STM32 ST-LINK utility software description

Introduction

The STM32 ST-LINK utility software facilitates fast in-system programming of the STM32 microcontroller families in development environments via the ST-LINK and ST-LINK/V2 tools.

This user manual describes the software functions of the STM32 ST-LINK utility. When working with the STM32 ST-LINK utility, it is recommended to download the *ST-LINK in-circuit debugger/programmer for STM8 and STM32 microcontrollers* User manual (UM0627) or the *ST-LINK/V2 in-circuit debugger/programmer for STM8 and STM32* User manual (UM1075), which provides more information about the ST-LINK tools.

Note: *The part number of the STM32 ST-LINK utility software is STSW-LINK004.*

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This section describes the requirements and the procedures to install the STM32 ST-LINK utility software.

1.1 System requirements

The STM32 ST-LINK utility PC configuration requires as a minimum:

- PC with USB port and Intel® Pentium® processor running a 32-bit version of one of the following Microsoft® operating systems:
  – Windows® XP
  – Windows® 7
  – Windows® 10
- 256 Mbytes of RAM
- 30 Mbytes of hard disk space available

1.2 Hardware requirements

The STM32 ST-LINK utility is designed to work with:

- STM32F0, STM32F1, STM32F2, STM32F3, STM32F4, STM32L4, STM32L1, STM32L0 and STM32W Series
- ST-LINK or ST-LINK/V2 or ST-LINK/V2-ISOL in-circuit debugger/programmer probe

Note: *In this document, ST-LINK/V2 refers to ST-LINK/V2 and ST-LINK/V2-ISOL, which are functionally equivalent.*

1.3 Installing the STM32 ST-LINK utility

Follow these steps and the on-screen instructions to install the STM32 ST-LINK utility:

1. Download the compressed STM32 ST-LINK utility software from the ST website.
2. Extract the contents of the *.zip* file into a temporary directory.
3. Double-click the extracted executable, *setup.exe*, to initiate the installation, and follow the on-screen prompts to install the STM32 ST-LINK utility in the development environment. The documentation for the utility is located in the subdirectory *\Docs* where the STM32 ST-LINK utility is installed.

Note: *If an earlier version of STM32 ST-LINK utility software is already installed, follow the uninstalling instructions described in Section 1.4, before installing the new version.*

1.4 Uninstalling the STM32 ST-LINK utility

Follow these steps to uninstall the STM32 ST-LINK utility:

1. Select **Start | Settings | Control Panel**.
2. Double-click on **Add or Remove Programs**.
3. Select **STM32 ST-LINK utility**.
4. Click on the **Remove** button.

2 STM32 ST-LINK utility user interface

2.1 Main window

Figure 1. STM32 ST-LINK utility user interface main window
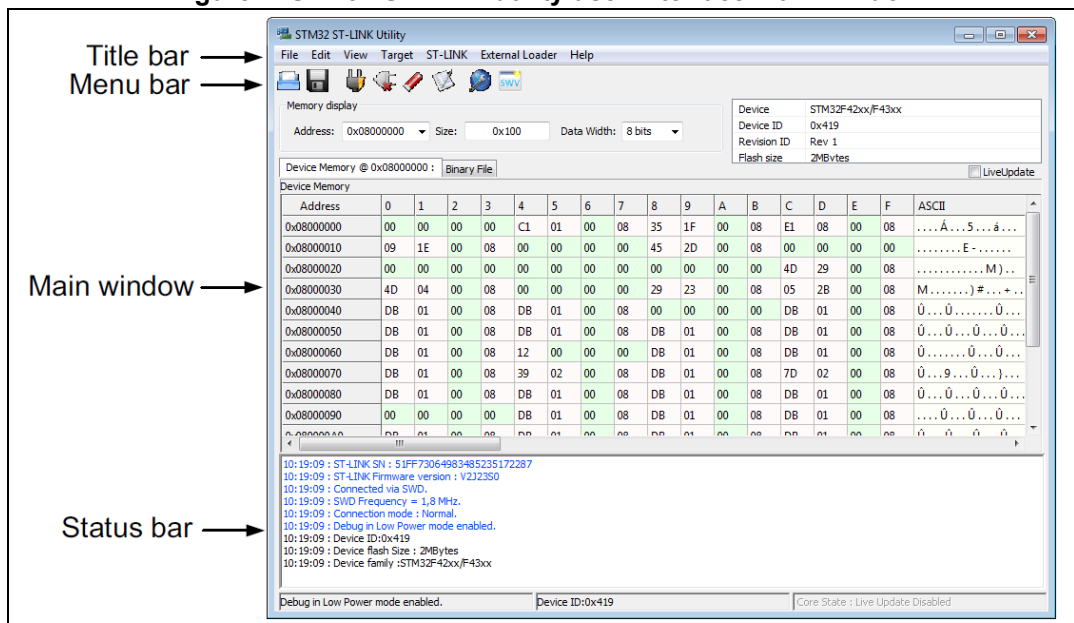
The main window is composed of three zones and three bars, as illustrated in *Figure 1*:

- Memory display zone
- Device information zone
- Memory content zone
  - **LiveUpdate** checkbox to update memory data in real time

  (This feature is described in more detail in *Section 3.3*)
- Title bar: name of the current menu
- Menu bar: Use the menu bar to access the following STM32 ST-LINK utility functions:
  - **File** menu
  - **Edit** menu
  - **View** menu
  - **Target** menu
  - **Help** menu

  These menus are described in more detail in *Section 2.2*.
- Status window: The status bar displays:
  - Connection status and debug interface
  - Device ID
  - Core State (active only when LiveUpdate feature is active and memory grid is selected)

The STM32 ST-LINK utility user interface also provides additional forms and descriptive pop-up error messages.

2.2 Menu bar

The Menu bar (*Figure 2*) allows users to explore the STM32 ST-LINK utility software features.

Figure 2. Menu bar

2.2.1 File menu

Figure 3. File menu
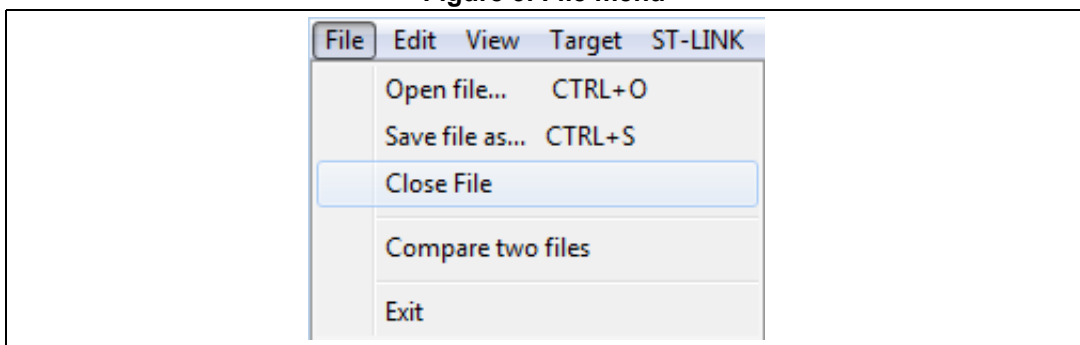
Open file...	Opens a binary, Intel Hex or Motorola S-record.
Save file as…	Saves the content of the memory panel into a binary, Intel Hex or Motorola S-record.
Close File	Closes the loaded file.
Compare two files	Compares two binary, hex, or srec files. The difference is colored in red in the file panel. If a file contains a section with an address range that is unavailable in the other file, this section is colored in violet.
Exit	Closes the STM32 ST-LINK utility program.

2.2.2 Edit menu

Figure 4. Edit menu
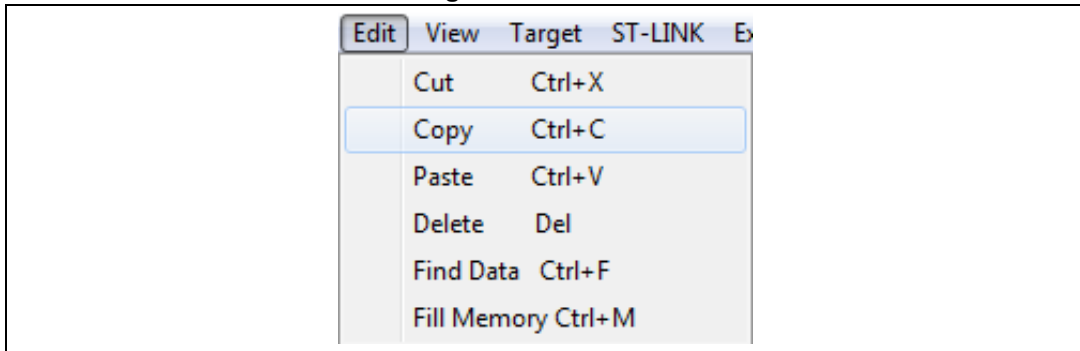
Cut	Cuts the selected cells on file or memory grid.
Copy	Copies selected cells on file or memory grid.
Paste	Pastes the copied cells in the selected position in file or memory grid.
Delete	Deletes the selected cells on file or memory grid.
Find Data	Finds data in binary or Hex format in file or memory grid.
Fill Memory	Fills file or memory grid with the chosen data starting from the chosen address.

2.2.3 View menu

Figure 5. View menu
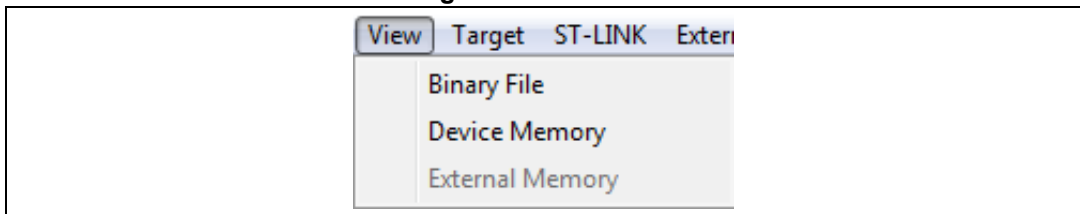
Binary file	Displays the content of the loaded binary file.
Device memory	Displays the content of the device memory.
External memory	Displays the content of the external memory.

2.2.4 Target menu

Figure 6. Target menu

Connect	Connects to the target device and displays the Device Type, Device ID and Flash memory size in the device information zone.
Disconnect	Disconnects from the target device.
Erase Chip	Performs a Flash memory mass erase and then displays the Flash memory content in the memory panel.
Erase Bank1	Erases bank 1 of the Flash memory. This menu is enabled only when connected to an XL-density device.
Erase Bank2	Erases bank 2 of the Flash memory. This menu is enabled only when connected to an XL-density device.
Erase Sectors…	Selects sector(s) to erase using the erase sectors dialog window (see *Section 3.4: Flash memory erase* for more details).
Program…	Loads a binary, Intel Hex or Motorola S-record file into the device memory (Flash or RAM). To do this, select a binary, Intel Hex or Motorola S-record file, enter the start address (where to put the file in the device) in the program dialog window and then click on program button (see *Section 3.5: Device programming*).
Program & Verify…	Loads a binary, Intel Hex or Motorola S-record file into the device memory (Flash or RAM) then performs a verification of the programmed data.
Blank Check	Verifies that the STM32 Flash memory is blank. If the Flash memory is not blank, the first address with data is highlighted in a prompt message.

