

Type A Board Dev Guide III

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<https://github.com/TAMU-Robomasters/Tutorial>

Roadmap:

1. STM32CubeMX, Keil uvision
2. LED, GPIO
3. Timer
4. PWM, passive buzzer, servo
5. Buttons
6. USB
7. Flash
8. I2C, IST8310 (magnetic sensor)
9. OLED
10. BMI088 (gyroscope)
11. Motor control with CAN
12. freeRTOS
13. IMU
14. Chassis tasks
15. Gimbal control
16. BIG PICTURE

Recall last time:

1. Know how to use CubeMX to configure timer
2. Interrupt priority groups and how to set them
3. Registers used in timers
4. Calculate timer interrupt period
5. Function calls to initialize, start and use timer interrupts

FreeRTOS 1/2:

"FreeRTOS is a real-time operating system kernel for embedded devices that has been ported to 35 microcontroller platforms. It is distributed under the MIT License."

"FreeRTOS provides methods for multiple threads or tasks, mutexes, semaphores and software timers."

The screenshot displays the 'FREERTOS Mode and Configuration' window. On the left, a 'Middleware' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of options: FATFS, FREERTOS (highlighted in blue), LIBJPEG, LWIP, MBEDTLS, PDM2PCM, USB_DEVICE, and USB_HOST. A red arrow points from the 'FREERTOS' option to the 'Interface' field, which is set to 'CMSIS_V2'. Another red arrow points from the 'Tasks' table to the 'defaultTask' row. The 'Tasks' table has columns: Task Name, Priority, Stack Size..., Entry Func..., Code Gene..., Parameter, Allocation, Buffer Name, and Control Blo... The table contains one row: defaultTask, osPriorityN..., 128, StartDefaul..., Default, NULL, Dynamic, NULL, NULL. At the bottom right, there are 'Add' and 'Delete' buttons.

FREERTOS Mode and Configuration

Mode

Interface CMSIS_V2

Tasks and Queues Timers and Semaphores Mutexes FreeRTOS Heap Usage

Config parameters Include parameters User Constants

Task Name	Priority	Stack Size...	Entry Func...	Code Gene...	Parameter	Allocation	Buffer Name	Control Blo...
defaultTask	osPriorityN...	128	StartDefaul...	Default	NULL	Dynamic	NULL	NULL

Add Delete

FreeRTOS 2/2:

Edit Task	
Task Name	LEDtask
Priority	osPriorityNormal
Stack Size (Words)	128
Entry Function	LEDtask_entry
Code Generation Option	As weak
Parameter	NULL
Allocation	Dynamic
Buffer Name	NULL
Control Block Name	NULL
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Priority setting

Default: generate a common task function

As weak: generate a task function decorated with `__weak`

As external: generate a task function used externally

More information can be found in `freertos.c`

```
104 /* USER CODE BEGIN Header_LEDtask_entry */
105 /**
106  * @brief Function implementing the LEDtask thread.
107  * @param argument: Not used
108  * @retval None
109  */
110 /* USER CODE END Header_LEDtask_entry */
111 __weak void LEDtask_entry(void *argument)
112 {
113     /* USER CODE BEGIN LEDtask_entry */
114     /* Infinite loop */
115     for(;;)
116     {
117         osDelay(1);
118     }
119     /* USER CODE END LEDtask_entry */
120 }
```

main.c

```
102 /* Call init function for freertos objects (in freertos.c) */
103 MX_FREERTOS_Init();
```

FreeRTOS Summary:

How to start writing FreeRTOS tasks:

1. Enable FreeRTOS middleware in CubeMX.
2. Add and configure tasks under the FreeRTOS middleware tab.
3. In the generated template code, implement those tasks.

How FreeRTOS tasks are called:

1. Peripheral initialization, i.e. `MX_GPIO_Init()`
2. `MX_FREERTOS_Init()`
3. Create handler based on the task definition
4. Start scheduler, `osKernelStart()`

PWM:

PWM = Pulse Width Modulation

Use 1 and 0 with different durations to approximate an analogue value.

-> Turn 1 and 0 into some value between 1 and 0

Duty cycle: the percentage of the duration of a 1 value within a cycle

Correspondingly, the higher the frequency, the better the approximation is, i.e. the combination of 1s and 0s looks more like an analogue value instead of a digital value.

Buzzer



Enable TIM12 in CubeMX, set channel 1 to PWM Generation CH1.

According to the user manual, the passive buzzer found on type A dev board can be driven using PWM at 2700HZ.

Timer 12 is connected to APB1 bus, based on our clock configuration, AP1 bus runs at 84MHz.

Functions for changing timer parameters:

```
__HAL_TIM_PRESCALER(&<timer>, <uint>);
```

```
// for changing the frequency
```

```
__HAL_TIM_SetCompare(&<timer>, <channel>, <uint>);
```

```
// for setting the duty cycle
```

After trial and error, setting the duty cycle with the number 5000 seems to be a good choice.

