

Introduction to STM32 MCUs

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The STM32 Family

STM32 is a family of microcontrollers by STMicroelectronics. MCUs of the family feature:

- 32-bit ARM-Cortex CPU (ARM=Advanced Risc Machine)
- CPU clock from 80 to 240 MHz
- Flash memory from 512K to 2M
- RAM from 512K to 2M
- DSP and FPU
- Several peripherals (digital, ADC, timers, SPI, I²C, CAN, USB, Ethernet)

STM32 provides a series of **evaluation boards** (*Discovery* or *Nucleo* series) that include the MCU and the *STLink* interface for programming and debugging.

Mainstream

- **STM32F0**, Cortex-M0, 48 MHz, 256K flash, 32K SRAM
- **STM32F1**, Cortex-M3, 72 MHz, 1M flash, 96K SRAM
- **STM32F3**, Cortex-M4, 72 MHz, 512K flash, 80K SRAM

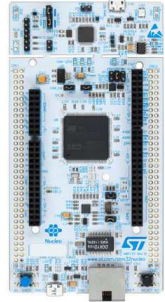
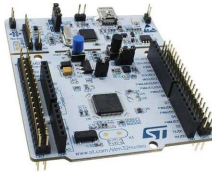
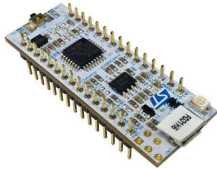
High Performances

- **STM32F2**, Cortex-M3, 120 MHz, 1M flash, 128K SRAM
- **STM32F4**, Cortex-M4, 180 MHz, 2M flash, 384K SRAM
- **STM32F7**, Cortex-M7, 216 MHz, L1-cache, 2M flash, 512K SRAM
- **STM32H7**, Cortex-M7, 400 MHz, L1-cache, 2M flash, 512K SRAM

Ultra low-power

- **STM32L0**, Cortex-M0, 32 MHz, 192K flash, 20K SRAM
- **STM32L1**, Cortex-M3, 32 MHz, 512K flash, 80K SRAM
- **STM32L4**, Cortex-M4, 80 MHz, 1M flash, 160K SRAM

STM32 Nucleo Boards



- **Nucleo-32**, 32 I/O pins
- **Nucleo-64**, 64 I/O pins
- **Nucleo-144**, 144 I/O pins (+ Ethernet)
- All equipped with STLink programmer/debugger
- Connectors to host additional expansion boards (motion sensor, IMU, DC motor control, BLDC motor control, stepper motor control, etc.)

STM32 Programming Resources

- **Language:** C, C++
- **Compiler:** gcc-arm
- **IDE:**
 - IAR (commercial)
 - KEIL (commercial)
 - OpenSTM32 (free, based on Eclipse)
<http://www.openstm32.org>
- **Graphic Configurator:** CubeMX (download from STM site)
 - Peripheral Configuration
 - Automatic Code Generation
- **STM HAL libraries:** Hardware Abstraction Libraries for a “seamsless” access to STM32 peripherals

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