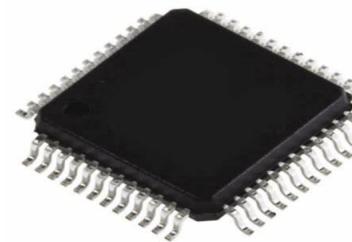
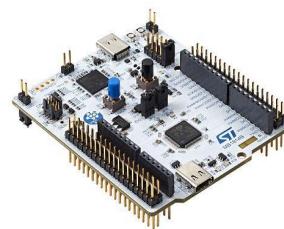


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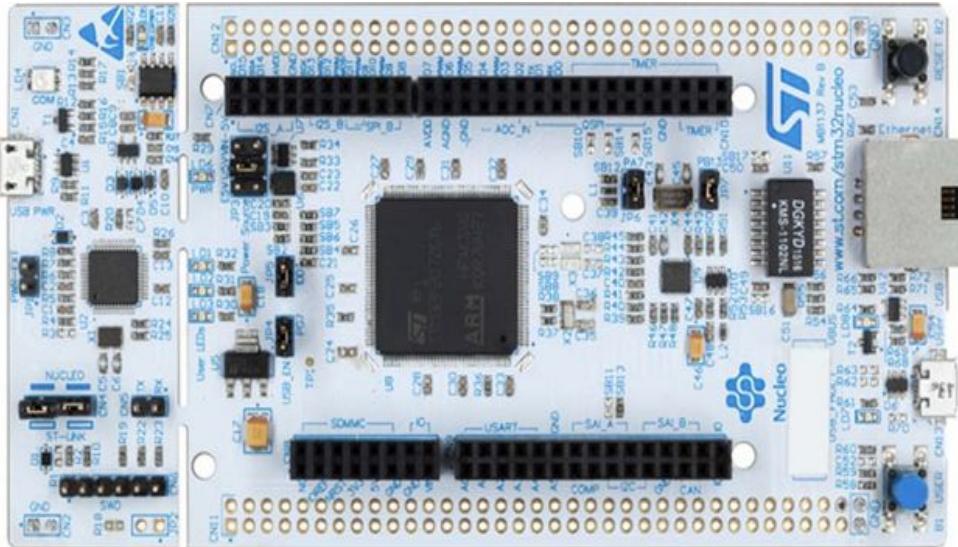


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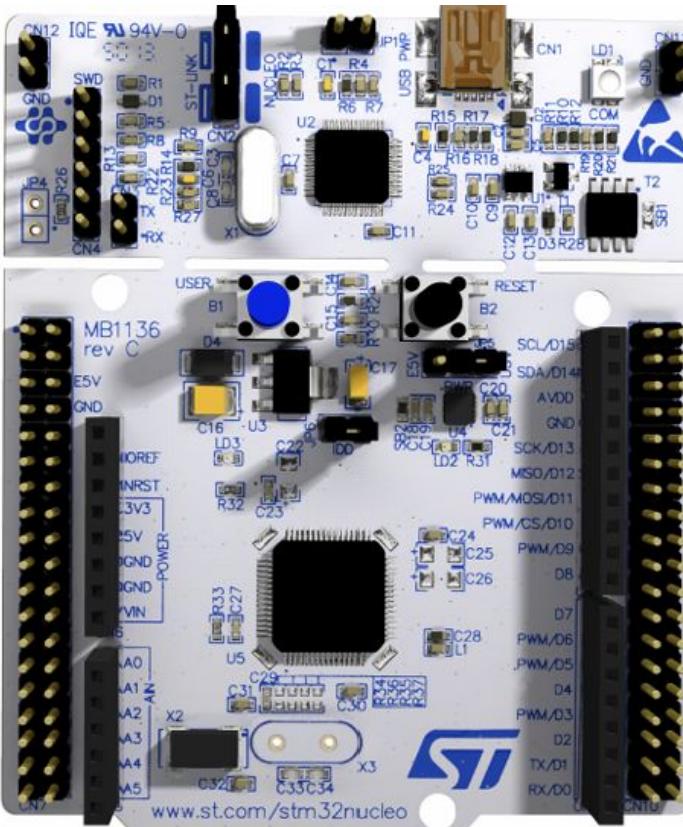
# STM32 Nucleo Board

