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1 Introduction

The XMOS motor control development platform is provided with a software framework and example control loop. This document provides information relating to the structure, implementation and use of the software modules that are specific to the motor control development platform, and interfacing to associated peripheral modules such as the CAN component.

For information on the XMOS Motor Control Development Platform hardware please see the Motor Control Platform Hardware Manual.

2 Software Modules

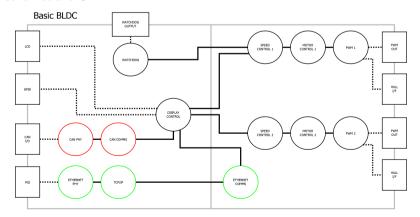
The framework consists of a number of modules that provide functions for an integrated control system. The application utilises modules that provide the following:

- ► Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)
- ► Quadrature Encoder Interface (QEI)
- ► Analogue to Digital Converter (ADC) Interface
- ▶ Hall Sensor Interface
- Display Interface
- ► Application Level Communications (Control Interfaces)
- Computation blocks library

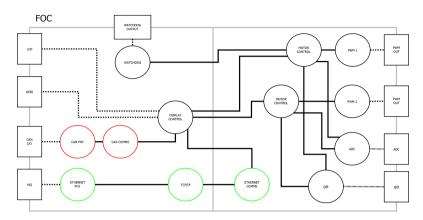
The system utilizes the XMOS standard open source IP blocks for low level Ethernet and CAN interfaces.

In contrast to a typical microcontroller, hardware interfaces are implemented on XMOS devices in software. This gives the developer the flexibility to implement or customise any interface they require. Designers have a greater number of options when selecting ADC's, PWM schemes or control and measurement interfaces.

The modules listed above are implemented in one or more processor threads. The architecture of the threads is shown below for both the basic BLDC and FOC configurations. The red and green components show the optional control threads for ethernet and CAN.



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In the diagrams, the rectangular blocks are ports, the circles are threads, the solid lines are channel communication, and the dotted lines are port IO.

The ethernet control threads are shown in green, and the CAN threads are shown in red. The system can function with either the CAN or ethernet control, methods, or with neither of them.

3 Motor Control Platform Example Applications

In This Chapter

- ▶ Basic BLDC Speed Control Application app_basic_bldc
- ► FOC Application app_dsc_demo

The current release package ships with two example applications.

- An application showing an example Field Oriented Control (FOC) control loop for two motors
- ► An application showing speed control of two motors using basic BLDC code

3.1 Basic BLDC Speed Control Application app_basic_bldc

This application makes use of the following functionality.

- ▶ PWM
- ► Hall Input
- Display
- Ethernet & Communications
- Processing Blocks

3.1.1 Motor Control Loop

The main motor control code for this application can be located in src/motor/run_motor.xc. The motor control thread is launched using the following function.

The core of this function is a continuous loop that receives the position of the rotor as measured by the hall sensor, and selects which coil to energise based on that position.



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After initially pausing and starting the watchdog the main loop is entered. The main loop responds to two events. The first event is a change in hall sensor state. This will trigger an update to the low side of the inverters (p_pwm_lo) and also to the PWM side of the inverter based on the hall sensor state. The output states are defined by the lookup arrays declared at the start of the function.

```
/* sequence of low side of bridge */
unsigned bldc_ph_a_lo[6] = {1,1,0,0,0,0};
unsigned bldc_ph_b_lo[6] = {0,0,1,1,0,0};
unsigned bldc_ph_c_lo[6] = {0,0,0,0,1,1};

/* sequence of high side of bridge */
const unsigned bldc_high_seq[6] = {1,2,2,0,0,1};
```

The other event that can be responded to is a command from the c_control channel. This can take the form of two commands. The first command is a request to read the current speed value. The second command is a request to change the PWM value that is being sent to the PWM thread and subsequently the motor.

3.1.2 Speed Control Loop

The speed control loop for this application can be found in src/control/speed_control.xc. The thread is launched by calling the following function.

```
void speed_control(chanend c_control, chanend c_lcd, chanend c_can_eth_shared);
```

This thread begins by initialising the PID data structure with the required coefficients. Following this a startup sequence is entered. This triggers open loop control to get the motor to begin rotating. After a sufficient time period the main speed loop is entered into.

The main loop consists of a select statement that responds to three events. The first event is a timed event that triggers the PID control and an update to the motor control threads PWM value. This simply applies the calculated PID error to the set point that is requested.

The second and third events are a request from the LCD and buttons thread or the ethernet thread. This can either be a request from the display for updated speed, set point and PWM demand values or a change in set point.

3.2 FOC Application app_dsc_demo

This application makes use of the following functionality.

- ▶ PWM
- ▶ OEI
- ▶ ADC



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- Display
- Fthernet & Communications
- ▶ Processing Blocks

3.2.1 Control Loop

The control loop can be found in src/motor/inner_loop.xc. The thread is launched by calling the following function.

```
void run_motor (
  chanend? c_in,
  chanend? c_out,
  chanend c_pwm,
  streaming chanend c_qei,
  chanend c_adc,
  chanend c_speed,
  chanend? c_wd,
  port in p_hall,
  chanend c_can_eth_shared)
```

The control loop takes input from the encoder, a set speed from the control modules and applies it via PWM. It utilises the feedback from the ADC and calculations done using the Park and Clarke transforms and application of PID regulation of $I_{-}d$ and $I_{-}q$. The resulting values of $V_{-}a$, $V_{-}b$ and $V_{-}c$ are output to the PWM.

This loop is a simple example of how a control loop may be implemented and the function calls that would be used to achieve this.

The first two arguments, c_in and c_out are used to synchronize the PWMs for multiple motors so that they do not have their ADC dead time in exactly the same time.

4 Processing Blocks

In This Chapter

- ▶ PID Calculation Routines
- Clarke & Park Transforms
- Sine & Cosine lookup

This module provides a number of standard computation functions that are utilised in motor control. These are outlined below.

- ► PID Calculation Routines
- Clarke & Park Transforms
- ▶ Sine & Cosine lookup

4.1 PID Calculation Routines

The processing blocks module provides the following PID calculation routines. The coefficients are signed 16 bit fixed point.

```
#include "pid_regulator.h"

void init_pid( int Kp, int Ki, int Kd, pid_data *d );

int pid_regulator( int set_point, int actual, pid_data *d );

int pid_regulator_delta( int set_point, int actual, pid_data *d );

int pid_regulator_delta_cust_error( int error, pid_data *d );

int pid_regulator_delta_cust_error_speed( int error, pid_data &d );

int pid_regulator_delta_cust_error_Iq_control( int error, pid_data &iq );

int pid_regulator_delta_cust_error_Id_control( int error, pid_data &id );
```

init_pid is used to initialise the pid_data structure values with the coefficient values for *Kp*, *Ki* and *Kd*. These value are the proportional, integral and differential coefficients controlling the PID controller. The compile time constant *PID_RESOLUTION* determines how many fractional bits are present in these coefficients.

