

SNAZZY EMBEDDED GUI APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT USING LOW-RESOURCE TECHNIQUES

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TRENDS IN LOW-RESOURCE TECHNIQUES



More Products Include Graphical UIs

- Consumer goods are becoming smarter and a growing number are boasting complex user interfaces
- As new solutions evolve and advance, so does the need for high performance and power-efficiency



Hardware and Software Challenges

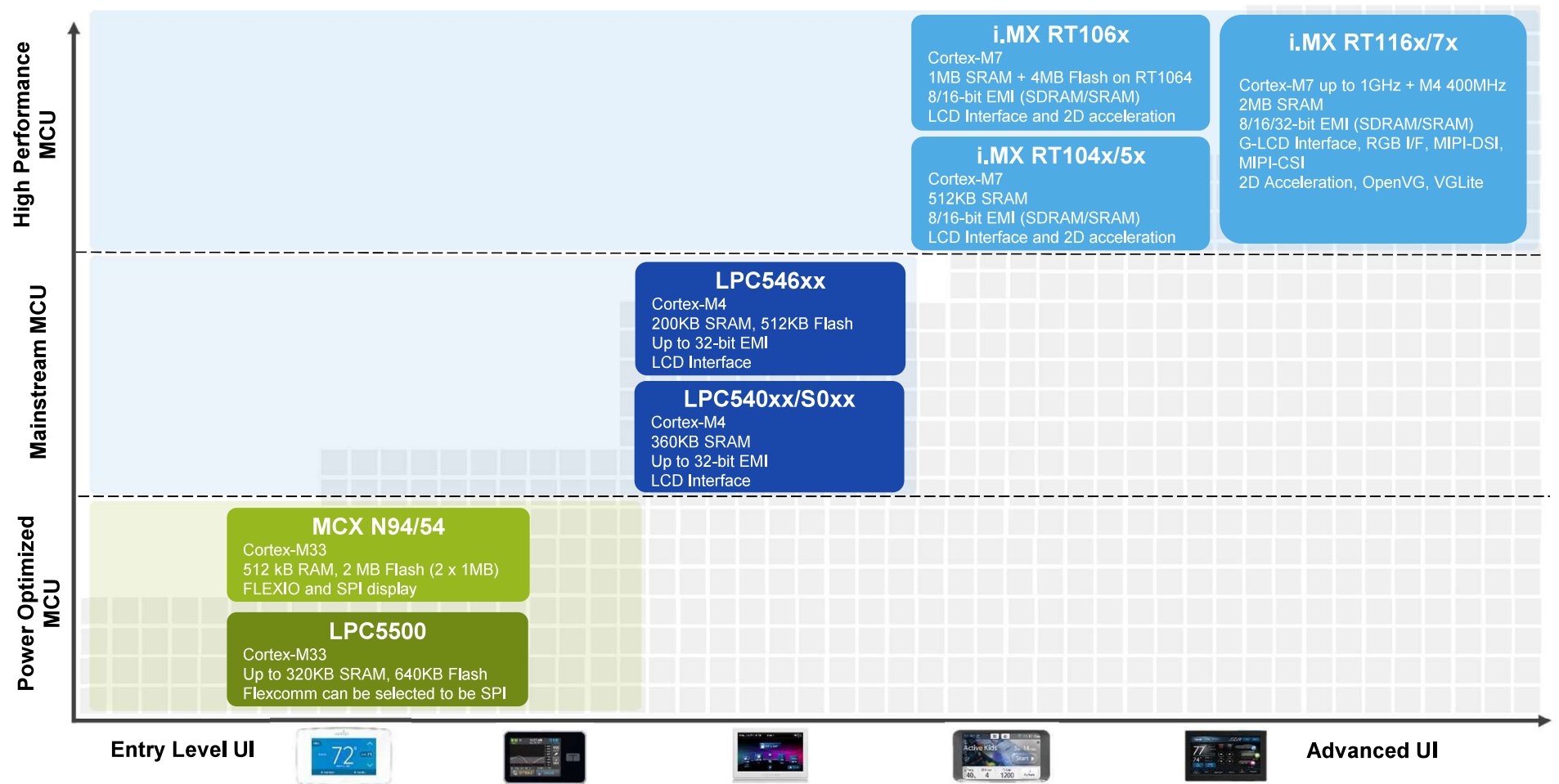
- External memories routing requires advanced skills and knowledge also as a layout design of PCB
- Configuring software and developing special drivers makes a high demands on developers



Resources Reduction

- Using internal RAM and optimizing graphics assets in application reduces BOM cost and PCB size
- No external memory consumes no power, there is high energy reduction in final application

