# How to use a Digital Sensor with RIOT using an STM32 Nucleo-64 F401RE development board

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https://github.com/ichatz/riotos-apps



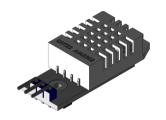
Low-power measurement of the ambient temperature and humidity with an STM32 Nucleo-64 F401RE development board and the RIOT operating system.

#### Required hardware components:

- STM32 Nucleo-64 F401RE
- DHT22 digital sensor
- 3 Female to male jumper wires



- The DHT22 digital sensor is a widely diffused component
  - Measures temperature and relative humidity
  - Uses a custom protocol which use a single wire/bus for communication.
- The DATA wire used for communication between STM32 MCU and the DHT22.
  - A 4.7K or 10K pull-up resistor is used to bring the bus in an IDLE state when there is no communication taking place.
  - A continuous HIGH on the line denote an IDLE state.
  - The STM32 MCU acts as the bus controller and hence is responsible for initiating communication (i.e., read).

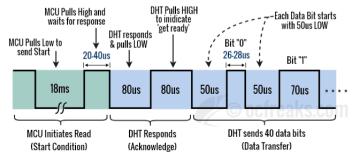




#### DHT22 Communication Protocol

- The STM32 MCU pulls it to a LOW for 18ms and HIGH for around 20 to 40us.
- **②** DHT22 detects a START and responds by pulling the line LOW for  $80\mu$ s.
- **3** DHT22 pulls it HIGH for  $80\mu$ s which indicates that it is ready to send 40 bits data.
- Each bit starts with a  $50\mu$ s LOW followed by  $26-28\mu$ s for a "0" or  $70\mu$ s for a "1".
- **1** To ends, the Line is pulled HIGH by the pull-up resistor and enters IDLE state.

#### **DHT22 Protocol**





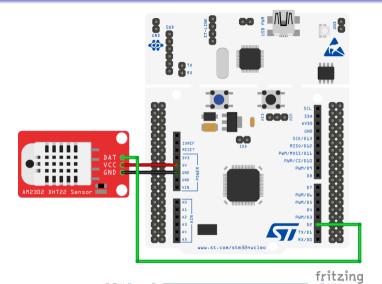
#### DHT22 Data Format

- 1st Byte: Relative Humidity Integral Data in % (Integer Part)
- 2 2nd Byte: Relative Humidity Decimal Data in % (Fractional Part) Zero for DHT11
- 3 3rd Byte: Temperature Integral in Degree Celsius (Integer Part)
- 4th Byte: Temperature in Decimal Data in % (Fractional Part) Zero for DHT11
- 5th Byte: Checksum (Last 8 bits of 1st Byte + 2nd Byte + 3rd Byte+ 4th Byte)

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## Hardware Independent elements

```
Makefile
# name of application
APPLICATION = photocell
# Path to the RIOT base directory:
RIOTBASE ?= $(CURDIR)/../../RIOT
# Modules to include:
USEMODULE += dht.
USEMODULE += fmt.
# RIOT features
FEATURES_OPTIONAL += periph_rtc
```

We wish to use the DHT module.

FMT = Format Module to help with the DHT protocol.

The RTC module used for power management.



```
main.c
int main(void) {
    dht_params_t my_params;
    my_params.pin = GPIO_PIN(PORT_A, 10);
    my_params.type = DHT_PARAM_TYPE;
    my_params.in_mode = DHT_PARAM_PULL;

    dht_t dev;
    if (dht_init(&dev, &my_params) == DHT_OK) {
```

• Use the struct dht\_params\_t to provide the PIN used.

printf("DHT sensor connected\n");



The RIOT operating system

```
int main(void) {
    int16_t temp, hum;
    if (dht_read(&dev, &temp, &hum) != DHT_OK) {
        printf("Error reading values\n");
    char temp_s[10];
    size_t n = fmt_s16_dfp(temp_s, temp, -1);
    temp_s[n] = ' \setminus 0':
    char hum_s[10];
    n = fmt_s16_dfp(hum_s, hum, -1);
    hum s[n] = ' \setminus 0':
    printf("DHT values - temp: %s°C - relative humidity: %s%%\n",
           temp_s, hum_s);
```

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The RIOT operating system
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```
int main(void) {
    const int mode = 0;
    const int delay = 5;
    printf("Setting wakeup from mode %d in %d seconds.\n", mode, delay);
   fflush(stdout):
    /* Setting a timer on the RTC */
    struct tm time:
    rtc_get_time(&time);
    time.tm_sec += delay;
    rtc_set_alarm(&time, callback_rtc, "Wakeup alarm");
    /* Enter deep sleep mode */
   pm_set(mode);
```

The RIOT operating system

• Setting an alarm to the RTC requires a callback function.

```
main.c

/**
    * Call-back function invoked when RTC alarm triggers wakeup.
    */
static void callback_rtc(void *arg)
{
    puts(arg);
}
```

