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What Are E-blocks?



E-blocks2 is the latest generation of microcontroller boards from Matrix. E-blocks2 boards give you a choice of upstream programmer board. The system then allows users to connect their choice from a range of downstream boards, and build a complete system in a matter of minutes. The E-blocks2 system is ideal for everyone, from those learning in an educational environment to engineers in the industrial world. Use of E-blocks is well supported with complementary ranges of software including PIC, dsPIC, ARM and AVR Arduino IDE, Flowcode, and support for Grove[®] sensors. Technical support is available from our dedicated team through our forums.

Upstream E-blocks

These contain the microcontroller / microprocessor brain that is used to drive the entire system. Usually this is loaded with user firmware to drive the required embedded functionality. These boards allow the host processor to be connected to multiple downstream boards via the microcontroller / microprocessor I/O pins. Upstream boards have facilities to re-program the host processor as well as providing debugging options such as Ghost's In Circuit Debug (ICD) and In Circuit Test (ICT) functions when used with Flowcode.



Downstream E-blocks

These contain either a modularised specific feature which you want to connect to your host processor or a collection of features. For example LEDs, Switches, Displays, Communications, Sensors through to the Combo and Actuators boards. Each E-blocks 2 downstream board features an Auto ID device allowing the complete system to be analysed for potential issues and to aid in pre-configuring the software for the upstream firmware.

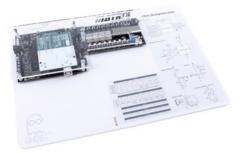


Designed for Education

E-blocks2 are ideal for learning about electronic systems, digital electronics and for rapid prototyping.

The boards fit together in a flat 2D layout manner allowing the entire system to be easily seen and understood.

The boards are designed for use in lab style environments and are designed to be both electrically and physically rugged whilst also being easy to use and understand. Our range consists of a number of bundles presented as individual boards or on panels (see right). These are multiple E-blocks2 boards presented in a rugged design, suitable to withstand the rigours of educational environments. We also supply a microcontroller system development kit, alongside free curriculum for those studying about microcontroller programming in school, college or university. This kit (below) is available with the upstream programmer board of the users choice.





Language Independent

E-blocks2 can be used with various programming languages allowing for flexible learning and understanding of multiple software toolchains without requiring multiple hardware sets including Flowcode, MPLAB and the Arduino IDE.

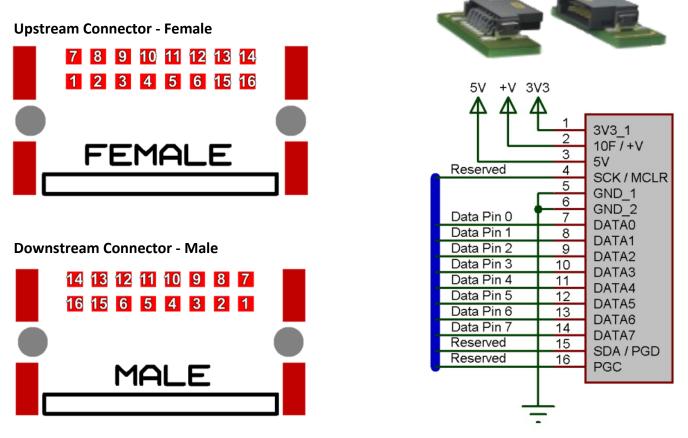
Schematics and Examples Available

E-blocks schematics are available to allow you to re-create the boards on your own PCB once you have a working system up and running. Examples written in Flowcode and C are also available from our website to speed up your getting started times.

E-blocks 2 boards are designed and manufactured in the UK

Connector Pinout

E-blocks 2 connector Layout



+V represents the I/O voltage of the microcontroller or processor on the upstream board. Depending on the upstream board this is either fixed at 5V or 3V3 or can be set by the user via a switch.

E-blocks 1 connector Layout

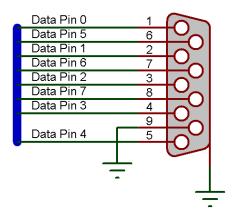
Upstream Connector—Female



Downstream Connector—Male







New in E-blocks 2

If you're already familiar with the E-blocks systems then here are some of the new features included in E-blocks 2.

Power

Automatic powering via 5V USB or DC Power Supply, no more jumpers to set Now routed via the connector, no more flying leads

- 3.3V @ 1A
- 5V @ 500mA
- +V Microcontroller VCC Voltage
- Ground



Auto ID

Board Auto ID functionality Available via the console window (Flowcode 7.3 Onwards) More Auto ID support coming soon.

Modernised, Miniaturised and Ruggedized

Smaller Footprint using up to date surface mount technology Standard boards are now 24mm wide Mounting holes are on a 10mm spaced pitch Over current resettable fuse protection Varistor and R/C based EMC and EMF protection

Ghost 2 (Upstream Boards)

Microcontroller Programming Improved high speed (HS) USB communications In Circuit Debug (ICD) - In conjunction with Flowcode

- Program Control Start / Pause / Step Into / Step Over / Stop / Restart
- Up to 8 user defined breakpoints

In Circuit Test (ICT)- In conjunction with Flowcode

- Digital Sample rates <= 500KHz
- Analogue Sample rates <= 100KHz
- Enhanced data collection routines



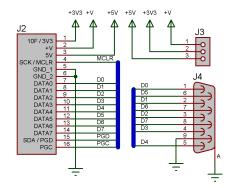


Conversion - BL0113 - EB US to EB2 DS

The converter board allows old version 1 E-blocks upstream boards to be compatible with the various E-blocks 2 downstream boards. This is useful if you already have an E-blocks programmer board and want to use this with the new E-blocks 2 peripheral boards. Screw terminals are provided on the board to allow for the various power rails to be supplied to the E-blocks 2 downstream board. Only power rails that are required by the downstream board need to be connected.



BL0113 - Board Schematic



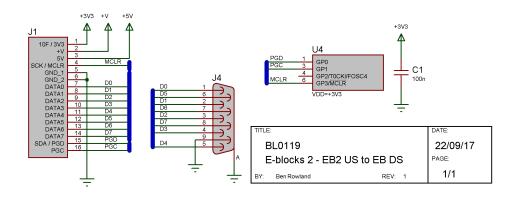
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Conversion - BL0119 - EB2 US to EB DS

The converter board allows E-blocks 2 upstream boards to be compatible with the various old E-blocks downstream boards. This is useful if you already have E-blocks peripheral boards and want to use this with the new E-blocks 2 upstream boards. Screw terminals are provided on the upstream board to allow for the various power rails to be supplied to the E-blocks downstream board.



BL0119 - Board Schematic

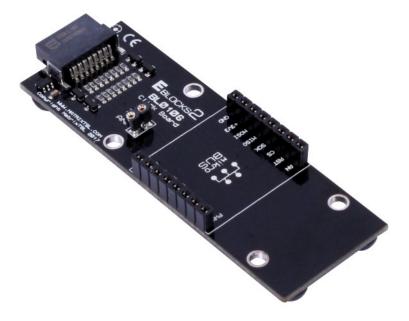


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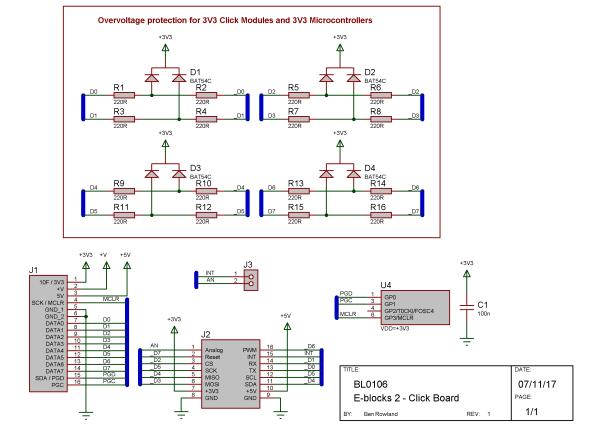
Downstream - BL0106 - Click

The Click board provides a simple way of connecting a Click module from MikroElektronika using the Mikrobus connection and layout standard. The Click board therefore allows a wide range of different modules to be compatible with the E-blocks 2 system. Most of the Mikrobus pins are wired to allow for direct peripheral support from the E-blocks upstream controller IC. The exceptions to this are the Interrupt and Analogue pins which are exposed via turned pin sockets allowing you to wire these signals to any of the free pins of your E-blocks controller. Protection is provided on the board to ensure that 5V and 3V3 devices can work together seamlessly without causing any damage.

Port Bit	Function
0	uC RX / Click TX
1	uC TX / Click RX
2	SPI CS
3	SPI MOSI
4	SPI MISO / I2C SDA
5	SPI SCK / I2C SCL
6	PWM
7	Reset



BL0106- Board Schematic



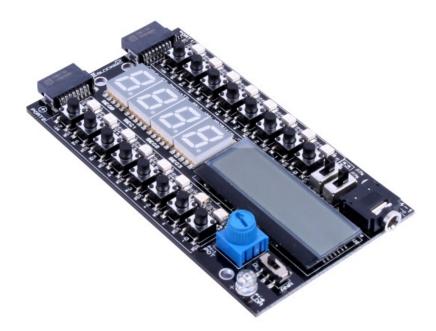
Downstream - BL0114 - Combo

This flexible combination board is an ideal platform for learning and project development. The board will work with any upstream E-blocks system allowing multiple technologies to be explored using a single downstream E-blocks board. The board is ideal for using in conjunction with our CD ROM resources to help learn programming using flow charts, C or assembly code. The graphical LCD is driven via an intelligent conversion module to allow it to be treated as a standard Alphanumeric HD44780 compatible device.

Features

- 16 Individual LEDs
- 16 Individual Switches
- Quad 7-Segment Display
- 20 x 4 Character Alphanumeric LCD
- On-board sensors (Light / Potentiometer)
- Audio Output Socket

Refer to the <u>LCD Key Differences</u> section for more info on the LCD including the in-built LCD character set.



The ANA/DIG switch specifies the connections for pins 0 and 1 on Port 1. In the DIG position the pins will be connected to the digital circuitry including the Switch, LED and 7-Seg Common Pin. In the ANA position the pins will be connected to the light sensor and potentiometer inputs respectively. Connecting an Audio jack to the audio socket disconnects pin 2 and 3 on Port 1 from the digital circuitry (Switch, LED and 7-Seg Common Pin).