Memory checksum	Calculates the checksum value of a specified memory zone defined by the address and the size fields in the Memory display section of the main window. The checksum is calculated based on an arithmetic sum algorithm, byte per byte. The result is truncated to 32-bit word. The checksum value is displayed in the log window.
Compare device memory with file	Compares the MCU device memory content with a binary, hex, or srec file. The difference is colored in red in the file panel.
Option bytes…	Opens the option bytes dialog window (See *Section 3.6: Option bytes configuration* for more details).
MCU Core…	Opens the MCU Core dialog window (See *Section 3.7: MCU core functions* for more details).
Automatic Mode...	Opens the Automatic mode dialog window (See *Section 3.8: Automatic mode functions* for more details).
Settings...	The Settings dialog box allows to select one ST-LINK probes and defines its connection settings. The ST-LINK probes a list which contains the serial numbers of all probes connected to the computer. If some ST-LINK probes are plugged or unplugged while Settings dialog box is displayed, the "Refresh" button allows the update of the ST-LINK probes list. When the user selects one probe, the firmware version and the connected target (depending on the connection settings) are displayed. After that, user can choose the debug interface (JTAG or SWD) and select the Access Port (in case the device contains multiple Access Ports) to which user wants to connect. Also the reset type can be selected: * The "connect under reset" option allows to connect to the target before executing any instruction. This is useful in many cases like when the target contains a code that disables the JTAG/SWD pins. *The "HotPlug" option allows to connect to the target without halt or reset. This is useful to update RAM addresses or IP registers while application is running. When connecting to the target via an ST-LINK/V2, the "Supply voltage" combo box displays the target voltage. When connecting to an STM32F2 or STM32F4 device using an ST-LINK, the "Supply voltage" combo allows to select the supply voltage of the target to be able to correctly program the Flash memory. The "Enable debug in low-power mode" option allows to connect to a device in low-power mode. If any connection settings changes, the dialog tries to identify the target with the new connection settings.

Note: *The "connect under reset" option is available only with ST-LINK/V2 and in SWD mode.*

For JTAG mode, "connect under reset" is available since ST-LINK/V2 firmware version V2J15Sx.

The RESET pin of the JTAG connector (pin 15) should be connected to the device reset pin.

The "HotPlug" option is available in SWD mode.

The low-power mode is disabled when the user disconnects from the target.

For JTAG mode, "HotPlug" has been available since ST-LINK firmware version V2J15Sx.

The ST-LINK firmware version to be used in case of multi probes selection, should be:

- *V1J13S0 or greater for ST-LINK.*
- *V2J21S4 or greater for ST-LINK/V2.*
- *V2J21M5 or greater for ST-LINK/V2-1.*

When an ST-LINK/V2 or ST-LINK/V2-1 probe is used with another application, the serial number is not displayed and the probe cannot be used in the current instance of ST-LINK utility.

2.2.5 ST-LINK menu

Figure 7. ST-LINK menu
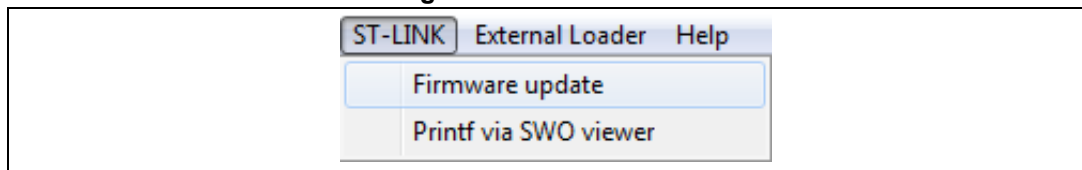
Firmware update	Displays the version of ST-LINK and ST-LINK/V2 firmware and updates it to the last version: ST-LINK: V1J13S0 ST-LINK/V2: V2J21S4 ST-Link/V2-1: V2J21M5
Printf via SWO viewer	Displays printf data sent from target via SWO (see *Section 3.10: Printf via SWO viewer* for more details).

2.2.6 External Loader menu

Figure 8. External Loader menu
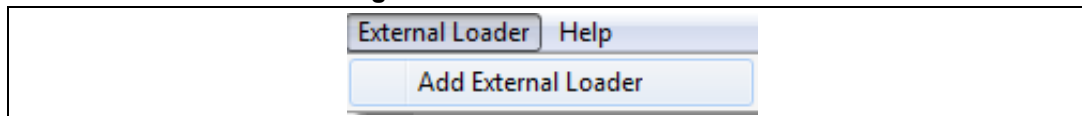
The STM32 ST-LINK utility includes the **Add External Loader** submenu which allows to select the external loaders to be used by the ST-LINK utility to read, program, or erase external memories.

The external loaders must be added in the *ExternalLoader* directory located under the *ST-LINK utility* directory (see *Section 3.9: Developing customized loaders for external memory* for more details on how to create a custom loader).

When the external loaders have been selected in the **External Loader** dialog box (see *Figure 9*), new submenus are displayed, one per each external loader selected.

They offer all the functions (Program, Sector Erase...) available in the corresponding external loader (see *Figure 10*).

Figure 9. External Loader window
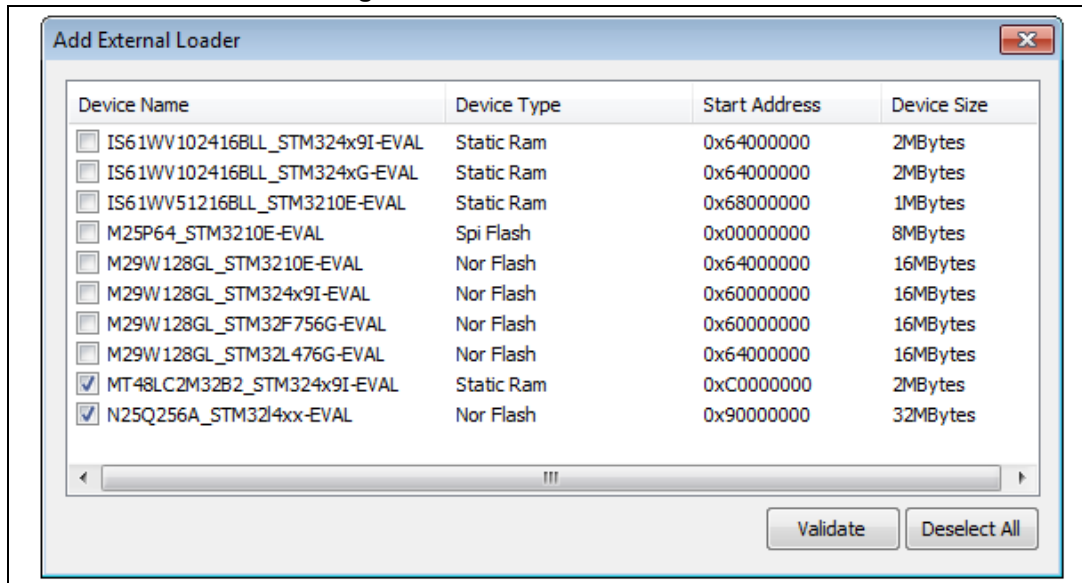
Figure 10. External Loader submenus
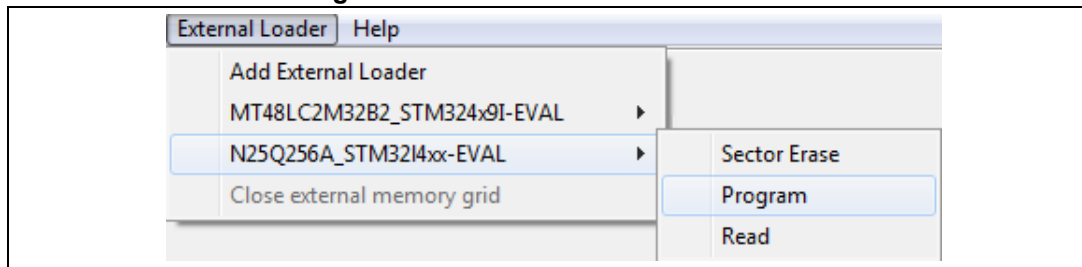
The contents of the external memory is displayed in the **external memory** grid (*Figure 11*).

Selecting the **Close external memory grid** submenu, shuts down the **external memory grid** window.

Figure 11. External memory grid
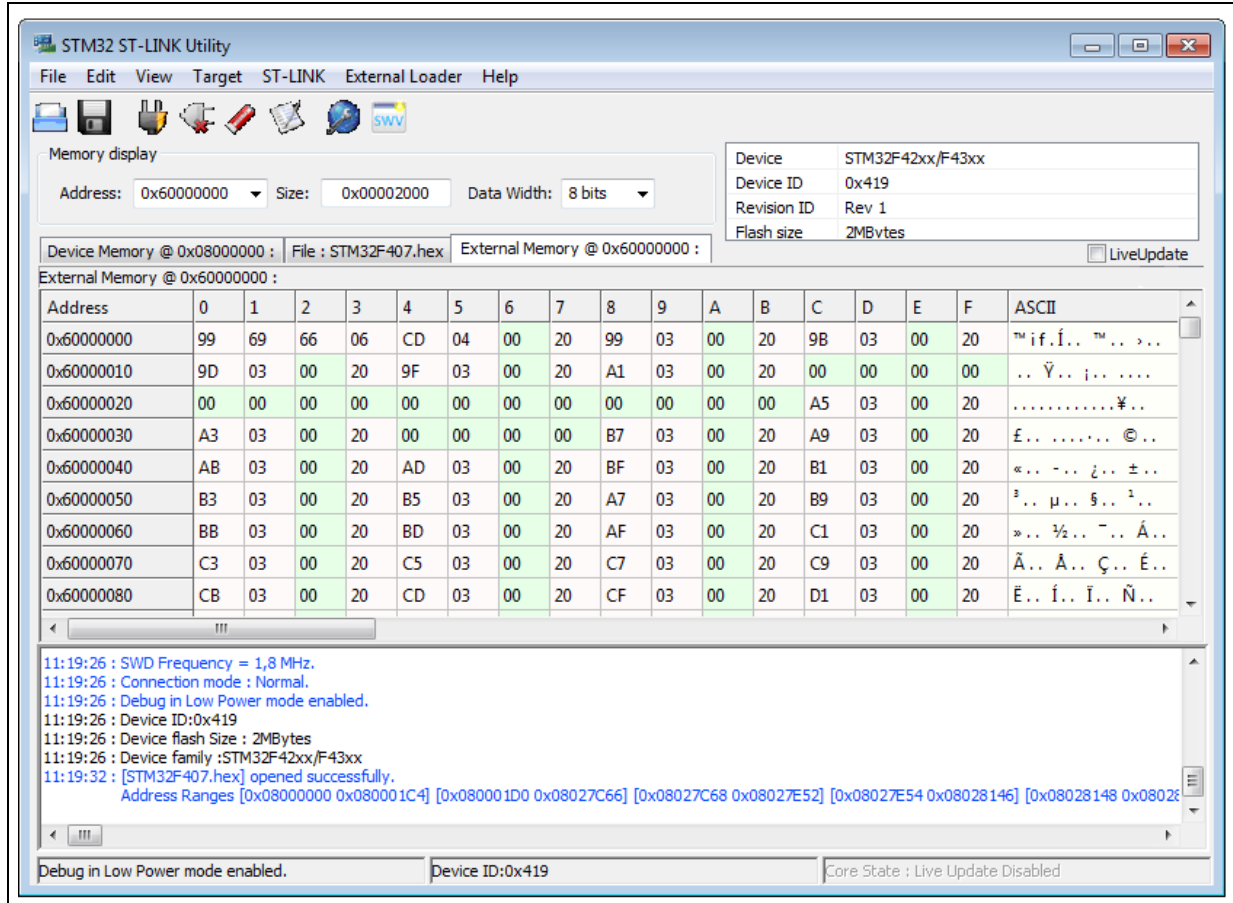
Note: *Only 10 external loaders can be selected at the same time.*

                  *The external memories connected to the STM32 via FSMC can be accessed automatically through the **Device Memory Grid**, if the corresponding external loader has already been added by using the **Add External Loader** submenu.*

2.2.7 Help menu

Figure 12. Help menu
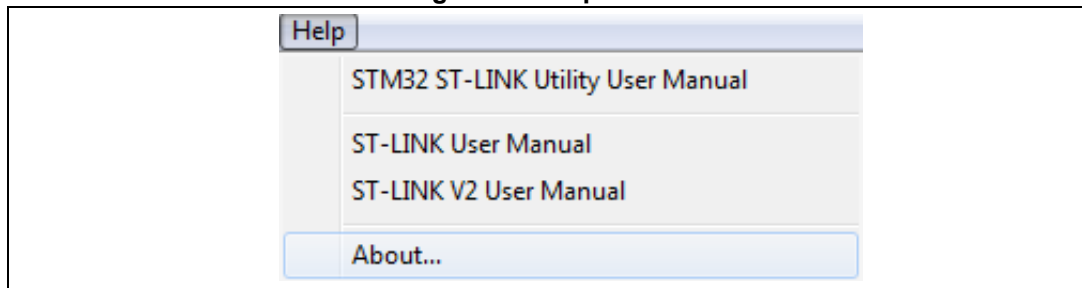
STM32 ST-LINK utility User Manual	Opens the STM32 ST-LINK utility User Manual.
ST-LINK User Manual	Opens the ST-LINK User Manual.
ST-LINK/V2 User Manual	Opens the ST-LINK/V2 User Manual.
About...	Displays STM32 ST-LINK utility software version and copyright information.

