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1. Summary

GD32E231K-EVAL evaluation board uses GD32E231K8T6 as the main controller. As a complete development platform of GD32E231 powered by Arm® Cortex®-M23 core, the board supports full range of peripherals. It uses mini-USB interface to supply 5V power. GD-Link, Reset, Boot, User button key, LED, I2C, I2S, USART, TFT-LCD, IFRP LED, IFRP Transceiver, RTC, SPI, ADC and Extension Pin are also included. This document details its hardware schematic and the relevant applications.

2. Function Pin Assign

Table 2-1 Pin assignment

| Function | Pin | Description | |
|------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| LED | PA8 | LED1 | |
| RESET | NRST K1-Reset | | |
| KEY | PA0 | K2-Wakeup | |
| KEY | PC13 | K3-Userkey | |
| | PA15 | JP3_INPA | |
| OPA | PA14 | JP3_INNA | |
| | VOUTA | JP3_VOUTA | |
| 100 | PB6 | I2C0_SCL | |
| I2C | PB7 | I2C0_SDA | |
| I2S | PA4 | 12S0_WS | |
| | PA5 | 12S0_CK | |
| | PA7 | 12S0_SD | |
| | PA6 | I2S0_MCK | |
| LICADTO | PA9 | USART0_TX | |
| USART0 | PA10 | USART0_RX | |
| | PB3 | SPI0_SCK | |
| | PB4 | SPI0_MISO | |
| CDI | PB5 | SPI0_MOSI | |
| SPI | PA12 | SPIFlash_CS | |
| | PB0 | TFT_CS | |
| | PB1 | TFT_RESET | |
| ADC | PA2 | ADC_IN2 | |
| COMPARATOR | PA1 | COMP0_INP | |
| | | | |

3. Getting started

The EVAL Board uses mini-USB connecter to get power, the hardware system power is



+3.3V. A GD-Link on board is necessary in order to download and debug programs. Select the correct boot mode and then power on, the LEDPWR will turn on, which indicates that the power supply is OK.

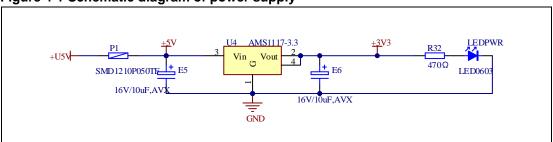
There are Keil version and IAR version of all projects. Keil version of the projects are created based on Keil MDK-ARM 5.29 uVision5. IAR version of the projects are created based on IAR Embedded Workbench for ARM 8.32.1. During use, the following points should be noted:

- 1. If you use Keil uVision5 to open the project. In order to solve the "Device Missing (s)" problem, you can install GigaDevice.GD32E23x_DFP.1.1.2.pack.
- 2. If you use IAR to open the project, install IAR_GD32E23x_ADDON_1.2.2.exe to load the associated files.

4. Hardware layout overview

4.1. Power supply

Figure 4-1 Schematic diagram of power supply



4.2. Boot option

Figure 4-2 Schematic diagram of boot option

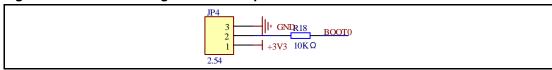


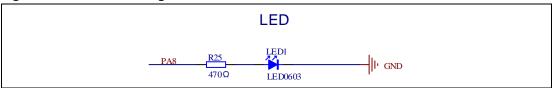
Table 4-1 Boot configuration

| BOOT1 | воото | Boot Mode | |
|----------------|-------|---------------|--|
| Default | 2-3 | User memory | |
| Delault | 1-2 | System memory | |
| Changed by ISP | 1-2 | SRAM memory | |



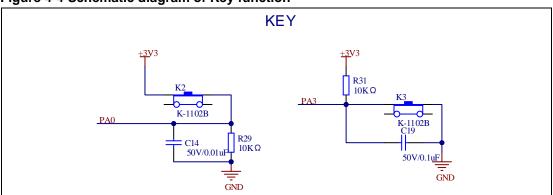
4.3. LED

Figure 4-3 Schematic diagram of LED function



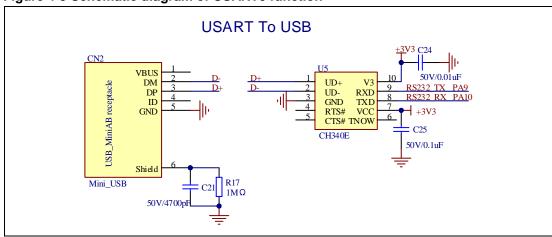
4.4. **KEY**

Figure 4-4 Schematic diagram of Key function



4.5. **USARTO**

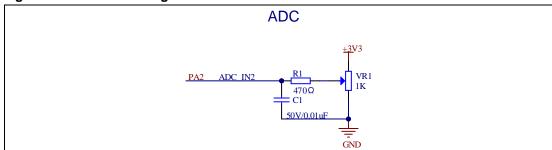
Figure 4-5 Schematic diagram of USART0 function





