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Best Practices for Debugging Connected Applications running Zephyr

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Connected Applications

- 22 billion connected devices as of 2018, 50 billion projected by 2030!*
- Connectivity stacks are **complex**
- Many classes of issues
 - Faults / Hangs
 - Performance
 - Security
 - Connectivity interoperability





*Source: https://www.statista.com/statistics/802690/worldwide-connected-devices-by-access-technology/

Example project at IRNAS to set the scene





IoT in Power Transmission Lines

Real-time infrastructure monitoring



Autonomous drainage maintenance system

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Device lifecycle

Debug Setup









1 Local Debug Setup

2 Zephyr Debug (K)Config Tips

3 Remote Monitoring Best Practices with Examples



Local Debug Setup

Local Debug Setup



- 1. Reliable JTAG setup
- 2. Ability to read/write memory
- 3. Ability to script common operations

• I use SEGGER J-Link + JLinkGDBServer + GDB





\$ west --verbose debug --runner jlink --gdb
arm-none-eabi-gdb-py

-- runners.jlink: J-Link GDB server running on port 2331 runners.jlink: JLinkGDBServer -select usb -port 2331 -if swd -speed 4000 -device nRF9160_xxAA -silent -singlerun

(gdb) continue





With west:

\$ west flash

Directly via JLinkGDBServer / GDB!

```
(gdb) mon reset
Resetting target
(gdb) load
`build/zephyr/zephyr.elf' has changed; re-reading symbols.
Start address 0x00015df0, load size 130437
Transfer rate: 25475 KB/sec, 4207 bytes/write.
(gdb)
```

Console / Logging



pyserial

- \$ pip install pyserial
- \$ pyserial-miniterm 115200 --raw
- --- Available ports:
- --- 3: /dev/cu.usbmodem0009600050801 'J-Link CDC DATA interface'
- --- 4: /dev/cu.usbmodem0009600050803 'J-Link CDC DATA interface'
- --- 5: /dev/cu.usbmodem0009600050805 'J-Link CDC DATA interface'

\$ pyserial-miniterm /dev/cu.usbmodem0009600050801 115200 --raw uart:~\$ *** Booting Zephyr OS build v2.4.99-ncs1-3525-g4d068de3f50f ***



Zephyr Debug (K)Config Tips

Thread Awareness



(0	gdb)	info thr	reads					
	Id	Target	Id			Frame		
*	2	Thread	536956136	(idle 00 UNKNOWN PRIO 15)		arch_cpu_i	idle () (at /
	3	Thread	536956408	(main PENDING PRIO 0)		arch_swap	(key=0)	at
	4	Thread	536955312	(shell_uart PENDING PRIO 14)		arch_swap	(key=0)	at
	5	Thread	536956696	(sysworkq PENDING PRIO 255)		arch_swap	(key=0)	at
	6	Thread	536955648	<pre>(at_cmd_socket_thread PENDING PRIO</pre>	10)	arch_swap	(key=0)	at

- CONFIG_DEBUG_THREAD_INFO=y
 - o (Originally CONFIG_OPENOCD_SUPPORT=y)

Debug printing with printk



CONFIG_PRINTK=y

```
void main(void) {
       printk("System Started!\n");
       // ...
     uart:~$ System Started!
     // ...
```

- Bypasses logging subsystem by default and prints directly to console
- Useful for minimal overhead and guaranteed printing

Console Printing with Logging Subsystem

- CONFIG_LOG=y
- CONFIG_SHELL=y
- Deferred Mode (default)
 - logs are buffered and flushed process on low priority task
 - CONFIG_LOG_MODE_DEFERRED=y
- Immediate Mode (recommend for debug)
 - Logs are flushed from running task.
 - CONFIG_LOG_IMMEDIATE=y
- Leaving logging impacts power consumption
 - Should be disabled for low power applications in production

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Zephyr Logging Modules



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Zephyr Logging Level Options



- 1. Autogenerated "autoconf.h file contains all active settings:
 - O See "build/zephyr/include/generated/autoconf.h"
- 2. Grep through file for LOG_LEVEL, i.e

\$ rg "LOG LEVEL " build/zephyr/include/generated/autoconf.h

```
60:#define CONFIG_MPSL_LOG_LEVEL 3
68:#define CONFIG_MGMT_FMFU_LOG_LEVEL 3
84:#define CONFIG_MEMFAULT_INTEGRATION_LOG_LEVEL 3
86:#define CONFIG_AGPS_LOG_LEVEL 3
97:#define CONFIG_NRF_MODEM_LIB_LOG_LEVEL 3
// ...
```