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pid_regulator does a standard PID calculation using the set_point and actual values. It calculates the error and applies the PID coefficients and then returns the result. The returned error will be applied to the set_point value.

pid_regulator_delta does a standard PID calculation using the set_point and actual values. It calculates the error and applies the PID coefficients and then returns the resulting error.

pid_regulator_delta_cust_error does a standard PID calculation using a precalculated error value. It calculates the error and applies the PID coefficients and then returns the resulting error.

pid_regulator_delta_cust_error_speed, pid_regulator_delta_cust_error_Iq_control and pid_regulator_delta_cust_error_Id_control are customized control PIDs, that limit the output to a specific range appropriate to the variable being controlled.

4.2 Clarke & Park Transforms

The processing blocks module provides the following Clarke and park transforms. The internal coefficients are all fixed point values.

Each function has the calculation outputs passed as references (e.g. as pointers in C) and the inputs passed as normal arguments. The Park transform moves the rotating frame of reference of values relative to the stator (and the QEI and ADCs) into the frame of reference of the rotor. The Clarke transform takes 3-vector values which are gathered by measurement of the three coils and transforms them into a 2-vector value. This is possible because the 3-vectors have only 2 degrees of freedom, the current in one of the coils being the sum of the other two. See a description of Field Oriented Control for more information.

4.3 Sine & Cosine lookup

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required. The sine table provided has a 256 entry lookup. This is convenient for a 1024 step full circle QEI on a 4 pole motor, since each angular increment in the QEI represents 4 times the electrical angle. Thus the 0-1023 range merely needs to be looked up in a 0-255 range, with the upper 2 bits truncated.

The lookup functions provided are as follows.

```
#include "sine_lookup.h"

inline long long sine( unsigned angle );
inline long long cosine( unsigned angle );
```

5 Display & Shared IO Interface

In This Chapter

- ▶ Hardware Interface
- Operation
- ▶ LCD Communication

This module provides a details on the display interface and shared IO manager used in the XMOS Motor Control Development Platform.

The shared IO manager interfaces to the following components on the board:

- ► A Newhaven Display NHD-C12832A1Z-FSW-FBW-3V3 128 x 32 pixel monochrome LCD display via a SPI like interface.
- ▶ The 4 push button surface mount switches (marked A-D).

Provision could also be made in this thread to drive the 4 surface mount LEDs next to switches A-D.

5.1 Hardware Interface

The interface is implemented using 11 pins in total, including:

- ▶ 1 x 4 bit port to control the display address / data signal.
- ▶ 3 x 1-bit ports for the display chip select, serial clock and data signals.
- ▶ 1 x 4-bit ports for the buttons A-D.

5.2 Operation

The following files are used for the display and shared IO manager.

- ▶ lcd.h prototypes for LCD functions
- ▶ lcd.xc LCD driver functions
- ▶ lcd_data.h contains the lcd driver font map.
- ▶ lcd_logo.h contains the XMOS logo as a unsigned char array.
- shared_io.h header for the main shared IO server and defines commands this thread uses.
- shared_io.xc contains the main shared IO server routine.



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The shared IO manager that interacts with the hardware is a single thread with three channels connecting to it. The function is called from main with parameters passing a structure containing the appropriate ports into it. The server_thread prototype is:

The purpose of each argument is as follows:

- c_speed an array of speed control channel for controlling the motors
- ▶ p a reference to the control structure describing the LCD interface
- btns a 4 bit input port attached to the buttons
- leds a 4 bit output port attached to the leds

The main shared IO manager is constructed from a select statement that sits inside a while(1) loop, so that it gets executed repeatedly.

- case t when timerafter(time + 10000000) :> time : timer that executes at 10Hz. This gets the current speed, current Iq and speed setpoint from the motor control loops and updates the display with the new values. It also debounces the buttons.
- b case !btn_en => btns when pinsneq(value) :> value: execute commands
 if a button is pressed.

The switches are debounced by incrementing the but_en guard signal for that switch by 4 each time they are pressed. This prevents the code for this button being run until the guard has reached 0.

The 10Hz timer in the select statement decrements the value by one, if the value is not 0, on each iteration though it's loop.

Therefore, after a minimum of 300ms and a maximum of 400ms the switch is re-enabled.

5.3 LCD Communication

Communication with the LCD is done using a lcd_byte_out(...) function. This communicates directly with the ports to the display. The protocol is unidirectional SPI with a separate command / data pin which specifies if the current data transfer is a command or data word.

The procedure for sending a byte to the display is:

- Select the display using the CS_N signal.
- Set the address / data flag.



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► Clock out the 8 bits of data MSB first by: - Setting the data pin to the bit value. - Setting clock high. - Setting clock low.

Deselect the display using the CS_N signal.

The following functions are provided that use the lcd_byte_out function to send data to the display:

- lcd_clear this wipes the display by writing blank characters into the displays output buffer.
- ▶ lcd_draw_image this takes an unsigned char array of size 512 bytes and writes it to the display. Hence, it can be used to display images on the display.
- lcd_draw_text_row writes a row of 21 characters to the display on the row specified by lcd_row (0-3).

The display is configured as 128 columns x 4 byte rows, as the byte writes the data to 8 pixel rows in one transfer. A 5x7 pixel font map is provided for the characters A-z, a-z, 0-9 and standard punctuation.

The command set for the display is defined in the datasheet. When sending data to the display it is best to try to send the data as fast as possible. This is because the display has to be turned off, whilst the data is being written to it. Therefore, writing large amounts of data on a regular basis can cause the display to flicker.

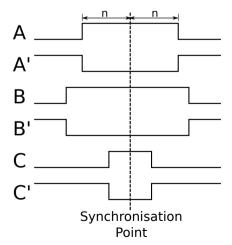
6 Pulse Width Modulation

In This Chapter

- Configuration
- PWM Server Usage
- ▶ PWM Client Usage
- ► PWM Service Implementation
- ▶ PWM Client Implementation

The PWM driver code is written using a *client server* model. The client functions are designed to be run from either the main control loop or a separate thread that sits between the control loop and the PWM server thread (dependant on timing constraints defined by the speed of the control loop). The client and server communicate with each other through a channel and also some shared memory. Consequently, the client and server threads must reside on the same core.