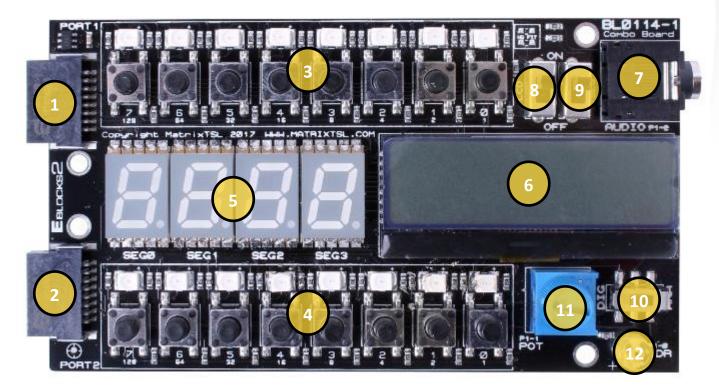
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7 Seg					Com3	Com2	Com1	Com0	DP	G	F	Е	D	С	В	А
LCD											Enable	RS	Data3	Data2	Data1	Data0
Analog							Pot	Light								
Sound					Out R	Out L										

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Connections

Downstream - BL0114 - Combo

Board Layout

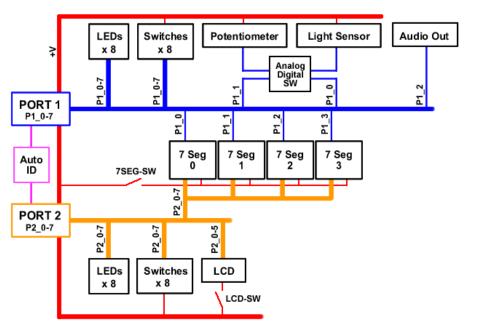


- 1. Port 1 EB2 Connector
- 2. Port 2 EB2 Connector
- 3. Port 1 Switches and LEDs
- 4. Port 2 Switches and LEDs
- 5. 7-Segment Display Bank
- 6. Alphanumeric LCD

- 7. Audio Output Socket
- 8. LCD On/Off Switch
- 9. 7-Segment On/Off Switch
- 10. Analogue/Digital Switch
- 11. Analogue Potentiometer
- 12. Analogue Light Sensor

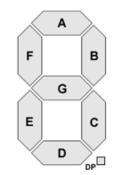
Downstream - BL0114 - Combo

Block Diagram

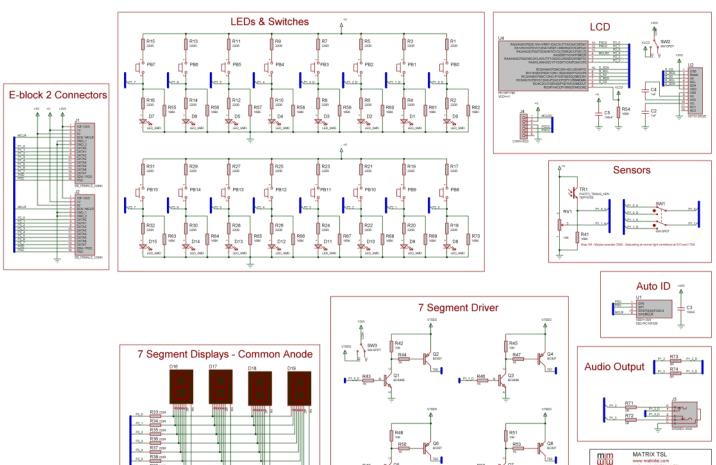


7 Segment Display—Segment Map

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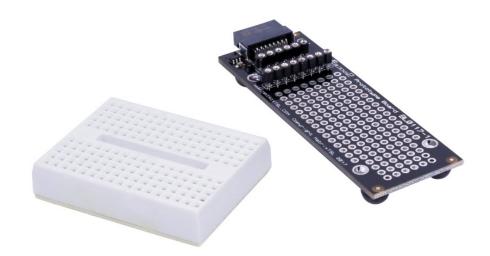
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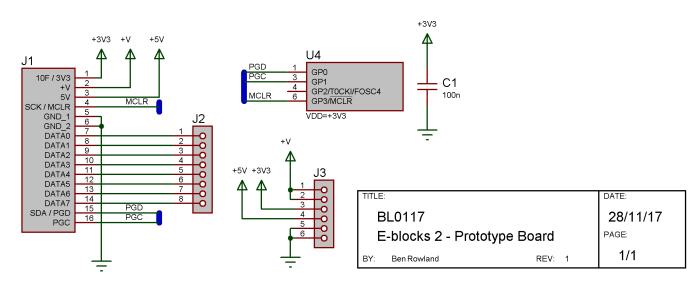
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Downstream - BL0117 - Prototype

The Proto board allows for easy addition of custom circuitry into the E-blocks 2 system. The board provides an array of standard 2.54mm pitch holes which can be used to permanently solder electronics onto the E-blocks board. The board is also supplied with a small breadboard allowing for temporary electronics to be created and tested with the E-blocks 2 system. The small breadboard features a sticky back so it can be attached to the top of the Proto E-block circuit board if required. The board exposes the eight data lines from the microcontroller port as well as the various power connections +V, 3V3, 5V and GND via turned pin sockets suitable for linking to your circuitry using single core wire.



The small breadboard is supplied with the Prototype board and can be fixed to the top of the prototype board if required by using the provided sticky pad on the back of the breadboard. Components can also be soldered directly to the Prototype board as required. The prototype board comes complete with six Dupont style male to male cables allowing you to easily connect the signals from your upstream board to your custom circuitry.



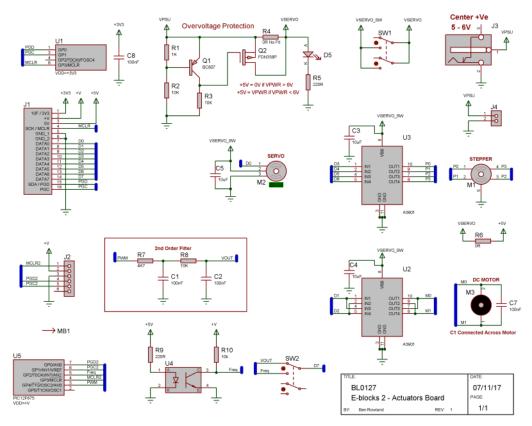
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Downstream - BL0127 - Actuators

The Actuators board allows for investigation into several different motor types. Included on the board is a DC motor with both analogue and digital feedback, a servo motor and a stepper motor plus the circuitry to drive the motors. The DC motor is driven using a standard H-Bridge driver IC and can be driven using simple digital on/off right through to analogue pulse width modulation (PWM) techniques. By monitoring the feedback signal, a closed loop control system can be made to control the speed of the DC motor. A second H-Bridge driver IC is used to drive the four coils of the stepper motor allowing for full step and half step operation. The Stepper motor features an internal gearbox to provide a high level of torque and precise angle control. The servo motor is a standard R/C servo motor with a supplied actuator arm. The board features a DC socket to allow the various motors to be powered from a secondary 5 - 6V power supply.

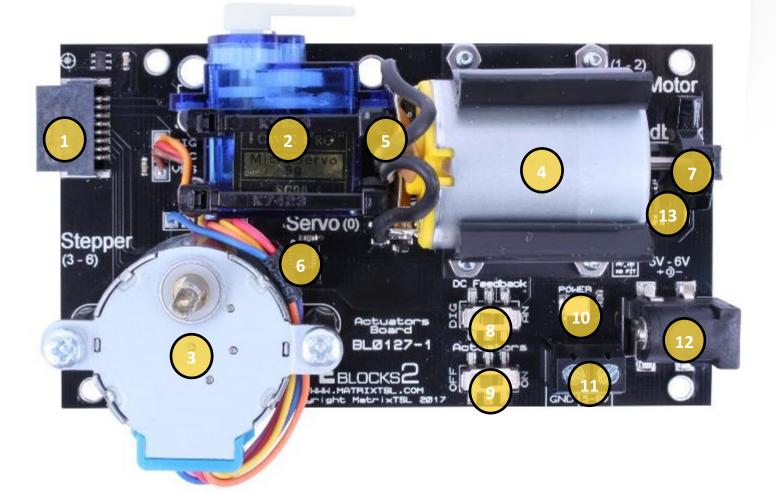
Port Bit	Function
0	Servo Motor
1	DC Motor A
2	DC Motor B
3	Stepper A
4	Stepper B
5	Stepper C
6	Stepper D
7	DC Feedback

BL0127 - Board Schematic



Downstream - BL0127 - Actuators

Board Layout



- 1. Port EB2 Connector
- 2. Servo Motor
- 3. Stepper Motor
- 4. DC Motor
- 5. DC Motor Driver IC
- 6. Stepper Motor Driver IC
- 7. DC Motor Feedback Photo Interrupter

- 8. DC Motor Feedback Analogue/Digital Switch
- 9. Actuators On/Off Switch
- 10. Power LED
- 11. Power screw terminals
- 12. Power DC Socket Inner Positive 5V-6V
- 13. DC Motor Analogue Speed Measurement IC

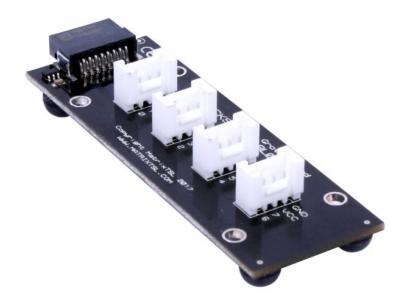
The stepper motor has a 64 step revolution count and features an internal 64:1 gearbox which equates to 4096 steps per revolution. For the stepper to work with the Flowcode Stepper motor component the pin connection properties must be setup as follows, replacing PORTB with the correct EB2 port.

Connections	
Coil 1	\$PORTB.3
Coil 2	\$PORTB.5
Coil 3	\$PORTB.4
Coil 4	\$PORTB.6

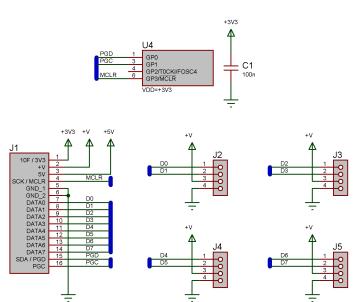
Downstream - BL0129 - Grove

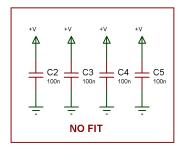
The Grove board allows for the easy addition of a large number of peripherals and sensors from the Seeed Studio range of Grove modules. The board can be used with up to four Grove modules at a time. Care should be taken to ensure that the system voltage is compatible with all the connected Grove modules to avoid damaging the Grove module.

Port Bit	Function
0	Socket 1 Even
1	Socket 1 Odd
2	Socket 2 Even
3	Socket 2 Odd
4	Socket 3 Even
5	Socket 3 Odd
6	Socket 4 Even
7	Socket 4 Odd



BL0129 - Board Schematic





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Downstream - BL0129 - Grove Sensors



BL0615 - Ultrasonic Ranger

Connection: Single digital i/o pin (on the even pin) Voltage: 5V
 Usage: Trigger with a pulse (at least 10us) on the signal pin, and read the length of the pulse received on the same pin.
 Flowcode component: Sensors -> Grove -> Ultrasonic Ranger
 Warning: Do not hot plug the Grove-Ultrasonic-Ranger, otherwise it will damage the sensor



BL0644 - Temperature Sensor

Connection: Single analogue output pin (on the even pin) Voltage: 5V / 3V3
 Usage: Read the output signal as an analogue voltage and convert into a temperature.
 Flowcode component: Sensors -> Grove -> Temperature Sensor



BL0661 - Infrared Reflective Sensor

Connection: Single digital output pin (on the even pin) Voltage: 5V / 3V3
 Usage: Read the output signal as an digital voltage active low. The detection threshold is set using the onboard potentiometer.

Flowcode component: Sensors -> Grove -> Infrared Reflective Sensor



BL0668 - Temperature & Humidity Sensor

Connection: Single digital i/o pin (on the even pin) Voltage: 5V / 3V3
 Usage: Read the sensor signals by performing a digital one wire communications protocol.
 Flowcode component: Sensors -> Grove -> Temp & Humidity DHT22



BL0665 - Water Sensor

Connection: Single analogue output pin (on the even pin)Voltage: 5VUsage: Read the output signal as an analogue voltage.Flowcode component: Sensors -> Grove -> Water Sensor

Downstream - BL0129 - Grove Sensors



BL0679 - Sound Sensor

Connection: Single analogue output pin (on the even pin) Voltage: 5V
 Usage: Read the output signal as an analogue voltage.
 Flowcode component: Sensors -> Grove -> Sound Sensor



BL0691 - 6-Axis Accelerometer & Gyroscope

Connection: I²C Interface (SDA on the odd pin, SCL on the even pin) Voltage: 5V / 3V3
 Usage: Read the sensor signals by performing a digital I²C communications protocol.
 Flowcode component: Sensors -> Grove -> 6-Axis Accel & Gyro LSM6DS3



BL0663 - PIR Motion Sensor Connection: Single digital output pin (on the even pin) Voltage: 5V / 3V3 Usage: Read the output signal as an digital voltage active high. Flowcode component: Sensors -> Grove -> PIR Motion BISS0001



BL0659 - I2C Color Sensor V2

Connection: I²C Interface (SDA on the odd pin, SCL on the even pin) Voltage: 5V / 3V3
 Usage: Read the sensor signals by performing a digital I²C communications protocol.
 Flowcode component: Sensors -> Grove -> I2C Color Sensor



BL0640 - Barometer Sensor (BMP280)

Connection: I²C Interface (SDA on the odd pin, SCL on the even pin) Voltage: 5V / 3V3
 Usage: Read the sensor signals by performing a digital I²C communications protocol.
 Flowcode component: Sensors -> Grove -> Barometer BMP280

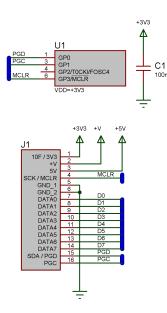
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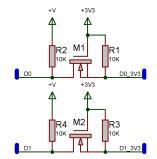
The WIFI board allows the E-blocks system to connect and communicate with an existing WIFI network. It can also be used to create a data access point that other WIFI enabled devices can connect to. WIFI is provided via the popular ESP12F module which is fully certified and ruggedized. The on-board TCP/IP stack allows for easy communications without the need for a software TCP/IP stack running on the E-blocks upstream board. Applications include serving HTML webpages, cloud based statistic logging and internet of things (IOT).

