

# 1.28inch LCD Module

## Introduction

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1.28inch LCD Display Module, IPS Screen, 65K RGB Colors, 240×240 Resolution, SPI Interface

## Specification

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- Operating voltage: 3.3V/5V
- Interface: SPI
- LCD type: IPS
- Controller: GC9A01
- Resolution: 240(H)RGB x 240(V)
- Display size:  $\Phi$ 32.4mm
- Pixel size: 0.135 (H) x0.135 (V) mm
- Dimension: 40.4×37.5(mm)  $\Phi$ 37.5(mm)

## Pinout

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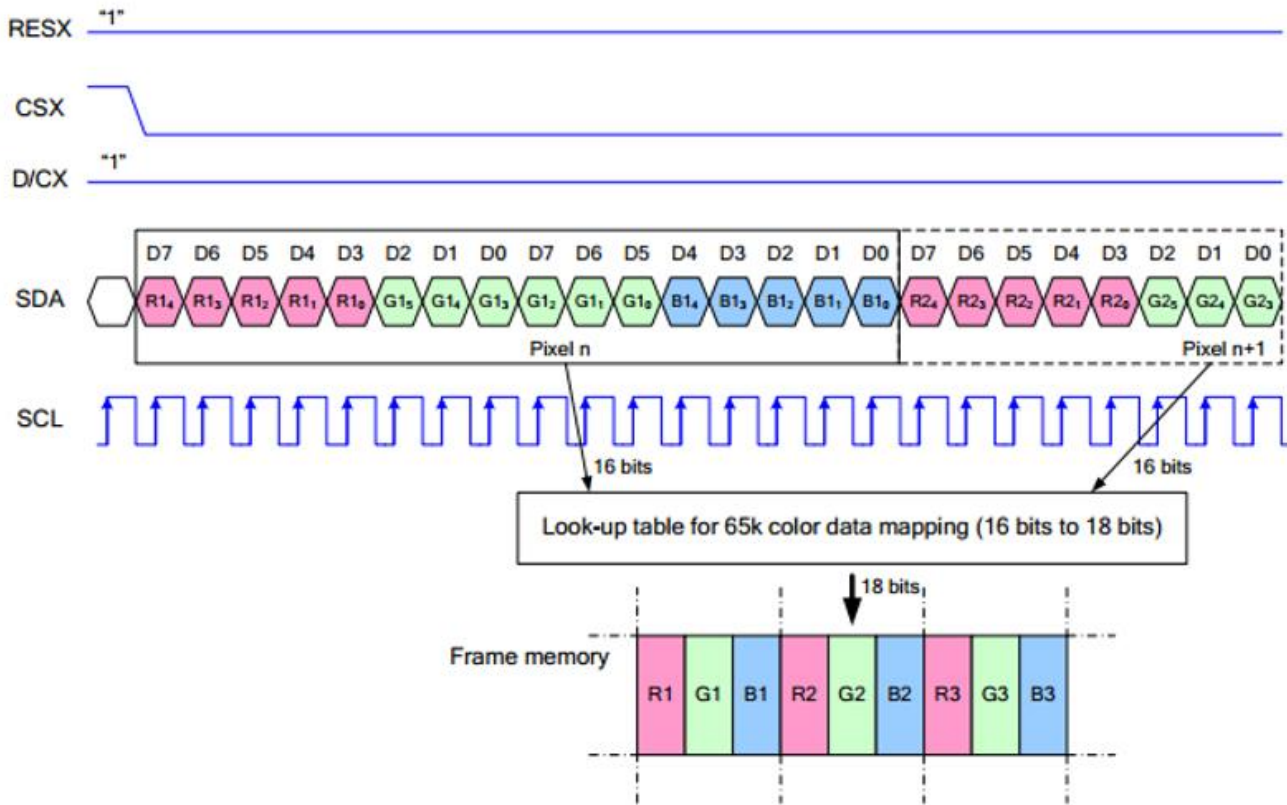
PIN	Description
VCC	3.3V/5V Power input
GND	Ground
DIN	SPI data input
CLK	SPI clock input
CS	Chip selection, low active
DC	Data/Command control
RST	Reset
BL	Backlight

## LCD and the controller

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- The driver used in this LCD is GC9A01, with a resolution of 240RGB×240 dots and 129600 bytes of GRAM inside. This LCD supports 12-bits/16-bits/18-bits data bus by MCU interface, which are RGB444, RGB565, RGB666.
- For most LCD controllers, the communication method of the controller can be configured, they are usually using 8080 parallel interface, 3-line SPI, 4-line SPI, and other communication methods. This LCD uses a 4-line SPI interface for reducing GPIO and fast speed.LCD
- If you are wondering which point is the first pixel of the screen (because the screen is round), you can understand it as a square screen with an inscribed circle drawn in it, and it only displays the content in this inscribed circle. The pixels in other locations are simply discarded (just like most round smartwatches on the market)

# Working Protocol



Note: Different from the traditional SPI protocol, the data line from the slave to the master is hidden since the device only has display requirement.

RESX is the reset pin, it should be low when powering the module and be higher at other times; ;

CSX is slave chip select, when CS is low, the chip is enabled.

