

## EEPROM emulation software expansion for STM32Cube

Bluetooth® Low Energy heart rate + EEPROM emulation example	
EEPROM emulation example	
Application	
EEPROM_Emul	
Middleware	
RCC	FLASH
PWR	Other
HAL drivers	
STM32G0 Series	STM32G4 Series
STM32L4/L4+ Series	STM32L5 Series
STM32U5 Series	STM32WB Series
Hardware	
STM32WL Series	
32L476GDISCOVERY	NUCLEO-L4R5ZI
NUCLEO-L552ZE-Q	NUCLEO-G071RB
NUCLEO-G431RB	NUCLEO-G474RE
NUCLEO-U575ZI-Q	P-NUCLEO-WB55
Demonstration boards	
NUCLEO-WL55JC	

Product status link
<a href="#">X-CUBE-EEPROM</a>



### Features

- Lightweight implementation and reduced footprint
- Simple API that consists of a few functions to format, initialize, read and write data, and clean up Flash memory pages
  - User-configured EEPROM size
  - Supports 8-bit, 16-bit and 32-bit variables; supports 96-bit variables for the [STM32U5 Series](#)
  - Clean-up simplified for the user (background page erase)
  - Interrupt servicing is possible during program and erase operations
- At least two Flash memory pages to be used for internal data management
- Wear leveling algorithm to increase emulated EEPROM cycling capability
- Increased EEPROM memory endurance versus Flash memory endurance
- Robust against asynchronous resets and power failures
- Optional protection for Flash memory sharing between the two cores of the [STM32WB Series](#) microcontrollers
- Maintenance of cache coherency

### Description

The microcontrollers in the [STM32G0 Series](#), [STM32G4 Series](#), [STM32L4 Series](#), [STM32L4+ Series](#), [STM32L5 Series](#), [STM32U5 Series](#), [STM32WB Series](#), and [STM32WL Series](#) feature an internal low-power Flash memory that is able to store code and data.

The applications in the [X-CUBE-EEPROM](#) Expansion Package demonstrate how to emulate an EEPROM using the internal Flash memory, thus saving the cost of external components. For the host board in [P-NUCLEO-WB55](#), a specific example maintaining a Bluetooth® Low Energy connection and communication while processing EEPROM operations is provided. For this example, a mechanism to share efficiently the Flash memory between the two STM32WB microcontroller cores is implemented.

For more details, refer to the *EEPROM emulation techniques and software for STM32 microcontrollers* application note (AN4894), available on [www.st.com](http://www.st.com).

# 1 General information

The X-CUBE-EEPROM Expansion Package runs on STM32 microcontrollers based on Arm® cores.

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## 1.1 Ordering information

X-CUBE-EEPROM is available for free download from the [www.st.com](http://www.st.com) website.

## 1.2 What is STM32Cube?

STM32Cube is an STMicroelectronics original initiative to significantly improve designer productivity by reducing development effort, time, and cost. STM32Cube covers the whole STM32 portfolio.

STM32Cube includes:

- A set of user-friendly software development tools to cover project development from conception to realization, among which are:
  - STM32CubeMX, a graphical software configuration tool that allows the automatic generation of C initialization code using graphical wizards
  - STM32CubeIDE, an all-in-one development tool with peripheral configuration, code generation, code compilation, and debug features
  - STM32CubeProgrammer (STM32CubeProg), a programming tool available in graphical and command-line versions
  - STM32CubeMonitor (STM32CubeMonitor, STM32CubeMonPwr, STM32CubeMonRF, STM32CubeMonUCPD) powerful monitoring tools to fine-tune the behavior and performance of STM32 applications in real-time
- STM32Cube MCU and MPU Packages, comprehensive embedded-software platforms specific to each microcontroller and microprocessor series (such as STM32CubeU5 for the STM32U5 Series), which include:
  - STM32Cube hardware abstraction layer (HAL), ensuring maximized portability across the STM32 portfolio
  - STM32Cube low-layer APIs, ensuring the best performance and footprints with a high degree of user control over hardware
  - A consistent set of middleware components such as ThreadX, FileX / LevelX, NetX Duo, USBX, USB-PD, touch library, network library, mbed-crypto, TFM, and OpenBL
  - All embedded software utilities with full sets of peripheral and applicative examples
- STM32Cube Expansion Packages, which contain embedded software components that complement the functionalities of the STM32Cube MCU and MPU Packages with:
  - Middleware extensions and applicative layers
  - Examples running on some specific STMicroelectronics development boards



## 2 License

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X-CUBE-EEPROM is delivered under the [SLA0048](#) software license agreement and its Additional License Terms.

## Revision history

**Table 1. Document revision history**

Date	Revision	Changes
7-Jul-2017	1	Initial release.
28-May-2020	2	<p>Extended the document scope to the STM32G0 Series, STM32G4 Series, STM32L4+ Series, STM32L5 Series, and STM32WB Series.</p> <p>Updated the entire document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated <i>Features</i> and <i>Description</i></li> <li>• Added <i>Ordering information</i>, <i>What is STM32Cube?</i> and <i>License</i></li> </ul>
2-Nov-2020	3	<p>Extended the document scope to the STM32WL Series. Added the cache coherency maintenance feature. Added the NUCLEO-WL55JC and NUCLEO-G474RE demonstration boards.</p> <p>Updated <i>Features</i>, <i>Description</i>, and <i>License</i>.</p>
9-Dec-2021	4	<p>Extended the document scope to the STM32U5 Series. Added the NUCLEO-U575ZI-Q demonstration board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated the cover picture</li> <li>• Updated <a href="#">Features</a></li> <li>• Updated <a href="#">Description</a></li> </ul> <p>Updated <a href="#">License</a> with the Additional License Terms.</p>

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