The PWM implementation is centre synchronised. This means that the output is of the form shown in the figure. Having centrally synchronized PWM reduces the number of coincident edges, thus reducing switching noise as fewer FETs are switched simultaneously.



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6.1 Configuration

The PWM module has three modes of operation defined, plus a number of other options. The modes are defined in dsc_config.h that is part of the application code.

6.1.1 PWM Modes

The PWM operation mode can be one of the following options:

- ▶ An inverted mode, whis operates a three leg 180 degree inverter by ensuring that the HI and LO sides of the inverter are switched in a complementary manner
- ▶ A simple mode, which operates a three leg inverter by switching the HI side and then applying PWM to the low side of the inverter to achieve simple commutation

6.1.2 Dead Time

The dead time for the inverted mode is defined using the PWM_DEAD_TIME configuration. This is in units of 10ns when using the default reference clock of 100MHz. The dead time is the short period of time between the non-inverted and the inverted PWM lines changing. During this time, neither side of the H-bridge is connected to the motor. The two signals are staggered by the dead time so that the two sides of the H-bridge are never ON at the same time, and do not change simultaneously.

6.1.3 PWM Resolution

PWM resolution is defined using PWM_MAX_VALUE. The value defined here sets the frequency of the PWM. The relationship between PWM_MAX_VALUE, XS1_TIMER_HZ and PWM frequency (\$PWM_FREQ\$) is defined in the equation below. XS1_TIMER_HZ is defined at compile time by the ReferenceFrequency identifier in the project XN file. By default this reference frequency is 100MHz so XS1_TIMER_HZ would have a value of 100,000,000.

```
PWM_FREQ = XS1_TIMER_HZ / (PWM_MAX_VAL)
```

So with an example value of PWM_MAX_VALUE being 4096, the PWM_FREQ will be 24,414Hz. Likewise, for a PWM frequency of 25Hz, the PWM_MAX_VAL would be 100000000 / 25 = 4000000. The maximum value for the PWM_MAX_VAL is 0x3FFFFFFF-PWM_DEAD_TIME, because the timestamps used to calculate the triggering of the PWM need to be no more than half of a 32 bit word into the future. This gives a minimum PWM period of around 0.1Hz.

In the FOC example, the ReferenceFrequency is set to 250MHz. This changes the calculation and gives the following:

```
PWM_FREQ = 250000000 / 4096 = 61.035 kHz
```

The PWM_MAX_VALUE is the total length of time which each PWM cycle occupies. Because the PWM is symmetrical, there are only PWM_MAX_VALUE / 2 steps that



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are available for positioning the rising PWM edge, and likewise for the falling PWM edge. Thus the number of bits available for a PWM_MAX_VALUE of 4096 is actually 11 bits. Note however that the update_pwm client function will shift the input value down by one bit, so that the client function should still provide a duty cycle value in the range of 0 to PWM_MAX_VALUE-1.

6.1.4 Locking the ADC trigger to PWM

In some implementations it is desirable to lock the ADC conversion trigger to the PWM. This allows the system to sample the ADC at a specific point in the PWM period (such as when the lower leg is guaranteed to be on). This is enabled using the LOCK_ADC_TO_PWM definition. The PWM server thread function pwm_service_inv_triggered should be used, which has extra arguments to include a channel which signals the ADC module, and a dummy port which is used as a timing source for the ADC trigger action. This port is not actually driven, and a port which is not pinned out of the device can be used.

6.2 PWM Server Usage

The usage for each mode is described below. The PWM server needs to be instantiated on the same core as the PWM client. One of the following is required to be included.

- pwm_service_simple.h
- pwm_service_inv.h

6.2.1 Inverter Mode

To instantiate the PWM service, one of the following function needs to be called. The first is used when ADC synchronization is required, for which LOCK_ADC_TO_PWM must be defined.

chanend c_pwm is the channel used to communication with the client side.

chanend c_adc_trig is the channel used to communicate the triggering of the ADC conversion to the ADC thread in port dummy_port is an unused port that is used to consistently trigger the ADC conversion. This port can overlap other used ports at it is never written to and the input value is never used.

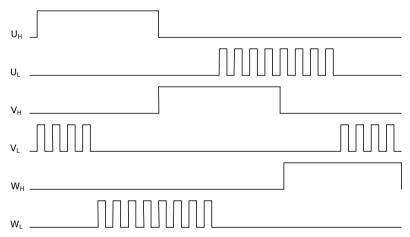
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buffered out port:32 p_pwm[] and buffered out port:32 p_pwm_inv[] are arrays of 1 bit ports with an array length of 3 that are used for the HI and LO sides of inverter respectively.

clock clk is the clock block that the PWM thread uses for timing output.

6.2.2 Simple commutation mode

This mode is designed for simple commutation of a brushless DC motor. An example of the output of this mode is shown in the figure below. Only the low sides of the three bridges is driven by the PWM service. It is up to the associated application to drive the high sides of the bridges in conjunction. The application must make sure that the low and high sides of the same bridge are never driven together.



To instantiate the PWM service in this mode the following function needs to be called.

```
void do_pwm_simple( chanend c_pwm,
    buffered out port:32 p_pwm[],
    clock clk);
```

chanend c_pwm is the channel used to communication with the client side.

buffered out port:32 p_pwm[] is an array of 1 bit ports with an array length of 3 that are used for the HI or LO sides of the inverter respectively.

clock clk is the clock block that the PWM thread uses for timing output.

6.3 PWM Client Usage

Because the client and server use shared memory to communicate, the PWM client functions must be operated on the same core as the server. The usage of the client functions in the various operational modes are described below. The following



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must be included to call the client functions, depending on the commutation mode chosen:

```
pwm_cli_simple.h
pwm_cli_inv.h
```

6.3.1 Inverter Mode

The only call required to update the PWM values that are currently being output is listed below. It takes only two arguments, the channel to the PWM server and an array of size three containing unsigned integers that must be between 0 and PWM_MAX_VALUE.

```
void update_pwm_inv( chanend c, unsigned value[]);
```

This function will process the values and pass them to the PWM service thread.

6.3.2 Basic BLDC commutation mode

The basic BLDC commutation mode client operates slightly differently to achieve the waveform shown in the previous figure. The function call listed below must be utilised.

