

## Getting started with the STMicroelectronics X-CUBE-NFC4 software package for STM32CubeMX

### Introduction

This document provides the guidelines to configure and use the X-CUBE-NFC4 software package V1.3.0 for STM32CubeMX (minimum required version V5.1.0). The document contains a description of the provided sample applications, a description of the steps required to configure a generic project using the X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1 expansion board with a Nucleo board or ST25DV component with custom boards, as well as a description of the steps to configure and use the sample applications provided in the package. Information and documentation related to the NFC components, the X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1 expansion board and the ST expansion software for NFC tag are available on www.st.com.

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## 1 Acronyms and abbreviations

Table 1: list of acronyms

| Acronym | Description   |
|---------|---|
| NFC     | Near Field Communication                                  |
| NDEF    | NFC data exchange format                                  |
| RFID    | Radio frequency identification                            |
| HAL     | Hardware Abstraction Layer                                |
| I2C     | Inter-Integrated Circuit                                  |
| NVIC    | Nested Vectored Interrupt Controller                      |
| RTC     | Real Time Operating System                                |
| RTOS    | Serial Peripheral Interface                               |
| U(S)ART | Universal (Synchronous) Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter |
| URI     | Uniform resource identifier                               |

### 2 What is STM32Cube?

STM32Cube™ represents an original initiative by STMicroelectronics to ease developers' life by reducing development effort, time and cost. STM32Cube covers the STM32 portfolio. Version 1.x of STM32Cube includes:

- STM32CubeMX, a graphical software configuration tool that allows the generation of C initialization code using graphical wizards.
- A comprehensive embedded software platform, delivered per series (such as the STM32CubeF4 for STM32F4 series).
  - STM32Cube HAL, an STM32 abstraction layer embedded software, ensuring maximized portability across the STM32 portfolio;
  - a consistent set of middleware components, such as RTOS, USB, TCP/IP, graphics;
  - o all embedded software utilities, including a full set of examples.

### 3 License

The software provided in this package is licensed under <u>Software License Agreement</u> SLA0077.

## 4 Sample Applications and Examples Description

In this section, a short overview of the sample applications and examples included in the X-CUBE-NFC4 pack is provided.

The sample applications/examples:

- are ready-to-use projects that can be generated through the STM32CubeMX for any Nucleo board and using the X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1 expansion board.
- show the users how to use the APIs to correctly initialize and use the dynamic NFC/RFID tag IC (ST25DV device).

## 4.1 NFC04A1 NDEF URI

This application shows how to use the X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1 write an NDEF message to the ST25DV EEPROM using the NDEF lib middleware. The yellow LED is switched ON when the message has been successfully written.

## 4.2 NFC04A1\_EnergyHarvesting

This sample shows how to enable the energy harvesting. You can either enable the EH dynamic (step 1) or static (step 2) register:

- 1. Press the user button to enable the EH dynamic register and allow energy harvesting until the chip is reset The EH dynamic is enabled and allows energy harvesting until the chip is reset. The blue LED is switched ON when the dynamic register is enabled.
- Press the user button for more than 2 seconds. The EH static register is enabled and allows energy harvesting by default each time the chip is powered. The green LED is switched ON when the static register is enabled.

## 4.3 NFC04A1\_GeneralPurposeOutput

This example shows how to enable and use the GPO.

After initialization, an interrupt is programmed to detect field changes in proximity of the ST25DV. The green LED is switched ON when the field is detected and switched OFF when the field disappears.

### 4.4 NFC04A1\_I2CPROTECTION

This example shows how to create areas in the ST25DV and how to protect them.

Text is displayed on a UART console (via ST-LINK) if a PC is connected. The example serial settings can be configured by user changing the settings of USART2 in the STM32CubeMX GUI.

#### 4.5 NFC04A1 LowPowerDown

This example shows how to activate low power down (LPD) pin.

By pressing the user button, the LPD pin is activated (green LED is switched ON) or deactivated. When the LPD pin is activated, the ST25DV VCC is cut off, the power consumption is minimum and communication via I²C is not available

#### 4.6 NFC04A1\_Mailbox

This example shows how to write a message into the mailbox and how to read mailbox status register of ST25DV device. Text is displayed on a UART console (via ST-LINK) if a PC is connected. The example serial settings can be configured by user changing the settings of USART2 in the STM32CubeMX GUI.

