

## Secure dual interface microcontroller with enhanced security and up to 608 Kbytes of Flash memory



### Features

#### Hardware features

- Lockstep Arm® SecurCore® SC000™ 32-bit core cadenced at up to 60 MHz
- 16 Kbytes of user RAM
- Up to 608 Kbytes of secure User high-density Flash memory including 512 bytes of user area:
  - 25-year data retention
  - 500 000 Erase/Write cycle endurance
  - Page Erase time down to 0.8 ms
  - Programming performance up to 3 μs/byte in chained mode
  - Flash Erase/Write protection programmable on 32-Kbyte sectors
- RF harvesting
- Operating temperature: –25 °C to +85 °C
- Three 16-bit timers with interrupt
- Watchdog timer
- 2.7 V to 5.5 V supply voltages
- 1.4 V to 2.5 V external power supply generator for biometric components
- External clock frequency up to 10 MHz
- Power-saving Standby state
- Contact assignment compatible with ISO/IEC 7816-3 standards
- Four general-purpose inputs/outputs (GPIOs) and hardware SPI for biometric applications
- ESD protection:
  - HBM: 6 kV for ISO pads, 2 kV for GPIO pads and 4 kV and AC0/AC1 contactless pads and GPIO pads
  - CDM: 500 V
- IART with RAM buffer for high-speed serial data support (ISO/IEC 78163 T=0/T=1 and EMV® compliant)
- SPI master/slave interface running at up to 6.2 MHz
- I²C software library available at up to 400 kbps

#### Contactless features

- Complies with ISO/IEC 14443 Type A and Type B, and ISO/IEC 18092 Type F, with programmable autodetection of Type A, B or F
- 35 pF and 68 pF tuning capacitor
- Automatic CPU frequency adaptation for optimum power consumption
- 13.56 MHz carrier frequency
- RFUART (RF universal asynchronous receiver transmitter) up to 848 kbps
- Very high bitrate (ASK VHBR) up to 6.8 Mbps in reception and transmission
- 1-Kbyte RF frame buffer in dedicated RFUART RAM
- MIFARE Plus® EV2, MIFARE Classic® and MIFARE® DESFire® EV3 hardware and software implementation
- Simultaneous mode (contact and contactless)

#### Product status link

ST31N platform devices	Flash memory size (Kbytes)
ST31N600	608
ST31N500	512
ST31N400	416

**Security features**

- SC000 memory protection unit (MPU)
- Active shield
- Library protection unit (LPU)
- Monitoring of environmental parameters, including the temperature detector
- Three-key Triple DES accelerator
- AES accelerator
- AIS-31 Class PTG.2, NIST SP800-22 and NIST SP800-90B compliant true random number generator (TRNG)
- NESCRIPT lite low power (LLP) coprocessor for public key cryptography algorithm
- ISO/IEC 13239 calculation block
- Unique serial number on each die
- Highly efficient protection against fault injection
- Protection against multiple attacks

**Targeted certifications**

- EMVCo™, CC EAL6+, CUP, FIPS 140-2 compliance (NIST SP800-22 and SP800-90B)

## 1 Description

Designed for secure ID and banking applications, including biometry, the ST31N600, ST31N500 and ST31N400 devices are serial access microcontrollers that incorporate the most recent generation of Arm® processors for embedded secure systems. The SecurCore® SC000™ 32-bit RISC core is built on the Cortex®-M0 core with additional security features to help to protect against advanced forms of attack.

Cadenced at 60 MHz, the SC000™ core brings great performance and excellent code density thanks to the Thumb®-2 instruction set.

Some of the devices implement the MIFARE® DESFire® EV3 or MIFARE Plus® EV2 (including MIFARE Classic®) technology.

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An RF interface including an RF universal asynchronous receiver (RFUART) enables contactless communication compatible with ISO/IEC 14443 Type A and Type B at up to 848 kbps, and up to 6.8 Mbps with VHBR. It also supports the ISO/IEC 18092 Type F at up to 424 kbps.

The ST31N platform devices also offer a serial communication interface fully compatible with the ISO/IEC 7816-3 standard (T=0, T=1).

Three 16-bit general-purpose timers are available as well as a watchdog timer.

The ST31N platform devices feature hardware accelerators for advanced cryptographic functions. The AES accelerator provides a high-performance implementation of the AES-128, AES-192 and AES-256 algorithms. The 3-key Triple DES accelerator (EDES+) peripheral enables cipher block chaining (CBC) mode, fast DES and triple DES computation based on three key registers and one data register, while the NESCRIPT LLP cryptoprocessor efficiently supports the public key algorithm with native operations up to 4096 bits long.

With their dedicated interface, the ST31N platform devices also support biometry or multiple applications by managing the power supply to external components, and offering an SPI master/slave interface or GPIOs in both contact (via the VCC pad) and contactless (RF harvesting) mode.

