

AT32 Printf Debug Demo**Introduction**

It is common for the user to check the debug process information in the process of application code debug. In most cases, this action can be done through the serial port debugging assistant. However, it would be a headache for users to try to observe the testing process information when the serial port assistant is not supported by the hardware.

To address the above concerns, this application note provides a complete set of example codes describing how to output the debug process information, especially when the serial port debugging assistant is not available.

Note: The corresponding code in this application note is developed on the basis of V2.x.x BSP provided by Artery. For other versions of BSP, please pay attention to the differences in usage.

Applicable products:

Part number	All AT32F series
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1 Overview

This application note describes how to use the printf function of AT chips in the environment of Keil and IAR. There are six methods to be listed in the table below, with each of them being detailed in this document.

Table 1. AT MCUs printf function use methods

AT MCUs printf function use methods			
No.	Environment	Description	Remark
Method 1	IAR	Printf via Terminal I/O	See 3.1
Method 2		Redirect Printf as serial ports	See 3.2
Method 3	Keil	Printf via Debug (printf) Viewer	See 3.3
Method 4		Redirect Printf as serial ports (using MicroLIB)	See 3.4
Method 5		Redirect Printf as serial ports (not use MicroLIB)	See 3.5
Method 6	IAR/Keil	Printf via JLinkRTTClient window	See 3.6

2 Detailed information

2.1 Printf via Terminal I/O in IAR

2.1.1 Introduction

The IAR driver linked to the Terminal contains standard input and output driver functions such as scanf and printf so that the information interaction of the project files can be done via the Terminal I/O.

2.1.2 Example code

001_Printf_Test_IAR_Terminal\project\iar_v8.2

2.1.3 Environment and hardware

2.1.3.1 Development environment

This method is used in the IAR environment. The compiling environment used in the example code is IAR_V8, with the hardware board AT-START-F403A_V1.2.

2.1.3.2 Hardware connection

J-Link/AT-Link&... connection

Table 2. Hardware connection (without JTDO)

Hardware connection (without JTDO)			
No.	AT-START-F403A_V1.2	J-Link/AT-Link&...	Attention
1	3.3V	3.3V	None
2	PA13	SWDIO	Must Pull up external
3	PA14	SWCLK	Must Pull down external
4	NRST	RSTn	None
5	GND	GND	None

2.1.4 Software

2.1.4.1 Header file

Add the "stdio.h" to the code project files.

2.1.4.2 Redirection settings

Unlock the redirection of Printf (shield the Printf from the actual serial interface).

2.1.5 Debug and download

Compile and download to the MCU, then enter the debug environment to call up the virtual terminal through View->Terminal I/O (Figure 1), and run the code at full speed, then the "Hello World" is

visible in the Output column (Figure 2), and the data in the Input column is also displayed in this window.

Figure 1. Virtual terminal window path

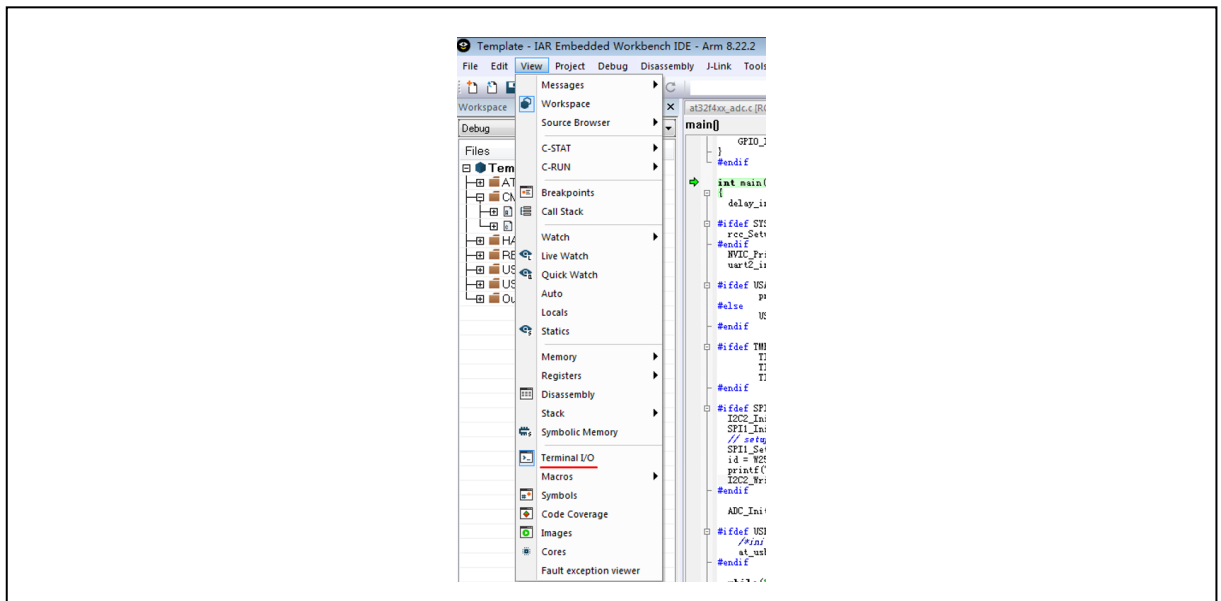
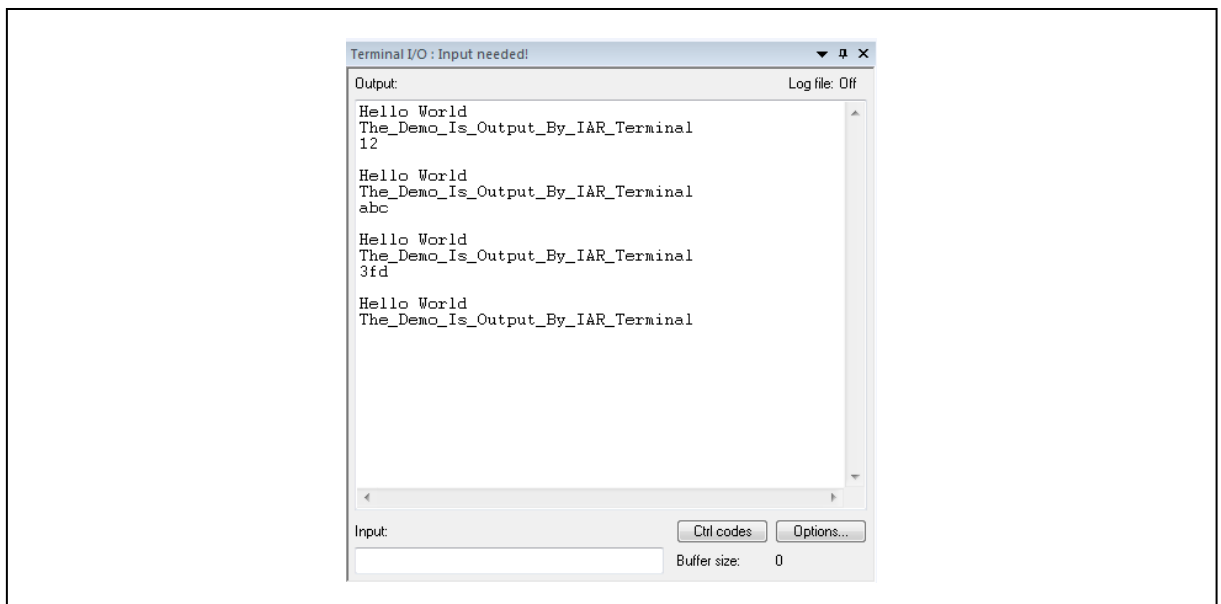


