BlueScreen SUN

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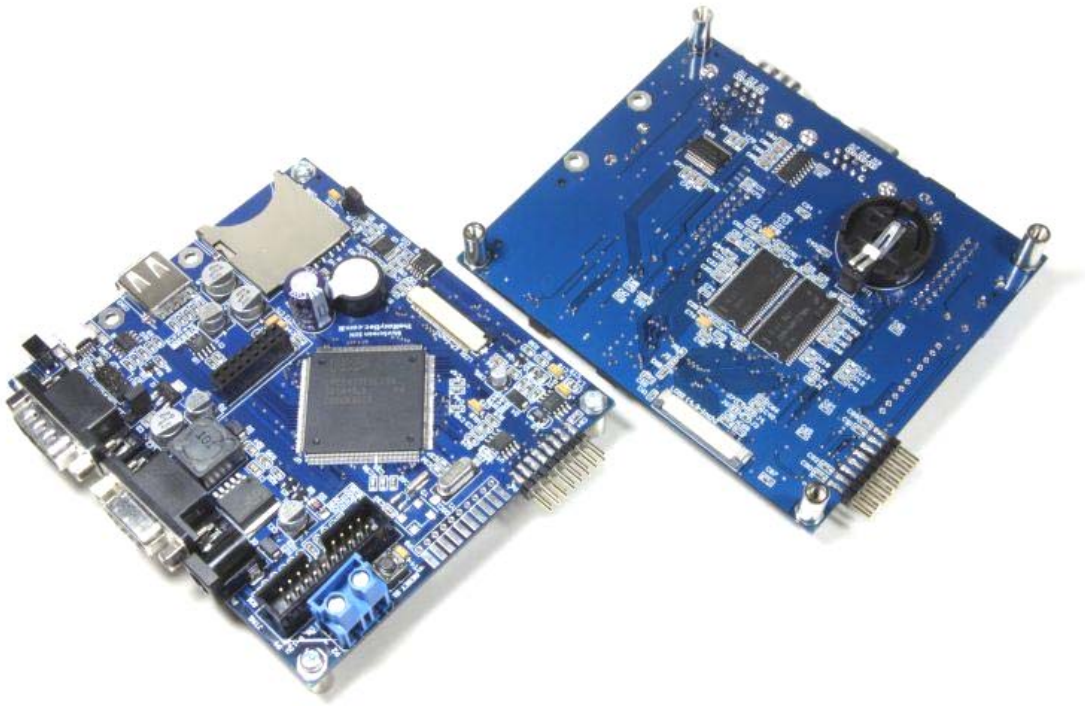

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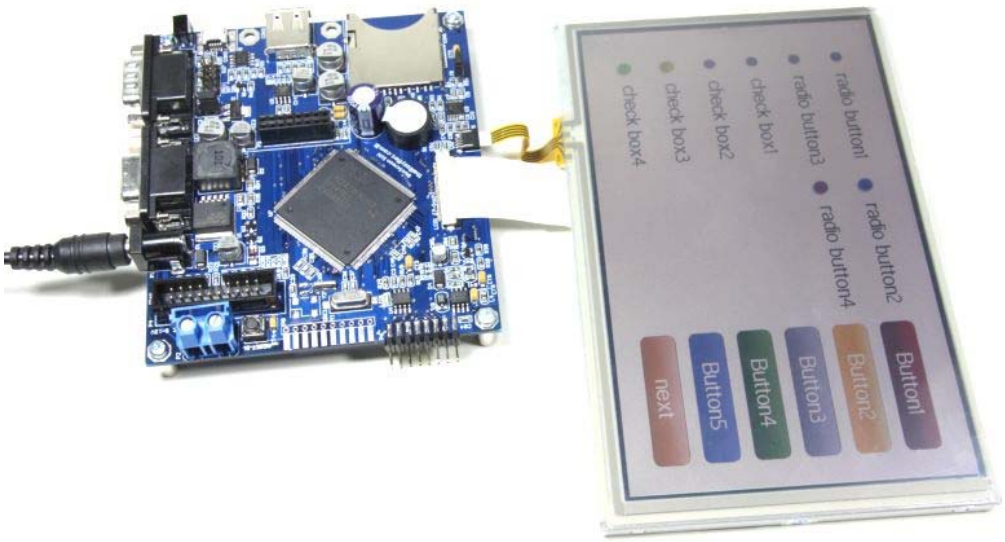
1. Introduction



Blue Screen SUN is a touch screen development board comes with NXP's powerful ARM7 LPC2478, the LCD controller integrated MCU. Addition with 64MB SDRAM, optional Ethernet module, SD card socket, 8kB EEPROM and connectors for resistive-type-4.3-inch and 7-inch touch screen TFT LCD, Blue Screen SUN is the new generation of famous 2.8-inch touch screen development board 'Blue Screen' with bigger size LCD and much more features.

Two source code bundles support non-OS based and OS-based platform. Both platforms share the same touch screen middleware with Blue Screen. Developers who have got familiar with Blue Screen can upgrade there products to bigger LCD easily.

2. Features

Hardware

- NXP's ARM7 LPC2478
- 2 of 16-bit Micron's MT48LC16M16A2P-75 SDRAM providing 32-bit, 64MB memory
- Connector for 480x272 pixels TFT LCD with touch screen
- Connectors for 800x480 pixels TFT LCD and 4-wire resistive touch screen panel
- SD card socket (connected via SPI interface) support up to 2GB capacity (High capacity: 'HC' type not supported)
- On board 8kB EEPROM (the last 128 bytes are reserved for screen calibrated parameters)
- Serial Port 0 with selectable UART connector (TTL 3.3v with 5v tolerant) or female DB9 connector (RS232) for command line interface and in-system programming (select by a jumper)
- Serial Port 1 with full modem signals on male DB9 connector
- 7 GPIO ports (including ADC ports)
- 1 port ThaiEasyElec's module connector consisting of SPI and UART signals from MCU (can be used as 10 GPIO ports)
- One USB host interface with USB type A connector and power switch IC LM3526M-L
- One USB device interface with mini-B USB connector (the board cannot be powered from USB connector)
- Connector for ThaiEasyElec's DP83848 Ethernet module
- JTAG connector for programming and debugging
- Connectors for 9-16VDC power supply (DC jack and screw-type)
- Buzzer

Software

Demonstrating application
- Graphic Library demo
- Catalog demo

Command line interface software module
- Show image from SD card
- SD card commands e.g. change directory, list, open read, open write

Screen object software module
- Design your screen with object oriented method, the running background software will manage which object should be operated

Low level drivers
- LCD driver
- Touch screen controller (AD7843) driver
- Serial port
- SPI interface
- I2C interface

3. Requirement

- USB cable (type A to mini-B) (optional)
- 9V-16VDC power supply
- ThaiEasyElec's USB to serial and cable (optional) for command line interface and programming
- Stylus (optional)
- SD card (optional)
- Supports programmer/debugger (optional) ULink, ULink2 and more
- DP83848 Ethernet module (optional)

VS1011E Module

USB mini B to Serial

DP83848 Ethernet Module

Stylus

mini N-link ARM USB JTAG **

**** mini N-link ARM USB JTAG is now obsoleted**
Please refer the ARM USB JTAG as link below
http://www.thaieasyelec.com/index.php?lay=show&ac=cat_showcat&l=3&cid=1733

