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I/O Models



References: CH2-5, *The Definitive Guide*; 事件驅動伺服器：原理和實例
(<https://hackmd.io/@sysprog/event-driven-server>)

What is I/O

- Communication with other devices
- Various protocols: UART, I2C, SPI, CAN, USB, Ethernet, PCIe, etc.
- Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) 7-layer model
 - Physical: Wire, RF frequency/modulation
 - Data Link: Medium access control
 - Network: Route data among different nodes
 - Transport: Multiplex physical channels into logical ones
 - Application: What does the data mean
- Different protocols specify different requirements of different layers
 - CAN bus specify physical and data link layers
 - CANopen specify network and application layers

Application Layer

Presentation Layer

Session Layer

Transportation Layer

Network Layer

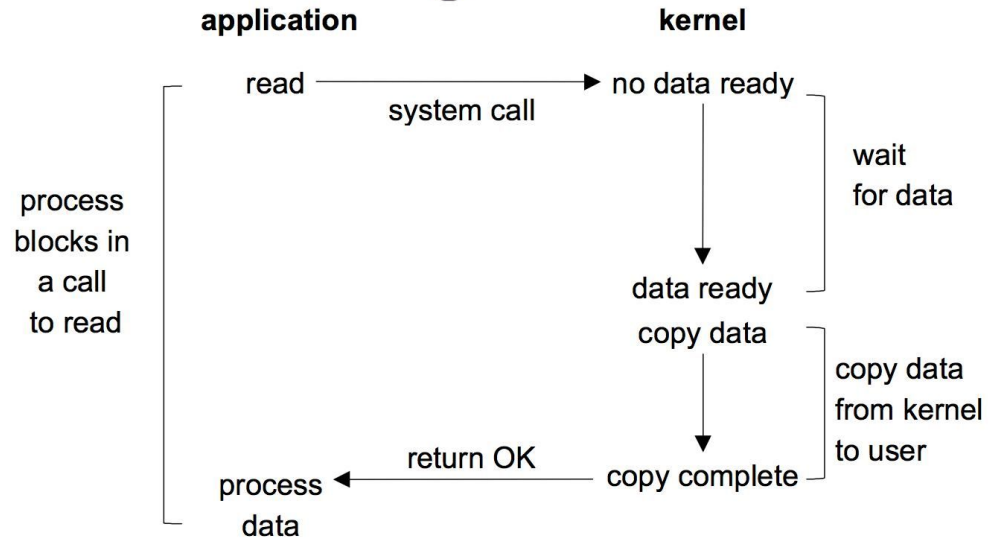
Data Link Layer

Physical Layer

I/O in Program

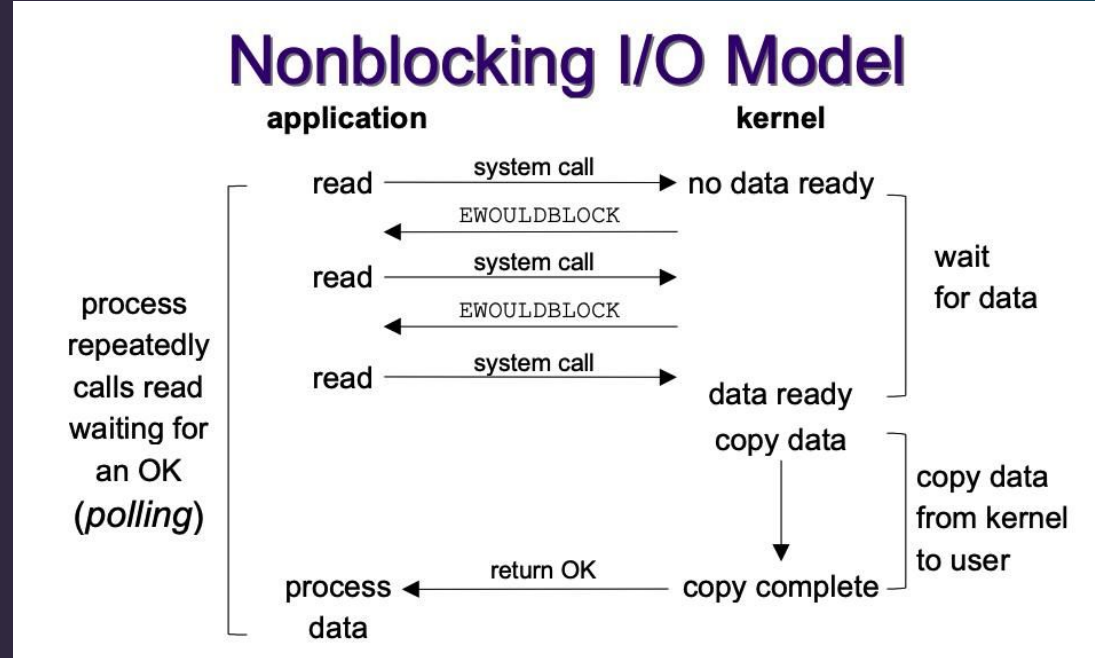
- C functions: printf(), scanf(), read(), write()
- Blocking and synchronous call: Does not return until I/O is complete
- However, I/Os are SLOW!!!
 - UART: 115200 bps, SPI: 10 Mbps, CAN: 1Mbps
- CPU: 170 MHz (STM32G4), every instruction can manipulate 4 bytes => 580 MBps!!!
- CPU does nothing while waiting for I/O => needs other way to better utilize CPU

