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GD32E230C-EVAL
Arm® Cortex®-M23 32-bit MCU

User Guide

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1. Summary

GD32E230C-EVAL evaluation board uses GD32E230C8T6 as the main controller. As a complete development platform of GD32E230 powered by Arm® Cortex®-M23 core, the board supports full range of peripherals. It uses mini-USB interface to supply 5V power. GD-Link, Reset, Boot, User button key, LED, I2C, I2S, USART, TFT-LCD, IFRP LED、IFRP Transceiver, RTC, SPI, ADC and Extension Pin are also included. This document details its hardware schematic and the relevant applications.

2. Function Pin Assign

Table 2-1 Pin assignment

Function	Pin	Description
LED	PA8	LED1
	PA11	LED2
	PA12	LED3
	PA15	LED4
RESET		K1-Reset
KEY	PA0	K2-Wakeup
	PC13	K3-Tamper
IR	PB4	IR_RX
	PB9	IR_TX
I2C	PB6	I2C0_SCL
	PB7	I2C0_SDA
I2S	PA4	I2S0_WS
	PA5	I2S0_CK
	PA7	I2S0_SD
	PA6	I2S0_MCK
USART0	PA9	USART0_TX
	PA10	USART0_RX
SPI	PB13	SPI1_SCK
	PB14	SPI1_MISO
	PB15	SPI1_MOSI
	PB10	SPI1_IO2
	PB11	SPI1_IO3
	PB12	SPIFlash_CS
	PB0	TFT_CS
	PB1	TFT_RESET
ADC	PA2	ADC_IN2
COMPARATOR	PA1	COMP0_INP

3. Getting started

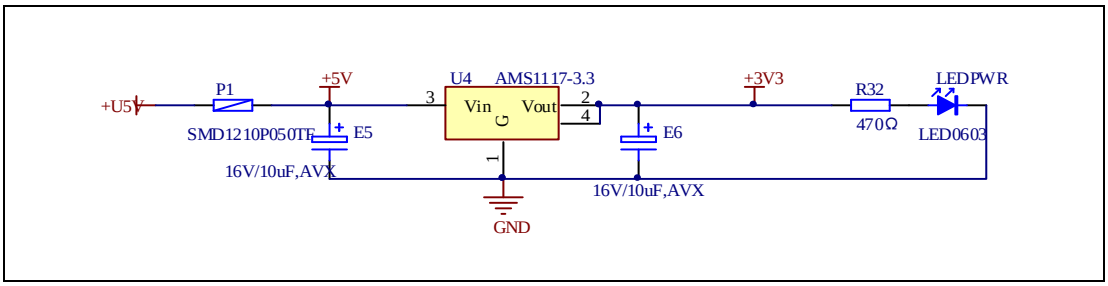
The EVAL Board uses mini-USB connecter to get power, the hardware system power is +3.3V. A GD-Link on board is necessary in order to download and debug programs. Select the correct boot mode and then power on, the LEDPWR will turn on, which indicates that the power supply is OK.

There are Keil version and IAR version of all projects. Keil version of the projects are created based on Keil MDK-ARM 5.25 uVision5. IAR version of the projects are created based on IAR Embedded Workbench for ARM 8.32.1. During use, the following points should be noted:
1. If you use Keil uVision5 to open the project. In order to solve the "Device Missing (s)" problem, you can install GigaDevice.GD32E23x_DFP.1.0.0.pack.
2. If you use IAR to open the project, install IAR_GD32E23x_ADDON_1.0.0.exe to load the associated files.

4. Hardware layout overview

4.1. Power supply

Figure 4-1 Schematic diagram of power supply



4.2. Boot option

Figure 4-2 Schematic diagram of boot option

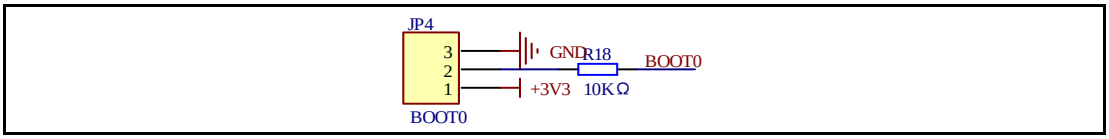
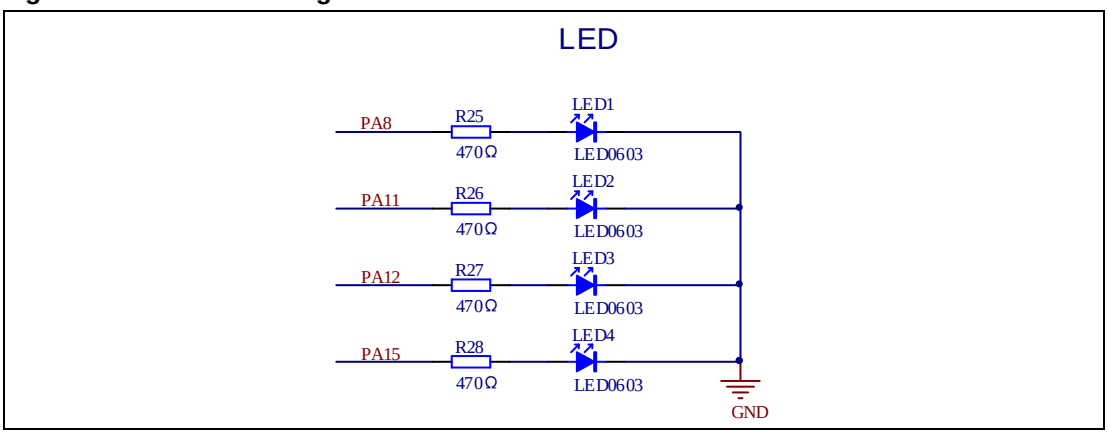


