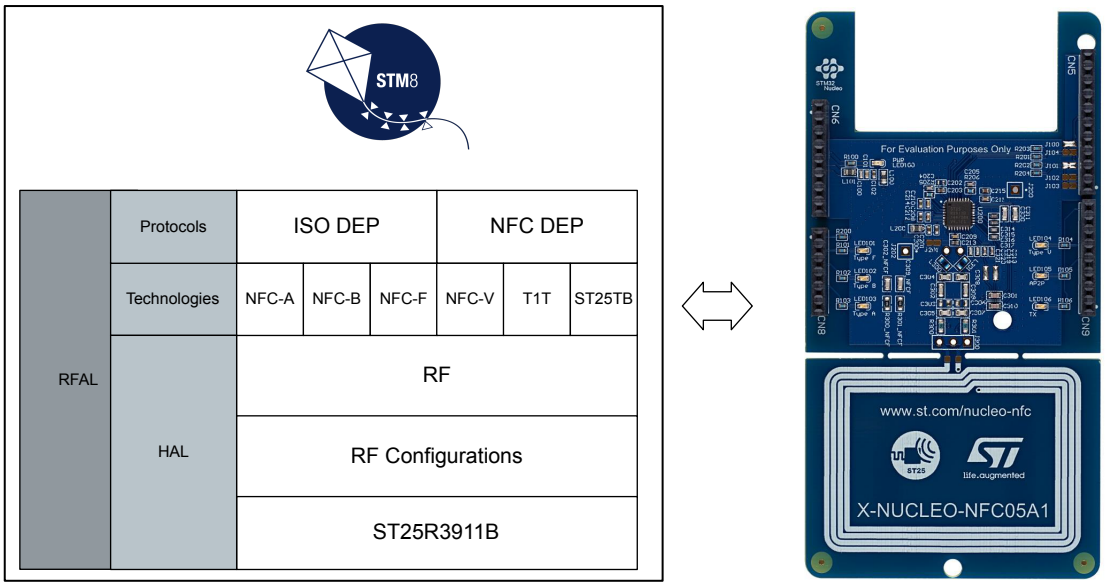
High performance HF reader / NFC initiator IC software expansion for NUCLEO-8S208RB

Introduction

The high performance HF reader / NFC initiator IC software expansion (STSW-STM8-NFC5) enables the NUCLEO-8S208RB board to operate with the X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1.

This package ports the RF abstraction layer (RFAL) onto the STM8 device to operate with the X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1, which contains the ST25R3911B high performance HF reader / NFC initiator. The package contains a sample application that detects different types of NFC tags and mobile phones supporting P2P.

The RFAL is the STMicroelectronics standard driver for ST25R NFC/RFID reader ICs. It is used, for instance, by the ST25R3911B-DISCO (STSW-ST25R002) and X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 (X-CUBE-NFC5) firmware. STSW-STM8-NFC5 supports all the ST25R3911B lower-layer protocols and also some higher layer protocols to abstract RF communication. As the RFAL is written in a portable manner, it can run on a wide range of devices, from 8-bit MCUs up to 64-bit processors running Linux. All the code is highly portable and only minimal effort is needed in order for it to run on any STM8 platform.