3   STM32 ST-LINK utility features

This section provides a detailed description of how to use STM32 ST-LINK utility features:

- *Device information*
- *Settings*
- *Memory display and modification*
- *Flash memory erase*
- *Device programming*
- *Option bytes configuration*
- *MCU core functions*
- *Automatic mode functions*

3.1   Device information

The *Device information* zone displays information, as shown in *Figure 13*.

Figure 13. Device information zone in the main user interface

Device	STM32F40xx/F41xx
Device ID	0x413
Revision ID	Rev Z
Flash size	1MBytes

Device:	Family of the connected STM32 device. Each device type includes many devices with different characteristics such as the Flash memory size, the RAM size and peripherals.
Device ID:	MCU device ID code located in the external PPB memory map.
Revision ID:	The revision ID of the connected MCU device.
Flash size:	Size of the on-chip Flash memory.

3.2 Settings

The Settings panel dialog box, shown in *Figure 14*, displays useful information on the connected ST-LINK probes and STM32 target, and allows to configure the connection settings.

Figure 14. Settings dialog box
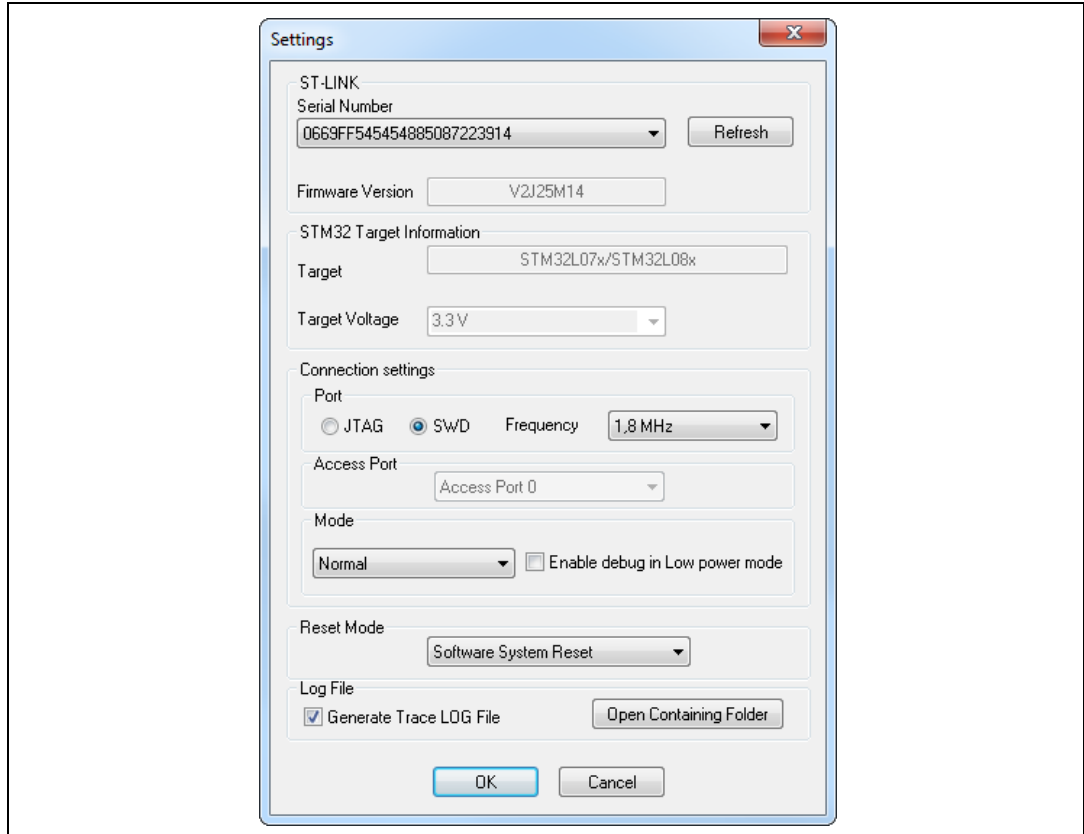
The user can choose one of the connected ST-LINK probes to use, based on its serial number or on the connected target, which is displayed in the STM32 target information section.

When using ST-LINK/V2 or ST-LINK/V2-ISOL, the target voltage is measured and displayed in the STM32 target information section.

Available connection settings:

- Port: JTAG or SWD
- Access Port (if device contains multiple Access Ports)
- Frequency
- Mode:
  - Normal
    With "Normal" connection mode, the target is rest then halted. The type of reset is selected using the "reset Mode" option
  - Connect Under Reset
    The "Connect Under Reset" option allows to connect to the target using a reset vector catch before executing any instruction. This is useful in many cases like when the target contains a code that disables the JTAG/SWD pins.
  - Hot Plug
    The "Hot Plug" option allows to connect to the target without halt or reset. This is useful to update the RAM addresses or the IP registers while the application is running.
- Enable/Disable debug in low-power mode
- Enable/Disable Trace LOG file generation

Available reset modes:

- software system reset
- hardware reset
- core reset

Note: *When the "connect under reset" mode is selected, the hardware reset mode is automatically selected. When programming the option bytes, a reset is issued at the end of the operation. This reset is handled separately and is not affected by this option.*

3.3   Memory display and modification

In addition to the **Device information** zone, the main window contains two other zones:

- Memory display
- Memory data

Memory display: This zone contains three edit boxes:

Address: Memory start address from which the user wants to read.

Size: Amount of data to read.

Data width: Width of the displayed data (8-bit, 16-bit or 32-bit).

Memory data: This zone displays the data read from a file or the memory content of a connected device. The user can modify the content of the file before downloading.

- To use this zone to display the content of a binary, Intel Hex or Motorola S-record file, go to **File | Open file...**

- To use this zone to read and display memory content of a connected device, enter the memory start *Address*, data *Size* and the *Data Width* in the *Memory display* zone and then press **Enter**.

- After reading data, the user also can modify each value merely by double-clicking on the concerned cell as illustrated by *Figure 15*. The user also can save the device memory content into a binary, Intel Hex or Motorola S-record file using the menu **File | Save file as...**

- When LiveUpdate feature is used the device memory grid is updated in real time and the data that have been modified are colored in red.

Figure 15. STM32 ST-LINK utility user interface
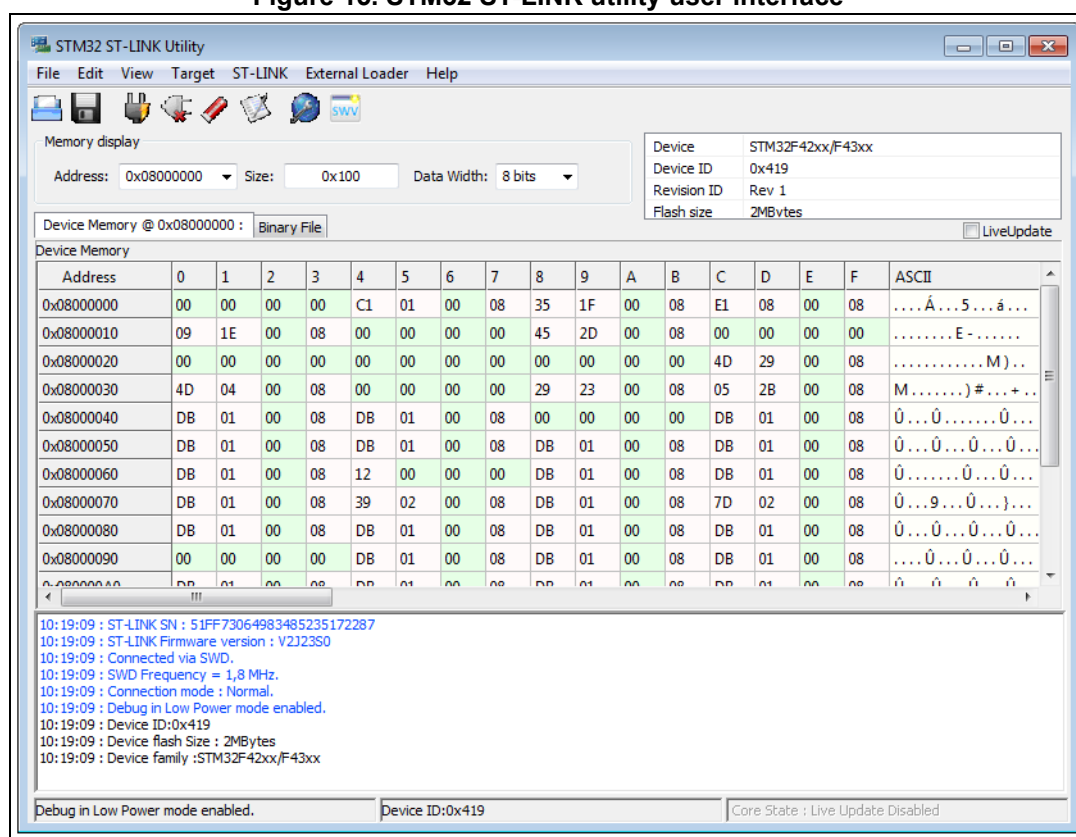
Note: *When the memory data zone displays device memory contents, any modification is automatically applied to the chip. The user can modify the user Flash memory, RAM memory and peripherals registers.*

For the STM32F2 and STM32F4 devices, the OTP area can be modified directly from the memory data zone.

3.4 Flash memory erase

There are two types of Flash memory erase:

- **Flash mass erase**: Erase all the memory Flash memory sectors of the connected device. This is done by clicking on the menu **Target | Erase Chip**.

- **Flash sector erase**: Erase the selected sector(s) of the Flash memory. To select sector(s), go to **Target | Erase Sectors...** the **Flash Memory Mapping** dialog box is displayed, where the user can select the sector(s) to erase, as shown in *Figure 16*.

    – **Select all** button selects all the Flash memory pages.

    – **Deselect all** button deselects all selected page.

    – **Cancel** button discards the erase operation even if some pages are selected.

    – **Apply** button erases all the selected pages.

