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1 Acconeer SDK Documentation Overview

To better understand what SDK document to use, a summary of the documents are shown in the table below.

Table 1: SDK document overview.

| Name | Description | When to use |
|---|--|---|
| <i>RSS API documentation (html)</i> | | |
| rss_api | The complete C API documentation. | - RSS application implementation - Understanding RSS API functions |
| <i>User guides (PDF)</i> | | |
| A121 Assembly Test | Describes the Acconeer assembly test functionality. | - Bring-up of HW/SW - Production test implementation |
| A121 Breathing Reference Application | Describes the functionality of the Breathing Reference Application. | - Working with the Breathing Reference Application |
| A121 Distance Detector | Describes usage and algorithms of the Distance Detector. | - Working with the Distance Detector |
| A121 SW Integration | Describes how to implement each integration function needed to use the Acconeer sensor. | - SW implementation of custom HW integration |
| A121 Presence Detector | Describes usage and algorithms of the Presence Detector. | - Working with the Presence Detector |
| A121 Smart Presence Reference Application | Describes the functionality of the Smart Presence Reference Application. | - Working with the Smart Presence Reference Application |
| A121 Sparse IQ Service | Describes usage of the Sparse IQ Service. | - Working with the Sparse IQ Service |
| A121 Tank Level Reference Application | Describes the functionality of the Tank Level Reference Application. | - Working with the Tank Level Reference Application |
| A121 Touchless Button Reference Application | Describes the functionality of the Touchless Button Reference Application. | - Working with the Touchless Button Reference Application |
| A121 Parking Reference Application | Describes the functionality of the Parking Reference Application. | - Working with the Parking Reference Application |
| A121 STM32CubeIDE | Describes the flow of taking an Acconeer SDK and integrate into STM32CubeIDE. | - Using STM32CubeIDE |
| A121 Raspberry Pi Software | Describes how to develop for Raspberry Pi. | - Working with Raspberry Pi |
| A121 Ripple | Describes how to develop for Ripple. | - Working with Ripple on Raspberry Pi |
| XM125 Software | Describes how to develop for XM125. | - Working with XM125 |
| XM126 Software | Describes how to develop for XM126. | - Working with XM126 |
| I2C Distance Detector | Describes the functionality of the I2C Distance Detector Application. | - Working with the I2C Distance Detector Application |
| I2C Presence Detector | Describes the functionality of the I2C Presence Detector Application. | - Working with the I2C Presence Detector Application |
| I2C Breathing Reference Application | Describes the functionality of the I2C Breathing Reference Application. | - Working with the I2C Breathing Reference Application |
| <i>A121 Radar Data and Control (PDF)</i> | | |
| A121 Radar Data and Control | Describes different aspects of the Acconeer offer, for example radar principles and how to configure | - To understand the Acconeer sensor - Use case evaluation |
| <i>Readme (txt)</i> | | |
| README | Various target specific information and links | - After SDK download |



2 Introduction

In this document there will be a short guide with example on how to generate a project and setup the Acconeer software in STM32CubeIDE.

The MCU board used as an example in this guide is a Nucleo-L476RG. We will show how to connect an XE121, including the A121 radar sensor. There is some extra logic on the XE121 board to support multiple sensors that typically is not present on boards with only one sensor. To show how a typical single sensor integration can be done, we have also included some notes on how to use the XE121 in a single sensor setup.

STM32CubeIDE can be downloaded from the ST website at:

<https://www.st.com/en/development-tools/stm32cubeide.html>

This guide has been verified in Windows with STM32CubeIDE 1.18.0



3 Getting Started with STM32CubeIDE

This section will cover how to setup a project in STM32CubeIDE, and make sure that the code works with the Acconeer software.

Start STM32CubeIDE and click “Start new STM32 project”. The option is also available under “File → New → STM32Project”.

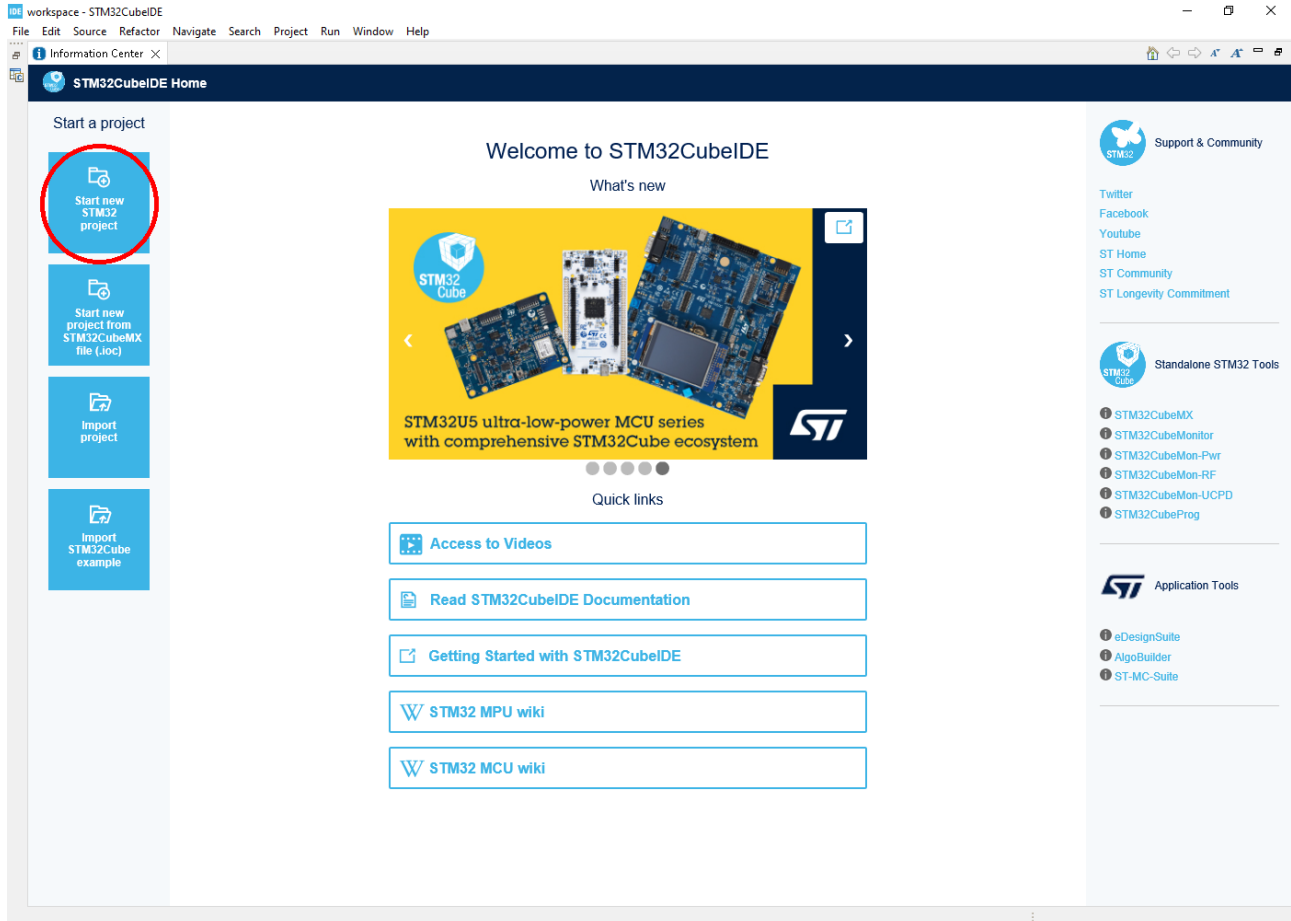


Figure 1: Start new STM32CubeIDE project

When running on Linux/Ubuntu you might be asked about Connection Parameters, generally, you can skip this part by selecting “No proxy”.

3.1 MCU/Board Selection

Search for the MCU or Board you are working with in the MCU Selector/Board Selector tab. In the example in this document we use the board “NUCLEO-L476RG”. Start off by searching for “NUCLEO-L47” in the “Part Number Search”-option at the top left in the Board Selector tab.

The board will show up in the “Boards list” at the bottom of the page. Click it. When clicking the board or MCU, you will be given some information about it.

Make sure the “Nucleo-L476RG” board is selected and press the “Next”-button at the bottom of the page.