- 144 pin board

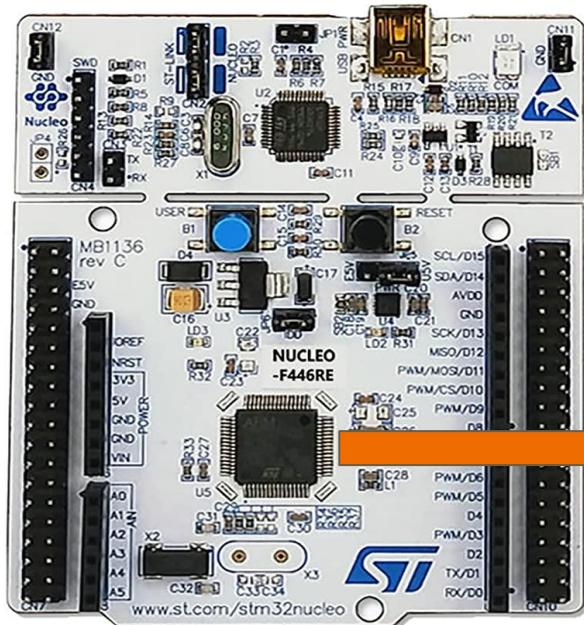


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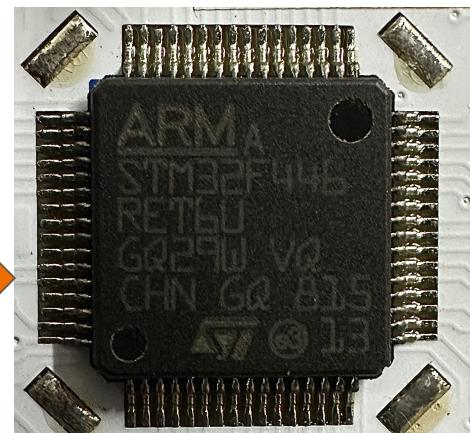
- 64 pin board



# STM32F446RE



# STM32F446RE Board



## ARM Cortex-M4 Microcontroller

# Why ARM processor?

- Engineering
- IoT research
- Economy of Bangladesh
- Industry machinery
- Program almost all machine around us
- High level hardware (ARM processor building - Trillion \$ market)

# ARM Cortex-M4

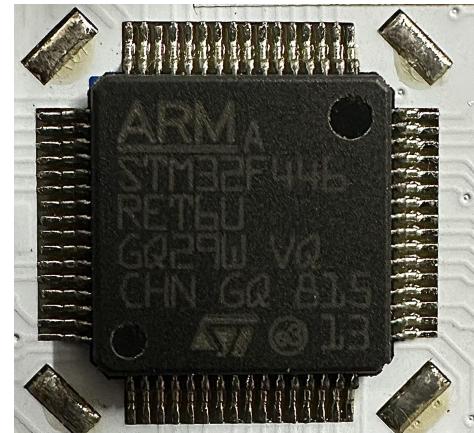
- 32 bit microprocessor with FPU [Floating Point Unit] core
- Flash Memory & RAM (on-board)
- Peripheral port/devices

Word: data of 32-bit length.

Half-word: data of 16-bit length.

Byte: data of 8-bit length.

Double word: data of 64-bit length.



# Key Features of the ARM Cortex-M4 Core in STM32F446RE

## 1. Core Architecture

**ARM Cortex-M4:** A 32-bit RISC processor core designed for high performance and low power consumption.

**DSP Instructions:** The Cortex-M4 includes a set of digital signal processing (DSP) instructions that enhance its performance in applications requiring complex mathematical computations.

**Floating Point Unit (FPU):** Supports single-precision floating-point operations, which is beneficial for applications involving arithmetic operations with real numbers.

# **Key Features of the ARM Cortex-M4 Core in STM32F446RE**

## **2. Performance**

**Clock Speed:** Can operate at up to 180 MHz, providing high processing power for complex applications.

**Harvard Architecture:** Features separate instruction and data buses, allowing simultaneous access to memory and instructions.

## **3. Memory**

**Flash Memory:** 512 KB of on-chip Flash memory for program storage.

**SRAM:** 128 KB of SRAM for data storage.

**Memory Protection Unit (MPU):** Enhances security by allowing control over memory access permissions.

# Key Features of the ARM Cortex-M4 Core in STM32F446RE

## 4. Interrupt System

**Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller (NVIC):** Supports efficient handling of interrupts with 16 levels of priority.

**SysTick Timer:** A dedicated timer for generating system ticks, useful for real-time operating systems.

## 5. Peripherals

**Timers:** Multiple general-purpose timers, advanced-control timers, and basic timers for timing and counting applications.

**Analog Peripherals:** Includes ADCs (Analog-to-Digital Converters), DACs (Digital-to-Analog Converters), and comparators.

