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## Hands-on DMA 1

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## Class Objectives

- **At the end of this class you should know how to use DMA to transfer data between SPU and PPU, back and forth, using a buffer**

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## Class agenda

- **DMA transfer into an SPU from a PPU**
  - **Example of mfc\_get**
  - **DMA transfer from an SPU into a PPU**
  - **Example of mfc\_put**
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## DMA data into an SPU - mfc\_get

## DMA Example: Read into Local Store

```
void dma_mem_to_ls(unsigned int mem_addr,  
                 volatile void *ls_addr, unsigned int size)  
{  
    unsigned int tag = 0;  
    unsigned int mask = 1;  
    mfc_get(ls_addr, mem_addr, size, tag, 0, 0);  
    mfc_write_tag_mask(mask);  
    mfc_read_tag_status_all();  
}
```

Read contents  
of mem\_addr  
into ls\_addr

Set tag mask

Wait for all tag  
DMA completed

DMA data out of the SPU into the PPU – mfc\_put

## DMA Example: Write to Main Memory

```
void dma_ls_to_mem(unsigned int mem_addr, volatile void
*ls_addr, unsigned int size)
{
    unsigned int tag = 0;
    unsigned int mask = 1;
    mfc_put(ls_addr, mem_addr, size, tag, 0, 0);
    mfc_write_tag_mask(mask);
    mfc_read_tag_status_all();
}
```

Write contents of  
mem\_addr into  
ls\_addr

Set tag mask

Wait for all tag  
DMA completed

## Using libspe 2.x – synchronous thread model



## The PPU program

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <libspe.h>
#include <libmisc.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <libspe2.h>

//spu program
extern spe_program_handle_t getbuf_spu;
//local buffer
unsigned char buffer[128] __attribute__
    ((aligned(128)));
//spe context
spe_context_ptr_t speid;
unsigned int flags = 0;
unsigned int entry = SPE_DEFAULT_ENTRY;
spe_stop_info_t stop_info;
int rc;
```

```
int main (void)
{
    strcpy (buffer, "Good morning!");
    printf("Original buffer is %s\n", buffer);
    speid = spe_context_create(flags, NULL);
        spe_program_load(speid, &getbuf_spu);
    rc = spe_context_run(speid, &entry, 0, buffer,
        NULL, &stop_info);
    spe_context_destroy(speid);

    printf("New modified buffer is %s\n", buffer);
    return 0;
}
```

```
DIRS                = spu
PROGRAM_ppu        = getbuf_dma
IMPORTS = -lspe2 -lpthread -lmisc \
                spu/getbuf_spu.a
include $(CELL_TOP)/make.footer
```

## The SPU program

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
// #include <libmisc.h>
#include <spu_mfcio.h>
unsigned char buffer[128] __attribute__((aligned(128)));
int main(unsigned long long speid, unsigned long long argp, unsigned long long envp)
{
    int tag = 31, tag_mask = 1<<tag;
    // DMA in buffer from PPE
    mfc_get(buffer, (unsigned long long)argp, 128, tag, 0, 0);
    mfc_write_tag_mask(tag_mask);
    mfc_read_tag_status_any();
    printf("SPE received buffer \"%s\"\n", buffer);
    // modify buffer
    strcpy (buffer, "Guten Morgen!");
    printf("SPE sent to PPU buffer \"%s\"\n", buffer);
    // DMA out buffer to PPE
    mfc_put(buffer, (unsigned long long)argp, 128, tag, 0, 0);
    mfc_write_tag_mask(tag_mask);
    mfc_read_tag_status_any();
    return 0;
}
```

```
PROGRAM_spu      := getbuf_spu
LIBRARY_embed    := getbuf_spu.a
IMPORTS          = -lmisc
include $(CELL_TOP)/make.footer
```

## Using libspe 2.x – asynchronous thread model

# The PPU program

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <libspe.h>
#include <libmisc.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <libspe2.h>
#include <pthread.h>
typedef struct ppu_thread_data{
    spe_context_ptr_t context;
    pthread_t pthread;
    unsigned int entry;
    unsigned int flags;
    void *argp;
    void *envp;
    spe_stop_info_t stopinfo;
} ppu_thread_data_t;
void *ppu_thread_function(void *arg)
{
    ppu_thread_data_t *datap = (ppu_thread_data_t *)arg;
    int rc;
    rc = spe_context_run(datap->context, &datap->entry, datap-
>flags, datap->argp, datap->envp, &datap->stopinfo);
    pthread_exit(NULL);
}
//spu program
extern spe_program_handle_t getbuf_spu;
//local buffer
unsigned char buffer[128] __attribute__((aligned(128)));
```

```
//spe context
//spe_context_ptr_t speid;
//unsigned int flags = 0;
//unsigned int entry = SPE_DEFAULT_ENTRY;
//spe_stop_info_t stop_info;
//int rc;
int main (void)
{
    strcpy (buffer, "Good morning!");
    printf("Original buffer is %s\n", buffer);
    // speid = spe_context_create(flags, NULL);
    // spe_program_load(speid, &getbuf_spu);
    // rc = spe_context_run(speid, &entry, 0, buffer, NULL, &stop_info);
    // spe_context_destroy(speid);
    ppu_thread_data_t data;
    data.context = spe_context_create(0, NULL);
    spe_program_load(data.context, &getbuf_spu);
    data.entry = SPE_DEFAULT_ENTRY;
    data.flags = 0;
    data.argp = buffer;
    data.envp = NULL;
    pthread_create(&data.pthread, NULL, &ppu_thread_function, &data);
    pthread_join(data.pthread, NULL);
    spe_context_destroy(data.context);
    printf("New modified buffer is %s\n", buffer);
    return 0;
}
```

```
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    // DMA out buffer to PPE
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```

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