

Week 2: Experiment 02

Arm Cortex M: General Purpose Input Output (GPIO): Interfacing LED, Push-Button, and Stepper Motor

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5	Complete Lab Exercise 6.2 (Section 6)	30	
6	Answer all questions	15	
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1 Introduction

1.1 Lab overview

At the end of this lab, you will be able to:

- Become familiar with the software development tool (Keil uVision)
- Create a C program that will run on the board (STM32 NUCLEO-L446RE)
- Learn basics of GPIO configuration
- Use GPIO for input (reading input from push button)
- Use GPIO for output (lighting up a LED)
- Understand polling I/O (busy waiting) and its inefficiency
- Understand software debounce techniques
- Understand the limits of GPIO output current
- Learn to use Darlington transistor arrays to drive devices requiring higher current loads
- Understand full and half stepping to control the speed and position of a stepper motor

2 Pre-lab Study

Before attempting this lab, please do the following:

1. Install **Windows** operation system if you do have it on your computer. Our development software, Keil uVision, can only run in Windows. If your computer runs Linux or Mac OS, you can install virtual machines running Windows.
2. Download free **Keil uVision 5**, or called Microcontroller Development Kit (MDK) Arm, (<https://www.keil.arm.com/mdk-community/>) and install it. The Community Edition is free to use, but cannot compile ARMv7a or ARMv8a codes. For lab, we will be using ARMv8M code that uses Thumb encoding, and it should not be a problem.
3. Study:
 - Read [Zhu] Textbook **Chapter 4.6** to review bit-wise operations.
 - Read [Zhu] Textbook **Chapter 14 GPIO**.
 - Watch YouTube Tutorials (<http://web.eece.maine.edu/~zhu/book/tutorials.php>)
 - (1) Lecture 5: Memory-mapped I/O (8 minutes)
 - (2) Lecture 6: GPIO Output (11 minutes)
 - (3) Lecture 7: GPIO Input (12 minutes)
 - Read Textbook Chapter 16 Stepper Motor
 - For background how stepper motors work, you can watch the following videos:
How the stepper motors are made and how they operate (by pcbheaven)
 - (1) Part 1 (5 minutes): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHdz3c6KLrg>
 - (2) Part 2 (8 minutes): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-3VnLadIbc>

2.1 STM32 Nucleo Board

For the lab we use a STM32 Nucleo Board, with STM32F446RE processor. The STM32 Nucleo development boards allow developers to try out new ideas and quickly create prototypes with any STM32 MCU. Thanks to their connectors, STM32 Nucleo boards can extend their capabilities using multiple application-related hardware add-ons. The board used in the lab, Nucleo-64 boards feature Arduino Uno rev3 and ST morpho connectors. STM32 Nucleo boards integrate an ST-LINK debugger/programmer, eliminating the need for a separate probe. The development boards come with a comprehensive STM32 software HAL library and many software examples, and seamlessly work with a wide range of development environments, including IAR EWARM, Keil MDK-ARM and GCC/LLVM-based IDEs.

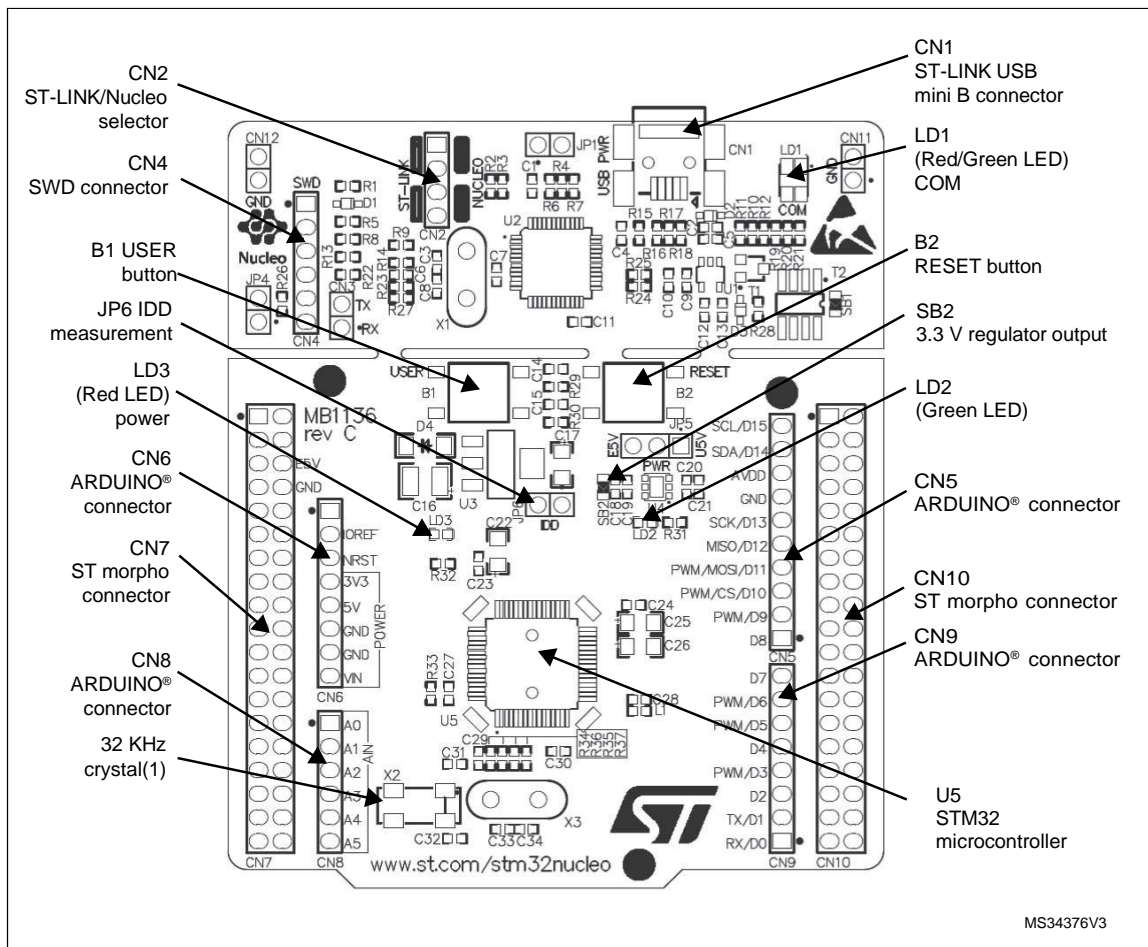


Figure 1: Component Layout of STM32-Nucleo Board Used in lab

The following onboard features will be used in this lab:

User LD2: the green LED is a user LED connected to ARDUINO® signal D13 corresponding to STM32 I/O PA5 (pin 21) or PB13 (pin 34) depending on the STM32 target.

B1 USER: the user button is connected to the I/O PC13 (pin 2) of the STM32 microcontroller.

B2 RESET: this push-button is connected to NRST, and is used to RESET the STM32 microcontroller.

2.2 Memory Mapped I/O

Arm uses Memory-Mapped I/O. Memory-mapped I/O uses the same address space to address both memory and I/O devices. The memory and registers of the I/O devices are mapped to (associated with) address values. So a memory address may refer to either a portion of physical RAM, or instead to memory and registers of the I/O device. Thus, the CPU instructions used to access the memory can also be used for accessing devices. Each I/O device monitors the CPU's address bus and responds to any CPU access of an address assigned to that device, connecting the data bus to the desired device's hardware register. To accommodate the I/O devices, areas of the addresses used by the CPU must be reserved for I/O and must not be available for normal physical memory.

