

CG2271 Real Time Operating Systems

Lab 1.2 – ARM Cortex M0+ GPIO Programming

1. Introduction

In this lab we will use what we have learnt about the Arm Cortex M0+ GPIO subsystem to drive the LED that is on the Freedom MCXC444 board.

2. Submission Instructions

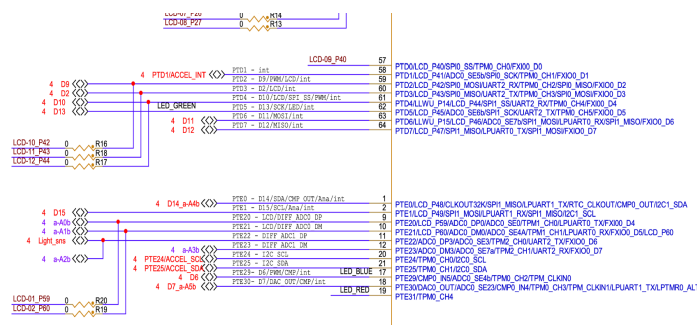
Fill your answers in the attached answer book. Rename it to your lab group number and subgroup. For example if you are from subgroup 9 in the B2 lab group, rename the file to Lab1.3_GroupB2_Subgroup09.docx.

Do this lab during the slot allocated to you, and submit the report by **Friday, January 30th 2026, 11:59 pm** to your respective bin on Canvas.

You can do the demo during this or the following week's lab session (two weeks of time).

3. Understanding the FRDM-MCXC444 Board

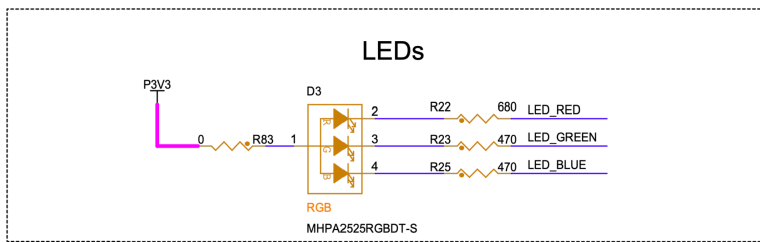
Looking at the Schematics of the board in the SPF-93440_A.pdf file, we see how the RGB LED is connected to the MCX444:



We see the following:

Color	Pin
Red	PTE31
Green	PTD5
Blue	PTE29

Thus, we must enable ports D and E in the System Integration Module (SIM). Additionally, we look at how the LEDs are connected:



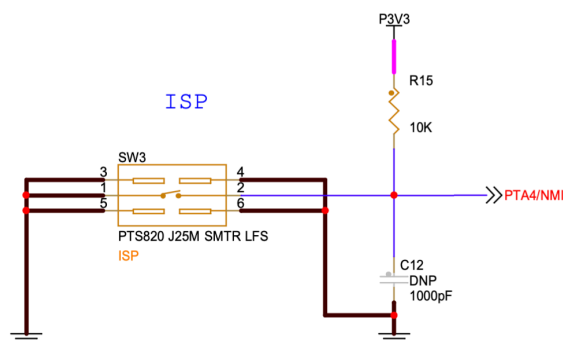
Question 1 (1 mark)

Are the LEDs active high or active low (i.e. should the GPIO pin be driven high or low to turn on the LED)? Explain your answer.

The FRDM-MCXC444 board has two switches, the WAKEUP button at the top and the NMI button at the bottom. We will use this switch:



The circuit diagram shows that this switch (SW3) is connected to PTA4:



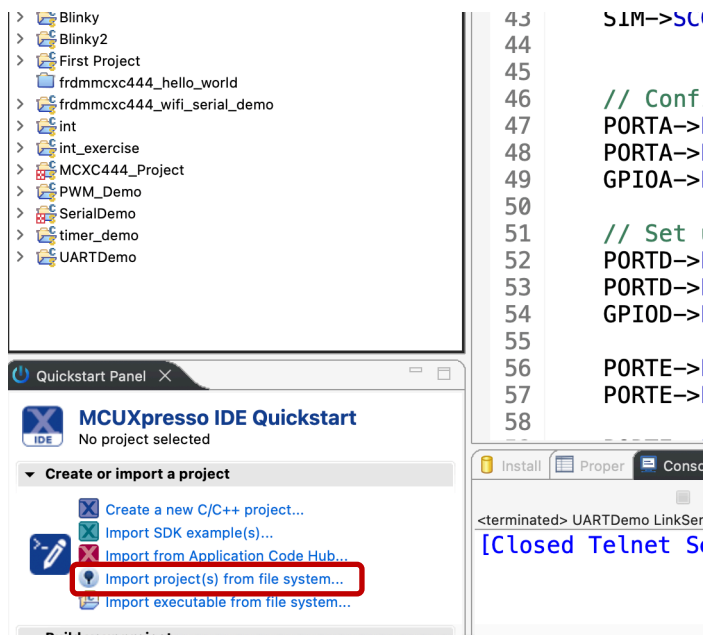
Question 2 (1 mark)

Is SW3 active high or active low? Explain your answer.

