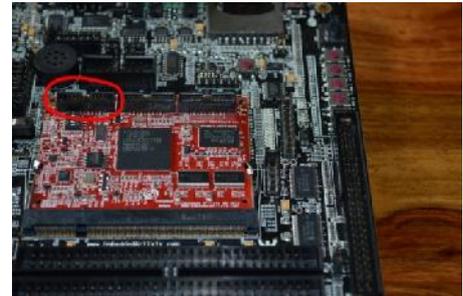


Figure 1: J1 on SODIMM

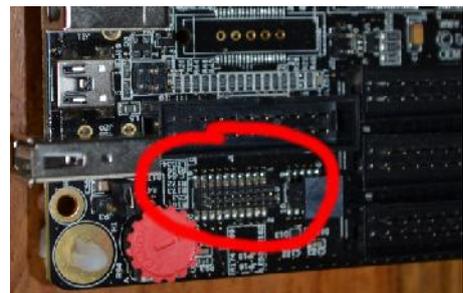


Figure 2: J10 on main board

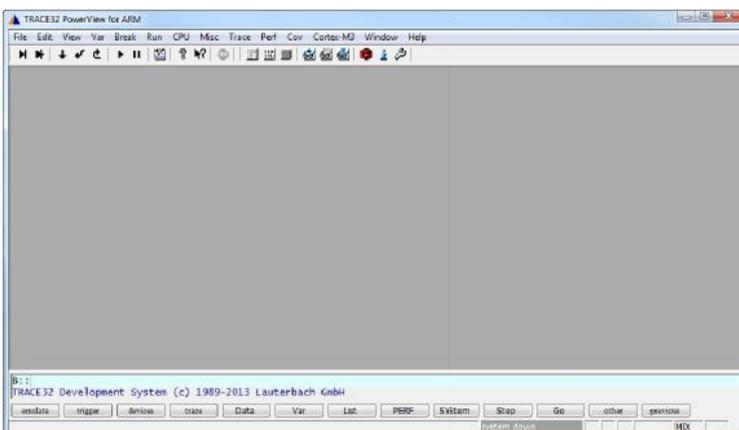


Figure 3: TRACE32

From the **File** menu, select **Run Batchfile...**, browse to $\$T32SYS$ and select **startup.cmm**. You should see a window which looks like Figure 4. Detailed use of this script is beyond the scope of this document but more information can be found in the accompanying **Startup Guide.pdf**.

TRACE32 can be configured to call this script each time you start it up. To do this, edit the **t32.cmm** file in the $\$T32SYS$ directory. At the bottom of the file, just before the line that reads "ENDDO" add a line which reads

```
do startup.cmm
```

For now, click the **LOAD** button and browse for the **basic_demo.t32ini** file which is located in

$\$T32SYS\Eval\ Boards\Embedded Artists\LPC4357$

directory. This will populate some of the fields in the startup window. Click the big start button to launch the demo. The target will be initialised, a small application will be downloaded and some basic windows opened so that TRACE32 will now look like Figure 5.

This will give you JTAG control of the target. The connection is via the Serial Wire Debug (SWD) interface to the Cortex-M4.

