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1 Introduction

A remote terminal for Python 1300 camera module demonstrator is a simple application of STM32756G-EVAL2 board [1]. It uses its touch screen providing a GUI (Graphics User Interface) to control remote device; 1300 camera module in this case. The application is based on the STM32CubeF7 package [2] compiled for STM32756G-EVAL2 board with the IAR EWARM compiler [3]. The remote device is controlled via RS232 interface.

2 Description

The demonstrator uses the STM32756G-EVAL2 LCD with the touch layer. It shows how to create GUI on STM32756G-EVAL2 board enabling control Python 1300 camera module (remote device based on different platform) in a short time. An example of running application is shown in Figure 1. The GUI provides two vertical sliders to control analog and digital gain of the camera and two buttons. The button called *Preview* invokes reading of current image from the camera module. The received image is displayed on the screen. The image has smaller resolution than the original camera resolution is. The camera resolution is 1280x1024 whereas the transferring and displaying image has resolution 213x170 (approximately six-times smaller). Pushing *Reinit* button reinitializes the camera module. All events on touchable controls are converted to commands using RS232 interface. The application is based on the Hello World example of the STemWin middleware of the STM32CubeF7 package.

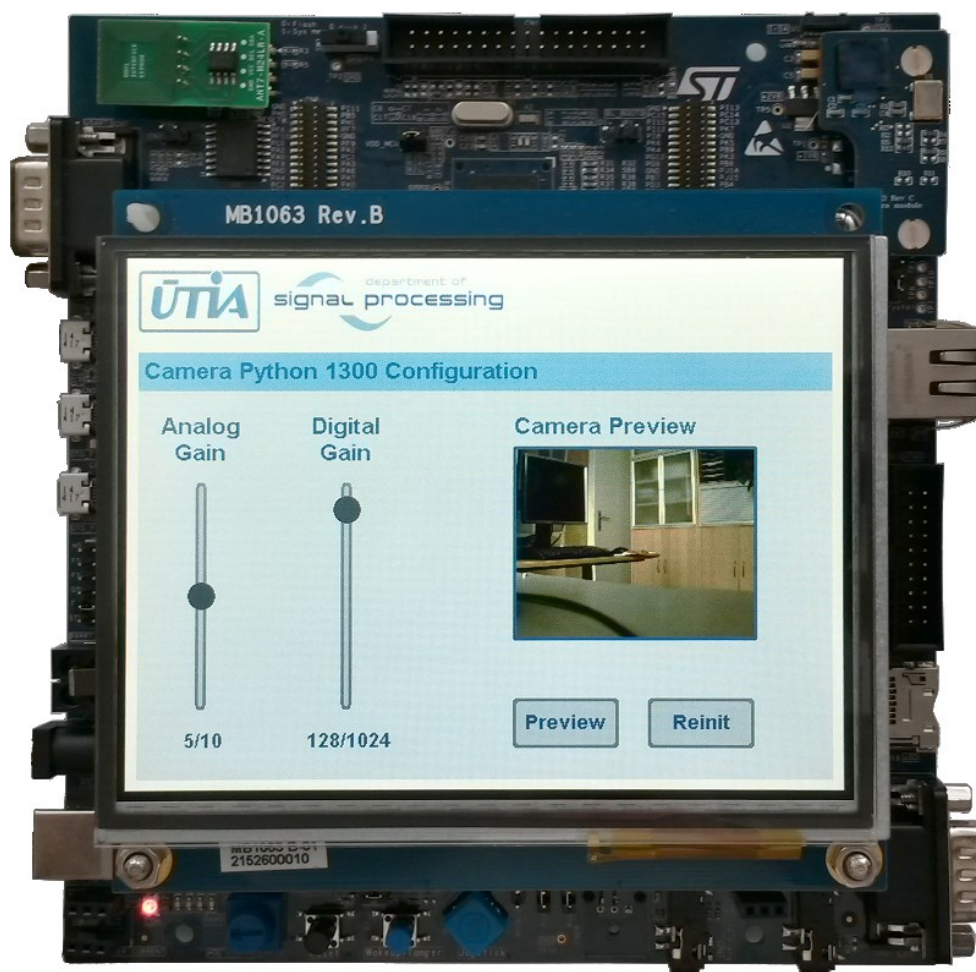


Figure 1: Remote terminal for Python 1300 camera module

2.1 Commands and Messages

To control a remote device, the terminal uses RS232 interface. The unit transforms the screen touches to the commands for the remote device and it reads messages from the remote device. Command always starts with '!' character and ends with '*' character (!command* for instance). All used commands are summarized in Table 1. Messages are remote device responds on the commands. Message starts with '#' character and ends with '*' character (for example #message*). Table 2 presents implemented messages. Both, commands and messages, can be optionally delimited by \CRLF sequence.

Table 1: Commands

Command	Description
!SAGxx*	Set Analog Gain, xx is decadic value of the analog gain in range 0 to 10
!SDGxxxx*	Set Digital Gain, xxxx is decadic value of the digital gain in range 0 to 1024
!RST*	Reinitialize camera module
!GIMG*	Get current Image of the camera

Table 2: Messages

Message	Description
#IMGdata...*	Response on !GIMG* command, where "data..." means bytes of the image. Concretely it is (213 * 170 * 3) Bytes (RGB – 3 Bytes per pixel)

3 Used Tools and Resources