Figure 2. Virtual terminal interaction window



2.2 Redirect Printf as serial ports in IAR

2.2.1 Introduction

Redirect the Printf function to a set of actual serial ports in the chip, and output via TX pin and finally implement information interaction through the serial port debugging assistant.

2.2.2 Example code

002_Printf_Test_IAR_USART2\project\iar_v8.2Environment and hardware

2.2.3 Development environment

2.2.3.1 Hardware connection

This method is used in the IAR environment. The compiling environment used in the example code is IAR_V8, with the hardware board AT-START-F403A_V1.2.

2.2.3.2 Hardware connection

2.2.3.2.1 J-Link/AT-Link&... connection

J-Link/AT-Link&... connection

Table 3. Hardware connection (without JTDO)

Hardware connection (without JTDO)			
No.	AT-START-F403A_V1.2	J-Link/AT-Link&...	Attention
1	3.3V	3.3V	None
2	PA13	SWDIO	Must Pull up external
3	PA14	SWCLK	Must Pull down external
4	NRST	RSTn	None
5	GND	GND	None

2.2.3.2.2 USART2 connection

Table 4. Hardware connection (USART)

Hardware connection (USART)			
No.	AT-START-F403_V1.2	USB_To_TTL(CH340)	Attention
1	GND	GMD	None
2	PA2	RXD	None
3	PA3	TXD	None

2.2.4 Software

2.2.4.1 Header file

Add the “stdio.h” to the code project files.

2.2.4.2 Redirection settings

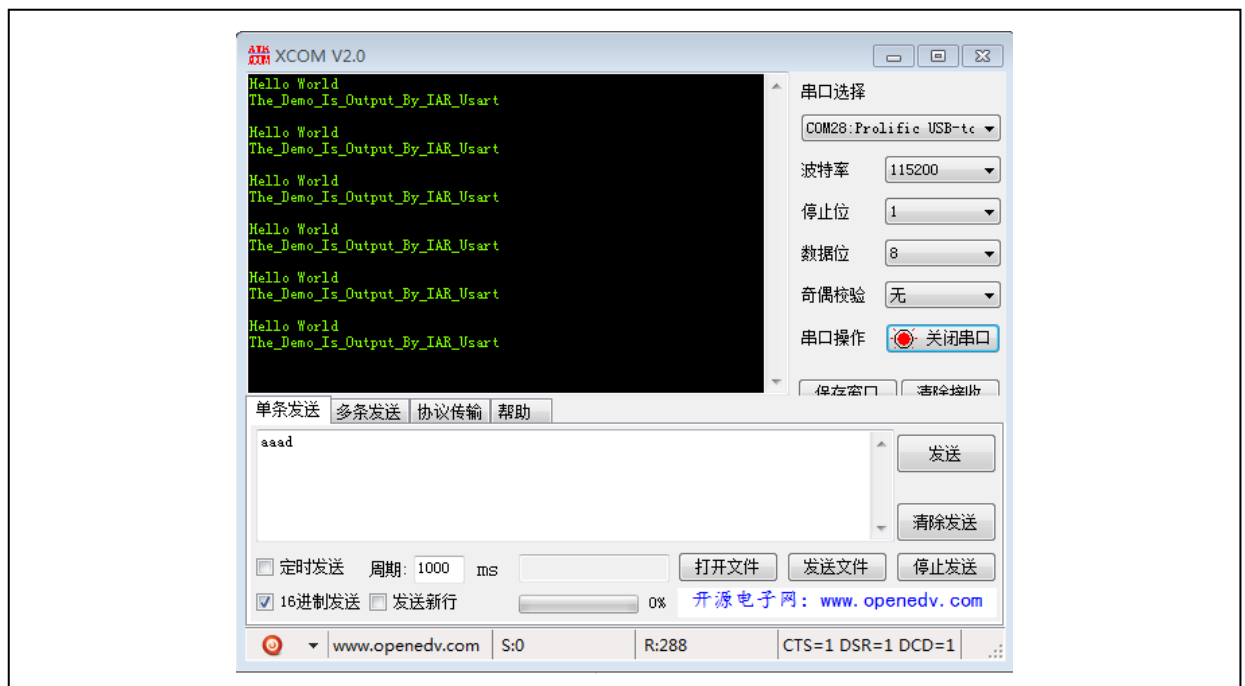
Initialize the serial ports and redirect the Printf function to the actual serial ports. The redirection function is as follows:

```
PUTCHAR_PROTOTYPE
{
    USART_SendData( USART2, ch);
    while ( USART_GetFlagStatus( USART2, USART_FLAG_TRAC) == RESET );
    return ch;
}
```

2.2.5 Debug and download

Compile the code and download to the MCU, and run it at full speed, then you can see that the “Hello World” is displayed in the terminal interaction window (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Serial port debugging assistant window



2.3 Printf via Debug(printf) Viewer in Keil

2.3.1 Introduction

The Keil platform comes with a Debug(printf) Viewer that can be used for standard Printf interaction on the premise that the ARM core integrates standard input and output driver functions such as scanf and printf.