In CubeMX, the counter period can be set to be 9999 for easy frequency calculation.

Counter Settings

Prescaler (PSC - 16 bits value)	0
Counter Mode	Up
Counter Period (AutoReload Register - 16 bits val...	9999
Internal Clock Division (CKD)	No Division
auto-reload preload	Disable

Wrap the PWM functions up:

```
// family mart tune
buzzer_on(24, 5000);
HAL_Delay(250);
buzzer_on(31, 5000);
HAL_Delay(250);
buzzer_on(42, 5000);
HAL_Delay(250);
buzzer_on(31, 5000);
HAL_Delay(250);
buzzer_on(27, 5000);
HAL_Delay(250);
buzzer_on(20, 5000);
HAL_Delay(500);
buzzer_on(27, 5000);
HAL_Delay(250);
buzzer_on(24, 5000);
HAL_Delay(250);
buzzer_on(27, 5000);
HAL_Delay(250);
buzzer_on(42, 5000);
HAL_Delay(250);
buzzer_on(31, 5000);
HAL_Delay(1000);
buzzer_off();
```

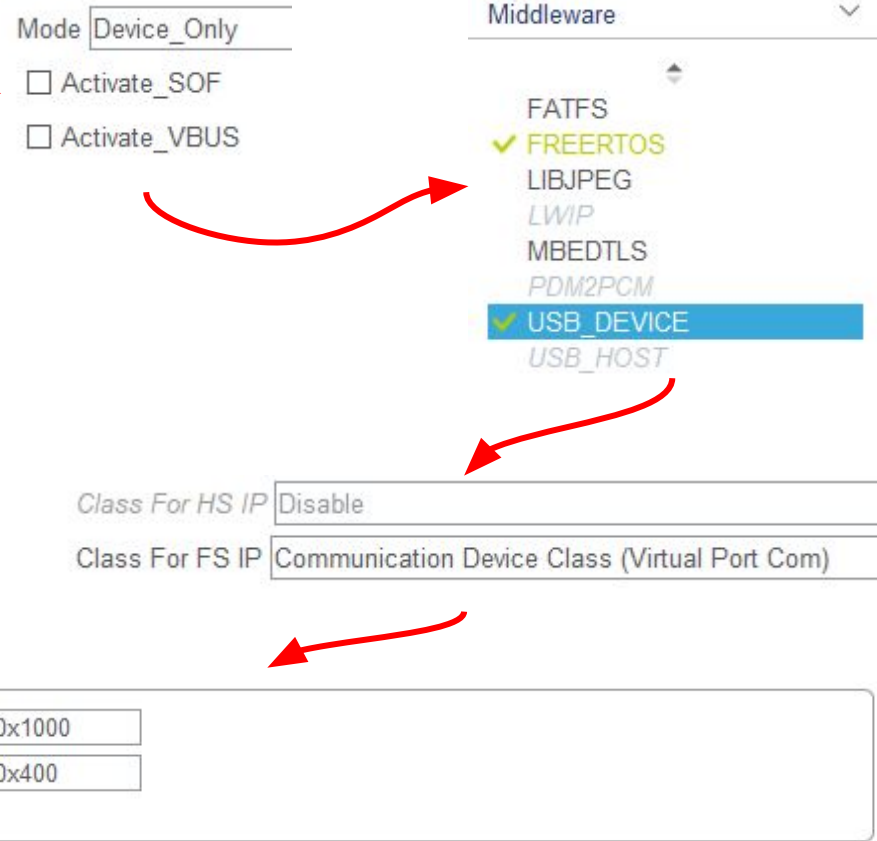
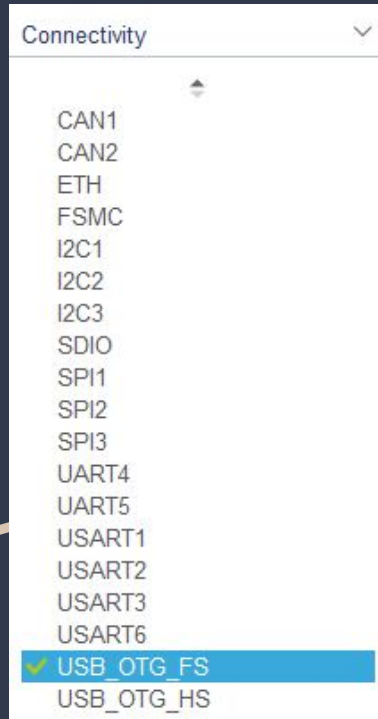
```
void buzzer_on(uint16_t psc, uint16_t pwm){
    __HAL_TIM_PRESCALER(&htim12, psc);
    __HAL_TIM_SetCompare(&htim12, TIM_CHANNEL_1, pwm);
}

void buzzer_off(void)
{
    __HAL_TIM_SetCompare(&htim12, TIM_CHANNEL_1, 0);
}
```