NXP MCUS OPTIMIZED FOR GRAPHICAL INTERFACES



RECOMMENDED NXP MCU FAMILIES FOR GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACES

| | | Core | Frequency | Memory | Graphics Acceleration | Display Interface / Controller | Resolutions |
|------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| High Performance | i.MX RT1170 | Cortex-M7 and Cortex-M4 | 1 GHz / 400 MHz | 2 MB SRAM 2x Quad/Octal Mem Interface 8/16/32-bit EMI | PXP GPU | eLCDIF LCDIFv2 MIPI-DSI | Up to WXGA 1366x768 |
| | i.MX RT1160 | Cortex-M7 and Cortex-M4 | 600 MHz / 240 MHz | 1 MB SRAM 2x Quad Mem Interface 8/16/32-bit EMI | PXP GPU | eLCDIF LCDIFv2 MIPI-DSI | Up to WXGA 1366x768 |
| | i.MX RT500 | Cortex-M33 and Fusion F1 DSP | 275 MHz / 275 MHz | 5 MB SRAM 2x Quad/Octal Mem Interface | PXP GPU | MIPI-DSI | Up to XGA 1024x768 |
| | i.MX RT106x | Cortex-M7 | 600 MHz | 512 KB SRAM 8/16-bit EMI | PXP | eLCDIF | Up to WXGA 1366x768 |
| Mainstream | i.MX RT104x/5x | Cortex-M7 | 600 MHz | 512 KB SRAM 8/16-bit EMI | PXP | eLCDIF | Up to WXGA 1366x768 |
| | LPC546xx | Cortex-M4 | 220 MHz | 512 KB Flash, 200 KB RAM Up to 32-bit EMI | - | LCDIF | Up to XGA 1024x768 |
| | LPC54S/540xx | Cortex-M4 | 180 MHz | 360 KB RAM Up to 32-bit EMI | - | LCDIF | Up to XGA 1024x768 |
| Entry | LPC55S69 | Cortex-M33 | 150 MHz | 320 KB RAM, 640 KB Flash | - | SPI | Up to FWVGA 854x480 |
| | MCX N | Cortex-M33 | 150 MHz | 512 KB RAM, 2 MB Flash | - | SPI or 8080 parallel with FlexIO | Up to FWVGA 854x480 |

Note: - LCDIF, eLCDIF, and LCDIFv2 include parallel RGB display interface.
 - This is not a comprehensive list of NXP microcontrollers capable of supporting GUI applications



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Simplify Your GUI Development without External Memories

Lean. Versatile. Scalable. Fast.

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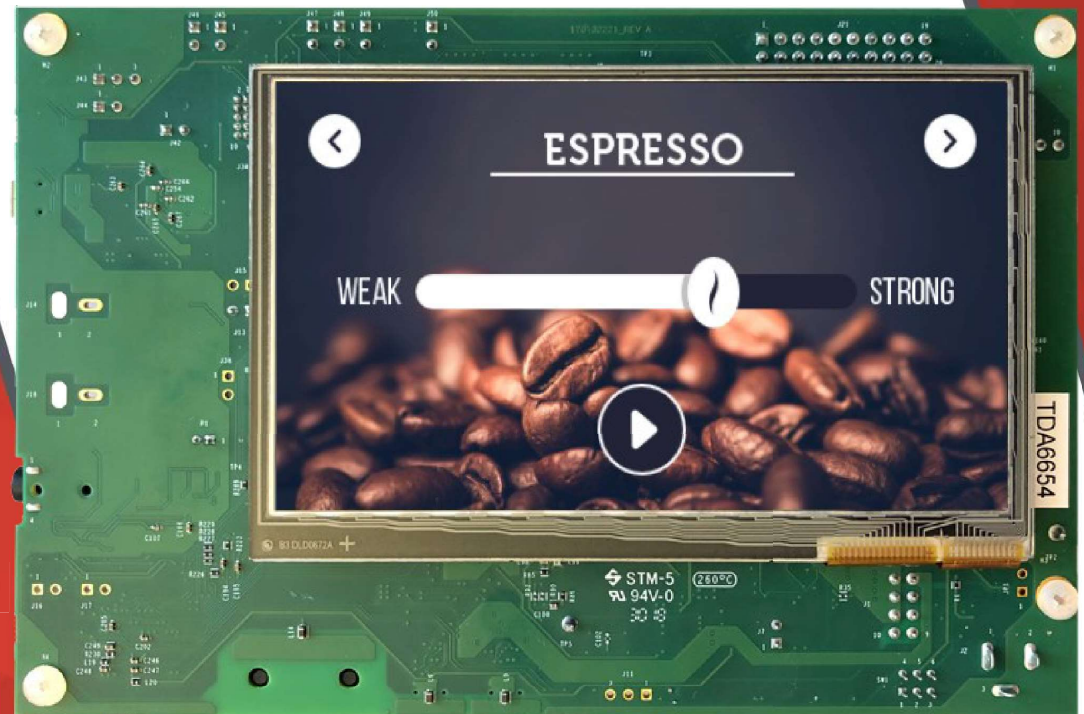
**Embedded
Wizard**