- STM32756G-EVAL2 board [1].
- STM32CubeF7 package is a firmware package for STM32F7 Series. It is downloadable from the STMicroelectronics web page [2]. The package gathers together all the generic embedded software components required to develop an application on STM32F7 microcontrollers.
- Commercial edition of the IAR Embedded Workbench, alternatively a free edition with restrictions to the 30-day time-limited evaluation without code size limitation [3].
- STM32756G-EVAL2_Cam_GUI package provided with this application note, the package description is in Section 5.

4 Implementation

To implement the remote terminal demo, follow the steps bellow.

1. Download STM32CubeF7 package from its web page [2]. Used version of the package is 1.4.0. Decompress the package zip file. The package top folder is called *STM32Cube_FW_F7_V1.4.0*. In the text, the package path will be referenced as *\$STM32Cube_path\$*.
2. Go to the *\$STM32Cube_path\$\Projects\STM32756G_EVAL\Applications\STemWin* folder and make a copy of the *STemWin_HelloWorld* project folder. The name of the copy will be *cam_gui*.
3. Copy the content of the *STM32756G-EVAL2_Cam_gui\sw\src* folder to the *\$STM32Cube_path\$\Projects\STM32756G_EVAL\Applications\STemWin\cam_gui\Src* folder. Files *main.c* and *BASIC_HelloWorld.c* have already existed in the destination folder, rewrite them.

4. Copy the content of the STM32756G-EVAL2_Cam_gui\sw\inc folder to the \$STM32Cube_path\$\Projects\STM32756G_EVAL\Applications\STemWin\cam_gui\inc folder. Rewrite all already existing files.
5. Start the IAR Embedded Workbench. In the text, this tool will be referenced as EWARM.
6. In the EWARM tool chain, open the cam_gui workspace, go to the menu *File→Open→Workspace...* Select the path to the cam_gui EWARM workspace description file \$STM32Cube_path\$\Projects\STM32756G_EVAL\Applications\STemWin\cam_gui\EWARM\Project.eww.
7. In the cam_gui EWARM workspace, there are missing files *btn.c*, *sldr.c*, *logo.c* and *stm32f7xx_hal_msp.c*. Inspect the workspace file tree, see Figure 2. Add the file to the workspace. In the workspace file tree, select folder *User*, right click on it and from the context menu select *Add→Add Files...* and choose the missing files located in \$STM32Cube_path\$\Projects\STM32756G_EVAL\Applications\STemWin\cam_gui\Src folder.
8. Build the project, menu *Project→Make*.
9. Connect the ST-LINK/V2-1 programming and debugging tool on the STM32756G-EVAL2 board. Plug the USB cable to the CN21 ST-LINK/V2-1 USB connector of the board.
10. Let the STM32756G-EVAL2 board configuration jumpers in their default settings, check it according to board manual [1].
11. Power the board up.