2.3.2 Example code location

003_Printf_Test_Keil_JTDO\project\mdk_v 5Environment and hardware

2.3.3 Development environment

2.3.3.1 Environment

This method is used in the Keil environment. The compiling environment used in the example code is Keil_V5, with the hardware board AT-START-F403A_V1.2.

2.3.3.2 Hardware connection

J-Link/AT-Link&... connection

Table 5. Hardware connection (with JTDO)

Hardware connection (with JTDO)			
No.	AT-START-F403A_V1.2	J-Link/AT-Link&...	Attention
1	3.3V	3.3V	None
2	PA13	SWDIO	Must Pull up external
3	PA14	SWCLK	Must Pull down external
4	NRST	RSTn	None
5	PB3	JTDO	Must Pull up external
6	GND	GND	None

2.3.4 Software

2.3.4.1 Header files

Add the "stdio.h" to the code project files.

2.3.4.2 Trace pin assignment

```
DEBUG->ctrl_bit.trace_ioen = FALSE;
DEBUG->ctrl_bit.trace_ioen = TRUE;
```

2.3.4.3 Printf mapping

```

int fputc(int c, FILE *f)
{
if (c == '\n')
{
SER_PutChar('\r');
}
return (SER_PutChar(c));
}
int SER_PutChar (int c)
{
ITM_SendChar(c);
return (c);
}

```

2.3.5 Debug and download

Tick the Enable box (Figure 4) and set the Core value, and the Core value must be equal to the system clock.

Configure the serial clock by checking the Autodetect max SWO C1 box (Figure 4). If garbled characters are displayed, untick the Autodetect max SWO C1 box and manually modify the Prescale Core Clk to ensure that the printed information is correct.

Compile the code and download to the MCU, and then enter debug environment to call up the virtual terminal window through View->Serial Windows->Debug (printf) Viewer (Figure 5); then run the code, and "Hello World" is visible in the terminal interaction window (Figure 6).