Blocking I/O Model



Non-blocking I/O

- Use `O_NONBLOCK` flag in `fcntl` to make `read` non-blocking

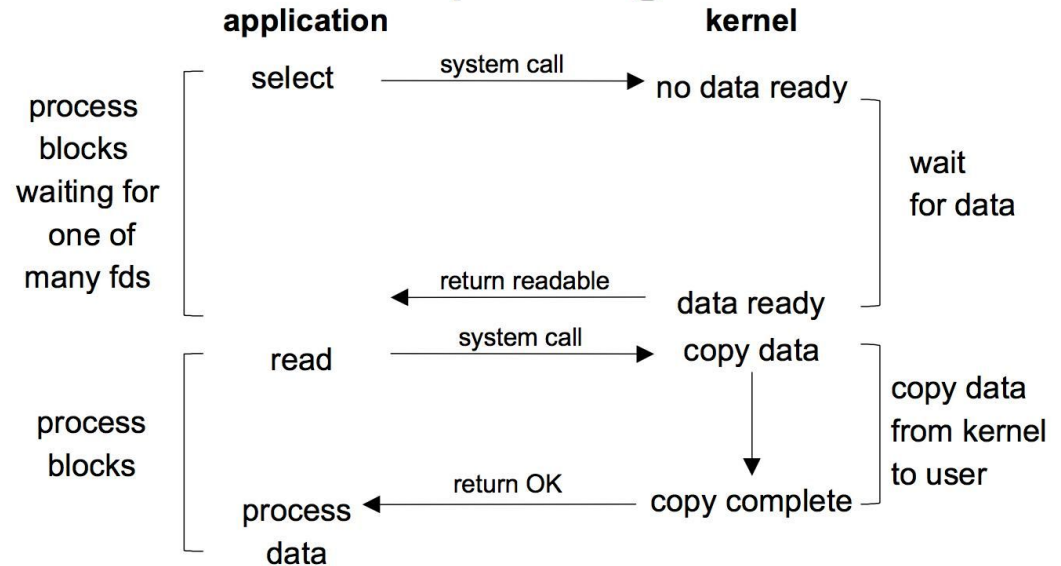


I/O Multiplexing

- select, poll, epoll to monitor multiple I/Os at a time

```
nfd = epoll_wait(epoll_fd, events,
MAX_EVENTS, -1);
for (i = 0; i < nfd; i++) {
    if (events[i].events & EPOLLIN) {
        read(events[i].data.fd, ...);
        ...
    }
}
```

