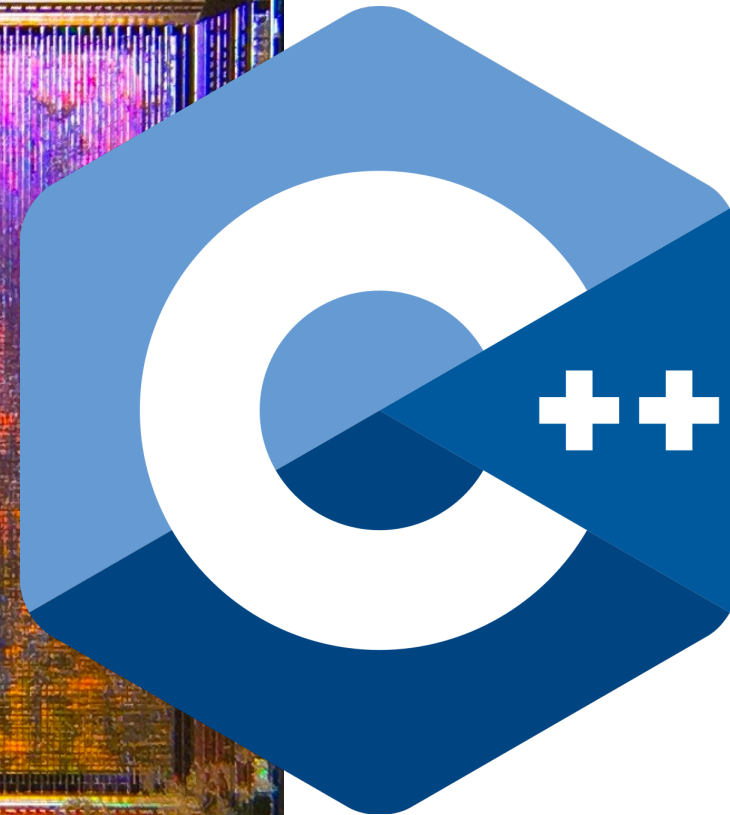
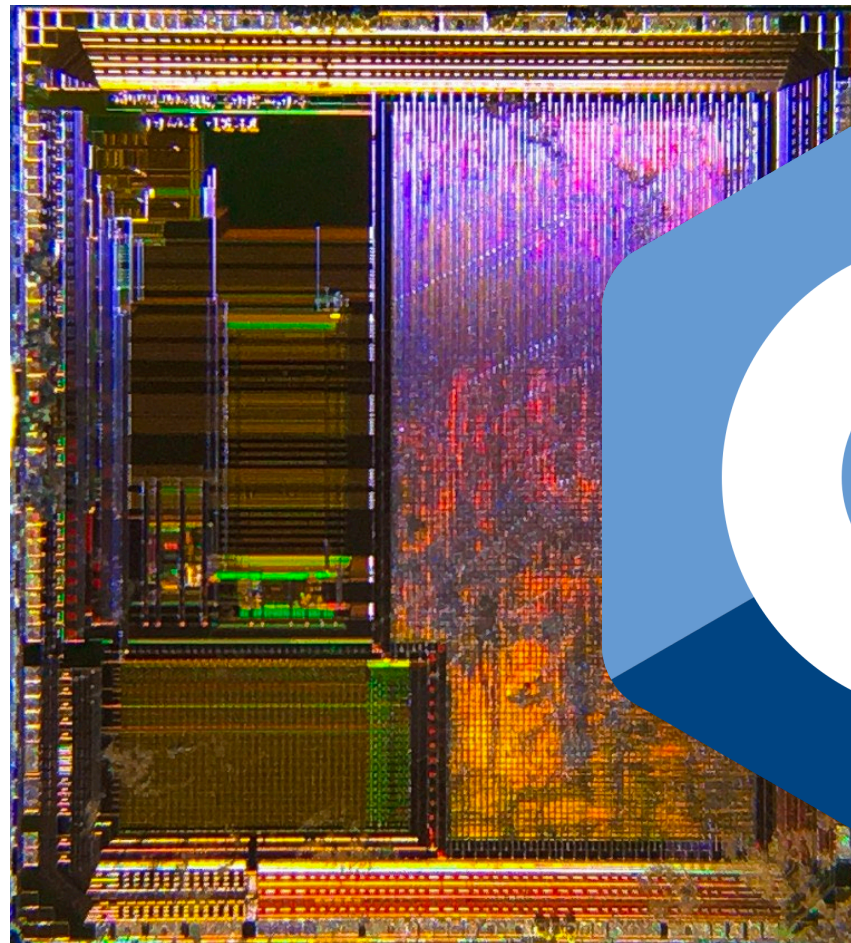


Embedded Real-Time Software

object oriented programming on Microcontroller C++, containers and
dynamic memory allocation



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Self study from last time

02_1_CPP_BlinkyDelayNotBlocking



Expand project: CPP_Blinky_02_01.

NoneBlockSystemTickDelay:

Use the SystemTick timer to implement a software delay that does not block. (see exercise 1_5)

STM32H7Led:

Use the HAL library to control the LEDs in STM32H7Led

Caution we need 2 constructors for STM32H7Led:

- One without initialization parameters.
- One with initialization parameters!

BlinkingLed class:

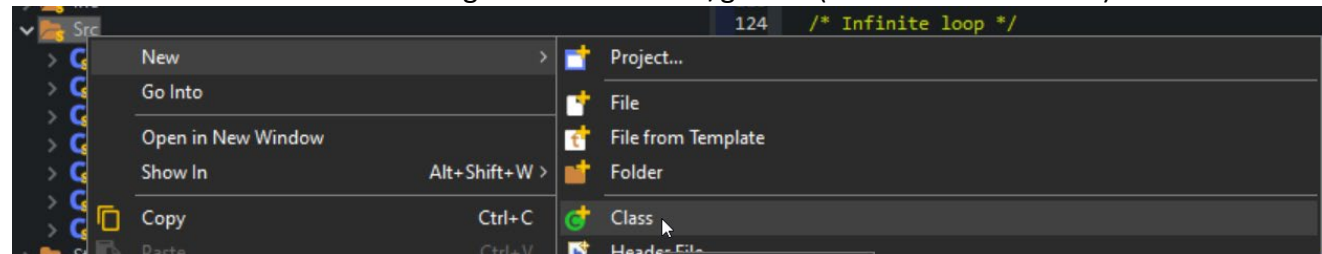
Initialised with a Led and realises blinking on every call by using the inherited logic of STM32H7Led and NoneBlockSystemTickDelay.

Main:

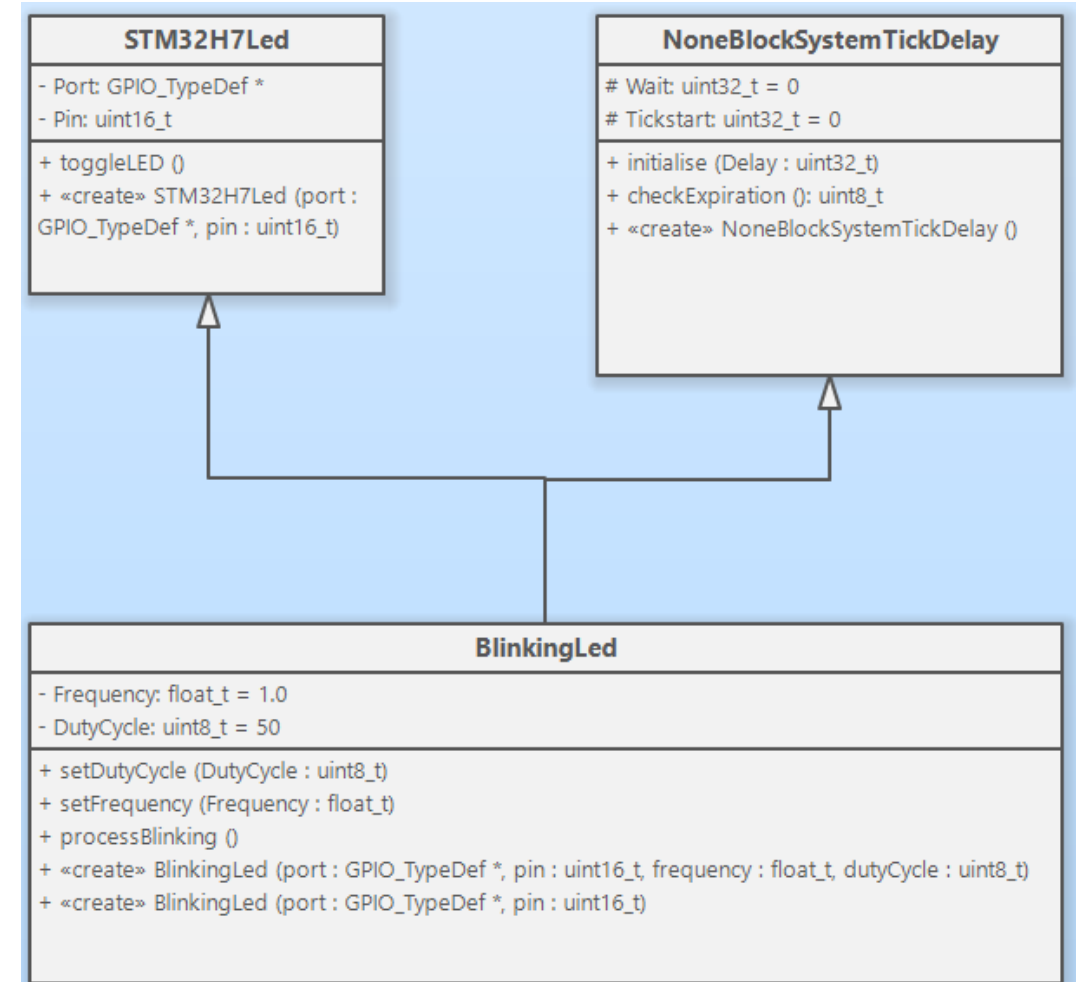
Instantiated the three LEDs with 50% duty cycles and the times: LED1 every 250ms.

LED2 every 500ms, LED3 every 1000ms.

Make use of the wizard for creating a class and setter/getters (setters for BlinkinLed)!



Setter and getters: select Header-File, ALT+SHIFT+S, then “Generate Getter Setters...”



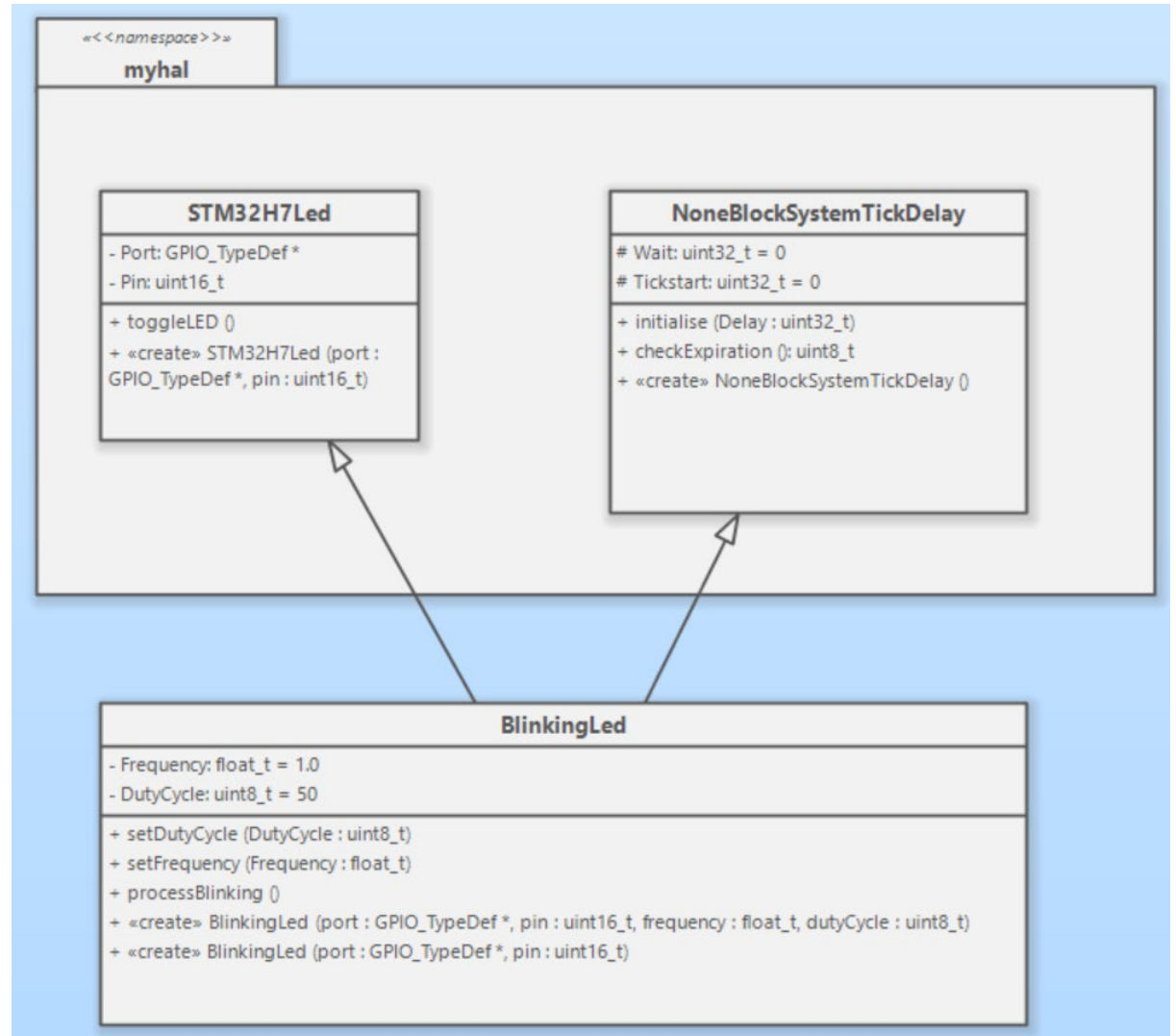
02_2_CPP_BlinkyNamespace



Expand project: CPP_Blinky_02_02.