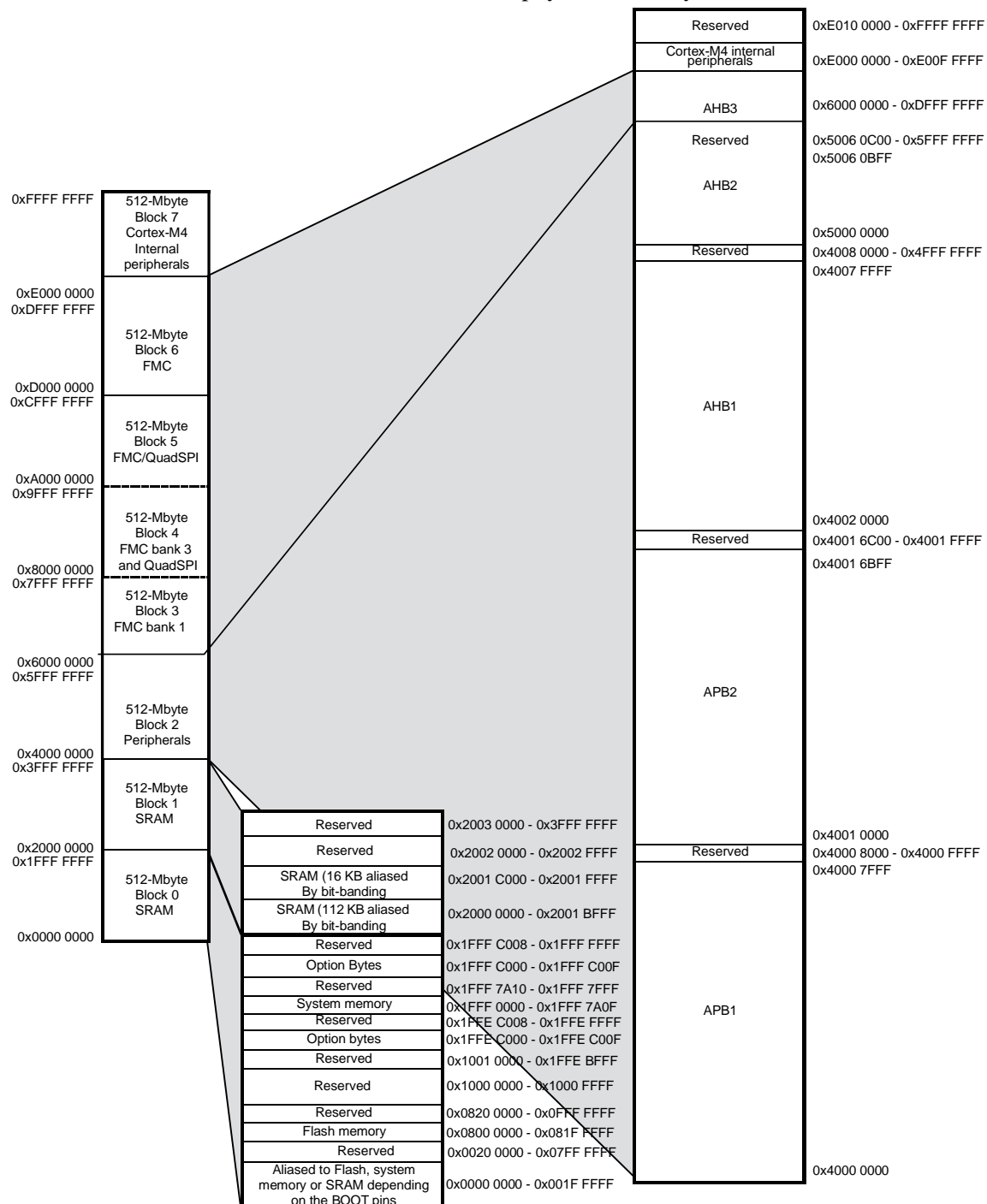


Figure 2. Memory map of STM32F446

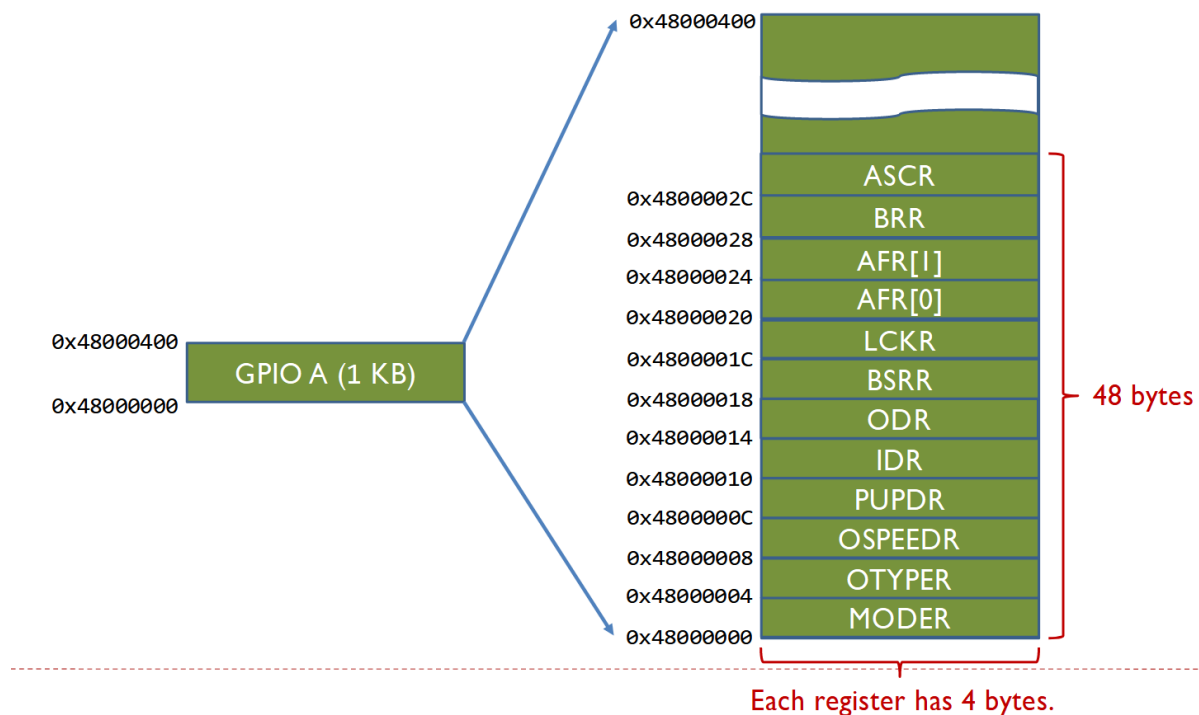


Figure 3. Memory map of a single GPIO port, STM32L476

Depending on specific processor, the address of a particular output register can vary. For example, STM32L476 (As used in Zhu's book) has the address of GPIOB as 0x4800 0400 - 0x4800 07FF, where as STM32F446 (As used in Lab) has the address of GPIOB as 0x4002 0400 - 0x4002 07FF.

It is inconvenient to memorize exact address of the ports for writing program, so manufacturers typically give header library files with the addresses. **For the lab course, we will always try to use definitions from header file for writing code.**

With your given sample project, open the stm32f446xx.h header file.

```

915  /** @addtogroup Peripheral_memory_map
916  * @{
917  */
918  #define FLASH_BASE          0x08000000UL /*!< FLASH(up to 1 MB) base address in the alias region */
919  #define SRAM1_BASE          0x20000000UL /*!< SRAM1(112 KB) base address in the alias region */
920  #define SRAM2_BASE          0x2001C000UL /*!< SRAM2(16 KB) base address in the alias region */
921  #define PERIPH_BASE         0x40000000UL /*!< Peripheral base address in the alias region */
922  #define BKPSRAM_BASE        0x40024000UL /*!< Backup SRAM(4 KB) base address in the alias region */
923  #define FMC_R_BASE          0xA0000000UL /*!< FMC registers base address */
924  #define QSPI_R_BASE         0xA0001000UL /*!< QuadSPI registers base address */
925  #define SRAM1_BB_BASE       0x22000000UL /*!< SRAM1(112 KB) base address in the bit-band region */
926  #define SRAM2_BB_BASE       0x22380000UL /*!< SRAM2(16 KB) base address in the bit-band region */
927  #define PERIPH_BB_BASE      0x42000000UL /*!< Peripheral base address in the bit-band region */
928  #define BKPSRAM_BB_BASE     0x42480000UL /*!< Backup SRAM(4 KB) base address in the bit-band region */
929  #define FLASH_END           0x0807FFFFUL /*!< FLASH end address */
930  #define FLASH_OTP_BASE      0x1FFF7800UL /*!< Base address of : (up to 528 Bytes) embedded FLASH OTP Area */
931  #define FLASH_OTP_END       0x1FFF7A0FUL /*!< End address of : (up to 528 Bytes) embedded FLASH OTP Area */
932
933  /* Legacy defines */
934  #define SRAM_BASE            SRAM1_BASE
935  #define SRAM_BB_BASE         SRAM1_BB_BASE
936
937  /*< Peripheral memory map */
938  #define APB1PERIPH_BASE     PERIPH_BASE
939  #define APB2PERIPH_BASE     (PERIPH_BASE + 0x00010000UL)
940  #define AHB1PERIPH_BASE     (PERIPH_BASE + 0x00020000UL)
941  #define AHB2PERIPH_BASE     (PERIPH_BASE + 0x10000000UL)
942
943  /*< AHB1 peripherals */
944  #define GPIOA_BASE          (AHB1PERIPH_BASE + 0x000000UL)
945  #define GPIOB_BASE          (AHB1PERIPH_BASE + 0x000400UL)
946  #define GPIOC_BASE          (AHB1PERIPH_BASE + 0x000800UL)
947  #define GPIOD_BASE          (AHB1PERIPH_BASE + 0x000C00UL)
948  #define GPIOE_BASE          (AHB1PERIPH_BASE + 0x001000UL)
949  #define GPIOF_BASE          (AHB1PERIPH_BASE + 0x001400UL)
950  #define GPIOG_BASE          (AHB1PERIPH_BASE + 0x001800UL)

```

```

1122 #define GPIOA ((GPIO_TypeDef *) GPIOA_BASE)
1123 #define GPIOB ((GPIO_TypeDef *) GPIOB_BASE)
1124 #define GPIOC ((GPIO_TypeDef *) GPIOC_BASE)
1125 #define GPIOD ((GPIO_TypeDef *) GPIOD_BASE)
1126 #define GPIOE ((GPIO_TypeDef *) GPIOE_BASE)
1127 #define GPIOF ((GPIO_TypeDef *) GPIOF_BASE)
1128 #define GPIOG ((GPIO_TypeDef *) GPIOG_BASE)
1129 #define GPIOH ((GPIO_TypeDef *) GPIOH_BASE)

```

Observe that all ports addresses are defined with hash. Recall from your C programming, these “precompilation directives” are automatically translated to their respective integer values before compilation. We can simply use these definitions to configure the particular ports. The ports are type cast into ‘pointers’ (GPIO_TypeDef *) to ensure that whenever they are used in the C code, they refer to a memory location, and the value at that particular location can be updated.

The GPIO_TypeDef is defined as the following structure:

```

455 /**
456  * @brief General Purpose I/O
457  */
458
459 typedef struct
460 {
461     __IO uint32_t MODER; /*!< GPIO port mode register, Address offset: 0x00 */
462     __IO uint32_t OTYPER; /*!< GPIO port output type register, Address offset: 0x04 */
463     __IO uint32_t OSPEEDR; /*!< GPIO port output speed register, Address offset: 0x08 */
464     __IO uint32_t PUPDR; /*!< GPIO port pull-up/pull-down register, Address offset: 0x0C */
465     __IO uint32_t IDR; /*!< GPIO port input data register, Address offset: 0x10 */
466     __IO uint32_t ODR; /*!< GPIO port output data register, Address offset: 0x14 */
467     __IO uint32_t BSRR; /*!< GPIO port bit set/reset register, Address offset: 0x18 */
468     __IO uint32_t LCKR; /*!< GPIO port configuration lock register, Address offset: 0x1C */
469     __IO uint32_t AFR[2]; /*!< GPIO alternate function registers, Address offset: 0x20-0x24 */
470 } GPIO_TypeDef;

```

So it contains several register definitions inside it. To access the output data register of PortB, we can use `PORTB->ODR`, that would point to the memory location of that register.

If we want to set the output of GPIO port B pin 6 to high, we can use the following C statement. IUL is an unsigned long integer with a value of 1. Note the pins are numbered 0 - 15, instead of 1 - 16.

```
GPIOB->ODR |= 1UL<<6; // Set bit 6
```

Setting a pin to 0 can be done with the following statement

```
GPIOB->ODR &= ~(1UL<<6); // Clear bit 6
```

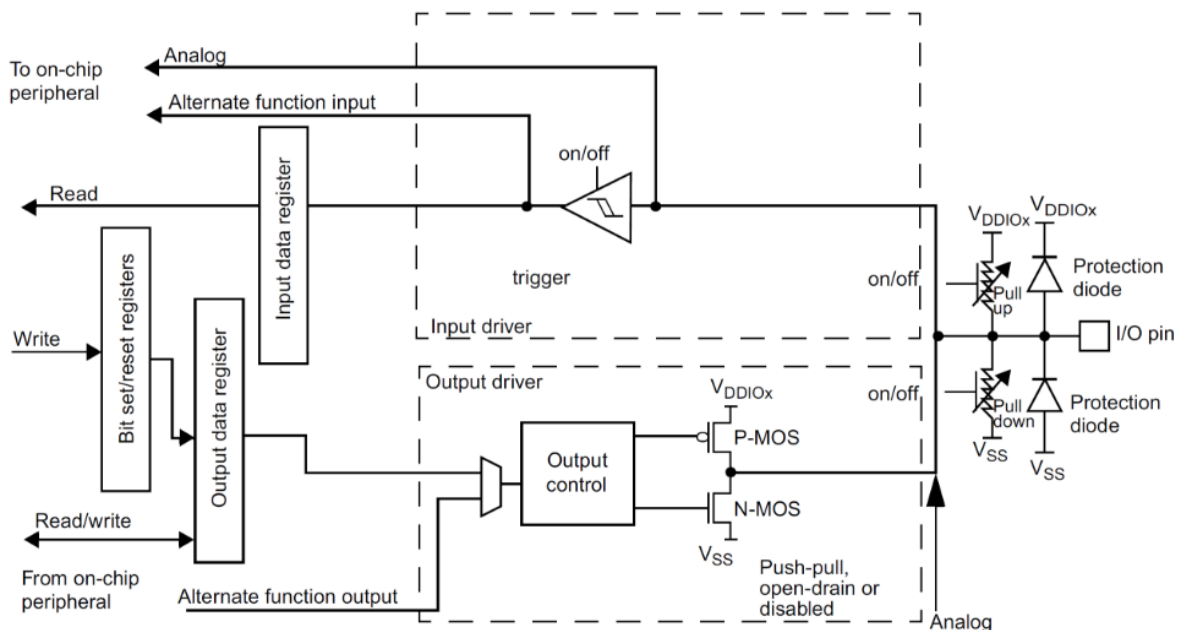


Figure 4. Basic Structure of an I/O Port Bit, Input and Output

But what does changing the value of a register mean? Each of the 16 pins of a single GPIO port has a lot of options integrated into its hardware, as shown in Fig. 4. above. We are basically enabling different parts of this diagram by putting certain value in the corresponding registers. [Details in **Appendix E**]

