Ve373 Microprocessor Based System Design

Lab 1 Development Tools for STM32 MCU

OBJECTIVE

- **Build an environment for STM32 programming & debugging.** This includes the installing of:
  1. **STM32CubeMX**, a tool with graphic interface that helps you configure a project. Library references and starter files are hard to manage for an embedded project, and STM32CubeMX generates a configured project for you with all those stuffs arranged.
  2. **Keil v5,** a tool for compiling, downloading your code into the STM32 board and debugging.
  3. **ST-LINK V2,** a downloader and its driver. You'll get a physical downloader in the on-site lab, and you may need to install its driver ahead of time.

  Note that Keil only supports Windows. If you use Mac or Linux, you can use **STM32CubeIDE** instead. CubeIDE is an all-in-one solution that covers the function of CubeMX + Keil. Also, when installing CubeIDE, it offers a convenient choice to install ST-LINK driver together.
- Generate and run a simple program on an embedded chip.
- Understand the whole loop of developing a STM32 project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In this lab, you will set up the embedded system IDE for the rest of this course. The lab involves:
1. Install the software above one by one.
2. Using CubeMX / CubeIDE, create a new project and select the MCU, configure it correctly;
3. Using Keil / CubeIDE, open your project and compile it, then download it to a STM32 board with a ST-LINK downloader.

a. Install Software (Please do this before lab)

If you choose **STM32CubeMX + Keil**, you should:

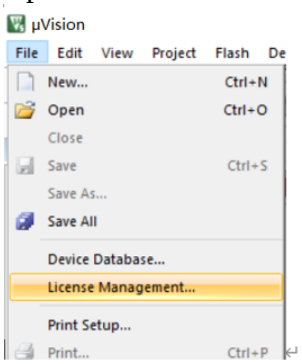
1. Install STM32CubeMX.

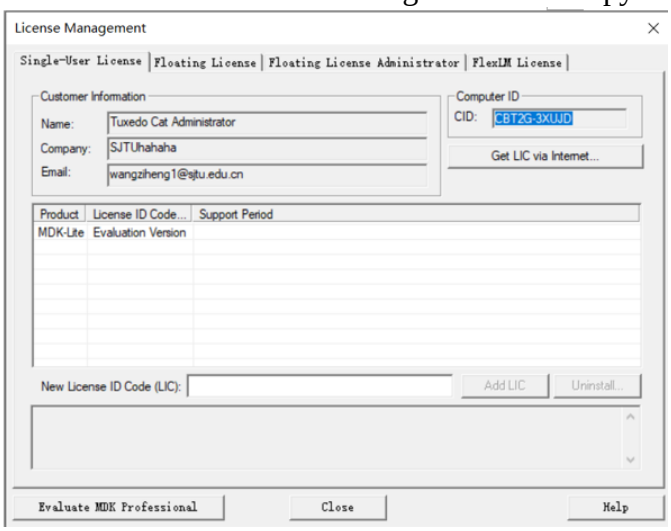
Open the official link STM32CubeMX - STM32Cube initialization code generator - STMicroelectronics. Click "Get Software" (or just scroll down the page) and you'll see this:

Then, choose the latest version for your operating system. (The website will ask you to create an account, it's okay to follow its instructions. After logging in with your account, you can scroll down and see the above page again.) The installation should go smoothly.

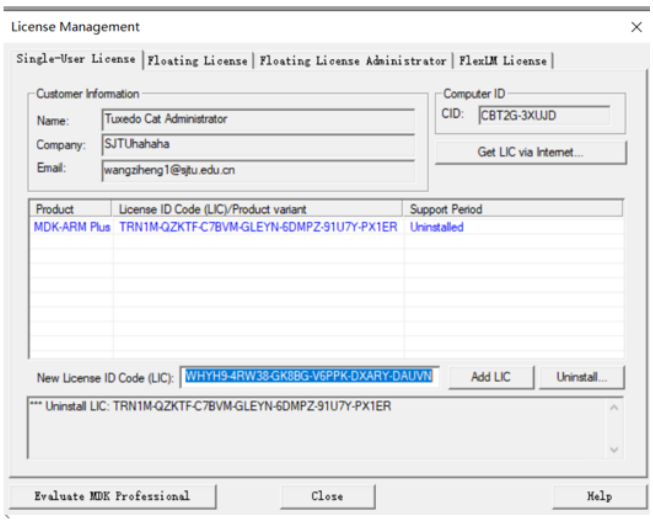
2. Install Keil V5 and activate a license.
In Canvas-Files-Lab-Resources, you'll see 3 files. Please do the following sequentially:

1) Download & unpack Keil uVision5 MDK V5.20. After installing Keil, you'll be led to a "Release Note Page" and see a "Pack Installer" pop-up window. No need to get scared and just close them anyway.
2) Download & unpack Keil uVision5 MDK V5.20 Device Support Pack.
3) Download Keygen.
Open Keil as administrator. Click "File->License Management" and copy the CID.





Run Keygen. Note that you'll hear **a powerful piece of music** when Keygen is running, and turning down the volume ahead of time is recommended. Paste the CID into Keygen, and **choose ARM as the target**. Then, click "Generate" and copy the license code you get.



Go back to "License Management" in Keil. Paste the license code into "New License ID Code", click "Add LIC" and you've cracked Keil.

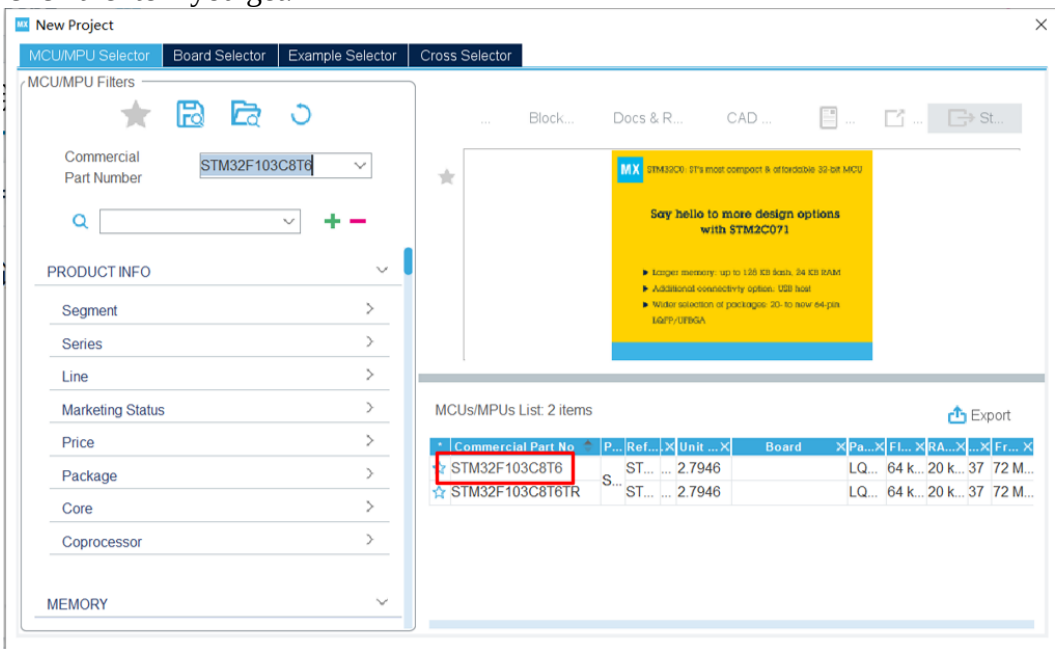
3. Install the driver for ST-LINK at https://jbox.sjtu.edu.cn/l/c16Jfm.

If you choose **STM32CubeIDE** as an all-in-one solution, you should:

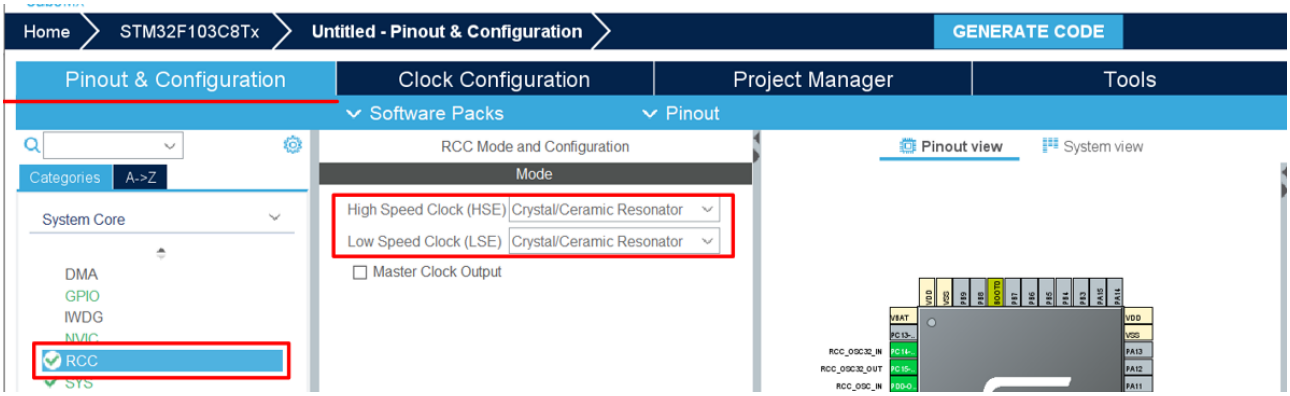
1. Just install it.
   The official website is [STM32CubeIDE - Integrated Development Environment for STM32 - STMicroelectronics] and the installation process is alike to STM32CubeMX, as mentioned above.

b. Write & Run a Simple Program

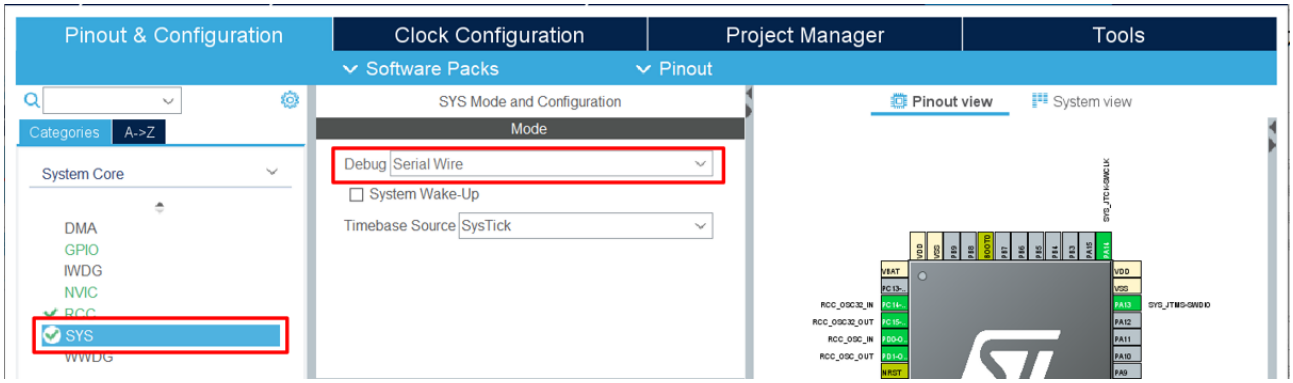
1. Generate a configured project. The screenshots come from **CubeMX**, and the same procedure applies to **CubeIDE**.
   Click “File -> New Project”. Search for STM32F103C8T6 in “Commercial Part Number” and double-click the item you get.