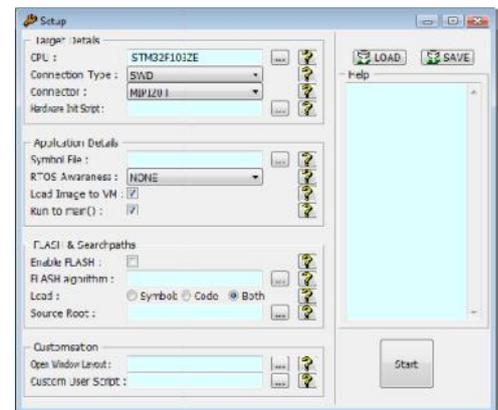


Figure 4: startup.cmm

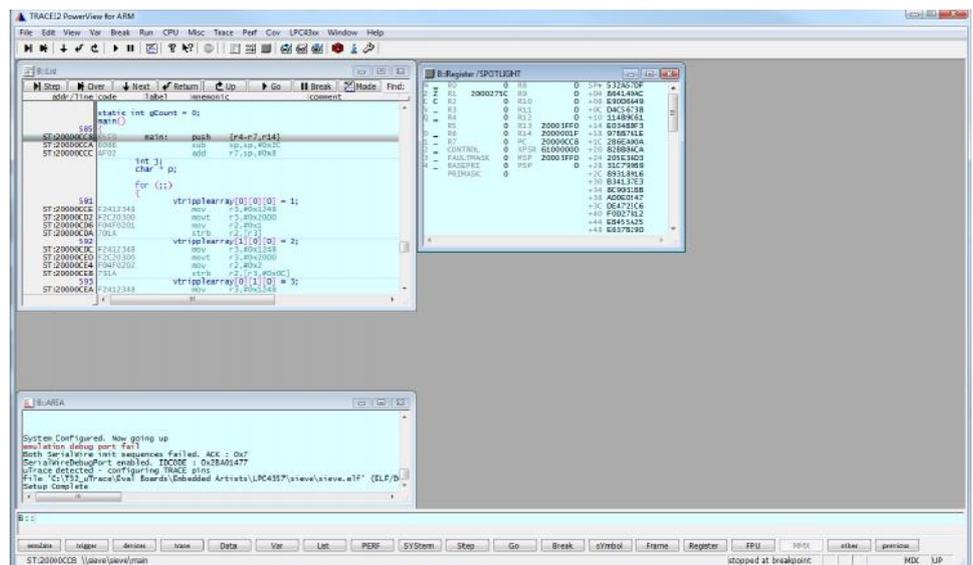


Figure 5: Demo loaded

Trace Setup

In order to get ETM trace from the Cortex-M4 it is necessary to make a small modification to the SODIMM board. On the back of the SODIMM board is a small 00hm resistor as position SJ1. This can be seen in Figure 6. It is shown here in the default position connecting pads 1-2. The resistor must be moved to connect pads 2-3 to enable the off-chip trace signals.

The supplied configuration for the LPC4357 board assumes a working trace port and will setup the pin multiplexing and TRACE32 software accordingly. However, until this modification has been made no trace data can be collected.

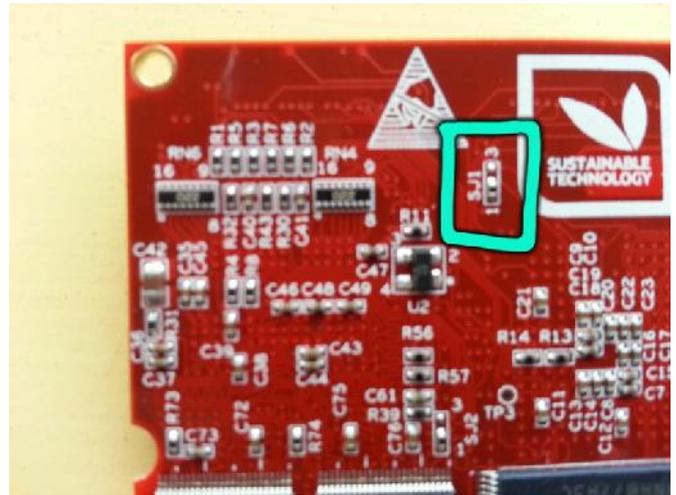


Figure 6: SODIMM resistor

Multi-Core Example

The second example loads code which is executed on both the Cortex-M4 and the Cortex-M0 in the LPC4357 device. To debug both cores requires that the μ Trace has a multi core license added to it. This can be checked by starting TRACE32 and selecting **About TRACE32 . . .** from the **Help** menu. Figure 7 shows a multi core system with the license highlighted. If your system does not have a multi core license, please contact your local Lauterbach sales office. Contact details can be found at:

<http://www.lauterbach.com/sales>

Before launching the multi core example some changes need to be made to your **config.t32** file which is located in the T32SYS directory. These changes will not affect the single core functionality but will extend TRACE32 to allow two instances of the software to connect to the same μ Trace unit. This is required to debug both cores in an Asymmetric Multi Processor (AMP) setup like this.

Edit **config.t32** in your favourite text editor and at the bottom of the file add a new section that looks like this. The blank line above and below are very important - don't miss them.

Alter the **PBI=** section so that it now looks like this. Again, don't forget the blank line above and below.

Save the changes.

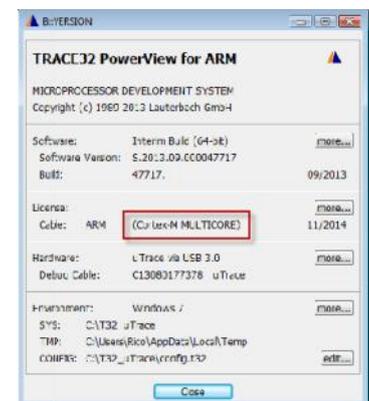


Figure 7: Multi core license

```
IC=NETASSIST
PORT=22000
```

```
PBI=
USB
CORE=1
```

Now take a copy of your `config.t32` file and call it `config-2nd.t32`. Place it in your `$T32SYS` directory. This will need editing as well. The full contents of my `config.t32` file are shown here. Make sure the TMP declaration is correct for your setup; it should be the same as the one in your `config.t32` file. The main changes are summarised below:

```
OS=
    Change ID=
    Change TMP

PBI=
    CORE=2

IC=
    Change PORT=

SCREEN=
    Add HEADER=
```

```
; Environment variables
OS=
ID=T32-2nd
TMP=C:\Users\r\c\AppData\Local\Temp
SYS=C:\T32_uTrace

PBI=
USB
CORE=2

IC=NETASSIST
PORT=22001

; Printer settings
PRINTER=WINDOWS

; Screen fonts
SCREEN=
FONT=SMALL
HEADER=TRACE32 2nd Core
```

As before, connect the hardware and launch TRACE32. Run the `startup.cmm` script, if your system is not already configured to auto run this. Click the LOAD button and browse for the `dual_core_demo.t32ini` file in the

`$T32SYS\Eval Boards\Embedded Artists\LPC4357`

Click the big start button. After the first core has been initialised and code loaded a second instance of TRACE32 will be started and connected to the Cortex-M0 core. The symbols will be loaded and you will end up with two instances of TRACE32, looking like Figure 8. These have been resized to make the image fit here.