2.3 Initializing a Port

The following flowchart shows GPIO initialization steps:

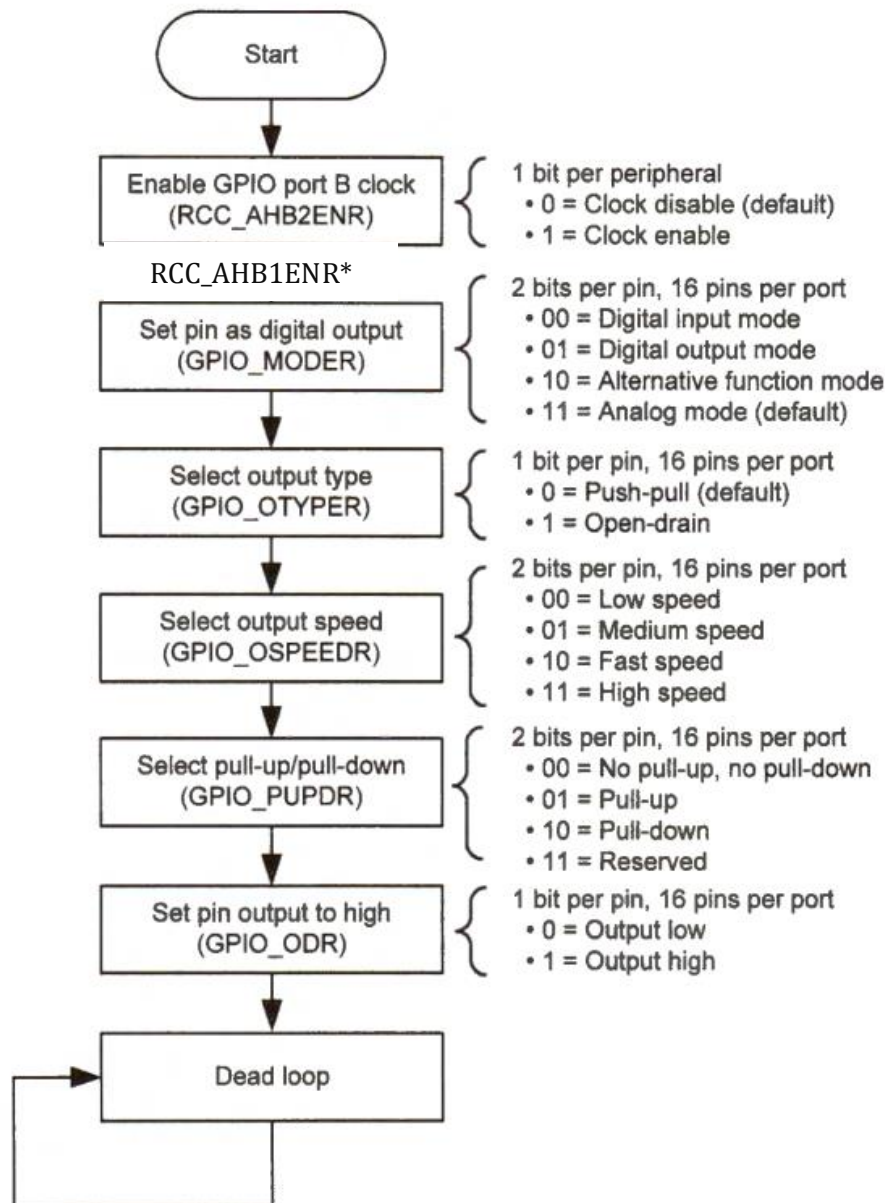


Figure 14-18. Flowchart of GPIO initialization

(*Note, for STM32L4 architecture RCC_AHB2ENR register has GPIO clock, for STM32F4 architecture, RCC_AHB1ENR has the GPIO clock.)

For port A, for setting pin5 as output, I/O initialization, this can be done with the following code:

```
#define LED_PIN 5
static void configure_LED_pin(){
    // Enable the clock to GPIO Port A
    RCC->AHB1ENR |= RCC_AHB1ENR_GPIOAEN;

    // GPIO Mode: Input(00), Output(01),
    // AlterFunc(10), Analog(11, reset)
    GPIOA->MODER &= ~(3UL<<(2*LED_PIN));
    GPIOA->MODER |= 1UL<<(2*LED_PIN); // Output(01)

    // GPIO Speed: Low speed (00), Medium speed (01),
    // Fast speed (10), High speed (11)
    GPIOA->OSPEEDR &= ~(3UL<<(2*LED_PIN));
    GPIOA->OSPEEDR |= 2UL<<(2*LED_PIN); // Fast speed

    // GPIO Output Type: Output push-pull (0, reset),
    // Output open drain (1)
    GPIOA->OTYPER &= ~(1UL<<LED_PIN); // Push-pull

    // GPIO Push-Pull:
    // No pull-up, pull-down (00),
    // Pull-up (01), Pull-down (10), Reserved (11)
    GPIOA->PUPDR &= ~(3UL<<(2*LED_PIN));
    // No pull-up, no pull-down
}
```

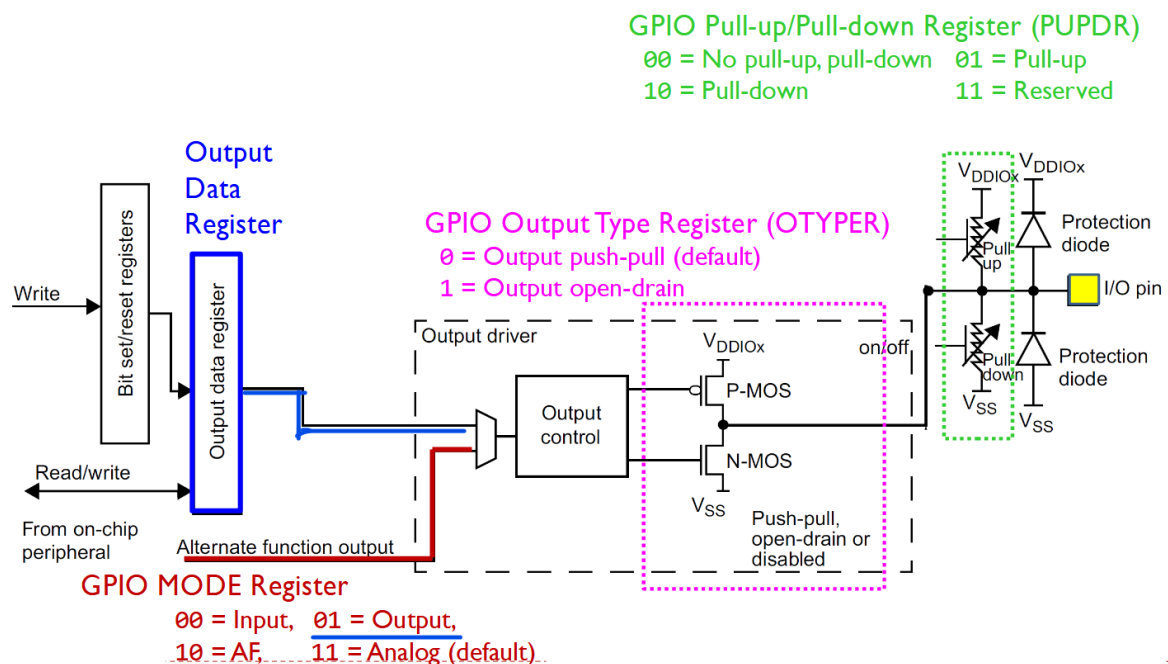


Figure 5. Basic Scture of a GPIO pin in output mode

2.4 Stepper Motor

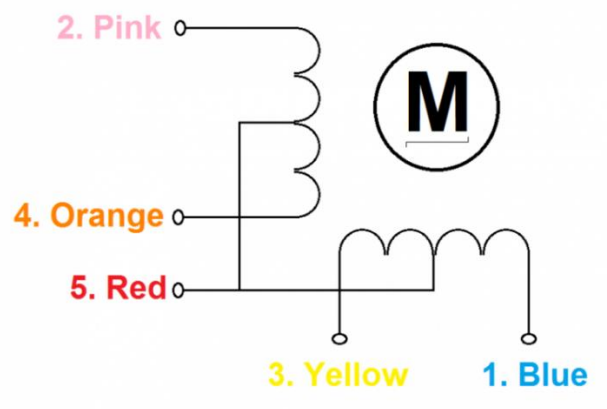
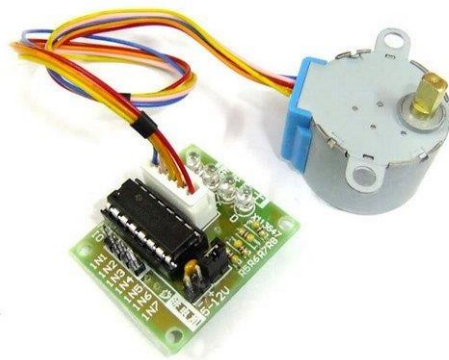


Figure 4. Stepper motor and control board (Model: 28BYJ-48).

A stepper motor and control board, as shown in Figure , will be provided. The control board has a ULN2003 Darlington Array. The following is the hardware information.

Motor model	28BYJ-48	Number of phases	2
Rated voltage	5V DC	Geared reduction ratio	1/64
DC resistance per phase	50Ω±7%(25°C)	Pull in torque	>300gf.cm / 5VDC 100pp

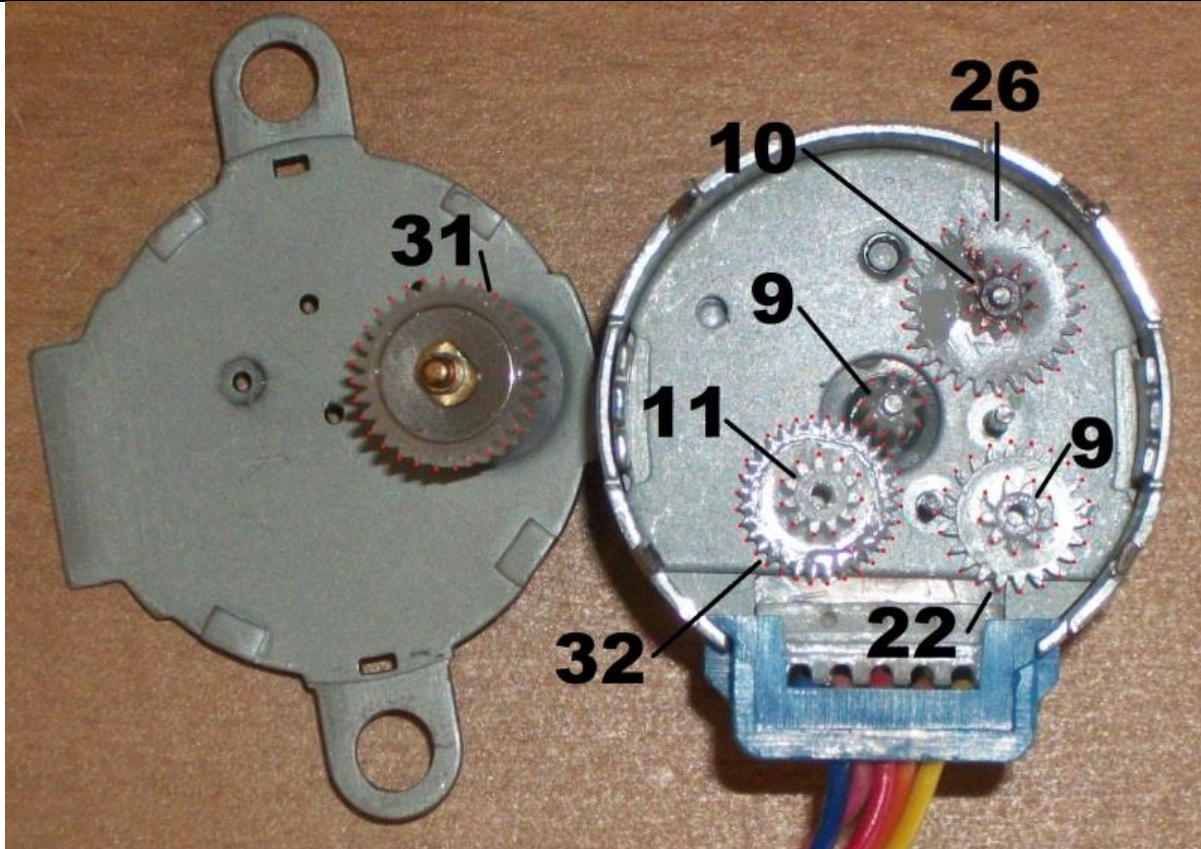


Figure 5. Internal gears of the stepper motor (image from forum.arduino.cc)