1 Overview

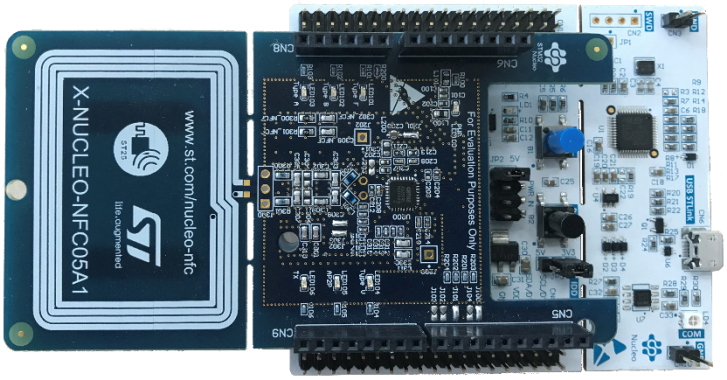
1.1 STSW-STM8-NFC5 features

- Complete driver (RF abstraction layer) to build NFC-enabled applications using the ST25R3911B or ST25R391x high performance HF reader / NFC initiator with up to 1.4 W output power
- Communication with the ST25R3911B or ST25R391x high performance NFC HF reader / NFC initiator using SPI interface
- Complete RF/NFC abstraction (RFAL) for all major technologies and higher layer protocols:
  - NFC-A (ISO14443-A)
  - NFC-B (ISO14443-B)
  - NFC-F (FeliCa)
  - NFC-V (ISO15693)
  - P2P (ISO18092)
  - ISO-DEP (ISO data exchange protocol, ISO14443-4)
  - NFC-DEP (NFC data exchange protocol, ISO18092)
  - Proprietary technologies (Kovio, B', iClass, Calypso, among others)
- Sample application to detect several NFC tag types and mobile phones supporting P2P
- Free user-friendly license terms

1.2 Hardware setup

The setup is composed by the NUCLEO-8S208RB STM8 Nucleo-64 board together with the X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 expansion board which supports the ST25R3911B device.

Figure 1. X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 expansion board



1.3 Sample application

A sample application using the X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 expansion board with the NUCLEO-8S208RB development board is provided in the *Projects* directory. A ready-to-build project is available for ST Visual Development IDE. On this application, NFC tags of different types or mobile phones supporting P2P are detected by the ST25R3911B high performance HF reader / NFC initiator IC.

After system initialization and clock configuration, LED101, LED102, LED103, LED104 and LED105 blink briefly if initialization is successful. Then the demo starts polling for nearby tags/devices.

When a tag/device is detected, a LED is lit on the X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 shield according to the table below:

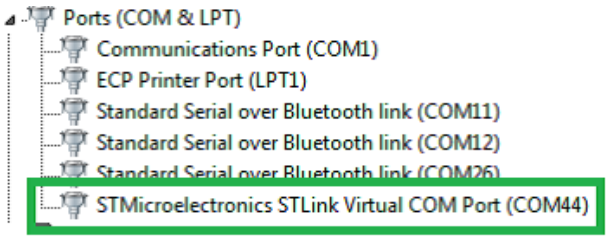
Table 1. **X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 LED lit by detected device**

NFC technology	LED lit on tag detection
NFC-F	LED101 / Type F
NFC-B	LED102 / Type B
NFC-A	LED103 / Type A
NFC-V	LED104 / Type V
Active P2P	LED105 / Type AP2P

Additionally the user can enable the Wakeup mode by pressing the USER (blue) button on the NUCLEO-8S208RB. When pressed, the ST25R3911B is placed into the low-power wake-up mode on which it monitors the antenna's surroundings for any approaching tag/device and informs the MCU of that variation. The MCU reacts by triggering another poll cycle as described above, and then the ST25R3911B returns to the low-power wake-up mode.

When the USB cable is connected to a PC, a virtual COM port is listed as shown in the figure below.

Figure 2. **Example of virtual COM listed when USB cable is connected to a PC**



After checking the virtual COM port number, the user has to open a connection on Hyperterminal (or similar) with the following configuration:

- Baud: 115200
- Data bits: 8
- Parity: none
- Stop bits: 1
- Flow control: no

Following a successful connection, the user can view the messages on the Hyperterminal, as shown below.

Figure 3. **Hyperterminal successful connection message**

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Welcome to X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1
RFAL initialization succeeded..
Going to Wakeup mode.
Inductive Wakeup received.
ISO15693/NFC-V card found. UID: E002204238198 74F
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2 System setup guide

This section describes how to setup the different components before writing and executing an application on the STM8 Nucleo board with the X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 expansion board.

2.1 Hardware description

This section describes the hardware components required for the setup described in this user manual.

2.1.1 X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 expansion board

The X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 is a high performance HF reader / NFC initiator expansion board usable with the STM8 Nucleo boards. It is also compatible with Arduino™ UNO R3 connector layout, and is designed around the STMicroelectronics IC ST25R3911B high performance HF reader / NFC initiator (with 1.4 W supporting VHBR and AAT). The X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 interfaces with the STM8 MCU via SPI. Information regarding the X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 expansion board is available on *www.st.com*.

