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CHAPTER: 01

ABSTRACT

The project presents a real-time speedometer system utilizing STM32F407 microcontrollers for precise speed measurement and display. The system employs two STM32F407 microcontroller boards to ensure efficient data acquisition, processing, and transmission. The primary objective is to calculate the speed of a moving object using infrared (IR) sensors and display the computed speed on a terminal via UART communication.

The first STM32F407 microcontroller board is responsible for collecting data from two IR sensors, which are placed at a fixed distance apart. As an object passes through these sensors, the microcontroller records the time difference between sensor activations, which is directly proportional to the object's speed. This raw time difference is then transmitted to the second STM32F407 microcontroller board using the Controller Area Network (CAN) bus protocol, ensuring a robust and interference-resistant data transfer.

The second STM32F407 microcontroller receives the transmitted time difference, processes the data, and computes the speed of the moving object using the predefined distance between the sensors. The calculated speed is then displayed on a terminal using UART communication, providing a real-time monitoring interface for the user.

This system leverages the high-performance capabilities of the STM32F407 microcontroller, utilizing its integrated CAN module for reliable inter-board communication and UART for data visualization. The project demonstrates efficient data handling and real-time processing, making it suitable for applications requiring precise speed measurement, such as industrial automation, traffic monitoring, and sports analytics.

By implementing this dual-microcontroller architecture with CAN bus communication, the project ensures accurate speed measurement with minimal latency, contributing to the development of real-time embedded systems for speed monitoring applications.

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INTRODUCTION

Speed measurement is a crucial aspect in various domains, including industrial automation, transportation, sports analytics, and safety systems. Traditional speedometers rely on mechanical or electronic components to determine the velocity of moving objects. However, with advancements in embedded systems and communication protocols, modern speed measurement techniques emphasize precision, efficiency, and real-time data processing. This project introduces a speedometer system based on the STM32F407 microcontroller, employing infrared (IR) sensors and Controller Area Network (CAN) bus communication for accurate and efficient speed computation.

The proposed system consists of two STM32F407 microcontroller boards, each performing distinct but complementary tasks. The first STM32 board functions as a data acquisition unit, where two IR sensors are placed at a fixed distance apart to detect a moving object. As the object crosses the first sensor, a timestamp is recorded, and when it crosses the second sensor, another timestamp is captured. The time difference between these two activations is then transmitted to the second STM32F407 board via CAN bus communication, ensuring a robust and interference-resistant data transfer mechanism.

The second STM32F407 microcontroller acts as the processing and display unit. Upon receiving the raw time difference from the first microcontroller, it computes the speed using the known distance between the sensors. The calculated speed value is then transmitted and displayed on a terminal through UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver-Transmitter) communication, providing real-time feedback to the user.

This project leverages the high-speed processing capability of the Cortex-M4-based STM32F407 microcontroller, integrating CAN bus for inter-board communication and UART for data visualization. The implementation of CAN communication ensures reliable, noise-resistant, and efficient data exchange between the microcontrollers, making the system suitable for real-time speed monitoring applications.

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SYSTEM OVERVIEW

3.1 Components of the System :-

3.1.1 Transmitter (Speed Sender)

- **Functionality:** The Transmitter is responsible for collecting speed-related data from two Infrared (IR) sensors that are positioned at a fixed distance apart. These sensors detect the time difference between the activation of each sensor as an object passes through them.
- **Data Display:** Additionally, the Receiver displays the calculated speed on a terminal using UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver-Transmitter) communication. This allows users to monitor the speed in real-time, providing immediate feedback on the object's speed.
- **Data Transmission:** The raw time difference data is then transmitted to the Receiver using Controller Area Network (CAN) communication. CAN is a robust vehicle bus standard designed to facilitate communication among various microcontrollers and devices without a host computer. This ensures reliable and efficient data transfer between the two STM32 boards.

