# Interrupts

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#### **Interrupts**

- Mechanism to handle asynchronous events.
- When an interrupt happens, the microcontroller does several actions:
  - Save the current software context and program counter
  - Jump to the Interrupt Service Routine (ISR)
- When the ISR finishes, the software context is restored and continues with program execution
- The ARM Cortex-M family provides a unit to manage the interrupts. Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller (NVIC)

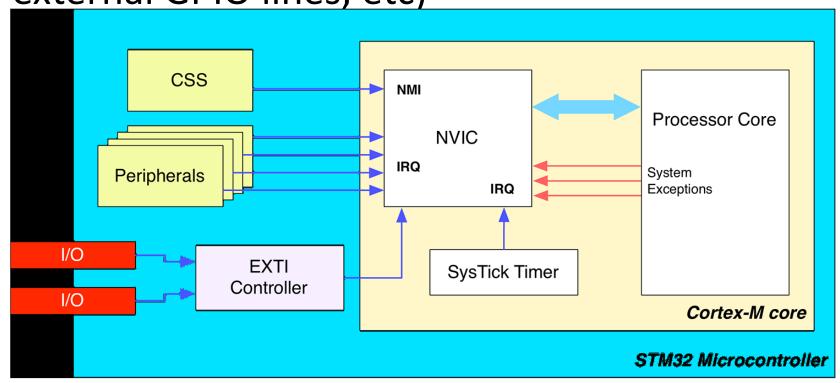






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 The NVIC manages the interrupts and the exceptions (from internal peripherals, from external GPIO lines, etc)











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Number	<b>Exception type</b>	<b>Priority</b> <sup>a</sup>	Function			
1	Reset	-3	Reset			
2	NMI	-2	Non-Maskable Interrupt			
3	Hard Fault	-1	All classes of Fault, when the fault cannot activate because of priority or the Configurable Fault handler has been disabled.			
4	Memory Management <sup>c</sup>	Configurable <sup>b</sup>	MPU mismatch, including access violation and no match. This is used even if the MPU is disabled or not present.			
5	Bus Fault <sup>c</sup>	Configurable	Pre-fetch fault, memory access fault, and other address/memory related.			
6	Usage Fault <sup>c</sup>	Configurable	Usage fault, such as Undefined instruction executed or illegal state transition attempt.			
7-10	-	-	RESERVED			
11	SVCall	Configurable	System service call with SVC instruction.			
12	Debug Monitor <sup>c</sup>	Configurable	Debug monitor – for software based debug.			
13	-	-	RESERVED Exceptions are managed like			
14	PendSV	Configurable	Pending request for system service.			
15	SysTick	Configurable	System tick timer has fired.			
16-[47/240] <sup>d</sup>	IRQ	Configurable	IRQ Input  Source: Mastering STM32. Carmine Noviello			





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7-10	-	-	RESERV ED	EXPORT	Vectors End	
11	SVCall	Configurable	System serv	EXPORT	Vectors_End Vectors Size	
12	Debug Monitor <sup>c</sup>	Configurable	Debug i ion	EAPORI	vectors_size	
13	-	-	RESERVED Vectors	DCD	initial sp	; Top of Stack
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				DCD	MemManage Handler	; MPU Fault Handler
				DCD	BusFault_Handler	; Bus Fault Handler
				DCD	UsageFault Handler	; Usage Fault Handler
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				; Exter	nal Interrupts	
			\	DCD	WWDG_IRQHandler	; Window WatchDog
			\	DCD	PVD_IRQHandler	; PVD through EXTI Line detection
				DCD	TAMP_STAMP_IRQHandler	; Tamper and TimeStamps through the EXTI line
				DCD	RTC_WKUP_IRQHandler	; RTC Wakeup through the EXTI line