Remote Monitoring Best Practices

Hands on example



GPS tracker on an animal

- Mobile connectivity issues to be observed and resolved
- Hardware performance monitored
- Track and monitor all issues over time



Static sensor with long lifetime

- All faults must be handled to conserve power
- Operation to be optimized based on the use-case
- Validate upgrades in the field



Remote Monitoring Zephyr with Memfault

- Works on any ARM-based MCU with Zephyr OS
- C-SDK with connectivity agnostic data transport
- Cloud based issue analysis, alerting and deduplication on both device level and fleetwide trends







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Memfault Zephyr Integration







Core Properties To Track





1 Reboot Reasons

3 Faults & Asserts



4 Connectivity Metrics



Reboot Reasons

Tracking Device Resets





Leading indicator of fleet health

Tracking Device Resets



Hardware Resets

- Examples
 - PLL & Clock Failures
 - Brown Out
 - Hardware Watchdogs
- Can identify hardware defects

Software Resets

- Examples
 - Firmware Update / OTA
 - Assert
 - User initiated

Tracking Software Resets



1. Create "noinit" RAM region	<pre>/* memfault-no-init.ld */ KEEP(*(*.mflt_reboot_info));</pre>
	<pre># CMakeLists.txt zephyr_linker_sources(NOINIT memfault-no-init.ld)</pre>
2. Place C variable in region	<pre>attribute((section(".noinit.mflt_reboot_info"))) static uint8_t s_reboot_tracking[MEMFAULT_REBOOT_TRACKING_REGION_SIZE];</pre>
3. Record reason for reboot	<pre>void fw_update_finish(void) { // memfault_reboot_tracking_mark_reset_imminent(kMfltRebootReason_F irmwareUpdate,); sys_reboot(0); }</pre>



Register init handler that to read bootup information:

static int record_reboot_reason() {
 // 1. Read hardware reset reason register. (Check MCU data sheet for register name)
 // 2. Capture software reset reason from noinit RAM
 // 3. Send data to server for aggregation
}

SYS_INIT(record_reboot_reason, APPLICATION, CONFIG_KERNEL_INIT_PRIORITY_DEFAULT);

Capturing Device Resets on Zephyr Register init handler that to read bootup information:

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Example: Power supply issue

16K

12K

8K

4K



- 12K device reboots a day way too much
- 99% of reboots contributed by 10 devices
- Bad mechanical part contributing to device constant reboots

ce_serial	reboot_reason	reset_count
wer		Q
92	Power on Reset	1,899
08	Power on Reset	1,409
91	Power on Reset	1,269
01	Power on Reset	1,254
62	Power on Reset	1,030
03	Power on Reset	973
33	Power on Reset	890
17	Power on Reset	866
93	Power on Reset	850
22	Power on Reset	810
74	Power on Reset	764
73	Power on Reset	759
13	Power on Reset	716





Watchdogs

Defending against Hangs

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- Last line of defense against a hung system!
- Can happen for many reasons:
 - Connectivity Stack Blocks on send()
 - Infinite Retry Loop talking to system
 - Deadlock between tasks
 - Corruption
- Two pieces:
 - Hardware Watchdog
 - Built in and/or external peripheral to reset device
 - Software Watchdog
 - Interrupt that fires ahead of hard reset so watchdog can be root caused

Zephyr - Hardware Watchdog API



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```
// ...
void start_watchdog(void) {
    // consult device tree for available hardware watchdog
    s_wdt = device_get_binding(DT_LABEL(DT_INST(0, nordic_nrf_watchdog)));
    struct wdt_timeout_cfg wdt_config = {
        /* Reset SoC when watchdog timer expires. */
        .flags = WDT_FLAG_RESET_SOC,
        /* Expire watchdog after max window */
        .window.min = 0U,
        .window.max = WDT_MAX_WINDOW,
```

};

}

}

```
s wdt channel id = wdt install timeout(s wdt, &wdt config);
```

```
const uint8_t options = WDT_OPT_PAUSE_HALTED_BY_DBG;
wdt_setup(s_wdt, options);
// TODO: Start a software watchdog
```