# **Key Features of the ARM Cortex-M4 Core in STM32F446RE**

## **7. Communication Interfaces:**

**UART/USART:** For asynchronous and synchronous serial communication.

**SPI:** For synchronous serial communication with peripherals like sensors and memory devices.

**I2C:** For communication with low-speed peripherals.

**CAN:** For automotive and industrial communication networks.

**USB:** Supports both Host and Device modes.

**GPIO:** General-purpose input/output pins for interfacing with external components.

# Key Features of the ARM Cortex-M4 Core in STM32F446RE

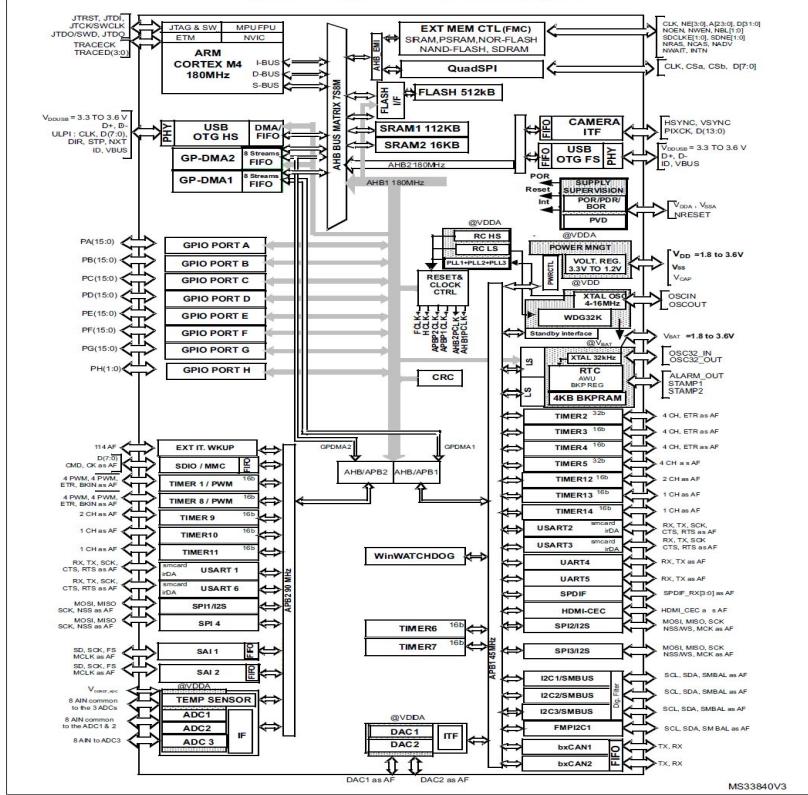
## 8. Debug and Trace

**Embedded Trace Macrocell (ETM):** Provides real-time trace capabilities for debugging complex applications.

**Serial Wire Debug (SWD):** A two-pin protocol for debugging, offering a reduced pin count compared to JTAG.

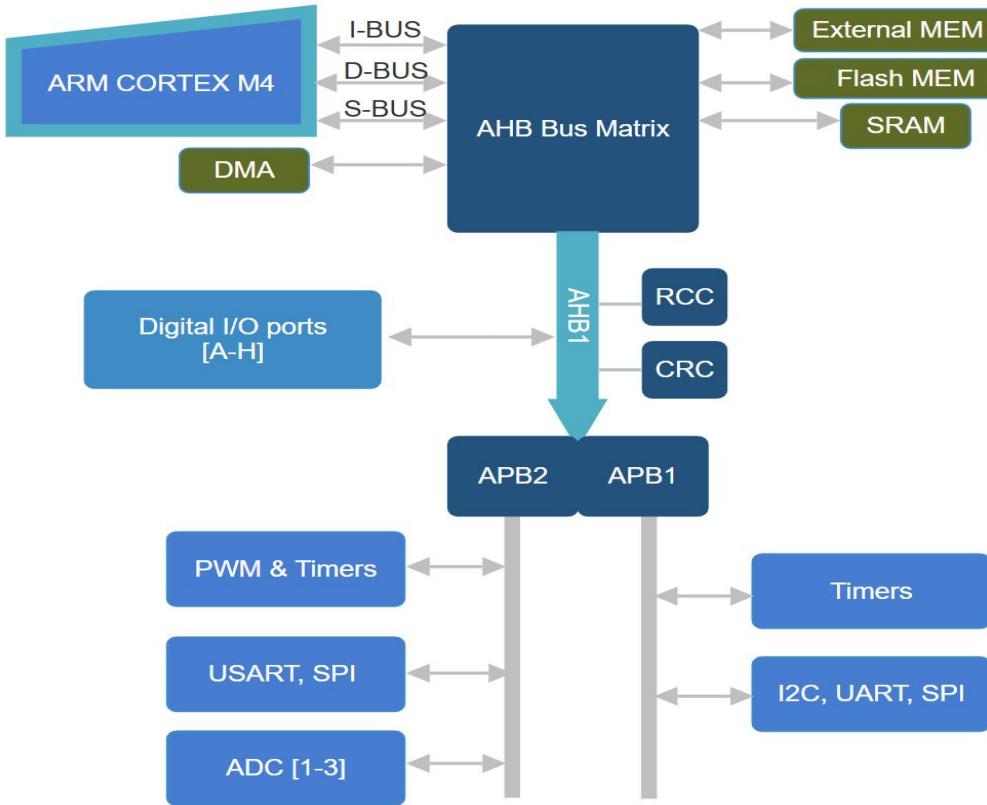
# STM32F446RE Block Diagram of the System Architecture

Figure 3. STM32F446xC/E block diagram



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# System Architecture [Simplified - Only AHB1]



- DMA: Direct Memory Access
- AHB: Advanced High-performance Bus
- APB: Advanced Peripheral Bus
- RCC: Reset and Clock Control
- CRC: Cyclic Redundancy Check
- PWM: Pulse with Modulation
- USART: universal synchronous/asynchronous receiver/transmitter
- SPI: Serial Peripheral Interface
- I2C: Inter-Integrated Circuit
- ADC: Analog to Digital Converter

# Memory & Bus Architecture

- **I-bus:** This bus connects the Instruction bus of the Cortex M4 with FPU core to the Bus Matrix. This bus is used by the core to fetch instructions.
- **D-bus:** This bus connects the databus of the Cortex M4 with FPU core to the Bus Matrix. This bus is used by the core for literal load and debug access. The target of this bus is a memory containing code or data.
- **S-bus:** This bus connects the system bus of the Cortex M4 with FPU core to the Bus Matrix. This bus is used to access data located in a peripheral or in SRAM. Instructions may also be fetched on this bus (less efficient than I-bus).