The gear ratio is:

$$\frac{31 \times 32 \times 26 \times 22}{11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 9} = 63.68395$$

If the output shaft rotates 1 resolution (gear with 31 teeth in the figure), the internal shaft (gear with 9

teeth in the middle) must rotate approximately 64 resolutions.

Full-stepping

- Internal motor: 32 steps per revolution
- Great reduction ratio: $1/63.68395$, approximately $1/64$
- Thus, it takes $32 \times 64 = 2048$ steps, or 512 repeats of the 4-step pattern, for the output shaft to complete a rotation

Half-stepping

- Internal motor: 64 steps per revolution
- Great reduction ratio: $1/63.68395 \approx 1/64$
- Thus, it takes $64 \times 64 = 4096$ steps, or 512 repeats of the 8-step pattern, for the output shaft to complete a rotation

To rotate a specific degree, your program should do the math to convert the value in degrees to a number of steps, and then do the rotation.

3 Lighting up the LED

- Do something cool. The following gives a few examples, but you are not limited to this.
Creative ideas are always encouraged.

There are one user-controllable green LED (light-emitting diodes) on the **STM32 NUCLEO-F446RE** board. The LED one is connected to the pin GPIO **PA5** (Port A Pin 5), as shown in the figure below.

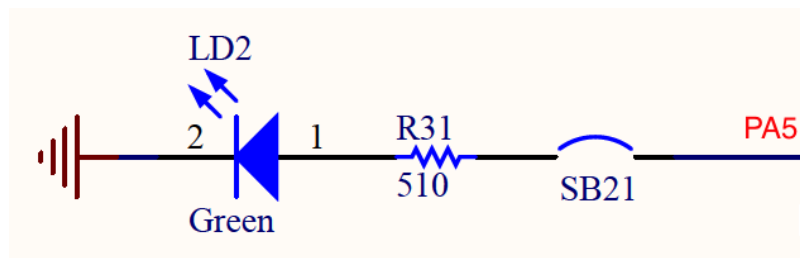


Figure 6: LED Circuit Diagram in the Nucleo Board

To turn on a LED, software must at least perform the following five operations:

1. **Enable the clock** of the corresponding GPIO port. By default, the clock to all peripherals, including GPIO ports, are turned off to save the energy.
2. Set the **mode** of the corresponding GPIO pin must be set as **output**. By default, the mode of all GPIO pin is analog.
3. Set the push-pull/open-drain setting for the GPIO pins to **push-pull**
4. Set the pull-up/pull-down setting for the GPIO pins to **no pull-up and no pull-down**.
5. Finally, set the output of the GPIO pin to have a value of 1 (corresponding to 3.3V)

For this section, we will program in C.

1. Copy the everything in the folder **Project_C_Template_Simple** to the folder **lab_01**.
2. See if you can build the template code. It should build, but not do anything yet.

- (1) Click on the **uvproj** file, and open the project from Keil.
 - (2) Click on the “**build**” button to build. This is near the top left, and looks like a box with an arrow going into it.
 - (3) Now edit the **main.c** file in the editor. Modify the C as described below.
3. Modify **main.c** to enable the registers you need to turn on the LED. You should have already calculated the values you need to write in the Pre-lab. If you want a reference for what you are programming, see *RM0351 Reference manual: STM32L4x5 and STM32L4x6 advanced Arm-based 32-bit MCUs*.

You will use bitwise operations to set/clear the registers. Some of this might seem repetitive. Feel free to use function calls or other more advanced C methods if you feel like it helps.

- (1) Program the **AHB1ENR** register to enable the clock of **GPIO Port A**.

RCC->AHB1ENR

The provided **stm32f476xx.h** header file provides some helpers to make this easier. The memory-mapped I/O has been set up to point to the various structures with a volatile pointer. For example, to set the **GPIOCEN** bit (GPIO Port C enable) in the **AHB1ENR** register, you would do something like the following:

```
RCC->AHB1ENR |= (1<<2);
```

The header file **stm32f446xx.h** provides:

```
#define RCC_AHB1ENR_GPIOCEN ((uint32_t)0x00000004)
#define RCC_AHB1ENR_GPIOCEN_Pos (2U)
#define RCC_AHB1ENR_GPIOCEN_Msk (0x1UL << RCC_AHB1ENR_GPIOCEN_Pos)
#define RCC_AHB1ENR_GPIOCEN RCC_AHB1ENR_GPIOCEN_Msk
```

Thus, the following is recommended to make your code more readable and easier to debug and maintain.

```
RCC->AHB1ENR |= RCC_AHB1ENR_GPIOCEN;
```

Note that the following statement is incorrect because it enables the clock of port C but at the time it turn off all the other clock controlled by this register. The code should enable the port C clock, without impacting the clock settings of the other ports.

```
RCC->AHB1ENR = RCC_AHB1ENR_GPIOCEN;
```

- (2) Program the port A mode register (**MODER**) to set Pin 5 to be output.

GPIOA->MODER

- (3) Program the port A output type register (**OTYPER**) to set Pin 5 as push-pull.

GPIOA->OTYPER

- (4) Program the port A pull-up/pull-down register (**PUPDR**) to set Pin 5 as no-pull-up no pull-down.

GPIOA->PUPDR

- (5) Finally, program the port A output data register (**ODR**) to set the output of Pin 5 to 1 or 0, which enable or disable the LED, respectively.

GPIOA->ODR

To output high (3.3V) on pin 5, just set bit 5 of **ODR** to 1.

- (6) At the end of your code put an infinite loop to keep the code from executing off the end of your program. This would look something like

```
while(1);
```

4. While doing this, be sure to comment your code appropriately!
5. Now compile/build your code
 - (1) Press the **build** button. Check the window at the bottom for warnings and especially for errors. The IDE will show little error icons by your code too if it detects any.
 - (2) Then, plug the board into your laptop with the USB cable if you haven't already.
 - (3) Now download your code to the board by pressing the **download** button.
 - (4) Push the reset button (black) on the board to run your program

It is possible that your code is buggy so that Keil can't program the board anymore. In this case, you can use ST-Link utility to erase the flash memory. See this YouTube tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OiwvB0AvIBI>

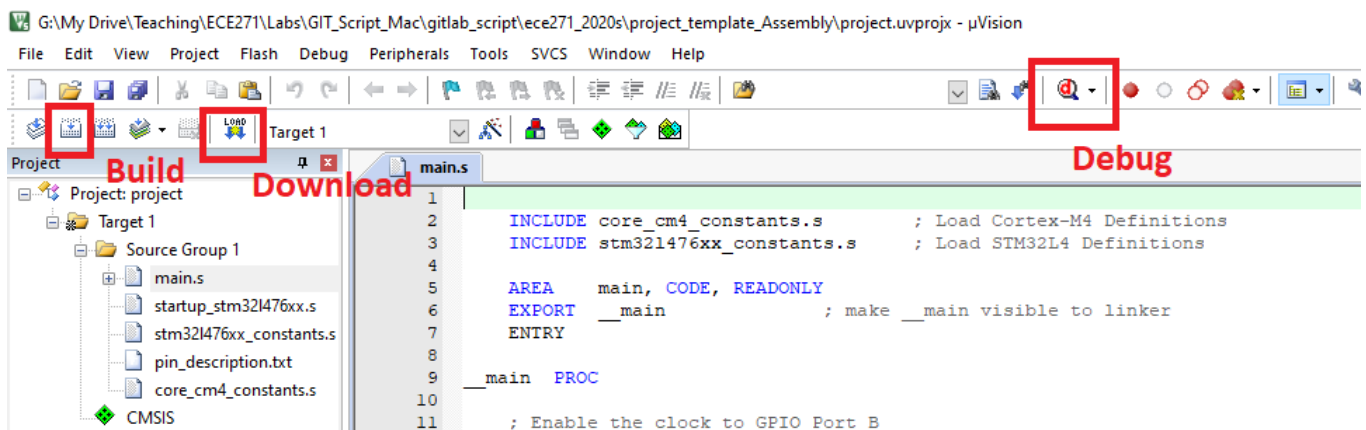


Figure 7: Build, Download and Debug

If the code doesn't work, you will have to debug your code to find out what is wrong.

