

# lab 2

## Getting started with GPIOs

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### 1 Objective

The objective of this first lab is start an application development process by trying to stay as close as possible to the hardware.

This lab is split in 2 parts:

- The first one focuses on getting started with a very simple application to use debugging tools (gdb integration).
- The second part focuses on the development of a driver to control a set of leds that are connected using the charlieplexing method.

### 2 Getting started

Some external files give information on:

- Setting the compiler:  
<https://gitlab.univ-nantes.fr/briday-m/itii-mac-tp-etu/-/blob/master/doc/compiler.md>
- Qt Creator (GUI) configuration:  
<https://gitlab.univ-nantes.fr/briday-m/itii-mac-tp-etu/blob/master/doc/qtCreator.md>
- The Coro lab board characteristics:  
<https://gitlab.univ-nantes.fr/briday-m/itii-mac-tp-etu/blob/master/doc/labBoard.md>

**Note:** On Macs in D102, the tools are installed (compiler, debugger, stlink, cmake, qtcreator ide), but the QtCreator configuration should be done!

All the specific files are in the `sys/` folder:

- `startup_ARCMCM4.c` the startup file (define the interrupt vector and the reset Handler)
- `startup_clock.c` configure the clock tree at startup.
- `stm32f303K8.ld` is the link script, used by the linker to allocate the code/data in memory
- CMSIS/Device/ST/STM32F3xx/Include/stm32f303x8.h contains the symbol definitions provided by ST for this chip. This is a 12000 lines files... but the GUI can parse it and help you with code completion.

**Question 1** update the squeleton provided so that the led is light on only when the button (*D6*) is pushed. Your peripheral accesses should use symbol definitions.

**Question 2** add a breakpoint in your application, just after the C source line that lights the led on. Try to use the integrated debugger to stop the application, update variables and GPIO state.

The management of the push button can be done by a non blocking finite state machine (with states for instance RELEASED, PUSHING, PUSHED and RELESASING).

**Question 3** update your application so that the led is toggled each time we push the button.

### 3 Charlieplexing

Charlieplexing<sup>1</sup> is a technique for driving a multiplexed display in which relatively few I/O pins on a microcontroller are used e.g. to drive an array of LEDs.

The lab board has 6 leds L0 to L5 connected to 3 I/Os, using the schematic in figure 1.

Only one led can light on at a time, and we have to use the 3-states outputs of the MCU pins (0, 1 or high impedance = Z)<sup>2</sup>

**Question 4** What is the truth table of the system, with the 3 inputs from the MCU, and the 6 output leds?

#### 3.1 Driving a single led

the following function that can drive a single led:

```
// Just light on a single led
void setLed(int ledId);
```

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<sup>1</sup><https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charlieplexing>

<sup>2</sup>To get the Z state, we can either configure the pin as an open drain output 1, or as an input.

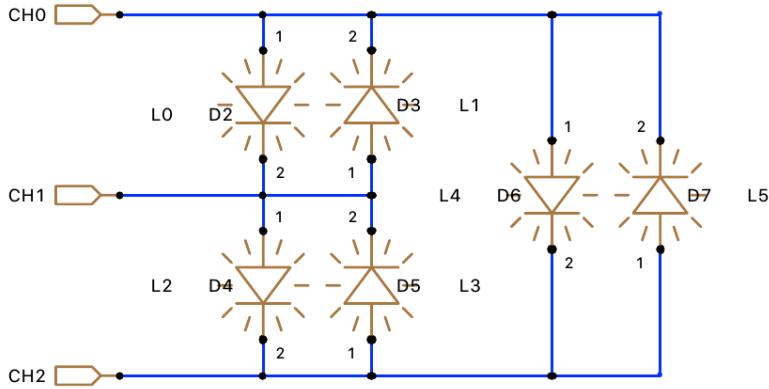


Figure 1: Schematic of the Charlieplexing leds of the lab board

To test the function, we can write a simple application that lights on the next led each time the button is pushed.

**Question 5** *implement and test the basic charlieplexing application. Take a particular attention to check the arguments at the start of the function (few values are OK for ledId).*

### 3.2 Driving the whole set of leds

We now want to make a fast scanning function that allows the display of several LEDs at the same time, thanks to the retinal persistence.

The function will be:

```
//drive many leds at a time.
void charlieplexing(uint8_t mask);
```

The first low 6 bits of `mask` are associated to the state of one led. This function should call the `setLed()` function many times, but should not access the hardware directly.

The `charlieplexing()` function should be called very often in the main loop of the application. It may be implemented in 2 ways:

- the function updates all the leds at each call;
- the function updates only one led at each call (it will result in a better display quality, as each led will light the same time if the loop duration is constant).

**Question 6** *Make a simple application that lights all the leds except L0 in the setup, and:*

- shift the led off to the right when we push the button D6

- *shift the led off the left when we push the button D5*