4. Drawing

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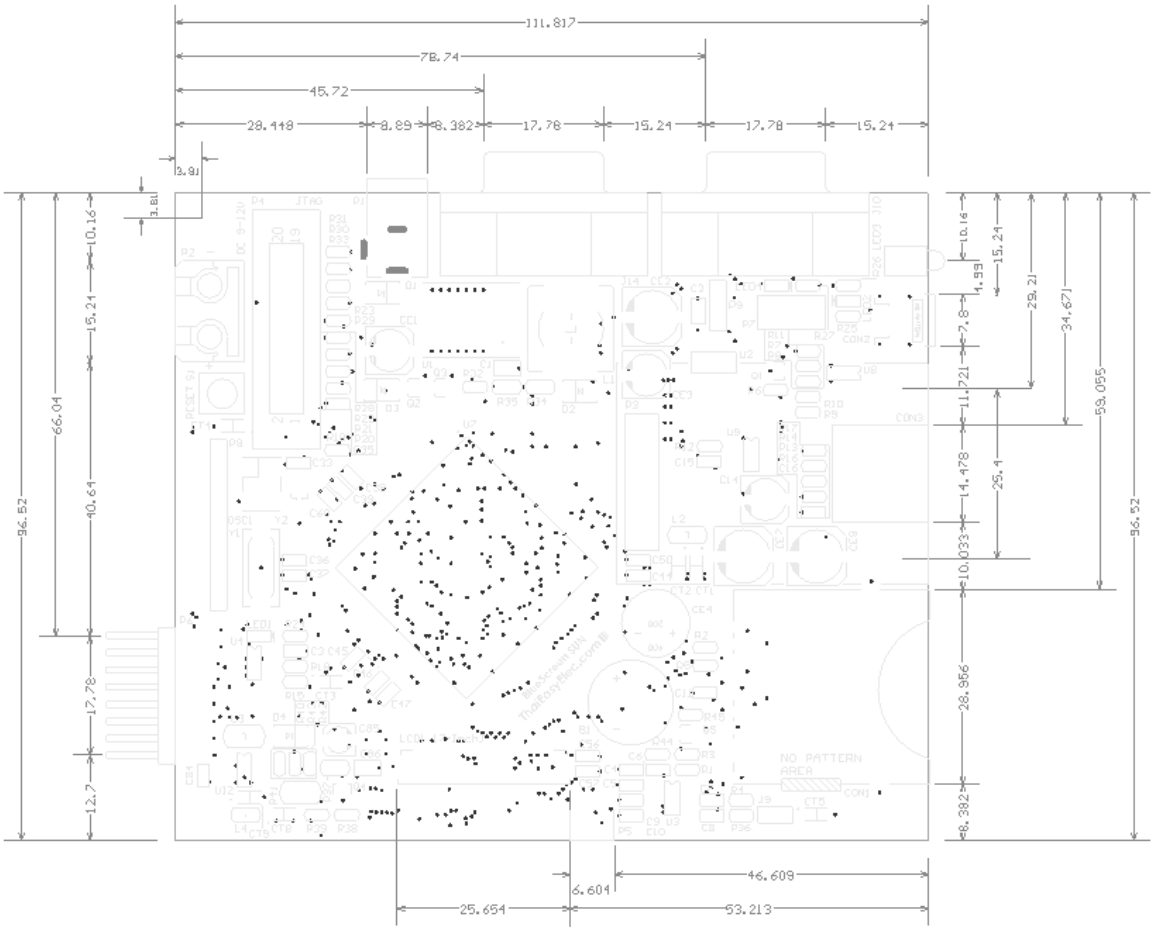

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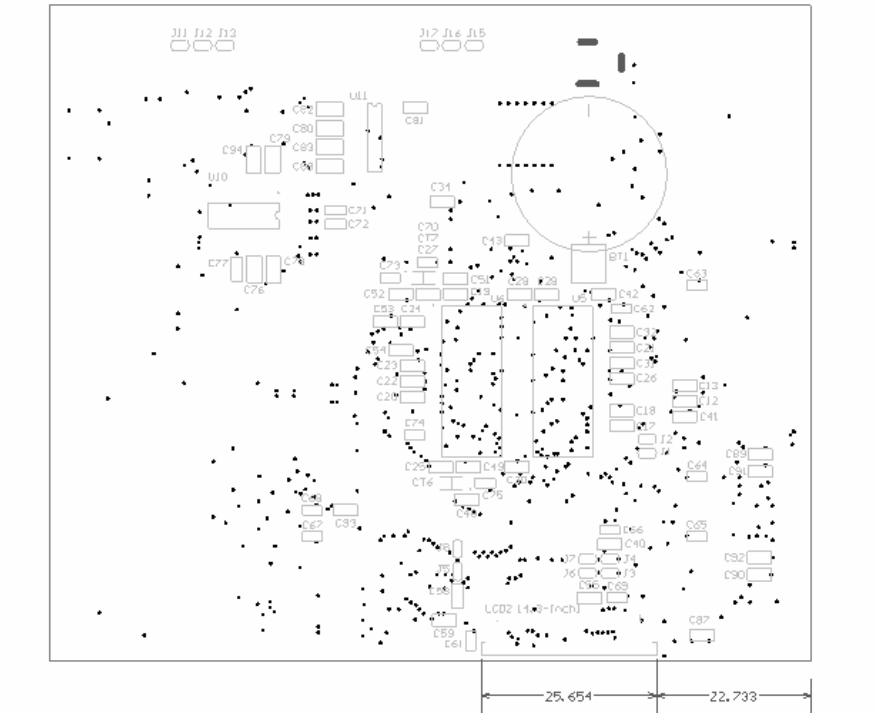

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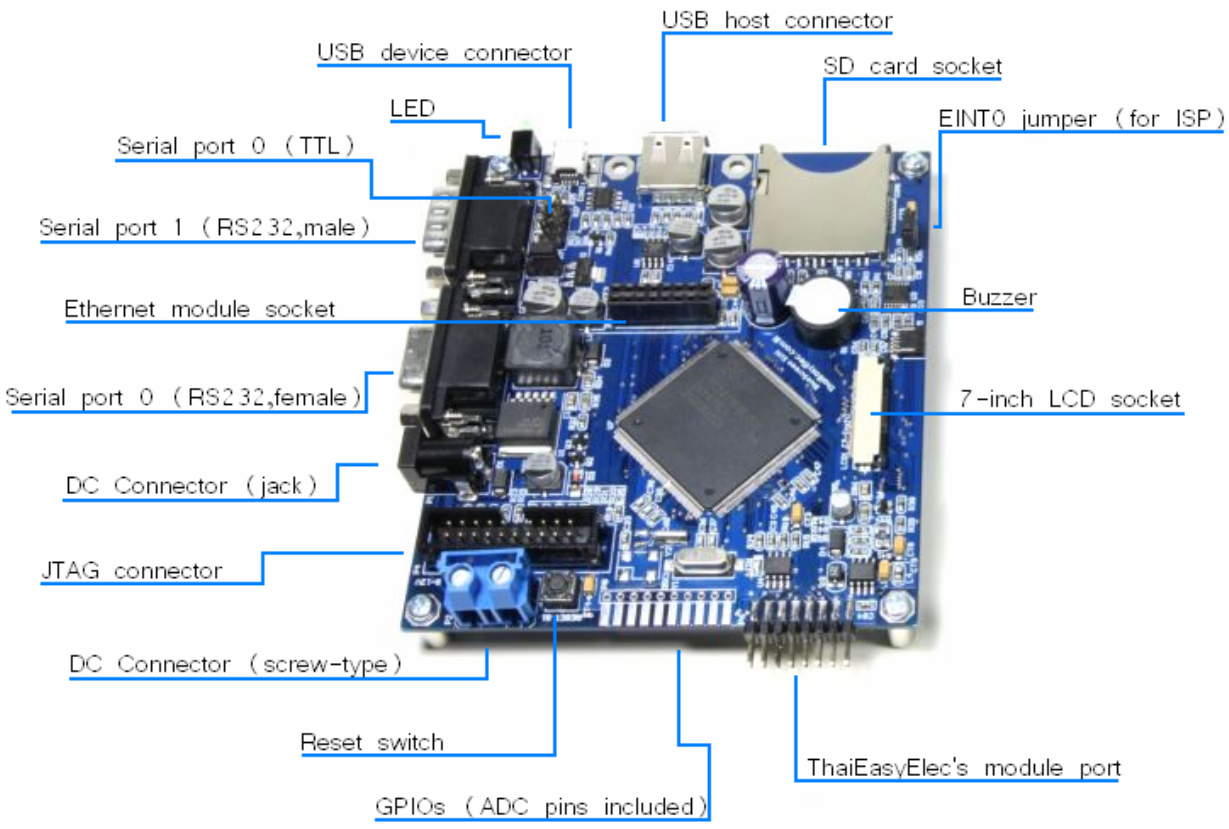
5. Getting start

5.1 Peripherals



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5.2 Power it on

The board can be powered via 2 connectors with 9-16VDC. Both screw-type and jack-type (positive-voltage inside) are shorted together on board, and is protected with half-bridge diode for incorrect polar power.