Review this debug tutorial: <https://youtu.be/w4gPcYRk9o8>

Keil allows us to view the values of Cortex-M registers and all peripheral registers in real-time. Click the following: Peripherals, System Viewers, GPIO, and GPIOC

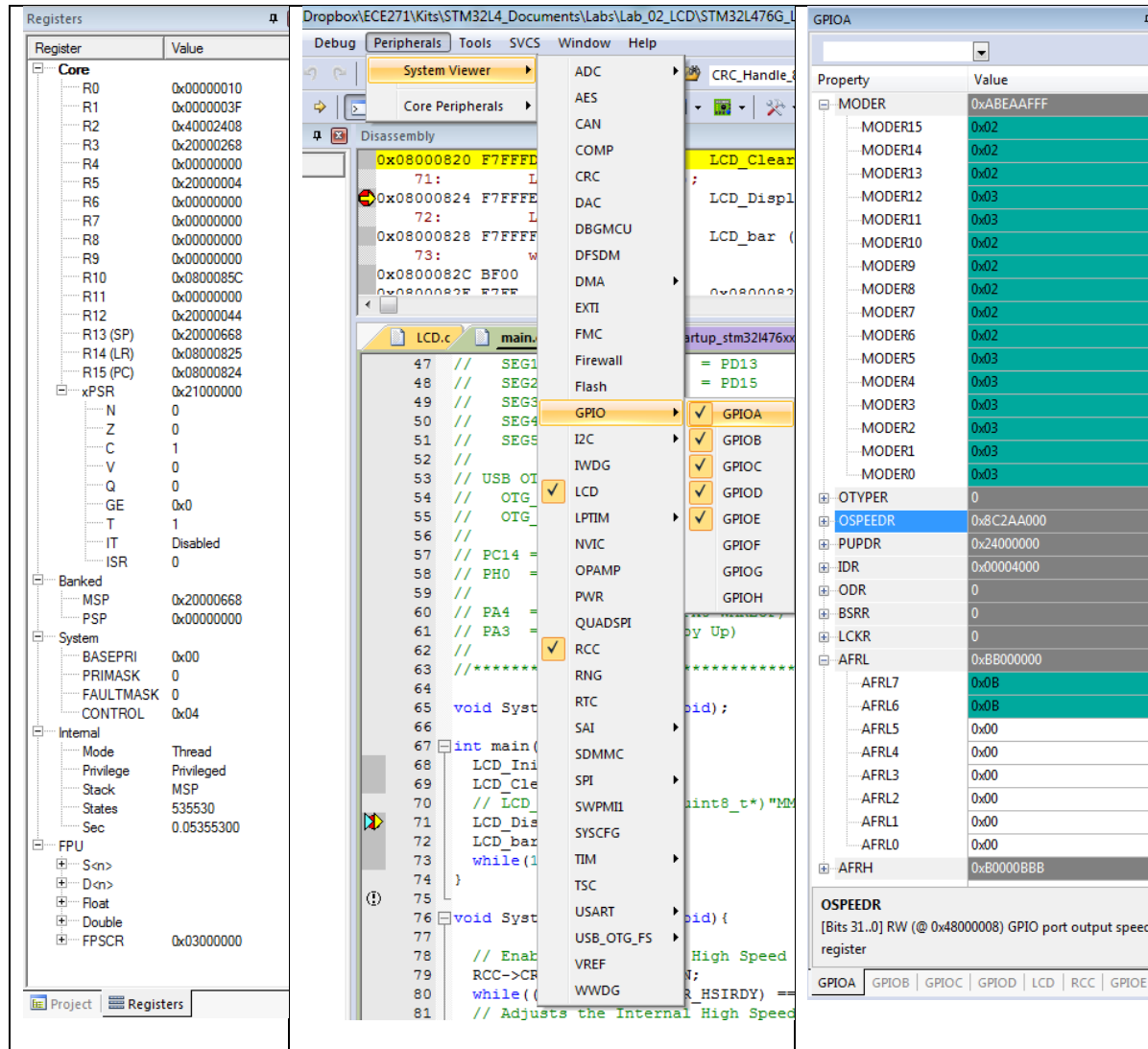


Figure 8: Different Debug Components

4 Interfacing Push Button

There is a blue user button the board. The button is connected to the microcontroller's **GPIO Port C Pin 13 (PC 13)**, as shown on the right.

- The pin is pulled up to VDD via a resistor (R30).
- When the button is not pressed, the voltage on PC 13 is VDD.
- When the button is pressed down, the voltage on PC 13 is 0.
- The circuit performs **hardware debouncing** using a resistor (R29) and a capacitor (C15). It forms a simple RC filter (resistive capacitive filter), which debounces the pushbutton switch.

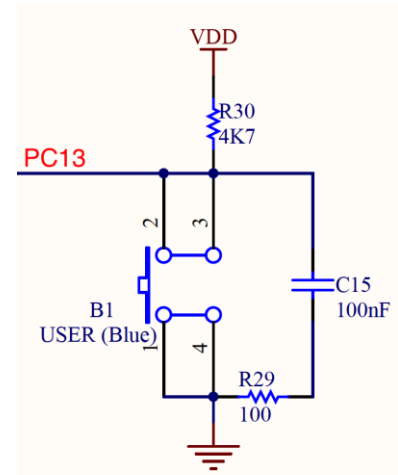


Figure 9: Push Button Connection

You will do the above in C.

1. Program **RCC->AHB1ENR** and enabled the clock to GPIO Port C (by default they are disabled).
2. Program **GPIOC->MODER** and set the mode of Pin PC 13 to be **input** (by default they are analog).
3. Program **GPIOC->PUPDR** and set the pull-up/pull-down setting of Pin PC 13 to have a **no pull-up no pull-down**.
4. Modify your code to have an infinite loop. Each time through the loop, read the status the USER pushbutton. Each time the button is pressed, the LED is toggled.
 - (1) Read **GPIOC->IDR** and use proper bitwise operation to check whether bit 13 is 0. As hardware diagram shows, the voltage on pin PC 13 is high if the user button is not pressed. It is strongly recommended to constants defined in the provided **stm32f446xx.h** header file to make your code more readable. For example, the bit mask of bit 13 is defined in the header file, which is equivalent to $1 < 13$.

```
// Provided in stm32F446xx.h and no need to redefine it.
#define GPIO_IDR_IDR_13      GPIO_IDR_ID13
#define GPIO_IDR_IDR_13      ((uint32_t)0x00002000)
#define GPIO_IDR_ID13_Pos    (13U)
#define GPIO_IDR_ID13_Msk    (0x1UL << GPIO_IDR_ID13_Pos)
/*!< 0x00002000 */
#define GPIO_IDR_ID13        GPIO_IDR_ID13_Msk
```

The following statement waits until the button is pressed.

```
while(GPIOC->IDR & GPIO_IDR_IDR_13);
```

- (2) **Toggle the LED.** Review the bitwise operations regarding how to toggle a bit in a register.

5 Stepper Motor Exercise

Interfacing the stepper motor requires four pins, excluding +5V and ground. We will be using GPIO **PC 5, PC 6, PC 8, and PC 9**.

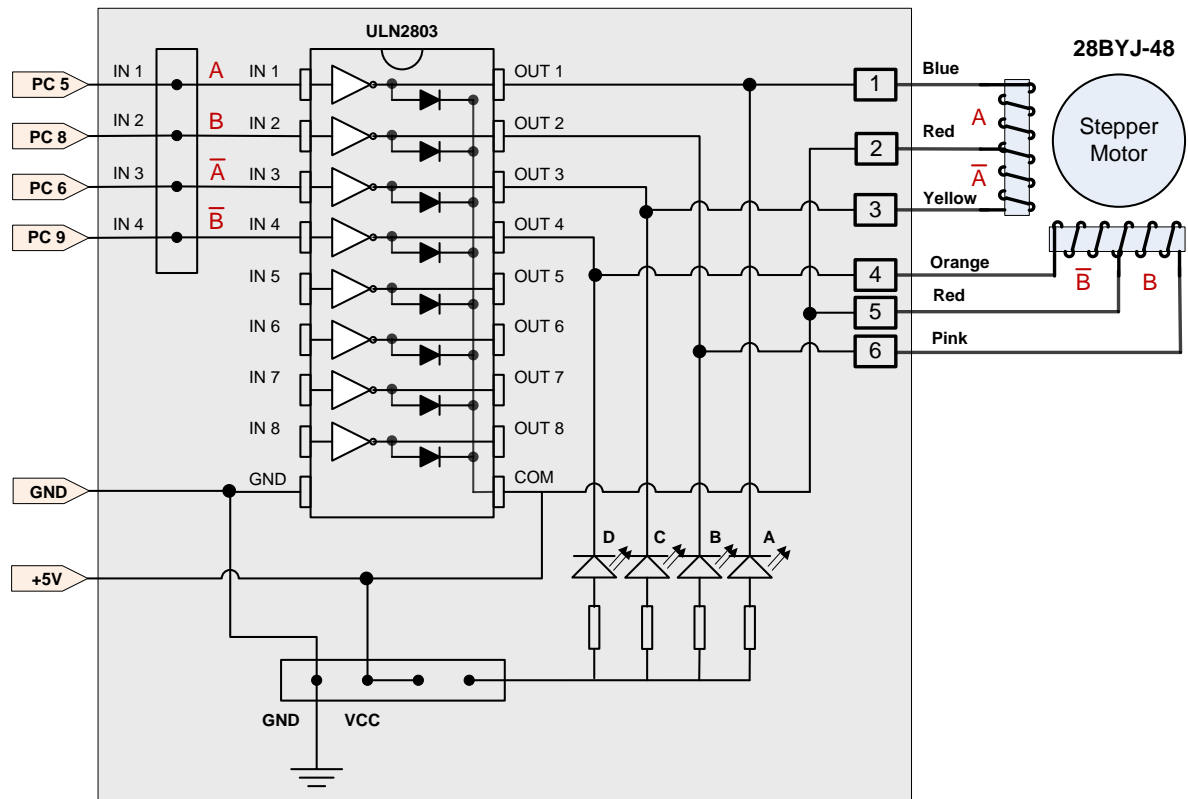


Figure 10. Connection diagram of the motor driver board (Model: 28BYJ-48).

Refer to Figure 16-10 and 16-12 of textbook, and sketch out below what the waveform should be on the pins for a full-stepping sequence and a half-stepping sequence.

Full stepping sequence

Half stepping sequence

	1	2	3	4
A	PC 5			
\bar{A}	PC 6			
B	PC 8			
\bar{B}	PC 9			

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	PC 5							
\bar{A}	PC 6							
B	PC 8							
\bar{B}	PC 9							

WARNING!

The motor constantly draws electrical currents. The motor will be overheated if you leave the power on for an extended period. **Disconnect the 5V power (Vcc) to the Darlington array if you are not actively debugging/testing it.**

- a. How would you change the rotation speed of a stepper motor?
- b. How would you reverse the rotation direction?

6 Lab Exercises

- 6.1 Problem 1: Using GPIO a LED to send out SOS in Morse code ($\cdot \cdot \cdot - - - \cdot \cdot \cdot$) if the user button is pressed. DOT, DOT, DOT, DASH, DASH, DASH, DOT, DOT, DOT. DOT is on for $\frac{1}{4}$ second and DASH is on for $\frac{1}{2}$ second, with $\frac{1}{4}$ second between these light-ons. Write the main program below. Demonstrate working code during lab time
- 6.2 Write a program that would do the following tasks. Demonstrate the code during lab time. Write the code below:
 - When push button is not pressed, stepper motor will run counter clock-wise in full-step
 - When push button is pressed, LED starts blinking AND stepper motor runs clock wise

`static void main(void) {}`

7 Question and Answer

Read the relevant chapter of the textbook and answer the following questions:

7.1 LED

- a. Why did we configure the pin PA 5 that drives the LED as push-pull instead of open-drain?
- b. What is GPIO output speed? What is the default speed? Did you notice any difference of you choose different speeds in this lab assignment?

- c. Each GPIO pin has four programmable output speeds: low, medium, fast, and high. Specifically, for STM32F4, the slew rate of the high-speed output can be up to 80 MHz. Why the “low speed” configuration is recommended for controlling LED? (Hints: energy and electromagnetic interference)
- d. Why did we configure the pin that drive the LED as push-pull instead of open-drain?

7.2 Push Button

- e. The pushbutton on the board has a *hardware debouncing* circuit. Explain briefly how the hardware debouncing circuit works.
- f. Debouncing can also be done in software. Explain how this could be done in software

- g. Why do we configure the pins that drive the pushbutton as no pull-up no pull-down? Can we configure it as pull-down?

7.3 Stepper Motor

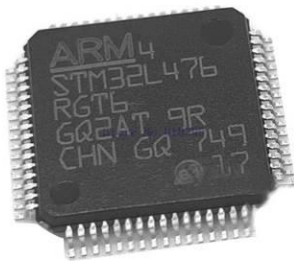
- h. The Darlington array can only provide 500-mA of current. If you need a larger current, what could you use instead of the Darlington array.