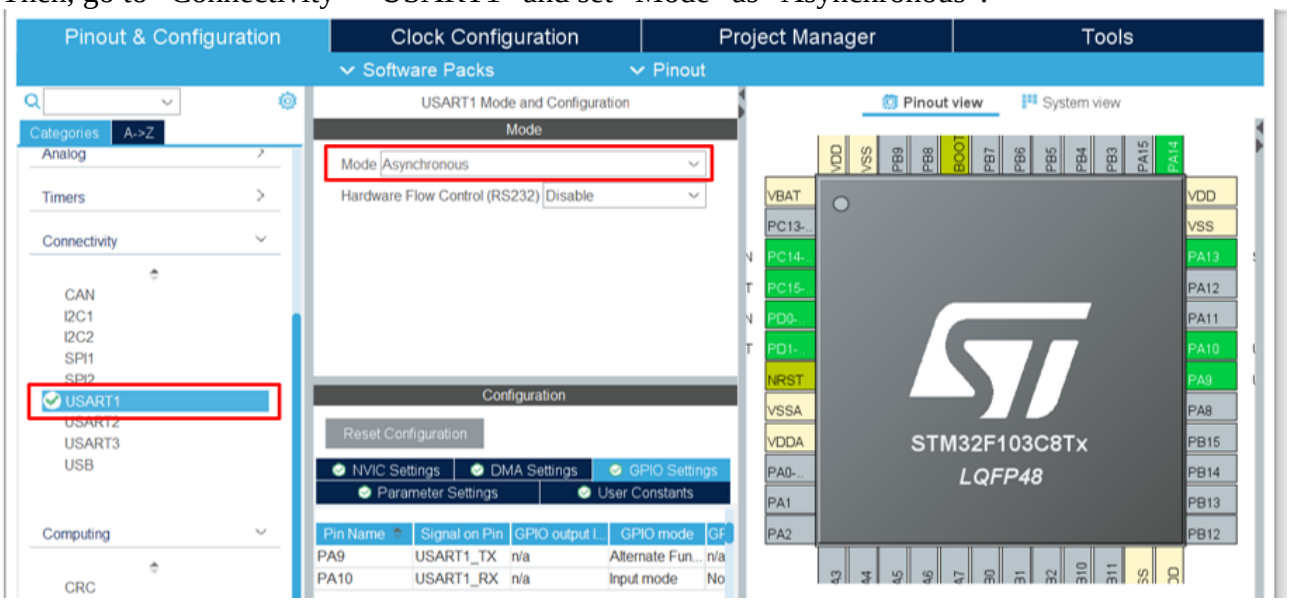
In Pinout & Configuration, go to “RCC” and configure “High Speed Clock” and “Low Speed Clock” as “Crystal/Ceramic Resonator”.



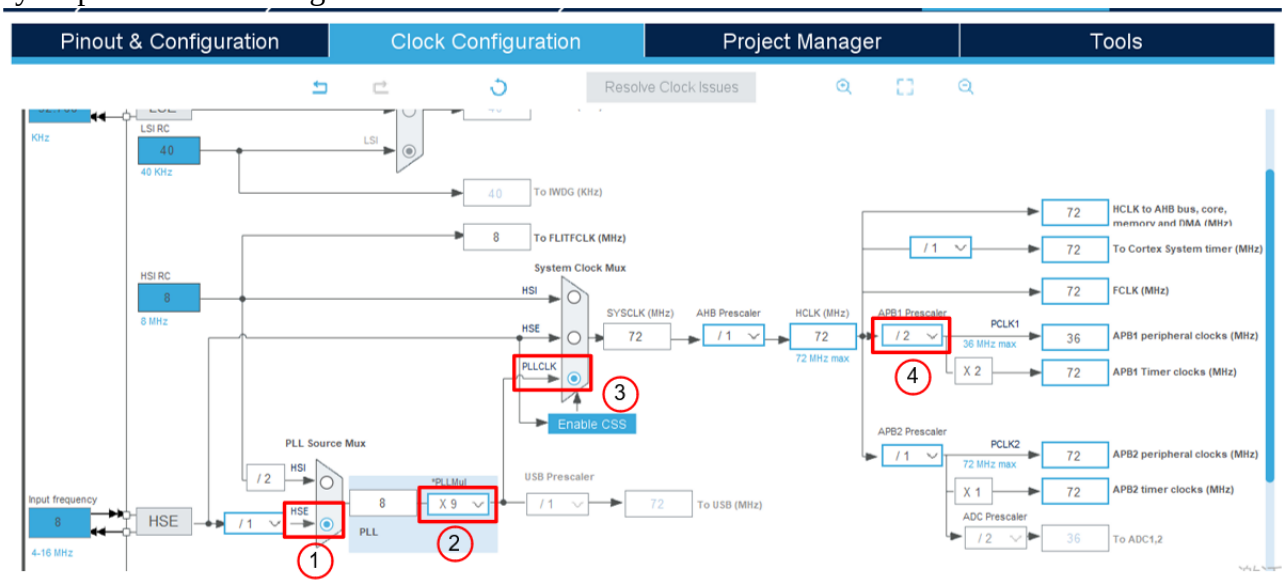
Then, go to “SYS” and config “Debug” as “Serial Wire”.