GUI Solutions by TARA Systems



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Agenda

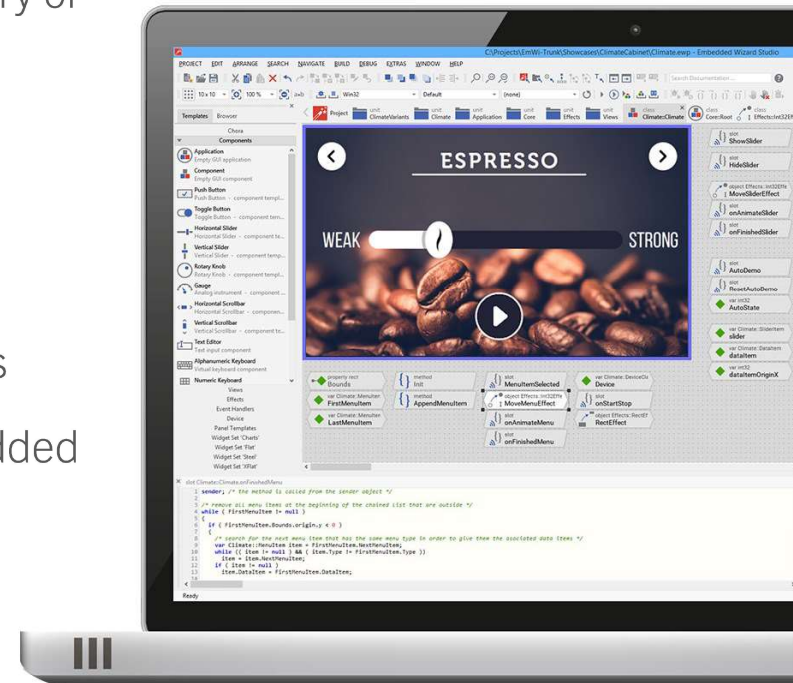
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- Q&A

About Embedded Wizard

- Embedded Wizard by TARA Systems is an **independent** GUI solution
- GUI **development** and instant **prototyping** tool
- Follows a **code generation** model – not just a pure graphics library or runtime interpreter
- **MCU** and **MPU** type target hardware
- Evolved over **25 years** – company has a strong **engineering background** in embedded systems
- **No external dependencies**, open source or other 3rd party stacks
- Customers **worldwide**, >500 Mio. devices deployed using Embedded Wizard technology



TARA Systems



Benefits for NXP MCUs & MPUs



Full-featured **IDE** to develop HMIs (incl. prototyping, debugging, profiling)



Utilizing available **GPUs** to achieve high FPS with low CPU load (e.g. PxP, OpenGL, ...)