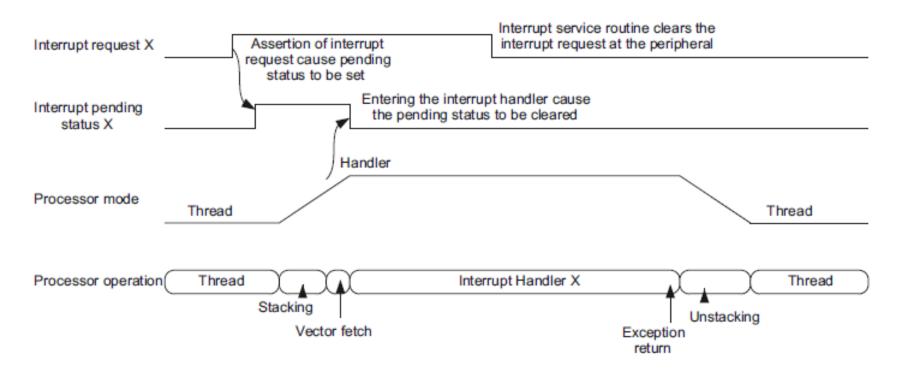






#### **Interrupt Lifecycle**

Interrupt lifecycle example



- The ISR routine must fulfil this criterium:
  - Reduce execution time avoiding loops and intensive operations







- After reset, all interrupts are disabled, except Reset, NMI, and Hard Fault
- Enabling an interrupt IRQ using HAL:
  - void HAL\_NVIC\_EnableIRQ (IRQn\_Type IRQn);

**IRQn\_Type** is an enumerated datatype defined in stm32f429xx.h file

- Disabling an interrupt:
  - void HAL\_NVIC\_DisableIRQ (IRQn\_Type IRQn);
- Obviously, the peripheral must be configured to generate interrupts







- An ISR must be defined
  - First, inside the ISR the associate pending bit must be cleared
  - Later the interrupt code is executed





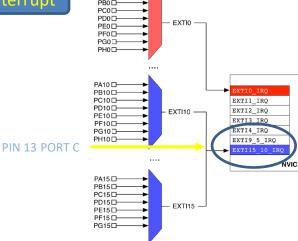


This code shows how manage an interrupt for an external GPIO

```
A switch is connected to PIN 13 PORT C
```

```
//Ports 10 to 15 use the EXTI15 10 IRQ line.
  HAL NVIC EnableIRQ(EXTI15 10 IRQn);
//ISR implementation
void EXTI15 10 IRQHandler(void) {
    HAL GPIO EXTI CLEAR IT (GPIO PIN 13);
  // ISR Body;
                 PA0 □-
                 PB0 □-
                 PC0 -
```

#### 1.- Enable Interrupt



```
stm32f4xx_hal_cortex.c stm32f4xx_hal_cortex.h
                                          stm32f429xx.h
                                                      startup stm32f429xx.s
* @brief STM32F4XX Interrupt Number Definition
         in @ref Library configuration section
typedef enum
/***** Cortex-M4 Processor Exceptions Numbers **********************************
 NonMaskableInt IRQn
                           = -14,
                                     /*!< 2 Non Maskable Interrupt
 MemoryManagement IRQn
                                     /*!< 4 Cortex-M4 Memory Management Interrupt
 BusFault IRQn
                                    /*!< 5 Cortex-M4 Bus Fault Interrupt
 UsageFault IRQn
                                    /*!< 6 Cortex-M4 Usage Fault Interrupt
                                     /*!< 11 Cortex-M4 SV Call Interrupt
 SVCall IRQn
 DebugMonitor IRQn
                                     /*!< 12 Cortex-M4 Debug Monitor Interrupt
 PendSV IRQn
                                     /*!< 14 Cortex-M4 Pend SV Interrupt
 SysTick IRQn
                                     /*!< 15 Cortex-M4 System Tick Interrupt
/*!< Window WatchDog Interrupt
 WWDG IRQn
                           = 0,
 PVD IRQn
                                     /*!< PVD through EXTI Line detection Interrupt
 USART1 IROn
                                     /*!< USART1 global Interrupt
 USART2 IRQn
                                     /*!< USART2 global Interrupt
 USART3 IROn
                                     /*!< USART3 global Interrupt
                           = 39,
 EXTI15 10 IROn
                                     /*!< External Line[15:10] Interrupts
                                    /*!< RTC Alarm (A and B) through EXTI Line Interrupt
 RTC Alarm IRQn
 OTG FS WKUP IRQn
                                     /*!< USB OTG FS Wakeup through EXTI line interrupt
 LTDC IRQn
                            = 88,
                                     /*!< LTDC global Interrupt
 LTDC ER IROn
                                     /*!< LTDC Error global Interrupt
                            = 89,
 DMA2D IROn
                                     /*!< DMA2D global Interrupt
} IRQn Type;
```