Define a namespace: “myhal”

And include STM32H7Led and NoneBlockSystemTickDelay into this namespace.



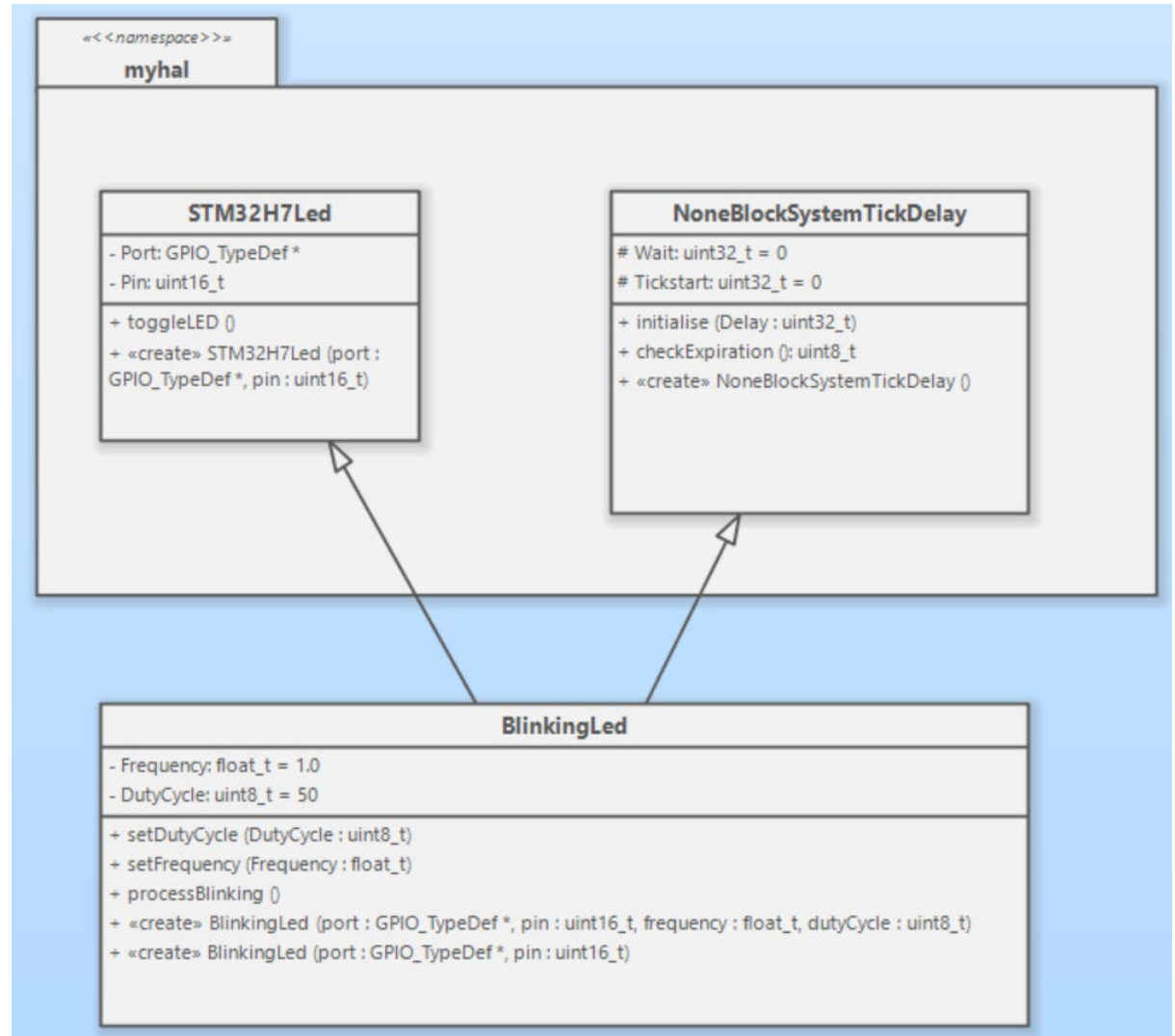
02_3_CPP_BlinkyConst



Expand project: CPP_Blinky_02_03.

Try to use:

Const, constexpr and constexpr as often as possible on the methods and attributes!



02_4_CPP_Template



Create a new project: CPP_Template_02_04.

Create a Array of int_16 with 6 Elements defined randomly.

Create a template function which calculates the average value of an array.

Pass the array to the template function and store the average value in a variable.

02_5_CPP_Template



Extend the project: Template _02_04 to CPP_Template _02_05

Use the sort algorithm of std and sort only the last 3 Elements in the array.

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- You will get known the data type and command `auto`. *→ obsolete!*
- You will learn how to output data on the serial interface (VCP) in C and C++.
- You will see how to setup the MEMS sensor
- You will learn containers and their iterators.
- You will know the group of sequential containers and look at the representative array.
- You will learn how the memory segments are on the MCU (STM32).
- You will get known the function of the MMU in terms of memory leakage.
- You will see how memory is allocated dynamically in C and C++ and where the problems are without MMU.
- You will know the container vector and his memory behavior..
- You will learn how to write you own memory allocator in C++.

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Command / datatype: auto

auto

The `auto` command has different functions.

Automatic data type

Binding of field(C arrays), a tuple and a structure to names.

Vefore C++11, `auto` was used as a specifier of memory classes.
Since C++11 this is obsolete and invalid!

auto for datatypes

The command `auto` can also be used to let the compiler automatically determine the data type. This means that it can no longer be changed after compilation.

```
auto* text="Hallo Welt";  
auto number =23; //int  
auto numberFloat = 34.4f; //float  
auto numberDouble = 345.45l; //double  
auto text2 = "c++14type"s; //C++14 string  
  
cout<<"text "<< text<<endl;  
cout<<"number " << number<<endl;  
cout<<"numberFloat " << numberFloat<<endl;  
cout<<"numberDouble " << numberDouble<<endl;  
cout<<"text2 " << text2<<endl;
```

Console output

```
text Hallo Welt  
number 23  
numberFloat 34.4  
numberDouble 345.45  
text2 c++14type
```

The tool tip provides information on which data type the compiler will assign to the variable.

```
auto* text="Hallo Welt";  
auto number =23; //int  
auto num  
auto text
```

int number = 23
int
...

```
auto text2 = "c++14type"s; //C++14 string  
cout<<"  
cout<<"
```

basic_string<char> text2 = "c++14type"s
C++14 string
...

auto for binding of field(C arrays),

The `auto` command can be used to bind structures.

There are three types: binding a field (C array), a tuple and a structure.

That is, you link a name to an element. You can do this as a copy or as a reference.

```
struct teststruktur{
    uint32_t element1;
    uint32_t element2;
} teststruktur;

teststruktur.element1 =1;
teststruktur.element2 =2;

auto [el1, el2] = teststruktur;
auto& [el1ref, el2ref] = teststruktur;

teststruktur.element1 =42;

cout<<(uint32_t)teststruktur.element1<<endl;
cout<<el1<<endl;
cout<<el1ref<<endl;
```

Output of the code on the console:

Binding as a copy is done with :

```
auto [el1, el2] = teststruktur;
```

the binding as reference with the & after the auto:

```
auto& [el1ref, el2ref] = teststruktur;
```


Cases where `auto` is often used *→ main use case!*

`auto` is used, when the declaration of a datatype/class is redundant:

Pointer:

```
int32_t variable = 35;  
auto * pointer = &variable;
```

Smart Pointer:

```
unique_ptr<uint32_t> SmartPointerOnValue(new uint32_t(42));  
auto SmartPointerOnValue2 = make_unique<uint32_t>(42);
```

*↑
C++17* *↳ only type datatype once*

Iterators

```
for(auto i: RingBuffer) std::cout << i << " ";  
std::cout << std::endl;
```

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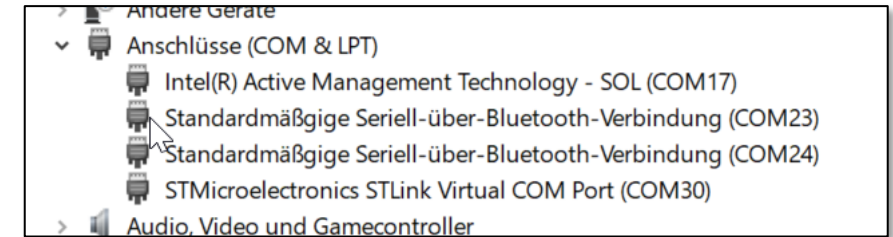
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**Output to console:
Serial port on NucleoBoard:
ST-Link: Virtual Communication Port (VCP)**

ST-Link VCP

The ST-Links have a **virtual serial port**.

This can be observed when connecting to a PC and checking the drivers.



If the RX and TX Pins are connected to the MCU in the particular Board (Nucleo, Discovery) can only be found out by investigating the **boards manual**.

ON our Board nucleo STM32H745 it is the case...

UART3 is connected to ST-Link.

ST-Link VCP as printf solution

In tutorials you can find mostly the approach to replace the printf sub routines through a put or write routine.

I would recommend not to replace the printf methods since it is used for other applications!

```
MX_USART3_UART_Init();
```

```
HAL_UART_Transmit(&huart3, "VCP\n",4, 0xFFFF);
```

Then you can use your favourite Console-Terminal: Putty, Tera Term...

```
static void MX_USART3_UART_Init(void)
{
    /* USER CODE BEGIN USART3_Init 0 */

    /* USER CODE END USART3_Init 0 */

    /* USER CODE BEGIN USART3_Init 1 */

    /* USER CODE END USART3_Init 1 */
    huart3.Instance = USART3;
    huart3.Init.BaudRate = 115200;
    huart3.Init.WordLength = UART_WORDLENGTH_8B;
    huart3.Init.StopBits = UART_STOPBITS_1;
    huart3.Init.Parity = UART_PARITY_NONE;
    huart3.Init.Mode = UART_MODE_TX_RX;
    huart3.Init.HwFlowCtl = UART_HWCONTROL_NONE;
    huart3.Init.OverSampling = UART_OVERSAMPLING_16;
    huart3.Init.OneBitSampling = UART_ONE_BIT_SAMPLE_DISABLE;
    huart3.Init.ClockPrescaler = UART_PRESCALER_DIV1;
    huart3.AdvancedInit.AdvFeatureInit = UART_ADVFEATURE_NO_INIT;
    if (HAL_UART_Init(&huart3) != HAL_OK)
    {
        Error_Handler();
    }
    if (HAL_UARTEx_SetTxFifoThreshold(&huart3, UART_TXFIFO_THRESHOLD_1_8) != HAL_OK)
    {
        Error_Handler();
    }
    if (HAL_UARTEx_SetRxFifoThreshold(&huart3, UART_RXFIFO_THRESHOLD_1_8) != HAL_OK)
    {
        Error_Handler();
    }
    if (HAL_UARTEx_DisableFifoMode(&huart3) != HAL_OK)
    {
        Error_Handler();
    }
}
```