## 5 Installing the X-CUBE-NFC4 pack in STM32CubeMX

After downloading (from www.st.com), installing and launching the STM32CubeMX (V≥5.1.0), the X-CUBE-NFC4 pack can be installed in few steps.

1. From the menu, select Help > Manage embedded software packages

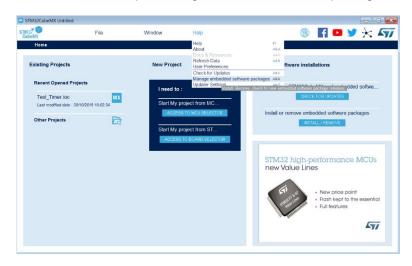
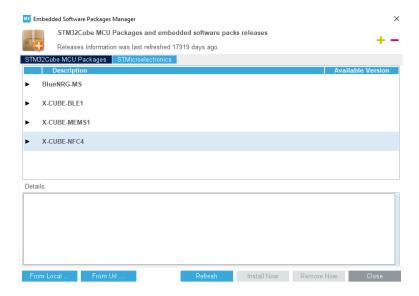


Figure 1 Managing embedded software packs in STM32CubeMX

2. From the Embedded Software Packages Manager window, press the 'Refresh' button to get an updated list of the add-on packs. Go to the 'STMicroelectronics' tab to find the X-CUBE-NFC4 pack.



3. Select it checking the corresponding box and install it pressing the 'Install Now' button. Once the installation is completed, the corresponding box will become green, the 'Close' button can be pressed and the configuration of a new project can start.

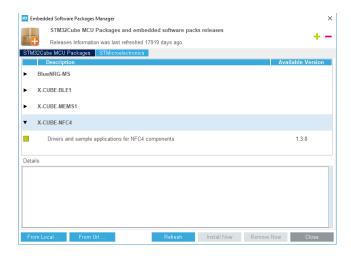


Figure 3 The X-CUBE-NFC4 pack in STM32CubeMX

## 6 Starting a new project

After launching the STM32CubeMX, you can choose if starting a New Project from the MCU Selector or from the Board Selector.



Figure 4 STM32CubeMX main page

The **MCU/Board selector** window will pop up. From this window, the STM32 MCU or platform can be selected.

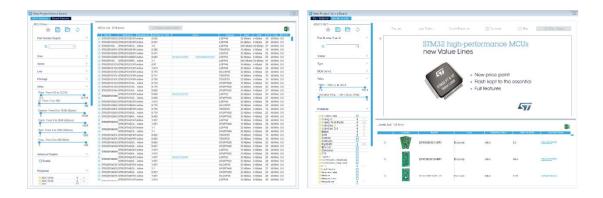


Figure 5 STM32CubeMX MCU/Board Selector windows

After selecting the MCU or the Board, the selected STM32 pinout will appear. From this window the user can set up the project, by adding one or more Additional Software and peripherals and configuring the clock.



Figure 6 STM32CubeMX Pinout & Configuration window

To add the X-CUBE-NFC4 additional software to the project, the "Additional Softwares" button must be clicked.

From the Additional Software Component Selection window, the user can either choose to generate, for the selected MCU/Board, one of the enclosed sample applications or a new project. In this latter case, the user must just implement the main application logic without bothering with the pinout and peripherals configuration code that will be automatically generated by STM32CubeMX.



Figure 7 STM32CubeMX Additional Software Components selection window

## 7 STM32 Configuration Steps

The X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1 interfaces with the STM32 microcontroller via the I2C bus. Hence, assuming a user wants to interface the ST X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1 expansion board with a STM32 Nucleo 64 pins board (e.g. a Nucleo-F401RETx) no particular hardware modification must be done.