D/CX is data/command control pin, when DC = 0, write command, when DC = 1, write data

SDA is the data pin for transmitting RGB data, it works as the MOSI pin of SPI interface;

SCL works as the SCLK pins of SPI interface.

SPI communication has data transfer timing, which is combined by CPHA and CPOL.

CPOL determines the level of the serial synchronous clock at idle state. When CPOL = 0, the level is Low. However, CPOL has little effect to the transmission.

CPHA determines whether data is collected at the first clock edge or at the second clock edge of serial synchronous clock; when CPHL = 0, data is collected at the first clock edge.

There are 4 SPI communication modes. SPI0 is commonly used, in which CPHL = 0, CPOL = 0.

## Hardware connection

Please connect the LCD to your Raspberry Pi by the 8Pin cable according to the table below

Connect to Raspberry Pi

Raspberry Pi

LCD

BCM2835

Board

VCC

5V

5V

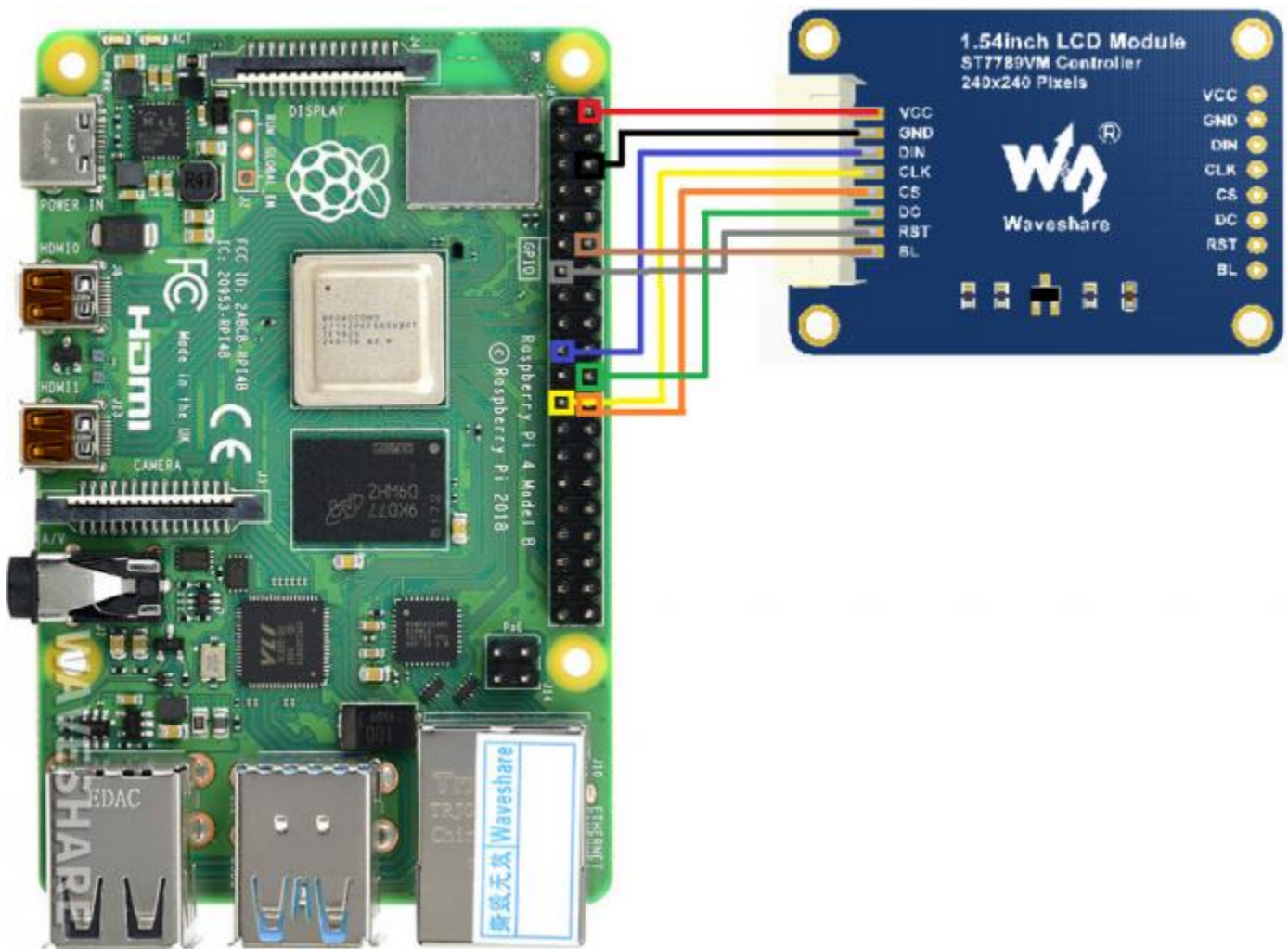
GND

GND

GND

DIN	MOSI	19
CLK	SCLK	23
CS	CE0	24
DC	25	22
RST	27	13
BL	18	12

The color of actual cable may be different with the figure here, please connect them according to the pins instead of color.