2.2 Software description

The following software components are needed in order to setup the suitable development environment for creating applications for the STM8 Nucleo equipped with the NFC expansion board:

- ST Visual Develop. Refer to STVD-STM8 on *www.st.com*
- Cosmic compiler CXSTM8 for STM8 (COS-C-COMPILER). Refer to the *Cosmic STM8 Cross Development Tools* section on www.cosmic-software.com.

3 Hardware and software setup

This section describes the hardware and software setup procedures as well as the required system setup.

3.1 System setup guide

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3.1.1 STM8 Nucleo and X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 expansion board setup

The STM8 Nucleo board integrates the ST-LINK/V2-1 debugger/programmer. The user can download the ST-LINK/V2-1 USB driver by searching STSW-LINK009 software on *www.st.com*.

The X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1 expansion board is easily plugged onto the STM8 Nucleo development board through the Arduino™ UNO R3 extension connector. It interfaces with the STM8 microcontroller on the STM8 Nucleo board through the SPI interface.

3.1.2 Hardware required for system setup

The following hardware components are required:

- One STM8S Nucleo development platform (order code: NUCLEO-8S208RB)
- One ST25R3911B high performance HF reader / NFC initiator IC expansion board (order code: X-NUCLEO-NFC05A1)
- One USB type A to Mini-B USB cable to connect the STM8 Nucleo to the PC

3.1.3 Software required for system setup

This section lists the minimum requirements for the developer to set up the SDK and how to use the sample project.

3.1.3.1 *Development toolchains and compilers*

- Download and install STVD-STM8
- Download and install Cosmic STM8 compiler CXSTM8
- Setup ST Visual Develop to use the Cosmic compiler

3.1.3.2 Using the project

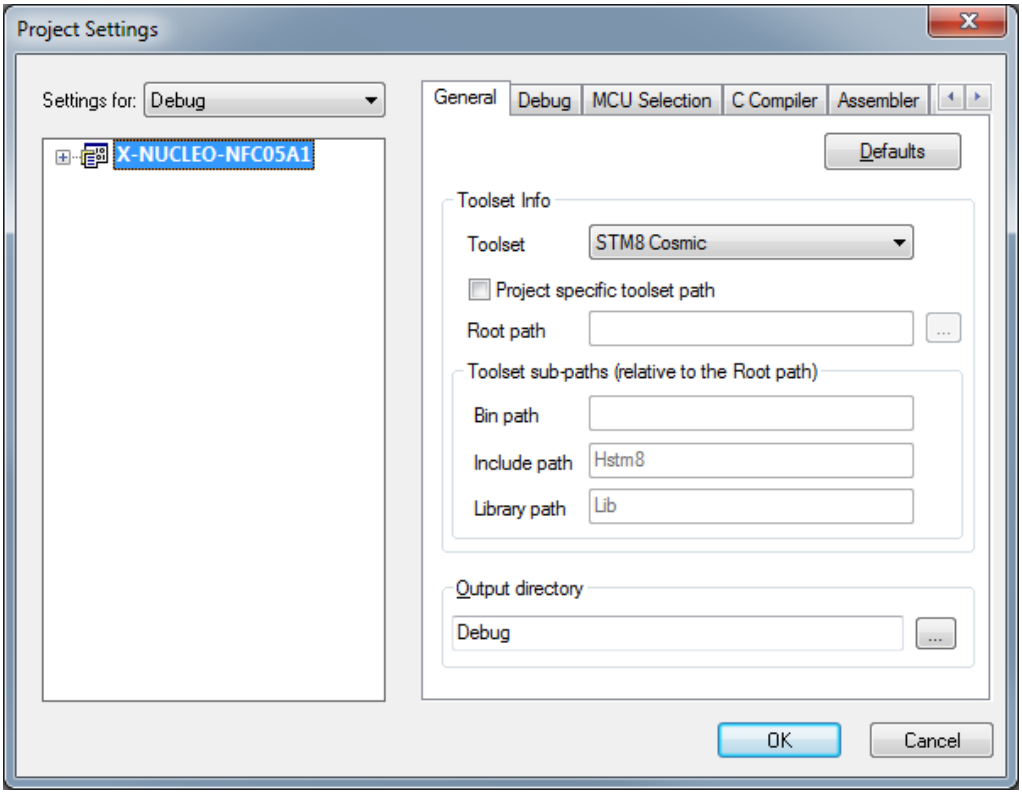
This section describes how to compile the sample application and then how to program it on the board.