- i. Is it possible to rotate the motor less than 1/2 step? (Hints: micro-stepping, see Textbook Chapter 16.6)

- j. What is GPIO output speed? What is the default speed? Did you notice any difference if you choose different speeds in this lab assignment?

Appendix A: Microcontroller STM32L476

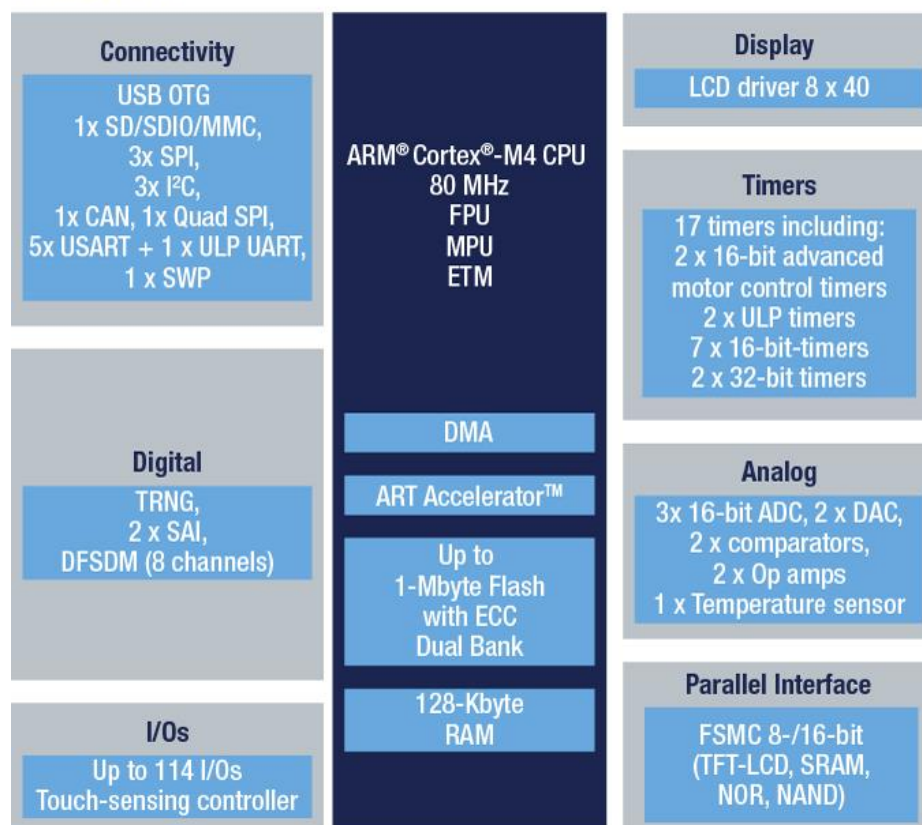
The NUCLEO-L476RG board has a 32-bit Arm Cortex-M4F microcontroller. This is used in our text book.



- Part Number: **STM32L476RGT6**
- Total number of pins: 64
- Total number of I/O pins: 51
- Maximum clock frequency: 80MHz
- Program memory size: 1 MB
- Operating supply voltage: 1.71V to 3.6V
- I/O voltage: 3.3V
- Analog supply voltage: 3.3V

The following figure summarizes the I/O connection supported and internal peripherals.

STM32L476



Appendix B: Microcontroller STM32F446

The NUCLEO-L446RE board has a 32-bit Arm Cortex-M4F microcontroller.

This board is used in BUET lab.



- Part Number: **STM32F446RE**
- Total number of pins: 64
- Total number of I/O pins: 51
- Maximum clock frequency: **180MHz**
- Program memory size: **512 kB**
- Operating supply voltage: 1.71V to 3.6V
- I/O voltage: **1.7-3.6V**
- Analog supply voltage: **1.7-3.6V**

The following figure summarizes the I/O connection supported and internal peripherals.

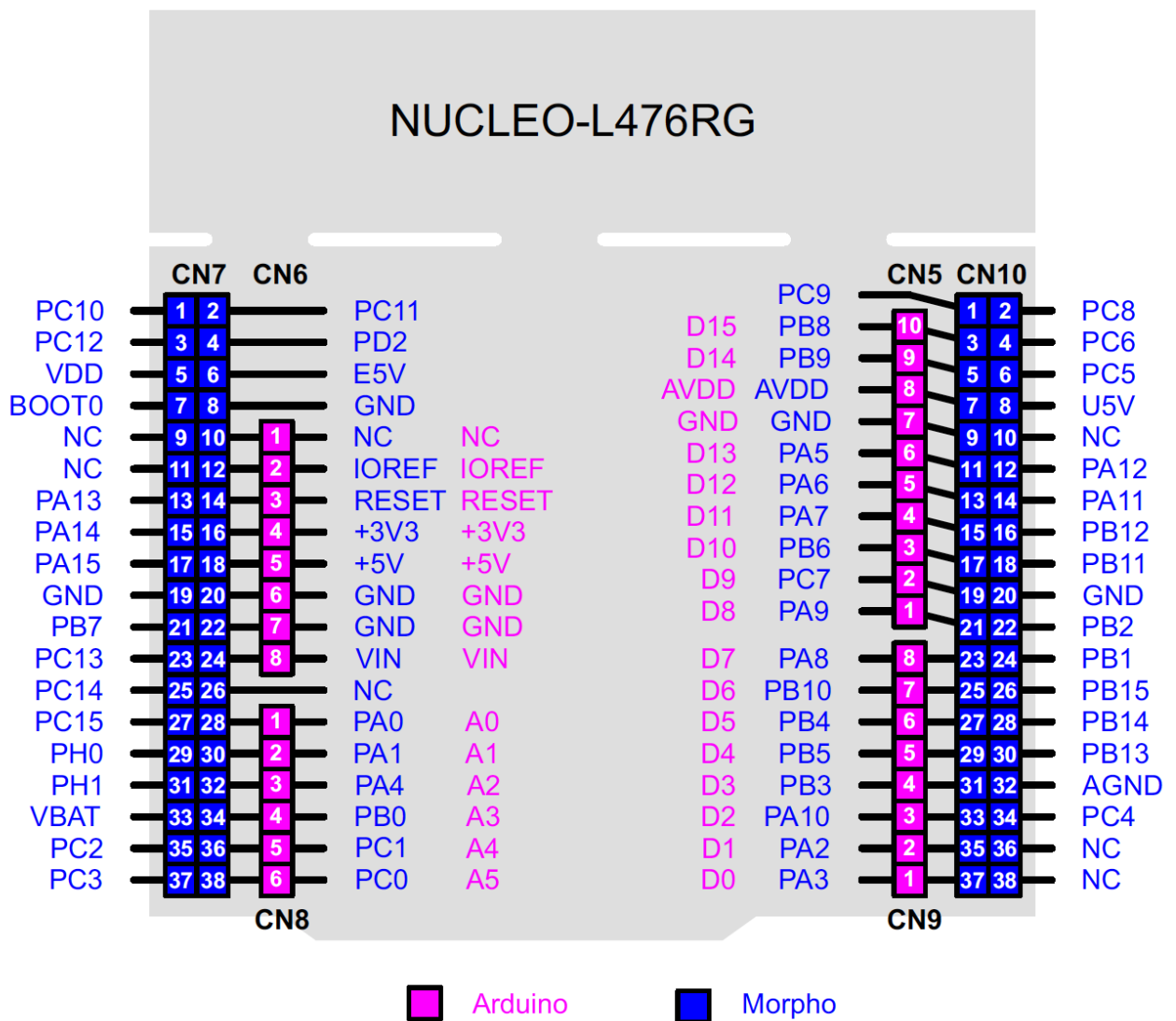
STM32F446

System	Chrom-ART Accelerator™	
Power supply 1.2 V internal regulator POR/PDR/PVD	ART Accelerator™	
Xtal oscillators 32 kHz + 4 ~26 MHz	180 MHz Arm® Cortex®-M4 CPU	Connectivity
Internal RC oscillators 32 kHz + 16 MHz	Floating Point Unit (FPU)	4x SPI (3x with I²S)
PLL	Nested Vector Interrupt Controller (NVIC)	Camera interface
Clock control	JTAG/SW debug	4x I²C
RTC/AWU	Embedded Trace Macrocell (ETM)	2x CAN 2.0B
1x SysTick timer	Memory Protection Unit (MPU)	1x USB 2.0 OTG FS/HS
2x watchdogs (independent and window)	Multi-AHB bus matrix	1x USB 2.0 OTG FS
50/63/81/114 I/Os	16-channel DMA	1x SDMMC
Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)		4x USART + 2 UART LIN, smartcard, IrDA, modem control
96-bit unique ID		2x SAI (Serial Audio Interface)
Voltage scaling		HDMI CEC
		SPDIF input x4
Control		Analog
2x 16-bit motor-control PWM synchronized AC timer	True random number generator (RNG)	2-channel 2x 12-bit DAC
10x 16-bit timers 2x 32-bit timers	Up to 512-Kbyte Flash memory	Up to 3x 12-bit ADC 2.4 MSPS Up to 24 channels 7.2 MSPS
	128-Kbyte SRAM	Temperature sensor
	External memory interface W/SDRAM support	
	80-byte + 4-Kbyte backup data	
	512 OTP bytes	
	Dual Quad SPI	

Appendix C: Pin Connections on Nucleo-64 board

This diagram is common for both Nucleo-L476RG and Nucleo-L446RE

Board Component	Microcontroller Pin	Comment
Green LED	PA 5	SB42 closed and SB29 open by default
Blue user button	PC 13	Pulled up externally
Black reset button	NRST	Connect to ground to reset
ST-Link UART TX	PA 2	STLK_TX
ST-Link UART RX	PA 3	STLK_RX
ST-Link SWO/TDO	PB 3	Trace output pin/Test Data Out pin
ST-Link SWDIO/TMS	PA 13	Data I/O pin/Test Mode State pin
ST-Link SWDCLK/TCK	PA 14	Clock pin/Test Clock pin



Appendix D: Clock Configuration

There are two major types of clocks: **system clock** and **peripheral clock**. A video tutorial is given here: <https://youtu.be/o6ZWD0PAoJk>

- **System Clock:** To meet the requirement of performance and energy-efficiency for different applications, the processor core can be driven by four different clock sources, including **HSI** (high-speed internal) oscillator clock, **HSE** (high-speed external) oscillator clock, **PLL** clock, and **LSI** (low-speed internal and LSE (low-speed external) oscillator clock. A faster clock provides better performance but usually consumes more power, which is not appropriate for battery-powered systems.

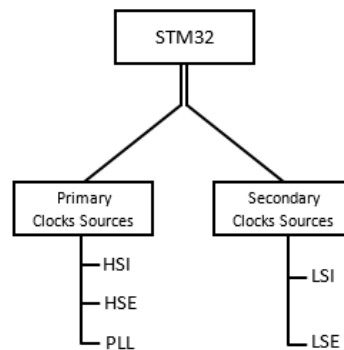


Figure-2: STM32F4xx Clock sources

- **Peripheral Clock:** All peripherals require to be clocked to function. However, *clocks of all peripherals are turned off by default to reduce power consumption.*

Overall the primary clock sources on STM32F4xx selection and distribution is shown in bellow figure.