Figure 4. Trace target driver setup

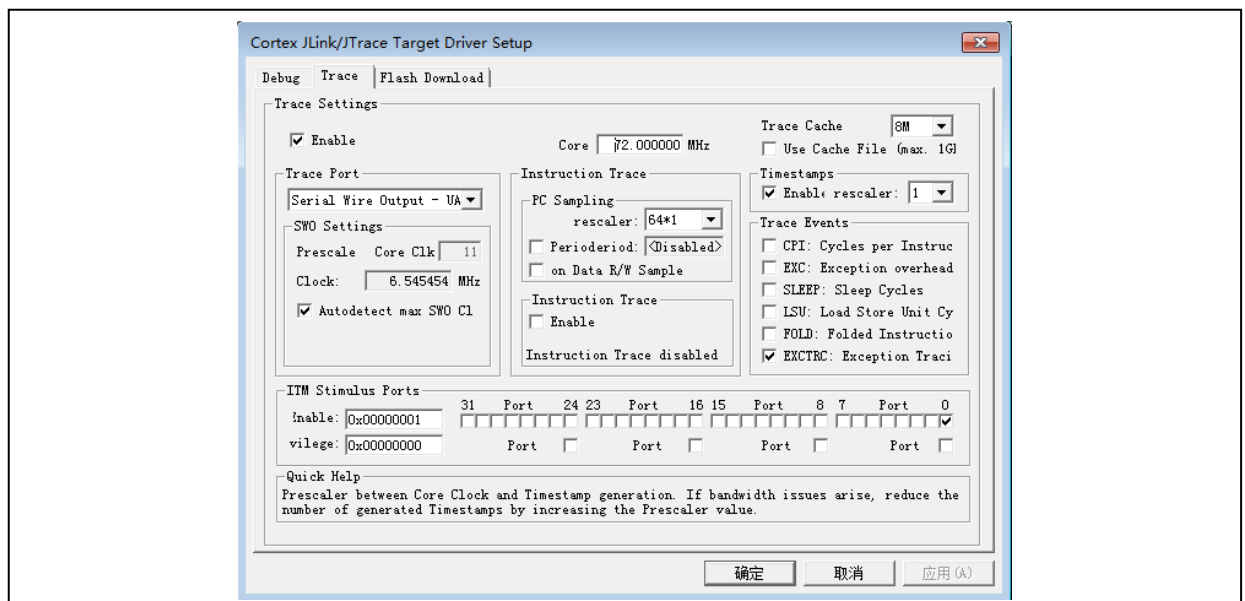


Figure 5. Keil virtual terminal window path

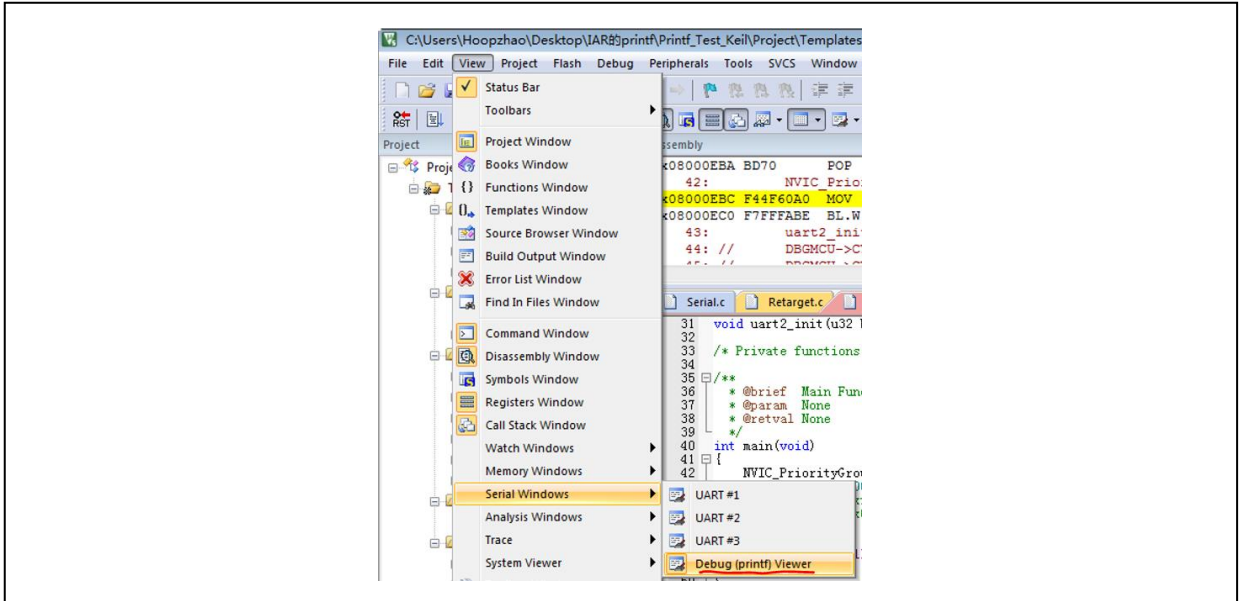
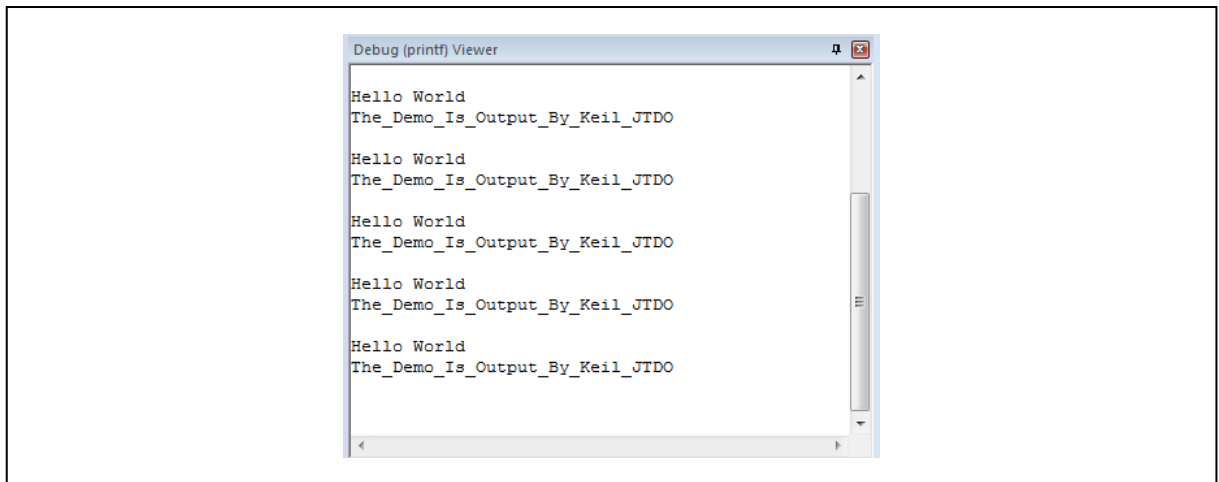


Figure 6. Keil virtual terminal interaction window



2.4 Redirect Printf as serial ports in Keil (using MicroLIB)

2.4.1 Introduction

The Keil environment comes with a MicroLIB that contains some codes supporting Printf function. Tick the MicroLIB option to implement information interaction through the serial port debugging assistant when the Printf is redirected to the serial ports.

2.4.2 Example code

004_Printf_Test_Keil_USART2_MicroLIB\project\mdk_v5

2.4.3 Environment and hardware

2.4.3.1 Environment

This method is used in the Keil environment. The compiling environment used in the example code is Keil_V5, with the hardware board AT-START-F403A_V1.2.

2.4.3.2 Hardware connection

2.4.3.2.1 J-Link/AT-Link&... connection

Table 6. Hardware connection (without JTDO)

Hardware connection (without JTDO)			
No.	AT-START-F403A_V1.2	J-Link/AT-Link&...	Attention
1	3.3V	3.3V	None
2	PA13	SWDIO	Must Pull up external
3	PA14	SWCLK	Must Pull down external
4	NRST	RSTn	None
5	GND	GND	None

2.4.3.2.2 USART2 connection

Table 7. Hardware connection (USART)

Hardware connection (USART)			
No.	AT-START-F403_V1.2	USB_To_TTL(CH340)	Attention
1	GND	GMD	None
2	PA2	RXD	None
3	PA3	TXD	None