3.1.2 Receiver (Speed Monitor)

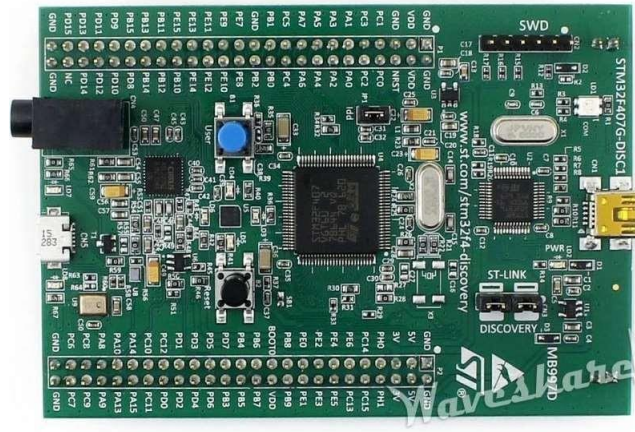
- **Functionality:** The Receiver's primary role is to receive the time difference data sent by the Transmitter. Upon receiving this data, the Receiver processes it to calculate the speed of the moving object using the known distance between the two IR sensors.
- **Speed Comparison:** The calculated speed is then compared against a predefined speed limit set within the system. This allows the Receiver to determine whether the speed exceeds acceptable thresholds.
- **Alerts:** If the speed exceeds the predefined limit, the Receiver activates a buzzer and LED indicators to provide both visual and audible alerts. This feature is crucial for applications where speed monitoring is essential, such as in vehicles or automated systems.

3.2 Hardware Requirements :-

The hardware requirements for the speedometer system are essential for ensuring that the system operates effectively and reliably.

Below is a detailed explanation of each component required for the implementation of the system.

1) STM32 Microcontroller (e.g., STM32F407)



➤ **Overview:**

- The STM32F407 is a high-performance microcontroller from STMicroelectronics, part of the STM32 family based on the ARM Cortex-M4 core.
- It is well-suited for applications requiring real-time processing and efficient data handling.

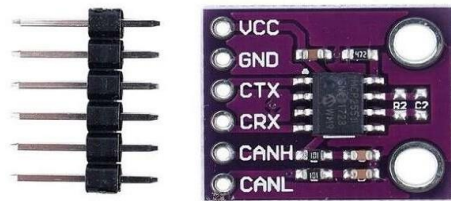
➤ **Key Features:**

- **Processing Power:** The STM32F407 operates at a clock speed of up to 168 MHz, providing sufficient processing power for real-time speed calculations.
- **Memory:** It includes Flash memory (up to 512 KB) and SRAM (up to 128 KB), allowing for the storage of program code and data.
- **Peripheral Interfaces:** The microcontroller supports various communication protocols, including CAN and UART, which are crucial for this project.
- **GPIO Pins:** It has multiple General-Purpose Input/Output (GPIO) pins for connecting sensors, LEDs, and other components.

➤ **Role in the System:**

- The STM32F407 microcontroller in the Transmitter collects data from the IR sensors and transmits it via CAN.
- The Receiver processes the incoming data, calculates speed, and manages alerts and displays.

2) CAN Transceivers (e.g. MCP2551)



➤ **Overview:**

- The MCP2551 is a high-speed CAN transceiver that facilitates communication between the STM32 microcontroller and the CAN bus.

➤ **Key Features:**

- **Data Rate:** It supports data rates up to 1 Mbps, which is suitable for real-time applications.
- **Signal Conditioning:** The transceiver provides signal conditioning, ensuring reliable communication over the CAN bus.
- **Isolation:** It offers electrical isolation between the microcontroller and the CAN bus, protecting the microcontroller from voltage spikes and noise.

➤ **Role in the System:**

- The MCP2551 transceiver is used in both the Transmitter and Receiver to convert the digital signals from the STM32 microcontroller into CAN signals for transmission and vice versa for reception.

3) LEDs (Red & Green)



➤ Overview:

- LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes) are used as visual indicators in the system.

➤ Key Features:

- **Colour Coding:** Red LEDs can indicate a warning (e.g., speed limit exceeded), while green LEDs can indicate normal operation (e.g., speed within limits).
- **Low Power Consumption:** LEDs consume minimal power, making them suitable for embedded systems.

➤ Role in the System:

- The Receiver uses the LEDs to provide visual feedback to the user.
- The green LED lights up when the speed is within the limit, while the red LED activates when the speed exceeds the predefined threshold.

4) Buzzer



➤ **Overview:**

- A buzzer is an electromechanical device that produces sound when an electrical signal is applied.

➤ **Key Features:**

- **Audible Alerts:** Buzzers can produce a range of tones and volumes, making them effective for alerting users.
- **Simple Interface:** They can be easily controlled using a GPIO pin from the microcontroller.

➤ **Role in the System:**

- The buzzer is activated by the Receiver when the speed exceeds the predefined limit, providing an audible alert to the user.
- This feature enhances the system's effectiveness in notifying users of critical speed conditions.

5) **Power Supply (5V or 3.3V depending on the board)**



➤ **Overview:**

- A stable power supply is essential for the proper functioning of the microcontroller and other components.