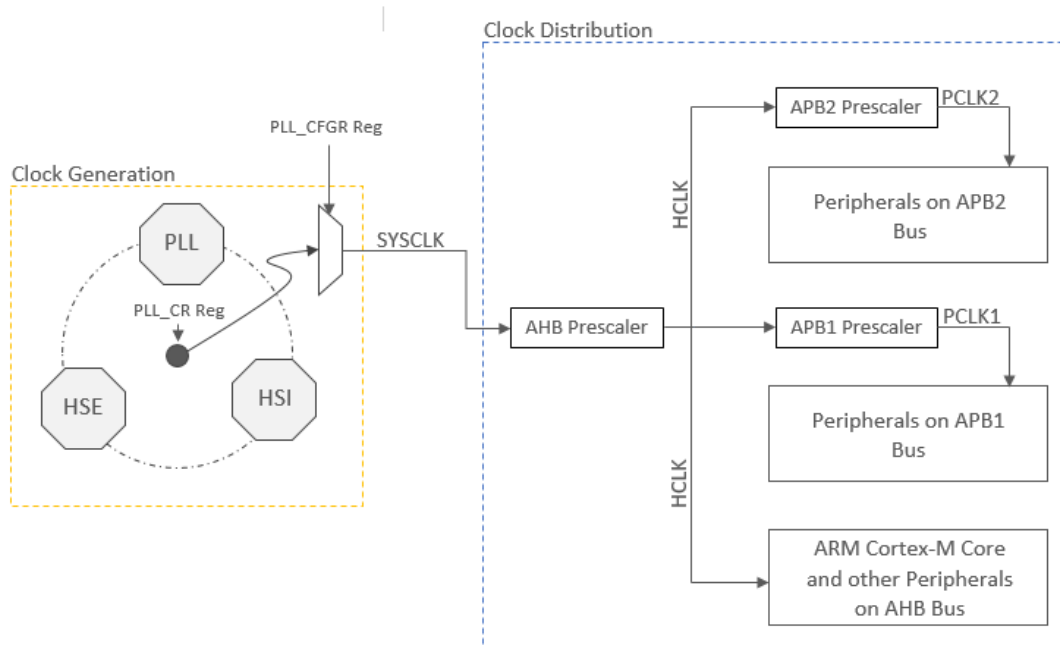


Figure-D1: STM32F4xx Primary clock selection and distribution

In STM32 any of three primary clock sources can be selected/deselected and switched via three RCC Registers i.e. *RCC clock control register (RCC_CR)* – Figure-4, *RCC clock configuration register (RCC_CFGR)*, and *RCC PLL configuration register (RCC_PLLCFGR)*.

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
Reserved		PLLSAI RDY	PLLSAI ON	PLLI2S RDY	PLLI2S ON	PLLRD Y	PLLON	Reserved				CSS ON	HSE BYP	HSE RDY	HSE ON
		r	rw	r	rw	r	rw					rw	rw	r	rw
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
HSICAL[7:0]								HSITRIM[4:0]				Res.		HSI RDY	HSION
r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	rw	rw	rw	rw			r	rw

Figure-D2: STM32 RCC clock control register (RCC_CR)

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
MCO2		MCO2 PRE[2:0]			MCO1 PRE[2:0]			I2SSC R	MCO1		RTCPRE[4:0]				
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
PPRE2[2:0]			PPRE1[2:0]			Reserved		HPRE[3:0]				SWS1	SWS0	SW1	SW0
rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw			rw	rw	rw	rw	r	r	rw	rw

Figure-D3: STM32 RCC clock configuration register (RCC_CFGR)

31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16
Reserved				PLLQ3	PLLQ2	PLLQ1	PLLQ0	Reserv ed	PLLSR C	Reserved				PLLp1	PLLp0
				rw	rw	rw	rw		rw					rw	rw
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Reserv ed	PLLN									PLLM5	PLLM4	PLLM3	PLLM2	PLLM1	PLLM0
	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw	rw

Figure-D4: STM32 RCC PLL configuration register (RCC_PLLCFGR)

Following are the steps to select *High Speed Internal (HSI)* as System Clock.

1. Turn ON HSI Oscillator (bit-0, RCC-CR, **HSION**)
2. Wait until the clock get stable (bit-1, RCC-CR, **HSIRDY**)
3. Switch System clock to HSI (bit-0,1 in RCC_CFGR; see Figure-7 SW1,SW2)

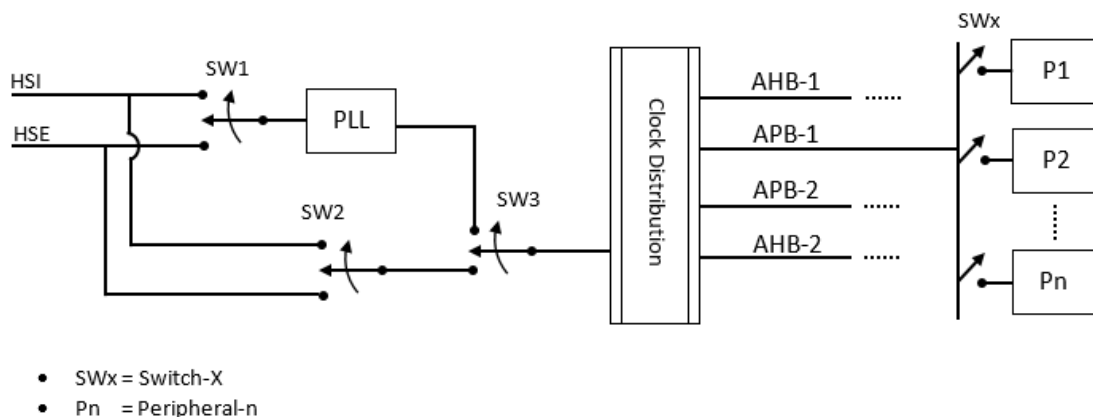


Figure-D5: STM32F4xx RCC functional diagram

PLL Configuration

STM32F uses PLLs to take the input clock and adjust/multiply it and emit on an output pin. It acts as a input frequency amplifier.

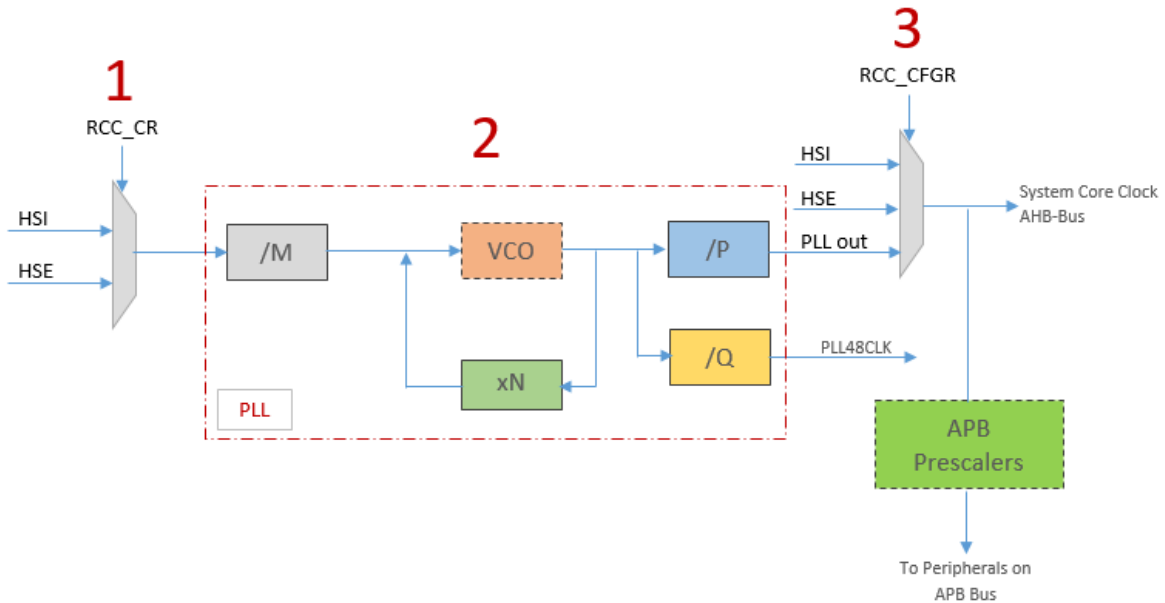


Figure-D6: STM32F4xx main PLL functional diagram

1. PLL input Clock Source: As mentioned earlier, PLL is not a clock source itself, it takes input clock from a clock source, adjust/multiply it, and emit it on output pin. It acts like an amplifier that amplifies input frequency. So before we can use PLL, we must feed it from some clock source – Figure-8.

2. Configuring PLL: The next step is to configure PLL main Logic as shown in Figure-8. The PLL output frequency is calculated as:

$$f_{(\text{VCO clock})} = \frac{f_{(\text{PLL clock input})} \times \text{PLLN}}{\text{PLLM}}$$

$$f_{(\text{PLL clock output})} = \frac{f_{(\text{VCO clock})}}{\text{PLL P}}$$

$$f_{(\text{USB OTG FS, SDIO, RNG Clock output})} = \frac{f_{(\text{VCO clock})}}{\text{PLL Q}}$$

While configuring PLL, following conditions need to meet otherwise PLL may not lock. Reserved bits must be kept at their default values in PLL registers.

PLL bits can be written only when PLL is disabled.

VCO input frequency ranges from 1 to 2 MHz. It is recommended to select a frequency of 2 MHz to limit PLL jitter.

VCO output frequency must be in range 192 to 432 MHz.

