

AT3 - AT91RM9200 microcontroller implementation

This course covers AT91RM9200 ARM-based MCU family

Objectives

- The course details the hardware implementation of the AT91RM9200.
- The ARM920T operation is detailed, particularly cache and MMU.
- The boot sequence and the clocking are explained.
- Practical labs on integrated peripherals are based on I/O functions provided by Atmel.
- The course provides examples of internal peripheral software drivers.
- Note that ACSYS does not sell emulation probes and IDEs. Consequently this course has not been designed to convince attendees to buy a particular IDE. The unique objective consists in providing sufficient knowledge to attendees so that they can successfully design a system based on AT91RM9200.
- This course has been delivered several times to companies developing embedded systems, such as medical equipments.
- Note that an additional day on Linux porting onto an AT91RM9200 board may be appended.

A lot of programming examples have been developed by ACSYS to explain the boot sequence, the vector table and the operation of embedded peripherals.

- *They have been developed with 2 different IDEs : Keil and IAR.*
- *Consequently for on site course, it is up to the customer to select the IDE under which labs will be run.*

A more detailed course description is available on request at formation@ac6-formation.com

Prerequisites and related courses

- This course provides an overview of the ARM920T core. Our course reference [R1 - ARM7/9 implementation](#) course details the operation of this core.
- The following courses could be of interest:
 - USB Full Speed High Speed and USB On-The-Go, reference [IP2 - USB 2.0](#) course
 - Ethernet and switching, reference [N1 - Ethernet and switching](#) course
 - CAN bus, reference [IA1 - CAN bus](#) course

Course Environment

- Theoretical course
 - PDF course material (in English) supplemented by a printed version.
 - The trainer answers trainees' questions during the training and provide technical and pedagogical assistance.
- At the start of each session the trainer will interact with the trainees to ensure the course fits their expectations and correct if needed

Target Audience

- Any embedded systems engineer or technician with the above prerequisites.

Evaluation modalities

- The prerequisites indicated above are assessed before the training by the technical supervision of the trainee in his company, or by the trainee himself in the exceptional case of an individual trainee.

- Trainee progress is assessed by quizzes offered at the end of various sections to verify that the trainees have assimilated the points presented
- At the end of the training, each trainee receives a certificate attesting that they have successfully completed the course.
 - In the event of a problem, discovered during the course, due to a lack of prerequisites by the trainee a different or additional training is offered to them, generally to reinforce their prerequisites, in agreement with their company manager if applicable.

Plan

INTRODUCTION TO AT91RM9200

Overview

- ARM core based architecture, AMBA buses
- The main three blocks : platform, core and input / output peripherals

THE PROCESSOR CORE

THE ARM920T CORE

- Presentation of the core, architecture and programming model
- Operating modes : user, system, super, IRQ, FIQ, undef and abort
- ARM vs Thumb instruction sets, interworking
- Access to memory-mapped locations, addressing modes
- Stack management
- C-to-Assembly interface
- Exception mechanism, handler table
- MMU, format of page descriptor tables
- Cache operation
- Debug facilities

PLATFORM

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Power supplies, internal regulator
- Power-on sequence
- Clock generator, on-chip oscillator, PLL
- Boot program
- Memory controller
- Internal high-speed flash
- External Bus Interface
- Power management controller
- Advanced interrupt controller
- Parallel input / output controller
- Peripheral DMA controller

INTEGRATED I/Os

TIMERS

- Periodic Interval Timer
- Windowed Watchdog
- Real-time timer

- 3-channel timer / counter

COMMUNICATION CONTROLLERS

- 2-wire interface
 - I2C protocol basics
 - Transmit and receive sequences
- SPI
 - Master / slave operation
 - External chip-select
 - Transfer sequence
- USART
 - Individual baud rate generators
 - IrDA modulation / demodulation
 - RS485 support
 - Flow control
- Synchronous Serial Controller
 - I2S analog interface support
 - Time Division Multiplexed support
 - High speed continuous data stream capabilities
- Ethernet MAC
 - Full duplex vs half duplex operation
 - Accessing PHY registers, auto-negotiation
 - Receive and Transmit buffer management, buffer descriptors
 - Incoming frame filtering
- USB device
 - Full speed operation
 - Endpoint configuration
- USB host
 - Overview of the OHCI specification
 - Understanding how USB packets are prepared and scheduled for transmission, transfer descriptor
- Multimedia Card Interface (on demand)
 - MMC and SD card basics
 - Command / response protocol
 - Read sequence
 - Write sequence
 - Related interrupts

Renseignements pratiques

Duration : 4 days
Cost : 1500 € HT