CE218472 - PSoC 6 MCU: Comparing External Voltages Using a Low-Power Comparator

Objective

This example demonstrates the voltage comparison functionality using the LPComp Component in PSoC® 6 MCU.

Overview

This document consists of two code examples: The first code example demonstrates how to set the Low-Power Comparator (LPComp) Component options for the internal reference voltage, set the external input from a GPIO using the LPComp driver, and read comparator result using the LPComp interrupt. The second code example demonstrates how to compare two external GPIO inputs and indicate the result using LEDs.

Requirements

Tool: PSoC Creator™ 4.2

Programming Language: C (Arm® GCC 5.4-2016-q2-update, Arm MDK Generic)

Associated Parts: PSoC 6 MCU

Related Hardware: CY8CKIT-062-BLE Pioneer Kit

Design

Code Example 1

This code example features one LPComp, one Global Signal Reference (GSR) with an interrupt, one status LED, one GPIO for an external input, and one potentiometer on the V_{plus} pin, as Figure 1 shows.

Figure 1. Comparing an External Voltage and the Vref Using LPComp

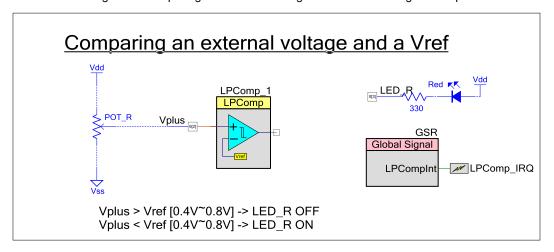


Figure 2 shows the flow of the firmware. main() compares the LPComp Component inputs when the interrupt flag changes to the triggered state, and then sets the flag to the wait state and goes into Deep Sleep to wait for the next interrupt.



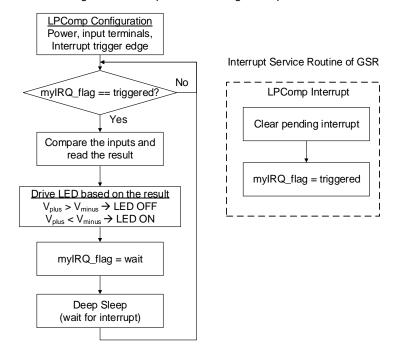


Figure 2. Interrupt-Based Voltage Comparison Flowchart

Code Example 2

This code example features the following Components: one LPComp, one GPIO for the status LED, and two GPIOs for analog inputs. The positive terminal (V_{plus}) connects to the output of a function generator to input the sine wave (in this example, the sine wave has a 0.8-V offset, 1.6-Vpp and 1-Hz frequency). The negative terminal (V_{minus}) connects the reference voltage (in this example, the voltage is 0.8 V.), as Figure 3 shows.

Comparing two external voltages LPComp_1 LPComp Vplus 6(2) LED_R Vplus > Vminus -> LED_R OFF Vplus < Vminus -> LED_R ON

Figure 3. Comparing Two External Voltages Using LPComp

The comparison result from the comparator out terminal is routed directly to the LED R pin. Because of this routing, LED R indicates the comparison result without any additional firmware code. Therefore, main() of this example is empty.



Design Considerations

The status LED (LED_R) shows the voltage comparison result. If the positive terminal input is higher than the negative terminal input, the red LED is OFF; it is ON otherwise.

These examples place the GPIOs, LPComp, and Global Signal Reference as shown in Table 1. By placing and compiling the Component, PSoC Creator copies the necessary Peripheral Driver Library (PDL) into project folders.

Components

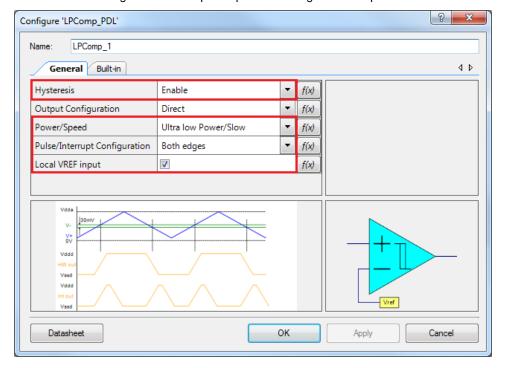
Table 1 lists the PSoC Creator Components used in this example, as well as the placement used by each.

Component **Hardware Resource Instance Name** Low Power Comparator LPComp_1 1 Component Analog Pin Vplus 1 GPIO 1 GPIO **Vminus** Analog Pin (Code example 2 only) LED_R P0_3 Digital Output Pin 1 Component **GSR** Global Signal Reference (Code example 1 only) 1 Component Interrupt LPComp_IRQ (Code example 1 only)

Table 1. List of PSoC Creator Components

LPComp

Figure 4. LPComp Component Settings for Example 1





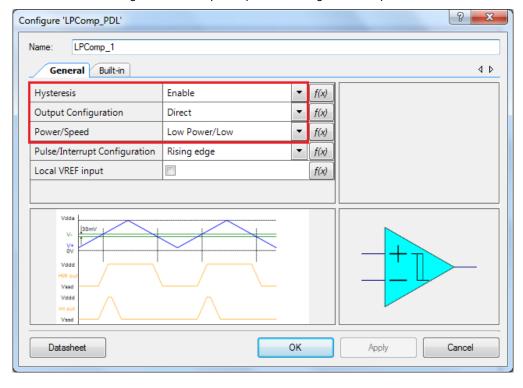


Figure 5. LPComp Component Settings for Example 2

Analog Pin

Figure 6 shows the setting for the analog input pin.