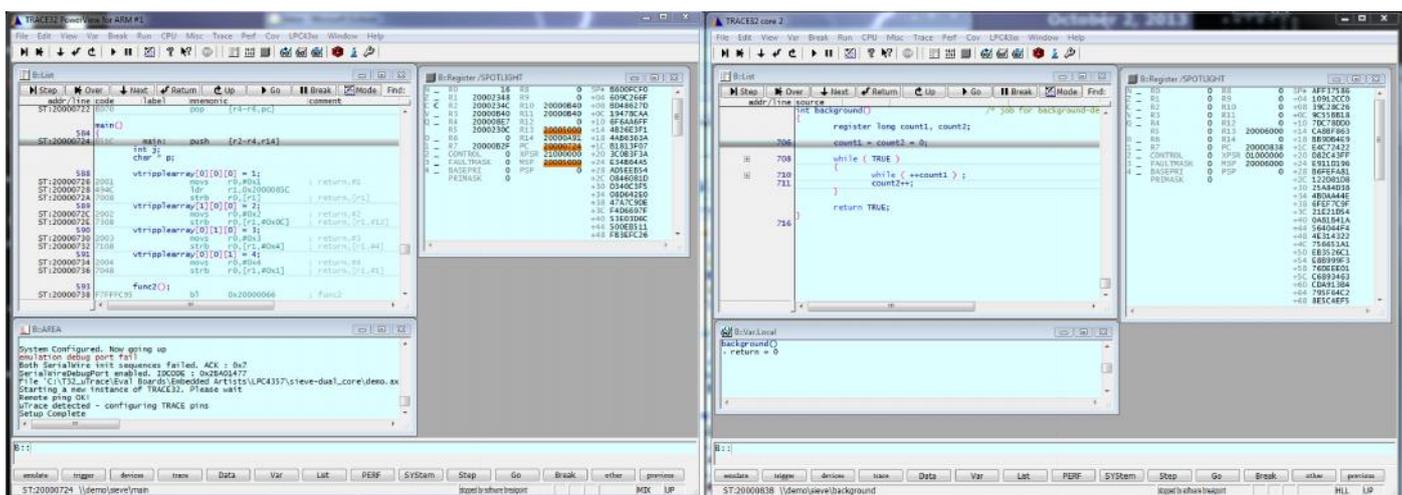


Figure 8: Multi core Configuration

The target has been configured so that each core can be single stepped independently but when either core starts or stops (user controlled or via a breakpoint) the other core will also start or stop. These settings can be adjusted using the `Synch` command. Please refer to the TRACE32 documentation.

Tutorials

This section will provide some basic tutorials to help familiarise users with the TRACE32 concept.

Run Control

The target can be controlled via the buttons at the top of the **List** window or using the control buttons on the toolbar. See Figure T1. Users can also right-click on a line of code in any **List** window and select **Go Till** to run to a particular point. If you wish to run to known symbol the **GO** command can be entered on the command line. See Figure T2 for an example that will cause the debugger to run the target until the entry of function **func14** is reached.

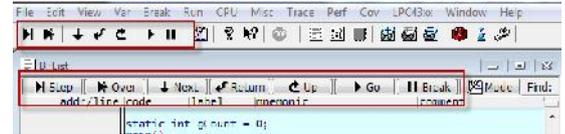


Figure T1: Run Control Buttons



Figure T2: The Go command

Breakpoints

Double-click a source line in any List window to set a default breakpoint. Right-click a line or variable for more control over a breakpoint. For even finer control of breakpoints select **Set . . .** from the **Break** menu - see Figure T3.

Change the settings to match figure T3 and click OK. Start the target running and it will halt at line 681 where the first write of 1 to variable **flags[3]** occurs.

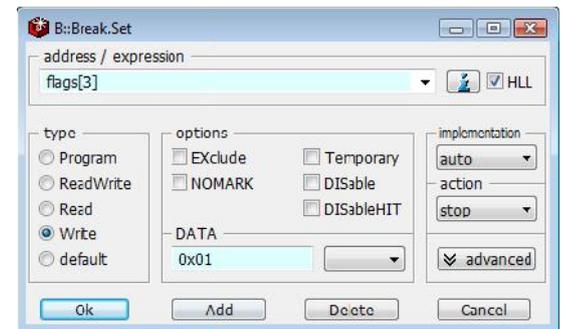


Figure T3: Break.set

Task aware, conditional and counting breakpoints can all be set. Click the advanced button to access these extra settings. Discussion of these options is beyond the scope of this document but should be reasonably self-explanatory.

The Vector catch unit can be programmed by selecting the **OnChip Trigger . . .** option from the **Break** menu.