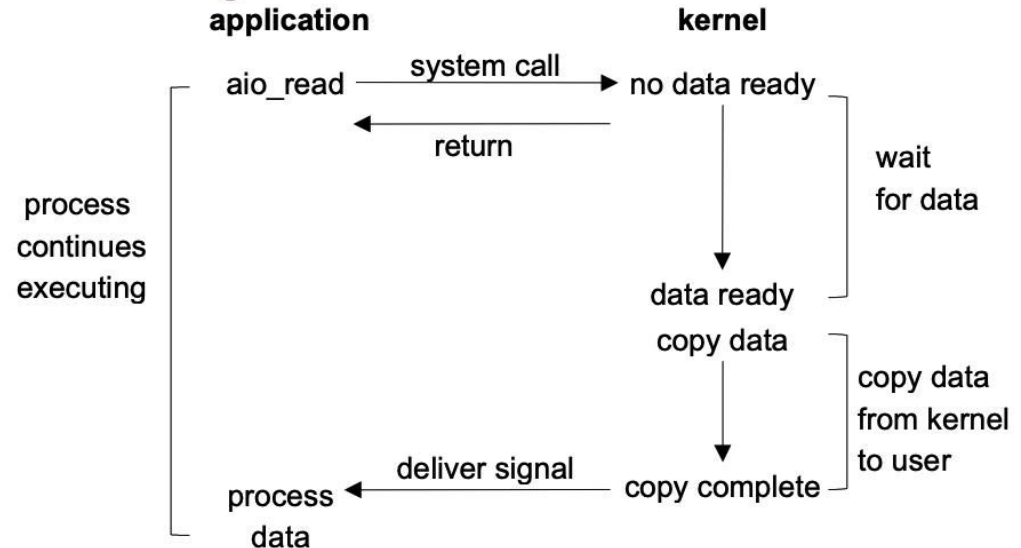
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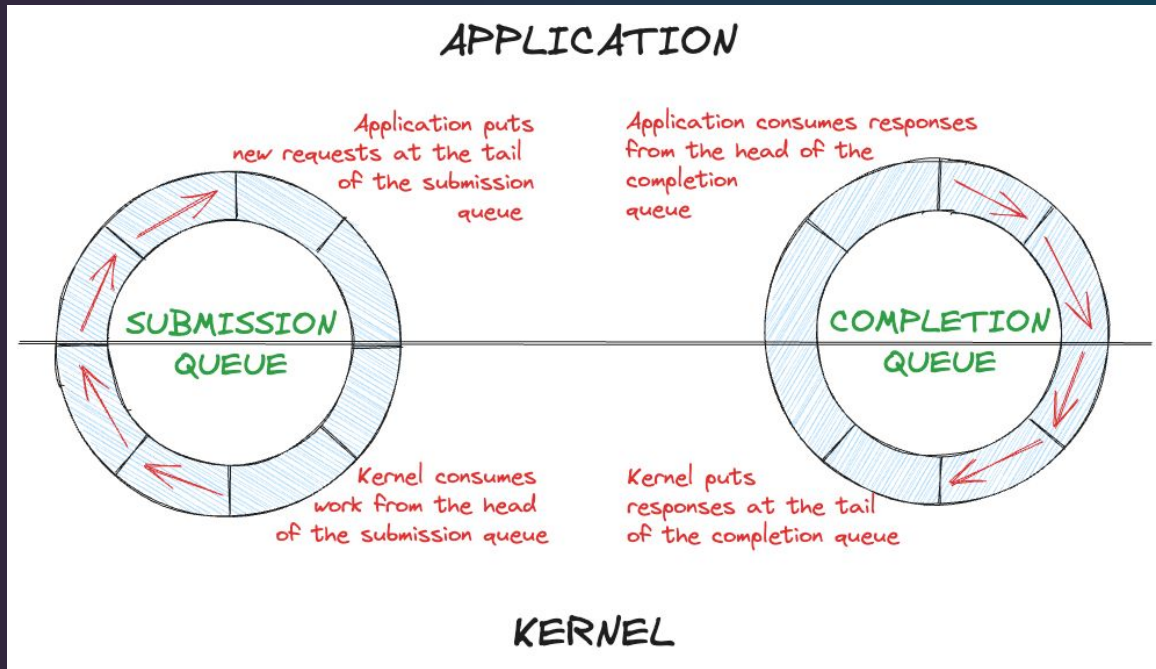
- kernel waits and performs I/O in the background and notify application when done
- Notify via signal or callbacks

Asynchronous I/O Model



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- Asynchronous
- The performance king of I/O
- Application put requests onto submission queue
- Kernel processes requests from submission queue and put result onto completion queue
- Application check result from completion queue



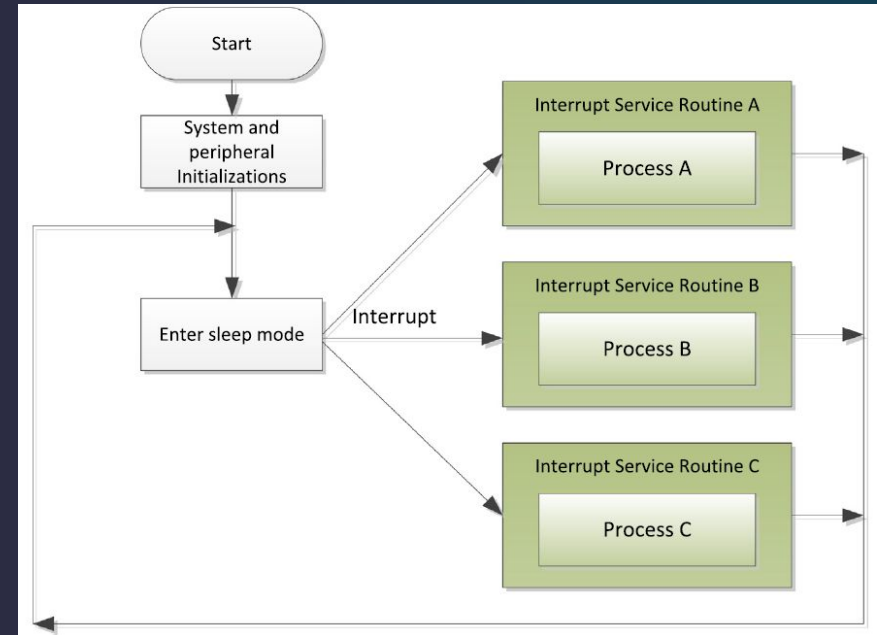
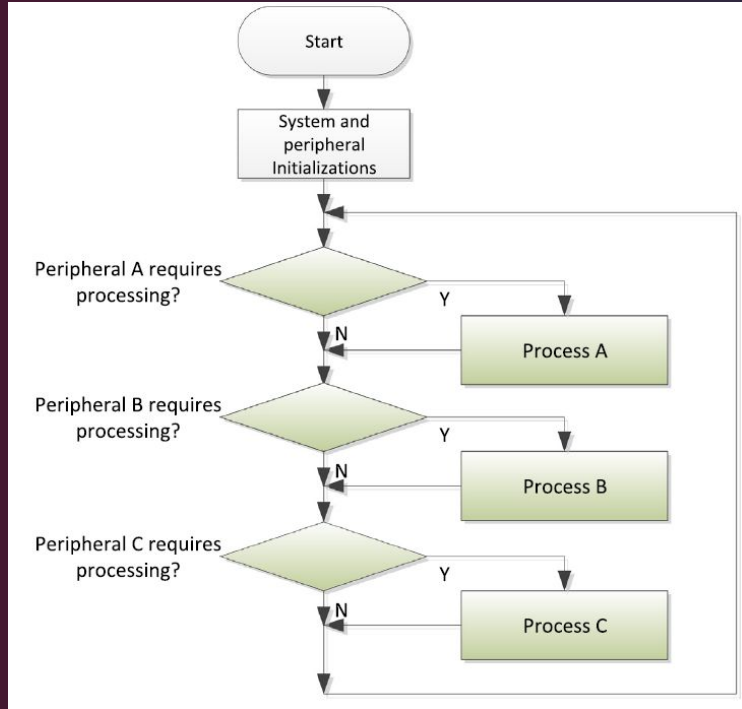
Microcontroller

