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Introduction to mbed

What's happening in Microcontrollers?

- Microcontrollers are getting cheap
 - 32-bit ARM Cortex-M3 Microcontrollers @ \$1
 - 32-bit ARM Cortex-M0+ Microcontrollers @ \$0.50
- Microcontrollers are getting powerful
 - Lots of processing, memory, I/O in one package
- Microcontrollers are getting interactive
 - Internet connectivity, new sensors and actuators
- Creates new opportunities for microcontrollers







Opportunities for Microcontrollers

- Before 1980 computers were used and applied by computer scientists
- now they are:
 - Applied across all industries
 - Widely used in the home
 - Used by almost anybody



- Currently microcontroller technology is mainly applied by the embedded professional
- Microcontrollers interact with "the real world"
 - Sensors, actuators and communication, define their application
 - Their potential is greater than the home computer

Barriers for Microcontrollers

- What prevents microcontrollers from being designed in?
- Conceptually simple things can be hard to prototype
 - I want to send an SMS when my cat comes through the cat flap
- Repetition of choices to make:
 - Microcontroller
 - Tool chain
 - Dev board
 - Sensors
 - It's not difficult, but can be tedious and time consuming
- Overhead for starting a new project
 - Fine for a long complex projects
 - A deterrent for quick experiments and tests

Rapid Prototyping

- Rapid Prototyping helps industries create new products
 - Control, communication and interaction increasingly define products
 - Development cycles for microelectronics have not kept pace



mbed.org - Rapid Prototyping for MCUs

- Fastest way to get started with ARM microcontrollers
 - Plug 'n' Play Hardware, Online Compiler
 - Get setup and run "Hello World!" in 60 seconds
 - Removes entry barriers to MCU technology
- Focused on rapid prototyping for a diverse audience
 - DIP form-factor, High-level APIs, Developer website
 - Technology and tradeoffs to enable fast experiments
 - Creates new applications for MCU technology
- Launched at ESC Boston with live demo
 - Internet-enabled "Twittering Billy" read out tweets
 - An embedded internet device, prototyped in ½ day
 - Over ¼ million video views in first week!







mbed Approach

- Focus on tools supporting the earliest stage of design
 - Point of entry and Getting Started
 - Experimentation and Rapid Prototyping



- Apply technology and trade-offs that support this goal
- What mbed is not trying to do:
 - Replace existing professional tools
 - Replace development or evaluation boards

mbed Rapid Prototyping Platform

Complete Hardware, Software and Web 2.0 Solution



Dedicated Developer Website



High-level Peripheral APIs



Lightweight Online Compiler



Prototyping Form-Factor

mbed Website

- Dedicated Developer Web Platform
 - Custom Web 2.0 tools and environment focused on developers
 - Simple route to get started, comprehensive resources and support

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mbed Compiler

- Lightweight Online Compiler
 - Web 2.0 browser-based IDE with personal workspace "in the cloud"
 - Nothing to install or configure, login from anywhere
 - Industry leading RVCT 4.1 back end. It is a real tool!



mbed Library

- High-level Peripheral APIs
 - Trading memory and CPU performance for ease of use
 - Abstract software interfaces for controlling microcontroller hardware
 - Intuitive peripheral access, encapsulation of implementation details
 - Treat hardware and software the same



mbed Microcontroller

- Cortex-M3 MCU in a Prototyping Form-Factor
 - 0.1" pitch DIP with "USB Disk" interface and support components
 - Nothing to install or configure, practical for breadboard and PCBs



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Lab 1

mbed registration and hello world!

Registration

- mbed microcontroller enumerates as a Mass Storage Device (USB disk)
- Double-click the mbed.htm file on the mbed USB disk
- Log in or sign up for a new account
- The mbed microcontroller contains your license to the compiler





Getting Started

- Useful resources linked from the first page, including very clear links to "Hello World" and the Getting Started guide
- Compiler linked from front page



Getting Started

- Create or open a project in the Program Workspace
- Develop code in the text editor
- Save and compile
- Compiler outputs
 - Errors and warnings
 - -or-
 - A downloadable binary
- Save to the USB flash disk

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Getting Started

- Once the file has saved to the flash disk, it needs to be programmed into the microcontroller
- Press the button on the mbed module
- Your code will start running!