# Memory & Bus Architecture

- **DMA, Flash MEM, External MEM, SRAM**
- **AHB Bus Matrix**
- **APB Buses:** The two APB bridges, APB1 and APB2, provide full synchronous connections between the AHB and the two APB buses, allowing flexible selection of the peripheral frequency. After each device reset, all peripheral clocks are disabled (except for the SRAM and Flash memory interface). Before using a peripheral you have to enable its clock in the RCC\_AHBxENR or RCC\_APBxENR register.

# CRC & RCC

## Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

The CRC calculation unit is used to get a CRC code from a 32-bit data word and a fixed generator polynomial. Among other applications, CRC-based techniques are used to verify data transmission or storage integrity.

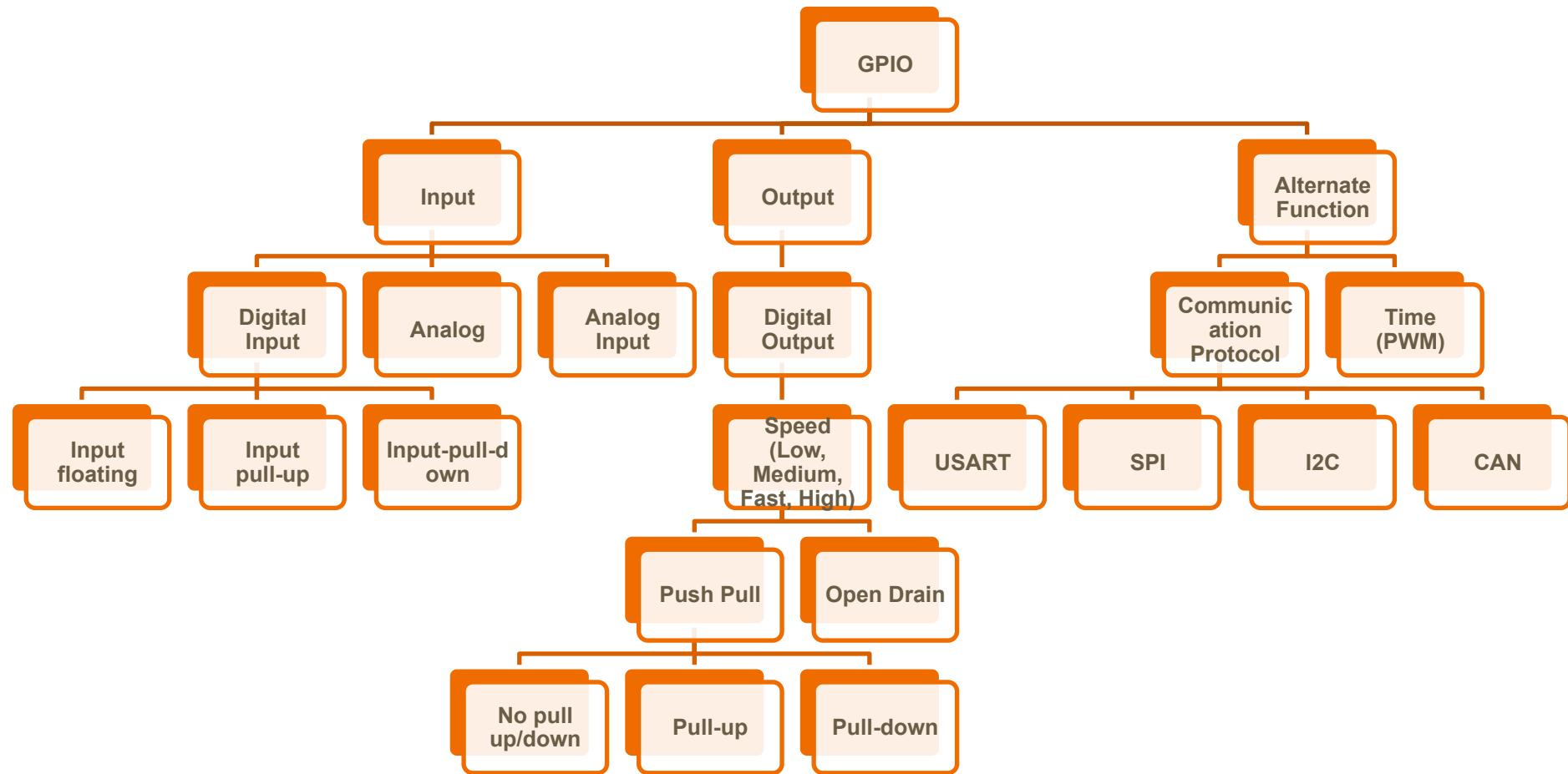
## Reset and Clock Control (RCC)