Figure 8 STM32 Nucleo 64 and Nucleo 144 pins with X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1

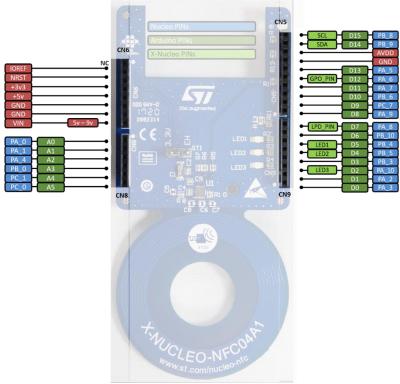


Figure 9 X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1 pinout

## 7.1 Use of NFC component without NDEF Library for X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1

This section outlines how to configure STM32CubeMX with X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1 when the use of the sample example is required without the dependencies over NDEF library. With such setup, only driver layers will be configured.

To add the X-CUBE-NFC4 additional software to the project, the "Additional Softwares" button must be clicked. From the "Additional Software Components selection" window, the user has to select the example from the "Device" class and "Board Extension" class as shown in the figure below.

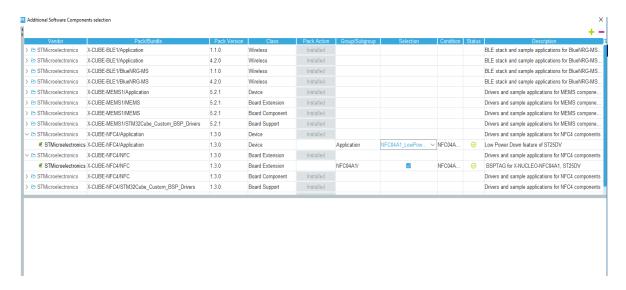


Figure 10 STM32CubeMX Additional Software Components selection window

#### From the Pinout & Configuration tab:

- from the **Pinout** scheme, click on PB8 and set it as I2C1\_SCL;
- from the Pinout scheme, click on PB9 and set it as I2C1\_SDA;
- enable the I2C1 as I2C from the "Connectivity" category;
- Configure the I2C1 settings with I2C speed at 400KHz (Fast Mode) from the "Configuration" view;

From the Pinout scheme set:

| Nucleo 64 |          |     | Nucleo 144 |
|-----------|----------|-----|------------|
| PB8       | I2C1_SCL | PB8 | I2C1_SCL   |
| PB9       | I2C1_SDA | PB9 | I2C1_SDA   |



From the **Additional Software** category, press the 'Stmicroelectronics.X-CUBE-NFC4.1.3.0' item, enable the "Board Extension NFC" checkbox from the "Mode" view and set the following Platform Settings from the "Configuration" view (take into account that according the example chosen some settings can appear or not):

| Name                  | BSP_Api               | Supported IPs       | Nucleo 64 | Nucleo<br>144 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------|
| NFC04A1 BUS IO driver | BSP_BUS_DRIVER        | I2C:I2C             | I2C1      | I2C1          |
| NFC4 GPO PIN          | HAL_EXTI_DRIVER       | GPIO:EXTI           | PA6       | PA6           |
| NFC4 LPD PIN          |                       | GPIO:Output         | PA8       | PF13          |
| YELLOW LED            |                       | GPIO:Output         | PA10      | PF15          |
| BLUE LED              |                       | GPIO:Output         | PB5       | PF14          |
| GREEN LED             |                       | GPIO:Output         | PB4       | PE11          |
| BSP USART             | BSP_COMMON_DRIV<br>ER | USART:Asynchrono us | USART2    | USART3        |
| BSP BUTTON            | BSP_COMMON_DRIV<br>ER | GPIO:EXTI           | PC13      | PC13          |

Once all the above described steps have been performed, the source code of the project using the **STMicroelectronics X-CUBE-NFC4** software can be generated clicking the "GENERATE CODE" button.

## 7.2 Use of NDEF Library with sample applications for X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1

This section outlines how to configure STM32CubeMX with X-NUCLEO-NFC04A1 when the use of the sample applications is required. With such setup, all the components of the expansion software package, including applications, will be properly configured.

To add the X-CUBE-NFC4 additional software to the project, the "Additional Softwares" button must be clicked. From the "Additional Software Components selection" window, the user has to select the "Board Extension" class, NFC04A1\_NDEF\_URI application from the "Device" class and select the "Wireless" class with "Basic" Interface as shown in the figure below.

