

## DS3231 Real-Time Clock Commands

The DS3231.h include file provides both high- and low-level support for the DS3231 real-time clock chip, two alarms with a backup battery, and two IO ports. Insert the following directive in your code to make these new commands available:

```
#include <DS3231.h>
```

Here follows a list of the commands..

**DS3231\_EnableOscillator(flag)**

enables the clock when flag is TRUE,  
disables the clock when flag is FALSE

**DS3231\_OscillatorStopFlagStatus**

A function that returns the status of the Oscillator.

**DS3231\_ClearOscillatorStopFlag**

A method to clear the Oscillator stop flag. To be used after a power failure.

**DS3231\_ResetClock**

resets clock completely to manufacturer's original condition,  
time to 00:00:00, day of the week to 01, date to 01/01/00,  
also sets 24-hour mode and enables the clock.

**DS3231\_SetClock(hour, minute, second, DOW, date, month, year)**

sets the entire clock: hours, minutes, seconds, day of week, date, month, year.  
there is no error detection for out-of-range dates, (e.g., April 31)  
also sets 24-hour mode and enables the clock.

**DS3231\_SetTime(hour, minute, second)**

sets the time only: hours, minutes, seconds,.  
also sets 24-hour mode and enables the clock.

**DS3231\_SetDate(dayoftheweek, date, month, year)**

sets the date only: date, month, year,  
there is no error detection for out-of-range dates, (e.g., April 31)

**DS3231\_ReadClock(hour, minute, second, flag, DOW, date, month, year)**

reads the entire clock: hours, minutes, seconds, flag, day of week, date, month, year  
flag = FALSE means a.m.,  
flag = TRUE means p.m.

**DS3231\_ReadTime(hour, minute, second, flag)**

reads the time only: hours, minutes, seconds, a.m. or p.m.,  
flag = FALSE means a.m.,  
flag = TRUE means p.m.

**DS3231\_ReadDate(date, month, year)**

reads the date only: date, month, year

DS3231\_SetHourMode(12|24)

sets the hour mode,

12 = 12-hour

24 = 24-hour

any other value defaults to 24-hour mode

DS3231\_ReadHourMode(value)

returns the current hour mode,

DS3231\_SetSQW(rate)

sets the square wave output pin mode:

0 = disable square wave output

1 = 1 Hz output

4 = 4096 Hz

8 = 8192 Hz

32 = 32768 Hz

any other value defaults to 1 Hz

DS3231\_EnableSQW

sets the square wave output pin mode to on

DS3231\_DisableSQW

sets the square wave output pin mode to off

DS3231\_SetSQWInterruptControl(flag)

enables the SQW output when flag is TRUE,

disables the SQW output when flag is FALSE

DS3231\_EnableSQWInterruptControl

Enables the SQW

DS3231\_DisableSQWInterruptControl

Disables the SQW

DS3231\_Set32kHz(flag)

enables the Set32kHz output when flag is TRUE,

disables the Set32kHz output when flag is FALSE

DS3231\_SetControl (MFP\_Value)

Sets Control address status to the value of the variable MFP\_Value. The control - rtcc control register is at address 0x0E. Direct access to the control register permits reading and writing of the controls. Set bits usage as specified in the datasheet.

DS3231\_ReadControl

This function returns the current value of the Control address. See DS3231\_SetControl(for usage.

DS3231\_SetControlStatus (MFP\_Value)

Sets Control Status address status to the value of the variable MFP\_Value. The control - rtcc

control register is at address 0xOE. Direct access to the control register permits reading and writing of the controls. Set bits usage as specified in the datasheet.

#### DS3231\_ReadControlStatus

This function returns the current value of the Control Status address. See

DS3231\_SetControl(for usage.

#### DS3231\_SetAlarm1 (Hour, Min, Sec, DOW, Date )

sets the alarm: hours, minutes, seconds, day of week, date. DOW or Date must BE 0. When DOW is non zero then the alarm if weekly, when Date is non zero then the alarm is monthly.

There is no error detection for out-of-range dates, (e.g., April 31)

also sets 24-hour mode.

#### DS3231\_SetAlarmMask1 (alarmAssertionMatch)

sets the alarm where Value can be any of the following.

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| DS3231_Alarm1Assertion_EverySecond             | = 0x0F |
| DS3231_Alarm1Assertion_Seconds                 | = 0x0E |
| DS3231_Alarm1Assertion_MinutesSeconds          | = 0x0C |
| DS3231_Alarm1Assertion_HoursMinutesSeconds     | = 0x08 |
| DS3231_Alarm1Assertion_DateHoursMinutesSeconds | = 0x00 |
| DS3231_Alarm1Assertion_DayHoursMinutesSeconds  | = 0x00 |

A match of these assertions will raise the alarm.