2.4.4 Software

2.4.4.1 Header files

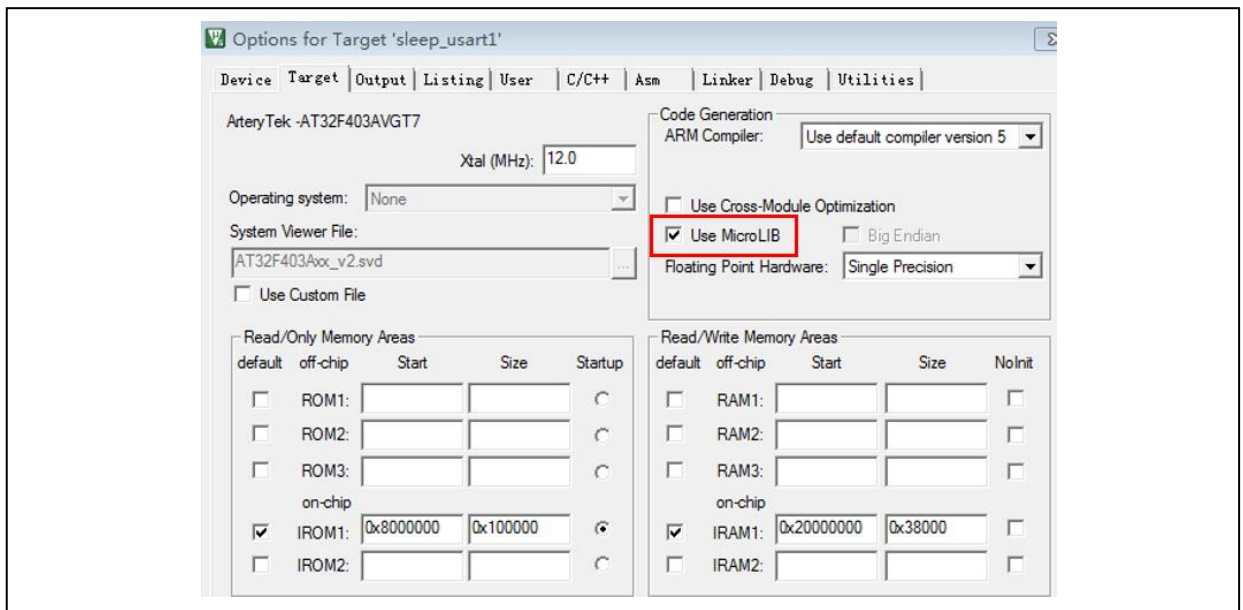
Add the "stdio.h" to the code project files.

2.4.4.2 Redirect Printf

```
PUTCHAR_PROTOTYPE
{
    USART_SendData( USART2, ch);
    while ( USART_GetFlagStatus( USART2, USART_FLAG_TRAC) == RESET );
    return ch;
}
```

2.4.4.3 MicroLIB settings

Figure 7. MicroLIB settings



2.4.5 Debug and download

Compile the code and download to the MCU; then run the code at full speed, and you can see that “Hello World” is displayed in the terminal interaction window (Figure 8).

Figure 8. Serial port interaction window



2.5 Redirect Printf as serial ports in Keil (not use MicroLIB)

2.5.1 Introduction

The Keil environment comes with a MicroLIB that contains some codes supporting Printf function. When the Printf is redirected to the serial ports and the MicroLIB option box is not ticked, the information interaction can be done through the serial port debugging assistant after adding the codes that supports Printf to the project files.

2.5.2 Example code

005_Printf_Test_Keil_USART2_Without_MicroLIB\project\mdk_v5

2.5.3 Environment and hardware

2.5.3.1 Environment

This method is used in the Keil environment. The compiling environment used in the example code is Keil_V5, with the hardware board AT-START-F403A_V1.2.

2.5.3.2 Hardware connection

2.5.3.2.1 J-Link/AT-Link&... connection

Table 8. Hardware connection (without JTDO)

Hardware connection (without JTDO)			
No.	AT-START-F403A_V1.2	J-Link/AT-Link&...	Attention
1	3.3V	3.3V	None
2	PA13	SWDIO	Must Pull up external
3	PA14	SWCLK	Must Pull down external
4	NRST	RSTn	None
5	GND	GND	None

2.5.3.2.2 USART2 connection

Table 9. Hardware connection (USART)

Hardware connection (USART)			
No.	AT-START-F403A_V1.2	USB_To_TTL(CH340)	Attention
1	GND	GMD	None
2	PA2	RXD	None
3	PA3	TXD	None

2.5.4 Software

2.5.4.1 Header files

Add the "stdio.h" to the code project files.

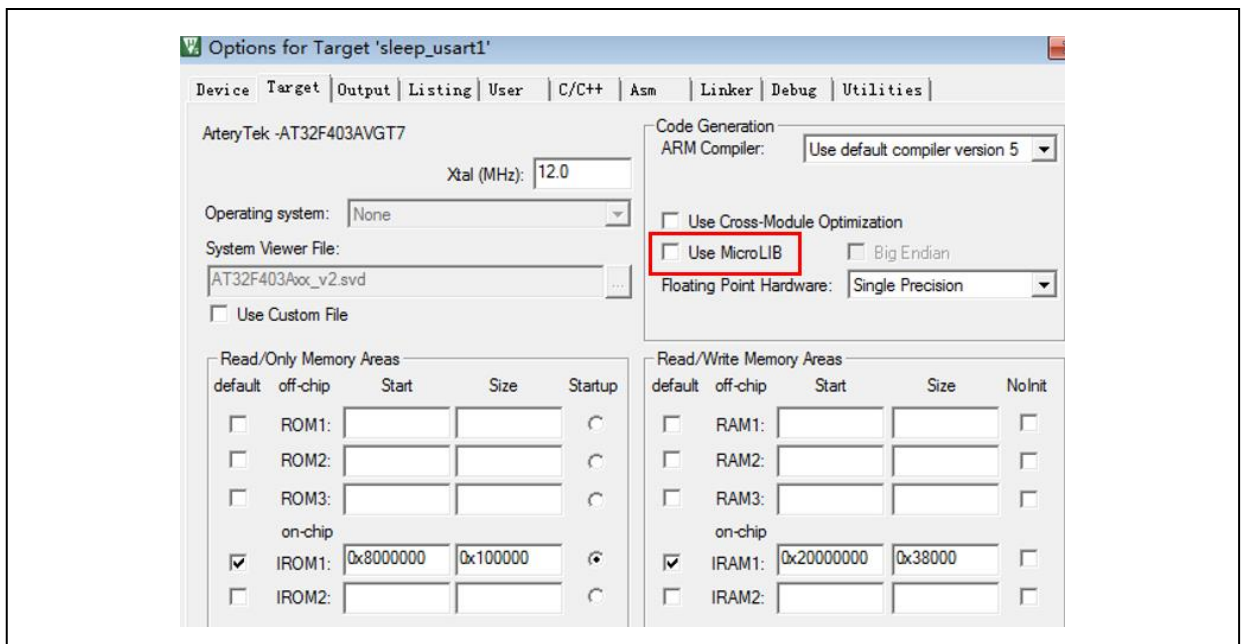
2.5.4.2 Redirect Printf

```

PUTCHAR_PROTOTYPE
{
    USART_SendData( USART2, ch);
    while ( USART_GetFlagStatus( USART2, USART_FLAG_TRAC) == RESET );
    return ch;
}
    
```