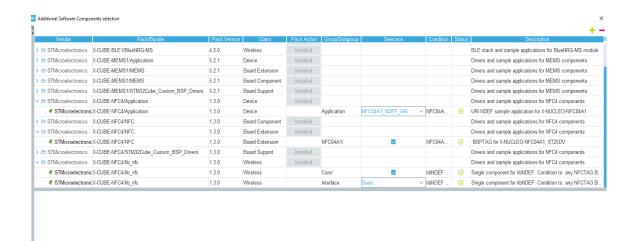


Figure 12 STM32CubeMX Additional Software Components selection window

#### From the Pinout & Configuration tab:

- from the Pinout scheme, click on PB8 and set it as I2C1\_SCL;
- from the Pinout scheme, click on PB9 and set it as I2C1\_SDA;
- enable the I2C1 as I2C from the "Connectivity" category;

From the **Pinout** scheme, if not already set, set:

|      | Nucleo 64   |                         |      | Nucleo 144  |              |  |
|------|-------------|-------------------------|------|-------------|--------------|--|
| PIN  | Mode        | Label                   | PIN  | Mode        | Label        |  |
| PB5  | GPIO_Output |                         | PF14 | GPIO_Output |              |  |
| PB4  | GPIO_Output |                         | PE11 | GPIO_Output |              |  |
| PA5  | GPIO_Output | LD2 [Green Led]         | PB7  | GPIO_Output | LD2[Blue]    |  |
| PC13 |             | B1 [Blue<br>PushButton] | PC13 | GPIO_EXTI13 | USER_Btn[B1] |  |



Figure 13 STM32CubeMX Pinout & Configuration tab

From the **Additional Software** category, press the 'Stmicroelectronics.X-CUBE-NFC4.1.3.0' item, enable the "Board Extension NFC" and the "Device Application" checkboxes from the "Mode" view and set the following Platform Settings from the "Configuration" view (take into account that according the example chosen some settings can appear or not):

| Name                  | BSP_Api         | Supported IPs | Nucleo 64 | Nucleo<br>144 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| NFC04A1 BUS IO driver | BSP_BUS_DRIVER  | I2C:I2C       | I2C1      | I2C1          |
| NFC4 GPO PIN          | HAL_EXTI_DRIVER | GPIO:EXTI     | PA6       | PA6           |
| NFC4 LPD PIN          |                 | GPIO:Outputx` | PA8       | PF13          |
| YELLOW LED            |                 | GPIO:Output   | PA10      | PF15          |
| BLUE LED              |                 | GPIO:Output   | PB5       | PF14          |
| GREEN LED             |                 | GPIO:Output   | PB4       | PE11          |

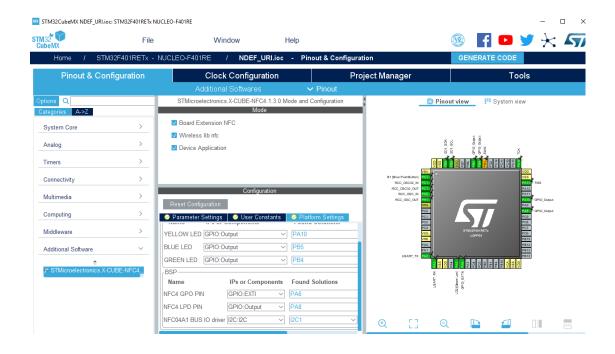


Figure 14 STM32CubeMX Pinout & Configuration tab and Additional Software settings for NFC04A1\_NDEF\_URI applications



**Figure 15** STM32CubeMX **Pinout & Configuration** tab and Additional Software settings for NFC04A1\_I2CProtection example



Figure 16 STM32CubeMX Pinout & Configuration tab and Additional Software settings for NFC04A1\_LowPowerDown example

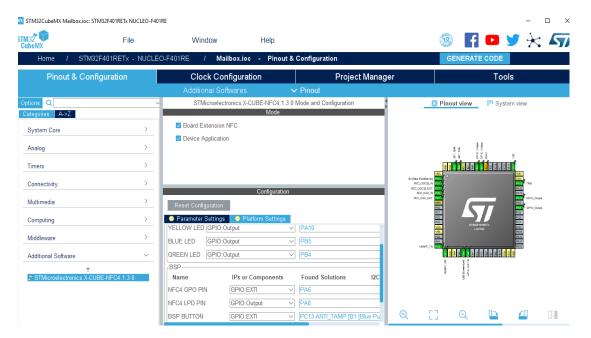


Figure 17 STM32CubeMX Pinout & Configuration tab and Additional Software settings for NFC04A1\_Mailbox example

For all the sample applications, the default parameters can be used.