There are three types of reset

1. System Reset
2. Power Reset
3. Backup domain Reset

## To use different IO ports, NEED TO CONFIGURE DIFFERENT REGISTERS

- RCC AHB Peripheral Clock Enable Register
- GPIO Registers
  - Four configuration registers
  - Two data registers
  - Set/reset register
  - Locking register
  - Two alternate function selection



# RCC AHB Peripheral Clock Enable Register [RCC->AHB1ENR]

- 32 bit register
- Can enable port any digital I/O port [A-H]
- Can enable DMAs
- Can enable CRC

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
Res.	OTGHS ULPIEN	OTGHS EN	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	DMA2 EN	DMA1 EN	Res.	Res.	BKP SRAMEN	Res.	Res.
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Res.	Res.	Res.	CRC EN	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	GPIOH EN	GPIOG EN	GPIOF EN	GPIOE EN	GPIOD EN	GPIOC EN	GPIOB EN	GPIOA EN
			rw					rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw

# RCC AHB Peripheral Clock Enable Register [RCC->AHB1ENR]

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Res.	OTGHS ULPIEN	OTGHS EN	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	DMA2 EN	DMA1 EN	Res.	Res.	BKP SRAMEN	Res.	Res.
	rw	rw							rw	rw			rw		
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Res.	Res.	Res.	CRC EN	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	GPIOH EN	GPIOG EN	GPIOF EN	GPIOE EN	GPIOD EN	GPIOC EN	GPIOB EN	GPIOA EN
			rw					rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw

**BIT 0 - GPIOA EN:** I/O port A clock enable

0: IO port A clock disabled

1: IO port A clock enabled

**BIT 1 - GPIOB EN:** I/O port B clock enable

0: IO port B clock disabled

1: IO port B clock enabled

..... and so on

**Example:**

`RCC->AHB1EN |= 1<<0 [Port A activated]`

							1
5	4	.....	3	2	1	0	

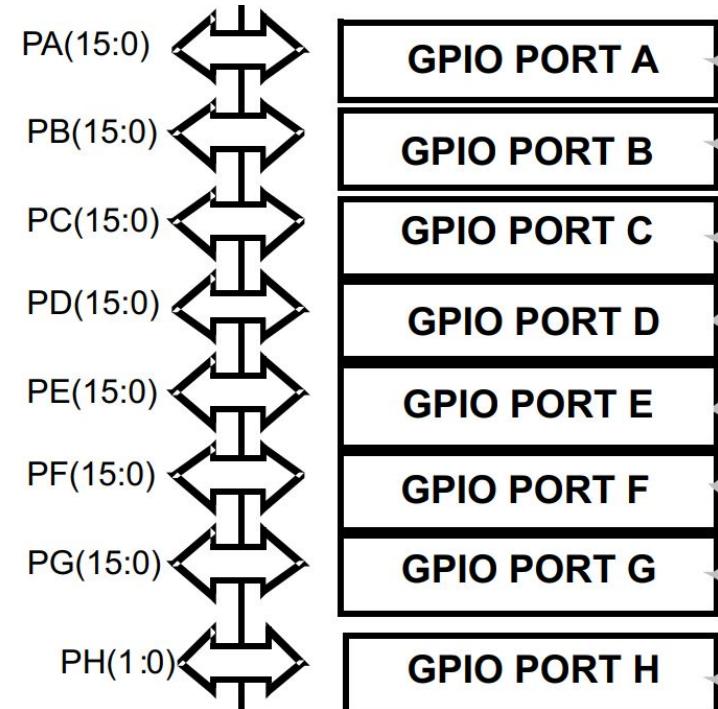
`RCC->AHB1EN |= 1<<3 [Port D activated]`

			1	0	0	0
5	4	.....	3	2	1	0

# General Purpose I/O [GPIO]

Each general-purpose I/O port has -

- A four 32-bit **configuration** registers
  - GPIOx\_MODER: Mode Register
  - GPIOx\_OTYPER : Output Type Register
  - GPIOx\_OSPEEDR : Output Speed Register
  - GPIOx\_PUPDR) : Pull-up, Pull-Down Register
- Two 32-bit **data** registers
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- A 32-bit **set/reset** register (GPIOx\_BSRR),
- A 32-bit **locking** register (GPIOx\_LCKR)
- Two 32-bit **alternate function selection**
  - GPIOx\_AFRH: Alternative Register High
  - GPIOx\_AFRL : Alternative Register Low



# Main features of GPIO

- Up to 16 I/Os under control
- Output states: push-pull or open drain + pull-up/down
- Output data from output data register (GPIOx\_ODR) or peripheral (alternate function output)
- Speed selection for each I/O
- Input states: floating, pull-up/down, analog
- Input data to input data register (GPIOx\_IDR) or peripheral (alternate function input)
- Bit set and reset register (GPIOx\_BSRR) for bitwise write access to GPIOx\_ODR
- Locking mechanism (GPIOx\_LCKR) provided to freeze the I/O configuration
- Analog function
- Alternate function input/output selection registers (at most 16 AFs per I/O)
- Fast toggle capable of changing every two clock cycles
- Highly flexible pin multiplexing allows the use of I/O pins as GPIOs or as one of several peripheral functions