#### DS3231\_ReadAlarm1 (Hour, Min, Sec, DOW, Date )

Returns the current settings for a specific alarm.

#### DS3231\_ClearAlarm1

Clears a specific alarm after an alarm assertion.

#### DS3231\_EnableAlarm1Interrupt

Enables the SQW output to be used to raise an external interrupt

#### DS3231\_DisableAlarm1Interrupt

Disables the SQW output to be used to raise an external interrupt

#### DS3231\_AlarmStatus1

This is a function. Returns a specific alarm status.

FALSE means the specific alarm has not met the assertion criteria

TRUE means the specific alarm has met the assertion criteria

#### DS3231\_DisableAlarm1

Disables the alarm.

#### DS3231\_SetAlarm2 (Hour, Min, DOW, Date )

sets the alarm: hours, minutes, day of week, date. DOW or Date must BE 0. When DOW is non zero then the alarm if weekly, when Date is non zero then the alarm is monthly.

There is no error detection for out-of-range dates, (e.g., April 31)  
also sets 24-hour mode.

DS3231\_SetAlarmMask1 (alarmAssertionMatch)  
sets the alarm where Value can be any of the following.

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| DS3231_Alarm2Assertion_EveryMinute            | = 0x07 |
| DS3231_Alarm2Assertion_Minutes                | = 0x06 |
| DS3231_Alarm2Assertion_HoursMinutes           | = 0x04 |
| DS3231_Alarm2Assertion_DateHoursMinutes       | = 0x00 |
| DS3231_Alarm2Assertion_DayHoursMinutesSeconds | = 0x00 |

A match of these assertions will raise the alarm.

DS3231\_ReadAlarm2 (Hour, Min, DOW, Date )  
Returns the current settings for a specific alarm.

DS3231\_ClearAlarm2  
Clears a specific alarm after an alarm assertion.

DS3231\_EnableAlarm2Interrupt  
Enables the SQW output to be used to raise an external interrupt

DS3231\_DisableAlarm2Interrupt  
Disables the SQW output to be used to raise an external interrupt

DS3231\_AlarmStatus2  
This is a function. Returns a specific alarm status.  
FALSE means the specific alarm has not met the assertion criteria  
TRUE means the specific alarm has met the assertion criteria

DS3231\_DisableAlarm2  
Disables the alarm.

DS3231\_ReadRegister ( in DS\_Value )  
This is a function. Returns the value of the specific register as specified in DS\_Value.

DS3231\_WriteRegister ( in DS\_Value, in DS\_Temp )  
This method set the specific register as specified in DS\_Value to the value specified in DS\_Temp

DS3231\_ReadRegister can be used to fetch the temperature values from the DS3231.  
Unlike many other values in the DS3231 the most significant bit value returns a decimal value.  
The value in the MSB can be between +127 to -127 degrees C. If the uppermost bit (bit.7) is set, the value is negative and the remaining bits hold the negative temperature. If this bit is not set the value is a positive one.

The least significant bit holds a fractional value in the two uppermost bits. All other bits in this value are zero.

| Bit.7 | Bit.6 | Fractional Value |
|-------|-------|------------------|
| 0     | 0     | 0.0              |
| 0     | 1     | 0.25             |
| 1     | 0     | 0.50             |
| 1     | 1     | 0.75             |

Example code for extracting the temperature:

This example uses an LCD display to show the temperature. For clarity the LCD initialisation is not shown here.

```
#Include <DS3231.h>
```

```
Dim TempMSB As Byte
```

```
Let TempMSB = 0
```

```
Dim TempLSB As Byte
```

```
Let TempLSB = 0
```

```
Dim Minus As Bit
```

```
Let Minus = 0
```

```
Let TempMSB = DS3231_ReadRegister(0x11)
```

```
Let TempLSB = DS3231_ReadRegister(0x12)
```

```
If TempMSB > 127 Then 'Minus value
```

```
Let Minus = 1
```

```
Let TempMSB = TempMSB - 128
```

```
Else
```

```
Let Minus = 0
```

```
End If
```

```
Select Case TempLSB
```

```
Case 0
```

```
Let TempLSB = 0
```

```
Case 64
```

```
Let TempLSB = 25
```

```
Case 128
```

```
Let TempLSB = 50
```

```
Case 192
```

```
Let TempLSB = 75
```

```
Case Else
```

```
Let TempLSB = 0
```

```
End Select
```

```
If Minus = 1 Then
```

```
Print "-"
```

```
End If
```

```
Print TempMSB
```

```
Print "."
```

```
Print TempLSB
```

```
If TempLSB = 0 Then  
    Print "0"  
End If
```

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