➤ **Key Features:**

- **Voltage Requirements:** The STM32F407 can operate at either 3.3V or 5V, depending on the specific board configuration and peripheral requirements.

- **Current Rating:** The power supply must provide sufficient current to support all connected components, including the microcontroller, transceivers, LEDs, and buzzer.

➤ **Role in the System:**

- The power supply ensures that all components receive the necessary voltage and current for operation.
- It is crucial to select a power supply that matches the voltage requirements of the STM32 board and other components to prevent damage and ensure reliable performance.

The speedometer system consists of several critical hardware components that ensure accurate speed measurement, real-time data processing, reliable communication, and effective user alerts. At the core of the system is the **STM32F407 microcontroller**, a high-performance ARM Cortex-M4-based chip that operates at **168 MHz**. It provides sufficient processing power to handle real-time speed calculations, supports **CAN and UART communication**, and includes ample **Flash memory (512 KB) and SRAM (128 KB)** for storing program data. The microcontroller's **GPIO pins** enable connections to sensors, LEDs, and other peripherals.

For communication, the system uses **MCP2551 CAN transceivers**, which allow efficient data exchange over the **Controller Area Network (CAN) bus**. These transceivers support **data rates up to 1 Mbps**, ensuring real-time transmission of speed data from the transmitter to the receiver. They also provide **signal conditioning** for noise immunity and **electrical isolation** to protect the microcontroller from voltage fluctuations.

To provide user alerts, the system includes **LED indicators (red and green)** and a **buzzer**. The **red LED** lights up when the vehicle exceeds the predefined speed limit, signaling a warning, while the **green LED** indicates normal operation when speed remains within safe limits. The **buzzer**, controlled via a microcontroller **GPIO pin**, provides an additional **audible warning** when speed violations occur, ensuring immediate attention from the user.

A **stable power supply (3.3V or 5V)** is essential to maintain the functionality of all components. The STM32F407 operates on either voltage level depending on board configuration, and the power supply must deliver sufficient current to support the microcontroller, CAN transceivers, LEDs, and buzzer without causing performance fluctuations.

Together, these components form a **highly efficient speedometer system** that not only **measures and processes speed data** but also **transmits information in real-time** and **alerts users through visual and audible indicators**. By integrating a powerful microcontroller, reliable communication modules, and effective alert mechanisms, the system enhances safety and ensures users receive timely notifications about speed conditions.

3.3 Key Components :-

3.3.1 Microcontroller Initialization:

- The code begins by initializing the HAL (Hardware Abstraction Layer) library, configuring the system clock, and initializing peripherals such as GPIO, CAN, and UART.

3.3.2 CAN Communication:

- The CAN peripheral is initialized to allow for communication with other devices on the CAN bus.
- The system can send and receive messages, which are crucial for speed calculations.

3.3.3 UART Communication:

- UART is set up to transmit speed data to a terminal (e.g., Minicom) for monitoring.
- This allows for real-time feedback on the calculated speed.

3.3.4 IR Sensor Handling:

- An IR sensor is connected to a GPIO pin, and its state is read periodically.
- The sensor data is sent over the CAN bus.

3.3.5 Speed Calculation:

- The system calculates speed based on the time difference received from CAN messages.
- The speed is then converted from cm/s to km/h for easier interpretation.

3.3.6 Speed Alerting:

- If the calculated speed exceeds a predefined limit, the system activates a buzzer and changes the state of LEDs to indicate an alert condition.

3.4 Code Structure :-

3.4.1 Includes and Definitions:

- The code includes necessary headers and defines constants for distance and speed limits.

3.4.2 Private Variables:

- Variables for CAN and UART handles, received data buffers, and message strings are declared.

3.4.3 Function Prototypes:

- Prototypes for all functions used in the code are declared for better organization and readability.

3.4.4 Main Function:

- The main loop continuously reads the IR sensor, sends its data over CAN, and processes incoming CAN messages to calculate speed.

3.4.5 CAN Functions:

- CAN_SendMessage: Prepares and sends a CAN message.
- HAL_CAN_RxFifo0MsgPendingCallback: Callback function those processes received CAN messages and calculates speed.

3.4.6 Speed Monitoring:

- Alert Speed: Activates the buzzer and LEDs based on the calculated speed.

3.4.7 IR Sensor Functions:

- IR_Sensor_Init: Initializes the GPIO pin for the IR sensor.
- Read_IR_Sensor : Reads the state of the IR sensor.

3.4.8 GPIO Initialization:

- Configures GPIO pins for the buzzer and LEDs.