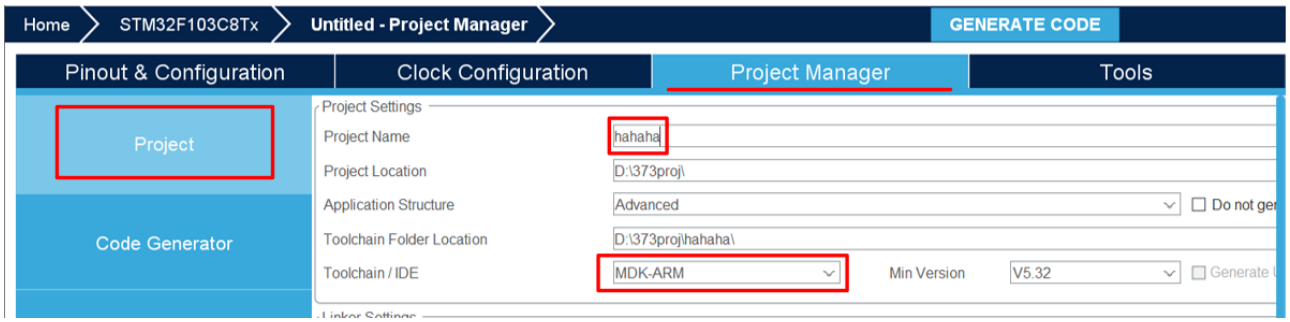
Then, go to “Connectivity -> USART1” and set “Mode” as “Asynchronous”.



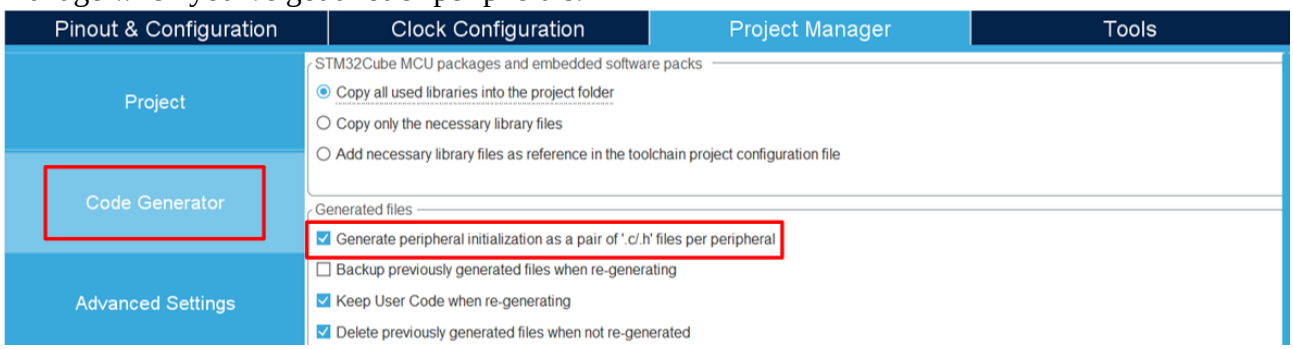
Now the Pinout are configured, and let’s go to “Clock Configuration”. Configure the clock step-by-step with same settings as below.



Now configurations are down, let’s go to “Project Manager”. In “Project”, name your project and choose “MDK-ARM” as the target toolchain.