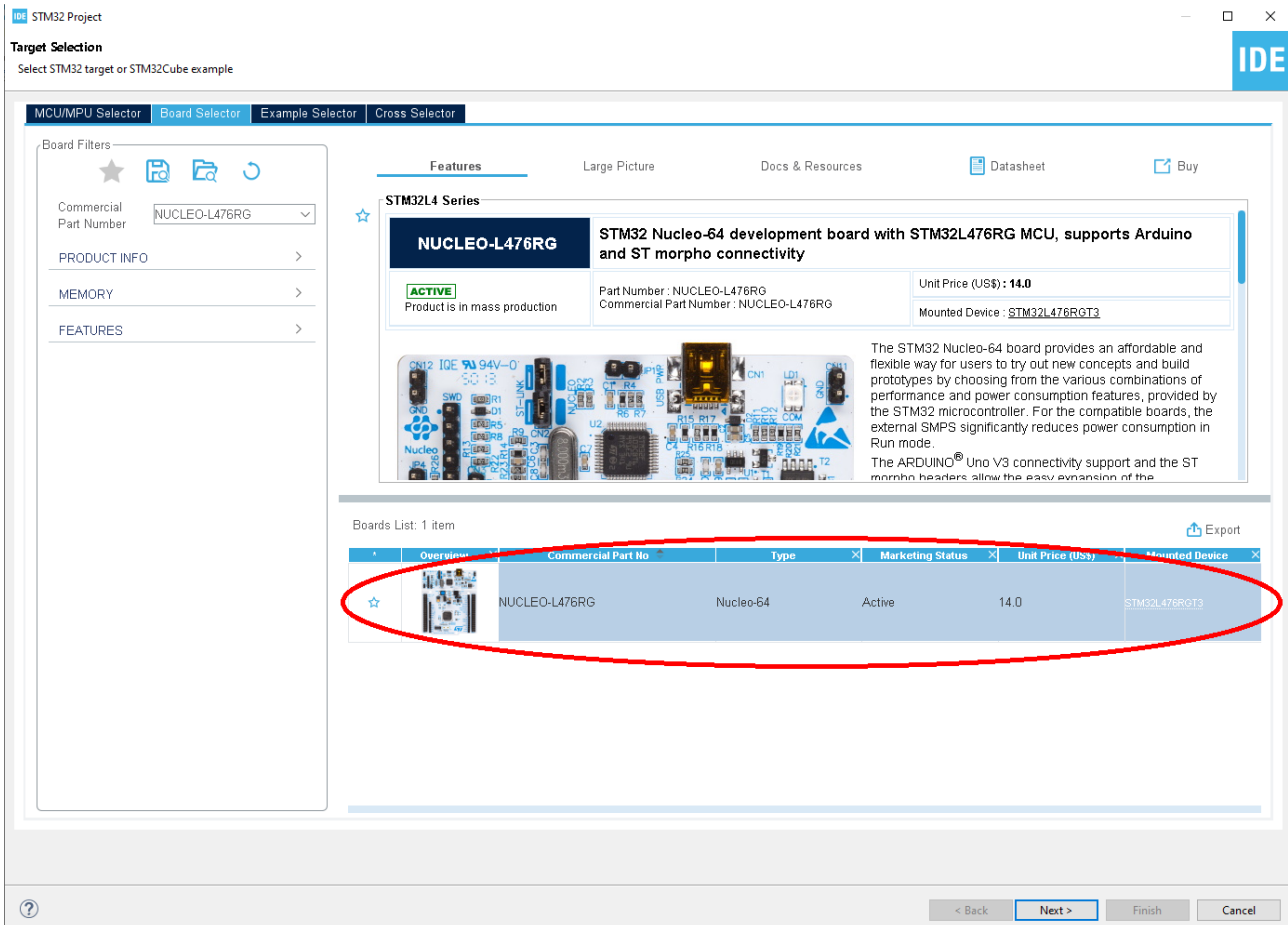


Figure 2: Target Selection

3.2 Project Setup

Select a name and location for your project and select the following options:

- Target language: C
- Target Binary type: Executable
- Target Project Type: STM32Cube

Finally, press the “Finish”-button at the bottom of the page.

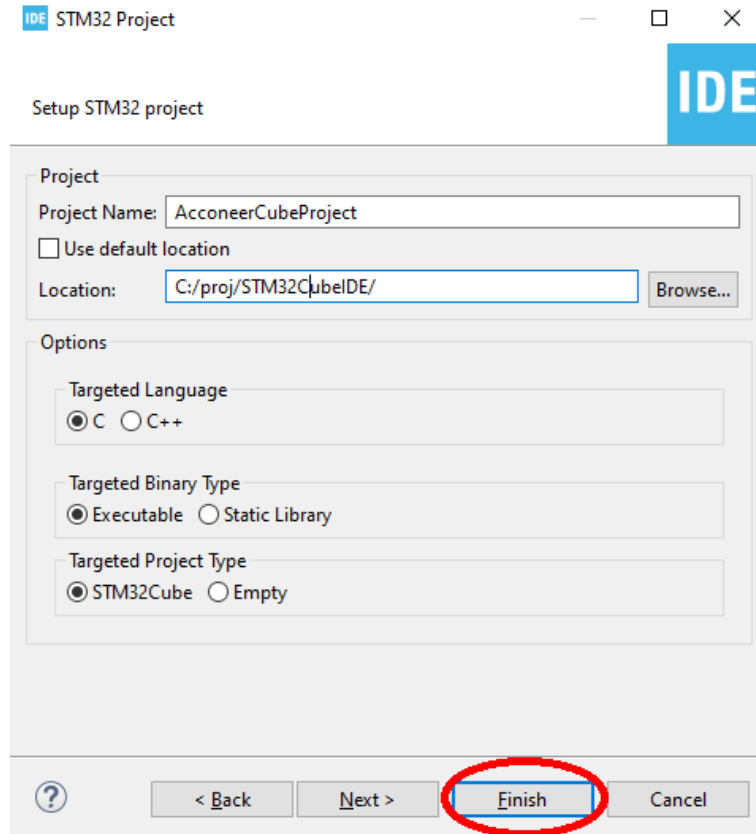


Figure 3: Project Setup

Press “Yes” when you are asked if you want to initialize peripherals to their default mode.

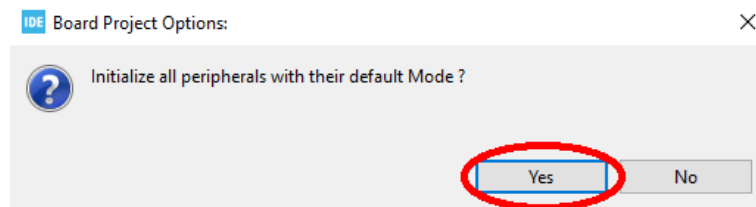


Figure 4: Initialize Peripherals

Press “Yes” when you are asked if you want to open the STM32CubeMx perspective.

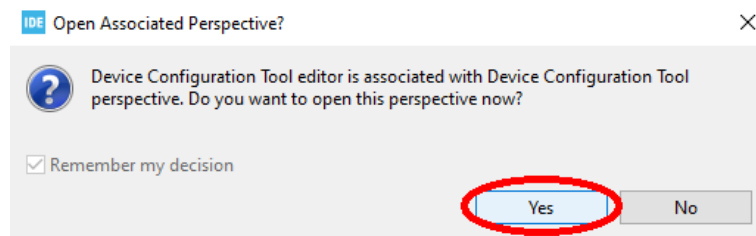


Figure 5: Open STM32CubeMX perspective

3.3 Pin Configuration

The Pinout is flexible – however it is important that the pins communicating with the radar have the right user labels and that SPI is configured with “Full-Duplex Master”-mode.

In order to perform pin configuration you need to have the “.ioc”-file open that is named after your project.



The “LD2 [green Led]“ on the Nucleo board shares functionality with “SPI1_CLK“. Before we add SPI functionality we need to remove the “LD2 [green Led]“ configuration from PA5. The pin configuration is removed by doing a left mouse click on PA5 / “LD2 [green Led]“ and then selecting “Reset_State“.

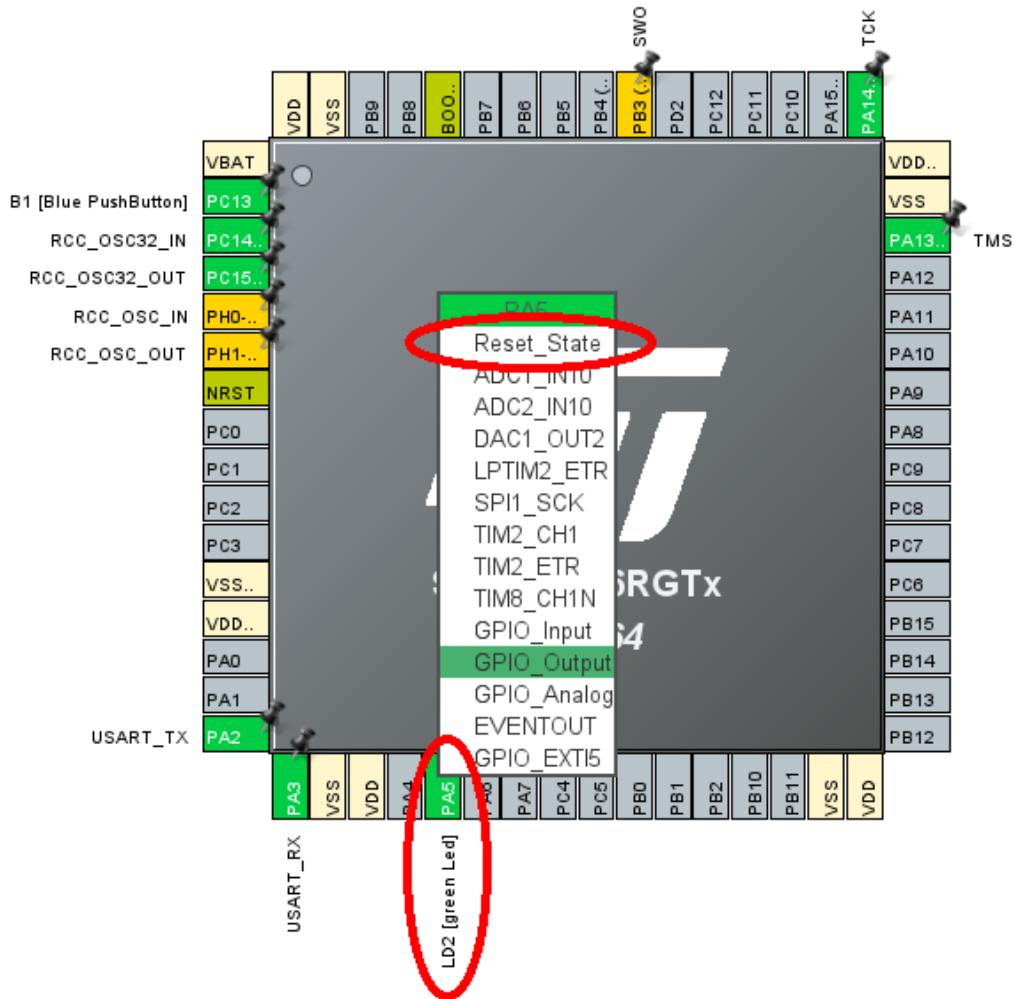


Figure 6: Remove LD2 pin

The “B1 [Blue PushButton]“ on the Nucleo board is not used on our examples and can be removed. The pin configuration is removed by doing a left mouse click on PC13 / “B1 [Blue PushButton]“ and then selecting “Reset_State“.