Table 4-1 Boot configuration

BOOT1	BOOT0	Boot Mode
Default	2-3	User memory
	1-2	System memory
Changed by ISP	1-2	SRAM memory

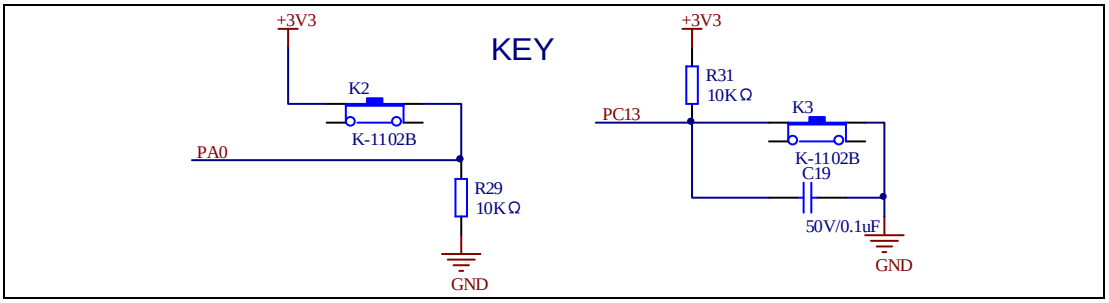
4.3. LED

Figure 4-3 Schematic diagram of LED function



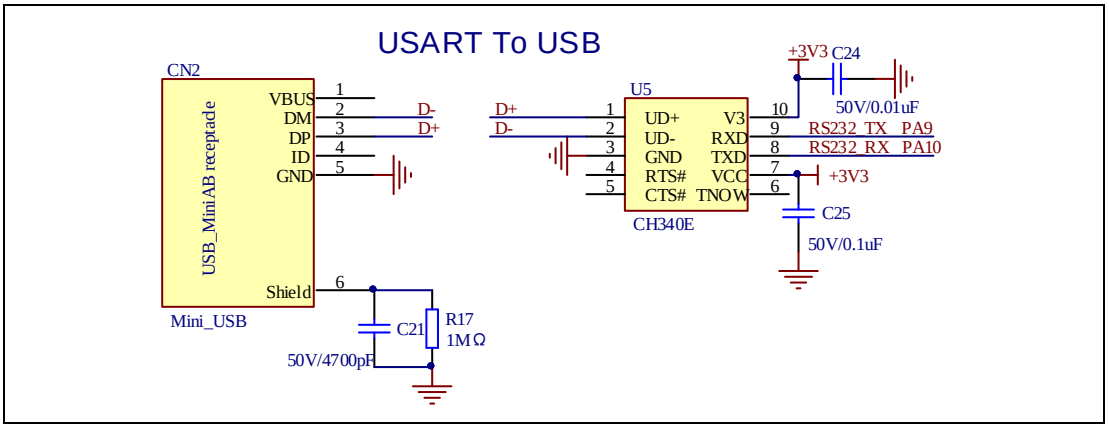
4.4. KEY

Figure 4-4 Schematic diagram of Key function



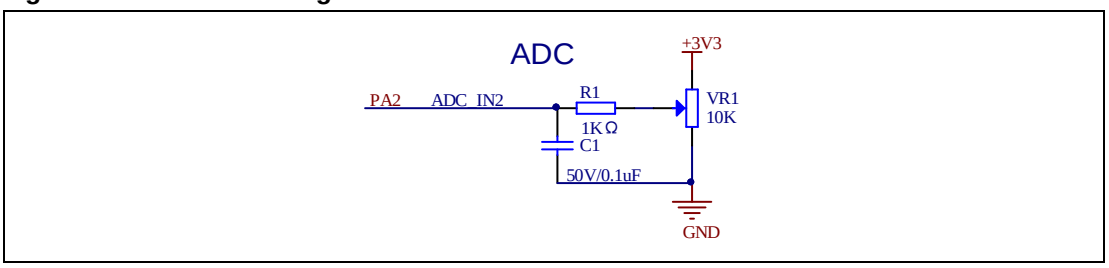
4.5. USART0

Figure 4-5 Schematic diagram of USART0 function



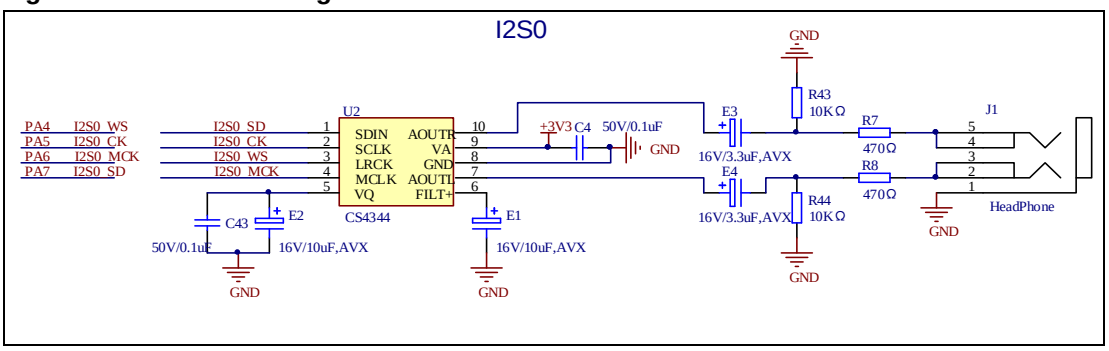
4.6. ADC

Figure 4-6 Schematic diagram of ADC function



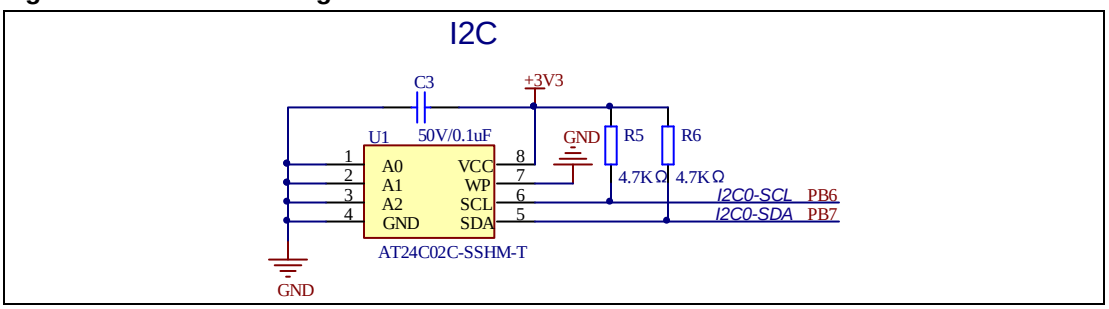
4.7. I2S

Figure 4-7 Schematic diagram of I2S function



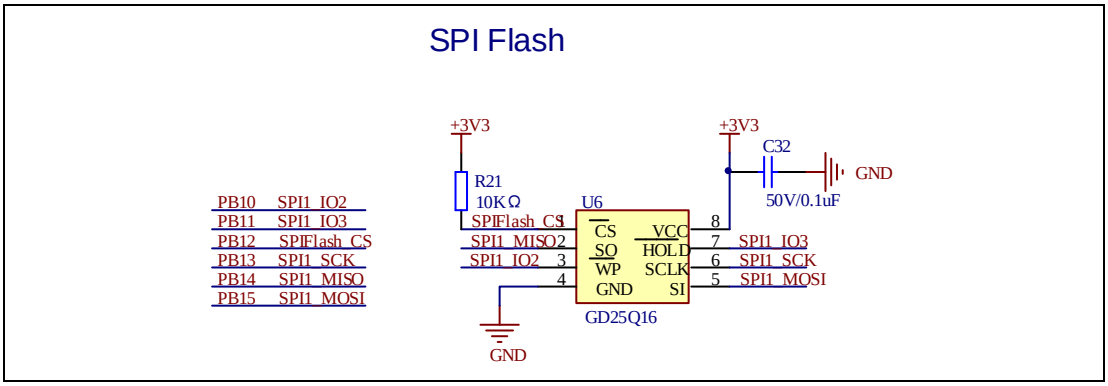
4.8. I2C

Figure 4-8 Schematic diagram of I2C function