Only a single output is active at any one time and this channel must be identified using the pwm_chan argument, this is a value between 0 and 2. The corresponding inverted leg of the inverter needs to be switched manually in the control thread. Please refer to the app_basic_bldc application and associated documentation.

```
void update_pwm_simple( chanend c,
    unsigned value,
    unsigned pwm_chan );
```

6.4 PWM Service Implementation

The PWM service is designed as a continuously running loop that cannot be blocked. This is important to ensure continuous output as stalling an output on an inverter in any application could result in serious failure of the appliance that is being driven

To achieve the behaviour needed the PWM services are all written in assembly language. This is done to achieve a fine grained control over the instruction sequences required to load up the buffers in the ports and also the port timers.

The PWM service pulls the required data from a shared memory location. This is a double buffered scheme where the client will update the memory area that is not currently in use and then inform the service via a channel which memory location it should look at for the output data. The update sequence is looked at in more detail in the discussion of the client implementation.

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6.4.1 PWM service port initialisation pwm_service_inv.xc

This file achieves a number of functions. The primary function is a wrapper that is called to start the PWM service running. This configures the port and then enters the main loop for the PWM service.

Firstly three legs of the inverter drive are configured to be attached to the clock block and have an initial output of 0. This is deemed to be a safe start-up configuration as all drives are switched off.

Then, in the loop, the *inverted* ports are configured to output the inverse or complementary of the data that is put into the buffers. This means that only a single data set need be maintained and removes the need for inverting the data using the instruction set as this is done by the port logic.

Following the loop that sets up the individual PWM channels is the configuration for the ADC triggering port. This is an input port that is attached to the same clock block as the PWM output ports. An input port that overlaps other in use ports (as described in the usage section above) will not affect their operation. The dummy port is just used for timing synchronisation when signalling the ADC.

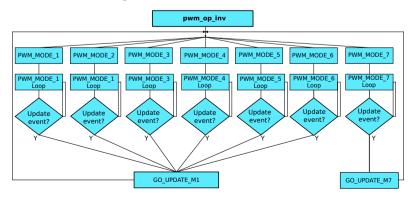
Finally the clock block is started.

Once the ports have been configured the output will remain in the initialised state until the thread receives notification from the client thread that data is available in the shared memory for output. It is important to wait for the first client update otherwise there is a risk of output uninitialised data which may damage the drive circuitry.

Once this information is received the main loop is entered.

6.4.2 PWM service main loop pwm_op_inv.S

The operation of the main loop is best described visually as in the flow chart shown in the figure. The entries in the flow chart relate directly to the labels within the main loop. A brief overview of each part of the main loop are given below. These should be consulted alongside the comments that reside in the code itself.



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The code begins at the pwm_op_inv entry point. This begins by running a standard callee save. This preserves any registers that we will clobber as part of the operation of this function. The arguments to the function are then stored on the stack itself in sp[8:11]. This ensures we have access to them later.

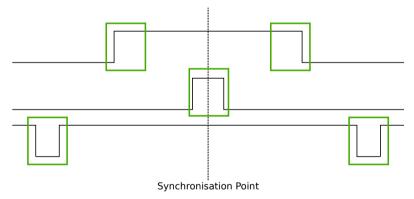
Following this the registers are moved around into the configuration we require and data is read from the t_data_out structure after calculating the appropriate pointers. The port resource IDs are then loaded into registers and the *mode* of operation is read and the port timer read to initialise the synchronisation point.

The code then branches to the appropriate mode according to the mode value that has been read from the data structure provided to it by the client.

6.4.3 Loop modes

By default, the PWM is configured to be unable to do the top and bottom 0.5% of the duty cycle range. This prevents the system having to deal with the unusual cases where the output is a very short or very long pulse. If the constant *PWM_CLIPPED_RANGE* is removed from the *dsc_pwm_common.h* file, then the PWM will be able to cope with the full duty cycle range.

In this case, to achieve the required output, the port buffers are used to create the extremely short or long pulses as shown in the figure. The green boxes indicate a buffer of data that is output from the port.



This method of output requires a combination of one or two buffer outputs depending on the length of these pulses. Rather than calculate these during runtime the client will ascertain the particular combination of outputs required and then will define the mode. The different buffering output modes are individually implemented to reduce branching overhead within the loop.

At the entrance to the loop mode (taking PWM_MODE_4 as the working example) the mode value is replaced with the channel end resource ID. We then enter the core of the PWM service loop. The loop will setup each of the ports in sequence, calculating the appropriate port timer value from the data set that is provided by the client.

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When the option to lock the ADC to PWM is required then the system will block on the in instruction while it waits for the timer on the dummy port. Once the port timer reaches the required value the thread will output the token to the ADC thread.

If the ADC to PWM lock is not utilised then the thread will pause on the next setpt instruction until that particular port timer value is met and the data is output. The ports are loaded in reverse order to turn them off at the correct time. Once all of the channels are reloaded the thread will check for data on the update channel. If data is found then it will immediately enter GO_UPDATE_M1 otherwise it will continue through the loop calculating the next synchronisation point and looping back to the top of the output sequence.

If the system branches to update then it will execute a sequence very similar to the entry of the function, reading the data out of the data structure and setting up the relevant memory pointers. The update for PWM_MODE_[1:6] loops are all the same. In the case of PWM_MODE_7 the update sequence is slightly different due to the fact that the event is likely to occur when one of the channels is high. This means that a further output is required before receiving the update from the client.

MODE	PWM pulse pattern
1	3 short
2	2 short + 1 standard
3	1 short + 2 standard
4	3 standard
5	1 short + 1 standard + 1 very long
6	1 very long + 2 standard
7	2 short + 1 very long
unused	1 standard + 2 very long
unused	1 short + 2 very long
unused	3 very long

To drive the ports, the PWM uses the 32 bit buffered ports. The *short* pulse, which is known as a *SINGLE* internally, is one where the duration of the pulse is shorter than 32 reference clock cycles, and the buffer is silled with an appropriate bit pattern to generate the pulse. The *very long* pulses, known as *LONG_SINGLE*, are within 31 reference clocks of the PWM_MAX_VALUE and are therefore similar to the *short* pulses. The *standard* pulses, known as *DOUBLE*, output both the rising edge and falling edge as separate words, hence the name double.

Note that the mode consisting of three very long pulses is not catered for. The client clips the values if this case is attempted.

6.5 PWM Client Implementation

Before a specific client for the inverting mode starts, it needs to let the server thread know where its shared memory control buffers are. A call to pwm_share_control_buffer_address_with_server will pass this information to the



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server. Each client can only talk to one server, but since multiple client/server components can co-exist, each must have its own memory buffer.

