



STR18 - STM32 L4/L4+ implementation

This course describe the STM32 L4/L4+ architecture and practical examples

Objectives

- Understand the Cortex-M4F core, DSP/FPU, and the L4/L4+ SoC.
- Configure RCC (MSI/HSI16/HSE/LSI/LSE) and PLL; validate prescalers.
- Use GPIO/EXTI, timers/LPTIM/RTC, DMA/DMAMUX, ADC/COMP/OPAMP/DAC.
- Apply ultra-low-power modes; measure current and wake latency.
- Bring up USART/SPI/I²C/SAI/DFSDM (where available).
- Use SDMMC + FatFS, QSPI/OSPI (variant), USB FS device.
- Manage Flash, Option Bytes, watchdogs, reset causes, and production checklists.

Course Environment

- Theoretical course
 - PDF course material (in English) supplemented by a printed version for face-to-face courses.
 - Online courses are dispensed using the Teams video-conferencing system.
 - The trainer answers trainees' questions during the training and provide technical and pedagogical assistance.
- Practical activities
 - Practical activities represent from 40% to 50% of course duration.
 - Code examples, exercises and solutions
 - For remote trainings:
 - ▶ One Online Linux PC per trainee for the practical activities.
 - ▶ The trainer has access to trainees' Online PCs for technical and pedagogical assistance.
 - ▶ QEMU Emulated board or physical board connected to the online PC (depending on the course).
 - ▶ Some Labs may be completed between sessions and are checked by the trainer on the next session.
 - For face-to-face trainings:
 - ▶ One PC (Linux ou Windows) for the practical activities with, if appropriate, a target board.
 - ▶ One PC for two trainees when there are more than 6 trainees.
 - For onsite trainings:
 - ▶ An installation and test manual is provided to allow preinstallation of the needed software.
 - ▶ The trainer come with target boards if needed during the practical activities (and bring them back at the end of the course).
- Downloadable preconfigured virtual machine for post-course practical activities
- At the start of each session the trainer will interact with the trainees to ensure the course fits their expectations and correct if needed

Target Audience

- Any embedded systems engineer or technician with the above prerequisites.

Course Outline

Day 1

Cortex-M4F overview (core)

- Programmer's Model
- Exceptions and NVIC priorities.
- DSP intrinsics (SIMD/MACC).
- FPU (single-precision).
- WFI/WFE sleep entry.
- ITM/SWO printf (if present).

Exercise: Exception Model

Exercise: Privilege Mode and Stack

L4/L4+ SoC & memory map

- AHB/APB buses and bridges.
- Flash/SRAM/CCM (if any) layout.
- Peripheral address map.
- UID & Flash-size registers.
- Option Bytes snapshot.

Exercise: Map & IDs

RCC - reset & clocks

- MSI ranges and auto-cal.
- HSI16 / HSE basics.
- PLLs.
- SYSCLK mux; AHB/APB divs.
- CCIPR kernel clocks.
- MCO output; CSS.

Exercise: Clock profiles

Power & voltage scaling

- Voltage scaling VOS ranges.
- Low-power run/sleep.
- Stop / Standby modes.
- VBAT/backup domain.
- PVD/BOR levels.

Exercise: Mode sweep

GPIO / EXTI / SYSCFG

- PP/OD, pulls, speed/drive.
- AF mapping principles.
- EXTI lines & priorities.
- Safe I/O at reset.

Exercise: EXTI + GPIO

Timers & LPTIM

- PWM edge/center.

- Input capture, one-pulse.
- Encoder interface.
- Master/slave triggers.
- LPTIM for tickless.

Exercise: PWM + capture

Day 2

DMA / DMAMUX

- DMA1/DMA2 overview.
- Requests via DMAMUX.
- Normal vs circular.
- HT/TC/TE events.
- Restart & error paths.

Exercise: UART RX ring (DMA)

ADC & triggers

- Resolution & sampling time.
- Oversampling & alignment.
- Timer-triggered regular.
- Injected group basics.
- DMA circular streaming.
- Analog watchdog.

Exercise: ADC + DMA stream

OPAMP / COMP / DAC

- OPAMP PGA modes.
- COMP thresholds/hysteresis.
- Routing to timers/EXTI.
- DAC 12-bit with S&H.
- Calibrate & verify.

Exercise: Analog chain

USART / LPUART

- USART/LPUART Overview.
- Oversampling 16/8.
- Blocking/IRQ/DMA.
- LPUART Stop-wake.
- Error handling (ORE/FE).

Exercise: Robust UART

Exercise: LPUART wake from stop

SPI / I²S / SAI (variant)

- SPI CPOL/CPHA, NSS.
- Data sizes & duplex.
- DMA transfers.
- I²S basic audio path.
- SAI TX/RX blocks.

Exercise: SPI loopback DMA

I²C

- Sm/Fm/Fm+ speeds.
- 7/10-bit addressing.
- Analog/digital filters.
- Timeouts; bus-clear.
- Clock stretching.

Day 3

RTC & tickless timing

- LSE vs LSI trade-offs.
- Calendar, alarm, wakeup.
- Backup registers.
- Tickless via RTC/LPTIM.
- Drift/calibration.

Exercise: Tickless blink

USB FS device (variant)

- VBUS sense options.
- EP/FIFO sizing basics.
- CDC/DFU quick paths.
- Clocking constraints.
- Suspend/resume flow.

Exercise: CDC echo or DFU

Audio front-end (variant: DFSDM/SAI)

- DFSDM filter paths.
- Oversampling & decimation.
- SPI/I²S microphones.
- DMA to circular buffer.
- Basic RMS meter.

Exercise: DFSDM stream

Storage & external memory

- SDMMC + FatFS basics.
- QSPI mapped mode.
- OSPI (L4+ variants).
- Buffer align/invalidate.
- File-I/O sanity tests.

Exercise: SD + FatFS

Day 4

Low-power measurement

- GPIO leakage strategy.
- Kernel clocks for LP.
- Stop entry/exit timing.
- DMA + LP coexistence.
- Practical power tips.

Exercise: Measure Sleep/Stop

Security & integrity (variant)

- RNG TRNG.
- AES/HASH engines.
- PKA (L4R/L4S).
- CRC for images/packets.
- Key storage basics.

Exercise: CRC/AES

Flash, OB & robustness

- Flash erase/program.
- EEPROM emulation.
- OB: RDP/PCROP/BOR.
- Watchdogs IWDG/WWDG.
- Reset cause logging.

Boot, ROM & production checklist

- ROM bootloader ports.
- DFU/UART/I²C options.
- Boot pins & OB ties.
- Version/UID/CRC tags.
- Final audit list.

Exercise: Self-audit