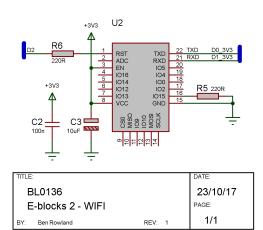
Port Bit	Function
0	uC RX / WIFI TX
1	uC TX / WIFI RX
2	Reset
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	



BL0136 - Board Schematic







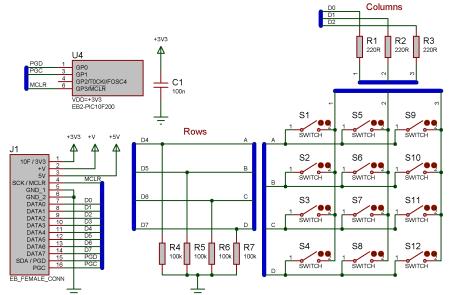
Downstream - BL0138 - Keypad 3x4

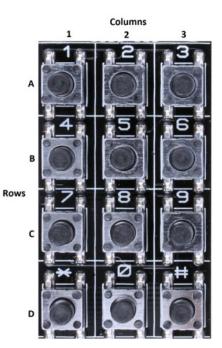
The Keypad board allows for simple data entry using an array of switch inputs which can be added to the E-blocks 2 system. Keypads are useful tools as they allow you to enter numeric and textual data into the embedded system. The switches are all push to make type and read by controlling the logic level of the columns and reading back the state of the rows. Only a single active switch on the keypad can be read at once.

Port Bit	Function
0	Column 1
1	Column 2
2	Column 3
3	
4	Row A
5	Row B
6	Row C
7	Row D



BL0138 - Board Schematic





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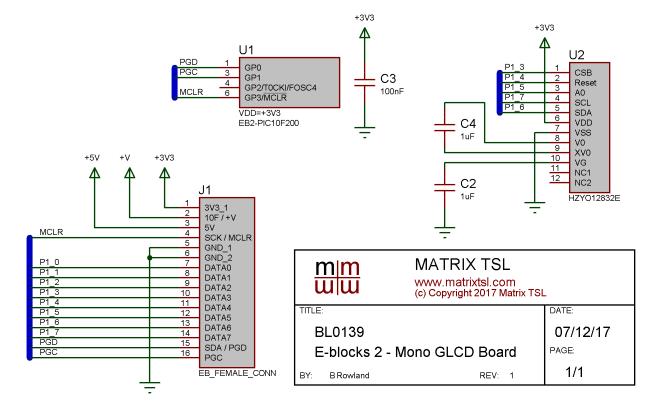
Downstream - BL0139 - Mono Graphical LCD

The Mono Graphical LCD board provides a 32 x 128 pixel monochrome graphical display capable of drawing text, displaying images and symbols. The board could also be made to create some simple games or animations. The board features a ST7567 display driver IC and the display can be driven and fully simulated within the Flowcode software.

Port Bit	Function	
0		
1		
2		
3	CS	
4	Reset	
5	AO	
6	SDA	
7	SCL	



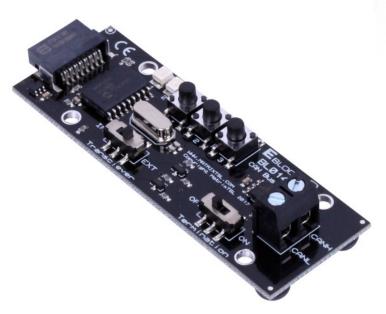
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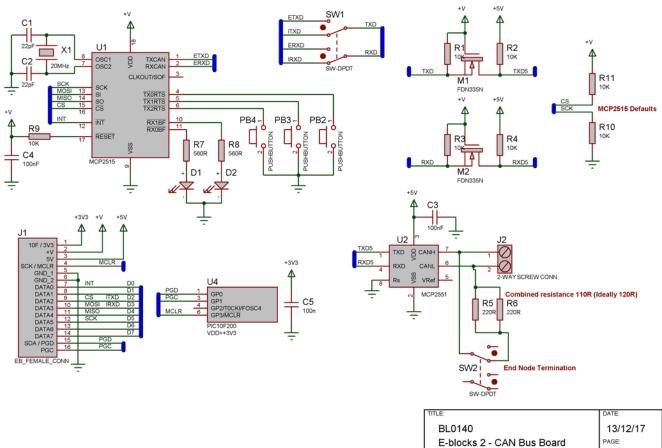
Downstream - BL0140 - CAN Bus

The CAN bus board allows the E-block system controller to connect with other controllers. CAN is widely used in automotive applications due to its low cost, high data throughput and noise immunity. The board can be used with upstream E-blocks boards both with or without CAN bus peripherals allowing the maximum flexibility. The board includes both a CAN transceiver and a CAN controller which can be accessed via a simple SPI bus. For development and training purposes the board is fitted with three switches and two LEDs which can be controlled using the CAN transceiver chip. Flowcode macros for this E-block are available.

Port Bit	Internal (INT)	External (EXT)
0		INT
1		
2	TXD	CS
3	RXD	MOSI
4		MISO
5		SCK
6		
7		



BL0140 - Board Schematic



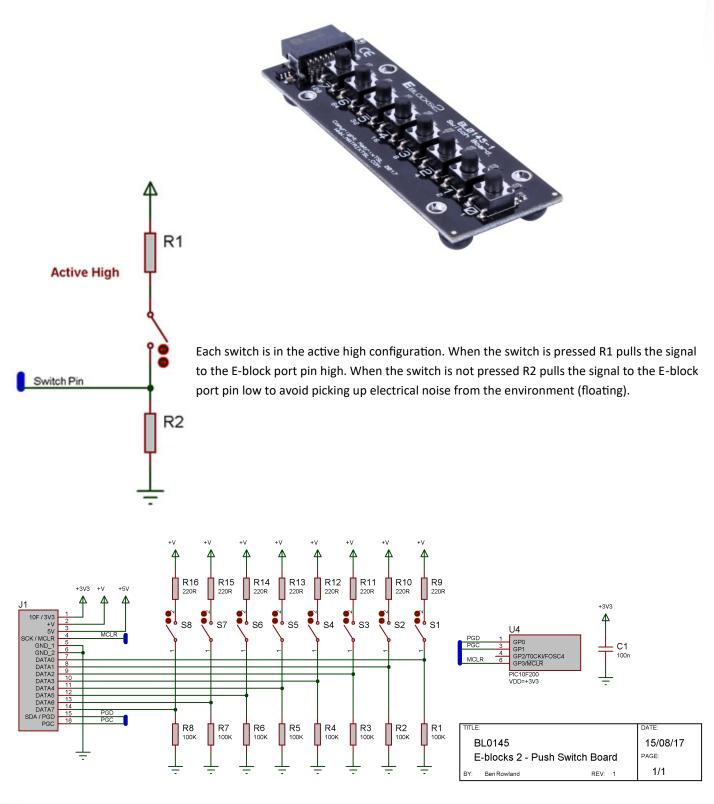
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Downstream - BL0145 - Switch x 8

The Switch board allows a bank of eight switch inputs to be added to the E-blocks 2 system. Switches are useful tools as they allow you to control what is happening in the system. The switches are all push to make type and active high meaning the voltage to the microcontroller port pins is low when the switch is not pressed and high when the switch is pressed.



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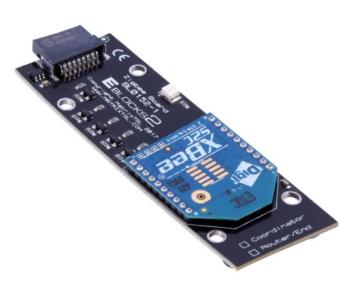
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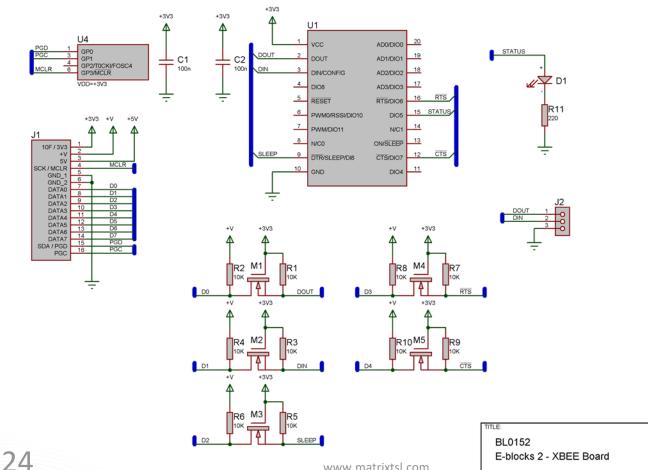
Downstream - BL0152 - Zigbee

The Zigbee board uses a Series 2 XBEE module to allow you to connect one of more E-blocks systems together using the Zigbee (wireless area network) standard or to connect your system to a third party Zigbee system. The modules used are compliant with the 2007 Zigbee Pro standard. Because of the nature of the Zigbee standard there are two different boards the BL0152R is pre-programmed to behave as a router node in a Zigbee system. The BL0152C is pre-programmed to behave as a co-ordinator node in a Zigbee system.

Port Bit	Function
0	uC RX / XBEE TX
1	uC TX / XBEE RX
2	Sleep
3	RTS
4	CTS
5	
6	
7	



BL0145 - Board Schematic



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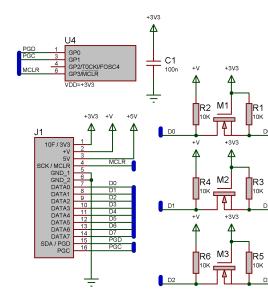
Downstream - BL0154 - Micro SD Card

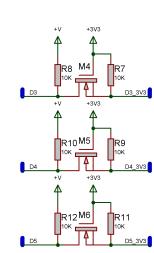
The micro SD card board allows a large amount of data storage to be added to the E-blocks system. The board provides a means of reading and writing data to the SD card as well as providing level shifting to allow 5V and 3V3 systems to be compatible. The board also provides a means of detecting if the card is present via a switch built into the card socket. The micro SD card is inserted by pushing it into the socket with the SD contacts pointing down. The SD card is removed from the socket by first pushing it inwards to unlock it from the socket before pulling it back out.

