ECEN 5803

Mastering Embedded System Architecture

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PROJECT-1: MODULE 4

AUTO-CONFIGURE WITH STMCUBE

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1. Create start-up code using the STMCUBE configuration software, found here: https://www.st.com/en/development-tools/stm32cubemx.html Be sure to set the system clock to 84 MHz and the ADC sample clock to 100 kHz.

Below are the steps to create a project with above mentioned configuration using STM32CueMX.

- 1. Create a new project by selecting Nucleo-F401RE board.
- 2. By default, the clocks were set to 84MHz and hence there was no need to make any changes in the clock tree.

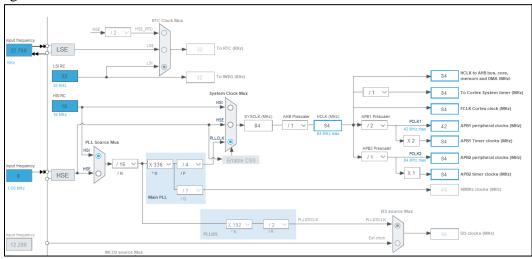


Figure 1: Clock Configuration set at 84MHz using STM32CubeMX GUI

3. To set the ADC sampling rate at 100kHz, select the "Pin & Configuration" under this select "Timers" and then TIM2. The clock source is set to Internal Clock. And to generate timer OV evets at 100kHz to trigger ADC following settings are used.



Figure 2: Timer 2 setup to trigger ADC at 100kHz.

100kHz = 84MHz / (Pre-scaler * Counter Period)

- 4. Next set the PA0 to ADC1_IN0 from "Pinout View" GUI
- 5. To configure ADC, select "Analog" and then ADC1. Check IN0 and set the following parameters to set the ADC resolution to 12-bit and trigger source as TIM2.

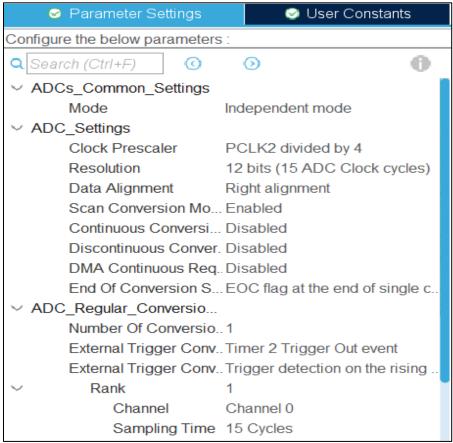


Figure 3: ADC resolution set to 12-bit and external trigger set to TIM2 events.

Also enable the global NVIC for ADC to sample the ADC at 100kHz.

6. In "Project Manager", project name is assigned, and Tool Chain is set to MDK-ARM. Generate code and then project can be opened in Keil.

Compare this to the startup code you used in the other modules so far. How is it different? Provide a memory map for each.

On pressing the "reset" button in the IDE, the code jumps to address 0x08000234 which is the start address of Reset_Handler. The instruction contains call to the system_init and __main.

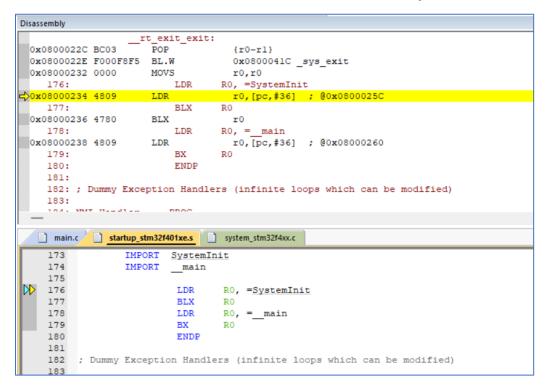


Figure 4: Code generated using STM32CubeMx, code after reset.

The sequence in Module 2 is the same but the Reset_Handler location is different and is located at address 0x08000318.