The PWM client is required to do a number of functions to provide the correct data to the PWM service that outputs the correct values and timings to the ports. The PWM client must:

- Calculate the output values
- ► Calculate the timing values (taking into account dead time)
- ▶ Sort the ports into time order
- Ascertain the loop mode required
- Maintain the shared data set, including which buffer is in use and which one can be updated

Taking the inverter mode as our working example (located in module_dsc_pwm/src/dsc_pwm_cli/pwm_cli_inv) the function update_pwm_inv(...) first saves the PWM values for later use and then initialises the channel ordering array to assume a sequential order of output.

If the non-clipped PWM range is being used, then following this the calculation of the timings and output values are done for each of the channel. This is done by passing the relevant PWM value and data set references to the calculate_data_out_ref(...). This function also ascertains the type of output which can be one of three values SINGLE, DOUBLE and LONG_SINGLE.

Once the calculations for each of the PWM channels is completed they can be ordered. This is done using the order_pwm(...) function. This orders the values in the channel ID buffer and also works out the loop mode that is required.

When the values have been ordered and the loop mode calculated the buffer number is passed to the PWM service to indicate an update.

7 Analogue to Digital Converter (ADC) Interface

In This Chapter

- ADC Server Usage
- ▶ ADC Client Usage
- ▶ ADC Server Implementation

The analogue to digital interface currently provided is written for the 7265. This provides a clocked serial output following a sample and hold conversion trigger signal. The physical interface of the ADC is not covered in detail as the interface for ADC's will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Examples of the interfaces for the MAX1379 and LTC1408 is also available in this module.

Besides the client and server interfaces the key issue discussed in this section is the synchronisation of the ADC to the PWM and how this is achieved on the ADC side.

The preprocessor define LOCK_ADC_TO_PWM must be 0 or 1 for off and on respectively. This defines whether the ADC readings are triggered by the PWM so that measurements can be taken at the appropriate point in the PWM cycle.

7.1 ADC Server Usage

The header file *adc_7265.h* and function call *adc_7265_triggered* are required to operate the ADC software as a server. This server is utilised in the case where the ADC is locked to the PWM.

See the API section for a full description of the function call.

7.2 ADC Client Usage

The functions below are the primary method of collecting ADC data from the ADC service.

The client can be utilised as follows:

```
#include "adc_client.h"

void do_adc_calibration(chanend c_adc);

{int, int, int} get_adc_vals_calibrated_int16(chanend c_adc);
```

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do_adc_calibration(...) is used to initialise the ADC and calibrate the 0 point. The server will enter a mode where the next 512 samples are averaged, and the result is considered to be the zero point of further readings.

get_adc_vals_calibrated_int16(...) is used to get the three ADC values with the zero calibration, offset and scaling applied to get a signed 16 bit value. This is a multiple return function in channel order.

7.3 ADC Server Implementation

The ADC server implementation discussed here is the triggered variant of the ADC code. The ADC server first configures the ports as clocked inputs and outputs. Following this the main loop is entered.

ADC readings are triggered by the receipt of a trigger control token over the channel. A token is used as this offers minimum latency for channel communication. Following the token being received the ADC values are read after a time constant that is calibrated to align with the appropriate measurement point.

ADC values can be requested from the server at any point.

The screenshot shows three PWM ports and the ADC conversion trigger port. It shows that the ADC trigger rising edge, where the sample hold is made, is directly centred in the PWM channel inter-cycle period.





8 Application Level Communications Interfaces

In This Chapter

- ▶ do comms eth
- ▶ do comms can

This module provides a details on the higher application level communication interfaces used in the XMOS Motor Control Development Platform.

The motor control platform has been written to take advantage of the XMOS Ethernet and XMOS CAN open source components. With suitable compile time options, the example applications will automatically contain ethernet or CAN control modules. A high level communication server has been written for each, and these interface to the standard MAC and PHY components for the two protocols. These high level server threads are called *do_comms_eth* and *do_comms_can*.

8.1 do comms eth

The thread do_comms_eth interfaces to the TCP/IP stack and provides a server interface on the TCP port defined by TCP_CONTROL_PORT (this is typically defined as 9595).

After configuring the TCP port and TCP/IP stack interface, the thread just sits in a while(1){} loop processing TCP/IP events. The following actions are performed based on the event type:

- ▶ XTCP_NEW_CONNECTION No action is taken.
- ► XTCP_RECV_DATA Main processing function, described below.
- ► XTCP_SENT_DATA Closes the send request by sending a 0 byte packet.
- ► XTCP_REQUEST_DATA / XTCP_RESEND_DATA Sends the data generated during the XTCP_RECV_DATA event to the client.
- ▶ XTCP_CLOSED Closes the connection.

The main processing function receives a packet from the client and processes it, responding with data as appropriate. The format of the accepted packets are:

- ^1|xxxx This sets the speed of the motors to the value given in the 4 digit number. The value is given as a hexadecimal number.
- ^2| This requests the current state of the motor be sent to the remote client. The server replies with the text string



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```
^2|aaaa|bbbb|cccc|dddd|eeee|ffff|gggg|hhhh|iiii|jjjj|kkkk|1111|mmmm|nnnn|oo|pp
aaaa - Speed of motor 1
bbbb - Speed of motor 2
cccc - Current Ia for motor 1
dddd - Current Ib for motor 1
eeee - Current Ic for motor 1
ffff - Iq Set Point for motor 1
gggg - Id output for motor 1
hhhh - Iq output for motor 1
iiii - Current Ia for motor 2
jjjj - Current Ib for motor 2
kkkk - Current Ic for motor 2
1111 - Ig Set Point for motor 2
mmmm - Id output for motor 2
nnnn - Iq output for motor 2
oo - Fault flag for motor 1
pp - Fault flag for motor 2
```

The files for this thread are in control_comms_eth.xc and control_comms_eth.h

8.2 do comms can

This thread is similar in operation to the do_comms_eth thread, and provides the same interface to the speed_control_loop.

It works by configuring the CAN interface and then sitting in a while(1){} loop receiving packets from the CAN interface. Once the thread receives a packet from the client, it looks at the command type, and processes it accordingly.

- ▶ If command type (byte 2) equals 1, then this command replies with the current speed and other measured data.
- ▶ If command type (byte 2) equals 2, then this command sets the desired speed from the data supplied in the packet.

The format of a received CAN packet is:

- 2 bytes sender address used to address the return packet if required.
- ▶ 1 byte command type
- ▶ 4 bytes desired speed in big-endian order if command equals 2.

The format of a transmitted CAN packet is:

- ▶ 4 bytes current speed in big-endian order.
- ▶ 2 bytes the measured la for motor 1.
- ▶ 2 bytes the measured lb for motor 1.

The files for this thread are in control_comms_can.xc and control_comms_can.h



9 Hall Sensor Interface

In This Chapter

- ▶ Hall Sensor Usage
- ▶ Hall Sensor Client
- ► Hall Sensor Server Implementation

The hall sensor interface is used for measuring speed and estimating the position of the motor.

9.1 Hall Sensor Usage

The hall sensor input module provides a number of functions and options in its usage. A listing of the available functions is given below.

run_hall_speed_timed(...) provides a server thread which measures the time between hall sensor state transitions on a 4 bit port as provided on the motor control platform. This functions implementation is described in more detail below.

do_hall(...) simply writes the next hall state into the *hall_state* variable and current pin state into the cur_pin_state variable.

do_hall_select(...) is the same as do_hall but is a select function. This function is used in the basic BLDC demonstration application.

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9.2 Hall Sensor Client

When using the hall sensor server thread as described above, the information may be accessed by using the client functions as listed below.

