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#### LABORATORY REPORT

### **DEVICE NETWORKS**

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#### 1. Requirements

This report details a laboratory exercise conducted as part of the Device Network course, focusing on the practical implementation of the Controller Area Network (CAN) protocol. The primary objective was to establish and demonstrate a reliable two-way communication link between two distinct nodes. This was accomplished using two STM32F103C8T6 boards as the core processing units for each node. Essential to bridging the microcontroller logic with the physical network layer, dedicated CAN transceiver modules were employed on each node to handle the differential signaling required by the CAN bus standard. Furthermore, USB-to-TTL serial converters were connected to each node's UART interface to provide real-time visibility into the network traffic, allowing transmitted and received messages to be easily monitored on a computer terminal. This report walks through the system's schematic design, the physical wiring connections, the configuration process for the STM32 microcontrollers, and the firmware code developed for both nodes. It concludes with a demonstration of the working bidirectional CAN communication.

#### 2. Hardware

#### 2.1 Block diagram

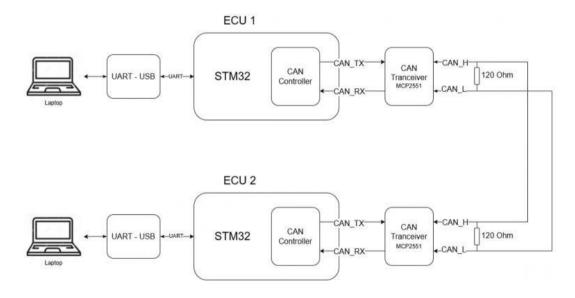


Figure 1a. Block diagram

#### 2.2 Wiring diagram

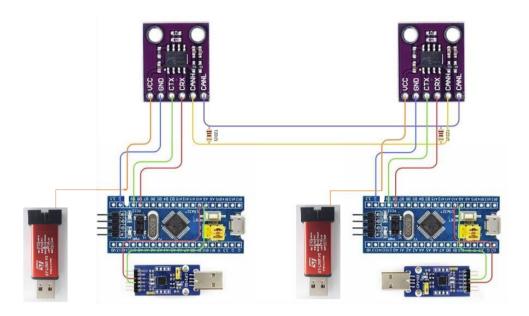
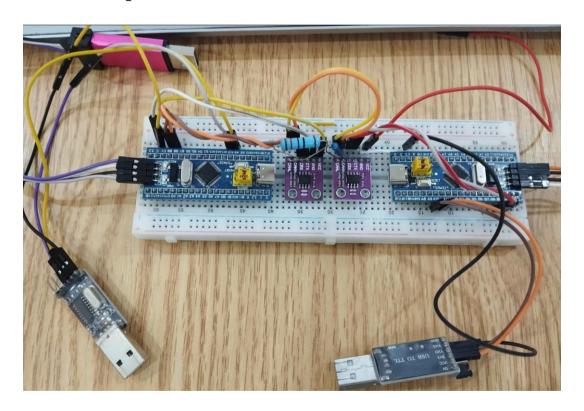


Figure 1b. Wiring diagram

#### 2.3 Real circuit photo



#### 3. Software

#### 3.1. Microcontroller configuration

The example is based on the STM32F103C8T6 board. The first thing to think about is the pins to be used by the CAN interface. So, you need to find which pins are free on the board.

Although an example is using Normal mode, you need to select CAN\_Tx and CAN\_RX with an externally unconnected I/O. For that, we need to refer to the board's schematic. On the STM32F103C8T6 MCU, there is only one CAN instance, which is CAN1. We need to start a project based on the board in STM32CubeMX:

- 1. Create a new project starting from the "ST board"
- 2. Select the [Access to MCU selector]
- 3. Find the board "STM32F103C8T6"
- 4. In the bottom right of the window, double-click on the board image.

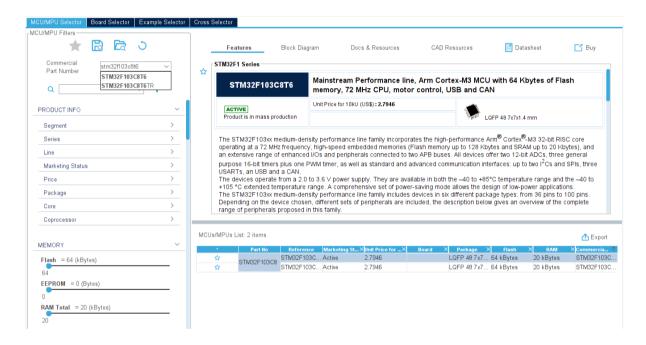


Figure 2. Select STM32F103C8T6

STM32CubeMX asks you to initialize the peripherals with their default values. Click [Yes]:

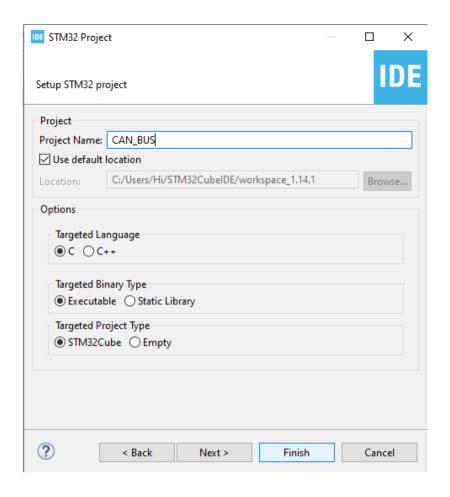


Figure 3. Click finish to create the Project

At this stage, click RCC. Enable Crystal/Ceramic Resonator from the "High Speed Clock" menu.

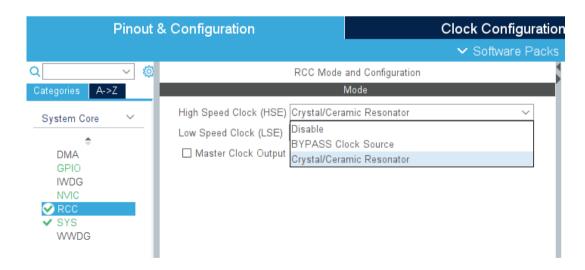


Figure 4. Enable Crystal/Ceramic Resonator

The second thing to do is to enable USART1 from the "Connectivity" menu. Choose Asynchronous

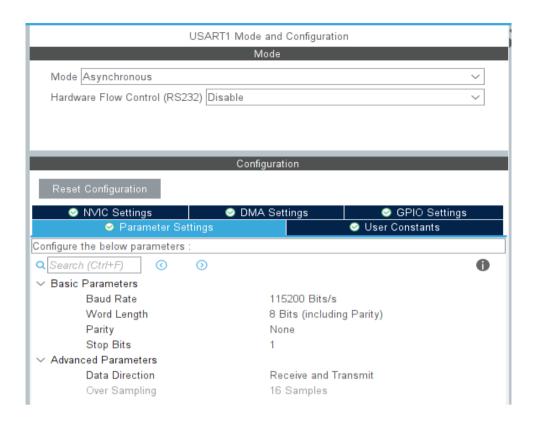


Figure 5. USART activation

Then enable CAN1 from the "Connectivity" menu:

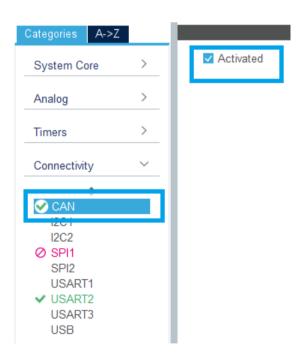


Figure 6. CAN pin activation

After enabling CAN1, PA11, and PA12 GPIOs are enabled by default for this product. Or we can choose PB8 and PB9. There were no conflicts between the already enabled GPIOs on the board and the CAN I/Os. This is confirmed by looking at the board's schematic, PB8 and PB9

are free, and nothing is connected to them. So, these GPIOs can be used for the CAN application.

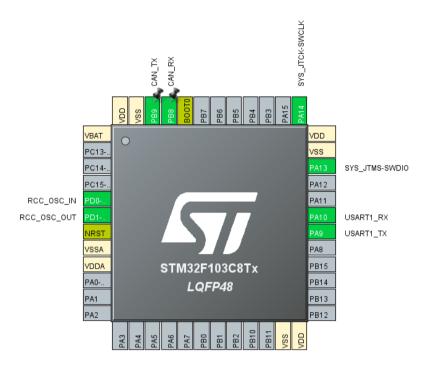
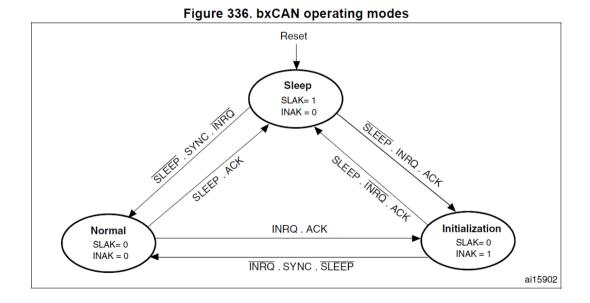


Figure 7. CAN activated

After the CAN interface activation, there are three things to configure: the clock configuration, the CAN timing configuration, and the GPIO configuration.