The board shows “Press the screen to recalibrate within 1 second” on a blue screen. In this state, if you want to recalibrate the screen, press on it. Anyway, the board is calibrated from our factory so users don’t need to do it again.

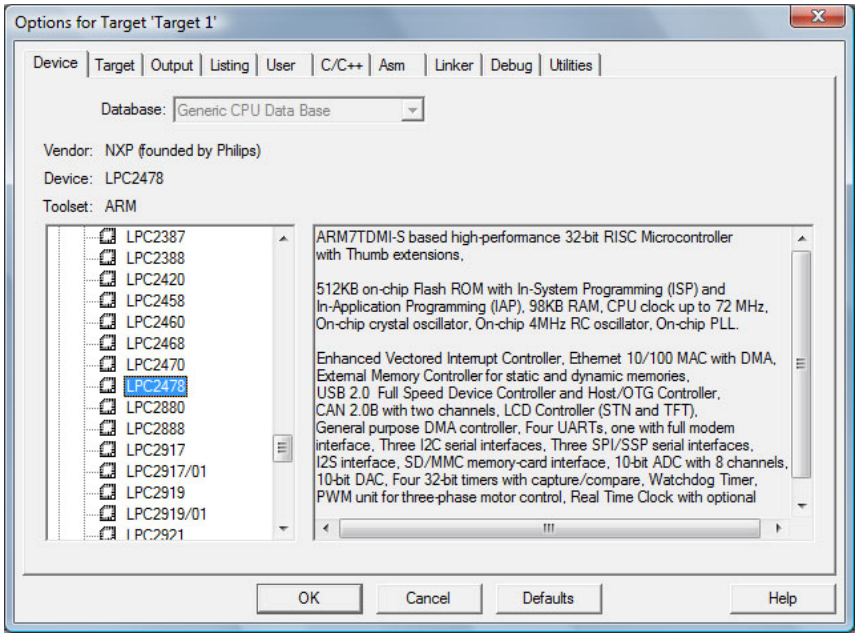
When the board starts up, it loads calibrated parameters from last 128 bytes of EEPROM (see function AppCalibrateScreen2() in app_bs_sun_demo.c). These parameters are used to calculate which point the screen is pressed. They are variable on each board. In case that user overwrites some of these data in EEPROM. At the starting up, the calibration state (picture below) will show automatically without waiting.

In order to recalibrate the screen, there would be 3 points on the screen to be pressed. For accuracy, please touch it slowly and a stylus should be used. When finishing, the demo example will be shown.

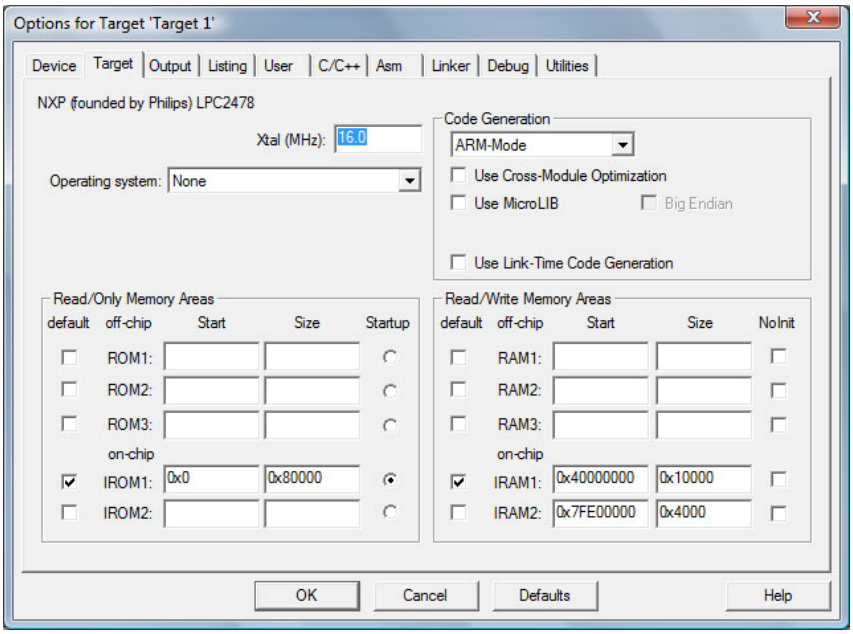
5.3 Creating project with Keil

Contents below are referenced to Graphic Library example; there may be some differences in other examples.

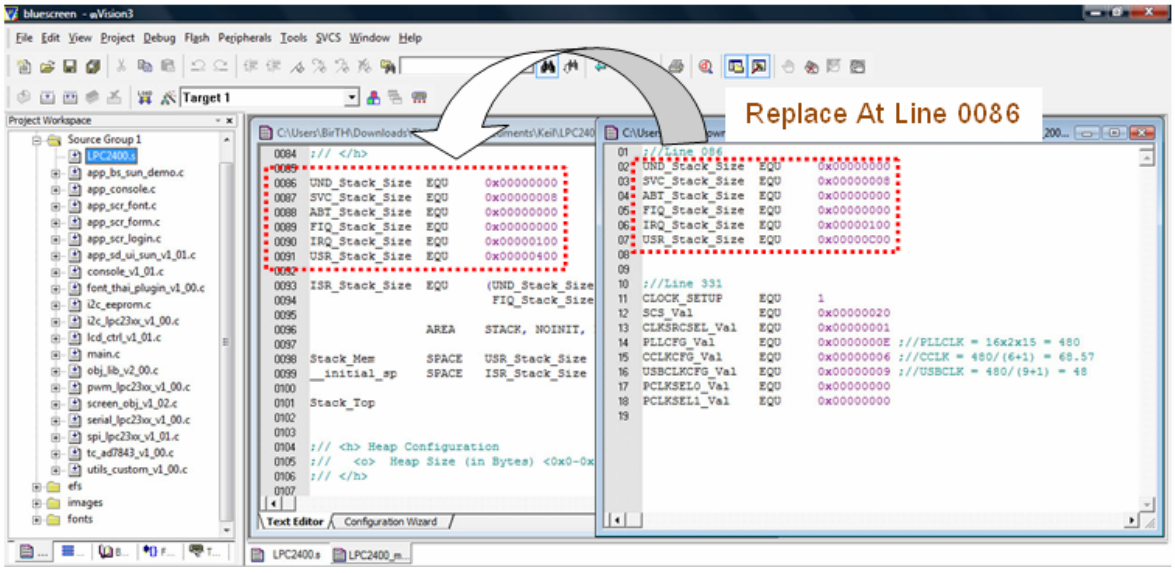
The board is supplied with codes. Users have to make project yourself. This guide is an example for Keil. Firstly, you have to create a project. And select the device as "LPC2478"

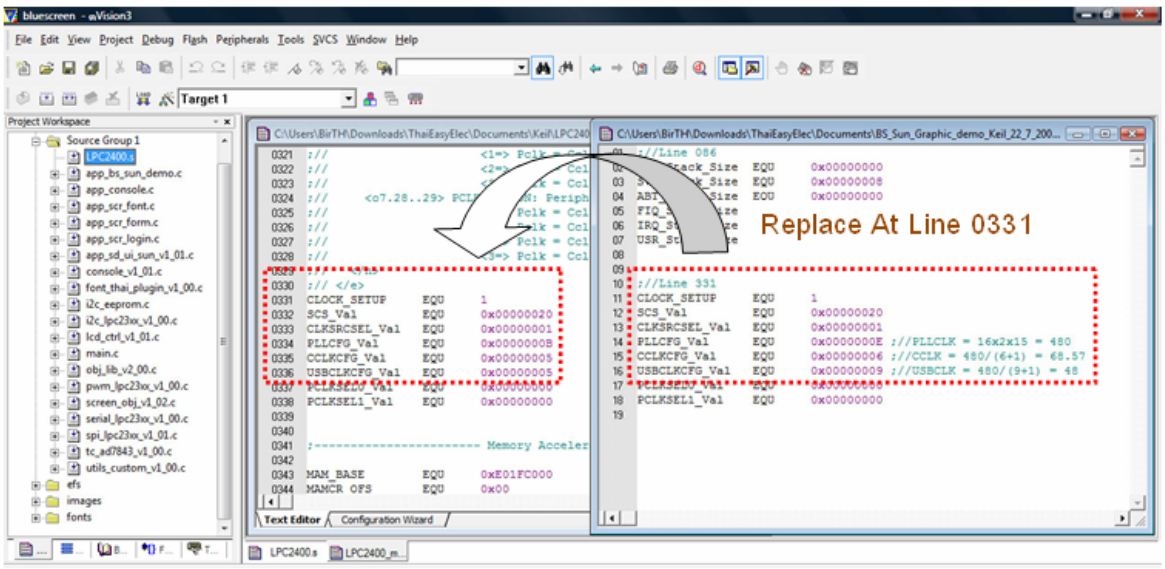


Secondly, set the XTAL frequency as 16 MHz. This is very important; one downloading the firmware via JTAG with wrong setting will cause the board not to be programmable anymore. If this situation occurs, one way to recover is to program it with Flash Magic.