Datatypes on the console

C - func

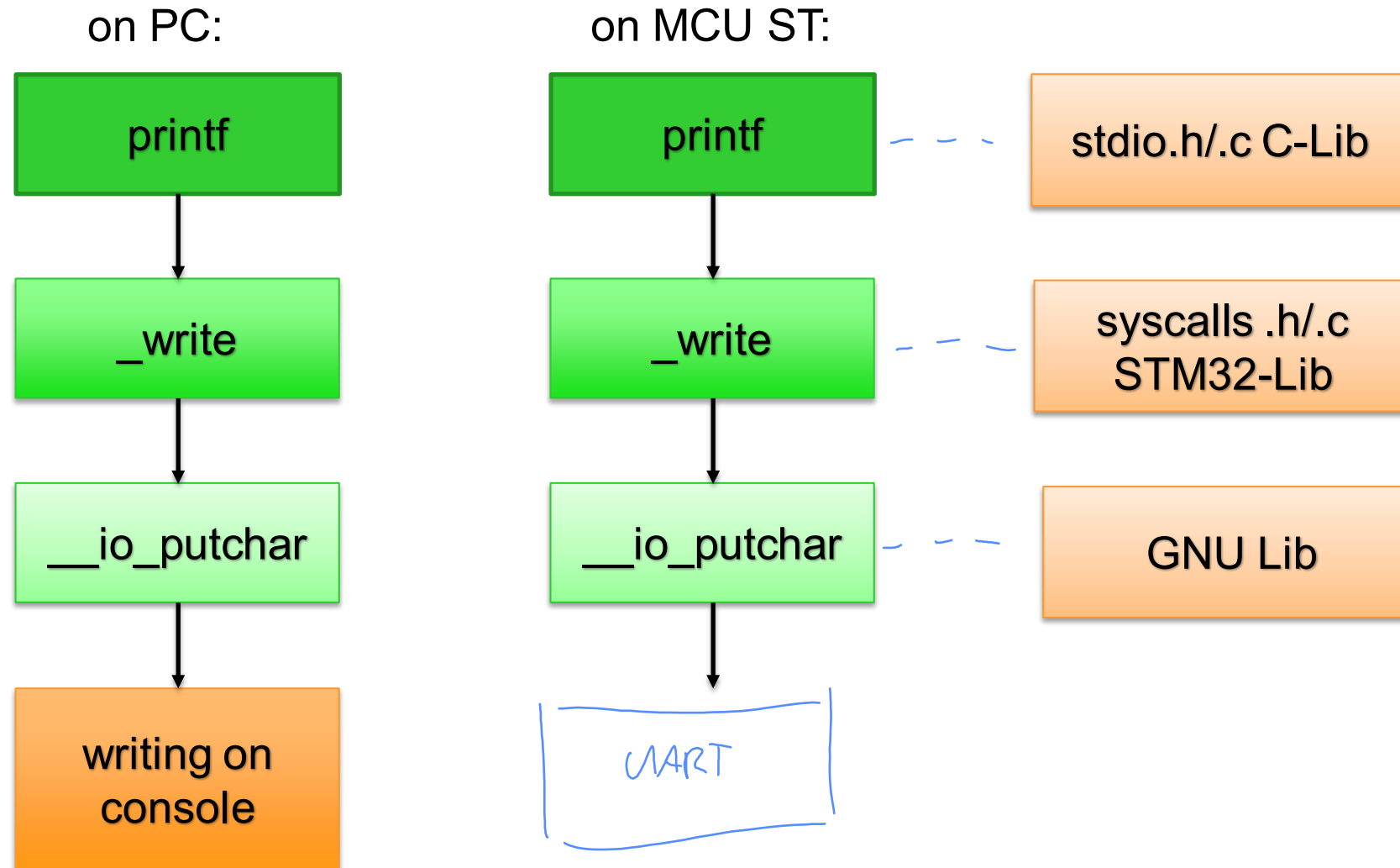
On the PC, we can use printf to do output to console...

What does printf do again???

C++ variant? *→ cout*

Output on console

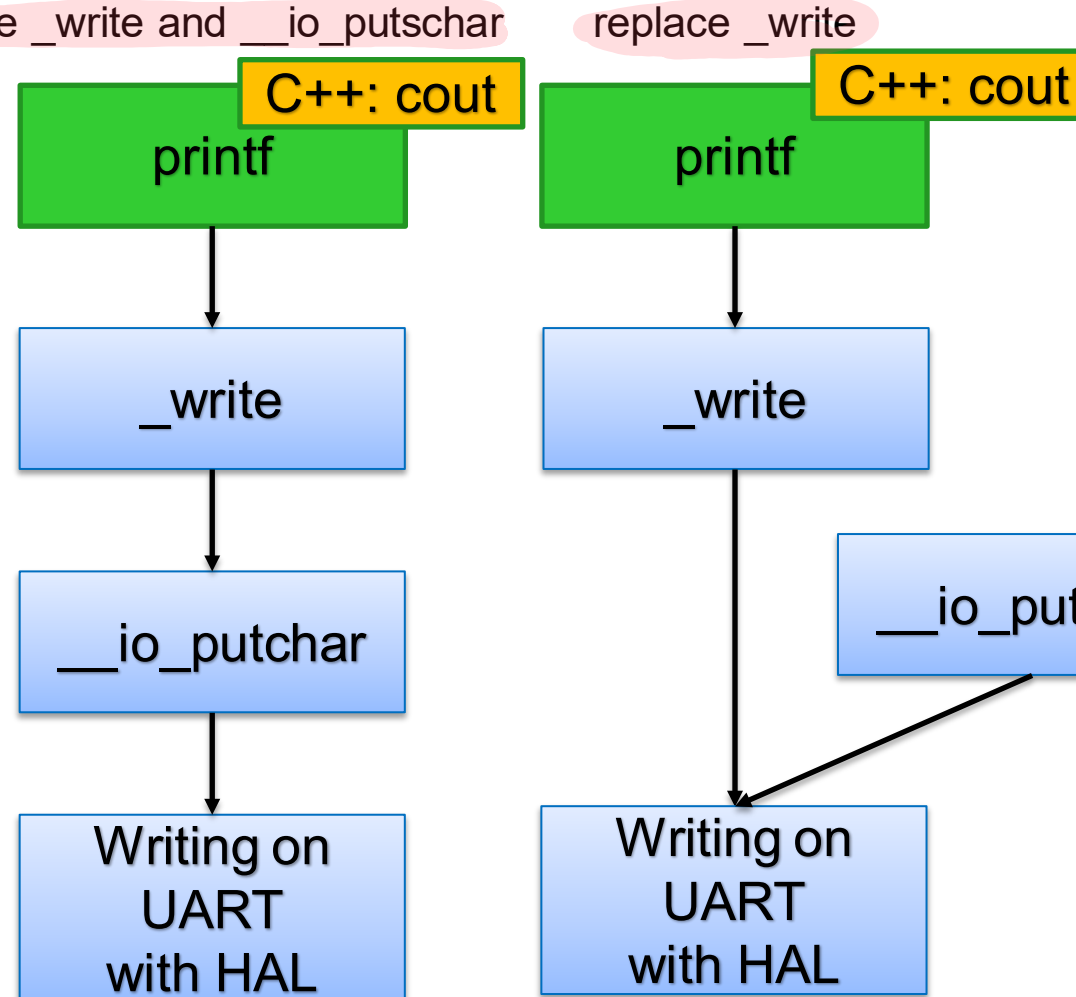
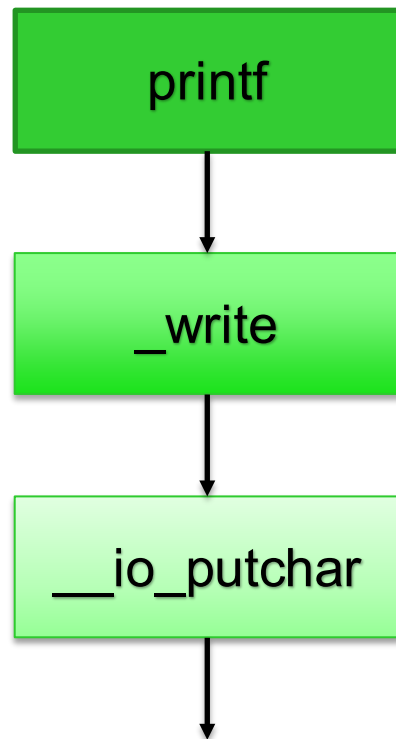
printf uses several functions until the output takes place on the console....



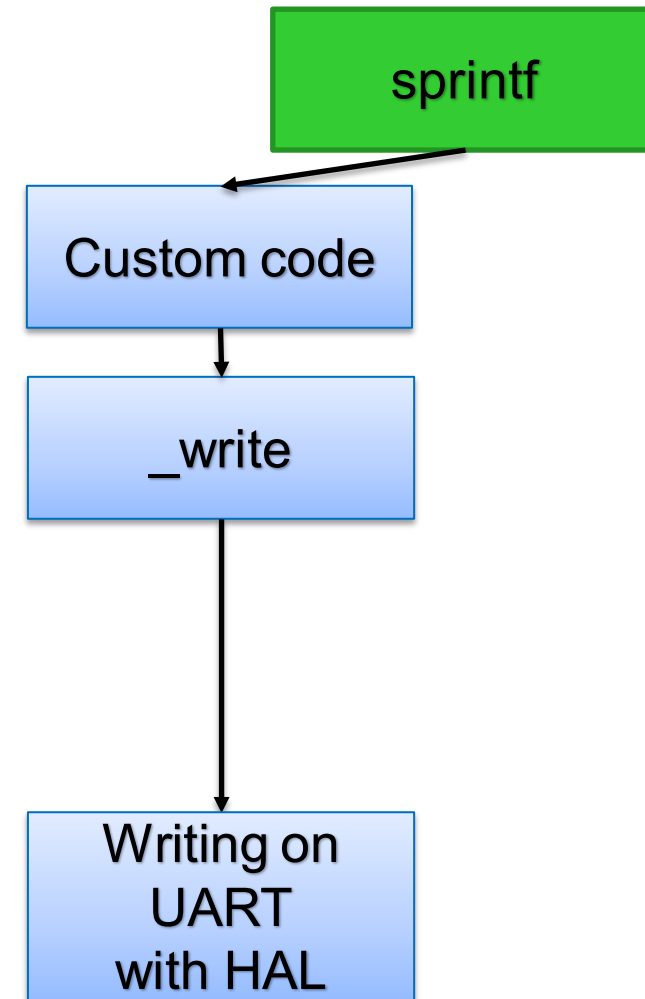
Output on console

Several solutions to output data ASCII formatted on the console: *-- weak*
You can find this on the web and literature with keyword "redirect".

Initial situation on MCU ST:



Bypassing printf



Cout and printf

The C++ Standard Library (`<iostream>`) is designed to be flexible and efficient, and it typically manages memory efficiently for standard use cases. For simple text and number output, like printing integers, floating-point numbers, or strings, `std::cout` is a suitable choice, and it doesn't imply a direct use of the heap.

On the other hand there is **no warranty** that the **heap is not used by printf or cout!**

To make sure this does not happen:

1. Minimize Heap (turn it off)
2. Use **custom implementation** of printf. For instance:
<https://github.com/mpaland/printf>
<https://os.mbed.com/blog/entry/Reducing-memory-usage-with-a-custom-print/>
(<https://github.com/janongboom/mbed-coremark-lm32-printf>)
<https://mcuoneclipse.com/2014/08/17/xformat-a-lightweight-printf-and-sprintf-alternative/>
(https://github.com/ErichStyger/McuOnEclipse_PEx)

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MEMS Software Package für IKS01A3

New project

→ Configurator

ion Clock Configuration

Software Packs Pinout

Select Components Alt-O

Manage Software Packs

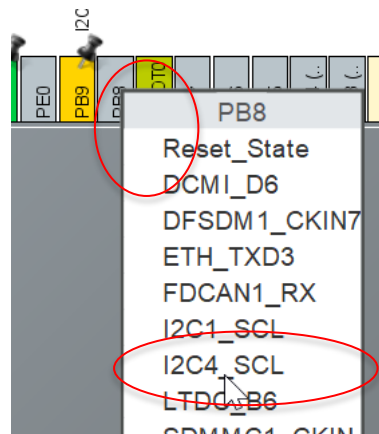
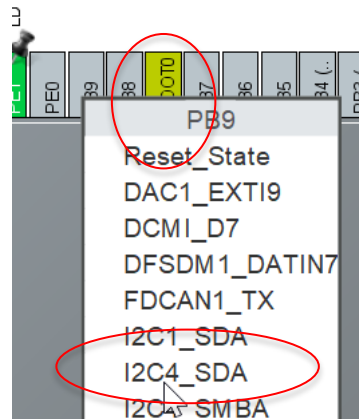
Add pack software component to the project

Show components for context: Cortex-M7

| Pack / Bundle / Component | Status | Version | Selection |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------|
| > STMicroelectronics.X-CUBE-DISPLAY | | 2.0.1 | Install |
| > STMicroelectronics.X-CUBE-EEPRMA1 | | 3.1.1 | Install |
| > STMicroelectronics.X-CUBE-GNSS1 | | 5.2.0 | Install |
| ▼ STMicroelectronics.X-CUBE-MEMS1 | ✓ | 9.1.0 | |
| > Device MEMS1_Applications | | 9.1.0 | |
| > Board Part AccGyr | | 5.3.1 | |
| > Board Part AccMag | | 5.4.1 | |
| > Board Part Acc | | 1.2.1 | |
| Board Part AccTemp / LIS2DTW12 | | | Not selected |
| > Board Part Mag | | 5.2.1 | |
| Board Part HumTemp / HTS221 | | | Not selected |
| > Board Part PressTemp | | 5.3.1 | |
| > Board Part Temp | | 1.1.1 | |
| Board Part Gyr / A3G4250D | | | Not selected |
| Board Extension IKS01A3 | ✓ | 1.7.0 | ✓ |
| Board Extension IKS01A3 | | 5.3.2 | |

can't be changed
later !!!

Setup I2C



The screenshot shows the STM32CubeMX software interface. The left sidebar lists various components, with 'Connectivity' expanded and 'I2C4' selected. The main area shows the 'Runtime contexts' table and the 'Configuration' section.