## Enable SPI interface

- Open terminal, use command to enter the configuration page

```
sudo raspi-config
```

```
Choose Interfacing Options -> SPI -> Yes to enable SPI interface
```

```
1 Change User Password Change password for the current user
2 Network Options      Configure network settings
3 Boot Options         Configure options for start-up
4 Localisation Options Set up language and regional settings to match your location
5 Interfacing Options  Configure connections to peripherals
6 Overclock            Configure overclocking for your Pi
7 Advanced Options     Configure advanced settings
8 Update               Update this tool to the latest version
9 About raspi-config   Information about this configuration tool
```

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P1 Camera      Enable/Disable connection to the Raspberry Pi Camera
P2 SSH         Enable/Disable remote command line access to your Pi using SSH
P3 VNC         Enable/Disable graphical remote access to your Pi using RealVNC
P4 SPI         Enable/Disable automatic loading of SPI kernel module
P5 I2C         Enable/Disable automatic loading of I2C kernel module
P6 Serial      Enable/Disable shell and kernel messages on the serial connection
P7 1-Wire      Enable/Disable one-wire interface
P8 Remote GPIO Enable/Disable remote access to GPIO pins
```

Would you like the SPI interface to be enabled?

<Yes>

<No>

Reboot Raspberry Pi :

```
sudo reboot
```

Please make sure that SPI interface was not used by other devices

## Install Libraries

- Install BCM2835 libraries

```
wget http://www.airspayce.com/mikem/bcm2835/bcm2835-1.68.tar.gz
```

```
tar zxvf bcm2835-1.68.tar.gz
cd bcm2835-1.68/
sudo ./configure
sudo make
sudo make check
sudo make install
#For more details, please refer to http://www.airspayce.com/mikem/bcm2835/
```

- Install wiringPi libraries

```
sudo apt-get install wiringpi
```

For the version of the Raspberry Pi system after May 2019 (the OS version earlier than this date doesn't need to be executed), an upgrade may be required :

```
wget https://project-downloads.drogon.net/wiringpi-latest.deb
sudo dpkg -i wiringpi-latest.deb
gpio -v
#You will get 2.52 information if you install it correctly
```

- Install Python libraries

```
#python2
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install python-pip
sudo apt-get install python-pil
sudo apt-get install python-numpy
sudo pip install RPi.GPIO
sudo pip install spidev
#python3
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install python3-pip
sudo apt-get install python3-pil
sudo apt-get install python3-numpy
sudo pip3 install RPi.GPIO
sudo pip3 install spidev
```

## Download Examples

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Open Raspberry Pi terminal and run the following command

```
sudo apt-get install p7zip-full
sudo wget https://www.waveshare.net/w/upload/a/a8/LCD_Module_RPI_code.7z
```

```
7z x LCD_Module_RPI_code.7z -O./LCD_Module_code
cd LCD_Module_code/RaspberryPi/
```

## Run the demo codes

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Please go into the RaspberryPi directory (demo codes) first and run the commands in terminal

### C codes

- Re-compile the demo codes

```
cd c
sudo make clean
sudo make -j 8
```

This examples are made for multi-dusplay, you can input the type of the LCD when using.

```
sudo ./main <<type of LCD>>
```

Use the command according to LCD: :

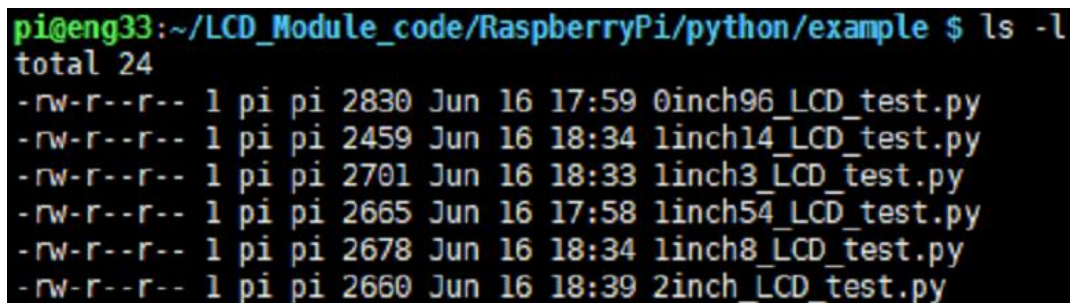
```
sudo ./main 0.96
sudo ./main 1.14
sudo ./main 1.28
sudo ./main 1.3
sudo ./main 1.54
sudo ./main 1.8
sudo ./main 2
```

## python

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- Enter the python directory and run ls -al

```
cd python/examples
ls -l
```



```
pi@eng33:~/LCD_Module_code/RaspberryPi/python/example $ ls -l
total 24
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 2830 Jun 16 17:59 0inch96_LCD_test.py
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 2459 Jun 16 18:34 l1inch14_LCD_test.py
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 2701 Jun 16 18:33 l1inch3_LCD_test.py
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 2665 Jun 16 17:58 l1inch54_LCD_test.py
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 2678 Jun 16 18:34 l1inch8_LCD_test.py
-rw-r--r-- 1 pi pi 2660 Jun 16 18:39 2inch_LCD_test.py
```

You can check all the files which are listed in type:

0inch96\_LCD\_test.py 0.96inch LCD example  
1inch14\_LCD\_test.py 1.14inch LCD example  
1inch28\_LCD\_test.py 1.28inch LCD example  
1inch3\_LCD\_test.py 1.3inch LCD example  
1inch54\_LCD\_test.py 1.54inchLCD example  
1inch8\_LCD\_test.py 1.8inch LCD example  
2inch\_LCD\_test.py 2inch LCD example

- Run the example