Registers

CPU registers can be viewed by using the **Register** command or by selecting **CPU Registers** from the **CPU** menu. This command can take a **/SPOTLIGHT** option which causes the last four sets of deltas to the window contents to be highlighted. See Figure T4. Double-click a register to change its contents or right-click for indirect views.

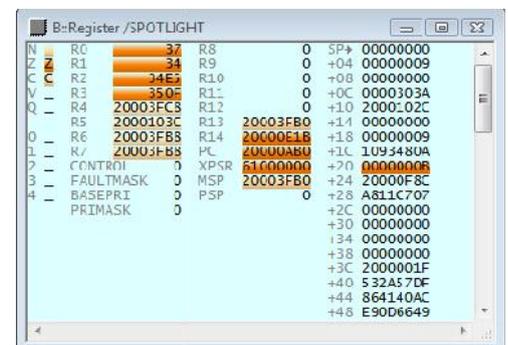


Figure T4: Highlighted Registers

The processor's peripheral control registers can be accessed via a dedicated menu which is dynamically added at runtime once the user has made their CPU selection. From here all of the different sub-systems can be selected. A global view can also be obtained by selecting **Peripherals** from the **CPU** menu. An example can be seen in figure T5. This window can also take the **/SPOTLIGHT** option to highlight any changes to the contents.

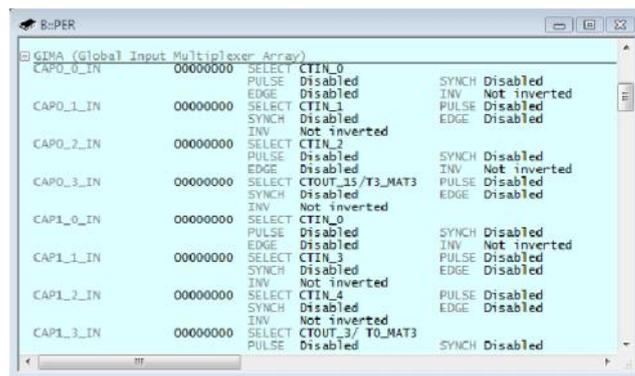


Figure T5: Peripheral Registers

A left-click on any of the registers or bit-fields will cause the address and bits to be displayed in TRACE32 status line.

A right-click on any of the bit-fields will pop up a menu with a list of allowable values.

Variables

Variables can have their value displayed by left-clicking them in any window.

Variables can be dragged to a view or watch window. Local and global variables can be shown by selecting the appropriate options from the **View** or **Var** menus. Right-clicking a variable opens up a menu with a number of options for viewing it. A few are shown in figure T6. Variables can be displayed graphically, in tables, can be cast to other variable types. Memory can be cast to a variable type for display and there are special options for frame buffers, linked lists and waveforms.

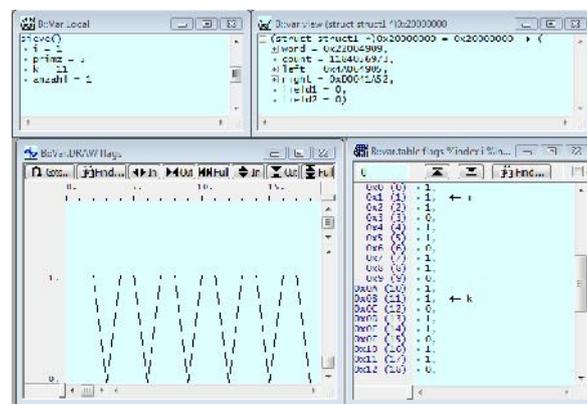


Figure T6: Variable Views

Macros can be created that will take variable values and convert them to real world values, such as volts from an ADC reading.

Try displaying the array `flags[]` in function `sieve` in a number of different ways.

```
go sieve
```

Right-click `flags` and look at the options under **other**.

Where the processor supports it and the debugger has been configured for dualport memory access variable values can be displayed and updated non-intrusively whilst the Cortex-M is executing code.

Memory

Memory can be viewed by selecting Dump... from the View menu. Enter the address to view and set any relevant options. A window will be displayed like figure T7. Memory can be searched for a pattern. Memory can be filled with a pattern or a test pattern. Two ranges can be compared or a CRC can be calculated for a given range. A walking bit test can also be performed over a memory region.

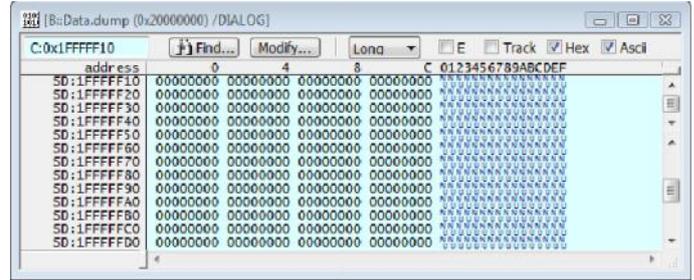


Figure T7: Memory Dump

All memory view windows can have the /SPOTLIGHT option added to them allowing the highlight of any changes in contents. Each value has a right-click menu behind it providing access to further options.