Figure 16. Flash memory mapping dialog box
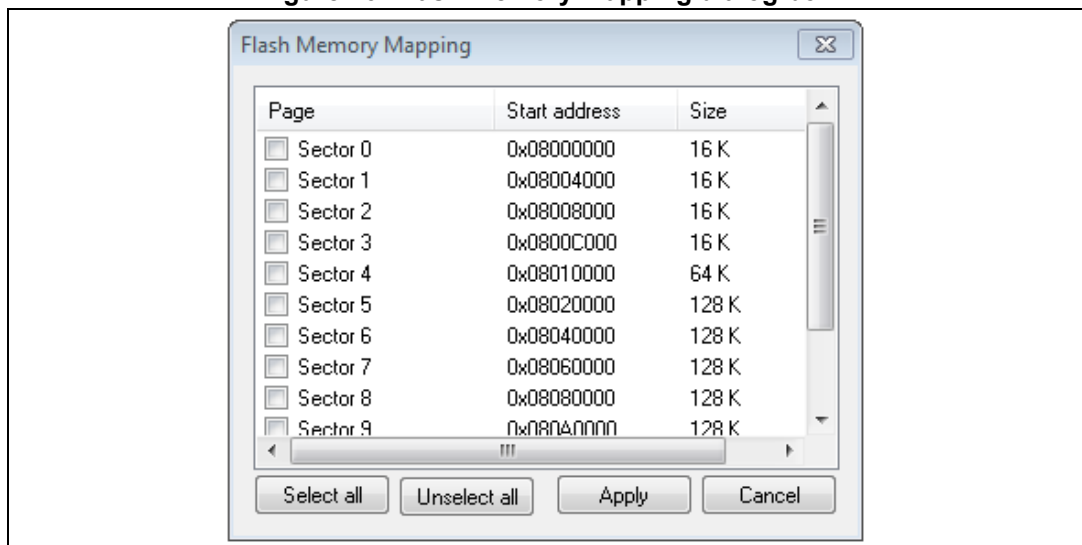
Note: *To erase the Flash data memory sector of the ultra-low-power STM32L1 devices, select the data memory box at the end of the list and click **Apply**.*

3.5 Device programming

The STM32 ST-LINK utility can download binary, Hex, or srec files into Flash or RAM. To do this, follow these steps:

1. Click on **Target | Program...** (or **Target | Program & Verify...** if the user wants to verify the written data) to open the **Open** file dialog box*, as shown in *Figure 17*. If a binary file is already opened, go to step *3*.

Figure 17. Open file dialog box
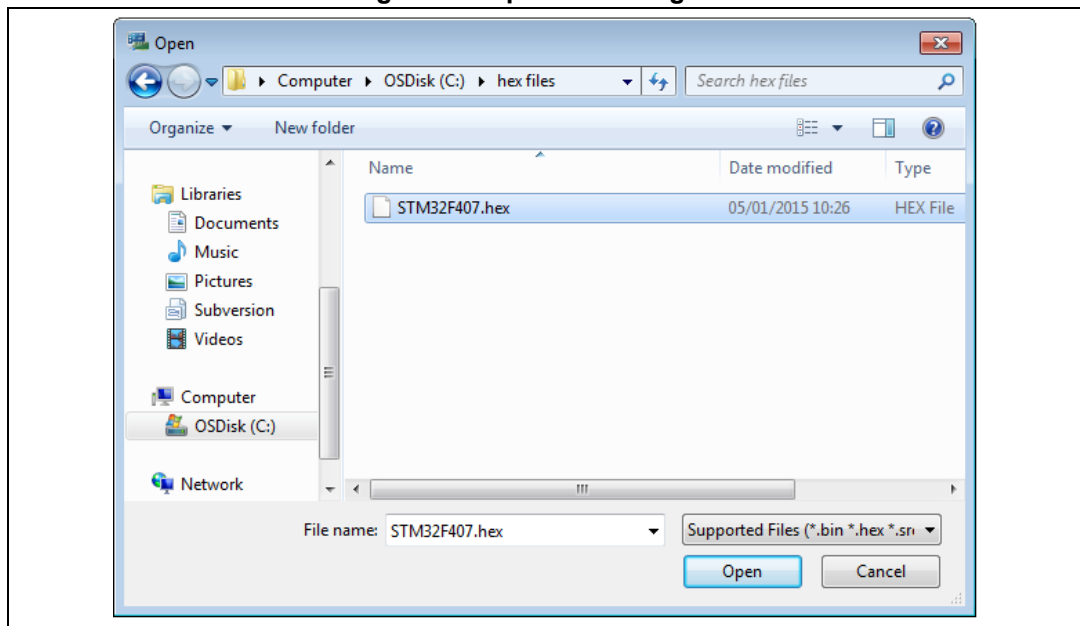
2. Select a binary, Intel Hex or Motorola S-record file and click on the **Open** button.
3. Specify the address from which to start programming, as shown in *Figure 18*: it may be a Flash or a RAM address.

Figure 18. Device programming dialog box (programming)
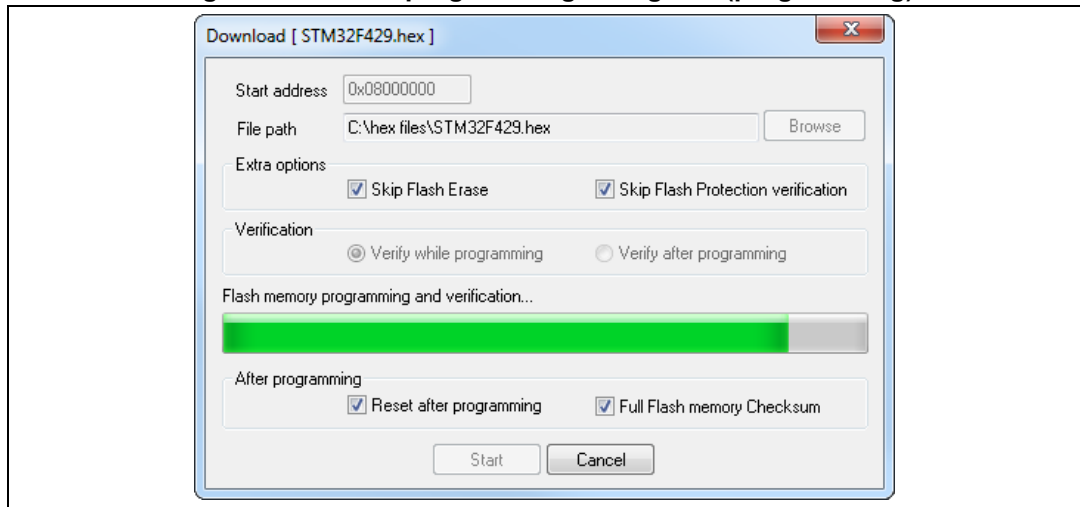
4.   Select Skip Flash erase option to skip Flash erase operation in case the device is already erased

5.   Select Skip Flash Protection verification to skip Flash memory protection verification in case the devise is not protected.

6.   Choose a verification method by selecting one of the two radio buttons:

   a)   Verify while programming: fast on-chip verification method which compares the program buffer content (portion of file) with the Flash memory content.

   b)   Verify after programming: slow but reliable verification method which reads all the programmed memory zone after the program operation ends and compares it with the file content.

7.   At last, click on the Start button to start programming:

   a)   If the **Reset after programming** box is checked, an MCU reset is issued.

   b)   If the **Full Flash memory Checksum** box is checked, the checksum of the full Flash memory is calculated after programming operation, and displayed in the log window.

8.   Choose a verification method by selecting one of the two radio buttons:

   a)   Verify while programming: fast on-chip verification method which compares the program buffer content (portion of file) with the Flash memory content.

   b)   Verify after programming: slow but reliable verification method which reads all the programmed memory zone after the program operation ends and compares it with the file content.

9.   At last, click on the Start button to start programming:

   a)   If **Target | Program & Verify...** is selected in the first step, a check is done during the programming operation.

   b)   If the **Reset after programming** box is checked, an MCU reset is issued.

Note:1   The STM32F2 and STM32F4 Series supports different programming modes depending on the MCU supply voltage. When using ST-LINK, the MCU supply voltage should be specified

*in the **Target | Settings** Menu to be able to program the device with the correct mode. When using ST-LINK/V2, the supply voltage is detected automatically.*

If the device is read-protected, the protection is disabled. If some Flash memory pages are write-protected, the protection is disabled during programming and then recovered.

Note:2   *The user can program Hex/Srec files that contains multiple segments for different target memory locations (Internal Flash memory, external Flash memory, Option bytes...).*

When programming the Read Out Protection to level 2 (debug and boot in SRAM/system Memory features are DISABLED), a message box is displayed for confirmation to avoid protecting the chip by accident.

Note:3   *The extra options are dedicated for programming operation on unprotected and erased devices.*

3.6   Option bytes configuration

The STM32 ST-LINK utility can configure all the option bytes via the **Option bytes** dialog box (shown in *Figure 19*), which is accessed by **Target | Option bytes...**.

The **Option bytes** dialog box contains the following sections:

- **Read Out protection**

  Modifies the read protection state of the Flash memory.

  For STM32F0, STM32F2, STM32F3, STM32F4, STM32L4 and STM32L1 devices, read protection levels are available:

  – Level 0: no read protection

  – Level 1: memory read protection enabled

  – Level 2: memory read protection enabled and all debug features disabled.

  For the other devices, the read protection can only be enabled or disabled.

- **BOR Level**

  Brownout reset level. This list contains the supply level threshold that activates/releases the brownout reset. This option is only available on STM32L1, STM32L4, STM32F2, STM32F4, and STM32F7 devices.

  For STM32L4 devices, 5 programmable VBOR thresholds can be selected:

  – BOR LEVEL 0: Reset level threshold is around 1.7 V

  – BOR LEVEL 1: Reset level threshold is around 2.0 V

  – BOR LEVEL 2: Reset level threshold is around 2.2 V

  – BOR LEVEL 3: Reset level threshold is around 2.5 V

  – BOR LEVEL 4: Reset level threshold is around 2.8 V

  For ultra-low-power devices, 5 programmable VBOR thresholds can be selected:

  – BOR LEVEL 1: Reset threshold level for 1.69 to 1.8 V voltage range

  – BOR LEVEL 2: Reset threshold level for 1.94 to 2.1 V voltage range

  – BOR LEVEL 3: Reset threshold level for 2.3 to 2.49 V voltage range

  – BOR LEVEL 4: Reset threshold level for 2.54 to 2.74 V voltage range

  – BOR LEVEL 5: Reset threshold level for 2.77 to 3.0 V voltage range

  For STM32F2 and STM32F4 devices, 4 programmable VBOR thresholds can be selected:

- – BOR LEVEL 3: Supply voltage ranges from 2.70 to 3.60 V
- – BOR LEVEL 2: Supply voltage ranges from 2.40 to 2.70 V
- – BOR LEVEL 1: Supply voltage ranges from 2.10 to 2.40 V
- – BOR off: Supply voltage ranges from 1.62 to 2.10 V

- **User Configuration option bytes**

  - – WDG_SW: If checked, the watchdog is enabled by software. Otherwise, it is automatically enabled at power-on.
  - – IWDG_STOP: If not checked, the independent watchdog counter is frozen in STOP mode. If checked, this counter is active in STOP mode.
  - – IWDG_STBY: If not checked, the independent watchdog counter is frozen in Standby mode. If checked this counter is active in Standby mode.
  - – WWDG_SW: If checked, the window watchdog is enabled by hard option bit.
  - – SRAM2_RST[a]: This bit allows the user to enable the SRAM2 erase on system reset. If checked SRAM2 is not erased when a system reset occurs. If not checked, SRAM2 is erased when system reset occurs.
  - – SRAM_PE[a]: This bit allows the user to enable the SRAM2 hardware parity check. If checked, SRAM2 parity check is disabled.
  - – DUALBANK[b]: If checked, 512/256K Dual Bank Flash with contiguous addresses.
  - – DB1M[c]: Dual Bank on 1-Mbyte Flash.
  - – PCROP_RDP[a]: If checked, PCROP area is erased when the RDP level is decreased from Level 1 to Level 0 (full mass erase).
  - – nRST_SHDW[a]: If checked, no reset is generated. If not checked, reset is generated when entering the Shutdown mode.
  - – nRST_STOP: If not checked, a reset is generated when entering Standby mode (1.8 V domain powered-off). If checked, no reset is generated when entering Standby mode.
  - – nRST_STDBY: If not checked, reset is generated when entering Stop mode (all clocks are stopped). If checked, no reset is generated when entering Stop mode.
  - – nBFB2: If not checked, and if the boot pins are set to make the device boot from the user Flash at startup, the device boots from Flash memory bank 2; otherwise, it boots from Flash memory bank 1. This option is enabled only when connected to a device containing two Flash banks.
  - – nBoot1[d]: Together with the BOOT0 pin, selects the Boot mode:

    - nBoot1 checked/unchecked and BOOT0 = 0 => Boot from Main Flash memory;

    - nBoot1 checked and BOOT0 = 1 => Boot from System memory;

    - nBoot1 unchecked and BOOT0 = 1 => Boot from Embedded SRAM.
  - – VDDA_Monitor[d]: Selects the analog monitoring on VDDA Power source:

    If checked, VDDA power supply supervisor is enabled; otherwise, it is disabled.
  - – nSRAM_Parity[d]: This bit allows the user to enable the SRAM hardware parity

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a. Only available on STM32L4 devices.

b. Only available on STM32L4 devices supporting Dual Bank mode.

c. Only available on STM32F42x/STM32F43x 1-Mbyte devices.

d. Only available on STM32F0 and STM32F3 devices.

check.