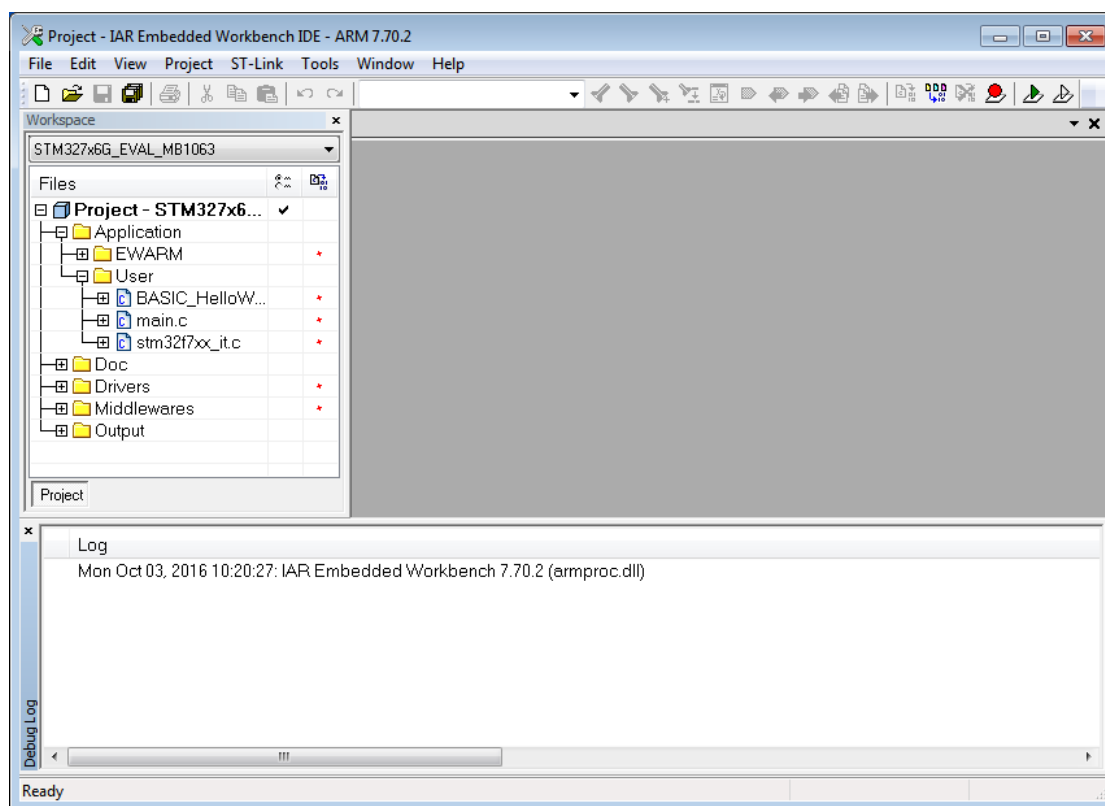


Figure 2: Project workspace files

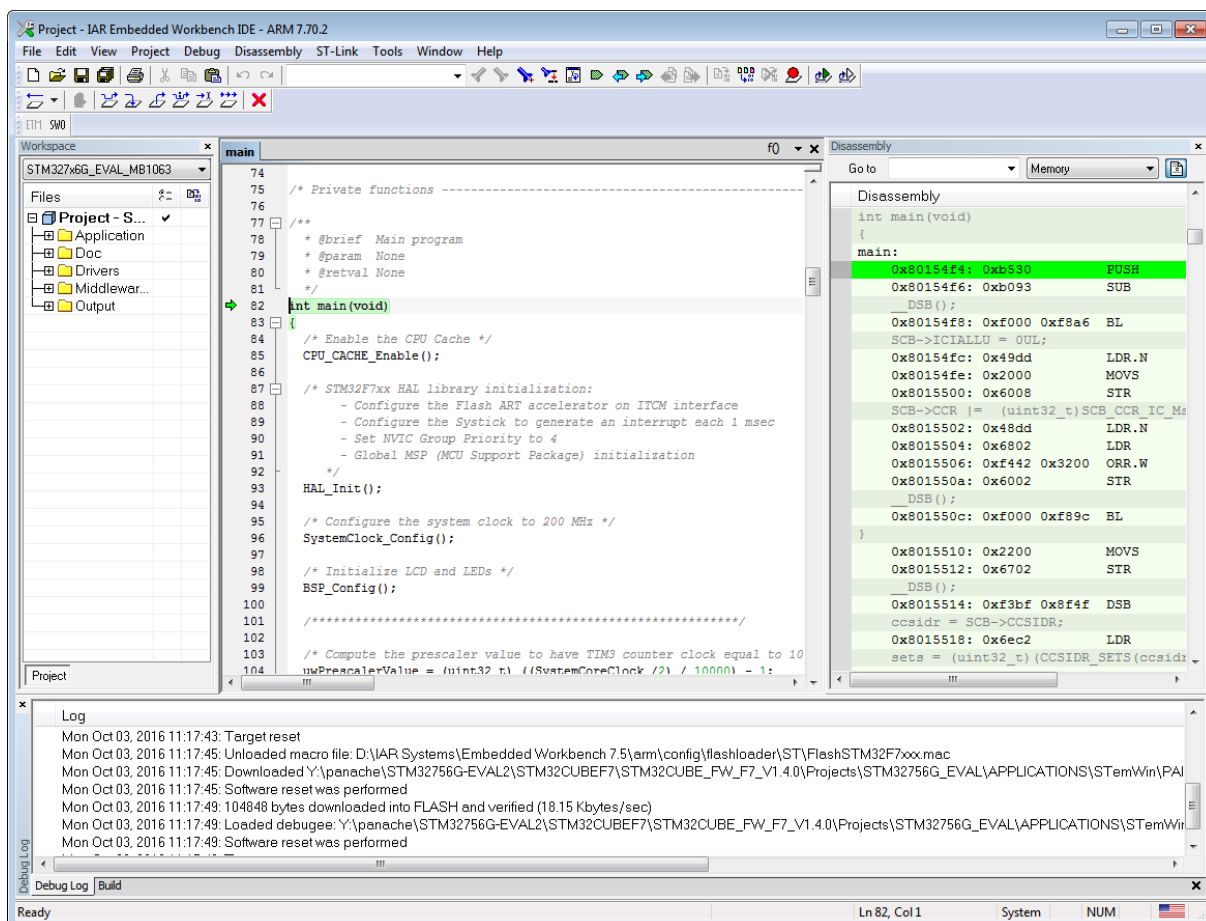


Figure 3: EWARM debugger.

12. Download and debug the application. Menu *Project*→*Download and Debug*. This action writes the program code to the eFLASH of the STM32F756NGH6 microcontroller on the STM32756G-EVAL2 board and starts the debugger.
13. Debug the application, examine menu *Debug*. Snapshot of running debugger can be seen in Figure 3.

NOTE: The program remains in the eFLASH after the debug session finished. If the board is powered up, the latest application will start automatically.

The application can be tested without the Python 1300 camera module, commands can be observed via serial terminal (putty for instance). Settings of the terminal are presented in Table 3

Table 3: Serial terminal settings

Parameter	Value
Baud rate	115200
Data bits	8
Stop bits	1
Parity	None
Flow control	None

5 Package contents

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|- doc/
|  `-- cam_gui_appnote.pdf
`-- sw/
    |- src
    |   |- BASIC>HelloWorld.c
    |   |- btn.c
    |   |- logo.c
    |   |- main.c
    |   |- sldr.c
    |   `-- stm32f7xx_hal_msp.c
    `-- inc
        |- btn.h
        |- colors.h
        `-- sldr.h
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6 References

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