Try the following:

```
var.view flags /SPOTLIGHT
data.dump flags /dialog /SPOTLIGHT
```

Change the values in one window and the values in the other will be highlighted.

Performance Analysis

A sample based performance analysis capability is provided. This can be accessed by selecting Perf Configuration... from the Perf menu. An entire book could be written on this window alone so instead a few examples will be provided to get you started.

This is a sample based metric and may or may not be intrusive depending upon the core chosen. If the DWT in the chosen core supports the PC Snoop mode, the sampling will be made non-intrusively. This can be checked by opening the Data Watchpoint and Trace setting from the Peripheral Registers view and checking the availability of PCSAMPLEENA. See Figure T8. PC Snoop is available on all Cortex-M4 cores, all Cortex-M0+ cores, and all Cortex-M3 cores of r2p0 or newer.

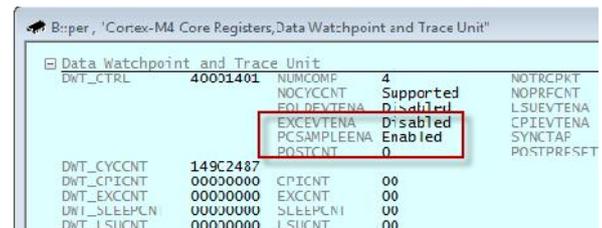


Figure T8: PC Snoop

If this is available non-intrusive metrics can be collected. Set the METHOD in the Perf window to Snoop.

If not, the target will need to be halted to read the Program Counter for the samples. Set the METHOD in the Perf window to StopAndGo.

To view relative function runtime analysis:

- Set the METHOD as described above
- Set the Mode to PC
- Set the state to OFF
- Click the ListFunc button
- Start the target running

An example is shown in figure T9.

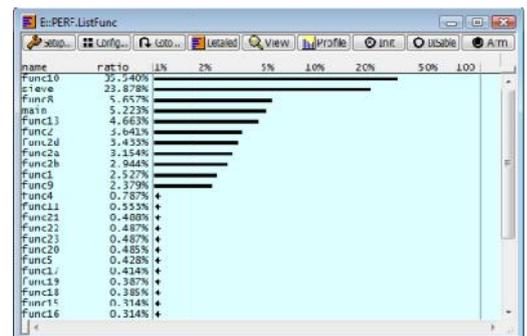


Figure T9: PC Snoop

To view data values:

- Set the METHOD as described above
- Set the Mode to Memory
- Set the State to OFF
- Set SnoopAddress to flags
- Set SnoopSize to Long
- Click the ListDistrib button
- Start the target running

An example is shown in figure T10.

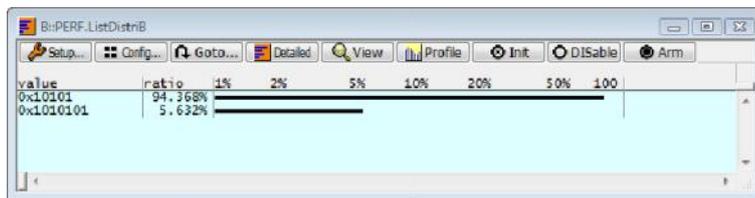


Figure T10: Data Snoop

On-Line Help

If Adobe Acrobat Reader is installed on your PC before you install TRACE32 for μ Trace a help plug-in will be automatically configured. Help can be accessed at any time by pressing the F1 key. Partially type a command and press F1 and after a few seconds wait the appropriate page of the documentation will be opened up in the Acrobat Reader. Click and window and press F1 and help for that window will be displayed. Additional help can be found on the Help menu, including a search capability and a target manual which describes in more detail the debug capabilities of the family of cores you are working with: No. breakpoints, non-intrusive memory access, dealing with watchdogs, etc.

There is an issue with Adobe Reader 10 which causes the right book to be opened but not the correct page to be displayed.

You can also contact your local Lauterbach representative if you have any questions about the operation of the μ Trace unit or the TRACE32 software interface. A list can be found at:

<http://www.lauterbach.com/tsupport.html>

Trace Examples

All of the previous tutorials have been using the JTAG or SWD interface. The next batch will look at using the off-chip trace or ETM. The example scripts configure the trace port and pins but the board still needs to be modified as described on page 4 so that the trace signals are available for the μ Trace to capture.

Basic Trace Collection

Select Configuration from the Trace menu. You should get a window like that in figure T11. Make sure that the METHOD is set to CAnalyzer and the state is set to OFF. Ensure that the AutoArm box is ticked. This allows tracing to start and stop as the target CPU starts and stops.

Start the target and let it run for a few seconds before stopping it again. There should be a blue bar in the **used** box to indicate the number of trace records captured. This should number in the tens or hundreds of thousand for a few seconds of run time. If it is less than a hundred or so you may need to check the resistor positioning as there appears to be no meaningful trace data.

Once you have some trace data captured, click the List button and see the program flow information. The window will look like figure T12. Click the **More** or **Less** buttons to filter the amount of information displayed in the window.