Runtime contexts:

| Context | Cortex-M7 | Cortex-M4 | PowerDomain |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| I2C | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | D3 |

Configuration

Reset Configuration

Parameter Settings | User Constants | NVIC Settings | DMA Settings | **GPIO Settings**

Search Signals

Search (Ctrl+F)

☐ Show only Modified Pins

| Pin N... | Signal on | Pin Conte | GPIO out... | GPIO mo... | GPIO Pul... | Maximum... | Fast Mode | User Label | Modified |
|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------|
| PB8 | I2C4_SCL | ARM Cor... | n/a | Alternate ... | No pull-u... | Low | n/a | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PB9 | I2C4_SDA | ARM Cor... | n/a | Alternate ... | No pull-u... | Low | n/a | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If STM32H7 is used

The screenshot displays the STM32CubeMX configuration interface for the STM32H7. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'System Core' and 'Configuration'.

System Core: This section shows a table of components for the Cortex-M7 and Cortex-M4 cores. The 'Software Packs' section at the bottom is circled in red, showing the selected pack: 'STMicroelectronics.X-CUBE-MEMS1.9.1.0_M7'. The 'Cortex-M7' column is also circled in red.

Configuration: This section shows the 'Runtime contexts' and 'Configuration' tabs. The 'Runtime contexts' tab is circled in red, showing the 'Cortex-M7' context selected. The 'Board Extension IKS01A3' checkbox is also circled in red. The 'Configuration' tab shows the 'Platform proposal' section, where the 'Found Solutions' dropdown is circled in red, showing 'I2C4' selected.

| Component | Cortex-M7 | Cortex-M4 |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| BDMA | | |
| CORTEX_M4 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| CORTEX_M7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| DMA | | |
| GPIO | | |
| IWDG1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| IWDG2 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| MDMA | | |
| NVIC1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| NVIC2 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| RAMECC | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| RCC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| SYS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| SYS_M4 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| WWDG1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| WWDG2 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

| Name | IPs or Components | Found Solutions | I2C Addr | BSP API |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|
| IKS01A3 BUS IO driver | I2C:I2C | I2C4 | 0 | BSP_BUS_DRIVER |

Documentation for the software package can be found in the repository of ST
....Users\USERNAME\STM32Cube\Repository\Packs\STMicroelectronics\X-CUBE-
MEMS1\9.1.0\Documentation
or similar

The relevant functions are in:

`iks01a3_rnv_sensor.c`

`IKS01A3_ENV_SENSOR_Init`

`IKS01A3_ENV_SENSOR_GetValue`

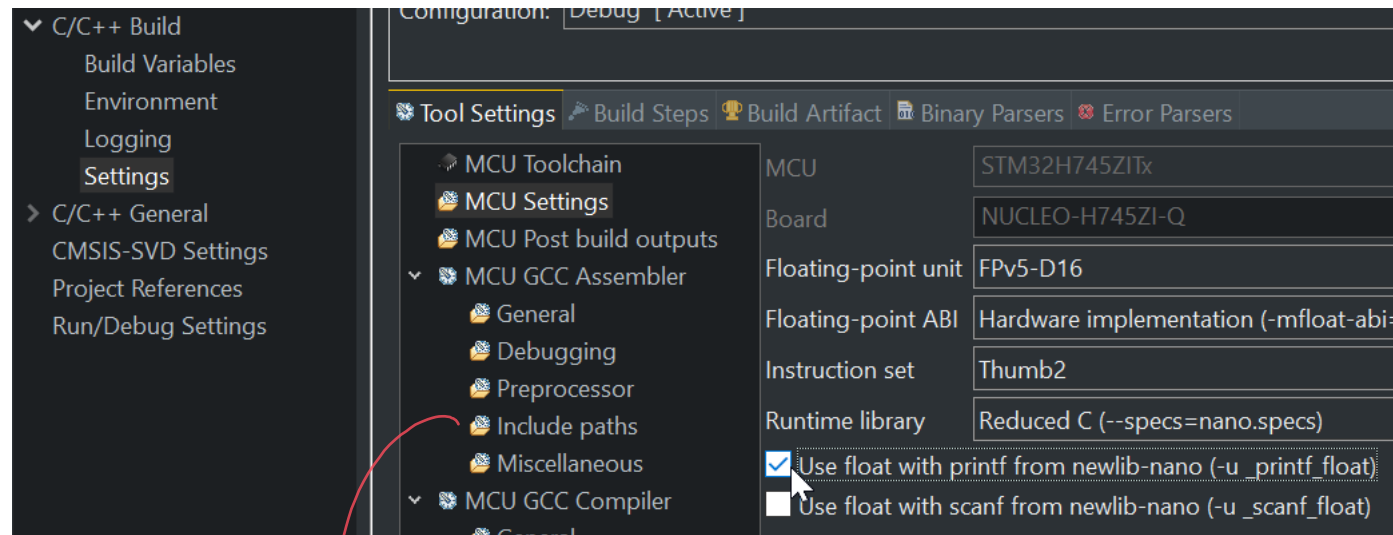
`iks01a3_motion_sensors.c`

`IKS01A3_MOTION_SENSOR_Init`

`IKS01A3_MOTION_SENSOR_GetAxes`

To be able to use floats with printf or cout

! The float formatting support is not enabled, check your MCU Settings from "Project Properties > C/C++ Build > Settings > Tool Settings", or add manually "-u _printf_float" in linker flags.



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Container



Container

Containers or better the container classes are **data**-containers in C++, with a large extent at methods and automatisms, these count to the STL. These containers can hold different data types and objects, for this the **container** is implemented as a **template class**.



Standardized operations and functions:

Search, sort, memory management, delete duplicates. *cont.size()*

For this, the containers have **iterators**(cursors).

Container

There are 4 groups of containers:

*almost all
use heap!*

Sequential containers

Elements are arranged linearly

Members: **array**, **vector**, **deque**, **list**, **forward_list**

Associative ordered containers

Elements can be accessed with a key. The list is always **sorted**.

Members: **set**, **map**, **multi_set**, and **multi_map**

Associative unordered containers

Like ordered containers but **without** automatic **sorting**.

Members: **unordered_set**, **unordered_map**, **unordered_multi_set**, and **unordered_multi_map**

Container Adapter

Similar to standard containers but with reduced functionality fit for their purpose.

Members: **stack**, **queue**, and **priority_queue**



Green = No dynamic memory
allocation used!

Iterators



Iterators

Iterators are a kind of "pointer", but for more complex elements.

The term originates from mathematics, from the mathematical method iteration.

An iterator is therefore a navigation aid mostly in containers, since one does not know what elements are in containers.

The syntax of the standard iterators was based on the pointer arithmetic of C.

The operators * and -> are used to reference the elements.

Other operators like ++ are used to navigate through the elements.

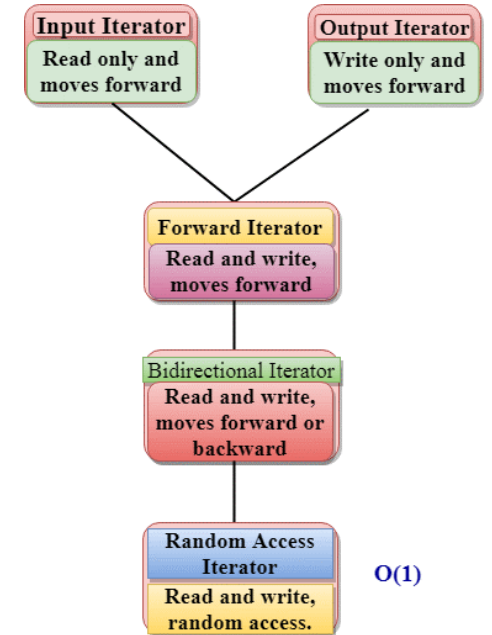
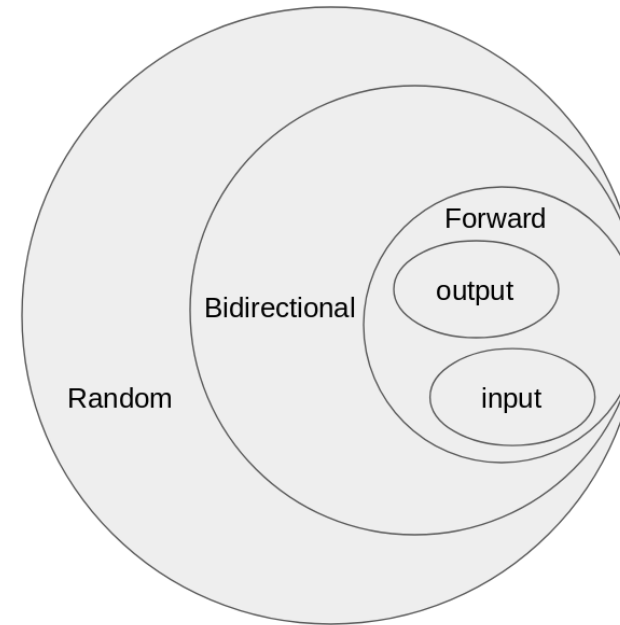
See also:

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

Container: Iterators

There are different iterator types:

- forward iterators (Input und Output)
- bidirectional iterators
- random access iterators



You can think of the iterators as a collection of overloaded operators.

<http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/iterator/>

Each of the standard container classes has iterator types.

Container: Iterators

Each container has 2 different iterator types:

iterator = allows dereferencing and changing the elements in the container.

const_iterator = allows dereferencing and prohibits changing the elements.

For example, in containers there are 2 variants of iterator each for `begin` and `end`:

`begin()` and `cbegin()`, and `end()`, `cend()`.

↳ Read-only

`begin` points to the first element, whereas `end` points to the last element that is no longer present!

Check whether the container is empty or not before addressing iterators.

```
if(!LocalVector2.empty())  
    for (auto iterator = LocalVector2.cbegin(); iterator < LocalVector2.cend(); iterator++) {  
        std::cout << „Values: " << *iterator << std::endl;  
    }  
else std::cout << „no Values" << std::endl;
```

Using an iterator that is empty leads to?

Container & Iterators: Similarities

Each container has 2 different iterator types:

- `iterator` = allows dereferencing and changing the elements in the container.
- `const_iterator` = allows dereferencing and prohibits changing the elements.

Examples methods:

- `begin()` `end()` and `cbegin()` `cend()` respectively.
Returns the **reference of the iterators** from the first or last element. The c variants are `const_iterator`, i.e. read-only.
- `size()` `empty()`
Returns the number of elements
- `resize()` `reserve()` `clear()`
Enlarges the container (except array)
- `operator[]` `at()` `data()`
Read and write to any element in the container: `container[index]` or `container.at(index)`
- `Insert()` `erase()` `extract()`
Insert, delete or cut elements.
- `assign()` `swap()` `merge()`
Reinitialise container, swap two elements, merge two elements into one
- `push_front()` `push_back()` `emplace_front()` `emplace_back()` `pop_front()` `pop_back()`
Insert elements at the end or beginning of sequence-based elements.
- `find()` `count()` `contains()`
Find specific elements in an associative container or count how many times it occurs.

NOTE: `std::string` fulfils all requirements for a container except that the data type is fixed.
Consequently the same methods also apply to string!

Overview: sequential containers



Overview: sequential containers

Overview

| Container | Description |
|--------------|--|
| array | Fixed size, comparable with C-Array |
| vector | Allrounder, comparable with new Elementtyp[size], but dynamically size adaption : insert and remove at the end very efficient |
| deque | Insert and remove begin and end very efficient |
| list | Very efficient inserting everywhere, no random iterator, forward and backward iterator supported |
| forward_list | Very efficient inserting everywhere, small memory overhead, no random iterator, no size(), forward and backward iterator supported |

Similarities and differences

| Eigenschaft | array | vector | deque | list | forward_list |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Dynamic size | - | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Keytype | size_t | size_t | size_t | - | - |
| Forward iterator \rightarrow | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Backward iterator \leftarrow | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | - |
| Overhead per Element | none | special | Very little | Yes | little |
| Efficient inserting | none | end | begin end | everywhere | special |
| Insert location | - | everywhere | everywhere | everywhere | everywhere |
| Splicen | - | - | - | Yes | Yes |
| Memory layout | Stack | one peace | open | fragm. | fragm. |
| Iterators | together | together | free | Bidirect. | forward |
| Algorithms | all | all | all | special | special |

Container: array



Container array → No heap usage, since fixed size

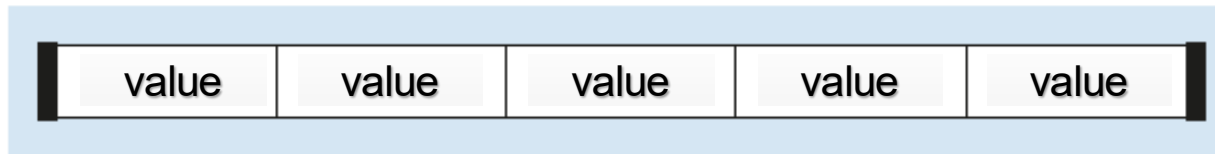
An `array` is a sequential container (a superimposed template class).

A fixed number of elements are stored here.

The addition and removal is only possible by overwriting.

The elements lie directly next to each other in the memory.

This makes the `array` suitable for both: a few huge and many tiny element types, because it has almost no memory overhead.



With the container, you must always include the corresponding header file!