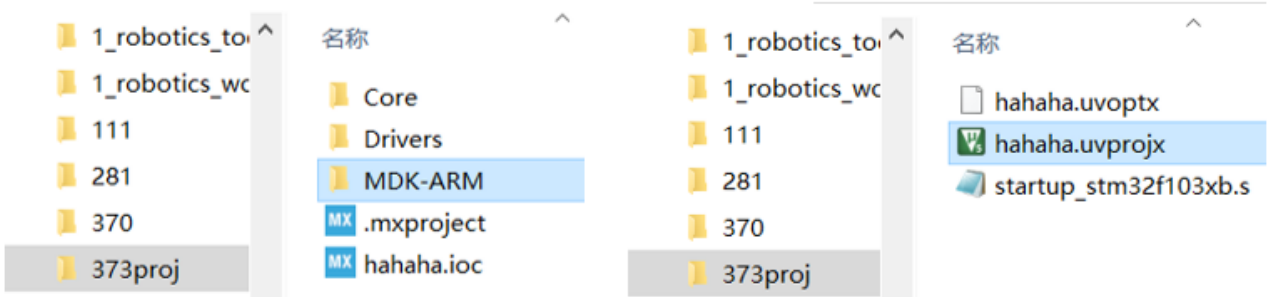
In “Code Generator”, choose “Generate peripheral initialization as a pair of ‘.c/.h’ files per peripheral”. This is not necessary step but a good habit, since separated files are easier to manage when you’ve got a lot of peripherals.



Now all settings are done. To generate your project, click “GENERATE CODE” if you’re using CubeMX or just press Ctrl + S to save the project if you’re using CubeIDE. Note that if you’re doing this for the first time, you’ll be asked to login and download some firmware. If the pop-up window breaks down, just try again.

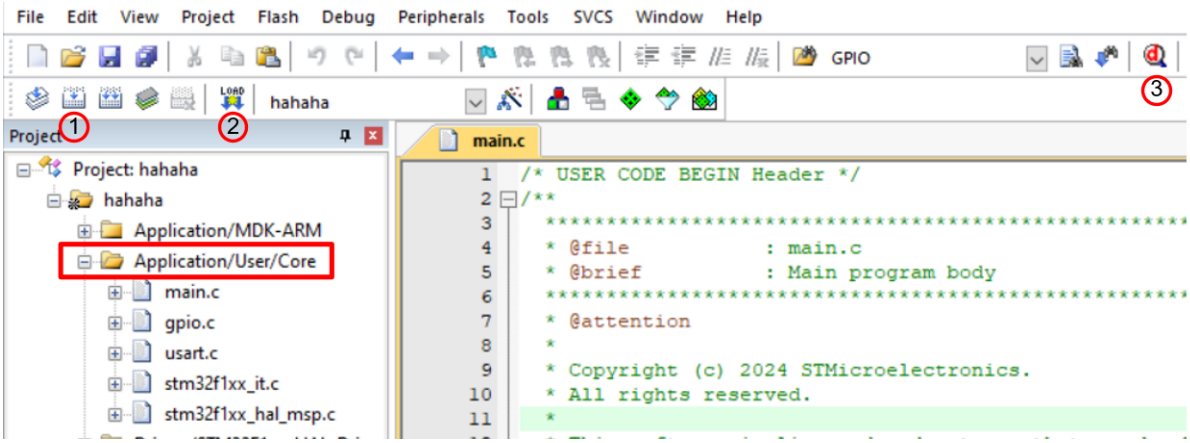
2. Compile and download your project.

Here we show the step-to-step process for Keil, and a similar approach holds for CubeIDE. After generated, your project files would look like something as below. Click into “MDK-ARM” and open the file with a “.uvprojx”.