- STM32 HAL provides three I/O APIs:
 - Blocking
 - Polling (`HAL_UART_Transmit()`)
 - Asynchronous
 - Interrupt-driven (`HAL_UART_TransmitIT()`)
 - DMA (`HAL_UART_TransmitDMA()`)
- Most other vendors also provide the same three APIs
- Since there is no kernel that helps you, everything is done via hardware or in the application code
- Embedded OSes (such as Zephyr) may provide other models discussed earlier

Which Model to Use?

- Blocking
 - Easy
- Non-blocking
 - More performant
 - More real-time
 - Acts as a slave

Software flow: polling or event-driven



C Technique 3:

Built-in Functions



References: GCC reference:

<https://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/gcc/Other-Builtins.html>

GCC Built-in Functions

- Functions provided by GCC
 - Bit manipulation
 - `__builtin_ffs()` : Returns one plus the index of the least significant 1-bit of x, or if x is zero, returns zero.
 - `__builtin_clz()` : Returns the number of leading 0-bits in x, starting at the most significant bit position. If x is 0, the result is undefined.
 - `__builtin_popcount()` : Returns the number of 1-bits in x.
 - Change endianness: `__builtin_bswap16()`, `__builtin_bswap32()`, ...
 - Check types are the same: `__builtin_types_compatible_p()`
 - Check for compile time constant: `__builtin_constant_p()`
- GCC built-in function: <https://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/gcc/Other-Builtins.html>

Peripherals

References: Ch 6-1, 8, 9, *Mastering STM32*;



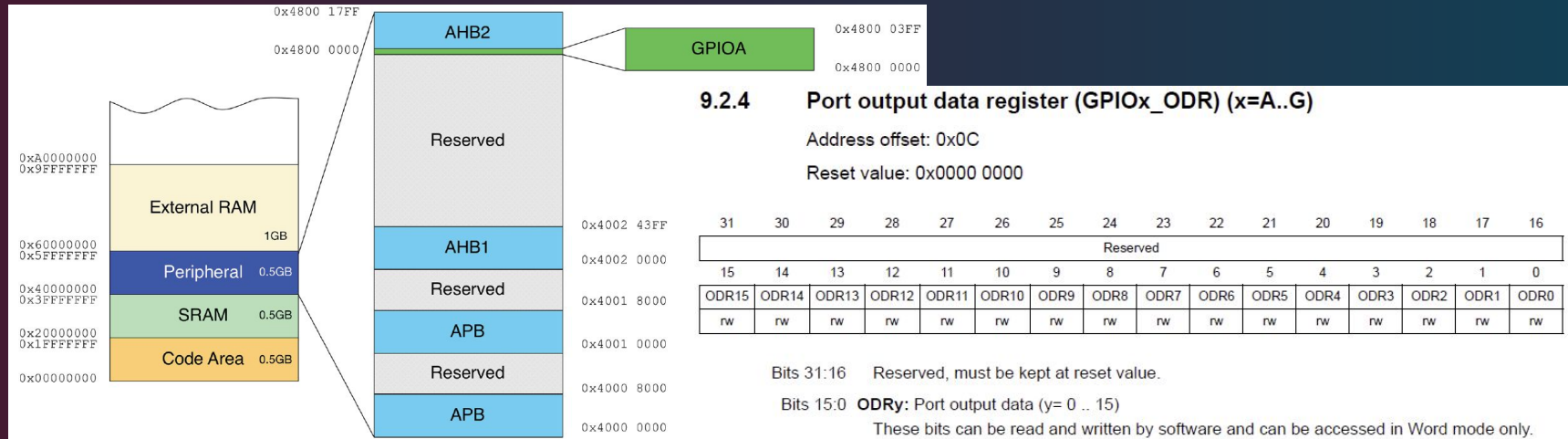
What are Peripherals in Microcontrollers