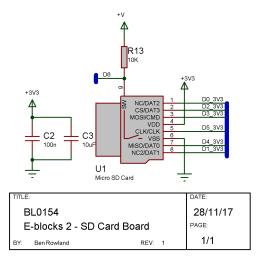
Port Bit	SPI Mode	
0		
1		
2	CS	
3	MOSI	
4	MISO	
5	CLK	
6	SW	
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BL0154 - Board Schematic



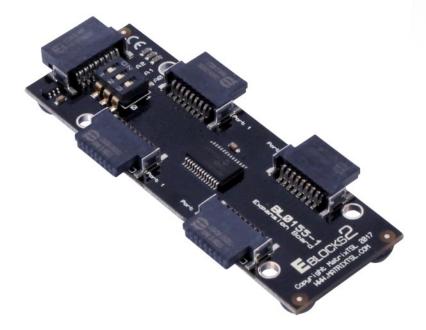




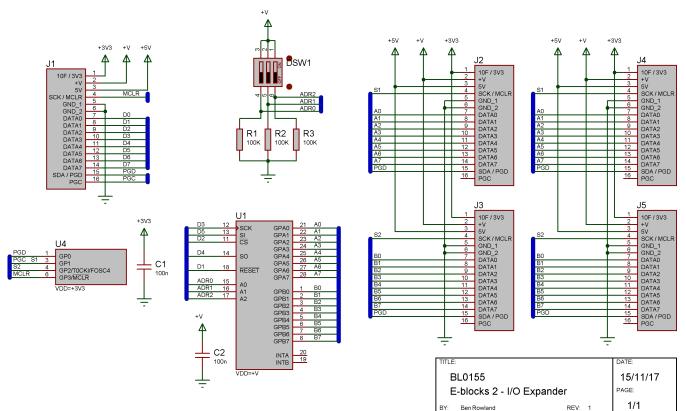
Downstream - BL0155 - Expander

The expander board allows multiple E-blocks 2 boards to be connected to a single upstream E-blocks 2 port. The data pins are controlled using an MCP23S17 I/O expander IC via an SPI connection to the host controller. The I/O expander provides digital input and output functionality as well as more advanced features such as interrupt on change. The board also features three DIP switches which are used to set the address of the I/O expander allowing for up to 8 expander boards to exist on the same SPI connections. The auto ID functionality is forwarded onto the connected boards. Please note that only one board should be connected to ports labelled 1 and ports labelled 2 to allow the expansion pins to be unique and auto ID to function correctly.

Function
Reset
CS
SCK
MISO
MOSI

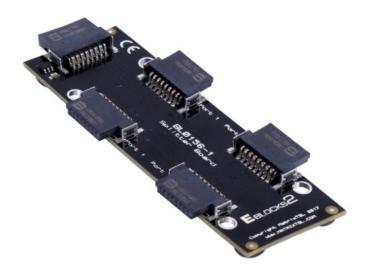


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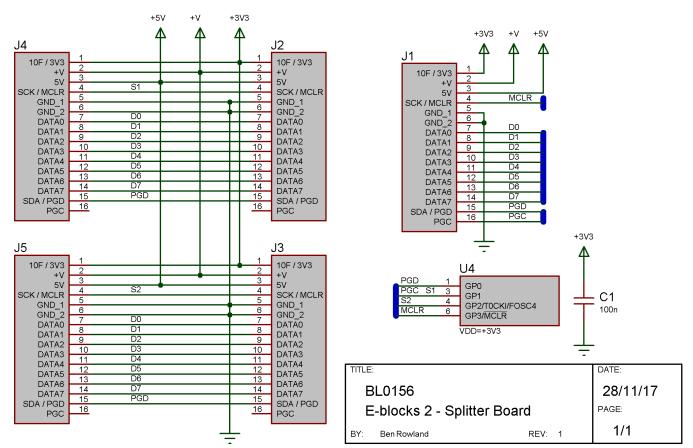


Downstream - BL0156 - Splitter

The splitter board allows multiple E-block 2 boards to be connected to a single upstream E-blocks 2 port. The data pins are shared between the connected boards and the auto ID functionality is forwarded onto the connected boards. Please note that only one board should be connected to ports 1 and 2 to allow the auto ID to function correctly.



BL0156 - Board Schematic

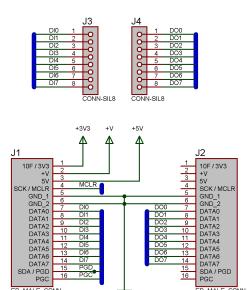


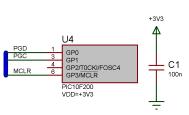
Downstream - BL0158 - Upstream Connector

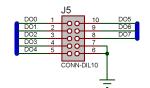
The upstream connector board allows one upstream E-block board to be connected directly to another to allow for things like chip to chip communications to be explored and implemented. Chip to chip communications might include busses such as I2C, SPI or UART peripherals. The Upstream connector board features an IDC compatible header allowing for ribbon cables to be used to connect the boards together using simple push fit connections. The board also features a patch section allowing data pins to be re-wired through to other data pins. For example when connecting a UART to a UART the TX pin from one upstream board connects to the RX pin of the other upstream board and visa versa.



BL0158 - Board Schematic







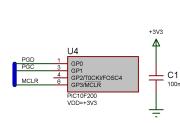
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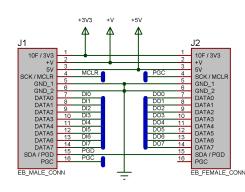
Downstream - BL0161 - Manual Patch

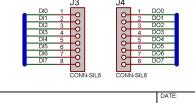
The patch board allows the various data signals to be re-ordered between upstream and downstream boards. This is useful for upstream processors with peripherals using none standard connections or for combining signals together from multiple ports. The patch board comes complete with six Dupont style male to male cables allowing you to easily assign the signals to your downstream board.



BL0161 - Board Schematic



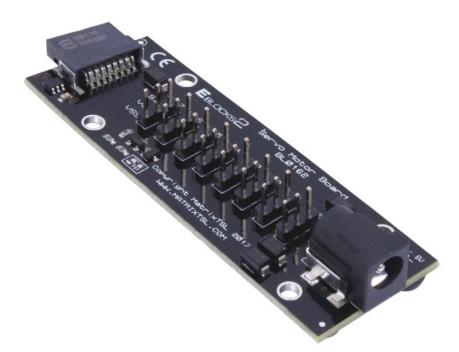




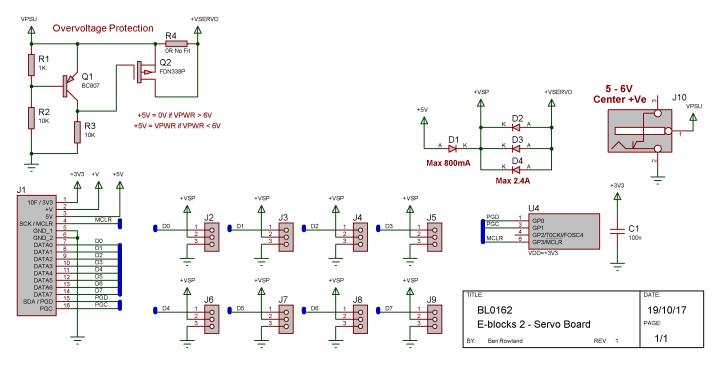
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Downstream - BL0162 - Servo Motor

The servo motor board allows up to eight servo motors to be connected to an E-blocks 2 system. Up to eight channels can be individually controlled for connection to device such as servo motors or brushless electronic speed controllers. The board also provides a DC socket allowing the motors to be powered from an external DC power supply separate from the E-blocks 2 supply rails. Overvoltage protection is built onto the board stopping any voltages greater than 6V from being allowed to damage the connected motors.

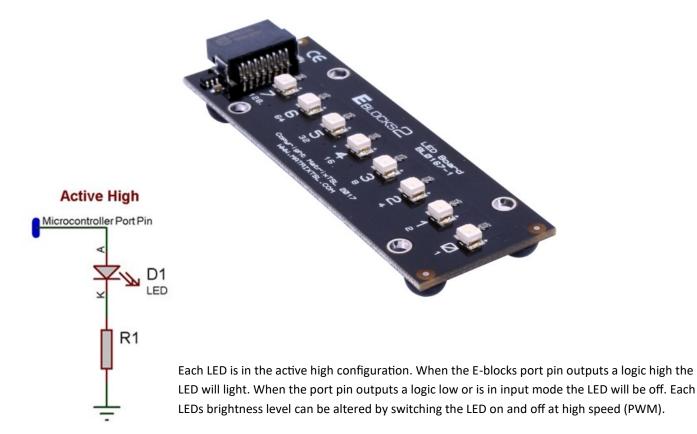


BL0162 - Board Schematic

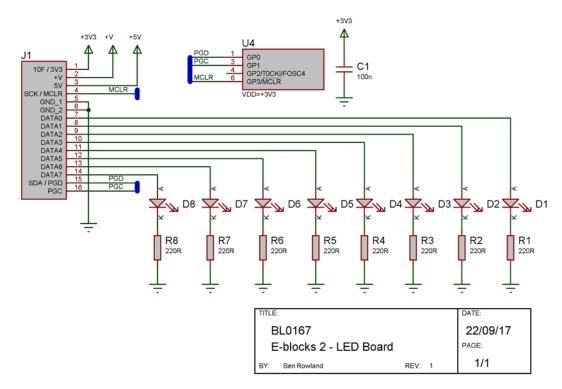


Downstream - BL0167 - LED x 8

The LED board allows a bank of eight LED indicators to be added to the E-blocks 2 system. LEDs are useful tools as they allow you to indicate what is happening or the ongoing real time status of the system. LEDs can be driven in a digital way using on or off output states or an analogue way using pulse width modulation (PWM) techniques.



BL0167 - Board Schematic



Downstream - BL0169 - LCD

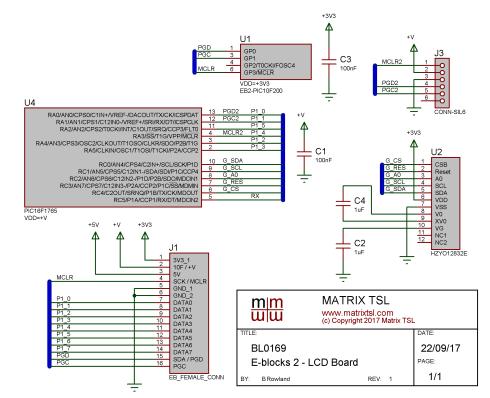
The LCD board provides a 20 x 4 character alphanumeric display compatible with the standard HD44780 type displays. An onboard microcontroller listens for HD44780 compatible commands and converts the incoming commands into SPI packets that drive the modern chip on glass (COG) graphical display.

Refer to the LCD Key Differences section for more info on the LCD including the in-built LCD character set.

Port Bit	LCD Pin	
0	Data 0	
1	Data 1	
2	Data 2	
3	Data 3	
4	RS	
5	Enable	



BL0169 - Board Schematic



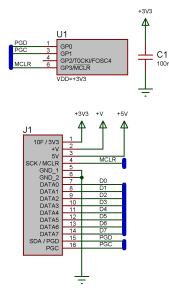
Downstream - BL0170 - Bluetooth

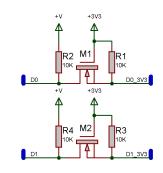
The Bluetooth board contains a Microchip RN4677 module which adds fully certified Bluetooth 4.0 functionality to your Eblocks system. The Bluetooth modules has a transmit power of +2dBm, which should give a 100 yard transmission range at a data transfer rate of 50Kbps. The modules is programmed using an asynchronous serial AT command style protocol which can be interfaced to any upstream controller with a UART facility. The module allows for exploration of both Bluetooth classic (BR/ EDR) and Low Energy (LE) protocols. Flowcode macros to support the use of this board are available.

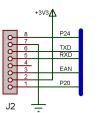
Port Bit	Function
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1	uC TX / BT RX
2	
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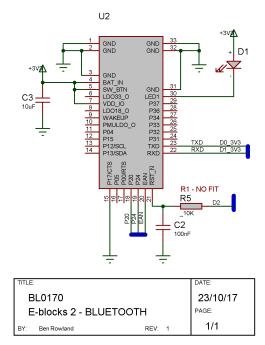


BL0170 - Board Schematic



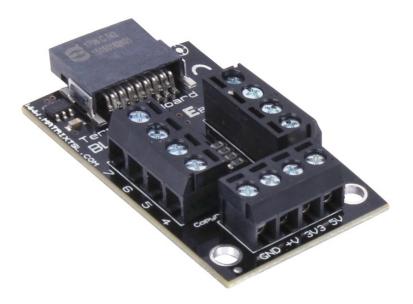




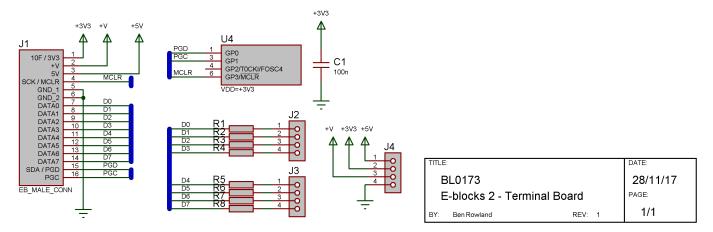


Downstream - BL0173 - Screw Terminals

The terminals board provides screw terminals which can be used to directly connect wires to an E-blocks 2 system. Terminals are buffered by 220ohm resistors to provide protection for upstream boards. The various E-blocks 2 supply voltage rails are also available as screw terminals allowing you to power your external electronic devices.