```
# python2
sudo python 0inch96_LCD_test.py
sudo python 1inch14_LCD_test.py
sudo python 1inch28_LCD_test.py
sudo python 1inch3_LCD_test.py
sudo python 1inch54_LCD_test.py
sudo python 1inch8_LCD_test.py
sudo python 2inch_LCD_test.py
# python3
sudo python3 0inch96_LCD_test.py
sudo python3 1inch14_LCD_test.py
sudo python3 1inch28_LCD_test.py
sudo python3 1inch3_LCD_test.py
sudo python3 1inch54_LCD_test.py
sudo python3 1inch8_LCD_test.py
sudo python3 2inch_LCD_test.py
```

The examples are tested in Arduino UNO, if you want to use other versions of the Arduino, you need to change the connection according to the actual boards.

## Hardware Connection

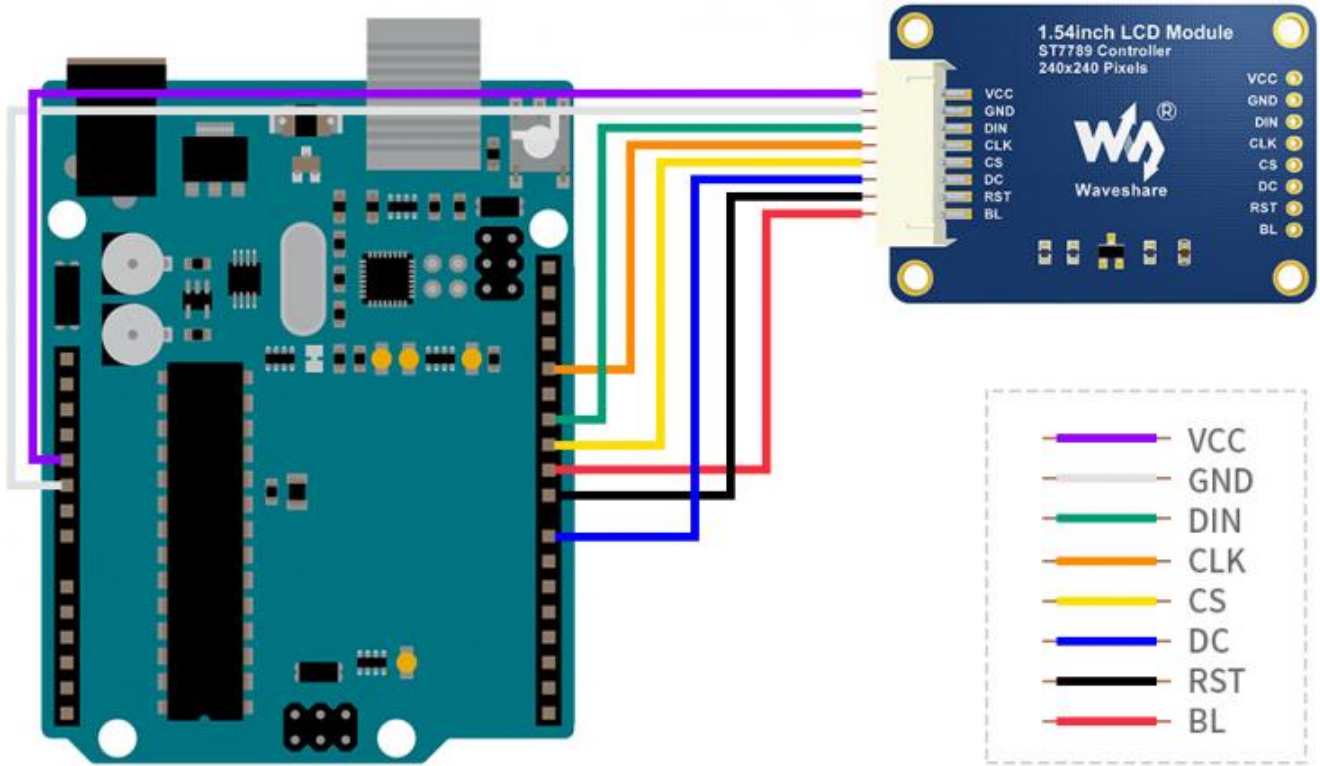
Arduino UNO连接引脚对应关系	
LCD	UNO
VCC	5V/3.3V
GND	GND
DIN	D11
CLK	D13
CS	D10
DC	D7

RST

D8

BL

D9



## Run the example

Download the demo codes and unzip it. The Arduino project is located in ~/Arduino/...

名称	修改日期	类型	大小
Arduino	2020/6/17 17:58	文件夹	
RaspberryPi	2020/6/17 17:58	文件夹	
STM32	2020/6/17 17:58	文件夹	



Run the project according to the actual display type

名称	修改日期	类型	大小
LCD_0inch96	2021/2/3 14:44	文件夹	
LCD_1inch3	2021/2/3 14:44	文件夹	
LCD_1inch8	2021/2/3 14:44	文件夹	
LCD_1inch14	2021/2/3 14:44	文件夹	
LCD_1inch28	2021/2/3 14:44	文件夹	
LCD_1inch54	2021/2/3 14:44	文件夹	
LCD_2inch	2021/2/3 14:44	文件夹	
LCD_2inch4	2021/2/3 14:44	文件夹	

For examples: 1.54inch LCD Module. Enter the LCD\_1inch54 directory and run the LCD\_1inch54.ino file  
Run the project and choose Arduino UNO as Board