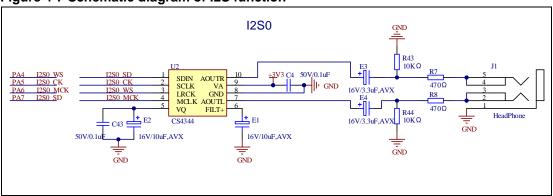
4.6. ADC

Figure 4-6 Schematic diagram of ADC function



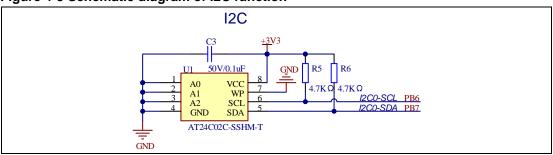
4.7. I2S

Figure 4-7 Schematic diagram of I2S function



4.8. I2C

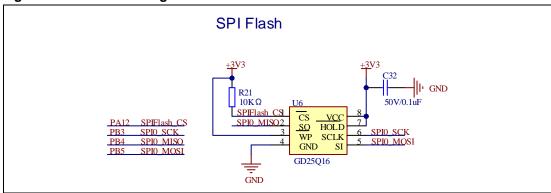
Figure 4-8 Schematic diagram of I2C function





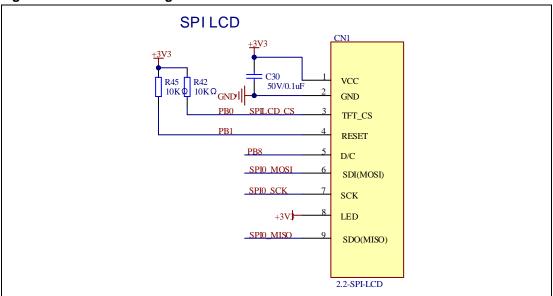
4.9. SPI-FLASH

Figure 4-9 Schematic diagram of SPI-FLASH function



4.10. SPI-TFT LCD

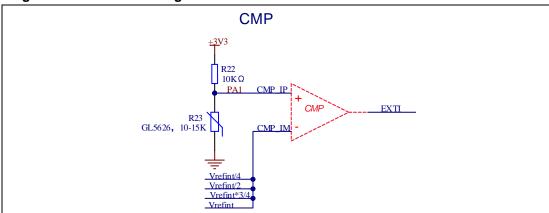
Figure 4-10 Schematic diagram of SPI-TFT LCD function





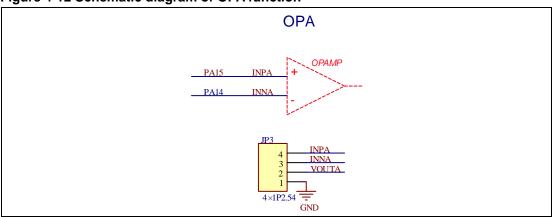
4.11. CMP

Figure 4-11 Schematic diagram of CMP function



4.12. OPA

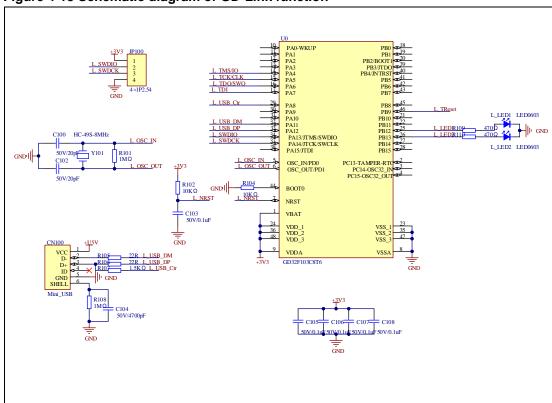
Figure 4-12 Schematic diagram of OPA function





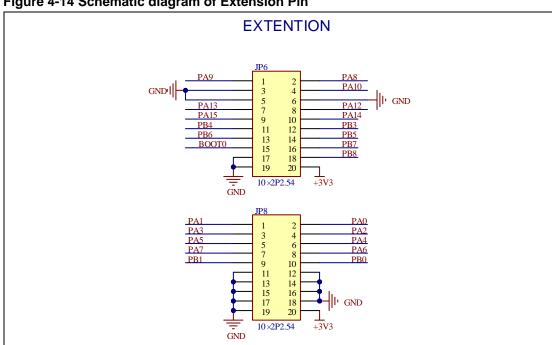
GD-Link 4.13.