#### **CAN** mode configuration

Once the initialization is complete, the software must request the hardware to enter Normal mode to be able to synchronize on the CAN bus and start reception and transmission.



In STM32CubeMX, go to the "Parameter Settings" tab and set the Normal mode in the "Advanced Parameters" menu:

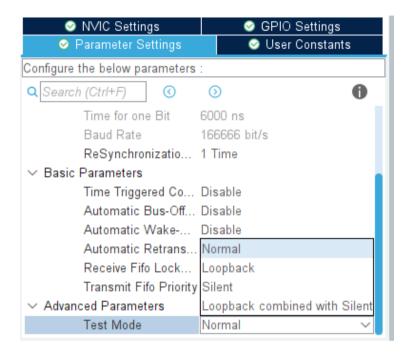


Figure 9. Configuring CAN in Normal mode

We keep the basic CAN parameters in their default settings. Not needed in our basic example:

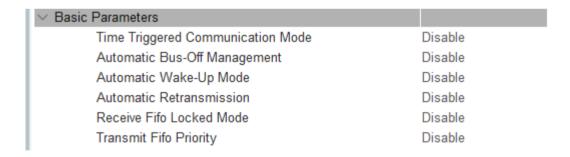


Figure 10. Basic CAN parameter settings

#### **Clock configuration**

As the Normal mode is used, there is no need for a precise clock source because the bit sampler and the bit generator have the same clock source. So, HSI is used as the clock source in the example. In the case of STM32F103, the CAN peripheral is clocked from the APB1 domain as stated in the reference manual:

Table 3. Register boundary addresses (continued)

Boundary address	Peripheral	Bus	Register map	
0x4000 7800 - 0x4000 FFFF	Reserved		-	
0x4000 7400 - 0x4000 77FF	DAC		Section 12.5.14 on page 273	
0x4000 7000 - 0x4000 73FF	Power control PWR		Section 5.4.3 on page 80	
0x4000 6C00 - 0x4000 6FFF	Backup registers (BKP)		Section 6.4.5 on page 85	
0x4000 6400 - 0x4000 67FF	bxCAN1		Section 24.0 5 on none 605	
0x4000 6800 - 0x4000 6BFF	bxCAN2		Section 24.9.5 on page 695	
0x4000 6000 <sup>(1)</sup> - 0x4000 63FF	Shared USB/CAN SRAM 512 bytes		-	
0x4000 5C00 - 0x4000 5FFF	USB device FS registers		Section 23.5.4 on page 651	
0x4000 5800 - 0x4000 5BFF	I2C2		Section 26 6 10 on page 794	
0x4000 5400 - 0x4000 57FF	I2C1		Section 26.6.10 on page 784	
0x4000 5000 - 0x4000 53FF	UART5			
0x4000 4C00 - 0x4000 4FFF	UART4		Section 27.6 % on none 927	
0x4000 4800 - 0x4000 4BFF	USART3		Section 27.6.8 on page 827	
0x4000 4400 - 0x4000 47FF	USART2			
0x4000 4000 - 0x4000 43FF	Reserved		-	
0x4000 3C00 - 0x4000 3FFF	SPI3/I2S	APB1	Section 25.5 on page 742	
0x4000 3800 - 0x4000 3BFF	SPI2/I2S		Section 25.5 on page 742	

Figure 11. The CAN clock is on APB1 domain

So, the CAN bit time is generated and sampled based on this clock source.

In STM32CubeMX, we select an HSI clock source over a PLL. The system clock source is 64 MHz, and the APB1 clock is 32 MHz (the maximum).

We also use the HSE clock source from the Crystal/Ceramic Resonator is maximum 72 MHz, and the APB1 clock is 36 MHz.

In this project, we chose the first option, in STM32CubeMX, in "Clock Configuration view":

- 1. Select HSI clock source (8MHz/2)
- 2. Select PLLCLK to enable the PLL

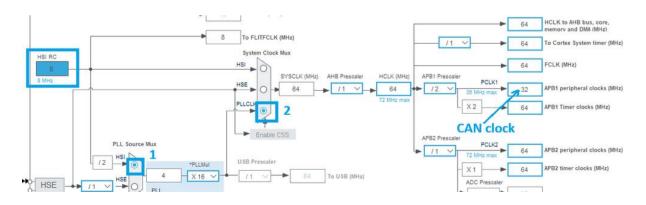


Figure 12. System clock configuration

#### **CAN** timing configuration

In this example, we set the CAN bitrate at 500 KB/s. Knowing that in the Normal mode, the bitrate configuration is not a must. The CAN bit time configuration applies to both Tx and Rx, and the transmitted messages are received at the same CAN bitrate.