If checked, SRAM parity check is disabled; otherwise it is enabled.

– SDADC12_VDD_Monitor[a]:

If checked, SDADC12_VDD power supply supervisor is enabled; otherwise it is disabled.

– nBoot0_SW_Cfg[b]: This bit allows the user to completely disable BOOT0 hardware pin and use User Option bit 11 (nBoot0).

If checked, the BOOT0 pin is bonded to GPIO pin (PB8 on LQFP32 and smaller packages, PF11 for QFN32 and bigger packages).

- **Boot address option bytes:**

for devices supporting BOOT_ADDx, it allows the boot from base address defined by option bytes BOOT_ADDx.

BOOT_ADDx[15:0] corresponds to address [29:11].

For devices supporting both BOOT_ADD0 and BOOT_ADD1, it depends upon BOOT0 pin:

– If BOOT0 = 0 boot from base address defined by option bytes BOOT_ADD0.

– If BOOT0 = 1 boot from base address defined by option bytes BOOT_ADD1.

The user can enter either the address of the boot, or the BOOT_ADDx option bytes values.

- **User data storage option bytes:** contains two bytes for user storage. These two option bytes are not available in the STM32F0, STM32F2, STM32F3, STM32F4 and STM32L1 devices.

- **Flash Sectors Protection:** depending on the connected device, Flash sectors are grouped by a defined number of pages. The user can modify the write protection of each Flash sector here.

- For devices supporting PCRop feature, it is possible to enable/disable the Read protection of each sector. The "Flash protection mode" allows to choose between read or write protection.

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a. Only available on STM32F37x devices.

b. Only available on STM32F04x devices.

Figure 19. Option bytes dialog box
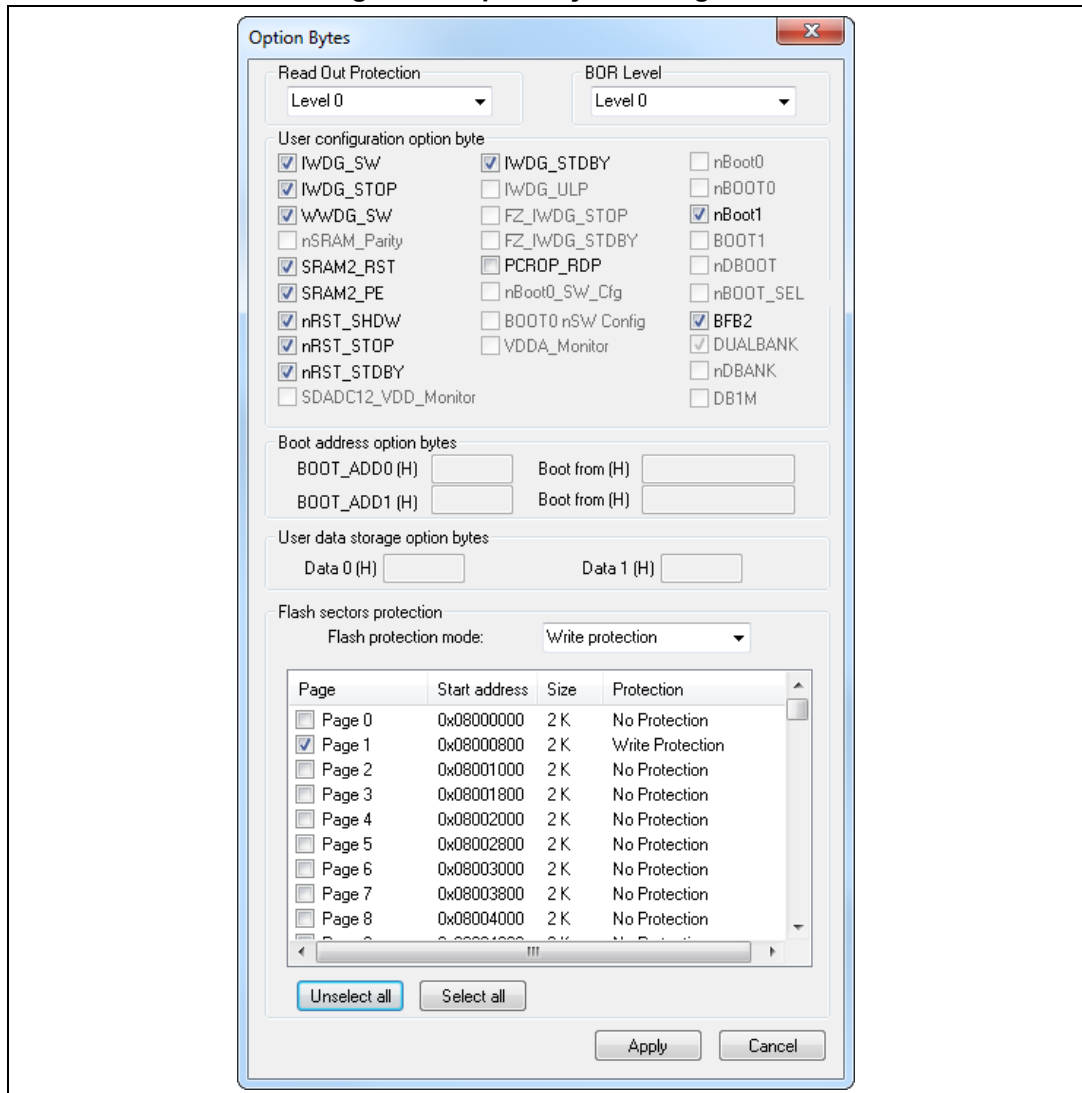
For STM32L4 devices, the PCROP zone is defined by two addresses as showed in *Figure 20*:

Figure 20. Read/write protection mode
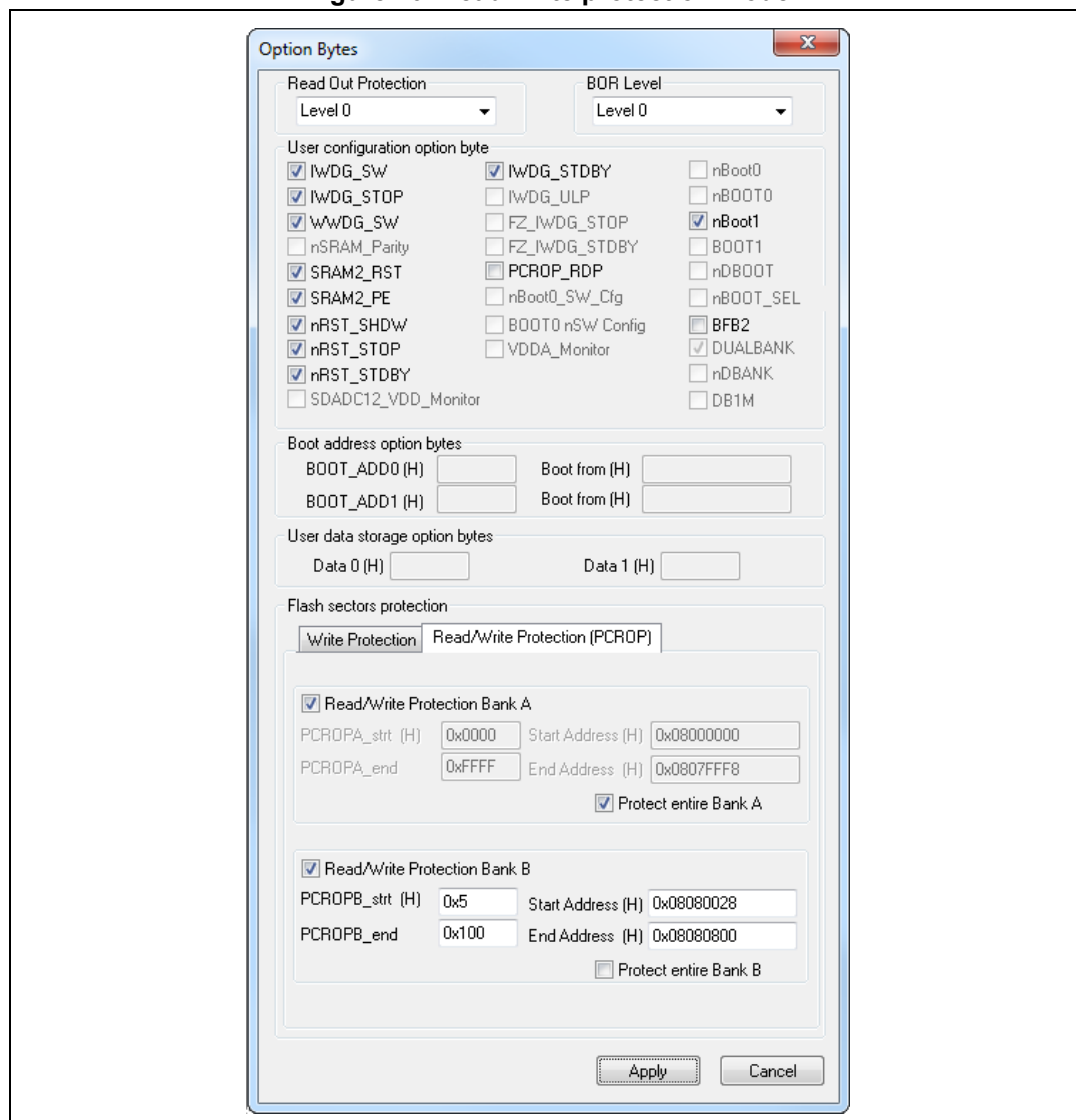
- Read/Write protection bank A: if checked, PCROPA_STRT, PCROPA_END, Start address (H) and End address (H) fields are editable so the user can enter, either the PCROP STRT/END field or the start/end address.

- Protect entire Bank A: if checked, all the bank A is pcrop protected.

- PCROPA_strt: The PCROP start field for the protected zone in bank A.

- Start Address: The start address defined by the PCROPA_strt field.

- PCROPA_end: The PCROP end field for the protected zone in bank A.

- End Address: The end address defined by the PCROPA_end field.

- Read/Write Protection bank B: if checked, PCROPB_STRT, PCROPB_END, Start address (H) and End address (H) fields are editable so the user can enter, either the PCROP STRT/END field or the start/end address.

- Protect entire bank B: if checked, all the bank B is pcrop protected.
- PCROPB_strt: The PCROP start field for the protected zone in bank B.
- Start Address: The start address defined by the PCROPB_strt field.
- PCROPB_end: The PCROP end field for the protected zone in bank B.
- End Address: The end address defined by the PCROPB_end field.

For more details, refer to the option bytes section in the Flash programming manual and reference manual available from the *www.st.com* website.

3.7 MCU core functions

The **Core panel** dialog box shown in *Figure 21*, displays the ARM$^®$ Cortex$^®$ -M3 core register values. It also allows to carry out the following actions on the MCU, using the buttons on the right:

- **Run**: Run the core.
- **Halt**: Halt the core.
- **System Reset**: Send a system reset request.
- **Core Reset**: Reset the core.
- **Step**: Execute only one step core instruction.
- **Read Core Reg**: Update the core registers values.