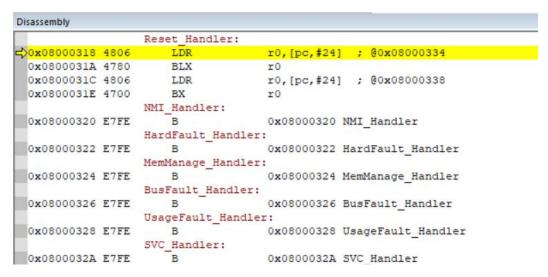


Figure 5: Audio Code from Module 2 Audio Example, code after reset

```
.constdata
                                                                  0x08001a0a Section 16 system stm32f4xx.o(.constdata)
.constdata
                                                                  0x08001a1a Section 8 system_stm32f4xx.o(.constdata)
.data
                                                                  0x20000000 Section
                                                                                                            4 main.o(.data)

        0x20000000
        Section
        12 stm32f4xx_hal.o(.data)

        0x200000010
        Section
        4 system_stm32f4xx.o(.data)

        0x200000014
        Section
        212 main.o(.bss)

        0x20000008
        Section
        96 libspace.o(.bss)

        0x200000148
        Section
        512 startup_stm32f401xe.o(...)

.data
                                                                                                             4 system_stm32f4xx.o(.data)
.data
.bss
.bss
                                                                                                        512 startup_stm32f401xe.o(HEAP)
HEAP
                                                                                                         512 startup_stm32f401xe.o(HEAP)
                                                                  0x20000148 Data
Heap_Mem
                                                                  0x20000348 Section 1024 startup_stm32f401xe.o(STACK)
STACK
                                                                  0x20000348 Data 1024 startup_stm32f401xe.o(STACK)
0x20000748 Data 0 startup_stm32f401xe.o(STACK)
Stack Mem
initial sp
```

Figure 6: Code generated using STM32CubeMx, memory initialization.

heap_base	0x20000428	Data	0	startup_stm32f401xe.o(HEAP)
<pre>Image\$\$RW_IRAM1\$\$ZI\$\$Limit</pre>	0x20000828	Number	0	anon\$\$obj.o ABSOLUTE
heap_limit	0x20000828	Data	0	startup_stm32f401xe.o(HEAP)
initial sp	0x20018000	Number	0	startup stm32f401xe.o ABSOLUTE

Figure 7: Code from Module2 Audio example

In the STM32CubeMx generated code, the heap base is at 0x20000148 and in the audio code of Module 2, it is at 0x20000428. In CubeMx code, the heap size is mentioned as 512 bytes, and if we do the calculation for the module 2 code by subtracting the __heap_base with __heap_limit we get 0x400 which is 1024 bytes.

```
______
   Code (inc. data) RO Data RW Data ZI Data
                                      Debug
                                           Grand Totals
   6262
           420
                  462
                          20
                                1844
                                      517986
   6262
           420
                  462
                          20
                                1844
                                      517986 ELF Image Totals
   6262
           420
                  462
                          20
______
  Total RO Size (Code + RO Data)
                                 6724 (
                                       6.57kB)
  Total RW Size (RW Data + ZI Data)
                                1864 (
                                       1.82kB)
  Total ROM Size (Code + RO Data + RW Data)
                                 6744 (
```

Figure 8: Map file of code generated using STM32CubeMx.

```
Code (inc. data) RO Data RW Data ZI Data
                                         Debug
                                   1612 163982 Grand Totals
1612 163982 ELF Image Totals
                             72
   15620
           1260
                   1900
   15620
           1260
                   1900
                            72
                                    0
   15620
           1260
                   1900
                            72
                                         0 ROM Totals
_____
                                  17520 ( 17.11kB)
  Total RO Size (Code + RO Data)
  Total RW Size (RW Data + ZI Data)
                                   1684 ( 1.64kB)
  Total ROM Size (Code + RO Data + RW Data) 17592 ( 17.18kB)
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Figure 9: Map file of code from Module2 Audio example

Comparing the map files generated for the two codes, it is evident that the Module 2 code uses more code memory (around 15.6 kB), whereas the code generated by CubeMx takes only 6.2 kB. This might be because the Audio code example uses more Hal modules for PWM, serial and Analog because of which the library takes additional space. The library in Module 2 example takes up 10.3kB and in CubeMx, it is 880 bytes. However, the RAM usage in the CubeMx code is higher even with very few user variables used.