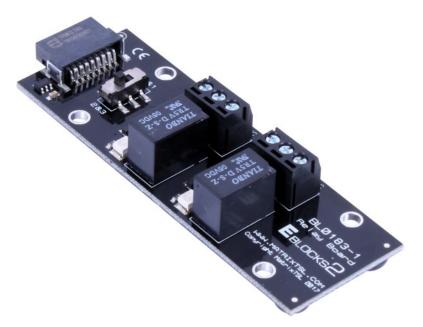


BL0173 - Board Schematic

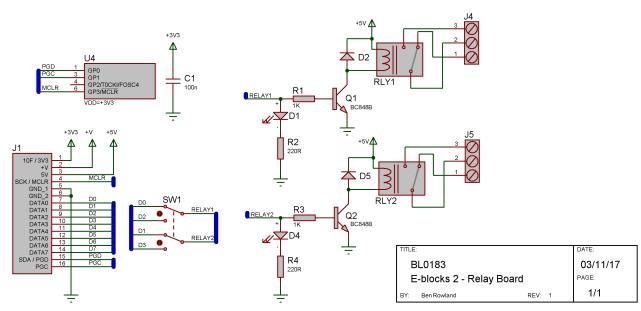


Downstream - BL0183 - Relay

The relay board provides two electrically controllable relays which act as isolated switches. The external connections to the relays are provided using screw terminals and both the normally open (NO) and normally closed (NC) connections are available allowing for the maximum flexibility. Each relay features an LED to indicate when the relay is active. Two relay boards can be used on the same E-blocks port by using a BL0156 Splitter board and setting the slide switch on each board to opposing positions. The relays are rated for use with Mains voltage but great care should be taken to avoid electrical shocks when using high voltage such as mains. We recommend to always use an inline RCD and to place the E-blocks boards into a rugged, insulated enclosure with clear danger warnings.



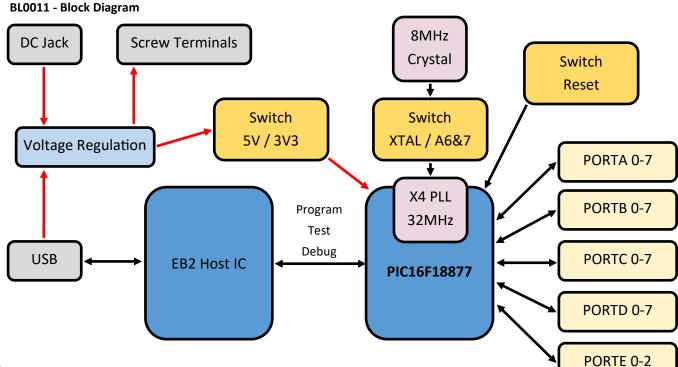
BL0183 - Board Schematic



Upstream - BL0011 - 8-Bit PIC Programmer

The 8-bit PIC microcontroller programmer connects to your PC via USB to provide you with a powerful microcontroller programming and debugging platform. The board can be used with various programming languages including: Assembly, C and Flowcode. To program the PIC on the board a free tool called mLoader is available to download from the Matrix TSL website. The board comes complete with a powerful PIC16F18877 microcontroller. The board presents all port pins collected together as E-blocks 2 sockets. The board takes power from an external power supply or from the micro USB port. Using the board with Flowcode allows the use of the advanced Ghost debugging features including in circuit debugging, real time pin monitoring and bus decoding. Microchip PICkit compatible sockets are fitted to provide an alternative reprogramming and debugging techniques.



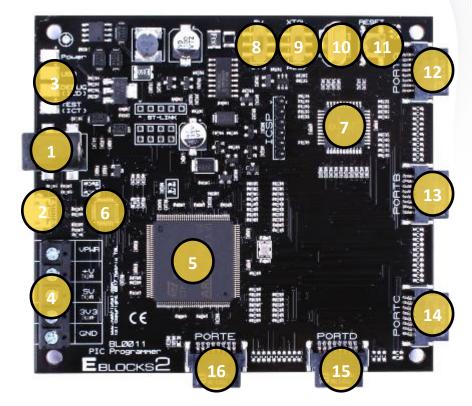


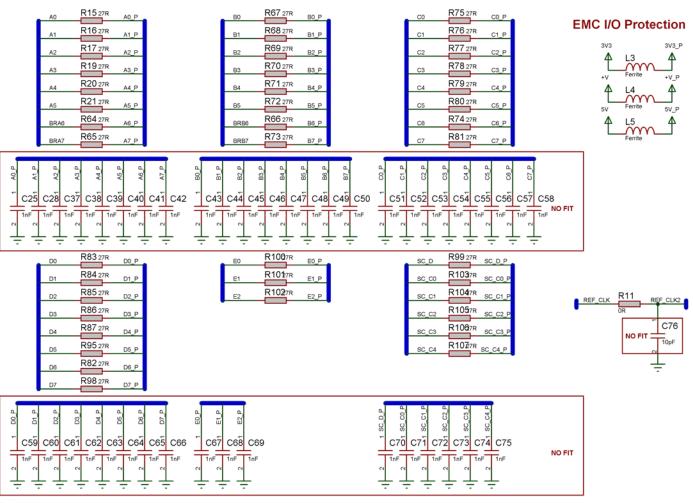
Upstream - BL0011 - 8-Bit PIC Programmer

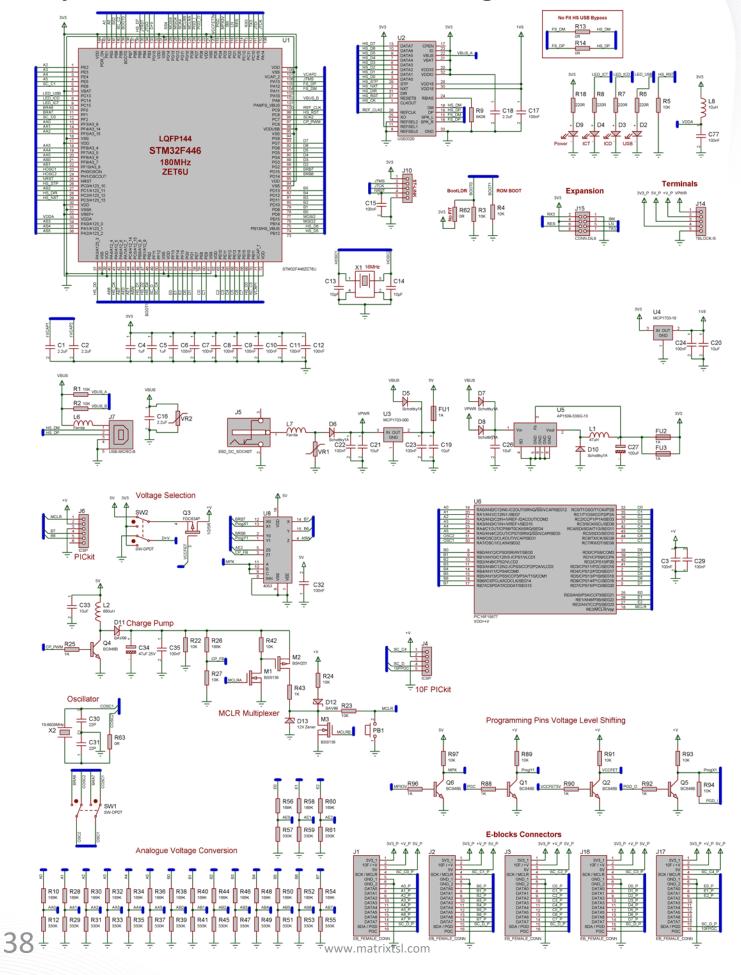
Board Layout

- 1. DC Power Jack 7.5 12V
- 2. Micro USB Socket
- 3. Status LEDs
- 4. Power Output Terminals
- 5. Ghost Microcontroller IC
- 6. High Speed USB Transceiver
- 7. Target Microcontroller 16F18877
- 8. Voltage Selection Switch
- 9. Oscillator Selection Switch
- 10. 8MHz Socketed Crystal
- 11. Reset Switch
- 12. EB2 Port A Connector
- 13. EB2 Port B Connector
- 14. EB2 Port C Connector
- 15. EB2 Port D Connector
- 16. EB2 Port E Connector

BL0011 - Board Schematic







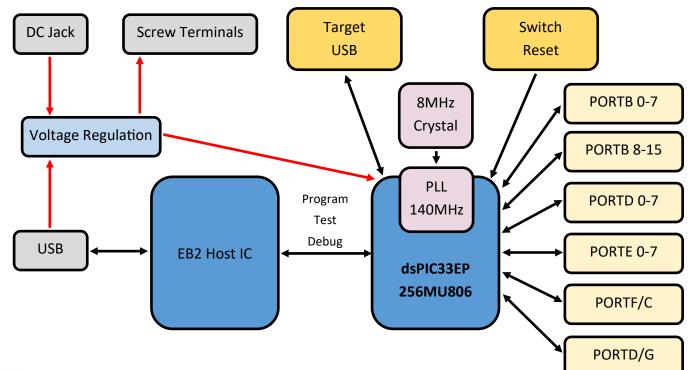
Upstream - BL0032 - 16-Bit dsPIC Programmer

The 16-bit dsPIC microcontroller programmer connects to your PC via USB to provide you with a powerful microcontroller programming and debugging platform. The board can be used with various programming languages including: Assembly, C and Flowcode. To program the dsPIC on the board a free tool called mLoader is available to download from the Matrix TSL website. The board comes complete with a powerful dsPIC33EP256MU806 microcontroller. The board presents all port pins collected together as E-blocks 2 sockets. The board takes power from an external power supply or from the micro USB port. Using the board with Flowcode allows the use of the advanced Ghost debugging features including in circuit debugging, real time pin monitoring and bus decoding. Microchip PICkit compatible sockets are fitted to provide an alternative reprogramming and debugging techniques.