- Hardware that connects microcontrollers to the world
- Implement communication protocols (i.e. UART, I2C, etc) to lighten CPU's workload
 - CPU can implement a protocol by controlling the output of GPIOs in a way that conform the protocol, which is called “**bit-banging**”
- Timers, Analog connectivity, Accelerators

Connectivity	Arm® Cortex®-M4 Up to 170 MHz 213 DMIPS	Timers
4x SPI, 4x I²C, 6x UART		5x 16-bit timers
1x USB 2.0 FS, 1x USB-C PD3.0 (+PHY)		2x 16-bit basic timers
3x CAN-FD		3x 16-bit advanced motor control timers
2x I²S half duplex, SAI		2x 32-bit timers
		1x 16-bit LP timer
External interface		1x HR timer (D-Power) 12-channel w/ 184ps (A. delay line)
FSMC 8-/16-bit (TFT-LCD, SRAM, NOR, NAND)		Analog
Quad SPI		5x 12-bit ADC w/ HW overspl
Accelerators		7x Comparators
ART Accelerator™	Floating Point Unit	7x DAC (3x buff + 4x non-buff)
32-Kbyte CCM-SRAM	Memory Protection Unit	6x op-amps (PGA)
Math Accelerators	Embedded Trace Macrocell	1x temperature sensor
Cordic (Trigo) Filtering	16-channel DMA + MUX	Internal voltage reference
	Up to 2x 256-Kbyte Flash memory / ECC Dual Bank	
	96-Kbyte SRAM	

Memory-Mapped I/O (MMIO)

- CPU used to have special instructions that controls peripherals
- Modern CPU controls peripherals via memory
 - Peripheral “**registers**” are mapped to memory address
 - The “**side effects**” of the program



Turn on the LED, the Hard Way

- LD2 connected to PA5, GPIOA at 0x4800 0000 for STM32G4

9.4.1 GPIO port mode register (GPIOx_MODER) (x = A to G)

Address offset: 0x00

Reset value: 0xABFF FFFF (for port A)

Reset value: 0xFFFF FEBF (for port B)

Reset value: 0xFFFF FFFF (for ports C..G)

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
MODE15[1:0]	MODE14[1:0]	MODE13[1:0]	MODE12[1:0]	MODE11[1:0]	MODE10[1:0]	MODE9[1:0]	MODE8[1:0]								
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MODE7[1:0]	MODE6[1:0]	MODE5[1:0]	MODE4[1:0]	MODE3[1:0]	MODE2[1:0]	MODE1[1:0]	MODE0[1:0]								
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw

Bits 31:0 **MODE[15:0][1:0]**: Port x configuration I/O pin y (y = 15 to 0)

These bits are written by software to configure the I/O mode.

00: Input mode

01: General purpose output mode

10: Alternate function mode

11: Analog mode (reset state)

9.4.6 GPIO port output data register (GPIOx_ODR) (x = A to G)

Address offset: 0x14

Reset value: 0x0000 0000

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
OD15	OD14	OD13	OD12	OD11	OD10	OD9	OD8	OD7	OD6	OD5	OD4	OD3	OD2	OD1	OD0
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw

Bits 31:16 Reserved, must be kept at reset value.

Bits 15:0 **OD[15:0]**: Port output data I/O pin y (y = 15 to 0)

These bits can be read and written by software.

Note: For atomic bit set/reset, the OD bits can be individually set and/or reset by writing to the GPIOx_BSRR register (x = A..F).