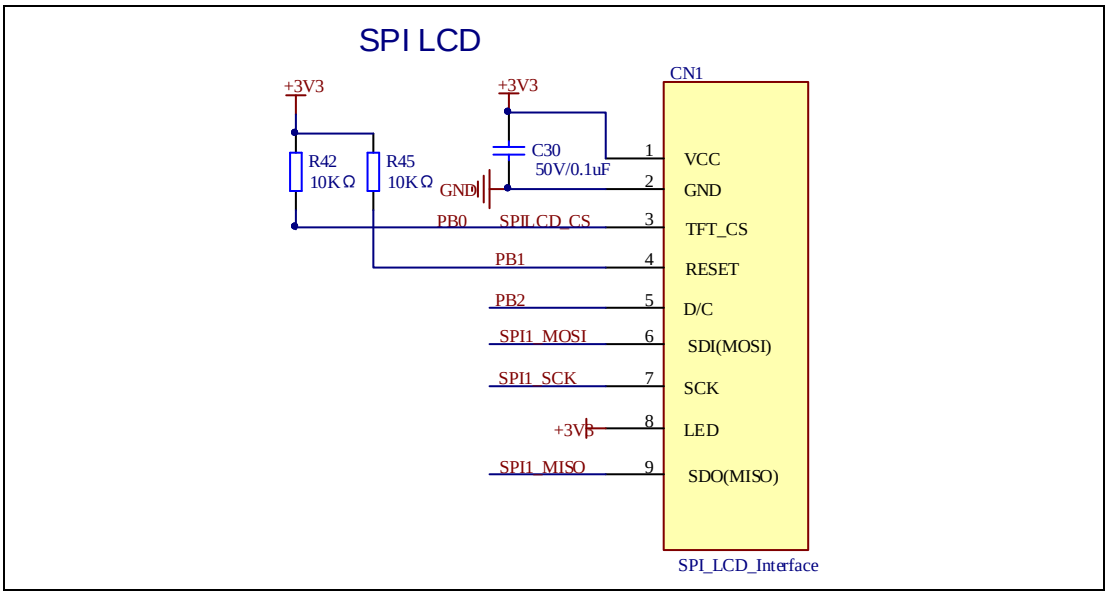
4.9. QSPI-FLASH

Figure 4-9 Schematic diagram of QSPI-FLASH function



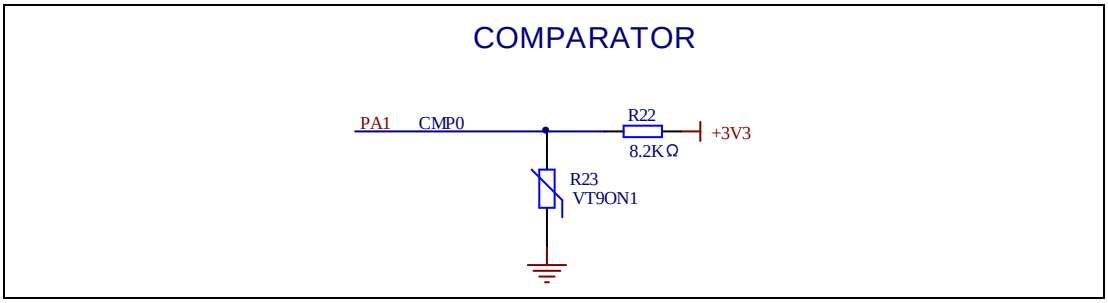
4.10. SPI-TFT LCD

Figure 4-10 Schematic diagram of SPI-TFT LCD function



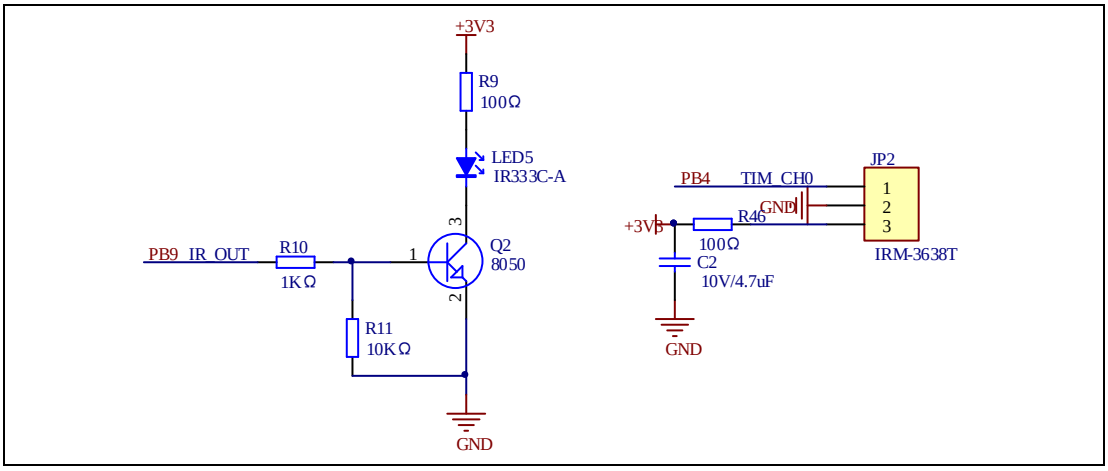
4.11. CMP

Figure 4-11 Schematic diagram of CMP function



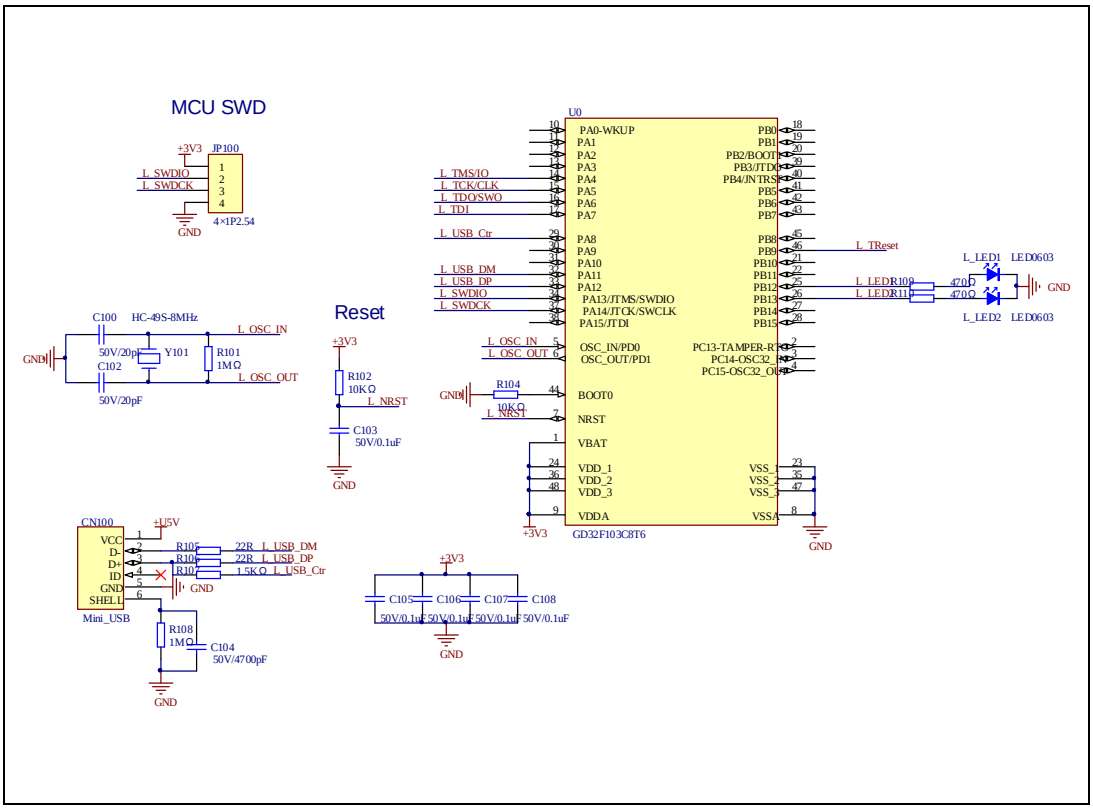
4.12. IFRP

Figure 4-12 Schematic diagram of IFRP function



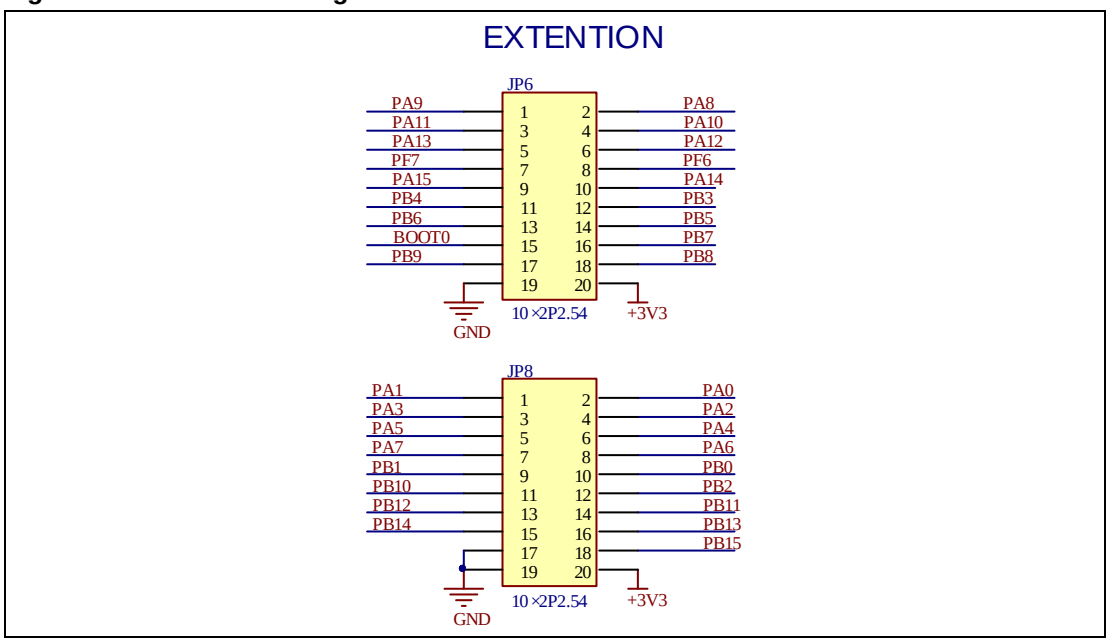
4.13. GD-Link

Figure 4-13 Schematic diagram of GD-Link function



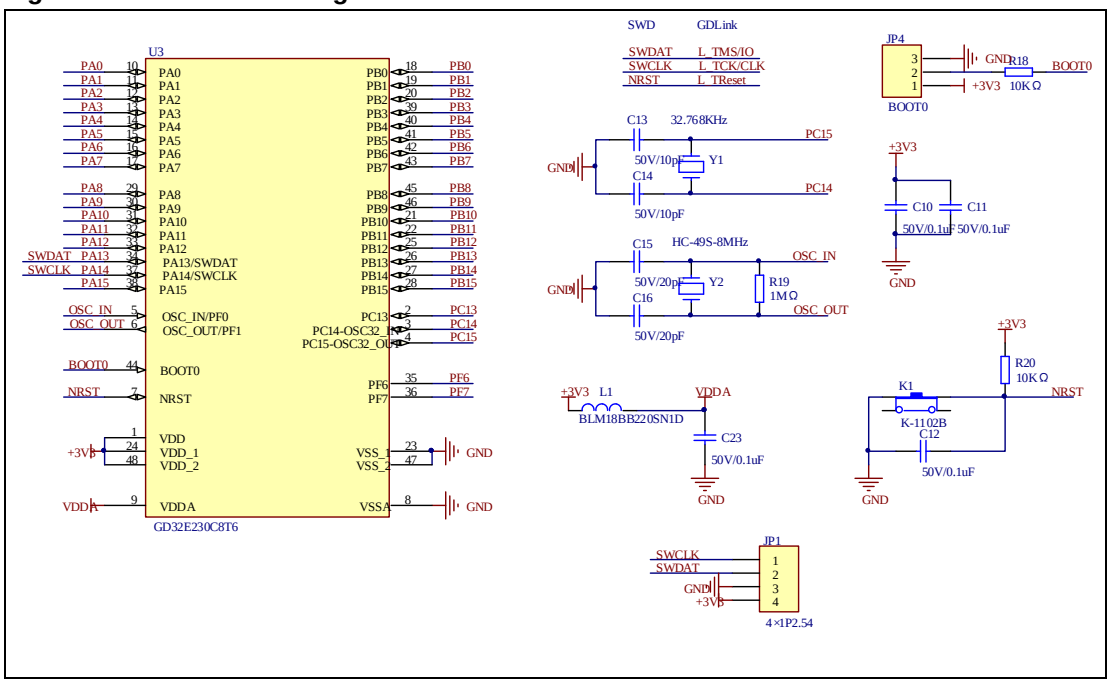
4.14. Extension

Figure 4-14 Schematic diagram of Extension Pin



4.15. MCU

Figure 4-15 Schematic diagram of MCU Pin