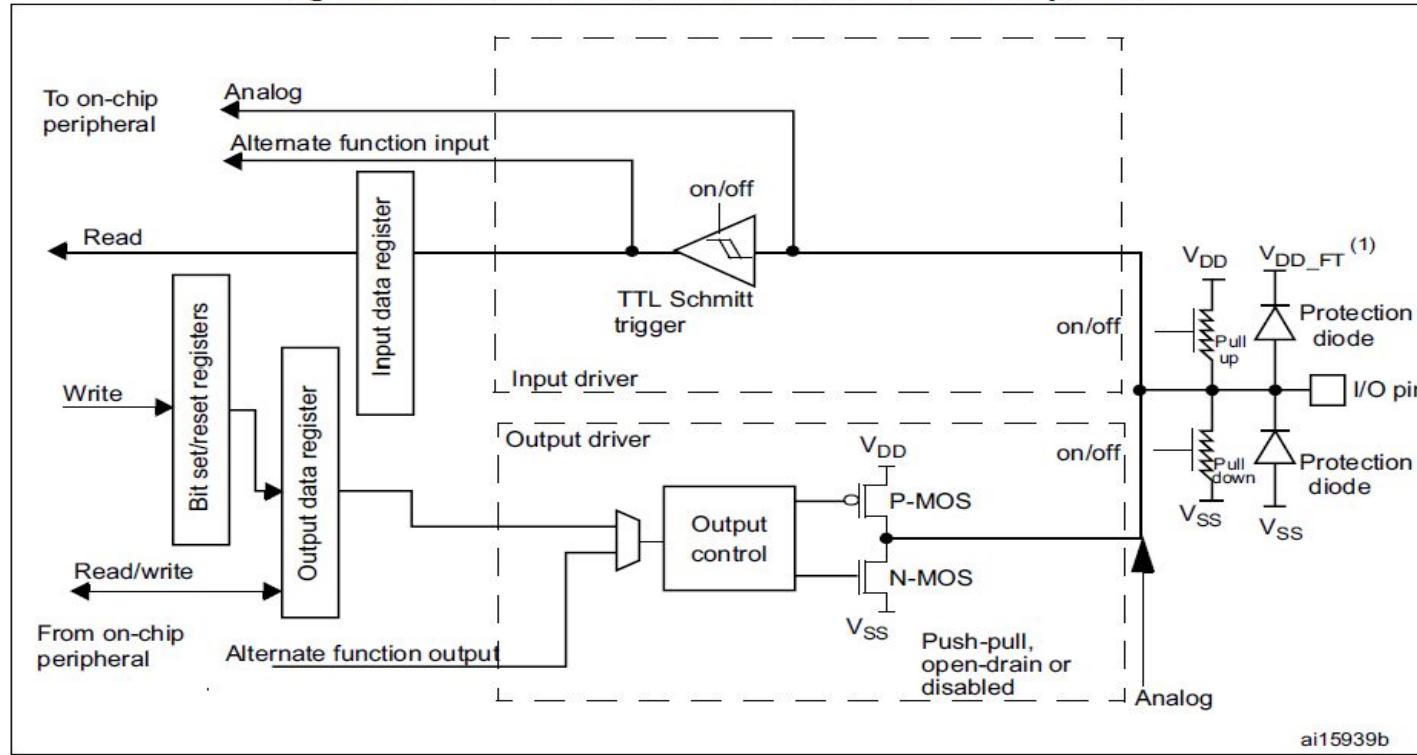
# GPIO functional description

Subject to the specific hardware characteristics of each I/O port listed in the datasheet, each port bit of the general-purpose I/O (GPIO) ports can be individually configured by software in several modes:

- Input floating
- Input pull-up
- Input-pull-down
- Analog
- Output open-drain with pull-up or pull-down capability
- Output push-pull with pull-up or pull-down capability
- Alternate function push-pull with pull-up or pull-down capability
- Alternate function open-drain with pull-up or pull-down capability
- Each I/O port bit is freely programmable, however the I/O port registers have to be accessed as 32-bit words, half-words or bytes. The purpose of the GPIOx\_BSRR register is to allow atomic read/modify accesses to any of the GPIO registers. In this way, there is no risk of an IRQ occurring between the read and the modify access.