Turn on the LED, the Hard Way (con'd)

```
int main(void) {  
    // Address of the GPIOA->MODER register  
    volatile uint32_t *GPIOA_MODER = (uint32_t *)0x48000000;  
  
    // Address of the GPIOA->ODR register  
    volatile uint32_t *GPIOA_ODR = (uint32_t *) (0x48000000 + 0x14);  
  
    // This ensures that the peripheral is enabled and connected to the AHB2 bus  
    __HAL_RCC_GPIOA_CLK_ENABLE();  
  
    *GPIOA_MODER = *GPIOA_MODER | 0x400; // Sets MODER[11:10] = 0x1  
    *GPIOA_ODR = *GPIOA_ODR | 0x20; // Sets ODR[5] = 0x1, that is pulls PA5 high  
  
    while (1)  
    ;  
}
```

UART in Polling Mode

```
HAL_StatusTypeDef HAL_UART_Transmit(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart, uint8_t *pData, uint16_t Size, uint32_t Timeout);  
HAL_StatusTypeDef HAL_UART_Receive(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart, uint8_t *pData, uint16_t Size, uint32_t Timeout);
```

- `huart`: The UART hardware handler (as an object-oriented design)
- `Timeout`: The maximum time to wait in ms before aborting the task
- Blocks the CPU while waiting for the transmission/reception to complete

Hardware Handler in HAL

```
typedef struct __UART_HandleTypeDef {
    USART_TypeDef          *Instance;          /*!< USART registers base address */
    UART_InitTypeDef       Init;               /*!< USART communication parameters */
    uint8_t                *pTxBuffPtr;        /*!< Pointer to USART Tx transfer Buffer */
    uint16_t               TxXferSize;         /*!< USART Tx Transfer size */
    __IO uint16_t          TxXferCount;        /*!< USART Tx Transfer Counter */
    uint8_t                *pRxBuffPtr;        /*!< Pointer to USART Rx transfer Buffer */
    uint16_t               RxXferSize;         /*!< USART Rx Transfer size */
    __IO uint16_t          RxXferCount;        /*!< USART Rx Transfer Counter */
    __IO HAL_UART_RxTypeDef ReceptionType;     /*!< Type of ongoing reception */
    DMA_HandleTypeDef       *hdmatx;           /*!< USART Tx DMA Handle parameters */
    DMA_HandleTypeDef       *hdmarx;           /*!< USART Rx DMA Handle parameters */
    HAL_LockTypeDef         Lock;              /*!< Locking object */
    __IO HAL_UART_StateTypeDef gState;         /*!< USART state information related to global Handle management*/
    __IO HAL_UART_StateTypeDef RxState;        /*!< USART state information related to Rx operations.*/
    __IO uint32_t           ErrorCode;         /*!< USART Error code */
} UART_HandleTypeDef;
```

Hardware Instance

- Hardware registers mapped to C struct and accessed by pointers to the hardware memory address

```
typedef struct {  
    __IO uint32_t SR;           /*!< USART Status register,      Address offset: 0x00 */  
    __IO uint32_t DR;           /*!< USART Data register,       Address offset: 0x04 */  
    __IO uint32_t BRR;          /*!< USART Baud rate register,   Address offset: 0x08 */  
    __IO uint32_t CR1;          /*!< USART Control register 1,   Address offset: 0x0C */  
    __IO uint32_t CR2;          /*!< USART Control register 2,   Address offset: 0x10 */  
    __IO uint32_t CR3;          /*!< USART Control register 3,   Address offset: 0x14 */  
    __IO uint32_t GTPR;         /*!< USART Guard time and prescaler register, Address offset: 0x18 */  
} USART_TypeDef;  
  
#define APB1PERIPH_BASE    PERIPH_BASE  
#define APB2PERIPH_BASE    (PERIPH_BASE + 0x00010000UL)  
#define USART1_BASE        (APB2PERIPH_BASE + 0x1000UL)  
#define USART1              ((USART_TypeDef *) USART1_BASE)
```

UART in Interrupt-Driven Mode

```
HAL_StatusTypeDef HAL_UART_Transmit_IT(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart, uint8_t *pData, uint16_t Size);  
HAL_StatusTypeDef HAL_UART_Receive_IT(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart, uint8_t *pData, uint16_t Size);  
  
void HAL_UART_TxCpltCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);  
void HAL_UART_RxCpltCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);
```

- Similar API, but returns immediately, when done, HAL_UART_TxCpltCallback() or HAL_UART_RxCpltCallback() is called
- Note: The content of pData should not be changed until the transmission/reception is completed
=> The lifetime of pData should be longer than transmission
 - Global variable
 - Deallocate only after transmission is complete
 - **NOT** on the stack

UART Interrupts

- All interrupts are mapped to the same IRQ `USART1_IRQHandler()`

Interrupt Event	Event Flag	Enable Control Bit
Transmit Data Register Empty	TXE	TXEIE
Clear To Send (CTS) flag	CTS	CTSIE
Transmission Complete	TC	TCIE
Received Data Ready to be Read	RXNE	RXNEIE
Overrun Error Detected	ORE	RXNEIE
Idle Line Detected	IDLE	IDLEIE
Parity Error	PE	PEIE
Break Flag	LBD	LBDIE
Noise Flag, Overrun error and Framing Error in multi buffer communication	NF or ORE or FE	EIE

UART Interrupts (con'd)