3.4.9 Peripheral Initialization Functions:

- Functions for initializing CAN and UART peripherals.

3.4.10 System Clock Configuration:

- Configures the system clock for optimal performance.

3.4.11 Error Handling:

- A simple error handler that halts the program in case of initialization failures.

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EXECUTION FLOW

4.1 Initialization:

- The system initializes all peripherals and starts CAN communication.

4.2 Main Loop:

- The main loop continuously reads the IR sensor state and sends the data over CAN every 500 ms.

4.3 CAN Message Reception:

- When a CAN message is received, the callback function processes the message, calculates the speed, and sends the speed data over UART.

4.4 Speed Calculation:

- The speed is calculated using the formula: $\text{SPEED} = \text{DISTANCE} / \text{TIME}$
- The speed is then converted to km/h.

4.5 Speed Alerting:

- If the speed exceeds the defined limit, the system activates the buzzer and changes the LED states to indicate an alert.

SYSTEM OVERFLOW

5.1. Transmitter :-

The Transmitter component of the speedometer system is responsible for collecting speed data and sending it over the Controller Area Network (CAN) to the Receiver. This process involves several key steps:

- **Data Collection:** The Transmitter utilizes two Infrared (IR) sensors placed at a fixed distance apart. As an object passes through the sensors, they detect the time difference between activations. This time difference is crucial for calculating the speed of the object using the formula:

$$\text{Speed} = \text{Distance} \setminus \text{Time}$$

where the distance is the fixed distance between the two IR sensors.

- **Speed Calculation:** Once the time difference is obtained, the Transmitter calculates the current speed of the object. This calculation is performed in real-time, allowing for immediate data transmission.
- **CAN Communication:** After calculating the speed, the Transmitter sends this data over the CAN bus. The CAN protocol is chosen for its robustness and efficiency in handling communication between multiple devices. The STM32F407 microcontroller, equipped with a CAN controller, formats the speed data into CAN messages and transmits them using the MCP2551 CAN transceiver.
- **Continuous Transmission:** The Transmitter continuously monitors the speed and sends updated speed data at regular intervals. This ensures that the Receiver always has the most current speed information for processing and comparison.

5.2. Receiver :-

The Receiver component of the speedometer system is responsible for receiving the speed data sent by the Transmitter and taking appropriate actions based on the received information.

The following steps outline the Receiver's functionality:

- **Reading the Received Speed:** The Receiver uses the MCP2551 CAN transceiver to receive the speed data transmitted over the CAN bus. The STM32F407 microcontroller processes the incoming CAN messages to extract the current speed value.
- **Comparing with SPEED_LIMIT:** Once the speed is received, the Receiver compares it against a predefined speed limit (SPEED_LIMIT). This limit is set based on the specific application requirements and can be adjusted as needed.
- **Actions Based on Speed Comparison:**
 - **If Speed Exceeds SPEED_LIMIT:**
 - **Turns on a Red LED:** The Receiver activates a red LED to provide a visual alert indicating that the speed limit has been exceeded. This LED serves as an immediate warning to the user.
 - **Turns off the Green LED:** The green LED, which indicates that the speed is within the limit, is turned off to avoid confusion.
 - **Activates a Buzzer for 5 Seconds (Twice) :** The Receiver activates a buzzer to provide an audible alert. The buzzer is turned on for 5 seconds, then turned off, and this cycle is repeated twice. This dual activation ensures that the alert is noticeable and emphasizes the urgency of the situation.
 - **If Speed is Within SPEED_LIMIT:**
 - **Turns on a Green LED:** When the speed is within the acceptable limit, the Receiver activates a green LED. This LED indicates that the speed is safe and within the predefined limits.
 - **Turns off the Red LED:** The red LED is turned off to signal that there is no violation of the speed limit.

The Transmitter and Receiver work together to create an effective speed monitoring system. The Transmitter collects speed data from IR sensors, calculates the current speed, and sends it over the CAN bus. The Receiver reads this data, compares it to a predefined speed limit, and activates appropriate alerts based on the comparison. The use of visual (LEDs) and audible (buzzer) alerts ensures that users are promptly informed of any speed violations, enhancing safety and operational efficiency. This system is particularly useful in applications where speed monitoring is critical, such as in vehicles or automated systems.