From the **Configuration & Pinout** tab, click on "System Core" category and then on NVIC item to enable the EXTI line interrupts:

| Nucleo 64              | Nucleo 144             |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| EXTI line 6 interrupt  | EXTI line 6 interrupt  |
| EXTI line 13 interrupt | EXTI line 13 interrupt |

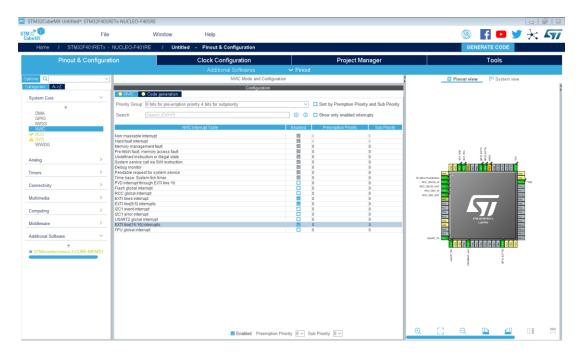
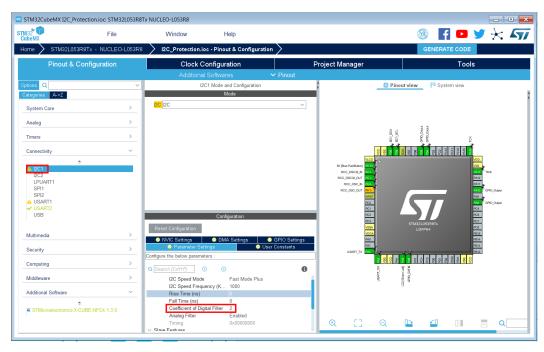


Figure 18 STM32CubeMX NVIC Configuration

From the **Configuration & Pinout** tab, click on "Connectivity" category and then on I2C1 item to set the I2C speed at 400KHz or 1MHz (for STM32L0/STM32L4 families). If STM32L0/STM32L4 MCU families are used, kindly set the Coefficient of Digital Filter to 2 in Parameter settings:



From the **Configuration & Pinout** tab, click on "Connectivity" category and then on USART2 item and check that the following configuration is set:

| Baud Rate   | 115200 Bits/s             |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| Word Length | 8 Bits (including Parity) |
| Parity      | None                      |
| Stop Bits   | 1                         |

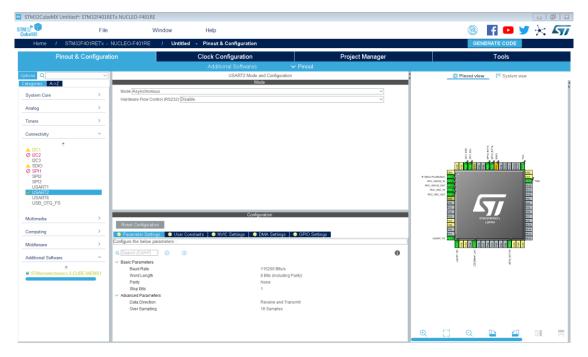


Figure 20 STM32CubeMX USART Configuration

Once all the above described steps have been performed, the sample applications for NFC04A1 using the **STMicroelectronics X-CUBE-NFC4** software can be generated clicking the "GENERATE CODE" button.

## 7.3 Use of ST25DV component without sample applications for custom boards

This section outlines how to configure STM32CubeMX with a custom board that mounts ST25DV device. With such setup, only drivers layer will be configured. This setup is useful when user does not intend to leverage the sample application provided in the package, to develop his own application code. In this case you can configure the ST25DV device in order to be used. To add the X-CUBE-NFC4 additional software to the project, the "Additional Softwares" button must be clicked. From the "Additional Software Components selection" window, the user has to select the "Board Components" class and the "Board Support" class in "STM32Cube\_Custom\_BSP\_Drivers" bundle as shown in figure below.