5. Routine use guide

5.1. GPIO_Running_LED

5.1.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use GPIO for controlling the LED
- Learn to use SysTick to generate 1ms delay

GD32E230C-EVAL board has four LEDs. The LED1, LED2, LED3 and LED4 are controlled by GPIO. This demo will show how to light the LEDs.

5.1.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <01_GPIO_Running_LED> to the EVAL board, four LEDs will turn on one by one from LED1 to LED4 every 200ms, and then turn off together. 200ms later, the four LEDs work like previous again.

5.2. GPIO_Key_Polling_mode

5.2.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use GPIO control the LED and the KEY
- Learn to use SysTick to generate 1ms delay

GD32E230C-EVAL board has three keys and four LEDs. The three keys are Reset key, Tamper key and Wakeup key. The LED1, LED2, LED3 and LED4 are controlled by GPIO.

This demo will show how to use the Tamper key to control the LED2. When press down the Tamper Key, it will check the input value of the IO port. If the value is 0, wait for 50ms. Then check the input value of the IO port again. If the value is still 0, indicates that the button is pressed down successfully, and light the four LED2.

5.2.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <02_GPIO_Key_Polling_mode> to the EVAL board, When press down the Tamper Key, LED2 will be turned on. Press down the Tamper Key again, LED2 will be turned off.