```
#include <SPI.h>
#include "LCD_1inch54.h"
#include "GPIOPin.h"
#include "i2c.h"

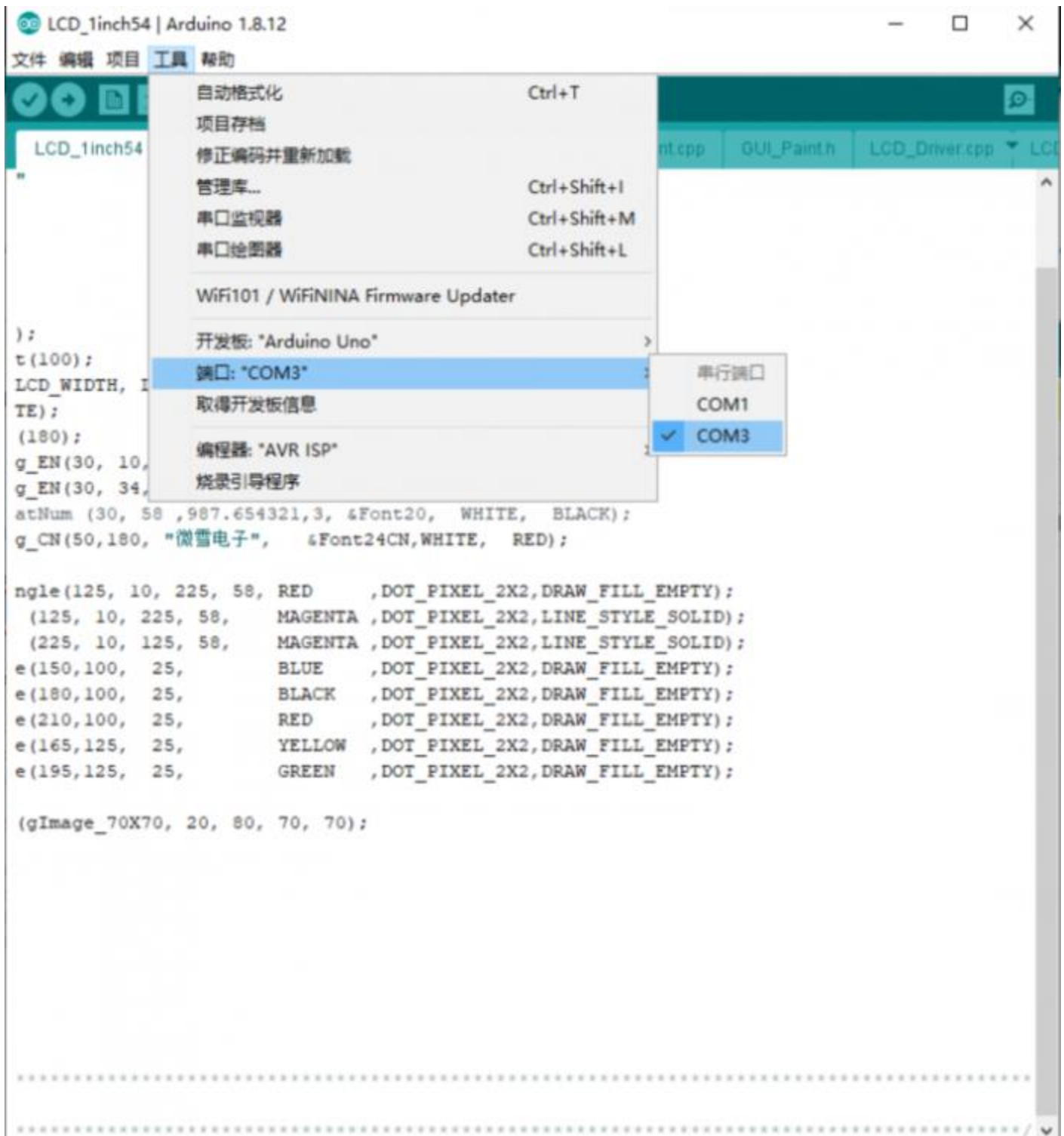
void setup()
{
  Config_Init();
  LCD_Init();
  LCD_Clear();
  LCD_SetBackColor(BLACK);
  Paint_NewImage(gImage_70X70, 20, 80, 70, 70);
  Paint_Clear();
  Paint_SetRotate(180);
  Paint_DrawString_EN(30, 10, "123", &Font24, YELLOW);
  Paint_DrawString_EN(30, 34, "ABC", &Font24, BLUE);
  //Paint_DrawFloatNum(30, 58, 987.654321, 3, &Font20, BLUE);
  Paint_DrawString_CN(50, 180, "微雪电子", &Font24CN, WHITE);