Figure 21 STM32CubeMX Additional Software Components selection window



Figure 22 STM32CubeMX Pinout & Configuration tab

#### From the Pinout & Configuration tab:

- from the Pinout scheme, click on PB8 and set it as I2C1\_SCL;
- from the Pinout scheme, click on PB9 and set it as I2C1\_SDA;
- enable the I2C1 as I2C from the "Connectivity" category;

From the **Pinout** scheme, if not already set, set:

|      | Nucleo 64   |                         |      | Nucleo 144  |              |  |
|------|-------------|-------------------------|------|-------------|--------------|--|
| PIN  | Mode        | Label                   | PIN  | Mode        | Label        |  |
| PB5  | GPIO_Output |                         | PF14 | GPIO_Output |              |  |
| PB4  | GPIO_Output |                         | PE11 | GPIO_Output |              |  |
| PA5  | GPIO_Output | LD2 [Green Led]         | PB7  | GPIO_Output | LD2[Blue]    |  |
| PC13 |             | B1 [Blue<br>PushButton] | PC13 | GPIO_EXTI13 | USER_Btn[B1] |  |

. You can see an example of configuration below.

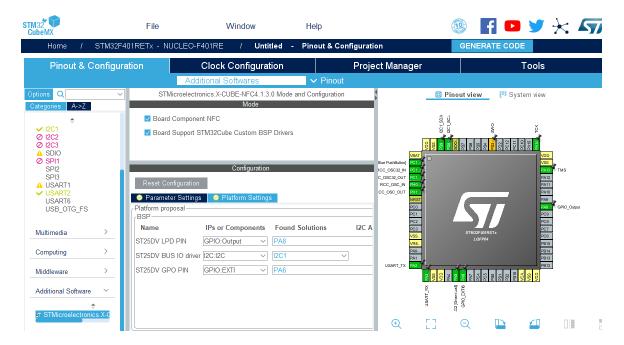


Figure 23 STM32CubeMX Parameter Settings for a custom board

Set the following Platform Settings from the "Configuration" view:

| Name                 | BSP_Api         | Supported IPs | Nucleo 64 | Nucleo<br>144 |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| ST25DV BUS IO driver | BSP_BUS_DRIVER  | I2C:I2C       | I2C1      | I2C1          |
| ST25DV GPO PIN       | HAL_EXTI_DRIVER | GPIO:EXTI     | PA6       | PA6           |
| ST25DV LPD PIN       |                 | GPIO:Output   | PA8       | PF13          |

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From the **Configuration & Pinout** tab, click on "System Core" category and then on NVIC item to enable the EXTI line interrupts.

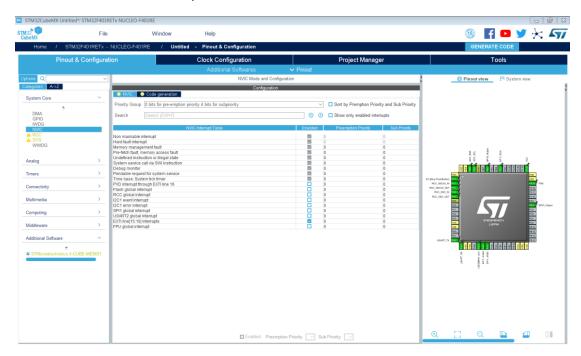


Figure 24 STM32CubeMX NVIC Configuration

From the **Configuration & Pinout** tab, click on "Connectivity" category and then on I2C1 item to set the I2C speed at 400KHz (Fast Mode):