Smartphone-like GUIs with **high-performance** animations and transitions



Generation of **pure ANSI C** source code with no further dependencies



Very **low** RAM and flash **footprint**



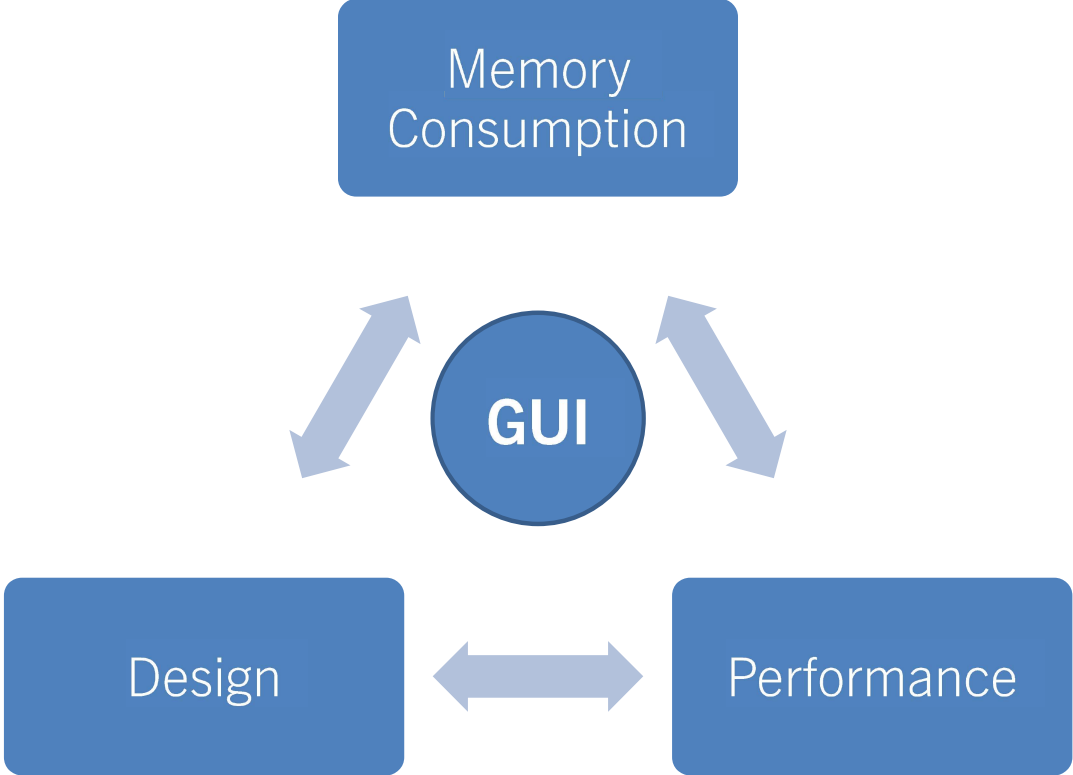
HMIs run even on **bare metal** or with **any** (RT)OS



Reasonable business model - no royalty fees per device!

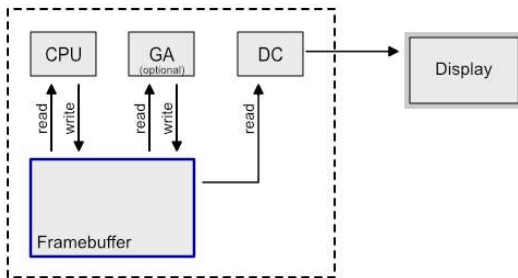


GUI Triangle of Tension

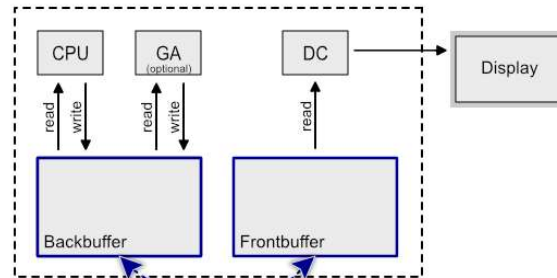


The Big Five – What impacts the memory consumption of GUIs most?

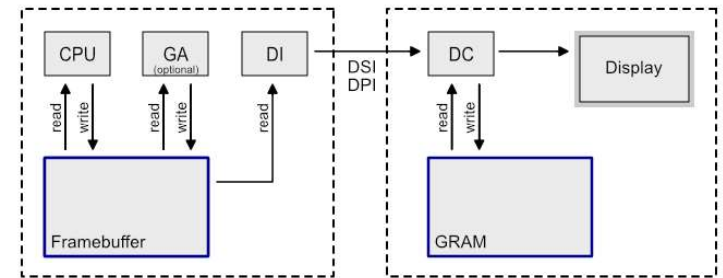
1. Framebuffer concepts



(synchronized) Single-Buffer



Double-Buffer



external Display-Controller w/ GRAM

The Big Five – What impacts the memory consumption of GUIs most?

■ 2. Used Color Formats



4 Bytes/Pixel



2 Bytes/Pixel



1 Byte/Pixel
+ CLUT

The Big Five – What impacts the memory consumption of GUIs most?

■ 4. Fonts

- Pre-Rendered Bitmap Glyphs vs TrueType Font Engine
- Font Ranges & Quality

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| ▶ FontName | Segoe UI |
| ▶ Height | 32 |
| ▶ HeightMode | Compatible |
| ▶ Italic | false |
| ▶ Kerning | true |
| ▶ Quality | High |
| ▶ Ranges | '0'-'9', 'a'-'z', 'A'-'Z', '0', '%' |
| ▶ RowDistance | |

The Big Five – What impacts the memory consumption of GUIs most?

