

CE220465 – PSoC 6 MCU Cryptography: AES Demonstration

Objective

This code example demonstrates encryption and decryption of data using the Advanced Encryption Scheme (AES) algorithm in PSoC® 6 MCU.

Overview

This code example encrypts and decrypts user input data using the AES algorithm using a 128-bit long key. The encrypted and decrypted data are displayed on a UART terminal emulator.

Requirements

Tool: PSoC Creator™ 4.2

Programming Language: C (Arm® GCC 5.4)

Associated Parts: PSoC 6 MCU

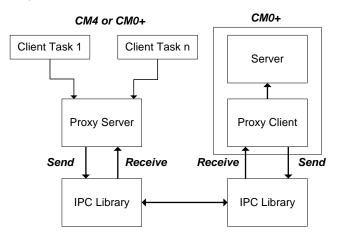
Related Hardware: CY8CKIT-062-BLE PSoC 6 BLE Pioneer Kit

Design

AES is a symmetric block cipher data encryption algorithm. The AES operation works on 128-bit block size. AES is a symmetric algorithm which means that it uses same key for encryption and decryption of data. The AES algorithm uses keys of 128 bits, 192 bits, or 256 bits of length.

Cryptography in PSoC 6 MCU is based on a Client-Server model. The firmware initializes and starts the Crypto server. The server runs only on the CM0+ core, and works with the crypto hardware. Access to the server is through the Inter-Process Communication (IPC) driver. Figure 1 shows the client-server model for the Crypto block in PSoC 6 MCU.

Figure 1 Crypto Client-Server Architecture in PSoC 6 MCU



The Crypto client can run on either core. In this example, the client runs on the CM4 core. The firmware initializes and starts the client. The firmware then provides the configuration data required for AES encryption technique and requests the crypto server to run the cryptographic operation.

The user input message is read from the UART terminal and encrypted using the AES algorithm with a key length of 128 bits. The 128-bit-long encrypted data is displayed on the UART terminal. Then, the user can view the decrypted message on the UART terminal and verify that the decryption operation produces the same original encrypted message. Figure 2 shows the firmware flowchart.



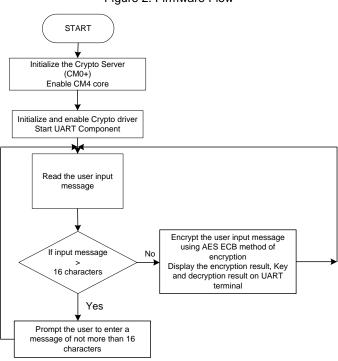
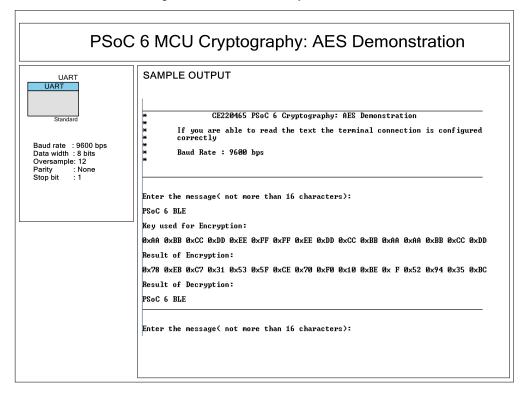


Figure 2. Firmware Flow

Figure 3 shows the PSoC Creator project schematic.

Figure 3. PSoC Creator Project Schematic





Hardware Setup

No special hardware setup is needed for CY8CKIT-062-BLE. Connect the kit's USB port to your computer's USB port. The KitProg2 system on the kit acts as both a programmer for direct programming, and as a USB-UART bridge for displaying the encryption and decryption results on a UART terminal.

Software Setup

This example uses Tera Term as the UART terminal for displaying the encryption and decryption results. Set the UART configuration settings same as that used by the UART SCB on PSoC 6 MCU.

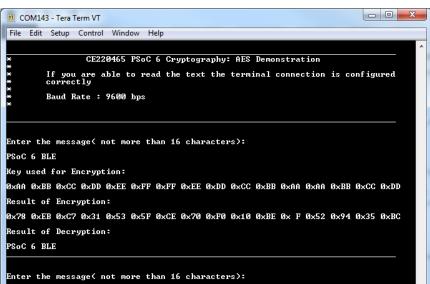
Operation

- 1. Plug the CY8CKIT-062 board into your computer's USB port.
- 2. Build the project and program it into the PSoC 6 MCU device. Choose **Debug** > **Program**. For more information on device programming, see PSoC Creator Help. Flash for both CPUs is programmed in a single program operation.
- 3. Open Tera Term and connect to the "KitProg2 USB-UART" bridge COM port. Set the baud rate as 9600 bps and enable the local echo option under **Setup** > **Terminal**.
- 4. Press the reset button on the kit and enter the message (not more than 16 characters) to be encrypted.

Note that the crypto block in PSoC 6 MCU accepts 128 bits (16 bytes) as input data. If you need to enter a message of more than 16 characters, modify the firmware to process the data in blocks of 16 characters.

Figure 4 shows a sample output as displayed on Tera Term UART terminal.

Figure 4. Sample Output showing AES Encryption



The sections that follow discuss the Components, parameter settings, and resources used to make the example.

Components

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

Table 1. PSoC Creator Components

Component	Instance Name	Hardware Resources	Parameter Settings
UART	UART	1 SCB	Baud Rate set to 9600 bps



In order to use the Crypto block of PSoC 6 MCU in your design, the Crypto driver must be enabled. To enable the drivers, check the crypto option under **Project** > **Build Settings** > **Peripheral Driver Library** as shown in Figure 5.

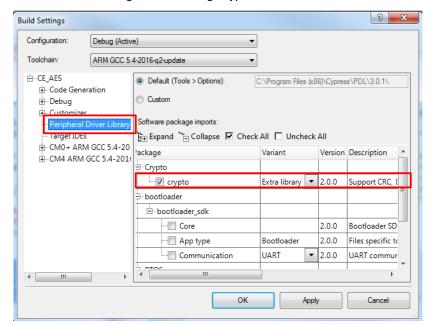
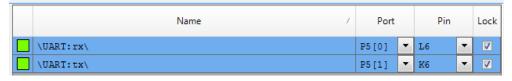


Figure 5. Enabling Crypto PDL Drivers

Design-Wide Resources

Figure 6 shows the pin assignments for the CY8CKIT-062-BLE PSoC 6 BLE Pioneer Kit required for the UART Component.

Figure 6. Device Pin Assignments



Related Documents

Application Notes					
AN210781 - Getting Started with PSoC 6 MCU with Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) Connectivity	Describes the PSoC 6 MCU with BLE, and how to build this code example.				
PSoC Creator Component Datasheets					
UART	Supports standard UART interface				
Device Documentation					
PSoC 6 MCU: PSoC 63 with BLE Datasheet	PSoC 6 MCU: PSoC 63 with BLE Architecture Technical Reference Manual				
Development Kit (DVK) Documentation					
CY8CKIT-062-BLE PSoC 6 BLE Pioneer Kit					



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