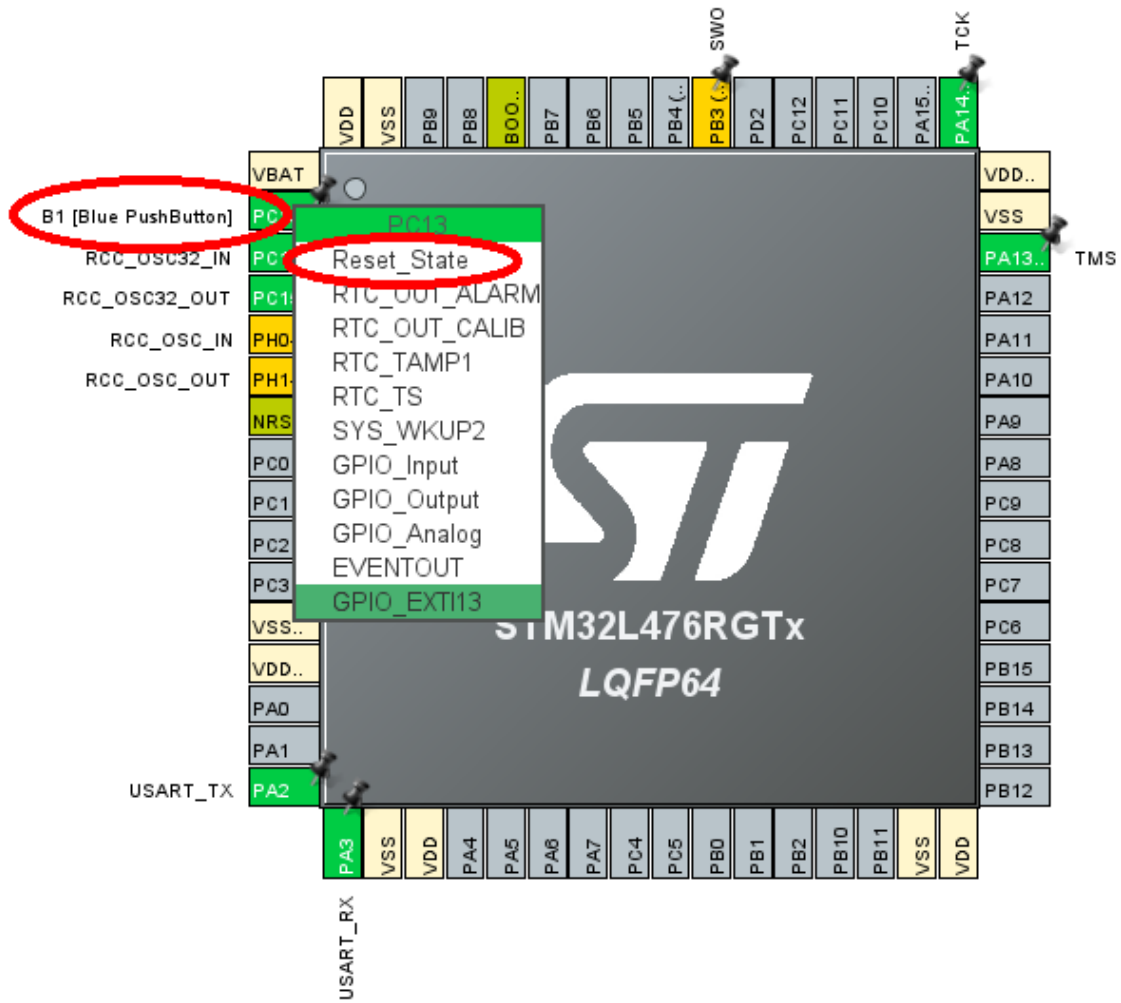


Figure 7: Remove B1 pin

In our example we activate SPI1 with “Full-Duplex Master”-mode by going into “Connectivity” in the “Pinout and Configuration”-tab. Then by pressing “SPI1” the option of selecting mode is available, “Full-Duplex Master” is selected. When doing this we get the SPI GPIOs:

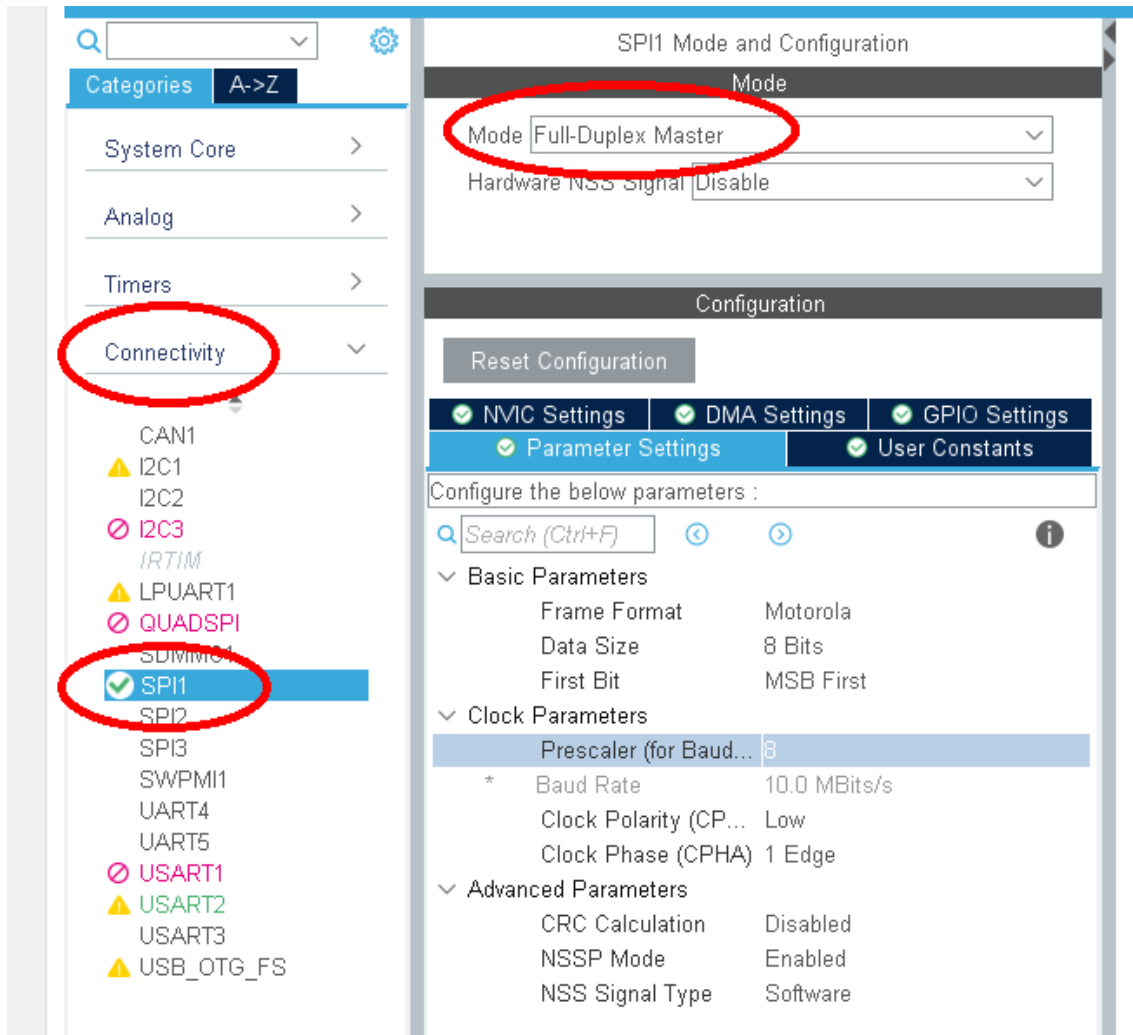


Figure 8: SPI Setup

| USER_LABEL | NUCLEO PIN |
|------------|------------|
| SPI1_MOSI | PA7 |
| SPI1_MISO | PA6 |
| SPI1_SCK | PA5 |

3.3.1 Pin Configuration with XE121

In order to set new GPIOs, you can left click the desired pin and selected the desired function of the pin.

The table below shows how the XE121 and the NUCLEO-board can be connected:

| USER_LABEL | NUCLEO PIN | GPIO TYPE | COMMENT |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| SEN_EN1 | PB0 | GPIO_Output | |
| SEN_EN2 | PB5 | GPIO_Output | Only needed for multi-sensor |
| SEN_EN3 | PB3 | GPIO_Output | Only needed for multi-sensor |
| SEN_EN4 | PA10 | GPIO_Output | Only needed for multi-sensor |
| SEN_EN5 | PC1 | GPIO_Output | Only needed for multi-sensor |
| SPI1_MOSI | PA7 | SPI1_MOSI | |
| SPI1_MISO | PA6 | SPI1_MISO | |
| SPI1_SCK | PA5 | SPI1_SCK | |
| A121_SPI_SS | PB6 | GPIO_Output | |
| SPI_SEL0 | PA4 | GPIO_Output | |
| SPI_SEL1 | PA1 | GPIO_Output | |
| SPI_SEL2 | PA0 | GPIO_Output | |
| SEN_INT1 | PA9 | GPIO_EXTI9 | |
| SEN_INT2 | PA8 | GPIO_EXTI8 | Only needed for multi-sensor |
| SEN_INT3 | PB10 | GPIO_EXTI10 | Only needed for multi-sensor |
| SEN_INT4 | PB4 | GPIO_EXTI4 | Only needed for multi-sensor |
| SEN_INT5 | PC0 | GPIO_EXTI0 | Only needed for multi-sensor |

3.4 Interrupt Configuration

The NVIC interrupt for the SEN_INT1, SEN_INT2, SEN_INT3, SEN_INT4, SEN_INT5 pins should be enabled.