5.3. EXTI_Key_Interrupt_mode

5.3.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use GPIO to control the LED and the KEY
- Learn to use EXTI to generate external interrupt

GD32E230C-EVAL board has three keys and four LEDs. The three keys are Reset key, Wakeup key and Tamper key. The LED1, LED2, LED3 and LED4 are controlled by GPIO.

This demo will show how to use EXTI interrupt line to control the LED2. When press down the Tamper Key, it will produce an interrupt. In the interrupt service function, the demo will toggle LED2.

5.3.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <03_EXTI_Key_Interrupt_mode> to the EVAL board, when press down the Tamper Key, LED2 will be turned on. Press down the Tamper Key again, LED2 will be turned off.

5.4. USART_Printf

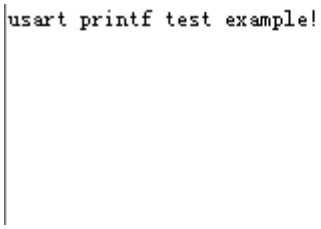
5.4.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to retarget the C library printf function to the USART

5.4.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <04_USART_Printf> to the EVAL board and run. serial port will output “usart printf test example!”.
The information via a serial port output as following.



5.5. USART_HyperTerminal_Interrupt

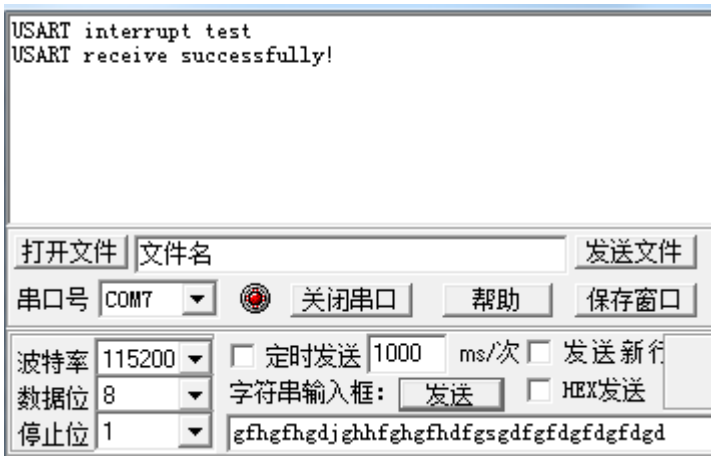
5.5.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use the EVAL_COM transmit and receive interrupts to communicate with the hyperterminal

5.5.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <05_USART_HyperTerminal_ Interrupt> to the EVAL board and run. Firstly, the COM sends the “USART interrupt test” to the hyperterminal and waits for receiving data from the hyperterminal that you must send. The string that you have sent is stored in the receiver_buffer array. The receive buffer have a receivesize=32 bytes as maximum. After that, compare rxcount with receivesize. If rxcount is same with receivesize, the COM sends the “USART receive successfully!” to the hyperterminal.
The information via a serial port output as following:



5.6. USART_DMA

5.6.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use the COM transmit and receive using DMA

5.6.2. DEMO running result

Download the program < 06_USART_DMA > to the EVAL board and run. Firstly, the COM sends the “a usart dma function test example!
USART DMA receive and transmit example, please input 10 bytes:” to the hyperterminal and then loops waiting for receiving max 10 datas from the hyperterminal. Every time if the number of data you enter is equalto or more than 10 bytes, USART will send 10 bytes to the hyperterminal.

The information via a serial port output as following:

```
a usart dma function test example!
USART DMA receive and transmit example, please input 10 bytes:
gfhgfhgdgf
```

5.7. ADC_conversion_triggered_by_timer

5.7.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use ADC to convert analog to digital
- Learn to use TIMER to generate a channel compare event
- Learn to use LCD to show the ADC converted result

TIMER0 CH0 event triggers ADC conversion, the value displayed on the LCD corresponds to the ADC analog input, and changes with it. The converted data are moved to SRAM through DMA continuously.

5.7.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <07_ADC_conversion_triggered_by_timer> to the GD32E230C-EVAL board, adjust the adjustable potentiometer knob to change the analog input. The ADC, which is triggered by TIMER0 CH0 event, will convert the analog input, and you will see the result, a voltage curve, on the LCD. The curve adjusts with the analog input.

5.8. Comparator_obtain_brightness

5.8.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use comparator output compare result

There are two comparators on EVAL board and each comparator has two inputs. In this demo, one input is 3.3V, and the other one is the 1/4 reference voltage. Compare the two input voltages, the output is a high or low level, and the LED2 will performs the corresponding action.

5.8.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <08_Comparator_obtain_brightness> to the EVAL board,

comparing two input voltage, if output level is high, LED2 is off, otherwise LED2 is off.

5.9. I2C_EEPROM

5.9.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn how to use the master transmitting mode of the I2C module
- Learn how to use the master receiving mode of the I2C module
- Learn to read and write the EEPROM with the I2C interface

5.9.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <09_I2C_EEPROM> to the EVAL board and run. Connect serial cable to COM, and open the HyperTerminal to show the print message.

Firstly, the data of 256 bytes will be written to the EEPROM from the address 0x00 and printed by the serial port. Then, reading the EEPROM from address 0x00 for 256 bytes and the result will be printed. Finally, compare the data that were written to the EEPROM and the data that were read from the EEPROM. If they are the same, the serial port will output "I2C-AT24C02 test passed!" and the four LEDs lights flashing, otherwise the serial port will output "Err: data read and write aren't matching." and all the four LEDs light.