`#include <array>`

Container array: code example

Code:

```
std::array<int16_t,10> RingBuffer{0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0};

std::cout<<RingBuffer.size();
std::cout<<std::endl;

int16_t i=0;
for (auto iterator = RingBuffer.begin(); iterator<RingBuffer.end(); iterator++) {
    *iterator=i;
    i++;
}
//or
for(auto i:RingBuffer)std::cout<<i<<" ";

std::rotate(RingBuffer.begin(),RingBuffer.begin()+3,RingBuffer.end());
//RingBuffer.at(RingBuffer.end())=6;
for(auto i:RingBuffer)std::cout<<i<<" ";

RingBuffer[5]=20;
for(auto i:RingBuffer)std::cout<<i<<" ";

std::cout<<RingBuffer.size();
std::cout<<std::endl;
//fills array with 2
RingBuffer.fill(2);
for(auto i:RingBuffer)std::cout<<i<<" ";
```

Console output:

size.

| |
|----------------------|
| 10 |
| 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 |
| 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 |
| 3 4 5 6 7 20 9 0 1 2 |
| 10 |
| 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 |

DYNAMIC MEMORY ALLOCATION

Up to here no dynamic memory allocation is used or has to be used!

For microcotnrollers dynamic memory allocation is a challenge!

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Strategies for using C++ on microcontroller

Strategies to use C++ (also C) for MCUs without MMU

There are recognized strategies how to use C++ on microcontrollers without having a memory management unit:

Day 1 and 2

1. **Do not use heap.** Use everything of the language except elements that use the heap!
2. **Only allocate heap, do not release it.**

Day 3 and 4

3. **Use Stack or static Memory for elements that usually use heap.**
4. **Free heap completely, at time X.**

Day 3 and 4

5. **Segment heap into smaller "heaps" that shrink and grow in the defined frame/segment.** Frame size is fixed and defined at compile time. These segments can be released and allocated. Consequently, it represents a "circular buffer". Almost like an MMU. (C++ only)

frequency as it is practised

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Memory segments in the working memory

Memory segments

.data

Initialised global variables or static variables. Assigned at the start of the program. The values are read from the program memory for initialisation.

.bss

Uninitialised global variables or static variables. The memory is pre-initialised with 0.

Heap

Dynamically created variables

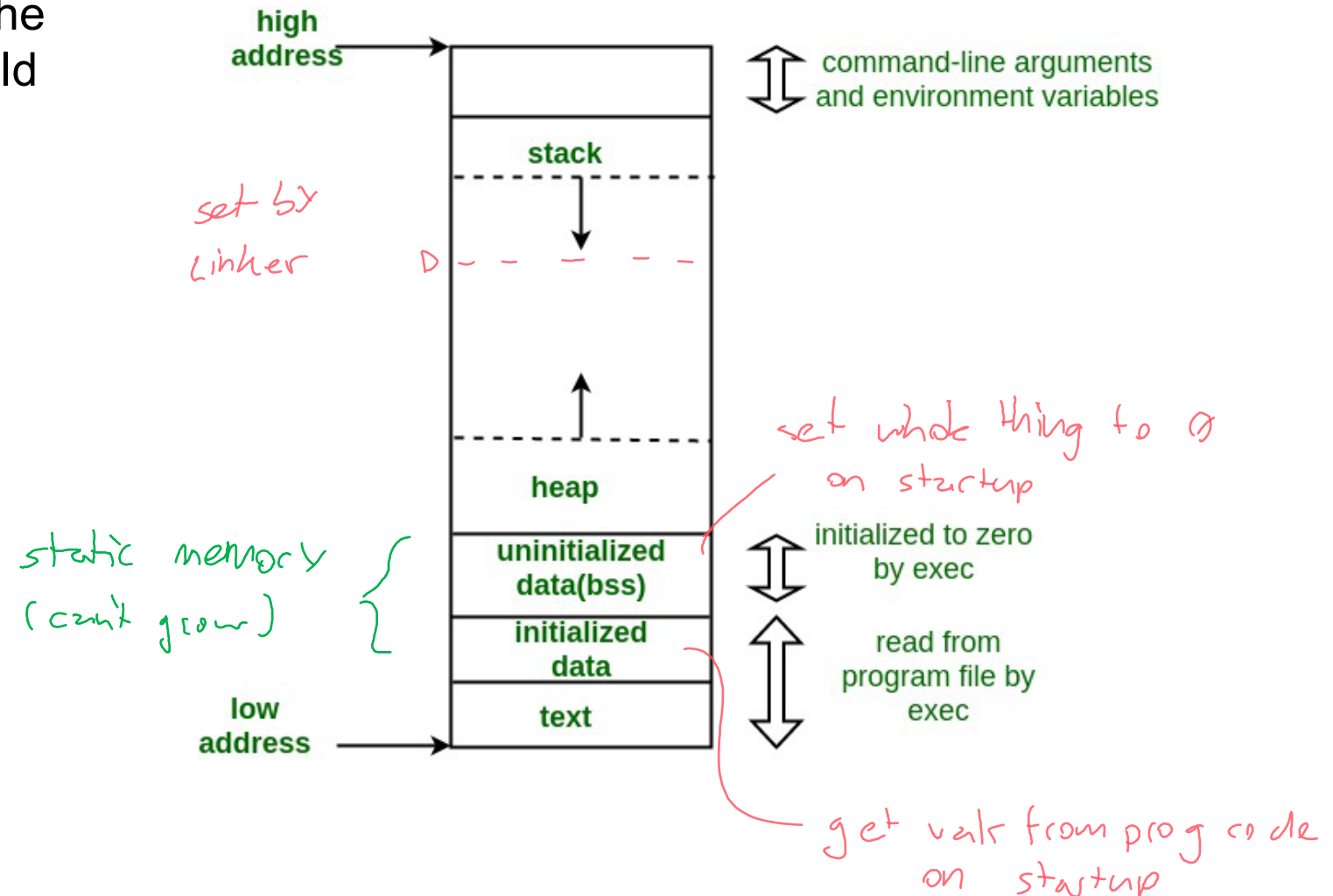
Stack

Local variables, grows on entering functions and shrinks on exiting functions. → GC *"garbage collector"*

Memory map of STM32X

For each project the linker/locator generates the code and map according to the linker script: *.ld
debug*.map

- Stack
- Heap
- Data bss
- Data
- text



<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/memory-layout-of-c-program/>

Memory map of heterogeneous controllers

On heterogeneous controllers: for each project, the Linker/Locater generates one map

One map per CPU.

Debugmap

```
.bss          0x0000000024000490      0x1ef4 load address 0x0000000008035634
              0x0000000024000490      _sbss = .
              0x0000000024000490      __bss_start__ = _sbss

*(COMMON)
              0x0000000024002384      . = ALIGN (0x4)
              0x0000000024002384      _ebss = .
              0x0000000024002384      __bss_end__ = _ebss

._user_heap_stack
              0x0000000024002384      0x604 load address 0x0000000008035634
              0x0000000024002388      . = ALIGN (0x8)
*fill*       0x0000000024002384      0x4
              [!provide]
              0x0000000024002388      PROVIDE (end = .)
              0x0000000024002588      PROVIDE (_end = .)
              0x0000000024002588      . = (. + _Min_Heap_Size)
*fill*       0x0000000024002388      0x200
              0x0000000024002988      . = (. + _Min_Stack_Size)
*fill*       0x0000000024002588      0x400
              0x0000000024002988      . = ALIGN (0x8)
```

Table 6. Internal memory summary of the STM

| Memory type | Memory region | Address start | Size |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Flash memory | FLASH-1 | 0x0800 0000 | 1 Mbyte ⁽¹⁾ |
| | FLASH-2 ⁽²⁾ | 0x0810 0000 | 1 Mbyte ⁽¹⁾ |
| RAM | DTCM-RAM | 0x2000 0000 | 128 Kbytes |
| | ITCM-RAM | 0x0000 0000 | 64 Kbytes |
| | AXI SRAM | 0x2400 0000 | 512 Kbytes ⁽³⁾ |
| | SRAM1 | 0x3000 0000 | 128 Kbytes ⁽⁴⁾ |
| | SRAM2 | 0x3002 0000 | 128 Kbytes ⁽⁴⁾ |
| | SRAM3 ⁽⁵⁾ | 0x3004 0000 | 32 Kbytes |
| | SRAM4 | 0x3800 0000 | 64 Kbytes |
| | Backup SRAM | 0x3880 0000 | 4 Kbytes |


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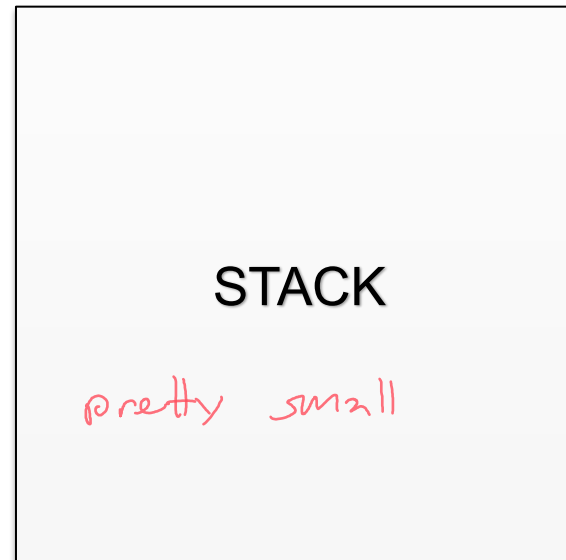
Dynamic memory allocation in C and C++

Dynamic memory allocation

Dynamic memory allocation is when more memory is added to the program while it is running.
The reasons why this is done can be different:

- New objects or memory elements are needed at runtime due to user behavior.
- The stack is too small to hold more objects/variables.

- **Local** variables
- **Linear** 
- Fast
- Fixed size according to compilation
- Allocation and deallocation by compiler



- **Global** variables, objects in C++
- Hierarchical
- **Can fragment**
- Allocation by code
- **Deallocation through code**



Dynamic memory allocation

| Function / method | Function / method declaration | C | | C++ | |
|--|---|-----|------------|-------|--|
| Creates a memory block in the HEAP memory allocation | <code>void *malloc(size_t size);</code> | C | <stdlib.h> | C++ | <code>#include <cstdlib></code> <code>std::malloc</code> |
| Creates a memory block in HEAP initialises the content with 0. | <code>void *calloc(size_t num, size_t size);</code> | C | <stdlib.h> | C++ | <code>#include <cstdlib></code> <code>std::calloc</code> |
| Adjusts the size of the memory block in HEAP, which must first be created with malloc or calloc. | <code>void *realloc(void *ptr, size_t new_size);</code> | C | <stdlib.h> | C++ | <code>#include <cstdlib></code> <code>std::realloc</code> |
| Aligns the existing memory block to the given address. | <code>void *aligned_alloc(size_t alignment, size_t size);</code> | C11 | <stdlib.h> | C++17 | <code>#include <cstdlib></code> <code>std::calloc</code> |
| Releases memory block in HEAP, deletes it. | <code>void free(void* ptr);</code> | C | | C++ | <code>#include <cstdlib></code> <code>std::free</code> |
| Create object in HEAP | <code>new</code> | | | C++ | |
| Delete object in HEAP | <code>delete</code> | | | C++ | |

Dynamic memory allocation: malloc in C

The function malloc is passed the memory size you want to create in bytes.

```
void *malloc(size_t size);
```

You get back a void pointer.

When creating the memory, it is advisable to multiply the number of variables by the data type size.

```
PointerOnMemorySegment = (uint32_t*) malloc(1024*sizeof(uint32_t));
```

You get back a pointer that you should cast back to the pointer data type.

Each memory allocation must be released manually by the code, before the end of the program!

This is done with the function free and the pointer to the memory area.

```
free(PointerOnMemorySegment);
```

Dynamic memory allocation: malloc in C++

In C we have seen that methods are necessary for dynamic reservation in HEAP.

In C++, the same functions as from C can be used, but there are more comfortable C++ solutions.

As with Java, C++ has the `new` operator.

This creates an object dynamically in the HEAP and must be removed again with `delete`.

The `new` operator always returns a pointer to the newly created object.