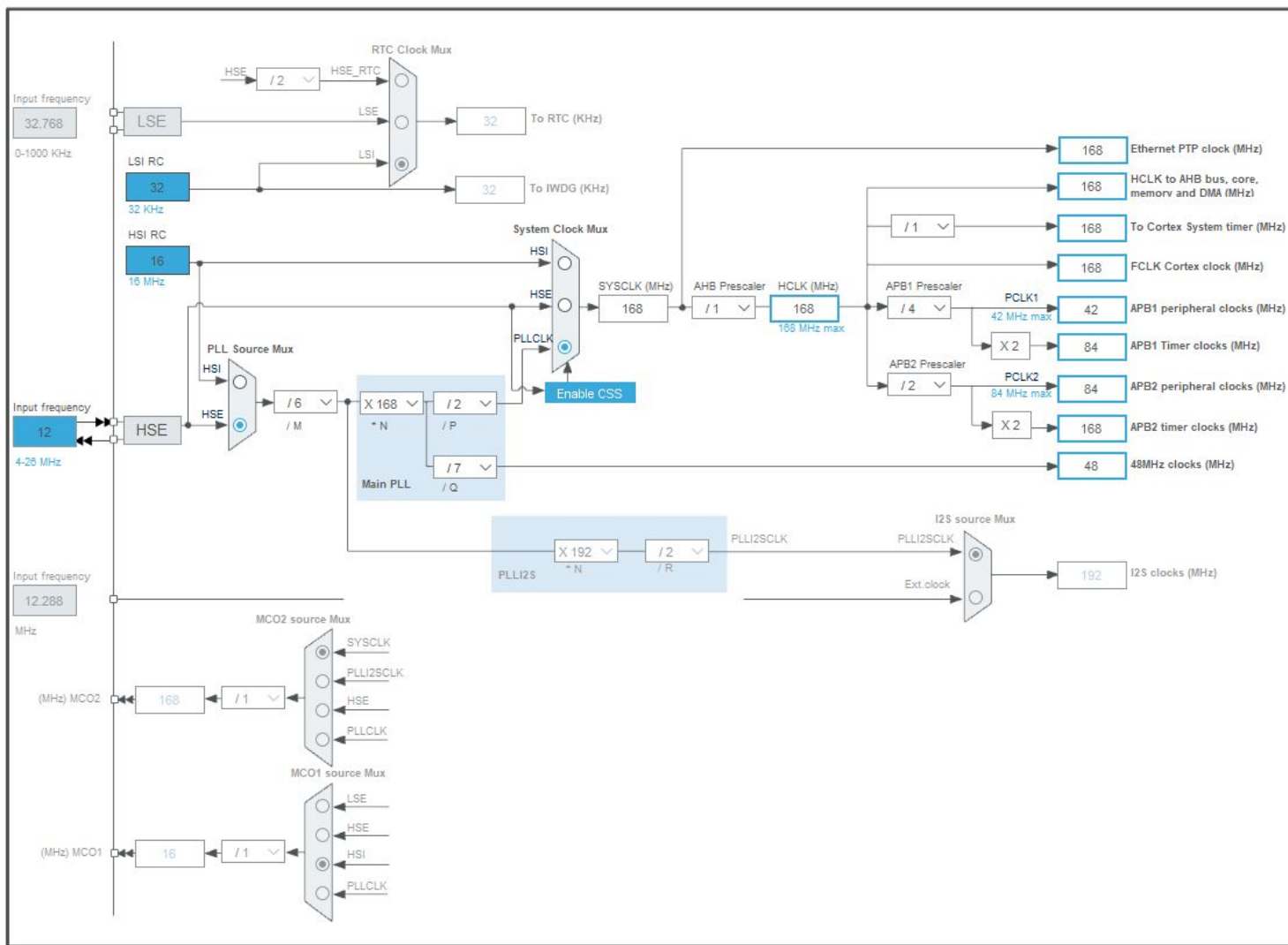
```
HAL_TIM_Base_Start_IT(&htim12);
HAL_TIM_PWM_Start(&htim12, TIM_CHANNEL_1);
```

You need to manually write those two lines!
Otherwise the timer is initialized but not started.
And PWM will not be working! CubeMX will
generate code that initializes the timer but not
the one that starts the timer!