1. Select the **GPIO** item under the **System Core**.
2. Select the **NVIC** tab.
3. Tick the checkbox **EXTI line0 interrupt**.
4. Tick the checkbox **EXTI line4 interrupt**.
5. Tick the checkbox **EXTI line[9:5] interrupt**.
6. Tick the checkbox **EXTI line[15:10] interrupt**.

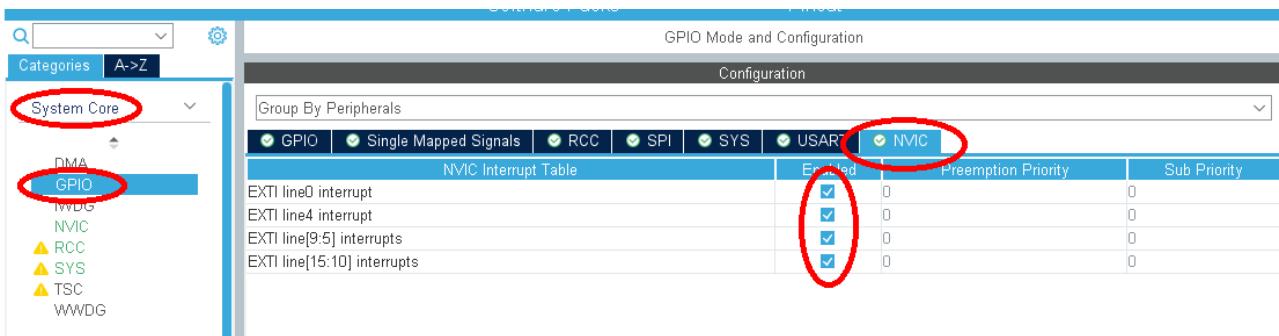


Figure 9: NVIC Configuration

3.5 GPIO Configuration

The GPIO signals from the processor to the sensor should be setup as outputs with very high drive strength.

1. Select the **GPIO** item under the **System Core**.
2. Select the **GPIO** tab.
3. Configure the GPIO pins according to the table below.

| USER_LABEL | NUCLEO PIN | GPIO Output Level | Maximum Output speed |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| SEN_EN1 | PB0 | Low | Very High |
| SEN_EN2 | PB5 | Low | Very High |
| SEN_EN3 | PB3 | Low | Very High |
| SEN_EN4 | PA10 | Low | Very High |
| SEN_EN5 | PC1 | Low | Very High |
| A121_SPI_SS | PB6 | High | Very High |
| SPI_SEL0 | PA4 | Low | Very High |
| SPI_SEL1 | PA1 | Low | Very High |
| SPI_SEL2 | PA0 | Low | Very High |

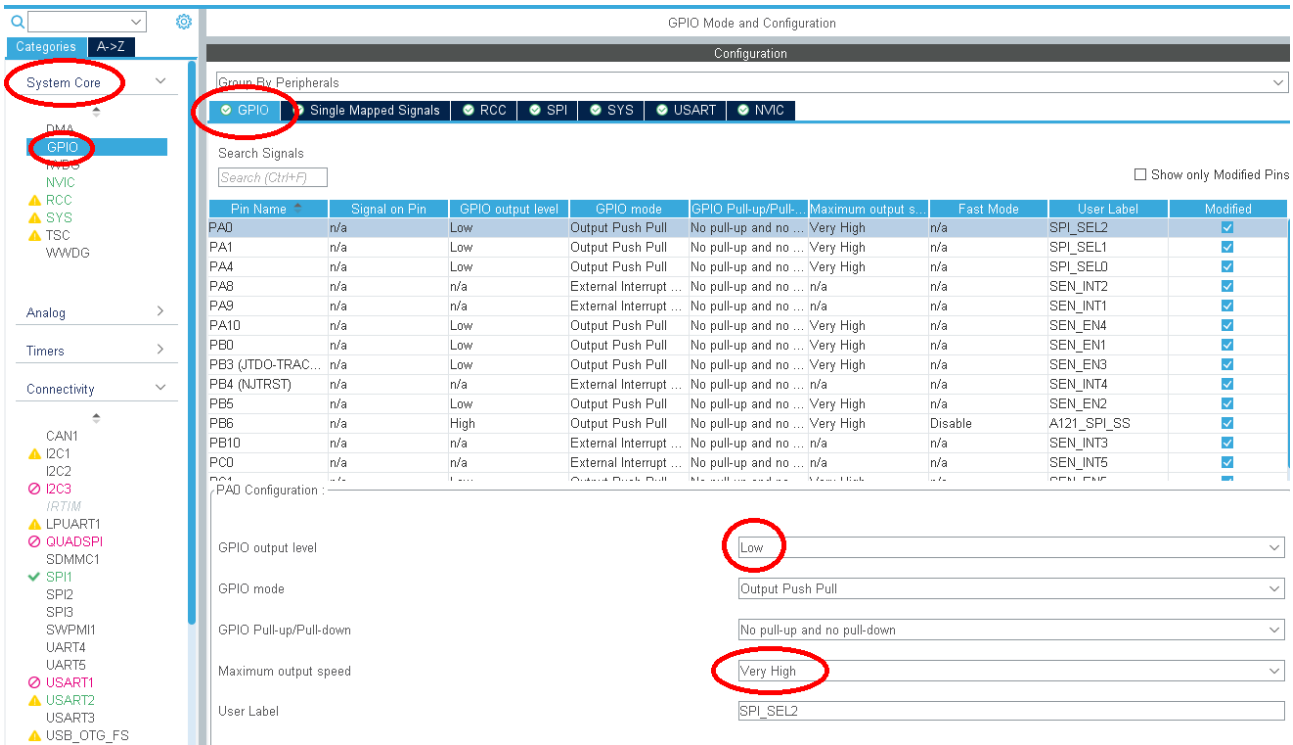


Figure 10: GPIO Configuration

3.6 XE121 Sensor Selection

The XE121 board has support for adding up to 4 extra A121 sensors by using FFC cables and XS121 boards. The selection of which sensor to communicate with is done in the `acc_hal_integration_xe121_multi_sensor.c` file.

| SPI_SEL2 | SPI_SEL1 | SPI_SEL0 | Sensor Selection |
|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| LOW | LOW | LOW | Sensor 1 (XE121) |
| LOW | LOW | HIGH | Sensor 2 (XS121 S2) |
| LOW | HIGH | LOW | Sensor 3 (XS121 S3) |
| LOW | HIGH | HIGH | Sensor 4 (XS121 S4) |
| HIGH | LOW | LOW | Sensor 5 (XS121 S5) |

3.7 XE121 Single Sensor Setup

If the XE121 board is used in a single sensor setup there is no need to connect the following signals `SEN_INT2`, `SEN_INT3`, `SEN_INT4`, `SEN_INT5`, `SEN_EN2`, `SEN_EN3`, `SEN_EN4` and `SEN_EN5`.

Please note that `SEN_SEL0`, `SEN_SEL1` and `SEN_SEL2` need to be kept low to select the sensor onboard the XE121.

The `acc_hal_integration_xe121_multi_sensor.c` should be replaced with the `acc_hal_integration_xe121_single_sensor.c` file in the STM32CubeIDE project.

3.8 SPI Configuration

To make the SPI interface work properly with the Acconeer software you might need to set the Prescaler (for Baud Rate) and Data Size.

Press the SPI you are using and under the Configuration menu you can change parameters. Under “Basic Parameters” you can find that “Data Size” is set to 4 Bits by default, change this to 8 Bits.

Under “Clock Parameters” you will find “Prescaler”, this controls the frequency of the SPI bus. The higher the prescaler value is, the lower the frequency will be. Depending on your setup, you might have to use different prescaler values to fit your project. The A121 sensor supports SPI frequencies up to 50 MHz. In experimental configurations where the sensor and MCU are not mounted on the same PCB, the maximum SPI frequency is often significantly lower and typically around 10 MHz.

It is recommended to use the highest prescaler to begin with in order to make sure the SPI-communication is stable. Once the communication works properly you can start trying lower prescalers in order to increase the frequency.

You might have to save the project and restart the program in order to access these settings.