Figure 4-13 Schematic diagram of GD-Link function



Extension 4.14.

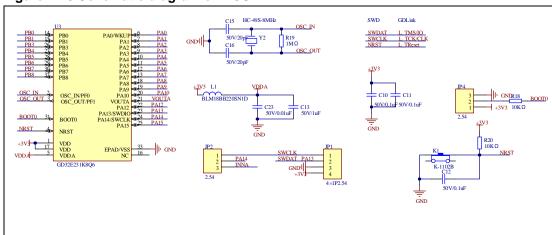
Figure 4-14 Schematic diagram of Extension Pin





4.15. MCU

Figure 4-15 Schematic diagram of MCU Pin





5. Routine use guide

5.1. **GPIO_Running_LED**

5.1.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use GPIO for controlling the LED.
- Learn to use SysTick to generate 1ms delay.

GD32E231K-EVAL board has one LED. The LED1 is controlled by GPIO. This demo will show how to light the LED1.

5.1.2. **DEMO** running result

Download the program <01_GPIO_Running_LED> to the EVAL board, LED1 will turn on every 1000ms, and then turn off. 1000ms later, the LED1 works like previous again.

5.2. **GPIO_Key_Polling_mode**

5.2.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use GPIO control the LED and the KEY.
- Learn to use SysTick to generate 1ms delay.

GD32E231K-EVAL board has three keys and one LED. The three keys are Reset key, Wakeup key and Userkey key. The LED1 is controlled by GPIO.

This demo will show how to use the Wakeup key to control the LED1. When press down the Wakeup Key, it will check the input value of the IO port. If the value is 1, wait for 100ms. Then check the input value of the IO port again. If the value is still 1, indicates that the button is pressed down successfully, and light the LED1.

5.2.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <02_GPIO_Key_Polling_mode> to the EVAL board, when press down the Wakeup Key, LED1 will be turned on. Press down the Wakeup Key again, LED1 will be turned off.



5.3. EXTI_Key_Interrupt_mode

5.3.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use GPIO to control the LED and the KEY
- Learn to use EXTI to generate external interrupt

GD32E231K-EVAL board has three keys and one LED. The three keys are Reset key, Wakeup key and User key. The LED1 are controlled by GPIO.

This demo will show how to use EXTI interrupt line to control the LED1. When press down the Wakeup Key, it will produce an interrupt. In the interrupt service function, the demo will toggle LED1.

5.3.2. **DEMO** running result

Download the program <03_EXTI_Key_Interrupt_mode> to the EVAL board, when press down the Wakeup Key, LED1 will be turned on. Press down the Wakeup Key again, LED1 will be turned off.

5.4. **USART_Printf**

5.4.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

■ Learn to retarget the C library printf function to the USART.

5.4.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <04_USART_Printf> to the EVAL board and run. serial port will output "usart printf test example!".

The information via a serial port output as following.

| usart : | printf | test | example! |
|---------|--------|------|----------|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |



5.5. USART_HyperTerminal_Interrupt

5.5.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

■ Learn to use the EVAL_COM transmit and receive interrupts to communicate with the hyperterminal.

5.5.2. **DEMO** running result

Download the program <05_USART_HyperTerminal_ Interrupt> to the EVAL board and run. Firstly, the COM sends the "USART interrupt test" to the hyperterminal and waits for receiving data from the hyperterminal that you must send. The string that you have sent is stored in the receiver_buffer array. The receive buffer have a receivesize=32 bytes as maximum. After that, compare rxcount with receivesize. If rxcount is same with receivesize, the COM sends the "USART receive successfully!" to the hyperterminal.

The information via a serial port output as following:



5.6. USART DMA

5.6.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

Learn to use the COM transmit and receive using DMA.

5.6.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <06_USART_DMA> to the EVAL board and run. Firstly, the COM sends the "a usart dma function test example!

USART DMA receive and transmit example, please input 10 bytes:" to the hyperterminal and



then loops waiting for receiving max 10 datas from the hyperterminal. Every time if the number of data you enter is equal to or more than 10 bytes, USART will send 10 bytes to the hyperterminal.