http://mbed.org/cookbook/SprintUSBModem

This presentation and the rest of the notes are published as a PDF

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Lab 2 Rapid Prototyping: Other IO



DigitalOut and Analog Input

- In the hello world session, we simply compiled the default program – blinky, but we didnt take too much notice of the code
- It was simple, it set up a digital output (DigitalOut) called "myled" and run a loop forever turning it on and off.
- Lets see if we can begin to influence this using and Analog input

What IO is there?



mbed application board



- 1. 128x32 Graphics LCD
- 2. 5 way joystick
- 3. 2 x Potentiometers
- 4. 3.5mm Audio jack (Analog Out)
- 5. Speaker, PWM Conencted
- 6. 3 Axis +/1 1.5g Accelerometer
- 7. 3.5mm Audio jack (Analog In)
- 8. 2 x Servo motor headers
- 9. RGB LED, PWM connected
- 10. USB-B Connector
- 11. Temperature sensor
- 12. Socket for for Xbee (Zigbee) or RN-XV (Wifi)
- 13. USB-A Connector
- 14. RJ45 Ethernet conenctor
- 15. 1.3mm DC Jack input

http://mbed.org/cookbook/mbed-application-board

DigitalOut and Analog Input

- The AnalogIn object returns a normalised float between 0.0 (0.0v) and 1.0 (3.3v)
- Pot1 is wired between GND (0v) and Vout (3.3v), and is connected to pin "p19" an AnalogIn





Challenge: DigitalOut and Analog Input

• Write a program to give the LED in the first blinky program a delay of 0.1-1.1 seconds.

main	.cpp x
1	#include "mbed.h"
2	DigitalOut myled(LED1);
4	AnalogIn pot(p19);
6	<pre>int main() {</pre>
7	<pre>while(1) { muled = !muled:</pre>
9	<pre>wait(0.1 + pot.read());</pre>
10 11	}
12	,

- Write a program that turns LED1 on at 0.66v, LED2 on at 1.32v, LED3 on at 1.98v and LED4 at 2.64v
- Hint : Look at BusOut in the mbed Handbook!

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Lab 3 Rapid Prototyping: Interfacing a sensor

Interfacing with sensors

- A good deal of microcontroller applications require some form of sensors to detect events or conditions in the immediate environment.
- This experiment show how to implement a simple temperature sensor.
- The sensor in question is the LM75B which has a digital interface using the I2C bus.

Conencting a Sensor

- mbed keeps I2C simple, and a library and example exists
 - I2C handbook page <u>http://mbed.org/handbook/I2C</u>
 - Cookbook <u>http://mbed.org/cookbook/LM75B-Temperature-Sensor</u>
 - Hello World <u>http://mbed.org/users/chris/code/app-board-LM75B/</u>

