

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The JARViE DAC Demo Board allows one to easily explore the functionality of the Linear Technologies LTC2642A-16, a 16-bit voltage output DAC. The demo board possesses two DACs that can be controlled synchronously or asynchronously. All DAC outputs are buffered rail-to-rail allowing outputs to swing all the way to their supply rails. Demo board output voltages can be connected directly to the target application's analog inputs using the board SMA connectors and or test points.

DAC voltage outputs are set by supplying a 16-bit word through its 3-wire SPI interface. The SPI interface can operate at +3.3V or +5V logic levels. Any controller capable of driving an SPI interface at the recommended logic levels can supply this word (e.g. Arduino, STM32 Nucleo, DC590, Linduino etc.).

The following GitHub repo provides all support info to quickly get started with the demo board, [https://github.com/DudeYarvie/JARViE\\_16-Bit\\_DAC\\_Demo\\_Board](https://github.com/DudeYarvie/JARViE_16-Bit_DAC_Demo_Board)

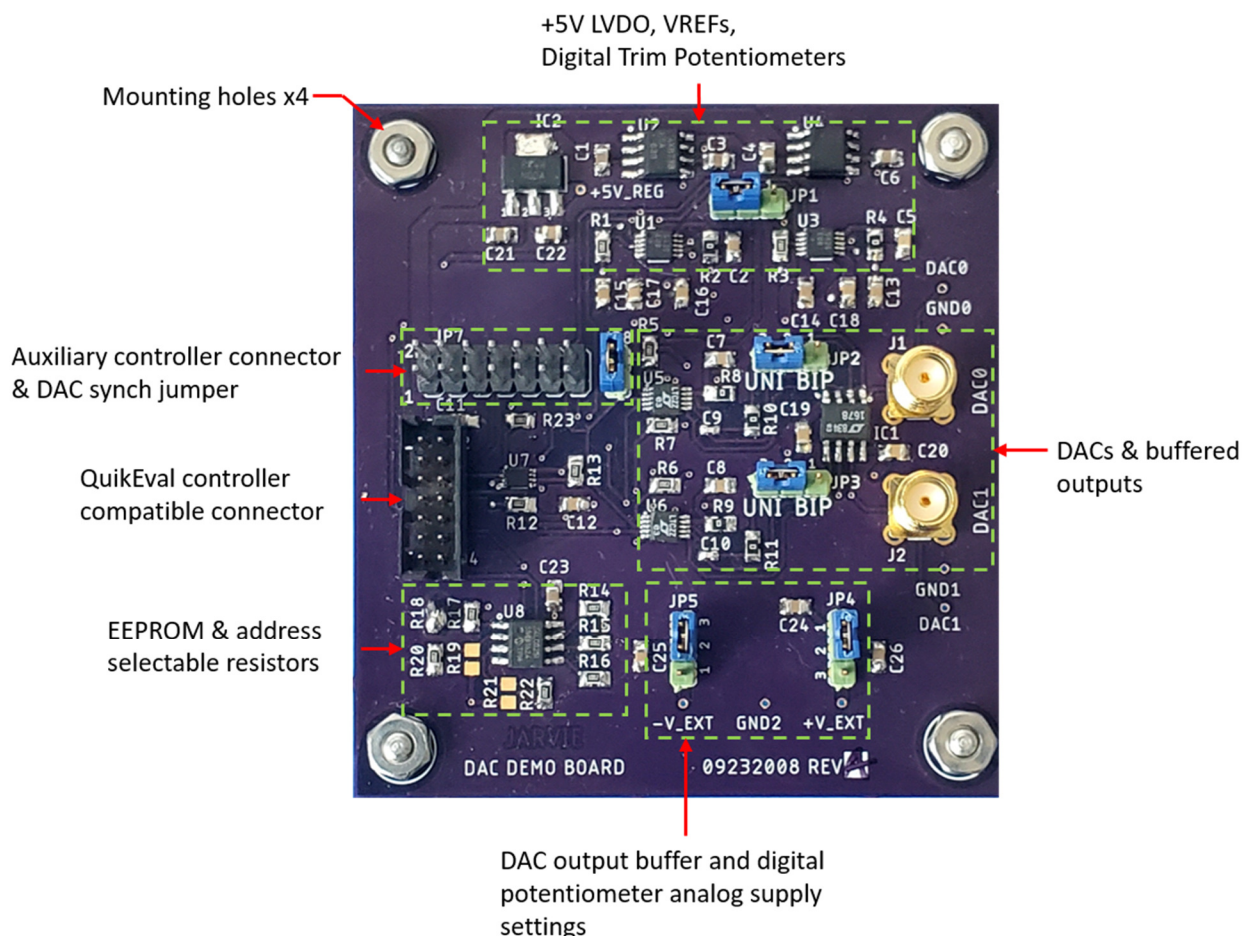
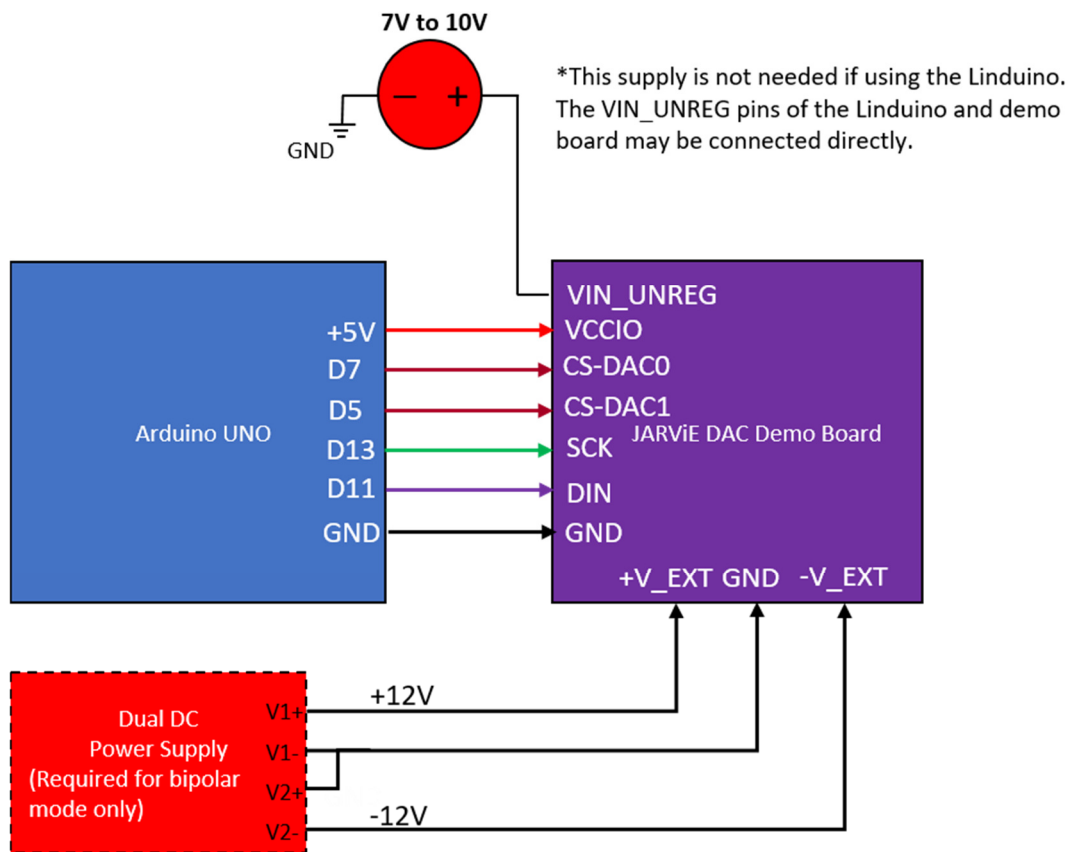