PROJECT REPRESENTATION

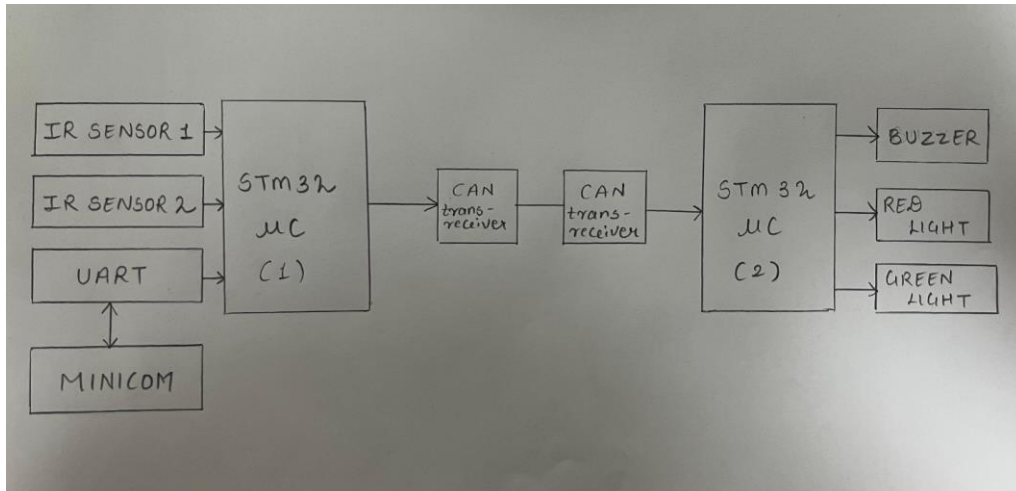


Fig.6.1. Block Diagram of Speedometer using STM32F407 Microcontroller

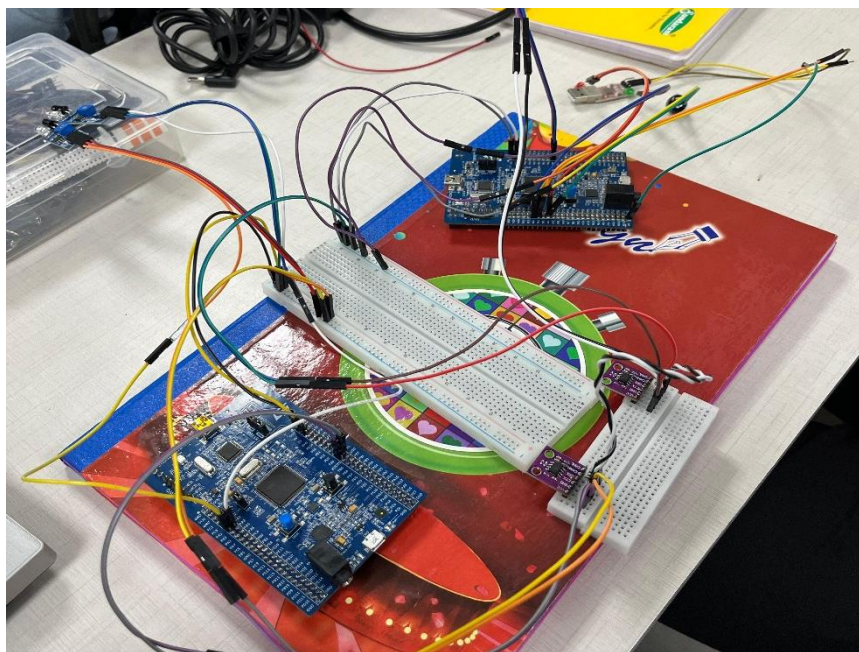
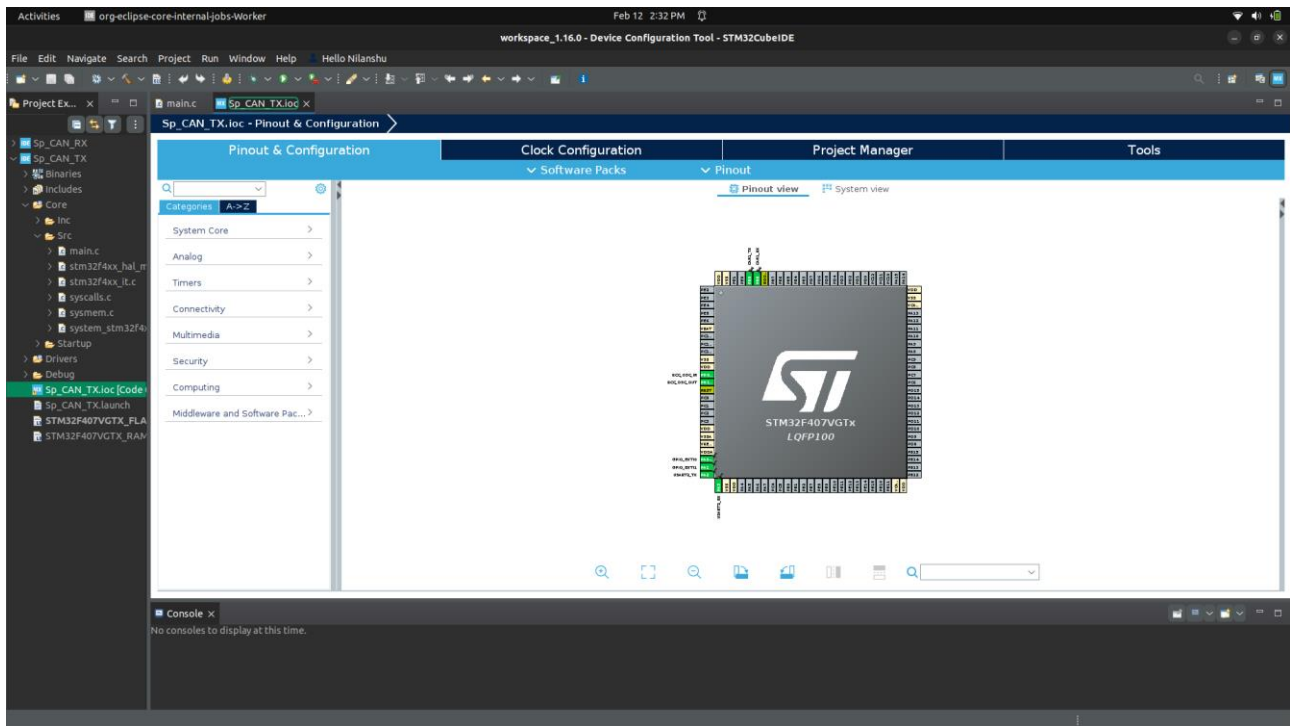