```
void feed_watchdog(void) {
  wdt_feed(s_wdt, s_wdt_channel_id);
  // TODO: Feed software watchdog
```

See Zephyr API for more details: <u>zephyr/include/drivers/watchdog.h</u>

Zephyr Software Watchdog



static void prv_software_watchdog_timeout(struct k_timer *dummy) { MEMFAULT_ASSERT(0); }

```
K_TIMER_DEFINE(s_watchdog_timer, prv_software_watchdog_timeout, NULL);
static uint32_t s_software_watchog_timeout_ms = MEMFAULT_WATCHDOG_SW_TIMEOUT_SECS * 1000;
```

```
static void prv_start_or_reset(uint32_t timeout_ms) {
    k_timer_start(&s_watchdog_timer, K_MSEC(timeout_ms), K_MSEC(timeout_ms));
}
```

```
int memfault_software_watchdog_enable(void) {
    prv_start_or_reset(s_software_watchog_timeout_ms);
    return 0;
}
```

```
int memfault_software_watchdog_feed(void) {
    prv_start_or_reset(s_software_watchog_timeout_ms);
    return 0;
}
```

New built in "<u>Task Watchdog</u>" API in 2.6 Release.

Example: SPI driver stuck



hreads	Exceptions	Register	rs & Locals	Globals & Statics	ISR Analysis MPU	Memory Viewer	
External Interrupt 21 - Exception Number 37 (2)	NTERRUPT Fault Register	Value	Hey Value			Find Address	
idle (3)	RUNNING	Value	Tick Value				
Thread 4	USPENDED CFSR	0	0×0000000	1		Regions	\vee
Thread 5	BLOCKED					0.0000000 00.01.02.2	0
Thread 6	BLOCKED HFSR	0	0×00000000			0x00018200 2001032 0x00018200 7130020	0 00
Thread 7	SHCSR	458760	0×00070008			0x00018208 c52f020	0 ./
main (8)	BLOCKED					0x0001820c 752f020	0 u/
 0 arch_swap in/arm/core/aarch32/swap.c at line 60 						0x00018210 752f020	0 u/
 1 z_swap_irqlock in/kernel/include/kswap.h at line 176 						0x00018214 752f020	0 u/
 2 z_swap in/kernel/include/kswap.h at line 176 						0x00018218 752f020	0 u/
3 z_pend_curr in/zephyr/kernel/sched.c at line 586						0×0001821c 75 27 02 0	0 u/
4 z_impl_k_sem_take in/zephyr/kernel/sem.c at line 158						0x00018220 /521020	0 u/
5 k_sem_take in/syscalls/kernel.h at line 670						0x00018224 7521020	0 u/
6 spi_context_wait_for_completion in/spi/spi_context.h at line 108						0x0001822c 0d2e020	0
7 transceive in/spi/spi_nrfx_spim.c at line 228						0x00018230 752f020	0 u/
8 spi prfy transceive in /spi/spi prfy spim c at line 242						0x00018234 752f020	0 u/
O spi_init/_utilisetive in interpreteries in a spin to the state						0x00018238 592d020	0 Y
3 Spi_transcerve m/generated/systems/spi.n at the SS						0x0001823c eb4f030	0.0
IU cneck_jedec_id in/flash/spi_flash_at45d.c at line 98						0x00018240 3130020	0 10
11 spi_flash_at45d_read in/flash/spi_flash_at45d.c at line 250						0x00018244 31 30 02 0	0 10
rx_workq (9)	BLOCKED					0x00018248 3130020	0 10
sysworkq (10)	BLOCKED					0x00018240 3130020	0 10
tx_workq (11)	BLOCKED					0x00018254 3130020	0 10.
						0x00018258 3130020	0 10.
						0x0001825c 3130020	0 10.,
						0x00018260 3130020	0 10.

- SPI flash degrading over time, incorrect timing of communication
- Traced this on 1% of devices after 16 months of field deployment
- Driver fix and roll-out with next release



Faults & Asserts

[00:26:12.826,782]	<err></err>	os:	**** Bl	US FAULT ***	***					
[00:26:12.832,153]	<err></err>	os:	Instru	uction bus e	error					
[00:26:12.837,738]	<err></err>	os:	r0/a1:	0x00000001	r1/a2:	0x200150c1	r2/a3:	0x00000000		
[00:26:12.846,343]	<err></err>	os:	r3/a4:	0x0badcafe	r12/ip:	0x00000001	r14/lr:	0x0001a6cb		