```
#include "hall_client.h"

{unsigned,unsigned,unsigned} get_hall_pos_speed_delta(chanend c_hall);
```

get_hall_pos_speed_delta(...) will request and subsequently return the theta, speed and delta values respectively from the hall input server thread. The theta value is an estimated value, speed is in revolutions per minute (RPM) and delta is currently used for debugging purposes.

9.3 Hall Sensor Server Implementation

This code is currently considered experimental

The function run_hall_speed_timed(...) provides a thread that handles hall sensor input functions, speed and angle estimations.

After initialising the ports and initialising the current hall sensor state the code enters a startup phase. This is where an ideal theta value is passed to the client as the motor is not yet actually turning, so no angular estimation can be made. This continues until the hall sensor thread has received two transitions.

Following the initial startup sequence the hall sensor thread enters the main operational loop. This comprises of a select statement that handles either a request for information from the clients, a timeout to detect no rotation or a state transition on hall sensor.

When a new transition is received the new hall state is stored and the current theta base value is updated. This base value is defined as the angular location of the hall sensor within the motor. The system then defines what the next hall sensor state it should wait for will be.

Once the base angle and next state values have been updated the timing calculations are completed to define the speed and angle calculation. Speed calculation is defined by looking for a full mechanical rotation of the motor where it returns to a defined state.

When the thread receives a request for speed and angle information these are calculated and then delivered over the change. The angle estimation is done by considering the time the motor has taken to travel over a hall sensor sector. It assumes that the hall sensor data is requested at a regular time over the sector (which as it is blocked by the PWM it will be in the example FOC implementation).

Once the values are calculated they are provided to the client over the channel.

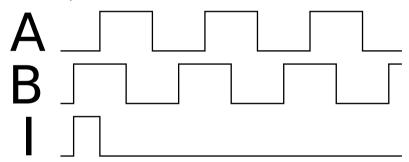
10 Quadrature Encoder Input

In This Chapter

- Configuration
- QEI Server Usage
- QEI Client Usage

The quadrature encoder input (QEI) module is provided with a library for both running the thread that handles the direct interface to the pins and also for retrieving and calculating the appropriate information from that thread.

The particular interface that is implemented utilises three signals comprising of two quadrature output (A and B) and an index output (I). A and B provide incremental information while I indicates a return to 0 or origin. The signals A and B are provided out of phase so that the direction of rotation can be resolved.



10.1 Configuration

The QEI module provides one or multiple QEI device versions of the server. If more than one QEI device is interfaced to the XMOS device, then the designer can opt to use multiple single-device QEI server threads, or one multi-device thread.

The multiple-QEI service loop has a worst-case timing of 1.4us. This means that it can service can deal with two 1024 position QEI devices spinning at 20kRPM.

10.2 QEI Server Usage

To initiate the service the following include is required as well as the function call shown. This defines the ports that are required to read the interface and the channel that will be utilised by the client thread. The compile time constant



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NUMBER_OF_MOTORS is used to determine how many clients and ports are serviced by the multi-device QEI server.

```
#include "qei_server.h"

void do_qei( streaming chanend c_qei, port in pQEI);

void do_qei_multiple( streaming chanend c_qei[NUMBER_OF_MOTORS], port in pQEI[NUMBER_OF_MOTORS])
```

10.3 QEI Client Usage

To access the information provided by the quadrature encoder the functions listed below can used.

```
#include "qei_client.h"
{ unsigned, unsigned, unsigned } get_qei_data( chanend c_qei );
```

The three values are the speed, position and valid state. The position value is returned as a count from the index zero position and speed is returned in revolutions per minute (RPM).

The third value indicates whether the QEI interface has received an index signal and therefore that the position is valid.

In This Chapter

- ▶ Configuration Defines
- ▶ ADC
- ▶ QEI
- ▶ PWM
- ▶ Hall sensors
- Computational Blocks
- ▶ Watchdog Timer
- ▶ High level communications
- LCD display and PHY reset

11.1 Configuration Defines

The file dsc_config.h must be provided in the application source code. This file can set the following defines:

PWM DEAD TIME

This is the period, in 10ns intervals, which is not counted towards the PWM time as the PWM is output.

PWM MAX VALUE

The PWM input is clamped to this value

LOCK_ADC_TO_PWM

If this is defined, the PWM outputs synchronization information to a channel and dummy port, allowing the ADC module to synchronize the ADC measurement to the dead time when all PWM channels are off.

NUMBER_OF_POLES

This is the number of poles in the motor. It is therefore ratio of the number of electrical rotations to each physical rotation. If a motor has a single winding per coil, then it is called a 2 pole motor. Two sets of windings per coil makes a four pole motor, and so on.

USE_CAN

When defined, the CAN controller in included in the executable. This option is mutually exclusive with Ethernet.

USE_ETH



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When defined, the Ethernet controller is included in the executable. This option is mutually exclusive with CAN.

TCP_CONTROL_PORT

When the Ethernet controller is included, this is the TCP port that the server listens on, for receiving control information.

MIN RPM

The minimum RPM that the controllers can set.

MAX RPM

The maximum RPM that the controllers can set.

11.2 ADC

11.2.1 Client functions

void do_adc_calibration(streaming chanend c_adc)

ADC calibration sequence.

This switches the ADC server into calibration mode. After a number (512) of samples the server reverts to non-calibration mode, and subsequent calls to the function get_adc_vals_calibrated_int16 will take the measured average of the calibration period as an offset

This function has the following parameters:

c adc the control channel to the ADC server

{int, int, int} g get_adc_vals_calibrated_int16(streaming chanend c_adc)

Get values converted from 14 bit unsigned to 16 bit signed and calibrated.

Read a set of current values from the motor, and convert them into a standardized 16 bit scale

This function has the following parameters:

c_adc the control channel to the ADC server

13.2dc Server functions treaming channel c_adc[ADC_NUMBER_OF_TRIGGERS],