- UART IRQ calls HAL handler function and it determines the cause of interrupt from the registers and calls corresponding callbacks to notify the application

```
void USART1_IRQHandler(void) {  
    HAL_UART_IRQHandler(&huart1);  
}
```

```
void HAL_UART_TxCpltCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);  
void HAL_UART_TxHalfCpltCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);  
void HAL_UART_RxCpltCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);  
void HAL_UART_RxHalfCpltCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);  
void HAL_UART_ErrorCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);  
void HAL_UART_AbortCpltCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);  
void HAL_UART_AbortTransmitCpltCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);  
void HAL_UART_AbortReceiveCpltCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);
```

How Interrupt-Driven Works

- Every I/O has hardware buffer, usually only one byte long
- When empty in transmission or full in reception, an interrupt is fired to make CPU move the data to/from the buffer.
- Though `HAL_UART_TxCpltCallback()` or `HAL_UART_RxCpltCallback()` is only called when transmission is complete, internally `HAL_UART_IRQHandler()` does all the heavy lifting moving data in to and out of hardware buffer.
- The performance of interrupt-driven is not that great since CPU is interrupted every time a byte is transferred, especially when the baudrate increases.

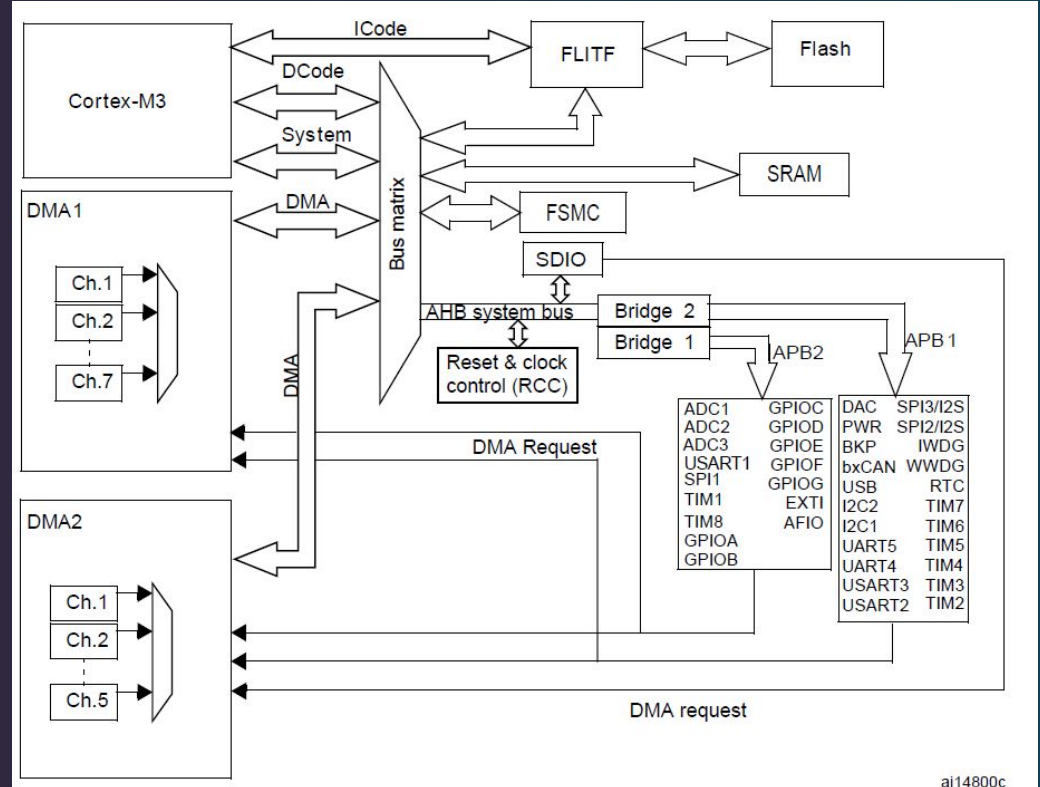
UART in DMA Mode

```
HAL_StatusTypeDef HAL_UART_Transmit_DMA(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart, uint8_t *pData, uint16_t Size);  
HAL_StatusTypeDef HAL_UART_Receive_DMA(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart, uint8_t *pData, uint16_t Size);  
  
void HAL_UART_TxCpltCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);  
void HAL_UART_RxCpltCallback(UART_HandleTypeDef *huart);
```

- To solve the problems of interrupt-driven I/O, direct memory access (**DMA**) can be utilized
- The same API as interrupt-driven one, and calls `HAL_UART_TxCpltCallback()` or `HAL_UART_RxCpltCallback()` when done
- Again, the content of `pData` should not be changed until the transmission/reception is completed