[00:26:12.854,919]	<err></err>	os:	xpsr:	0x60000000						
[00:26:12.860,107]	<err></err>	os:	s[0]:	0x00000001	s[1]:	0x00000001	s[2]:	0x00000001	s[3]:	0x00000001
[00:26:12.870,422]	<err></err>	os:	s[4]:	0x00000001	s[5]:	0x00000001	s[6]:	0x00000001	s[7]:	0x00000001
[00:26:12.880,737]	<err></err>	os:	s[8]:	0x00000001	s[9]:	0x00000001	s[10]:	0x00000001	s[11]:	0x00000001
[00:26:12.891,052]	<err></err>	os:	s[12]:	0x00000001	s[13]:	0x00000001	s[14]:	0x00000001	s[15]:	0x00000001
[00:26:12.901,367]	<err></err>	os:	fpscr:	0×00000000						
[00:26:12.906,524]	<err></err>	os:	r4/v1:	0x00000001	r5/v2:	0x000135af	r6/v3:	0x2001abf8		
[00:26:12.915,130]	<err></err>	os:	r7/v4:	0x2001ac00	r8/v5:	0xfffffffc	r9/v6:	0x00000001		
[00:26:12.923,736]	<err></err>	os:	r10/v7:	0x00000001	r11/v8:	0x00029f38	psp:	0x2001ab38		
[00:26:12.932,342]	<err></err>	os:	EXC_RET	URN: 0xffff	ffac					
[00:26:12.937,835]	<err></err>	os:	Faultin	g instruction	on address	s (r15/pc):	0x0badca	fe		



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Zephyr Fault Handler - Cortex M









void sys arch reboot(int type) { // ...

Zephyr Fault Handler - Memfault Analysis



Configurable Fault Status Register (CFSR)



Semfault Analysis

Configurable Fault (i.e UsageFault, BusFault, MemManage) escalated to HardFault

BusFault detected at 0x50008158

Precise BusFault detected! Triggered by Instruction: 'Idr r1, [r3, #0]' pc=0x00026fb8

Fault Register	Value	Hex Value
CFSR	33280	0x00008200
HFSR	1073741824	0x40000000
SHCSR	458884	0x00070084

Zephyr Fault Handler - Stacks





Zephyr Fault Handler - Globals & Statics

_kernel	Q	Order by	Memory Location	\vee
<pre>_kernel = z_kernel {}</pre>				@ 0x200162fc
cpus = _cpu[1] {}				@ 0x200162fc
[0] = _cpu {}				@ 0x200162fc
nested = uint32_t 0				@ 0x200162fc
irq_stack = char* {}				@ 0x20016300
<pre>current = k_thread* {}</pre>				@ 0x20016304
idle_thread = k_thread* {}				@ 0x20016308
slice_ticks = int 0				@ 0x2001630c
id = uint8_t 0				@ 0x20016310
timeout_q = sys_dlist_t {}				@ 0x20016314
idle = int32_t 0				@ 0x2001631c
ready_q = _ready_q {}				@ 0x20016320
<pre>current_fp = k_thread* {}</pre>				@ 0x2001632c
threads = k_thread* {}				@ 0x20016330
* = k_thread {}				@ 0x20014aa0
z_sys_post_kernel = _Bool 1				@ 0x2001a567



Example: Accelerometer fault



State Logs						Event
Threads	Exceptions ③	Registers & Locals	Globals & Statics ③	ISR Analysis	MPU 🕐	
 Thread 1 0 adxl343_write in/src/adxl343.c at line 297 Address (PC): 0×20e0a Source:/src/adxl343.c:297 1 ADXL343_readFromI2C in/src/adxl343.c at line 406 Address (PC): 0×20ea3 Source:/src/adxl343.c:406 	R \$pc = 0×20e0a R \$Ir = 0×20ea7	a <adxl343_write+26> (0: <adxl343_readfromi2c·< td=""><td>×00020e0a) +18> (0×00020ea7)</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></adxl343_readfromi2c·<></adxl343_write+26>	×00020e0a) +18> (0×00020ea7)			

- Non-critical fault asserting trace to see
- Traced this on 3% of devices non-critical but good to fix
- Either HW related or race-condition related

Example: SIM card fault



State Logs					Event	
Threads	Exceptions @	Registers & Locals	Globals & Statics 🔿	ISR Analysis ③	MPU 💿	
 Thread 1 O nRFLTEGetICCID in/src/nRFNetwork.c at line 70 Address (PC): 0×1dd74 Source:/src/nRFNetwork.c:70 1 protocol_CreateInfoMessage in/src/Protocol.c at line 528 Address (PC): 0×1e25b Source:/src/Protocol.c:528 	R \$pc = 0×1dd74 R \$ir = 0×1e25f <	<nrfltegeticcid+48></nrfltegeticcid+48>	(0×0001dd74) age+90> (0×0001e25f)			