2.5.4.3 MicroLIB settings

Figure 9. MicroLIB settings



2.5.4.4 Add codes supporting Printf function

```

#if ( __ARMCC_VERSION > 6000000)
    __asm (".global __use_no_semihosting\n\t");
    void _sys_exit(int x)
    {
        x = x;
    }
    /* __use_no_semihosting was requested, but _ttywrch was */
    void _ttywrch(int ch)
    {
        ch = ch;
    }
    FILE __stdout;
#else
    #ifdef __CC_ARM
        #pragma import(__use_no_semihosting)
        struct __FILE
    
```

```
{
    int handle;
};
FILE __stdout;
void _sys_exit(int x)
{
    x = x;
}
#endif
#endif#if (__ARMCC_VERSION > 6000000)
__asm (".global __use_no_semihosting\n\t");
void _sys_exit(int x)
{
    x = x;
}
/* __use_no_semihosting was requested, but _ttywrch was */
void _ttywrch(int ch)
{
    ch = ch;
}
FILE __stdout;
#else
#ifdef __CC_ARM
#pragma import(__use_no_semihosting)
struct __FILE
{
    int handle;
};
FILE __stdout;
void _sys_exit(int x)
{
    x = x;
}
#endif
#endif
#endif
```

2.5.5 Debug and download

Compile the code and download to the MCU; then run the code at full speed, you can find that the "Hello World" is displayed in the terminal interaction window (Figure 10).

Figure 10. Serial port interaction window



2.6 Printf via JLinkRTT

2.6.1 Introduction

JLink has its own debug output function that can debug the code and output to the corresponding window according to the specified instructions after the JLink RTT library code is added.

2.6.2 Example code

006_Printf_Test_Jlink_RTT\project\mdk_v5

2.6.3 Environment and hardware

2.6.3.1 Environment

This method is used in both IAR and Keil environment. The compiling environment used in the example code is IAR_V8 or Keil_V5, with the hardware board AT-START-F403A_V1.2.

2.6.3.2 Hardware connection

J-Link connection

Table 10. Hardware connection (without JTDO)

Hardware connection (without JTDO)			
No.	AT-START-F403A_V1.2	J-Link	Attention
1	3.3V	3.3V	None
2	PA13	SWDIO	Must Pull up external
3	PA14	SWCLK	Must Pull down external
4	NRST	RSTn	None
5	GND	GND	None

2.6.4 Software

2.6.4.1 Header file

Add the "stdio.h" to the code project files.

2.6.4.2 Add JLink RTT library code

- Add the SEGGER_RTT.c and SEGGER_RTT_printf.c in the JLink RTT library code to the project files;
- Add SEGGER_RTT_Syscalls_IAR.c or SEGGER_RTT_Syscalls_KEIL.c to the project files according to the compiling environment.

2.6.4.3 Output to PC

Call the SEGGER_RTT_WriteString or SEGGER_RTT_printf command from the code and output to PC.

```
SEGGER_RTT_WriteString(0, "SEGGER Real-Time-Terminal Sample\r\n\r\n");
SEGGER_RTT_printf(0, "printf Test: %%c, 'S' : %%c.\r\n", 'S');
```

2.6.5 Debug and download

2.6.5.1 Printf via JLinkRTTClient window

Compile the code and download to the MCU, and enter the debug environment, open the JLinkRTTClient application in the JLink installation path. Run the code step by step, and you can find the print information is output to the JLinkRTTClient window, as shown in Figure 11 and Figure 12.

