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Application Note

Generating PWM signals using STM8S-DISCOVERY

Application overview

This application note provides a short description of how to use the Timer 2 peripheral (TIM2) to generate 3 PWM signals.

Even though the STM8S-DISCOVERY is built around an STM8S105C6T6, it allows evaluation of the main features of all the STM8S MCUs.

Reference documents

■ STM8S-DISCOVERY evaluation board user manual (UM0817).

■ Developing and debugging your STM8S-DISCOVERY application code user manual (UM0834).

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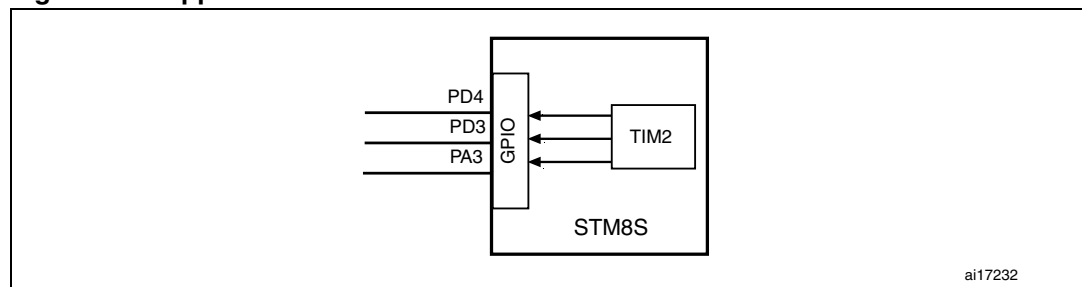
1 Application description

1.1 Hardware requirement

No additional hardware is required on the STM8S-DISCOVERY board.

An oscilloscope is needed as an external resource.

1.2 Application schematic

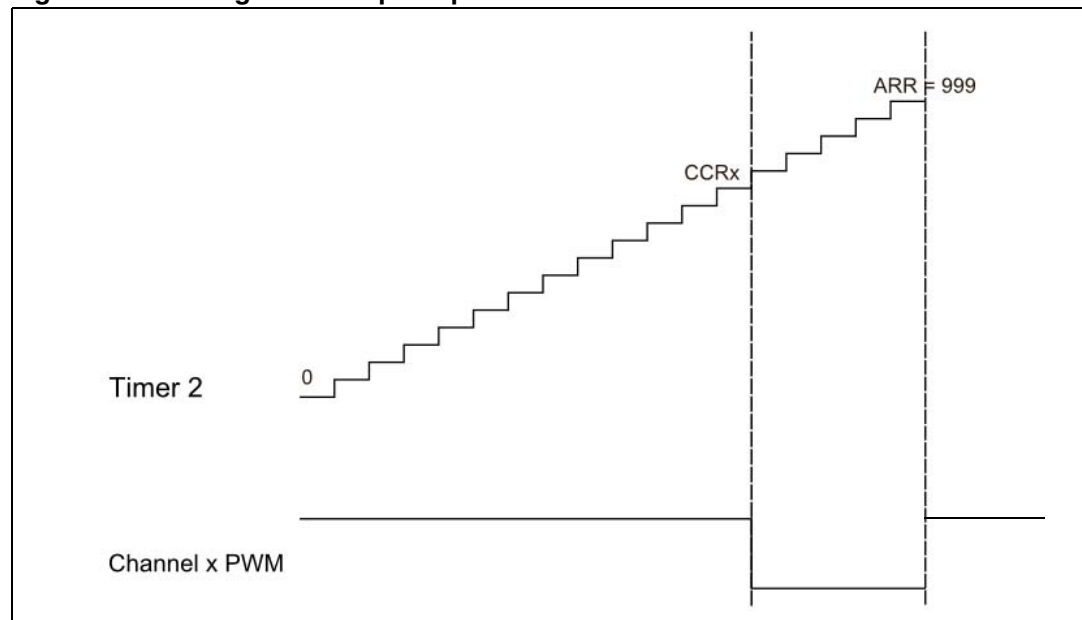**Figure 1.   Application schematic**

1.3 Application principle

This application is based on the use of the STM8S TIM2 in PWM (pulse width modulation) mode to generate 3 PWM signals.

The generation process is presented in *Figure 2*.

Figure 2.   PWM generation principle

TIM2 counts up from 0 to the AutoReload register value (TIM2_ARR) according to the TIM2 counter clock.

●   When the counter value equals the Compare/Capture register (TIM2_CCRxx) value channel x signal is set to 0.

●   When the counter value reaches the TIM2_ARR value the counter is reset and channel x signal is set to 1.

By configuring the TIM2_CCRxx and TIM2_ARR registers you can easily modify the duty cycle and frequency of the PWM signals generated (see *Section 2: Software description*).

By default the application provides the 3 PWM signals as specified in *Table 1*.

Note: *It is possible to configure the AFR option byte to get channel 3 on PD2 also.*

Table 1.   Default PWM signals

Signal	Duty cycle	Frequency	I/O pin
Channel 1 PWM	50%	2 KHz	PD4
Channel 2 PWM	25%	2 KHz	PD3
Channel 3 PWM	75%	2 KHz	PA3

2 Software description

This example uses the STM8S standard firmware library to control the general purpose functions.

To generate the PWM signals the TIM2 peripheral must be configured as follows:

● Output state enabled for each channel

● Output compare active low for each channel

● Preload register enabled for each channel

● PWM output signal frequency = 2 KHz:

– The timer source clock frequency is 2 MHz (Fcpu by default) and the prescaler is set to 1 to obtain a TIM2 counter clock of 2 MHz.