Figure 1. DAC Demo Board

## QUICK START PROCEDURE

1. Connect an Arduino UNO or Linduino controller to the demo board as shown in Figure 2.
2. Connect the UNO to a host PC with a standard USB A/B cable.
3. Download the source files from *src* folder in the GitHub repository linked on pg.1.
4. Upload the Arduino UNO MCU with the *JARViE\_DAC\_DEMO\_BOARD.ino* using the Arduino IDE.
5. Using a serial terminal (e.g. Putty, HyperTerminal, etc.) open a 115200 baud, 8-bit, no parity, no flow control serial connection between the PC and controller.
6. Configure VREF and DAC mode in the firmware by issuing the appropriate commands listed in the GitHub *Software* section.
7. Set the output voltage of either DAC0 or DAC1 using the appropriate command listed GitHub *Software* section.



**Figure 2** Controller to Demo Board Connection Diagram

## HARDWARE DESCRIPTION

### POWER CONNECTIONS

A low noise, bipolar power supply can be connected to the +V\_EXT, -V\_EXT, and GND test points. If an external supply is connected, the respective jumpers must be placed in the EXT position shown in **Figure 1**. This provides power to the LT1678 amplifier and optional digital potentiometers U1 and U3. The LT1678 will work with supplies as high as  $\pm 15V$ .

### JUMPER SELECTIONS

**JP1:** Select the source for VREF, either +2.5V or +5V from the onboard MAX873AESA+ or MAX875AESA+ references.

**JP2:** Sets DAC0 to either unipolar or bipolar mode. In bipolar mode, set JP4 and JP5 to the EXT supplies and apply an appropriate supply voltage to +V\_EXT, -V\_EXT and GND test points.

**JP3:** Sets DAC1 to either unipolar or bipolar mode. In bipolar mode, set JP4 and JP5 to EXT supplies and apply an appropriate supply voltage to +V-EXT, -V\_EXT and GND test points.

**JP4:** Sets amplifier and potentiometer +V supply to either external (+V\_EXT) or onboard +5V\_VREG.

**JP5:** Sets amplifier and potentiometer -V supply to either external (-V\_EXT) or ground.

**JP8:** Sets the asynchronous or synchronous control of DAC0 and DAC1. Asynchronous mode allows the DAC outputs to be set to different values. Synchronous mode will set the DAC outputs to the same value at the same time.