Take precautions. Setting BS1 and BS2 to very low values, such as BS1=1 and BS2=1, leads to a communication issue. Better to decrease the CAN clock prescaler and increase BS1 and BS2 as much as possible, fitting the CAN bitrate.

In STM32CubeMX, in "Parameter Settings", the default timing config values set are:

- Prescaler = 16
- Time Quanta in Bit Segment 1 = 1
- Time Quanta in Bit Segment 2 = 1

These are not ideal settings.

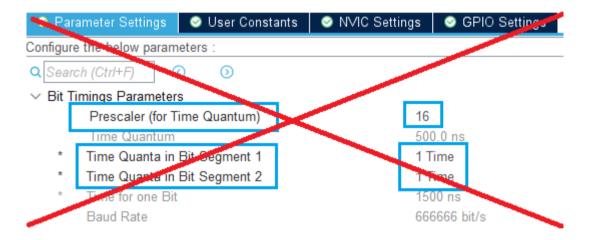


Figure 13. The default CAN timing configuration in STM32CubeMX

The first thing to do is to increase BS1 and BS2 to their maximum values (BS1=16, BS2=8) in STM32CubeMX. Decrease the prescaler step by step until the CAN bitrate target value is found. If the operation does not allow it to converge to the wished exact bitrate, try to play with the prescaler.

As said, in our example, the CAN bitrate is set to 500 KB/s. The sample point needs to be selected between 75% and 87% of the bit time.

In STM32CubeMX, we choose these settings:

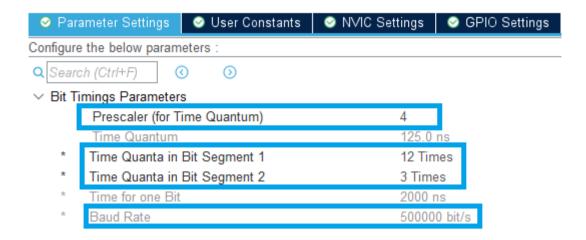


Figure 14. CAN timing configuration

The bit time = SyncSeg + BS1 + BS2. In our case, the bit time = 1 + 12 + 3 = 16

Where SyncSeg is always = 1.

The sample point = (SyncSeg + BS1) / bit time = (1 + 12) /16 = 0.8125 à Sample point at: 0.8125%

In this configuration, the sample point is set at ~81% of the bit time.

You can use the attached Excel file calculator (CAN bitrate calculation.xlsx) to find the suitable timing configurations for the CAN bitrate, including the sample point.

#### **CAN GPIO configuration**

Even if the CAN signals are internally connected by hardware, it is mandatory to configure the I/Os. This is already done when CAN is activated in STM32CubeMX as shown in Figures 5 and 6. To avoid issues, we need to activate the internal pull-up resistor manually on the CAN\_Rx pin.

In that case, we need to go to the "GPIO settings" tab and set the pull-up on the CAN\_Rx pin, which is PB8 in this case.

In STM32CubeMX, go to the "GPIO Settings" tab, and:

- 1. Click on the CAN\_RX pin
- 2. Go to the PB8 configuration, then to "GPIO Pull-up / Pull-down" and select [Pull-up] to set the internal resistor.

In CAN communication, the RX line often requires a pull-up resistor to maintain a stable logic level when the bus is in the idle state. Without a pull-up resistor, the pin may become noisy, leading to data reception errors.

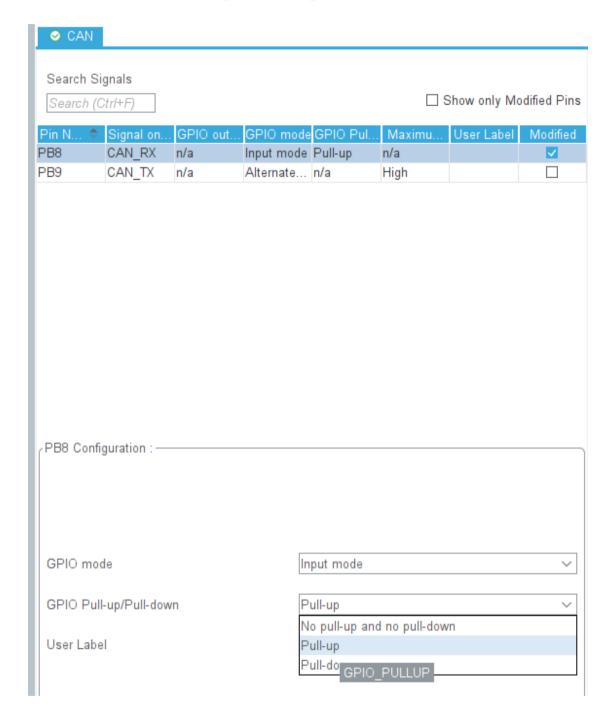


Figure 15. Setting the pull-up on the CAN\_Rx pin

#### **CAN** interrupt settings

In the example, we use the CAN message reception in the interrupt mode. There are three NVIC interrupts available for CAN: two for the FIFOs' reception (FIFO0 and FIFO1) and one for the CAN error management.