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main.cpp x

1 #include "mbed.h"
2 #include "LM75B.h"
3
4 LM75B temp(p28,p27,0x90);
5
6 int main() {
7 while(1) {
8 printf("Temperature : %f\n",temp.read());
9 wait(5);
10 }
11 }
```

Challenge : Interfacing with sensors

- Write a program that turns LED1 on at 26°C, LED2 at 27°C, LED3 and 28°C and LED4 at 29°C.
- As an extended challenge, add Min/Max recordings to the program

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Lab 4 Rapid Prototyping: Output device, Text LCD

Output device, LCD

- It is not uncommon for devices that are embedded to have some for of user interface, or display output.
- This example shows an LCD connected to mbed and be driven simply from software.

Connecting up the TextLCD

• The LCD module has an SPI interface and a few digital outputs for reset, chips select and so on





- mbed keeps it simple
 - Standard C/C++ interface via printf
 - Hello World : <u>http://mbed.org/users/chris/code/app-board-LCD</u>

Challenge: Digital Thermometer

- Make a digital thermometer that displays the current temperature.
- If you have time, you could also add Min/Max to the display too
- http://mbed.org/users/chris/code/app-board-LM75B/

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Lab 5 Rapid Prototyping: SMS alerts

SMS Alerts

- Some applications need to include and element of communication
- Taking the previous example of registering Min/Max temperatures, its might be desirable to communicate it limits are exceeded
- This example shows how the SprintUSBModem can be used to achieve mobile communication,

Hardware

- Simple hardware :
 - mbed NXP LPC1768 microcontroller
 - mbed application board
 - Sprint Mobile Broadband
 - DC adaptor



Example Program : SMS Send

 An example program of how to send SMS messages using the USB Modem can be found here

http://mbed.org/users/donatien/code/SprintUSBModemSMSTest/

- Experiments :
 - Use the example program to send your self a message
 - Using "ssprintf" send yourself a over temperature alert message

Challenge: SMS Receive

 Once you have successfully sent SMS messages to your cell, try this :

Challenge

- Set the minimum and maximum alert points by SMS
 - Receive a reply message from your cell back to the mbed
 - Use "sscanf" to retrieve the new minimum and maximum values for your thermometer
 - Trigger alert SMS messages when these new limits are exceeded
 - Include the temperature reading in the alert message

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Lab 6 Rapid Prototyping: Mobile data logging

Mobile data logging

- This example shows how the Sprint Mobile Broadband can be used to achieve remote data logging, where the data is sent live to online storage
- The driver is now providing a socket interface over which various protocol APIs and. For this example, we are using HTML5 web sockets
- Take 5 minutes to familiarise yourself with web sockets :
 - <u>http://mbed.org/cookbook/Websockets</u>
 - <u>http://mbed.org/cookbook/WebSocket-Mbed-Server</u>

Websocket server channels

The mbed.org websocket uses "channels", with "demo" as the default. To avoid conflict during a workshop, create your own channel by substituting "demo" with your own channel name

In mbed code :

Websocket ws("ws://sockets.mbed.org:443/ws/demo/rw");
 Becomes
Websocket ws("ws://sockets.mbed.org:443/ws/<your_channel>/rw");

In broswer URLS :

http://sockets.mbed.org/demo/viewer

becomes

http://sockets.mbed.org/<your channel>/viewer

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HTML5 and Websockets

- New feature of HTML5 (RFC 6455) providing:
 - Full-duplex communication
 - Over a single TCP socket
 - Standard and secure connections (ws:// and wss://)
- Motivation:
 - Replace existing polling techniques (AJAX) used in modern websites
 - Provide a two-way communication without multiple HTTP connections
 - Enable new classes of application
- Other notable HTML5 features:
 - HTML5 Canvas Element For dynamic, scriptable 2D rendering



Example Program : Web sockets

 An example program of how to send the current temperature as a web socket message to the mbed web socket server using the Sprint USB Modem can be found here

http://mbed.org/users/chris/code/SprintUSBModemWebsocketTest-Temp/

See the output here :

http://sockets.mbed.org/demo/viewer

Experiments :

- Trigger a web socket message using navigation switch

Challenge : Web sockets

- The previous example was write-only ("wo") and sent data to the socket server
- Try making a connection that is read-only "ro"
 - To see how to receive web socket messages refer to : <u>http://mbed.org/users/donatien/code/SprintUSBModemWebsocketTest/</u>
 - Display received messages on the LCD, for examples see : <u>http://mbed.org/cookbook/mbed-application-board</u>
 - To send messages, use the "sender"
 <u>http://sockets.mbed.org/demo/sender</u>
- If you get stuck... But try to do it yourself first ! <u>http://mbed.org/users/chris/code/SprintUSBModemWebsocketTest-LCD-RO/</u>



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Summary

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- There is huge opportunity for microcontroller applications
 - A major barrier to adoption is simple experimentation
- mbed helps with getting started and rapid prototyping
 - Fast turnaround of experiments and prototyping new ideas
 - Try out new technology and new ideas
- Makes the technology very accessible
 - Demo showed a start to finish prototyping example
 - From getting a user started to enabling an application experiment
- Use at as a tool when you need to experiment!

Summary

- A solution focused on prototyping has a broad appeal
- Engineers new to embedded applications
 - Enables experimentation and testing product ideas for the first time
 - Create designs where electronics and MCUs are not the focus
- Experienced engineers
 - Provides a way to be more productive in the proof-of-concept stages
 - Introduce 32 bit microcontroller technology to existing designs
- Marketing, distributors and application engineers
 - Provides a consistent platform for demonstration, evaluation, support
 - Make promotion of MCUs more effective and efficient

