About this release note

This release note contains information about the latest version of the ST-LINK server application for ST-LINK, ST-LINK/V2, ST-LINK/V2-1, and ST-LINK-V3 boards.

ST-LINK-SERVER is the part number of this application.

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Customer support

For more information or help concerning ST-LINK, ST-LINK/V2, ST-LINK/V2-1, and ST-LINK-V3 boards, contact the nearest STMicroelectronics sales office. For the complete list of STMicroelectronics offices and distributors, refer to the www.st.com webpage.

Software updates

Software updates and all the latest documentation can be downloaded from the STMicroelectronics support webpage at www.st.com/en/development-tools/st-link-server.
1 General information

1.1 Overview

The ST-LINK server (ST-LINK-SERVER) is an application to share the debug interface of a single ST-LINK board among several host applications, typically a debugging tool and a monitoring tool. Of course, two debugging tools cannot simultaneously control the same target, but both may have access to it provided appropriate connection settings are selected.

The ST-LINK server has also access to several boards with one single tool to launch and control the debug of these boards.

The host application must have the ability to connect to the ST-LINK server instead of connecting directly to the ST-LINK USB interface.

Other ST-LINK interfaces (such as Virtual COM port and mass storage, if provided) are not managed through the ST-LINK server, but may be used simultaneously.

The ST-LINK server supports STM32 32-bit microcontrollers based on the Arm® Cortex®-M processor.

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1.2 Host PC system requirements

PC and compatibles running with:

- Windows® 7, 8 32-bit operating systems
- Windows® 7, 8, 10, Linux® and macOS® 64-bit operating systems

On Windows® operating systems, the ST-LINK board requires the installation of a dedicated USB driver. In case the driver is not installed by the used toolset, it can be found at the STSW-LINK009 webpage.

On Linux®, the application relies on libusb-1.0, which must be installed separately. For instance, on Ubuntu®, this is done through the command `sudo apt-get install libusb-1.0`

On Linux®, users must be granted rights for accessing the ST-LINK USB devices. If not already done, it might be necessary to install one of the packages (depending on the Linux® version) provided for that by the ST-LINK, ST-LINK/V2, ST-LINK/V2-1, and STLINK-V3 boards firmware upgrade package (STSW-LINK007) in its folder AllPlatforms/StlinkRulesFilesForLinux.

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1.3 Licensing

ST-LINK-SERVER is delivered under the Image V2 software license agreement (SLA0047).

1.4 Toolset first versions

Toolset first versions supporting the ST-LINK server

- STM32CubeIDE 1.0.0
- STM32CubeProgrammer (STM32CubeProg) 1.3.0
- Keil® MDK v5.27
- IAR™ EWARM 8.30
- SW4STM32 2.2.0
ST-LINK server 1.3.0

Software package content

The zip file contains 5 packages:
1. For Windows®: st-stlink-server.1.3.0-4.msi
2. For macOS®: st-stlink-server.1.3.0-4.pkg
3. For Linux® Debian®: st-stlink-server-1.3.0-4-linux-amd64.deb
4. For Linux® Red Hat®: st-stlink-server-1.3.0-4-linux-amd64.rpm
5. For other Linux® OS: st-stlink-server-1.3.0-4-linux-amd64.install.sh

The zip file also contains the raw binary for Linux® (out of any installation package): stlink-server.1.3.0-4, and a readme.txt file.

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What is new

- Improved robustness in case of intensive client connection/disconnection sequences
- Fixed issue preventing installation on macOS® Catalina
- Added license information into Linux® package
3 Known problems and limitations

1. The ST-LINK server provides simultaneous communication channels to a single ST-LINK board (and target microcontroller behind), but does not manage priorities between client applications. As a consequence, a new connection attempt might disturb or kill a previously established connection if, for instance, the second client application drives the target reset or stops the core.

The typical use case for sharing target accesses is one application controlling the target (a debugger for instance), and one application monitoring the target (and connecting without impacting the target state).

2. The SWV (Serial Wire Viewer) feature can not be shared between applications. Only one application is allowed to control it. The behavior in the case of conflicting applications is not predictable.

In case of instabilities with SWV in shared mode, firstly try the same SWV configuration out of the shared mode.

3. When connecting to an STM32 target, the protocol (SWD or JTAG) is selected by the first client application connecting. In further connections, the protocol must be the same (if a JTAG connection is attempted while an SWD is already set, the new connection fails).

Conversely, the protocol frequency is enforced by the last caller. Any attempt modifying the frequency of one protocol has no impact on the other protocol.

4. The default connection setting is localhost port 7184. The server only accepts sockets from the localhost. The port may be modified (implementation dependent), however, for correct behavior, all clients must use the same port. Only one instance of the server must run.

5. On Windows®, it is necessary to uninstall a previous version, if present, before installing the new one.
4  Release information for previous releases

4.1  Change in ST-LINK server 1.1.1

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5. For other Linux® OS st-stlink-server.1.1.1-3-linux-amd64.rpm

What is new

• Added support for STLINK-V3SET

4.2  Change in ST-LINK server 1.0

• Fix SWO trace issue
• Normalized error log
• Add JTAG support
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