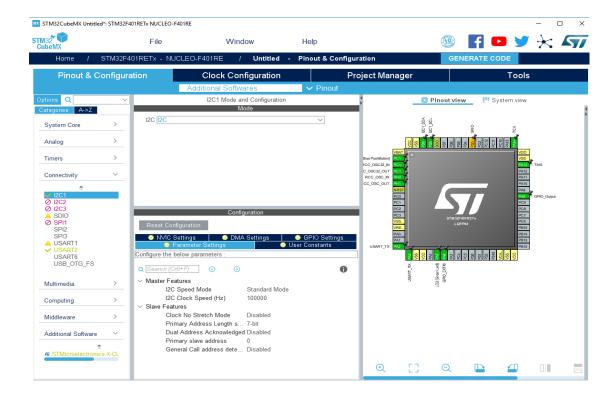


Figure 25 STM32CubeMX I2C Configuration

From the **Configuration & Pinout** tab, click on "Connectivity" category and then on USART2 button and check the following configuration is set:

| Baud Rate      | 115200 Bits/s             |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Word<br>Length | 8 Bits (including Parity) |
| Parity         | None                      |
| Stop Bits      | 1                         |

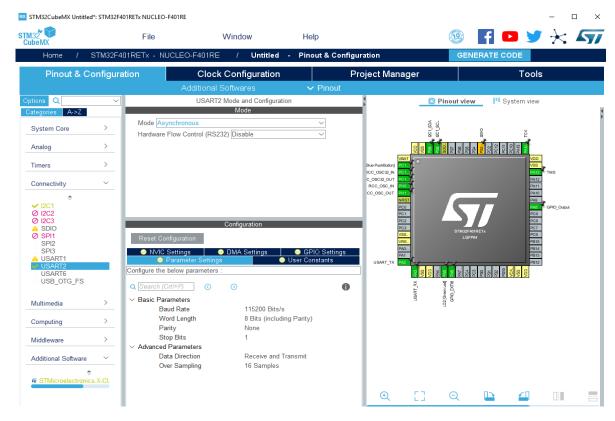


Figure 26 STM32CubeMX USART Configuration

Once all the above described steps have been performed, the sample applications for a custom board using the **STMicroelectronics X-CUBE-NFC4** software can be generated clicking the "GENERATE CODE" button.

### 8 Generated Folders Structure

When generating a project, two models of folders structure can be adopted when using a high level firmware component (i.e. a middleware in the STM32Cube MCU package):

- **Basic Structure**: the basic structure is often used with HAL examples and single package projects. This structure consists of having the IDE configuration folder in the same level as the sources (organized in *Inc* and *Src* subfolders).
- Advanced Structure: the advanced structure provides a more efficient and organized folders model that allows ease middleware applications integration when several packages are used.

In the Advanced mode *Src* and *Inc* are generated under folder *Core*. For each package, the list of the generated files is under *Package\_Name* (*X-CUBE-NFC4* for the X-CUBE-NFC4 pack), at the same level as *Core* and containing inside the *App* and the *Target* subfolder.

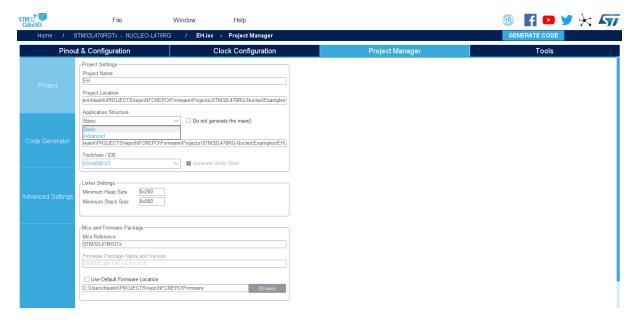


Figure 27 STM32CubeMX Application Structure Configuration

## 9 Known Limitations and workarounds

STM32CubeMX NFC4 pack v1.3.0 is fully compatible with STM32CubeMX v5.1.0 and upwards. It is not fully compatible with previous version of STM32CubeMX (<=v5.0.1).

The example Serial-USB\_PCSoftware is not currently integrated in STM32CubeMX.

Custom Board generation is currently not supported in this version of the NFC4 pack.

## 9 References

[1]  $\underline{\sf UM2239}$  — User Manual - Getting started with the X-CUBE-NFC4 dynamic NFC/RFID tag IC software expansion for STM32Cube

## 10 Revision history

Table 2: Document revision history

| Date        | Version | Changes         |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| 31-Jan-2019 | 1       | Initial release |
|             |         |                 |

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