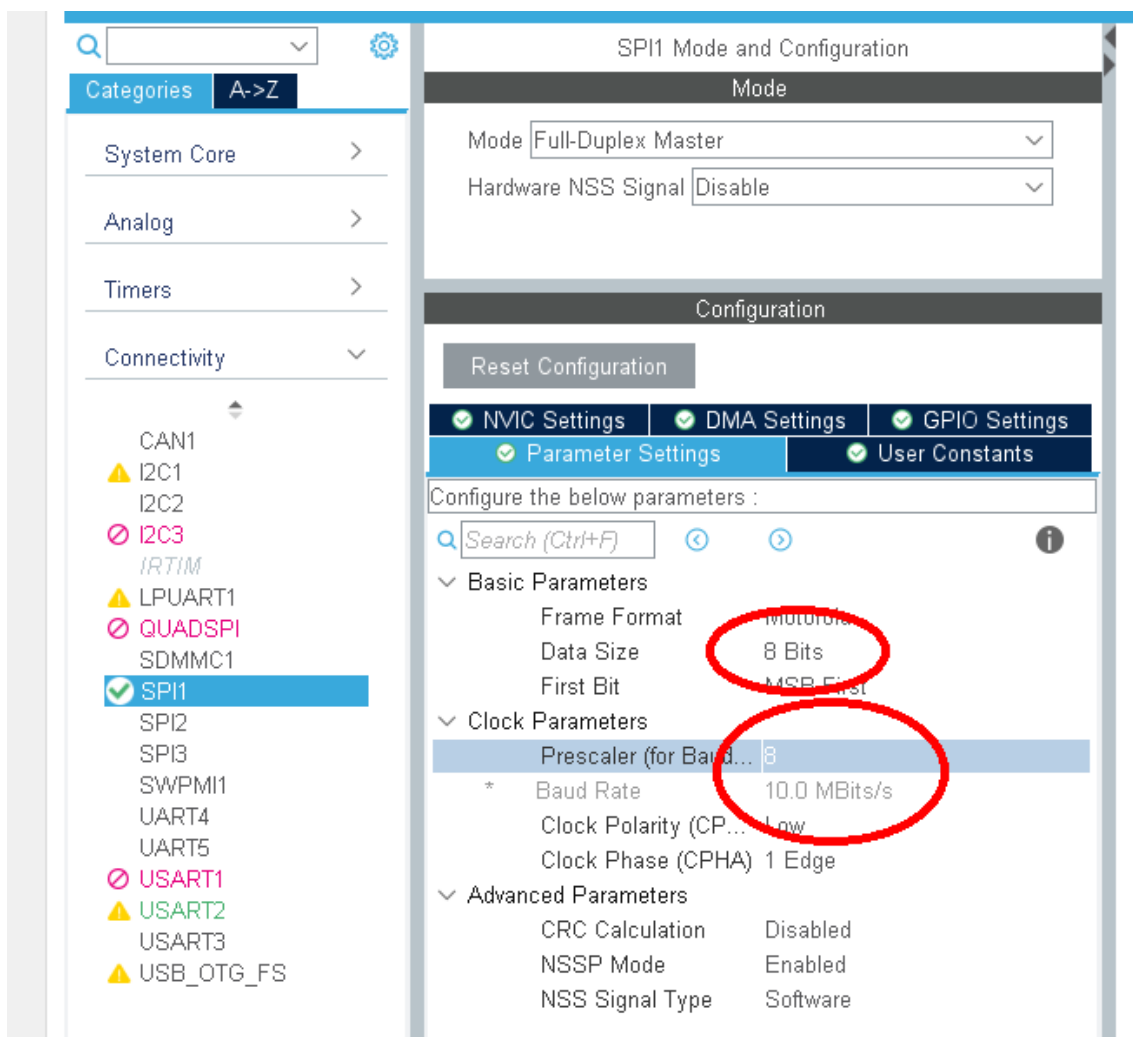


Figure 11: SPI Master Config

3.9 Code Generation

Select Project/Generate Code to generate the driver and configuration MCU.

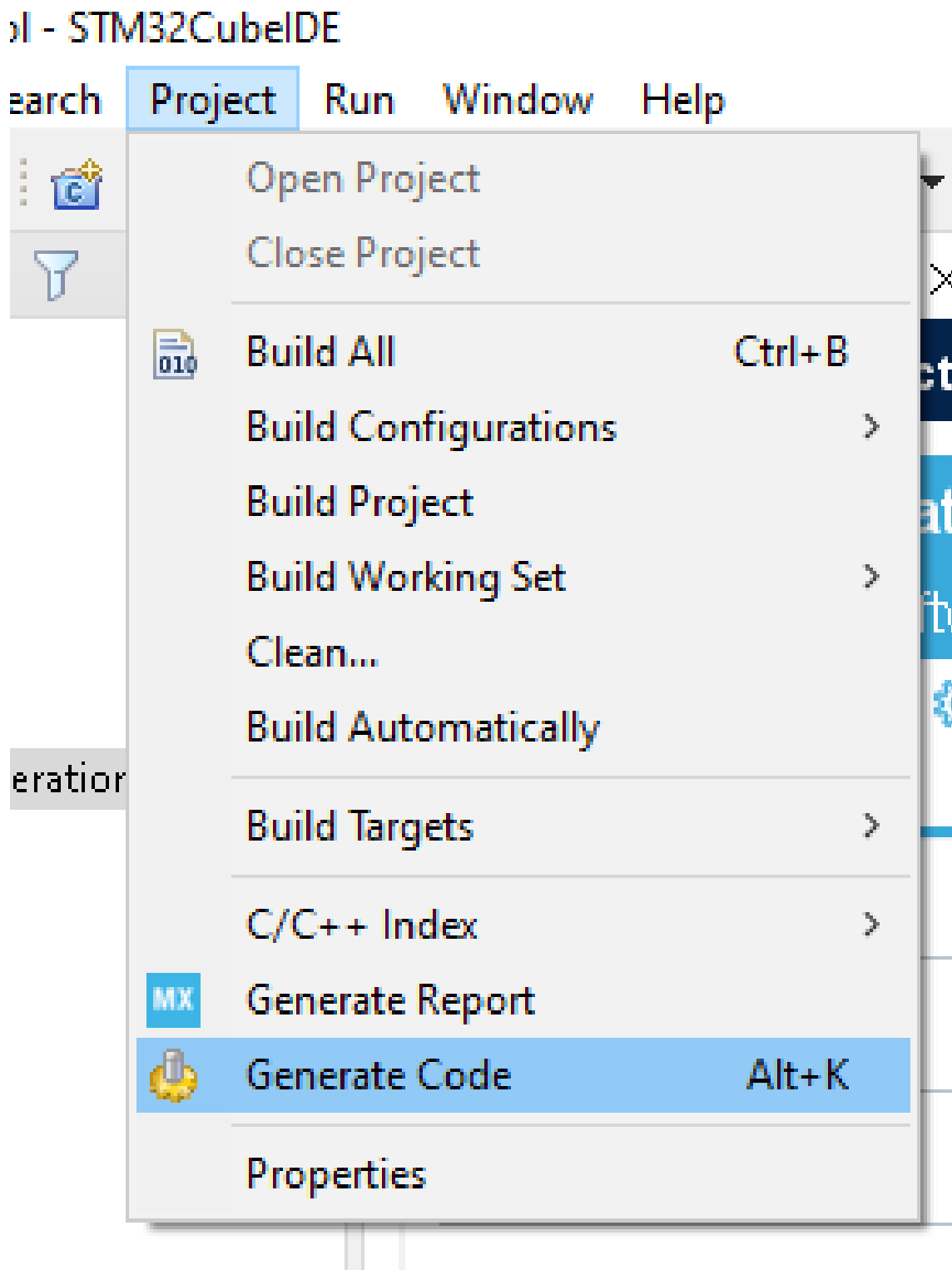


Figure 12: Generate code



4 Configuring Project for Acconeer Software

4.1 Adding Acconeer Software

There are different folders in the SDK zip:

- algorithms
- doc
- examples
- exploration_server
- integration
- rss
- use_cases

In the “doc”-folder you can find reference documentation of the Acconeer software. The “examples”-folder contains examples of how to use the RSS API. The “use_cases”-folder contains example and reference apps for a specific use cases. The “rss”-folder contains two subfolders called “include” and “lib”. The “lib”-folder contains the Radar System Software (RSS) and the “include”-folder contains the header-files needed to use RSS. The “integration”-folder contains files which connect RSS with the drivers generated by STM32CubeIDE. The “exploration_server”-folder contains the files needed to build the exploration server application.

Start off by unpacking the zip-file into your project. Refresh the project by right clicking the project in the Project Explorer and click “Refresh”. Make sure you can see the folder in your project before continuing.

4.1.1 Source-files

Now the integration-file which you want to use needs to be selected from the “cortex_m4_gcc/integration”-folder,

Copy/move the “acc_hal_integration_stm32cube_xe121_multi_sensor.c”-file you have selected into “Core/Src”-folder. Also, copy content from “cortex_m4_gcc/algorithms” to “Core/Src”-folder. If you want any example or reference apps, copy them from “cortex_m4_gcc/examples” or from “cortex_m4_gcc/use_cases” to “Core/Src”-folder.

Also move the “acc_integration_stm32.c” and the “acc_integration_log.c” files from the “cortex_m4_gcc/integration”-folder to the “Core/Src”-folder.

For building the exploration server application you need to move the file “acc_exploration_server_stm32.c” from the “cortex_m4_gcc/exploration_server”-folder to the “Core/Src”-folder.

For this guide we select “example_service.c” and move it to the “Core/Src”-folder.

4.1.2 Header-files

1. Select your project in the “Project Explorer”
2. Go into “Project → Properties → C/C++ General → Paths and Symbols → Includes”
3. Press “Add...” and then “Workspace...”
4. Select the “cortex_m4_gcc/rss/include”-folder in your project

Repeat this procedure for the “cortex_m4_gcc/integration”-folder, the “cortex_m4_gcc/examples”-folder, the “cortex_m4_gcc/use_cases”-folder and the “cortex_m4_gcc/exploration_server”-folder.

4.1.3 Libraries

In order to set the path for the libraries, do the following:

1. Select your project in the “Project Explorer”
2. Go into “Project → Properties → C/C++ General → Paths and Symbols → Library Paths”
3. Press “Add...” and then “Workspace...”
4. Select the “cortex_m4_gcc/rss/lib”-folder in your project

Once the path is set, you can add the specific libraries by the following:

1. Go into “Project → Properties → C/C++ General → Paths and Symbols → Libraries”



2. Click "Add..."
3. Enter "aconeer_a121"
4. Click "OK"

If you want to add the "acc_detector_distance_a121" or "acc_detector_presence_a121" library, simply repeat the procedure above and exchange "aconeer_a121" for "acc_detector_distance_a121" or "acc_detector_presence_a121". Make sure that the detector is being added before the "aconeer_a121"-library by moving "aconeer_a121" down using the "Move Down" button when "aconeer_a121" is selected. If you want to build the exploration server application you also have to add the "aconeer_exploration_server_a121" library by repeating the procedure above and exchange "aconeer_a121" for "aconeer_exploration_server_a121". This library also needs to be added before the "aconeer_a121"-library.