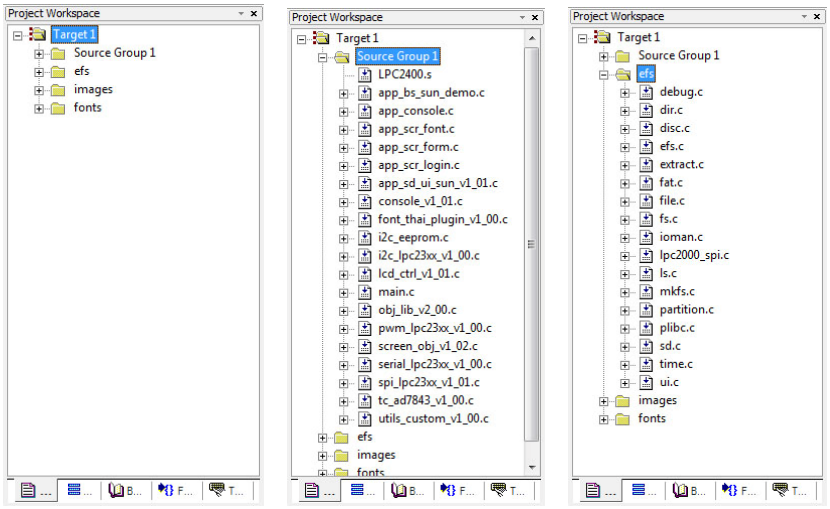


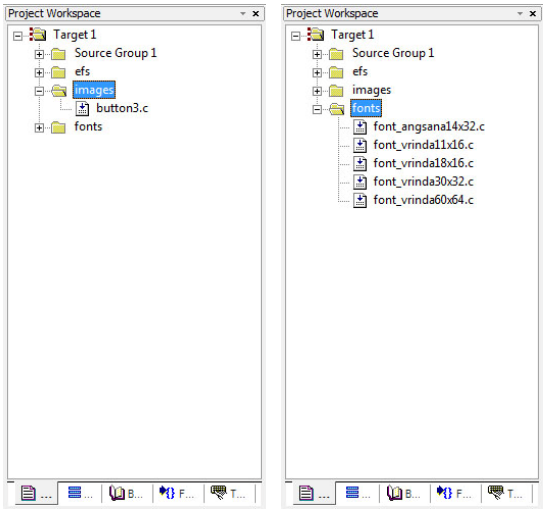
Thirdly, modify the LPC2400.s file along with the LPC2400_modification_note.s file you got from our website.



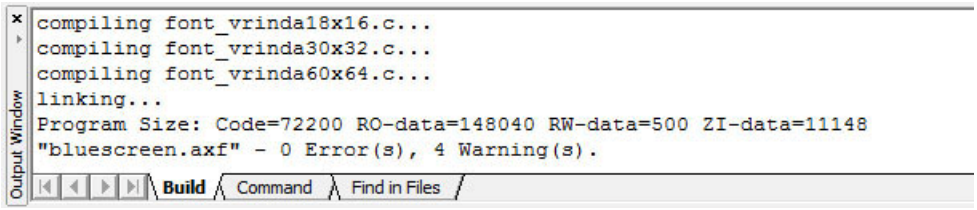


Then add all other source files (.c) in the project. And also add group “efs”, “fonts” and “images” then add all source files in those folders to its group. For more detail about “efs” (stand for embedded file system), please see appendix.





After these settings, the project should be compiled without any errors (some warnings may occur). The project workspace should be seen as below.



5.4 Source files description

Contents below are referenced to Graphic Library example; there may be some differences in other examples.

For more understanding in the content, user may also read Blue Screen board's manual, which uses the same core library.

Header files (only important files are shown)

1. hw_Blue Screen_sun.h : define hardware, for example : TC_CS is at port 2.2

   ```
   #define TC_CS_DPRT      FIO0DIR
   #define TC_CS_PRTS      FIO0SET
   #define TC_CS_PRTC      FIO0CLR
   #define TC_CS_PIN       10
   ```

   DPRT : direction port
   PRTS : port set
   PRTC : port clear
   PIN : pin number in the port

   These may look awkward, but it's very easy to change some pins.

2. app_config.h : this file is used to configure many parameters various on each project. Header files including are in here. And it is included in most of source file. So which declaration shared on more than one source file should be declared in here. Function headers of app_bs_sun_demo.c are also declared here.

3. All other header files are subjected to declare functions only.

Source files (only important files are shown)

1. main.c : background functions are here including timer interrupt service routine (T0_IRQHandler()), i/o initialization (io_init()). In case that user need to use more peripherals, PINSEL may be set in io_init(). Notice that AppInit() and AppRun() are called from main(), user application may be modified (or recreate) using these functions.

2. app_bs_sun_demo.c : most of application are here except the graphic user interface which is in app_scr_xxx.c

3. screen_obj.c : this is the code running in the background of screen object management. From the AppScanPen() in app_blue_screen.c, the screen position and the pen status are send to ScrObjDo(). This point is called "global position" because it refers the whole screen. In ScrObjDo(), each object are determined whether the screen position is in its area considering from its origin and its size. Then ".do()" of targeted object will be processed with "local position" got from minus of global position and the object's origin.

4. app_scr_xxx.c : these files are related to each screen, each object's parameter are defined here including origin, horizontal and vertical size, do() and draw() function and etc. A part of code from app_scr_login.c is shown below.

```
#define SO_KEYPAD            0 // (1)

ObjKeypad2Init(SO_KEYPAD,0,256);//(2)
so_obj[SO_KEYPAD].draw = keypad_draw;//(3)
so_obj[SO_KEYPAD].do_ = keypad_do;//(4)
so_obj[SO_KEYPAD].leave = user_turn_off_key;//(5)
```

Line (1) is to dedicate that, for this screen (MP3 player screen), keypad is the object number 1.
Line (2), keypad is initialized with ObjKeypad2Init() which is in obj_lib.c, 0 and 256 are position of the object in the screen. With standard object library, some parameters are fixed. Anyway, for customized object, all parameter must be set.
Line (3), (4) and (5) define functions that would be operated on corresponding event.

With screen_obj_v1_01 or later, all functions in so_obj structure are initialized to null function. So they don't need to be assigned in case that they are not used.

Note that "so_obj" is structure type variable. User may change its parameter when need. So in case that user designs more than one screen in an application. The array "so_obj" can be redefined again and again for each screen.

For more detail about "so_obj" please see in screen_obj.h.