Not only objects of classes can be created dynamically, but all data types!

```
C++  
uint8_t *OneByte = new uint8_t;  
* OneByte = 5;  
std::cout << "Adresse Einbyte " << (uint32_t) OneByte << endl;  
std::cout << "Wert Einbyte " << (uint32_t)* OneByte << endl;  
delete OneByte;
```

^{C++}
Initialisation with a value can take place in the definition in a subsequent bracket:

```
uint8_t * OneByte = new uint8_t(5);
```

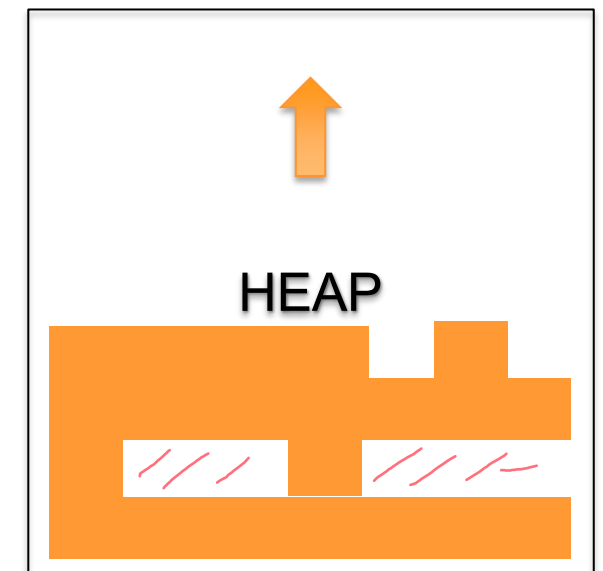
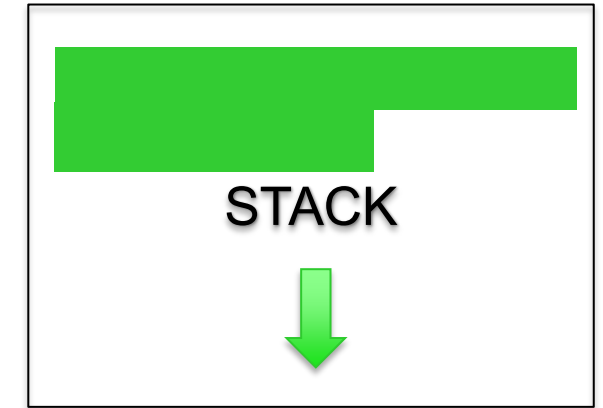
Dynamic memory allocation: the issues

The following situations can appear:

- Stack overflow
- Heap Overflow
- Heap memory leak *→ more allocated than deleted*
- Heap fragmentation

Example: project map-file CM7:

```
user_heap_stack
0x0000000024002384    0x604 load address 0x0000000008035634
0x0000000024002388    . = ALIGN (0x8)
*fill*              0x0000000024002384    0x4
[!provide]          PROVIDE (end = .)
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fragmentation

Memory allocation in C++

In Summary we have 3 memory segments which can be used to instantiate an object/variable:

- ① «RAM segment» alias «data segment» alias «static RAM»
- ② • Stack
- ③ • Heap

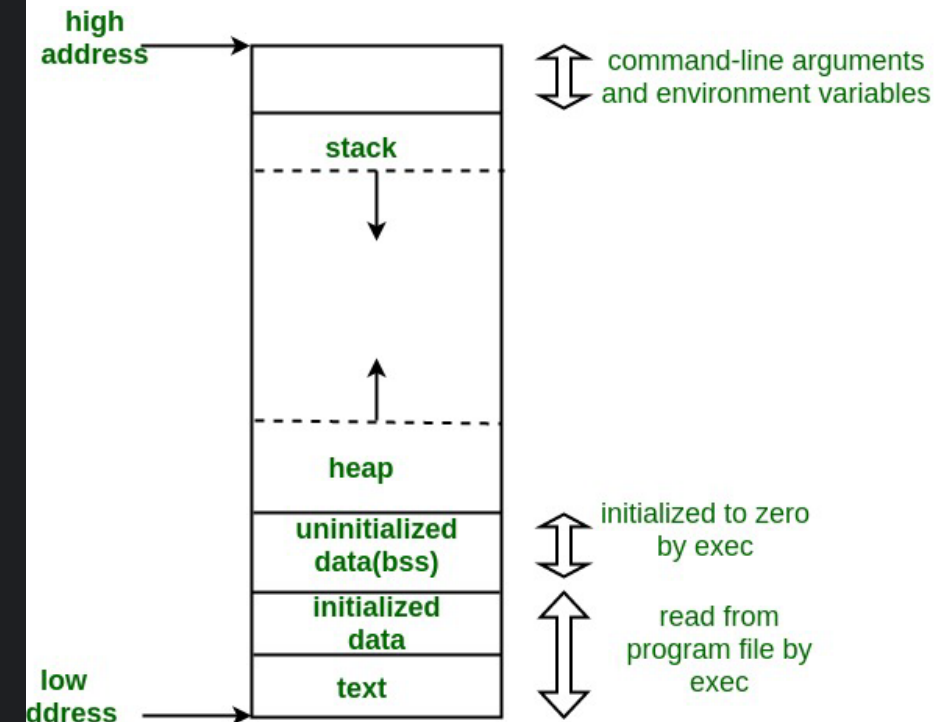
```
modul2 RAMSegment_Obj; ①

int main() {

    ② modul2 Stackt_Obj;

    ③ modul2 *Heap_Obj = new modul2;

    std::cout << "static RAM: " << RAMSegment_Obj.getAttribute() <<
    std::endl;
    std::cout << "Stack RAM: " << Stackt_Obj.getAttribute() << std::endl;
    std::cout << "HEAP RAM: " << Heap_Obj->getAttribute() << std::endl;
    delete Heap_Obj;
    return 0;
}
```



This statement is true, as long as no other memory allocation is used in the class!

How does it look a **CPU(s)** with MMU

A Memory Management Unit (MMU) is located between the CPU and the physical memory.

The MMU has several functions.

The most important is translating from: physical to logical address of the memory.

Consequently, the logical addresses are virtual addresses (virtual memory).

The memory is segmented into frames.

The frames are presented to the CPU as contiguous, however they cannot be contiguous in the physical memory.

During memory allocation and deallocation, the memory is allocated or released on a frame-by-frame basis.

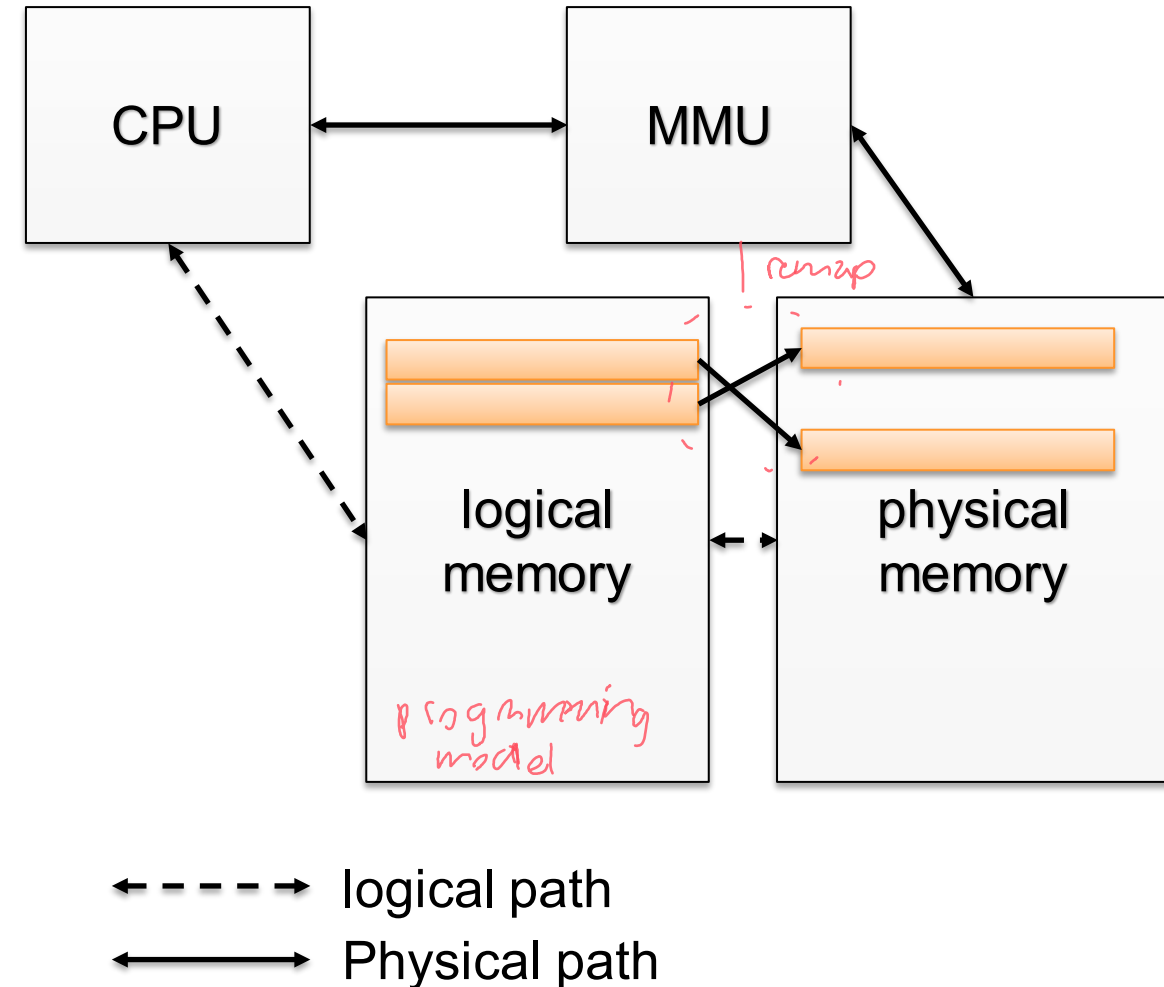
The **frame size** is always a multiple of 2^X .

For PC 32Bit architecture typically **4kBytes**

Consequently: no fragmentation, as MMU solves this.

MCU don't have
MMU!

Memory Management
Unit



More information: Betriebssysteme kompakt, Ch. Baun 2019 Springer S. 98

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memory_management_unit

<https://blogs.sw.siemens.com/embedded-software/2009/09/28/mmu-and-heap-contiguity/>

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Dynamic memory allocation in C and C++ in detail

Dynamic Memory Allocation in C++, Tasks

Allocation in C++ is done by using `new`.

Depending on the Compiler and the implementation of it, it will use `malloc` (C-Variant) or another implementation of allocating memory.

→ `New` uses `malloc` over a wrapper or an own implementation.

Task of a dynamic memory allocator:

1. Take the request to allocate memory
2. Search the heap for a suitable place to allocate memory
3. On success return a point to the new region requested otherwise return a `nullptr`
4. When a memory region is released (`delete` or `free`) then make the region available for new allocation.

Step 1 and 3 are straight forward.

Let us examine Step 2 and 4.

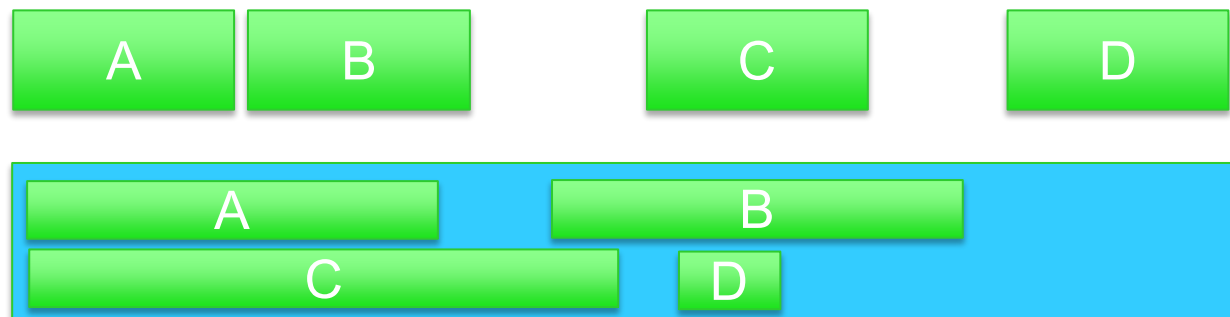
Dynamic Memory Allocation in C++: Memory-List

Step 2 and 4 are depending on the implementation of the compiler!
Here is a general explanation how it is often done.

Task 2: Search the heap for a suitable place to allocate memory

This is the task of sometimes called: **dynamic memory allocator manager (DMAM)**

The manager keeps the information with Bytes are used and which are free in the heap.
This bookkeeping is often done with a linked list the “**Free list**”. Since a linked list can be dynamically be enhanced or reduced.



