

# lab 2

## Getting started with GPIOs

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### 1 Objective

The objective of this first lab is to get familiar with the development process and to make a basic application with GPIOs.

This lab is split in 2 parts:

- The first one focuses on getting started with a very simple application to use debugging tools (breakpoints, step-by-step execution, ...).
- 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 tools (cross-compiler, cmake, stlink, ...):  
<https://gitlab.univ-nantes.fr/briday-m/itii-mac-tp-etu/-/blob/master/doc/tools.md>
- configure VSCode:  
<https://gitlab.univ-nantes.fr/briday-m/itii-mac-tp-etu/-/blob/master/doc/vscode.md>
- The 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, vscode), but the VSCode configuration should be done (install extensions).

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

- `startup_ARMCM4.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 skeleton provided so that the led is light on only when the button (D6) is pushed. Your peripheral accesses should use symbol definitions (not integer values)*

**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.*

**Question 3** *update your application so that the led is toggled each time we push the button. You may use a non blocking finite state machine (with states for instance **RELEASED**, **PUSHING**, **PUSHED** and **RELEASING**), as shown at the end of the GPIO chapter.*

### 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.

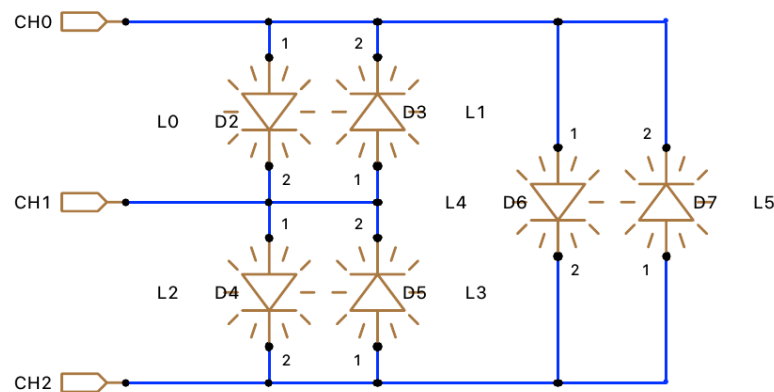


Figure 1: Schematic of the Charlieplexing leds of the lab board

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

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);
```

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*

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