– PWM output signal frequency can be set according to the following equation:

PWM output signal frequency = TIM2 counter clock/(TIM2_ARR + 1)

(in our case TIM2_ARR = 999, so PWM output signal frequency is 2 KHz)

● PWM mode for each channel. To obtain a different PWM duty cycle value on each channel the TIM2_CCRxx register must be set according to this equation:

Channel x duty cycle = [TIM2_CCRxx/(TIM2_ARR + 1)] * 100

By default we have:

– Channel 1: TIM2_CCR1x register value is 500, so channel 1 of TIM2 generates a PWM signal with a frequency of 2 KHz and a duty cycle of 50%.

– Channel 2: TIM2_CCR2x register value is 750, so channel 2 of TIM2 generates a PWM signal with a frequency of 2 KHz and a duty cycle of 75%.

– Channel 3: TIM2_CCR3x register value is 250, so channel 3 of TIM2 generates a PWM signal with a frequency of 2 KHz and a duty cycle of 25%.

2.1 STM8S standard firmware library configuration

The *stm8s_conf.h* file of the STM8S standard firmware library is used to configure the library by enabling the peripheral functions used by the application.
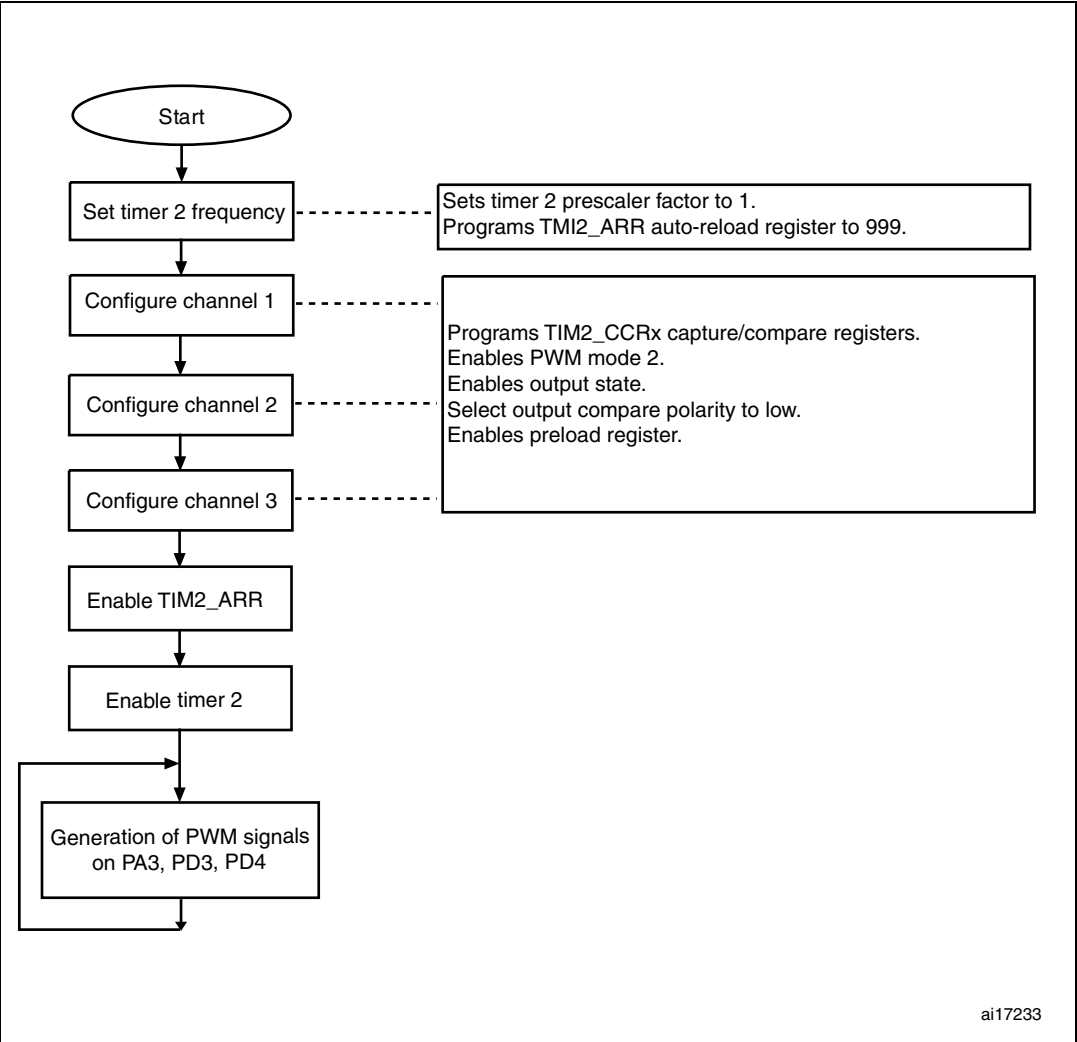
The following `define` statements must be present:

● `#define _GPIO 1` enables the GPIOs

● `#define _TIM2 1` enables the TIM2

2.2 Application software flowchart

Figure 3 illustrates the Main loop.

Figure 3. Main loop flowchart

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3 Revision history

Table 2. Document revision history

Date	Revision	Changes
11-Oct-2010	1	Initial release. UM0856 has been converted into this Application note. This document replaces UM0856.

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