Fig.6.2. Experimental Setup of Speedometer using STM32F407 Microcontroller

6.3. CAN Transmitter :-



6.4. CAN Receiver :-

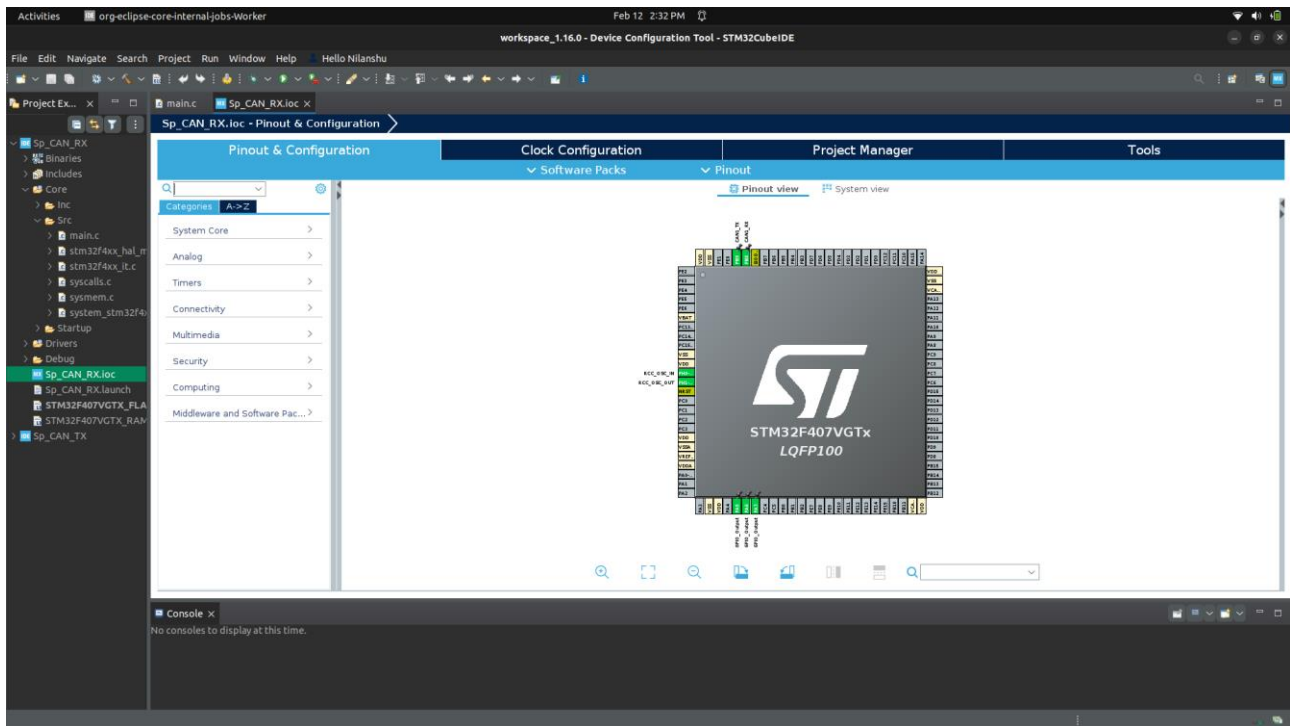


Fig.6.4.1. Device Configuration of CAN Receiver

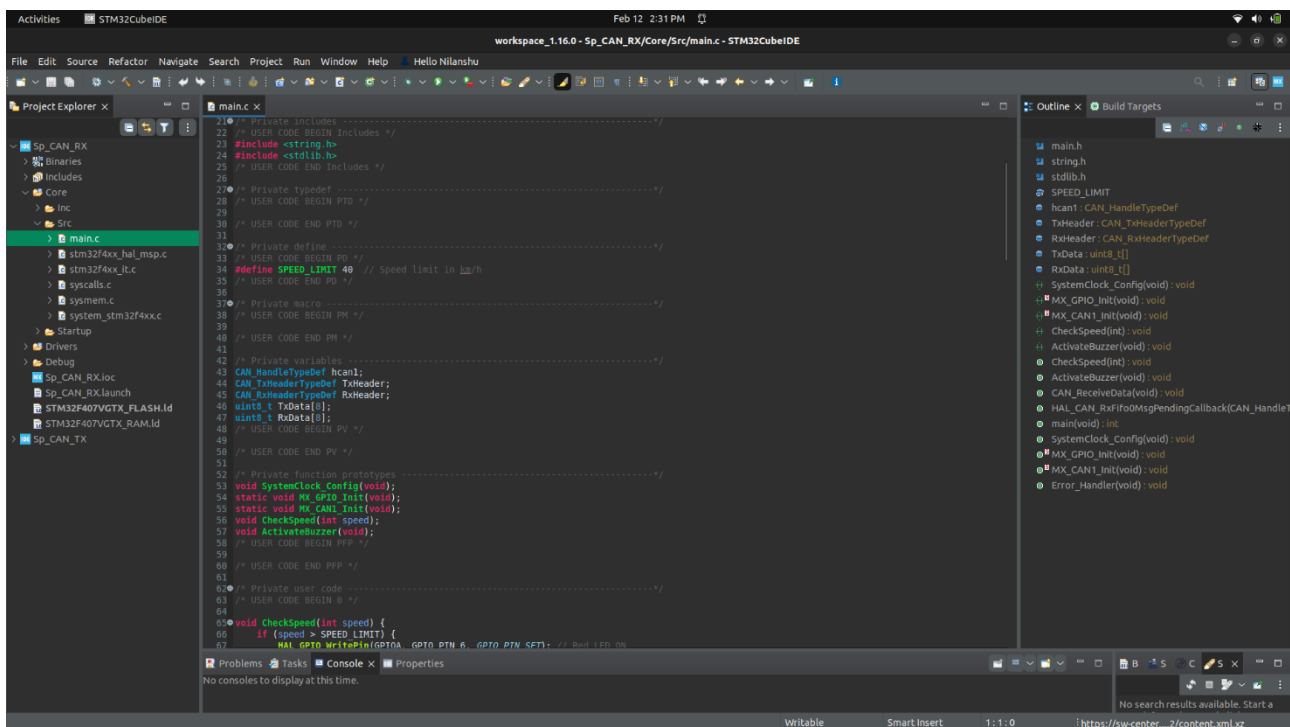


Fig.6.4.2. CAN Receiver

TESTING & RESULTS

7.1 Normal Speed (< 40 km/h) :-

- **Green LED ON:** This indicates that the vehicle is operating within the safe speed limit. The green LED serves as a visual confirmation that everything is functioning normally and that the driver is adhering to the speed regulations.
- **Red LED OFF:** The absence of the red LED signifies that there are no speed violations. This is an important visual cue for the driver, indicating that they are not exceeding the speed limit.
- **Buzzer remains OFF:** The buzzer, which typically serves as an auditory alert, is silent in this condition. This reinforces the idea that the vehicle is within the acceptable speed range, and there is no need for any warning or alert.