### CONNECTION TO CONTROLLER

J3 and JP7 can both be used to power and access the demo board serial communication interfaces. J3 is a specialized connector place on-board to easily accommodate Linear Technology USB serial controllers. Connect the DC590 or Linduino serial controllers to J3 using a QuickEval 14-conductor ribbon cable or equivalent. J3 and JP7 allows access to a 2kbit EEPROM via the I2C interface. The EEPROM address is set to 0x80 by default. JP7 provides a flexible way to connect many controllers to the demo board using flying wires.

### BOARD OUTPUT CONNECTIONS

Both DAC outputs are accessible through SMA connectors and test points. Both outputs are rail-to-rail buffered and can be configured for either unipolar or bipolar operation using JP2 and or JP3 jumper selections.

### REFERENCE CONNECTION

JP1 selects between the onboard +2.5V and +5V references. The reference voltage can be monitored at the JP1. An external reference may be applied to the center pin of JP1 by removing the jumper. A TRIM pin facilitates adjustment of the reference voltage over a  $\pm 6\%$  range using the on-board 100k $\Omega$  potentiometer.

## FIRMWARE DESCRIPTION

The firmware was developed in the Arduino IDE v1.8.9. Refer to the *Software* section on the GitHub repo to see which commands are supported. The controller firmware provides a quick path to understanding the performance of the LT2642 and how to control it through its SPI interface. By default, the firmware will initialize both DAC outputs to 0V if DAC is set to the unipolar mode and midscale if the DAC is set to bipolar mode. Equation 1 correlates decimal counts to the analog voltage the DAC will output.

DEMO BOARD BOM

| ITEM | QTY | REFERENCE  | PART DESCRIPTION                       | MANUFACTURER      | MPN                |
|------|-----|--|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1    | 1   | JP7  | HDR, 14POS 2.54mm                      | TE CONNECTIVITY   | 5-146250-7         |
| 2    | 6   | R2, R4, R8, R9, R10, R11   | RES, 0805 00hm 1/4W JUMPER             | YAGEO             | RC0805JR-7W0RL     |
| 3    | 16  | C2, C5, C7, C8, C11, C12, C13, C14, C15, C16, C17, C18, C19, C20, C25, C26     | CAP, 0805 0.1uF 10% 16V X7R            | KEMET             | C0805C104K4RAC     |
| 4    | 17  | R1, R3, R5, R6, R7, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20, R21, R22, R23 | RES, 0805 10K 1% 1/8W                  | BOURNS            | CR0805-FX-1002ELF  |
| 5    | 3   | C1, C4, C23  | CAP, 0805 10uF 20% 25V X5R             | MURATA            | GRM21BR61E106MA73L |
| 6    | 1   | U8   | EEPROM 2kBit                           | MICROCHIP         | 24LC025T-I/SN      |
| 7    | 2   | C9, C10  | CAP, 0402 30pF 1% 50V C0G              | KEMET             | CBR04C300F5GAC     |
| 8    | 5   | C3, C6, C21, C22, C24  | CAP, 0805 4.7uF 10% 16V X7R            | TAIYO YUDEN       | EMK212BJ475KDHT    |
| 9    | 1   | J3   | HDR, 14POS 2mm SHROUDED                | MOLEX             | 87831-1420         |
| 10   | 1   | IC1  | IC, PRECISION AMPLIFIER DUAL LOW NOISE | ANALOG DEVICES    | LT1678CS8#PBF      |
| 11   | 6   | JP1, JP2, JP3, JP4, JP5, JP8   | SHUNT                                  | HARWIN            | M7583-05           |
| 12   | 1   | JP8  | HDR, 1x2 2.54mm                        | TE CONNECTIVITY   | 3-826646-2         |
| 13   | 5   | JP1, JP2, JP3, JP4, JP5  | HDR, 1x3 2.54mm                        | TE CONNECTIVITY   | 3-826646-2         |
| 14   | 1   | IC2  | IC, REG LINEAR 5V 1A SOT223-4          | TEXAS INSTRUMENTS | LM340MP-5.0/NOPB   |
| 15   | 2   | U5, U6   | IC, DAC 16BIT V-OUT 10-MSOP            | ANALOG DEVICES    | LTC2642AIMS-16#PBF |
| 16   | 2   | J1, J2   | CONN, SMA JACK STRAIGHT                | TE CONNECTIVITY   | 5-1814832-1        |
| 17   | 2   | U1, U3   | IC, DIGITAL POTENTIOMETER 128-TAP 100k | MAXIM             | MAX5438EUB+        |
| 18   | 1   | U2   | IC, VOLTAGE REFERENCE 2.5V             | MAXIM             | MAX873BESA+        |
| 19   | 1   | U4   | IC, VOLTAGE REFERENCE 5V               | MAXIM             | MAX875BESA+        |
| 20   | 1   | U7   | IC, DUAL 3-STATE BUFFER                | ON SEMI           | NC7WZ125K8X        |

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