The trace data can be searched. Click the **Find** button and enter the text “sieve” into the address/expression box. Then click the **Find All** button. This will show a window that looks like figure T13 with all occurrences of calls to the function **sieve** in the trace buffer. Clicking on any of these will cause the trace listing window to jump to that point in the buffer so you can see the program flow around that event.

The **ti.back** column in the search results window shows the time between function calls. It should average out at around 72.5us.

By default there is no data trace on the Cortex-M so data reads and writes will not be traced and cannot be searched for. However, if the DWT on your device supports it you can use a data breakpoint (up to four of them are allowed for in the Cortex-M specification but the actual number is core specific) to cause a data trace event to be injected into the trace stream. Care should be taken when doing this as data trace packets cannot be as easily compressed as the program flow trace packets and you may get an internal trace FIFO overflow and some data will be lost.

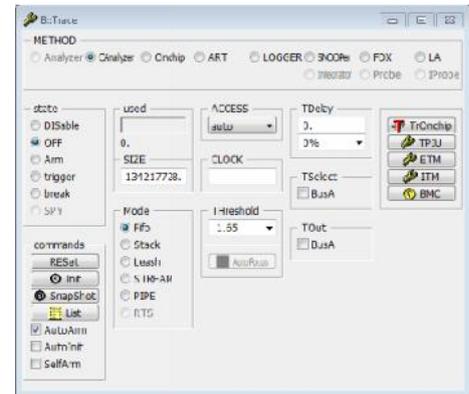


Figure T11: Trace Configuration



Figure T12: Program flow trace

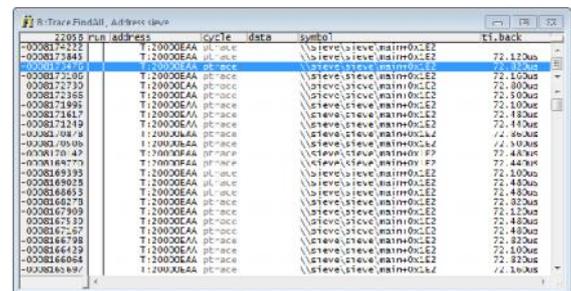


Figure T13: Search Results

In the trace list window, click the Chart button to see a view of functions against time, similar to that in Figure T14. The example shown here has been zoomed in to show individual functions against the timeline on the horizontal axis.

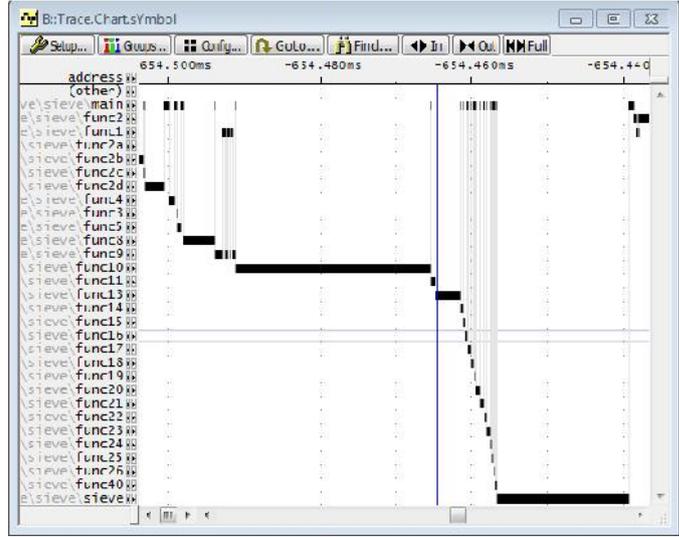


Figure T14: Trace Chart

The zoom can be controlled in a number of ways:

- Click the **In** and **Out** buttons
- Click on the chart and use the mouse scroll wheel to zoom in and out
- Click and drag to select an area of the chart and then left click within it to zoom it to the full size of the window
- Double-click on the chart but do not release the second mouse click. Move the mouse up and down to zoom in and out around the point clicked on.

Code Coverage

With program flow trace available it is easy to get code coverage information. Select **Add Tracebuffer** from the **Cov** menu. This will add the contents of the current trace buffer to the existing code coverage database. Like this multiple test runs can be aggregated. Now select **List functions** from the **Cov** menu. You should see a window like that in Figure T15.