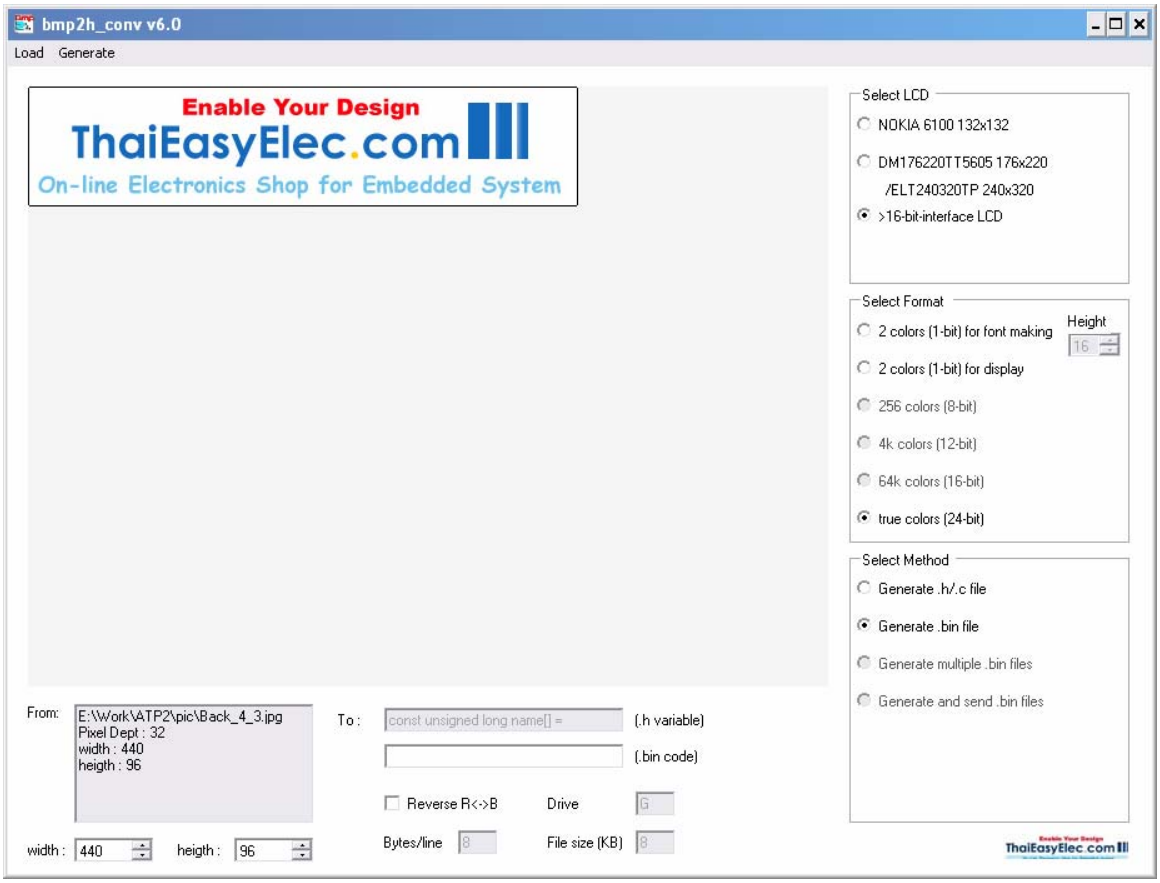
5.5 Image generating

In the demo application, most of images seen on the screen are generated from JPEG files or Bitmap files with the software called “bmp2h_conv”. The last version, which is 6.0, supports 24-bit color format and can be downloaded at our website in product’s page. This part of manual shows step by step how to implement these pictures into your project.

Please also understand about format that the picture would be generated to. With Blue Screen board (2.8-inch LCD); the color format is 16-bit. But with Blue Screen SUN board, it’s 24-bit, just like on your PC. Anyway, in embedded system’s world, it must be store in 32-bit memory. So one pixel picture would be store in 4 bytes of memory.

Firstly, create your image using Paint or whatever you like.

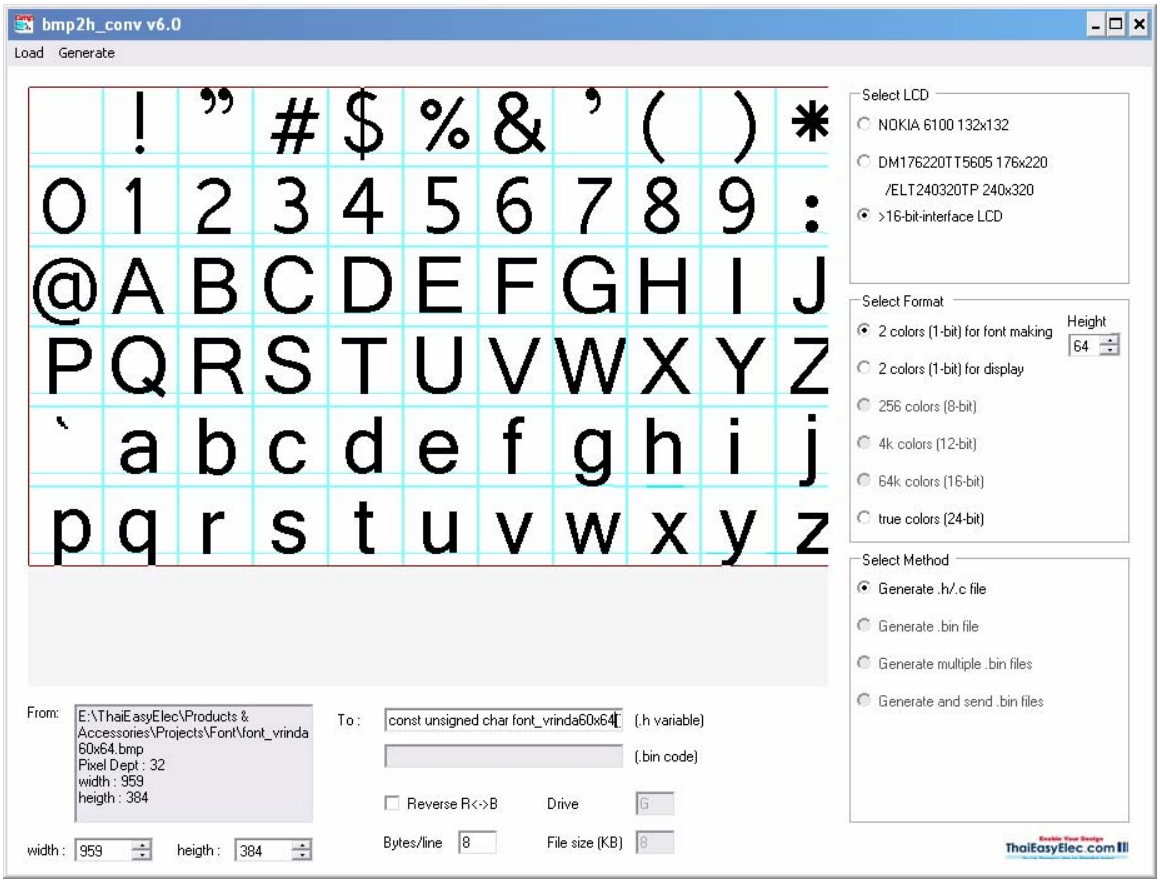
Secondly, run bmp2h_conv and load your image. Set parameters as shown below except of “Select Method”.



In “Select Method” option, select what you need; to store image in code memory, use .h or .c file (.h is to be included while .c is to be added to project, the difference in uses is, whenever the image would be used in one source file, .h can used. Unless, use .c and then declare them with “extern” prefix in app_config.h, then you can use it anywhere in the project. For example, fonts are used many times in many files, it must be added like a .c file.)
Generating to .bin files is used for storing image on SD card. This is, in case of large image that would be used as background. Or in case that you are having arrays of images (see Catalog demo example for more details). Note that a full screen image for 7-inch LCD would take 800x480x4 bytes. That’s 1.5MB and is absolutely not be able to store in 512K flash memory.

Then, click “Generate” and specify the target file name.

To make a font, see settings below.