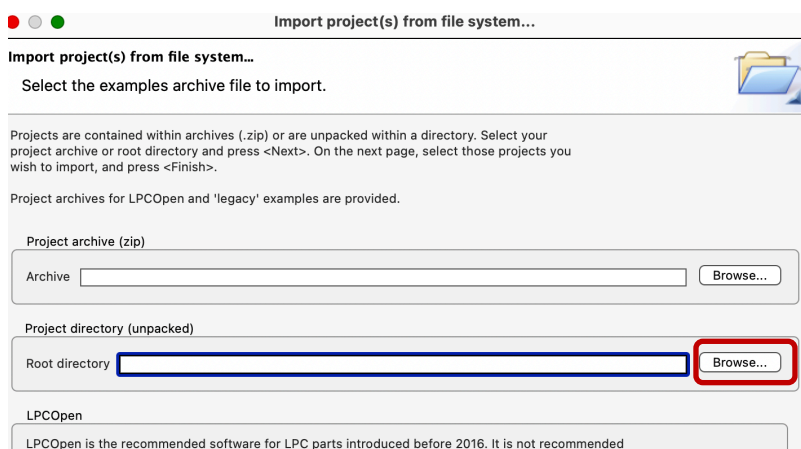
4. Explore Programming the GPIO Ports

A project called “Blinky” has been provided to you in the Blinky directory which was included in CG2271Lab1.2.zip. Let us explore this project a bit:

- Select “Import project(s) from file system” from the Quickstart Panel at the bottom left of the MCUXpresso screen:

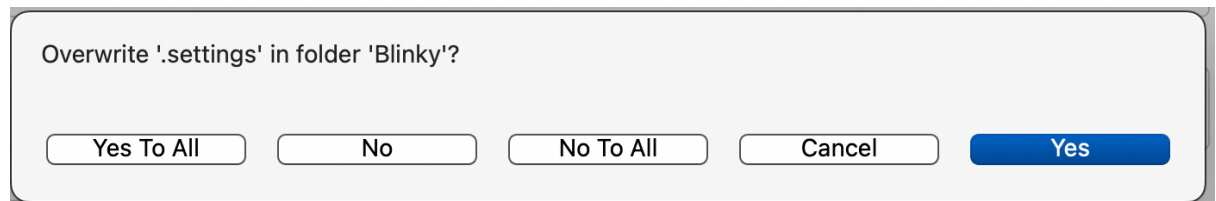


Click Browse next to “Project directory (unpacked)”:



Navigate to the directory where you unzipped the Blinky project. Click Open, then Finish.

If you get a box like:



Click “Yes To All”.

The Blinky project will now be in the Project Explorer. Click Source then Blinky.c to open the source file.

b. Examine the following code:

```
void initGPIO() {  
    SIM->SCGC5 |= SIM_SCGC5_PORTE_MASK;  
    PORTE->PCR[RED_PIN] &= ~PORT_PCR_MUX_MASK;  
    PORTE->PCR[RED_PIN] = PORT_PCR_MUX(1);  
    GPIOE->PDDR |= (1 << RED_PIN);  
}
```

Explain what each of the following lines do (1 mark each – total 4 marks)

Question 3 (4 marks)

Line	Brief Explanation
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5. Create a New Project

Create a new C/C++ project and call it CG2271Lab1.2. See Lab 1.1 if you are not sure how to create a new project in MCUXpresso.

6. Programming the GPIO Ports

In this part of the lab we will program the FRDM-MCXC444 board so that We will now program the GPIO ports for the LEDs and the SW3 switch.

- a. Delete the contents of the CG2271Lab1.2.c source file, and copy over the contents from the CG2271Lab1.2_provided.c source file found in this ZIP file.
- b. Fill in the body for initGPIO to initialize the GPIO for the 3 LEDs and SW3. (4 marks):

Question 4 (4 marks)

```
void initGPIO() {  
  
}
```

- c. Fill in the code in ledOn to turn on the respective LEDs. Cut and paste your code into the space below:

Question 5 (3 marks)

```
void ledOn(TLED led) {  
    switch(led) {  
        case RED:  
            // Code to turn on RED LED  
  
            break;  
  
        case GREEN:  
            // Code to turn on GREEN LED  
  
            break;  
  
        case BLUE:  
            // Code to turn on BLUE LED  
  
            break;  
    }  
}
```

- d. Fill in the code in ledOff to switch off the LED indicated. Cut and paste your code here (3 marks)

Question 6 (3 marks)

```
void ledOff(TLED led) {  
    switch(led) {  
        case RED:  
            // Turn off RED led here
```

```

        break;

    case GREEN:
        // Turn off GREEN led here

        break;

    case BLUE:
        // Turn off BLUE led here

        break;
    }
}

```

e. We will now amend main to read the switch. Locate these lines:

```

int count = 0;
while(1) {
    // Switch is active low

    if(// Code to read switch) {

        switch(count) {

```

Change “// Code to read switch” to read SW3. This line should evaluate to TRUE if SW3 is pressed.
Cut and paste your code below (1 mark)

Question 7 (1 mark)

```

while(1) {
    // Switch is active low

    if(          ) {

        switch(count) {
        case 0:
            ledOn(RED);
            break;
        case 1:
            ledOn(GREEN);
            break;
        ...

```

7. Demo (3 marks)

Demo your code to your TA either during either this week, or the next week’s lab session.