# Internal Interfacing Unit of each GPIO PORT

Figure 18. Basic structure of a 5 V tolerant I/O port bit

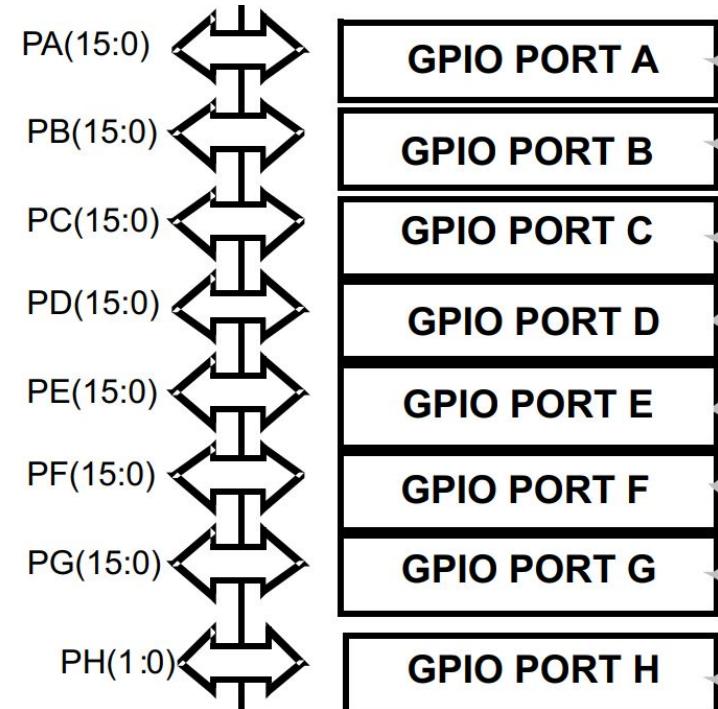


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# 1. GPIO Configuration Registers (IO Mode Register)

**GPIO<sub>x</sub>\_MODER ( x = A..H )**: These bits configure the I/O direction mode.

- 00: Input (reset state)
- 01: General purpose output mode
- 10: Alternate function mode
- 11: Analog mode

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
MODER15[1:0]		MODER14[1:0]		MODER13[1:0]		MODER12[1:0]		MODER11[1:0]		MODER10[1:0]		MODER9[1:0]		MODER8[1:0]	
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw										
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MODER7[1:0]		MODER6[1:0]		MODER5[1:0]		MODER4[1:0]		MODER3[1:0]		MODER2[1:0]		MODER1[1:0]		MODER0[1:0]	
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw										

**Bit [0..31]: MODER<sub>y</sub>[1:0]:** Port x configuration bits (y = pin = 0...15)

# 1. GPIO Configuration Registers (Output Type Register)

**GPIOx\_OTYPER (x=A..H):** These bits are written by software to configure the output type of the I/O port.

- 0: Output push-pull (reset state)
- 1: Output open-drain

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
Res.															
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
OT15	OT14	OT13	OT12	OT11	OT10	OT9	OT8	OT7	OT6	OT5	OT4	OT3	OT2	OT1	OT0
rw															

Bits 31:16 - Reserved

Bits 15:0 - OTy: Port x configuration bits (y = 0..15)

# 1. GPIO Configuration Registers (Output Speed Register)

**GPIOx\_OSPEEDR (x=A..H):** These bits are to configure the I/O output speed.

- 00: Low speed
- 01: Medium speed
- 10: Fast speed
- 11: High speed

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
OSPEEDR15 [1:0]		OSPEEDR14 [1:0]		OSPEEDR13 [1:0]		OSPEEDR12 [1:0]		OSPEEDR11 [1:0]		OSPEEDR10 [1:0]		OSPEEDR9 [1:0]		OSPEEDR8 [1:0]	
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw										
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
OSPEEDR7 [1:0]		OSPEEDR6 [1:0]		OSPEEDR5 [1:0]		OSPEEDR4 [1:0]		OSPEEDR3[1:0]		OSPEEDR2 [1:0]		OSPEEDR1 [1:0]		OSPEEDR0 1:0]	
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw										

**OSPEEDRy[1:0]:** Port x configuration bits (y = 0..15)

# 1. GPIO Configuration Registers (Pull-up Pull-down Register)

**GPIOx\_PUPDR (x=A..H):** These bits are written to configure the I/O input pull-up or pull-down

- **00: No pull-up, pull-down**
- **01: Pull-up**
- **10: Pull-down**
- **11: Reserved**

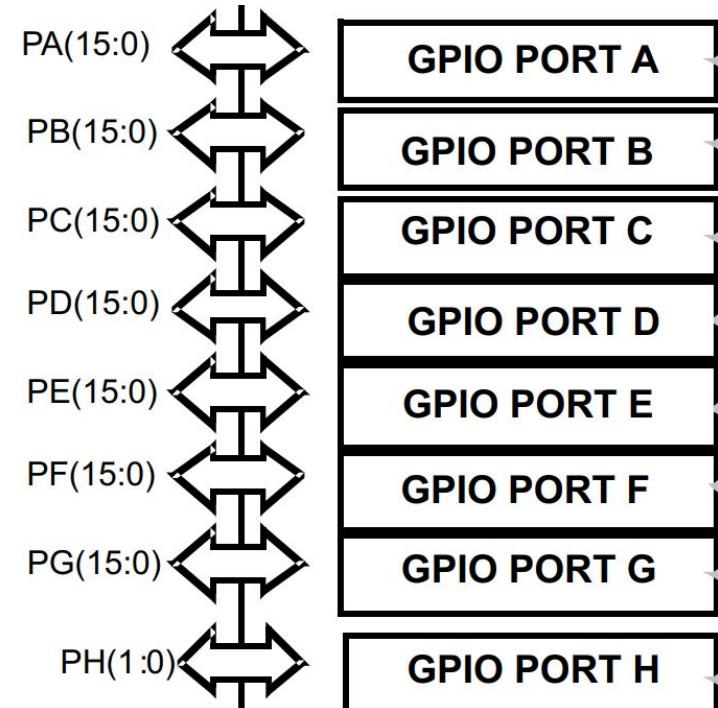
31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
PUPDR15[1:0]		PUPDR14[1:0]		PUPDR13[1:0]		PUPDR12[1:0]		PUPDR11[1:0]		PUPDR10[1:0]		PUPDR9[1:0]		PUPDR8[1:0]	
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw										
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
PUPDR7[1:0]		PUPDR6[1:0]		PUPDR5[1:0]		PUPDR4[1:0]		PUPDR3[1:0]		PUPDR2[1:0]		PUPDR1[1:0]		PUPDR0[1:0]	
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw										