The information via a serial port output as following:

```
a usart dma function test example!
USART DMA receive and transmit example, please input 10 bytes:
gfhgfhgdgf
```

5.7. ADC_Conversion_Triggered_By_Timer

5.7.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use ADC to convert analog to digital
- Learn to use TIMER to generate a channel compare event
- Learn to use LCD to show the ADC converted result

TIMER0 CH0 event triggers ADC conversion, the value displayed on the LCD corresponds to the ADC analog input, and changes with it. The converted data are moved to SRAM through DMA continuously.

5.7.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <07_ADC_Conversion_Triggered_By_Timer> to the GD32E231K-EVAL board, adjust the adjustable potentiometer knob to change the analog input. The ADC, which is triggered by TIMER0 CH0 event, will convert the analog input, and you will see the result, a voltage curve, on the LCD. The curve adjusts with the analog input.

5.8. Comparator_Obtain_Brightness

5.8.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

Learn to use comparator output compare result

The comparator has two inputs, in this demo, one input is PA1, and the other one is the reference voltage. Compare the two input voltages, the output is a high or low level, and the LED1 will performs the corresponding action.



5.8.2. **DEMO** running result

Download the program <08_Comparator_Obtain_Brightness> to the EVAL board, comparing two input voltage, if output level is high, LED1 is on, otherwise LED1 is off.

5.9. I2C_EEPROM

5.9.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn how to use the master transmitting mode of the I2C module.
- Learn how to use the master receiving mode of the I2C module.
- Learn to read and write the EEPROM with the I2C interface.

5.9.2. **DEMO** running result

Download the program <09_I2C_EEPROM> to the EVAL board and run. Connect serial cable to USART, and open the HyperTerminal to show the print message.

Firstly, the data of 256 bytes will be written to the EEPROM from the address 0x00 and printed by the serial port. Then, reading the EEPROM from address 0x00 for 256 bytes and the result will be printed. Finally, compare the data that were written to the EEPROM and the data that were read from the EEPROM. If they are the same, the serial port will output "I2C-AT24C02 test passed!" and the LED1 light starts flashing, otherwise the serial port will output "Err: data read and write aren't matching." and the LED1 keeps on.

The output information via the serial port is as following.



```
I2C-24C02 configured....
The I2C is hardware interface
The speed is 400K
AT24C02 writing...
0x00 0x01 0x02 0x03 0x04 0x05 0x06 0x07 0x08 0x09 0x0A 0x0B 0x0C 0x0D 0x0E 0x0F
0x10 0x11 0x12 0x13 0x14 0x15 0x16 0x17 0x18 0x19 0x1A 0x1B 0x1C 0x1D 0x1E 0x1F
0x20 0x21 0x22 0x23 0x24 0x25 0x26 0x27 0x28 0x29 0x2A 0x2B 0x2C 0x2D 0x2E 0x2F
0x30 0x31 0x32 0x33 0x34 0x35 0x36 0x37 0x38 0x39 0x3A 0x3B 0x3C 0x3D 0x3E 0x3F
0x40 0x41 0x42 0x43 0x44 0x45 0x46 0x47 0x48 0x49 0x4A 0x4B 0x4C 0x4D 0x4E 0x4F
0x50 0x51 0x52 0x53 0x54 0x55 0x56 0x57 0x58 0x59 0x5A 0x5B 0x5C 0x5D 0x5E 0x5E
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OxAO OxA1 OxA2 OxA3 OxA4 OxA5 OxA6 OxA7 OxA8 OxA9 OxAA OxAB OxAC OxAD OxAE OxAF
OxBO OxB1 OxB2 OxB3 OxB4 OxB5 OxB6 OxB7 OxB8 OxB9 OxBA OxBB OxBC OxBD OxBE OxBF
OxCO OxC1 OxC2 OxC3 OxC4 OxC5 OxC6 OxC7 OxC8 OxC9 OxCA OxCB OxCC OxCD OxCE OxCF
OxDO OxD1 OxD2 OxD3 OxD4 OxD5 OxD6 OxD7 OxD8 OxD9 OxDA OxDB OxDC OxDD OxDE OxDF
OXEO OXE1 OXE2 OXE3 OXE4 OXE5 OXE6 OXE7 OXE8 OXE9 OXEA OXEB OXEC OXED OXEE OXEF
OxFO OxF1 OxF2 OxF3 OxF4 OxF5 OxF6 OxF7 OxF8 OxF9 OxFA OxFB OxFC OxFD OxFE OxFF
AT24C02 reading...
0x00 0x01 0x02 0x03 0x04 0x05 0x06 0x07 0x08 0x09 0x0A 0x0B 0x0C 0x0D 0x0E 0x0F
0x10 0x11 0x12 0x13 0x14 0x15 0x16 0x17 0x18 0x19 0x1A 0x1B 0x1C 0x1D 0x1E 0x1F
0x20 0x21 0x22 0x23 0x24 0x25 0x26 0x27 0x28 0x29 0x2A 0x2B 0x2C 0x2D 0x2E 0x2F
0x30 0x31 0x32 0x33 0x34 0x35 0x36 0x37 0x38 0x39 0x3A 0x3B 0x3C 0x3D 0x3E 0x3F
0x40 0x41 0x42 0x43 0x44 0x45 0x46 0x47 0x48 0x49 0x4A 0x4B 0x4C 0x4D 0x4E 0x4F
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0x90 0x91 0x92 0x93 0x94 0x95 0x96 0x97 0x98 0x99 0x9A 0x9B 0x9C 0x9D 0x9E 0x9F
OxAO OxA1 OxA2 OxA3 OxA4 OxA5 OxA6 OxA7 OxA8 OxA9 OxAA OxAB OxAC OxAD OxAE OxAF
OxBO OxB1 OxB2 OxB3 OxB4 OxB5 OxB6 OxB7 OxB8 OxB9 OxBA OxBB OxBC OxBD OxBE OxBF
OxCO OxC1 OxC2 OxC3 OxC4 OxC5 OxC6 OxC7 OxC8 OxC9 OxCA OxCB OxCC OxCD OxCE OxCF
OxDO OxD1 OxD2 OxD3 OxD4 OxD5 OxD6 OxD7 OxD8 OxD9 OxDA OxDB OxDC OxDD OxDE OxDF
OXEO OXE1 OXE2 OXE3 OXE4 OXE5 OXE6 OXE7 OXE8 OXE9 OXEA OXEB OXEC OXED OXEE OXEF
OxFO OxF1 OxF2 OxF3 OxF4 OxF5 OxF6 OxF7 OxF8 OxF9 OxFA OxFB OxFC OxFD OxFE OxFF
I2C-AT24C02 test passed!
```