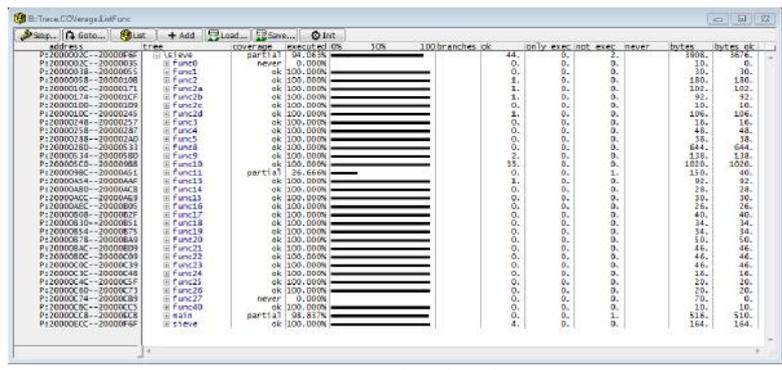


Figure T15: Function level code coverage

Any of the functions can be expanded by clicking on the “+” icon to see individual sources lines. Expand **func11**, which has only partial coverage, to see which lines haven’t been covered. Double-click on line 438—438 to see more detail about that line which only has partial coverage. You should see a modified source view window similar to Figure T16. If you toggle the Mode button to switch to High Level Language (HLL) view you will see that only the default case in the switch statement has ever been executed.

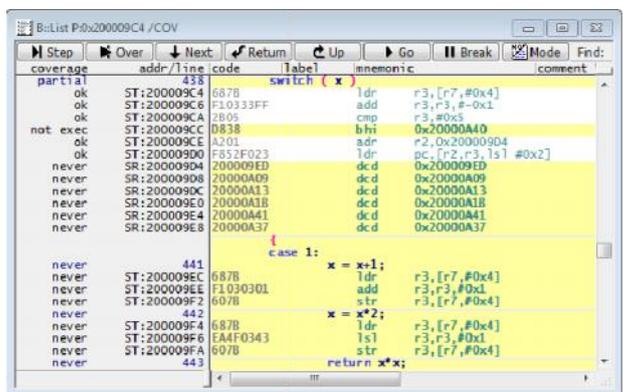


Figure T16: Low level code coverage

Performance Analysis

Collect some trace data and then from the **Perf** menu select **Function Runtime** and then **Show Detailed Tree**. You will get something similar to Figure T17.

Figure T17 has had some of the irrelevant columns removed from the display so that it more easily fits this page.

range	lines	total	min	max	avr	internal	user	external	avr	count
(Func1)	1	2.483s	-	2.483s	2.483s	0.041us	0.041us	2.442s	2.442s	1 (0/0)
Func2	111.634us	3.078us	1.463us	3.184us	1.811us	131.418us	131.418us	2.937s	2.937s	13991
Func3	72.798us	2.687us	0.133us	0.133us	22.209us	0.218us	22.209us	0.663us	0.663us	10197
Func4	78.168us	2.237us	1.375us	2.505us	78.168us	2.505us	-	-	-	13991
Func5	72.778us	2.687us	1.213us	2.448us	72.778us	2.448us	-	-	-	13991
Func6	4.566us	0.670us	0.297us	0.137us	4.666us	0.137us	-	-	-	13991
Func7	84.820us	2.420us	1.553us	2.495us	84.820us	2.495us	-	-	-	13991
Func8	11.283us	0.177us	0.591us	0.793us	11.283us	0.793us	-	-	-	13991
Func9	4.431us	0.656us	0.183us	0.186us	4.031us	0.186us	-	-	-	13991
Func10	11.485us	0.270us	0.434us	0.386us	11.485us	0.386us	-	-	-	13991
Func11	136.195us	3.825us	4.213us	4.097us	136.195us	4.097us	-	-	-	13991
Func12	34.688us	2.711us	1.833us	2.766us	60.172us	1.770us	34.522ms	1.016us	1.016us	11594
Func13	875.741us	32.715us	25.885us	35.764us	875.741us	35.764us	-	-	-	13991 (0/1)
Func14	14.376us	0.351us	0.574us	0.423us	14.376us	0.423us	-	-	-	13990
Func15	114.028us	3.244us	1.444us	3.353us	34.724us	1.423us	79.247ms	2.331us	2.331us	13990
Func16	79.247us	2.182us	2.537us	2.311us	29.790us	0.876us	49.467ms	1.433us	1.433us	13990
Func17	49.467us	1.307us	1.618us	1.451us	10.628us	0.500us	18.458ms	0.315us	0.315us	13990
Func18	18.859us	0.375us	0.748us	0.555us	18.859us	0.555us	-	-	-	13990
Func19	0.256us	0.167us	0.280us	0.345us	0.256us	-	-	-	-	13990
Func20	8.134us	0.210us	0.317us	0.245us	8.134us	0.245us	-	-	-	13990
Func21	8.343us	0.203us	0.293us	0.345us	8.343us	0.245us	-	-	-	13990
Func22	10.164us	0.281us	0.387us	0.318us	10.164us	0.318us	-	-	-	13990
Func23	9.890us	0.255us	0.335us	0.294us	9.890us	0.294us	-	-	-	13990
Func24	10.471us	0.251us	0.364us	0.308us	10.471us	0.308us	-	-	-	13990
Func25	12.257us	0.289us	0.447us	0.394us	12.257us	0.394us	-	-	-	13990
Func26	12.166us	0.287us	0.410us	0.361us	12.166us	0.361us	-	-	-	13990
Func27	12.166us	0.287us	0.410us	0.361us	12.166us	0.361us	-	-	-	13990
Func28	5.108us	0.122us	0.192us	0.150us	5.108us	0.150us	-	-	-	13990
Func29	6.328us	0.173us	0.224us	0.182us	6.328us	0.182us	-	-	-	13990
Func30	5.848us	0.123us	0.193us	0.172us	5.848us	0.172us	-	-	-	13990
Func31	4.715us	0.121us	0.134us	0.136us	4.715us	0.136us	-	-	-	13990
sieve	588.181us	17.215us	17.413us	17.304us	588.181us	17.304us	-	-	-	33990

Figure T17: Detailed Performance Measurements

For the sample period, this view shows the minimum, maximum and mean time spent in each function. It also shows time consumed by any sub-functions and the number of times each function was called.