- Failing to read SIM card upon boot
- Traced this on <0.1% of devices non-critical as devices retry successfully
- HW related

Example: GPS fix failed



Gps Fix Error at nRFGPSWaitForFix ∠	Gps Fix Error
⊘ Resolve ✓	© [M
Details All traces Comments Merged issues	First Seen Last Seen Devices Traces 5 days ago 35 minutes ago 1 4
Device :68 Cohort default Software 1 prod (nrf9160_ns) Hardware v3.2	Image: Model Older Newer Captured 35 minutes ago []
State Logs	Event
Search	↑ V Filter
Lvl Message 73,0,0,26 72,0,0,30 13,0,0,20 7,0,0,25 30,0,0,24	

- Device GPS fix failing in certain cases
- Understand state of device when that happens
- Have option to log values, for example which satellites have been seen at what signal level

Example: NB-IoT modem GPS wait



Gps Error at wait_LTE_state ∠			Gps Error
⊘ Resolve ∨ 11 Merge			© LMTV+2
Details All traces Comments (i) Merged issues		First Seen Last Seen Device 21 days ago 12 minutes ago 26	6 299theta
Device 451 Cohort default		M Older	Newer 👐
Hardware v2.0		Capture 12 minutes a	d ago 🛃
State Logs			Event
Threads	Exceptions ⑦ Registers & Locals Globals & Statics ⑦ ISR Analysis ⑦ MPU (0	
 Thread 1 0 wait_LTE_state in ./src/nRFGPS.c at line 433 Address (PC): 0×1fa16 Source:/src/nRFGPS.c:433 1 nRFGPSStart in ./src/nRFGPS.c at line 384 Address (PC): 0×1fa5f Source:/src/nRFGPS.c:384 	R Spc = 0×1fa16 <wait_lte_state+54> (0×0001fa16) R Sir = 0×1fa63 <nrfgpsstart+46> (0×0001fa63)</nrfgpsstart+46></wait_lte_state+54>		

- nRF9160 modem and GPS can not be used at the same time
- Mechanism implemented to prevent this, asserting issue to track how often these events happen
- FW related

Example: Prioritizing Fixes



		Sort by Trace Count: High to Low V Unresolved All All	Ū
Title e.g. Assert		Reason Mem Fault × Watchdog × Assert ×	
Cohort e.g. default	\sim	Device e.g. ABCD1234	
Software Type e.g. firmware-main	~	Software Version e.g. 1.0.0-alpha	
Hardware Version e.g. EVT	~		
Title		Count Devices	
Assert at prv_check1 # proto-software # 1.0.1 - 0.9.0 ③ a day ago - 4 months ago		24202 378	
Assert at cli_execute BI proto-software III 1.0.1 - 0.0.3 ③ 8 hours ago - 3 months ago		5412 332	
Assert at timeout_handler_exec BE proto-software IEM 1.0.0 ① 8 hours ago - 3 months ago		4025 444	
Assert at prv_recursive_crash		2822 386	
Assert at _esp_error_check_failed		1351 154	
Watchdog at MemfaultWatchdog_Handler Watchdog B proto-software II.0.2-beta1 ① 5 days ago - 3 months ago		1411 193	
Mem Fault Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] Image: Mem Fault at compute_fft [Stack Overflow in accel-workq] <t< th=""><th></th><th>1427 203</th><th></th></t<>		1427 203	
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Connectivity Metrics

Using Metrics to Monitor Performance

- Not all issues result in resets!
- Many factors can impact connectivity
 - location / RF environment
 - o antenna efficiency
 - data being transferred
 - CPU & task utilization, time sleeping
- Enables health comparisons across all devices and between firmware releases



Adding Metrics to Zephyr with Memfault



1. Define metric

MEMFAULT_METRICS_KEY_DEFINE (

LteDisconnect,

kMemfaultMetricType_Unsigned)

2. Update metric in code

