

CS301 Embedded System and Microcomputer Principle

Lecture 2: STM32 MCU & GPIO

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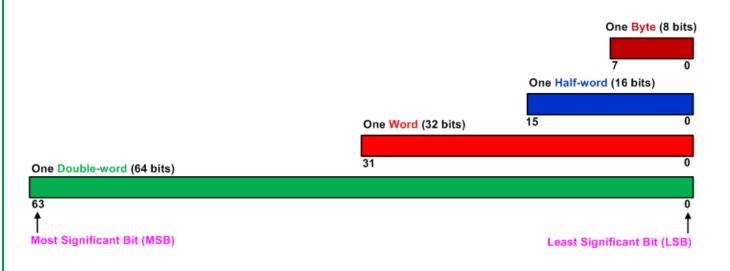
Outline

- Recall
- CPU Overview
- CPU Registers & Memory Map
- GPIO



Value notions

- For a 32 bit processor like the ARM
 - a word is equal to 32 bits or 4 bytes
 - a 'half word' is 16 bits or 2 bytes



Power	Meaning	Prefix	Symbol	
2 ¹⁰	1024	Kilo	K	
2 ²⁰	1024 ²	Mega	М	
2 ³⁰	1024 ³	Giga	G	
240	10244	Tera	Т	
2 ⁵⁰	1024 ⁵	Peta	Р	
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Number System

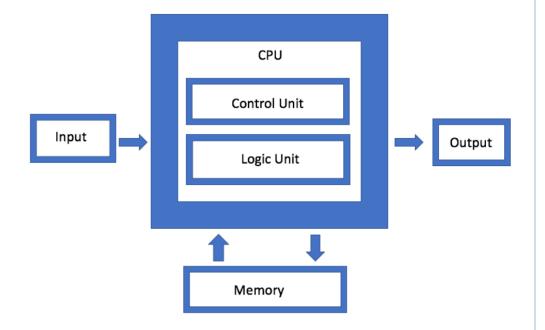
- Radix-r to Decimal Conversion:
 - In positional number systems: Let r be the radix (or base)
 - then the (n+m)-digit number: $D = \sum_{i=-m}^{n-1} d_i r^i$
- Decimal to Radix-r Conversion:
 - Integer part: Successive divisions by r and observe the remainders
 - Fraction: Successive multiplications by r and observe the integer part
- Three ways to represent signed binary integers:
 - Signed magnitude
 - One's complement
 - Two's complement (used in the modern computers)
 - Example: to represent +/-7 in 8-bit binary
 - $+7_{10} = 00000111_2$
 - -7_{10} = 11111001₂ (One's complement plus one)



Computer Architecture

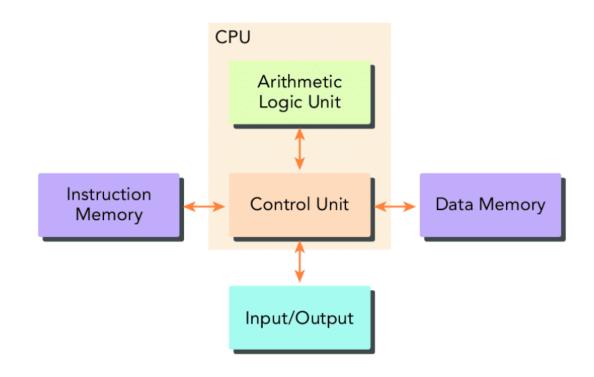
Von-Neumann

Instructions and data are stored in the same memory.



Harvard

Data and instructions are stored into separate memories.





Levels of Program Code

C Program

```
int main(void){
   int i;
   int total = 0;
   for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
      total += i;
   }
   while(1); // Dead loop
}</pre>
```

Compile

High-level language

- Level of abstraction closer to problem domain
- Provides for productivity and portability

Assembly Program

```
MOVS r1, #0

MOVS r0, #0

B check

loop ADD r1, r1, r0

ADDS r0, r0, #1

check CMP r0, #10

BLT loop

self B self
```

Assemble

Machine Program

Assembly language

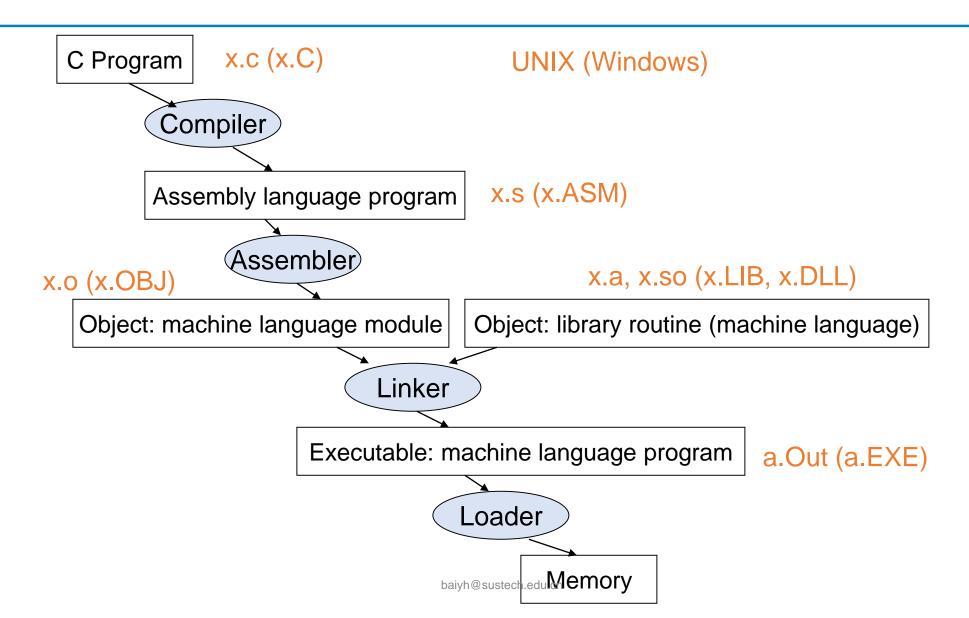
- representation of instructions
- Human-readable format instructions