4.2 Project Settings

Set the project to gnu99-compiler by going into "Project → Properties → C/C++ Build → Settings → Tool Settings → MCU GCC Compiler → General".

If you want to build the exploration server application you also have to add the linker flag "-u _printf_float" in order for the exploration server to correctly format floats in the json result.

1. Go to "Project → Properties → C/C++ Build → Settings → Tool Settings → MCU GCC Linker → Miscellaneous → Other flags".
2. Add "-u _printf_float"

4.3 Adding Print Functionality with UART/USART

If an UART/USART has been added when setting up the project in the STM32CubeMX perspective and you want to use it for prints then you can simply add the following code to your project between the comments "Private user code USER CODE BEGIN 0" and "USER CODE END 0" in the file "Core/Src/main.c":

```
int _write(int file, char *ptr, int len)
{
    (void)file;
    HAL_UART_Transmit(&huart2, (uint8_t *)ptr, len, 0xFFFF);
    return len;
}
```

A terminal emulator, for example PuTTY, can be used to view the UART prints from the board.

Download PuTTY from <https://putty.org> and install it on your computer.

4.3.1 Find STM32 Board COM port

If using Windows, go to Device Manager to locate the COM port used by your STM32 Board.

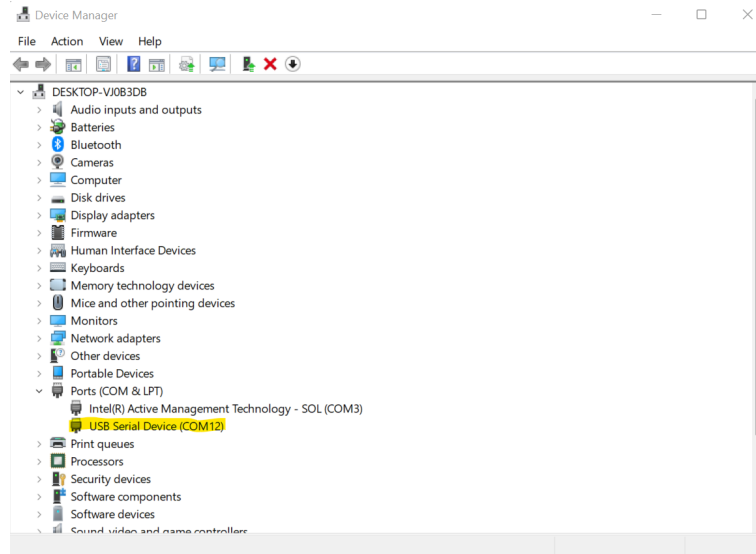


Figure 13: Windows Device Manager

4.3.2 Start and Configure PuTTY

1. Start the PuTTY application
2. Select **Session** in the **Category** window.
3. Set the **Connection Type** to **Serial**
4. Type the STM32 Board COM port in the **Serial line** text box.
5. Use the same **Speed** as used for the UART in the STM32CubeIDE project, default 115200.
6. Select **Terminal** in the **Category** window.
7. Tick the **Implicit CR in every LF** tickbox
8. Click in **Open** to start the terminal