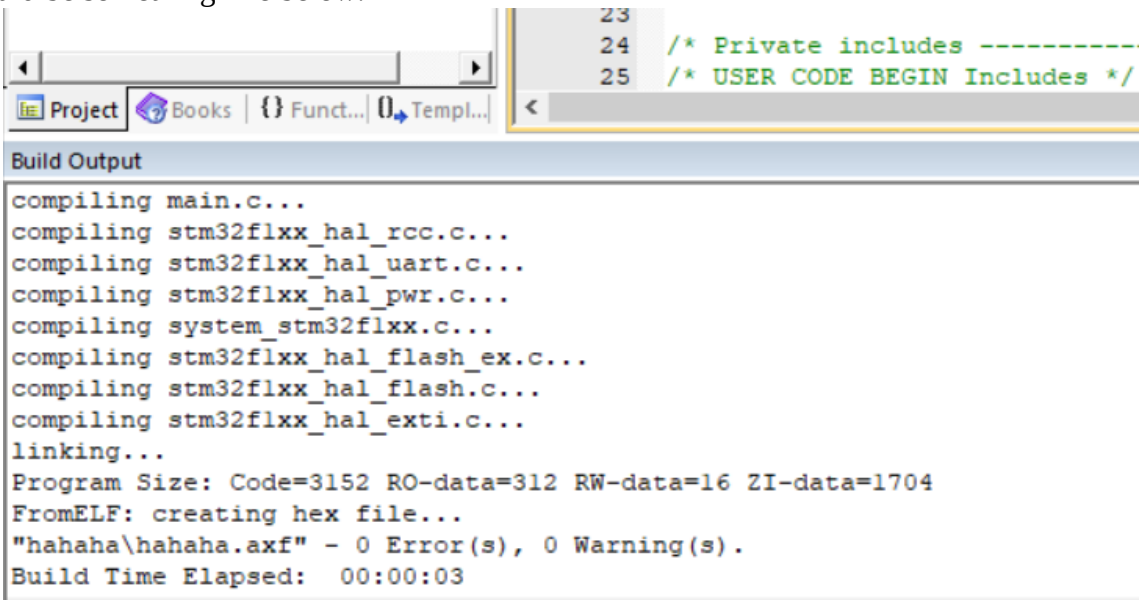


Now we’re at Keil. The folder “Application/User/Core” is your main workplace. Button (1) “Build” compiles your project, button (2) “Load” downloads your compiled project into a STM32 board.

Button (3) “Debug” helps you debug your code by showing values of variables operated in your board. It’s a powerful tool and a major merit of Keil (while CubeIDE can do similar things), and we’ll explore it in future labs.

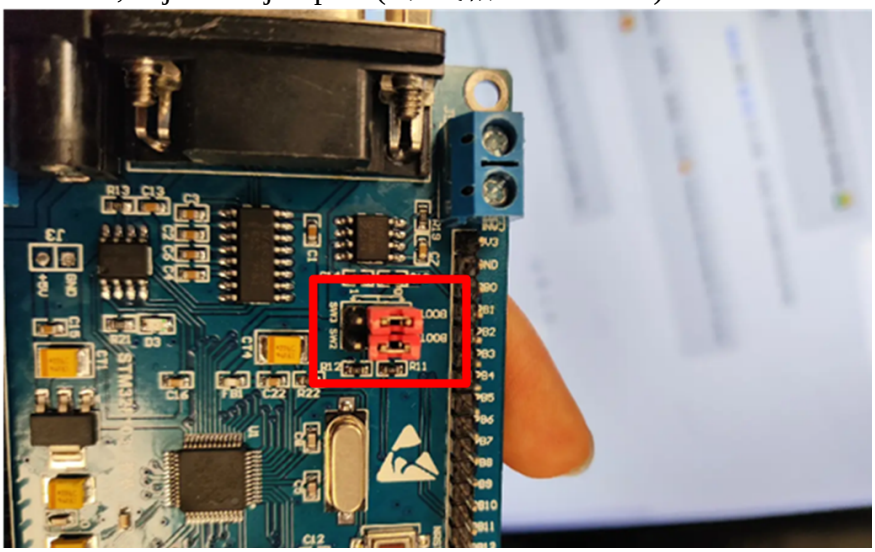


Press “Compile” (or shortcut F7) and check the log messages in “Build Output”. The message should be something like below.



Now the compilation is done. If you’re testing the correctness of installation, congrats for getting everything settled. Later steps of downloading require a physical board and downloader to be distributed in on-site lab.

After you get the board, adjust the jumpers (“跳线帽” in Chinese) as below.



You'll get a ST-LINK downloader and several wires. Connect SWDIO, SWCLK, 3.3V, GND on the downloader to PA13, PA14, 3.3V, GND on your board. Plug the downloader into your labtop and click "Load" button in Keil. A successful download means you've finished everything (except the report) of Lab1.

c. Other Options for Developing

As you would see in future development, Keil / CubeIDE are good tools for compiling, downloading and debugging but not for writing codes. Functions like code navigation and auto-completion are hard to use and the interface is crude. For other choices, you can refer to "*Lab1_Additional_Contents*", a guidance written by a former TA with ample experience in embedded programming. As long as you could make up a toolchain that covers configuration, compilation, download and debug together with coding, you can work well with that.