Port Bit	PORT F/C	PORT D/G		
0	FO	D8		
1	F1	D9		
2	N/C	D10		
3	F3	D11		
4	F4	G6		
5	F5	G7		
6	C13	G8		
7	C14	G9		





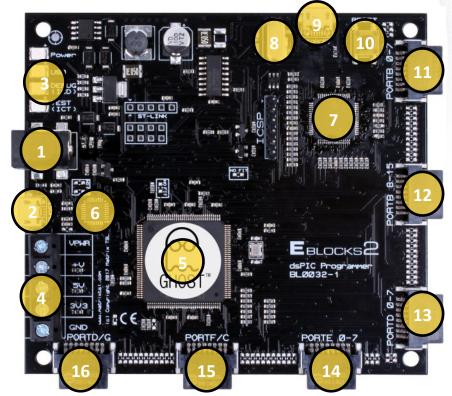


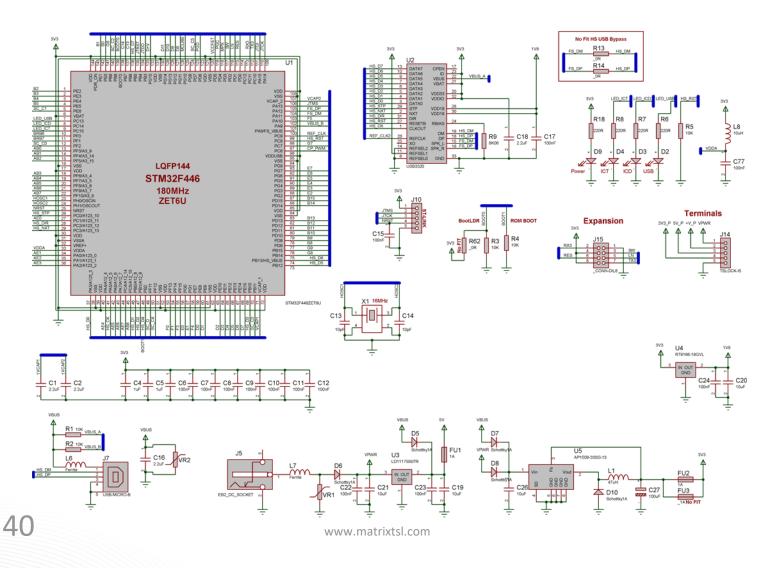
Upstream - BL0032 - 16-Bit dsPIC Programmer

Board Layout

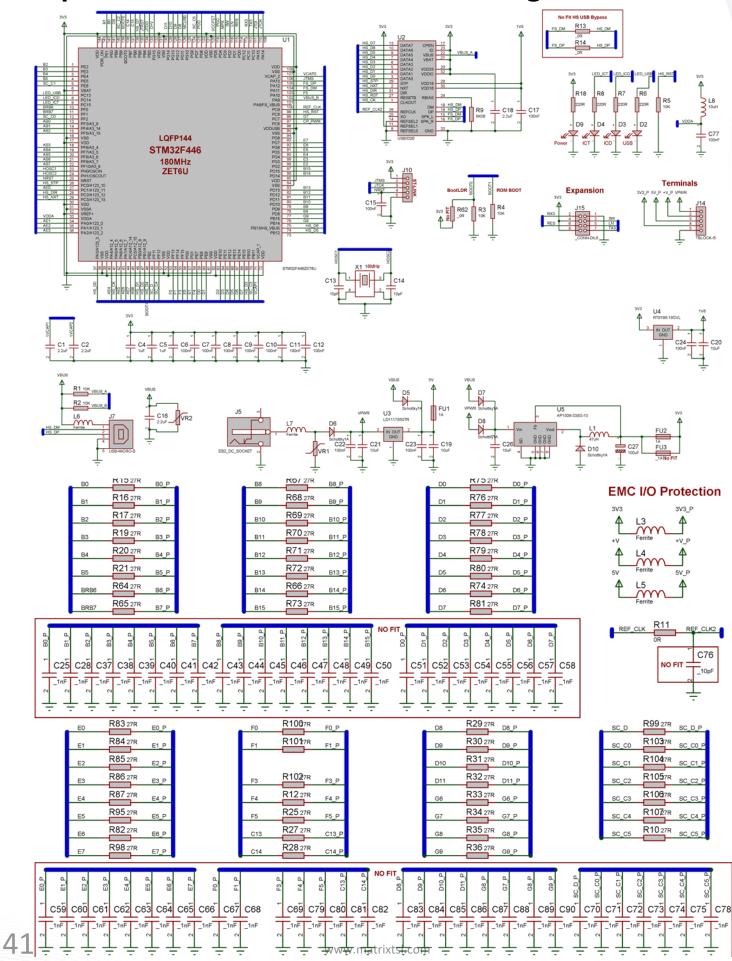
- 1. DC Power Jack 7.5 12V
- 2. Micro USB Socket
- 3. Status LEDs
- 4. Power Output Terminals
- 5. Ghost Microcontroller IC
- 6. High Speed USB Transceiver
- 7. Target Microcontroller (33EP256MU806)
- 8. 8MHz Socketed Crystal
- 9. Target Micro USB Socket
- 10. Reset Switch
- 11. EB2 Port B 0-7 Connector
- 12. EB2 Port B 8-15 Connector
- 13. EB2 Port D 0-7 Connector
- 14. EB2 Port E 0-7 Connector
- 15. EB2 Port F/C Connector
- 16. EB2 Port D/G Connector

BL0032 - Board Schematic





Upstream - BL0032 - 16-Bit dsPIC Programmer

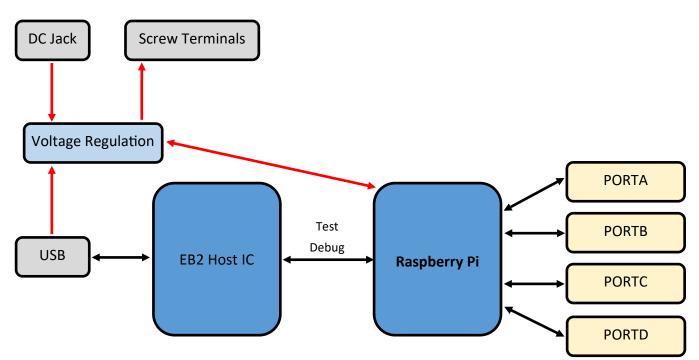


Upstream - BL0036 - Raspberry Pi Shield

The Raspberry Pi Shield allows you to connect a Raspberry Pi PCB computer (such as the Raspberry Pi 3 Model B) up to an Eblocks system to provide you with a powerful programming and debugging platform. The board presents all GPIO and peripheral pins collected together as E-blocks 2 sockets. The board takes power from an external power supply or from the micro USB port or from the Pi's power source. Using the board with Flowcode allows the use of the advanced Ghost debugging features including in circuit debugging, real time pin monitoring and bus decoding.



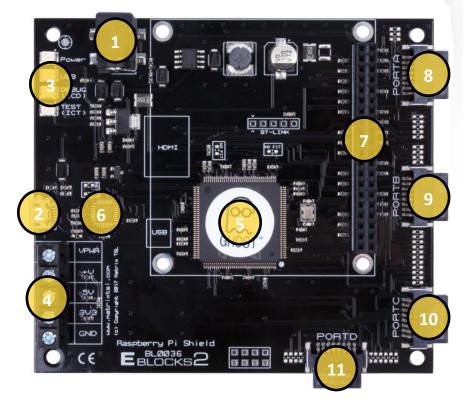
BL0036 - Block Diagram



Upstream - BL0036 - Raspberry Pi Shield

Board Layout

- 1. DC Power Jack 7.5 12V
- 2. Micro USB Socket
- 3. Status LEDs
- 4. Power Output Terminals
- 5. Ghost Microcontroller IC
- 6. High Speed USB Transceiver
- 7. Raspberry Pi GPIO Socket
- 8. EB2 Port A
- 9. EB2 Port B
- 10. EB2 Port C
- 11. EB2 Port D



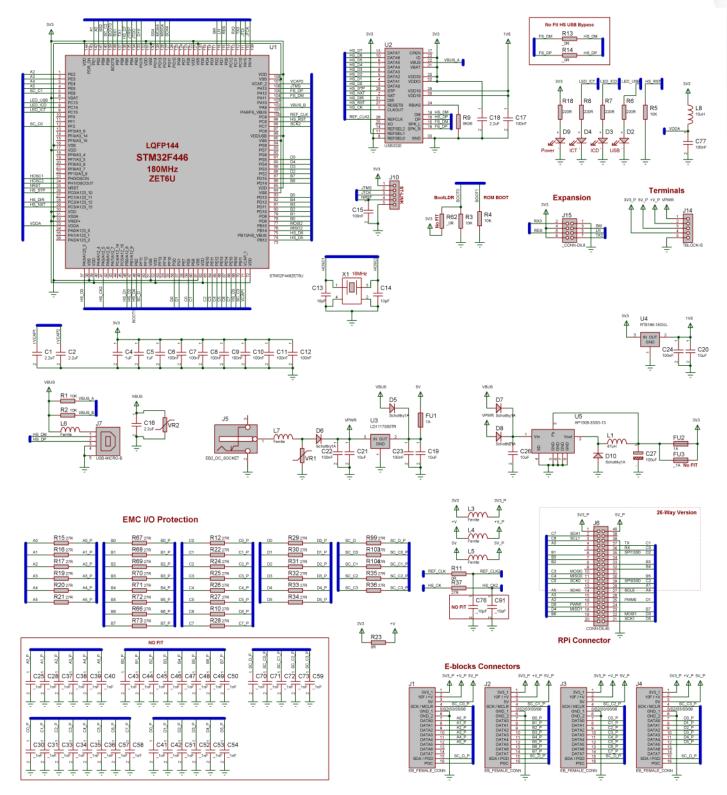
GPIO Pin Mapping (RPI 2 & 3)

Pin	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
PortA			GPIO 0	GPIO 1	GPIO 5	GPIO 6	GPIO 7	GPIO 4
PortB	GPIO 16	GPIO 26	GPIO 25	GPIO 24	GPIO 23	GPIO 22	GPIO 17	GPIO 27
PortC	GPIO 2	GPIO 3	GPIO 11	GPIO 9	GPIO 10	GPIO 8	GPIO 14	GPIO 15
PortD			GPIO 21	GPIO 19	GPIO 20	GPIO 18	GPIO 12	GPIO 13

Peripheral Pin Mapping (RPI 2 & 3)

Pin	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
PortA								
PortB								
PortC	SDA1	SCL1	SCK0	MISO0	MOSI0	SPIOSSO	ТΧ	RX
PortD			SCK1	MISO1	MOSI1	SPI1SS0	PWM0	PWM1

Upstream - BL0036 - Raspberry Pi Shield

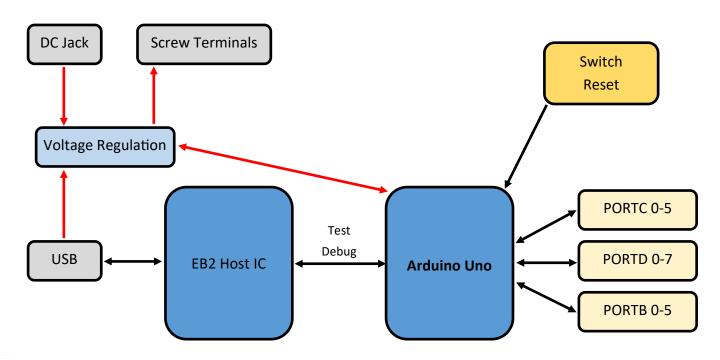


Upstream - BL0055 - Arduino Uno Shield

The Arduino Uno Shield connects to your PC via USB to provide you with a powerful microcontroller programming and debugging platform. The board can be used with various programming languages including: Assembly, C, Arduino IDE and Flowcode. To program the Arduino on the board a free tool called mLoader is available to download from the Matrix TSL website. The board presents all port pins collected together as E-blocks 2 sockets. The board takes power from an external power supply or from the micro USB port. Using the board with Flowcode allows the use of the advanced Ghost debugging features including in circuit debugging, real time pin monitoring and bus decoding. Microchip AVR-ISP compatible sockets are fitted to provide an alternative reprogramming and debugging techniques.



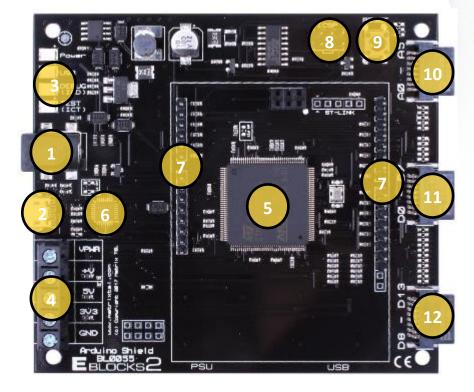
BL0055– Block Diagram



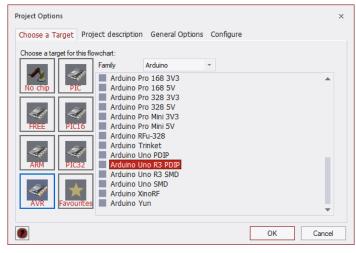
Upstream - BL0055 - Arduino Uno Shield

BL0055 - Board Layout

- 1. DC Power Jack 7.5 12V
- 2. Micro USB Socket
- 3. Status LEDs
- 4. Power Output Terminals
- 5. Ghost Microcontroller IC
- 6. High Speed USB Transceiver
- 7. Arduino Connection Headers
- 8. ISP Header
- 9. Reset Switch
- 10. EB2 Port C Connector
- 11. EB2 Port D Connector
- 12. EB2 Port B Connector



BL0055 – Flowcode Compatibility



In the General Options tab select the correct COM port for the Arduino device. If no COM port is available then check your Arduino device is connected to the USB and that the USB driver is correctly installed.