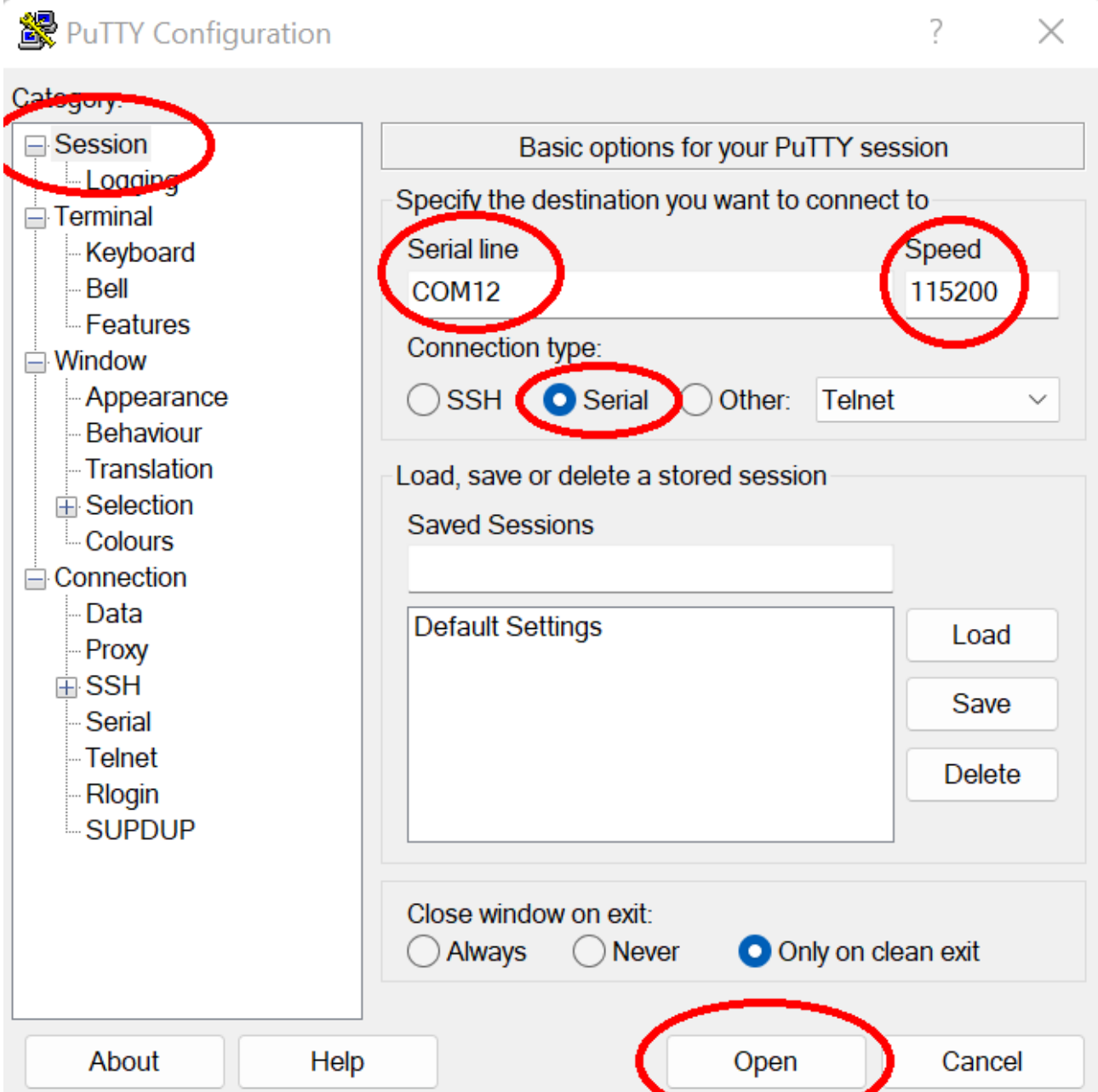


Figure 14: PuTTY Session

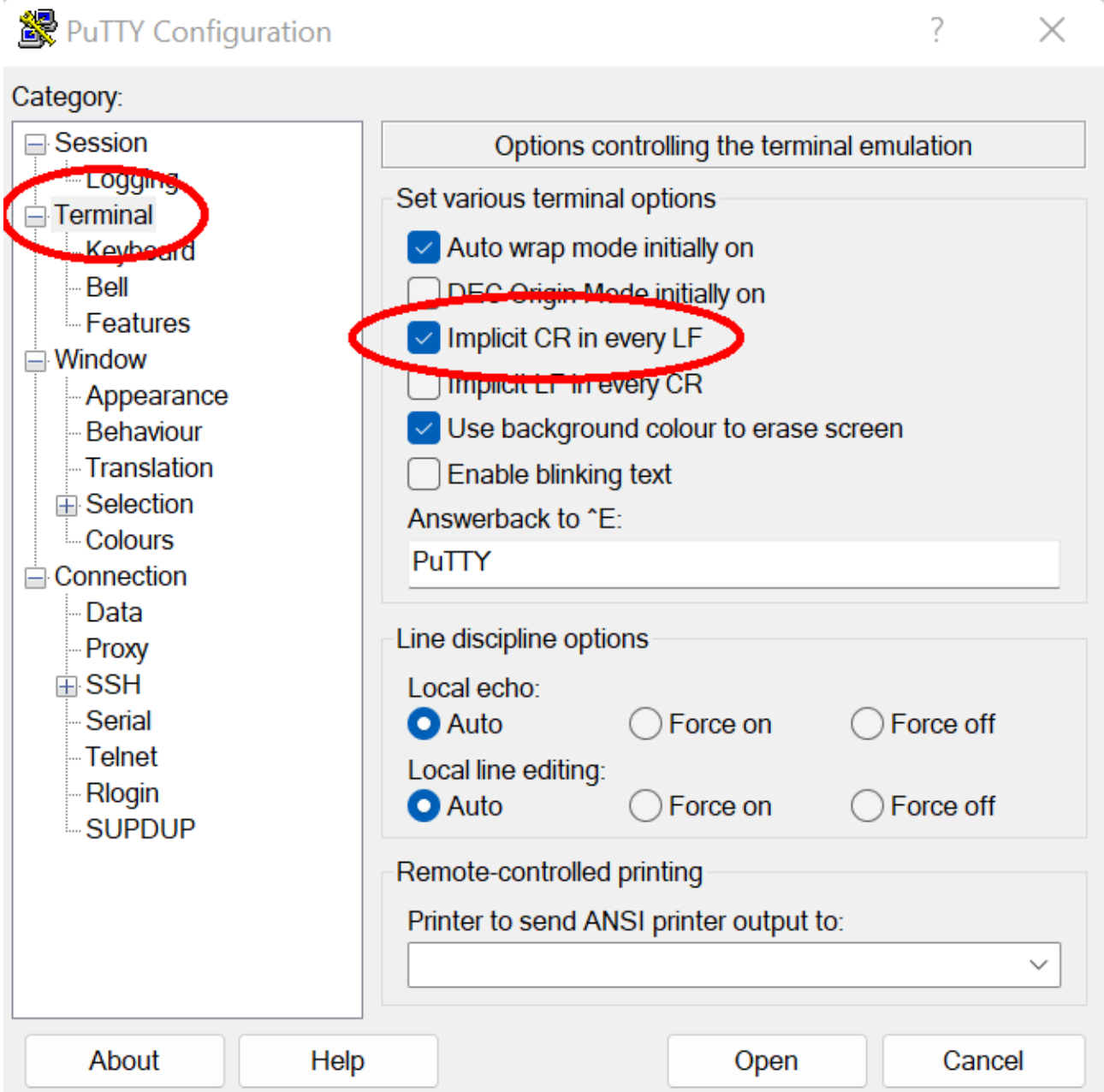


Figure 15: PuTTY Configuration



5 HAL Integration File

5.1 Selecting the Appropriate HAL-integration File

First off you need to pick what HAL integration file to use. The functions in the HAL integration file act as glue between the RSS radar stack and the drivers generated by the device configuration tool (STM32CubeMX perspective). Your hardware setup determines which HAL integration file to select as a starting point.

The files “acc_hal_integration_stm32cube_xe121_<single/multi>_sensor.c” are HAL integrations prepared by Acconeer to handle the XE121 EVK board together with an STM32 processor.

The file “acc_hal_integration_stm32cube_xe121_single_sensor.c” will only handle the onboard sensor on the XE121. The file “acc_hal_integration_stm32cube_xe121_multi_sensor.c” will handle the onboard sensor on the XE121 as well as the possibility to use XS121 sensors connected in slot S2, S3, S4, S5..

5.2 A121_SPI_HANDLE

Define "A121_SPI_HANDLE" as hspi1 between the comments “USER CODE BEGIN Private defines” and “USER CODE END Private defines” in the file “Core/Inc/main.h”.

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN Private defines */  
#define A121_SPI_HANDLE hspi1  
/* USER CODE END Private defines */
```

6 Running a Radar Sensor Example

As a first radar example program to run, we selected the program "example_service.c".

To run the radar example program that we have chosen, simply include the header file "example_service.h" in the user code includes field in your "main.c"-file in the following manner:

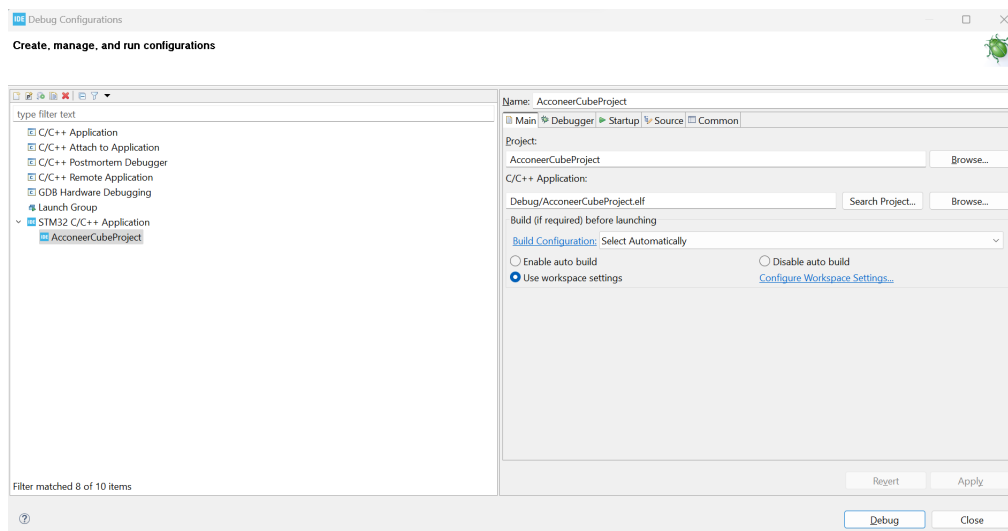
```
/* USER CODE BEGIN Includes */
#include "example_service.h"
/* USER CODE END Includes */
```

After including the header-file, you can call the function from the "main.c"-file in the user code 2 field by the following call:

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN 2 */
acc_example_service(0, NULL);
/* USER CODE END 2 */
```

6.0.1 Running the Program

Build the software by pressing "Ctrl-B" and then start debugging by right-clicking on the project "AcconeerCubeProject → Debug As → STM32 Cortex-M C/C++ Application". This will open the "Debug Configurations" dialog and there you can choose which debugger to use, "Debugger → Debug Probe", and select "ST-LINK". Click "Debug", this will automatically flash the board and execute the program until the "main()" function.



7 Running the Exploration Server

To be able to run the Exploration Server application on your STM32 Board you need to assign a UART with Flow Control. For Nucleo-L476RG we will use USART3.

7.1 STM32CubeMX

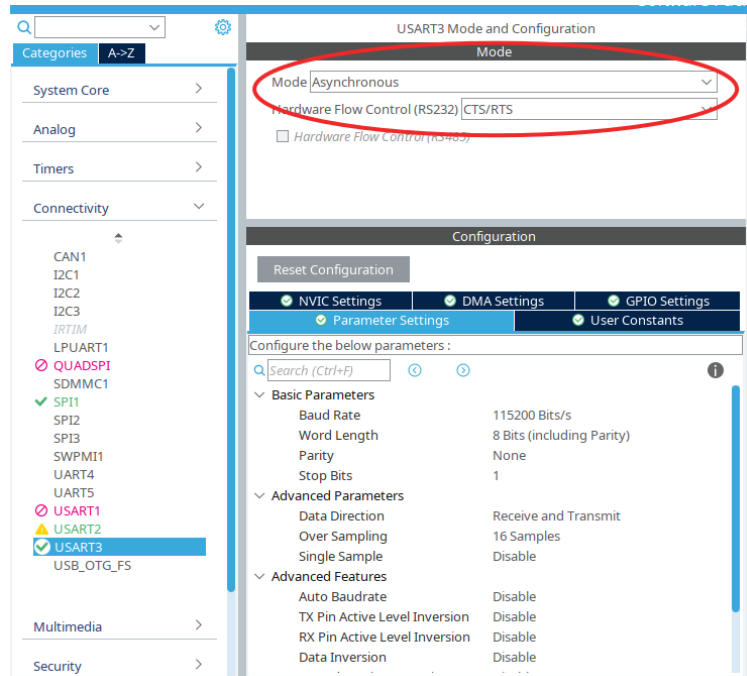


Figure 16: Enable USART3

You also need to use DMA for both RX and TX as well as enable global interrupts for USART3:

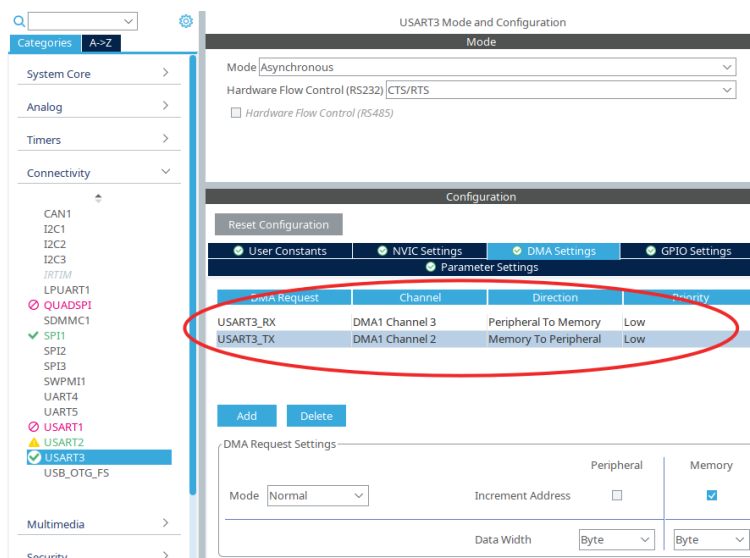


Figure 17: Enable DMA for USART3

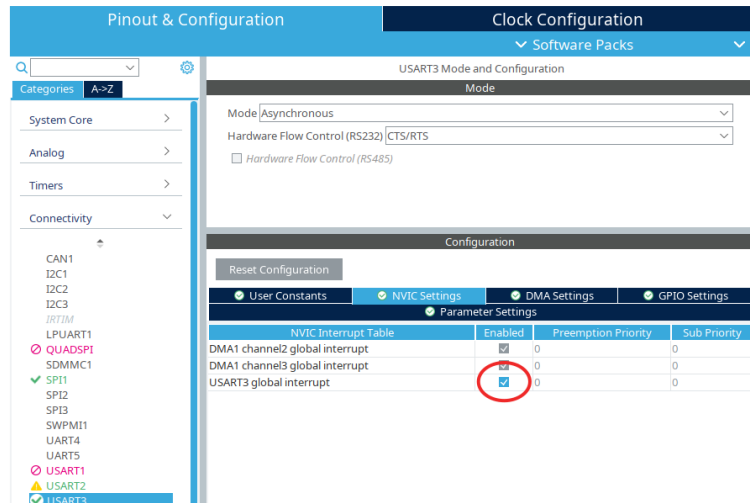


Figure 18: Enable Global Interrupts for USART3

You need to generate the code again after doing these changes.