Figure 21. MCU Core panel dialog box
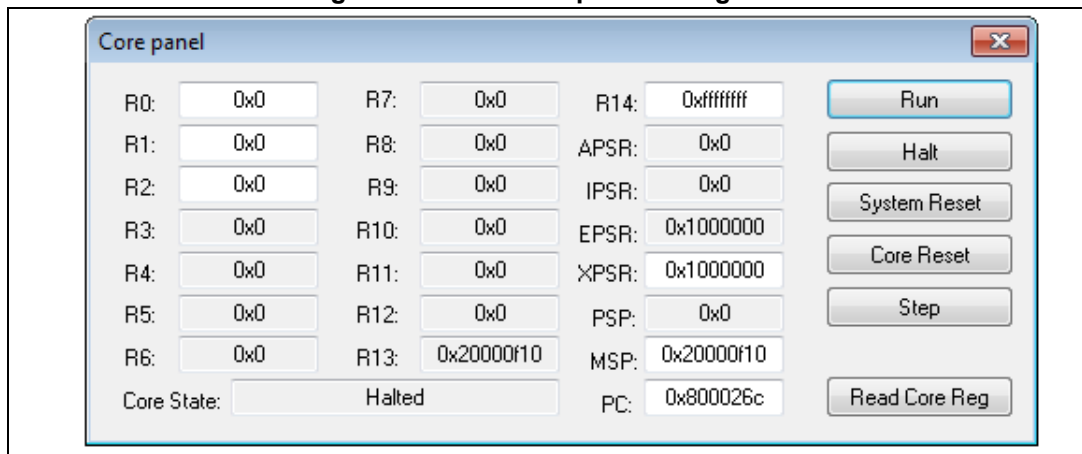
Note: The PC and MSP registers can be modified from this panel.

3.8 Automatic mode functions

The **Automatic mode** dialog box shown in *Figure 22* allows programing and configuring STM32 devices in loop. It allows to carry out the following actions on the STM32 devices:

- Full chip erase
- Flash programming
- Verify:
  - Verify while programming
  - Verify after programming
- Option bytes configuration
- Run application

Clicking on the Start button executes the selected actions on the connected STM32 device and waits to repeat the same actions, after disconnecting the current device and connecting the new device.

Figure 22. Automatic mode
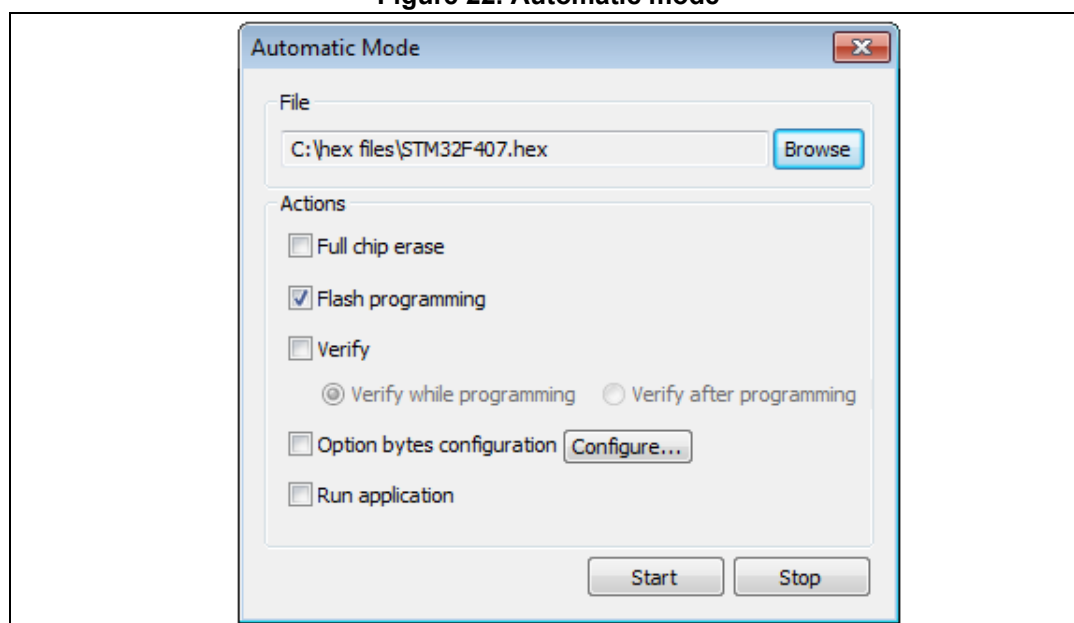
Note: *If the user deselects Flash programming action while the STM32 Flash memory is readout protected, it is automatically unprotected.*

If the user deselects Flash programming action while some or all STM32 Flash memory are write-protected, they are automatically unprotected and restored after programming operation.

The connection to the device should be established to be able to select the option bytes configuration using the configure button.

The connected devices should be derivatives of the same STM32 family and must all be connected in the same mode (JTAG or SWD).

The automatic mode cannot be used if more than one ST-LINK probe is connected to the computer. A dialog is displayed to prevent the user and ask him to keep only one ST-LINK probe connected to continue using this mode.

Before starting the automatic mode and if the option byte configuration is checked, the

configuration of the option bytes using the "Configure..." button is mandatory.

When the option bytes is configured for the first time for a specific device ID, the initial values are loaded from the connected device.

If the connected device has a different device ID from the device connected while configuring option bytes, the option bytes have to be reconfigured using the "Configure..." button before starting the automatic mode.

3.9 Developing customized loaders for external memory

Using the examples available under the *ExternalLoader* directory, users can develop their custom loaders for a given external memory .

These examples are available for three toolchains, i.e. MDK-ARM™, EWARM and TrueSTUDIO®. The development of the custom loaders can be performed using one of the three toolchains keeping the same compiler/linker configurations, as in the examples.

To create a new external memory loader, follow the steps below:

1. Update the device information in *StorageInfo* structure in the *Dev_Inf.c* file with the correct information concerning the external memory.
2. Rewrite the corresponding functions code in the *Loader_Src.c* file.
3. Change the output file name.

Note: *Some functions are mandatory and cannot be omitted (see functions description in the Loader_Src.c file).*

Linker or scatter files should not be modified.

After building the external loader project, an ELF file is generated. The extension of the ELF file depends on the used toolchain (.axf for Keil, .out for EWARM and .elf for TrueSTUDIO or any gcc based toolchain).

The extension of the ELF file must be changed to '.stldr' and the file must be copied under /ExternalLoader directory.

3.9.1 Loader_Src.c file

Developing an external loader for a memory, based on a specific IP requires the following functions:

- An Init function
  The Init function defines the used GPIO pins which are connecting the external memory to the device, and initializes the clock of the used IPs.
  Returns 1 if success, and 0 in failure.
  ```
  int Init (void)
  ```
- A Write function
  The Write function programs a buffer defined by an address in the RAM range.
  Returns 1 if success, and 0 if failure.
  ```
  int Write (uint32_t Address, uint32_t Size, uint8_t* buffer)
  ```
- A SectorErase function
  The SectorErase function erases the memory specified sectors.
  Returns 1 if success, and 0 if failure.

Note: *This function is not used in case of an SRAM memory*

```
int SectorErase (uint32_t StartAddress, uint32_t EndAddress)
```

Where "StartAddress" = the address of the first sector to be erased and
"EndAddress" = the address of the end sector to be erased

It is imperative to define in an external loader the functions mentioned above. They are used by the tool to erase and program the external memory.

For instance, if the user clicks on the program button from the external loader menu, the tool performs the following actions:

- Automatically calls the Init function to initialize the interface (QSPI, FMC …) and the Flash memory
- Calls SectorErase() to erase the needed Flash sectors
- Calls the Write() function to program the memory

Additionally to those functions, we can define also the functions below:

- A read function
  The Read function is used to read a specific range of memory, and returns the reading in a buffer in the RAM.
  Returns 1 if success, and 0 if failure.

```
int Read (uint32_t Address, uint32_t Size, uint16_t* buffer)
```

Where "Address" = start address of read operation, "Size" = size of the read operation and "buffer" = is the pointer to data read

Note: *For QSPI/OSPI (Quad-SPI/ Octo-SPI) memories, the memory mapped mode can be defined in the Init function; in that case the Read function is useless.*

- A Verify function

  The Verify function is called when selecting the "verify while programming" mode. This function checks if the programmed memory corresponds to the buffer defined in the RAM. It returns an uint64 defined as follow:

```
checksum<<32 + AddressFirstError
```

where "AddressFirstError" is the address of the first mismatch, and "checksum" is the checksum value of the programmed buffer

```
uint64_t Verify (uint32_t FlashAddr, uint32_t RAMBufferAddr, uint32_t
Size)
```

- A MassErase function
  The MassErase function erases the full memory.
  Returns 1 if success, and 0 if failure.

```
int MassErase (void)
```

- A Checksum function

All the described functions return 1 in case of a successful operation and 0 in case of a fail.

3.9.2 Dev_Inf.c file

The StorageInfo structer is defined in this file. An example of the type of information that this structer defines is presented below:

```
#if defined (__ICCARM__)
__root struct StorageInfo const StorageInfo  =  {
#else
```

```
struct StorageInfo const StorageInfo  =  {
#endif
   "External_Loader_Name", // Device Name + version number
   MCU_FLASH, // Device Type
   0x08000000, // Device Start Address
   0x00100000, // Device Size in Bytes (1MBytes/8Mbits)
   0x00004000, // Programming Page Size 16KBytes
   0xFF, // Initial Content of Erased Memory
// Specify Size and Address of Sectors (view example below)
   0x00000004, 0x00004000,      // Sector Num : 4 ,Sector Size: 16KBytes
   0x00000001, 0x00010000,      // Sector Num : 1 ,Sector Size: 64KBytes
   0x00000007, 0x00020000,      // Sector Num : 7 ,Sector Size: 128KBytes
   0x00000000, 0x00000000,
};
```

3.10 Printf via SWO viewer

The Printf via SWO Viewer displays the printf data sent from the target through SWO. It allows to display some useful information on the running firmware.

Before starting receiving SWO data, the user has to specify the exact target system clock frequency to allow the tool to correctly configure the ST-LINK, and the target for the correct SWO frequency. The Stimulus port combo box allows the user to choose either a given ITM Stimulus port (from port 0 to 31) or to receive data simultaneously from all ITM Stimulus ports.

Figure 23. Serial wire viewer window (SWV)
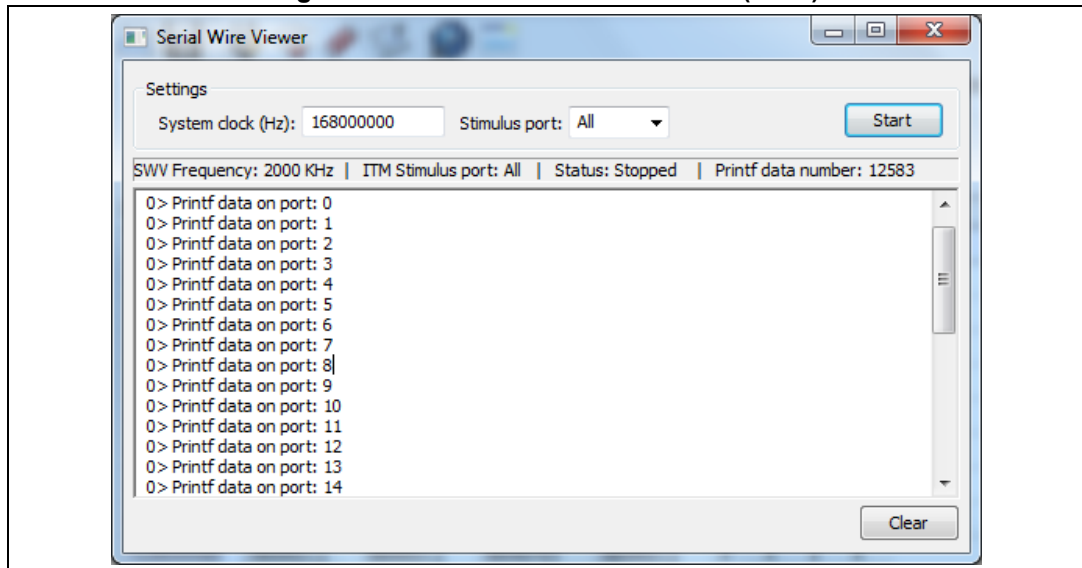
The SWV information bar displays useful information on the current SWV transfer such as the SWO frequency (deduced from the system clock frequency), and the received (expressed in bytes).