Hardware representation

- Binary digits (bits)
- Encoded instructions and data
- Computer-readable format instructions



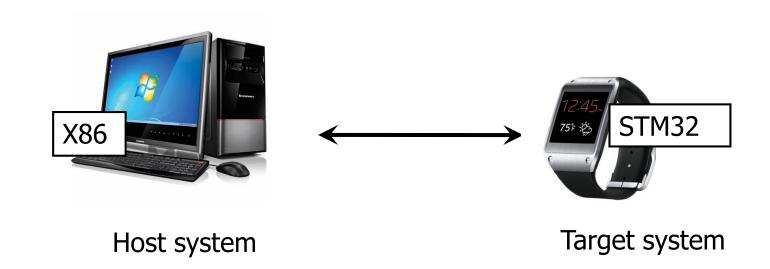
Running a Program in General Computer





MCU Development Environment

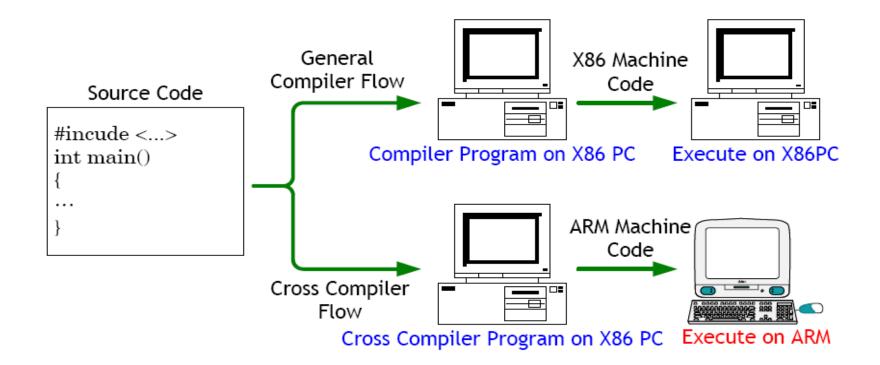
- Host: a computer running programming tools for development of the programs
- Target: the HW on which code will run
- After program is written, compiled, assembled and linked, it is transferred to the target





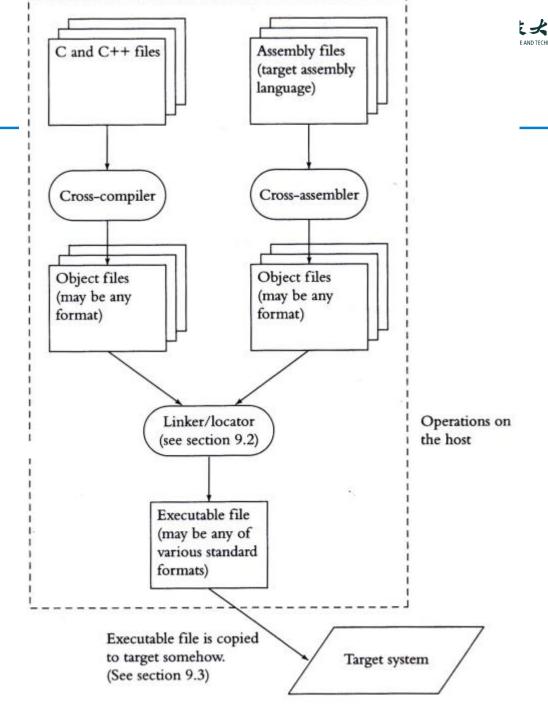
Cross Compiler

- Runs on host but generates code for target
 - Target usually have different architecture from host. Hence compiler on host has to produce binary instructions that will be understood by target



Cross Compilation Process

- Cross Compiler
- Cross Assembler
- Linker
- Locator
 - For embedded systems: creates a file, containing binary image or other format, that will be copied onto target, which run on its own (not through loader)





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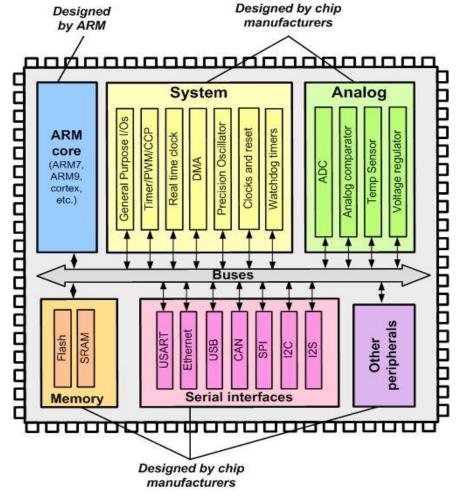
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ARM MCU inside view

• The ARM microprocessor + Different peripherals manufactured by chip

designers





ARM Microprocessor

- ARM Cortex-A family:
 - Applications processors
 - Support OS and high-performance applications
 - Such as Smartphones, Smart TV



- ARM Cortex-R family:
 - Real-time processors with high performance and high reliability
 - Support real-time processing and mission-critical control
- ARM Cortex-M family:
 - Microcontroller
 - Cost-sensitive, support SoC