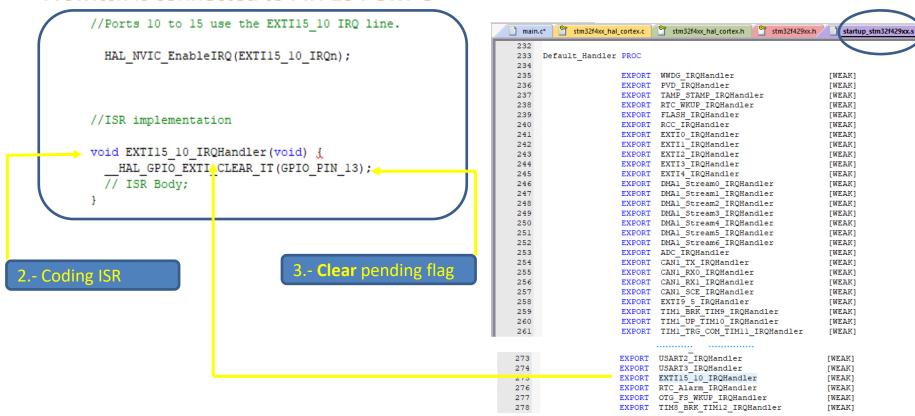




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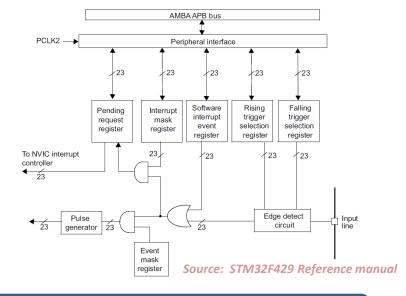
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```
//Ports 10 to 15 use the EXTI15_10 IRQ line.

HAL_NVIC_EnableIRQ(EXTI15_10_IRQn);

//ISR implementation

void EXTI15_10_IRQHandler(void) {
    __HAL_GPIO_EXTI_CLEAR_IT(GPIO_PIN_13);
    // ISR Body;
}
```



#### iiii IMPORTANT!!!!

Do not forget to configure the peripheral to work in interrupt MODE

#### Configure the peripheral before interrupts are used

See: stm32l4xx\_hal\_gpio.h







Use this method!

HAL interrupt Model.

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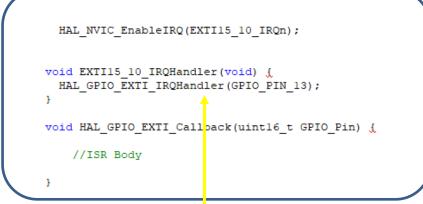
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//ISR implementation

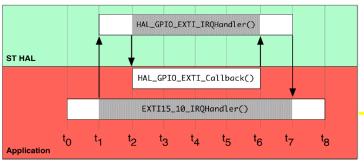
void EXTI15_10_IROHandler(void) {
    __HAL_GPIO_EXTI_CLEAR_OT(GPIO_PIN_13);
    // ISR Body;
}
```

The peripheral interrupt flag is cleared

Look for the function in the file stm32F4xx\_hal\_YYY.c With YYY for specific peripheral.