5.10. SPI FLASH

5.10.1. DEMO purpose

This demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

Learn to use the SPI mode of SPI unit to read and write NOR Flash with the SPI interface

5.10.2. DEMO running result

The computer serial port line connected to the COM port of development board, set the baud rate of HyperTerminal software to 115200, 8 bits data bit, 1 bit stop bit.

Download the program <10_QSPI_FLASH> to the EVAL board, the HyperTerminal software can observe the operation condition and will display the ID of the flash, 256 bytes data which are written to and read from flash. Compare the data that were written to the flash and the



data that were read from the flash. If they are the same, the serial port will output "SPI-GD25Q16 Test Passed!", otherwise, the serial port will output "Err: Data Read and Write aren't Matching.". At last, toggle the LED1 every 500ms. The following is the experimental results.

```
GD32E231K_EVAL_1.0 System is Starting up...
GD32E231K_EVAL_1.0 Flash:64K
GD32E231K_EVAL_1.0 SPI Plash:GD25Q16 configured...
The Flash_ID:0xC84015
Write to tx buffer
0x00 0x01 0x02 0x03 0x04 0x05 0x06 0x07 0x08 0x09 0x0A 0x0B 0x0C 0x0D 0x0E 0x0F 0x10 0x11 0x12 0x13 0x14 0x15 0x16 0x17 0x18 0x19 0x1A 0x1B 0x1A 0x1B 0x1C 0x1D 0x1E 0x1F 0x20 0x21 0x22 0x23 0x24 0x25 0x26 0x27 0x28 0x29 0x2A 0x2B 0x2C 0x2D 0x2E 0x2F 0x30 0x31 0x32 0x33 0x34 0x35 0x36 0x37 0x38 0x39 0x3A 0x3B 0x3C 0x3D 0x3E 0x3F 0x40 0x41 0x42 0x43 0x44
0x45 0x46 0x47 0x48 0x49
                                  0x4A 0x4B 0x4C 0x4D 0x4E 0x4F 0x50 0x51 0x52 0x53
                                                                                                      0x54 0x55 0x56 0x57
0x5C 0x5D 0x5E 0x5E 0x6C 0x61 0x62 0x63 0x64 0x65 0x66 0x67 0x68 0x69 0x6A 0x6B 0x6C 0x6D 0x6E 0x6E 0x70 0x71 0x72
OxE6 OxE7 OxE8
OxFD OxFE OxFE
             ORES ORES ORES ORED OREC ORED OREE OREF ORFO ORF1 ORF2 ORF3 ORF4 ORF5 ORF6 ORF7 ORF8 ORF9 ORFA ORFB ORFC
Read from rx_buffer:
0x00 0x01 0x02 0x03 0x04 0x05 0x06 0x07 0x08 0x09 0x0A 0x0B 0x0C 0x0D 0x0E 0x0F 0x10 0x11 0x12 0x13 0x14 0x15 0x16
0x17 0x18 0x19 0x1A 0x1B 0x1C 0x1D 0x1E 0x1F 0x20 0x21 0x22 0x23 0x24 0x25 0x26 0x27 0x28 0x29 0x2A 0x2B 0x2C 0x2D
0x2E 0x2F 0x30 0x31 0x32 0x33 0x34 0x35 0x36 0x37 0x38 0x39 0x3A 0x3B 0x3C 0x3D 0x3E 0x3F 0x40 0x41 0x42 0x43 0x44
0x45 0x46 0x47 0x48 0x49 0x4A 0x4B 0x4C 0x4D 0x4E 0x4F 0x50 0x51 0x52 0x53 0x54 0x55 0x56 0x57 0x58 0x59 0x5A 0x5B
OMED OMER OMER
 SPI-GD25Q16 Test Passed!
```