  Paint_DrawRectangle(125, 10, 225, 58, RED, DOT_PIXEL_1X1);
  Paint_DrawLine(125, 10, 225, 58, MAGENTA, DOT_PIXEL_1X1);
  Paint_DrawLine(225, 10, 125, 58, MAGENTA, DOT_PIXEL_1X1);
  Paint_DrawCircle(150, 100, 25, BLUE, DOT_PIXEL_1X1);
  Paint_DrawCircle(180, 100, 25, BLACK, DOT_PIXEL_1X1);
  Paint_DrawCircle(210, 100, 25, RED, DOT_PIXEL_1X1);
  Paint_DrawCircle(165, 125, 25, YELLOW, DOT_PIXEL_1X1);
  Paint_DrawCircle(195, 125, 25, GREEN, DOT_PIXEL_1X1);

  Paint_DrawImage(gImage_70X70, 20, 80, 70, 70);
}

void loop()
{
}
```

Select the COM Port according to your Device Manager



Compile and download it to your board

```
#include <SPI.h>
#include "LCD_Driver.h"
#include "GUI_Paint.h"
#include "image.h"

void setup()
{
  Config_Init();
  LCD_Init();
  LCD_Clear(WHITE);
  LCD_SetBacklight(100);
  Paint_NewImage(LCD_WIDTH, LCD_HEIGHT, 0, WHITE);
  Paint_Clear(WHITE);
  Paint_SetRotate(180);
  Paint_DrawString_EN(30, 10, "123",      &Font24,  YELLOW,  RED);
  Paint_DrawString_EN(30, 34, "ABC",      &Font24,  BLUE,    CYAN);
  //Paint_DrawFloatNum (30, 58 ,987.654321,3, &Font20,  WHITE,  BLACK);
  Paint_DrawString_CN(50,180, "微雪电子",  &Font24CN,WHITE,  RED);

  Paint_DrawRectangle(125, 10, 225, 58, RED      ,DOT_PIXEL_2X2,DRAW_FILL_EMPTY);
  Paint_DrawLine (125, 10, 225, 58,  MAGENTA ,DOT_PIXEL_2X2,LINE_STYLE_SOLID);
  Paint_DrawLine (225, 10, 125, 58,  MAGENTA ,DOT_PIXEL_2X2,LINE_STYLE_SOLID);
  Paint_DrawCircle(150,100, 25,      BLUE    ,DOT_PIXEL_2X2,DRAW_FILL_EMPTY);
  Paint_DrawCircle(180,100, 25,      BLACK   ,DOT_PIXEL_2X2,DRAW_FILL_EMPTY);
  Paint_DrawCircle(210,100, 25,      RED     ,DOT_PIXEL_2X2,DRAW_FILL_EMPTY);
  Paint_DrawCircle(165,125, 25,      YELLOW  ,DOT_PIXEL_2X2,DRAW_FILL_EMPTY);
  Paint_DrawCircle(195,125, 25,      GREEN   ,DOT_PIXEL_2X2,DRAW_FILL_EMPTY);

  Paint_DrawImage(gImage_70X70, 20, 80, 70, 70);