```
// List of free memory blocks
struct FreeMemoryBlock {
    void* startAddress;
    size_t size;
};

std::list<FreeMemoryBlock> freeMemoryBlocks;
```

Dynamic Memory Allocation in C++: Search algorithms

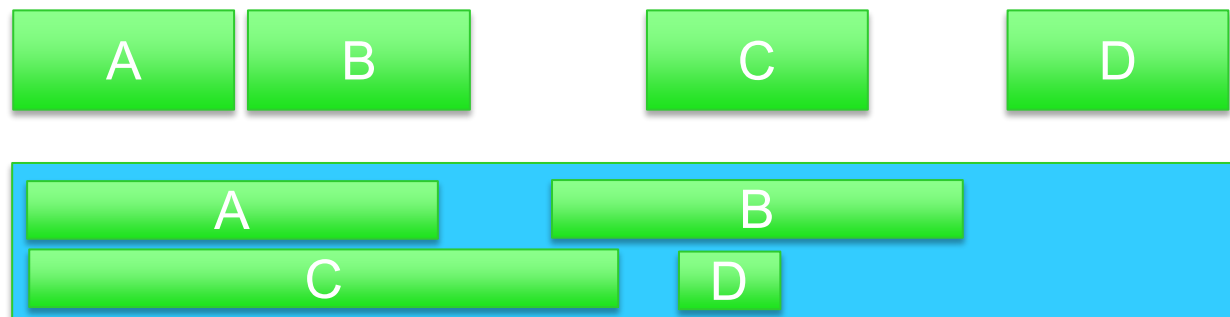
There are different strategies for finding available chunk of memory, for a given request using free list.

The simple and standard algorithms are:

1. **First Fit:** use the first block in the list which fits *→ might use large gap for small data element*
2. **Best Fit:** use the block in the list whose size is closest to the requested size.
3. **Use the most/least recently free-d block (LIFO, FIFO).**

RT perspective :

Time to find spot not predictable!



keep list of
free blocks

Dynamic Memory Allocation in C++: free concepts

There are different strategies for free memory and to update the “free list”:

1. Add to the front of the list. (When used with first-fit, this results in LIFO-like behavior).
2. Add to the back of the list. (FIFO)
3. Insert it into the list so that the list is always ordered by address. This is most common, as the structure of the list mirrors the structure of the memory layout.

Dynamic Memory Allocation: fragmentation

Fragmentation refers to the tendency of the heap to go from one large available block at the beginning to many small available blocks. It may be possible that, while the total amount of memory is larger than the amount requested, no single block is big enough to satisfy it.

If there are theoretically more bytes available than can be allocated, then this is called **external fragmentation**.

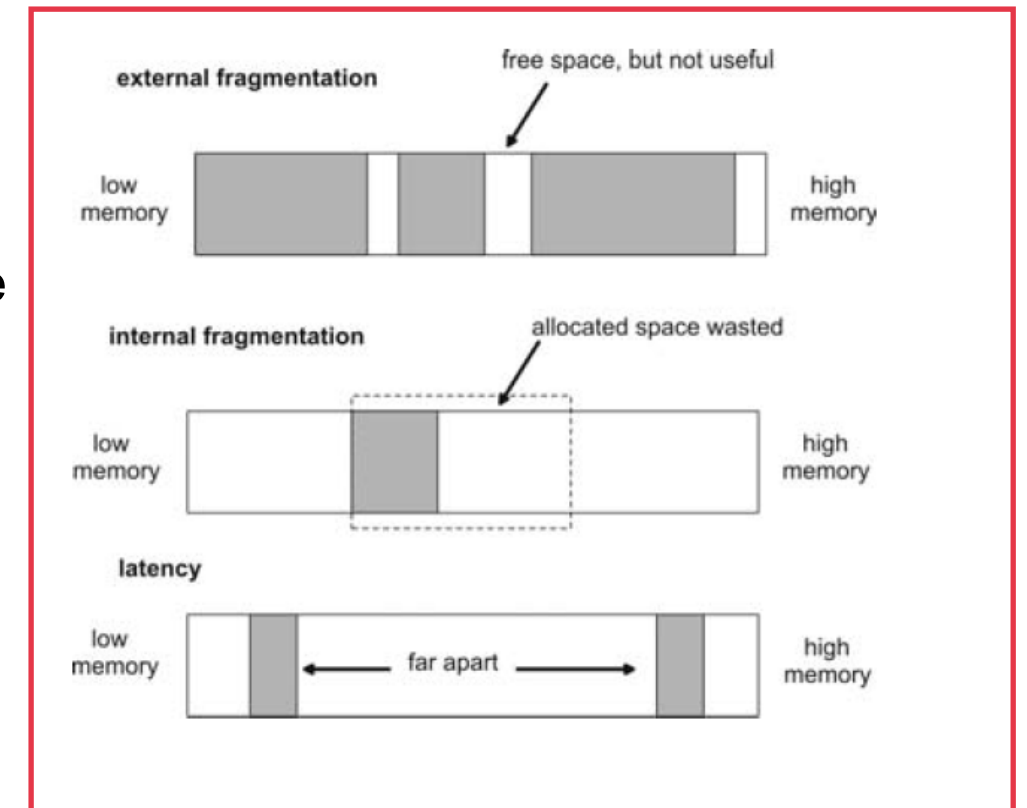
A memory allocator can nothing do against external fragmentation, since moving blocks would mean to redirect all the according pointer.

On the other side **internal fragmentation** occurs when an allocator reserves more space per-block than is actually requested.

→ why would this happen? 🗨️

can't really manage this

Far placement can lead to higher latency.



Dynamic Memory Allocation in C++: alternative Memory-List

Instead of circular list based allocator two alternate approaches can be used:

1. Slab allocator (GNU libc) :

- Divide blocks into small and large. Only block $>$ threshold size managed using free list. Else, allocate power of two and use “bitmap” for each range of blocks of same size, for bookkeeping.
- Fast for small blocks, slower for large blocks. Minimal space overhead. No external fragmentation (as it's a predefined block for small block allocations, but has wasted space)

2. Buddy system (Linux kernel)

- Similar to slab allocator but only allocate blocks in sizes that are power of 2. Keep separate free lists for 16 byte, 32 byte and 64 byte blocks etc.
- If no free block of size n available, find block of size $2n$ and split it into two blocks of size n .

Conclusion

How dynamic memory allocation is implemented in detail is compiler specific.

The available memory is tracked by the dynamic memory allocator manager.

There are different algorithms to search and free memory.



Real time applications should not use the heap memory.

Since allocating, freeing and accessing the memory will lead to none deterministic behaviour!

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| Forward iterator | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Backward iterator | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | - |
| Overhead per Element | none | special | Very little | Yes | little |
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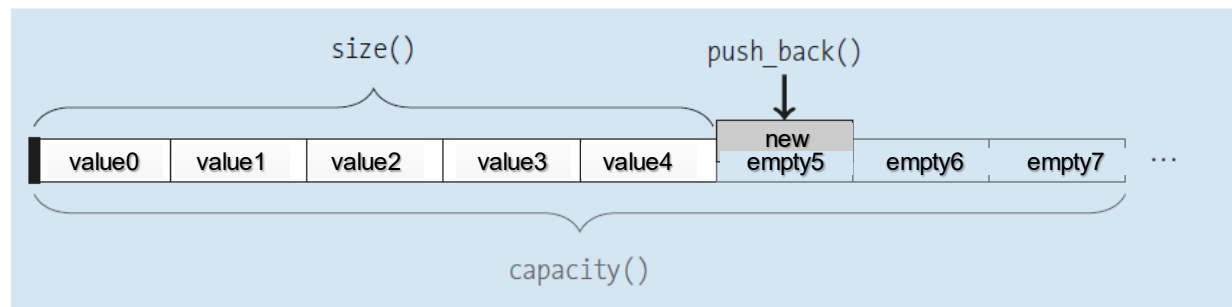


Container: vector

A vector is a sequential container (a superimposed template class).

Has strong similarities to array lists in Java.

This all-rounder automatically grows. You can insert anywhere, however only efficiently at the back end. The elements are read forwards in sequence, backwards or randomly by number index. The vector also keeps its elements directly next to each other in memory, which makes it practical for a few huge and many tiny elements. Optimally used, it has almost no memory overhead, in the non-optimal case still acceptable as it does not fragment the memory.



With the container, you always have to include the corresponding header file!

```
#include <vector>
```

Container: vector

extendible → HEAP!

```
std::vector<uint16_t> LocalVector2;  
std::vector<std::string> LocalStringVector;  
std::vector<ClassA> LocalClassVector;  
  
LocalVector.push_back(34);
```

```
auto LocalVector3 = new std::vector<uint16_t>;
```

The iterator is used for example in FOR loops.

```
for (auto iterator = LocalVector.cbegin(); iterator < LocalVector.cend(); iterator++) {  
    std::cout << „values: “ << *iterator << std::endl;  
}  
for (int i = 0; i < LocalVector.size(); i++) { //Alternative, but without Iterator object  
    std::cout << „values: “ << LocalVector[i] << std::endl;  
}  
for (auto & it : LocalVector) { //Alternative, range based  
    std::cout << „values: “ << it << std::endl;  
}
```

Container: vector and HEAP

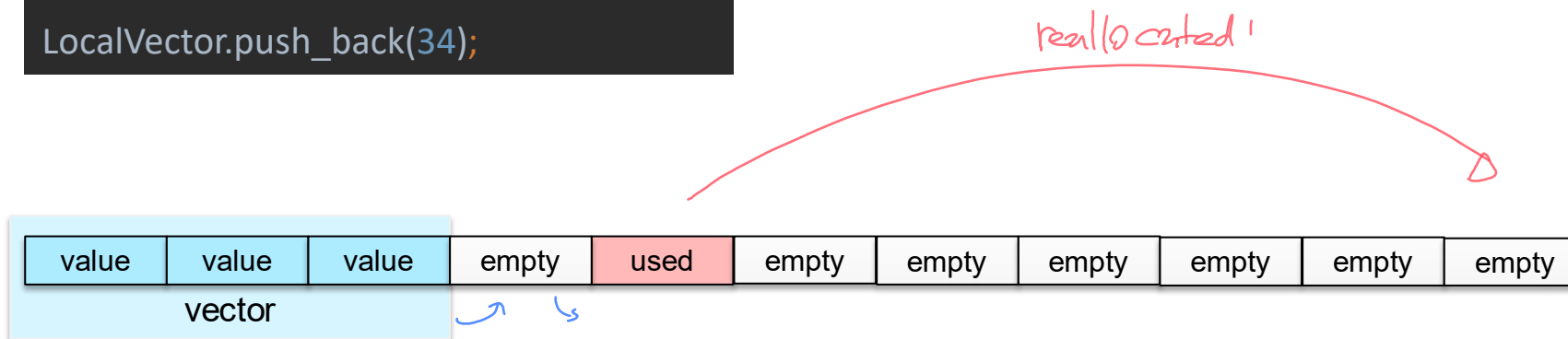
Whether you create a vector with **new** or **without** makes only a small difference.

It **only affects the initial overhead** of a vector object. The content of the vector is always created in the HEAP as long as the standard memory allocator is used.

This is because at compile time it is not known how many objects will exist.

```
std::vector<uint16_t> LocalVector2;  
std::vector<std::string> LocalStringVector;  
std::vector<ClassA> LocalClassVector;  
  
LocalVector.push_back(34);
```

```
auto LocalVector3 = new std::vector<uint16_t>;
```



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Custom memory Allocator

C and C++ delivers high freedom how the developer can control the language elements.

The memory allocator can be programmed by the developer selve. However, this will primarily lead to not using the heap.

Many classes (for instance of the stdlib) have superimposed methods where you can specifiy your own memory allocators.

Ring Allocator according to CH Kormanyos

Doesn't use heap but data

↳ Book

Header:

```
class ring_allocator_base
{
public:
    typedef std::size_t size_type;

protected:
    ring_allocator_base() { }

    // The ring_allocator's buffer size.
    static constexpr size_type buffer_size = 64U;

    // The ring_allocator's memory allocation.
    static void* do_allocate(const size_type);
};
```

Note: for the source code on GitHub:
16 bytes is the default size.

C++:

```
void*
ring_allocator_base::do_allocate(const size_type size)
{
    // Define a static buffer and memory pointer.
    static std::uint8_t buffer[buffer_size];
    static std::uint8_t* get_ptr = buffer;

    // Get the newly allocated pointer.
    std::uint8_t* p = get_ptr;

    // Increment the pointer for the next allocation.
    get_ptr += size;

    // Does this allocation overflow the top
    // of the buffer?
    const bool is_wrap =
        (get_ptr >= (buffer + buffer_size));
    if(is_wrap)
    {
        // Here, the allocation overflows the top
        // of the buffer. Reset the allocated pointer
        // to the bottom of the buffer and increment
        // the next get-pointer accordingly.
        p = buffer;
        get_ptr = buffer + size;
    }

    return static_cast<void*>(p);
}
```

Ring Allocator according to CH Kormanyos

The base class is "wrapped" with a template class.

This is how `ring_allocator` is used.

As template class

```
template<typename T>
class ring_allocator : public ring_allocator_base
{
public:
    // ...

    size_type max_size() const noexcept
    {
        // The max. size is based on the buffer size.
        return buffer_size / sizeof(value_type);
    }

    pointer allocate(size_type count,
        ring_allocator<void>::const_pointer = nullptr)
    {
        // Use the base class ring allocation mechanism.
        void* p = do_allocate(count * sizeof(value_type));

        return static_cast<pointer>(p);
    }
}
```

Ring Allocator according to CH Kormanyos

We need the following files:

```
> C util_alignas.h  
> C util_factory.h  
> C util_placed_pointer.h  
> C util_ring_allocator.h  
> C util_static_allocator.h
```

Important: the class you instantiate must have a **memory allocator interface**.
Here with the example of a vector container:

```
std::vector<int32_t , util::ring_allocator<uint16_t>> BufferYAxis2;
```

Or with typedefs according to examples (see also in the book):

```
typedef util::ring_allocator<uint16_t> alloc_typeint32_t;  
typedef std::vector<int32_t , alloc_typeint32_t> Average_type;  
  
Average_type BufferYAxis;
```

Solution in C++ if there is too little in ring buffer segment.

The implementation always uses the memory from the ring buffer.

If the buffer is too small, the program counter will end in the `_exit` function!

