



ARM Microcontroller Internship Programme
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□ GPIO Basics

- **GPIO (General Purpose Input Output)** allows the microcontroller to interact with external hardware such as LEDs, switches, buzzers, etc.
GPIO programming is the **first step in embedded systems** because it directly connects software to hardware.
- **Multiplexed GPIO Pins**
- GPIO pins in STM32 are **multiplexed**:
 - One pin can act as GPIO
 - Or be used for alternate functions like UART, SPI, I2C, etc.
 - The required function is selected using configuration registers.

GPIO Ports in STM32F407VG

- STM32F407VG has **GPIO** ports from **GPIOA** to **GPIOI**
- Each GPIO port supports **maximum 16 pins (0 to 15)**
- Total available GPIO pins: **82**
- All GPIO ports are connected to the **AHB1 bus**.
- **GPIO Input / Output Types**
 - Each GPIO pin can be configured as:
 - Input
 - Output
 - Alternate Function
 - Analog
 - **GPIO pins also support:**
 - External interrupt capability
 - Configurable speed
 - Internal pull-up or pull-down resistors



- **Output Driver Types**

- GPIO output pins support two types:
- **Push-Pull**: Drives both HIGH and LOW (used for LEDs)
- **Open-Drain**: Drives LOW only, needs external pull-up (used in I²C)
- The output type is selected using the **OTYPER** register.

- **Pull-up / Pull-down Configuration**

- GPIO pins can be configured with:
- No pull-up / pull-down
- Pull-up resistor
- Pull-down resistor



• **GPIO Speed Configuration**

- GPIO output speed controls how fast the pin switches:
 - Low
 - Medium
 - High
 - Very High
- Higher speed gives faster transitions but increases power consumption and EMI.

• **GPIO Registers Overview**

- GPIO functionality is controlled using registers:
 - MODER – selects pin mode
 - OTYPER – selects output type
 - OSPEEDR – selects output speed
 - PUPDR – selects pull-up / pull-down
 - IDR – reads input
 - ODR – writes output
 - BSRR – atomic bit set/reset



❖ MODER – GPIO Mode Register

- Each GPIO pin uses **2 bits** in the MODER register
- Mode selection:
- Example:
Pin 12 → MODER bits **24 and 25**

<i>Bits</i>	<i>Mode</i>
<i>00</i>	<i>Input</i>
<i>01</i>	<i>Output</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>Alternate Function</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Analog</i>

❖ OTYPER – Output Type Register

- One bit per GPIO pin
- Controls electrical behavior of output pin
- Example:
Pins 12–15 → bits 12–15

<i>Value</i>	<i>Type</i>
<i>0</i>	<i>Push-Pull</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Open-Drain</i>



❖ OSPEEDR – Output Speed Register

- Two bits per pin control speed
- Example:
Pins 12–15 → bits 24–31

<i>Bits</i>	<i>Speed</i>
<i>00</i>	<i>Low</i>
<i>01</i>	<i>Medium</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>High</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Very High</i>

❖ PUPDR – Pull-up / Pull-down Register

- Two bits per pin configure internal resistors
- Used mainly for input pins.

<i>Bits</i>	<i>Configuration</i>
<i>00</i>	<i>No pull</i>
<i>01</i>	<i>Pull-up</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>Pull-down</i>



❖ IDR – Input Data Register

- Used to **read the current state** of GPIO input pins
- Each bit corresponds to one pin
- Example:
If bit = 1 → pin is HIGH
If bit = 0 → pin is LOW

❖ ODR – Output Data Register

- Used to **set or clear GPIO output pins**
 - Writing 1 sets pin HIGH
 - Writing 0 sets pin LOW
- For STM32F407 Discovery LEDs:
 - Modify **bits 12 to 15**

❖ BSRR – Bit Set / Reset Register

- Allows **atomic pin control**
- Lower 16 bits → Set pin
- Upper 16 bits → Reset pin
- Prevents read-modify-write problems.

❖ Enabling GPIO Clock (RCC)

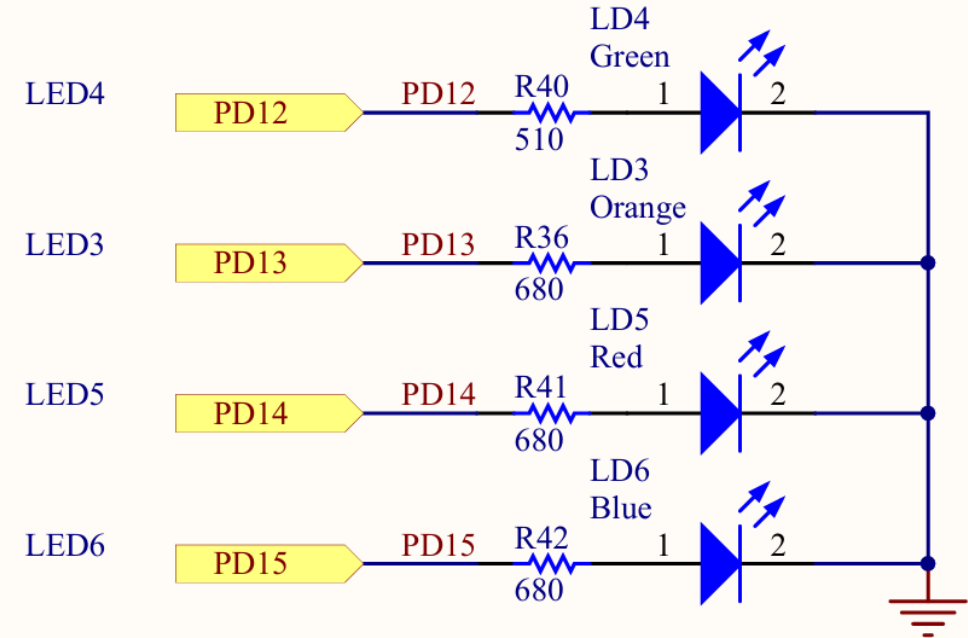
- GPIO peripherals need clock to operate
- Clock is enabled using **AHB1ENR register**
- Example:
`RCC->AHB1ENR |= (1 << 3); // Enable GPIO`
- Without clock → GPIO will not work.



• GPIO Programming Steps (Output)

- Enable GPIO clock
- Configure pin mode as output
- Configure output type
- Configure output speed
- Configure pull-up / pull-down
- Set or clear GPIO pin

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LEDs



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