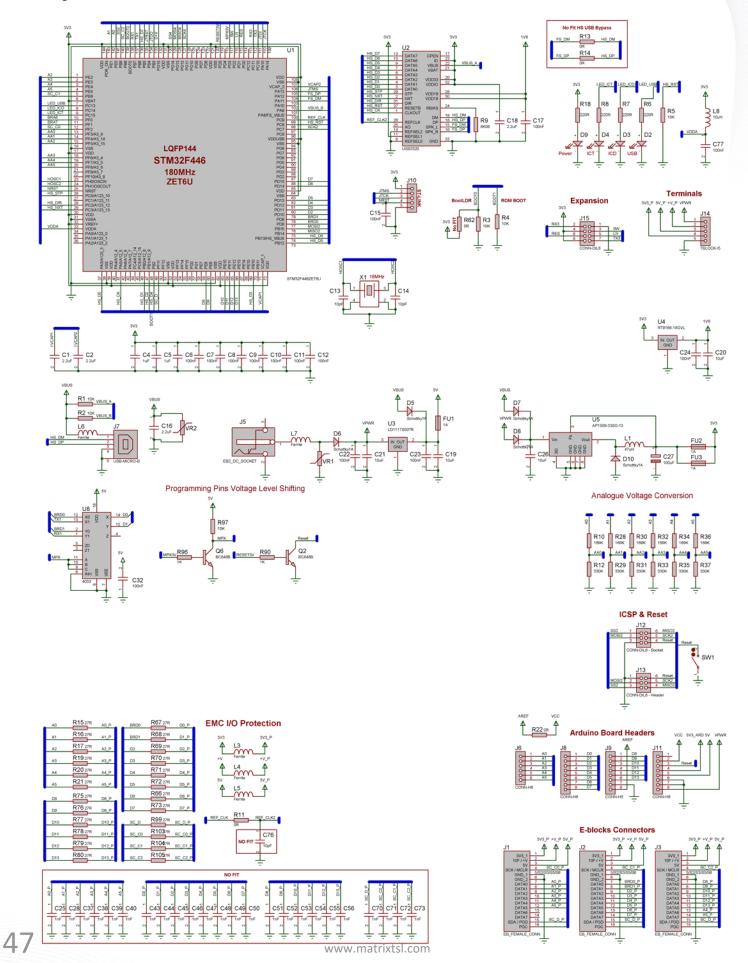
Please note the Arduino needs to be connected to the USB to allow it to be re-programmed. The E-block needs to be connected to the USB to allow Ghost (ICD/ICT) features.

When selecting a target device in Flowcode choose the device that matches your Arduino board.

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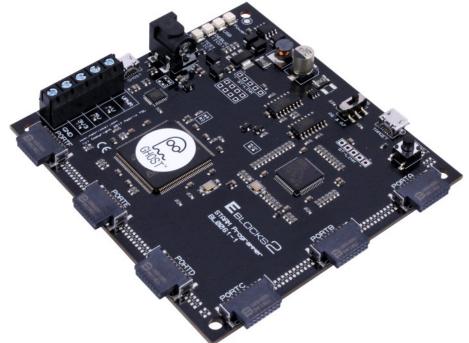
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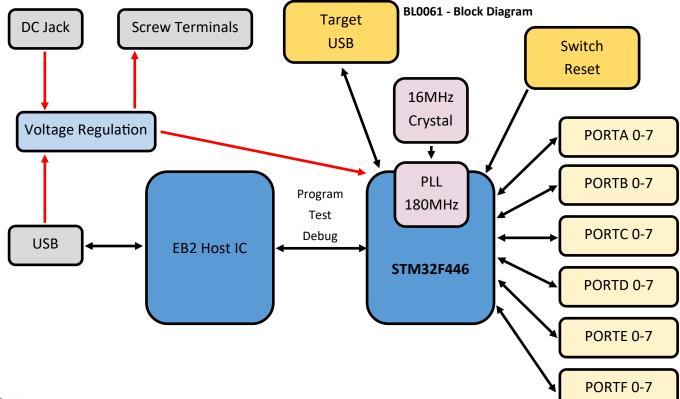
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Upstream - BL0061 - ST ARM Programmer

The STARM microcontroller programmer connects to your PC via USB to provide you with a powerful microcontroller programming and debugging platform. The board can be used with various programming languages including: Assembly, C and Flowcode. To program the ARM on the board a free tool called mLoader is available to download from the Matrix TSL website. The board comes complete with a powerful series 4 ARM microcontroller. The board presents all port pins collected together as E-blocks 2 sockets. The board takes power from an external power supply or from the micro USB port. Using the board with Flowcode allows the use of the advanced Ghost debugging features including in circuit debugging, real time pin monitoring and bus decoding. ST-LINK compatible sockets are fitted to provide alternative reprogramming and debugging techniques.



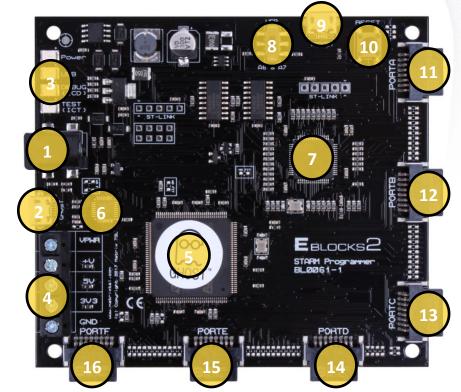


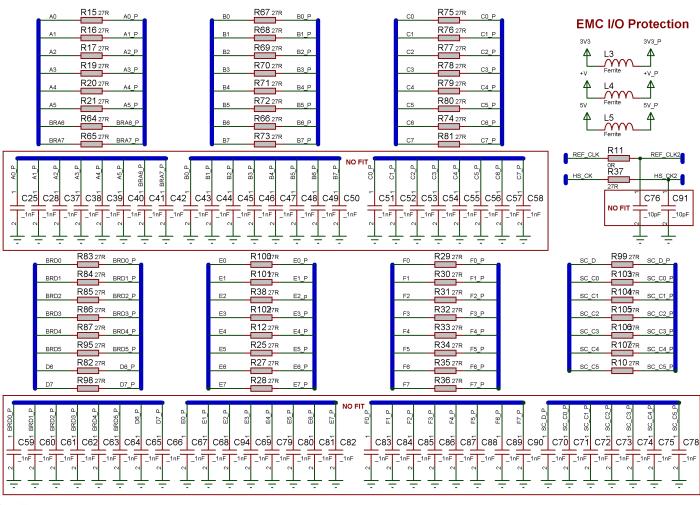
Upstream - BL0061 - ST ARM Programmer

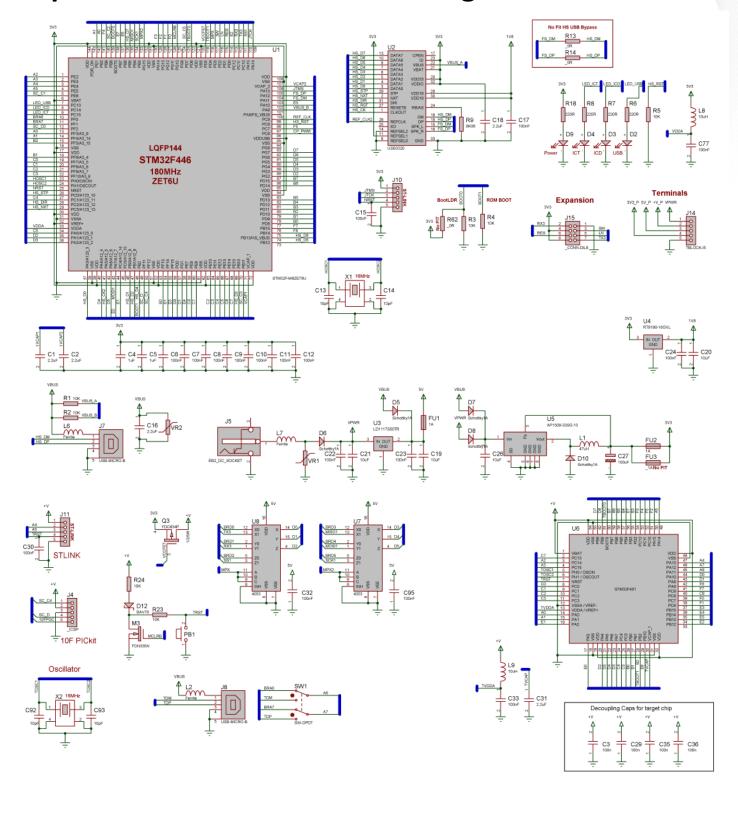
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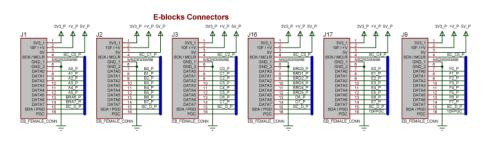
- 1. DC Power Jack 7.5 12V
- 2. Micro USB Socket
- 3. Status LEDs
- 4. Power Output Terminals
- 5. Ghost Microcontroller IC
- 6. High Speed USB Transceiver
- 7. Target Microcontroller STM32F446
- 8. USB / A6&7 Selection Switch
- 9. Target Micro USB Socket
- 10. Reset Switch
- 11. EB2 Port A Connector
- 12. EB2 Port B Connector
- 13. EB2 Port C Connector
- 14. EB2 Port D Connector
- 15. EB2 Port E Connector
- 16. EB2 Port F Connector

BL0061 - Board Schematic



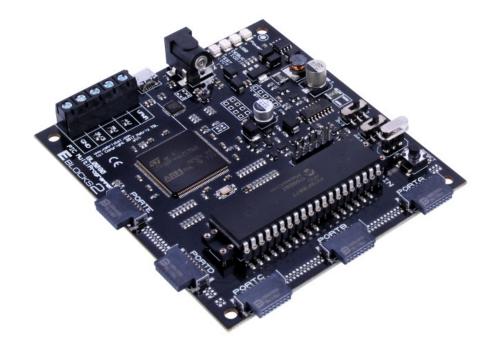




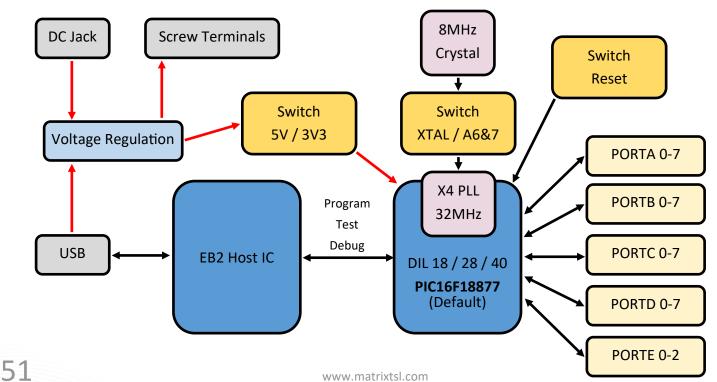


Upstream - BL0080 - 8-Bit PIC Multi-Programmer

The 8-bit PIC microcontroller programmer connects to your PC via USB to provide you with a powerful microcontroller programming and debugging platform. The board can be used with various programming languages including: Assembly, C and Flowcode. To program the PIC on the board a free tool called mLoader is available to download from the Matrix TSL website. The board will program a wide range of 18, 28 and 40 pin PICmicro microcontroller devices from the PIC16F and PIC18F series. The board presents all port pins collected together as E-blocks 2 sockets. The board takes power from an external power supply or from the micro USB port. Using the board with Flowcode allows the use of the advanced Ghost debugging features including in circuit debugging, real time pin monitoring and bus decoding. Microchip PICkit compatible sockets are fitted to provide an alternative reprogramming and debugging techniques. A powerful 40 pin PIC16F18877 device is shipped with the multiprogrammer.