```
59 void _exit (int status)
60 {
61     _kill(status, -1);
62     while (1) {}      /* Make sure we hang here */
63 }
64
```

This function is located in `syscalls.c`.

Example of efficiency from STL to C++ or even C code

STL-Bibliothek:

```
// chapter06_17-001_use_the_stl.cpp

#include <numeric>

std::uint8_t checksum(const std::uint8_t* p,
                     const std::uint_fast8_t len)
{
    // Use the STL's version of accumulate.
    return std::accumulate(p,
                           p + len,
                           std::uint_fast8_t(0U));
}
```

Reverse Engineered STL:

```
// chapter06_17-002_use_the_stl.cpp

std::uint8_t checksum(const std::uint8_t* p,
                     const std::uint_fast8_t len)
{
    // Compare with a manually written accumulate.
    std::uint_fast8_t sum = UINT8_C(0);
    const std::uint8_t* end = p + len;

    while(p != end)
    {
        sum += *p;
        ++p;
    };

    return sum;
}
```

Entwickler-Code

```
// chapter06_10-002_checksum_uint_fast8_t.cpp

std::uint8_t checksum(const std::uint8_t* p,
                     const std::uint_fast8_t len)
{
    std::uint_fast8_t sum = UINT8_C(0);

    for(std::uint_fast8_t i = UINT8_C(0); i < len; i++)
    {
        sum += *p;
        ++p;
    };

    return sum;
}
```

The STL was more efficient than developer code.
Reverse engineered (trial and error) code.
Note: Use of const
libraries can be more efficient than own implementation.

What we have learned



- We have covered the data type and command `auto`.
- We have discussed how to output data on the serial interface in C and C++.
- We have discussed how to setup the MEMS sensor
- We have covered containers and their iterators.
- We got to know the group of sequential containers and looked at the representative array.
- We have discussed how the memory segments are on the MCU (STM32).
- We looked at the function of the MMU in terms of memory leakage.
- We discussed how memory is allocated dynamically in C and C++ and where the problems are without MMU.
- We have covered the container vector and his memory behavior.
- We have discussed the solution of how to write you own memory allocator in C++.

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Self study

03_1_CPP_autoconsole



Create new the project: CPP_autoconsole_03_01.

Create a variable of type auto an increment it from 0 to 255;

Print the value on the console.

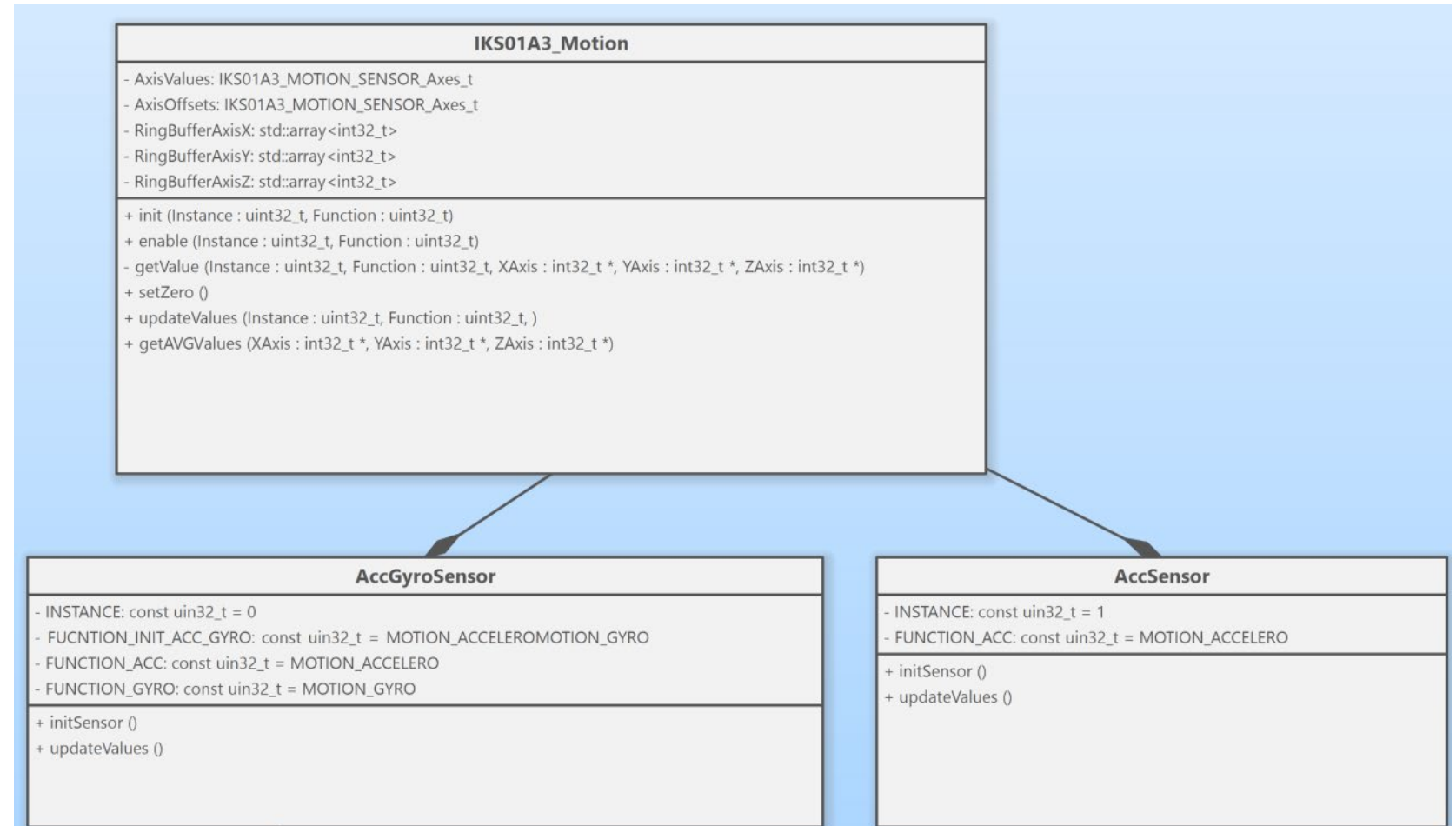
03_2_CPP_IKS01A3



Create new the project:
CPP_IKS01A3_03_02.

Implement the classes according to the
concept.

Output the values of the acceleration
sensor on the console.



03_3_CPP_ IKS01A3_ArrayAvg



Extend the project: CPP_IKS01A3_03_02 to CPP_IKS01A3_03_03 .

Now we take a container of the type array as a circular buffer.

The array should hold 6 values.

We form the mean value via the array with iterators.

Output this via the console.

03_4_CPP_SpiritLevel



Create new the project: CPP_SpiritLevel_03_04.

Implement the classes according to the concept.

The LED1, LED2 and LED3 serve as spirit levels.

To indicate whether the PCB is straight.

For this we extend the class STM32H7Led

Instead of a ring buffer of a container array (as in the project CPP_IKS01A3) we now use a container of the type vector.

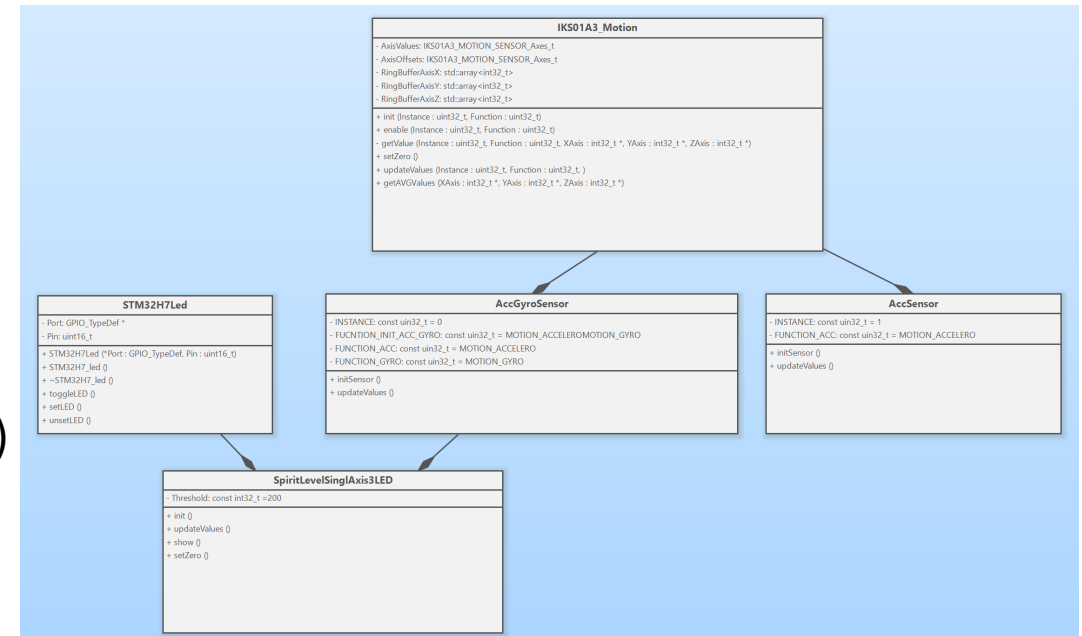
We use a custom allocator from Mr. Kormanyo's author of Real-Time C++.
We take the mean value of the accelerometer of the axis: Y of 10 values.

With the USER key we want to be able to make a zero offset of the sensor.

Set LEDS accordingly to the acc value of the Y-axis .

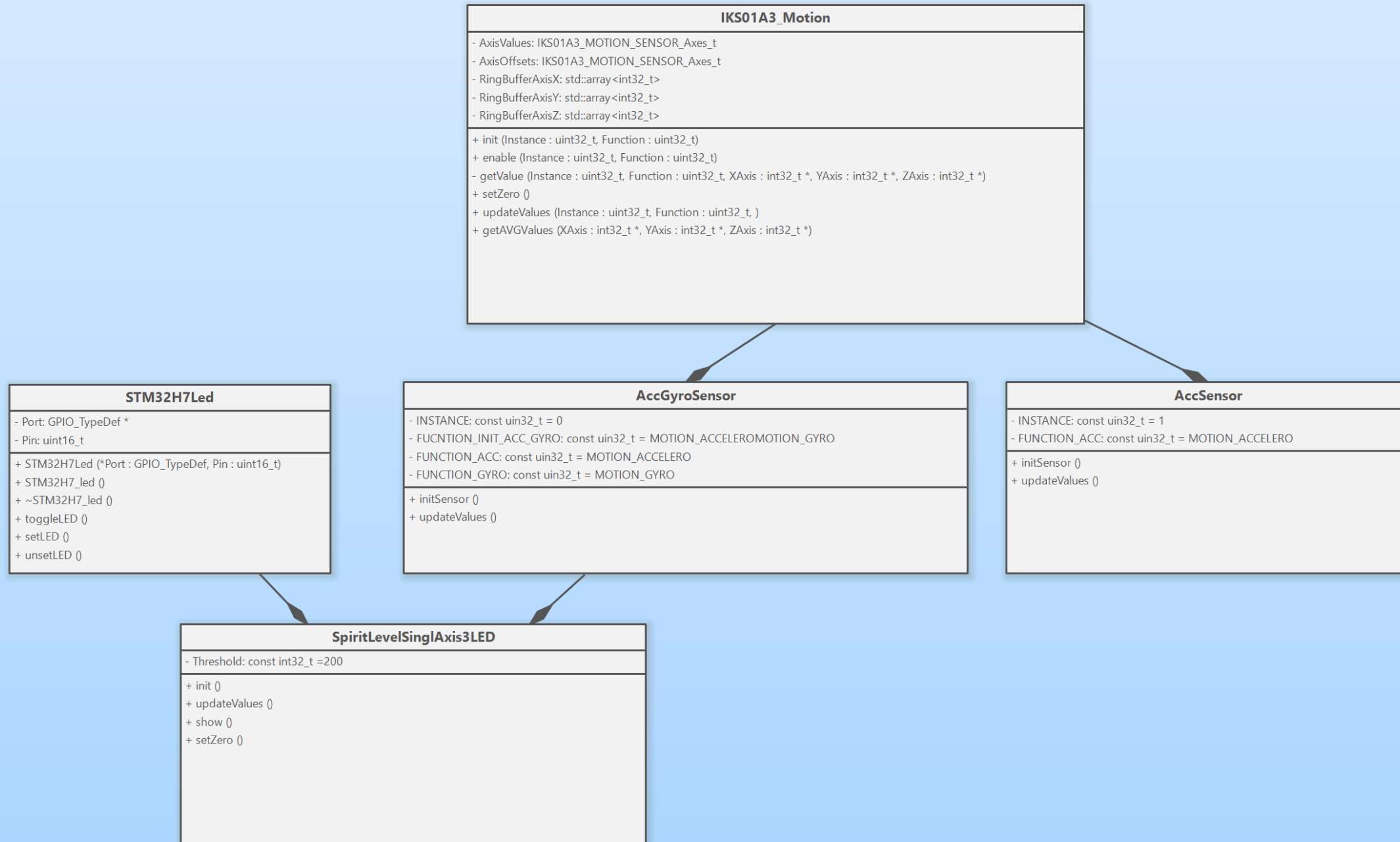
Output the value of the Y-axis on the console. Solution:

- Project:
 - CPP_SpiritLevel_Sol
- Git branch:
 - CPP_SpiritLevel_03_04_Sol



See detail next slide

03_4_CPP_SpiritLevel



Thank you for your attention and cooperation