**Bits[0..31] - PUPDRy[1:0]:** Port x configuration bits (y = 0..15)

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  - GPIOx\_AFRH: Alternative Register High
  - GPIOx\_AFRL : Alternative Register Low



## 2. Data Registers (Input Data Register)

**GPIOx\_IDR (x=A..H):** These bits are read-only. They contain the input value of the corresponding I/O port.

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
IDR15	IDR14	IDR13	IDR12	IDR11	IDR10	IDR9	IDR8	IDR7	IDR6	IDR5	IDR4	IDR3	IDR2	IDR1	IDR0
r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r

**Bits 31:16 - Reserved**

**Bits 15:0 - IDRy:** Port input data (y = 0..15)

## 2. Data Registers (Output Data Register)

**GPIOx\_ODR (x=A..H):** These bits can be read and written

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ODR15	ODR14	ODR13	ODR12	ODR11	ODR10	ODR9	ODR8	ODR7	ODR6	ODR5	ODR4	ODR3	ODR2	ODR1	ODR0
RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW	RW

**Bits 31:16 - Reserved**

**Bits 15:0 - ODRy:** Port output data (y = 0..15)

*Note: For atomic bit set/reset, the ODR bits can be individually set and reset by writing to the GPIOx\_BSRR register (x = A..H).*

# 3. Set/Rest Register (Bit Set Reset Register)

**GPIOx\_BSRR (x=A..H):** These bits are write-only and can be accessed in word, half-word or byte mode.

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
BR15	BR14	BR13	BR12	BR11	BR10	BR9	BR8	BR7	BR6	BR5	BR4	BR3	BR2	BR1	BR0
w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
BS15	BS14	BS13	BS12	BS11	BS10	BS9	BS8	BS7	BS6	BS5	BS4	BS3	BS2	BS1	BS0
w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w	w

**Bits 31:16 - BRy:** Port x reset bit y (y = 0..15)

- **0: No action on the corresponding ODRx bit**
- **1: Resets the corresponding ODRx bit**

**Bits 15:0 - BSy:** Port x set bit y (y= 0..15)

- **0: No action on the corresponding ODRx bit**
- **1: Sets the corresponding ODRx bit**

**Note:** If both BSx and BRx are set, BSx has priority.

# 4. Locking register Register

**GPIOx\_LCKR: (x=A..H):** Using this register, you can freeze the GPIO configurations. Once you do the proper lock key write sequence, it will lock the GPIOx\_MODER, GPIOx\_OTYPER, GPIOx\_OSPEEDR, GPIOx\_PUPDR, GPIOx\_AFRL, and GPIOx\_AFRH registers.

Bits [15:0] – LCKy: Port Set Bit, (y = 0 ... 15)

- 0 – Port configuration is not locked

- 1 – Port configuration is locked

Bits [16] – LCKK: Lock Key

- 0 – Port configuration lock key is not active

- 1 – Port configuration lock key is not active

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	LCKK
Reserved																
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	rw
LCK15	LCK14	LCK13	LCK12	LCK11	LCK10	LCK9	LCK8	LCK7	LCK6	LCK5	LCK4	LCK3	LCK2	LCK1	LCK0	rw

# 5. Alternate function selection Register

**GPIOx\_AFRL: (x=A..H) , GPIOx\_AFRH: (x=A..H):** Each GPIO pin has around sixteen alternative functions like SPI, I2C, UART, etc. So we can tell the STM32 to use our required functions.

- **GPIOx\_AFRL** 32-bit register is grouped by 4 bits. So This GPIOx\_AFRL register is used to select the alternate functions of Pin 0 to Pin 7
- **GPIOx\_AFRH** 32-bit register is also grouped by 4 bits. So This GPIOx\_AFRH register is used to select the alternate functions of Pin 8 to Pin 15

- 0000: AF0 (Alternate Function 0)
- 0001: AF1 (Alternate Function 1)
- 0010: AF2 (Alternate Function 2)
- 0011: AF3 (Alternate Function 3)
- .....
- 1111: AF15 (Alternate Function 15)

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
AFRL7[3:0]				AFRL6[3:0]				AFRL5[3:0]				AFRL4[3:0]			
rw	rw	rw	rw												
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
AFRL3[3:0]				AFRL2[3:0]				AFRL1[3:0]				AFRL0[3:0]			
rw	rw	rw	rw												

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
AFRH15[3:0]				AFRH14[3:0]				AFRH13[3:0]				AFRH12[3:0]			
rw	rw	rw	rw												
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
AFRH11[3:0]				AFRH10[3:0]				AFRH9[3:0]				AFRH8[3:0]			
rw	rw	rw	rw												



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