```
chanend c_trig[ADC_NUMBER_OF_TRIGGERS],
clock clk,
out port SCLK,
port CNVST,
in buffered port:32 DATA_A,
in buffered port:32 DATA_B,
port out MUX)
```

Implements the AD7265 triggered ADC service.

This implements the AD hardware interface to the 7265 ADC device. It has two ports to allow reading two simultaneous current readings for a single motor.

This function has the following parameters:



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C	c_adc	the array of ADC server control channels	
c	c_trig	the array of channels to recieve triggers from the PWM modules	
c	clk	an XCORE clock to provide clocking to the ADC	
S	SCLK	the external clock pin on the ADC	
C	CNVST	the convert strobe on the ADC	
D	DATA_A	the first data port on the ADC	
D	DATA_B	the second data port on the ADC	
M	ſUX	a port to allow the selection of the analogue MUX input	
void adc_ltc14	.08_triggered	<pre>(chanend c_adc[], chanend c_trig[], clock clk, port out SCLK, buffered out port:32 CNVST, in buffered port:32 DATA)</pre>	
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Execute the triggered ADC server.

This is the server thread implementation for the LTC1408 ADC device.

This function has the following parameters:

c_adc the array of ADC control channels

c_trig the array of channels to receive triggers from the PWM modules

clk the clock for the ADC device serial port

SCLK the port which feeds the ADC serial clock

CNVST the ADC convert strobe

DATA the ADC data port

The server thread for the MAX1379 ADC device.

Implements the server thread for the MAX1379 ADC device

This function has the following parameters:

c_adc the array of ADC control channels



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clk the clock for the ADC device serial port

SCLK the port which feeds the ADC serial clock

CNVST the ADC convert strobe

SEL the chip select for the ADC device

DATA the ADC data port

11.3 QEI

11.3.1 Client functions

{ unsigned, unsigned, unsigned } g get_qei_data(streaming chanend c_qei)
Get the position from the QEI server.

This function has the following parameters:

c_qei The control channel for the QEI server

This function returns: the speed, position and valid state

11.3.2 Server functions

void do_qei(streaming chanend c_qei, port in p_qei)
Implementation of the QEI server thread.

This function has the following parameters:

c_qei The control channel used by the client

p_qei The hardware port where the quadrature encoder is located

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11.4 PWM

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Share the control buffer address with the server.

The PWM client and server share a common block of memory. The client passes a reference to this block through to the server at initalization time.

This function has the following parameters:

c The PWM control channel

ctrl The shared PWM control data structure reference



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```
11.4.1.1 Simple PWM mode
void update_pwm_simple(t_pwm_control &ctrl,
                              chanend c.
                              unsigned value,
                              unsigned pwm_chan)
```

Update the PWM server with a new value for a particular channel.

On the next cycle through the PWM, the server will update the PWM pulse widths.

This function has the following parameters:

the client control structure for this PWM server ctrl

the control channel for the PWM server С

value an array of three 24 bit values for the PWM server

the channel to output this value onto pwm_chan

11.4.1.2 Inverting centre aligned PWM mode

void update_pwm_inv(t_pwm_control &ctrl, chanend c, unsigned value[]) Update the PWM server with three new values.

> On the next cycle through the PWM, the server will update the PWM pulse widths with these new values

This function has the following parameters:

the client control structure for this PWM server ctrl

the control channel for the PWM server c

value an array of three 24 bit values for the PWM server

11.4.2 Server functions

void do_pwm_simple(chanend c_pwm, buffered out port:32 p_pwm[], clock clk) Implementation of the BLDC PWM server.

Implements the server thread for the PWM outputs

This function has the following parameters:

control channel for setting PWM values c_pwm

the buffered IO ports for the 3 PWM channels p_pwm

clk a clock for generating accurate PWM timing

void do_pwm_inv(chanend c_pwm, buffered out port:32 p_pwm[],

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buffered out port:32 p_pwm_inv[],
clock clk)
```

Implementation of the centre aligned inverted pair PWM server.

This function has the following parameters:

c_pwm the control channel for setting PWM values

p_pwm the array of PWM ports

p_pwm_inv the array of inverted PWM ports

clk a clock for generating accurate PWM timing

buffered out port:32 p_pwm[],
buffered out port:32 p_pwm_inv[],

clock clk)

Implementation of the centre aligned inverted pair PWM server, with ADC synchronization.

This server includes a port which triggers the ADC measurement

This function has the following parameters:

c_pwm the control channel for setting PWM values

c_adc_trig the control channel for triggering the ADC

dummy_port a dummy port used for precise timing of the ADC trigger

p_pwm the array of PWM ports

clk a clock for generating accurate PWM timing

11.5 Hall sensors

[uh5i]neClientifusCtionsigned] g get_hall_pos_speed_delta(chanend c_hall)

Get position, speed and delta from a hall server.

The client library function for a hall sensor server

This function has the following parameters:

c_hall the channel for communicating with the hall server



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This function has the following parameters:

hall_state the output hall state

cur_pin_state

the last value read from the hall encoder port

p_hall the hall port

A selectable read of the hall pins.

This selectable function becomes ready when the hall pins change state

This function has the following parameters:

hall_state the output hall state

cur_pin_state

the last value read from the hall encoder port

p_hall the hall port

11.5.2 Server functions

void run_hall(chanend c_hall, port in p_hall)

A basic hall encoder server.

This implements the basic hall sensor server

This function has the following parameters:

c_hall the control channel for reading hall position

p_hall the port for reading the hall sensor data

void run_hall_speed(chanend c_hall, chanend c_speed, port in p_hall)

A hall encoder server that also calculates motor speed.

This implements the hall sensor server

This function has the following parameters:

c_hall the control channel for reading hall position

c_speed the control channel for reading the rotor speed

p_hall the port for reading the hall sensor data

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A hall encoder server that also calculates motor speed.

This implements the hall sensor server, where the speed is calculated using a timed average of many values.

This function has the following parameters:

c_hall the control channel for reading hall position

c_speed the control channel for reading the rotor speed

p_hall the port for reading the hall sensor data

A hall encoder server that also calculates motor speed.

This implements the hall sensor server, where the speed is calculated using a timed average of many values.

This function has the following parameters:

c_hall the control channel for reading hall position

c_speed the control channel for reading the rotor speed

p_hall the port for reading the hall sensor data

c_logging_0 an optional channel for logging the hall data on port 0

c_logging_1 an optional channel for logging the hall data on port 1

11.6 Computational Blocks

A Park transform is a 2D to 2D transform which takes the radial and tangential components of a measurement (for instance the magnetic flux or total coil currents) and converts them to a rotating frame of reference. Typically this is the rotating frame of reference attached to the spinning rotor.

This function has the following parameters:



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Id the output tangential component

Iq the output radial component

I_alpha the input tangential component

I_beta the input radial component

theta the angle between the fixed and rotating frames of reference

Perform an inverse Park transform.

A Park transform is a 2D to 2D transform which takes the radial and tangential components of a measurement (for instance the magnetic flux or total coil currents) and converts them to a rotating frame of reference. Typically this is the rotating frame of reference attached to the spinning rotor.

This function has the following parameters:

I_alpha the output tangential component

I_beta the output radial component

Id the input tangential component

Iq the intput radial component

theta the angle between the fixed and rotating frames of reference

void clarke_transform(int Ia, int Ib, int Ic, int &I_alpha, int &I_beta)

Perform a clarke transform.

A Clarke transform is a 2D to 3D transformation where the 3D components have only 2 degrees of freedom. It is used to convert the three current values in the 120 degree separation coils into a radial and tangential component values.

This function has the following parameters:

Ia the parameter from coil A

Ib the parameter from coil B

Ic the parameter from coil C

I_alpha the output tangential component

I_beta the output radial component



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void inverse_clarke_transform(int &Ia, int &Ib, int &Ic, int alpha, int beta)

Perform an inverse clarke transform.

A Clarke transform is a 2D to 3D transformation where the 3D components have only 2 degrees of freedom. It is used to convert the three current values in the 120 degree separation coils into a radial and tangential component values.

This function has the following parameters:

Ia the output parameter for coil A

Ib the output parameter for coil B

Ic the output parameter for coil C

alpha the input tangential component

beta the input radial component

int sine(unsigned angle)

Look up the fixed point sine value.

This looks up the sine of a value. The value is the index into the sine table, rather than a particular angular measurement. The sine table has 256 entries, so each index is 1.4 degrees.

A table of 256 entries is suitable for an encoder angle measured in 1024 steps, attached to a 4 pole motor. Each encoder step is 360/1024 = 0.35 physical degrees, but this is worth 4 times as many electrical degrees, or 1.4 electrical degrees.

The result is in fixed point 18.14 format.

This function has the following parameters:

angle the index of the sine value to look up

This function returns: the 18.14 fixed point sine value

int cosine(unsigned angle)

Look up the fixed point cosine value.

This looks up the cosine of a value. The value is the index into the sine table, rather than a particular angular measurement.

This function has the following parameters:

angle the index of the cosine value to look up

This function returns: the 18.14 fixed point cosine value

11.7 Watchdog Timer

void do_wd(chanend c_wd, out port wd)

Run the watchdog timer server.



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The watchdog timer needs a constant stream of pulses to prevent it from shutting down the motor. This is a thread server which implements the watchdog timer output.

The watchdog control port should have two bits attached to the watchdog circuitry. Bit zero will get a rising edge whenever the watchdog is to be reset, and bit one will have the pulse train.

This function has the following parameters:

c_wd the control channel for controlling the watchdog

wd the control port for the watchdog device

11.8 High level communications

11.8.1 Ethernet control

void do_comms_eth(chanend c_commands[], chanend tcp_svr)

Implement the high level Ethernet control server.

This control the motors based on commands from the ethernet/TCP stack

This function has the following parameters:

c_commands Array of command channels for motors

tcp_svr channel to the TCP/IP thread

11.8.2 CAN control

void do_comms_can(chanend c_commands[], chanend rxChan, chanend txChan)

This is a thread which performs the higher level control for the CAN interface.

Use it in conjunction with the thread 'canPhyRxTx' from the module module_can.

This function has the following parameters:

c_commands Channel array for interfacing to the motors

rxChan Connect to the rxChan port on the canPhyRxTx

txChan Connect to the txChan port on the canPhyRxTx

11.9 LCD display and PHY reset

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The control structure for the LCD ports.

The display uses an I2C interface with an extra control signal to support selection between a data read/write and a control read/write. This extra signal is bit zero of the p_core1_shared member - which contains no other signals despite the name.



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```
This structure has the following members:
              out port p_lcd_sclk
                             i2c serial clock
              out port p_lcd_mosi
                             i2c serial data
              out port p_lcd_cs_n
                             i2c chip select
              out port p_core1_shared
                             Display data/control select.
void reverse(char s□)
              Reverse the order of bytes in the array.
              This function has the following parameters:
                             the byte array to reverse
void itoa(int n, char s[])
              Convert an integer into a base 10 ASCII string.
              This function has the following parameters:
                             the integer to represent in string form
                             the output byte array to contain the number
void lcd_ports_init(lcd_interface_t &p)
              Initialise the LCD device.
              This function has the following parameters:
                             the LCD interface description
void lcd_byte_out(lcd_interface_t &p, unsigned char i, int is_data)
              Write a byte to the LCD.
              This function has the following parameters:
                             the LCD interface description
              р
              i
                             the byte to write
              is_data
                             a boolean indicating if the write is data or control information
void lcd_clear(lcd_interface_t &p)
              Clear the LCD.
              This function has the following parameters:
                             the LCD interface description
```

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Draw an image on the LCD. The image is assumed to cover the complete LCD. The size of the LCD is 128 wide by 32 high.

This function has the following parameters:

image a byte array containing the image data.

p the LCD interface description

void lcd_draw_text_row(const char string[], int lcd_row, lcd_interface_t &p)

Write text to a row on the LCD.

Display a row of text. The LCD columns beyond the end of the string will be cleared.

This function has the following parameters:

string the ASCII string to display on the LCD

lcd_row the character row on which to display the string

p the LCD interface description

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The table shows the resource usage for the main components in the systemm. The transforms are a functional library and thus do not have a thread or port usage.

Component	Threads	Memory	Channel Ends	1b Ports	4b ports
ADC	1	2.2KB	2	4	1
PWM	1	2.8KB	2	6	0
Transforms	0	264B	0	0	0
QEI	1	400B	1	0	1
Watchdog	1	120B	1	1	0
PID	0	300B	0	0	0

See the documentation for the ethernet and CAN software components for their resource usage.

12.1 MIPS

This table shows the control loop timing worst case, agains't the number of threads running in the motor control core. These values were measured on a 500MHz core.

Number of threads	MIPS per thread	Loop time
4	125	7.9 us
5	100	10 us
6	83.3	12 us
7	71.4	14 us
8	62.5	16 us

For a single motor, using PWM, ADC, QEI and a control loop, only 4 threads are required on the motor core, provided there is another core to

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