Figure 11. Code debug

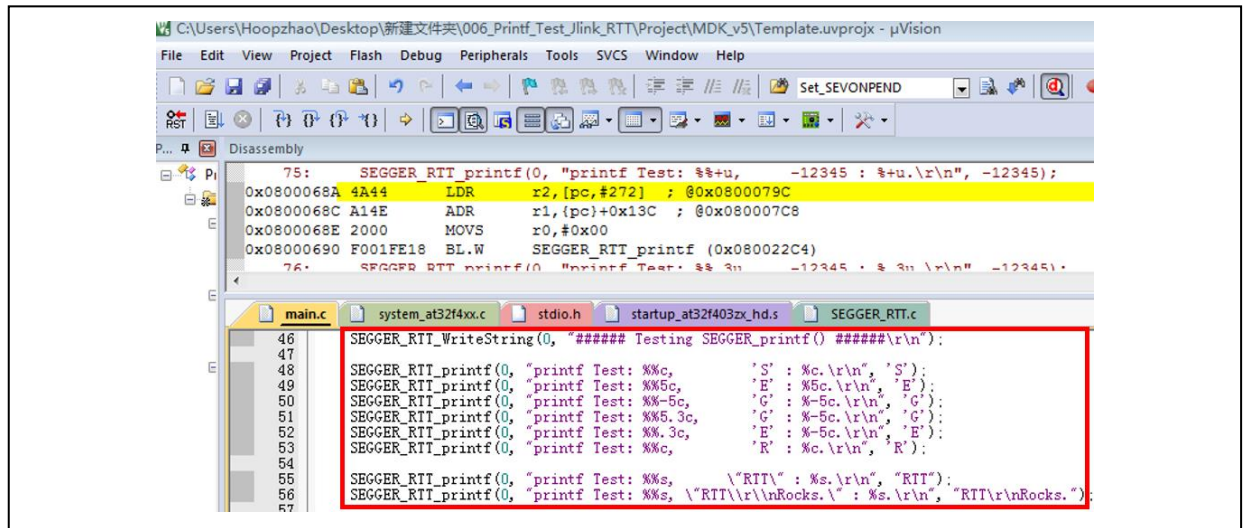
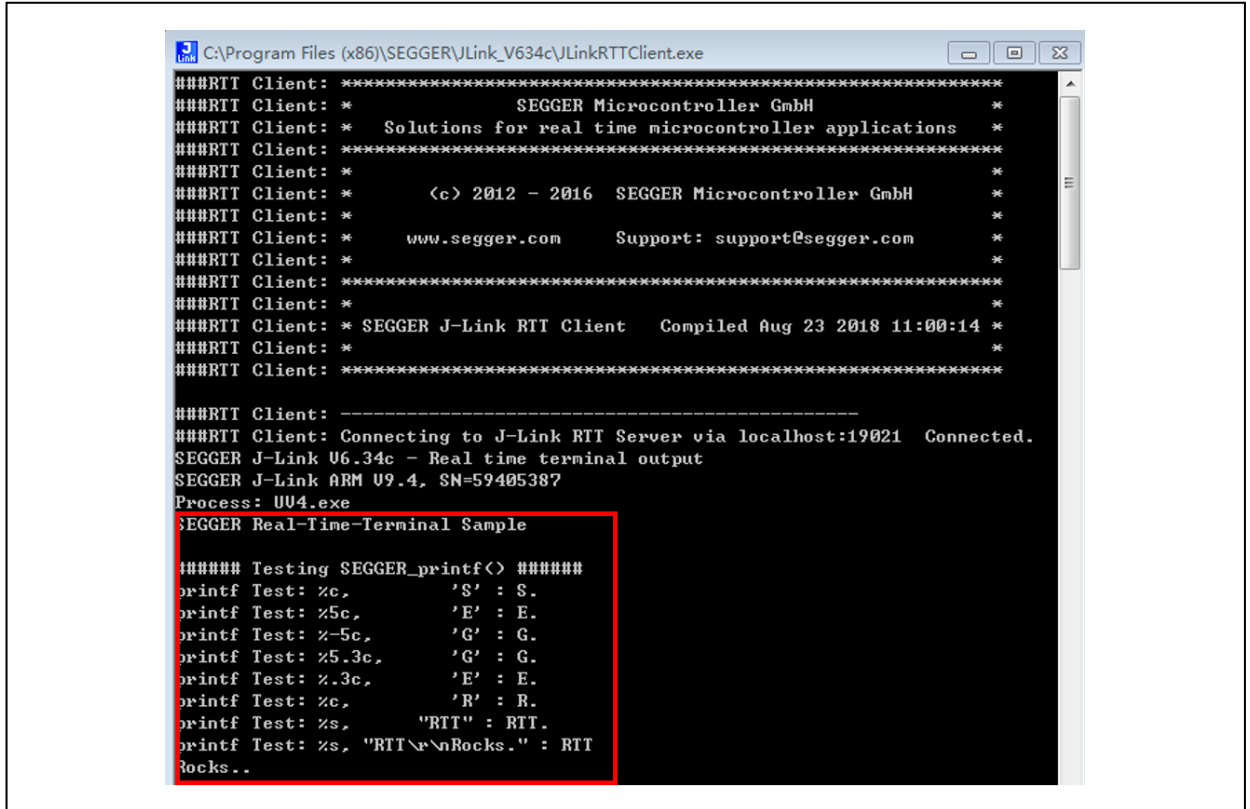


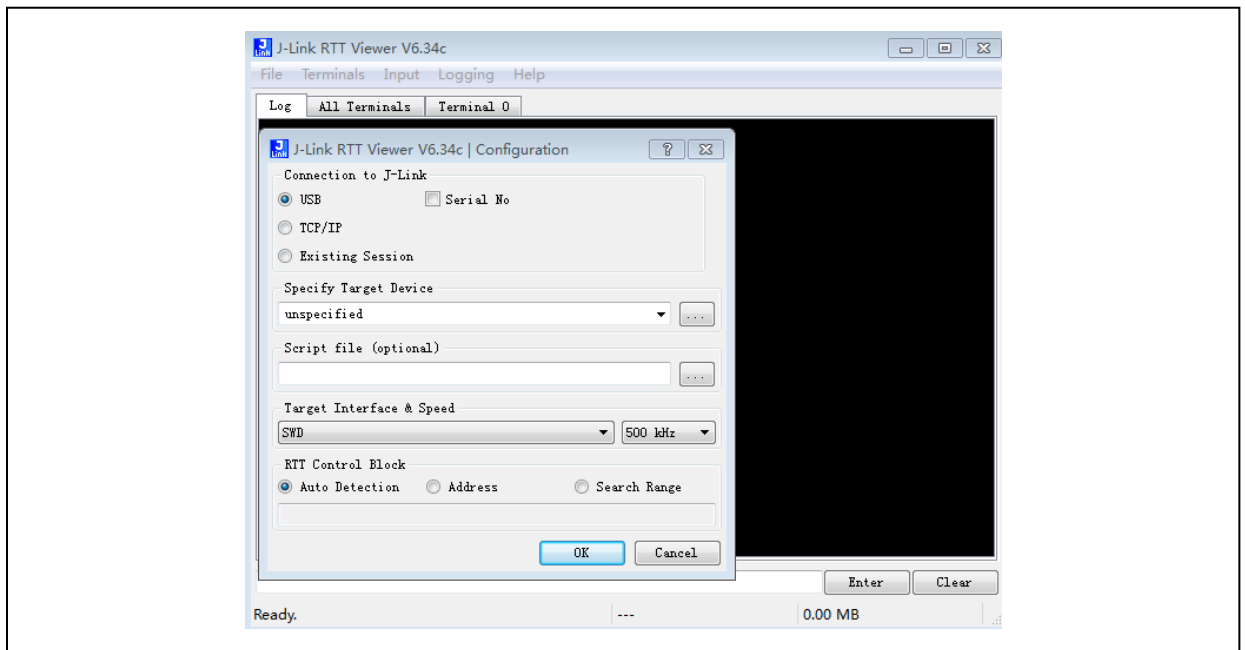
Figure 12. JLinkRTTClient window output information