Use USB on type A dev board:

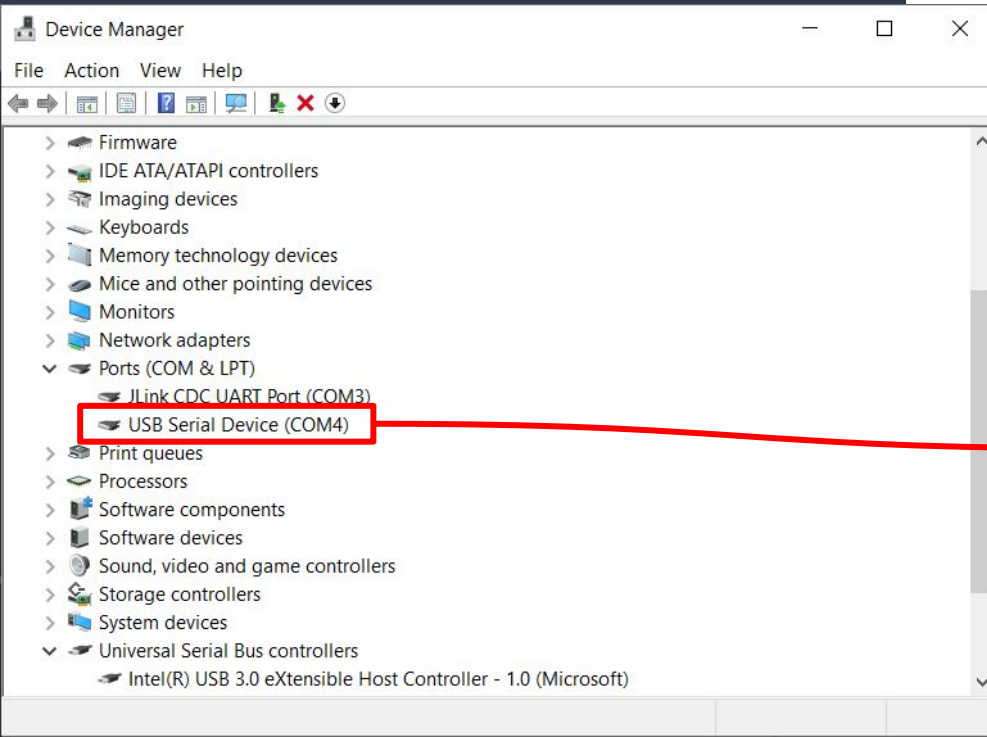


Change in project manager -> Project



Adjust the clock tree after enabling USB in CubeMX.

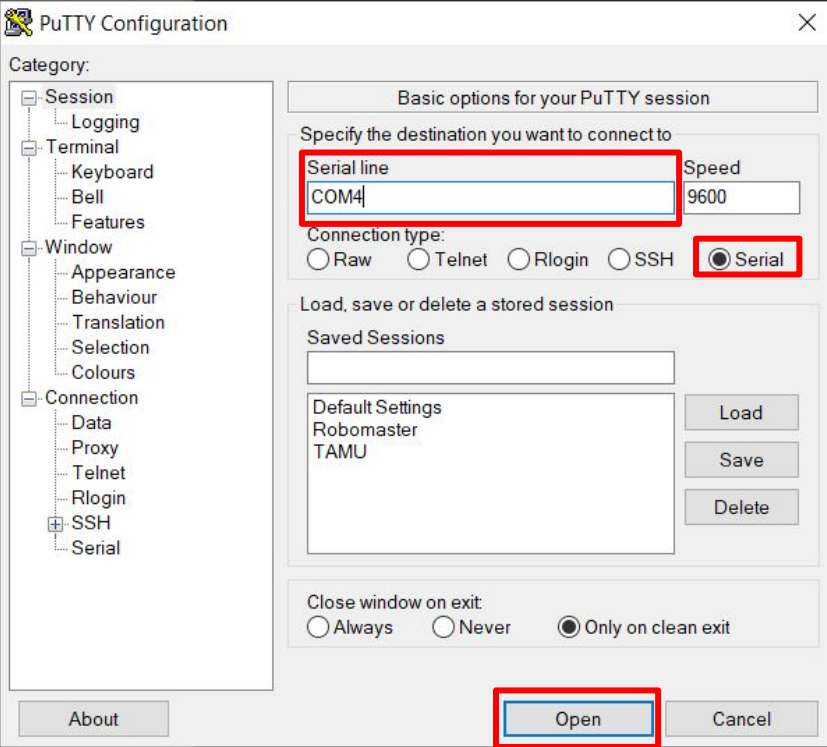
Send data from USB:



1. Call `MX_USB_DEVICE_Init()` to initialize USB device support libraries
2. Use `CDC_Transmit_FS(buffer, sizeof(buffer))` to send information. `Buffer` is a char array
3. Use the Windows device manager to check for the port number of the type A dev board.
4. Use putty to monitor serial port information

So on my computer, the USB port on the type A dev board is recognized as "COM4" port under the "Ports (COM & LPT)" category in Windows device manager. The port number is used when communicating via a serial monitor like putty.

Putty:



References:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FreeRTOS>