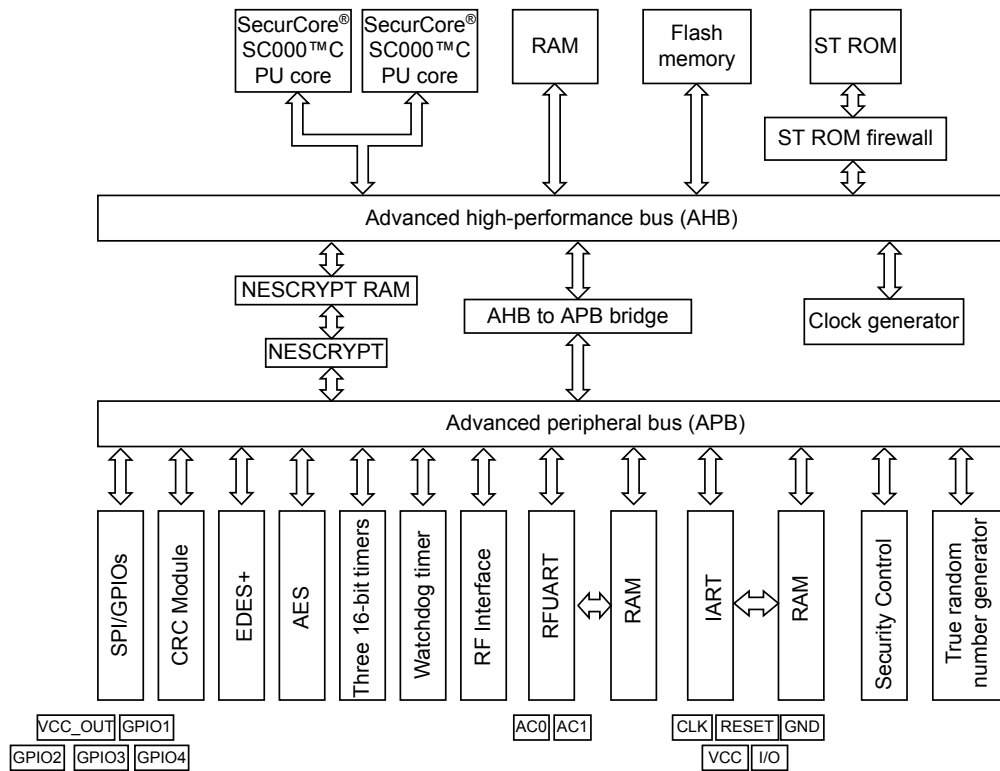
The ST31N platform devices operate in the -25 to +85 °C temperature range, in the 2.7 V and 5.5 V supply voltage ranges in contact mode, and complies with ISO/IEC 14443 specification limits. A comprehensive range of power-saving modes enables the design of efficient low-power and contactless applications.

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Figure 1. ST31N platform block diagram



## 1.1 Software development tools description

Dedicated Arm® SecurCore® SC000™ software development tools are provided by Arm® and Keil®. This includes the instruction set simulator (ISS) and C compiler. The documentation is available on the Arm and Keil websites.

Moreover, STMicroelectronics provides:

- A time-accurate hardware emulator controlled by the Keil debugger and the ST development environment.
- A complete product simulator based on Keil's ISS simulator for the Arm® SecurCore® SC000™ CPU.

## Revision history

**Table 1. Document revision history**

Date	Version	Changes
29-May-2019	1	Initial release.
16-Nov-2021	2	Document confidentiality changed from ST Restricted to public. Added ST31N500 and ST31N400 part numbers. Updated package images on cover page. Updated <a href="#">Section Features</a> and <a href="#">Section 1 Description</a> . Added <a href="#">Section 1.1 Software development tools description</a> . Added glossary.
30-Jan-2023	3	Updated MIFARE <sup>®</sup> versions in <a href="#">Section Features</a> and <a href="#">Section 1 Description</a> .

## Glossary

**AES** Advanced encryption standard

**ASK** Amplitude-shift keying

**CBC** Cipher block chaining

**CC** Common Criteria

**CDM** Charged device model

**CPU** Central processing unit

**CUP** China UnionPay

**DES** Data encryption standard

**EAL** Evaluation assurance level

**ESD** Electrostatic discharge

**FIPS** Federal Information Processing Standards

**GPIO** General purpose input/output

**HBM** Human body model

**IART** ISO/IEC 7816-3 asynchronous receiver transmitter

**ISO** Relative to the ISO/IEC 7816 asynchronous receiver transmitter.

**ISS** Instruction set simulator

**I<sup>2</sup>C** Inter-integrated circuit

**KB** Kilobyte

**LLP** Lite low power

**LPU** Library protection unit

**MCU** Microcontroller unit

**MPU** Memory protection unit

**NIST** National Institute of Standards and Technology

**NVM** Nonvolatile memory

**OS** Operating system

**RF** Radio frequency

**RFUART** Radio-frequency universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter

**SE** Secure element

**SPI** Serial peripheral interface

**TRNG** True random number generator

**VHBR** Very high bit rate



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