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The MPC5XXX processors implement a censorship feature. When enabled, the JTAG debugger is locked out and debugging or tracing is impossible.

The debug implementation on the MPC5XXX does not allow detecting if a processor is censored or not. The indication of active censorship is that reading the JTAGID works, but any further accesses, fail. The debugger will report a **Debug Port Fail** error and the additional error description in the message AREA will look like follows:

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JTAGID=0x____1D
Error: received invalid OSR (0x000) is the device censored?
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If the processor was censored on intention, it is possible to regain access using this command sequence:

SYStem.DETECT CPU SYStem.Option.KEYCODE 0xFEEDFACECAFEBEEF SYStem.Up

Note:

- If the password (keycode) is unknown or illegal (e.g. after accidentally erasing the shadow row), the
 processor is locked forever and can not be recovered, unless the application in flash provides a feature
 to unlock the processor (e.g. via CAN).
- Some processors require the upper and lower 32-bit parts to be exchanged for SYStem.Option.KEYCODE (e.g. 0xCAFEBEEFFEEDFACE instead of 0xFEEDFACECAFEBEEF)
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AM Arun Mukundan

9 months ago

 $\hbox{Hi, consider my password is } 12345678123456781234567812345678. \hbox{ How can I provide this data through lauterbach} \\$

- $1,\,using\,\,space\,\,as\,\,a\,\,seperator.\,\,eg:\,0x12345678\,\,0x12345678\,\,0x12345678\,\,0x12345678$
- $2, using \ comma \ seperator. \ eg: \ 0x12345678, 0x12345678, 0x12345678, 0x12345678$

please help me to resolve this.

Wafi Jmal

9 months ago

Hello,

If I understand you request correctly this script should help:

&password_1="0x111111111,0x22222222,0x33333333,0x444444444"

&password 2="0x55555555 0x66666666 0x77777777 0x888888888"

&output 1=STRing.Replace("&password 1",",0x","",0.)

&output_2=STRing.Replace("&password_2"," 0x","",0.)

print "&output 1"

print "&output 2"

ENDDO

Output:

0x1111111122222223333333344444444

0x555555556666666677777777888888888

Please let me know your feedback on this

Best Regards

Wafi

AM Arun Mukundan

9 months ago

Hi Wafi,

Thanks for the help, PFB is the exact script I'm executing. I think now I'm sending the keycode as expected.

SYStem.RESet

SYStem.BdmClock 16.0MHz

SYStem.DETECT CPU

SYStem.Option.ResBreak OFF

 $SYStem. Option. Wait Reset\ 3s$

 $\begin{array}{l} {\rm SYStem.Option\ KEYCODE\ 0x12345678\ 0x12345678\ 0x12345678\ 0x12345678\ 0x12345678\ 0x12345678\ 0x12345678\ 0x12345678 \end{array}$

System.Option ResetMode FUNCtional

SYStem.Option.WATCHDOG OFF

SYStem.Up

After this either I end up with target reset or debug port fail

Wafi Jmal

9 months ago

Hello,

 $Please\ refer\ to\ this\ document:\ \underline{https://repo.lauterbach.com/pdf/debugger_mpc5500.pdf}$

If the issue persists:

- . kindly open a new ticket using this link: $\underline{\text{https://support.lauterbach.com/new-ticket}}.$
- . Generate a system information report about your TRACE32 configuration by selecting the TRACE32 menu:

Help > Support > System Information..., click Save to File, and attach the resulting text file to your email.

This will help us investigate the issue further.

Best Regards

Wafi