Each function has a right-click menu on it to provide more detailed analysis of call trees, runtimes and distance between calls to a function. Try some of the options and see what you can learn about this code. For example, right-click **func1** and select **Linkage** or **Parents** from the menu.

Trace Based Debugging

Collect some trace and then select **CTS Settings** from the **Trace** menu. You will see a window like that shown in Figure T18. Change the state to ON. This will take anything from a few seconds to several minutes to process, depending upon how much trace data you have sampled and how fast your connection to the μ Trace unit is.

When it has finished processing, the buttons in any **List** windows will become yellow and some new buttons will be added:

- Step back over
- Step back into
- Go back to Entry
-

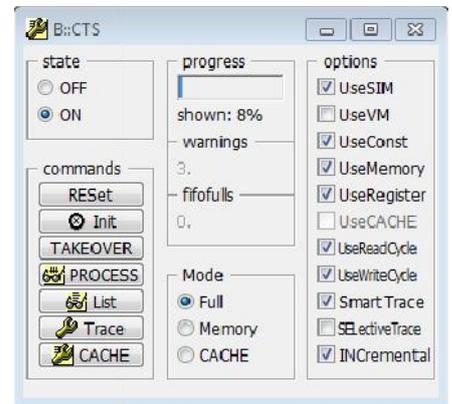


Figure T18: CTS Settings

See Figure T19 for this. This allows users to step and run backwards and forwards through a reconstruction of the system context at any point during the period that was sampled into the trace buffer. You can inspect the contents of memory, registers and variables as far as they can be reconstructed. Where something cannot be reconstructed it's value will be replaced with '????'.

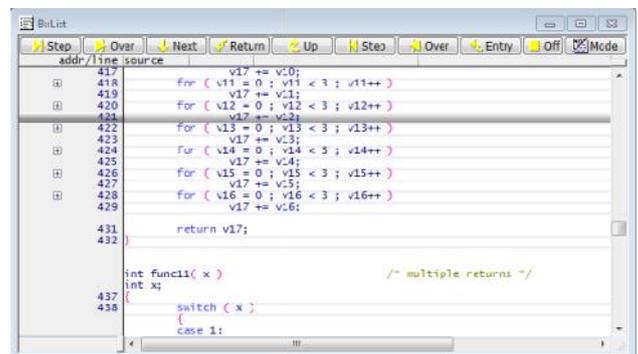


Figure T19: New Run Control Buttons

Additional entries in the **List** window's right-click menu will be added:

- Go Till
- Go Back Till

Clicking the **List** button in the CTS window will open a different view of the trace data, showing function nesting and function and instruction runtimes. Each of the functions can be expanded. Where data values can be reconstructed the change in variable will be shown at each step. An example can be seen in Figure T20.

A chart view can be constructed from this window by clicking the **Chart** button.

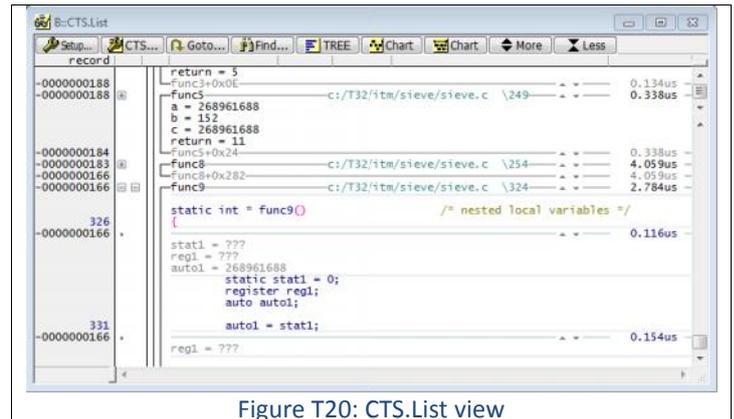


Figure T20: CTS.List view

Right-clicking any line of code in the **CTS.List** window or right-clicking anywhere in the **CTS.Chart** window will cause a menu to popup. Select **Set CTS** and all windows will be updated to reflect the state of the target as reconstructed at that point in history. Using this allows users to quickly zone in the actual cause of a bug rather than just trapping on the subsequent error caused by the bug.

Before 'normal' debugging can be resumed the CTS mode must be exited. This can be done by setting the state to **OFF** in the CTS window or by entering the command **CTS.OFF**.