3. Switching to PLL: The last step is to switch system to PLL clock.

The software provided in this lab uses the 16MHz HSI as the input to the PLL clock. Appropriate scaling factors have been selected to achieve the maximum allowed clock speed (80 MHz). See the function void **System_Clock_Init()** for details.

```
static void enable_HSI(){

    /* Enable Power Control clock */
    /* RCC->APB1ENR |= RCC_APB1LPENR_PWRLPEN; */

    // Regulator voltage scaling output selection: Scale 2
    // PWR->CR |= PWR_CR_VOS_1;

    // Enable High Speed Internal Clock (HSI = 16 MHz)
    RCC->CR |= ((uint32_t)RCC_CR_HSION);
    while ((RCC->CR & RCC_CR_HSIRDY) == 0); // Wait until HSI ready

    // Store calibration value
    PWR->CR |= (uint32_t)(16 << 3);

    // Reset CFGR register
    RCC->CFGR = 0x00000000;

    // Reset HSEON, CSSON and PLLON bits
    RCC->CR &= ~(RCC_CR_HSEON | RCC_CR_CSSON | RCC_CR_PLLON);
    while ((RCC->CR & RCC_CR_PLLRDY) != 0); // Wait until PLL disabled

    // Programming PLLCFGR register
    // RCC->PLLCFGR = 0x24003010; // This is the default value

    // Tip:
    // Recommended to set VOC Input f(PLL clock input) / PLLM to 1-2MHz
    // Set VCO output between 192 and 432 MHz,
    // f(VCO clock) = f(PLL clock input) × (PLLN / PLLM)
    // f(PLL general clock output) = f(VCO clock) / PLLP
    // f(USB OTG FS, SDIO, RNG clock output) = f(VCO clock) / PLLQ

    RCC->PLLCFGR = 0;
    RCC->PLLCFGR &= ~(RCC_PLLCFGR_PLLSRC); // PLLSRC = 0 (HSI 16 Mhz clock
selected as clock source)
    RCC->PLLCFGR |= 16 << RCC_PLLCFGR_PLLN_Pos; // PLLM = 16, VCO input clock = 16 MHz /
    PLLM = 1 MHz
    RCC->PLLCFGR |= 336 << RCC_PLLCFGR_PLLN_Pos; // PLLN = 336, VCO output clock = 1 MHz *
    336 = 336 MHz
    RCC->PLLCFGR |= 4 << RCC_PLLCFGR_PLLP_Pos; // PLLP = 4, PLLCLK = 336 Mhz / PLLP = 84
    MHz
    RCC->PLLCFGR |= 7 << RCC_PLLCFGR_PLLQ_Pos; // PLLQ = 7, USB Clock = 336 MHz / PLLQ =
    48 MHz

    // Enable Main PLL Clock
    RCC->CR |= RCC_CR_PLLON;
    while ((RCC->CR & RCC_CR_PLLRDY) == 0); // Wait until PLL ready

    // FLASH configuration block
    // enable instruction cache, enable prefetch, set latency to 2WS (3 CPU cycles)
    FLASH->ACR |= FLASH_ACR_ICEN | FLASH_ACR_PRFTEN | FLASH_ACR_LATENCY_2WS;

    // Configure the HCLK, PCLK1 and PCLK2 clocks dividers
    // AHB clock division factor

    RCC->CFGR &= ~RCC_CFGR_HPRE; // 84 MHz, not divided
    // PPRE1: APB Low speed prescaler (APB1)
```

```

RCC->CFGR &= ~RCC_CFGR_PPRE1;
RCC->CFGR |= RCC_CFGR_PPRE1_DIV2; // 42 MHz, divided by 2
// PPRE2: APB high-speed prescaler (APB2)
RCC->CFGR &= ~RCC_CFGR_PPRE2; // 84 MHz, not divided

// Select PLL as system clock source
// 00: HSI oscillator selected as system clock
// 01: HSE oscillator selected as system clock
// 10: PLL selected as system clock
RCC->CFGR &= ~RCC_CFGR_SW;
RCC->CFGR |= RCC_CFGR_SW_1;
// while ((RCC->CFGR & RCC_CFGR_SWS_PLL) != RCC_CFGR_SWS_PLL);

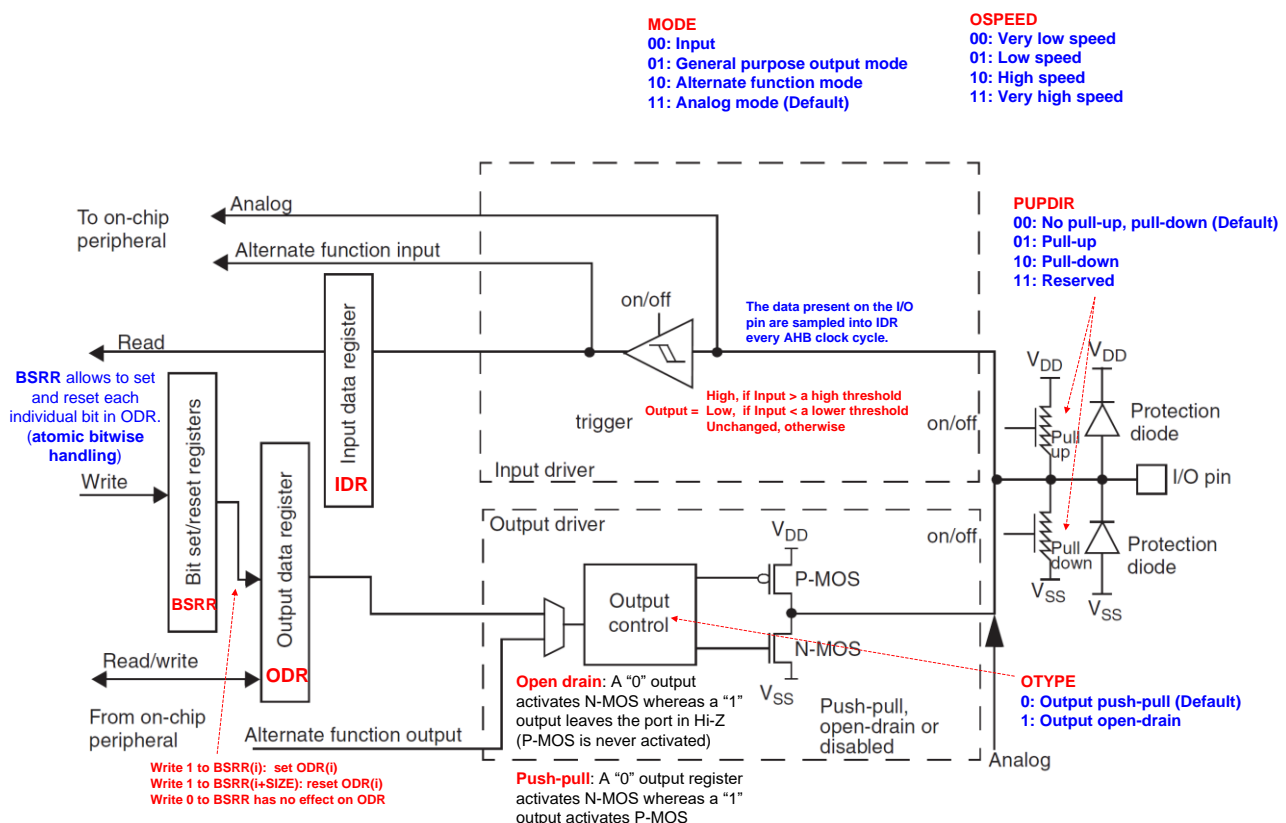
// Configure the Vector Table location add offset address
// VECT_TAB_OFFSET = 0x00UL; // Vector Table base offset field.
// This value must be a multiple of 0x200.
SCB->VTOR = FLASH_BASE | VECT_TAB_OFFSET; // Vector Table Relocation in Internal FLASH
}

```

See this tutorial for a comprehensive guide on how to set different clock sources:

<https://ecoderlenz.com/?p=830>

Appendix E: General Purpose I/O



Appendix F: Code Comments and Documentation

Program comments are used to improve code readability, and to assist in debugging and maintenance. A general principal is “*Structure and document your program the way you wish other programmers would*” (McCann, 1997).

The book titled “*The Elements of Programming Style*” by Brian Kernighan and P. J. Plauger gives good advices for beginners.

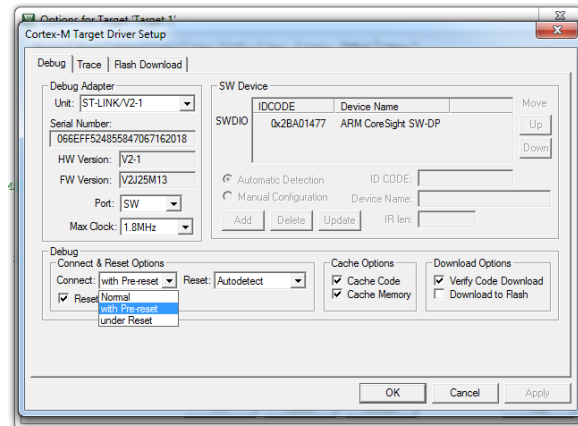
- **Format your code well.** Make sure it's easy to read and understand. Comment where needed but don't comment obvious things it makes the code harder to read. If editing someone else's code, format consistently with the original author.
- Every program you write that you intend to keep around for more than a couple of hours ought to have documentation in it. Don't talk yourself into putting off the documentation. A program that is perfectly clear today is clear only because you just wrote it. Put it away for a few months, and it will most likely take you a while to figure out what it does and how it does it. If it takes you a while to figure it out, how long would it take someone else to figure it out?
- **Write Clearly** - don't be too clever - don't sacrifice clarity for efficiency.
- **Don't over comment.** Use comments only when necessary.
- Format a program to help the reader understand it. **Always Beautify Code.**
- Say what you mean, **simply and directly.**
- **Don't patch bad code** - rewrite it.
- **Make sure comments and code agree.**
- Don't just echo code in comments - **make every comment meaningful.**
- **Don't comment bad code** - rewrite it.
- **The single most important factor in style is consistency.** The eye is drawn to something that "doesn't fit," and these should be reserved for things that are actually different.

Appendix G: “Target not found” error

When you use the STM32F4 discovery board at the very first time, you might not be able to program it in Keil and receive an error of “*Target not found*” when you download the code to the board. This is because the demo program quickly puts the STM32F4 microcontroller into a very low power mode after a reset. There are several ways to solve it. Below are two simplest ones. The error will go away permanently.

Solution 1: In Keil,

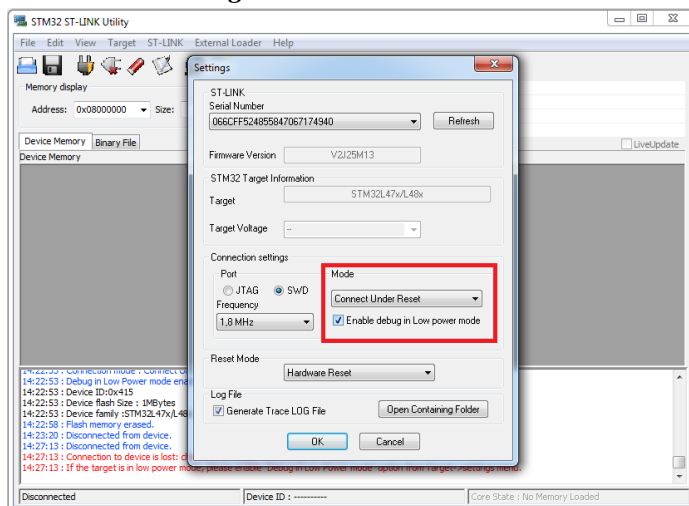
1. Click the icon “*Options for Target*”
2. Click “*Debug*” and then “*Settings*”
3. Change the connect from the default value “*normal*” to “*with pre-reset*”, as shown below.



Solution 2: If the previous solution fails, you can download and install *STM32 ST-Link Utility* <http://www.st.com/en/development-tools/stsw-link004.html>

Follow the following steps:

1. Run ST-Link Utility, click menu “*Target*”, click “*Settings*”
2. Select “*Connect Under Set*” as the connection mode
3. Click “*Target*” and “*Connect*”, and then click “*Target*” and “*Erase Chip*”!
4. Click “*Target*” and “*Disconnect*”



Appendix H: Acknowledgement and References

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Clock Generation Tutorial is taken from STM32F4xx Clock Sources (HSI, HSE, PLL)
<https://ecoderlenz.com/?p=830>

STM32F4 Documentations are taken from st.com

The following documents are strongly recommended as reference:



RM0390 **Reference manual**

STM32F446xx advanced Arm[®]-based 32-bit MCUs

https://www.st.com/resource/en/reference_manual/rm0390-stm32f446xx-advanced-armbased-32bit-mcus-stmicroelectronics.pdf



UM1724 **User manual**

STM32 Nucleo-64 boards (MB1136)

https://www.st.com/resource/en/user_manual/dm00105823-stm32-nucleo64-boards-mb1136-stmicroelectronics.pdf

The following Document is recommended for Yifeng Zhu's book literature



RM0351 **Reference manual**

STM32L47xxx, STM32L48xxx, STM32L49xxx and STM32L4Axxx
advanced Arm[®]-based 32-bit MCUs

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