}

void loop()
{
}
```

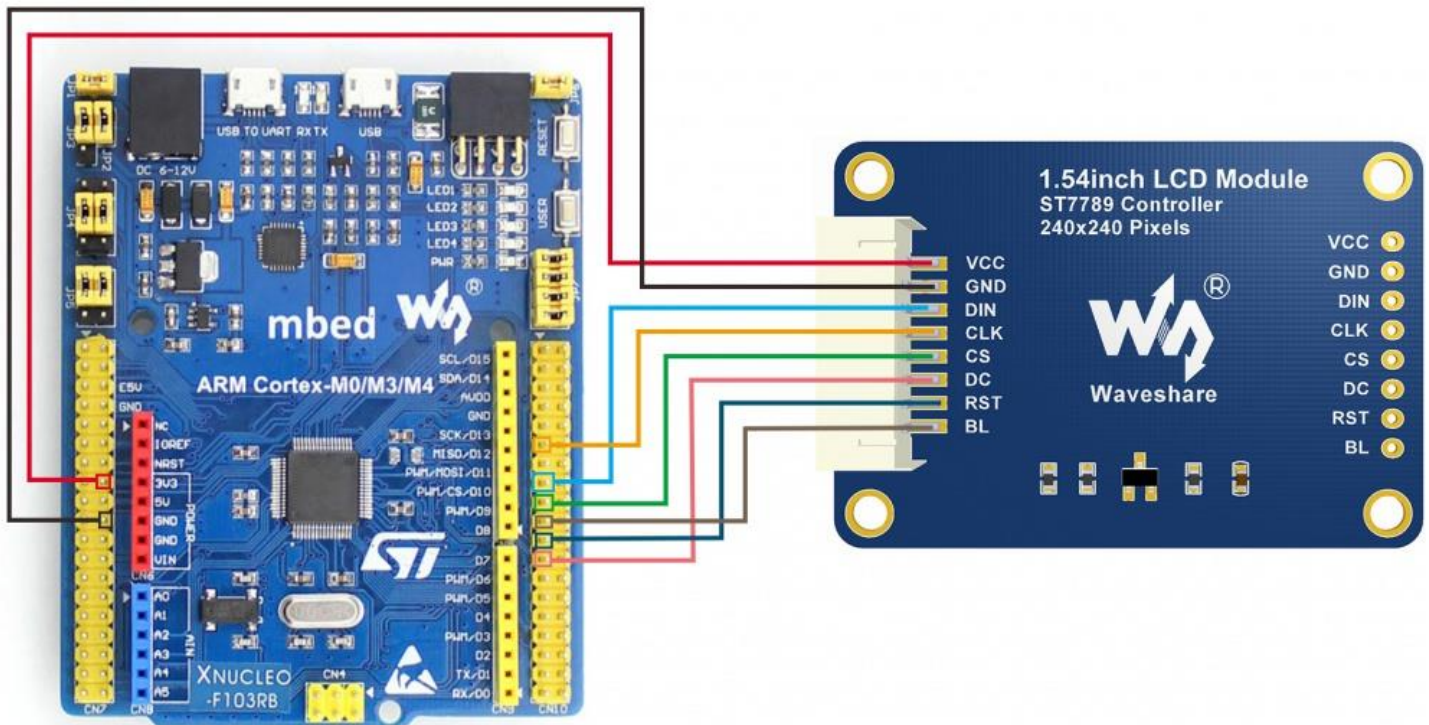
## Hardware Connection

The examples are based on STM32F103RBT6 as well as the connection table. If you want to use other MCU, you need to port the project and change the connection according to the actual hardware.

Connect to STM32F103RBT6	
LCD	STM32
VCC	3.3V/5V
GND	GND

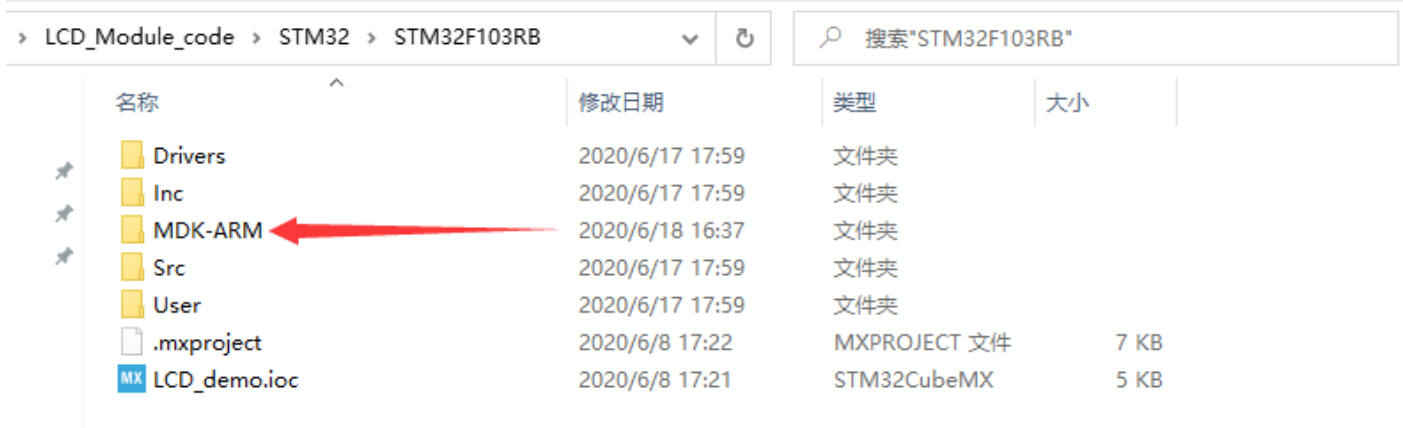
DIN	PA7
CLK	PA5
CS	PB6
DC	PA8
RST	PA9
BL	PC7

Use Waveshare [XNUCLEO-F103RB](#) as examples

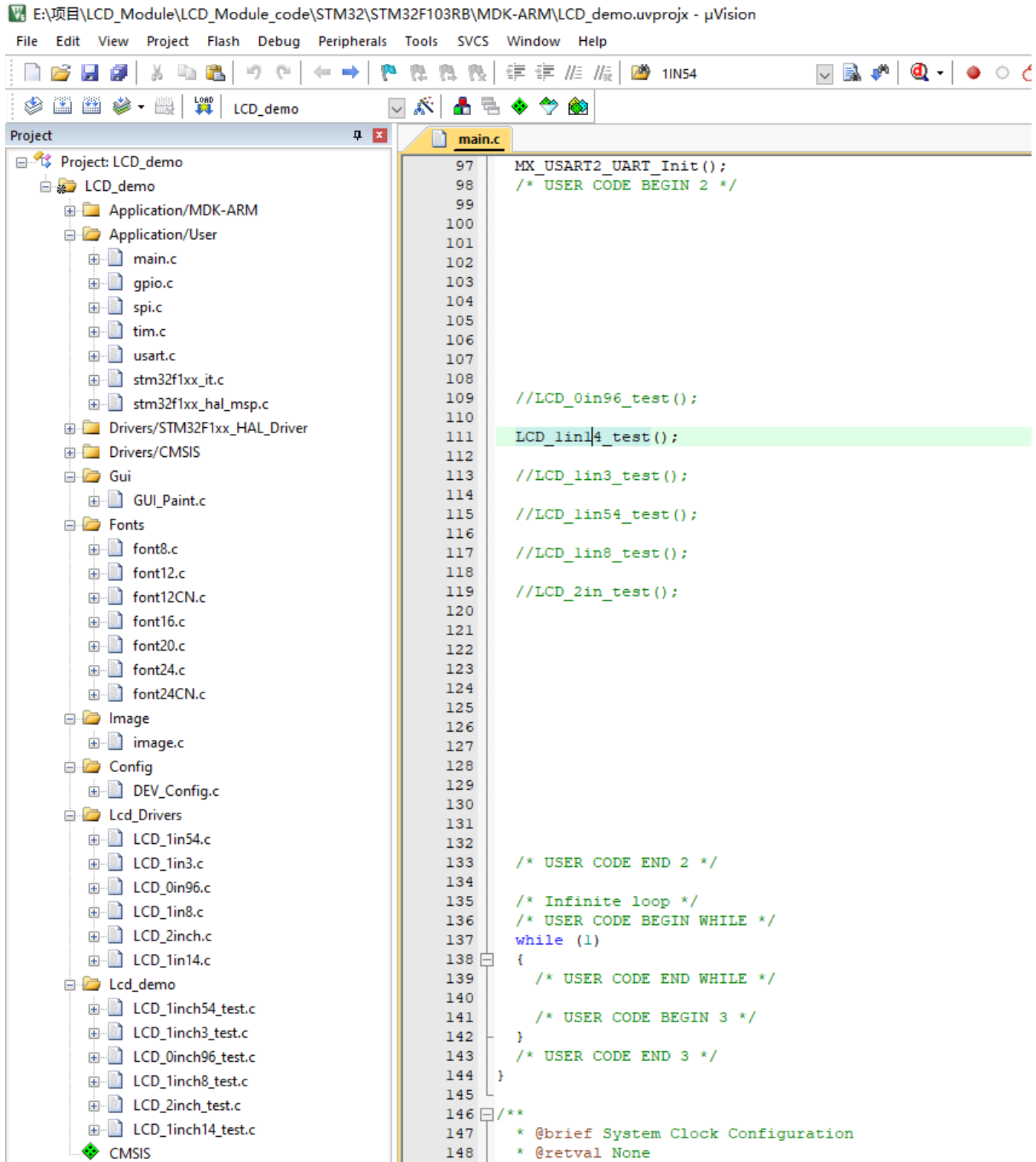


## About the examples

The examples use HAL libraries. Download demo codes, unzip, and find the STM32 projects. Open LCD\_demo.uvprojx which is located in STM32\STM32F103RBT6\MDK-ARM directory by Keil project



Open main.c file, you can configure the types for actual displays, recompile the project and download it to your board.



The screenshot shows the µVision IDE interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Project, Flash, Debug, Peripherals, Tools, SVCS, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations and debugging. The Project Explorer on the left shows a project named 'LCD\_demo' with a hierarchical structure of folders and files, including 'Application/MDK-ARM', 'Application/User', 'Drivers/STM32F1xx\_HAL\_Driver', 'Gui', 'Fonts', 'Image', 'Config', 'Lcd\_Drivers', and 'Lcd\_demo'. The main editor window displays the 'main.c' file with the following code:

```
97  MX_USART2_UART_Init();
98  /* USER CODE BEGIN 2 */
99
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104
105
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108
109  //LCD_0in96_test();
110
111  LCD_1in14_test();
112
113  //LCD_lin3_test();
114
115  //LCD_lin54_test();
116
117  //LCD_lin8_test();
118
119  //LCD_2in_test();
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123
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127
128
129
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131
132
133  /* USER CODE END 2 */
134
135  /* Infinite loop */
136  /* USER CODE BEGIN WHILE */
137  while (1)
138  {
139      /* USER CODE END WHILE */
140
141      /* USER CODE BEGIN 3 */
142  }
143  /* USER CODE END 3 */
144 }
145
146 /**
147  * @brief System Clock Configuration
148  * @retval None
```

- LCD\_0in96\_test() 0.96inch LCD example
- LCD\_1in14\_test() 1.14inch LCD example
- LCD\_1in28\_test() 1.28inch LCD example
- LCD\_1in3\_test() 1.3inch LCD example
- LCD\_1in54\_test() 1.54inch LCD example

LCD\_1in8\_test() 1.8inch LCD example

LCD\_2in\_test() 2inchLCDexample

## Resources

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### Documents

- [Schematic](#)
- [GC9A01A manual](#)

### demo codes

- [Demo codes](#)