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Define "EXPLORATION_SERVER_UART_HANDLE" as huart3 between the comments "USER CODE BEGIN Private defines" and "USER CODE END Private defines" in the file "Core/Inc/main.h".

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN Private defines */
#define EXPLORATION_SERVER_UART_HANDLE huart3
/* USER CODE END Private defines */
```

Change the UART RX Pin and Port in acc_exploration_server.c to use USART3:

```
int acc_acc_exploration_server_stm32(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    (void)argc;
    (void)argv;

    printf("Acconeer Exploration Server\n");

    // Wait for host line break to end before starting exploration
    server
    while (HAL_GPIO_ReadPin(GPIOC, GPIO_PIN_5) == GPIO_PIN_RESET)
    {
        printf("Waiting for host line break to end...\n");
        HAL_Delay(10);
    }

    ...
}
```

To run the Exploration Server application, simply declare the main function in the user code includes field in your "main.c"-file in the following manner:

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN Includes */
extern int acc_exploration_server_stm32(int argc, char *argv[]);
/* USER CODE END Includes */
```

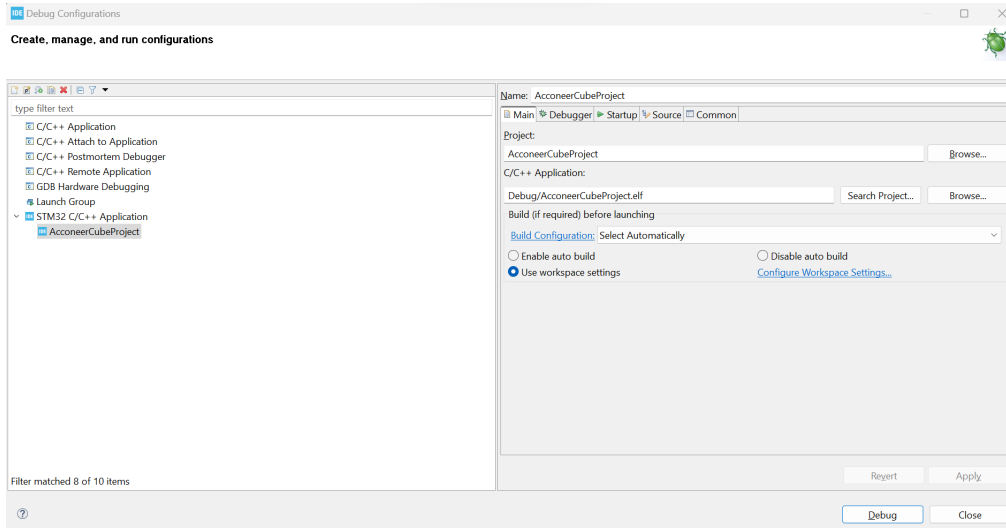
After declaring the main function, you can call the function from the "main.c"-file in the user code 2 field by the following call:

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN 2 */
acc_exploration_server_stm32(0, NULL);
/* USER CODE END 2 */
```




7.2.1 Running the Program

Build the software by pressing “Ctrl-B” and then start debugging by right-clicking on the project “AcconeerCubeProject → Debug As → STM32 Cortex-M C/C++ Application”. This will open the “Debug Configurations” dialog and there you can choose which debugger to use, “Debugger → Debug Probe”, and select “ST-LINK”. Click “Debug”, this will automatically flash the board and execute the program until the “main()” function.



You can access the USART3 signals on the connector CN10 of the Nucleo-L476RG board for connecting the board to a host.



8 Troubleshooting and FAQ

8.1 Example Fails

The example program can fail for different reasons, here are a few common reasons.

8.1.1 Sensor Creation Returns NULL

The function `acc_sensor_create` returns NULL. This is most likely because the pins have either been connected wrong or some other pin fault. Usually due to an SPI communication problem. Could be due to incorrectly connected pins, drivers are incorrect, or the signals sent to the radar are in the wrong order. See section 8.3 Troubleshooting SPI Communication for more information.

8.1.2 Config Creation Hardfaults

The function `acc_config_create` hardfaults. Most likely due to memory problems. Depending on the memory of the MCU, heap and stack might overwrite each other. Or there is simply not enough memory.

Are you using FREERTOS? Make sure that the thread that is handling the Acconeer software has enough stack size to be able to run the software.

8.2 The Program is Stuck in HAL_Delay

If the program keeps entering `HAL_Delay()` or seems to be “stuck” there for longer periods of time, it might be because the interrupt pin is not connected or malfunctioning.

8.3 Troubleshooting SPI Communication

The following function can be used to find problems in the SPI communication with the radar sensor.

```
#include "acc_hal_integration_a121.h"

bool hal_test_spi_read_chipid(void)
{
    const uint32_t sensor = 1;

    const acc_hal_a121_t *hal = acc_hal_rss_integration_get_implementation();

    uint8_t buffer[6] = {0x30, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0, 0x0 };

    acc_hal_integration_sensor_supply_on(sensor);
    acc_hal_integration_sensor_enable(sensor);

    hal->transfer(sensor, buffer, sizeof(buffer));

    acc_hal_integration_sensor_disable(sensor);
    acc_hal_integration_sensor_supply_off(sensor);

    if (buffer[4] == 0x12 && buffer[5] == 0x10)
    {
        printf("Test OK !\n");
        return true;
    }

    printf("Cannot read chip id !\n");
    return false;
}
```

When the program is executed, the signals to the A121 should look as in figure 19.

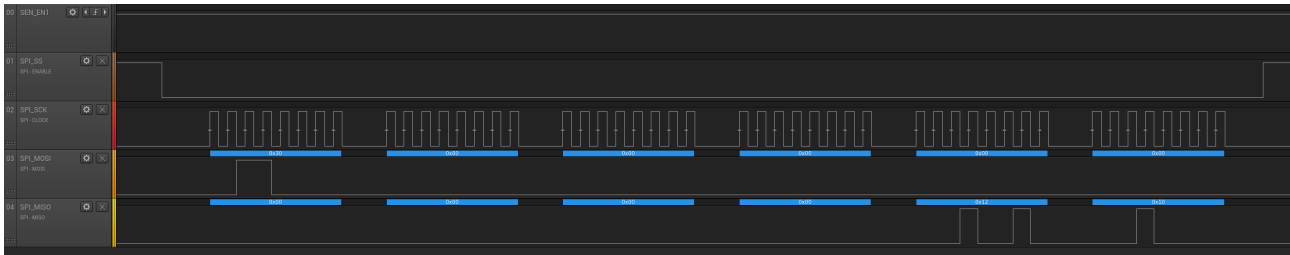


Figure 19: SPI transfer example

Note that the A121 enable signal must be set high at least 2 ms before the SPI transfer.

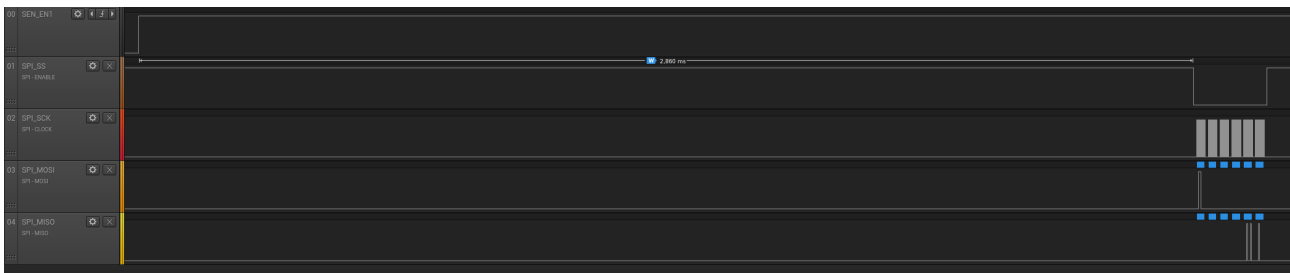


Figure 20: A121 Enable Signal

8.4 UART Problems

In order to verify the prints over UART we use picocom in Ubuntu:

```
$ picocom --imap lfcrLf --baud 115200 /dev/ttyACM0
```

We also had to make sure, in main.c, that the baudrate and word length is correct:

```
huart2.Init.BaudRate = 115200;  
huart2.Init.WordLength = UART_WORDLENGTH_8B;
```

The linker might tell you that you have multiple definitions of the function "_write". If it happens, remove the implementation in "syscalls.c" and compile/link again.

8.5 Link Errors

Some users have experienced that STM32CubeIDE forgets the link order of the libraries. Please check that the RSS libraries are listed in order stated in section 4.1.3 Libraries.

8.6 Heap Memory Corruption

When asking for more heap, the sbrk function will increase the heap towards the stack. However, it is imperative that the heap and stack never meet or overwrite each other. Unfortunately, the automatically generated code is using the stack pointer as border between them when it should use the maximum needed stack. This means that the heap might use some memory which is later overwritten when the stack is growing.

In the file "Src/systemem.c" remove the line:

```
register char * stack_ptr asm("sp");
```

After removing the above line, change the function called "_sbrk" so that it looks like this:

```
caddr_t _sbrk(int incr)  
{  
    extern char end asm("end");  
    extern char estack asm("_estack");  
    extern char min_stack_size asm("_Min_Stack_Size");
```



```
char *stack_limit = (char*)&estack - &min_stack_size);
static char *heap_end;
char *prev_heap_end;

if (heap_end == 0)
    heap_end = &end;

prev_heap_end = heap_end;
if (heap_end + incr > stack_limit)
{
    errno = ENOMEM;
    return (caddr_t) -1;
}

heap_end += incr;

return (caddr_t) prev_heap_end;
}
```



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