■ 5. Strings

■ Compressed vs Direct Access

```
49 /* Compressed strings for the language 'English'. */
50 EW_CONST_STRING_PRAGMA static const unsigned int _StringsDefault0[] =
51 {
52     0x000001A4, /* ratio 58.10 % */
53     0xB8001300, 0x8009A452, 0x00DC0037, 0x0C200320, 0x22003C80, 0x8458182A, 0x003A800A,
54     0xB39800CA, 0x88C3E1B0, 0xBC501800, 0x42A3B192, 0x3A191C8D, 0x01711884, 0x2E688845,
55     0xB1B39002, 0x02904AE3, 0x09991A09, 0x8FCD8D20, 0xF14E292D, 0x4D264748, 0xE4014095,
56     0xA314322C, 0x012CA442, 0xC448A04C, 0x208E4423, 0x0330020E, 0x98D16820, 0x29DEB31A,
57     0xC80D71A9, 0x248B0489, 0x00067004, 0x63359E9B, 0xA47A5C46, 0x1E36CD24, 0x0A144A15,
58     0xB85E4E00, 0xA52AE51C, 0x43A78418, 0xE0C77031, 0x24A488A4, 0xC71A9A62, 0xB1404446,
59     0x6692E42E, 0x229412F7, 0x9F472393, 0x4002F50E, 0x0028D15B, 0x83033EB3, 0x89504974,
60     0x4BA1BF47, 0x9738D472, 0x97AD12E2, 0x322E6B63, 0x9F4C4004, 0x06D26827, 0x15A28000,
61     0x2A8B1AB8, 0x65178874, 0x03209049, 0x00000002, 0x00000000
62 };
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```
53 /* Strings for the language 'English'. */
54 EW_CONST_STRING_PRAGMA static const unsigned short _StringsDefault0[] =
55 {
56     0xFFFF, 0xFFFF, 0xC557, 0x004D, 0x006F, 0x006E, 0x0064, 0x0061, 0x0079, 0x0000,
57     0xC557, 0x0054, 0x0075, 0x0065, 0x0073, 0x0064, 0x0061, 0x0079, 0x0000, 0xC557,
58     0x0057, 0x0065, 0x0064, 0x006E, 0x0065, 0x0073, 0x0064, 0x0061, 0x0079, 0x0000,
59     0xC557, 0x0054, 0x0068, 0x0075, 0x0072, 0x0073, 0x0064, 0x0061, 0x0079, 0x0000,
60     0xC557, 0x0046, 0x0072, 0x0069, 0x0064, 0x0061, 0x0079, 0x0000, 0xC557, 0x0053,
61     0x0061, 0x0074, 0x0075, 0x0072, 0x0064, 0x0061, 0x0079, 0x0000, 0xC557, 0x0053,
62     0x0075, 0x006E, 0x0064, 0x0061, 0x0079, 0x0000, 0xC557, 0x0044, 0x0061, 0x0079,
63     0x0073, 0x0020, 0x006F, 0x0066, 0x0020, 0x0074, 0x0068, 0x0065, 0x0020, 0x0077,
64     0x0065, 0x0065, 0x006B, 0x0000, 0xC557, 0x0045, 0x006E, 0x0067, 0x006C, 0x0069,
65     0x0073, 0x0068, 0x0000, 0xC557, 0x0047, 0x0065, 0x0072, 0x006D, 0x0061, 0x006E,
66     0x0000, 0xC557, 0x0053, 0x0070, 0x0061, 0x006E, 0x0069, 0x0073, 0x0068, 0x0000,
67     0xC557, 0x0041, 0x0072, 0x0061, 0x0062, 0x0069, 0x0063, 0x0000, 0xC557, 0x0048,
68     0x0065, 0x0062, 0x0072, 0x0065, 0x0077, 0x0000, 0xC557, 0x0047, 0x0072, 0x0065,
69     0x0065, 0x006B, 0x0000, 0xC557, 0x0052, 0x0075, 0x0073, 0x0073, 0x0069, 0x0061,
70     0x006E, 0x0000, 0xC557, 0x0054, 0x0075, 0x0072, 0x006B, 0x0069, 0x0073, 0x0068,
71     0x0000, 0xC557, 0x004A, 0x0061, 0x0070, 0x0061, 0x006E, 0x0065, 0x0073, 0x0065,
72     0x0000, 0xC557, 0x004B, 0x006F, 0x0072, 0x0065, 0x0061, 0x006E, 0x0000, 0xC557,
73     0x0043, 0x0068, 0x0069, 0x006E, 0x0065, 0x0073, 0x0065, 0x0000, 0xC557, 0x0056,
74     0x0069, 0x0065, 0x0074, 0x006E, 0x0061, 0x006D, 0x0065, 0x0073, 0x0065, 0x0000
75 };
```



Demo on i.MXRT1064 EVK

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Q&A