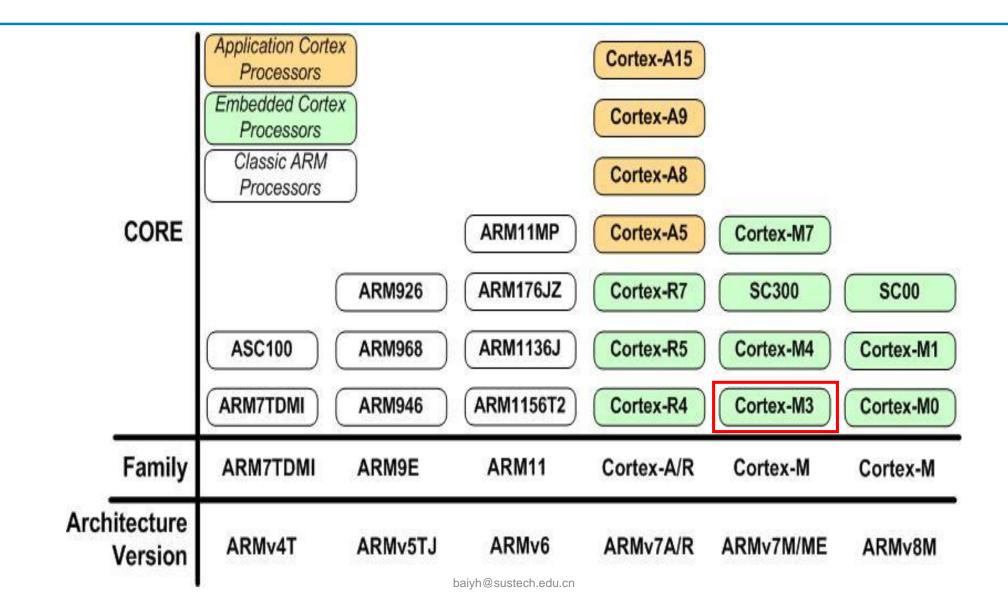








Arm families and Architectures

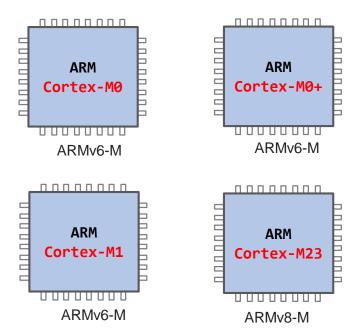




ARM Cortex-M Series Family

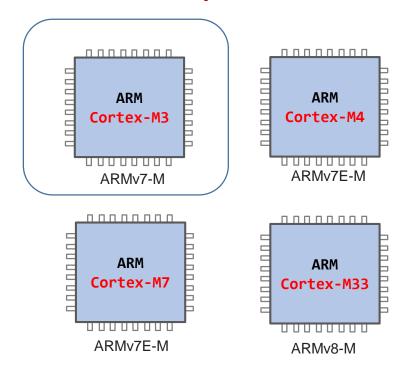
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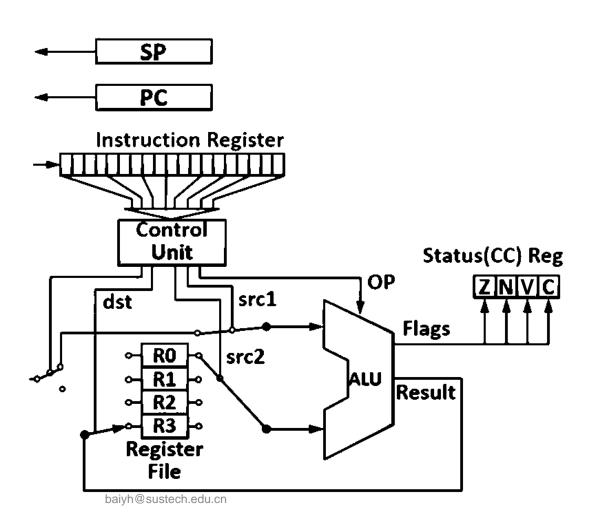
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A Complete CPU

- Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU)
- Register file
- Control Unit

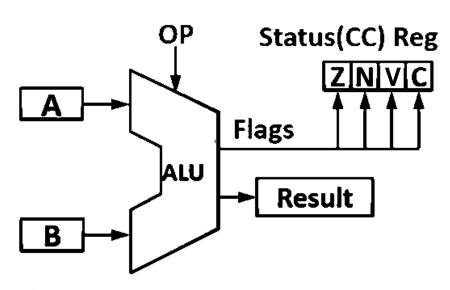


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ALU

Performs

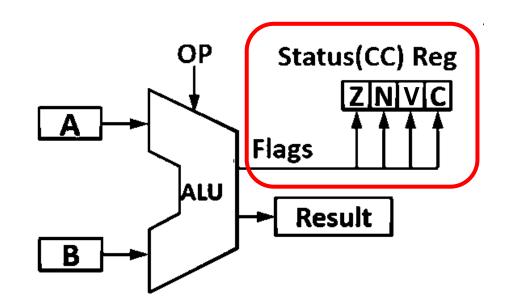
- arithmetic functions such as add, subtract, multiply, divide
- logic functions such as AND, OR, NOT, XOR,
- bit functions such shift, rotation
- Let's find out where are the following key elements
 - Operands
 - Operation
 - Flags
 - result