If your system needs to process received data immediately (e.g. real-time or high priority), it is useful to enable interrupts for the FIFO (such as CAN RX0 or CAN RX1 in your configuration table) to help the system respond quickly to new data. The interrupt will trigger a processing function when the FIFO receives data, helping you not to miss information. However, if the application allows polling, you may not need to enable interrupts, but only read the FIFO periodically. In this case, the interrupt priority and configuration (Preemption Priority, Sub Priority) can be left at default 0 as shown in the figure.

On the STM32F1 family, the CAN Rx FIF0 NVIC interrupt line is shared with a USB low-priority interrupt line. In our case, we activate the interrupt only on FIFO0 as we do not use FIFO1 or the CAN error.

In STM32CubeMX, go to the "NVIC Settings" tab, and check the [USB low priority or CAN RX0 interrupts] option:

	User Constants		gs 🛛 🔗 (	GPIO Settings	
NVIC	C Interrupt Table		Enabled	Preemption Priority	Sub Priority
USB high priority or CAN TX interrupts			0	0	
USB low priority or CAN RX0 interrupts		<b>✓</b>	0	0	
CAN RX1 interrupt			0	0	
CAN SCE interrupt			0	0	

Figure 16. Enable CAN RX0 NVIC interrupt channel

We can keep the "Preemption Priority" and "Sub Priorities" set to their default values 0.

At this stage, all is set in the STM32CubeMX. It is time to generate the code. See section 3.

Note that it is not possible to use USB and CAN at the same time on the STM32F103. So, it is not possible to create a USB to CAN converter with it, while some other products and families do.

#### 3.2 Flowchart

#### **3.3.** Code

In STM32CubeMX, after setting all the parameters of the RCC and the CAN peripheral, we need to name the project. Select where the project will be saved and set the toolchain to use. In our case, it is STM32CubeIDE.

#### In STM32CubeMX,

- 1. Go to the Project Manager view
- 2. Name the project. Example: CAN BUS

- 3. Browse to the location where the project will be saved
- 4. Select your preferred toolchain. In our case, it is STM32CubeIDE
- 5. Click on "Generate code."



Figure 17. Project code generation

After generating the code and opening STM32CubeIDE, this is what you need to see in the "Project Explorer":

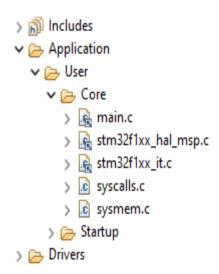


Figure 18. Project Explorer view after generating the code

#### Adding the CAN code to the application

We focus on the main.C file where we will add the CAN application.

The purpose of the application is very simple: Send 8 bytes of CAN data frame and receive them in Rx FIFO0 using an interrupt.

Variables to declare/add between /\* *USER CODE BEGIN PV \*/* and /\* *USER CODE END PV \*/*. Insert this code in between:

```
CAN_TxHeaderTypeDef TxHeader;

CAN_RxHeaderTypeDef RxHeader;;

uint8 t TxData[8] = "TXsend \n";

uint8_t RxData[8];

uint32_t TxMailbox;
```

\*We create a variable TxHeader and RxHeader of type CAN header struct that includes parts of the CAN message frame, and later, the Contents TxHeader will be declared and then added in the TX message. While RxHeader is used to store the header of the received message.

In MX\_CAN\_Init(), we add additional code: the CAN filter configuration, the CAN start preparation, and the CAN interrupt. For filters, we use a very simple configuration, i.e., passing all the IDs.