Note: *Some SWV bytes could be lost during transfer due to ST-LINK hardware buffer size limitation.*

4   STM32 ST-LINK utility command line interface (CLI)

4.1   Command line usage

The following sections describe how to use the STM32 ST-LINK utility from the command line.

The ST-LINK utility command line interface is located at the following address:

[Install_Directory]\STM32 ST-LINK utility\ST-LINK utility\ST-LINK_CLI.exe

4.1.1   Connection and memory manipulation commands

Description: Selects JTAG or SWD communication protocol. By default, JTAG protocol is used.

Syntax: -c [ID=<id>/SN=<sn>] [JTAG/SWD] [FREQ=<frequency>] [UR/HOTPLUG] [LPM]

[ID=<id>]: ID of ST-LINK[0..9] to be used when multiple probes are connected to the host

[SN=<sn>]: Serial Number of the chosen ST-LINK probe.

[UR]: Connect to the target under reset.

[HOTPLUG]: Connect to the target without halt or reset.

[FREQ=<frequency>] : Frequency in KHz for JTAG or SWD protocol (the frequency value is raised to correspond to the allowed frequency values)

SWD frequency values:

4000KHz,1800KHz, 900KHz, 480KHz, 240KHz,125KHz,100KHz, 50KHz, 25KHz,15KHz, 5KHz.The default frequency value for SWD protocol is 4000KHz.

JTAG frequency values:

9000KHz, 4500KHz, 2250KHz,1125KHz, 562KHz, 281KHz,140KHz.

The default frequency value for JTAG protocol is 9000KHz.

[LPM]: Activate debug in low-power mode

Example1: -c ID=1 SWD UR LPM JTAG freq=1000

Example2: -c SN=55FF6C064882485358622187 SWD UR LPM

Note: *[SWCLK=<f>] and [JTAG=<f>] options are obsolete. Use the [FREQ=<frequency>] option instead.*
[SWCLK=<f>] : frequency [0..10] of SWD protocol

   0 = 4.0 MHz (Default value when not specified)

   1 = 005 KHz

   2 = 015 KHz

   3 = 025 KHz

   4 = 050 KHz

   5 = 100 KHz

   6 = 125 KHz

   7 = 240 KHz

   8 = 480 KHz

     9 = 0.9 MHz

     10 = 1.8 MHz

    [JTAGCLK=<f>]: frequency [0..6] of JTAG protocol

     0 = 9.0 MHz (Default value when not specified)

     1 = 140 KHz

     2 = 281 KHz

     3 = 562 KHz

     4 = 1125 KHz

     5 = 2250 KHz

     6 = 4500 KHz

    [JTAG=<f>] is supported with V2J24xx or greater ST-LINK/V2 firmware version.

Note: *When [ID=<id>] and [SN=<sn>] are not specified, the first ST-LINK with ID=0 is selected. Selection of ST-LINK by ID or SN should be used with:*

- *V1J13S0 or greater ST-LINK firmware version*
- *V2J21S4 or greater ST-LINK/V2 firmware version*
- *V2J21M5 or greater ST-LINK/V2-1 firmware version*

    [UR] available only with ST-LINK/V2 and in SWD mode.

    [LPM] mode is disabled, when the user disconnects from the target.

    For JTAG mode, "connect under reset" has been available since ST-LINK firmware version V2J15Sx.

    The RESET pin of the JTAG connector (pin 15) should be connected to the device reset pin.

    [HOTPLUG] available in SWD mode.

    For JTAG mode, HotPlug Connect has been available since ST-LINK firmware version V2J15Sx.

-List

Description: Lists the corresponding firmware version and the unique Serial Number (SN) of every ST-LINK probe connected to the computer.

Note: *To have a correct SN, the ST-LINK firmware version should be:*

- *V1J13S0 or greater for ST-LINK.*
- *V2J21S4 or greater for ST-LINK/V2.*
- *V2J21M5 or greater for ST-LINK/V2-1.*

    When an ST-LINK/v2 or ST-LINK/V2-1 probe is used with another application, the serial number is not displayed and the probe cannot be used in the current instance of the ST-LINK utility.

-r8

Description: Reads <NumBytes> memory.

Syntax: `-r8 <Address> <NumBytes>`

Example: `-r8 0x20000000 0x100`

-w8

Description: Writes 8-bit data to the specified memory address.

Syntax：`-w8 <Address> <data>`

Example: `-w8 0x20000000 0xAA`

Note: *-w8 supports writing to Flash memory, OTP, SRAM and R/W registers.*

-w32

Description: Writes 32-bit data to the specified memory address.

Syntax：`-w32 <Address> <data>`

Example: `-w32 0x08000000 0xAABBCCDD`

Note: *-w32 supports writing to Flash memory, OTP, SRAM and R/W registers.*

4.1.2   Core commands

-Rst

Description: Resets the system.

Syntax：`-Rst`

-HardRst

Description: Hardware reset.

Syntax：`-HardRst`

Note: *-HardRst command is available only with ST-LINK/V2. The RESET pin of the JTAG connector (pin 15) should be connected to the device reset pin.*

-Run

Description: Sets the program counter and stack pointer as defined at user application and performs a run operation.

Syntax：`-Run [<Address>]`

Example: `-run 0x08003000`

–Halt

Description: Halts the core.

Syntax：`-Halt`

–Step

Description: Executes Step core instruction.

Syntax:`-Step`

–SetBP

Description: Sets the software or hardware breakpoint at a specific address. If an address is not specified, 0x08000000 is used.

Syntax: `-SetBP [<Address>]`

Example: `-SetBP 0x08003000`

–ClrBP

Description: Clears all hardware breakpoints, if any.

Syntax: `-ClrBP`

–CoreReg

Description: Reads the Core registers.

Syntax: `-CoreReg`

–SCore

Description: Detects the Core status.

Syntax: `-SCore`

4.1.3 Flash commands

-ME

Description: Executes a Full chip erase operation.

Syntax: `-ME`

-SE

Description: Erases Flash sector(s).

Syntax: `-SE <Start_Sector> [<End_Sector>]`

Example: `-SE 0     => Erase sector 0`

`-SE 2 12 => Erase sectors from 2 to 12`

`*For STM32L Series, the following cmd erases data eeprom:`

`-SE ed1 => Erases data eeprom at 0x08080000`

```
-SE ed2 => Erases data eeprom at 0x08081800
```

-P

Description: Loads binary, Intel Hex or Motorola S-record file into device memory without verification. For hex and srec format, the address is relevant.

Syntax: `-P <File_Path> [<Address>]`

Examples: `-P C:\file.srec`
`-P C:\file.bin 0x08002000`
`-P C:\file.hex`

Note: *Depending on the STM32 supply voltage, STM32F2 and STM32F4 Series support different programming modes . When using ST-LINK/V2, the supply voltage is detected automatically. Therefore, the correct programming mode is selected. When using ST-LINK, the 32-bit programming mode is selected by default.*

If the device is read-protected, the protection is disabled. If some Flash memory pages are write-protected, the protection is disabled during programming and then recovered.

-V

Description: Verifies that the programming operation was performed successfully.

Syntax: `-V [while_programming/after_programming]`

Example: `-P *C:\file.srec* -V "after_programming"`

Note: *If no argument is provided the while_programming verification method is performed.*

4.1.4   Miscellaneous commands

-CmpFile

Description: Compares a binary, Intel Hex or Motorola S-record file with device memory and displays the address of the first different value.

Syntax: `-CmpFile <File_Path> [<Address>]`

Example1: `-CmpFile "c:\\application.bin" 0x08000000`

Example2: `-CmpFile "c:\\application.hex`

The user can also compare the file content with an external memory. The path of the external memory loader should be specified by the -EL cmd.

Example1: `-CmpFile "c:\application.bin" 0x64000000 -EL "c:\Custom-Flash-Loader.stldr"`

-Cksum

Description: Calculates the Checksum value of a given file or a specified memory zone. The algorithm used is the simple arithmetic sum algorithm, byte per byte. The result is truncated to 32-bit word.

Syntax: `-Cksum <File_Path>`

```
-Cksum <Address> <Size>
```

Example1: `-Cksum "C:\File.hex"`

Example2: `-Cksum 0x08000000 0x200`

Example3: `-Cksum 0x90000000 0x200 -EL "C:\Custom_Flash_Loader.stldr"`

-Dump

Description: Reads target memory and save it in a file

Syntax: `-Dump<Address> <Memory_Size> <File_Path>`

-Log

Description: Enables Trace LOG file generation.

The log file is generated under %userprofile%\STMicroelectronics\ST-LINK utility.

-NoPrompt

Description: Disables user confirmation prompts (For example, to program RDP Level 2 within a file).

-Q

Description: Enables quiet mode. No progress bar displayed.

-TVolt

Description: Displays target voltage.

4.1.5 Option bytes commands

-rOB

Description: Displays all option bytes.

Syntax: `-rOB`

-OB

Description: Configures the option bytes. This command:
- sets the Read Protection Level to Level 0 (no protection)
- sets the IWDG_SW option to '1' (watchdog enabled by software)
- sets the nRST_STOP option to '0' (reset generated when entering Standby mode)
- sets the Data0 option byte
- sets the Data1 option byte

Syntax: `-OB [RDP=<Level>][BOR_LEV=<Level>][IWDG_SW=<Value>]`

```
[nRST_STOP=<Value>][nRST_STDBY=<Value>][nBFB2=<Value>]

[nBoot1=<Value>][nSRAM_Parity=<Value>][Data0=<Value>]

[SPRMOD=<Value>][Data1=<Value>][WRP=<Value>][WRP2=<Value>]

[WRP3=<Value>][WRP4=<Value>]

[BOOT_ADD0=<Value>]

[BOOT_ADD1=<Value>]
```

Example:–OB RDP=0 IWDG_SW=1 nRST_STOP=0 Data0=0xAA Data1=0xBC

Option byte command parameter descriptions

RDP=<Level>:

RDP=<Level> sets the Flash memory read protection level.

> The <Level> could be one of the following levels:
>> 0: Protection disabled
>> 1: Protection enabled
>> 2: Protection enabled (debug and boot in SRAM features are DISABLED)

Note: *Level 2 is available on* STM32F0, *STM32F2,* STM32F3, *STM32F4 and STM32L1 Series*
only.

BOR_LEV=<Level>:

BOR_LEV sets the Brownout Reset threshold level.

> For STM32L4 Series:
>> 0: Reset level threshold is around 1.7 V
>> 1: Reset level threshold is around 2.0 V
>> 2: Reset level threshold is around 2.2 V
>> 3: Reset level threshold is around 2.5 V
>> 4: Reset level threshold is around 2.8 V

> For STM32L1 Series:
>> 0: BOR OFF, 1.45 to 1.55 V voltage range
>> 1: 1.69 to 1.8 V voltage range
>> 2: 1.94 to 2.1 V voltage range
>> 3: 2.3 to 2.49 V voltage range
>> 4: 2.54 to 2.74 V voltage range
>> 5: 2.77 to 3.0 V voltage range

> For STM32F2 and STM32F4 Series:
>> 0: BOR OFF, 1.8 to 2.10 V voltage range
>> 1: 2.10 to 2.40 V voltage range
>> 2: 2.40 to 2.70 V voltage range
>> 3: 2.70 to 3.60 V voltage range

IWDG_SW=<Value>:

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

0: Hardware-independent watchdog

1: Software-independent watchdog

nRST_STOP=<Value>:

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

0: Reset generated when CPU enters the Stop mode

1: No reset generated.

nRST_STDBY=<Value>:

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

0: Reset generated when CPU enters the Standby mode

1: No reset generated.