ALU Flags

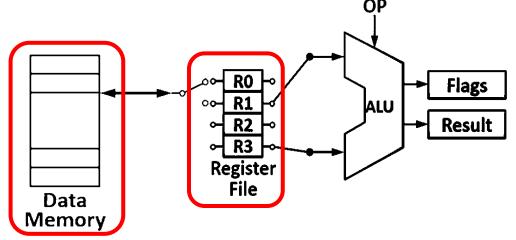
- Flags: special bits that provide information about the results of arithmetic and logical operations.
 - Z: Zero
 - N: Negative
 - V: oVerflow
 - C: Carry
- Where are the Flags?
 - stored in PSR
 - Program Status Register





ALU Operands

- Operands: inputs to an arithmetic or logic operation
- Where are the operands?
 - Registers
 - Registers are used to temporarily store/retrieve operands
 - Every CPU includes several general/special purpose registers.
 - The number and width of registers are important metrics for measuring a CPU's performance.
 - Data Memory
 - Accessing memory is significantly slower than accessing registers





Memory Organization

Data Address

8 bits

32 bits

0xFFFFFFF

- Memory is arranged as a series of "locations"
 - Each location has a unique "address"
 - Each location holds a byte (byte-addressable)
 - e.g. the memory location at address 0x080001B0 contains the byte value 0x70, i.e., 112
- 32-bit Address line
 - Max size: $2^{32} = 4G$ (bytes)
 - Address range: 0x00000000 ~ 0XFFFFFFFF
- Values stored at each location can represent
 - either program data
 - or program instructions

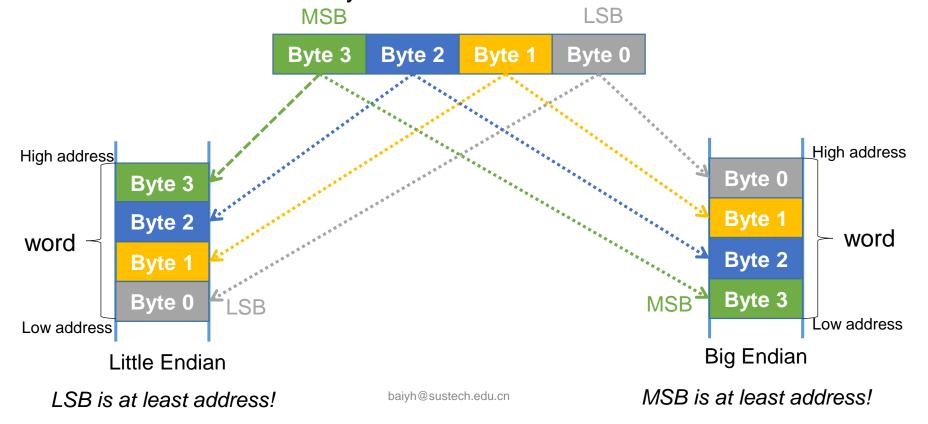
70	0x080001B0
ВС	0x080001AF
18	0x080001AE
01	0x080001AD
A0	0x080001AC
	0x00000000

Memory



Little Endian vs Big Endian

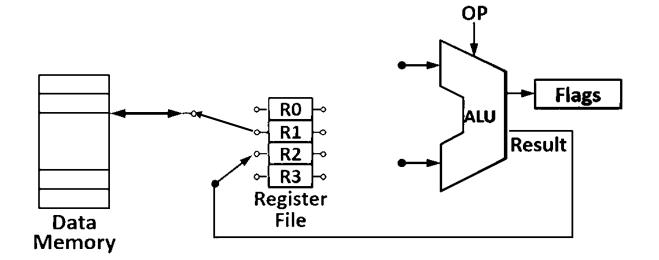
- Little-endian
 - LSB of a word is at least memory address
- Big-endian
 - MSB of a word is at least memory address





ALU Result

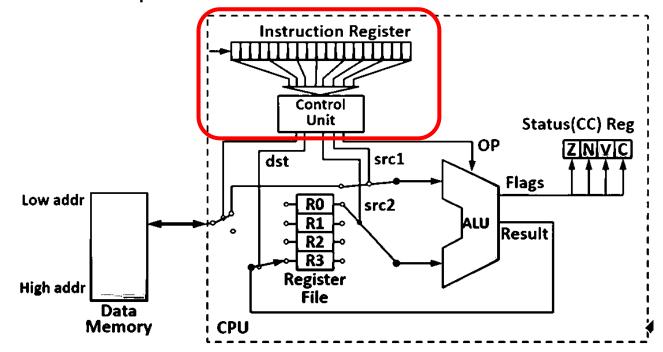
- Where to store the results?
 - Generally, the same as the operands
 - Registers
 - Data Memory





Control Unit

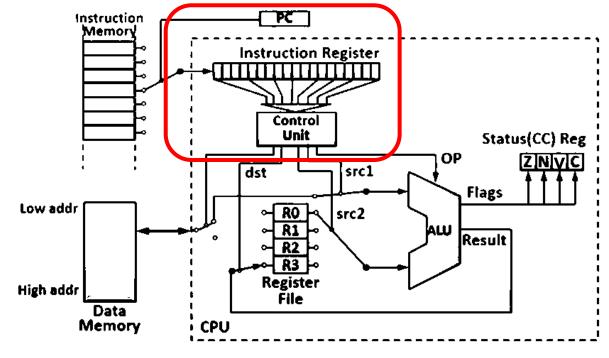
- Instruction Decoding
 - Analyz the Operation to Be Executed by the Instruction
- Dataflow
 - Identify the Sources of Operands and the Destination of the Result for the Instruction





Program Counter

- Instruction fetch
 - A program consists of an instruction sequence stored in the program memory.
 - Instructions are processed sequentially, one after the other, the address of the next instruction to be executed is stored in the PC register (Program Counter)
 - After an instruction is fetched, the PC is updated to point to the next instruction.