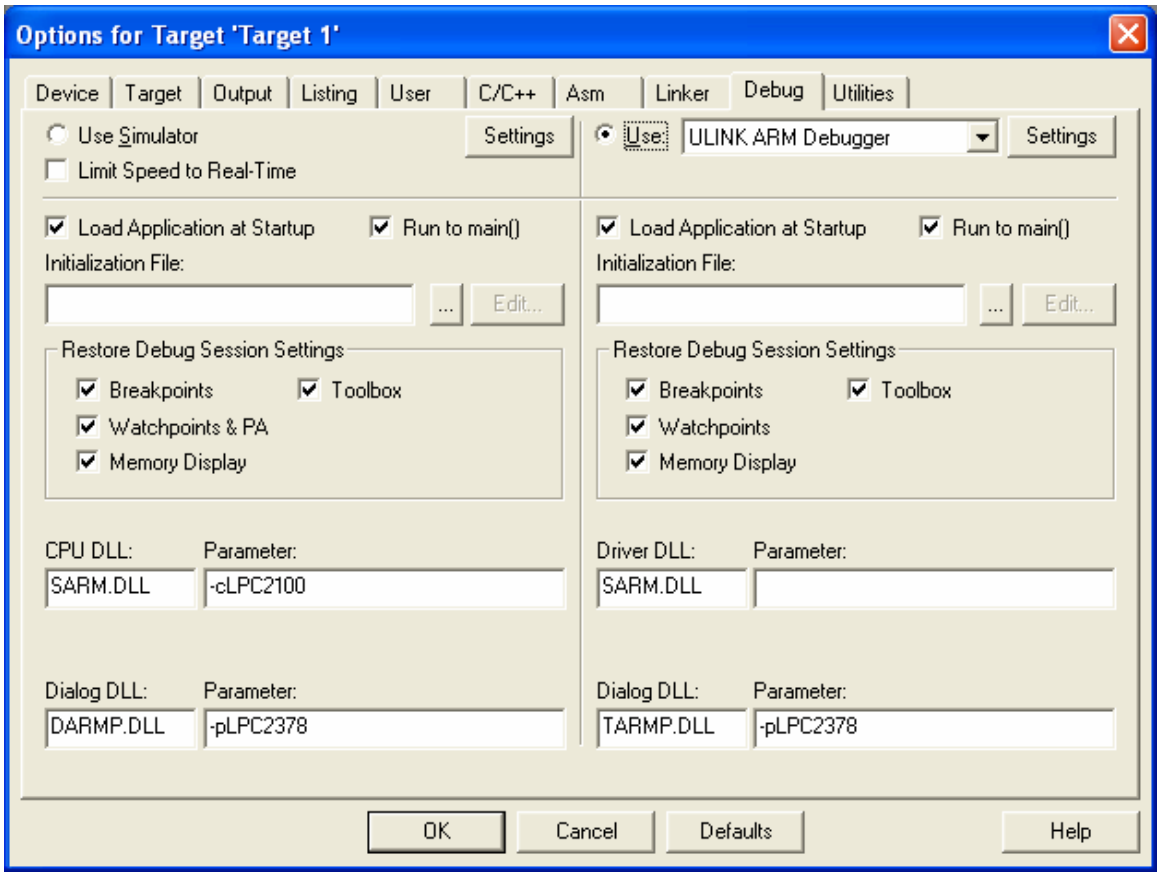
Notice on the “Height” parameter in “Select Format” option. This must be set to match your font images. It could only be in multiples of 8.

5.6 Programming, Debugging and Command line interface

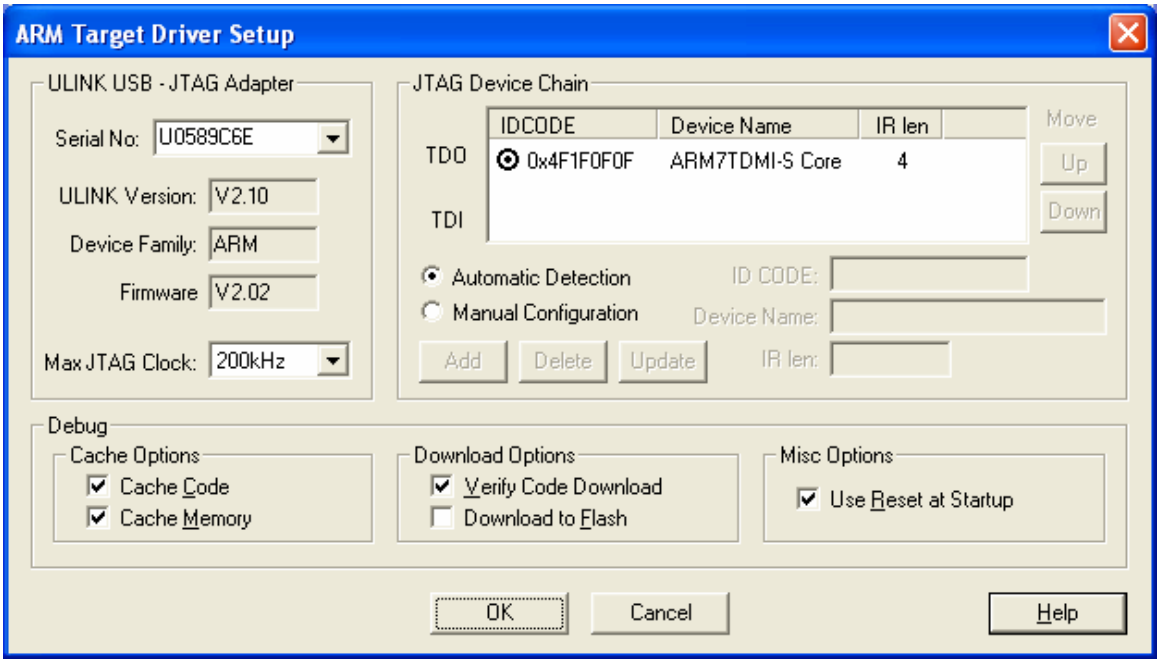
5.6.1 JTAG Interface

Blue Screen SUN board supports JTAG interface for debugging and programming. Many programmers can be used corresponding to your IDE.

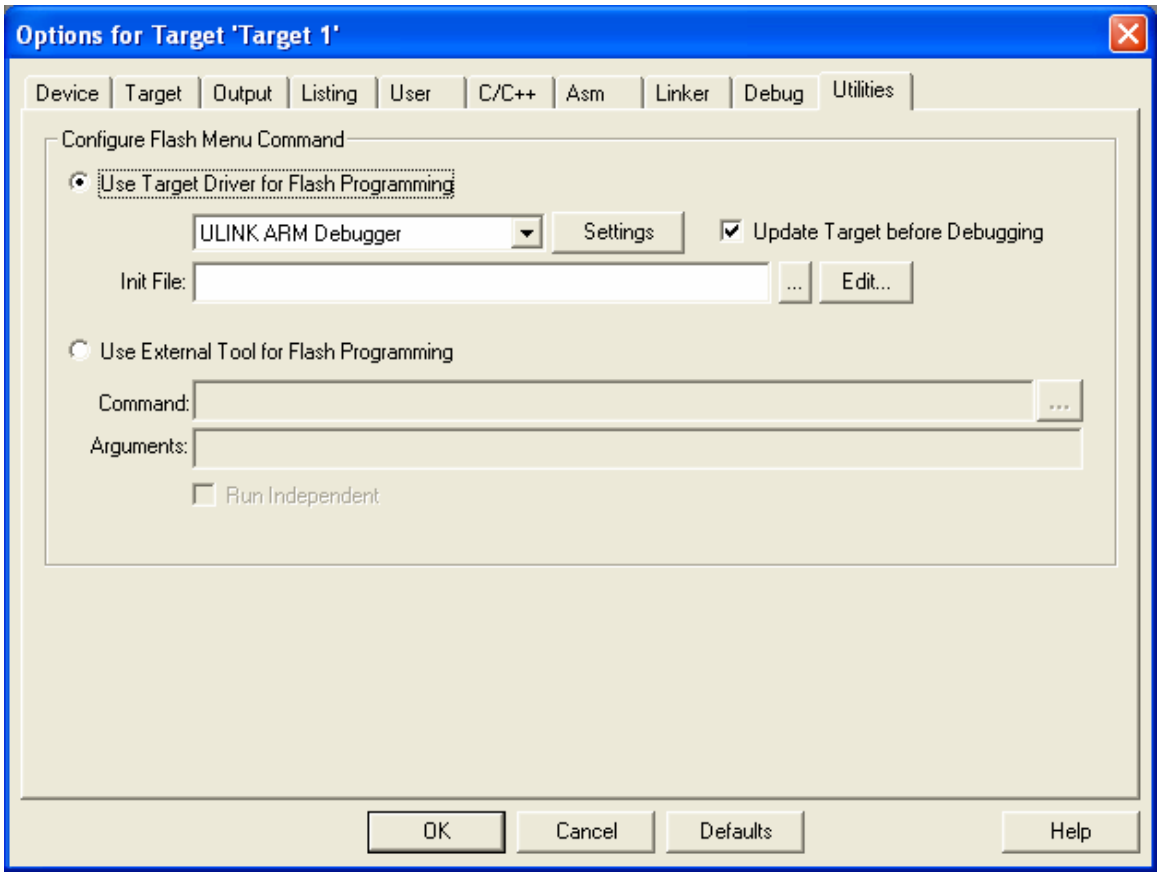
For Keil's software, on the target's option select 'Debug' and configure the flash programmer as follow.