```
void lte_disconnect(void) {
    memfault_metrics_heartbeat_add(
        MEMFAULT_METRICS_KEY(LteDisconnect), 1);
    //...
}
```

Memfault SDK + Cloud



- Serializes and compresses metrics for transport
- Indexes Metrics by device and firmware version
- Exposes web interface for browsing metrics by device and across Fleet

Example: NB-IoT/LTE-M basic connectivity



- **Connected**: Time modem is actively communicating with mobile network
- **Connecting**: Time modem requires to connect to mobile network
- Track activity and power consumption

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Example: base stations and PSM in NB-IoT/LTE-M



	Software Version	~	Start date	- End date	B
Captured	Source Type	Dev	vice Serial	Software Version	
11 days ag	20 Event		58	5	
12 days ag	go Event		58	4	
	Captured 11 days ag 12 days ag	Software Version Captured Source Type 11 days ago Event 12 days ago Event	Software Version V Captured Source Type Devent 11 days ago Event 12 days ago Event	Software Version Start date Captured Source Type Device Serial 11 days ago Event 58 12 days ago Event 58	Software VersionStart date End dateCapturedSource TypeDevice SerialSoftware Version11 days agoEvent58512 days agoEvent584



- Tracking base-station response upon connect
 - Check timer responses for PSM/eDRX
 - Check IDs and rough locations
- Correlate issues with particular base-stations or networks

Example: Mobile network signal quality



- Signal level: Monitoring quality of coverage for moving device
- SNR: Link quality
- Track what is the average value across fleet

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Example: NB-IoT/LTE-M bad coverage



- Connected: Time spend sending data, SNR: Link quality
- Most of the time connected time is low, on bad SNR it significantly increases. 15s ---> 250s, same amount of data to send.
- Introduced a timeout based on SNR, better to skip sending

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Example: NB-IoT/LTE-M data size



- UDP data size: Track bytes per send interval
- Post-reboot more data is sent
- Some packets are bigger due to more info or traces
- Track issue of data consumption

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Automated testing

Example: Device cyclic testing





- Track automated tests progress
- On-device metrics: battery, runtime, number of inputs/output...
- Test-jig metrics: test pass/fail count, number of requested inputs...
 - via REST API from jig
- Compare on-device and test system results to track issues

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- Electronics Engineering
- Software Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Rapid Prototyping
- Small to medium-size series manufacturing
- Experimental testing for scientific applications

Why IRNAS for Zephyr Devices

- Product Development Offer a complete development service, taking your project from the idea to the finished product. Focusing on industrial IoT applications primarily on BLE, NB-IoT/LTE-M, LoRaWAN based on Nordic Semiconductor solution and running Zephyr.
- In-house Manufacturing In-house fabrication lab is fully equipped for prototyping & manufacturing, and it includes an electronics PnP line, 3D printers, a laser cutter, a CNC workstation, a CNC mill, and more.
- **Cross-Disciplinary Team** Highly-skilled team of scientists and engineers with expertise in mechanical, electronic and software engineering, data analysis and numerical control, acoustical, medical and bio-engineering.





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Why Memfault for Zephyr Devices





Fault Debugging

- Zephyr integrations for 1.14 LTS 2.6
- Automatic Issue Deduplication
- Zephyr RTOS Task Awareness
- Fault handler provided as part of C-SDK
- Full stacktrace and variable recovery

Device Monitoring

- Easily scale up or down
- Add custom metrics with 2 lines of code (battery level, connectivity stats, RTOS Statistics, etc)
- Device and fleet-level metrics in one dashboard

OTA Firmware Updates

- Send bug fixes from the same platform
- Deploy and schedule cohort-based and staged rollouts
- Stop faulty updates with one click

Extra Reading & Resources



IRNAS

- IRNAS Website
- IRNAS Blog: <u>ElephantEdge tracker: Designing the firmware and first prototype solution</u>
- IRNAS Blog: <u>RAM-1: Remote monitoring of smart power grids with cellular IoT- and Bluetooth LE-powered device</u>

Memfault

- Memfault Free Trial
- Interrupt Blog: How to debug a HardFault on an ARM Cortex-M MCU
- Interrupt Blog: <u>Fix Bugs and Secure Firmware with the MPU</u>
- Interrupt Blog: <u>A Practical guide to ARM Cortex-M Exception Handling</u>
- Interrupt Blog: <u>A Guide to Watchdog Timers for Embedded Systems</u>



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