2.6.5.2 Printf via JLinkRTTViewer window

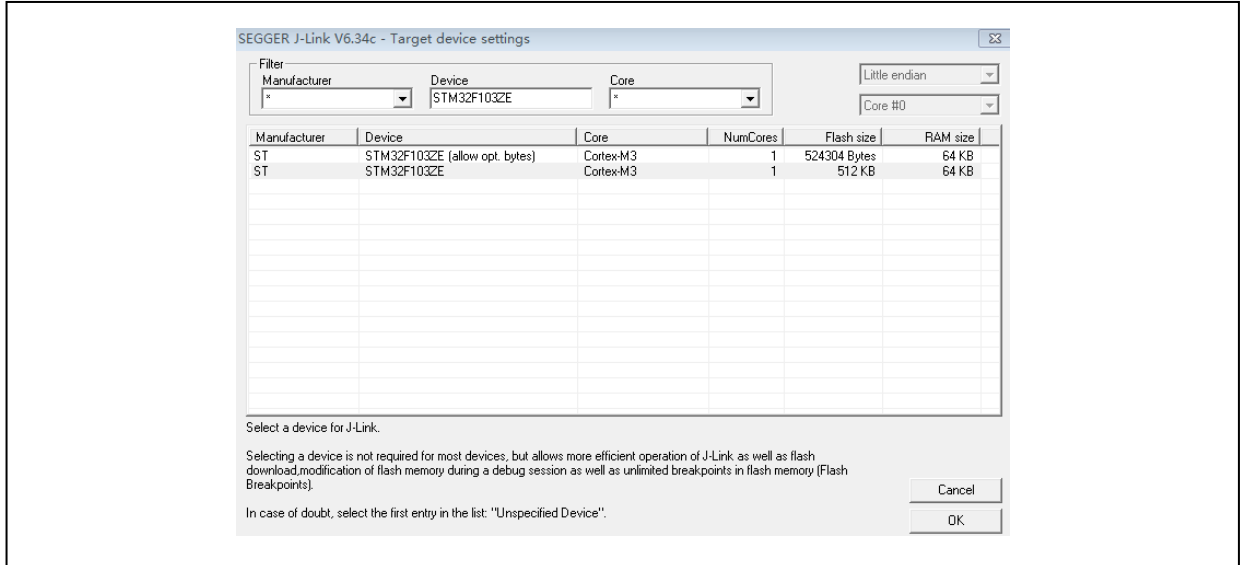
1. Compile the code and download to the MCU, and then open the JLinkRTTViewer window, as shown in Figure 13.

Figure 13. Open JLinkRTTViewer window



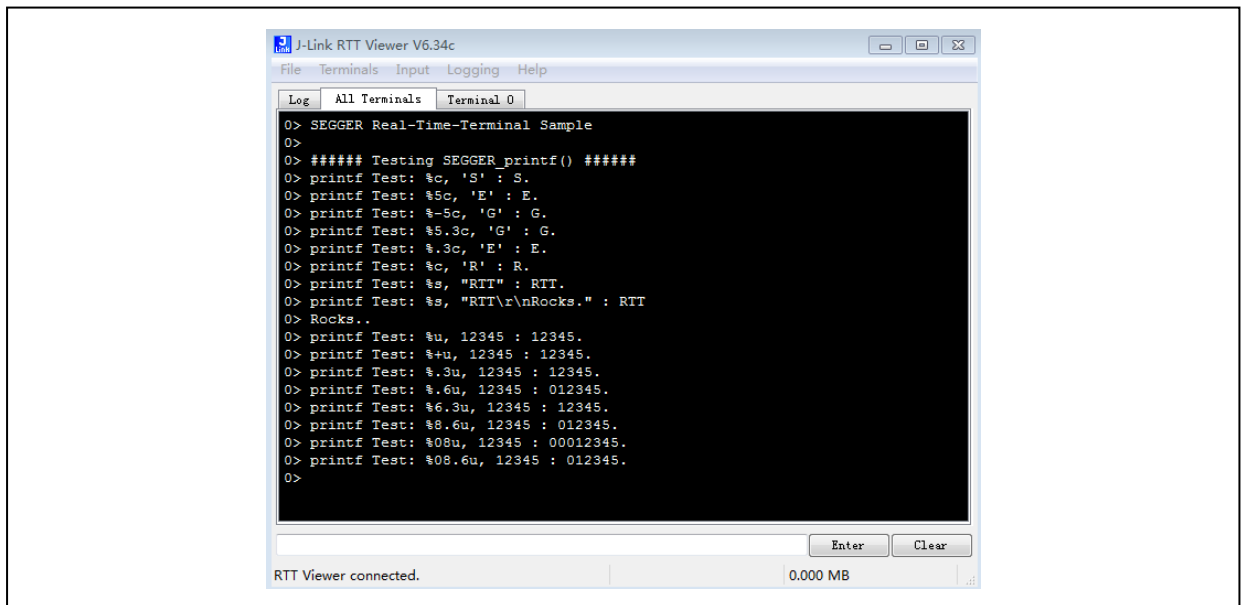
2. Click on “OK” and then click on “OK” again in the pop-up window; then, input and select the flowing information (taking ZE series as an example) and click on “OK”, as shown in Figure 14.

Figure 14. Device selection window



3. Use the aforementioned code to enter the debug environment, and run the code step by step, and then the print information will be displayed in the JLinkRTTViewer window, as shown in Figure 15.

Figure 15. JLinkRTTViewer window output information



3 Notes

- Only J-Link can be used for the testing in sections 2.3 and 2.6; AT-Link is not supported.
- For the testing in section 2.1 and 2.2, if AT-Link is used, in the Options→CMSIS DAP→Reset, either Hardware or System must be selected; otherwise, it will not be able to connect and download the code.
- For the testing in section 2.2, in the Options→General Options→Library Configuration→Library, Full must be selected; otherwise, it cannot be output. Only when the Full is selected, can the codes that support Printf be available.
- For the testing in section 2.6.5.1, the program in the output window cannot designate the device temporarily, so the ST part number have to be selected in the Device option at present, and the “Use MicroLIB” in “Options” must be ticked; otherwise, the code compiling may be abnormal.

4 Revision history

Table 11. Document revision history

Date	Version	Revision note
2021.12.07	2.0.0	Initial release

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