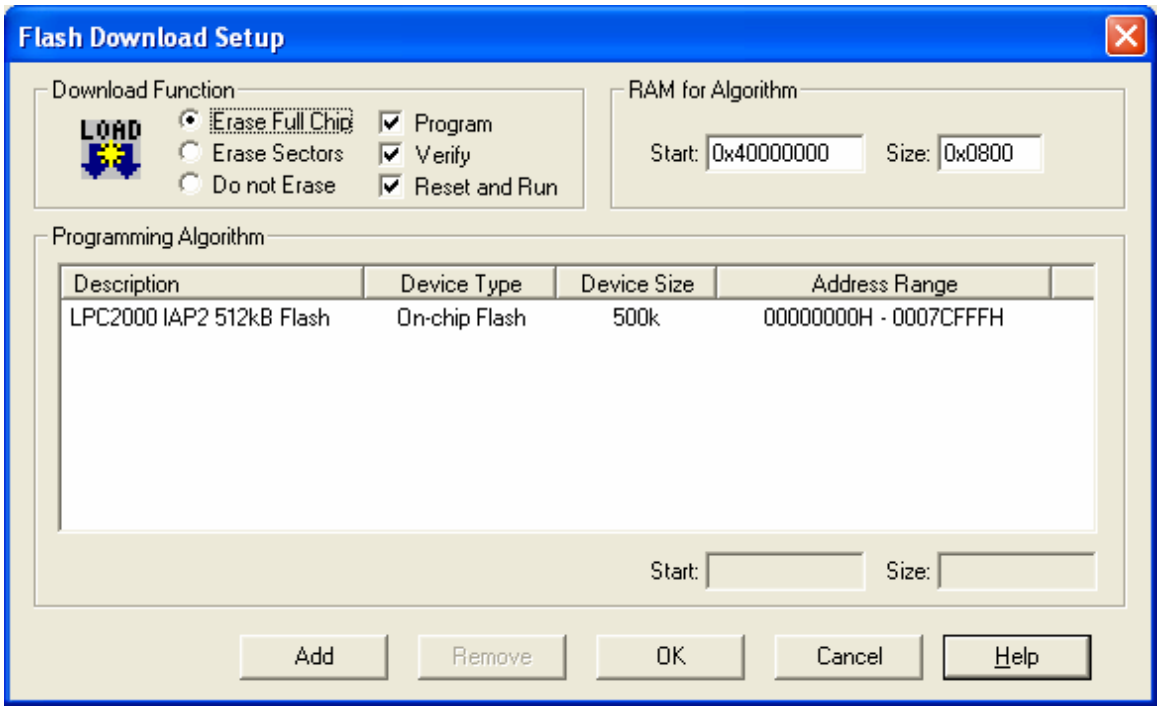
Also select 'Settings' and set MAX JTAG Clock not over than 200kHz if you are using mini N-Link. Faster speed can be set with ULink2 or compatible programmer.



Back to target's option select Utilities and configure as follow.

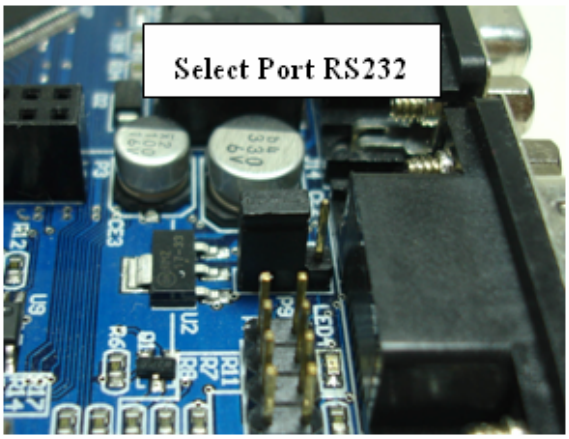


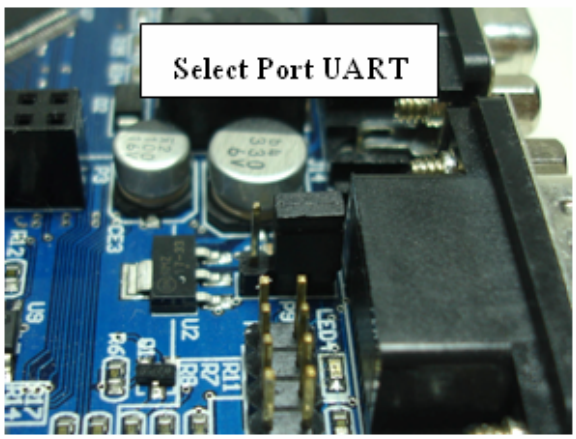
Select setting and add programming algorithm as follow.



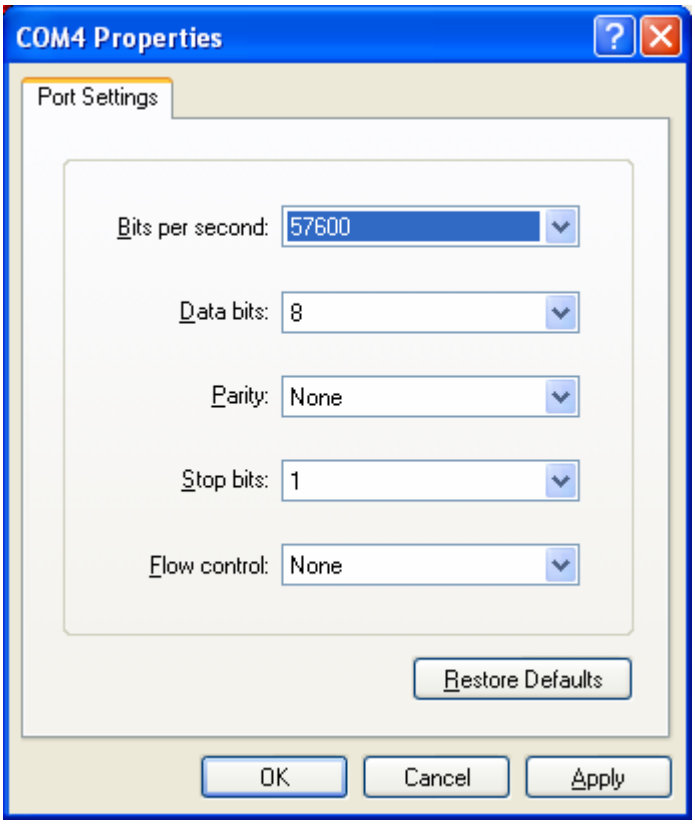
5.6.2 Serial port

Command line interface can be connected using COM0 (as CONS_SER is defined to '0' in app_config.h). Anyway, the board provides COM0 in 2 types; RS232 and TTL. There is a jumper (P9) to be set, see pictures below.

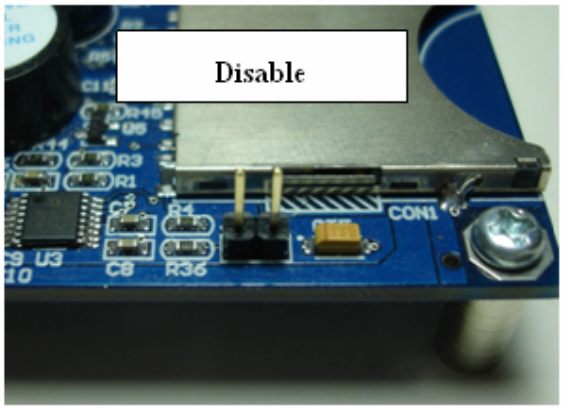


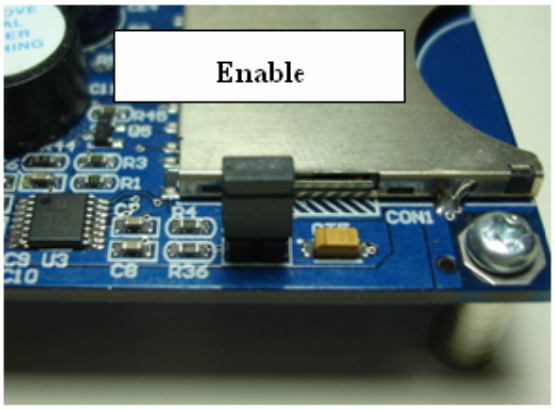


To communicate the board with command line interface, HyperTerminal can be used. Set the COM port as follow.