Compiling

After installling all the tools, follow the steps below:

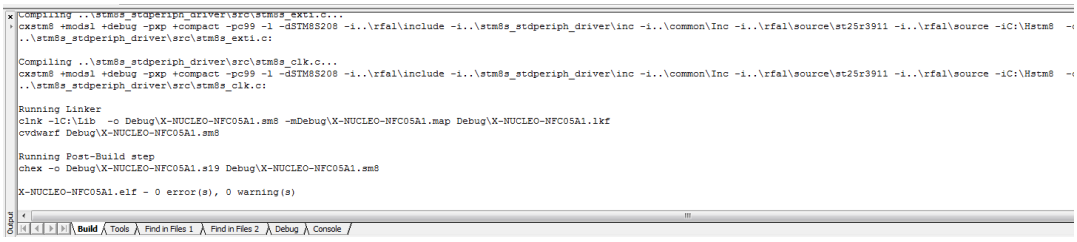
1. Open ST Visual Develop IDE
2. Go to *File* → *Open Workspace* and select the file *Project.stw*
3. Go to *Project* → *Settings* and ensure to select STM8 Cosmic on the Toolset Info

Figure 4. **Project Settings window**



4. To compile the project go to *Build → Rebuild All*

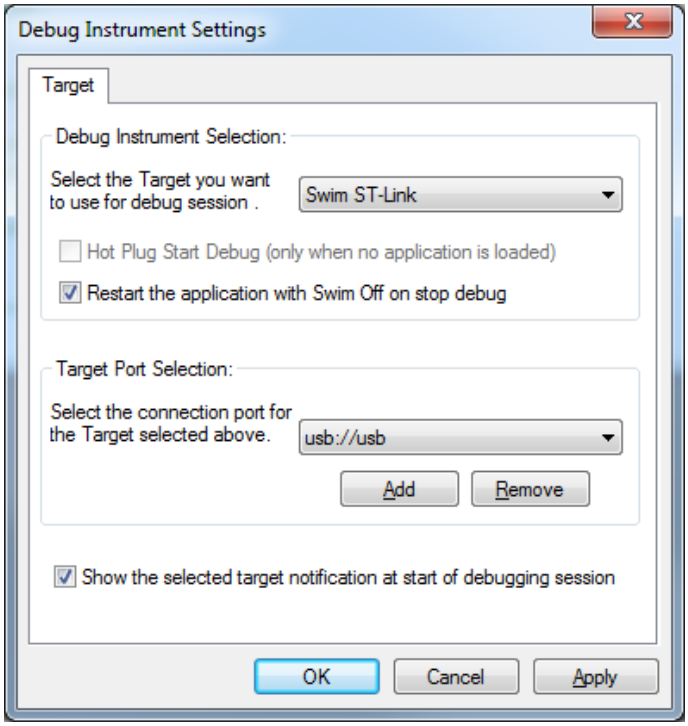
Figure 5. **"Rebuild All" example at the compiling step**



Debugging

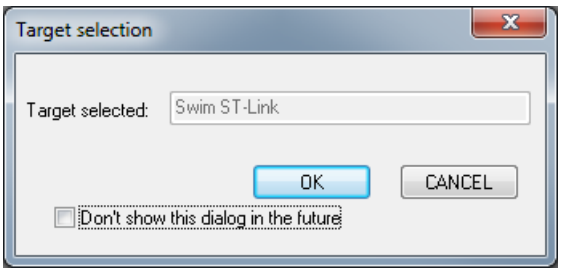
1. When debugging for the first time, it may be required to set the Target to be used. Go to *Debug Instrument → Target Settings* and select *SWIM ST-Link*

Figure 6. **Debug Instrument Settings window**



2. In order to program the compiled FW and start a debug session go to *Debug → Start Debugging*, and select *Swim ST-Link*