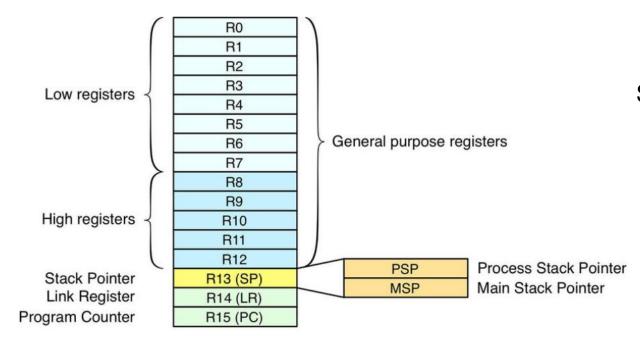
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ARM CPU Registers

- Fastest way to read and write
- Registers are within the processor chip
- Each register has 32 bits



ARM Cortex-M3 has

Register Bank: R0 - R15

R0-R12: 13 general-

purpose registers

R13: Stack pointer

R14: Link register

R15: Program counter

Special registers

Eg. CPSR

Special registers



Program Status Register



CPU Registers

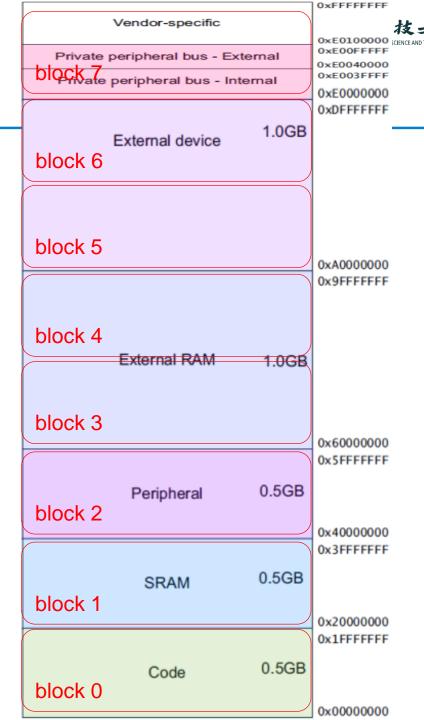
- Low Registers (R0 R7)
 - Can be accessed by any instruction
- High Register (R8 R12)
 - Can only be accessed by some instructions
- Stack Pointer (R13)
 - Cortex-M3 supports two stacks
 - Main SP (MSP) for privileged access (e.g. exception handler)
 - Process SP (PSP) for application access
- Link Register
 - Stores the return address for function calls
- Program Counter (R15)
 - Memory address of the to be executed instruction
- Program Status Register
 - CPSR

D31	D30	D29	D28			D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0
N	Z	С	V	Reserved		- 1	F	Т	M4	М3	M2	M1	МО
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Memory Map

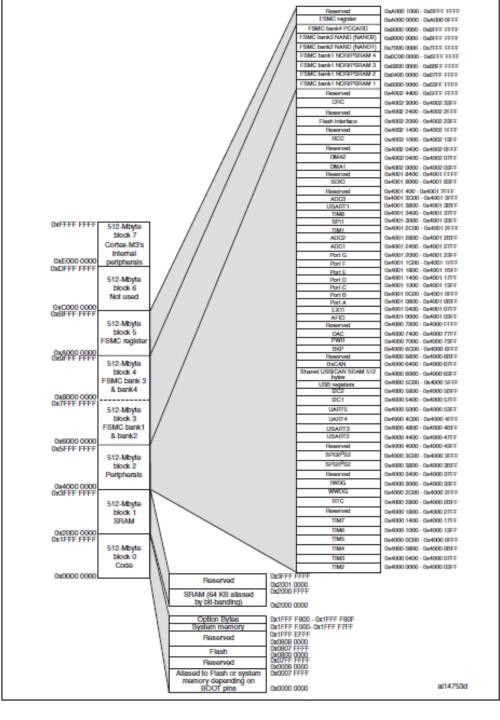
- STM32 Memory is mapped into 8 blocks, each having 512 MB
- We specially take care about the following blocks.
 - Code
 - SRAM
 - Peripheral



Memory Mapped IO

- A technique where both memory and I/O devices use the same address space
 - Memory addresses are assigned to I/O devices.
 - The CPU treats I/O devices like computer memory.
 - Depending on the address, the CPU communicates with either computer memory or I/O devices.