5.11. SPI_TFT_LCD_Driver

5.11.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following function of GD32 MCU:

Learn how to use SPI to drive TFT LCD screen and display

GD32E231K-EVAL board has a TFT LCD screen which supports SPI interface. In this demo, tests of font, number, draw and color are displayed on the LCD screen respectively.

5.11.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <11_SPI_TFT_LCD_Driver> to the EVAL board. The LED1 is turned on and then turned off for test. After that, the LCD screen on the board will display the GUI tests in infinite loop.





5.12. I2S_Audio_Player

5.12.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

Learn to use I2S module to output audio file

GD32E231K-EVAL board integrates the I2S (Inter-IC Sound) module, and the module can communicate with external devices using the I2S audio protocol. This Demo mainly shows how to use the I2S interface of the board for audio output.

5.12.2. **DEMO** running result

Download the program <12_I2S_Audio_Player>. After downloading the program, insert the earphone into the audio port J1, then listen to the audio file.

5.13. RCU_Clock_Out

5.13.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use GPIO control the LED
- Learn to use EXTI to generate external interrupt
- Learn to use the clock output function of RCU
- Learn to communicate with PC by USART



5.13.2. **DEMO** running result

Download the program <13_RCU_Clock_Out> to the EVAL board and run. Connect serial cable to USART, open the HyperTerminal. When the program is running, HyperTerminal will display the initial information. Then user can choose the type of the output clock by pressing the User key. After pressing, the LED will be lit and HyperTerminal will display which mode be selected. The frequency of the output clock can be observed through the oscilloscope by PA8 pin.

Information via a serial port output as following:

5.14. PMU_sleep_wakeup

5.14.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

■ Learn to use the USART receive interrupt to wake up the PMU from sleep mode.

5.14.2. **DEMO** running result

Download the program < 14_PMU_sleep_wakeup > to the EVAL board, connect serial cable to USART. After power-on, LED1 is off. The MCU will enter sleep mode and the software stops running. When the USART0 receives a byte of data from the HyperTerminal, the MCU will wake up from a receive interrupt. And LED1 will flash.

5.15. RTC_Calendar

5.15.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use RTC module to implement calendar function
- Learn to use LCD module to display the time of calendar

5.15.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <15_RTC_Calendar> to the EVAL board and run. When the



program is running, the LED1 turn on, then turn off. And then the LCD prints out the information of the board, and the calendar. When you press the Wakeup key, the time will be configured to 2018-05-13, 12:00:00.

5.16. TIMER_Breath_LED

5.16.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use Timer output PWM wave
- Learn to update channel value

5.16.2. **DEMO** running result

Download the program <16_TIMER_Breath_LED> to the GD32E231K-EVAL board and run. PA8 should not be reused by other peripherals.

When the program is running, you can see LED1 lighting from dark to bright gradually and then gradually darken, ad infinitum, just like breathing as rhythm.



6. Revision history

Table 6-1 Revision history

| Revision No. | Description | Date |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1.0 | Initial Release | Dec. 18, 2023 |



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