The code is added in between /\* USER CODE BEGIN CAN\_Init 2 \*/ and /\* USER CODE END CAN\_Init 2 \*/. Insert this code in between:

```
/* The CAN filter configuration */
sFilterConfig.FilterBank = 0;
sFilterConfig.FilterMode
                           =
                                 CAN_FILTERMODE_IDMASK;
                                                                    sFilterConfig.FilterScale
CAN_FILTERSCALE_32BIT; sFilterConfig.FilterIdHigh = 0x0000;
sFilterConfig.FilterIdLow = 0x0000;
sFilterConfig.FilterMaskIdHigh = 0x0000;
sFilterConfig.FilterMaskIdLow = 0x0000; sFilterConfig.FilterFIFOAssignment = CAN_RX_FIFO0;
sFilterConfig.FilterActivation = ENABLE; sFilterConfig.SlaveStartFilterBank = 14;
if (HAL_CAN_ConfigFilter(&hcan, &sFilterConfig) != HAL_OK)
{ Error_Handler(); }
if (HAL_CAN_Start(&hcan) != HAL_OK)
{ Error Handler();}
if (HAL_CAN_ActivateNotification(&hcan, CAN_IT_RX_FIFOO_MSG_PENDING) != HAL_OK)
```

```
{ Error Handler(); }
```

Do not forget to add the declaration of the filter structure in between /\* USER CODE BEGIN CAN\_Init 0 \*/ and /\* USER CODE END CAN\_Init 0 \*/.

Insert this code in between: CAN\_FilterTypeDef sFilterConfig;

Now, need to declare the CAN FIFO0 interrupt callback. You can add it in between

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN 4 */ and /* USER CODE END 4 */.
```

Insert this code in between:

```
void HAL_CAN_RxFifo0MsgPendingCallback(CAN_HandleTypeDef *CanHandle) { /* Get RX message
*/

if (HAL_CAN_GetRxMessage(CanHandle, CAN_RX_FIFO0, &RxHeader, RxData) != HAL_OK) {

/* Reception Error */ Error_Handler(); }

/* Transmit received data over UART */

if (HAL_UART_Transmit(&huart1, RxData, 8, 100) != HAL_OK)

{ /* UART Transmission Error */ Error_Handler(); }

}
```

Getting the message with  $HAL\_CAN\_GetRxMessage()$  fills the data buffer RxData with the received data and the RxHeader with the frame header that contains the information about the received frame like the ID, the data length etc. Then the message will be transmitted to PC through UART by  $HAL\_UART\_Transmit()$ 

Finally, add the transmit operation in main(). The code to insert is between /\* USER CODE BEGIN 2 \*/ and /\* USER CODE END 2 \*/:

The transmitted frame CAN ID is in a standard format with a value of 0x123 and acts as a data frame.

The data length is 8 bytes. The first frame that is transmitted.

```
TxHeader.StdId = 0x123; // ID of CAN device
```

TxHeader.RTR = CAN\_RTR\_DATA; // This is a Data frame, not requesting or error message.

TxHeader.IDE = CAN\_ID\_STD; // This is standard ID

TxHeader.DLC = 8; // The data length is 8 bytes.

TxHeader.TransmitGlobalTime = DISABLE:

Now, it is time to add the code responsible for the CAN transmission in the while loop. Note that we need to check first if there is one Tx mail box available to send the current CAN frame. Otherwise, HAL\_CAN\_AddTxMessage() returns an error if you do not wait until the previous frame is sent.

Some users put HAL\_Delay(). It works but for efficiency reason, it is preferable to poll on the Tx free mail box.

The application transmits 8 bytes where the sixth byte (byte 6) is incremented.

Insert this code between while (1) { and /\* USER CODE END WHILE \*/

```
TxData[6] ++;

HAL_Delay(1000);

while(HAL_CAN_GetTxMailboxesFreeLevel(&hcan) == 0);

if (HAL_CAN_AddTxMessage(&hcan, &TxHeader, TxData, &TxMailbox) != HAL_OK) {
Error_Handler(); }
```

Now, compile the project by clicking on the hammer button:



Figure 19. Compile the project

#### **Configure the second ECU**

We can set up the same with the first ECU, or add some following code

Variables to declare/add between /\* *USER CODE BEGIN PV \*/* and /\* *USER CODE END PV \*/*.

Insert this code in between:

CAN\_TxHeaderTypeDef TxHeader;

```
CAN_RxHeaderTypeDef RxHeader; ;

uint8_t TxData[8] = "RXsend_\n";

uint8_t RxData[8];

uint32_t TxMailbox;
```

Now, need to declare the CAN FIFO0 interrupt callback. You can add it in between /\* *USER CODE BEGIN 4* \*/ and /\* *USER CODE END 4* \*/.

Insert this code in between:

```
void HAL_CAN_RxFifo0MsgPendingCallback(CAN_HandleTypeDef *CanHandle)
/* Get RX message */
if (HAL_CAN_GetRxMessage(CanHandle, CAN_RX_FIFO0, &RxHeader, RxData) != HAL_OK)
{
 /* Reception Error */
 Error_Handler();
/* Transmit received data over UART */
if (HAL_UART_Transmit(&huart1, RxData, 8, 100) != HAL_OK)
{
 /* UART Transmission Error */
 Error_Handler();
}
if (HAL_CAN_AddTxMessage(&hcan, &TxHeader, TxData, &TxMailbox) != HAL_OK)
{
 /* Transmission request Error */
```

```
Error_Handler();
}}
```

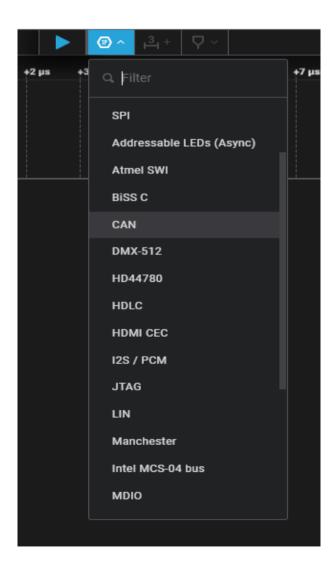
#### 4. Results

#### 4.1. Testing plan

In this section, we show how to test the CAN in Normal mode. For that we use the Saleae logic analyzer in CAN mode. We probe CAN\_Tx (PB9).

Connect the GND of the logic analyzer to the GND of the board and connect the data 0 (D0) of the logic analyzer input to CAN\_Tx (PB9).

In the Saleae logic analyzer software interface, enable the digital channel 0. Go to the analyzer menu "Add Analyzer" and search for "CAN" and select it:



Figure~20.~Configure~the~Saleae~logic~analyzer~digital~channel~0~input~in~CAN~mode

A window is shown to configure the CAN bitrate. In our case 500 KB/s is used. Set the value to 500000 (in Bits/s) and click **[Save]**. Do the same with the UART in channel 1 and choose Async serial

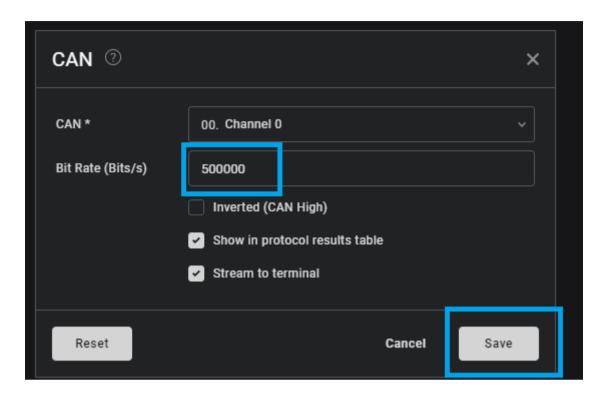


Figure 21. CAN configuration with Saleae logic analyzer

Now, connect the board to your PC/laptop with a USB data cable over STLINK USB connector and in STM32CubeIDE, start a debug session:

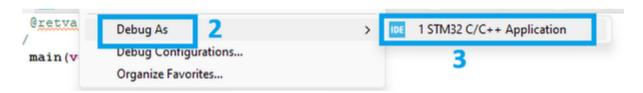


Figure 22. Start a debug session of the application in STM32CubeIDE

Wait until the debug to start.

You can add TxData and RxData to the "Live Expressions" view, to check how they update while the application runs:

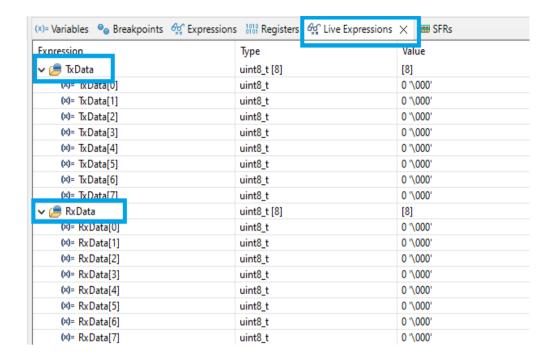


Figure 23. Adding TxData and RxData to the Live Expressions in STM32CubeIDE

In the logic analyzer, click the [Start] button to start the frame capture.

Now, run the application from STM32CubeIDE by clicking the green triangle:

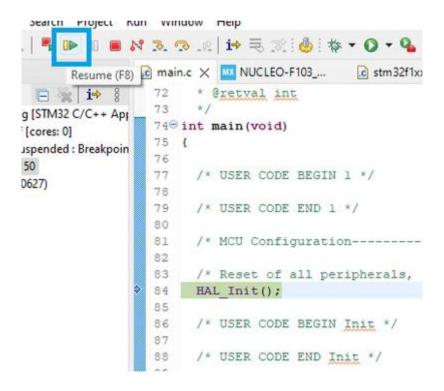


Figure 24. Running the application on STM32CubeIDE