STM32F103 Datasheet, Figure 9







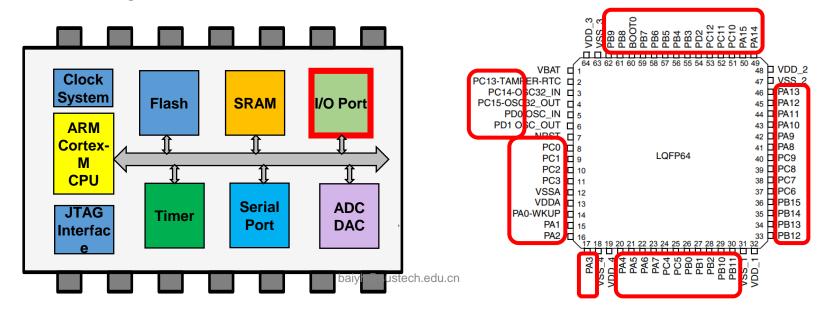
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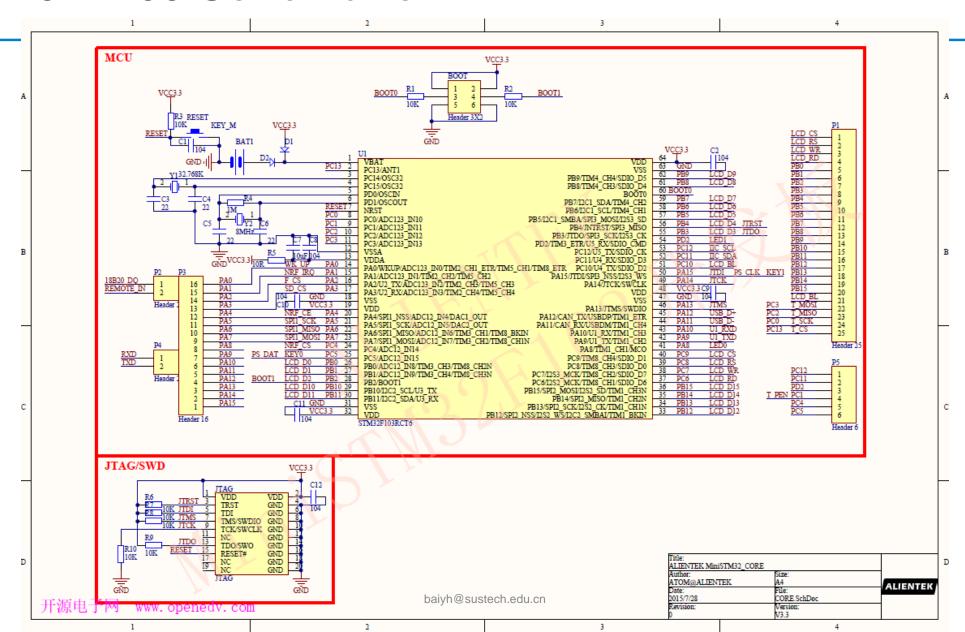
GPIO

- GPIO (General Purpose Input Output) pins are commonly used pins that can control the voltage levels (high or low) and can be read from or written to.
 - GPIO pins are named in groups, as ports PA, PB, PC, etc
 - Each port contains 16 pins numbered from 0 to 15
 - The ports appear to the CPU as registers (memory-mapped I/O), each bit corresponds to a pin and a port may be associated to many registers for different purposes (next page)





STM32F103 Schematic





CPU Registers vs GPIO Registers

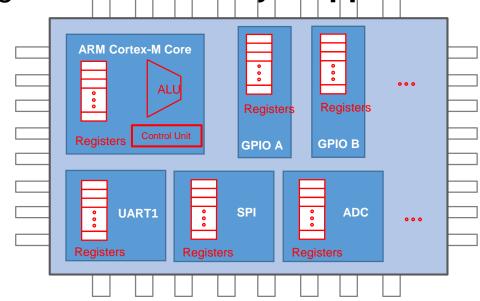
Processor can directly access processor registers

• ADD r3,r1,r0; r3 = r1 + r0

• LDR R0,[R1] ; load value at memory location R1 into R0

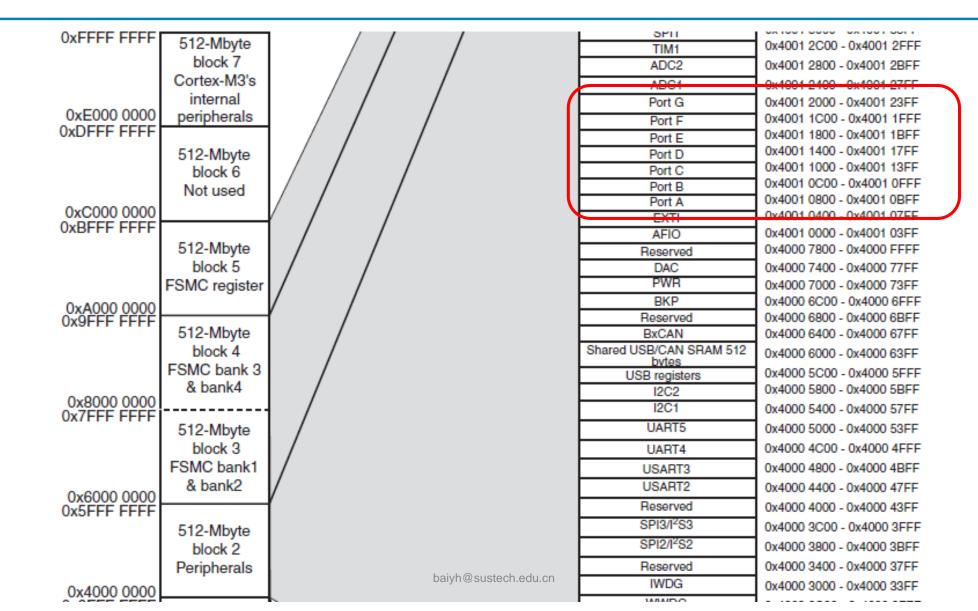
Processor accesses peripheral registers via memory mapped I/O

- Each peripheral register is assigned a fixed memory address at the chip design stage
- Processor treats peripherals registers the same as data memory
- Processor uses load/store instructions to read from/write to memory (to be covered in future lectures)