Figure 7. **Target selection window**



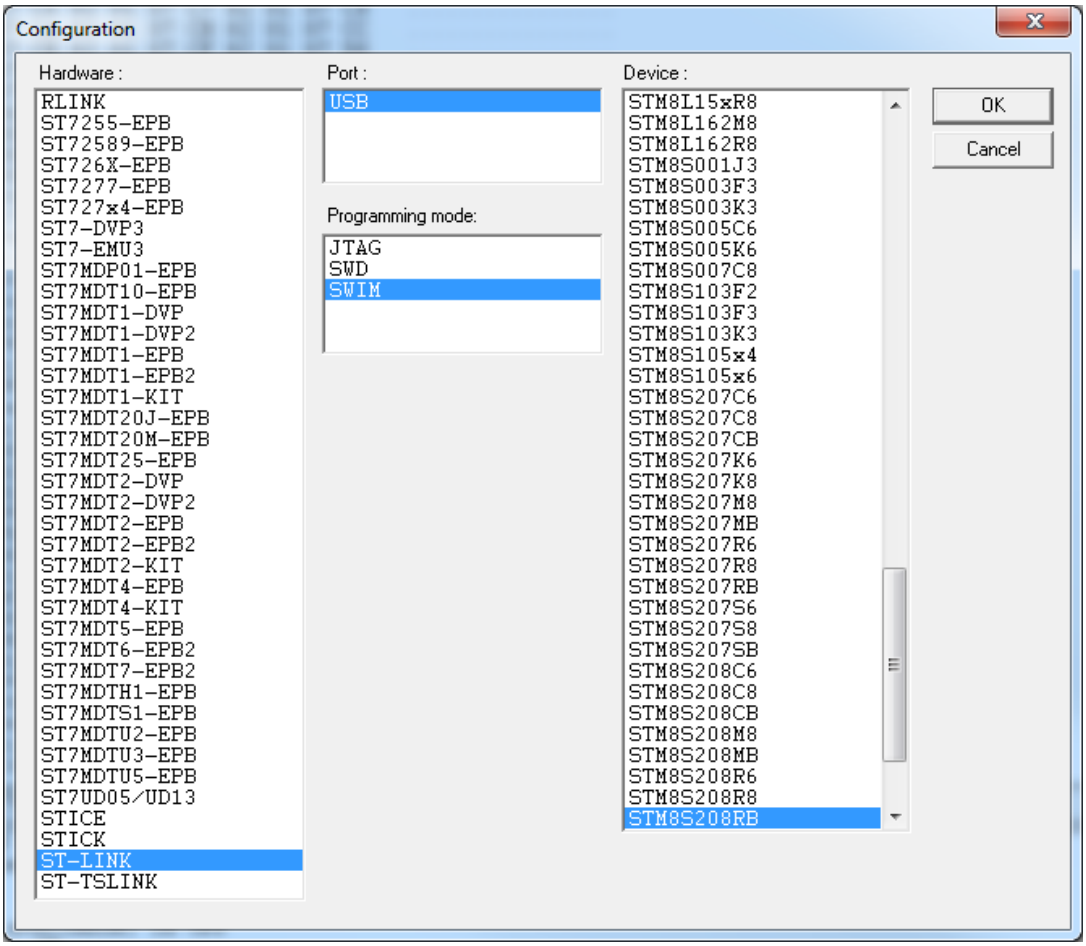
3. Press *Debug → Continue* to execute the application.

Flashing

If a precompiled FW is available, it is possible to simply flash it on the IDE by going to *Tools → Programmer*, or using another tool called *ST Visual Programmer (STVP)* following the steps below:

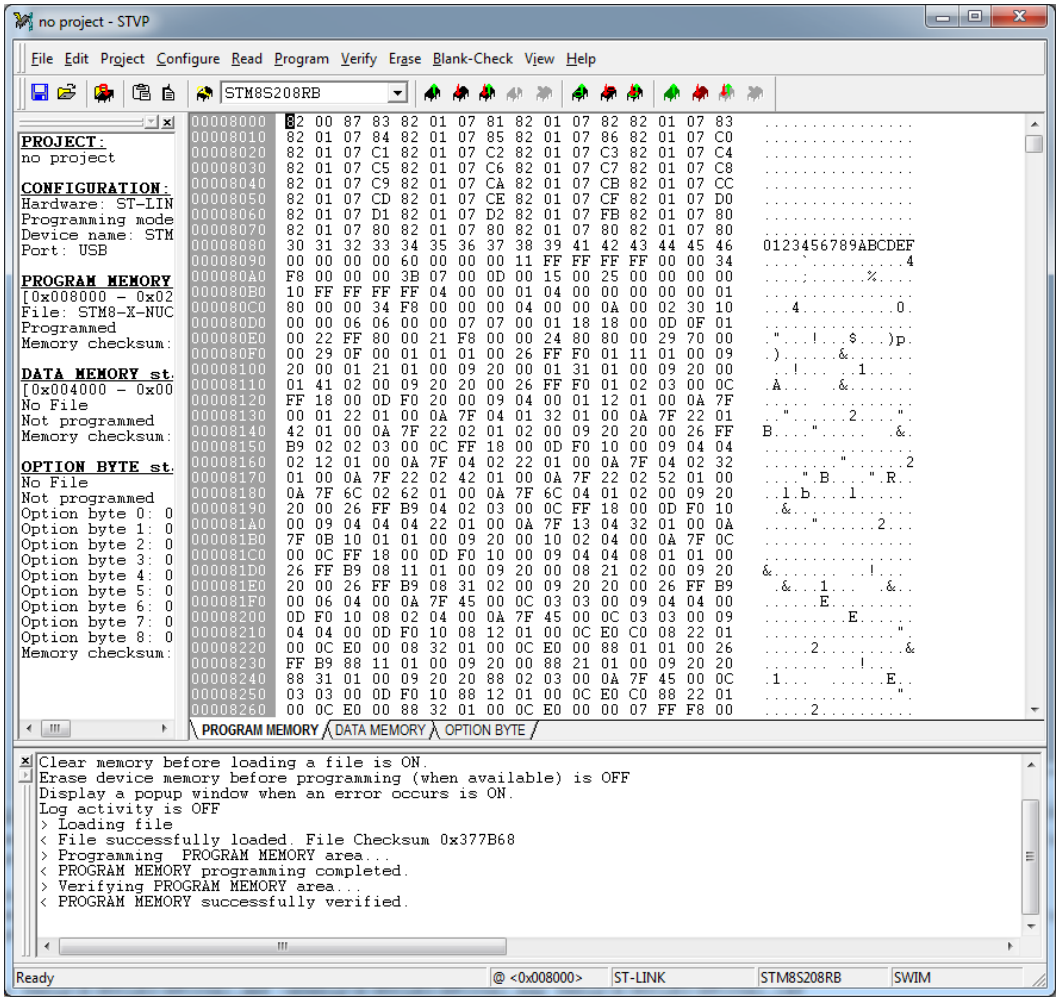
1. Open *ST Visual Programmer*
2. Configure the tool in *Configure → Configure ST Visual Programmer*

Figure 8. **Configuration window**



3. Open the program file by going into *File* → *Open* and selecting the generated file (*.s19)

Figure 9. **Example of file generated at the Flashing step**



4. To program the STM8 go to *Program → Current Tab.*

4 Automotive compliance

ST's 8-bit microcontroller platform (STM8) offers MCUs for automotive applications with its STM8AF Series and STM8AL Series.

To better enable automotive applications, the RF/NFC library (RFAL) included in this demo is fully compliant with the MISRA C:2012 standard.

MISRA C is a set of guidelines for programming in the C language which have been developed and published by the *Motor Industry Software Reliability Association* (MISRA).

These guidelines aim to improve code safety, security, portability and reliability by identifying aspects of the C language that should be avoided due to their ambiguity and susceptibility to common programming mistakes. The MISRA standard is widely used by the automotive industry for embedded software.

For further detail on RFAL's MISRA compliance please refer to the Compliance Report provided on RFAL's documentation folder.

Note: This demo application is using a STM8S Series device which is not automotive grade. The demo relies on the Nucleo-64 platform and no STM8A Series device is yet available in this platform.

The STM8S and STM8L Series are very similar to the STM8AF and STM8AL Series, and even pin compatible in some packages, which alleviates porting efforts.

Revision history

Table 2. **Document revision history**

Date	Version	Changes
05-Nov-2018	1	Initial release.

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