The serial port 0 also served for ISP (In-system programming), which user can use software like Flash Magic to program the MCU. To do this, place a jumper on J9 (see pictures below) and then press reset. Now the MCU should starts with ISP boot loader.





Please also remove the jumper when programming finished and then reset the board again.

Appendix

1. TS_MODE (refers to lcd_ctrl.h)

TS_MODE is display mode used in functions start with TSLCD. Now there are 3 modes available, TS_MODE_NORMAL, TS_MODE_INVERSE and TS_MODE_FULL.

- TS_MODE_NORMAL : To displaying a circle or some images having white background, user may want this white background to be transparent. Using this mode, all pixel having value 0xFFFF will considered as 'background' and it will be display as read-back color. The example of this mode displaying is the volume bar. There you can see blue background instead of white.

- TS_MODE_INVERSE : As it's name "inverse". The circle or rectangular drawn will have inverse color to the old color. Color parameter sent to the function will be ignored.

- TS_MODE_FULL : In case of showing a text message again and again in the same area. You need the use this mode as the blank space will be filled with background color. Anyway, displaying an image (TSLCDShowPic2()) with this mode all color from original image code will be display including white color.

Note that a rectangular doesn't have blank space; in this case TS_MODE_NORMAL and TS_MODE_FULL have same effect.

2. Pen status (refers to app_config.h)

Pen status or in code "pstatus" means the current state of pen. This is useful parameter sent to ScrObjDo(). There are 4 available statuses:

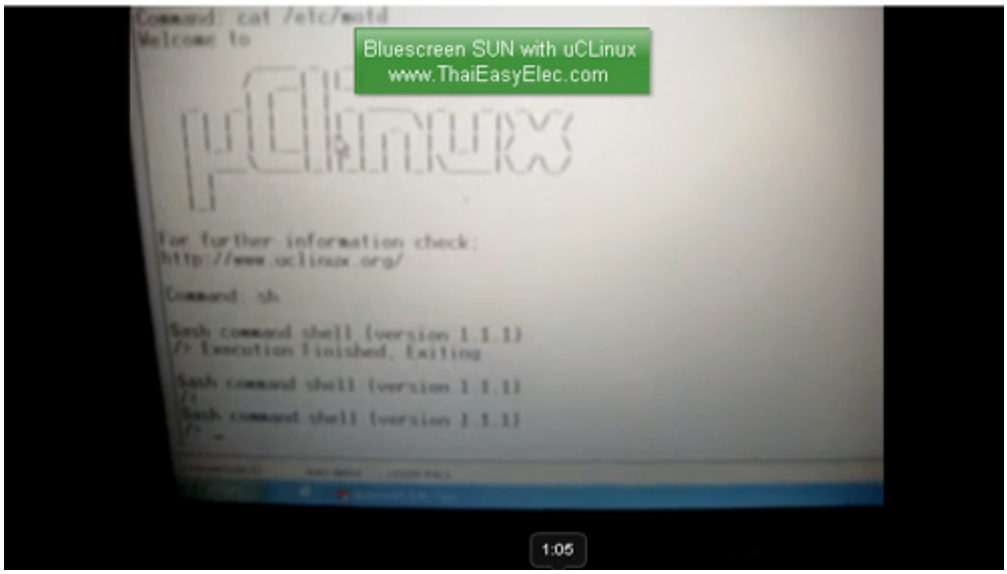
- PST_NOTFOUND : means that the screen is not pressed.
- PST_DOWN : occurs once the screen is pressed.
- PST_HOLD : occurs continuously while the screen is pressed.
- PST_UP : occurs once the screen is released.

3. Embedded file system library (EFSL)

Embedded file system library using in this application is free library downloadable from http://sourceforge.net/projects/efsl/ . It's limited to SPI only (LPC23xx's MCI is not supported). It's very easy to port it to your existing hardware. AVR, NXP's ARM7, and some other platform have already had example.

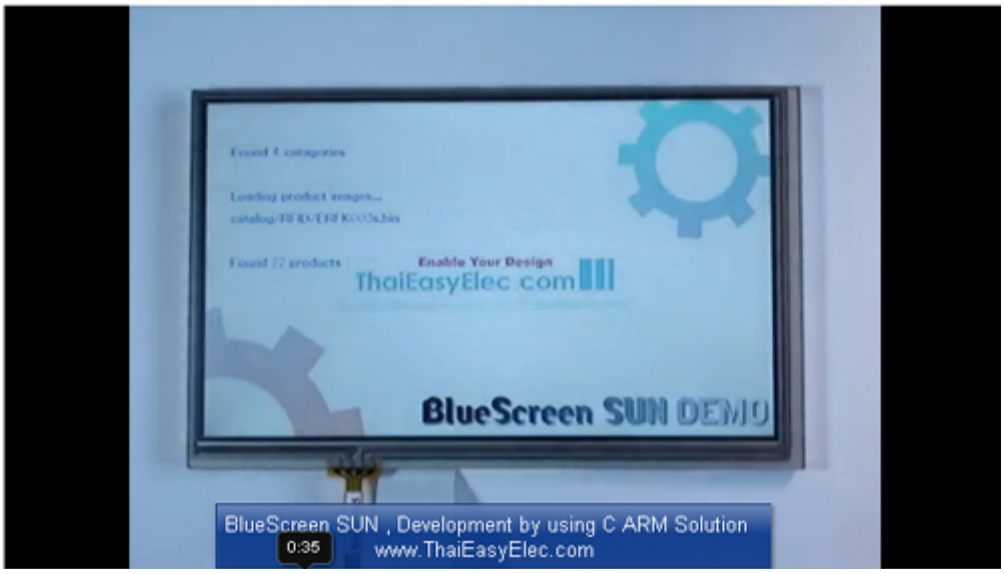
In this application lpc200_spi.c is modified from original code. It is the bridge between our SPI library and EFSL. Other files is also modified (some lines are commented) to decrease warnings and errors.

Bluescreen SUN with uCLinux



BLUESCREEN SUN with uCLinux
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMIM8vTSMuo
Booting uCLinux from SD Card , Bootloader copy kernel image from SD Card to SDRAM and Boot

BlueScreen SUN coming up!!!



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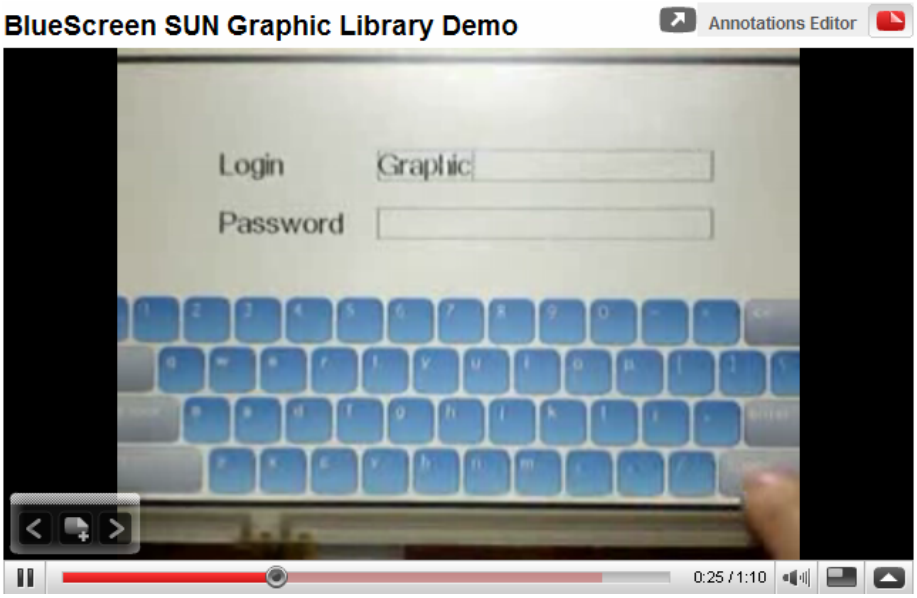

BlueScreen SUN Graphic Library Demo
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5bwluqbr9w
LPC2478 with 7 inches touch screen LCD with graphic library. Source code available now!!!

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