HAL provides a higher degree of abstraction



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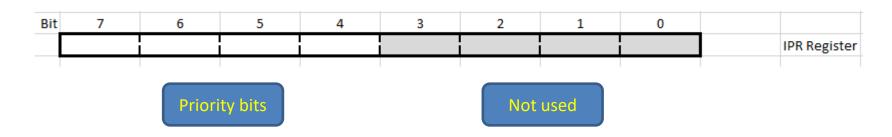






#### **Interrupts Priority**

- ARM Cortex-M architecture has the capability to assign priority to interrupts
- Priority is handled using an eight-bit register (M3/M4/M7)



16 priority levels 0x00, 0x10, 0x20 ---- 0xD0, 0xE0, 0xF0.

**Higher priority** 

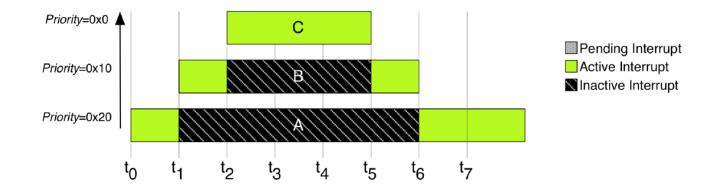
**Lower priority** 







# Interrupt Preemption (concept)







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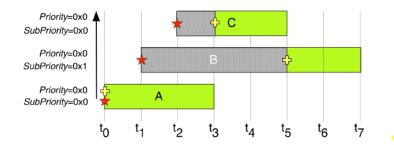
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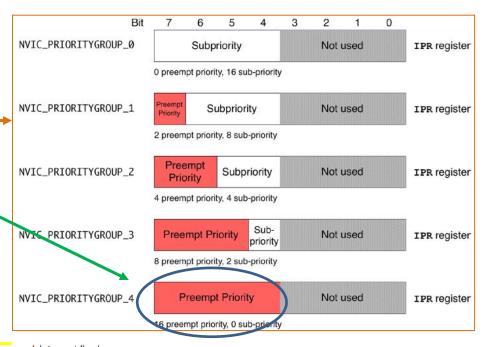
Priority / Subpriority

Scheme: Preemption Priority / Sub-priority Five working groups can be configured

Bits AIRCR in System Control Block register let assign a Priority / Subpriority scheme.

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★Interrupt fired
 Pending state cleared
 Pending Interrupt

Active Interrupt

HAL\_Init()
function configures
NVIC\_PRIORITYGROUP\_4

void HAL\_NVIC\_SetPriorityGrouping(uint32\_t PriorityGroup);

void HAL\_NVIC\_SetPriority(IRQn\_Type IRQn, uint32\_t PreemptPriority, uint32\_t SubPriority);







#### **HAL Functions and Handlers**

#### Initialization and de-initialization

```
void HAL_NVIC_SetPriorityGrouping(uint32_t PriorityGroup);
void HAL_NVIC_SetPriority(IRQn_Type IRQn, uint32_t PreemptPriority, uint32_t SubPriority);
void HAL_NVIC_EnableIRQ(IRQn_Type IRQn);
void HAL_NVIC_DisableIRQ(IRQn_Type IRQn);
void HAL_NVIC_SystemReset(void);
```

#### **Peripheral Control**

```
uint32_t HAL_NVIC_GetPriorityGrouping(void);
void HAL_NVIC_GetPriority(IRQn_Type IRQn, uint32_t PriorityGroup, uint32_t* pPreemptPriority, uint32_t* pSubPriority);
uint32_t HAL_NVIC_GetPendingIRQ(IRQn_Type IRQn);
void HAL_NVIC_SetPendingIRQ(IRQn_Type IRQn);
void HAL_NVIC_ClearPendingIRQ(IRQn_Type IRQn);
uint32_t HAL_NVIC_GetActive(IRQn_Type IRQn);
```

IRQn\_Type see stm32f29xx.h file

PriorityGroup see stm32f4xx\_hal\_cortex.h