PCROP_RDP=<Value>:

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

0: PCROP area is not erased when the RDP level is decreased from Level 1 to Level 0.

1: PCROP area is erased when the RDP level is decreased from Level 1 to Level 0 (full mass erase).

PCROPA_STRT=<Value>:

Sets the PCROP start zone for bank A

Refer to the reference manual of the corresponding device <Value>

PCROPA_END

Sets the PCROP end zone for bank A

Refer to the reference manual of the corresponding device <Value>

PCROPB_STRT

Sets the PCROP start zone for bank B

Refer to the reference manual of the corresponding device <Value>

PCROPB_END

Sets the PCROP end zone for bank B

Refer to the reference manual of the corresponding device <Value>

VDDA=<Value>:

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

0: VDDA power supply supervisor disabled

1: VDDA power supply supervisor enabled

DUALBANK=<Value>:

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

0: Single bank Flash.

1: Dual bank Flash.

BFB2=<Value>:

Dual-bank boot

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

0: Dual-bank boot disable.

1: Dual-bank boot enable.

SRAM2_RST=<Value>:

SRAM2 Erase when system reset

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

0: SRAM2 erased when a system reset occurs.

1: SRAM2 is not erased when a system reset occurs.

SRAM2_PE=<Value>:

SRAM2 parity check enable

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

0: SRAM2 parity check enable.

1: SRAM2 parity check disable.

nBFB2=<Value>:

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

0: Boot from Flash bank 2 when boot pins are set in boot from user Flash position (default)

1: Boot from Flash bank 1 when boot pins are set in boot from user Flash position (default).

Note: *nBFB2 is available only on devices containing two Flash banks.*

nBoot0_SW_Cfg=<Value>:

Only for STM32F04x

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

0: It allows the user to disable BOOT0 hardware pin completely and use User Option bit 11 (nBoot0).

1: The BOOT0 pin is bonded to GPIO pin (PB8 on LQFP32 and smaller packages, PF11 for QFN32 and bigger packages).

nBoot0=<Value>:

Only for STM32F04x and only when nBoot0_SW_Cfg is set.

The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

Select the Boot mode together with nBoot1 (See *Table 1* below).

nBoot1=<Value>:

Only for STM32F0 and STM32F3 Series
     The <Value> should be 0 or 1:

Table 1. nBoot1 configuration for STM32F04x

nBoot1	nBoot0	BOOT0 pin	nBoot0_SW_Cfg	Flash empty	Boot mode
X	X	0	1	no	Main Flash memory
X	X	0	1	yes	System memory
0	X	1	1	X	Embedded SRAM
1	X	1	1	X	System memory
X	1	X	0	X	Main Flash memory
0	0	X	0	X	Embedded SRAM
1	0	X	0	X	System memory

Table 2. nBoot1 configuration for STM32F0 and STM32F3

nBoot1	BOOT0	Boot mode
X	0	Main Flash memory
0	1	Embedded SRAM
1	1	System memory

nSRAM_Parity=<Value>:

This bit allows the user to enable the SRAM hardware parity check.
     The <Value> should be 0 or 1.

Note: *nSRAM_Parity is available only on STM32F0 and STM32F3 Series.*

SDADC12_VDD=<Value>:

It selects the analog monitoring (comparison with Bgap 1.2V voltage) on SDADC12_VDD
Power source.
     The <Value> should be 0 or 1.

Note: *SDADC12_VDD is available only on STM32F37x devices.*

Data0=<Value>:

Data0 sets the Data0 option byte.
     The <Value> should be in [0..0xFF].

Note: *Not available on STM32F0, STM32F2, STM32F3, STM32F4 and STM32L1 devices.*

Data1=<Value>:

Data1 sets the Data1 option byte.

The <Value> should be in [0..0xFF].

Note: *Not available on STM32F0, STM32F2, STM32F3, STM32F4 and STM32L1 Series.*

SPRMOD =<Value>:

Selection of Protection Mode of WPRi bits:

The <Value> should be 0 or 1.

0: WPRi bits used for Write Protection on sector i (Default).

1: WPRi bits used for PCRoP Protection (read protection) on sector i (Sector).

Note: *Available only on devices supporting PCRop feature.*

WPRMOD =<Value>:

Selection of Protection Mode of WPRi bits:

The <Value> should be 0 or 1.

0: WPRi bits used for Write Protection on sector i (Default).

1: WPRi bits used for PCRoP Protection (read protection) on sector i (Sector).

Note: *Available only on STM32L0 devices supporting PCRop feature.*

WRP=<Value>:

WRP enables/disables the write protection of the MCU Flash sectors.
Depending on the connected device, each bit enables/disables the write protection of one sector or more.

For STM32L1 devices, WRP[i] = 0: Flash sector(s) is protected.
For other devices, WRP[i] = 1: Flash sector(s) is protected.

This command is sufficient to enable/disable all Flash sector protection, except for STM32L1 medium density plus and high density where WRP2, WRP3 and WRP4 commands can be mandatory.

For STM32F4 Series, each bit of WRP enables/disables the write protection of one sector.

The <Value> should be in [0..0xFFFFFFFF]

Note: *For devices supporting PCRop feature, WRP controls the read protection of the MCU Flash*
sectors when SPRMOD = 1.

WRP2=<Value>:

WRP2 is available only for STM32L1 medium density plus, high density and high density plus devices to enable/disable the protection of Flash sectors from page 512 to 1023.

The <Value> should be in [0..0xFFFFFFFF].

Note: *For devices supporting PCRop feature, WRP controls the read protection of the MCU Flash sectors when SPRMOD = 1.*

WRP3=\<Value>:

WRP3 is available only for STM32L1 high density and high density plus devices to enable/disable the protection of Flash sectors from page 1024 to 1535.

The \<Value> should be in [0..0xFFFFFFFF]

WRP4=\<Value>:

WRP4 is available only on STM32L1 high density plus devices to enable/disable the protection of Flash sectors from sector 1536 to sector 2047.

The \<Value> should be in [0..0xFFFFFFFF]

BOOT_ADD0=\<Value>:

Boot Address enable when BOOT0 = 0.

The \<Value> should be in [0..0xFFFF].

BOOT_ADD0[15:0] corresponds to address [29:14]

BOOT_ADD1=\<Value>:

Boot Address enable when BOOT0 = 1.

The \<Value> should be in [0..0xFFFF].

BOOT_ADD1[15:0] correspond to address [29:14]

DB1M =\<Value>:

Dual-Bank on 1-Mbyte Flash memory:

The \<Value> should be 0 or 1.

Note:1 *Available on STM32F42x/STM32F43x 1-Mbyte devices supporting dual bank swap.*

Note:2 *All parameters listed above should be in hexadecimal format.*

For more details, refer to the Option bytes section in the Flash programming manual corresponding to the device available at the www.st.com website.

4.1.6 External memory command25

-EL

Description: Selects a custom Flash memory loader for external memory operations.

Syntax: `-EL [<loader_File_Path>]`

Example: `-P c:\\application.hex -EL c:\\Custom-Flash-Loader.stldr`

4.1.7 ST-LINK_CLI return codes

In case of error, while executing ST-LINK_CLI commands, the return code (Errorlevel) is greater than 0.

The following *Table 3* summarizes the ST-LINK_CLI return codes:

Table 3. ST-LINK_CLI return codes

Return code	Command	Error
1	All	Command arguments error.
2	All	Connection problem.
3	All	Command not available for the connected target.
4	-w8, -w32	Error occurred while writing data to the specified memory address.
5	-r8, r32	Cannot read memory from the specified memory address.
6	-rst, -HardRst	Cannot reset MCU.
7	-Run	Failed to run application.
8	-halt	Failed to halt the core.
9	-STEP	Failed to perform a single instruction step.
10	-SetBP	Failed to set/clear a breakpoint.
11	-ME, -SE	Unable to erase one or more Flash sectors.
12	-P, -V	Flash programming/verification error.
13	-OB	Option bytes programming error.
14	-w8, w32, -r32, -P, -V, -ME, -SE	Memory loader fails (internal Flash or external memory)

5 STM32 ST-LINK utility external loader developing

In an external loader project, there are two basic files: Loader_Src.c and Dev_Inf.c

5.1 Loader_Src.c file

Developing an external loader for a memory, based on a specific IP requires the functions described below. Note that it is imperative to define these functions in an external loader.

- An Init function
  The Init function, defines the GPIO used to connect to the external memory, initialize the clock of the IP used, and it defines also the used GPIOs

```
int Init (void)
```

- A Write function
  It programs a buffer defined with an address in the RAM range.

```
int Write (uint32_t Address, uint32_t Size, uint8_t* buffer)
```

- A SectorErase function (In case of Flash memory)
  It erases the memory sectors defined by an start address and an end address.

Note: *This function is not used in case of an SRAM memory.*

```
int SectorErase (uint32_t StartAddress, uint32_t EndAddress)
```

Where "StartAddress" = address of the first sector to be erased and
"EndAddress" = address of the end sector to be erased

There are other additional functions that can be defined:

- A read function
  It is s used to read a specific range of memory and returns the reading in a buffer in the RAM

```
int Read (uint32_t Address, uint32_t Size, uint16_t* buffer)
```

Where "Address" = start address of the read operation, "Size" = size of read operation and "buffer" = pointer to data read

Note: *For QSPI/OSPI (Quad-SPI/ Octo-SPI) memories, the memory mapped mode can be defined in the Init function, in which case the Read function is useless.*

- A Verify function
  This function is called when selecting the "verify while programming" mode. This function checks if the programmed memory corresponds to the buffer defined in the RAM. It returns an uint64 defined as follow:

```
checksum<<32 + AddressFirstError
```

Where "AddressFirstError" is the address of the first mismatch, and "Checksum" is the Checksum value of the programmed buffer.

```
uint64_t Verify (uint32_t FlashAddr, uint32_t RAMBufferAddr, uint32_t Size)
```

- A MassErase function
  It erases the full memory

```
int MassErase (void)
```

- A Checksum function
  The Checksum function calculates the programmed memory checksum. The algorithm
  used is the simple arithmetic sum algorithm, byte per byte. The result is truncated to
  32-bit word. This calculated value, with the opened file in ST-LINK Utility checksum
  value, are a faster way to verify the program operation.
  Returns 1 if success, and 0 if failure.

5.2 Dev_Inf.c file

The StorageInfo structer is defined in this file. An example of the type of information that this
structer defines is presented below:

```
#if defined (__ICCARM__)
__root struct StorageInfo const StorageInfo  =  {
#else
struct StorageInfo const StorageInfo  =  {
#endif
   "External_Loader_Name", // Device Name + version number
   MCU_FLASH, // Device Type
   0x08000000, // Device Start Address
   0x00100000, // Device Size in Bytes (1MBytes/8Mbits)
   0x00004000, // Programming Page Size 16KBytes
   0xFF, // Initial Content of Erased Memory
// Specify Size and Address of Sectors (view example below)
   0x00000004, 0x00004000,      // Sector Num : 4 ,Sector Size: 16KBytes
   0x00000001, 0x00010000,      // Sector Num : 1 ,Sector Size: 64KBytes
   0x00000007, 0x00020000,      // Sector Num : 7 ,Sector Size: 128KBytes
   0x00000000, 0x00000000,
```

6 Revision history

Table 4. Document revision history

Date	Revision	Changes
22-Jan-2010	1	Initial release.
12-Feb-2010	2	Changed figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Added SWD support.
20-May-2010	3	Added support of XL-density devices in *Section 2.2.4* and *Section 3.6*.
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