7.2 Over Speed (> 40 km/h) :-

- **Red LED ON:** When the vehicle exceeds the speed limit of 40 km/h, the red LED lights up. This serves as a clear visual warning to the driver that they are driving too fast and need to reduce their speed.
- **Green LED OFF:** The green LED being off further emphasizes that the vehicle is no longer in the safe speed range. This dual indication (red LED on and green LED off) helps to quickly communicate the urgency of the situation to the driver.
- **Buzzer sounds twice for 5 seconds each:** The buzzer provides an auditory alert to accompany the visual warning. The fact that it sounds twice for 5 seconds each time indicates a serious alert. This repeated sound is designed to capture the driver's attention and prompt immediate action to reduce speed. The duration and repetition of the sound are likely intended to ensure that the driver does not overlook the warning.

This system is designed to provide clear and immediate feedback to the driver regarding their speed. When the vehicle is operating at a safe speed (below 40 km/h), the system indicates this with a green LED and no sound. However, if the vehicle exceeds the speed limit, the system activates a red LED and a buzzer to alert the driver, thereby promoting safer driving behaviours. This kind of system can be particularly useful in various contexts, such as in commercial vehicles, school zones, or areas with strict speed regulations.

FUTURE SCOPE

1) **Integration with Smart Traffic Monitoring Systems:**

- Implement **CCTV & ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition)** to detect and record speeding violations.
- Link speed data with traffic management centers for real-time monitoring.

2) **GSM-Based Over-Speed Alerts to Authorities:**

- Use **GSM/GPRS modules (SIM900)** to send speed violation alerts to traffic control rooms.
- Include vehicle speed, time, and location in the message for quick action.

3) **GPS Integration for Smart Speed Control:**

- Combine GPS with speedometer data to enforce **location-based speed limits**.
- Implement **geo-fencing** to restrict speed in school zones, accident-prone areas, and highways.

4) **AI-Based Predictive Speed Control:**

- Use **machine learning algorithms** to analyze driving patterns and suggest optimal speed levels.
- Predict potential accidents based on sudden acceleration/deceleration patterns.

5) **Cloud-Based Data Logging & Analysis:**

- Store speed data on cloud servers for **historical analysis** and **driver behavior tracking**.
- Generate **automated reports** for fleet management, insurance assessment, and law enforcement.

6) **Electric Vehicle (EV) & IoT Integration:**

- Use IoT sensors to monitor **vehicle health**, tire pressure, and fuel efficiency along with speed.
- Integrate with EV motor controllers for **intelligent speed regulation** based on battery levels.

CONCLUSION

CAN (Controller Area Network) protocol is widely used in automotive applications for communication between microcontrollers and devices without a host computer. By integrating CAN, the system can communicate with various vehicle components, allowing for real-time data exchange and monitoring.

UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver-Transmitter) is a simpler communication protocol that facilitates serial communication between devices. Its integration allows for easy interfacing with other peripherals or systems, such as a computer or a microcontroller, enabling the user to receive speed data and alerts.

IR Sensor Input, the inclusion of an infrared sensor allows the system to gather real-time data about the speed of the vehicle or robot. This sensor can detect the distance to an object or the speed of a moving object, providing critical input for speed calculations.

The system's primary function is to calculate and monitor speed based on the data received from the IR sensor. This capability is crucial for applications where speed regulation is necessary, such as in vehicles or robotic systems that operate in dynamic environments.

By continuously monitoring speed, the system can provide real-time feedback to users, ensuring they are aware of their current speed and can make informed decisions.

One of the standouts features of this system is its ability to alert users when speed limits are exceeded. This functionality is particularly important in automotive applications, where exceeding speed limits can lead to safety hazards and legal issues.

The alert mechanism can be designed to be visual (e.g., LED indicators) or auditory (e.g., alarms), ensuring that users are promptly informed of any violations. This feature enhances safety and compliance with regulations.

The system's design makes it suitable for a wide range of applications beyond just automotive. For instance, in robotics, it can be used to ensure that robots operate within safe speed limits while navigating through environments.

The adaptability of the system means it can be implemented in various scenarios, such as industrial automation, drone speed monitoring, or even in smart home devices that require speed regulation.

Adaptability is crucial in a rapidly changing technological landscape, where user needs and environmental conditions can vary significantly.

The system effectively combines CAN and UART communication with IR sensor input to create a robust solution for speed monitoring and regulation. Its ability to alert users when speed limits are exceeded enhances safety and compliance, making it suitable for diverse applications in automotive and robotics. With potential for further enhancements, the system is well-positioned to adapt to more complex scenarios, ensuring its relevance and utility in the future.