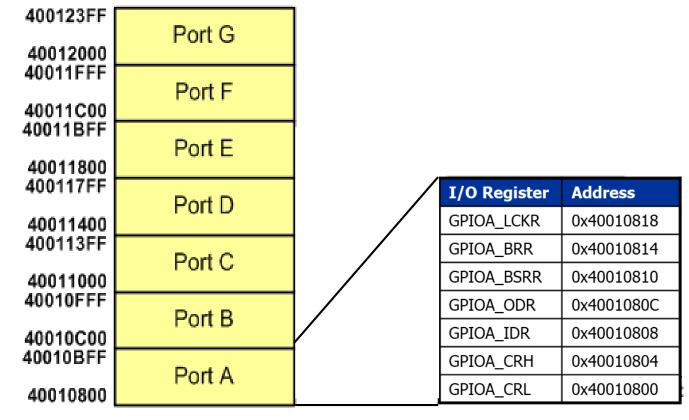
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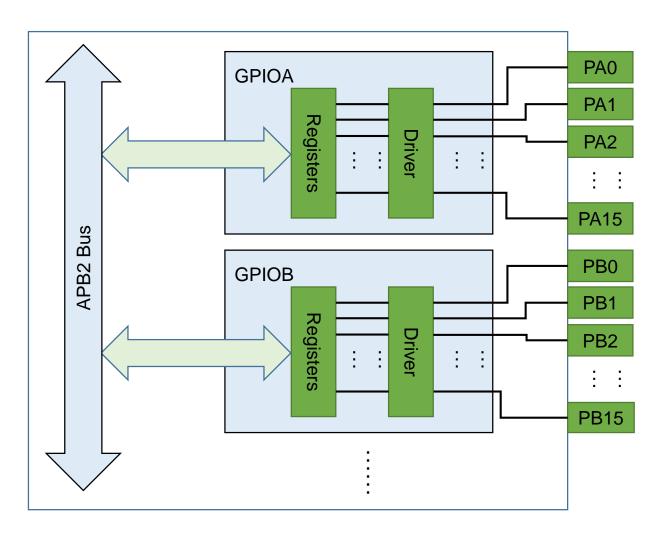
GPIO Register Mapping

- Each port has seven I/O registers associated with it
- Each register has a specific memory address, Register Mapping assigned a name to each register address.





GPIO Inside





GPIO Mode

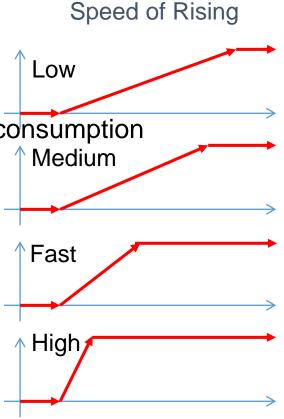
- Default: floating input
- Often used: Input with pull-up/down (上拉/下拉输入), output push-pull (推挽输出)

GPIO Mode	Usage
Floating input (reset state)	Completely floating, and the state is undefined
Input with pull-up	With internal pull-up, defaults to high level (button)
Input with pull-down	With internal pull-down, defaults to low level
Analog mode	ADC, DAC
General purpose output Open-drain	Software I2C, SDA, SCL, etc
General purpose output push-pull	Strong driving capability, general-purpose output (LED)
Alternate function output Open-drain	On-chip peripheral functions (hardware I2C, SDA, SCL pins, etc)
Alternate function output Push-pull	On-chip peripheral functions (SPI, SCK, MISO, MOSI pins, etc) ch.edu.cn



GPIO Output Speed

- Output Speed:
 - Speed of rising and falling
 - Four speeds: Low, Medium, Fast, High
- Tradeoff
 - Higher GPIO speed increases EMI noise and power consumption
 - Configure based on peripheral speed
 - Low speed for toggling LEDs
 - High speed for SPI





Programming GPIO

- Basic Steps of GPIO programming
 - Enable the corresponding GPIO Clock
 - RCC->APB2ENR (GPIO is on APB2 bus)
 - Configure the GPIO Mode
 - Setting CRL/CRH to configure input/output mode
 - Set the output status if you are using GPIO as output
 - Setting ODR to configure output status
 - Read the input status if you are using GPIO as input
 - Setting ODR (to configure input with Pull-up/Pull-Down)
 - Reading from IDR (to get the input status)

Note: the modification of ODR will apply the entire GPIO port, you can also use **BSRR** to set only one GPIO pin, which is less risky, see more details in lab.



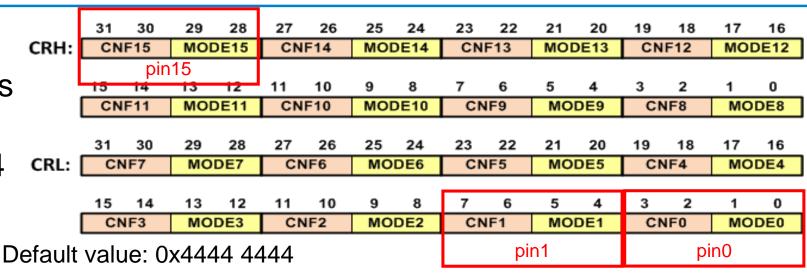
CRL and CRH (Configuration Registers)

• CRL: lower 8 pins

CRH: higher 8 pins

 each GPIO pin is configured using 4 bits in CRL/CRH

- MODEx
- CNFx



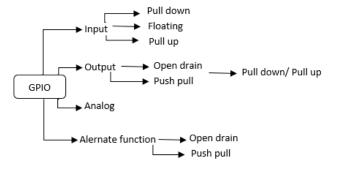
Output (MODE>00)

CNFx bits		L
00	General purpose output push-pull	
01	General purpose output Open-drain	Г
10	Alternate function output Push-pull	
11	Alternate function output Open-drain	