4 Þ Pins Built-in Display as bus Number of pins: 1 ₽ ♠ [All pins] Output General Input Vplus_0 Type Drive mode Initial drive state: Analog High Impedance Analog High (1) Digital input Min. supply voltage: √ HW connection Digital output Max frequency: √ HW connection 100 MHz Output enable Hot swap Bidirectional External terminal

Figure 6. Analog Pin Configuration

Status LED pin

Figure 7 shows the settings for the status LED control pin. Set the drive mode as "Strong Drive" and the pin type as "Digital output", and uncheck HW connection.



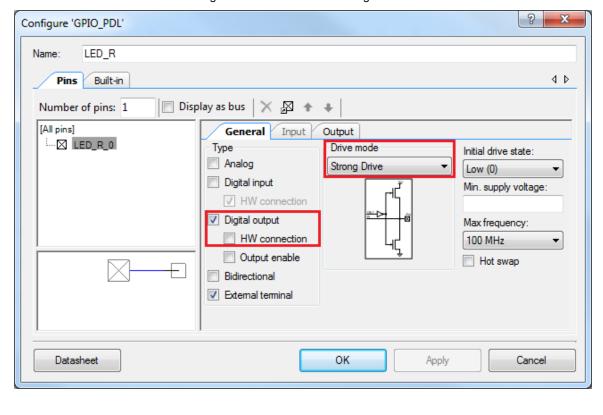


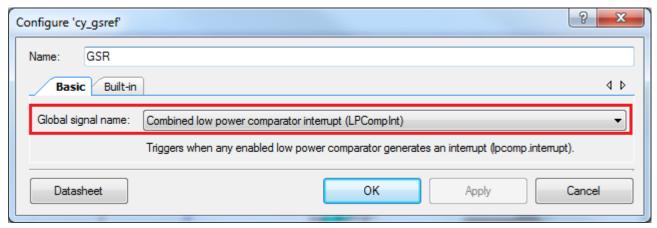
Figure 7. Status LED Pin Configuration

Global Signal Reference

Set the Global signal name to "Combined low power comparator interrupt (LPCompInt)", as Figure 8 shows.

This is applicable only for code example 1.

Figure 8. Global Signal Reference Configuration





Design-Wide / Global Resources

Table 2 shows the pin assignments for the switch and LEDs of CY8CKIT-062-BLE.

Table 2. DWR Pin Assignment Table

Component	Instance Name	Pin	
Digital Output Pin	LED_R	P0[3]	
Analog Pin	Vplus	P6[2]	
Analog Pin	Vminus	P6[3]	
_		(Code example 2 only)	

Operation

Follow the instructions that came with your kit to make sure that your kit is connected to your PC.

Code Example 1

- 1. Build the "CE218472_LPComp_Ext_Vref" project and program the CY8CKIT-062-BLE kit.
- 2. Place a potentiometer on P6[2] to change the V_{plus} input voltage.
- 3. Turn the knob of the potentiometer until the V_{plus} input is high (= V_{dd}).
- 4. Confirm that LED_R is OFF.
- 5. Turn the knob of the potentiometer until the V_{plus} input is low (=GND).
- 6. Confirm that LED_R is ON.

Figure 9 shows the plots of LED_R and Vplus. It shows that LED_R turns ON when Vplus goes lower than 0.58 V; otherwise it turns OFF.

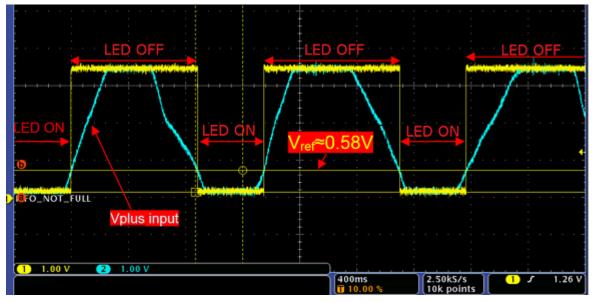


Figure 9. Plots of LED_R and the External Input (Vplus)

Code Example 2

- 1. Build the "CE218472_LPComp_Two_Ext" project and program the CY8CKIT-062-BLE kit.
- 2. Connect a function generator output to P6[2].
- 3. Configure the function generator output for generating a sine wave.

The sine wave should be equal or higher than 0 V. (In this code example, it uses 0 V - 1.6 V and 1 Hz)



- 4. Connect a reference voltage (V_{minus}) to P6[3].
 - This voltage should be higher than the minimum voltage of the sine wave and lower than the maximum voltage of the sine wave. (In this code example, it uses 0.8 V)
- 5. Enable the output of the function generator.
- 6. Confirm that LED_R toggles following the sine wave frequency.

Figure 10 shows plots of LED_R, Vplus and V_{minus} . It shows that LED_R turns ON when Vplus is lower than V_{minus} ; otherwise it turns OFF.

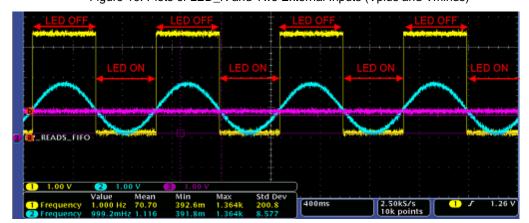


Figure 10. Plots of LED_R and Two External Inputs (Vplus and Vminus)

Related Documents

Application Notes				
AN210781 – Getting Started with PSoC 6 MCU with Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Connectivity	Introduction of PSoC 6 MCU with Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)			
PSoC Creator Component Datasheets				
Pins	Supports connection of hardware resources to physical pins			
Low Power Comparator	Supports low power comparators			
SysInt	Provides SysInt component settings			
Device Documentation				
PSoC 6 MCU: PSoC 63 with BLE Datasheet	PSoC 6 MCU: PSoC 63 with BLE Architecture Technical Reference Manual PSoC 6 MCU: PSoC 63 with BLE Registers Technical Reference Manual			
Development Kit (DVK) Documentation				
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