The output information via the serial port is as following.

```
I2C-24C02 configured....
The I2C0 is hardware interface
The speed is 400000
AT24C02 writing...
0x00 0x01 0x02 0x03 0x04 0x05 0x06 0x07 0x08 0x09 0x0A 0x0B 0x0C 0x0D 0x0E 0x0F
0x10 0x11 0x12 0x13 0x14 0x15 0x16 0x17 0x18 0x19 0x1A 0x1B 0x1C 0x1D 0x1E 0x1F
0x20 0x21 0x22 0x23 0x24 0x25 0x26 0x27 0x28 0x29 0x2A 0x2B 0x2C 0x2D 0x2E 0x2F
0x30 0x31 0x32 0x33 0x34 0x35 0x36 0x37 0x38 0x39 0x3A 0x3B 0x3C 0x3D 0x3E 0x3F
0x40 0x41 0x42 0x43 0x44 0x45 0x46 0x47 0x48 0x49 0x4A 0x4B 0x4C 0x4D 0x4E 0x4F
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0xB0 0xB1 0xB2 0xB3 0xB4 0xB5 0xB6 0xB7 0xB8 0xB9 0xBA 0xBB 0xBC 0xBD 0xBE 0xBF
0xC0 0xC1 0xC2 0xC3 0xC4 0xC5 0xC6 0xC7 0xC8 0xC9 0xCA 0xCB 0xCC 0xCD 0xCE 0xCF
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0xF0 0xF1 0xF2 0xF3 0xF4 0xF5 0xF6 0xF7 0xF8 0xF9 0xFA 0xFB 0xFC 0xFD 0xFE 0xFF
AT24C02 reading...
0x00 0x01 0x02 0x03 0x04 0x05 0x06 0x07 0x08 0x09 0x0A 0x0B 0x0C 0x0D 0x0E 0x0F
0x10 0x11 0x12 0x13 0x14 0x15 0x16 0x17 0x18 0x19 0x1A 0x1B 0x1C 0x1D 0x1E 0x1F
0x20 0x21 0x22 0x23 0x24 0x25 0x26 0x27 0x28 0x29 0x2A 0x2B 0x2C 0x2D 0x2E 0x2F
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0xA0 0xA1 0xA2 0xA3 0xA4 0xA5 0xA6 0xA7 0xA8 0xA9 0xAA 0xAB 0xAC 0xAD 0xAE 0xAF
0xB0 0xB1 0xB2 0xB3 0xB4 0xB5 0xB6 0xB7 0xB8 0xB9 0xBA 0xBB 0xBC 0xBD 0xBE 0xBF
0xC0 0xC1 0xC2 0xC3 0xC4 0xC5 0xC6 0xC7 0xC8 0xC9 0xCA 0xCB 0xCC 0xCD 0xCE 0xCF
0xD0 0xD1 0xD2 0xD3 0xD4 0xD5 0xD6 0xD7 0xD8 0xD9 0xDA 0xDB 0xDC 0xDD 0xDE 0xDF
0xE0 0xE1 0xE2 0xE3 0xE4 0xE5 0xE6 0xE7 0xE8 0xE9 0xEA 0xEB 0xEC 0xED 0xEE 0xEF
0xF0 0xF1 0xF2 0xF3 0xF4 0xF5 0xF6 0xF7 0xF8 0xF9 0xFA 0xFB 0xFC 0xFD 0xFE 0xFF
I2C-AT24C02 test passed!
```

5.10. QSPI_FLASH

5.10.1. DEMO purpose

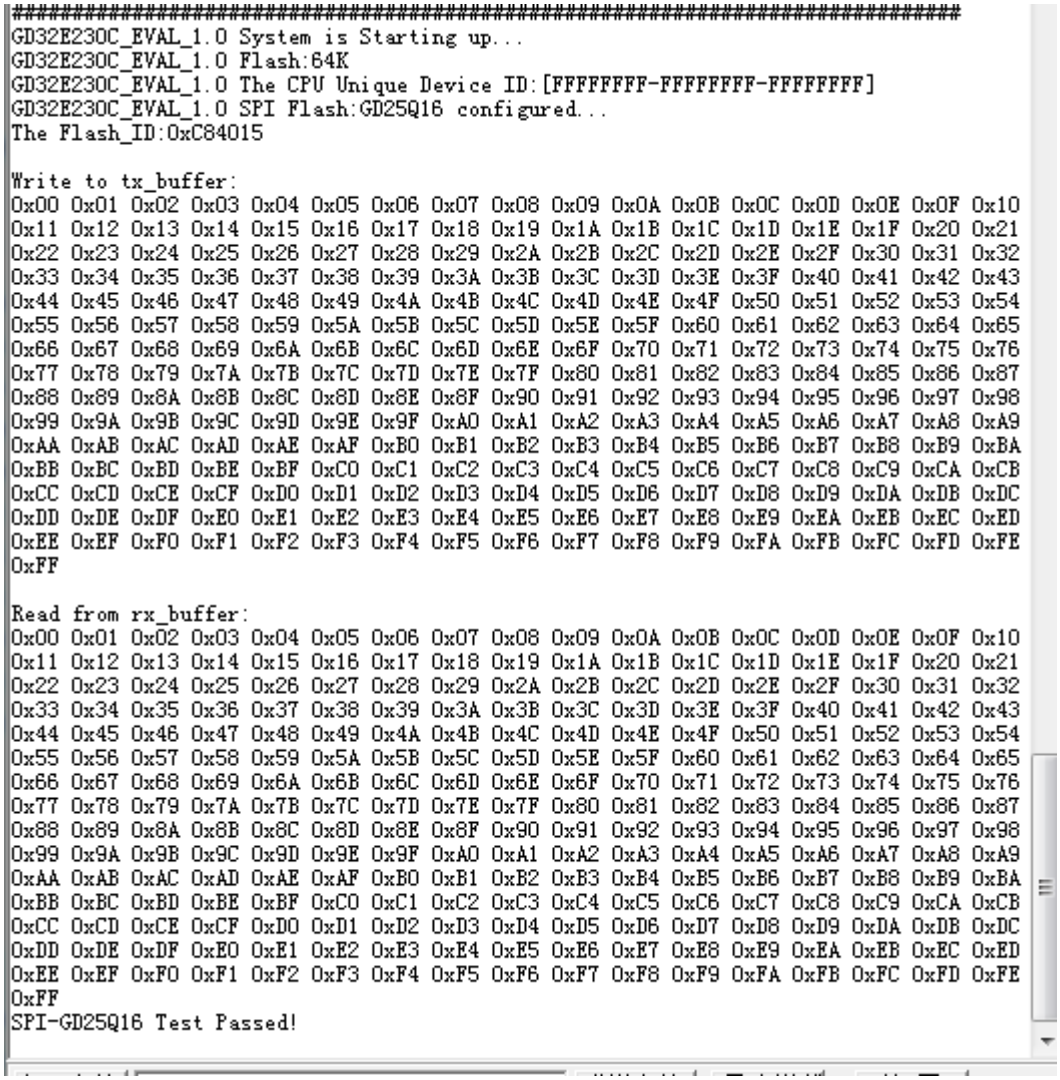
This demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use the Quad-SPI mode of SPI unit to read and write NOR Flash with the SPI interface