MODEx bits	Direction	Max speed
00	Input	
01		10 MHz
10	Output	2 MHz
11		50 MHz

Input (MODE=00)

	CNFx bits	Configuration	Description
	00	Analog mode	Select this mode when you use a pin as an ADC
			input.
	01	Floating input	In this mode, the pin is high-impedance.
	10	Input with pull-	The value of ODR chooses if the pull-up or pull-
		up/pull-down	down resistor is enabled. (1: pull-up, 0:pull-down)
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CRL and CRH Example

Common settings:

- 0x3
 - MODEx 11 → output
 - CNFx 00 → pushpull
- 0x4 (default)
 - MODEx 00 → input
 - CNFx 01 → Hiz
- 0x8
 - MODEx 00 → input
 - CNFx 10 → pull-up/pull-down

Example

Output (MODE>00)

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11	reserved	

```
GPIOC->CRH &= 0xFFF00FFF; //clear settings of PC11 and PC12 GPIOC->CRH |= 0x00038000; //PC11 as input, PC12 as output GPIOC->ODR |= 1<<11; //set PC11 as input with pull-up
```

ODR register is shown in the next slide

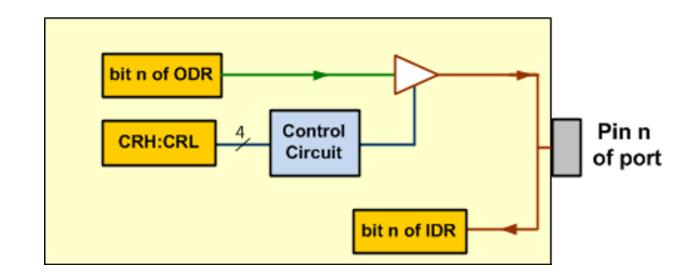
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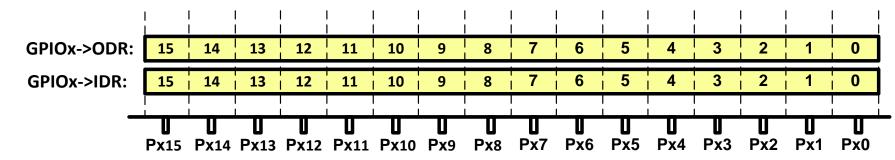
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IDR (Input Data Reg.) and ODR (Output Data Reg.)

- Higher 16 bits of IDR/ODR are reserved
- each GPIO pin is configured using 1 bit



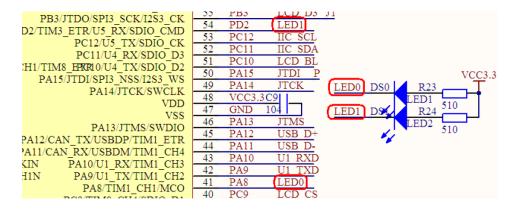


```
GPIOC->CRH &= 0x0FFFFFFF; //clear settings pf PC15
GPIOC->CRH |= 0x30000000; //set PC15 as output
GPIOC->ODR |= 1<<15; //Set output pin PC15 as high
```

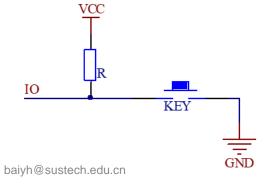


IDR and **ODR**

• For LED0 and LED1 in miniSTM32 board, should we set ODR bit to low or high in order to turn on the LED?



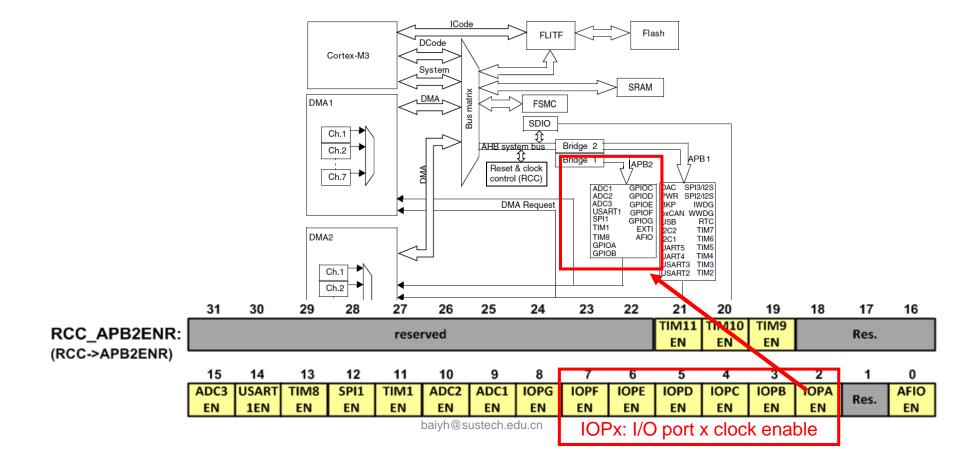
• For KEY in STM32, should we set pull-up or pull-down input mode?





Enabling Clocks

- Example:
 - RCC->APB2ENR |= 1<<4; /* Enable clocks for GPIO C ports */
 - RCC->APB2ENR |= 0xFC; /* Enable clocks for all GPIO ports */





Sample Code

Toggling PA2

```
void delay ms(uint32 t t);
int main()
    /* System clock must be initialed before */
    RCC->APB2ENR |= 0xFC; /* Enable clocks for GPIO
ports */
    GPIOA->CRL = 0x444444344; /* PA2 as output */
    while(1)
        GPIOA->ODR ^= (1<<2); /* toggle PA2 */
        delay ms(1000);
                            ^= is often used for toggling bits
```