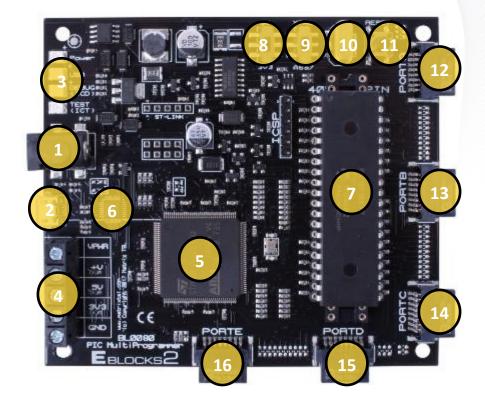
BL0080 - Block Diagram

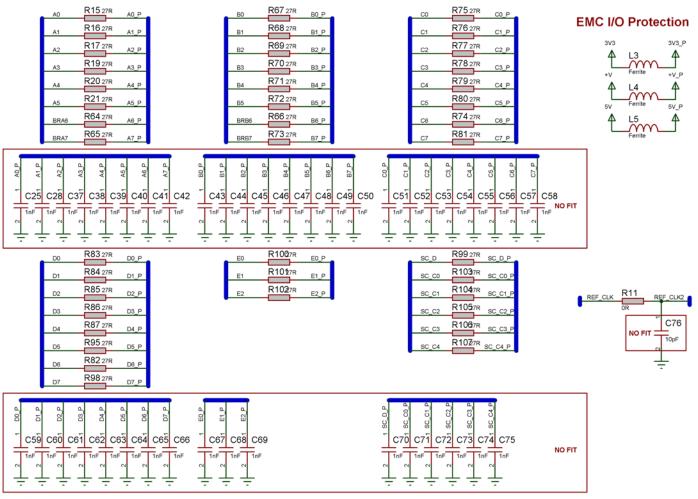


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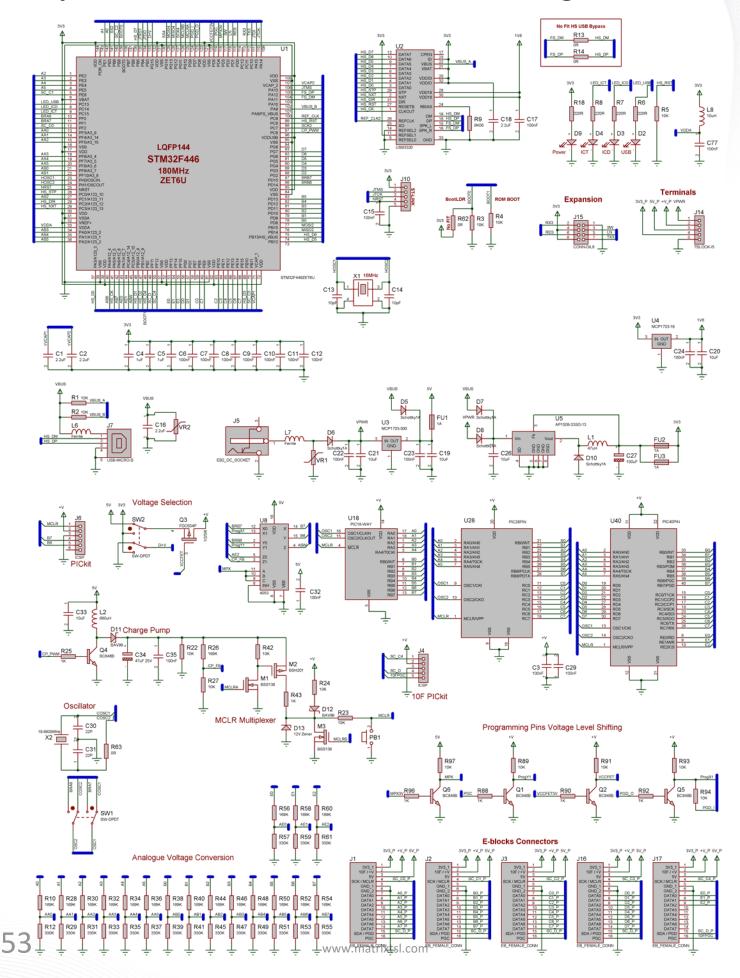
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- 2. Micro USB Socket
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- 4. Power Output Terminals
- 5. Ghost Microcontroller IC
- 6. High Speed USB Transceiver
- 7. Target Microcontroller 16F18877
- 8. Voltage Selection Switch
- 9. Oscillator Selection Switch
- 10. 8MHz Socketed Crystal
- 11. Reset Switch
- 12. EB2 Port A Connector
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- 14. EB2 Port C Connector
- 15. EB2 Port D Connector
- 16. EB2 Port E Connector

BL0080 - Board Schematic



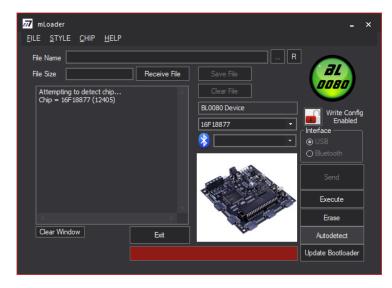


Upstream - BL0080 - 8-Bit PIC Multi-Programmer



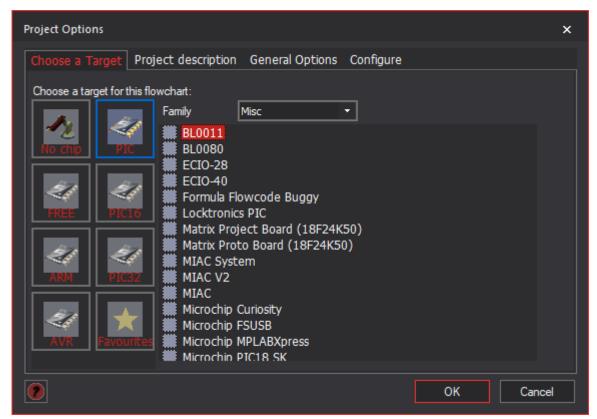
Reprogramming using mLoader

To reprogram the E-blocks2 hardware outside of Flowcode you can use the mLoader software to transfer a pre-compiled .hex file onto the microcontroller device. mLoader is available to download from the Matrix TSL website www.matrixtsl.com.



Reprogramming using Flowcode

To setup Flowcode to program the E-blocks2 upstream hardware simply choose your selected board from the Misc family when picking a target microcontroller device. If using the BL0080 board and a none standard microcontroller (PIC16F18877) then simply choose the microcontroller from the list.



Ensure the USB drivers are correctly installed and then simply click the compile to chip button to send the Flowcode program to the microcontroller on the board.

Ghost - Auto Board ID using Flowcode

Auto board identification support for the E-blocks 2 range is available in Flowcode 7.3 onward.

To see the connected E-blocks2 boards in Flowcode 7.3 you need the Test & Debugging feature pack. Then simply click on the View -> Console menu item to bring up the console window. The Default tab shows the Auto ID board connections.

Default			
BL0080	Ghost2	PIC MultiProgrammer	-
PORTA:	BLO114	Combo E-block	
PORTB:	BL0114	Combo E-block	
PORTC:	BL0167	LED Array E-block	
PORTD:	BL0152	Zigbee	
PORTE:	Unconne	ected	
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Photo showing the connected hardware



Ghost - In Circuit Debug (ICD) using Flowcode

In Circuit Debug (ICD) allows you to follow and control the execution of your Flowcode program on real world hardware using Flowcode to control the program execution. ICD support for the E-blocks 2 range is available in Flowcode 7.3 onwards.

To enable ICD first connect the E-blocks 2 board via USB and ensure the USB drivers are installed correctly. Once the board is detected the three Ghost icons will become available.



Click the ICD icon to toggle ICD mode on and off, When ICD mode is enabled the icons will turn green and the ICD LED will light on the E-blocks board.



Compile the program to the device as normal using the Compile To Chip button. Please note that a program in ICD mode will wait for the trigger from Flowcode before being allowed to run.

The simulation controls (Run, Pause, Stop, Step) will now control the execution of the hardware.



You can set or clear breakpoints while the program is stopped or paused by right clicking an icon and choosing Toggle Breakpoint. Active breakpoints will be shown with a red circle highlighting the Flowchart icon. When paused or stepping the current icon will be highlighted in green.

When the program is paused or running slowly variable values can be monitored or changed using the simulation debugger window. Variables can be added to the window by double clicking the "Expression" field and typing the name of the variable you want to display or control. The value of the variable can be altered by selecting the corresponding value text field and manually changing the value. Please note that only Global variables can be used with the simulation debugger.

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Ghost - In Circuit Test (ICT) using Flowcode

In Circuit Test (ICT) allows you to monitor the analogue and digital signals surrounding your target microcontroller. ICT support for the E-blocks 2 range is available in Flowcode 7.3 onwards.

To enable ICT first connect the E-blocks 2 board via USB and ensure the USB drivers are installed correctly. Once the board is detected the three Ghost icons will become available.



The first time you click the ICT button the Ghost Options window will appear allowing you to control which pins are being monitored. The ICT Analog tab allows you to control which analogue pins will be monitored. The ICT Digital tab allows you to control which digital pins will be monitored.

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Port B	B7	B6	B5	B4	B3	B2	B1	B0		
Port C	C7	C6	C5	C4	C3	C2	C1	C0		
Port D	D7	D6	D5	D4	D3	D2	D1	D0		
Port E	E7	E6	E5	E4	E3	E2	E1	E0		

Flowcode will attempt to make a best guess to enable the pins that are being used in the program. The Untick All and Tick Used buttons can be helpful when changing the program or adding and removing pins. The settings tab lets you control the ICT digital and analog sample speeds individually.

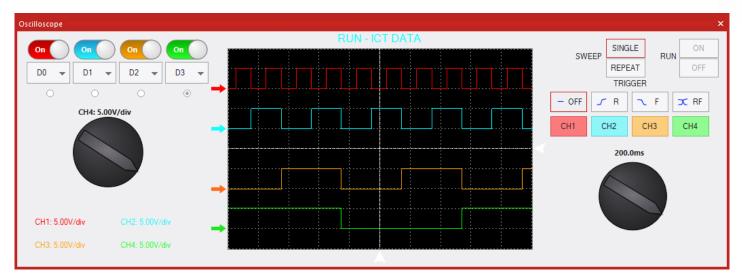
Ghost Options								
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ICT Settings Digital Sample Rate: Analog Sample Rate: 5.2 KHz								

When ICT is active a red box will appear around the ICT button on the toolbar and the ICT LED will light on the E-blocks board.

Ghost - In Circuit Test (ICT) using Flowcode

ICT data can be seen on the Data Recorder and Oscilloscope windows.

The Oscilloscope is useful for recurring signals where you can set a repeating trigger and inspect a part of a waveform in isolation. The Oscilloscope window allows you to assign various data sources to one of the four available waveforms and acts a lot like a standard electronics oscilloscope.



The Data Recorder is useful for comparing multiple signals over time. To add signals to the data recorder window simply use the Scope Monitor component from the Tools section of the Component Toolbar. Each Scope Monitor component provides up to 4 digital pins and 2 analogue pins via the component properties. If more pins are required then simply add another Scope Monitor component to the Flowcode panel.

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ICT can be used in isolation or in conjunction with ICD to combine external pin voltages with internal program flow control.

LCD - Embedded Font Set

Here is the inbuilt alphanumeric font set. As with standard alphanumeric displays, locations 0-7 are user programmable allowing you to create your own characters or glyphs. The columns shown in green are common with standard HD44780 displays, other columns are specific to the BL0169 and the BL0114 displays only.

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LCD Key differences

There are a number of key differences between this LCD and the standard HD44780 type displays which are listed below.

- Scrolling and blinking cursor display commands are not supported.
- Printing characters to the display automatically moves through lines 0,1,2,3 rather than the usual 0,2,1,3.
- Enhanced character set support.



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