5.10.2. DEMO running result

The computer serial port line connected to the COM port of development board, set the baud rate of HyperTerminal software to 115200, 8 bits data bit, 1 bit stop bit.

Download the program <10_QSPI_FLASH> to the EVAL board, the HyperTerminal software can observe the operation condition and will display the ID of the flash, 256 bytes data which are written to and read from flash. Compare the data that were written to the flash and the data that were read from the flash. If they are the same, the serial port will output “SPI-GD25Q16 Test Passed!”, otherwise, the serial port will output “Err: Data Read and Write aren't Matching.”. At last, turn on and off the LEDs one by one. The following is the experimental results.



5.11. SPI_TFT_LCD_Driver

5.11.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following function of GD32 MCU:

- Learn how to use SPI to drive TFT LCD screen and display

GD32E230C-EVAL board has a TFT LCD screen which supports SPI interface. In this demo, tests of font, number, draw and color are displayed on the LCD screen respectively.

5.11.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <11_SPI_TFT_LCD_Driver> to the EVAL board. All the LEDs are turned on and then turned off for test. After that, the LCD screen on the board will display the GUI tests in infinite loop.

5.12. I2S_Audio_Player

5.12.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use I2S module to output audio file

GD32E230C-EVAL board integrates the I2S (Inter-IC Sound) module, and the module can communicate with external devices using the I2S audio protocol. This Demo mainly shows how to use the I2S interface of the board for audio output.

5.12.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <12_I2S_Audio_Player>. After downloading the program, insert the earphone into the audio port J1, then listen to the audio file.

5.13. RCU_Clock_Out

5.13.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use GPIO control the LED
- Learn to use EXTI to generate external interrupt
- Learn to use the clock output function of RCU
- Learn to communicate with PC by USART

5.13.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <13_RCU_Clock_Out> to the EVAL board and run. Connect serial cable to EVAL_COM, open the HyperTerminal. When the program is running, HyperTerminal will display the initial information. Then user can choose the type of the output clock by pressing the Tamper button. After pressing, the LED will be lit in turn and HyperTerminal will display which mode be selected. The frequency of the output clock can be observed through the oscilloscope by PA8 pin.
Information via a serial port output as following:

```
/=========== Gigadevice Clock output Demo ===========/
press tamper key to select clock output source
CK_OUT: system clock
CK_OUT: IRC8M
CK_OUT: IRC28M
CK_OUT: IRC40K
CK_OUT: LXTAL
CK_OUT: HXTAL
CK_OUT: PLL/2
```

5.14. PMU_sleep_wakeup

5.14.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use the USART receive interrupt to wake up the PMU from sleep mode

5.14.2. DEMO running result

Download the program < 14_PMU_sleep_wakeup > to the EVAL board, connect serial cable to EVAL_COM. After power-on, all the LEDs are off. The MCU will enter sleep mode and the software stop running. When the USART0 receives a byte of data from the HyperTerminal, the MCU will wake up from a receive interrupt. And all the LEDs will flash together.

5.15. RTC_Calendar

5.15.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use RTC module to implement calendar function
- Learn to use LCD module to display the time of calendar

5.15.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <15_RTC_Calendar> to the EVAL board and run. When the program is running, the four LEDs, LED1 to LED4 turn on, then turn off. And then the

LCD prints out the information of the board, and the calendar. When you press the Wakeup key, the time will be configured to 2018-05-13, 12:00:00.

5.16. IRInfrared_Transceiver

5.16.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use general timer output PWM wave
- Learn to use general timer generated update interrupt
- Learn to use general timer capture interrupt
- Learn to use general timer TIMER15 and TIMER16 implement Infrared function

5.16.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <16_IRInfrared_Transceiver> to the EVAL board and run. When the program is running, if the infrared receiver received data is correct, LED1, LED2, LED3, LED4 light in turn, otherwise LED1, LED2, LED3, LED4 toggle together.

5.17. TIMER_Breath_LED

5.17.1. DEMO purpose

This Demo includes the following functions of GD32 MCU:

- Learn to use Timer output PWM wave
- Learn to update channel value

5.17.2. DEMO running result

Download the program <17_TIMER_Breath_LED> to the GD32E230C-EVAL board and run. PA8 should not be reused by other peripherals.
When the program is running, you can see LED1 lighting from dark to bright gradually and then gradually darken, ad infinitum, just like breathing as rhythm.

6. Revision history

Table 6-1 Revision history

Revision No.	Description	Date
1.0	Initial Release	Feb.19, 2019
1.1	Modify document header and homepage	Dec. 31, 2021

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