How DMA Works

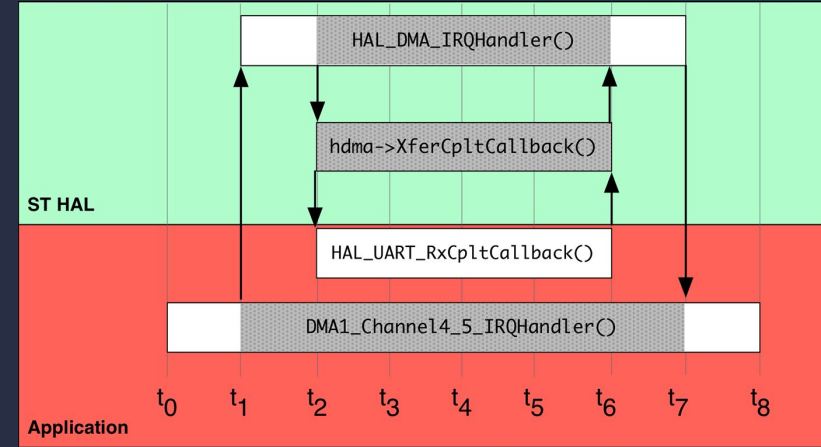
- When buffer is full/empty, instead of interrupting CPU to have it move data, peripherals uses **DMA request lines** to make DMA move data instead
- DMA move data directly from/to memory to/from peripheral buffers through dedicated AHB buses
- Some DMAs could also be used to move data from memory to memory (essentially `memcpy()` without CPU)



Peripherals

How DMA Works (con'd)

- Transfer size: a word, a half-word, a byte
- Auto increment source/destination memory address
- Priority: Low, Medium, High, Very High
- Two modes:
 - Normal: Stops when the configure amount of data is transferred
 - Circular: Start from the beginning when the configure amount of data is transferred
- Fires an interrupt after the transaction is finished to notify the application, so only one interrupt in the entire transaction
- Internally, the `IRQ_DMAx_ChannelY_IRQHandler()` calls `HAL_DMA_IRQHandler()` and ultimately calls `HAL_UART_TxCpltCallback()` or `HAL_UART_RxCpltCallback()`



LAB 3: UART I

References: Ch 2, *Mastering STM32*



Set up VS Code for STM32CubeIDE

1. Download VS Code
2. Download gcc following this guide: <https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/cpp/config-mingw>
3. In VS Code, open folder on the STM32CubeIDE project directory (if using default workspace, it is `C:\Users\<user_name>\STM32CubeIDE\workspace\<project_name>`)
4. Install `C/C++ Extension Pack` extension
5. Configure the compiler to use `gcc.exe`
6. Add `.vscode/c_cpp_properties.json`
7. In `C:\ST\STM32CubeIDE\STM32CubeIDE\plugins`, find a directory named `com.st.stm32cube.ide.mcu.externaltools.gnu-tools-for-stm32<version>` and it will be `<toolchain_path>`

Set up VS Code for STM32CubeIDE (con'd)

8. In VS Code
[.vscode/c_cpp_properties.json](#)
put the following:
9. Replace <toolchain_path> with yours
10. And we are good to go

```
{
  "configurations": [
    {
      "name": "STM32",
      "includePath": [
        "Core/Inc",
        "Drivers/CMSIS/Device/ST/STM32G4xx/Include" ,
        "Drivers/CMSIS/Include" ,
        "Drivers/STM32G4xx_HAL_Driver/Inc" ,
        "Drivers/STM32G4xx_HAL_Driver/Inc/Legacy" ,
        "<toolchain_path>/tools/arm-none-eabi/include" ,
        "<toolchain_path>/tools/lib/gcc/arm-none-eabi/12.3.1/include" ,
        "<toolchain_path>/tools/lib/gcc/arm-none-eabi/12.3.1/include-fixed"
      ],
      "defines": [
        "STM32G474xx",
        "USE_HAL_DRIVER"
      ]
    }
  ],
  "version": 4
}
```


Hello World

- Normally, desktop computers does not understand UART
=> Special hardware, virtual com (**VCOM**), is used to translate UART to USB
- STLinkV3E built into NUCLEO-G474RE has such functionality
- STM32G474RE `lpuart1` is connected to it

```
char hello[] = "hello world\n\r";  
HAL_UART_Transmit(&hlpuart1, hello, sizeof(hello), HAL_MAX_DELAY);
```

- To access VCOM, use putty: <https://www.chiark.greenend.org.uk/~sgtatham/putty/latest.html>
- The port number can be checked using **device manager** in Windows

printf() and scanf()

- By default, the low level functions that send to stdout, `__io_putchar()`, or receive from stdin, `__io_getchar()`, are not implemented
- Implement them as:

```
int __io_putchar(int ch) {
    HAL_UART_Transmit(&hlpuart1, (uint8_t *)&ch, 1,
    HAL_MAX_DELAY);
    return ch;
}

int __io_getchar(void) {
    uint8_t ch;
    HAL_UART_Receive(&hlpuart1, &ch, 1, HAL_MAX_DELAY);
    return ch;
}
```