The logic analyzer starts capturing the CAN frames sent on CAN\_Tx pin (PB9).

These are the frames captured by the logic analyzer:

Zoom out of the capture:



Figure 25. Zoom-out of the CAN frames captured by the logic analyzer

In the first frame sent by the application, the analyzer indicated that the frame ID is 0x123. The first byte sent in the frame is 0x54 and the last data sent is 0x0A. Which corresponds well to what the application is doing.



Figure 26. Zoom-out of the UART frames captured by the logic analyzer

Note that the pulses related to the zeroed data correspond to the bit stuffing.

In the debugger we can see that RxData is changing in live in the "Live Expressions":

#### 4.2. Results

Expression	Type	Value	
🗸 🥭 RxData	uint8_t [8]	[8]	
⇔= RxData[0]	uint8_t	82 'R'	
⇔= RxData[1]	uint8_t	88 'X'	
⇔= RxData[2]	uint8_t	103 'g'	
∞= RxData[3]	uint8_t	117 'u'	
∞= RxData[4]	uint8_t	105 'i'	
⇔= RxData[5]	uint8_t	95 '_'	
⇔= RxData[6]	uint8_t	52 '4'	
⇔= RxData[7]	uint8_t	10 '\n'	
canRX		Failed to evaluate expression	
🗸 進 TxData	uint8_t [8]	[8]	
⇔= TxData[0]	uint8_t	84 'T'	
⇔= TxData[1]	uint8_t	88 'X'	
⇔= TxData[2]	uint8_t	103 'g'	
⇔= TxData[3]	uint8_t	117 'u'	
⇔= TxData[4]	uint8_t	105 'i'	
⇔= TxData[5]	uint8_t	95 '_'	
∞= TxData[6]	uint8_t	52 '4'	
∞= TxData[7]	uint8_t	10 '\n'	
♣ Add new expression			

Figure 27. Tx and Rx buffers are changing in live in the STM32CubeIDE debugger

Turn on Hercules, choose"Serial" and set the appropriate COM and set baudrate is 115200 bit/s.

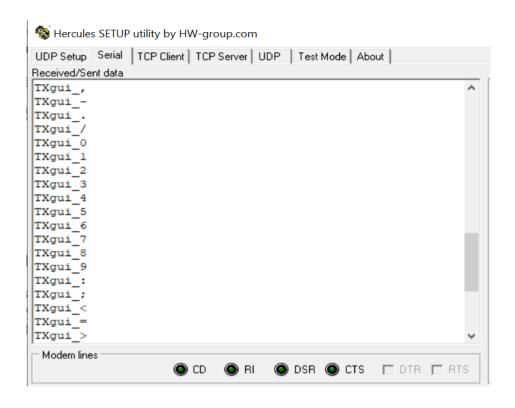


Figure 28. Rx buffers are sending in live in the Hercules terminal (second ECU)

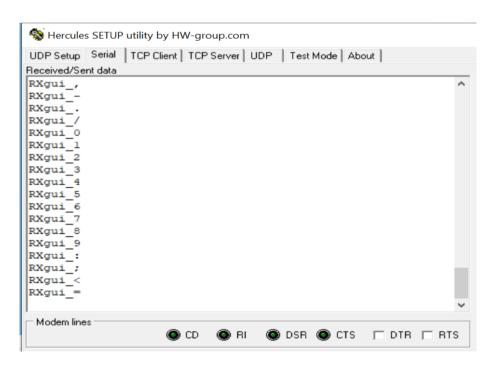


Figure 29. Rx buffers are sending in live in the Hercules terminal (first ECU)

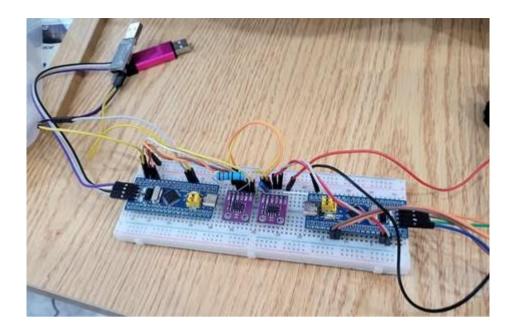


Figure 30. Circuit

#### **Conclusion**

This article described step by step how to configure the CAN in Normal mode to receive a CAN frame in interrupt mode between 2 ECU and display on PC through UART. It showed how to run the CAN application and how to test with a logic analyzer.

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